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Prayer	Ray Womack	John Teague
Dismiss	Bill Butler	H. McCarty
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Ferman Carpenter	Faber Cauthen	Foy Richey
Matt Haws	Tim Holt	Ray Lott
Edwin Pickle	Roy Lane Roberson	D. C. Jones
Charlie Cook	Bart Lemons	

Our Records

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
Dec. 17 \$3,937.17	Dec. 17 340	Dec. 17 434
(Bldg. Fund) \$3,100.00		Dec. 10 514
Dec. 10 \$21,365.97	Dec. 10 390	
Year Ago \$4,088.56	Year Ago 345	

Responses

Membership

Mrs. Jonnie Steffee, 420 Top Hill, phone 561-1748, came last Wednesday evening to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Glenwood congregation. She is a sister to Beatrice Holland, Ruby Brem and Ruth Bell. We are happy to welcome sister Steffee to West Erwin.

Restored

Ted Wright came Wednesday evening for prayer.

The man who walks with God always gets to his destination.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
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(Sept. thru May)
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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LECTURESHIP

DATE: January 14-18, 1979
LOCATION: Brown Trail Church of Christ
Fort Worth, Texas

SPEAKER: Leroy Brownlow, Bill Cline, Willard Collins, Andrew Connally, Roy Deaver, Frank Dunn, S. T. W. Gibbs, Jr., Tom Holland, V. E. Howard, Bill Humble, Wayne Jackson, Fuman Kearley, Roy Lanier, Sr., Roy Lanier, Jr., Neil Lightfoot, Abe Lincoln, Joe Malone, Hugo McCord, Noel Merideth, Goebel Music, Flavil Nichols, Neale Pryor, Johnny Ramsey, Foy Smith, George Stephenson, Eldred Stevens, Harold Taylor, Robert Taylor, John Waddey, Tom Warren, Ed Wharton, Wendell Winkler.

THE FOURTH GRADERS held Bible class Sunday morning in the room of Mrs. R. L. Trentham in Leisure Lodge. They gave her a gift and had a flannelgraph story of Isaac. They sang songs and received candy canes from her for which some kissed her in thanks. Teachers for this class are Jean Oliver and Pauline Aven.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Pauline Daughtry hopes to go home Thursday from Glenwood Hospital.

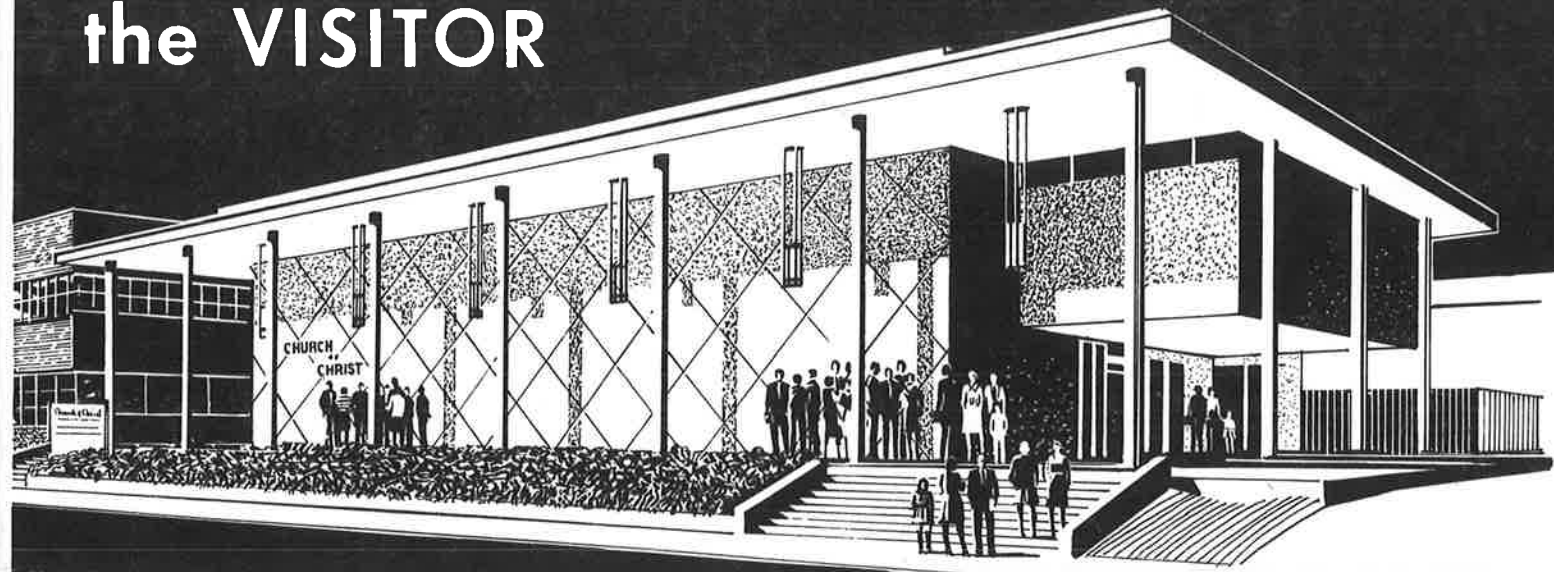
Mrs. Averyt Smith had surgery last week in Medical Center and hopes to go home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Algie Sherman have been in Glenwood Hospital but are now at home.

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The Church With A Heart

*This brings a prayer at
Christmas time
That God will always bless
Your home and you
and those you love
With lasting happiness.*



Happy Holidays

from Your Church Staff

George H. Stephenson

Melda Browning

Wes W. Price

Frances Mc Bee



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are grateful to Wes for the sermon he preached Sunday night. He challenged all of us to a greater unity of purpose and a more consecrated service. He spoke of the rich heritage of this congregation dating back to 1885 and reminded us that we must not be content with past achievements but that we must build for the future. There are problems we face as a downtown church but with dedication, work, and faith we can grow both spiritually and numerically.

Alice and I attended a banquet for all of the workers of Boles Home on Monday night. This is an annual occasion at which time all of the workers are honored. They certainly deserve to be honored. It takes a lot of dedication and love for children and the Lord to work as house parents in a children's home. I appreciate Alan Sowders, the superintendent of the home and the entire staff who are working with him in providing care for children in need.

The speaker for the banquet was E. C. McKenzie who preached for this congregation in 1927. Brother McKenzie is now retired and living in Canton. We enjoyed a pleasant visit with him when we took him back to his home following the banquet. While he is "retired" he is still preaching for a small congregation every Sunday. At the banquet he gave a humorous and entertaining talk. When brother McKenzie preached here, this church was known as the Tyler Church of Christ - because there was only one congregation here then. Brother McKenzie sent greetings to all of his friends here.

Three of our men - James Massey, Foy Richey and Bruce Raley - went to Tipton Home in Tipton, Oklahoma last week. They took with them some very nice quilts made by women who work in our Christian Care Center. The men returned with some fine reports concerning their impression of Tipton Home.

One of the joys of this season of the year is to receive notes and cards from dozens and dozens of people in various places where we have lived in the past. We appreciate also the cards and expressions of love and appreciation we have received from many of you at West Erwin. We want you to know that we love each of you and pray that God will bless you during this season and throughout the coming year.

I CAN WHIP ANY TWO OF YOU!

Twenty years ago I took a Dale Carnegie course. I still remember the first round of speeches. One guy, an oil field worker, was about 6'5" tall and must have weighed 240 pounds. When he tried to speak his chin and jaws quivered uncontrollably. For awhile he stood speechless. Then he said, "I ain't gonna lie to you, I'm scared." "And," he added, "I don't know why I'm scared, I can whip any two of you in the room." He didn't have any takers either.

Know what? He was a tremendous worker, doing his job in the oil patch better than anyone. I don't think he would have been very effective at the bargaining table, but he was better at his job than the company negotiators would have been.

That's the way it is in the church, too. I just read of a man who worked in the Caribbean with a religious radio station. His job was to climb 500 feet up the side of the radio transmitting tower to inspect the giant antennas. He told a missionary that the hardest thing in the world for him was to try to speak before a large group. When he tried his legs turned to jelly. "Personally, I'd a lot rather speak before 5,000 people than climb 500 feet up the side of that tower," replied the missionary.

One of the most generous men I've ever known recently told me that giving was all he could do. He said he couldn't preach, and didn't know how to talk to people.

Isn't it exciting that God has given us a variety of talents? They're all needed in proclaiming the gospel -- whether climbing, speaking or giving. --Joe Barnett

FROM THE ELDERS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to each of you of the congregation for the splendid co-operation and Christian love you have so generously shown us throughout the year of 1978. It is our aim to serve you even better in the future to the best of our abilities and lead in such a manner that it will be uplifting to each of us and the cause of Christ. Pray for us that we may have greater wisdom in order that our vision will make West Erwin church the place that God will be most pleased.

The Elders

Bud Caskey

Ferman Carpenter

Faber Cauthen

Roger Knight

Ray Lott

Foy Richey

Sympathy

Funeral services were held this week in Gainesville, Texas for Jack Preston. He was the brother of Mrs. Weldon Dawson. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary and her family.

Funeral services for Jerry Caudle were conducted Wednesday in Atlanta, Texas. They formerly lived in Tyler and his wife, Gladys, worshipped at West Erwin. She is a sister to Juanita Graf. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Remember

The City-wide singing held the last Wednesday night of the year will be at the Broadway Church of Christ, Wednesday evening, December 27. No services will be conducted at West Erwin that evening.

NO "VISITOR" NEXT WEEK

In keeping with our postal regulations we will not publish "The Visitor" next week.

THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER

AT THE EVENING HOUR

Words

From

Wes



We are reminded so many times and in so many ways of why we are thankful to be at West Erwin. You have shown your love by so many good deeds of kindness and by so many lovely words of encouragement. The women and men who serve at our benevolent center are certainly no exception to this. Last Tuesday I was surprised by being honored with a token of their love and affection. In the midst of all their work, they found time to make a special quilt for my wife and me. A hand-made quilt if you please, stitched by careful hands (and I understand there was a little blood shed as needles refused sometimes to go where they were intended). It is a beautiful gift of love and will be a lasting reminder of our acceptance here. My wife is as thankful for your thoughtfulness as I and we thank you for it. It certainly does serve to remind me how much is expected of me and that's good. One who does not recognize the loving duty to be ready unto every good work by such generosity receives only selfish satisfaction. Read I Thess. 3:19.

There have been so many generous gifts of delicious goodies and we are grateful for them all. I promise to fulfill my pledge to go on a diet after the holidays are over.

I hope you will take last Sunday night's sermon personally. It was meant to stir each individual up to see the need that this congregation has to continue its efforts to build for the Lord's cause. The coming end of the year always brings us face-to-face with many new expectations and the making of resolutions for improvement are always in order. I do not hesitate to promise you that if you will put the Lord at the top of your resolution list that you will be abundantly blessed. Now don't second guess the Lord and try to determine in advance how He will bless you. Give yourself to Him as proof of your love and you will receive above that which you could ask or even think.

This congregation has so much richness to serve as a steadfast and sure foundation for future building and growth. Every individual is important, every citizen of the kingdom has a place of service, many by direct assignment in the church and every one of us by command of the Lord. Let's make 1979 a year of spiritual and numerical growth. It is God we serve and not man. Let's act like men of faith.

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Dec. 10	\$15,127.97	Dec. 10	390	Dec. 10
(Bldg. Fund)	\$ 6,238.00			Dec. 3
Dec. 3	\$ 4,168.78	Dec. 3	364	Dec. 3
Year Ago	\$20,659.60	Year Ago	388	443

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Pauline Daughtry continues to be in Glenwood Hospital.
Ben Jones, young son of Ronnie and Lynn Jones is in Mother Frances, room 418.

ATTENTION LADIES

The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class has been dismissed until after the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS

Holly Womack received her degree this month from Texas A & M University.

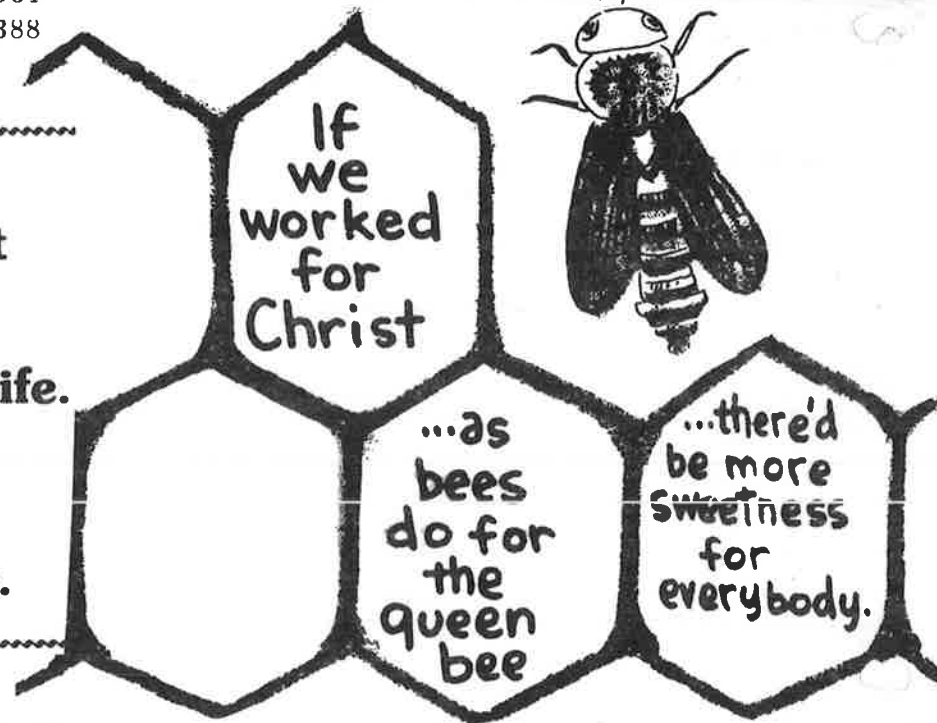


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The Church With A Heart

CHRIST FOR ME

**The PRESENCE of Christ
Is the JOY of my life.
The SERVICE of Christ
Is the BUSINESS of my life.
The WILL of Christ
Is the LAW of my life.
The GLORY of Christ
Is the CROWN of my life.**



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**From the
Preacher's Desk**



George H. Stephenson

Sunday was a beautiful day and we were delighted to see the increase in Bible School and the large number present for worship. We are glad to know of the good contributions. Of course, some had already made substantial contributions to the building fund and others have purposed to give more. We are thankful for the increase in the regular contributions during the past several weeks. Looking back over the records, we notice that the contributions have been higher since our meeting with Jimmy Allen. As we grow in love for the Lord, we grow in the grace of giving.

The elders, deacons and preachers had a great day on Saturday at Pine Cove discussing the work, growth, and future of the church. Wes Price did an excellent job in planning and directing the discussions and activities of the day. We feel that the leaders of the church were filled with a greater vision, zeal and love for one another and the Lord as a result of the day spent together.

The residence which has been refurbished and made into our new Christian care center is serving a most useful purpose. We appreciate the fine work which is being done by the men and women who work in this program of benevolence and concern for the needy. The religion of Christ has ever been a religion which showed concern and compassion for those in need. James tells us that "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).

When Paul spoke of his gaining approval for his work among the Gentiles from other apostles he said, "Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do," (Galatians 2:10). The workers in the care center not only do a fantastic job in helping others, they have a wonderful spirit of love and fellowship with one another. Sometime following the holidays there will be an Open House in the Care Center. We hope you will plan to see what a nice place this is. This is a splendid asset for the West Erwin church.

This is a busy time and a happy time of the year. We hope that you enjoy it, and we hope also that you not forget the Lord at this season or any other season.



Andreas, Rudi & Christel, Martina, Thomas Rischer

Augsburg, Germany
December 1978

Dearest Friends,

As we approach a new year - by the grace of God - we take a glance at the past months and see the many blessings which God has bestowed upon us - and this makes us very grateful.

At the same time we are looking forward to the new opportunities which God might have in store for us in 1979.

We would like to take this opportunity to express to you once more our deepest thanks and appreciation for your love, your interest and your continued help. It is our hope that the New Year will find us working together even more closely for the cause of Christ.

With love,
The Rischers

Addresses you may want for Holiday Mailing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Rischer
Bulowstrasse 4
D-89 Augsburg, Germany

Mr. and Mrs. David Ingram
Caixa Postal 1514
30.000 Belo Horizonte
Minas Gerais, Brazil

Kieth Mitchell
International Mission
One World Trade Center, Suite 1003
New York, New York 10048

DIVERS DISEASE!

The old preacher stood up to preach. He read the text: "They brought to Jesus all sick people that were taken with divers disease."

The preacher said, "Now the doctors can scrutinize you, analyze you, and sometimes cure your ills, but when you have a divers disease, then only the Lord can be sure. And brethren, I suspect there is a regular epidemic of divers disease among us!

"Some DIVE for the door after Bible class is over. Some DIVE for the TV set during the evening services, both Sundays and Wednesdays. Some DIVE into a bag of excuses about why they can't take a more active part in the work of the congregation. Others DIVE for the car and take a weekend trip, forsaking the assemblies and teaching assignments.

"Yes, brethren, it takes the Lord to cure DIVERS disease."

*Mr. and Mrs. John L. Owings
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Molly*

to

*Mr. Randall Douglas Morgan
on Saturday, the thirtieth of December
Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight
at half past seven o'clock in the evening*

All Faith's Chapel

Texas A & M University

College Station, Texas

*Reception
Women's Club
1200 Carter Creek Parkway*

Welcome



We are happy to welcome Ralph and Dee Skaggs into the fellowship of West Erwin. They formerly lived in Longview and worshipped with the Alpine Church. Ralph is an accountant with Drug Sav. Their address is 827 South Chilton.

Thank You

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and beautiful plant at the loss of Theo's brother. Christian friends are such a blessing.

Jesse & Theo King

Singing

Remember the City-wide Singing the last Wednesday evening of the year. It is to be at the Broadway Church of Christ this year. There will be no services at the West Erwin building that night (the 27th).

SHARING PROBLEMS

A service station attendant was swarmed with "last-minute" customers on a holiday week-end. He shook his head in disgust and said to the preacher who was in the line, "It's funny to me that people always wait until the last minute to prepare for a trip they know they are going to take." "I know" said the preacher, "I have the same trouble in my business."

Kindness is the language that
the deaf can hear and the dumb
can understand.

Words
From
Wes



Judging from comments from many of those who attended, the Leadership Retreat for our elders and deacons and preachers last Saturday was a great success. All but five of our leaders were able to spend the day together discussing the present and future work of the West Erwin church. We are thankful to have had a part in such a fine experience. The future never looked brighter nor more profitable. Thanks to all of you who prayed for its success.

You are to be commended for your generous response to the special giving on Sunday. The contribution for the annual special giving and the multi-purpose building fund exceeded \$20,000. We feel sure that others will be giving toward these worthy goals that will be coming in even over the next several weeks. If you fail to do so Sunday, you can still help by increasing your giving during any of the succeeding weeks.

It always pains us to have to make public mention of behavioral problems with our children, but sometimes it is the only way we can get them solved. Our hope is that such comments will not be necessary again. May we ask your co-operation in this matter by keeping a little closer watch on our children. We are not suggesting that any child is being malicious, they are just being children and when they are unsupervised, they will be mischievous.

The holiday season is a lovely time of year. What a special joy it is to welcome family and friends and to enjoy the sharing of love. Our fondest hope for all of you during this time is a safe and happy time.

In all of your rush and busyness, don't forget to leave daily time for God, for prayer, study and meditation. It will increase the joy. Christians have every reason to be the happiest people on the face of God's good earth. Let's show it to all.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

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Sam Sevier	Roy Roberson	Harold Browning
David Thurman	Tommy Lowrance	D. C. Jones
John Powell	Shannon Hughes	

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(Bldg. Fund) 250.00		376
Nov. 26 \$4,185.10	Nov. 26 331	
Year Ago \$4,317.86	Year Ago 381	

Welcome



After a period of study Monday evening with Ira Wright and Harold Browning, Miss Evelyn Foster, 1503 North Fannin asked to be baptized. Late in the evening she was baptized into Christ by Wes Price.

Wednesday morning Mrs. Elmer Staples, 1018 South Robertson, was baptized into Christ by George Stephenson. She was taught by Charles and Rachel Guynn and their son. The Guynn's worship with the church in Bullard.

We are very happy to welcome both of these ladies into the fellowship of West Erwin.

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ZONE TWO will meet Tuesday evening, December 12, at the home of George and Esther Kester. The time is 7:00 o'clock.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Dorothy Babb was scheduled to undergo surgery on Thursday in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Pauline Daughtry had surgery on Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Vannie Lee has been in Glenwood Hospital.

A SPECIAL NEED

Two teachers are needed for Tuesday School beginning January 9th to replace two who are taking a leave of absence. Elaine Roberson needs to know as soon as possible if you can help in this work. Also, additional ladies to substitute are also needed.

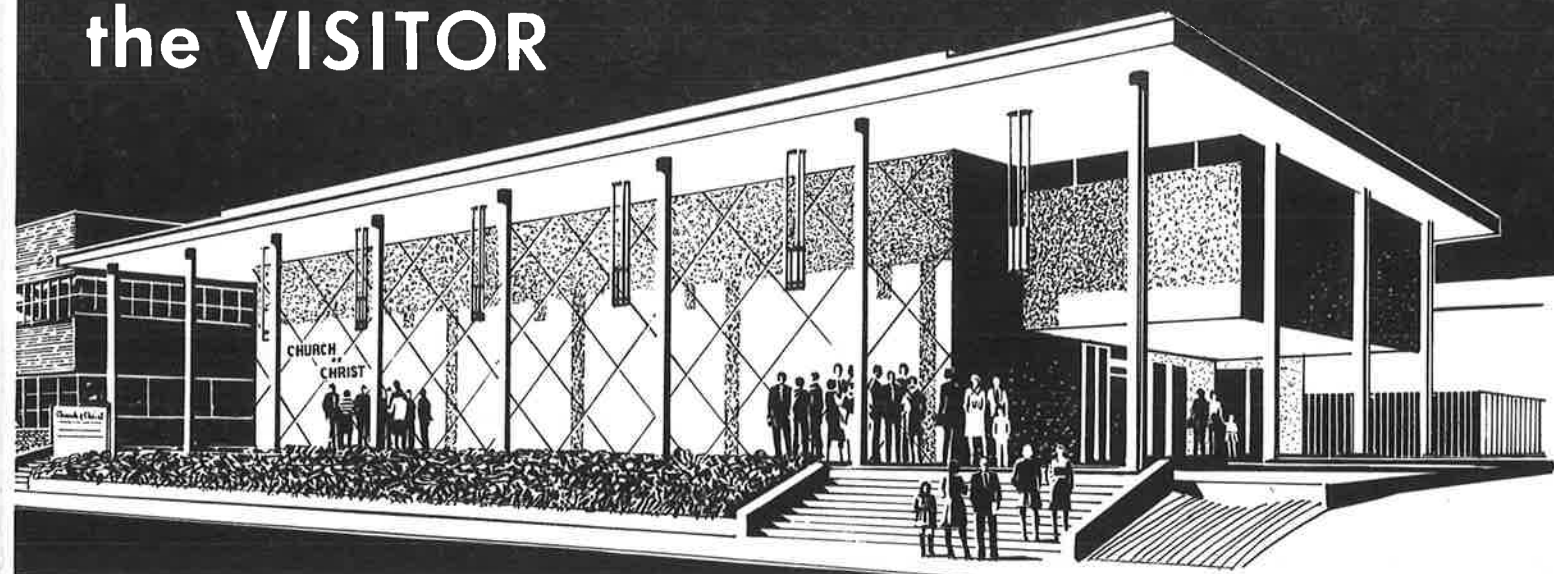
A man who rows a boat doesn't have time to rock it.

Tuesday morning we were very happy to have Diane Humphrey visit in the office and with Tuesday School Teachers. She & Tom will be visiting here part of the month of December. They are now living in Canada.

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The Church With A Heart

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR

West Erwin

II. CORINTHIANS, 8.

6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

CHAPTER 9.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, *see that ye abound in this grace also.*

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

Depending on our loving Father for our resources, let's give sacrificially and lovingly to the work of the Lord at West Erwin. Let's enter 1979 with our budget deficit cleared away. **PRAY ABOUT YOUR LOVE GIFT!**

Blame Somebody Else

Blame God for all the problems in your life. He does still control the universe and rules in the affairs of men. He has the "whole world in his hands" as the song says. So don't spend your time searching for your own responsibilities and accepting the blame for your failures, just blame God.

Blame your parents for your unfaithfulness to the Lord. Remember how they "made" you attend the worship services when you were a youngster when you didn't want to go? Now that you are grown up and can make your own decisions and you have chosen not to be faithful, blame your parents. Don't let it bother you that their hair has turned gray and their wrinkled cheeks are bathed in tears over your spiritual condition. Blame somebody else.

Blame the Bible class teacher for your child's indifferent attitude toward Bible class and worship. Sure they are responsible for presenting an interesting lesson. It doesn't matter that they only have your child for one or two hours a week and that he or she never prepares their lessons at home or participates in a class discussion. Blame somebody else.

Blame the preacher for leaving the Lord out of your life. He just shouldn't preach so hard and expect so much. He could find plenty of sermon material to tickle your ears and make you feel comfortable anyway. Just wait until they change preachers and then you can go back and renew your allegiance to the Lord... if they don't find another preacher just like him!

Blame other members of the church for the failures and weaknesses of the congregation. If you were running things it would be different. But, aren't you glad that you aren't like them? If the church doesn't make the progress it should, it is certainly not your fault because you haven't done anything. It is THEIRS!

Yes, blame somebody else. That's what the devil wants us to do. He doesn't want us to take an honest look at ourselves. The easiest course to follow is the one that places all the blame on somebody else. It is so tragic that many of us are choosing to follow this course. But, you know, it doesn't take much of a person to blame someone else for his failures. It does take a big person to acknowledge his own mistakes and ask the Lord to help him with his problems. ... Ted Knight

Footprints

One night a man dreamed that he was walking along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. In each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the prints and noticed that many times along the path there was only one set. He also noticed that this happened during the lowest and saddest times of his life.

He questioned the Lord, "Lord, You once said that if anyone decided to follow You, You would walk with them. But, I noticed that during my most troublesome times there was only one set of prints in the sand. When I needed You most, did You desert me?"

Jesus replied, "My precious, child! I love you and I will never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, the one set of prints you saw was Mine. It was then that I carried you." ... Author Unknown

Don't miss this!

... Singing

Each year, the last Wednesday night of the year, the congregations in Tyler have a combined meeting for singing. This year the singing will be held at the Broadway church of Christ on December 27. This is always an enjoyable time for Christians to meet together for worship in song. There will be no service at West Erwin on that Wednesday evening.

New Baby

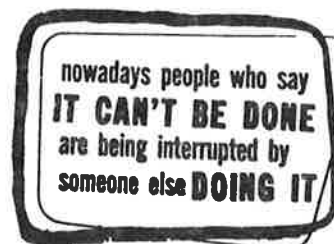
Mike and Jensy (McDonald) Gregory are the parents of a baby girl, Meredith Marie, born November 28 in Irving, Texas. Penny McDonald is the happy grandmother. Meredith and her Uncle Wade share the same birthday.

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation for the cards, calls, food, and all the nice things you have done for me recently since I have been confined to my home. Love,
Cleo Sublette

Business Meeting

Monday afternoon is the time for the regular business meeting of the men of the congregation. The time is 1:30 in the Chapel.



PRAY FOR:

- The Church
- Our Missionaries
- The Lost
- Your Family
- Personal Spiritual Development

Words From Wes



Our Elders, Deacons and Preachers will enjoy an all-day planning session this coming Saturday, December 9, at Pine Cove. If West Erwin is to continue its fine history of growth and progress, plans for the future must be made. Leadership recognizes the need to do more than just take care of the routine day-to-day problems and find time to deal with the future.

We will spend all day together, beginning at 7:00 a.m. when we meet here at the building to board our bus for the day's outing. We encourage all elders and deacons to be on time. We have a breakfast appointment shortly after 7:00 a.m. before we depart for the camp.

We ask all our members to pray for the success of this planning session. We feel that great things can be accomplished and great plans can be laid for a successful future at West Erwin.

One last word to commend you not to forget the special contribution that our Elders have called for next Sunday. Let's set a substantial amount aside to put into this collection. Although the work of the church depends upon your generosity, the opportunity to give is given by the Lord for your spiritual benefit. Those who are not generous with the Lord prevent Him from returning an enlarged blessing on the giver. Let us with David say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

With the arrival of cold weather, there comes also the temptation to be careless about our attendance in Sunday morning Bible study and Sunday evening worship. I realize that for many of the aging, there is a health problem associated with the cold, but surely the younger of our number don't suffer from the same malady. I believe that if you will set your mind to it and real illness doesn't interfere, you can be present for every Bible study and worship occasion.

If you ask someone, "How can I show my love for you?" they might generally respond, "By doing what pleases me." That sounds strikingly like Jesus' statement in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

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Sam Sevier	Roy Roberson	John Teague
David Thurman	Tommy Lowrance	D. C. Jones
John Powell	Shannon Hughes	

Our Records

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Nov. 26	\$4,185.10	Nov. 26	331
(Building fund)	\$8,100.00	Nov. 19	313
Nov. 19	\$3,987.12	Year Ago	378
Year Ago	\$3,641.13		

Responses

For Prayers: K. Max Haws

IMPORTANT!

There will be a meeting Sunday evening, 7:30 at the Omen Road Church of Christ for everyone interested in the establishment of a Christian school in Tyler.

A UNIQUE MINISTRY FOR MOTIVATION

The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore will have "Three Unusual Days" on December 8, 9, and 10. Friday, 7:30 p. m.; Saturday, 10:00 - 12:00 a. m.; 12:00 Noon, Lunch; 1:00 - 3:00 and 7:30 p. m. Sunday will be regular worship hours. Earl Williams will be the speaker.

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**PRAYERS CAN'T BE ANSWERED
UNLESS THEY ARE PRAYED**

Life without purpose
Is barren indeed -
There can't be a harvest
unless you plant seed,
There can't be attainment
unless there's a goal,
And man's but a robot
unless there's a soul...
If we send no ships out,
no ships will come in,
And unless there's a contest,
nobody can win...
For games can't be won
unless they are played,
And prayers can't be answered
unless they are prayed
So whatever is wrong
with your life today,
You'll find a solution
If you kneel down and pray
Not just for pleasure,
enjoyment and health,
Not just for honors
and prestige and wealth...
But pray for a purpose
to make life worth living,
And pray for the joy
of unselfish giving,
For great is your gladness
and rich your reward
When you make your life's
purpose the choice of
the Lord.

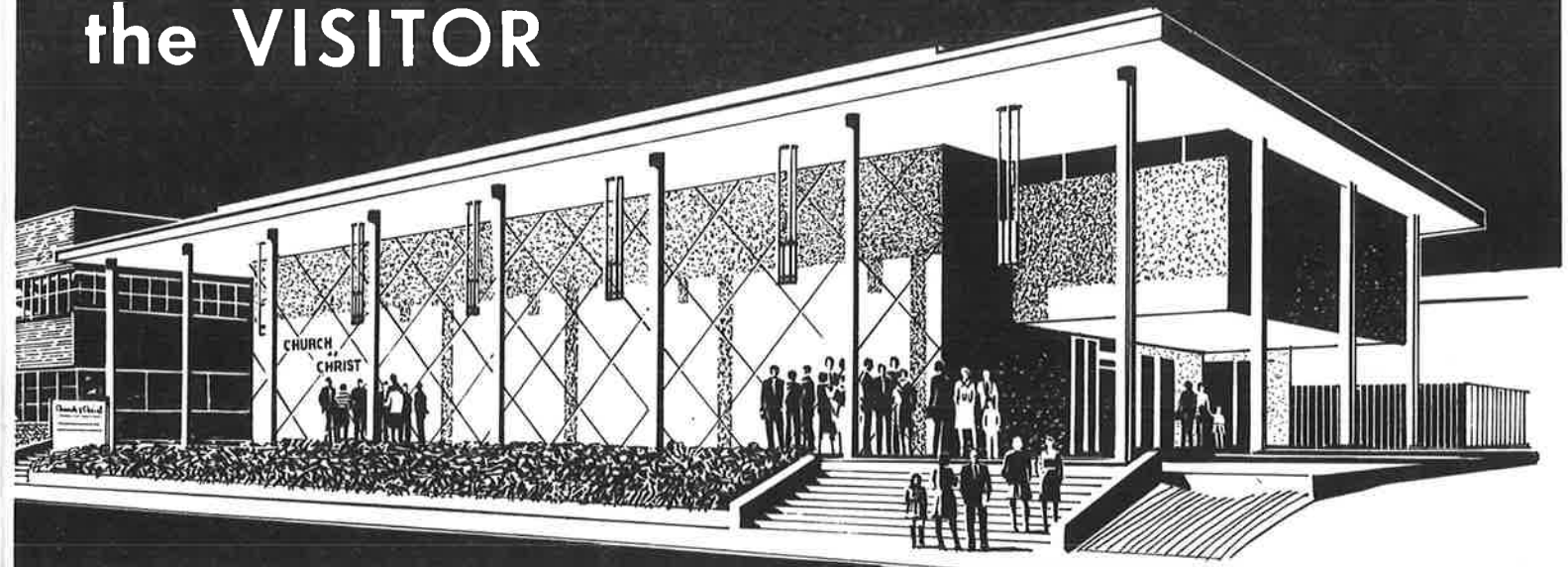
-Helen Steiner Rice-

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

What a wonderful time we had together for our mid-week service on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. It was a time of Scripture reading prayers, and hymns of praise. Those of you who were not here missed a great spiritual experience. Why not decide to include Wednesday night study and worship on your calendar every week? I feel you will be a stronger Christian if you do.

It hardly seems possible that we are entering the last month of 1978. December is always a busy time. It is a time for us to be thinking about what we have or have not done this year and for us to be making plans for the coming year.

The second Sunday in December has been set aside for special contributions to be made to help erase the deficit in our budget. We have had a number of unexpected expenses during 1978. For instance, our pews were in bad repair. There was some thought of purchasing new ones, but it was decided that it would be more economical and more feasible to have our present pews repaired and refurbished. This

was just one item among many included in repairs on the church building as well as the two residences occupied by the preachers. It was necessary for the elders to secure a short term loan to help take care of some of those needs. Had we met our budget each week this would have been unnecessary. Now it has been encouraging in recent weeks to see an increase in our giving and we have been meeting the budget. We do hope that you will plan to give generously on December 10.

Many of you have also been giving toward the building fund. We need, in the next few weeks, to give as much as possible toward this project also. Plans are going forward toward the remodeling of the property which was purchased for a multi-purpose building to be used for fellowship, teaching, and edification.

We mentioned Sunday in the pulpit about the record breaking contribution of over two million dollars by the Broadway church in Lubbock. I am thankful for those who have been blessed financially and who are willing to give abundantly to the Lord's work. The Lord has promised that we will be blessed when we give generously. In teaching us to give generously, the Bible says, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," (2 Corinthians 9:6).

West Erwin has always responded in a wonderful way to every worthy appeal. I feel confident that you will again.

Guest Editorial...

from THE MADISON MARCHER

Assuming that profanity was not one of Peter's habits (the Lord shunning such in his choice of companions) there must be something profoundly significant in the statement of Mark 14:71: "But he (Peter) began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak."

Blasphemy does not come easily to lips unaccustomed to such.

Peter had just been identified BY HIS SPEECH as one of the Lord's followers—and a Galilean. "Thy speech," said the witnesses, "agreeth thereto."

Obviously, then, Peter was seeking to repudiate his "speech," and express his denial in words and tones that would convince the multitude that he was in no sense one of Jesus' followers. He didn't entirely succeed in his efforts, though by choice he was at the moment keeping the company of the infamous—who were bent on destroying the Son of God.

The true significance of that tragic incident in the life of one who had been a friend isn't always spelled out in discussions of it. It is pertinent at all times and in every life professing Christianity, because it illustrates the most prevalent way of disowning Christ.

Peter was trying to PROVE something, and how better than by employing the language of either Ashdod or Satan? Either would typecast him in an alien role.

The principle hasn't changed. People are listening, and our speech identifies us—nationally, regionally, philosophically, even religiously. You can tell a "Yankee," a Midwesterner, a Southerner—or even the native of a given state—by his or her enunciation. You certainly can tell a Bible-respecting person young or old—or differentiate between such and its opposite—by their language.

Not without reason did the early Restoration leadership advocate and adopt as a rule of faith and practice, that the Faithful would speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where it is silent. The Textbook thereof was its total creed.

The intent was, and is, to speak in full faith—and pertinent to that was the influence of language—to convince by the character of their speech that these indeed had been with Jesus. Conversely, language of impiety on anybody's part—and regardless of whatever else they profess—impresses the listener with the fact of a "great gulf fixed."

Why worry when you can pray?

Portrait

Of A

Happy Man

EVERYONE wants to know how to be happy. Here is an inspired formula,

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers" (Psalms 1:1).

The happy man is described here in negatives; his way marked by certain abstinences. We are told what the happy man does not do.

1. He does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. He guards his direction. There is no happiness for one who is careless about his direction. Following the course of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.

2. He does not stand in the way of sinners. He guards his leisure. He does not come to a standstill in sinful surroundings.

3. He does not sit in the seat of scoffers. He guards his disposition. The scoffer is an "unconscientious objector." His only involvement is in objecting to the work of others. His frequent expression is the well-worn, "Yes, but..."

... Point him to an exquisite statue and he responds, "Yes, but I detect a flaw in the marble."

... Point him to any good work and he responds, "Yes, but they should have done it another way."

The whole landscape looks dirty when viewed through a dirty glass. And nothing appears lovely when viewed through a sour disposition.

Happiness can only be achieved when we have learned to avoid the counsel of the wicked, the way of sinners and the seat of scoffers.

Joe R. Barnett
20th Century Christian

Singing

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly singing held the first Sunday of each month. Sunday, December 3rd, the singing will be at the Northwest Church of Christ. The time is 2:30.

Gospel Meeting

Roy Deaver, director of the Brown Trail Preacher Training School in Hurst, Texas, will preach in a series of Gospel Sermons at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas, December 3 - 6. Week night services will be at 7:30.

Funeral

Brother and sister Jess King attended the funeral for her brother last week in Oklahoma City. We extend our sympathy to the family.

From Boles Home

Dear Brethren:

Thank you for the generous check you sent us to help with the clothing expenses for the Cooper-Gowen children. Thanks to you these young people have the much needed clothes to start out the new school year. We appreciate so much your interest and support of these children.

Thank You

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

Love,
Wade Weathers

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Words

From

Wes



It was a joy to see our college young people home for the Thanksgiving holidays. Their cheerful faces add so much to our worship services. Many of them were home in time to enjoy the special Wednesday night Thanksgiving service. Though we had to bid them goodbye on Sunday afternoon, it won't be long until they will be finished with a whole semester's work and be home for another holiday period. How grateful we are for these faithful young folks!

Several have asked about sending a letter of disapproval to the theater showing the "Rocky Horror Movie" at the theater on South Broadway. May we suggest that a simple statement such as the following be expressed in your own words to the management of the theater: "I would like to express my disapproval of your continuous showing of the movie, "Rocky Horror Movie" at your theater. We believe our community deserves better." Any such statement with your signature will be effective in registering your opinion. Don't delay, get that letter in the mail today! Address: 9th and South Broadway.

As winter weather moves in, there will be a greater temptation to let it keep us from regular attendance at Bible study on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. We hope you don't let God's choice for our weather be your excuse for missing any opportunity for worship and study.

On Wednesday evening, December 6, we will have the opportunity to learn more about converting the world to Christ by use of the written word. Ernest Gammon, a special friend of mine, will be with us to tell us how men and women are being won to Christ through the World Bible School. Although the first Wednesday night is set for our First Wednesday night singing, our elders have granted us permission to have this special guest speaker. Brother Gammon, who is retired from the military, along with his lovely wife, Erin, have been active for the past four years in working in behalf of this great program of evangelism. Although this is a full-time ministry, the Gammons provide their own support. Their work has carried them to almost every state in the Union in behalf of World Bible School.

Who knows but what we will be able to see in our life time the gospel preached to every creature on earth by use of the printed word. Make your plans to come and hear of this good work and meet this godly couple.

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Report of Our Sick

John Mackey underwent open heart surgery last Friday in Houston. He is getting along well and hopes to come home within another week.

R. M. Mayo returned home from the Chest Hospital on Monday afternoon.

Elwin Crow's mother is very seriously ill and hospitalized in Waco.

THE MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME TRUCK came last week and picked up groceries in the amount of \$150.00. Your generosity to them is appreciated very much.

They always talk who seldom think.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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From the Preacher's Desk (continued)
preciate the comments of Wes Price and the suggestions he makes in regard to the midnight horror show.

I am glad that our nation sets aside a day each year as a special time to offer thanks to God. Too many at this time never think of the original significance of the day. Their minds are filled with the pleasures of the day and there is little thought about God and his care and love for us. Of course, Christians should be thankful on this day and on every day. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," (Ephesians 5:20).

While we count our blessings at this time, I want to tell you that I am thankful for the privilege of preaching for the West Erwin church. For over ten years I have endeavored to work as an evangelist for this fine group of Christians. Your many kindnesses to Alice and to me have evidenced your love for us. I am truly thankful for the love which is found here at West Erwin.

We feel that there are yet many challenges and opportunities for all of us to do greater things for the Lord. Let us all determine to go forward in our work for Christ. I want to thank every elder, every deacon, every co-worker, and every member for continued co-operation.

May we all be grateful that we have the honor of being "workers together with Christ," (2 Corinthians 6:1).

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I appreciate the favorable comments I received in regard to the sermon Sunday morning. We do need to realize that pollution of the mind and of the soul is more serious than pollution of the air and land. While all of us want clean air to breathe and pure water to drink, yet we should realize the importance of keeping our minds in harmony with God's will. We were shocked at the so called horror movie which was viewed by a number of ministers last Friday evening. We cannot fill our minds with that which is bad and expect our lives to be wholesome and good.

The Bible tells us that before the destruction of the flood that God saw "that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," (Gen. 6:5).

It is tragic when the minds of our children and young people are being filled with that which is degrading and sordid. I appreciate the comments of Wes Price and the suggestions he makes in regard to the midnight horror show. (continued on back page)

THANKSGIVING



"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"

(Philippians 4: 6, 7)



Enthusiasm

As we travel along the road of life, all of us travel a certain distance upward. What starts us or moves us along we do not really know. But I think Emerson once said: "Nothing great has ever been accomplished without enthusiasm."

Enthusiasm is the maker of friends - the maker of smiles - the producer of confidence. It tells the world you have what it takes to do your job well. The company you work for is simply the best and the merchandise you have to sell is nothing but the best.

Enthusiasm gives you the inspiration to stay awake and live. It puts spring in your step, a song in your heart, a twinkle in your eye, confidence in yourself and your fellow man. It makes an optimist out of a pessimist - a go getter out of a loafer.

Enthusiasm, if you have it, show it; then your customers will get it. Your company loves it and you cash in on it. If you have it - then thank God for it - if you do not have it - then get down on your knees and pray for it.

-Reid Blackwell

Pro Family Forum in Fort Worth

It is hoped that thousands of people will attend a Family Rights Rally to be held in Fort Worth in the Tarrant County Convention Center on this coming Saturday, November 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This Rally is being sponsored by a coalition of conservative groups, patriotic organizations, churches, and individuals who are concerned about family life. The following outstanding speakers will discuss these issues:

Dr. Clifton Ganus, President of Harding College - "Who has the right to decide your children's education?"

Phyllis Schlafly, National President of Stop-ERA - "Does feminism strengthen or weaken the family structure?"

Dr. Carolyn Gerster, National President of Right to Life, "Who lives? Who dies? Who decides?"

Lottie Beth Hobbs, National President of Pro-Family Forum - "Should we humanize the children?"

Clay Smothers, Texas State Representative, "Are you using your influence with elected officials?"

Evangelist Carl Wade, "Should religious people become involved?"

Also participating: U. S. Congressman Jim Collins; Business Executive Don Hall; Dr. Raymond Barber, President of World Baptist Fellowship.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful acts of thoughtfulness shown me while I was in the hospital. Thank you for the cards, visits, flowers and the New Testament. I especially appreciated your prayers. They were a tremendous comfort to me in a time when I needed them.

In Christian love,
Phil Marts

I appreciate your concern expressed so generously during my recent hospitalization. Love truly "makes the world go 'round." Your calls, cards, flowers, visits and Steve and Sherry Brown kept Ralph and Jill well fed - thank you to my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Sincerely,
Marian Rowe

Gospel Meeting

Gary Workman will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Bullard Church of Christ, November 26 - December 1. Evening services through the week will be at 7:30.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Henderson
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Lorie Mechelle

to

Timothy Mark Odom

on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth of November

Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight

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Reception following
Women's Building
911 South Broadway

Herald of Truth

The Herald of Truth ministry reports a breakthrough in television for the churches of Christ. ABC, the nation's top-rated television network, has selected the churches of Christ to receive free public service time on 190 stations during October, November and December. This free time is worth nearly \$300,000.

Featured on ABC-TV will be a 30-second television spot on the theme, "forgiveness." The spot ends with this statement - "This message of love is brought to you by the churches of Christ."

This is the first time that a major network has recognized the churches of Christ as a significant national group, entitled to public service time nationally. The elders of the Highland church in Abilene, Texas which produces Herald of Truth, ask our prayers for the millions of lost souls who will see this provocative message on their TV screens.

A soft answer has often been the
means of breaking a hard heart.

Words
From
Wes



You would think that our "thanksgiving" to God for the much needed rain would result in a larger attendance at Sunday worship, wouldn't you? Well, I guess folks find it easier to stay in when it's wet and cold. I'm looking forward to the day when we respond to God's blessings by a larger turn-out.

We are grateful for all who attended worship and Bible study.

It is my sincere hope that our efforts last Friday night will result in seeing such movies as the Rocky Horror Movie stopped from being shown in Tyler. It was not a pleasant thing to do, but those of us who went can testify to the abomination that is being passed off as entertainment. Simply put, it is satanic. It glamorizes every vile and evil passion and seeks to elevate it to normal. The atmosphere is one of total disregard of decency and purity. It is difficult to imagine how Sodom and Gomorrah could be much worse. With such movies, it won't be long until our own society will be reduced to that level.

I hope you will join me in doing what we can to let our objections be known. I have written a letter to the theater management about my objections and of my intention to boycott that theater as long as such movies are shown there. You may conclude that it is a drop in an ocean, but we have put off doing something too long. Let's let our voice for righteousness be heard. The wise man said, "Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34).

We encourage you to be thinking about the way you can participate in the special collection that our elders announced would be taken on Sunday, December 10. While it may be that you are unable to respond to this challenge, at least give yourself the benefit of looking at your blessings and see if there is a way you can say "thank you" to God.

The holiday season is upon us and many of you will be away on week-ends during this time. Our prayer is that you will have a safe and happy season. May God go with you.

WES W. PRICE

We can preach only the Christ that we live.

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And the Lord Added

Membership
Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Beatrice) Raney, 2928 Silvercreek, phone 595-0694.
Restored and Membership
Jimmy Mintz, 1721 West Elm.

Words From Wes (continued)

one who causes concern. Our elders are charged with the responsibility to feed you spiritually. You make their task so heavy when you fail to come. May we speak a word of encouragement to you to take a serious look at your soul's condition. You must agree that you need the nourishment that these Bible study times can give you. Won't you repent and join us regularly for study.

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Ruby Miles, Clarence Strait and Alvin Shackelford are all patients in the Glenwood Hospital.
R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in the University of Texas Health Center.
Mrs. Aubrey Byrd underwent eye surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.
John Mackey entered the hospital in Houston this week for tests in preparation for heart surgery.
Wade Weathers is now at home following surgery last week on his knee. He was injured in football practice.
Mrs. Monroe Sublette is confined at home with phlebitis.

PRO FAMILY FORUM

Family Rights Rally

November 25, 2:00 - 4:30 P. M.
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Entertainment Impact
FREE! IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Directory Change

Mrs. Gladys Holcomb is now living in Mineola, Texas - 827 Wigley.
The E. W. Nauls are now at 539 Towne Oaks Drive.

**He enjoys much
who is thankful for little.**

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George H. Stephenson

Sunday was a good day at West Erwin with an increase in attendance and good contributions. Sunday night attendance was good also and the sermon preached by Wes Price was well received. We continue to hear words of praise for Wes and his family.

Some contributions continue to be made for our building fund. We hope that when you make a contribution for the building fund that you mark it specifically for this purpose. We are glad that the work of renovation and redecoration of the house, which will be used in our benevolent work, is now complete. Those who work in this program have moved from the room they have been using into the redecorated house. This house will serve in a very fine way this important Christian work. We expect that in the near future an "open house" will be held and provide everyone an opportunity to see the house and work which is being done.

There are many people at West Erwin who are working for the Lord in ways that many of us never know. Ira Wright and Harold Browning are to be commended for their work among the elderly and shut-ins. Every Monday night they are out visiting and encouraging the elderly. On other occasions they are teaching and working in some of the Tyler nursing homes. We know that many others are continually engaged in various ways to help and encourage the elderly and lonely.

West Erwin is now contributing \$200 per month toward the construction of a church building in Kremmling, Colorado. A recent bulletin from them says, "The church building is coming along very well. The sewage and water lines are in and the decking and tar paper are on the roof. Lord willing, the shingles should be on, and the windows should be in within 2 weeks. Some inside framing has been done. After the cement in the basement is poured, we should be able to start with the plumbing and wiring." Gaylin Anderson, who visited and spoke for us several months ago, is still looking for full time support. We hope that this will be supplied by some congregation or congregations in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday and in the meantime we ask for your prayers on behalf of all that we endeavor to do in the Lord's name.

The Sheep Killer

There was a story in the paper about some dogs in a New England town that had killed 123 sheep in one night... a very strange thing for dogs to do. Dogs are supposed to protect sheep, and to keep other animals away that would hurt the flock. We could understand it if the sheep were slain by wolves or bears or other such animals.

Were all these dogs bad dogs? No, not at first. It seems that they had all been good, faithful watchdogs with the exception of one... HE WAS A SHEEP KILLER. Who do you think taught the other dogs the trick of sheep killing? That's right, it was this one sheep killer. In other words, it was bad company that did the trick. The farmers shot every dog that had killed a sheep. They didn't ask if they were sorry, or where they had got the habit. They didn't kill the ring-leader and let the other off scot-free. They knew that once the dog had killed a sheep, he had to be destroyed.

The Bible says, "Evil companions corrupt good morals." This simply means that you grow to be like the company you keep. If a dog runs with a sheep killer, he will eventually become a sheep killer. If a boy runs with boys who curse, then he will learn how to curse. If a girl runs with girls that are immoral, she will learn the ways of immorality.

It is really tough for you to see this now. You wonder why your parents will not let you play with certain ones in the neighborhood. They know the power of evil companions and how easily life can be spoiled.

People grow to look alike, think alike, act alike when they have lived together for a long time. If you don't want to be like the people you run with... don't run with them! If you don't want to be a "sheep killer" then stay away from the sheep killers.

An old Chinese proverb says, "journeys of a thousand miles begin with one step." It also begins in some direction. Will you ever be an alcoholic? Or placed behind bars for a crime? Or will you push drugs or shoot it yourself? No one ever set out to be or do these things. They did not get there over night. It was STEP BY STEP. On the wrong road? With the wrong people? Take one more step. STEP OFF!

... Jack Exum, Via Bulletin - Cedar Hill, Texas

THE FORT WORTH LECTURES

For years, the Fort Worth Christian College lectures and books were considered to be among the very finest in our brotherhood. When the college closed, the lectures, as such, ceased. Now, after several intervening years, though the college is no longer in operation, these lectures have been revived under the caption of "The Fort Worth Lectures" with the lectures being conducted by the Brown Trail congregation in Fort Worth (which operates the Brown Trail Preacher Training School), Wendell Winkler, local evangelist at Brown Trail, being the director. The second annual lectures will be conducted January 14 - 18, 1979. The theme will

be, "The Holy Scriptures." Lectures will begin each morning at 8:00 and end each night at 9:00.

Mark your calendar now and plan on taking in the entire lectureship. Brother George Stephenson will be one of the speakers for the lectures.

Sympathy

The grandmother of Ann Nail was buried this week in San Benito, Texas

Congratulations

Grant Knight was elected to WHO'S WHO in American Colleges and Universities. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight and a senior in Abilene Christian University.

NEW MEMBERS



Jack and Bea Raney

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raney into the fellowship of West Erwin. They come to us from the Glenwood congregation. Jack and Beatrice (she likes to be called Bea) have been in Tyler about a year. They moved here from Athens but formerly lived in Houston where he worked for Mobil Oil. He has been retired for 14 years. Their address is 2928 Silvercreek, phone 595-0694



You Are Invited

You are invited to hear Miss Hettie Lee Ewing speak to the Ladies's Bible Class on Tuesday, 9:45 a.m., Nov. 21 at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. Miss Ewing, who now lives in Dallas, was for many years a missionary in Japan. You are also invited to be the guest of the Alpine ladies for lunch following the service.

Thank You

I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your prayers, visits, and each remembrance during the time of my hospitalization and recovery at home.

Ed Bullard

It was so nice for you to remember us in our sorrow. We thank you for cards, flowers and food.

Mrs. Ethel M. Shimpam
B. J. and Edna Tucker

ZONE 3 will meet at 7:30 Tuesday evening at the home of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes.

Words
From
Wes



WES W. PRICE

My how time flies! Just a short time ago, my family and I moved to Tyler and already we are closing in on 6 months. There just is no way to adequately express our appreciation for the warm and wonderful way you have accepted us. Your words of encouragement and expressions of thanks have had the full effect of making our work among you richly rewarding. We thank you for all your efforts in our behalf.

Our continuing prayer is that God will keep on using us for His glory and for the building of the work at West Erwin.

In the near future, the move to our new Benevolent Center will be complete. Our ladies are already at work in the new center and the Benevolent committee is busy this week moving the remainder of the food supplies and clothing to their new storage areas. James Massey and John Porter are to be credited for much of the hard work that has brought these things about. As soon as the move is completed, they will have a special open house to let all our members see the good work.

Teachers, may I request that when you are to be absent from your class for any reason that you contact your department supervisor for a substitute. Departmental Supervisors are as follows: Adult, Hillard Hughes; High School, Joe McBec; Junior High, Phil Marts (at the present please contact me until Phil is fully recovered from his surgery); Junior (grades 4, 5, and 6), Jan Knight; Primary, Jalna Gayle; Pre-School, Carolyn Welborn; and Nursery, Jeanine Hughes.

Your elders, deacons, and preachers will be engaging in an all-day planning session on Saturday, December 9. We anticipate many good things to come from this concentrated session. Would you please pray for these men and this special effort.

One of the continuing efforts of Bible school planners is to work on the sometimes alarming number of members who do not come to our Bible classes. The number between those who are present for Bible study and those who come for worship service seems to be unnecessarily high at West Erwin. I am aware of the many who simply are not physically able to attend both, but I am also sure that there are many of you who simply do not come. If you fall into this category, you are the

(Continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Sunday Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Contributions

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss David Demic

Nov. 5 \$4,229.05
Bld. Fund 627.12
Oct. 29 \$4,711.52
Year Ago \$5,416.63

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Bible School

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Ed Naul

November 5 354
October 29 389
Year Ago 520

Serving Communion Sunday

Worship

Gilbert Kasparek George Kester
Carroll Magee David Demic
Lowell Wiggains Henry McRuiz
O'Neal Tuel Harley Turner

November 5 441
October 29 526

Greeters for Sunday

Weekly Budget

Louis E. Jones W. S. Little
D. C. Jones

\$4,200.00

GOSPEL MEETING

The Glenwood congregation will be in a meeting Nov. 12 through the 15. Prentice Meador will be doing the preaching.

Remember

Sunday afternoon will be the time for the general business meeting - 1:30 in the chapel.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Sermons

Sunday November 12
10:30 a. m. "The Mocking Fool"
6:00 p. m. Sermon by Wes Price

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Report of Our Sick

Karen Porter had surgery Monday in Sharpstown General Hospital in Houston. Phil Marts continues to show improvement at Medical Center Hospital. Mrs. Ralph Rowe continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. R. M. Mayo is a patient in the U. T. Health Center.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the B. J. Tuckers in the loss of her father. He was buried in Corsicana this week.

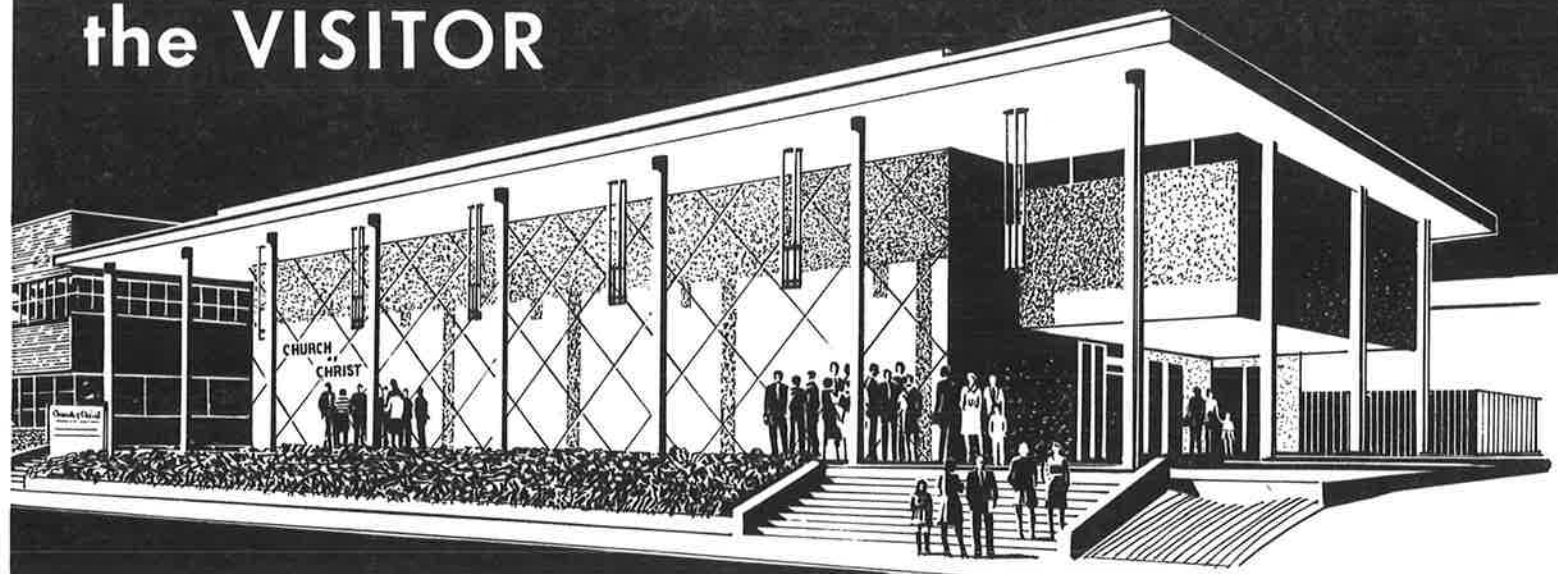
The wife of Charlie Huffman died last week in Brazil. The Huffmans have been missionaries in Brazil for many years and were in the States during the summer when the David Ingrams were here. They were unable to bring her body back to the States for burial.

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

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

In the book of Revelation we notice that each of the seven churches in Asia was a golden candlestick (Revelation 1:20). This suggests that each church was precious because the candlestick was of a precious metal. Each church also is to hold up the light. In our world of darkness we are to be shining lights. Paul wrote the Philippians, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life," (Philippians 2:15, 16).

We must keep the local church strong if it is to be an influence for good in the world. We must keep our lights shining bright. We must not be content, however, just to build up the local church. We must recognize our responsibility in helping to take the gospel to the whole world. The West Erwin congregation is engaged in a worthy mission program in our country and in other countries as well.

On the second page of The Visitor you will find the monthly report from the Rischers whom we support in Augsburg, Germany. We receive reports each month from the Rischers in Germany, Kieth Mitchell in the International Mission in New York City and David Ingram in Brazil. Usually the reports are mimeographed and distributed in the Bible classes on Sunday morning. At the present time we are also helping in mission work in Colorado. We also consider the Amazing Grace Bible Class on the local television station a missionary effort. This program is viewed all over East Texas by thousands of people every Sunday morning.

Let us remember all of our missionaries in our prayers. The Rischer family faces the problems of inflation as we do in America. However, they not only have this problem, but they also have the problem of the devaluation of the American dollar in relation to the German money. We are thankful that many people have responded to the appeal for a new bus to be used in Augsburg. We know it will be used in a wonderful way.

There is a very exciting mission work being planned for preaching the gospel on a network of radio stations in Mexico which will saturate that nation with the gospel. You will be interested in it when you do hear about it.

Let us work diligently to build up the church at West Erwin and let us pray that we may continue to be strong enough to support the preaching of the gospel throughout the world.

Augsburg News

From my point of view: The Women's Lectureship (October 2 - 6)

Dear Brethren and Friends:

This time I would like to tell you something about our Annual Lectureship for Women in Austria. Just as the brethren from Augsburg were responsible for their lectureship (Rudi wrote in length about it in his last report), so we, the sisters from Augsburg were responsible for the lodging and the program of the Austrian Lectureship for Ladies. We chose the same hotel as last year, since we all were so pleased by the experience of staying there. The hotel is located in Rohrmoos, Austria, a small village in the middle of the beautiful Austrian Alps.

The whole program was worked out by us sisters, and four of us held the main lectures. Ingrid Kremp (she is 32, and was converted about three years ago) and Gisela Knobloch (56) had never before stood in front of an audience, while Uschi Achatz (33) and I had at least some experience. Our main theme was taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Several of the women who attended this lectureship had come as far as 700 miles by train (from Hamburg, Germany). Since 11 women from the Augsburg congregation attended (three of which were guests), we were using three cars for transportation (a 400 mile roundtrip). All of the 43 women who attended this retreat were strengthened in the spirit and the body and were richly blessed by the Word of God and the Christian fellowship.

Yours in Christ, Christel

Praise the Lord and thanks to all of you who have helped us: we've got our new VW van! It was delivered early in October, after we had ordered it in early June. It is a beautiful green bus, and all the children of my class as well as the grown ups like it very much. This new van will be a great asset in our work for the Lord. We needed it very badly, and many projects could not have been carried through without it.

Even though many of you have been giving generously to this worthy cause, I am sorry to say that we still lack another \$1,427. How come? Let me explain: The bus itself costs DM20,000 - without extras. Ten months ago the exchange rate from dollars to German Marks (DM) was 2.35. In other words, it would have taken \$8,510. -to get 20,000. -German Marks. Since the \$ has lost value throughout the world, today it takes \$11,299. -to get the needed DM 20,000. -, a difference (or loss if you like to call it that) of \$2,789. -! This hits us real hard (it is the same problem which I have with my monthly salary. I have lost more than 20% within the last few months due to the low dollar exchange). Since the exchange rate of the \$ is still going down, it would be very helpful to get the debts on the bus paid as soon as possible. Who will help us?

The Lord has blessed us by adding another member to his church in Augsburg. Hermann Doelle (25 years old) was baptized a few weeks ago, after having attended our church services on and off for more than three years. We have talked and studied with him for many hours, but he did not seem to be ready to take the final step. Then, one day, he came to my office and said: now I am ready to follow the Lord. Imagine my surprise! He even postponed his vacation for one week in order to meet with the church in Augsburg on the first Sunday after his baptism. We all are very grateful to God for our new brother.

Our church work shows a full schedule for this Fall again. Besides our regular services and classes, we have youth meetings planned, a Gospel meeting in November, a lecture in December, various cottage meetings are underway, women's classes, children's classes and visitation programs are being carried through. Please, pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless us in our endeavor.

Last Saturday, Christel gave a luncheon for 16 ladies of the American congregation, showing to them our appreciation for their faithfulness to the church. The ladies had a good time and they all appreciated Christel's hospitality greatly.

To each one of you we send our heartiest greetings and best wishes. God bless you.

With Christian Love, Rudolf

NEW MEMBERS

The Wiggains Family

Lowell, Cecille, Tanya
and Jeremy
8512 Auburn
Phone: 561-6308



We are happy that Lowell and Cecille recently placed membership with us. They formerly worshipped with the Kenedy Church of Christ. Lowell is the owner of Insul-Pane Company, and Cecille keeps busy with their two children, Tanya and Jeremy. Cecille is the daughter of the Ferman Carpenters. It is nice to have this family worshipping with us.

The Mintz Family

Jim, Billie, and
Ronnie Applewhite
1721 West Elm



Billie placed membership with us a few weeks ago, coming from the church in Canton. Since coming to Tyler, her son - Ronnie Applewhite - has been baptized. He is in the 7th grade. Billie works for R. L. Davis Mfg. Co., and Jim is a mechanic in Canton. Billie also keeps our nursery on Sunday and Wednesday. We welcome them!

Thank You

-Thank you for the flowers, prayers, cards, visits, and many remembrances during my stay in the hospital recently.

Maurice Henderson

from Medina Home

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of November 13-17 to pick up groceries we have collected for them. A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

Wes Price spoke for the devotional at the Campus Christian Center on Monday.

K. Max and Mary Haws' new address is 732 Bentley Court, phone number 561-9402.

Zone Two meets Tuesday evening at the home of the Faber Cauthens at 7:00.

Words

From

Wes



The train blew its whistle and wove its way along the winding rails to the home town of our brother in Hungary. A Communist custom agent came through checking all baggage. The sack of Bibles sat at our brother's feet. By his side lay his own personal Bible with notes and sermons abundant. The custom agent looked at the sack first. He opened it and thumbed through its pages and began to sail the Bibles out the open window of the speeding train.

As if for spite, the agent looked down at the open used Bible of our brother and took a quick grab and out it sailed to parts unknown. For three years our brother bemoaned the fact that his good Bible with so many notes to remember and his sermons was no longer his constant companion. "I believe Romans 8:28, but Oh Lord, how can this work out for the good?" he asked many times.

One day as the missionaries came to meet him at the train station in Austria, his eyes were sparkling and his walk springy as he greeted them. They knew the air was full of love and good news from him.

Our brother had received his personal Bible through the mail. A letter enclosed read, "Dear brother in Christ: Thank you, thank you for the use of your Bible. I found it by the railroad three years ago. I have kept it, read and studied it so often. My family and I have written many scriptures down on paper and many many more on our hearts. We cannot thank you enough for now maybe we can go to Heaven. But dear brother, please forgive me for keeping your Bible so long. I thought that if I did not read it now, I might never again find a Bible."

"Oh, great God and Father of us all, forgive me for doubting," wept our Hungarian brother. Likewise do all those who hear this true experience. We have so much! How long will we be blessed with it unless we share it?

Guest Editorial

Serving Sunday

Sunday Morning - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Faber Cauthen
Dismiss	Edwin Pickle
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Ray Lott
Dismiss	Fred Strait
Serving Communion Sunday	
Gilbert Kasperek	George Kester
Carroll Magee	David Demic
Lowell Wiggains	Henry McRuiz
O'Neal Tuel	Harley Turner
Greeters for Sunday	
Dick Higginbotham	David Hubbard
D. C. Jones	

Our Records

Contributions	
Oct. 29	\$4,711.52
Bld. Fund	963.00
Oct. 22	\$3,479.25
Year Ago	\$3,638.13
Bible School	
October 29	389
October 22	320
Year Ago	385
Worship	
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Weekly Budget	
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Report of Our Sick

Phil Marts continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Edgar Bullard underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. Ralph Rowe is a patient in Mother Frances.

"I Can"

God's giants have always been men and women who were bold enough to say, "With the help of God, I can!"
 Caleb and Joshua cried out in faith to the hesitating Israelites at Kadesh-Barnea, "With the help of God, we can!" Has anyone ever heard of Shammua, Shaphat, Igal, Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahai, or Geuel? No. The reason is they were the ten pessi-

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"I Can" (continued)

mistic spies who threw cold water all over God's plan for Israel with their pitiful, "We can't." These unbelieving leaders caused the nation of Israel to wander for forty years in a parching desert. The carcasses of the dead and the bleached bones of untold thousands decorated the sands of Arabia because they believed their faithless message.

Today God calls his church to action. "Arise, and go" is the command of Christ. For two thousand years the church has been under orders to be always seeking, saving, and serving.

"I can" tackles any challenge the Lord lays down. "I can't" does nothing. "I can" sees opportunities in difficulties. "I can" wins in practicality though sometimes defeated in actuality. "I can't" never wins anyway it's measured. "I can" lives in faith. "I can't" lives in fear. "I can" attempts every challenge. "I can't" challenges every attempt. "I can" makes a way. "I can't" makes excuses.

Strong churches are always built on "I can." One person saying "I can" will accomplish more in one hour than ten thousand saying "I can't" will accomplish in a lifetime.

When you are asked to serve the Lord, remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Repeat that formula ten times every day and your life will change from being "turned off" to being "charged up."

----- Calvin Werpula -----

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

What a great day we had on Sunday! It was thrilling to see the large crowds present for both morning and evening to visit with us and to hear Jimmy Allen preach. We are truly thankful that Jimmy Allen came our way. We are sorry that he was unable to make it for the Friday night service, but we were truly blessed by the Saturday night sermon and the Sunday sermons. It was good to see large numbers of visitors from other congregations in Tyler and other places.

We are grateful to Wes Price for preaching on Friday night in the absence of brother Allen. And we are grateful to Jim Paul for taking his plane to Arkansas and flying brother Allen here. Also, we thank Jim Paul, Cullen Gilliam, and Faber Cauthen for directing our singing.

We are thankful to see the increase in contribution Sunday. As one TV commercial says, "That is more like it." We should be making our budget every week. Contributions continue to come in for our building fund. Of course, we need to raise all the money we possibly can in this effort. I received a good letter last week from a former member who now lives in another city. He enclosed a nice contribution for our building fund and told of his love for West Erwin and how he hopes some day to move back and be with us again.

We hope that you take time to read the various reports from the various ones we support in the mission field. We make mimeograph copies of their reports and distribute them in our Bible classes. We are thankful for every effort of all of the men we help to support. We are glad that Rudolf Rischer now has sufficient funds for the payment of the mini-bus he recently purchased. Dr. and Mrs. William Hale sent \$1,500 recently for this work. Members here and in a number of places contributed toward the purchase of the bus which is a valuable tool in the work in Germany.

God bless all of us as we endeavor to do His Will at West Erwin.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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F. C. Carpenter	Dr. Roger Knight
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BIBLE SCHOOL OUTLAWED!

As a Russian inspector searched our luggage, he found one of my small Russian Bibles. He ran his hand across the back of it. He silently read the lettering on it and then closed the suitcase and said in English, "Good luck." However, another man inspected the rest of the group and found their Russian Bibles. He then warned us to give them up. We hesitated. A Russian lady translator said, "I tell you with all my heart, give the Bibles up."

The Russian guards took all the Bibles they could find. During the search I was wearing a large rain coat with Russian Bibles in the pockets. I prayed that God would allow these Bibles to go through. I wanted to give them to someone who could use them.

During a worship service, I took out one of the Bibles and began reading it. An older member saw this and in broken English told me that I did not need it, but he did. I gave him two of the Bibles. He went back to his seat and cried for many minutes. Only at this time did I realize how wonderful and important God's word really is.

No Bible or songbook can be printed in Russia without government permission. Only 10,000 printed in 1966; probably just enough for the ministers. No Bible classes; no young people's meetings; no discussions of the Bible, only pulpit preaching is allowed.

I talked with a Russian minister for a long time after a Tuesday night worship. I asked him, "How can we help you?" He thought longer and harder than I have ever noticed any person. Finally he answered, "Do the best in your country to glorify God then pray for us." He explained that God gave us in the United States many more talents than He gave the believer in Russia. He said, "You have five talents, but you use only one; we have only one, but we use it the best we can. Until you use more of your talents, you will never be able to help us."

The above article originally was in the church bulletin in Malvern, Ark. and comes to us via the bulletin of the Brentwood church in Fort Worth. Bob Milligan in the Brentwood News mentioned how easy it would be for that congregation to reach its goal of 500 - and what he says applies to us also. He said, "The goal is so attainable with so little effort - we don't have to walk 25 miles, swim an ocean, walk through fire, or climb a mountain. For most of us it simply means getting out of bed, getting dressed and driving to the building, but for many it seems like a mountain. Well! Maybe soon the government will outlaw Bible School, then we really will have a "reason" for not attending." GHS

New Members

We are so happy to have Diane Zumwalt who came Sunday to place membership. She is a niece to Clay Kirby and is presently living with the Kirbys. She has a baby daughter, Mandy. Diane recently took an exam in Austin to become a registered nurse. She formerly worshipped at the Kingsville Church of Christ.



We rejoice with Scot Miles who was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. He has been studying the Scriptures with Wes Price and George Stephenson. His wife, Robin, was also recently baptized. They moved to Tyler from Pasadena, Texas. Their present address is Rt. 9, Box 79A. They have two children, Chris and Christina.



GIVING TO GOD — A PRIVILEGE — NOT A BURDEN!

Thank You

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and prayers during my recent illness. May God bless you all with His richest blessings. Thanks again for everything.

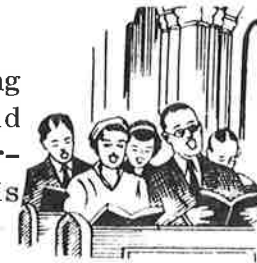
Love,
John Mackey

Thank you for your sympathy, prayers, the lovely pot plant, and every kindness you have shown during the illness and death of my sister.

Mary Lou Wallis

SINGING

The first Sunday Singing will be at the Shiloh Road Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Everyone is invited to attend.



ZONE ONE will meet Tuesday evening, at the home of Bud and Louise Caskey for a meal together. All zone members are asked to bring a salad and meet at 7:00 o'clock.

Shower

The address for the shower for Lorie Henderson has been changed to 8228 Yale. It is a "Come and Go" shower from 2:00 until 3:30 Sunday afternoon, November 5.

Sympathy

An uncle to Jack Stringer was buried last Friday afternoon in Edom. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Gospel Meeting

The Tenneha Church will be in a meeting November 5 - 10 with S. T. W. Gibbs doing the preaching.

Words

From

Wes



Gospel meetings always bring a challenge! Either the members are challenged to work to build for a good one or they are challenged to prevent other things from interfering with their attendance. And the preaching is always a challenge. And such was the case with this past week. For such a brief one, we can truly say we were blessed with a good one. Our crowds were good, with the two audiences Sunday being the best. Jimmy Allen did us good with his preaching. I feel assured that he did not fail to reach a single one of us in some way. Perhaps some were touched in ways that they did not expect but probably needed.

At any rate, we are indebted to Jimmy for his stirring messages. It may be a while (and hopefully so) before we forget the way he tried to help us appreciate what kind of relationship we ought to have with the Lord.

We have made it our aim this year to increase our Ladies Class attendance, not by just having one class, but by providing one new one especially for our younger ladies. We feel sure that with a little more effort more of you who fall into this category could be benefiting by this new class. Billie Bob Hickman is teaching this new class and we commend her to you as a fine teacher who is interested in helping you grow spiritually. Try it, you'll like it!

I don't know about you, but when I see our young people voluntarily sitting down front during our worship services, I feel so proud. Let me commend you for doing so and encourage others of you to follow the example.

Now don't let my compliment work in reverse by your moving to a seat in the back.

Little by little our men and women who work in the benevolent center are moving their operations to the new facility recently completed for that purpose. They were busy last week putting up new curtains and moving materials. I hope they will give all of you an opportunity before long to visit and see their new work center.

We were so pleased with the good increase in our Sunday morning Bible class attendance. It does prove that many more can come than are coming regularly. I wish you could see the personal importance of regular Bible study. Give it some prayerful thought, won't you?

The world is the better or the worse for everyone who lives in it.

servicing sunday records

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Prayer	Foy Richey	Bld. Fund	300.00
Dismiss	Joe McBee	Oct. 15	\$4,058.63
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Year Ago \$4,563.70	
Announcements	Wes Price	Bible School	
Prayer	Leon Welborn	October 22	320
Dismiss	Shannon Hughes	October 15	359
Serving Communion Sunday		Year Ago 401	
Weldon Dawson	David Hubbard	Worship	
Aubrey Payne	Don Weathers	October 22	433
John Porter	Guy Potts	October 15	480
Averyt Smith	Gilbert Venable	Weekly Budget	
Greeters for Sunday		\$4,200.00	
H. McCarty	Henry McRuiz	D. C. Jones	

And the Lord Added

Ronnie Applewhite was baptized into Christ Sunday morning by Wes Price. Ronnie is the son of Billie Mintz who placed membership last week. Their address is 1721 West Elm.

I've a soul to be saved — may this truth be engraved
 In my mind and my heart while I'm young;
 O how awful the cost — if my soul should be lost,
 And I die in my sins without Christ.

Study your Bible daily.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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A LETTER FROM BROADWAY

Dear Brethren,
 We deeply appreciate the public announcement and welcome which you placed in the Tyler paper regarding our congregation. Your assistance with our needs, encouragement, and good will have meant so much to us since the beginning of our existence. And we will treasure your kindness always.
 In brotherly love,
 The Broadway Church

Sympathy

Graveside services were held Thursday in Jacksonville for Ruth Hardy, sister of Mary Lou Wallis. We express our sympathy to Mary Lou and her family.

Report of Our Sick

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 Mrs. Wayne (Molly) Terry had surgery on her arm Tuesday in Medical Center.

HAUNTED HOUSE

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See YOU Sunday!
With a Guest!

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27 FRIDAY 7:30 P.M.

28 SATURDAY 7:30 P.M.

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 Worship 10:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.



WE CARE



ADULTS

I am confident that our Bible School program is one of the most important and valuable things we do in this congregation. However, I am not so confident that all of our members share this feeling. In the average congregation, only fifty per cent of the adults are considered to be regular in attendance at Bible School. I don't believe we are much different! Yet, without our adults our teaching program will fail. If your involvement in Bible Class is marginal, consider the following thoughts concerning the importance of adults in such a program:

1. Adults make up the largest part of the church membership. This is true because their life span is much longer. Children are children for less than twenty years. Adults are adults for fifty or more years.

2. Adults are the key persons in every congregation. Certainly youth is important, but the work of the church is primarily in the hands of adults. They are more influential than any other group. Someone has written:

Given a sufficient number of capable and loyal adults engaged in study of the Bible and related activities in a strong Sunday School, a solution can be found for every problem in the average church.

3. Adults are the "neediest" people in the church. Their problems are much greater than the problems of children or young people. Few of us seem to realize that when a man reaches thirty-five, he has lived half of his life. He needs help and strength in meeting the difficulties of that last half of life!

It is true that the Bible School needs adults and adults need the Bible School. I hope all of our adults will wake up to the responsibilities and opportunities offered by our Bible School.

... Douglas Hale
Lubbock, Texas

**We may have committed the Golden Rule to MEMORY,
but what we really need to do is to commit it to LIFE.**

THE MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK will be in our area the week of November 13 - 17 to pick up groceries and other items we may have for them. Following is a list of items most needed at this time.

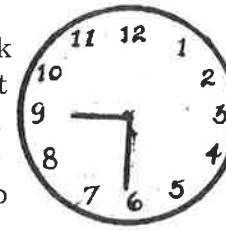
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| Powdered Sugar | Detergent (for clothes) |
| Sugar | Detergent (for dishes) |
| Toilet Tissue | Nestles Quick (choc. drink) |
| Paper Towels | Jelly |
| Canned Meats | Catsup |
| Salad Dressing | Dry Cereal |
| (like Miracle Whip) | Cocoa (for baking) |
| Peanut Butter | (1 pound cans of COCOA are especially needed) |

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for your participation in our grocery program. We appreciate your love, concern, interest and support!

Please remember Medina Home in your prayers and come to see us anytime. You are always welcome on our campus. May the Lord bless you for the good works you do in His name.
Dempsey Simpson

TIME CHANGE

Turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed. Sunday morning is the day we change back to Standard time.



BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Workshop

EAST TEXAS BIBLE TEACHER WORKSHOP
South Main Church of Christ
Henderson, Texas

Classes for Cradle Roll Teachers through Adult Teachers from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4th. Lunch will be served free. You are invited to attend. A brochure is posted in the foyer.

Area Meetings

Earl Williams of Conroe, Texas will conduct a four day meeting with the Robbins Road Church of Christ in Athens, October 29 - November 1st. Week night services will be at 7:30 o'clock.

Dean Brookshire will be with the South Main Street Church of Christ in Henderson for a meeting, November 5 - 9. The weekday services will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers, prayers, and many remembrances during my recent stay in the hospital.
Lera Bennett

You Are Invited

There will be a baby shower for Betty Hubbard from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3 at 8314 Bucknell.

There will be a wedding shower for Lorie Henderson Sunday afternoon, November 5 at 1925 Courtney

Words
From
Wes



It seems that preachers are always having to touch a congregation in the weakest areas. Undoubtedly, it is a good thing to compliment good whenever and wherever it is found. Perhaps that's in order first. Many of you find time in the busy schedule to be here on Wednesday nights for Bible study. We thank God for your faithfulness in this matter. But we have so many who have never developed a consistent habit of coming. We even arranged two new classes because it was suggested that this would encourage others to come. And where have we gone from there? So many have neglected to come with regularity that we feel compelled to exhort you in this good and vital matter. I am not unaware of the many whose jobs require an occasional Wednesday night assignment including those who are out of town. That's understandable. But we still could be doing better in our overall attendance. Now "attendance" as such is not the important thing. What I really wish is that I could address each one individually about this matter and see if I could help you see the value of this Bible study opportunity. That's the important thing, helping each one see the good that he can derive from this mid-week Bible study time.

Would you accept this challenge and make an honest effort to be here each week. Our teachers are doing their best in preparing their lessons. Wouldn't it be tragic if what they might have imparted to you were needed and you missed by being absent. We simply cannot have too much acquaintance with God's word. There is not a single member of this congregation that could not profit by these classes, no matter what your spiritual maturity level is.

Do you suppose God will determine His approval based upon our personal study of His word? Read 2 Timothy.

Let me encourage everyone to be here for every service of our Gospel Meeting with Jimmy Allen. We will only have four times to hear him including the two services Sunday. Especially try to bring a friend who could profit eternally from hearing the gospel preached.

WES W. PRICE

Giving thanks always
FOR ALL THINGS. Eph. 5:20

All Members Present
IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

servicing sunday records

Sunday Morning - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Wes Price	Oct. 15	\$4,058.63
Prayer	John Owens	Oct. 8	\$3,472.78
Dismiss	Ira Wright	Year Ago	\$3,588.88
Sunday Morning - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Wes Price	Oct. 15	359
Prayer	Gilbert Kasparek	Oct. 8	319
Dismiss	Wesley Price	Year Ago	363
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Weldon Dawson	David Hubbard	Oct. 15	480
Aubrey Payne	Don Weathers	Oct. 8	428
John Porter	Guy Potts		
Averyt Smith	Gilbert Venable	Weekly	
Greeters for Sunday Evening		Budget	
Cliff Clough	Sam Sevier		\$4,200.00
D. C. Jones			

Words From Wes (Continued)

into the hands of their enemies round about" (Judges 2:17).

There is no hope if spiritual illiteracy prevails. Heathen altars will abound. Tidal waves of iniquity will arise and destruction will follow.

We must not fail the youth of today. We must diligently teach them the truth lest it be said once again, "...there arose another generation after them which knew not the Lord." ...John Gipson

So you see that it is not just because my "hire" is to promote everyone into attending Bible study. It really is an important part of the Christian's life. Why don't you make it a permanent part of your life? We'll look forward to seeing you in Bible class Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

F. C. Carpenter	Dr. Roger Knight
C. E. Caskey	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Foy Richey

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Report of Our Sick

Phil Marts underwent surgery on his hip Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Maurice Henderson continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Jack (Lera) Bennett is in Medical Center Hospital.

John Mackey remains in Mother Frances and is improving.

Mrs. Bill (Jo) Henderson is in Mother Frances.

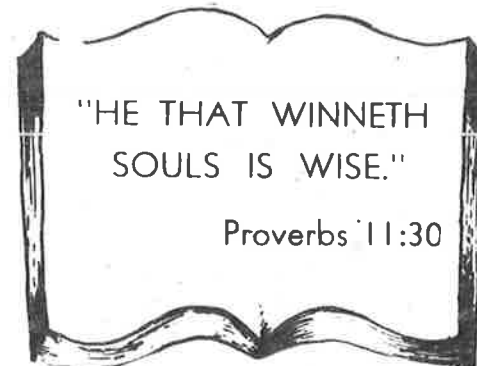
Mrs. Suda Beard (Jack Beard's mother) is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

R. M. Mayo is in the UT Health Center (Chest Hospital).

Mrs. Toby Reed (she and her husband are newcomers to Tyler) has gone home from Mother Frances. They have a new baby boy born this week. The Reeds have visited here several times. Their address is 2316 Rosemont.

And the Lord Added

Mrs. Billie Mintz came Wednesday evening of last week to be restored and to place membership. She has a young son, Ronnie Applewhite, in junior high school. She formerly worshipped in Canton.



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The Church With A Heart

Our Visiting Evangelist

Jimmy Allen



Jimmy Allen is well known as an evangelist and as a professor of Bible at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas. He has preached in approximately 50 area-wide campaigns including such cities as Dallas, El Paso, Longview, St. Louis, Detroit, Phoenix, Denver, and Memphis. He has preached to approximately 2½ million people in over half the states and in Australia, Greece, Lebanon, North Ireland and Japan. He is also the author of six books.

Brother Allen's preaching is forceful and true to the Bible. About 26,000 people have responded to the invitation during his preaching. Of this number there have been between 6,000 to 7,000 baptisms.

Brother Allen was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 16, 1930. He holds the B. A. and M. R. E. degrees from Harding College and a doctorate from Oklahoma Christian College. He became a Christian while he was a student in Harding in 1949 and began to preach the same year. He was married to Marilyn McCluggage in August, 1951. They are the parents of three children: Cindy, 19; Jimmy, 18; and Mike 12.

We are thankful that Jimmy Allen will be with us. We urge that you invite others to hear him preach the gospel of Christ.

SERVICES EACH EVENING (INCLUDING SUNDAY) 7:30

ALSO SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:30

OCTOBER 27 - 28 - 29



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I wish that every member of the church could go by and see how well the house looks which was recently purchased by the West Erwin church. The house was in a very poor condition, but thanks to the faithful work of several men, it now is in a good state of repair. For several weeks men have been working faithfully to accomplish this. James Massey deserves our thanks and praise for the tremendous amount of time and work he has given to this project. Our thanks also to John Porter, Bruce Raley, M. B. Beard and others who have worked on this endeavor.

The house will be used for our benevolent work. We have been renting a place for this work in the larger building we have also purchased. We have a number of very dedicated women who help in the benevolent work of the congregation. We appreciate all of them as well as the men who work with them. I am glad that the West Erwin congregation wants to practice pure and undefiled religion and that we desire to do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith.

Before long we hope that bids may be made for the renovation of the larger building which will be a multi-purpose building. We expect this building to be used in many ways including Bible instruction as well as the promotion of fellowship. It is important to worship the Lord and it is also important that we love one another. I am persuaded that we love one another more - the more we associate with one another. No church building is holy and we have no records of church buildings in the New Testament. All of our buildings should be used in a way which will

promote the cause of Christ and which will edify Christians both young and old.

All of the improvements require money. We need to give to the regular work of the church in order that we will not curtail any of our present work. There is a special building fund - separate from the regular fund - to which we may contribute. The more we can give to this fund the less we will have to borrow. The less we borrow the less interest we will be paying.

Last week Mason Adair from Van made a contribution of one thousand dollars for the Amazing Grace Bible Class. Brother Adair, for many years, preached for various smaller congregations, while he was engaged in secular work. He is now retired from secular work, but continues to maintain an interest in preaching the gospel. His generous contribution was made not for the purpose of its being publicized. I am telling it to you, because it should encourage others. The gift of the poor widow was recorded to encourage others. The sacrificial giving of the poverty stricken Macedonians was recorded to encourage others. Brother Adair recently lost his devoted companion, Adelene. They listened regularly to the Amazing Grace Bible Class and encouraged others to view it also. The gift from brother Adair will help support the program for one month. There are many people throughout the East Texas area who view the program every week. We regularly receive letters from this area. A typical letter we received this past week states:

"I enjoy your program on Sunday morning. I want to learn more about the Bible and learn more how to serve God and my fellowman. We need to pray every day. I am asking you to pray for me and my family. I would like to take the Amazing Grace Bible Class Correspondence Course. I want to grow strong in God and tell men about His goodness. May God bless and keep you." We hope to see you in Bible School and Worship Sunday.

Worship Sunday.
GHS

Blest be the tie that binds...

our hearts in Christian love!

THANK YOU NOTES

For every expression of sympathy and concern during the recent illness and death of our loved one, my family and I are grateful.

Sincerely,
Bernice Majors

Your kindness was appreciated more than words can say.

Mrs. Jo Metcalf

We want to thank you for the lovely flowers, dinner, kindness, sympathy and prayers at a time when it was appreciated.

Love,
Gladys Holcomb
Marie Furr

MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

The Broadway Church of Christ here in Tyler will conduct a meeting with Johnny Ramsey preaching October 22 through 25. The services will be each evening at 7:30. The Sunday evening service, Oct. 22, will also be at 7:30. They will also have Open House Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. with a short assembly to take place at 2:45. You are invited to visit.

MEETINGS

Ron Rose will be with the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview, October 22 - 25, for a Personal Discovery Seminar. The week night assemblies begin at 7:30.

Terry Smith will speak at the Mobberly Church of Christ in Longview October 22-25. This will be a series of evangelistic sermons.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Elders and Deacons will be Tuesday evening, October 24 at Wyatt's Cafeteria, 7:00 o'clock.



The Youth Meeting for October will be at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, 7:15.

If your spirit is grateful and humble, then your tongue will not constantly grumble.

Words
From
Wes



WES W. PRICE

I suppose it is because we are expected to do so, but I like to think that my concern for attendance at Bible study, both on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, is due to the concern I have for spiritual maturity. It is simply impossible to be growing spiritually without studying God's Word. And there is only one other alternative to growth. I'll let you guess what it is. I'd share an editorial from John Gipson that is to this point:

The Coming Generation

Why is it that preachers continually emphasize the importance of Bible Study? Have they just run out of other things to say, or is it really that important?

Perhaps one thing to remember is that apostasy lurks just one generation away. It has been true in the past and it is true today. You well remember that the days of Joshua were glorious. This man served as the faithful minister of Moses, the servant of God, the bold and believing spy, the successor of Moses, the captain of the hosts of Israel and the conqueror of Canaan. His influence was so great that "...the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua:" (Judges 2:7). But then, at the age of one hundred and ten, Joshua dies, "And there arose another generation which knew not the Lord" (Judges 1:10).

One generation served the Lord - the next does not. How swiftly things can change. What brought it all about? The answer is quite simple. Someone allowed a crop of children to grow up without proper instruction. And eventually they had to reap destruction. One step followed another until the punishment of God was meted out. Note the order of progression as it related to ancient Israel.

1. SPIRITUAL ILLITERACY - They "knew not the Lord" (Judges 2:10).
2. FORSAKING OF GOD - They "forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt" (Judges 2:12).
3. SERVING FALSE GODS - They followed "the gods of the people that were around them" (Judges 2:12). They gave in to pagan ideas, pagan practices and customs. Immorality abounded and "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6).
4. PUNISHMENT FROM GOD - "And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them

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The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTW

GIVING is the thermometer of our love.

erving Sunday records

Sunday Morning - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Wes Price	Oct. 8	\$3,472.79
Prayer	Roy Roberson	Oct. 1	\$3,368.44
Dismiss	Fred Powell	Year Ago	\$3,663.38
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Wes Price	Oct. 8	319
Prayer	John Teague	Oct. 1	355
Dismiss	Gilbert Venable	Year Ago	409
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Weldon Dawson	David Hubbard	Oct. 8	428
Aubrey Payne	Don Weathers	Oct. 1	438
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And the Lord Added

Larry Griggs, 218 West First Street, was baptized Sunday. He is from Lebanon, Tennessee. We welcome him to Tyler and West Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (Cecille) Wiggains, 8512 Auburn, phone 561-6308, came Sunday to place membership. We are happy to welcome this family. They have two pre-school children, Jeremy and Tanya. Cecille is the daughter of the Ferman Carpenters.

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

ject us to more temptations than we would encounter among Christian friends. All of us could probably name some who have become involved in drinking, dancing and other worldly practices and have completely deserted the Lord because of their evil companions (I Cor. 15:33). Let us all be vigilant to signs of "spiritual decline" in our lives!

From The Preacher's Desk (continued) preaches. Brother Lucas was scheduled to speak through Tuesday concerning the growth and work of the church. The church in Gainesville baptized between 200 to 300 people each year. They have an attendance of over 1200 for worship each Sunday morning. Their attendance for Bible school, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday evening worship is only slightly less than the Sunday morning worship. It was thrilling to hear of the great work this church in Florida is doing.

We had a great four day meeting in September with Virgil Trout and now we look forward to a great three day meeting with Jimmy Allen. Jimmy Allen is one of the best known and most successful evangelists among churches of Christ today. Let us look forward to three great days - October 27, 28, and 29. Please be praying for this campaign.

Report of Our Sick

T. J. Parsons is in Glenwood Hospital. John Mackey remains in ICU in Mother Frances following a heart attack.

Maurice Henderson continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Jack Bennett underwent surgery Wednesday and is doing well.

ZONE THREE will meet Tuesday evening at the Ross Walker home at 7:30.

SERMON SUBJECTS -OCTOBER 15

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. How to Enjoy Worship!

P. M. Was Peter the First Pope?

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Sunday was a beautiful day. It was good to be back home, however we were disappointed in the attendance for both Bible School and the worship services. It seems that many of our number took advantage of the Monday holiday to be out of town and we also had a number of our families with minor illnesses.

We were pleased to hear good reports of the sermons delivered by Wes Price when we were in Wichita Falls for the homecoming and observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the completion of the building of the Tenth and Broad Streets house of worship. It was a great day for us in Wichita Falls. There were many present in the auditorium when I spoke for the combined adult Bible class. Large numbers were present to hear Chuck Lucas preach at the morning and evening hours. We enjoyed an old fashioned "dinner on the ground" at noon and singing in the afternoon. I was privileged to speak again in the afternoon. Lynn Rhodes is doing a good work as the present preacher for the Tenth and Broad church.

I was glad to have the opportunity to hear Chuck Lucas. I had heard many good things about him and the fantastic work of the church in Gainesville, Florida where he (continued on back page)


Looking
for
YOU
GOSPEL MEETING
OCTOBER 27 28 29
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"On Being Hypercritical"

CHARLES SATTENFIELD

The story is told about a wife of a hard-to-please husband who was determined to try her best to satisfy him for just one day. "Darling," she asked, "what would you like for breakfast this morning?" He growled, "Coffee and toast, grits and sausage, and two eggs - one scrambled and one fried." She soon had the food on the table and waited for a word of praise. After a quick glance, he exclaimed, "Well, if you didn't scramble the wrong egg!"

People like to be critical and find fault. Sad to say, this problem has not escaped the Lord's church.

The body of Christ is full of "spiritual detectives" who spend the majority of their precious time "spying" out the faults of others. These "double-o-sevens" with their "magnifying glasses" prey on others' mistakes. This attitude is certainly contrary to the true nature of Christian love. Love is "always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient;" so states the apostle Paul. Love covers a multitude of sins. Since we are brethren, we are not to "speak evil of one another."

This does not mean, however, that we are not to "expose" and "criticize" a person when he is teaching a false doctrine. Obviously, we must do this. But, we must do it in a "spirit of gentleness" with "all longsuffering and teaching." We are not to spy out or prey on things that are not of good report. Chronic fault finders tend to "wreck" and "tear down" the church instead of building it "up." Too much "negative" thinking produces bad results. If we spend all our time biting and devouring one another we will be consumed.

Jesus warned his disciples of being "hypercritical" when he said, "Don't criticize people, and you will not be criticized; for you will be judged by the way you criticize others, and the measure you give will be the measure you receive."

A person must "be little" to belittle people all the time. There is something drastically wrong with a person, as with a motor, when he knocks continually. Mud thrown against a wall may not stick, but it leaves a dirty mark. May we never be "hypercritical" of our brethren!

... From Firm Foundation

Begin Where You Are!

You are not too young to do great things for God if you desire. Thomas Jefferson was only 33 when he drafted the Declaration of Independence. Benjamin Franklin was 26 when he wrote "Poor Richard's Almanac." Charles Dickens was 24 when he began his famous Pickwick Papers. He was 25 when he wrote "Oliver Twist." Cyrus McCormick was 23 when he invented the reaper. Newton was 24 when he formulated the statement of the Law of Gravitation. Joseph became ruler in Egypt when he was 30. And the greatest life ever lived on this earth was brought to a conclusion at 33 years.

You are not too old to do things for God. Emanuel Kantz wrote his finest philosophical works at 74. Verde, at 95, produced "Ave Maria." Tennyson wrote "Crossing the Bar" when he was 80. Michelangelo completed his greatest work at 87. The historic picture "Battle of Lepanto" was painted by Tatian at the age of 87. Justice Holmes, at 90, was still writing brilliant decisions. George Bernard Shaw, at 88, was still a brilliant intellect. "Paul the aged" wrote some of his finest epistles. The apostle John was almost 100 when he wrote the book that closes the canon of the New Testament.

News and Notes

Larry Wied and Skipper Womack were inducted into Alpha Chi honorary scholastic society at TEU this last week. Alpha Chi is a national select group. Larry and Anita Wied are members here at West Erwin.

Earnesene Shuford will be in Kerrville, Texas for four months at the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. We hope to have her address soon.

Sister Myrtle Ginn will be living permanently at the Tysen House. Her phone number is the same, 592-6661. She would enjoy a call or visit.

We were happy to learn this week that Mrs. Rodger (Terri) Young, daughter-in-law to Ben and Patsy Young, was baptized Monday evening in Denton, Texas.

Thank You

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the green plant we received this week. Thank you for remembering us during the time of our sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon for the sister-in-law of Mrs. J. D. (Bernice) Majors. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends.

Directory Change

Gerald Montgomery is now worshipping with the Shiloh Road church.



VISITATION IS THE KEY
TO CHURCH GROWTH!

Words
From
Wes



WES W. PRICE

SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL DECLINE

...by Dub McClish

There is a disease that has attacked our beautiful native live oak trees in the past few years called "live oak decline." It is identifiable by branches that gradually lose their leaves and die. Many trees have died.

There is a disease that destroys Christians that could well be called "spiritual decline." Its symptoms are very evident and if the disease is not stopped, the loss of eternal souls results. What are some of the tell-tale symptoms?

1. CARELESSNESS IN ATTENDANCE. Admittedly, there is more to being a strong, faithful servant of Christ than faithful class and worship attendance. However, even the infidel knows it is impossible to be a faithful Christian without faithfully assembling with the saints (Heb. 10:24-25). Think about the finest, most spiritual people you know and among their many qualities will be their consistent class and worship attendance. When someone begins missing for no real reason, whether on Wednesday night, Sunday morning classes or Sunday night, "spiritual decline" has set in. Such will soon become careless about Sunday morning too!

2. TOO BUSY. One who says, "I'm just too busy to come on Wednesday night or to do this or that work in the church," has just advertized his or her case of "spiritual decline." The Lord never gave anybody so much to do that he couldn't seek the Kingdom first (Mt. 6:66). The strange thing about the person "too busy" to serve Christ through his church is that about ten times out of nine he or she is a ring leader in a civic club, sports association or some other secular organization! What one is really saying is that their club or whatever is more important than participation in the visitation program or teaching a class. Otherwise they would say, "I'm too busy" to do the club work. Such a person is teetering on the edge of total apostasy.

3. WORLDLY FRIENDS. We all have friends who are not Christians, but when we choose our closest and most constant associates among non-Christians we show signs of "spiritual decline." Such intimate associations sub-

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Morning - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Wes Price	Oct. 1	\$3,368.44
Prayer	M. M. Haws	Sept. 24	\$2,940.16
Dismiss	Mark Cauthen	Year Ago	\$4,221.99
Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Wes Price	Oct. 1	355
Prayer	Ron Jones	Sept. 24	369
Dismiss	Bill Butler	Year Ago	378
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Ray Womack	Ben Young	Oct. 1	438
Sam Bailey	Jim Franklin	Sept. 24	487
Joe Willis	Cone Birdwell		
Charlie Cook	David Fears	Weekly	
Greeters For Sunday		Budget	
Harold Browning	K. MaxHaws		\$4,200.00

RESPONSES

Membership

Mrs. Loyd (Ann) Nail and daughters, Dottie and Norma, came Sunday to place membership. Their picture and address is elsewhere in the bulletin.

Restored

Mr. Claud Wallis, 1223 W. Third
Mrs. Lyska Adams, 216 So. Fannin

NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Metcalf, Jr. (Ginger Rozell) are the parents of a baby son born this week at Mother Frances Hospital.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Maurice Henderson continues to be in Mother Frances. Lera Bennett will enter Medical Center Monday for surgery on Wednesday.

Bernice Majors' sister-in-law is in Mother Frances in serious condition following a heart attack.

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By Richard Rogers

The Accent - Corpus Christi, Tex.

Two well-to-do Christians, a lawyer and a merchant, joined the party that was going around the world. In Korea one day they saw a field by the side of the road, and in the field a boy pulled a crude plow while an old man held the plow handles and directed it through the rice paddy. The lawyer was amused and took a snapshot of the scene. "That's a curious sight," he said to the missionary who was interpreter and guide.

"Yes," was the reply. "That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church building was built they were eager to give something, but they had no money; so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves."

The lawyer and the businessman said, "That must have been a real sacrifice!"

"They did not call it that," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate they had an ox to sell."

The two tourists had not much to say, but when they reached home the lawyer took the picture to his minister and told him of the incident. "I want to double my pledge to the church," he said. "And give me some plow work to do. I have never known what sacrifice for the Lord really means. I am ashamed to say that I have never given anything to Him that really cost me anything."

This was a true story. I pray it will be repeated many times.

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The Church With A Heart

What Happened

What happened to the old practice of bringing our neighbors and friends to services on Sunday night, or for that matter, on Sunday morning? Maybe it is because we haven't been pushing it and reminding our members to invite their friends. What ever the reason is, there is a better one for cultivating our friends from suspects into prospects.

A survey made by the National Retail Dry Goods Association mentions that: 48% of the salesmen made one call and quit. 25% of the salesmen made two calls and quit. 88% of the salesmen quit after one, two, or three calls. 12% of the salesmen keep on calling. The 12% who keep on calling do 80% of the business, and the 88% who quit by the third call do only 20% of the business.

So keep on asking your neighbors and relatives to come to church with you ... ESPECIALLY DURING OUR MEETING!!

Gospel Meeting - October 27, 28 and 29

Jimmy Allen, Bible Teacher from Harding College, will be preaching. Come, and enjoy these lessons.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you!



**All of Us
Can Tell Others
About Jesus**

I DON'T DRINK

...By Ira North

Millions are alcoholics today and it is hard for many to realize the tremendous heartache and problems that a family can face because of a drinking problem. Those of us who have been in the ministry for many years have seen so much trouble come to innocent children and the entire family because of a severe problem of alcoholism.

We have striven to teach the young people at Madison the last quarter of a century - three words that will take care of any potential heartache, sorrow and problems that can arise from intoxicating liquor.

A few years ago a friend of ours offered to loan us his cruiser on Wilson Lake for a two or three day fishing trip. I remember two of my fishing friends in Nashville went with me. The first night we spent on the boat. The beds were narrow and very uncomfortable. The second night, my friend, the president of the Tennessee Real Estate Company, Nashville, said: "I have seen the time I would have to sleep on these little narrow beds with the water rocking us, but I don't have to now, so pull this thing up to a dock and let me rent us a couple of rooms with good beds."

We did this, and as we parked the boat at the dock a beautiful 42 foot cruiser pulled in and tied up. The owner invited us aboard to see the ship. He was so proud of the new boat and anxious to show it off. The first thing he did was ask us to have a drink. My friend said: - "no thank you, we don't drink." We toured the beautiful vessel and left. On the way to the motel room my friend remarked: "Ira, there is a lesson in what just happened that I want you to remember. You see, if we had been drinking people and had refused to have a drink with that man we would probably had a fight on our hands, but even though he was

under the influence of liquor, he never said anything else to us after he learned that we did not drink." "You know," he continued, "for many years I was a drinking man and became an alcoholic. I know about whiskey. If young people would only learn to say - 'I don't drink,' it would solve the problem."

We have thought many times of this incident and have related it to thousands of young people. The answer to intoxicating liquor in our day, age and time can be found in three words - "I DON'T DRINK."

Thousands have become alcoholics who started on that terrible road by social drinking. It takes real courage and determination on the part of an individual to stand for his convictions in this matter, and especially so, in the occupation as salesman, manufacturer representative, etc., who are thrown with so much of it. However, the answer for all is in these three words - "I DON'T DRINK."

We were with the Vice Mayor and his wife of one of our great cities recently. It was refreshing at this dinner to hear them say, "we don't drink." The Vice Mayor's wife discussed the matter with me. She talked about the drinking problem of our day. She has never tasted whiskey or beer and politely says should anyone in municipal meetings or dinners, across the country, offer her a drink: "I don't drink."

We plead with all of our young people to learn to use these three words. Intoxicating liquor can destroy internally, externally and eternally. An answer that will solve all potential heartaches and problems in this matter is just simply to say - "I don't drink."

"Look not upon the wine when it is red... for in the end it biteth and stingeth like an adder." (Proverbs 23: 31, 32).

APPRECIATION

The Young at Hearts wish to thank Wanda Weathers, Maxine Freeman, Dell Lott, Connie Thurman, Pat Crow, Juanita Graf, Mary Paul, Linda Marts, Carolyn Welborn and Hillard Hughes for the food and drinks for the picnic last Thursday. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.

Foy Richey drove the bus and Maxine Freeman and Wanda Weathers went with the group to assist. Hurrah for Audrey O'Bannon for planning the outing.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Gilmer for Mr. Leslie Moore, brother to Mrs. Houston Holcomb. He was a member of the church in Big Sandy. Sister Holcomb is now living with her daughter, Mrs. W.H. Furr, at 4810 Commanche Trail.

R. L. Trentham's brother was buried on Tuesday in Midland. Brother Trentham was able to attend.

We express our sympathy to each family

NEW MEMBERS




Mrs. Loyd (Ann) Nail and children came Sunday to be identified with this congregation. They recently moved to this area from Lafayette, La. where they worshipped with the Riverside Church of Christ. Mr. Nail is in business for himself - Loyd of Lafayette Equipment Co. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 230 A, Chandler, Texas 75758. Their daughters, both members of the church, are Dottie, 15 in the 10th grade and Norma, 13 in the 9th grade. Their son Lee is 11 and in the 6th grade. They attend Brownsboro schools. We appreciate Ann's willingness to teach. She has already started work in Tuesday School. We are happy to have this fine family.

Congratulations!

Pam Malone and Marc Lemons were married in the Chapel September 29. The ceremony was said by Charles Miles.

Deverly Gray and Billy Chandler were married at the Westbury Church of Christ in Houston last Friday evening. Bill Allen said the ceremony. They will live in Houston.

We extend our best wishes to each couple for a long and happy life.



BIBLE CLASSES
WEDNESDAY MORNING
10:00 O'CLOCK

You Are Invited

ZONE TWO

Zone two will meet Tuesday evening, October 10 at the home of Arenia and Cliff Clough. The time is 7:00 o'clock.

Words
From
Wes



It is always a pleasant experience to have the opportunity to preach to this congregation. Not only are you especially attentive but generous with your commendations for the lessons. Last Sunday was no exception. I must confess to you that it is a difficult task since I know what you have become accustomed to in pulpit ministers.

I was sure that some day it would happen since I had used the phrase so often my wife told me my tongue got the best of me and I spoke of the scriptures in terms of "Generations to Revelations." That's okay if you missed it or if you got it and were kind enough not to notice. Actually I did it on purpose to see if you were listening.

Our Young Married Couples Class is reminded of a special party for them this Friday night, October 6th. It will be at the Raintree Apartments on Raintree Drive, which is off South Broadway outside the loop.

We are enjoying excellent attendance in the class. If you belong in this age and are not attending any of our other Adult Classes, why don't you come and join us. We are studying Christian Ethics.

Good deeds of service to the West Erwin congregation should never go unnoticed, though it is possible. We try to express thanks whenever we know about them.

This week our big word of "THANKS" goes to Matt Haws for helping clear the debris from the duplex that is being prepared for our Benevolent Center. We appreciate his good work.

The dates have been set for our Gospel Meeting with brother Jimmy Allen. We are asking you to reserve Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 27 through 29 for a special but brief Evangelistic Meeting. Begin now to plan on inviting your friends to come hear this excellent speaker. Jimmy Allen's reputation as a very zealous preacher is known through out Texas and Arkansas and we are pleased to have him here for this meeting.

WES W. PRICE

Thank You

Thank you so very much for your prayers, concern and cards while I was in the hospital.

Gene Rountree

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Roger Knight
Dismiss	Carroll Magee
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	George Kester
Dismiss	DeRay Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday	
Ray Womack	Ben Young
Sam Bailey	Jim Franklin
Joe Willis	Cone Birdwell
Charlie Cook	David Fears
Greeters For Sunday	
Ray Lott	C. B. Hardin
D. C. Jones	

Our Records

Contributions	
Sept. 24	\$2,940.16
Sept. 17	\$3,660.43
Year Ago	\$4,170.65
Bible School	
Sept. 24	369
Sept. 17	467
Year Ago	398
Worship	
Sept. 24	487
Sept. 17	554
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,200.00

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. W. D. Metcalf had eye surgery Thursday in Medical Center.
 Ben Jones, young son of Ronny and Lynn Jones underwent surgery Thursday in Medical Center.
 Maurice Henderson is in ICU at Medical Center. He underwent surgery again on Sunday afternoon.
 Cindy Henderson is in Mother Frances following surgery on her knee.
 George Stephenson's brother-in-law is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas for tests.

TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOP
 Alma Faye Price will teach in a Bible Teachers Workshop Saturday in Greenville, Texas. She will have a class for teachers of the Primary grades.

And the Lord Added

Baptized: Jeffrey Jones, 1507 Kensington, phone 561-2818, came Wednesday evening to be baptized.
 For Prayer: Ralph and Florene Lowrance came Wednesday to ask for the prayers of the congregation.
Virginia Graf came Wednesday evening for prayer.
Paul Montandon came Sunday evening for prayer.
 Membership: Mrs. Charles Miles (Ruby) came Wednesday to place membership. Her address is Rt. 4, P. O. Box 604, Lindale, Texas 75771. Ruby has moved back to Tyler from Houston.

Recently Mr. Watson who lives in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home was baptized by George Stephenson. He was taught by brother R. L. Trentham and brother Ira Wright.

These six things the Lord hates: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running mischief, a false witness that speaks lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren (Prov. 6:16-19).

The way to get anywhere is to start from where you are.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

F. C. Carpenter Dr. Roger Knight
 C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
 Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

On this coming Sunday I am scheduled to be in Wichita Falls for a Homecoming and the observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the Tenth and Broad Streets church building. I was privileged to be the preacher for the church there when the building was erected. Alice and I look forward to the day with great anticipation. We have many fond memories of the years we spent with the church when it was meeting at Tenth and Austin Streets and then when it met at Tenth and Broad Streets. Chuck Lucas is scheduled to begin a meeting with the Tenth and Broad church on Sunday. I am scheduled to speak for the combined adult classes at the Bible School hour and then speak at a service on Sunday afternoon. We look back upon our years in Wichita Falls as some of our most profitable in the Lord's service.

Our visit with the Tenth and Broad church will be our third visit in 1978 with congregations for whom I have preached in the past. What a great joy this has been! In April we were back with the Broadway congregation in Lubbock for the ground breaking ceremonies for the construction

of a new \$4,000,000 addition to their building. Then in August we were in Memphis, Tennessee for the Homecoming and observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Highland Street church. It is wonderful to have the love of fine Christian people in all of these places. I have often said that one of the greatest rewards in the life of a preacher is the friendship of thousands of the finest people in the world.

We will miss being with you on Sunday. We are confident that Wes Price will have lessons which you will appreciate. We are truly thankful that Wes and his good family are with us. They are a great asset to the work of the Lord here.

I am indebted to Ford Egbert for an article in the bulletin of the Southwest Omaha Church of Christ written by Dean Bryce. The article quotes former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver who spent eight years as a fugitive from United States law. After years of study he reached the conclusion, "There is no competition for Christianity." In his continued study of the Bible he said, "What I'm worried about is a lack of enthusiasm among Christians in America." If we are truly converted to the Lord we should be an enthusiastic people. Remember that the Lord will not tolerate indifference or lukewarmness. To the Laodiceans he said, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth," (Rev. 3:15, 16).

Profiles Spotlight

Cooper Goodson has been very faithful to attend all of the services of the church. He was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening by Wes Price. He and Mary June and their son, Matt,



live at 725 David, phone - 561-4875. Cooper is employed by Sears Roebuck. We are happy to welcome him.

We are so happy to welcome Mary and Sledge Clinkscales to be a part of the West Erwin family. They have visited with us regularly for some time and placed membership September 17. He is employed by Tyler Pipe Industries. Their address is Rt. 11, Box 52, phone - 597-3425.



Mrs. Claud (Mary Lou) Wallis was baptized on August 30th by Wes Price. Her husband came July 16th to place membership. Their address is 1223 West Third, phone - 597-3418. We are very happy for Mary Lou's baptism into Christ and are pleased to have them as members of this congregation.



Jeffrey Jones, son of Louis E. and Jane Jones, was baptized last Wednesday evening by Hillard Hughes. He is an eighth grade student in Hubbard Junior High School and a regular member of our Bible school. We rejoice with Jeffrey and his family in his obedience to the Lord.



SINGING

The First Sunday Singing will be held this Sunday at the Omen Road Church at 2:30. The first singing in this series was a great success and you are encouraged to attend this one. Singing not only encourages and exhorts us but it also unites us as one in Christ.

Special Thanks

FROM BOLES HOME

We would like to express our appreciation for your contribution of groceries. Helping as you are in this manner substantially reduces the financial outlay on groceries. Wonderful people like you make it possible for us to continue to care for the children who are in need.

WATCH the Amazing Grace Bible Class over KLTV Sunday at 8:00 a.m. George and Alice Stephenson are introduced and several scenes including them are shown during the sermon. This was made during their visit to Madison, Tenn. while on vacation last month.

Zone One

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, October 3, at the home of Becky and Henry McRuiz. The time is 7:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, food, flowers and prayers during my stay in the hospital and recovery. I am thankful for my very good friends at West Erwin.

Mrs. Leila Browning

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in Brownsboro for Ailehs "Peanut" Fulgham. She was a senior at Brownsboro High School and a member of the Hwy. 31 Church of Christ. She was known by many of the young people here and had visited West Erwin several times. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

OPEN HOUSE will be held Sunday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock at the new building of the Chandler Church of Christ.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Elementary Grades, Room 209/210
Pre-School, Room 108

WE HAVE
BIBLE CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES!



Study the Bible
Be in a Bible class Sunday

Words
From
Wes



Work on the new Benevolent Center is well under way. James Massey has had his crew making the dust fly in renovating the duplex next to the present Center. Carpenters are really getting the house in shape so that it will be a great place for ladies to work on clothing and quilts. It is not unlikely that the work will take a couple or three months to complete. In the mean time, architects are presently completing plans so they can be submitted to contractors for bids on renovating the old building.

As much as we would like to have these two facilities available immediately, we must be patient and look forward to a completion date sometime after the first of the year.

A big thanks to the men and teenagers who came Saturday to help with the grocery drive. If you did not have a sack to be picked up, please help us by bringing your sack to the building. We are grateful to Hillard for his work in organizing the drive.

We had a great beginning of our new Ladies' Bible classes on Wednesday. We hope you are attending. Billie Bob Hickman's class meets in room 106 and is for our younger ladies. My class will continue to meet in the Chapel.

If you have not picked out a Wednesday night class, let me encourage you to do so and determine to attend it faithfully. Our teachers will be doing their job in preparing for each class. It will be to your advantage to be present each class period.

We have a great group of young people. I'm thankful for each one of them. They mean so much to the work of a congregation and are capable of doing so much. Let me encourage you to always show a friendly face to them. Learn their names, and as much else as you can about them. They are not just the "church" of tomorrow, but are part of the body now. The more we use them and encourage them, the greater the strength of the church of tomorrow.

WES W. PRICE

"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD."
Psalm 106:1

Amazing Grace
BIBLE CLASS
KLTV - CHANNEL 7
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Joe McBee

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Cullen Gilliam
Dismiss K. Max Haws

Serving Communion Sunday

Charles Hickman Geo. Seagler

M. B. Beard Steve Brown

Mark Cauthen Harvey Grier

Clyde Waggoner Jack Stringer

Greeters for Sunday

Cliff Clough R. C. O'Bannon

D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions

Sept. 17 \$3,660.43

(Bldg.fund) \$1,100.00

Sept. 10 \$2,927.28

Year Ago \$3,157.94

Bible School

Sept. 17 467

Sept. 10 380

Year Ago 413

Worship

Sept. 17 554

Sept. 10 502

Weekly

Budget \$4,200.00

Report of Our Sick

Maurice Henderson is much improved in Medical Center Hospital.

Matt Reynolds, young son of the Wayne Reynolds', is now at home from the hospital.

Mrs. Browning, Eveline McCarty's mother, has also gone home from the hospital.

Mr. R. B. Franklin, of the Glenwood congregation and known by many here, is critically ill in Park Plaza Hospital in Houston.

And the Lord Added

Baptized: Mrs. Scott (Robin) Miles, Rt. 9, Box 79A was baptized Sunday. She and her husband recently moved to Tyler from Houston.

Cooper Goodson, 725 David Dr., 561-4875, was baptized Sunday evening.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Sledge (Mary) Clinkscales, Rt. 11, Box 52, phone 592-0537, came Sunday to place membership. They come from the Glenwood congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert (Minnie) Kasperek, 2901 Gentry Pky., 597-5833, also came Sunday to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Athens.

Membership and Restored: Mrs. Mae Bell Harwell, 1226 1/2 North Pabst, phone 597-2996 came Sunday to place membership and ask for the prayers of the church.

"People don't miss church services because they live too far from the building; it's because they live too far from God!"

For every benefit you receive, a responsibility is levied.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

This week has been a great time for the West Erwin church. The lessons from God's Word presented by Virgil Trout have been outstanding. We are truly thankful that brother Trout has been with us. We are encouraged by the responses to the invitation and the interest shown by many of you. We are glad that Jim Paul could direct our singing. Jim is a very busy man constructing church buildings in various places. We are thankful for his taking the time to assist us in this special evangelistic effort this week.

As this four day meeting comes to a close, we should be reminded of the three day meeting planned in October. Jimmy Allen, the dynamic evangelist and Bible teacher from Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, will be preaching for us October 27, 28, and 29. This will be a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan for this further endeavor to build up the church at West Erwin.

Several inmates of the state penitentiary in Angola, La. have taken the Bible Correspondence courses offered by this congregation. Some have been baptized as a result. One of these baptized a few years ago was Billy Gardner. We continue to correspond with Billy and want to encourage you to remember him in your prayers. In a recent letter he wrote a poem which we would like to share with you.

I know I have lived a life of sin
But now I'm climbing the ladder to Heaven's end.
Even though I live my life behind iron doors and steel bars
And even though I can't see the sun, moon and stars
I'm still your brother!

Even here, God is helping me to understand
And all I ask of you is to believe that I can.
I can't explain the torment and pain
The emptiness, loneliness and shame.

But now I'm beginning to understand
God's wonderful plan.
I look up and thank God
It is my cup and not yours
My Brother!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

F. C. Carpenter Dr. Roger Knight
C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Profiles Spotlight

Gilbert and Minnie Kasperek very recently moved to Tyler from Athens, Texas. They live at 2901 Gentry Pky., phone 597-5833. They lived in the Houston and Pasadena area for



Gilbert and Minnie Kasperek

30 years while he was employed by the Atlantic Richfield Co. After retiring they lived in Athens for four and a half years where they had an Antique Shop. The Kaspereks say they still "dabble" in antiques and have a booth every "First Monday" in Canton, Texas. Minnie is a registered nurse. She worked in Athens and plans to nurse part time here. For hobbies she enjoys home decorating and he likes to fish. They are the parents of two married sons and two granddaughters. One son lives in Houston and the other in Deer Park. We are happy to welcome Gilbert and Minnie to Tyler and into the fellowship of West Erwin.

Mrs. Scott (Robin) Miles lives with her husband, Scott and two children, Christina and Chris at Rt. 9, Box 79A. They moved to Tyler about two months ago from Houston, Texas. Robin was



Robin Miles

born in Highland, Michigan and grew up in Grand Haven, Michigan. She and Scott met in Houston. They bowl together and she especially enjoys reading. Robin does not work away from home. We are so happy that she was baptized into Christ last Sunday and is now a part of the West Erwin family.

Gloria Thigpen, 2202 Woodlawn, phone 592-6821 is a native Tylerite. Except for a short time in Chandler and Van, she has always lived in Tyler. Gloria is
(continued)



Gloria Thigpen

PROFILES (Continued)

employed by Professional Termite and Pest Control. She has been attending worship at West Erwin for about a year and was baptized September 10 by brother Stephenson. She began visiting at the invitation of Blanche Rountree and has attended the Sunday morning Ladies Class taught by Audrey O'Bannon and Bernice Majors. Gloria has one daughter who lives in Dallas and five grandchildren. Her special hobby is her grandchildren.

SPECIAL!

FOOD PICK-UP SATURDAY

Our pantry is very badly in need of being restocked. It was announced last Sunday that the young people will pick up, at your homes, the non-perishable groceries you want to contribute. Junior and Senior High young people will meet at the building at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Volunteers among the adults are needed to drive them. They will try to call on everyone with a street address. If you live on a route, please bring your food to the building.

From the Mail Bag



Dear Christian Friends,

Our hearts were made to rejoice upon receipt of the groceries. We are so thankful to God that you remembered us in such a special way.

We now have 7 cottage children. Twelve people around our 12 ft. dining table is a thrill. Cooking for this group is a challenge. Only a few times do I have any left overs. I still don't have a housekeeper; therefore, I am getting to know the children quite well. They have to do many more chores than they are accustomed to, and I am (Mickey, too) supervising constantly.

I will write later and would love to hear from any of you.

Mickey and Donna Howard
P. O. Box 467
Keller, Texas 76248



PASS
THE
WORD.
LADIES

Two Bible classes for women are scheduled this year every Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. Wes Price will be teaching a class in the Chapel and Mrs. Charles (Billie Bob) Hickman will be teaching a class, especially for younger women in room 106. We hope that many women will be planning to attend one of these classes. These classes will increase your knowledge of God's Word and also afford opportunities for fellowship and service in the Lord's Kingdom. GHS

STUDY OF CHURCH HISTORY

We would be glad to have any who are not attending another class on Wednesday evenings to study with us in the auditorium concerning Church History. We hope you will find this interesting and helpful. Morris Womack suggests the following reasons for such a study:

- (1) It will build a deeper appreciation for the church to see the struggles through which she has gone.
- (2) A study of church history warns against departures from the original church pattern.
- (3) The study will inform the student concerning the beginning of some denominations. It will give an appreciation of other's beliefs, and also help us to remain true to the New Testament pattern. GHS

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and cards sent at the time of our bereavement.

Cliff and Arenia Clough

A grateful mind
is
both great and a happy mind.

Words
From
Wes



WES W. PRICE

Without a doubt Sunday was one of the finest we have experienced in a long time. We were a long way from our goal of 601, but otherwise we could not be happier about everything else. What a joy to see two adults come expressing their desire to confess their Lord and put Him on in baptism. And second only to this was the coming of 5 others to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. The Lord indeed blessed our efforts with success. And we can always depend on that! If we do our part He is faithful to do His.

A word of thanks to all our teachers and workers who worked and prayed for a successful day. A simple word of thanks seems so inadequate, but we do appreciate your unselfishness in putting so much time and energy into the effort.

Brother Trout has blessed us with so many good thoughts from scripture that we should have enough renewed energy to get us into high gear for the long fall and winter months. We are indeed thankful to have had him to preach in this series.

Our new series of classes for Wednesday night are scheduled to begin next Wednesday night, September 27th. In addition to the auditorium class with George Stephenson teaching Church History, my class on Christian Living will continue to meet in room 301. The class for Young Women will be taught by Kathryn Cauten and one new class on the Teachings of Christ to be taught by Phil Marts and Roy Roberson will meet in room 105/106. We would like to encourage you to take advantage of one of these fine studies. We especially encourage you to consider the new class on the Teachings of Jesus. This is an excellent study. At the conclusion, we will rotate these classes so that all will have an opportunity to enjoy them.

Please don't forget about our request for men's old shirts and bed sheets to be used to make items for the Chimala Mission in Africa. Bring them to the building and we will see that they are taken to the benevolent work center.

We need YOU in Bible School!

servicing Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss	Ira Wright

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Charles Hickman
Dismiss	Earl O'Quinn

Serving Communion Sunday

Charles Hickman	Geo. Seagler
M. B. Beard	Steve Brown
Mark Cauthen	Harvey Grier
Clyde Waggoner	Jack Stringer
Greeters for Sunday	
David Demic	Ron Jones
	D. C. Jones

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Contributions

Sept. 10	\$2,927.28
Sept. 3	\$3,433.03
Year Ago	\$4,018.15

Bible School

Sept. 10	380
Sept. 3	351
Year Ago	417

Worship

Sept. 10	502
Sept. 3	473

Weekly Budget \$4,200.00

FROM CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
 Thank you for the salad furnished by ladies of West Erwin for the "Kick-Off Dinner" at the Campus Christian Center on Tuesday evening.

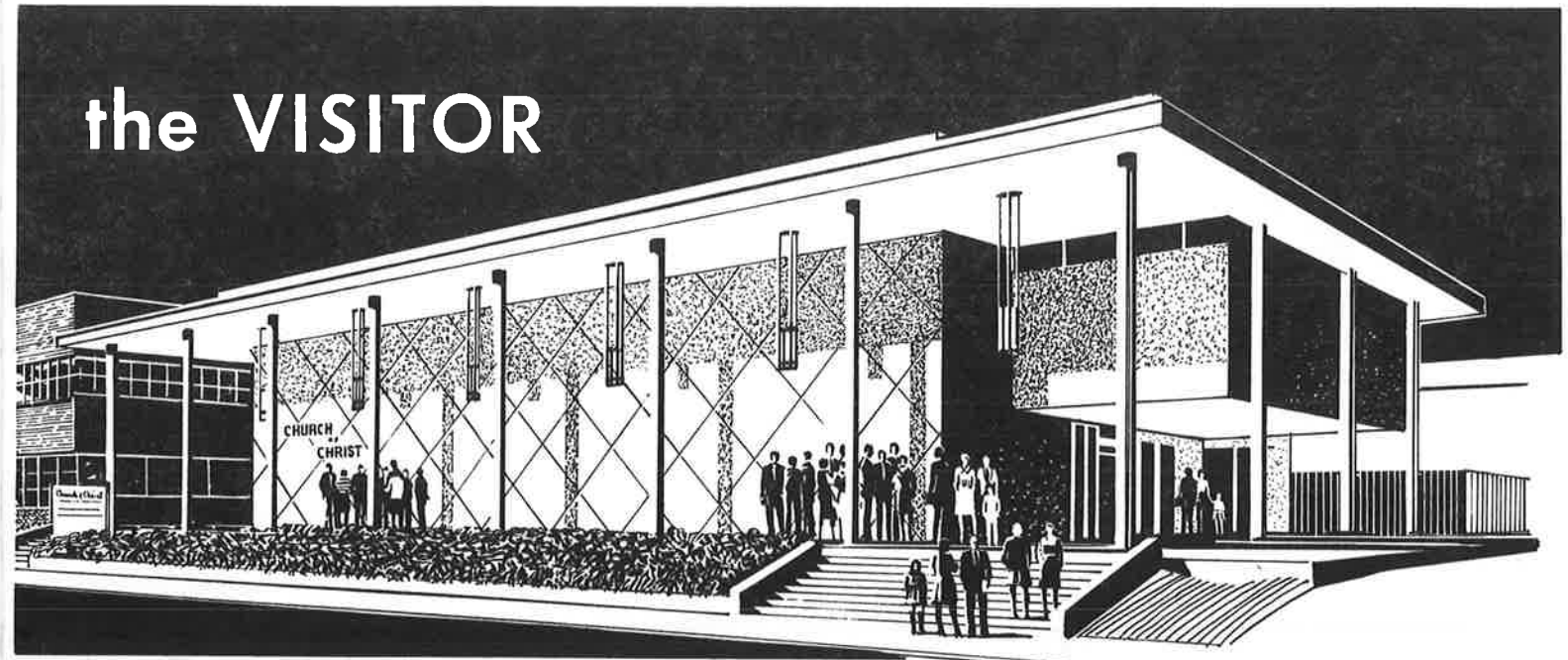
Directory Change - The Olen Hollands are now attending the Shiloh Church.

Psalm 23:4 is often misquoted by mentioning "a dark valley." But the word "dark" is not there. It says, "the valley of the SHADOW of death." There can be no shadow in a dark place. The fact that there is shadow shows that there is a light in the valley. All death can do is to throw a shadow over the place. Shadows never hurt anyone. We have nothing to fear.



Whatever you love, you are its master; what you hate, you are its slave.
 - Dagobert von Runes

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And the Lord Added

Mrs. Gloria Thigpen, 2202 Woodlawn, phone 592-6821, was baptized Sunday morning by brother Stephenson. She has been attending worship here for several months. We rejoice with her and welcome her into the fellowship of West Erwin.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Pearl Carruthers is now a resident of Leisure Lodge nursing home.
 Mrs. George McCarley's husband will soon return to the hospital in Dallas.
 Maurice Henderson is a patient in Medical Center.
 Mrs. Leila Browning from Brownsboro is a patient in Medical Center recovering from surgery. She is the mother of Eveline McCarty.

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Faber Cauthen	Foy Richey

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You
every service

Our Goal


IN BIBLE CLASS ALL MEMBERS PRESENT! SUNDAY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

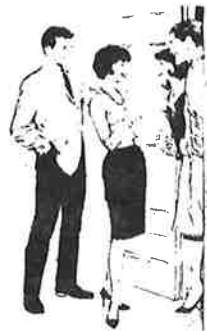
Sunday	
Bible Class	9:30 a. m.
(All adults to hear Virgil Trout)	
Morning Worship	10:30 a. m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p. m.
Each Evening	
Monday through Wednesday	7:30 p. m.
Special Lesson	
Wednesday Morning	10:00 a. m.

Gospel Meeting

september 17-20



Virgil Trout



VISITING PAYS!

Most of us have difficulty in realizing the value of as simple a thing as an invitation to a worship service.

Richard W. Massa, professor of English and instructor of Russian at the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha, Oklahoma, does not question the worth of a personal invitation. He recently penned the emotions of one who responded to such a call. It is hoped that his experience will encourage you and me to invite "that person" to hear the gospel of Christ!

"In the past ten years, it has been my privilege to stand within the walls of some of the great cathedrals and churches of Europe. I have attended services in the Cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris, in Westminster Abbey of London, in St. Stephens Cathedral of Vienna, and in a host of other religious buildings, both large and small, both grandiose and simple, in 16 foreign

countries. I have visited in synagogues, and in Greek and Russian Orthodox shrines. I have attended services of various religious bodies in 23 states of the United States. All in all, I would estimate, I have had contact in the past ten years with 500 religious groups. And my attendance at each of these services came because of an invitation from a person who was a member of the faith involved.

"But, never in my entire lifetime had I been inside a church of Christ until five years ago. I had never been invited. Yet, as I have gone back in church directories of towns where I have lived and worked, I have found that more than half of them in this country have had congregations of the Lord's church - including my home town where I spent the first 18 years of my life.

"Still it was not until I moved to Chickasha and not until I had been there two years that I was invited to and did attend a service of the Lord's church. Nor do I recall knowing until 5 years ago a person who said he was a member of the church of Christ.

"I must leave this thought with you! Had someone in the church taken the initiative years earlier, I today might be a member of the church of 21 years standing rather than 5 years. What about those you know?"

THIS SUNDAY 100% IN BIBLE CLASS

Young At Heart

There will be a PICNIC and a MUSEUM TOUR on September 28 for the Young At Heart (60 and over). You must be at the church building by ten o'clock to ride the bus to Brookshires for the MUSEUM TOUR and the PICNIC following at Bergfeld Park. All you have to bring is yourself. If you plan to go, please call Audrey O'Bannon or the church office by Friday, September 22.

See YOU Sunday!
With a Guest!

from Medina Home

Thank you so very much for your contribution of \$2,597.92 to Medina Children's Home to help alleviate the flood damage expenses. We appreciate your good letter and prayers.

... Things are shaping up slowly and we hope to someday have our campus and facilities back to a more normal condition without too many scars showing. ... Please remember Medina Home in your prayers and come to see us when you can. May the Lord bless you for the good works you do in His name.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL WITH YOUR BIBLE!

Thank You

Again I want you to know how much I appreciate all the concern shown by so many during my stay in the hospital. I appreciate the cards from the children's and young adult's classes and Leona and I especially appreciate the prayers offered in my behalf.
Gaither McElroy

Acknowledging with grateful appreciation your very kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy. Sincerely,

Patricia Dzamko and Children

From Boles Home

Dear Ladies,

We appreciate so much the cakes and cookies you brought to Boles Home children. We love each of you for doing such nice things for the children. There are so many children in need and it warms our hearts to have your help in caring for them. Thank you again and come and visit with us when you can.

Wedding Invitation

You are invited to attend the wedding of Pam Malone and Marc Lemons, September 29 at 7:30 in the Chapel of the West Erwin Church of Christ.

Funerals

Mrs. Emma Earl Carter, formerly of this congregation, died late Saturday in Austin. Funeral services were conducted Monday in Rockdale. Burial was in Franklin, Texas.

Mrs. Maude Phillips, sister of Cliff Clough, was buried in Waterbury, Vermont this week. Cliff and Arenia made the trip to Vermont.

A nephew of Mrs. Ira Wright was buried last week in Odessa, Texas.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family.

100% SUNDAY

Words
From
Wes



My what a fine crowd of people were present for both Bible Study and Worship! It was so refreshing to see so many visitors with us. You do yourself proud by the friendly face that you show when you greet the visitors. I have heard so many comment about your friendliness. And it is genuine. I thank God for your warm heartedness.

Modena Jones has asked that we make a special appeal for used clothing to be used for the Chimala Mission Hospital in Africa. White or pastel men's shirts are needed to make into hospital gowns and old bed sheets can be used for making bandages. If you have shirts even with frayed collars, they can be used since collars are removed. Please bring freshly laundered shirts to the church building. Our ladies who work in our benevolent program will be working on these when they begin their fall program.

Men, don't forget our breakfast (dutch treat) this coming Saturday morning at Sambo's on South Broadway at 8:00 a.m. We will use part of the morning to deliver the remaining invitations to our Gospel Meeting to area neighborhoods. We will be finished by noon. Come join us for the fellowship and for the last big push to get the word out about the meeting.

A special invitation is extended to all of our Young Married Couples to join us each Sunday morning for Bible Study. Of course, all of our adults will be meeting together for this coming Sunday to hear brother Trout, but the Couple's Class will enjoy a fellowship meal following the morning services.

We now have materials available for the World Bible School teaching program. If you would like to have a worthwhile project in personal evangelism, let us help you get started in this fine work. The materials are available in the church office and I will be glad to help you get started. The church will provide materials and all you will need to provide is a little time and postage for mailing the materials to the new students. See me if you are interested.

All Members Present
IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer C. B. Hardin
 Dismiss Jack Beard
 Evening - 6:00 p. m.

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Our Records

Contributions
 Sept. 3 \$3,365.88
 Aug. 27 \$3,433.03
 Year Ago \$4,136.51

Bible School
 Sept. 3 351
 Aug. 27 373
 Year Ago 388

Worship
 Sept. 3 473
 Aug. 27 454
 Weekly
 Budget \$4,200.00

And the Lord Added

Mrs. Mary Lou Wallis was baptized into Christ last Wednesday by Wes Price. We welcome her into the fellowship of West Erwin. Her address is 1223 West Third, phone 597-3418.

Report of Our Sick

Sister Blanche Rountree's son underwent open heart surgery in Dallas on Tuesday.

FROM WES PRICE

I would like for all the men to join me for breakfast (dutch-treat) at Sambo's on Saturday morning, September 16th, and then to work with me in distributing the neighborhood invitations to our meeting with Virgil Trout. I'm sure we will be finished in time for you to have all the time you need for your usual Saturday chores. Let's not let any opportunity pass us to invite as many as we can to our meeting. Remember, Saturday morning, Sept. 16, at Sambo's at 8:00. See you then.

REX KYKER

To Speak Sunday Evening

Rex Kyker, professor and head of the Department of Communications at Abilene Christian University will be a guest speaker for our services on this coming Sunday evening, September 10 at 6:00 o'clock.

Rex Kyker is a very excellent speaker. He has received three academic degrees in speech - bachelor's degree from ACU in 1943, master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1946, and a doctorate from the University of Florida in 1957. He has been a member of the ACU faculty since 1944 and has served as department head since 1957. He is now the senior member of the ACU faculty, with more years of service than any other person at ACU.

Brother Kyker is very active in both church and civic activities in Abilene. He serves as an elder in the Southern Hills church of Christ in Abilene. In 1973 he was named "Kiwanian of the Year" for his work in the Key City Kiwanis Club.

We hope that all of you will be present Sunday evening for Brother Kyker's sermon. Following the evening worship there is to be a fellowship and "dutch treat" Dinner at the Garden Center Building. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$3.75 each.

FROM CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

There will be a "Kick-off" Dinner for all TJC Students at the Campus Christian Center, September 12 at 6:00 p. m.



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of age who now must endure the loss of a parent through divorce is growing even more rapidly than the divorce rate itself. Before 1955 almost 50 percent of all divorces occurred either among childless couples or among couples whose children had grown up and moved away. During the last two decades the number of children caught in the middle of parental divorce has more than tripled in the United States - from 330,000 children in 1953 to more than one million children in 1973, the last year for which there are reliable statistics." Dr. Lynch also makes note of the great increase in the number of children without legal fathers, and the increasing number of one parent households. He reaches this conclusion, "All these trends - rapidly rising divorce rate, the growing number of single parent households, the slower re-entry of divorced individuals back into marriage, and proportional increases in the illegitimate birth-rate - suggest the possibility that in the future the two parent family may be the exception rather than the rule. As will be documented in this book, all available medical data indicate that these statistical trends portend serious physical and mental health hazards for many Americans in the decades ahead." (Emphasis mine)

God's plan for marriage is the best plan. He is the author of marriage and has given us those principles which, if followed, will make for our happiness and for the well being of society as well. Come and study with us the Bible teaching in regard to marriage on Sunday.



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Alice and I will be observing our wedding anniversary on September 15. Every year in September, as most of you know, I preach a sermon or sermons relative to marriage. This has been my custom every year since our tenth anniversary, so this Sunday I plan to preach on the topic, "Christian Marriage."

There needs to be much teaching in regard to marriage today. There has been a phenomenal and tragic increase in the divorce rate in our country in recent years. In 1975, the last year for which I have statistics, more than one million marriages ended in divorce, which was an all time high. James J. Lynch, Professor of Psychology and Scientific Director at the School of Medicine at the University of Maryland, states in his book, The Broken Heart, Medical Consequences of Loneliness, that the divorce rate doubled in the decade from 1964 to 1974.

Dr. Lynch points out that the divorce rate is only the tip of an enormous social iceberg. He says, "The number of children under 18 years

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Come to the MEETING!

Schedule of Services For Meeting, September 17 - September 20

Virgil Trout of Oklahoma City, Evangelist

Sunday, September 17

Bible School Attendance Goal of 601 at 8:30 a. m.

All adults meet for study with Virgil Trout in auditorium

Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p. m.

Monday, September 18 thru Wednesday, September 20

Preaching each evening at 7:30.

Wednesday, September 20

Special lesson for everyone - 10:00 a. m.

"Covered dish luncheon" at noon - Garden Center Building

FIVE "P's" OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The five "P's" are: Prayer, Presence, Persistence, Prominence and Perseverance.

1. PRAYER - When men forget to pray, it shows that they are not living as they should. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Therefore, we ought to pray earnestly and fervently for the meeting.

2. PRESENCE - If there is any one thing you can do to insure good attendance during the meeting, it is to make sure that YOU are present at every service.

3. PERSISTENCE - Insist that your friends and neighbors come with you. One invitation often is not enough.

4. PROMINENCE - "It pays to advertise." We must inform people of the value of the gospel by telling them about our meeting. Make the church prominent in the minds of people in this community.

5. PERSEVERANCE - If you want this meeting and all our other efforts to be successful, then you must be certain that you are active in God's service. If you want the church to grow and grow, you must live His service 365 days out of every year.

REMEMBER, it is the whole duty of the whole church to teach the whole truth to the whole world.

VISITATION

Zone Two will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Cliff Clough Home. Zone Two will also meet at 7:00 o'clock on Thursday evening at the Ben Young Home.

Zone Three will meet Monday evening at the Ed Bullard Home, 7:00 o'clock for a "covered dish" supper meeting. Each member is asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

Each of these meetings is in preparation for our meeting, Sept. 17 - 20.

Lesson & Luncheon Planned on Wednesday, Sept. 17

A special lesson by Virgil Trout will be presented on Wednesday morning, September 17 at ten o'clock. This will be the usual time for our Ladies' Bible Classes, but they will not begin until the following Wednesday, Sept. 24. Everyone, including both men and women, are urged to hear brother Trout at the Wednesday morning class during the meeting.

Following the morning meeting, a "covered dish" luncheon has been planned at the Garden Center Building. Bring your food and let us look forward to an enjoyable time at noon.

Sympathy

Mrs. Ruby Morris, sister of Averyt Smith, was buried Wednesday in Gainesville, Texas. We extend our sympathy to the family

Remember.

The grocery truck from the Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 18 - 22. Their special needs at this time are: Cake mixes, Sugar, able napkins, Laundry soap, Salad dressing and Toothpaste. However, they are glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Directory Change Dwaine and Audeen Thedford are now worshipping with the Broadway congregation.

WE HAVE LEARNED that Chuck Cauthen, son of Faber and Kathryn Cauthen, has been selected to serve as one of the deacons of the Natchez Trace congregation in Nashville, Tennessee.

TYPES OF MEMBERS IN CHURCH

1. Those that MAKE things happen.
 2. Those that WATCH things happen.
 3. Those that DON'T KNOW what is happening.
 4. Those that CRITICIZE what is happening.
- WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

Words
From
Wes



Now that Labor Day is behind us, we can really look forward to everyone's schedule getting back to being "home" more than "away." Children are now back in school for the long term, including over 30 of our college age young people. Now we can begin to concentrate on building our Bible School attendance. Don't let a haphazard summer hit-or-miss attendance habit continue. Get back to the regular and good habit of being in Bible study both Sunday morning and Wednesday night.

Our Adult program will be in for a couple of changes this coming Sunday, Sept. 10. Roger Knight will be moving from the Young Married Couples class to teach the Adult 4 Class for this next quarter replacing F. C. Carpenter. I will have the privilege of working with the Young Married Couples. We encourage all members of these classes to be present next Sunday.

Our Gospel Meeting with Virgil Trout is just a short time away. Our Teachers are encouraged to contact all members of their respective classes and work for the 100%+ attendance so that we will have a full house on Sunday, September 17. Our goal of 601 has to include you and your family.

Next week, we will be announcing our new slate of Wednesday night classes. Look for this announcement.

It will be only a little while now until contractors begin work on renovating the building next door for our new Multi-purpose Center. We are excited about the new activity center since there are so many good works that can be accomplished by using it.

Let's set a fast pace for the future of West Erwin and each do his part to insure its growth. No task is too large or too small that we cannot find someone with talent, time and willingness to do it. If you see something that needs attention and you can't do yourself, let us know. We will find a willing worker.

WES W. PRICE

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 Prayer Jamon Kirby
 Dismiss Bob Threadgill

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 August 20 (no count)
 Year Ago 422

Worship

August 27 454
 August 20 474

Weekly
 Budget

Report of Our Sick

Brother G. W. McElroy was hospitalized Monday evening and was in ICU until Wednesday. He is much better at this time but still in Medical Center.

Zone One

Zone 1 will meet Tuesday evening, September 5 at 7:30, in the home of Mary and Foy Richey.

TO SPEAK IN LONGVIEW

Brother George Stephenson will be the speaker for the Area Preacher's Luncheon in Longview next Tuesday. The meeting will be held in Wyatt's Cafeteria.

LORD GRANT ME

TRUTH—That I may know the way;
 STRENGTH—That I may help others
 COURAGE—That I may do and say
 what's right;
 PEACE—That I may know the "In-
 ner Life;"
 QUIET—That I may commune with
 Thee;
 TOLERANCE—That I may not hurt
 another;
 UNDERSTANDING—That I may
 know Thy will for me;
 UNSELFISHNESS—That I may live
 for others;
 HUMOR—That I can come "Smilin'
 through;"
 LOYALTY—That I may be true to
 Thee;
 PATIENCE—That I may say "Thy
 will be done;"
 BROTHERHOOD—That I may know
 and love my fellow men;
 HUMILITY—That I may walk with
 Thee;
 FAITH—That I may always trust Thy
 Word;
 JOY—That I may see and tell Thy
 wonders;
 LOVE—That I may strive to live like
 Thee.

From: Out Of My Treasure

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 In Bible Class,
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**From the
 Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

It is good to be back home following an enjoyable week in the state of Tennessee. We were glad to hear of the good services on Sunday and the preaching by Wes Price. We appreciate the number who made commitments to contribute toward the new multi-purpose building. We hope that there will be others who will help in this endeavor with their money in order that our indebtedness will be reduced.

We were glad to visit with our son David and his wife, Charlotte, in Nashville. We also spent a few days in Cherokee, North Carolina and Gatlinburg, Tennessee in the Great Smoky Mountains. Last Sunday morning we worshipped with the Harpeth Hills church in Nashville where Johnny Thompson is doing a very fine work as the local evangelist. Johnny sent his regards to friends in Tyler. He preached for us in a meeting in the spring of 1976 and is scheduled to return for another meeting in the fall of 1980.

Last Sunday evening we were privileged to worship with the great church in Madison, Tennessee and to visit with our friend, Ira North and his good wife. We were present for the taping of the Amazing Grace Bible Class and were introduced on the program. This will be seen in Tyler a few weeks from now. The Amazing Grace Bible Class is now seen on many television stations across the nation. We have a vast viewing audience for our program all over East Texas.

I look forward to seeing you for both services Sunday and plan to speak on the following subjects.

10:30 a. m. The Challenge of a Gospel Meeting.

6:00 p. m. In The Resurrection Whose Wife Shall She Be?

**HEAR
 VIRGIL TROUT**

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GUEST EDITORIAL

GIVING IS A PRIVILEGE

Giving is life's greatest privilege! It is also an acid test of real maturity.

God, the truly perfect personality, set the eternal example of giving by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He gave to us because He loves us, and here is the key to the privilege of giving. Love is always the motivation and mainspring of giving.

Giving is a privilege because it involves love. It is a privilege to give to those who are the objects of our affections. We shower our children with presents; we express our love to our husbands

and wives, mothers and fathers through the medium of giving.

In the very same sense, we express our love to God by giving — not merely our money, but all that we are. This is what motivated Jesus to say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Lord recognized that truly mature persons enjoy and benefit from the privilege of giving to those whom they truly love.

The conclusion is obvious: If giving for you is not a privilege, it reflects not only upon your spiritual maturity, but upon the genuineness of your love for God. For giving is life's greatest privilege!

—DARREL RICKARD

COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE

We have the following information concerning our young people and the college each will be attending this fall. Some have already left for school and others will be leaving this week. We shall miss those who will be away from the congregation here.

Abilene Christian University

Kim Hughes Hunt Rowe
Laurie Hughes Cindy Rowe
Matt Haws Kathy Price
Paul Knight Dee Gowen
Grant Knight Walker Weathers
Lee Knight Meredith Womack
Kay Montgomery

Tyler Junior College

Rosemary Center Bart Lemons
Charlie Cook Ron Lott
Randy Fletcher Keston McFadden
Vicki Fletcher Mary Lynn Stitt
Mike Franklin Prissy Potts

Texas Eastern

Tim Holt

East Texas State

Kevin Womack

Baylor

Cathy Crow

Oklahoma Christian

Denise Terry

North Texas

Kenneth Browning
Rick Higginbotham

Texas A & M

Tony Fears
Edwin Pickle
Holly Womack
Kenneth Giles

School of Nursing

(Galveston)
Laurie Rowe

Texas Tech

Marty Stitt

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee
Isa. 41:13

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 18 - 22.

The following items are especially needed at this time. However, they will be glad to use whatever is supplied.

Cake Mixes, Sugar
Table Napkins
Laundry Soap
Salad Dressing
Toothpaste

*Mr. and Mrs. Travis Fletcher
and
Mr. and Mrs. Denman Warren
invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage uniting their children
Vicki LaJuan*

*and
Terry Dale
This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the second of September
Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight
at seven o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas*

*Reception following
at Red Carpet Inn*

Thank You

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and your interest during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for the cards, the pot plant and for your prayers. G. W. McElroy

BENEVOLENT WORK

THE WORKERS in the Christian Care Center will begin meeting, September 5 from 9:00 - 11:30. All who are interested in this work are invited to meet next Tuesday morning.

OUR PANTRY IS EMPTY and needs to be restocked. Please bring non-perishable food.

Singing

The Broadway Church of Christ has organized a monthly singing among the Tyler congregations to take place on the first Sunday afternoon of each month (except January) at 2:30 p.m. The following is a schedule as far as it has been completed.

September 3	Broadway
October 1	Omen Road
November 5	Shiloh Road
December 3	Northwest
February 4	West Erwin

*Words
From
Wes*



WES W. PRICE

I would like to introduce two new supervisors in our Bible School Program: Carolyn Welborn will be supervising the Pre-School department and Jalna Gayle will be working with the Primary Department. We are extremely grateful for their willingness to work in this important role. Teachers in these two departments are encouraged to contact these supervisors for any help you need or if you are to be absent from your class.

The purposing that you did last Sunday is a significant thing for this congregation. Nearly \$50,000 was pledged to cover the cost and renovation of the new building. This is the single largest amount ever pledged for such a purpose in the West Erwin congregation. As significant as the amount is, there is another fact just so and that is that such a large number of our families were involved in that purpose. That means overwhelming support for this new program. Our elders are grateful for your support.

I congratulate you on your desire to go forward. We have already learned to appreciate the rich history of this church and it is a real joy to be part of its present work. With each member doing what he is capable of doing, we will continue to be a growing, living church that cares for the needs of its own as well as reaches out in every way to the saving of other souls.

Sunday's sermons were well received and I appreciate your encouragement. They were designed to help us keep from forgetting that a Christian cannot be said to be faithful unless he is growing in the grace of giving as well as in the importance of being present for every service of the Lord's church.

Excitement is mounting for the coming fall meeting with Virgil Trout. I visited with him by phone last week and he is looking forward to being with us. I hope you are already inviting others to come with you for the meeting.

With all of our members present and a great host of visitors, we can reach the 601 goal that has been set for Sunday, September 17. Don't miss a single one of the services of the meeting. Grace and Peace

erving sunday

records

Morning - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	August 20 \$2,868.37
Prayer	Ray Womack	(Special) \$2,597.92
Dismiss	Wade Weathers	August 13 \$3,158.30
Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Year Ago \$4,110.68
Announcements		Bible School
Prayer	Ron Jones	August 20 (no count)
Dismiss	Mark Cauthen	August 13 327
Serving Communion Sunday		Year Ago 422
Bill Butler Harold Browning		Worship
Jim Franklin	David Hubbard	August 20 474
Morris Hallman	Ron Jones	August 13 449
Phil Marts	Paul Montandon	
Greeters For Sunday		Weekly Budget
K. Max Haws	Hillard Hughes	\$4,200.00
D. C. Jones		

Report of Our Sick

Paul Montandon had surgery Monday on a finger following an accident at work.

Sallyann Pickle had surgery last week but is now at home.

Buck Frederick's brother, Jerry, is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital, room 112.

Lester Singleton, formerly a member of West Erwin, had surgery on his hand Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital. He is from Palestine.

The Worsham children, who were hurt in an automobile accident in which their parents were fatally injured, are patients in Medical Center Hospital. They are the great nephew and nieces of Zeffie Beard. The children were seriously injured and are in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital. They are from Brownsboro.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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C. E. Caskey	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Foy Richey

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Evening With ACU

You are cordially invited by Dr. John C. Stevens and Abilene Christian University to. . . "An Evening With Abilene Christian University."

Date: Sunday evening, Sept. 10, 1978

Time: 7:30 p. m.

Place: Garden Center Building
Tyler, Texas

Event: "dutch treat" dinner (\$3.75 per person), entertainment provided by the University, an update on the progress of ACU by Dr. John Stevens, President and an informative film, "Affirming the Changeless."

This dinner serves as the annual banquet held by the University for the purpose of closer fellowship with alumni, parents, and Christian friends.

Twelve congregations of the church in the Tyler area will be hosting faculty and administration of ACU to preach in their pulpits on Sunday morning and evening, September 10.

Please make plans to attend these events and enjoy fellowship with the brethren from Abilene.

Special Thanks

The attractive bulletin boards in our building are the work of sister Mary Evelyn Grier. She gives many hours of work in the Teacher's Workroom each week.

Directory Change Debbie Dok is now worshipping with the Shiloh Church.

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The Church With A Heart

your contributions now especially marked for the building fund.

I regret that I will not be here on this coming Sunday. We are going to be on a vacation in Tennessee. We are glad that Wes Price will be preaching. He has, in the few weeks he has been with us, gained the love and respect of the congregation.

Just three weeks from this Sunday we will begin our four day meeting with Virgil Trout! We hope that you are beginning to tell others about the meeting. We have brochures for you to use in inviting others to come. We plan to advertise in the papers and engage in other activities to promote this effort, but in the final analysis the best advertising is done by individuals telling their neighbors and friends and in bringing them. I just know that the preaching of the Word by Virgil Trout will draw all of us closer to the Lord.

I am thankful for the fine way the congregation responded to the appeal to help those who suffered loss in the recent floods in the Medina area. We had visitors from San Antonio who had visited some of the flooded areas. They said that no one could realize the extent of loss and the great upheaval as a result of the flood. May the Lord bless each of you who gave to this work.



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We appreciate the presentation made on Sunday by brother Foy Richey concerning the renovation of the property recently acquired by the church for a multi-purpose building. We commend brother Richey and James Massey and John Porter for the work they have been assigned to do by the elders. Our elders feel that the property can be used in a very fine way to promote fellowship and a greater work for the Lord.

It would be wonderful if the church had the \$130,000 to pay for the renovation of the building. This would save the church a large amount which would be paid in interest. I know that some have already indicated a willingness to sacrifice in order to assist the church at this time. The money will not likely be needed before January 1 - so you will have some time to make your contribution. However, the elders are asking for commitments now in order that they may know what to expect. On Sunday you will have the opportunity to put on a blank slip of paper - without any signature - how much you plan to help in this work. You may make any of

EDITORIAL

LEARNING TO LOVE SOMEONE
YOU CANNOT STAND

We have all known people like this. Maybe it's their attitude, dress, their speech, etc. How do you handle it? In I John 3:11-24, John outlines the four levels of interpersonal relationships. Somewhere along the line you'll find yourself:

1. **MURDER (I John 3:11-12).** This is the lowest level. Satan dwells in those who react this way. The example cited is that of Cain. He was religious, offered a sacrifice, and was not an atheist. But he failed the real test, love.
2. **HATRED (I John 3:13-15).** Feel good because you've never murdered anyone? Well what about hate? Ever hated anybody? The only difference between murder and hate is the act. Hate does not do the same amount of damage, but God sees them as the same.
3. **INDIFFERENCE (I John 3:16-17).** Christianity is not just refraining from doing good. Self-preservation is the first law of physical life, but self-sacrifice is the first law of spiritual life. John asks, "How can the love of God exist in a man who will not help his brother in need?" The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.
4. **CHRISTIAN LOVE (I John 3:18-24).** Love is not feeling, it's doing. Do what love commands and you'll be right. But one says, "I'd be a hypocrite. There is no feeling." A mother whose baby wakes her up at 4 a.m., gets up and tends to the baby, even though she would really like to stay in the bed. That's not hypocrisy, it's real love in action. Love is not to be just talk, but action. Toward the person whom you cannot stand, God wants you to act in love. Serve them, be nice to them, encourage them—not because of a feeling you have, but because that is what love does. Before Mary Martin went on the stage to sing the lead in "South Pacific," Oscar Hammerstein wrote her the following note:

"A bell is not a bell till you ring it,
A song is not a song till you sing it,
Love in your heart is not put there to stay,
Love is not love till you give it away."

Even toward those who are unloveable, let's act like Jesus and give them our love (Rom. 8:6-10). You can always do what love should do even when you do not feel like it. That, my friend, is Christian maturity.

Dick Marcear

Dianna Golden Haught
and
Marcus Lynn Hall
invite you to share in their joy
as they unite in marriage
on Friday, the first of September,
nineteen hundred and seventy-eight
at seven o'clock in the evening.
Shiloh Road church of Christ
1801 Shiloh Road
Tyler, Texas
Reception following.

Thank You

We want to thank every one for your thoughtful and sweet expressions of sympathy and kindness during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for the lovely cards and beautiful flowers and the delicious food.

In Christian love,
Buck and Dewey Frederick

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my illness. A special thanks to the young adult class. May God bless you always.
Tommie White

GOSPEL MEETING

Charles Miles will be preaching in a Gospel Meeting August 25, 26 and 27 at the Reese church of Christ. Friday and Saturday evening services will be at 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend.

Congratulations

Miss Sheila Strait and David Taylor were united in marriage last Saturday evening here at the West Erwin building. We extend best wishes for a happy life. They will live here in Tyler.

August 12th, David Tuel and Miss Kay Evelyn McMullen were married in Waco, Texas. They will live in Houston. We extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

We Appreciate — Ann and B. B. Lambert for volunteering to take the cakes and cookies to Boles Home on Thursday morning.

Words
From
Wes



WES W. PRICE

Brother George has already commented about the fine presentation made by Foy Richey about our new facility, but I do want to express my appreciation for it and for the vision our elders have in providing such a multi-purpose facility. I know you will come prepared to indicate what your family can purpose to help pay for the costs of renovation.

One other comment, I must agree with brother Richey that just having this new tool will not help us to grow unless we use it and otherwise get busy in the work of the Lord here.

The goal has been set for the Bible School drive on September 17th for 601 to be present for Bible Study which means our worship attendance will be considerable higher than that. This goal means that we will be expecting 100% attendance from our members with a generous number of visitors to complement your presence. Whatever your plans are for that Sunday other than being here, would you please rearrange them so you can be here, and not only for Sunday but for every session of the meeting. Brother Trout's messages will do you no good unless you are present to hear them. And we want you to begin now to invite your friends to come and be with you. I would like to encourage you to bring a family with yours and then take them out to dinner that day. I am confident that Virgil Trout will be presenting the finest of lessons which is his part in making the meeting a success. It will be a success on your part if you pledge yourself to attend every session and invite others to come with you.

Bible School promotion will take place Sunday morning, September 3, one week from this coming Sunday. Parents are asked to help their children find their new classes. This coming Sunday morning, teachers of the pre-school classes will help the children find their classes so that the following Sunday all can report directly to their new classes.

We are looking forward to the new school year and if the truth were known, I think children are ready to get back to school to see old friends again. It's great to have a break from the routine for a vacation, but most folks are ready to get back to that routine again.

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	C. B. Hardin
Dismiss	Don Weathers
Evening - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	John Teague
Dismiss	George Kester
Serving Communion Sunday	
Bill Butler	Harold Browning
Jim Franklin	David Hubbard
Morris Hallman	Ron Jones
Phil Marts	Paul Montandon
Greeters For Sunday	
Charles Hickman	Ed Bullard
	D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions	
Aug. 13	\$3,158.30
(Special)	5,000.00
Aug. 6	\$3,148.93
Year Ago	\$4,094.59
Bible School	
Aug. 13	327
Aug. 6	342
Year Ago	400
Worship	
Aug. 13	449
Aug. 6	415
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,200.00

Tuesday School Workday - Tuesday, 9:30 a. m.

Words From Wes (Continued)

bundle each month. The editor, Jimmie Lovell, is the inspiration behind the World Bible School which we have spoken about in previous bulletins. We will be interested in helping you enroll as a teacher if you would like to get involved in a good work. Give us a call.

Never let it be said that you take your responsibilities as a Christian lightly. "Study to show yourself approved," was written to encourage us to be zealous in learning as much about God's word as possible. To this end, may we recommend to those of you who are not presently attending Bible study on Sunday or Wednesday with increasing regularity, that you come and be with us on every occasion to study God's Word.

— WES W. PRICE

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Wes Price, Associate Minister

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From The Preacher's Desk (Continued)
gress. And we are looking forward to four great days with Virgil Trout as our speaker, September 17 through September 20. We solicit your prayers that all that we may do will help us to grow as individual Christians and as a congregation of the Lord's people. GHS

Report of Our Sick

Sister Jean Oliver has been hospitalized again. She is in Medical Center, room 502 and would enjoy a visit.
Brother G. W. McElroy is in Medical Center for tests and oral surgery.
Jeffrey Jones, son of Jane and Louis Jones, underwent an emergency appendectomy Sunday evening. He is at home now.

Brother Ray Womack is now at home from the Hospital.

Sister Algie Sherman's husband has gone home from the hospital.

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to brother R. E. Frederick. His brother was buried last week in Corsicana.

Teacher's Meeting

There will be a meeting of all teachers Sunday afternoon in the Chapel at 5:00.

SERMON TOPICS

By George H. Stephenson

10:30 a. m. Rebuilding The Walls of Jerusalem

6:00 p. m. A Mother's Distress

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From the Preacher's Desk
George H. Stephenson

For many years I have enjoyed reading the monthly newsletter from Mrs. Burton Coffman of Houston entitled "Sissy's Sendout." I enjoyed reading in the latest issue about the recent Yosemite Encampment held in California.

There were 5,300 present for worship in Yosemite Valley on July 23. Sister Coffman said, "Christians climbed the rocky hill to reach the church bowl in droves so thick you could not see the terrain under foot. There were a few rustic benches, some with backs, some without, placed side by side under tall pine trees. Many brought folding chairs from home, some sat on rocks, some leaned on trees, and others just stood. All classes and services held out in the open. Was nature at its beautiful best. We were surrounded by majestic lofty peaks with waterfalls dropping 1,430 feet in one fall."

Classes were conducted for some 3,200 people including 400 in a high school class taught by Burton Coffman. I was impressed with some interesting sidelights on the encampment. Jim Bill McInteer announced that a park ranger was

heard to remark, "It's good to have some of God's people up here again." Word went out to all the concessions in Yosemite Village, "Don't buy any beer for the group that's coming. They won't buy it." Another made the comment, "Crime rate drops at least 50% the week the Christians are in Yosemite."

How wonderful it is when Christians conduct themselves in a manner which brings honor to the Cause of Christ! Paul said, "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ," (Philippians 1:27) (American Standard Version) and Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," (Matthew 5:16). Aren't you thankful when you hear complimentary remarks about church members such as were made about those attending the Yosemite encampment? How tragic it is when members of the church sometimes conduct themselves in a manner which brings reproach to the church!

We are being reminded in the stores and in the television commercials that school days will soon be here again. We hope that this will mean that there will be a renewal of interest and work in the church. Many activities are being planned. There will be some new classes on Wednesday evenings. There will be two classes instead of one for women on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 27 (the week following our meeting). Tuesday School will soon be in pro-

Medina Children's Home

Dear Brethren:

Devastating flood damage has touched most homes and lives in our area. Twenty-five are known dead and accounted for. Quite a few bodies are still missing. Nearly 400 homes were destroyed or severely damaged in the total area of Kerrville, Medina, Bandera, Center Point and Comfort.

The Kerrville Church of Christ has three families who suffered total loss of everything they owned, their homes included. Other families had water in their homes, loss of furniture, clothing and food. Many in the Kerrville area, not members of the church, experienced like losses.

Two families lost their homes from the Bandera church and twenty-five other homes were destroyed. The town of Bandera is utter chaos with lives, homes and buildings remaining only on the knolls and hills within the Bandera area.

College Avenue Church of Christ at Medina lost 6 Christians and 1 child to the flood. They were:

Mr. and Mrs. King R. Buchanan	David Sanchez (age 11)
Vicki Romigh (Mrs. E. J.)	Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kupfernagle
Jason Skreeton (age 5)	

Total loss of the homes of four members with total replacement needed are:

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sessions, Sr.	Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byars
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sanchez	E. J. Romigh

Medina Children's Home lost no lives, but had approximately \$75,000.00 damage to the campus, lakes, dams, buildings, grounds and fences.

Financial help is urgently needed by these three churches and Medina Home to help restore the homes and necessities of these flood victims. We prayerfully solicit your help. Monies for aid should be mailed to:

Dempsey Simpson, Superintendent Medina Children's Home Route 16, Box 75 Medina, Texas 78055	Paul W. Hall, Minister Church of Christ 505 Sidney Baker Kerrville, Texas 78028
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Ronnie Brooks, Minister College Avenue Church of Christ Post Office Box 167 Medina, Texas 78055	Martin Smith, Minister Church of Christ 1400 Sycamore Street Bandera, Texas 78003
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Please remember us in your prayers and with any suggestions you feel might be beneficial in this effort. May the Lord bless you for the good works you do in His name.

In Christian love,

Paul W. Hall, Minister Church of Christ, Kerrville	Martin Smith, Minister Church of Christ, Bandera	Dempsey Simpson, Superintendent Medina Children's Home and Elder at College Ave. Church of Christ
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Note: A special contribution will be taken Sunday. Come prepared to help in this work!

*Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Strait
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Sheila Gale*

to

Mr. David Stephen Taylor

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Everett T. Taylor

on Saturday, the nineteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Taylor, Texas

Reception

immediately following ceremony

Woman's Building

Thank You

News spreads fast and friends come quickly. Thanks for the visits, gifts, and I'm sure prayers, phone calls and cards - especially from the two classes. It is nice to be loved. Thanks,

Jean Oliver

BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY MORNING

The College Class and all Adult Classes will meet together in the auditorium on Sunday morning for a special session together. Plan to be here!

GUEST SPEAKER

Monday evening Wes Price was the guest speaker for the Lion's Club in Chandler.

Thursday evening he spoke for the Church of Christ in El Dorado, Arkansas. His subject was "A Brother's Keeper Program."

LADIES, remember we are to bring cakes and cookies on Wednesday of next week for Boles Home.

WORDS

FROM

WES



Our monthly business meeting was attended by a larger number than usual this past Sunday and we are thankful for the presence of each one. I am wondering why more men of this congregation do not seek to take an active part in these meetings? I hope that it is not because they are disinterested in the affairs and work of this congregation. It seems to me that one of the major problems of any group of people is that of communication and it is just for such a reason that these monthly meetings are conducted. How often have you wondered why a certain thing wasn't done or a worthy project never undertaken? Perhaps you would do well to come and present such suggestions at this meeting.

It is not the purpose of this meeting to direct the affairs of this church. That's the work of the Elders and Deacons. We want and need every man who is a member of this church to feel the responsibility of contributing their talent and abilities to the work of the Lord.

Our present schedule calls for the beginning of our Ladies' Bible Class on Wednesday, September 20th, with brother Virgil Trout as our special guest speaker. We will meet for class at the Rose Building and enjoy a luncheon following. We want all who can to attend. This includes the men of the congregation who are also invited to the luncheon.

The following week, September 27, we will initiate two classes for our ladies. Billy Bob Hickman will be teaching one class for the younger women which will be meeting in room 104. I will have the privilege to teach the class that brother Stephenson has been teaching. We will be looking forward to a good study and good attendance in both of these classes.

We will be having an opportunity to give out of our prosperity to those in severe need. Members of the Lord's church and the Medina Children's Home suffered much in the recent floods. Our Elders have designated this Sunday for a special contribution to go to the Children's Home. I hope you will come prepared to be generous with your money. Remember, you did not lose your property in such a catastrophe.

We are indebted to sister Myrtle Ginn for keeping us supplied with the newspaper "Action." We receive a

(Continued on Back Page)

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning - 10:30 a. m.</u>	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Wallace Gayle
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
<u>Evening - 6:00 p. m.</u>	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Elwin Crow
Dismiss	Denton Phillips
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
James Phillips	Tommy Lowrance
Dick Higginbotham	Rick Higginbotham
Grant Knight	David Demic
David Thurman	Wilmer Little
Greeters for Sunday	
Phil Marts	Joe McBee
D. C. Jones	

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
July 30	\$3,182.06
July 23	\$3,263.15
Year Ago	\$3,235.73

<u>Bible School</u>	
July 30	357
July 23	351
Year Ago	503

<u>Worship</u>	
July 30	476
July 23	435

<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
\$4,200.00	

**If you are afraid of criticism,
you'll die doing nothing.**

Words From Wes (continued)

replacing Dick Higginbotham who asked to be relieved for a period of time. We are indebted to Dick for the fine work he has done in guiding the classes and working with the teachers. He will remain as one of the teachers in that department. All teachers in that department are asked to contact Phil if you plan on being absent so he can provide for a substitute.

Never let it be said that we fail to show proper respect and appreciation for our dedicated teachers and Bible School workers. Will you join me in saying "Thank you" to them often. Though they are not working for the praises of men, we must never fail to "give honor to whom honor is due."

WES W. PRICE

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Jean Oliver suffered a head injury from a fall while at work Monday. She is in room 279 in Medical Center Hospital.

Ray Womack underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances. He may be able to go home by the week-end.

Tommy White is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

George McCarley is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Emma Earl Carter, formerly of this congregation, is very seriously ill in Austin. Her address is, Holy Cross Hospital, Austin, Texas 78700. The Carter's now live in Lexington, Texas.

Mrs. Ethel Payne has been moved to the Hearthstone Nursing Home.

Mrs. Emsley Walker has been moved to Dallas. Her address is, The Traymore, 7602 Culcourt, Dallas 75209.

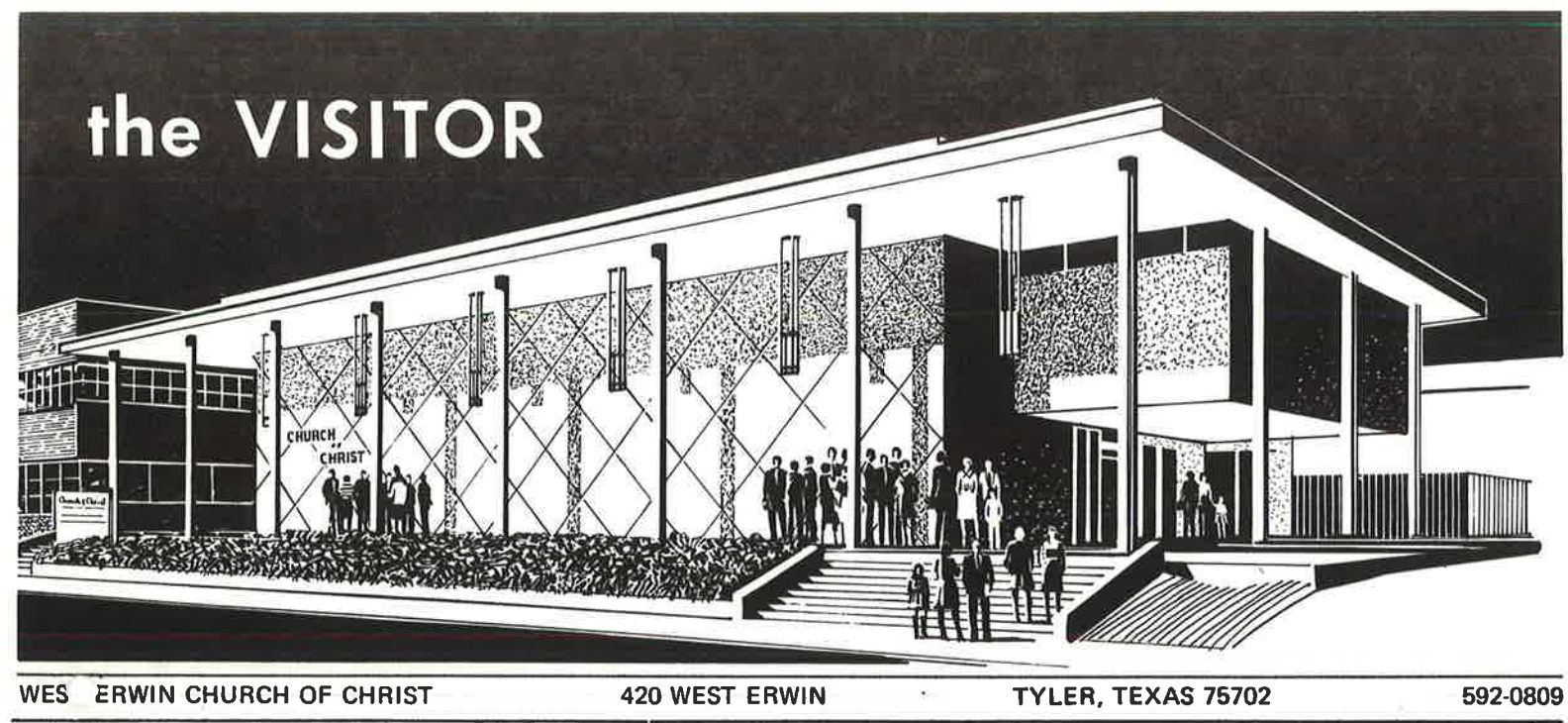
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

David Demic, who is librarian for our Children's Library has asked that parents help us reclaim long over-due books. Will you please check with your children and around the home and return books that are over due. There are many valuable books that need to be returned. Let's help David by cooperating in honoring the two-week check out rule.

**HIGH SCHOOL - COLLEGE
DEVOTIONAL
SUNDAY NIGHT**

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~~Debbie Young~~
~~7320 Dairy Ashford~~
~~Houston, Texas 77072~~



**From the
Preacher's Desk**
George H. Stephenson

Our prayers are with the two new congregations in Tyler - Shiloh Road and Broadway that they may be able to win many souls to Christ. We recently attended the open house at the Shiloh Road congregation and enjoyed the fellowship of the occasion. The present building at Shiloh Road will eventually be made into classrooms and a larger auditorium will be erected.

The Broadway congregation met last Sunday for the first time in their new building. We went through the building recently and were impressed with the auditorium and the various other facilities. The building will have some functional areas. It will have very useful office rooms and some nice classrooms. One of the large class rooms will also be used as a fellowship hall adjoining a kitchen.

Both Shiloh Road and Broadway have excellent preachers - Mike Warner and Gary Workman. They should continue to have successful ministries in our city.

We hope you are making your plans now to do your part to make our meetings in September and October a success. We have two of the outstanding preachers in the brotherhood who will be preaching for us. Virgil Trout of Oklahoma City will be here for four days in September - September 17 through 20 - and Jimmy Allen of Searcy, Arkansas will be here for three days in October - October 27 - through 29. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Virgil Trout preaches for the Mayfair Church in Oklahoma City. He is a very splendid speaker, having spoken in 43 states and in Europe and Asia. He has spoken in over 300 college campuses in the realm of the philosophy of science in relation to Christian thought. Jimmy Allen, Bible professor in Harding College, is known all over the brotherhood for his outstanding success as an evangelist. We look forward to both of these meetings this fall and believe they will be a source of spiritual revival for all of us at West Erwin.



By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. "The Religion of a Sound Mind"
6:00 p. m. "The Ideal Guest
In The Lord's House"

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The West Erwin Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas is the oldest congregation of the Church of Christ in Tyler. It has been in existence in various locations in Tyler since 1885. The church has met at 420 West Erwin since 1922.

The present elders want to place in the foyer in the back of our auditorium pictures of all former preachers and elders. During the early years of the church the following men served as preachers: J. P. Nall, Bynum Black, W. F. Lemmons, Bill Richardson, Cled Wallace, K. C. Moser, Jim and Jasper Dunn, and T. H. Ethridge. If you have any information concerning these men or any of their families that we may contact, please let us know. If you know the approximate years they preached in Tyler, this would also be helpful.

Also, we need information concerning the men who served as elders during the early years of the church in Tyler. Our records are very sparse prior to 1930 and we would appreciate any help.

CHURCH MUSIC

In the October, 1861 issue of the Millennial Harbinger there is an interesting article in regard to "Church Music." The Millennial Harbinger was a religious paper edited by Alexander Campbell. We have the bound volumes of the magazine in the West Erwin library. Below are excerpts from the article.

"Music is a powerful auxiliary in the work of human redemption; and it is a sacred religious duty, and ought to be a high religious pleasure, to employ it in public and social worship, as a means of spiritual edification. Melody in the heart is the general end to be sought, and artistic excellence is only valuable as it may conduce to that end.

"The church of Christ is the common home of all his people - 'Barbarian, Scythian, bond and free,' who are 'all one in Christ Jesus,' and as singing is the only part of worship in which the great mass of Christians can personally participate; no choir singing or instrumental music shall ever be allowed to interfere for a moment

with this privilege and right of the saints. The innovation of choirs and instruments will not be checked by captious objections. We forewarn the brethren, especially in the cities and large towns, that if they wish to block up the way against the introduction of choirs and organs, and the formalism resulting therefrom, they must employ suitable teachers of vocal music, and spend a portion of every year in training all the voices in the churches in the knowledge of musical science and the practice of suitable tunes - so that the present partial, discordant and unedifying music of our churches may be abandoned and forgotten."

Certainly we need to train to do the best singing possible in 1978 as the church needed in 1861. Of course, we would oppose the use of instrumental music in worship simply because it is not authorized in the New Testament, but we need to make our singing a very important part of our worship.

GHS

Visitation

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock, August 8, at the home of Leon and Carolyn Welborn. Zone members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert for a covered dish supper.

An Invitation Shower

A miscellaneous wedding shower for Vicki Fletcher, bride elect of Terry Warren, will be held Saturday, August 5, 10:30 - 12:00 o'clock, 2005 Clubview. Her selections are at Dillard's.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We want to say "Happy Birthday" to sister Ivah Miller. On August 10th she will be ninety. There will be a gathering of family members on Saturday in the home of George and Alice Stephenson honoring sister Miller. Because of her charm and pleasing manner she has a special place in the hearts of all who know her.



The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet at the Church of Christ in Big Sandy, Texas, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Winston Atkinson.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, and food while I was hospitalized and after coming home. I am thankful for Christian friends.

Lera Bennett

Directory Changes

The Don Chaffin family and the Jimmy Walker family are now worshipping with the Shiloh church. Rodney Mason, a former member of West Erwin is also now worshipping at Shiloh.

Of all things you wear your expression is the most important.

WORDS

FROM

WES



Would that all of the West Erwin church family could experience the joy of a week of the Bible Teachers Workshop at A.C.U. There was certainly no disappointment in the excellent way the Madison, Tennessee teachers did their jobs in teaching the various classes. As good as the instruction in the classes was, it did not exceed the benefit of seeing how enthusiastically these fine Christians do their work. No doubt we derived great value from their messages, but we came back enthused and inspired by their example.

So that you won't wonder about what's wrong with various ones of us, enthusiastically speaking, let me mention those who attended: Roy and Elaine Roberson and their children, Mary Evelyn Grier, Maxine Freeman and her son, John, K. Max and Mary Haws, Carolyn Blackstone and daughter Becky, Jeanine Hughes and her sons, Trey and Shannon, and the Price family.

Could I plant a seed thought? Mark the last week of July on your calendar for next year and plan on going with us.

We are greatly in need of someone to work in our Baby Nursery Sundays and Wednesdays as a paid employee. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please let the church office know.

The Education Committee is glad to announce two new classes to begin the second Wednesday night in August (August 9th). Class A will be studying the New Testament book of Philipians. There are four chapters in this important book, and we will be using four different teachers, one each week. Class B will be studying Christian Character Development and I will be teaching. Room locations will be announced later. The Committee is also working on plans for new Wednesday night classes to begin in September.

The first Wednesday night in each month will be devoted to a Singing night, with worship in song and devotional type services. Once each quarter, that time will be allotted to a devotional conducted by the young men of the congregation.

I am sure you will want to join in these new plans in an enthusiastic manner. We want all to come and receive a blessing in worshipping God in mid-week.

We are glad to announce that Phil Marts has agreed to serve as Supervisor of our Junior High Department (continued on back page)

Cheerfulness greases the axles of the world.

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)
 were warmed by the love of our dear friends who still remember us fondly.

Highland Street had an humble beginning fifty years ago and it has grown to be one of the strongest congregations in the brotherhood today. Located near Memphis State University, it has many young people in its membership. Harold Hazelip preaches for the church. He is a very capable speaker. He is one of the regular speakers for the Herald of Truth television program. He also serves as the dean for the Harding Graduate School in Memphis. Larry McKenzie, originally from Van, Texas, serves the congregation in an excellent way in the areas of visitation and personal evangelism. The congregation supports several other full time workers and engages in a great mission program as well.

Larry McKenzie was encouraged as a young man in a training class conducted by Mason Adair to become a gospel preacher. David Ingram was another one of brother Adair's "boys" who was encouraged to become a preacher. Who can possibly measure the good which has resulted from Mason Adair? Our deepest sympathy is with him now as he has suffered the loss of a very lovely and devoted Christian wife. They have been an influence for good throughout this area of East Texas.

I look forward to seeing you in worship Sunday morning and night.



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 O. B. Sanders is in Glenwood Hospital.
 Kelly Womack did not enter the hospital in Glaveston as scheduled. She will have surgery later in the fall.

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From the Preacher's Desk
 George H. Stephenson



We have heard many good reports about the preaching of Wes Price last Sunday. How good it is to have a man with the ability of Wes to be working with us!

We are thankful that we had the opportunity to visit with the Highland St. church in Memphis as the church observed its fiftieth anniversary. A lovely reception was held on Saturday night for the former preachers and their wives. Then on Sunday each one of us had opportunities for preaching. A "dinner on the ground" was held at noon Sunday. The fellowship hall would not accommodate everyone, so tables were set up on the beautiful shaded lawn. It was a joy to renew acquaintances and to recall many thrilling experiences of the past. We rejoiced to see successful men and women who have splendid Christian homes who were boys and girls when we knew them. We are thankful for many who are leaders in the church whom we helped to lead to Christ years ago. Although it has been twenty one years since we moved from Memphis, our hearts (continued on back page)

YOUR TALKING CHECK BOOK

Some time ago I read about a man who has written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of a man he really was, the biographer was up a stump. Then he discovered that the surest way to get the truth was to look at the stubs of old check books. What a man gives his money for - that tells the tale.

Why not stop before you read any further and get out your check book for the year! What does it say about you? Are you ashamed to hear it gossip? You see, it just might say:

1. "This man cares more about entertainment - football, hunting, fishing, golf and movies than he does the Lord."
2. "This man cares more about his personal appearance - clothes, grooming, hair-cuts, etc. than he does the church."
3. "This man cares more about civic interests - clubs, community projects and the Red Cross than he does about the lost."
4. "This man cares more about vacations and traveling (just look at those gas bills) than he does about the kingdom of God."
5. "This man cares more about temporal security - bonds, stocks and investments than he does about treasures in heaven."

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your check book began to blab the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors?
 ... John Gipson

I AM JOE'S SOUL!

I am Joe's soul. Joe got me when he got all the other stuff that made up his physical body. I am as real as the rest, except that I cannot be examined under a microscope, nor treated by any drug or medicine.

Basically, I have many of the same needs the rest of Joe has. Joe's other parts need food and care; and so do I! His other parts have a distinct purpose; and I most certainly do! I am the only part of Joe that will make such a difference a million years from today!

Joe's stomach gives him hunger pains. Joe recognizes this and tries to satisfy it with proper food. His soul gives hunger pains too. But Joe doesn't always understand. He feels this longing in his soul, but sometimes tries to satisfy it with wild partying, sometimes with immorality, and sometimes with power. It doesn't work! Joe still feels "soul hunger." It would be beautiful if he realized that the soul's hunger can only be satisfied with Jesus Christ. Just as Joe's stomach was made for proper physical food, his soul must have spiritual food, the Word of God. Nothing else will satisfy. Substitutes bring temporary relief, or get Joe's mind off it momentarily, but the hunger persists.

Joe needs to understand that if his soul is satisfied, the rest of his body will be happy. But there is no way he can find true happiness satisfying his body to the neglect of his soul.

As Joe's soul is immortal, you might say I am a part of God. That was what God meant in the beginning when He said man was to be made "in the image of God." Nothing else in all creation has immortality but God... and humans like Joe.

Now, in just a few years Joe will die. That just means his body will wear out and quit functioning. His physical organs will decay, and in such a few years, no physical trace of Joe could be found on the earth. But death is not annihilation! It is only separation! While Joe's body goes back to dust from whence it came, I, Joe's soul, go back to God who gave it. We can truly say, "there will never come a time that Joe will not exist," for the real Joe is, Me, his Soul!

The Bible teaches that this part of Joe must stand before God and be judged (Heb. 9:27). It then, must be sentenced to an eternity... with God, or away from God.

Now Joe will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on his physical body during a normal lifetime... on a body that normally won't last more than 75 years. Now, since his soul must last eternally... thousands of thousands of years... world without end... wouldn't you think Joe would treat the soul so it can be with Jesus for eternity?

Don't you really agree with this? Are you doing it?

---Marvin Phillips, Garnett Rd. Church of Christ - Tulsa, Oklahoma

THE BROADWAY CONGREGATION after two and one half years in temporary quarters, announces the substantial completion of their new building at South Broadway and Cumberland Road.

The opening date for the new facilities, which includes a 488 seat auditorium, is set for this Sunday, July 30. The Broadway congregation asks for your interest and prayers as they enter this new phase of their work.

Fellowship



Thursday evening, August 3rd, we will all get together for a covered dish supper at the Garden Center building. We want to be ready to eat by 7:00 p. m. Bring food for your family and your guests. Bring serving utensils. Bread, drinks and eating utensils will be furnished. Plan to be there!!

True service is love for Christ
in working clothes.

When duty calls
some people are never at home.

Thank You

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

The Charlie Ready Family

THE EAST TEXAS SUMMER YOUTH Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 25, at the Glenwood Church of Christ. The time is 7:00 p. m. Tony Ash will be the guest speaker.

Welcome!



Membership: Mrs. Edna E. Pickett, Rt. 10 Box 542B. phone 566-4178. Sister Pickett comes from the Glenwood congregation.

Membership and Restored: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. (Margaret) Ratcliff, Rt. 12, Box 366 (Julia Drive), phone 593-7611. They come to us from the Omen Road congregation.

We are happy to welcome each one into the fellowship of the West Erwin church.

BEST WISHES

David Fears and Miss Vicki Morris were united in marriage last Saturday evening. We extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Brother and sister Russell O'Bannon were in Iraan, Texas last week-end for the wedding of their granddaughter, Jan. She was married Saturday evening to Mr. Mark Adkins. Best Wishes to Jan and Mark.

FUNERAL

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mason Adair. She passed away early Tuesday morning. Her funeral service was held in Van on Thursday morning.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise (Prov. 11:30).

YOU COME ON TOO STRONG . . .

The back-slider hasn't been in the worship assembly in months. He returns. Loving hearts greet him and someone says, "We've really missed you - I wish you were here all the time."

It fires him up a bit and with a cool grin he says a frozen "Thank you." But the heat's on inside and later to a loved one he says, "That is the way it is - you can't go to church even once without somebody clobbering you for not being there. Why have they got to come on so strong?"

Thank God somebody cares! Thank God somebody knows absenteeism is an arrow pointing to destruction. And thank God the absentee has still got a conscience that is pricked when reminded of a duty. In reality it's a good sign!

To think we can cycle into the Beautiful city with "come-awhile, gone awhile" spirit as with one foot we pedal through life is to fool ourselves. If God's worthy of worship once, He's worthy of it constantly. If devotion is a delight once a month, it's a delight with frequent regularity. If the church is strengthened by the united efforts of all Christians; and if your participation in worship inspires others to do more, then surely all Christians need to be regular in the assembly of the saints consistently.

Thank God somebody comes on strong enough to say to the negligent Christian - "You need to be there." We all do. Let's do it. . . . Jim Bill McInteer



THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

Last eve I paused beside the blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
"And so," I thought, "the anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon.
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away,
but my words shall not pass away."

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July 9	465
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Report of Our Sick

Matt Goodson, young son of Mary June and Cooper Goodson, underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center. Mrs. Winnie Porter, from Mt. Pleasant, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. Richard Dzamko continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. Mrs. Mason Adair, from Van, continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital. Dean Brookshire is in Glenwood Hospital. Mrs. Jack Bennett has gone home from Mother Frances Hospital. Mrs. Kathy Krewail has been in Glenwood Hospital.

Moved

Travis Fletcher has been working for several months in Kerrville, and Janell remained here to sell their house. They are moving this week to Kerrville. We shall miss them very much.

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anniversary as a congregation. I am glad that I had the privilege of serving as a preacher for this great church some years ago. Three other former preachers and myself will be participating in the various programs of worship and Bible Study. It is always a joy to be back with Christian friends with whom we have worked in the Lord's Kingdom in the past.

In my absence Sunday Wes Price will be preaching for both morning and evening services. This will be the first time for him to preach at West Erwin since coming to work with us. I know you will want to hear him and that he will present some lessons which will help and strengthen you. We are all delighted to have Wes and his family with us. He conducted the meeting of the Bible School teachers in a very fine way last Sunday afternoon. He is interested in every phase of our work and is going to be an inspiration and an encouragement to all of us as we endeavor to do greater things for the Lord.

We really miss many of our members who are away on vacation. Our attendance and contributions - as you know - are down! As we have had it said many times - the work and expenses of the church must go on. Are you "making up" your contribution for the times you are absent?

We were glad to have Larry Heath from Campus Christian Center with us last Sunday night to tell us about the great work being done among the students of TJC. We are thankful that West Erwin is having fellowship in this work.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

How wonderful it was to hear the announcement by Dr. Roger Knight, speaking for the elders, that additional property has been purchased on the corner of Elm and Bonner Streets. We have been renting a portion of this property for sometime for our benevolent work. We are so thankful for the vision of our elders in acquiring this property for the church. We are indebted to the committee appointed by the elders who worked very diligently in their efforts to make this purchase. We hope to have possession of the property within sixty days. We feel that there is a spirit among our leadership and among our membership which will lead West Erwin into a greater growth and usefulness in the Lord's Kingdom.

I am looking forward to being with the Highland Street congregation in Memphis, Tennessee on this Saturday and Sunday. The congregation will be having a home coming and an observance of its fiftieth (continued on back page)

coming events

Did You Know



Fellowship

COVERED DISH SUPPER

Thursday, August 3 - 7:00 p. m.

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

GOSPEL MEETING

VIRGIL TROUT - EVANGELIST

SEPTEMBER 17 - 20

"Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

MEASURED TASKS FOR MEASURED TIME

Have you ever worked on a crew where one employee was lazy and wouldn't carry his part of the load? If so you have a picture of what freeloaders do to the church, too.

That slothful worker always shows up at the front of the line on payday, soft hand out-stretched to receive what he hasn't earned. And many church members will expect full pay even though they refused to serve.

Every church has people like that. They won't get involved in teaching . . . visitation . . . or anything else. They don't give much, if any. They may never attend. If they do it's spasmodic. They permit things to keep them from worship which would never keep them from work.

But they don't want to be taken from the roll. And they scream like a Comanche if they spend two days in the hospital without a visit from the church.

God has no respect for slothfulness, physical or spiritual. "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster," said the wise man (Proverbs 18:9). And, speaking of spiritual indolence, the writer of Hebrews exhorted, ". . . be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12).

Someone wrote, "We are all here with measured tasks for a measured time!" God doesn't expect more of you than you can perform. But he has given you sufficient work to cover all your time on earth. If you get behind you'll never catch up!

And the lost of earth will suffer for it.

—JOE R. BARNETT

And the Lord Added

Baptized: David Taylor came Sunday evening to be baptized into Christ. He has been attending worship for several months. His address is 2907 Jamestown, phone 592-3290.

Membership: Mr. Claud L. Wallis, 1223 W. Third, phone 597-3418, came Sunday to place membership.

Restored and Membership: Larry and Anita Wied, 2611 So. S. E. Loop 323, Apt. 118, phone 592-0757.

We are happy to welcome each one into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

The Campus Christian Center announces its **Six Flags Summer Seminar** -- August 18 & 19. The theme will be, "Saying Yes To God." Participants will enjoy activities developing their Christian leadership - lots of fun - fellowship. Limited enrollment, call now for information and registration (Larry Heath, 593-8181 or 593-0542).

Even the smallest undertaking is worth the pains of good workmanship.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Elementary Grades, Room 209/210
Pre-School, Room 108



THE EAST TEXAS Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Tony Ash will be the guest speaker.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bob and Fleta Butler on the arrival of their baby daughter born Monday in Glenwood Hospital. She weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. They named her Jeni Lyn.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Sentinel, Oklahoma for Mr. Charles Ready, father of Mrs. Milburn Cook. We extend our sincere sympathy to Jan and the family.

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Elders and Deacons will be Tuesday evening, July 25, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be "Dutch Treat" at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Beckham.

GOD IS!

How can man say there is no God
When all the world declares
The glory of His handiwork
His beauty's everywhere.

How can man say there is no God
When all one has to do
Is look around and see God's love
Is always shining through!

How can man say there is no God
When every man can tell
That someone had to organize
This universe so well;

That someone had to create man
And give him life and breath;
That someone had to send the Christ
To save us from lasting death?

Oh, men may say there is no God,
But I know well and good
That someday every knee will bow
To worship Christ our Lord!

—Eileen May Johnson

WORDS

FROM

WES



We had a great turn-out for our first Teachers' Meeting last Sunday. I'm thankful to each one who came. We used the opportunity to talk about the work we will be sharing together. One point I would like to pass on to all is that although we have individual areas of service, we still are working together and it takes every part doing its best to be successful. We will work harder and more successfully if we will remember that we are individual parts of a living organism and no success is complete until every part does its best.

Our deacons have been busy the past several weeks working on a massive reorganization for the areas of work of the West Erwin church. They have been contacting various members of the congregation to assist in these good works. Reports were shared about these efforts at the quarterly committee meeting on Tuesday night. By appraisal of all present, their work in their new areas of responsibility as well as that of involving more members in the various activities was received with great joy. The meeting was filled with excitement because of the positive programs of work.

Further details concerning the purchase of the property next door to our parking lot were discussed. A committee was formed to research and provide a plan for the best use of the present facilities. We will have access to the property in about 60 days. There are so many good ways that these new properties can be used.

All members of the West Erwin congregation have a part in the new plans of work as well as the purchase of the new property. All of these more than ever before call for each one to re-examine his personal giving and remember that the Lord has asked us to give as He has prospered us. We simply cannot afford to do otherwise if we are to have confidence in the future, not just for this congregation but for the sake of the gospel throughout the world. Let's redouble our efforts to support the Elders as they lead out in new areas of faith.

I cannot express enough how much I appreciate the support that has been shown me in these first few weeks of our work. With that kind of encouragement and the willingness of so many to be used, we cannot help but be a growing and loving church. After all, that's what the Lord would have of us.

If at any time you feel like being discouraged, take time enough to read Ephesians 3:20.

— WES W. PRICE

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Words From Wes (Continued)

so let's not forget to honor Him with worship as well.

We have around 25 who have signed up to attend this year's A. C. U. Teachers' Workshop. We have some room available in our reservations and if you would like to go, please let me know as soon as possible. Several cars will be going, so if you need a ride, we can help you find one. If you are sitting on the border line of a decision, why don't you decide to go!

WES W. PRICE

YOUTH RALLY SATURDAY

In Gladewater Texas

There will be a Youth Rally Saturday, July 15, at the Quitman and Center Church of Christ in Gladewater. Singing and registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. Lunch will be provided. The rally will end around 4:00 p. m.

If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide awake and working church in all the world.

If I wanted to, I could visit members that are sick and possibly find other ways of helping them.

If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services and get more good from them myself.

If I wanted to, I could attend classes regularly, and encourage others to attend.

If I wanted to, I could give back to the Lord each Lord's Day as I have been prospered; thereby helping to spread the gospel to all the world.



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Tom Nowlin has been transferred from the hospital here to the Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

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

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Preacher's Desk**
George H. Stephenson

We were impressed with the zeal and sincerity of Gaylord Anderson who spoke for us on Wednesday night, July 5. We are glad that he and his family came our way. He is now in the Bear Valley School of Preaching in Colorado and plans to work with the small congregation in Kremmling, Colorado. This is the congregation which was visited by C. E. Caskey and Foy Richey some weeks ago. We hope that West Erwin will have fellowship in this work.

Rudi Rischer in Augsburg, Germany has written a letter of appreciation to the church here for the contributions made toward the purchase of a new VW bus to be used in the Augsburg work. An order has been placed for the bus and it will not be delivered until October. Brother Rischer had hoped to have it for this summer.

There is still a need of approximately \$1,500 to completely pay for the bus. We hope that this amount may be raised in the near future.

Kieth Mitchell has asked an interest in our prayers. He continues to do a great work for the Lord in New York City. There have been a number of problems to arise recently. The other worker in the International Mission is no longer there because of some of his doctrinal beliefs. This has left Kieth with an added responsibility. There was already a need for a third man to help in this important work. Another man is working to secure financial support and it is hoped that a third man may soon be found who will assist in the work. We need to pray for this work and we need also to pray for Margie, the Mitchell's daughter, whose health continues to be poor. Kieth is doing an outstanding work with the Manhattan church in addition to his duties with the International Mission. He is also working with the responses to the Herald of Truth program which is now viewed in New York City.

We are interested in all of the efforts being made to build up the Lord's Kingdom. We must be interested in making West Erwin stronger in order that we may win souls here and help to win souls in other places.

EDITORIAL FROM MADISON MARCHER

Madison Church of Christ, Madison, Tenn.

The "Stoic" movement as a philosophy - latterly almost a religion - originated when Zeno taught on his celebrated porch at Athens, some 300 years before Christ. The creed entertained the philosophy that all happenings were divinely appointed, hence that man should calmly accept everything that occurred, refraining from compassion, grief, or joy. They were totally impassive. They still are, for there still are stoics.

By contrast, a heart-felt religion cannot be impassive - either outwardly or inwardly. That doesn't mean that converts to the Christian faith should undergo physical convulsions, dancing in the street, shouting gibberish, or otherwise reflecting discredit and doubt on the sanity of the name they wear.

A Christian cannot be without emotion toward his or her religion and all its holy associations - whether it be the matchless privilege of observing the Lord's Supper, the experience of hearing read and discussed the Word of God, blending hearts in a congregational hymn of praise, speaking in prayer, or giving as the Lord has prospered us. These items of worship cannot leave us unmoved, and if they do we possibly are nearer to Zeno's porch members than to Christ's church members.

There is a positive danger that in our anxiety to avoid any outward similarity to what we some-

times term "way-out" religious practices we lean over backward to appear "stoical." Though the true worshipper is deeply moved at the Lord's Table for what it signifies - we seldom see a tear. Even when the depth and conviction of a Gospel message stirs our very soul, hardly ever does it occasion an audible response such as "Amen," much less a Glory Hallelujah. Even the singing of a Heavenly Hosanna sometimes registers the kind of reaction Zeno might have expected from a discipleship TRAINED to show neither compassion, grief nor joy.

We have, in fact, let competitive faiths appropriate unto themselves much of the religious customs that once had meaning. Hardly ever do we see the Cross in evidence on a church building. Others have in effect preempted it. We almost counsel our young people not to mention "meditation," because the gurus of India meditate while standing on their head. We sneer at the extremes of those who over-mention "Born-Again" people, though, as Christ emphasized, we HAVE to be born again if we expect to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

Maybe we need to take inventory again of where we are and what we are and what we believe and practice. Maybe in reality, if there are those who want to be stoics in the face of the greatest movement the world has ever known, they should be retaught or advised to line up again with Zeno on that porch.

Thank You

Your kindness to mother and all of us will always be remembered. For the prayers, food, flowers and many cards, we are so grateful. We feel the church has been glorified - as many comments were made - that they had never seen Christianity at work for such a long period of time and by such cheerful and Godly women.

We want to say "Thank You" to all the women who helped so willingly and a special Thank You to sister Audrey O'Bannon, Ann Lambert and

George and Alice Stephenson who worked so untiringly. God bless each and every Christian and please keep praying for us.

The Family of Sister W. H. (Inez) Turner

Thank you for your prayers, cards, the book, and food prepared for my family while I was in the hospital.

Linda Marts

VIRGIL TROUT COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Virgil Trout, a very capable evangelist from Oklahoma City will preach in our next evangelistic meeting at the West Erwin church. Dates for this special effort: September 17 - 20. Please mark your calendar now and make your plans to be here and to support the meeting in every possible way.

REPORT FROM

Campus Christian Center

On this coming Sunday evening, July 16, we are going to have a report from Larry Heath in regard to the work of the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College. The West Erwin Church makes regular contributions to this work. We urge you to be here Sunday evening for the interesting and informative report to be given.

GOOD NEWS FROM

Florida School of Preaching

Recently we had some good news brought to us by brother Ford Egbert. It is always good to have good news when we hear so many things which are not good. Brother Egbert brought us a bulletin from the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, Florida. Nineteen students and former students reported a total of 484 recent baptisms and 768 restorations. We appreciate the evangelistic spirit of many of the students in our preacher training schools.

New Baby

A baby daughter, 9 lbs. 7 oz., was born Tuesday noon to Jim and Melody Cockrell. The happy grandparents are K. Max and Mary Haws. They have gone to Abilene to visit the new granddaughter.



EAST TEXAS SUMMER Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 18, 7:30, at the West Erwin church of Christ.

WORDS

FROM

WES



Sunday was a good day. Brother Stephenson's sermons were of great encouragement and the worship uplifting. Our services were blessed with many visitors and we are grateful for them. What a blessing folks miss who did not come!

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS: There will be a Teachers' Meeting this Sunday afternoon in the Chapel at 5:00. This will be our first opportunity to get acquainted and I certainly am looking forward to it. I realize that many will be out of town for holiday and vacation trips, but I hope most will be able to attend.

We have enjoyed our continued efforts at getting acquainted. We have been attending so many get-togethers in various homes, including the weekly zone meetings. This not only helps us get to know folks better, but also lets us see the variety of programs that are in operation here at West Erwin. Thank you for being so gracious in inviting us into your homes.

One of the vital areas of work in any congregation is the Bible School program. Without doubt, it uses the largest number of volunteer workers than any other effort. We will continually be looking for new talent to put to work in the various classes as teachers, co-teachers and helpers. Training new teachers will be a continuous process and we will be sharing news concerning the training programs as we work together. Let us know if you are interested in working in any of our classes.

We are thankful for the generous gift of the new song books in our auditorium. May we suggest that you help preserve them in the best condition by using them with care. If you have not already done so, please read the 10 commandments for song books found in the front of the song book.

One of the serious temptations that folks face in the summer time is the temptation to forget to attend Bible School, especially while traveling while on vacations. It is easy to make provision to attend if you plan your weekend times carefully so that you know where you are going to be. If you are traveling to an area that does not have a church, then take time for the family to worship and study. We would not think of leaving God out when we travel since we usually ask His protection;

(Continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	C. B. Hardin
Dismiss	David Stephenson
Evening - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Bill Butler, Jr.
Dismiss	Steve Brown
Serving Communion Sunday	
Charles Hickman	Bob Threadgill
Sam Sevier	Don Weathers
Cliff Clough	Cone Birdwell
Ron Lott	Wade Weathers
Greeters for Sunday	
Fred Powell	David Thurman
D. C. Jones	

Our Records

Contributions	
June 25	\$3,157.68
June 18	\$3,774.55
Year Ago	\$3,714.03
Bible School	
June 25	371
June 18	389
Year Ago	429
Worship	
June 25	497
June 18	499
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,200.00

New Baby

Dick and Debbie Fromm are the happy parents of a baby girl, Amy Lou, born Monday in Kansas City, Kansas. The grandparents are Eleanor and Averyt Smith. They have gone to visit the new granddaughter.

Shower

You are invited to a miscellaneous wedding shower for Vicki Morriss, bride elect of Tony Fears, to be held Saturday, July 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a. m., 2510 Pollard. Her selections are at Brosangs and Rimmers.



Sunday, July 2, 1978

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. Wonders of the Bible

P. M. An Unfinished Sermon

ACU Bible Teacher's Workshop
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you will have a perfect hatch.

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The Church With A Heart

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Mason Adair from Van continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Phil Marts had surgery last week but is now at home.



George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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|-----------------|------------------|
| F. C. Carpenter | Dr. Roger Knight |
| C. E. Caskey | Ray Lott |
| Faber Cauthen | Foy Richey |

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From the Preacher's Desk



George H. Stephenson

On Wednesday night of last week I was privileged to speak for the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs. This prevented my seeing the slide presentation by David Ingram in regard to his work in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Many have told me how much they appreciated the good report which was given. We have been glad to have David and his family with us at West Erwin. He is a dedicated servant of the Lord and I am thankful for the fellowship we have had with him in his work in Brazil.

The Shannon Oaks church in Sulphur Springs is a young congregation which is now meeting in a very lovely new building. The church manifests a wonderful spirit of love for one another and zeal for the Kingdom of Christ. Jack Paul preached for the congregation for a period of time and exerted a great influence for good. Jack inspires people to do good wherever he

goes. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be one of the speakers in the meeting at Shannon Oaks.

We have new song books which have been given to the church by a generous donor. The book, "Songs of the Church," has excellent workmanship and a wide variety of songs - over 735 different numbers. In the foreword of the book, Alton Howard, the compiler and editor states,

"For many years the compiler has dreamed of a songbook that would include in it most of the old proven favorites plus many new songs. Of course, not every song will fit every occasion, therefore, this book is designed not only for congregational singing but for home gatherings, camp singing, and other Christian song activities. Certainly some songs are sung with different feelings and tempos; and some Christians prefer one type of song to another. There is room in the singing of praises to God for a variety of songs."

We have some very splendid singers in our congregation. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in this enjoyable and very important part of our worship.

POSITIONS

by Bert Mercer

When I first started preaching in a little south central Texas town, I found that everyone in town had a position - a position he could not get out of because everyone else in the town kept him there.

Everyone there tried to educate me on everyone there.

It was almost impossible for anyone to grow out of a position he had occupied many years ago. Thus one man was described as always telling tall tales. Two other men were described as constantly at odds. One man was a "dictator" - another was a "fool." No one could change. No one could grow. Their positions had been established by a group agreement.

It occurs to me that we very often treat each other this way and that it is a very cruel, unchristian thing to do. Do I allow people to change? Do I allow my husband, my wife, my students, my friends, my employees, my employer to change? My confidence in them and the liberty I allow them is vital to their spiritual growth.

Why do I limit the grace of God and the power of God? Is it because I am more comfortable when things stay the same? Is it because I enjoy the superiority of being able to look down on the imperfections of others? Am I afraid of what improvements in others may cause me to have to do? Do I fear looking at my own faults? Do I wish to remain the same without responsibility for my improvement and growth?

The Christian religion depends on man's ability to change with the help of God. If I do not believe that men can change, I have denied the faith. If I do not allow them to change, I preempt the position of God.

OPEN LETTER FROM ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

June 19, 1978

The Associated Press story datelined Saturday, June 17, 1978 from Abilene, Texas, stating that boxes near Abilene Christian University voted 85% for unrestricted liquor sales in Abilene was completely in error. Our boxes were 85% against unrestricted sales and not 85% for, as AP reported.

Inasmuch as the position of Abilene Christian's friends and supporters has always been against liquor sales, I would appreciate your personal attention to running this information in your church bulletin or as a letter to the Editor of your local newspaper.

John Stevens, President
Abilene Christian University

An Invitation

You are invited to "Open House" at the Shiloh Road church of Christ to view their new building at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, July 9. They will also have a gospel meeting July 9th through 12th with their preacher, Mike Warner, bringing the lessons.

Visitation

Zone 1 will meet Thursday evening, July 6 at the home of Cullen and Mary Ruth Gilliam. (7:30 p. m.)

Zone 2 will meet Tuesday evening, July 11 at the home of Forest and Mary McFadden. (7:00 p. m.)

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at the Quitman and Center church of Christ in Gladewater for Lloyd Wright, brother to G. C. and Ira Wright. We extend our sympathy to the family.

COLORADO CHURCH NEEDS ASSISTANCE

The church of Christ meeting in Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado is in great need of financial assistance. This is a small congregation composed of some very dedicated Christians. They have a desirable lot with \$10,000 with which to begin construction of a building. They have wanted to secure a loan of \$25,000 but thus far have not been able to do so. They are asking brethren to contribute to them in order that they may go forward with their plans to build a modest house of worship.

Two of our elders, C. E. Caskey and Foy Richey, visited the congregation in Hot Sulphur Springs several weeks ago. They reported that this is a worthy work with possibilities for future growth. The little band of Christians meeting there greatly need our support. Any contributions you would like to make for this work may be submitted to one of our elders or turned in to the church office.

GHS

In keeping with our mailing permit, we will not print "The Visitor" next week.

WORDS

FROM

WES



We are looking forward to taking a large group to the ACU Teacher's Workshop in July but so far only a few have indicated that they are going. I am sure that everyone is aware of the great good that these workshops accomplish, but it will be of little value to us unless we attend. If there is any way that I can be of help in encouraging you to attend, let me do so. Our Elders have agreed to assist financially by paying the registration fee and the room and board in a dormitory. Also, the elders have agreed to pay for the gasoline used by those who take their cars. The deadline for making your reservations has been extended to Monday, July 2. Please call the church office as soon as possible if you plan to attend the workshop.

Sunday certainly was a great day here at West Erwin. We were blessed with a large attendance at both worship services. George preached two excellent sermons and the congregational singing was outstanding. Jim Paul's song leading was great and it is a treat to sing with a congregation that responds so well to a good song leader. We are blessed with both.

The Bible School is one of the most vital areas of concern in the Lord's church! So much has been said and written about its importance that you would think that by now nothing more needs to be said. But until we have all who can be attending faithfully every Bible study opportunity, it will be necessary to continue to encourage folks to come. I never cease to be amazed to find men and women who consider themselves to be faithful that have lost or perhaps never developed the habit of consistent Bible study attendance. If you fall into one or the other of these categories, why not give some prayerful thought to a statement found in James 4:17.

WES W. PRICE



THE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES will meet Tuesday evening, July 11, at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Texas.

"A bit of love is the only bit that will bridle the tongue."

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning - 10:30: a. m.</u>	
Announcements	Louis E. Jones
Prayer	M. M. Haws
Dismiss	Don Weathers
<u>Evening - 6:00 p. m.</u>	
Announcements	Louis E. Jones
Prayer	Henry McRuiz
Dismiss	Wade Weathers
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
George Kester	John Teague
Dwaine Thedford	Joe Willis
Earl O'Quinn	Wayne Reynolds
Clark Lemons	Shayne Bennett
<u>Greeters for Sunday</u>	
Ford Egbert	Roland Roberts
	D. C. Jones

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
June 18	\$3,774.55
June 11	\$3,375.70
Year Ago	\$3,614.75
<u>Bible School</u>	
June 18	389
June 11	346
Year Ago	351
<u>Worship</u>	
June 18	499
June 11	472
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
	\$4,200.00

Report of Our Sick

Mark Cauthen has been in Glenwood Hospital for tests.
 Mrs. Hazel Fagan is in Glenwood Hospital.
 Mrs. Mason Adair from Van is in Glenwood Hospital following surgery on Tuesday.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Spiritual Maturity
 P. M. The Way, The Truth, The Life

I shall pass this way but once;
 any good that I can do,
 any kindness that I can show,
 let me do it now,
 for I shall not
 pass this way again.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

F. C. Carpenter	Dr. Roger Knight
C. E. Caskey	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Foy Richey

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

We need never be ashamed or embarrassed by the teaching of the New Testament. It has always taught that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) and that "he has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," (Acts 17:26)

Thank You

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy. It was deeply appreciated. The Thomas Knight Family (Thank you for the prayers and flowers).
 Clara Riley

"The Way To Happiness"

I met a man the other day
 Whose sunny manner seemed to say
 That he had found the Happy Way.

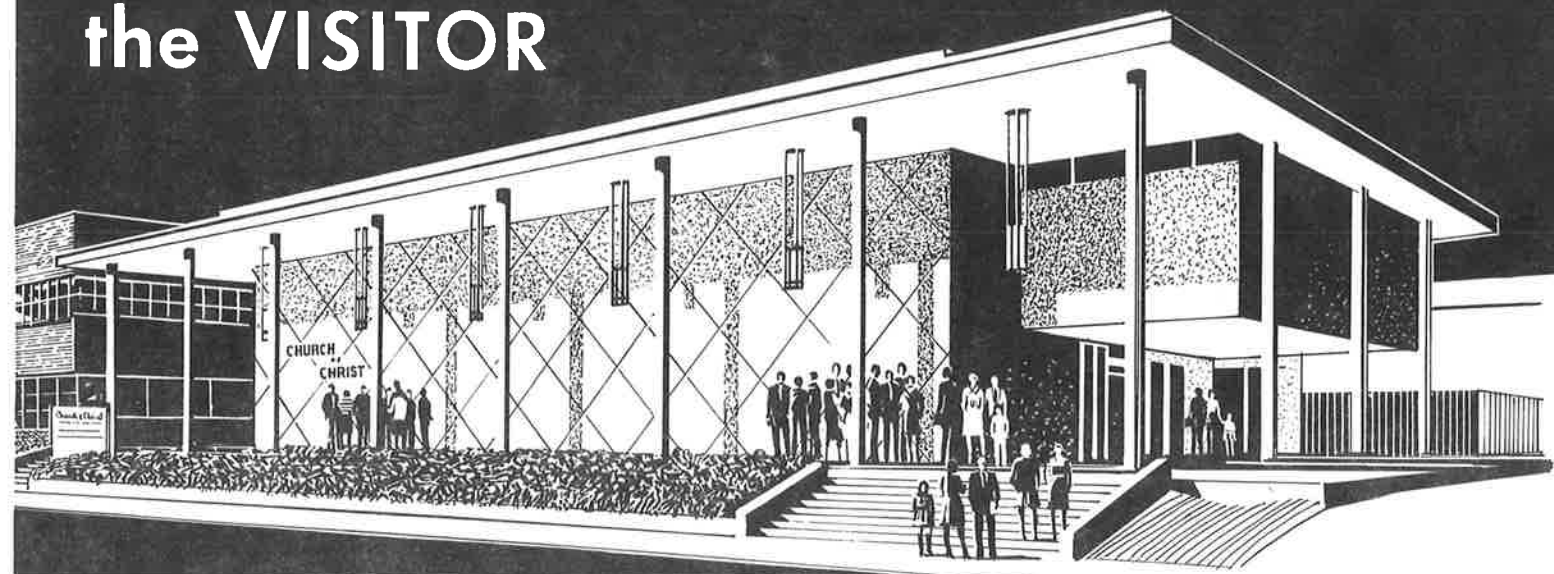
 I asked the secret of his smile,
 He gave a thoughtful look the while
 And answered somewhat in this style.

 Six things have I that spell content,
 Six things that mean a life well spent,
 That make for real accomplishment.

A Peaceful Mind, A Grateful Heart,
 A Love for all that's true;
 A Helpful Hand, Real Tolerance,
 And Lots of Things to do.

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
 Preacher's Desk**
George H. Stephenson

A "CONVENIENT" REVELATION

Officials of the Mormon Church have recently announced that they have received a "revelation" from God which will permit "all worthy male members" the right to become priests. This is in contrast to the long established policy of the Mormon Church which has denied the priesthood to its black members. The Mormon priesthood includes a series of offices held on a volunteer basis by male members over the age of 11. The offices include deacon, teacher, priest, elders, seventy and high priest. The founders of the Mormon Church taught the superiority of the white race over the black. They teach that all human beings have had a previous spirit life before being born into this life. Their theory held that blacks attained their dark skins because of divine displeasure with their conduct in the life before birth. The attitude of the Mormons toward blacks has doubtless been a source of embarrassment to them in recent years when so much has been said in regard to the civil rights of all people in

our nation. In the late 1960's the black denial led to demonstrations at basketball and football games in which Brigham Young University (Mormon owned) participated.

The supposed new revelation to the Mormon leaders came at a very convenient time. However, if their former revelations and teaching concerning the black race were true, how can it be possible for the present revelation to be true? Throughout the history of the Mormon Church, their leaders have had "revelations" just at the right time. Originally, their leaders practiced polygamy, but when the government of our country refused to tolerate the practice, the leaders had "convenient" revelations to cease its practice.

God's revelation in the New Testament is complete and final. It needs no revision. It is adequate to meet every spiritual need man has in every age. Jesus promised his apostles that they would be guided by the Holy Spirit into all truth, (John 16:13). We dare not preach or teach something different from or in addition to that preached by the apostles. Paul declared, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed," (Galatians 1:8). We believe that "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 3:16, 17).

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Mr. and Mrs. H. McCarty

We are very grateful to "Mac" and Eveline McCarty for their work in the church library. They classify and catalogue all the books received in the library. We have several hundred volumes covering a wide range of religious subjects. Many of these have been purchased through memorial donations. The books serve as lasting memorials to departed friends and loved ones. We urge the members to use the library - and we do thank the McCartys for their fine work.

Youth Scene

Fellowship

There will be a fellowship Sunday evening following worship for all junior high and high school young people at the Morris Hallman home.

The Summer Youth Series will be at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore Tuesday evening, June 27. The bus will leave West Erwin at 6:30 p. m. All young people are urged to attend.



The Wes Price Family
Wesley, Kathy, Alma Faye, Becky and Wes

We are delighted to have the Wes Price family now with us at West Erwin. He will prove to be a great asset to us as he serves as Educational Director and a fellow minister for the Lord. The family is now at home at 203 Alpine and their telephone number is 597-8034.

GOSPEL MEETING

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Oakdale Church of Christ, June 26 - 30. Murphy D. Phillips, Jr. of Gladewater will be preaching each evening at 8:00 o'clock.

I never knew a night so black,
Light failed to follow on its track;
I never knew a storm so gray,
It failed to have its clearing day.
I never knew such bleak despair,
That there was not a rift, somewhere;
I never knew an hour so drear,
Love could not fill it full of cheer.

An Invitation

A Brunch/Miscellaneous Shower will be held Saturday morning, June 24th from ten until twelve o'clock at 1911 Sterling for Sheila Strait, bride elect of David Taylor.



ACU TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Reservations have been made for dormitory space at Abilene Christian University for the Bible Teachers Workshop scheduled for July 24 - 27. We must supply the University with the names of all who plan on using one of these reservations. Please let the church office know by Wednesday night, June 28 if you plan on attending. The church will assist with expenses.

This will be a great opportunity for renewal in spiritual fervor and instruction in better serving the Lord. The great Madison church in Tennessee will be providing the staff. Let's take a large group to this annual workshop. WP

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the church building for Mrs. W. H. (Inez) Turner. She passed away Monday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and many friends.

A brother-in-law to sister Marie Skeeters was buried Monday in Wichita Falls. We extend our sympathy to her.

Moved

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford recently moved to Murchison, Texas. Her address is Rt. 1, Box CL 79-1, 75778.

Miss Myrtle Walling has moved to Grape-land, Texas. Her address is Rt. 2, Box 233 A, 75844.

We shall miss both of these ladies as they leave Tyler, but hope they will be very happy in their new homes.

WORDS

FROM

WES



How shall we ever express our thanks to so many of you for making our first few days in Tyler so much easier? Your generosity with delicious food for several days as we were trying to get settled was a refreshing breath of hospitality in the midst of the difficult task of trying to get moved in. My wife and children and I thank each of you for your many kindnesses.

Each day brings a new experience as we get our work under way. Getting acquainted with you and the many things that you are doing will occupy our time for a while. There are so many good things that seem to be going on that it is a delight to discover them. Slowly, but surely, your names are beginning to remain with us, but it will be awhile before we can call each of you by name.

I must express a belated thanks for the good time we had during VBS. So many did such an outstanding job in making this a very successful week. Many of the rewards for our work was received in the joy we saw in the lives of the children, but we will also share in an everlasting reward that God has promised the faithful. We thank all who had a part in any way. We'll be looking forward to another great program next year.

In my work as Associate Minister, there are two primary areas of concern that the Elders have assigned me - the work of the Education Program and the work of Personal Evangelism. I will be concentrating my attention for the present on the Education Program to get acquainted with the existing system. The Education Committee will be meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock for our first meeting. There will be a general teachers meeting on Sunday, July 9th. I hope all of our teachers, both those who are presently teaching and those on temporary leave of absence will be present for this meeting.

Although I will be concentrating my attention in the two areas mentioned above, I will also be available for hospital visitation, counseling, visiting new members and assisting in any way that I can. If I can be of service to you, please feel free to call.

Again, let me say how delightful it is to be with you in the work of the Lord at West Erwin. Thank you for all the beautiful ways you have received us. May we solícite the Lord's blessings as we undertake His work together here.

WES W. PRICE

**GOING
SOMEWHERE
THIS
SUMMER?**



Have A Great Vacation.

But Please . . .

remember the Lord's Work
at home.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Elementary Grades, Room 209/210
Pre-School, Room 108

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Paul Montandon
 Dismiss Jim Franklin
Evening - 6:00 p. m.
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 Prayer Elwin Crow
 Dismiss Wilmer Little
Serving Communion Sunday
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 June 11 472
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 \$4,200.00

Welcome



Wes and Alma Faye Price and their children are scheduled to move into the house at 203 Alpine on Friday. We are so happy to have the entire family here and look forward to our work together.

WHY DON'T YOU GO TO EVERY SERVICE?

- Too busy? - Read Hebrews 9:27
- Too many hypocrites? - Read Revelation 3:4
- Too tired? - Read Matthew 11:28
- Too far? - Read Romans 8:38, 39

Someone hurt your feelings? - Read Matthew 6:12

Clothing not good enough? - Read James 2:1-5

Had company? - Read Luke 10:38-42

Weather too bad? - Read Romans 8:35

Don't want to? - Read Hebrews 4:1

If your reason for not attending services is on this list, read the corresponding passages. Also read Hebrews 10:25.

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Report of Our Sick

Elsie and Alvin Shackelford are both patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Mr. O. B. Sanders is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. W. H. Turner continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Stephenson's brother-in-law, John Voelke, has made some improvement in the hospital in Sherman.

Moved

James and Phyllis George recently moved to Houston. James has had eye surgery and is getting along well. They hope to move back to Tyler in the near future. If you would like to send a card, their address is: 3746 Tartan Lane, Houston, Texas 77025

You will never have a friend if you seek one without faults.

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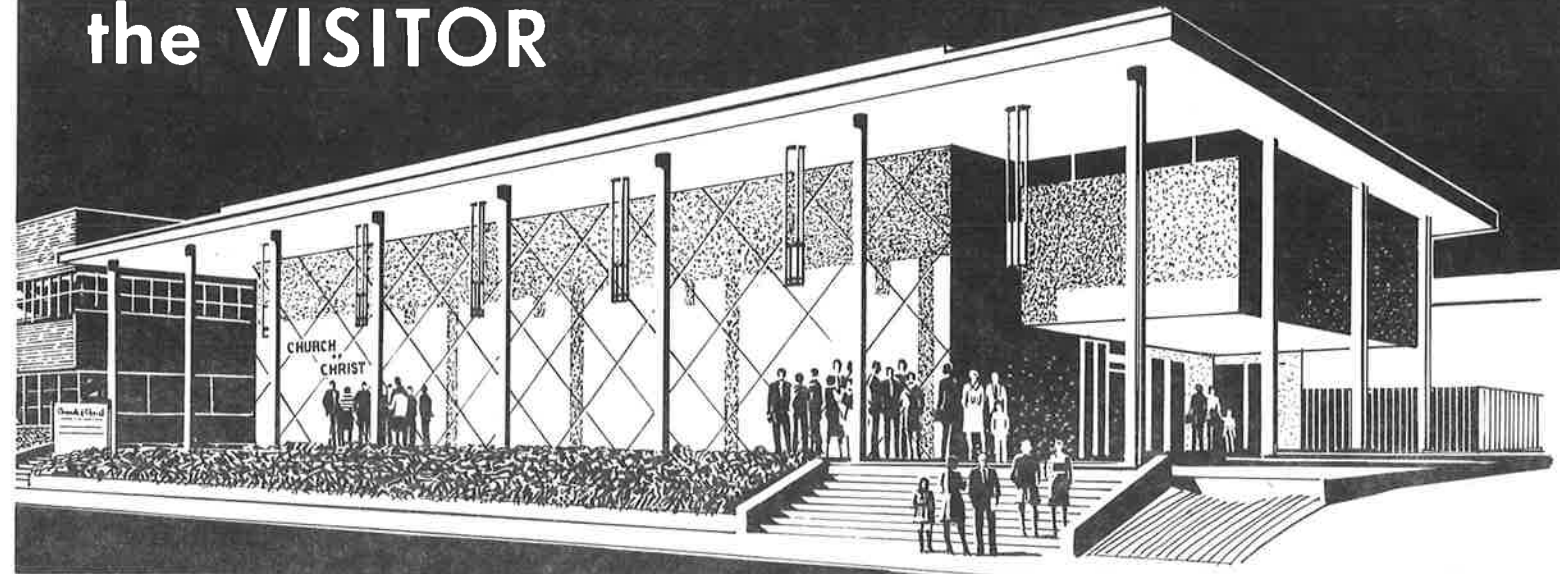
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The Church With A Heart



**From the
 Preacher's Desk**
George H. Stephenson

Guest Editorial . . .

By Wesley Reagan

It is common in our day to find people who love Jesus but despise the Church. It is easy to find those who laud the Lord and censure the Church. We should consider again the possibility that our responsibility to the Church involves more than just kicking it around. We should reflect on whether we owe some allegiance to the body as well as to the head.

Being a member of the Church is not like just being on the shelf, a part of the inventory. The Church is a living organism. It is a body. It is the physical body of Christ in the world today. It breathes, it circulates blood, it maintains relationships.

What if those of us who are members of that body (hands, feet, eyes, ears, heart, lungs) function only fifty percent of the time? What if we consider responsible participation in the life of the Church an optional matter? It may be that through the grace of Christ and the participation of other members of the body there will be enough blood in arteries and enough oxygen in the lungs for the Church to survive. However, we should all know that such irresponsibility is a cancer in the body. We are contributing to the death of the body Christ died to create. The enormity of that sin needs to be carefully pondered.

God knows that the Church is less than it ought to be. Being able to see its faults does not take an Einstein. Yet where would we be without it? Who wants to accept the responsibility for making a contribution toward its death?

We have heard a great deal in the past few years from the critics of the Church. It is now time to find out whether the Church has any friends. Are there any who love the Church like Christ does? Are there any who think it is worth the Lord's giving his life for? Are there any who feel that the Church is worth giving their own lives for?

FROM THE ELDERS

The elders of the church would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who devoted their time and talents to make our Vacation Bible School an overwhelming success. We recognize that there were many sacrifices made and much work done to make this effort a success. Our prayers are for you and may we encourage you more in these endeavors in the future.

The Elders

Area Meeting

The Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs will have a Lectureship, June 18 - 21. The theme is, "How To Have A Dynamic and Growing Church." The speakers are: Sunday - Jack Paul (at both services), Monday - Johnny Jackson, Tuesday - Gary Beauchamp, and Wednesday - Mid McKnight. Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Burks-Walker for Mr. Thomas Knight. He was the twin brother of Mrs. Clara Riley.

Funeral services were held in Lufkin last Saturday for the grandfather of Earl O'Quinn.

A sister-in-law to C. E. Caskey was buried last week in Amarillo.

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

GROCERY TRUCK

from Medina Children's Home

You still have time to bring CANNED MEATS (Spam, Treet, Chili, Vienna Sausage) for the truck from Medina Home. We want to have a good supply of CANNED MEATS when the truck arrives next week.

The Time To Be Glad
... Lawrence Hawthorne

A young man lives in the future;
An old man lives in the past;
For youth, time is moving too slowly,
For age, it is moving too fast.

A young man dreams of the gladness
The years just before him will bring;
An old man dreams of his pleasures
When life held the magic of spring.

But youth and age are in error!
The present alone can convey
The joy and cheer and contentment
We seek as we journey life's way.

Today is the time to be happy!
No matter how young or how old,
It's always today that must bring us
The blessings our fortunes unfold.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

"Set your goal high. You may not reach it, but you'll put on muscle climbing toward it."

====VISITATION====

Zone Three

Zone 3 will meet Tuesday evening, June 20, 7:30 o'clock at the home of Don and Wanda Weathers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."



A room full of five year olds



Even Babies Learn!



"Cookie Time" on the Patio



Gary teaching Adults

As evidenced by these pictures, our VBS last week was a most enjoyable time for the children. We had many visitors to share the lessons and many happy moments. Our daily attendance averaged 236. The adult class, taught by Gary Montgomery, averaged 65.



Bus Riders to VBS



What fun to watch the Puppets!

EAST TEXAS SUMMER YOUTH SERIES - 1978

Date	Subject	Speaker	Place
June 6	"Jesus, Son of God"	Jack Paul	Northwest - Tyler
June 13	"Jesus, and Faith"	Ben Zickafoose	Rusk, Texas
		Bernard Lassater	
June 20	"Jesus, Our Friend"	Norm Petersen	S. Washington - Marshall
June 27	"Jesus, Son of Man"	Danny Manuel	Chandler St. - Kilgore
July 11	"Jesus, Our Savior"	John M. Davis	S. Main - Henderson
July 18	"Jesus, His Message"	Jay Lockhart	W. Erwin - Tyler
July 25	"Jesus, The Lord"	Tony Ash	Glenwood - Tyler
August 1	"Jesus, And the Church"	Mack Deaver	Broadway - Tyler
August 8	"Jesus, Our Example"	Winston Atkinson	Big Sandy, Texas
August 15	"Jesus, For Today's Youth"	Doug Warner	Omen Rd. - Tyler

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Milburn Cook
Prayer Ben Young
Dismiss Fred Strait

Evening - 6:00 p. m.

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Dismiss Charlie Cook

Serving Communion Sunday

John Owens Phil Marts
Ben Young Bruce Raley
Roy Driggers Ken Browning
Kenneth Giles Denton Phillips

Greeters for Sunday

Doc Wright Charles Graf
D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions

June 4 \$3,573.69
May 28 \$2,943.33
Year Ago \$3,611.89

Bible School

June 4 386
May 28 366
Year Ago 402

Worship

June 4 510
May 28 456

Weekly Budget

\$4,200.00

Thank You

Thank you for the Bible you gave me for graduation. It was very sweet of you to think of me at this special time. You are all very special to me and I will never forget your kindness and the teachings I have learned through the years.

In His Love,
Cathy Crow

I appreciate so much your calls, visits, and prayers while I was hospitalized.

M. M. Grayson

There are certain kinds of people who have special, thoughtful ways...

They do so many things to brighten other people's days...

And since you're just that kind in every single thing you do...

A world of warmest gratitude is being sent to you!

Thanks Again!

I cannot begin to express how much your thoughtfulness - the flowers, cards, food, calls, visits and the many who came to the service - help in the loss of my brother.

In Christian love,
Maxine Freeman

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

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Report of Our Sick

O. B. Sanders is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Kay Kennedy, daughter of Foy and Mary Richey, underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Brother Tommy White has been ill. He is at home.

Brother Sherrill Little's mother underwent surgery Wednesday in Mexia, Texas for a fractured hip.

Sister W. H. Turner remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Lonnie Taylor's brother is very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Area Meeting

Gary Workman will preach in a Meeting at the Sand Hill Church of Christ (8 mi. East of Gilmer on Hwy. 555) June 19 - 25. Singing begins at 7:30 and the evening service at 8:00 o'clock.

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How wonderful it has been to have Gary and Sandra Montgomery along with their fine family with us this week at West Erwin! Gary has preached some powerful sermons and his lessons for the adult class in Vacation Bible School on "The Christian's Problems" have been most outstanding. Gary is still a young man but has already gained much experience as a preacher. He is a power for good and we expect him to have many more years of usefulness in the Lord's service. I regret that many of our members have not taken advantage of the opportunity to enrich their lives by being here for the meeting. We will be a better people and a stronger church because Gary has come our way.

We have been pleased with the interest and attendance in Vacation Bible School. We have been blessed in having many children to attend. We have had some of the best prepared teachers to be found. We appreciate the dedicated service of every one of them. We are especially thank-

ful for our secretaries, Frances McBee and Nelda Browning, who have worked so faithfully in this special effort. We are appreciative of Elaine Roberson, Velma Lemons and Jan Knight in their work as co-ordinators. Carolyn Welborn is to be commended for her efficient work in arranging for the refreshments. John Porter has driven the bus each day and it has been filled with youngsters. I feel that much good has been accomplished this week and that the Lord will surely bless all who have worked so faithfully.

We are truly glad to have Wes Price now on the team with us at West Erwin. He has been a great help this week in Vacation Bible School. We were pleased to have the entire family with us on Sunday and look forward to their moving here next week. Wes has been well received and we are looking forward to a very congenial and profitable work together.

Vacation season is with us and we know that many of our people will be gone from time to time. We are thankful that we are blessed with the opportunity to have vacations. We need to be reminded that the expenses of the church continue from week to week, so please continue your giving. We hope and pray that this summer will be a time for spiritual growth and development for all of us.

YOUR NAME

You got it from your father. 'Twas the best he had to give.
And right gladly he bestowed it. It's yours, the while you live.
You may lose the watch he gave you - and another you may claim,
But remember, when you're tempted, to be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it, and a worthy name to bear.
When he took it from his father, there was no dishonor there.
Through the years he proudly wore it, to his father he was true,
And that name was clean and spotless when he passed it on to you.

On, there's much that he has given that he values not at all.
He watched you break your playthings in the days when you were small.
You have lost the knife he gave you and you've scattered many a game,
But you'll never hurt your father if you're careful with his name.

It is yours to wear forever, yours to wear the while you live.
Yours, perhaps some distant morning, to another boy to give.
And you'll smile as did your father - with a smile that all can share,
If a clean name and a good name you are giving him to wear.

--Edgar A. Guest

I appreciate this poem from the bulletin of the North Penn Church of Christ in Oklahoma City where brother L. L. Gieger serves as the preacher. We are reminded of Solomon's words, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1) I always felt that my father had a good name and was glad to wear it. I do not want to bring reproach on that name. However, I am more thankful to be able to wear Christ's name and surely do not want to bring reproach against it. "But if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name." (I Peter 4:16) GHS

IMPORTANT!

GROCERY TRUCK FROM MEDINA

The grocery truck from the Medina Home will be here sometime during the week of June 19 - 23 to pick up what items we have collected for them. They are in special need of CANNED MEATS (Spam, Treet, Chili, Vienna Sausage). The time is short but let's make a special effort to have a good supply of CANNED MEAT for them.

Sympathy

Mr. R. J. Powderill, the brother of Mrs. Georgia Lowery, died June 4 and was buried on Monday in Center, Texas.

Mrs. Raymond (Mary) Haws, sister-in-law to the M. M. Haws, passed away in Newport Beach, California. Her funeral service was in Altus, Oklahoma on Wednesday.

We extend our sympathy to each family.

Visitation

Zone 1 will meet Tuesday evening (June 13) at the Wallace Gayle Home. The time is 7:00 p. m.

Zone 2 will meet Tuesday evening (June 13) at the Morris Hallman Home. The time is 7:30 p. m.



The Summer Youth Series will be at the Rusk Church of Christ next Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 p. m.

Business Meeting

All men of the congregation are invited to attend the Business Meeting Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

Thank You

Thank you for the New Testament Bible.
Thank you for thinking of me at this time.

Love,
Cindy Rowe

WORDS

FROM

WES



What a delight it is to be with this fine church! My family and I were so graciously received last Lord's Day. But even before we arrived we received so many kind letters telling us how you were looking forward to our getting here. Words cannot express the feeling of gratitude for the way you welcomed us. We are looking forward to our work together and getting to know you better.

We are in the midst of an excellent Vacation Bible School this week and I have enjoyed the privilege of teaching the Junior High School Class. Attendance has been good and a word of thanks is in order for all the teachers and staff for their personal sacrifice of time and energy. We have a number of children from families other than West Erwin and this will give us some excellent opportunities for outreach.

Gary Montgomery has certainly done his part in preaching the Word with power and enthusiasm. I can see how much you esteem him and his family. I am thankful to be here and share the fellowship.

I will be moving my family here around the 15th of the month. After we have a few days to get set up, we will be wanting to extend an invitation to you to come and visit us. I wish it were possible to borrow from science and fiction and have all of the moving done with a transporter and then we could be right at home. At any rate we will have everything here next week, the Lord willing.

So many have been kind enough to repeat their names so we can learn more easily and we beg your indulgence as we work on them. I bring greetings from friends and relatives to many of you and as I have opportunity, I will pass their personal greetings on to you.

Along with a host of friendly folks, whose names I have to learn, there are so many customs and ways that I feel it necessary to ask for your patience as I struggle to get acquainted with the system. If I step over a boundary, help me find my way back gently and I'll learn from it. We ask God's blessings as we get under way with our new responsibilities and work. I want to remember that we are "...workers together with God."

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Morning - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	G. H. Stephenson	May 28	\$2,943.33
Prayer	Wes Price	May 21	\$3,842.74
Dismiss	James Phillips	Year Ago	\$3,484.38
Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	G. H. Stephenson	May 28	366
Prayer	Wallace Gayle	May 21	339
Dismiss	Bruce Raley	Year Ago	429
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
John Owens	Phil Marts	May 28	456
Ben Young	Bruce Raley	May 21	451
Roy Driggers	Ken Browning		
Kenneth Giles	Denton Phillips	Weekly Budget	
Greeters for Sunday		\$4,200.00	
Roger Knight	G. B. Montgomery		
	D. C. Jones		

IN THE HOSPITALS

Bob Threadgill is a patient in Medical Center.
 O. B. Sanders had surgery Tuesday in Glenwood Hospital.
 M. M. Grayson, father of Mrs. Bill Butler, Jr., is in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. W. H. Turner continues to be in very serious condition in Medical Center Hospital.

PANTRY-ITEMS

Non-perishable food for our pantry is very badly needed.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." II Tim. 2:15

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FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

David Ingram and family will be coming back to the States for a vacation from their work in Brazil. They are scheduled to arrive at the DFW Airport on Saturday, June 10. We look forward to their visit in Tyler with families and friends. We hope to have David speak for us while he is here.

We have enjoyed having brother Lloyd Rutledge, an elder of the Manhattan church visiting in Tyler and at West Erwin. He brings us most encouraging reports of the fine work which continues to be done by Kieth Mitchell in our nation's largest city. We are thankful to have a part in the support of this great man.

Rudolf Rischer is in need of more funds in order that he may purchase a much needed VW bus for use in his work in Augsburg, Germany. Members of the Central congregation in Houston recently made a special contribution of \$2,000.00 for this fund. The church in Gainesboro, Tennessee, which helps in the working fund for the Augsburg church, has contributed \$4,000.00. Individuals in a number of cities have contributed \$735.00. A total of \$6,735.00 has been contributed. There is a need for an additional \$2,404.00 in order to pay for the bus which will cost a total of \$9,139.00. We believe that this is a worthy work and we trust that others will respond and give the remaining amount needed. GHS

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MEETING!

JUNE 4 - 9

SUNDAY 10:30 A. M. - 6:00 P. M.
 WEEKDAYS 7:30 P. M.

Theme: "God is Real"



Gary Montgomery

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9:30 a. m. - 11:30 a. m.

Special Adult Class: "The Christian's Everyday Problems!"

Taught by Gary Montgomery

"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD."
Psalm 106:1

JUNE 1978

The world doesn't need a definition
of religion as much as it needs a
demonstration.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Graduates and College Age Young People - Dinner and Devo at CCC	5 GOSPEL MEETING - Gary Montgomery, preaching - June 4 - June 9 Vacation Bible School - June 5 - 9, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	6 Christian Care Center will not have regular work days again until Fall.	7 Wes Price to begin work as Associate Minister for West Erwin.	8 Wes Price to begin work as Associate Minister for West Erwin.	9 INVOKE SOMEONE TO THE MEETING!	10 Six Flags Trip Jr & Sr High School David Ingram Family returns from Brazil
11 BUSINESS MEETING 1:30 p.m. - Chapel	12 COMING UP	13 ZONE 2 Wallace Gayle Home 7:00 p.m. East Texas Summer Youth Series Rusk, Church of Christ	14 ZONE 2 Wallace Gayle Home 7:00 p.m. East Texas Summer Youth Series Rusk, Church of Christ	15 ZONE 2 Wallace Gayle Home 7:00 p.m. East Texas Summer Youth Series Rusk, Church of Christ	16 ACU Alumni Meeting Wyatt's (on Beckham) 7:00 p.m. (Dutch Treat)	17 David Ingram Family returns from Brazil
18 You Are Needed In Bible School Sunday and Wednesday	19 Blest be the tie that binds... our hearts in Christian love!	20 ZONE 3 Don Weathers Home 7:30 p.m. East Texas Summer Youth Series S. Washington Church, Marshall	21 ZONE 3 Don Weathers Home 7:30 p.m. East Texas Summer Youth Series S. Washington Church, Marshall	22 ZONE 3 Don Weathers Home 7:30 p.m. East Texas Summer Youth Series S. Washington Church, Marshall	23 ACU Alumni Meeting Wyatt's (on Beckham) 7:00 p.m. (Dutch Treat)	24 David Ingram Family returns from Brazil
25	26 Amazing Grace Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLVV	27 East Texas Summer Youth Series Chandler St. Church, Kilgore	28 East Texas Summer Youth Series Chandler St. Church, Kilgore	29 East Texas Summer Youth Series Chandler St. Church, Kilgore	30 ACU Alumni Meeting Wyatt's (on Beckham) 7:00 p.m. (Dutch Treat)	31 ACU Alumni Meeting Wyatt's (on Beckham) 7:00 p.m. (Dutch Treat)

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF ACU will meet Friday, June 16, at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Beckham at 7:00 p. m. (Dutch Treat). Dr. Overton Faubus, head of Business Administration at ACU will be the speaker.

ALL GRADUATING SENIORS
and **COLLEGE AGE YOUNG PEOPLE** are invited to a special dinner and devotional at the Campus Christian Center Sunday night, June 4, following the evening worship service.

To West Erwin Members
It is hard for me to find just the right words to say to such a wonderful group of people, but of course I will try.

Back in June, when you first found out about my family's situation, you were all right there to help with bringing food, clothing and all the other necessities to our home, including what we needed most of all - love.

Now, 11 months later, you are still showing your love to my family and I feel that I am especially blest to know each and everyone of you.

I received the luggage you bought for me earlier in the week and when I saw each of the pieces I felt like crying. It is the nicest thing that anyone has ever done for me. May I say "thank you" to each of you from the bottom of my heart.

Being able to attend ACU was a dream that I never thought would come true, but it has. I wouldn't have been able to do it though, if it had not been for your love and guidance through this past year.

Again, let me say "Thank you" for all that you have done for me. May God bless each and every one of you.

Love,
Dee Gowen



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

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Assembly - Auditorium
9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	Class Period
Puppet I - 9:50	Primary & Juniors
Puppet II - 10:00	Pre-School
10:30 - 10:45	Refreshment Break
10:45 - 11:20	Class Period
11:20 - 11:30	Closing Assembly (Auditorium)



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

What an exciting week we have ahead of us! Gary Montgomery will be with us to teach an adult class each morning in Vacation Bible School and to preach each evening through Friday. Of course he will be with us for morning and evening services on Sunday. We have some very dedicated teachers who will be teaching in VBS. Then we will have Wes Price beginning his work with us also!

The song service is always a very vital part of any meeting and we are pleased that Jim Paul will be directing our singing. We are glad that he is one of our members and we appreciate his great ability and his willingness to help in our meeting.

It has been nine and a half years since Gary Montgomery worked with this congregation. So you will be interested in some of the following information about him.

Gary was born in 1941 in Jacksboro, Texas and spent his childhood and school years in Graham, Texas where he preached his first sermon at the age of 15 to a Sunday evening audience. He received his formal education at Arlington State College (now University of Texas at Arlington) and Abilene Christian University. He is married to the former Sandra Jean McColum, daughter of an outstanding minister, the late Harold D. McColum. Gary and Sandra have four children: Michael, Angela, Philip, and Timothy.

At the present time Gary preaches for the Taylor St. congregation in Hobbs, New Mexico, a very active congregation of about 700 members. He is especially remembered for his work at West Erwin as educational and youth director. He has served as the pulpit minister for Corinth Road in Jacksonville, DeSoto in the Dallas area, and Center Way in Lake Jackson. He has served other congregations in the area of education, youth, and personal evangelism. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns in various parts of the U.S., Canada, and Southeast Asia.

We welcome Gary and his family back to West Erwin for a week and welcome Wes Price and his family as they begin their ministry with us.

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 A. M.
 Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer Ray Womack
 Dismiss Ron Lott

Evening - 6:00 P. M.
 Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer Roy Roberson
 Dismiss Carroll Magee

Serving Communion Sunday
 Wallace Gayle Milburn Cook
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 Steve Higginbotham Charlie Cook
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Report of Our Sick

Sister W. H. Turner continues to be a patient in the Medical Center Hospital.

Alvin Shackelford is in Glenwood Hospital but is improving.

Attention, Ladies!

You are invited to an all-day meeting Saturday at the church building in Troup. The time is 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. "Challenge to Excellence" is the theme for the meeting. There will be seven 20 minute speeches by Christian women from near-by churches. Alice Stephenson will be one of the speakers. Lunch will be served and also there will be a child and baby sitting service with planned activities for children of school age.

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 seek to follow the Lord.

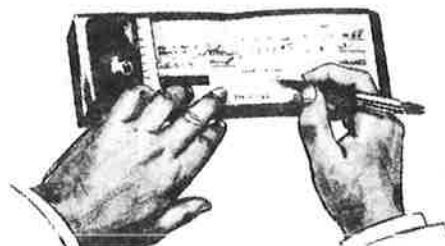
Just now we need to be concerned and vitally interested in the approaching meeting and Vacation Bible School. We look forward to the work of Gary Montgomery and his renewal of friendships here. Our work in the meeting will succeed if we want it to succeed. We must be interested enough to be here - to be praying - and to be bringing others with us. Can the Lord depend on you?

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. You Are The Answer
 P.M. We Preach Christ

THANK YOU

The family of Tex Scruggs acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

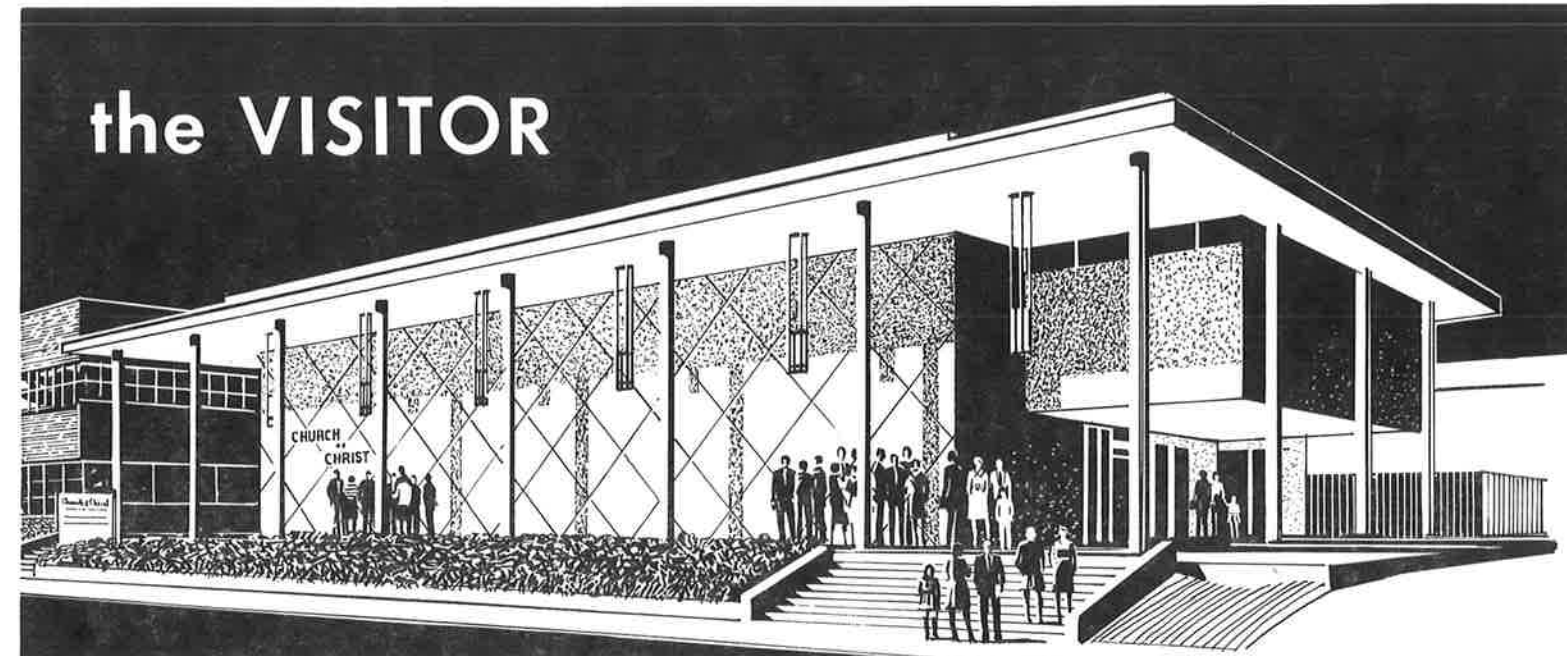


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Last Sunday afternoon the elders of the church met with several "committee chairmen" to plan and discuss various activities of the congregation. It is the hope of the elders that more and more members of the church will be involved in the various phases of our work. We know that busy Christians are happy Christians. We have less time to criticize and fault others when we become involved.

There is a place of usefulness for every member of the church. We are all a part of the body of Christ and every member has a function just as every part of one's physical body has a function.

We do not have the same abilities, as Paul clearly teaches this in his discussion of the body of Christ in I Corinthians 12:14 - 27. Some can be elders. Some can be deacons. Some can be teachers. All of us can contribute whatever talents and time we have in helping to build

up the church. No one person can do all the jobs in the church, but when every person does his or her part the church can accomplish great things. I have always liked the sentiment of the following verse:

I am only one, but I am one.
 I cannot do everything
 But I can do something.
 What I can do I ought to do
 And what I ought to do
 By the grace of God I will do.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Wes Price who will be encouraging us to do a greater work for the Lord. He will not be able to do the work you should do - but I feel that we will all want to do our part as "workers together with the Lord," (2 Corinthians 6:1).

West Erwin is a great church. For many years this church has been known for its faithfulness and loyalty to the Word of God. As time goes by, a downtown church faces many problems - and West Erwin is no exception. We are going to need to work just a little harder and do a little more if we expect to draw people downtown. There are many souls who need the gospel in our city and there is much work to be done by every congregation. We need to continue to manifest a spirit of love for one another and a love for the truth. We need to get behind every program of work planned by our elders as they

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 5 - JUNE 9, 1978

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Room</u>
Nursery Toddlers	Jeanine Hughes Jo Butler	109
2 Year Old	Jane Owens	102
3 Year Old	Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles	107
4 Year Old	Maxine Freeman	108
5 Year Old	Elaine Roberson Pauline Fuller Anita Wied	202
Co-ordinators	Elaine Roberson Velma Lemons	
1st Grade	Donna Howard	215
2nd Grade	Jan Cook Lorene Venable	206
3rd Grade	Pauline Aven	214
4th Grade	Jean Oliver	204
5th Grade	Diane Humphrey	302
6th Grade	Billie Bob Hickman Laverne Keith	305
Co-ordinator	Jan Knight	
Junior High	Wes Price	301
Charm Class (Girls)	Carolyn Womack	303
Adults	Gary Montgomery	Chapel
Puppet Co-ordinator	Carolyn Womack	
Refreshments	Carolyn Welborn	

9:30 - 11:30 a. m.



BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate services for the Seniors of the Churches of Christ in Tyler will be held Sunday evening, May 28, 6:00 p. m. at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Dr. Ken Durham, Campus Minister, University of Texas, will be the guest speaker. A reception will be held following the services in the fellowship room of the church.

ABOUT OUR SENIORS (continued from last week)

Meredith Womack graduated in the top 25 scholastically in her class at John Tyler. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the Smith County DAR Award. Meredith is a member of the Geology Club and the Tennis Team. She plans to attend ACU.

Barbara Dee Gowen is a graduate of John Tyler High School and works as office secretary. She is a member of Future Homemakers of America and the a cappella Choir. She plans to attend ACU.

Never do what you cannot ask
Christ to bless.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Niemantsverdriet, Jr.
and
Mr. and Mrs. William Whitworth
invite you to share the joy of
the marriage uniting their children
Elizabeth Joe
and
Mark Allen
on Saturday, the third of June
Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Miracle Bethel Church
7525 South 775 East
Lafayette, Indiana
Reception following

FROM HERALD OF TRUTH

After many years of prayers and efforts, the Gospel is now being preached on television in New York City and Washington, D. C. The programs, which started late last month, are making it possible for over 28 million souls to hear the Gospel, many for the first time, in the huge mission area of our country's north-east.

The elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, which produces Herald of Truth, have asked for our prayers for the lost in these two great cities, who now have the opportunity to hear the Word of God and be saved.

He who fears God has nothing else to fear.

YOU TELL WHAT YOU ARE

You tell what you are by the friends you seek,
By the very manner in which you speak,
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of dollar and dime.
You tell what you are by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which your burdens you bear,
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.
You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat,
By the things you delight to talk,
By the books you choose for the well filled shelf.
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself.
So there really isn't a bit of sense
In any effort at false pretense.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday for Mr. Charlie Haynes, grandfather of Mrs. Ronny Jones. We express our sincere sympathy to Lynn and all members of the family.

Mrs. Clyde Hughes, aunt of Lera Bennett, was buried in Nacogdoches on Friday of last week.



Our food supply in the pantry of the benevolent building is almost depleted. We need to restock with non-perishable food in order to have a good supply on hand for local work and for the next children's home truck. Will you help in this good work?

Moved

We regret very much that J. C. and Colena Payne will be moving to Corsicana this week. We are glad that they have been a part of the West Erwin family for almost three years and we hope they will be very happy in their new home.

Thank You

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

The Family of Julian E. Browning

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bray

have the honour of announcing

the marriage of their daughter

Virginia Ruth

to

Mr. Samuel E. Tompkins

on Friday, the nineteenth of May

Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight

Tyler, Texas

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements C. E. Caskey
 Prayer K. Max Haws
 Dismiss Rick Higginbotham
 Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements C. E. Caskey
 Prayer Fred Powell
 Dismiss Ray Magee

Serving Communion Sunday

Wallace Gayle Milburn Cook
 Odell Malone Roy Roberson
 Steve Higginbotham Charlie Cook
 David Fears Roy Lane Roberson

Greeters for Sunday
 Harold Browning Ray Womack

Our Records

Contributions
 May 14 \$3,204.47
 May 7 \$4,810.33
 Year Ago \$3,234.96

Bible School
 May 14 307
 May 7 395
 Year Ago 432

Worship
 May 14 497
 May 7 457

Weekly Budget
 \$4,200

Responses

Miss Kathleen Reynolds, Rt. 1, Box 59A came Sunday morning to ask for prayers of the church.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. W. H. Turner remains a patient in the Medical Center Hospital.

Alvin Shackelford is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. W. J. Inman, sister of Mrs. Ola Dunwoody from Palestine, is a patient in Medical Center. She had eye surgery on Tuesday.

SERMONS FOR MAY 21, 1978

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Bread Cast Upon the Waters
 P. M. Pilate

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

All adults who can possibly arrange their schedules to attend these classes are urged to do so.

We are looking forward to having Wes Price, our new fellow minister, with us during the meeting. He will be teaching the Junior High School class during the Vacation Bible School. Our junior high students are going to have a wonderful opportunity to study with an outstanding teacher.

We hope to see you Sunday in Bible School and in Worship.



You Are Invited

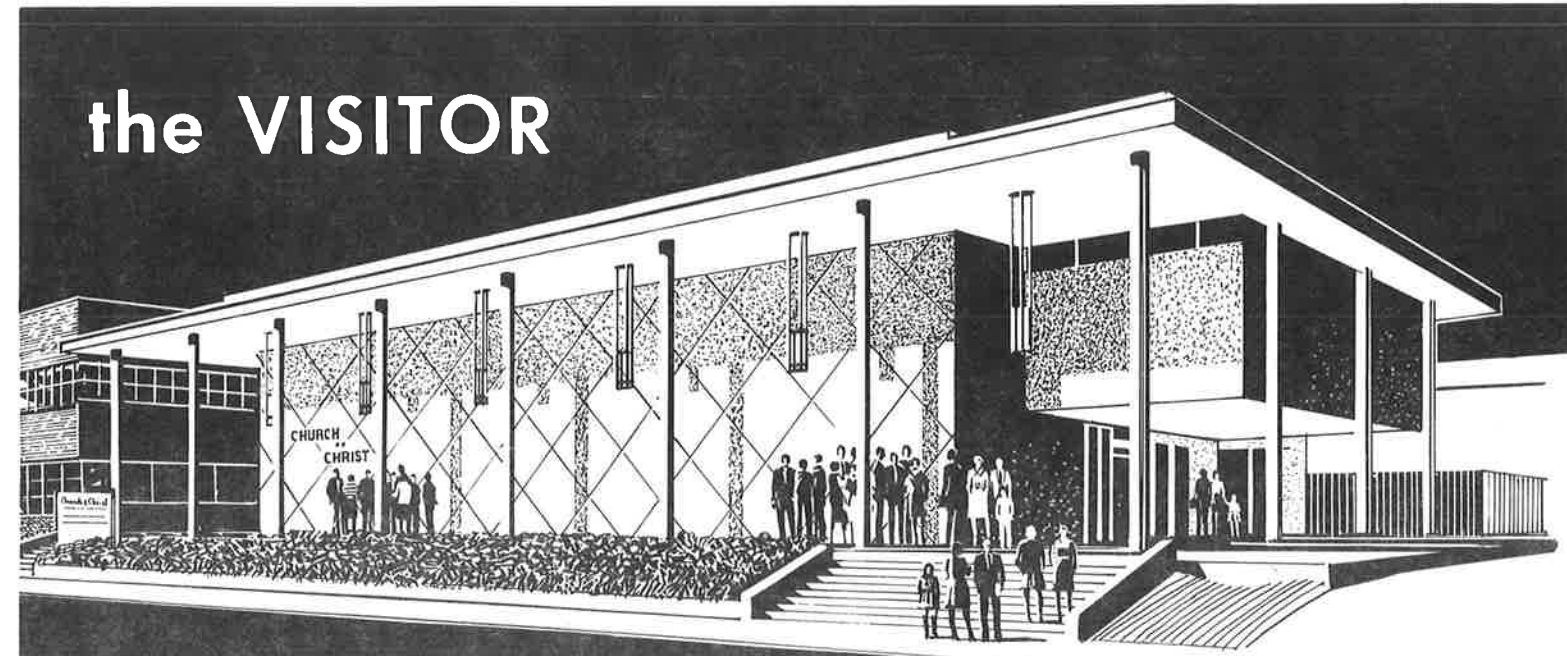
We, of the Troup church, invite you to an all-day meeting at Troup on Saturday, May 27, 9:45 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

This is planned to be an inspirational meeting, with the theme, "Challenge to Excellence." There will be seven 20 minute speeches by Christian women from near-by churches.

Lunch will be served. Also, we shall have child and baby sitting service at two separate facilities, with planned activities for children of school age.

Please put this date, May 27 - and time 9:45 to 2:30 - on your calendar now, and make every plan to be with us for this time of spiritual renewal and of fellowship with great Christian women of this area.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We were glad to have many visitors with us on Sunday for worship - but there was a big drop in Bible School. Many of our members were away and we surely missed them. Our contribution was down also. We hope that you remember that the expenses of the church continue whether or not you are here - and that you "make up" your contribution when you are absent.

Our meeting and Vacation Bible School will begin just two weeks from Sunday. We hope that you are praying for this great effort. This should be a time of spiritual revival and increased interest in the Lord's work for all of us.

We look forward to having Gary and Sandra Montgomery and their four children with us. They are loved and respected at West Erwin for the work they did while living here. Gary is a dynamic worker for the Lord and is now serving as the preacher for the Taylor Street Church of Christ in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Gary will be preaching for our services on Sunday, June 4 and then each night Monday through Friday, June 5 through 9.

In addition to his sermons, Gary will have a class for adults each morning during the Vacation Bible School.

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GARY MONTGOMERY

GARY MONTGOMERY will preach in our Gospel Meeting, June 4 - June 9 and teach an adult class in our Vacation Bible School, June 5 - June 9.

Vacation Bible School
 9:30 a. m. - 11:30 a. m.

Thank You

To Our Christian Friends at West Erwin Church of Christ

With sincere appreciation to each member for the love displayed by those who participated so fully in the marriage preparation for Jane and Mike Whitworth.

In Christian love,
Bill and Wanda Whitworth

Thanks to each of you for your expressions of love and concern for my comfort and recovery while I was in the hospital. May God bless each of you.
Floia Payne

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon in Jacksonville for Talmage Dee Scruggs, brother to Maxine Freeman. We express our sincere sympathy to Maxine and her family.

A NEW GRANDSON

A baby boy was born to Larry and Mary Ann Clough last week in Mother Frances. Cliff and Arenia Clough are the happy grandparents.

Congratulations

We extend best wishes to two couples who were married last week here at the church building.

Miss Jane Gill and Mike Whitworth were married Thursday evening in the Chapel. George Stephenson said their ceremony. They will live in Tyler.

Hillard Hughes said the ceremony Friday evening for the Chapel wedding of Miss Debbie Driggers and Johnny Lee Smith. They will be living in Longview.

A LIST for the meals for the Gary Montgomery family is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer. If you would like to have them in your home for a meal during the meeting, please sign the list.

BROCHURES concerning Camp Deer-Run are available in the foyer.

Remember

Bring non-perishable food for the pantry.

A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.

ABOUT OUR SENIORS. . .

CATHY CROW is a member of the Southern Belles of Robert E. Lee High School and a member of the "T" Association. She was Sophomore Beauty and Sophomore Favorite. She was also selected as Junior Favorite and Senior Favorite. Cathy is a Cheerleader and has been selected Miss Robert E. Lee. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

KENNETH LEE GILES is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School and a member of the Foreign Language Club.

RAY MAGEE is a member of the Track, Basketball, and Tennis team of Brownsboro High School. He has been a member of the band all four years of high school and Band President. He is the Science Club President, Religious Activities Chairman and Speech Club Vice President. Ray was Class Favorite - Personality Plus - his Junior and Senior years. He was Vice President of his Junior Class and is Vice President of the Senior Class. He was assistant Yearbook editor his Junior Year and is editor of the Yearbook his senior year. He is Brownsboro High DAR representative - Senior Honor student and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. CINDY ANN ROWE is an honor graduate of Chapel Hill High School - a member of the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America (3 years) and Future Homemakers of America (2 years). As a member of the Band for 8 years, Cindy has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Band and member of All-District Band. She is Vice-President of Future Homemakers and has received the FHA Award - Three Encounter Levels in Homemaking. She received the Outstanding Citizenship Award from the Civitan Club her Junior year. Cindy is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who Among Technical and Vocational Students.



CATHY CROW
Robert E. Lee



KENNETH GILES
Chapel Hill



DEE GOWEN
John Tyler



LAURIE HUGHES
Robert E. Lee



RAY MAGEE
Brownsboro



DENTON PHILLIPS
Robert E. Lee



CINDY ANN ROWE
Chapel Hill



MARY LYNN STITT
Robert E. Lee



MEREDITH WOMACK
John Tyler

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Foy Richey
Prayer Sam Sevier
Dismiss Joe Willis

Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Foy Richey
Prayer W. S. Little
Dismiss DeRay Bennett

Serving Communion Sunday

Joe Carroll Tom Humphrey
Roger Knight F. C. Carpenter
David Thurman Jim Franklin
G. B. Montgomery Wilmer Little

Greeters for Sunday

Jack Stringer Mark Cauthen
D. C. Jones

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Aubrey Payne is much improved and is now at home.

Mrs. W. H. Turner continues to be a patient in the Medical Center Hospital.

Charlie Shuford recently underwent eye surgery. He is at home.

Bob Butler is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, visits and phone calls while I was hospitalized. Most of all I am grateful for your prayers.
R. M. Mayo

Congratulations

Edwin Walter Pickle has received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Texas A & M.

Our Records

Contributions

May 7 \$4,810.33
April 30 \$3,266.20
Year Ago \$3,376.65

Bible School

May 7 395
April 30 347
Year Ago 444

Worship

May 7 457
April 30 435

Weekly Budget

\$4,200

A PRICELESS MEMORY

"One of the richest memories of a mother was the day she told her son the sunlight was God's smile. Later when the sunlight was flashing through a window, the lad stood in it and said, 'Now I'm standing in God's smile.'

"Years passed, the boy grew to be a man, and the mother had long ago gone to heaven. One day the son searched thru the attic of the old home and found a pair of boy's shoes. On the bottom of them was inscribed, in his mother's own hand writing, these words: 'My boy wore these shoes when he said, 'I am standing in God's smile.' "

"The man, his eyes moist, remarked, 'The dearest memory, perhaps, of mother has become my own. I want to stay in the sunlight of His love, that I shall always have His smile, and someday be home again with mother.' "

...Dr. A. Purnell Bailey
From Out Of My Treasure

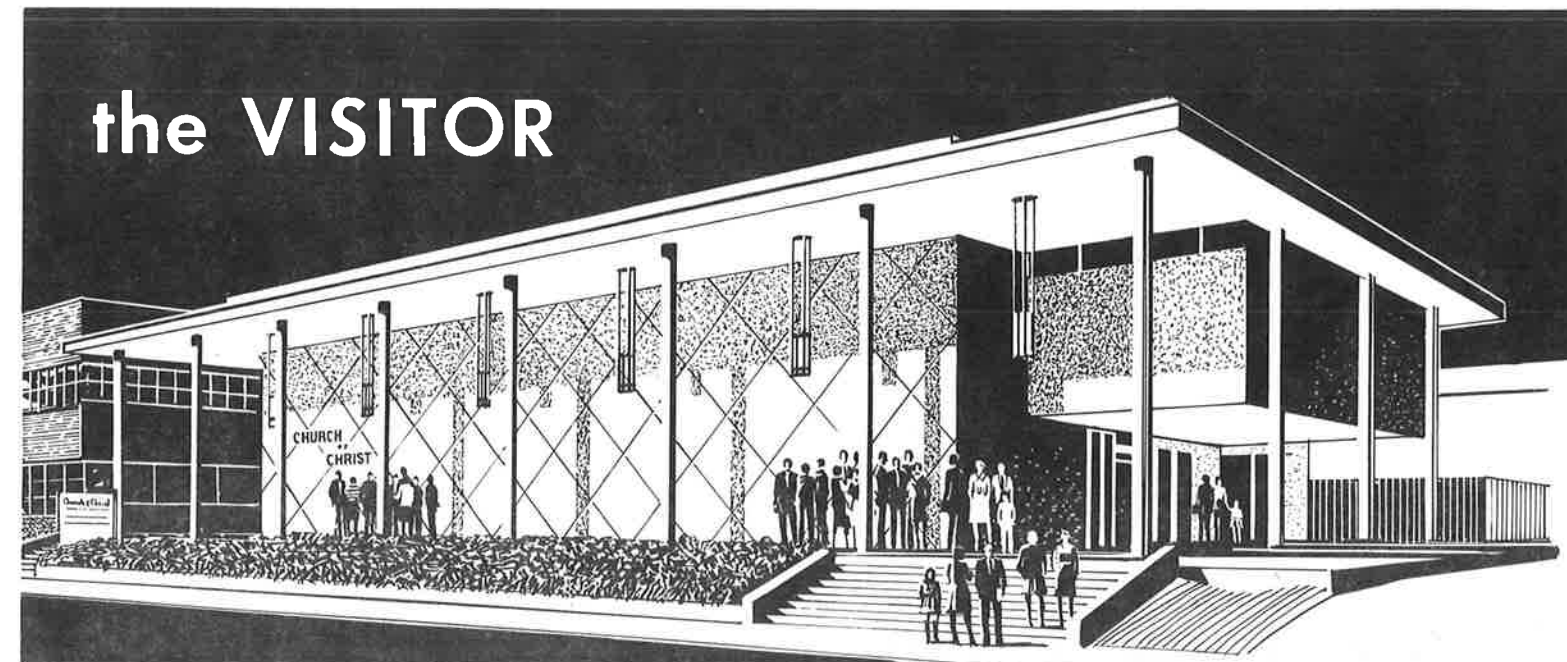
SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 14

By George H. Stephenson
10:30 A.M. Influence
6:00 P.M. Does Prayer Help?

GOSPEL MEETING

and
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 5 - 9
Gary Montgomery, Preaching

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I was glad to be back in the pulpit Sunday following our four day meeting with the Watters Road church in Pasadena. Lawrence Hazelip is doing a fine work as the preacher for this congregation which is located on five acres of land in a rapidly growing section of Pasadena. We were glad to have a fine young man baptized into Christ and two others to respond to the invitation. Alice and I were treated royally while we were there.

It was good to see an increase in attendance in Bible School Sunday. As you know it has been down and we are hoping that last Sunday's attendance is an indication that it will start climbing again. And the increase in contribution was great! We need to continue meeting our budget each week.

The Southside church in Fort Worth recently set a goal for a special contribution of \$300,000 to apply on an addition to their building. Their contribution for the day was over \$379,000!

This was the largest single contribution ever for any congregation in Fort Worth or Dallas. Some months ago the church in Corsicana had a similar contribution to help in the construction of a new building there. It is wonderful to know that Christians have been blessed in such a manner that they are able to make such large contributions and it is wonderful that they love the Lord to the extent that they are willing to give with such liberality.

This coming Sunday is a day when mothers are to be honored throughout the nation. We realize that Sunday is always the Lord's Day, but we are glad that we may express appreciation for our mothers. I shall ever be grateful for the influence of a godly mother on my life who died when I was thirteen. I am thankful also for the memory of my foster mother and thankful that Alice and I still have a very wonderful mother that you know and love - Ivah Miller - who is eighty nine years young.

For a woman to be the kind of mother to be honored means more than just bearing children. Many women have brought children into the world, but have failed miserably in being the mother God would have them to be. Someone has said

Of all the earthly things God gives
There's one above all others
It is the precious, priceless gift
Of loving, Christian mothers!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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NO DUMPING by A. C. Dunkleberger

Our guest editorial is by A. C. Dunkleberger, one of the elders of the Madison church in Tennessee. Brother Dunkleberger is a retired editor of one of the big Nashville daily papers. He writes an article each week for the bulletin of the Madison church. A collection of his writings have been published in a booklet entitled, "Editorially Speaking." The booklet is being offered free over the Amazing Grace Bible Class program to those who request it. GHS

Most American families - and most MADISON families, certainly - would number among the most hygienic (health-minded and cleanliness-minded) on earth. As a people we spend billions to eradicate dirt. . .to cleanse and fumigate ourselves and our physical premises. And if anybody came around threatening to contaminate, much less to dump filth in our home or our neighborhood, we would prosecute him as a public enemy. It's against the law even to "litter" on the highway with a chewing-gum wrapper!

Why aren't we equally resolute against those who, regularly-day after day and night after night-dump garbage and poison into our living room? It isn't less obnoxious and poisonous because it is labeled "entertainment."

We are not narrow-mindedly condemning all TV programs covered by that term. There ARE many that do not offend-that DO entertain without borrowing language or theme or characterization from guttersnipes. But so bold has the sickcult element become that the inoffensive is becoming almost the exception.

Somebody is striving to brainwash the American family-especially its children. Somebody wants to supplant moral values and Christian ethics with a philosophy exactly the opposite of these. Somebody is bent on undermining and tearing down the American home where decency of thought and disciplined conduct have been the aim of generations of people. These have not been "regimented" people and families and generations in the contemptuous sense of that term. They have been people of many races, from many nationalities and religious faiths-but they

have had some things in common: Their regard for decency, and their staunch Americanism.

We saw part of a movie the other evening which undertook to rationalize the conduct of "The Man Without a Country" into some kind of hero. We even have read of "literary" works in the making to make a hero of Benedict Arnold.

Whether it's the sort of thing-contemptuous of patriotism and subversive to every creed of decent conduct-or plain filth, you don't want it fed into your living room for children to have as their mind-forming diet.

We appreciate efforts from time to time to arouse a justified protest to that. But protest to whom? The networks? Of course, for if they get enough bona fide letters of objection-not stereotyped, mass-produced complaints-they may pay some attention. The local outlets? Yes. These are closer home, and may pay heed to objections in enough weight and volume to be meaningful.

The Federal Communications Commission? Yes. Definitely. Even that bureaucratic agency, thus far indifferent apparently to an avalanche of filth, can act if enough outraged people-paying its salaries-light a fire under it. The offenders are answerable to the F. C. C. Build that fire!

But first and foremost, the program SPONSORS are the ones to get these complaints. When these are formally notified that so long as they are polluting our homes with this garbage we don't intend to buy their cars, their toothpaste, their deodorants, their girdles, or their anything else, they will begin to cancel out on the depravity circuit.

Tell them now!

CAMP DEER RUN, located on Farm Road 2088 near Winnsboro, is asking for donations for upkeep and for campers unable to pay the full amount. You can help by using a bank draft - even a small amount on a monthly basis will be appreciated or a cash contribution. Tuition is not

adequate for yearly maintenance. Give your donation to Ray Womack or one of the elders. Brother Womack is a member of the Board of Directors for the camp and will be glad to furnish you with additional information.

TUESDAY SCHOOL

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Elaine Roberson and Tuesday School Staff,

I could say just a quick "thank you," but I would like to express my feelings a little deeper.

My three year old daughter, Shelly, was very lonely after her older sister started to first grade this year. I didn't want her in pre-school every day because I enjoy being with my children too much. However, I mentioned to a friend of mine, that I wished I had enrolled Shelly in a school one morning a week so she wouldn't be so lonely for her sister.

The friend I mentioned this to has a child who attends Tuesday school, and she decided to put Shelly on the waiting list at the school. I never expected to hear anything, so I was very surprised when you, Elaine, called to say there was room for Shelly.

I was really leary of the school because it is free. I figured if it is free that little planning had gone into the curriculum and that it was probably mostly a baby sitting situation.

Well, what a wonderful surprise I have had! The curriculum has been great. The learning techniques, field trips and parties have been perfect. I have taught school and know the time it takes to prepare such a good program.

Since my child has bronchial asthma attacks, it has been especially nice for me not to have to worry about the weather at play time, because I knew it was always inside.

My older daughter was in private pre-school and kindergarten for three years and I have never been more pleased than I have been this year with Tuesday school.

Please express my appreciation to all of those involved.
Appreciatively,
Jimmie June Lewis

Mrs. Roberson,

This is in appreciation for your Tuesday School and Friday Schools in the past three years. Both of our boys attended the classes and we feel they have been greatly enriched by it. We especially thank you since we are not of your religion and do not attend your church. Your program is a good one. Please accept our thanks and donation for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Mike and Sandy Wyatt

(The Wyatts gave a generous check to be used in our Tuesday School program.)

ZONE 3 will meet at 7:00 p.m. next Tuesday evening at the home of Ross and June Walker. All zone members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert for a covered dish supper.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren:

We received the 51 towels and 51 wash cloths and I just wanted to let you know we appreciate your help so much. This is just wonderful!

We are continuing our rebuilding and are making progress. It will help us so much to have good friends like you to think of us. Thank you again.

The Tipton Home

It is a real pleasure to say thank you to a wonderful group of Christians - for your visits, cards, phone calls and most of all your prayers. My recent days of recuperation were made much brighter by your loving gift of "Flowers of Friendship."

Guy Potts

We want to express our love to our many friends for their prayers, cards, visits and flowers while we were each hospitalized.

Mr. & Mrs. Roland Roberts

AREA MEETINGS

The Church of Christ in Winnsboro invites you to attend a gospel meeting, May 14 - 17. Eldred Stevens, Director of Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas will be preaching. Evening services will be at 7:30.

The East Cotton Street Church of Christ in Longview will conduct a Gospel Meeting May 14 - 19. R. N. Hogan from Los Angeles, California will preach. The time for the services each night will be 7:45.

CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER

The work day for those who help with the benevolent work of the church has been changed to Tuesday morning, 9 - 12. The ladies are now making quilts for Tipton Home and additional helpers are needed very badly. Some of this work can be done at home. If you can possibly help, be there on Tuesday morning, or if you can take work home - call Modena Jones.

There Will Not Be A Business Meeting
Sunday Afternoon.

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer James Phillips
 Dismiss Cliff Clough

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 D. C. Jones

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)
 We thank everyone who has promised to help in any way with the School. The fine spirit which you have shown indicates that we are going to have a great time June 5 through 9.

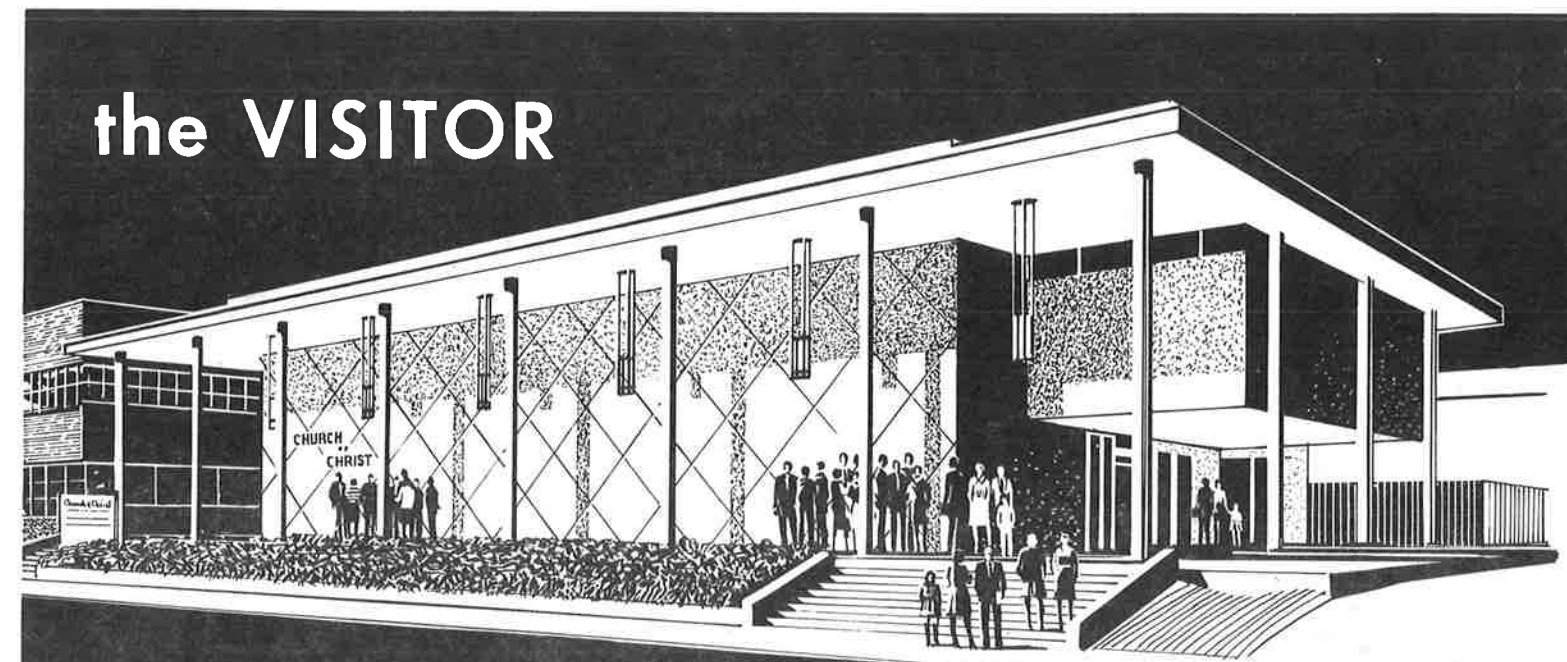
We are glad to know that Wes Price will be here, the Lord willing, for the VBS and that he will be teaching the Junior High Class. We are also glad that Gary Montgomery will be teaching a class for adults every morning during the school. I feel that there are many adults who should come to the class and that they will be greatly blessed in coming. Gary will also be preaching for both services on Sunday, June 4 and each night at 7:30 from June 5 through June 9.

We are glad to have the opportunity to preach in our second meeting with the Watters Road church in Pasadena but we look forward to being back with you on Sunday.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
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 A. M. Inspection P. M. Decision

VBS Is Coming Soon!

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Report of Our Sick

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 Sister Aubrey Payne continues to be in Medical Center Hospital in room 279.

We need YOU in Bible School!

The Amazing Grace Bible Class
 Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

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GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

I am sorry that I was not present Sunday to hear the announcement that Wes Price has accepted the invitation of the elders to work with us at West Erwin. I am delighted to know that he and his family will be with us. He will be working as an educational director, but will be interested and involved in all phases of the work. We are glad to know that Hillard Hughes will continue to work on a part time basis, as he has been doing, with the young people of the congregation.

I would like to thank everyone who has shown a spirit of co-operation and willingness to work in our approaching Vacation Bible School. We are thankful for the work of Frances McBee in helping to secure the materials and teachers - and of course we are thankful, as always, for the suggestions and help of Nelda Browning.

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WES W. PRICE
 TO BE
 ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Brother Price will be coming to us from the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas where he has done a fine work for over three years. He and his family are loved and respected by all of the congregations he has served in his ministry. I first knew him when he was helping in the work of the Broadway church in Lubbock in directing singing and assisting in the Bible Chair program of the congregation. His wife is the former Alma Fay Morlan, whose father was a professor at Abilene Christian University for many years. She is an excellent teacher and has been involved in the educational program of the congregations where they have lived. The Prices are the parents of three children, a daughter in Abilene Christian University and a thirteen year old daughter and twelve year old son at home. We look forward to a pleasant work together and having him as a co-laborer in the Lord. The Prices love people and we feel that they will be loved at West Erwin.

GHS

Having got all wrinkled up with care and worry,
it's a good time to get your faith lifted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bible School 9:30 a. m. Worship 10:30 a. m. 6:00 p. m.	2 Last Day for Tuesday School Zone 1 C. E. Caskey Home	3 Last Day for Tuesday School	4 Christian Care Center Workday each Thursday 9 a. m. - 11 p. m.	5 Youth Rally Lamar Ave. Church of Christ Paris, Texas	6 Youth Rally Lamar Ave. Church of Christ Paris, Texas	
7 May 7 - 11 Gospel Meeting at N. Tenneha Church	8 Zone 2 George Kester Home 7:00 p. m.	9 Zone 3 Ross Walker Home	10 Last Day for Ladies' Class 'till Fall	11 Christian Care Center Workday each Thursday 9 a. m. - 11 p. m.	12 Junior-Senior Banquet	13
14 Business Meeting 1:30 p. m. - Chapel	15 Zone 1 C. E. Caskey Home	16 Zone 2 George Kester Home 7:00 p. m.	17 Zone 3 Ross Walker Home	18 Christian Care Center Workday each Thursday 9 a. m. - 11 p. m.	19 Junior-Senior Banquet	20
21	22 Baccalaureate - 6:00 p. m. Glenwood Building	23 Zone 1 C. E. Caskey Home	24 Zone 2 George Kester Home 7:00 p. m.	25 Christian Care Center Workday each Thursday 9 a. m. - 11 p. m.	26 Junior-Senior Banquet	27
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**THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER
AT THE EVENING HOUR.**

WE HAVE BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

When as a CHILD I laughed and slept - TIME CREPT.
When as a YOUTH I dreamt and talked - TIME WALKED.
When I became a FULL-GROWN man - TIME RAN.
When OLDER still I daily grew - TIME FLEW.
Soon I shall find in TRAVELING ON - TIME IS GONE.
O, Christ, to behold thy beauty THEN.

We are so happy that Charles and Billie Bob Hickman moved to Tyler last November. They were identified with the West Erwin congregation in January. Their address is 714 Hampton Hills, phone 592-5069.

Brother Hickman is retired from Mid Continent Supply Company. He was reared in Shreveport, La. and was graduated with a degree in Engineering from Louisiana State University. His favorite hobbies are fishing and gardening. Billie Bob was reared in Seagraves, Texas and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock. She enjoys painting. She has taught ladies' Bible classes for several years as well as classes for sixth and seventh grade girls. She has also taught sixth grade. The Hickmans lived in Houston about fifteen years before moving to Tyler. They worshipped for a number of years with the Memorial Church of Christ, but had recently gone to the Fleetwood Church, a young congregation, to help in the work there. Billie Bob did the bulletin for the Fleetwood church. When they attended Memorial she organized the Church Library and served as the Librarian.

Charles and Billie Bob have two children. Their daughter, Gay, and her husband, Enoch Freeman, live in Corpus Christi with their two children. Their son, Harry, and his wife Myra and their three children live in Longview, Texas.

Focus on Families



Area Meetings

The North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to attend their Annual Fellowship and Gospel Meeting, May 7 - 11. The speaker will be Floyd Rose of Toledo, Ohio. Evening services will begin each night at 7:45. Letting The Bible Speak will be the theme.

Foy E. Wallace will preach in a series of gospel services, May 7 - 11, at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville. The evening services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

A circular concerning THE FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC and a letter from brother Reuel Lemmons is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

You are invited to attend a public discussion between James Maxwell, Academic Dean of Southwestern Christian College and Imam Ibrahim Kamaladin, Representative of IMAM W. D. MUHAMMAD, Spiritual Leader of the World Community of Al-Islam in the West, in Chicago. This discussion will take place at Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas on May 6 at 6:30 p. m.

Wedding

You are invited to the wedding of Miss Jane Gill and Mike Whitworth on Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p. m. in the Chapel.

Thank You

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.
The Family of Alex H. Sevier

Ladies Bible Class

The final class for the Ladies' Bible Class will be next Wednesday, May 10 at ten o'clock in the Chapel.

Visitation

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock, May 9, at the home of George and Esther Kester, 314 Clemson.

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer Paul Montandon
Dismiss Ron Lott

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Contributions

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April 16 \$3,614.75
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Bible School

April 23 373
April 16 351
Year Ago 514

Worship

April 23 484
April 16 513

Weekly Budget

\$4,200

IN APPRECIATION

We want to say a special word of thanks to David Hubbard, Foy Richey and John Porter for driving the bus for special programs for our Tuesday School. They are all willing workers and very much appreciated.

TUESDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday of next week (May 2) will be the last session of Tuesday School for this year. A graduation for our older children will be held at 10:45 a. m. in the Chapel. A period for refreshments will follow on the East porch. Parents of the children are invited. Elaine Roberson, who directs the school, and all of the teachers and helpers are very dedicated to their good work. Their efforts are appreciated by all who love little children.

Blest be the tie that binds... our hearts in Christian love!

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. W. H. Turner remains in Medical Center Hospital. She underwent surgery Tuesday evening for skin grafting. It is hoped she will be more comfortable now.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

Roland Roberts has improved and has been taken out of ICU and is now in a room in Mother Frances.

R. M. Mayo is improving and may soon return home from the Chest Hospital.

Buck Frederick is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Mrs. David Grier is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. W. O. Rushing is in Glenwood Hospital.

George H. Stephenson, Minister

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F. C. Carpenter Dr. Roger Knight
C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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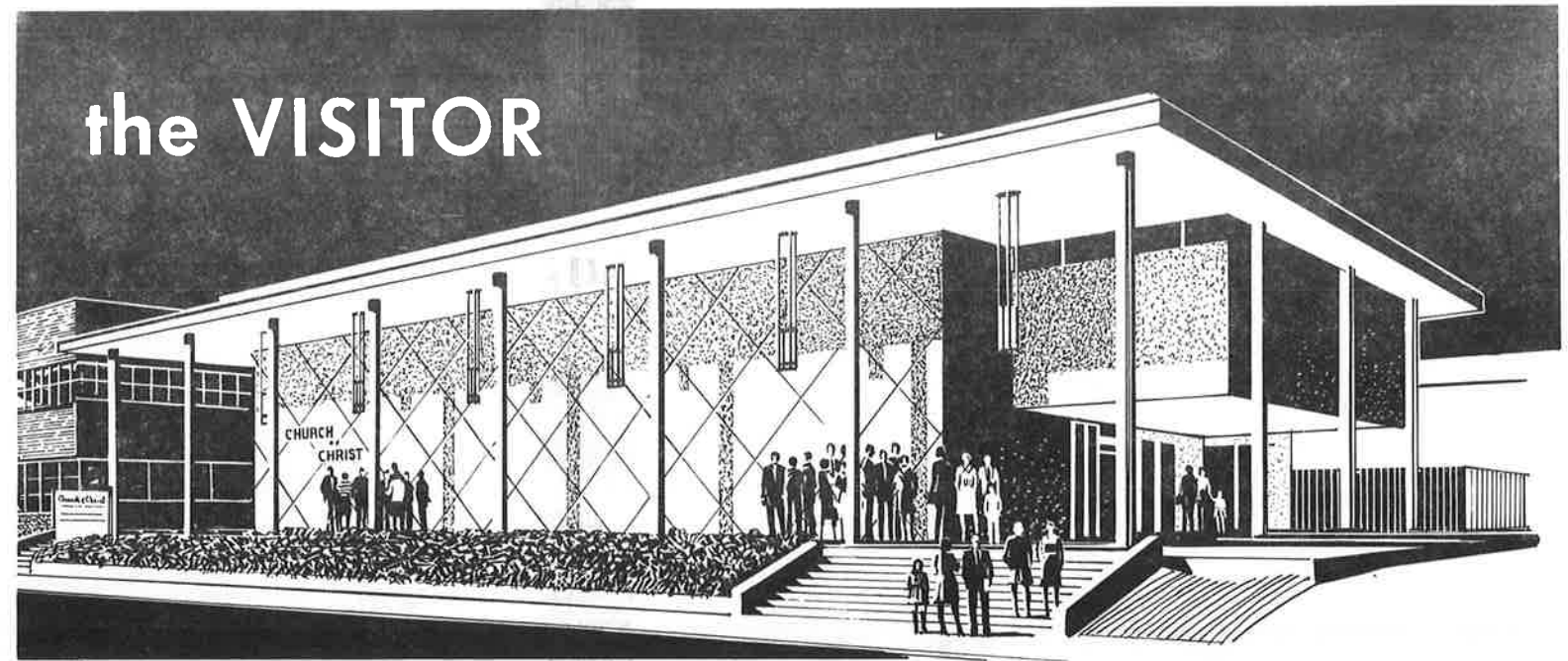
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The Church With A Heart



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**From the
Preacher's Desk**

I am scheduled to be in a meeting with the Watters Road church in Pasadena beginning on Sunday. Lawrence Haselip is the very capable preacher for this congregation. We solicit your prayers on our behalf that good will be accomplished as a result of our efforts together.

It will soon be time for our combination meeting and Vacation Bible School. We look forward to the return of Gary Montgomery to West Erwin. All of us who were here when he lived here know that he is a very dedicated and enthusiastic worker for the Lord. Let us be working and praying now for a great week of Bible teaching and preaching - June 4-9. I know one woman who is taking a vacation from her work in order to teach in Vacation Bible School. That is real dedication!

Don't forget to set your clock for daylight savings time Saturday night before going to bed. Get up in time for Bible School!

HEAR JACK PAUL SUNDAY !



We are very fortunate to have Jack Paul preach here for both morning and evening services on this Sunday. He is one of the outstanding speakers in the church today. He has appeared as guest speaker with Astronauts Alan Bean, General Thomas Stafford, and noted commentator Paul Harvey. In the last three years brother Paul has spoken on the campuses of 56 Universities. Invite your neighbors and friends to hear him. We are thankful to have Jack and Mary along with their lovely children as a part of the West Erwin family.

THE WORD IS LIGHT

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," (Psalm 119:105). "The entrance of thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple," (Psalm 119:130).

How absolutely essential light is! Without light there would be no life. All vegetation would soon die if there were no light - and soon all animal life would die also. In a short time healthy, green grass will fade into a sickly yellow and will eventually wither and die without the light of the sun. Christians also wither and die when they are separated from the light of God's word. A failure to study and meditate on God's word has caused many church members to lose their spiritual vigor and health.

Man is in need of light in order that he may clearly see the way to travel from this earth to heaven. Jeremiah said, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Many do not see the way to travel because they deliberately refuse to open their eyes to the light. They are like the people of Jesus' day when He said, "By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them," (Matthew 13:14 - 15).

There are those who prefer darkness to light. Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd," (John 3:19,20).

Light not only gives us direction; it also makes for beauty. Without light, we would be unable to see the bright colors of spring flowers, the glory of a sunset, or the tender beauty of the rainbow. The light of God's word will make our lives beautiful. Nothing in nature is quite as beautiful as a noble life lived in harmony with the will of God and in loving obedience to the commandments of the Bible.

The church is the divine institution which holds forth the light of God's word. In Revelation 1:20 each church is referred to as a golden candlestick. In a world filled with darkness, the church is constantly holding up the light to lost mankind. As God's word is in us we too are said to be lights in the world. "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life," (Philippians 2:15,16).

Each member of the church should recognize his responsibility in helping to give the light to others. As we sometimes sing "let us send the light."

"There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless waves,
Send the light, Send the light!
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
Send the light, Send the light!"

A GIFT FOR YOU

If you would like to receive the Boles Home News free of charge, you may write your name and address on a sheet on the bulletin board in the south foyer - or you may turn in your name and address to the church office. The Boles Home News will no longer be mailed in bundles to the church.

THE PANTRY

Our pantry supply of food is very low. We need to restock before time for another Children's Home truck to arrive. Also, we have local calls for food. Please bring non perishable food when you come to the building.



Ford and Tommie Alice Egbert

Brother and sister Ford Egbert moved to Tyler from Lakeland, Fla. in December, 1972. They have a daughter, Gail, now living in Tampa, Fla. Ford and Tommie Alice have lived and traveled all over the United States. For thirty years he was a Civil Engineer (Structural Engineer) with the Corps of Engineers. From 1965 until 1972 he worked for private firms. The last four years that he worked he was in Denver, Colo. Tommie Alice spent three summers with him there and the remainder of the time he commuted. They came through this area in the summer of 1972 and became interested in living in Tyler. Ford and Tommie Alice were both reared in Waco, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A & M and is now a member of the A & M Graduates Association. They are happy living in the country. Tommie Alice enjoys sewing and working in her yard. He is a member of the Lion's Club in Chandler and is a past Lion's President (1975 - 76). Before coming to West Erwin they attended the Chandler Church of Christ. Brother Egbert is also a member of the Sons of the Confederacy. His father was in the Civil War and he has learned that his father was in Tyler during the time that Camp Ford was in existence. The Egberts are members of AARP, a retirement club and are also members of the National Association of Federal Retired Employees. Their address is Rt. 11, Box 228 - phone 592-5069. We are so happy they are a part of the West Erwin family.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Child Care Outreach

The church's mission and Tyler's needs related to care of dependent children will be presented Wednesday evening, May 3. Sam Sevier along with Dale Wilson from Christian Services of the Southwest will speak. Four Christian families who serve as foster parents will also be included.

ATTENTION - LADIES!

Mrs. Charles (Billie Bob) Hickman will be teaching the Ladies' Class on next Wednesday morning, May 3 at ten o'clock in the chapel. She is a good Bible student and an excellent teacher. We hope that many of the women of the congregation will be present.

The final class of this season for the women will be held on Wednesday, May 10.

GOSPEL MEETING IN FRANKSTON

Dean Brookshire will be the evangelist for a Gospel Meeting with the church in Frankston from April 30 - May 3. Services on Sunday will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Weekday services will be at 7:30 p.m.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted in Olla, Louisiana last Saturday for Mr. Julian Browning, brother of Harold Browning.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday in Woodville, Texas for Mr. Elbert Powell, brother-in-law to Mrs. Lonnie Taylor.

TOWELS FOR TIPTON HOME

The Chapel class spent \$200 last week for towels and wash cloths for Tipton Children's Home in Tipton, Oklahoma. The home has suffered a loss due to fire.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Charlene and Chris Parker are the happy parents of a baby girl born last week. The proud grandparents are Charles and Juanita Graf.

TIME CHANGE

Sunday is the time we change our clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Savings Time. Turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening before going to bed and be on time Sunday morning for Bible class.

BACCALAUREATE

This year the Baccalaureate service for our graduating seniors will be held at the Glenwood church on Sunday, May 28.

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements Joe McBee
 Prayer John Teague
 Dismiss Mark Cauthen

Evening - 6:00 p. m.
 Announcements Joe McBee
 Prayer Tom Humphrey
 Dismiss Ed Naul

Serving Communion Sunday
 Ray Womack Carroll Magee
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 Rocky Chambless Paul Montandon
Greeters For Sunday
 Charles Hickman Hillard Hughes
 D. C. Jones

Our Records

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 April 16 \$3,614.75
 April 9 \$3,672.38
 Year Ago \$3,639.81

Bible School
 April 16 351
 April 9 347
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Worship
 April 16 513
 April 9 461

Weekly Budget
 \$4,200

TWO MEN BAPTIZED

Last Friday afternoon Jack Paul brought two men to the building to be baptized. They were Mr. Darrel Wood and his son Darrel Wood, Jr. from Corpus Christy, Texas. They were in Tyler on business with brother Paul.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. The Sin of Lukewarmness
 P. M. The Last Words of Christ

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET will be held May 19th. If you would like to contribute to this event for our young people, give your contributions to Hillard Hughes.

Patience is the best remedy for most trouble.

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On Saturday, May 6, there will be on the ballots the question, "Do you favor the proposition that the next session of the Texas Legislature should enact a law to permit the pari-mutuel wagering of horse races by local county option?" I trust that you will want to vote against this proposal.

I do not consider this a political issue, but rather a moral issue. Christian people should always take a stand against evil and a stand for righteousness.

Gambling never has promoted the development of Christian ideals or Christian character. There are those who will take money which should be used in providing for the needs of their family and lose it in betting on horses. I know that this did occur when pari-mutuel betting was legal in Texas. My first ministry was in Arlington, Texas and Arlington Downs was located nearby. I witnessed the devastating effects betting on horses had on the business community. Even the local bank closed down and it was said

that it was caused by a banker using funds in gambling.

Legal gambling invites organized crime. Studies show that organized crime always follows legalized gambling. Legalized gambling also causes government corruption. Bribes, pay offs and scandals follow legalized gambling. With vast sums of money there are always some politicians for sale.

Money should be considered by Christians as a sacred trust. The Bible teaches that we are to use what we have in a way which honors the Lord. We should never be guilty of squandering or throwing our money away. This is often done in gambling. The Bible way to have money for the needs of life is by honest work. Gamblers feel that they will get something for nothing. If one does win at gambling it is at the expense of others. It seems that gambling - like alcohol addiction - can become a disease with some individuals.

Let us take our stand against gambling in all forms. Please vote against legalized gambling on May 6.

GOSPEL MEETING
 and
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 5 - 9
 Gary Montgomery, Preaching

The presence of order in the universe points to God as the source of that order. Some illustrations from nature were presented in last week's Visitor to show the existence of design and purpose which indicates a divine creator of all things.

We see evidences of purpose and design in the human body. When we think of man's body, we say with the psalmist, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," (Psalm 139:14). It has been said by someone that there are two hundred bones, five hundred muscles, and two thousand ligaments binding them together. The nervous system, the glandular system, and the functioning of all the human organs for the good of the body present a wonderful picture of intelligent design.

Books have been written on the amazing organ of sight, the eye. The eye is so adapted that it can see objects at various distances, from just a few inches to miles away. Looking over a landscape, this amazing optical instrument can bring into our vision multitudes of objects within the space of half an inch in diameter. And we see all of these objects in three dimensions and in color! We are able to perceive something about their shape, size, and position. On the other hand, the eye enables us to see words in a book and then to understand the thoughts and ideas recorded in writing or in printing.

To keep the eye moist and clean, which is necessary for it to function properly, a special fluid is constantly supplied, the superfluous moisture passing through a hole in the bone of the nose where it is evaporated. This valuable instrument is in duplicate, the two eyes being so arranged that while each eye can see separately, they can see together in perfect harmony. The eye is formed before birth and before it is used, being of no use until a later time. This is an indication of its design for a certain purpose. We realize further that as amazing as the eye is, it is useless without the brain behind the eye. I cannot believe that the eye - or any other organ of the human body - is the result of blind chance or some accident of nature.

Hulen Jackson has an interesting article in the March 28 issue of the Firm Foundation in regard to salt. He calls attention to an article in the September, 1977 issue of the National Geographic

entitled, "The Essence of Life - Salt." Brother Jackson wrote as follows:

"If you think it was accidental that our bodies are built as they are or that the human body is but an accident of a long evolutionary process, you ought to ponder well the scientific facts related in the above mentioned article which facts clearly point out to a Bible believing person the great wisdom of God portrayed in the creation, not only of the body of man but also in the creation of the world and meeting of those needs of the body of man by this physical world in which he placed man to live. How could anyone seriously consider these facts about common salt and yet doubt the wisdom of God in creation? It takes more "faith" to believe that all of this was but an accident than to believe that God created it all in the beginning by merely speaking forth and then seeing "that it was good." But to the article - - -

"Even its basic makeup defies logic. Salt is a blend of sodium and Chlorine - the first a metal so unstable that it bursts into flame when exposed to water; the second, a lethal gas. When we swallow the blend, it forms hydrochloric acid in our stomach. Suicidal? No, an absolute necessity of life.

"You and I each contain about eight ounces of salt - enough to fill several shakers. Sodium is involved in muscle contraction, including heartbeats; in our nerve impulses, in the digestion of body building protein. Salt regulates the exchange of water between the cells and their surrounding fluid, which carries food in and wastes out.

"Without salt the body goes into convulsions, paralysis, death. Put blood cells in a salt free fluid and they burst. Fortunately we have built in controls that regulate the body's salt content. Take too much, and the kidneys will excrete it, ingest too little, and they will give up water but virtually no salt. Through perspiration, however, the body constantly loses both water and salt. Without replenishment, the body dies." "

Brother Jackson asks the pertinent question, "Do you still think that your body was but an accident of nature?"

TIPTON HOME FIRE

Members of the West Erwin congregation have been asked to contribute towels to aid Tipton Home in Tipton, Oklahoma. One of the cottages, in the Home was recently destroyed by fire. One child, daughter of the Houseparents of one of the cottages lost her life. Another child and three men were hospitalized but are now recovering.

Many friends and Clothing Sponsors have taken care of the children's immediate personal needs. An abundance of clothing has been received. There was a limited amount of insurance which will only partially cover the loss sustained.

Brother Putman, superintendent of the Home wrote, "We would like to say a special thank you to all of you who have called to inquire about our needs, and to those of you who have already foreseen our needs and have come forth with financial help, clothing, and other items."

Some of our women who work in our Care Center plan to make quilts to be taken to Tipton Home at a later date.

TRIP TO BOLES HOME

The Junior Department is going to Boles Home April 22. If anyone would like to send small pot plants the children will be glad to take them. For information call Jean Oliver.

AREA MEETING

Brother O. J. Russell will be preaching in a gospel meeting at the Church of Christ, 402 So. Main, in Henderson, Texas, April 23 and continuing through April 27. Services are nightly at 7:30. You are invited.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Leo and Monroe Sublette are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born Tuesday morning in Mother Frances Hospital to James and Connie Sublette.

SYMPATHY

The grandmother of Diane Humphrey was buried this week in Tennessee. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

THANK YOU NOTES

We, the family of Mrs. Lucy Bishop want to thank this congregation for their help, prayers, love and concern while she was in Medical Center for so long. May God richly bless each of you. We shall never forget you.

Mr. Frank Bishop
Monroe and Wanda Shepard
Emma Jo Brumley

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and gifts during my illness.
Lilla Tigert

CALAMITY CALCULATION

As I See It... We often "date our lives by calamities. We speak of events "six months after my operation." "two years after our house burned" or "five days before the flood came." These events are unalterably etched in our minds. Time stops and starts with these events.

We are in good company when conscious of matters that matter. Amos was - he had visions concerning Israel "two years before the earthquake" (Amos 1:1). Ezekiel, in his prophesy, remembered speaking to the people on a certain morning because that evening "my wife died" (Ezekiel 24:18). The patriarch Jacob would forever remember coming from Paddan for it was then Rachel died "to my sorrow" (Genesis 48:7). Noble men recall moments of hurt, never to be forgotten.

But the question arises - "How shall I handle my dark days?" The church has some troubles - either because of sin or else a talent that moves away; the family has a disruption and there is no way to completely restore its previous status; health erodes or an accident takes away a physical member - how do you react?

Will the darkness ever eclipse? Must the sun never shine? Does the Son of Righteousness bow to forces bigger than Heaven? Impossible!! God is in control - all things work together for good - "unlike others I have hope" (I Thessalonians 4:13).

As I see it - mortal man is subject to mortal ills. Man awaits Paradise. But while he is moving, those days of darkness must not tyrannize - rather let them educate; let them impress - God loves His own and day does follow night! Winter's gone, spring's come - which date will you use? Pleasant or unpleasant? Carry on, sweet soul.

Jim Bill McInteer
20th Century Christian

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.

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Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Joe Carroll

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RESPONSES

Sister Walter (Pauline) Fuller came on Wednesday evening of last week to ask for the prayers of the church to be restored.

THE SICK

Sister Jack Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.
Brother Henry McRuiz is in Mother Frances.
Sister W. H. Turner continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
Brother Guy Potts underwent surgery Monday. He is in Glenwood Hospital.
Brother R. M. Mayo remains in the Chest Hospital.
Sister Lilla Tigert has gone home from the hospital.
Sister Houston Holcomb had oral surgery last week.
The grandfather of Lynn Jones, Charlie Haynes, is a patient in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

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"In Belo there were more than 110 baptisms for the year plus many others at mission points with which we work. The mission team in Belo Horizonte celebrated its tenth anniversary last August. After 10 years work in Belo and in Brazil there are 8 congregations in the city plus one at camp with about 450 members.

THANK YOU NOTE

A beautiful card of thanks has been received by the church from Mrs. Alberta Morris.

YOUTH MEETING AT TROUP

Mike Warner will speak at a Youth Meeting in Troup, April 16, at 2:30 p. m.

AREA MEETING

Jack Paul will preach in a meeting at the Broad St. Church of Christ in Mineola April 16 - 19. Evening services, 7:30.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening at the Stephenson home, 300 Ridgecrest. Bring either a salad or dessert for a covered dish supper. The time is 7:00 o'clock.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A.M. Jesus' Remedy for Worry
P.M. "It Is Finished"

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

**From the
Preacher's Desk**

We were delighted to receive the following letter from Kieth Mitchell.

"Dear Brothers:

It was such a rich blessing for me to be among you again and tell of our work together in New York City. I predict you are right at the beginning of your greatest days as a church. All there were so warmly supportive of International Mission. I sense a quality of relationship between us (your church and my family) that is stronger than ever. I am deeply humbled and praise God for your continued fellowship."

With deepest appreciation,
Kieth A. Mitchell

We are also delighted to have good reports from Rudi Rischer in Augsburg, Germany and David Ingram in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Elsewhere in The Visitor you will find pictures from Augsburg. We rejoice that six precious young people were baptized in their Youth Meeting. David Ingram has sent a report of the work in

1977 in Brazil. Among other things he says:

"The year of '77 was one of activity and excitement for the Ingrams here in Brazil. So many, many good things have happened in our lives and in the work of the church in Belo Horizonte. Davy and Tim are fluent in Portuguese, but Janette and I still stammer a lot. We have come a long way tho and can communicate pretty well with our "Texas" Portuguese.

"We began 1977 by helping our fellow missionary Carl Henderson, who was in the process of re-location in Tres Lagoas. We visited congregations in that part of the country and preached at several. During the year we made several mission trips ranging from one day to three weeks in which we worked with individuals and congregations in far away areas. For that kind of work we traveled by foot, bus, car and mission plane. The outstanding trip seems to have been the Salvador-Recife trip which resulted in several conversions. Most of the contacts outside of Belo come through publications. The Volta a Biblia was mailed to more than 17,000 people in 27 countries each quarter. A series of 3 correspondence courses were sent to students. Last year about 1300 enrolled and 600 graduated.

"In Belo during the year we helped in one way or another conduct 10 camp sessions ranging from one day to one week. We helped with three campaigns when the Harding campaigners were here. We had a great city wide meeting.

(continued on back page)

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

All around us we see evidences of order and systematic arrangement in our universe. This order suggests an intelligent cause and this cause can be none other than God. I still believe that the argument of design and purpose in the watch as given by Paley in his Natural Theology many years ago is a valid argument for the existence of God.

When one examines a watch, he knows that its frame and all of its parts are put together for a purpose. The parts are adjusted so that they produce motion and the motion is so regulated as to point to the hour of the day. It is obvious that the watch had an intelligent maker and designer. But the universe is regulated with order and precision more perfect than any watch. The planets all move upon their orbits in orderly fashion. The earth rotates upon its axis every twenty-four hours. At the same time it is moving around the sun at the amazing rate of 72,600 miles per hour. Everything in the universe stays on perfect time. Because of the exact precision of the working of the universe, scientists are able to look into the future and tell exactly when we may expect an eclipse of the sun or of the moon. Surely, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork," (Psalm 19:1).

The earth is adapted for life. The rotation of the earth on its axis and its changing position in relation to the sun provides us with the changing seasons. If one side of the earth were continually exposed to the sun as the moon is to the earth, we would find our temperate regions covered with perpetual ice. We are the right distance from the sun for human life to continue. We are the right distance from the moon for the ebbing and flowing of the tides. We are fortunate that we are not so near the moon that the tides would cover the entire earth!

The wing of a bird shows design and purpose in its making. In order for the bird to be able to

fly, it not only needed the formation of members which should serve as wings, but it needed those members to be able to be greatly extended without adding materially to their weight. The body of the bird had to be provided with covering which would help to keep it at an even temperature, without impeding its flight. Instead of hair or fur which covers other animals, the bird was provided with feathers which are very light and yet provide protection against cold weather. Furthermore, the feathers on the wing are arranged with just the right proportion so that they give to the wings the extension which they require for flight. The bird is also provided with a special gland which secretes an oily substance which covers the wings and serves as a water repellent. If this were not so, the flight of the bird would be possible only under very restricted conditions. How can one fail to see design and purpose in the wing of a bird which indicates an intelligent creator? Evolutionists teach that all organs have survived or have evolved because a use has been found for them in each successive stage in the evolutionary development of the particular animal under consideration. If this theory, which embraces a "survival of the fittest," be true, then it would be necessary for each successive stage in the development of an organ to confer on its possessor some advantage or else it would not survive. If wings were gradually evolved, then the earlier "appliances" which were eventually to become wings would have been hindrances rather than helps. They would not have survived according to Natural Selection and wings would never have evolved. Wings had to be just right for flying for the first birds who ever flew. They are another of the many evidences we see of purpose and design in nature.

(This is taken from a lecture which I delivered several years ago at Abilene Christian University. More next week. GHS)

Thursday School - All who would like for their children to attend Thursday School at the Glenwood church next Fall may pre-register any Thursday in April between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Glenwood building. (Infants thru 4 years)

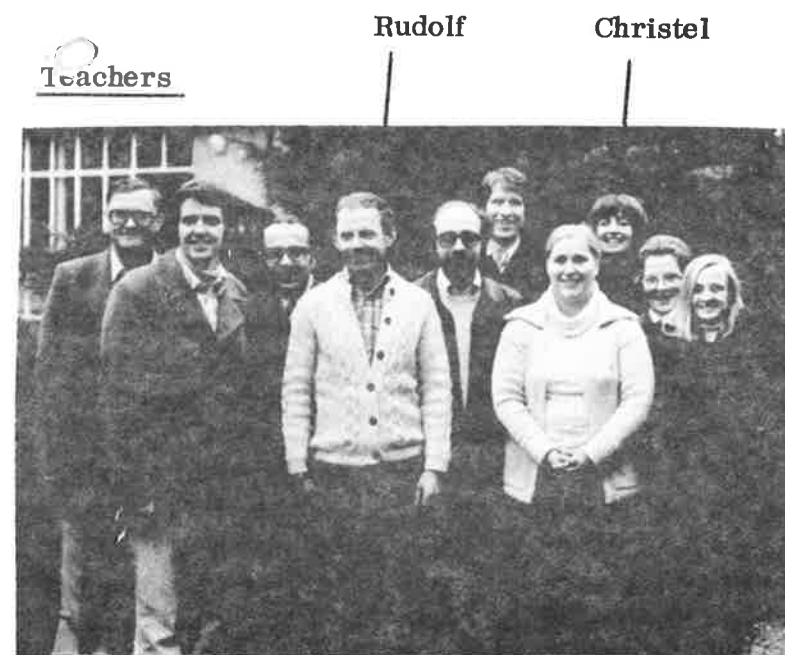
NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to thank brother Stephenson, the singers, the ones who sent flowers, food, and all who helped at the time of the death of my sister, Birdie Lee Norris and her husband Harley.
Mrs. Clara Riley

Youth Rally in Augsburg from March 19 - 23, 1978

77 participants - 6 baptisms

We were pleased to receive these pictures along with an interesting report from Rudi and Christel Rischer concerning a very successful Youth Meeting recently held in Augsburg, Germany. A total of 77 young people (13 - 19 years old) and teachers attended the meeting. Much good was accomplished in the meeting. Six teenagers were baptized into Christ. The complete report of the meeting will be distributed among the Bible classes on Sunday.



Young People Martina Andreas Thomas



NEW CHURCH BUILDING IN KILGORE

On this coming Sunday, April 16, there will be an open house, homecoming and building dedication for a new church in Kilgore. The Houston and Broadway church of Christ and the Eastview church of Christ have merged into one congregation and will be known as the Chandler St. church of Christ. They have erected a beautiful and commodious building at 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore.

Everyone is invited to attend the Open House and special services Sunday afternoon. Singing will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 followed by an address at 3:30 by Robert Bankes. Brother Bankes will preach in a meeting which begins with the congregation on Sunday and will continue through Wednesday night, April 19. We congratulate our brethren in Kilgore on their foresight and vision and pray for their continued growth in the Lord's service.

FUNERALS

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Harley A. Norris and his wife, Birdie Lee. Brother Norris passed away Thursday and his service was held on Friday afternoon at the church building. During the service sister Norris collapsed and was rushed to the hospital but only survived a few minutes. Funeral services were held for her on Saturday afternoon. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at the Garland Road church of Christ for the grandfather of Sam Sevier. We extend our sympathy to Sam and his family.

YOUTH MEETING

The young people of the Broad Street church of Christ in Mineola invite you to a Youth Meeting on Sunday, April 16, at 2:30 p.m. Jack Paul will be the guest speaker.

GOSPEL MEETING

and

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5 - 9

Gary Montgomery, Preaching

Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Leon Welborn
Prayer	Mike Munn
Dismiss	Randy Fletcher
Evening - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Leon Welborn
Prayer	George Kester
Dismiss	Charles Hickman
Serving Communion Sunday	
C. E. Caskey	Faber Cauthen
Sam Bailey	Tommy Lowrance
Henry McRuiz	Kyle McRuiz
Ray Lott	Harley Turner
Greeters For Sunday	
Jamon Kirby	John Porter
D. C. Jones	

Our Records

Contributions	
April 2	\$3,486.98
March 26	\$3,244.94
Year Ago	\$3,967.76
Bible School	
April 2	361
March 26	371
Year Ago	374
Worship	
April 2	489
March 26	600
Weekly Budget	
\$4,200	

RESPONSES

Membership: We are happy to welcome Mrs. Jean Oliver back to West Erwin. She came last Wednesday evening to place membership. Her address is 3705 Gish Lane - phone 593-3209.

Restored: Jeff Munn came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the congregation.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Lilla Tigert is in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. W. H. Turner continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. Joe Willis is in Medical Center Hospital.
 R. M. Mayo is a patient in the Chest Hospital.

Blest be the tie that binds... our hearts in Christian love!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 David Cord Anderson, Minister of Education & Youth

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ATTENTION LADIES

A covered dish luncheon for the ladies will be at Marie Threadgill's home next Wednesday following Ladies' Bible Class. Bring either a salad or dessert.

FROM THE MAIL

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,
 I thoroughly enjoyed the campaign there at Tyler and just wanted to express my thanks to your congregation for the wonderful hospitality and love shown.

I want to thank you for all the delicious luncheons that were prepared and also for the opportunity we had at the benevolent house to obtain "new" clothes - I was overjoyed at that since my clothes do not amount to much. God bless you.

School is fantastic as always. There's so much to learn and a lot of personal development to be done as I strive to be God's woman.

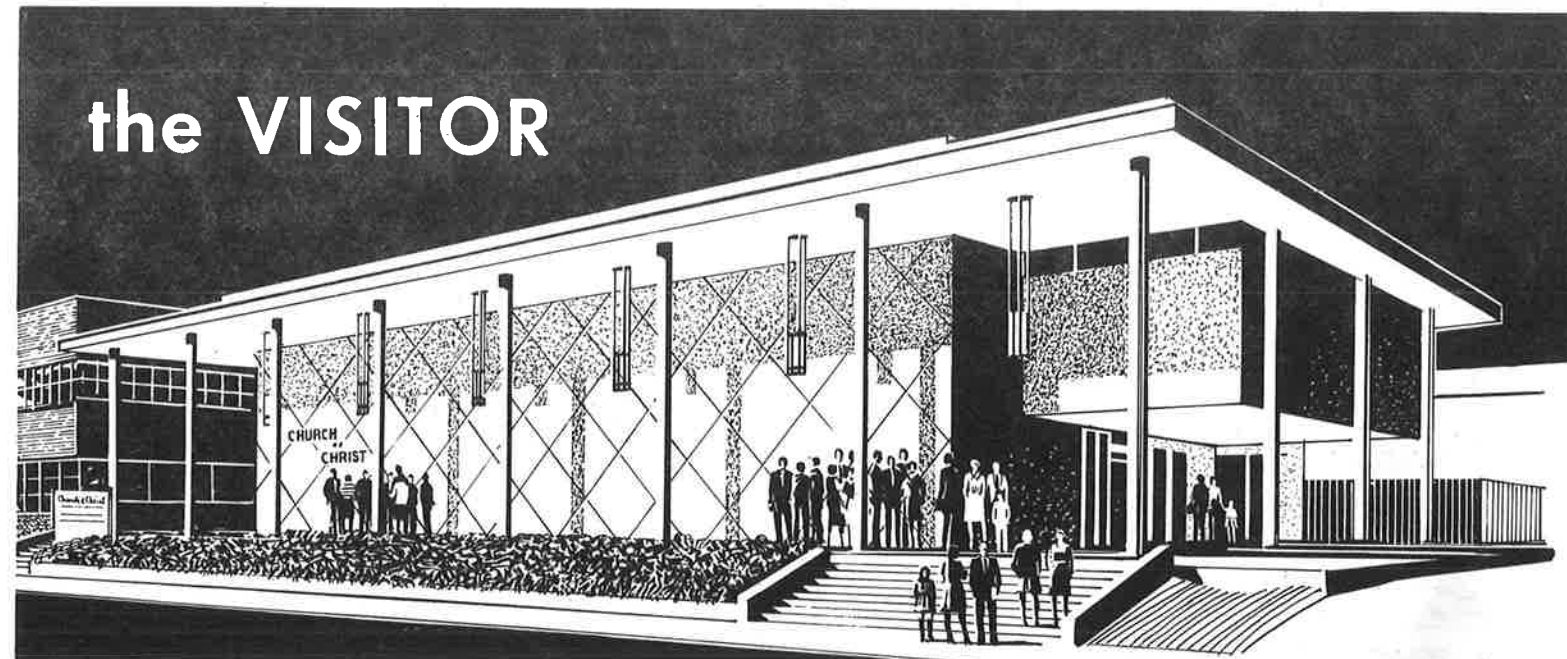
"The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory," Ps. 84:11. May we always bring glory to His name.

Karen Burch
 701-H Splane Dr.
 West Monroe, La. 71291

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. The Christian's Love Life
 P. M. "I Thirst"

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GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

I am most grateful to the elders for granting me permission to be in Lubbock last Sunday. It was a wonderful day for Alice and me. It was a privilege to have the opportunity once again to preach for the two morning services of the Broadway church and to participate in the various activities connected with the ground breaking ceremonies for their new educational building.

The new educational building will be constructed at a cost of nearly four million dollars. It will require two years for construction. The architect's drawing of the building appeared in color on the Sunday morning edition of the Lubbock newspaper. Joe Barnett, the very capable pulpit minister at Broadway, said that the construction of the building was a declaration that Broadway plans to continue to grow. For many years the Broadway church has been one of the largest in the brotherhood. A special contribution of over \$900,000 was raised by the church

last fall for the building fund. The church plans another special contribution some time this year.

We enjoyed getting to meet and greet many friends. We love the Broadway congregation and they made us feel loved by them. We were glad to visit with Norvel and Helen Young and to hear him preach on Sunday night. They have been an encouragement to thousands of people in serving the Lord. Also, we were glad to be with Joe Barnett and the other preachers at Broadway including Horace Coffman who has served as an associate minister for thirty three years.

I know that you were glad to have Jack Paul preach here. His preaching is always forceful and helpful. He has many friends in Lubbock also where he worked with the Texas Tech Bible Chair and led singing for the Broadway congregation.

We hope you will be present on Sunday for Bible School and worship. We need you to help build our attendance in Bible School. We have teachers who are capable and we have excellent facilities. We need you to take advantage of the opportunities to learn God's will and to have fellowship with other Christians in the classes.

GUEST SPEAKER WEDNESDAY EVENING

William Woodson from Freed-Hardeman College will be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, April 12. All classes from 6th grade up will remain in the auditorium.

OUR SYMPATHY

An uncle of Mrs. Joe Willis was buried in Henderson last Sunday afternoon. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

AREA MEETINGS

The Queen and DeBard church in Palestine will conduct a gospel meeting April 9 - 12. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. Bill Hearn of Logan, Utah will preach.

Marvin Phillips will be with the South Washington church in Marshall, Texas for a two-night soul-winning workshop April 10 and 11. The program will begin both nights at 7:30 and conclude around 9:30.

The Central Church of Christ in Lufkin, Texas will have Dr. Joe D. Schubert April 10 - 12 for a series of messages on the theme of "Discipleship." The meetings will be each evening at 7:30.


Richard Lee Curry will be in a series of gospel meetings April 9 - 12 in Daingerfield, Texas. Services will be at 7:30 Monday thru Wednesday.


ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, April 11 at the home of Ben and Patsy Young. The time is 7:30.

YOUR 4-STEP GUIDE FOR DAILY WORSHIP

 PRAY BEFORE READING, ASKING GOD'S HELP IN UNDERSTANDING HIS WORD.

 READ CAREFULLY THE DAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE.

 MEDITATE ON WHAT YOU'VE READ, READY TO OBEY GOD'S WORD TO YOU.

 PRAY AGAIN. THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS. CONFESS YOUR SINS. REMEMBER OTHERS. PRAISE THE LORD. GO FORTH TO SERVE HIM JOYFULLY!

IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank you for your contribution of groceries which brother Clinton Wallace recently secured. He has brought them to the campus and they are currently being used in feeding Boles Home children. Before we inaugurated this program we had an annual outlay for groceries near \$50,000.00. Helping as you are in this manner substantially reduces such financial outlay. We hope that you can continue with us in this program. Thank you again for your cooperation and benevolence.

Alan Sowders, Superintendent



A CRADLE ROLL BIBLE CLASS

When I tell people I teach a class for infants, they usually respond with something like, "You mean you baby sit in the church nursery?"

People find it hard to comprehend that a small infant could be taught about such a vast subject as God, Christ, and the Bible. BUT IT CAN BE DONE!

Psychologists have been telling us all along of the wonderful capabilities in the first two years of development. I now know, from experience, that babies can be taught basic Christian concepts within their limited understanding.

To enforce these principles, we appeal to the baby's natural senses. One of our visual aids might be a pull toy, a hand puppet, a battery operated monkey that claps, or an elephant that stands on its head, or dog that jumps and barks, the Bible to pat and turn its pages, flowers to smell, and sometimes just a simple mirror for baby to look into while teacher sings, "You're a pretty little girl and God made you."

All of these things to see, to touch, to smell and to do - to sense and love - to be loved and cared for - to be quiet, to be happy - to talk to God - All of these and more make a Cradle Roll Bible Class.

...Geraldine Jones

from Brentwood News - Fort Worth, Texas

Our Bible Class for infants here at West Erwin is taught by Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler. These two ladies do a fantastic work every Sunday morning. "Train up a child..." can begin with infants. It is true - little ones do learn.

Do your duty, that is best;
leave unto the Lord the rest.

WASTED LIVES

The wrecks of wasted years! We have all seen along the highways "wrecking yards" filled with wrecks and discards - the fragments of what once were beautiful and serviceable cars, etc.

But, oh the tragedy of wrecked lives, wasted years! In Isaiah 59:7 the fate of sinners is described: "Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;wasting and destruction are in their paths."

My beloved and Godly father often pointed out to me, when I was a lad, some derelict stumbling or crippling along the street, and would say, "Son, see that poor fellow there? He threw his life away when he was a boy."

We justly mourn when we see lives that could and should have been lovely, useful, productive and happy, yet swept away into the wastebasket of the world, moving toward the gutter of moral and spiritual corruption.

Ignoring God and wandering away from His righteousness becomes slow, self-determined suicide for the soul. Fortunately, some, like the prodigal son, can halt their downward trend, and turn the life around before it is too late, even though precious substance has been "wasted" in "riotous living."

Why do so many sabotage their lives? Whether it be drink, drugs, loss of faith, selfishness or pleasure seeking, such wrong living leaves human beings in ruins, pitiful wrecks of what they could have been.

Do not scuttle your life! Do not slink away in despair. The pathos of wrecked lives is appalling, heartbreaking. Shabby forms shuffling along our streets in hopelessness is one kind of wasted years. Yet, one may ride in a limousine and have a life equally unhappy, empty, wasted. It is the same tragic scene - whether in rags or robes! Jesus, who knows, said, "Apart from me ye can do nothing." Abiding joy is in Him! ...Trine Starnes

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Letters Protesting False O'Hair Rumors Continue Deluge of FCC Mailroom

The Federal Communications Commission is continuing to receive mail protesting a falsely rumored attempt by atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair to ban religious broadcasting, according to Clois Fowler, Herald of Truth administrator.

"International" ran an article concerning the mix-up in its May-June 1977 issue. Fowler says that people are confused about the issue however and letters of protest are still clogging the FCC's mailroom. Fowler said recently that he commends the spirit of those writing letters but urges them to stop in light of this new information.

According to Barry Garrett of the "Washington Bureau Baptist Press," the rumor started in December 1974 when two men filed a petition (RM2493) to freeze assignments for television or FM radio licenses to those planning only religious or quasi-religious formats.

The petition was denied by the FCC in an 11 page statement issued Aug. 13, 1975 - but not before thousands of letters flooded the FCC mailroom.

Now, more than two years later, mail again inundated the Commission. Most letters deal with

Mrs. O'Hair, a well-known atheist and head of a national atheist organization headquartered in Austin, Texas., and her fictitious involvement in RM2493. According to an FCC official, she has never had any connection with the petition.

The rumor claims Mrs. O'Hair has been granted a hearing before the FCC to present 27,000 signatures in support of RM2493. This is false. Mrs. O'Hair did unsuccessfully present a petition to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to stop astronauts from praying or reading the Bible from space.

"The FCC cannot take religious broadcasting from the airways," Fowler said. "This would present a serious infringement of the constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion and expression. The encouraging thing is that one issue of vital interest has triggered a massive response to one of our federal agencies. These men in Washington have been startled by the volume of mail even though it is written in error."

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Serving Sunday

Morning - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Louis E. Jones
Dismiss Tom Humphrey

Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Bill Butler
Dismiss Marshall Phillips

Serving Communion Sunday

C. E. Caskey Faber Cauthen
Sam Bailey Tommy Lowrance
Henry McRuiz Kyle McRuiz
Ray Lott Harley Turner

Greeters For Sunday

Cliff Clough Monroe Sublette
D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions

March 26 \$3,244.94
March 19 \$4,093.71
Year Ago \$3,160.91

Bible School

March 26 371
March 19 395
Year Ago 398

Worship

March 26 600
March 19 526

Weekly Budget

\$4,200

RESPONSES

Restored: John Porter came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the church.

THE SICK

Jasper Dobbs had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Ike Gaiser suffered a heart attack last Thursday afternoon. He is now at home.

Last Thursday Mrs. W. H. Turner suffered severe burns in an accident in her home. She is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

R. M. Mayo is a patient in the University of Texas Health Center (Chest Hospital).

Mrs. Alberta Morris is in Mother Frances Hospital.

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)
to travel following his accident, but he manifested his usual good disposition and determination to continue the work he had planned to do on his visit with the churches. Kieth and his wife have borne the burden of their daughter's illness with great courage and faith. He is a tireless worker and is leading many from all parts of the world to the Lord. In addition to his many duties with the International Mission, he has been serving as the preacher for the Manhattan Church of Christ. His work there has been very fruitful also. Kieth left us with our prayers and with a keen interest in his work for the Lord.

Alice and I are looking forward to being with the Broadway church in Lubbock on this coming Sunday. Ground breaking ceremonies are to be held Sunday afternoon for the construction of a new \$3,000,000 educational building. I was privileged to serve as the preacher at Broadway from 1957 to 1963. I am very grateful for the invitation to preach for both of their services on Sunday morning. Norvel Young, who preached at Broadway before we were there, is scheduled to preach on Sunday night. We are delighted that Jack Paul will be preaching here at West Erwin Sunday. We will be praying that it will be a great day here for the church. We know you will be blessed by brother Paul's sermons.

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GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

**From the
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It was great to see the large number present for worship last Lord's Day. We had many visitors among the number. Many of our own numbers were out of town visiting with relatives and friends.

Last Wednesday night Kieth Mitchell brought us a most inspirational report concerning the work which he is doing at the International Trade Mission in New York City. I am glad that we had a good audience to hear him. If you were not here, you missed the opportunity of hearing about one of the most exciting mission efforts in our brotherhood today. Kieth has great ability and we are thankful that he is using his talents in the Lord's service. We were sorry that he had suffered an injury in Dallas on the day before he came here which caused him to be on crutches. I know it was not easy for him
(continued on back page)



JACK PAUL
TO PREACH
SUNDAY

Jack Paul will preach for both morning and evening services on this Sunday, April 2. Brother Paul is in great demand as a speaker for gospel meetings, youth rallies, and leadership workshops. We feel fortunate in having him as a member at West Erwin. Invite others to hear him Sunday.

April 1978

I have no YESTERDAYS,
Time took them away;
TOMORROW may not be—
But I have TODAY.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bible School Worship Evening Worship	2 9:30 a. m. 10:30 a. m. 6:00 p. m.	3 Elders & Deacons Meeting Wyatt's - 7 p. m.	4 Zone 1 - 7:30 p. m. John Teague Home "Hard Travelers" Campus Christian Center 7:30 p. m. High School	5 Tuesday School 9 - 11:30 a. m.	6 Ladies' Bible Class each Wednesday 10:00 a. m.	7 Christian Care Center Workday each Thursday 9 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.
8 Jack Paul to preach High School Party Carpenter Home, 7:30 - 9:00 p. m.	9 3 Elders & Deacons Meeting Wyatt's - 7 p. m.	10 10 Youth Rally - 2:00 p. m. Troup Church of Christ Chapel Class Party Rose Bldg. - 7 p. m.	11 4 Zone 1 - 7:30 p. m. John Teague Home "Hard Travelers" Campus Christian Center 7:30 p. m. High School	12 11 Zone 2 - 7:00 p. m. Ben Young Home Youth Committee meet at Roy Roberson Home	13 6 Ladies' Bible Class each Wednesday 10:00 a. m.	14 7 Christian Care Center Workday each Thursday 9 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.
15 Youth Rally - 2:00 p. m. Troup Church of Christ Chapel Class Party Rose Bldg. - 7 p. m.	16 17 Do YOU attend Bible School regularly?	18 18 Zone 3 George Stephenson Home (Covered Dish Supper)	19 12 Zone 2 - 7:00 p. m. Ben Young Home Youth Committee meet at Roy Roberson Home	20 13 Eighth Annual Teachers Workshop - Canton, Texas April 10, 11, 13, 14 7:30 - 9:00 p. m.	21 8 High School Day - ACU Leave W. Erwin Friday Evening Return Sunday.	22 15 Welcome Visitors Azalea Trails April 1 - 9
23 24 Jack Paul to preach	25 25 Bible Classes - 7:30 p. m.	26 26 Bible Classes - 7:30 p. m.	27 27 Bible Classes - 7:30 p. m.	28 28 Bible Classes - 7:30 p. m.	29 29 Bible Call Telephone Tape Library	30 22 Bible Call Telephone Tape Library



WE HAVE BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends of Tyler,
We wish to thank you for your fellowship, your help in the campaign, the good food you shared with us, the clothing, and each gift of love and prayers offered up on our behalf and the work we set out to do. May God bless you in your work for him. Continue to grow in faith.
In Christ,
Roger Schwartz

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy, for the cards Georgia received while in the hospital and the cards of sympathy I have received. Thank you for the food and all your prayers for Georgia while she was ill and for me. The love you have shown will be strength for us to carry on.
Mary Butler and family

A note of thanks has been received from Mrs. D. C. Lemmons (Marian Rowe's mother) for the remembrances while she was in the hospital last week.

TOUR TO MEXICO CITY

The White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies is planning a combination lectureship tour to Mexico City which will be conducted November 12-17, 1978. We fly on a chartered plane leaving Dallas and arriving back in Dallas on the following Friday. The tour will include hotel accommodations and two meals, and the flight from Dallas. The package deal will cost about \$250.00 which includes all that I have just listed. If you would like to receive a brochure, send your name and address to Bob Danklefsen, in care of White's Ferry Road Church of Christ, 3201 North Seventh Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291.

NEW BABY

Barton and Gayle Davis are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday evening at Medical Center. The baby was taken immediately to Mother Frances for special care. The family requests your prayers for the baby and Gayle. She will be hospitalized for several days in room 517, Medical Center.

"YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS"

The eighth annual Teachers Workshop in Canton, Texas will be held April 10, 11, 13, 14, 1978. The keynote speaker is Holland Boring, Jr. There will be classes for teachers of Cradle-Roll through Adults. Also, there will be a special class for children. You are invited to attend - 7:30 - 9:00 each evening.

CARGO UNIDENTIFIED
By Jim Bill McInteer
From 20th Century Christian

There's a knock at your door. Precaution's provided you a peep hole, a one way mirror or some other device to grant your safe investigation of the caller.

Your vantage point reveals the identity. You see the face. What's your first thought? "Oh, no - not again!" Or "What a happy moment - I deeply love this friend." Could, on the other hand, it be puzzlement - "wonder what he wants?" Just how does the caller strike you - a "bore" or a "blessing?"

We are all "carriers" of something. We all convey something. We are the critics, the never-satisfied, the complainers, the encouragers, the thoughtful, the selfish, the users-of-others, or the joy of many. Circumstances may necessitate our carrying a message we prefer not to deliver, but duty demands. This belongs in the category of the extraordinary. But what we truly must ask is "what do I ordinarily convey?" Paul wrote, "but I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness." (II Cor. 2:1)

As daily you meet friend or foe, you "come with" something. What is it? Help-love - enlightenment - forgiveness - betterment - truth? As I see it, each is permitted to be the carrier of a most precious cargo - even Jesus. As Sgt. York said to me years ago, "Let's get on with it."

AREA MEETING

Holland Boring, Jr. will be in a meeting with the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview, Texas April 3 - 7. Services will be nightly at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

The Walter Goode family is now attending Northwest and the Francis Bullards are now attending the Shiloh church.

Keep thy heart with all diligence: for our of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4:23.

Serving Sunday

Morning
 Announcements Elwin Crow
 Prayer Dick Higginbotham
 Dismiss Lee Roberson

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Contributions
 March 19 \$4,093.71
 March 12 \$2,940.54
 Year Ago \$4,350.58

Bible School
 March 19 395
 March 12 359
 Year Ago 437

Worship
 March 19 526
 March 12 471

Weekly Budget
 \$4,200.00

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. If Jesus Came Tomorrow
 P. M. Christ's Cry From the Depths of Sorrow

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. D. C. Lemmons, Marian Rowe's mother, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Jasper Dobbs is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. Ivah Miller has been in Glenwood Hospital but is now at home.

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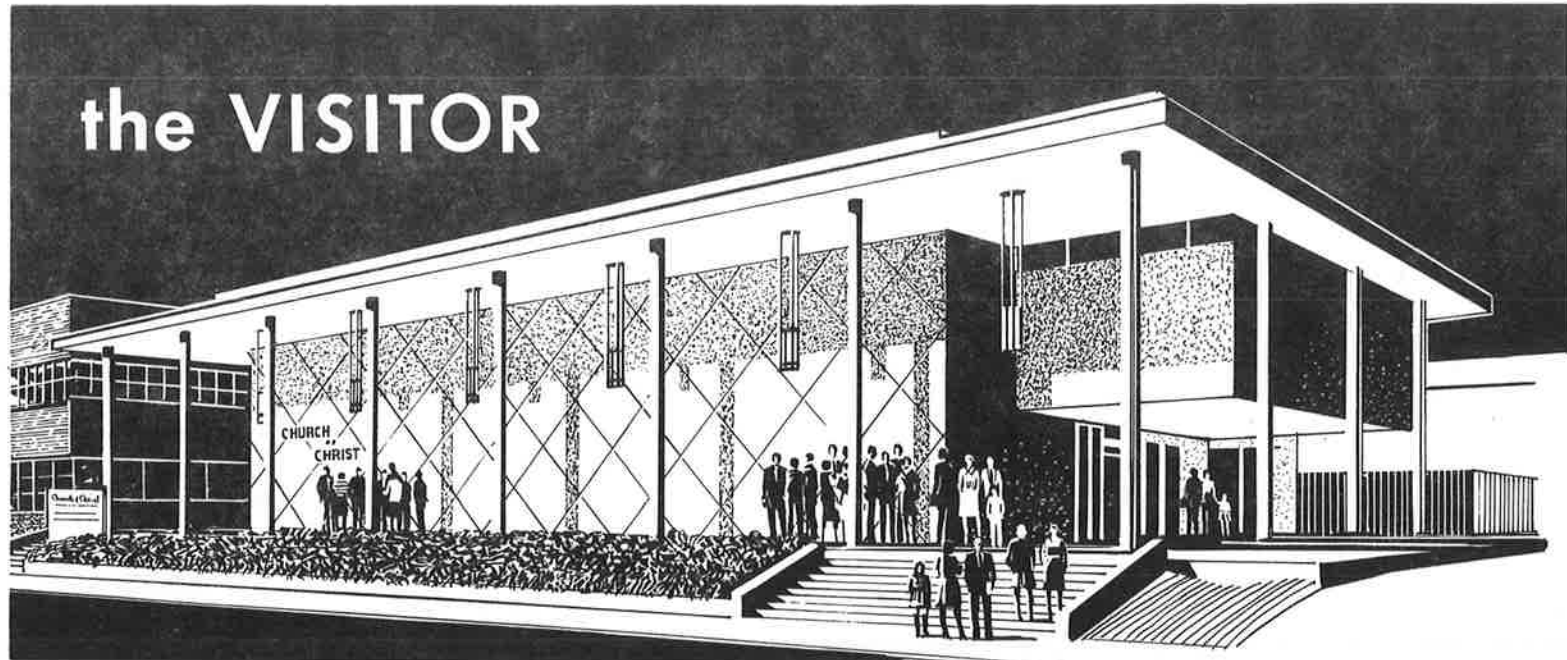
the campaign and those who went with workers during the campaign. Also, we are grateful to those of you who kept young men and young women in your homes and those of you who prepared food for them. Our thanks also to those who drove the bus each night from the church parking lot to the auditorium.

Many prospects for the Lord were made as a result of the thousands of doors knocked and the many Bible Studies held. At least fourteen were baptized and over twenty asked publicly for prayers. There will be others to be baptized later.

A wonderful spirit prevailed among those who were involved in the meeting. Many expressed the belief that this was one of the greatest events in the history of the church in Tyler. The fellowship of all the congregations was wonderful. The desire to work for the Lord by many is a source of encouragement to all of us. I feel that all of us are better as a result of this campaign.

Our next evangelistic effort at West Erwin will be from June 4 through June 9. Gary Montgomery of Hobbs, New Mexico will be preaching for us in this meeting. Gary formerly worked here as educational and youth director. He is a very zealous worker for the Lord. During the meeting we will also have a Vacation Bible School each morning Monday through Friday. Let us begin now to work and pray for a great meeting and a great Vacation Bible School.

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

**From the
 Preacher's Desk**

It was good to see the increase in attendance on last Lord's Day. Now that spring is here we are expecting greater enthusiasm and interest in all phases of our work. All of us should have a greater zeal for the Lord as a result of the great campaign last week. I am very thankful for all who participated in any way in our efforts to make the campaign a success. We are thankful to the Omen Road congregation for their taking the lead in this endeavor. We are thankful for the efforts of Bill Smith, the preacher, Bob Danklefsen, director of personal work, and Bernard Lassiter, song leader. And it was an inspiration to have the fine young men and women who went from door to door teaching the gospel of Christ.

We thank all of the ones here at West Erwin who distributed brochures before

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Dates To Remember

GOSPEL MEETING
 and
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 5 - 9
 Gary Montgomery, Preaching

GOSPEL MEETING
 September 17 - 20
 Virgil Trout, Preaching

GOSPEL MEETING
 October 27, 28, 29
 Jimmy Allen, Preaching

GOD HAS SPOKEN

"God, who at sundry times in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." (Hebrews 1: 1,2)

We believe that God, the creator of the universe and the Father of mankind, has revealed Himself to man. Many believe that the idea of God has come about because of Man's own desire and sometimes his own superstition. They claim that man's conception of God has evolved through the ages. However, we believe that true religion has come as the result of God's revelation and not through man's evolution.

If the idea of God has resulted from man's own fancy and if this idea was a gradual growth through the centuries, it would be expected that among nations low in civilization that no belief in God would be found. But such is not the case. Even among the aborigines of Australia, there was the conception of a Supreme Ruler of all things.

Sir William Ramsey, who was knighted because of his research in archeology, stated that he once was convinced of the evolutionary theory of religion, but after his research was compelled to change his ideas. His discoveries pointed to the fact that the further back in history that he went he found less and less idolatry. Idol worship developed as history moved forward. The idol worship of primitive people was the result of a departure from the true God and was not a stage in upward evolution. This is in harmony with the Biblical teaching that God revealed Himself to man, but man departed from God. "When they knew God they glorified him not as God. . . and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things," (Romans 1:21 - 23).

It is interesting to know that belief in a Supreme Being is almost universal. Cicero once said, "There is no nation so barbarous, no race so savage, as not to be firmly persuaded of the being of a God." C. S. Lewis said, "Only one fact in human experience is more universal and

stubborn than the fact of pain, namely, the fact of the sense of God; and therefore, we must explain not only pain, but primarily man's faith in God."

While it is obvious that people believe in some Divine Being throughout the universe, we would not know His nature nor His concern for us if He had not made himself known in His Word. He did speak in the past through the prophets and in this age He speaks through Christ. Christ reveals to us God. He said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Dr. Norman Taylor of Mexico, while working with a group of soldiers in an isolated post, once gave a New Testament to an officer who knew nothing about Jesus. Taylor encouraged the officer to read the gospels and then at a later time to tell him what he thought of Jesus Christ. When Taylor returned after a few weeks, the officer told him, "If there is a God in the universe, and if He came to earth and dwelt among men in order to save them, He would be like this man Jesus."

It is reasonable to believe that God who made us would reveal Himself to us. We are glad that we find that revelation in the Bible. Today we are to listen to Jesus as we find His will revealed in the New Testament.

We believe that God has spoken, but do we want to know what He has said? Why do we spend so little time in studying His word? Why do many of us show little interest in Bible Study on Sunday morning and on Wednesday night?

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste, yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," (Psalm 119: 103 - 105).

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

Giving thanks always FOR ALL THINGS. Eph. 5:20

THANK YOU

We want to express to you our sincere thanks for the prayers, calls, food, cards, flowers and other kindnesses extended to us during Kenny's stay in the hospital. We love and appreciate each of you.

Kyle and Shirley McRuiz
Henry, Becky and Jana McRuiz

To the many at West Erwin who offered prayers and kind words we are indeed thankful. May God bless all of you in your efforts to serve Christ.

Yours in Christ,
The E. V. Rushings

ACU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL MEET

7:00 P.M. WYATT'S (on Beckham)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1978

DeWitt Jones - Guest Speaker

Dutch Treat

SOME GOOD NEWS

Bud Ross, writing in the Firm Foundation, gives the following facts: 54,000,000 people attended football and basket ball games last season. But, 85,000,000 Americans worship God every weekend in some formal services.

The National Geographic has more subscribers than Playboy - so does Good Housekeeping and Better Homes and Gardens, Reader's Digest and another half-dozen family type magazines.

30,000 couples in the United States have been married ten years or longer without a divorce. Ten million teenagers have never tried drugs of any kind.

The situation is great or pitiful - depending on which way you are looking. Let's start expecting the best of life and with the help of God, it will be that way.

THE CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR FOR ELEMENTARY Children will not meet this Sunday, March 26.

BIBLE HOUR FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN will meet in room 108 - 6:00 p.m.

"JUST FOR WOMEN"

LECTURESHIP FOR WOMEN AND TEENAGE GIRLS

ALPINE CHURCH OF CHRIST
1100 Loop 281 East
Longview, Texas

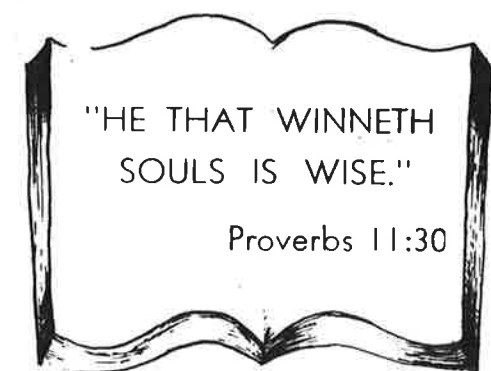
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1978

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Devotional
Song Leader Sharon Sanders
Prayer Kathy Lusk
Welcome Callie Bloomberg
- 10:15 Challenge of Being a Woman
Mary Oler
- 11:00 Teen Power
Betty Misenheimer
- 11:20 Alone?
Betty Whitmire
- 11:45 Prayer
Betty Waggoner
- LUNCH
- 1:00 Love Not the World
Becky Peurifoy
- 1:20 In Nothing Be Anxious
Mary Ethel Ritchie
- 1:45 What Would You Have Me Do, Lord?
Mary Oler
- 2:25 Closing Prayer
Ellen Tompkins

"SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

"...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

No nursery provided.



The Harvest is Plenteous —

The Laborers Need Not Be Few!

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning</u>	
Announcements	Jamon Kirby
Prayer	W. D. Metcalf
Dismiss	Roy Roberson
<u>Evening</u>	
Announcements	Jamon Kirby
Prayer	Olen Holland
Dismiss	Jeff Munn

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<u>Contributions</u>	
March 12	2,940.54
March	3,591.22
Year Ago	3,234.96
<u>Worship</u>	
March 12	471
March 5	464
<u>Bible School</u>	
March 12	359
March 5	357
Year Ago	432
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
	\$4,200.00

Serving Communion Sunday

Jamon Kirby	Hillard Hughes
Bill Butler, Jr.	Leon Welborn
Charles Graf	James Phillips
David Demic	Jeff Munn

Greeters for Sunday

John Owens	George Kester
D. C. Jones	

IN THE HOSPITALS

Kenny Lee McRuiz, baby son of Kyle and Shirley McRuiz is in Mother Frances and is much improved. He is now in a room.

Mrs. Lelia Browning, mother of Eveline McCarty, is in Mother Frances Hospital.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Why We Should Love The Church
 P. M. Christ's Provision For His Mother

The dates for our Vacation Bible School have been set for June 5 - 9.

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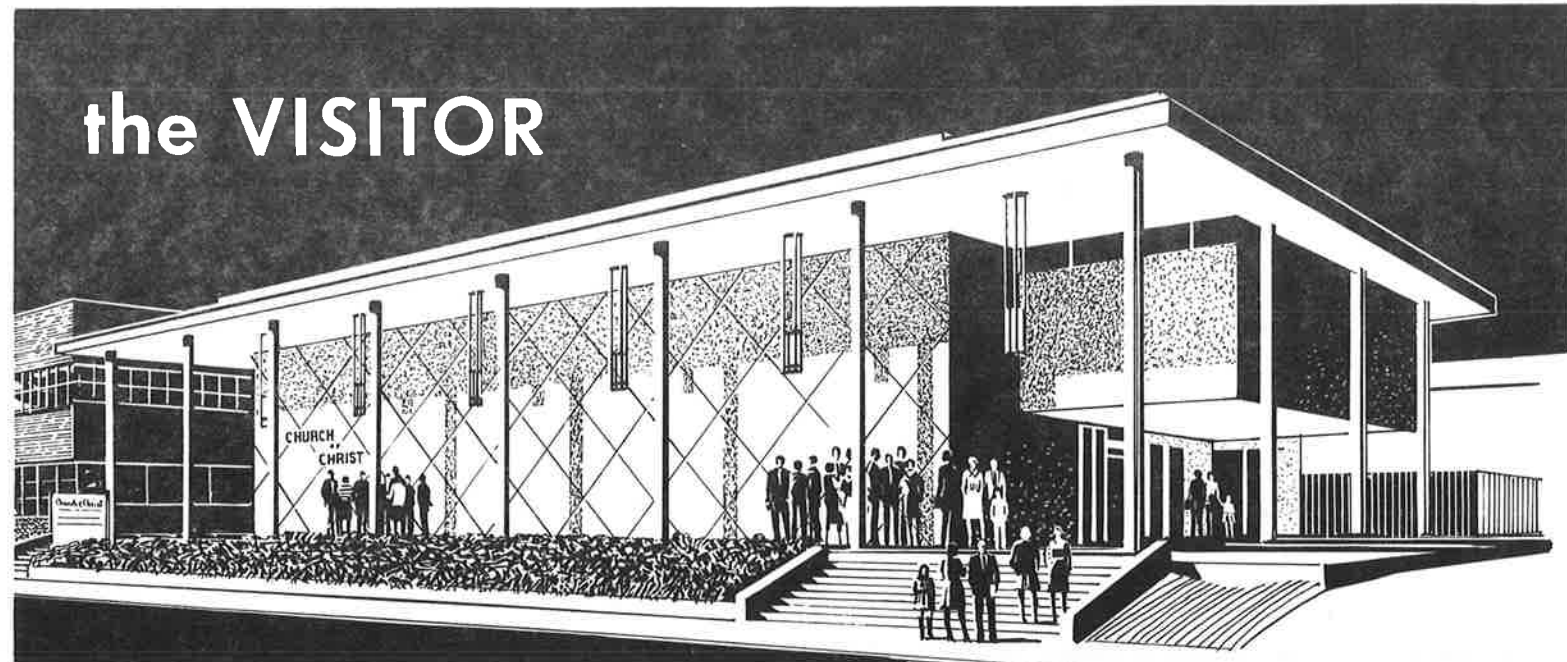
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From the Preacher's Desk (continued)

Bob Danklefsen has been directing a personal evangelism campaign during this week also. Many contacts are being made by students from the School of Biblical Studies and by members of churches in Tyler. Already several have been baptized and we are looking forward to others. We hope to see good results from this special effort for a long time to come.

This coming Sunday is known as "Palm Sunday" by many in the religious world. It marks the beginning of that which they call Holy Week. It is supposed to recall the events of the last week of Jesus on earth concluding with the resurrection or "Easter" on the following Sunday. "Good Friday" is a reminder of the tragic event connected with the crucifixion. Now, the events which are recalled are indeed most significant. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus are the central facts of the gospel. However, we do not wait until this season to remember these events. Every week we remember that Jesus died for us as we partake of the memorial feast of the Lord's Day. As we observe this feast on the first day of the week, we are reminded that He was raised from the dead on this day. The spring season is a wonderful time - a time of renewal in all of nature. We trust it will be a time of renewal and revival of our spiritual lives. Be present for Bible Study Sunday morning and be ready for the joys of worship following. 36

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

**From the
 Preacher's Desk**

This is a wonderful week in Tyler! West Erwin is working with five other congregations in a great campaign for the Lord. We are having large crowds each night in Caldwell Auditorium. Bill Smith has preached the gospel with great power and earnestness. I have heard many preachers and many sermons in my life, but I have never heard greater sermons than those we have had from Bill Smith. I wish it were possible for everyone in Tyler to hear him.

The singing has also been great. Bernard Lassiter sings with such enthusiasm that everyone wants to join in singing with him. And, I like the extra amount of singing. I have thought for a long time we need to sing more songs in our worship than we usually do. Singing can lift our spirits and help us to be more receptive to the lessons

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HEAR KIETH MITCHELL

WEDNESDAY EVENING - March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Kieth Mitchell is one of the great men in the church today. He is accomplishing an outstanding work with the International Trade Mission in New York City. West Erwin has helped support him in this fruitful ministry for several years. He is also serving as the pulpit minister for the Manhattan Church of Christ. Let us have a big number here to hear him speak Wednesday night.

With a straight face, and sepulchral tones - as in a pronouncement from Sinai - the Anchor Man's Anchor Man told us on TV the other night that one of Uncle Sam's bureaucratic agencies (the Federal Trade Commission) is getting ready to save our children from their gastronomic folly. It's going to scrutinize (which means censor) TV advertising chiefly beamed to youthful ears. To wit:

The screening agency is going to tackle and challenge any commercial addressed to children under 8, especially those catering to childish appetite for sweets or toys and suchlike on which a child might get hurt.

There just are no lengths to which these assorted public heroes won't go to save We The People, young and old, from our ignorant selves. Little Johnny and Suzie are going to be rescued from Bubble Gum and the Sugar Demon even if the FTC and the Federal Communications Commission have to turn Walter Cronkite's world and the Wrigley Brothers upside down. Little Jack Horner stuck in a thumb to pull out a mere plum; these larger Jacks are playing for bigger stuff in their corner ... mostly pulling jokers out of the Potomac deck.

Actually there is a big and useful job the FCC, et al. could be doing in behalf of the 10 million little Johnnies and Suzies who regularly - daily, hourly, - watch that tube. But it is barely related to bubblegum, lollipops and

toys. IT'S LANGUAGE AND IDEAS - suggestive vulgarities and obscenities - beamed into their living rooms, calculated to sicken not their little tummies but their souls. They're growing up on this televised fare - without official let or hindrance. And the impression inescapable is that the watchdog agencies employed to supervise this area of public responsibility couldn't care less. For just what are they being paid?

No less grotesque is the standard answer of those in judicial robes when the question is asked concerning legal crackdown on filth: the explanation that obscenity and such-like just "cannot be defined." So, they imply, who's to enact and enforce a law against it?

Whatever else our modern society may have improved in, it certainly doesn't include sensitivity or sensibility on the part of our politicians.

This mock-censor business aimed at Johnny and Suzie for their physical welfare as distinguished from their rectitude, would be laughable were it no so tragic in its irony.

Keep all those sugar-plugs, dental abrasives, and digestive no-no's off the air - but Heavens-to-Betsy don't anybody mention adversely the cusswords and assorted connubial filth to which Johnny and Suzie are subjected hourly.

Obviously the FCC et al. believe the public-paying their salaries - is stupid.

Congratulations

We offer congratulations to Dr. Roger Knight who has been named "Trustee of the Year" by Abilene Christian University. He was awarded this honor during chapel exercises on Monday of this week. Dr. Knight and his wife Jan are both graduates of A.C.U. They now have two sons and one daughter in the University. We are glad to have Dr. Knight as one of our elders and glad to have this fine family as a part of our congregation.

New Baby

James and Ange Beard are the parents of a baby girl born late Monday in Mother Frances. Jack and Zeffie Beard are the proud grandparents.

Area Meetings

Robert Bankes will be with the Mobberly Ave. Church in Longview, March 26 - 29. Monday-Wednesday services, 7:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

FUNERAL

Sister Georgia Lee passed away late Saturday evening following a long illness. Her funeral was conducted Monday morning. Burial was in Garden Valley. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sister, Mary Butler and all members of the family. Edwin Rasco and George Stephenson conducted the service and Lloyd George spoke at the graveside. A number of years ago Georgia served as church secretary for the West Erwin Church.

OUR DEACONS

Last Sunday six men were recognized as additional deacons for the West Erwin congregation. All of these men are dedicated Christians and have lovely families. We feel that they will be a great asset to the work here. These men are:

John Owens	605 Meadow Creek	561-1996
Phil Marts	3803 W. Elm	593-8067
Leon Welborn	618 Purdue	561-3624
George Kester	314 Clemson	561-0974
Sam Sevier	3208 McDonald	593-1543
Cliff Clough	2314 Sampson	593-3390

We would like for everyone to know who the other deacons of the congregation are. We are thankful for these men also.

Jack Beard	1023 E. Earle	593-6747
Harold Browning	2708 Brentwood	597-9506
Don Chaffin	212 Ridgecrest	593-7008
Milburn Cook	215 Vicksburg	561-2638
Elwin Crow	1411 Yosemite	561-2702
Wallace Gayle	1911 Sterling	597-8538
Cullen Gilliam	P. O. Box 1242	882-6901
Dick Higginbotham	1116 Hansford	561-7133
Louis E. Jones	1507 Kensington	561-2818
Jamon Kirby	813 Dolores	561-9442
James Massey	4310 Candace	561-2330
Joe McBee	2221 Brookhaven	592-1102
James Phillips	2934 Pollard	597-4492
Fred Powell	2106 Hilltop Dr.	593-5229
Bruce Raley	2405 Pleasant	592-0159
Roy Roberson	1429 Sunset	597-5627
Fred Strait	Angy Drive Rt. 4	561-2269
Jack Stringer	Rt. 2, Box 392 CE	592-2557

OUR ELDERS

We have had articles and pictures in the bulletin about all of our present elders. We hope you will continue to love and pray for these men as they serve as our spiritual leaders

F. C. Carpenter	3513 Glendale	593-2007
C. E. Caskey	Rt. 2, Box 368	592-0240
Faber Cauthen	327 Brookwood	561-8054
Dr. Roger Knight	506 Rudman Road	592-8425
Ray Lott	2005 Clubview	593-0908
Foy Richey	3006 Orr Dr.	597-3078

YOUNG PEOPLE - grades 6 thru 12 will meet Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Chapel.

THE TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime next week.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR. . .

for elementary children meets in room 209/210 each Sunday evening at six.

for pre-school children in room 108 on Sunday evening at six.

Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Announcements	Dick Higginbotham	(meet at Caldwell auditorium, 7:30)
Prayer	Joe McBee	
Dismiss	Keston McFadden	
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	
C. B. Hardin	Roger Knight	Wayne Reynolds
J. C. Payne	Bob Threadgill	John Teague
Mac McCall	Olen Holland	
Shayne Bennett	DeRay Bennett	

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Year Avg. \$4,091.74	Year Avg. 343	447
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. 222	

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Dorothy Davis is in Glenwood Hospital.
 Mrs. Georgia Lee remains in Medical Center. She underwent surgery Monday afternoon.
 Mrs. E. V. Rushing had surgery in Medical Center last Thursday. She is recovering and hopes to go home Thursday or Friday.
 Maurice Henderson has gone home from Medical Center Hospital.
 David Ingram's father is a patient in Medical Center.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class
 Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

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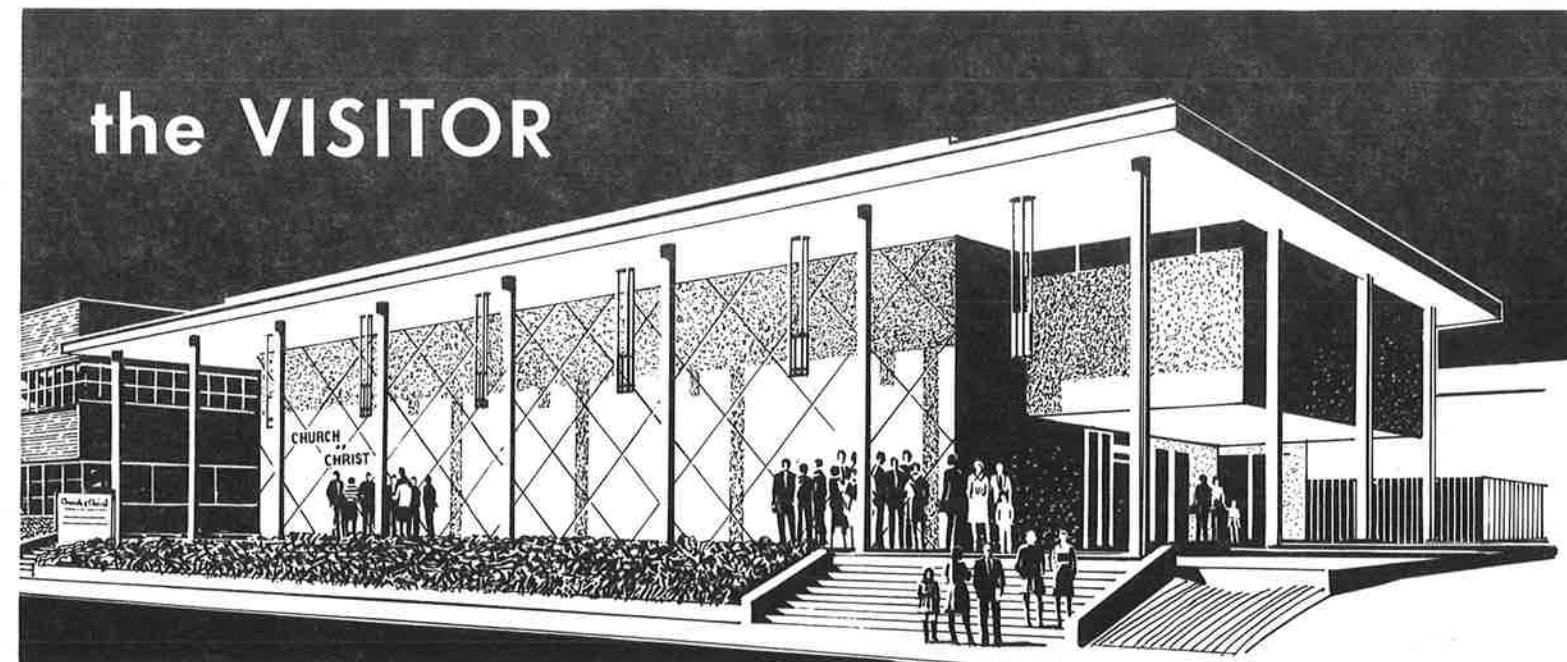
THE LANGUAGE OF VICTORY

"I can do all things through Christ,"
 Phil. 4:13
 "Our God shall fight for us,"
 Neh. 4:20.
 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," Psa. 46:1.
 "Let us rise up and build," Neh 2:18.
 "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths," Prov. 3:6.
 "Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken," Psa. 37:25.
 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous," I Peter 3:12.
 "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able," I Cor. 10:13.
 Himself hath said, "I will never leave thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee," Heb. 13:15 RV
 "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory," I Cor. 15:7.

the Mail Bag

Dear Christians,
 Just wanted to drop a line and let you know our address. We enjoyed West Erwin and appreciate everything everyone has done for us. We will be working with the congregation here in Mt. Vernon. We will always remember Christian friends as all of you.
 Mark and Tawana Stewart
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The Church With A Heart



Preaching by **BILL SMITH**
 March 12 thru 17

Sunday Good News!
 Monday Why God Came To Visit The Earth!
 Tuesday What Could A Cross Accomplish!
 Wednesday We Shall Overcome!
 Thursday Let Go Of Me Death!
 Friday A Life Of Assurance, A Future Of Hope!

7:30 Each Night
CALDWELL AUDITORIUM

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

JOY... FIRST ON THE "WANT LIST"

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

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

A preacher entered a studio to have his picture made. "What is your occupation?" questioned the photographer. "I am a minister." "Oh," said the photographer, "then it will be a solemn expression."

Well, that's exactly what the world thinks of some of us. They don't think we're marching to glory. We don't look like it. The Bread of Life cannot be recommended by those who look as if it gives them indigestion.

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

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

—JOE R. BARNETT

IN APPRECIATION

James Trentham has expressed his appreciation to everyone in the congregation who has been so helpful to his parents, brother and sister R. L. Trentham, in recent weeks. Also, he wishes to thank those who have helped in their move to Leisure Lodge and in the closing of their house.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting Sunday at 1:30 p. m. in the Chapel for all men of the congregation.

THANKS TO SATURDAY WORKERS

We are very thankful for the number of people who came on Saturday to distribute brochures in regard to our approaching campaign. We had people of all ages helping and we do appreciate the fine work done by everyone.

PROSPECTIVE DEACONS

Names of the following men have been submitted to the congregation to be considered as additional deacons. If there are no scriptural objections to these men they will be officially recognized as deacons on this coming Sunday, March 12.

John Owens	George Kester
Phil Marts	Sam Sevier
Leon Welborn	Cliff Clough

REMEMBER The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of March 20 - 24. The following is a list of the most needed items, however, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Sugar, granulated	Spices, all kinds
and powdered	Facial Tissue
Pickles - sour, sweet	Toilet Tissue
and dill	

SERVICES DISMISSED Sunday and Wednesday nights

Our regular Sunday night and Wednesday night services at West Erwin will be dismissed during the campaign. The Lord's Supper will be served in our chapel Sunday night following the services at Caldwell for the benefit of any who may not be able to have the communion earlier in the day.

NURSERY TO BE PROVIDED

Our members and their friends may leave their little ones in our nursery during the time of the campaign. There will be attendants in the nursery and women from the congregation will be taking care of pre-school children.

PARKING LOT TO BE USED IN CAMPAIGN

Plans are made for us to use "shuttle" buses to take people from our parking lot to the Caldwell Auditorium during the campaign. You may park your cars here and then ride to the auditorium. This will enable us to reserve spaces for visitors to park in the auditorium area. Come early so that you may arrive on time at Caldwell Auditorium.

BERNARD LASSITER DIRECTING SINGING

One of the enjoyable and pleasant aspects of our campaign will be the opportunity to join in the singing led by Bernard Lassiter of Houston. He will begin the singing each night at least twenty minutes before the regular scheduled time for the services to begin. You will find this to be a very inspirational time. Brother Lassiter has been used in singing for various campaigns in the brotherhood.

MOVING TO GARLAND

David Cord Anderson and his family are moving to Garland this week where he has secured another position. He has served as the educational and youth minister at West Erwin since January 1, 1977. We pray that God may richly bless David, Pam, and Julie in their new home.

LIVING THE WAY WE PRAY

I knelt to pray when day was done
And prayed: Oh Lord, bless everyone:
Lift from each heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again
And then I woke one day,
And carelessly went on my way,
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye.
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me
Yet once again when day was done
I prayed: "Oh Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, to my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear:
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray:
Whom have you tried to bless today
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve him here below."
And then I hid my face and cried:
"Forgive me God for I have lied."

Author Unknown

Blest be the tie that binds...

our hearts in Christian love!

KIETH MITCHELL will speak Wednesday evening, March 22.

There will be no classes for young people Sunday afternoon.

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M.
CALDWELL AUDITORIUM



Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:20 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Announcements	Harold Browning	Harold Browning
Prayer	Phil Marts	Leon Welborn
Dismiss	Wayne Reynolds	Jack Stringer
Serving Communion Sunday		Greeters
C. B. Hardin	Roger Knight	John Owens
J. C. Payne	Bob Threadgill	Jack Stringer
Mac McCall	Olen Holland	
Shayne Bennett	DeRay Bennett	

Our Records

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
February 26 \$3,643.22	Feb. 26 371	504
Year Avg. \$4,147.35	Year Avg. 341	445
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. 215	

RESPONSES

James and Phyllis George, Rt. 10, Box 594, phone 566-3020, were baptized into Christ last Thursday evening by C. E. Caskey.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Georgia Lee continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. Earl O'Quinn has been in Medical Center following surgery.
 Jack Stringer was in Glenwood Hospital a few days for tests.
 Ike Gaiser entered Mother Frances Wednesday.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the food, flowers, calls, cards, and visits in the death of our loved one. We appreciate all of our Christian friends.

Jack and Johnnie Stringer

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 various classes. We are truly thankful for the splendid talent in our congregation.

We were glad to be among the thousands who were privileged to attend the annual lectureship in Abilene. We look forward to this event every year as being one of the most uplifting and inspirational weeks in the entire year. We were glad to hear some great sermons on "Spirituality" and to attend some of the classes. It was thrilling to hear the great singing of thousands of Christians as they united their voices in praise to God. And the joy of being with Christians we have known and loved in many places was tremendous. We thank the elders for permitting us to go for this spiritual uplift.

We hope you are praying for the city wide campaign in Tyler. It will be just one week from Sunday. I appreciate those of you who indicated that you will work in various areas. There is still much work for all of us to do if the campaign is all that it should be.

We received many compliments from various ones when we were in Abilene about our bulletin. The bulletin goes to many people in other places and we were glad to hear their commendations. Also, we were pleased to have many people from the East Texas area to tell us how much they appreciate the Amazing Grace Bible Class every Sunday morning.

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

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

We were glad to see the favorable weather on Sunday and the increase in attendance. We enjoyed the singing of the chorus from Southern Christian College on Sunday night. We are thankful for this school and all other schools which are endeavoring to teach and train young people in the principles of Christ. We are thankful for those who responded generously to their appeal for help.

We heard good reports concerning the preaching of Olen Holland while we were in Abilene attending the Abilene Christian University lectureship. We were thankful to know that a young man was baptized into Christ and then on Thursday of the same week that C. E. Caskey baptized a young man and his wife. I am grateful to brother Holland for his preaching in my absence and to Roy Roberson, Ira Wright, and Audrey O'Bannon for their teaching my

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CHRIST, THE CROSS AND YOU

Bring your friends to hear these sermons by Bill Smith Sunday, March 12 - Friday, March 17, 7:30 p. m.

- Sunday Good News
- Monday Why God Came to Visit the Earth
- Tuesday What Could a Cross Accomplish?
- Wednesday We Shall Overcome
- Thursday Let Go Of Me, Death!
- Friday A Life of Assurance, A Future of Hope

CALDWELL AUDITORIUM

CHRIST'S LEGACY OF PEACE

Before Jesus left the earth he told his disciples about a wonderful legacy. The legacy was more precious than gold or silver. It was the legacy of peace. He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," (John 14:27).

The twentieth century began with high optimism and hope for universal peace on earth. Even World War I did not destroy man's hope that this century was to be one of peace, for that war was supposed to be "the war to end wars." Since that time our nation has engaged in conflicts in World War II and in Korea and Vietnam. Turmoil, strife, and possibilities of war continue throughout the world. In spite of the magnificent intellectual and scientific advances of this twentieth century, more blood has been shed from war in this century than in the preceding thousand years.

In his book, What Jesus Says, Dr. Robert Boyd Munzer declares, "We are tremendously concerned these days to find a way to manage a wild and savage world. The beast of war roars in his fragile cage, reaching out a vicious paw to maul the passerby and send frightened keepers scurrying to find stronger bolts and bars lest atomic destruction break out from restraint. There is only one matter of greater concern to many, and that is how to manage ourselves, how

to control the wild and willful world within us."

Thus Dr. Munzer reminds us of the truth taught in many places in the Bible that there is a conflict raging within our own hearts. Before there can be peace among men, there must be peace within men.

When one becomes a Christian, he should find peace within, because he has found peace with God. The burden of guilt has been removed by the promise of God's forgiveness. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," (Romans 5:1). Among other attributes of the fruit of the Spirit in the Christian is peace, (Galatians 5:22).

To be filled with peace in our hearts does not mean that we are free from trials and disappointments. It does not mean that we are unconcerned about the troubles of this world. It does mean that we have learned to face life with a serenity and poise which the unbeliever does not possess. Paul said, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus," (Philippians 4:6, 7, New American Standard Version). May we find that peace in our hearts - the peace which Jesus left as a legacy for us.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

FUNERALS

We express our sincere sympathy to Art and Martha Jo Rowland and their family in the death of their son, Anthony Lauden, on Thursday of last week. Brother Stephenson held the service on Saturday.

Brother Stephenson held the funeral service for Mrs. Marguerite Jones of Chandler on Sunday afternoon. She was a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKeever.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gina Elizabeth Montgomery was born Friday, February 24 to Candy and Alan Montgomery in Gainesville, Fla. The happy grandparents are Carolyn and Ray Womack. Carolyn left on Saturday to be with them for a week.

HONORED

Donnie O'Bannon, grandson of Russell and Audrey O'Bannon has been selected as one of the five candidates for Outstanding Man of Schreiner College in Kerrville.

TRAINING FOR SERVICE SERIES

All teachers of the area are invited to a Training for Service Series, March 6, 7, and 8, 7:00 p. m. each night at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. Classes for nursery thru adult teachers are scheduled. Also, a class in soul-winning and growth will be conducted. A letter from the Alpine church is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.



James and Phyllis George and C. E. Caskey

James and Phyllis George first visited West Erwin with Ronny and Lynn Jones. After a series of home Bible studies with C. E. Caskey, one of our elders, he baptized them into Christ on Thursday evening of last week.

Jimmy and Phyllis moved to Tyler from Houston where they were reared and married. They are still newlyweds having been married only eight months. He is a full time student at Tyler Junior College as a business major. Jimmy likes to fish and Phyllis enjoys sewing and needle work and also likes to fish with her husband. Their address is Rt. 10, Box 594, phone 566-3020. We are happy to welcome them into the fellowship of West Erwin.

Study the Bible

Be in a Bible Class Sunday

From Southwestern Christian College

Dear Brethren:

The chorus thoroughly enjoyed presenting their program in the interest of Christian education and Southwestern Christian college at your congregation on Sunday, February 26. Thank you for permitting us to present the program and to make the appeal for financial support of the college. The response to that appeal was as follows: Cash - \$427.00, Album sales - \$7.00 and Pledges \$1,100.00, Total - \$1,534.00

Please express our appreciation to the congregation for this generous response.

NOTE OF THANKS

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. May God bless you.

In Christian love,
Jo and Art Rowland
Leslie Lauden McCain
Jim Lauden

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



I love David. David's writings bring tears and joy. Who can read the Psalms without agonizing over David's sin in Psalm 51? Or see the confidence in Psalm 23? Or feel the frustration in Psalm 31:15 as David cries out, "My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors!"

God loved David. David was courageous. He faced lions, bears and giants. David was a military genius. David was an exceptional leader of God's people. David was a superb writer and musician. But all of these successes were not the things that endeared him to God. For God measures a man by his heart. And David was a man after God's heart.

It is in the quiet moments of life that we can look at ourselves. In the even rarer moments we can strip back the veneer and look intently into our own hearts. It is in those moments that we can see how God measures us.

"Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!"

Psalm 117

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Bud and Louise Caskey - 7:30 p.m.
ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Elwin and Pat Crow - 7:00 p.m.



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TO CHURCH GROWTH!

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Prayer	K. Max Haws	Henry McRuiz
Dismiss	Don Weathers	Wade Weathers
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>		Greeters
K. Max Haws	Harold Browning	Foy Richey
Sam Sevier	Don Weathers	David Thurman
Cliff Clough	Cone Birdwell	D. C. Jones
Ron Lott	Wade Weathers	

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
February 19 \$3,449.57	Feb. 12 338	423
Year Avg. \$4,210.37	Year Avg. 337	438
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. 217	

RESPONSES

Baptized: Mark Schueler, 430 So. Bonner, was baptized Sunday evening. He is a student at TJC. We rejoice with Mark.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Ford (Tommie Alice) Egbert, Rt. 11, Box 228, phone 592-5069, came Wednesday evening of last week to place membership. They have been visiting with us for some time now and we are very happy to have them worship with us.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Georgia Lee is in Medical Center suffering from a broken hip as a result of a fall at home. It has not been determined if she will have surgery.

Sister Jean Holt's mother, Mrs. Irvin, is in Medical Center. She fell Sunday morning and has an injured shoulder.

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whether young or old. We will need the help of many in the distribution of brochures on Saturday, March 4. If you are able to walk, you are able to help in this endeavor. There are many other ways in which all of us may help. May we be praying for the success of this campaign.

On this coming Sunday night, February 26, we will be privileged to hear the A-Capella Chorus from Southwestern Christian College in Tyler. They will present a program of songs following our regular evening worship. We have had programs from Southwestern before and they have been excellent. You will enjoy and profit from hearing these young people. Invite your friends to be here.

We are looking forward to another fine event on Wednesday, March 22. Kieth Mitchell from New York will be here to speak. As you know, we help support him in the International Mission in New York City. It has been some time since Kieth has been here, and we look forward to seeing him and having him with us.

Hospitals - continued

Sister Bishop, a member of the church from Winnsboro, is a patient in Medical Center. She expects to be hospitalized for some time and would enjoy your visit.

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

Churches of Christ in Tyler will soon be engaged in an intensive effort to spread the gospel of Christ in our city. From Sunday, March 5 through Friday, March 12 great evangelistic services will be conducted in Caldwell Auditorium. Bill Smith, outstanding evangelist from West Monroe, Louisiana, will preach the gospel with power. Bernard Lassiter, one of the best known song directors in the brotherhood, will be in charge of the song services.

Each day there will be workers going into homes to teach those who may listen. This should be one of the greatest meetings ever held in Tyler. However, the success of the meeting will be determined by the Christians in our city. We must have the dedication and interest of everyone if this effort succeeds. I feel that there is something for everyone to do,

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YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND

ALL ZONES FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wyatt's Cafeteria (on Beckham)
Tuesday, February 28 - 7:00 p. m.

ROBERT BANKES
Of Fort Worth, Guest Speaker

REMEMBER

CITY WIDE CAMPAIGN
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"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31)

AT THE "FINISH LINE"

Don't resent growing old. Think of the alternative! In a moment of nostalgic remembrance an aged person may long to be young again. He may try to emulate young people and vainly search for the "Fountain of Youth" by a run on cosmetics and hair tint. But the elderly person who holds Christian hope can optimistically say with Browning:

"Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be,

The last of life, for which the first was made;

Our times are in His hand

Who saith, 'A whole I planned,

*Youth shows but half; trust God, see all,
nor be afraid!'"*

Old age doesn't have to be a time of unhappy withdrawal. It can be a time of great productivity. Socrates produced his wisest philosophy at seventy. Plato did his best teaching after sixty. Phillips Brooks was a powerful preacher at eighty-four.

Goethe wrote a part of "Faust" at sixty and finished it at eighty-two. Victor Hugo wrote "Les Miserables" at sixty-two. Noah Webster released his monumental dictionary at seventy.

Naturally, the increase of infirmity brings a decrease of physical capacity. But such need not cause one to live in the shadow of distress. Remember the splendid attitude of John Quincy Adams. On his 81st birthday a well-wisher questioned, "How is John Quincy Adams today?" Adams responded:

"John Adams is quite well, thank you. Of course, the house in which he lives is a bit dilapidated. Time and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. It is tottering on its foundation and the roof is worn quite thin. Yes, the old tenement is becoming quite uninhabitable and I fear John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it quite soon. But, he himself is quite well, thank you, quite well."

The glory for the winner is at the "finish line," not on the "starting blocks." The elderly person, whose life is righteous, is nearing the moment he'll take his place on the victor's stand to receive his reward.

An aged person who is radiant, optimistic and cheerful is one of the prettiest flowers in God's garden.

—JOE R. BARNETT

THE CLASS for 6th grade thru 12th grade will meet Sunday afternoon - 5 o'clock in the Chapel.

HIGH SCHOOL young people will have a "get-together" Sunday evening at the home of Roy and Elaine Roberson - 7:30 until 9:00.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR . . .

for elementary children meets in room 209/210 each Sunday evening at six.

for pre-school children in room 108 on Sunday evening at six.

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of March 20-24. The following is a list of items most needed, however, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Sugar, granulated,	Spices, all kinds
and powdered	Facial Tissue
Pickles, sour and	Toilet Tissue
sweet, dill	

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HASTY CONCLUSIONS

It seems that one of the favorite pastimes of many Americans is that of making hasty conclusions. Jumping at conclusions is one of the most dangerous habits one can have.

It is told that a lady invited her friends to a mushroom steak dinner. When the mushrooms were opened a slight skum was on top. Since the guests were expected soon, the lady suggested, "Give the dog a little and if he eats it, it is probably all right." The dog liked it and begged for more. So the dinner was completed and served. After the main course, the maid whispered to her employer, "Ma'am, the dog is dead." There was only one thing to do. Sometime later the guests were reclining after the use of a stomach pump. The lady asked the maid, "Where is the dog now?" "Out on the front lawn, ma'am, where he fell when the car hit him!" The moral of the story is obvious.

One of the harmful things about the practice of hasty conclusions is that the conclusion is almost always harmful to the character of someone. One of life's mysteries to me is why men almost always want to think the worst of every situation that arises, of the motives of others, and of the actions of other people. Such an uncontrolled practice will cause one to become a cynic or skeptic who has little or no confidence in other people. As one loses confidence in others he begins to lose confidence in himself. So these people pose a danger of hurting another's reputation, and creating an unwholesome atmosphere in their society. Certainly the individual who makes a habit of "jumping at conclusions" and claims to be a Christian, presents the wrong kind of picture of God's people to the world.

The next time we are tempted to make "hasty conclusions" we should carefully read Eph. 4:1-3. "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, and with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

... Charles Williams

WE WERE VERY pleased to have a number of visitors with us last Lord's Day. We hope you will return at every opportunity. We also had a great number of our members out of town over the week-end attending the ACU Lectureship at Abilene. We missed you very much. We appreciated the two very fine lessons Sunday brought by brother Olen Holland.

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



I first met Mike McAlister eleven years ago at the Texas Tech Bible Chair. Mike has always been a marvelous brother and friend. He serves as the minister to the youth at Sunset Ridge church in San Antonio. The following was written for his youth group. I want to share it with you.

Have you noticed that it is right after the "Mountain Top" experiences in our life that we often experience the deepest valleys? We have just received a super compliment, an outstanding honor, had an unbelievably great date, aced a final exam, returned from a fantastic retreat, or pledged ourselves to a great accomplishment or to a deeper commitment and walk with Jesus. And suddenly it seems like everything starts going wrong. How come?

Because mountain tops are places to experience...but they are not places to live. Their function is to help us see that there is more to life than we ordinarily experience; to give us new vision; to help us see the bigger picture; to know that our God is BIG and personal and very much alive, and that He will walk with us back down in the valleys and plateaus and hills where the world lives.

So next time you have a "Mountain Top" experience, stop for a minute and realize where you are and that you have to walk back down now. But take time to remember that God has promised to walk with you, and that He can show you how to cope and to learn and to grow and to minister to those who share the valleys with you.

It sure beats falling off the mountain. And when the path going back down gets tough, remember that He never promised it would be easy...He only said it would be worth it.

**Religion is meant to be bread for our daily use,
not cake for special occasions.**

Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	10:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Announcements	Joe Carroll	Joe Carroll
Prayer	C. B. Hardin	Elwin Crow
Dismiss	Paul Montandon	Shayne Bennett
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>		<u>Greeters</u>
K. Max Haws	Harold Browning	Wilmer Little
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Year Avg. \$4,319.06	Year Avg. 337	465
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. 169	

Welcome



Melinda and Earl O'Quinn came Sunday to place membership with us. They recently moved to Tyler from San Antonio where they worshipped with the MacArthur Park church. Their address will be 817 Pam when their new house is completed. In the meantime they will be living with Melinda's parents, Mary and Max Haws. Their children are: Traci - 1st grade, Amy - 4 years and Jason - 9 months. We are happy to have Melinda and Earl as part of West Erwin.

SYMPATHY

We have recently learned that brother Clyde Waggoner's only brother passed away during the Christmas holidays. We extend our sincere sympathy to brother Waggoner and the family.

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theme, "Spirituality." Many classes will also be held. There will be thousands of people in attendance from all over the United States. It is always thrilling to enjoy the fellowship of Christian friends from many places. While we will not be here Sunday, according to present plans, yet we will think of you and hope and pray that there will be good attendance and interest in the classes and in the worship.

We appreciate Modena Jones and Ann Lambert in their willingness to be in charge of arranging the noon meals each day for the campaign workers during the campaign March 12 - 17. Of course, they will be needing the help of others. We hope you are planning to bring your friends to hear Bill Smith each night as he speaks in Caldwell Auditorium. He is a great evangelist.

Would you like to have a vacation with fellow Christians? There are numbers of tours to foreign countries led by Christians. There are some outstanding tours to Bible Lands which I would be glad to tell you about. Also there are other tours available. Harold Taylor, who preached in a gospel meeting here last year, is leading a "Heart of Europe" tour departing June 14, 1978. This tour will include visits to Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France and England. If you would like to be a part of this tour, I would be glad to give you a brochure sent to us by brother Taylor.

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GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

An "All Zones" Dinner is scheduled to be held at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, February 28 at 7 o'clock. We will be privileged to hear an outstanding preacher who has been very successful in his work as a local evangelist. Robert Bankes who preaches for the Brentwood church in Ft. Worth will be our guest speaker. Brother Bankes is no stranger to the East Texas area having preached for ten years for the Mobberly church in Longview before moving to Ft. Worth in 1965. Make your plans now to come to this "Dutch" treat dinner. Enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of this important occasion.

A number of our people are planning to be in Abilene on Sunday attending lectures at Abilene Christian University. Each year I look forward to the opportunity to attend the lectureship. There will be some great sermons by outstanding speakers on the

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CAMPAIGN

WORKERS NEEDED

There is a great need for all of us to get involved in the work of the Lord before and during the great city wide campaign. There will be a need for numerous workers to distribute brochures throughout the city on Saturday, March 4, one week preceding the campaign. Plans are underway for brochures to be left in every home in Tyler by numbers from the seven congregations.

Homes will be needed to care for the campaign workers from Louisiana. Men and women will be needed who will go out as silent partners as they go from house to house. Women will be needed to help provide the noon meals from Monday through Friday for the workers.

We need your prayers - your help - and your cooperation in this effort to win souls for the Lord.

GHS

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The Permanency of Paralysis

My father was a paralytic. Long shall I remember the telephone call that came from my mother many years ago, saying, "Perhaps you had better run up today - your daddy seems to be not himself." Little did I realize as I made that journey that it was the inauguration of a paralytic condition that would shackle him for the last five years of his life. There can be ever so slight a seepage of blood in the brain, but a tiny amount can do its damage, and a person is robbed of the full usage of himself for the rest of his life.

We prayerfully fought that two weeks of watching - knowing his condition could go "either way." We've always been thankful that he lived, though he was an invalid for the rest of his days. Other words that are not to be forgotten are those from his doctor which were, "Whatever improvement Mr. Bill makes will be made in the next six months; after that, I predict there will be no change for the better." The doctor was right - the condition was set, and it became painfully evident that the paralysis was permanent.

I've thought of it many times relative to church attendance. A fellow Christian misses one or two Sundays - it's an intermittent miss, but a painful pattern is being established. The seepage of strength that is crippling is occurring. First, it's one Sunday out of six; it moves to one out of four; then it becomes here three and gone three - you know the stanza - it's total absence from the assembly of the saints. Few folks pull the curtain suddenly on the stage of Christian action never to open again; for most, apostasy is a gradual erosion. Like leprosy it starts small, but before the race is run enlarges itself to a deathly proportion.

Fellow Christian, how is your attendance record? Are you getting a bit careless? Do your regularity seem burdensome to you? Heed the warning - paralysis is setting in - before long you will be gone completely. While you still exercise that spiritual muscle, meet this Sunday with the people of God. They need you - but not as much as you need faithfulness before the Lord.

Jim Bill McInteer

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held in Edom last Saturday morning for Mrs. Carman Stringer, mother of Jack Stringer. We extend our deepest sympathy to all members of the Stringer family.

WEDDING

Miss Patti Ingram, daughter of David and Janette Ingram and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williamson, was married Tuesday afternoon to Mr. Bob Sliter. Brother Stephenson said the ceremony. We extend our best wishes for a happy life together. They will live in Tyler.

THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHORUS will sing following the evening worship Sunday, February 26.

Study your Bible daily.

Youth Scene

SUNDAY EVENING the 6th through 8th grades will meet at the home of Fred and Sara Powell from 7:30 - 9:00 p. m.

THERE IS a class for young people - 6th grade thru 12th grade each Sunday afternoon in the Chapel - 5 o'clock.

Thank You

I cannot begin to express how much your thoughtfulness (the flowers, cards, calls, and visits) help to relieve the sorrow in the loss of my father. It will remain with my family and mother, brothers and sister for a long time as the deep love and concern of true Christian friendship. The book from the Ladies class will always bring a special love and feeling to my heart.

In Christian love,
Pat McCarley

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

Olen Holland is scheduled to speak for both morning and evening services on this Sunday, February 19, in the absence of brother Stephenson who will be attending the Abilene Christian University lectureship. West Erwin is blessed in having several capable gospel preachers in its membership and brother Holland is one of them. He is a capable speaker and has a good knowledge of the Bible

ALL ZONE MEETING
LAST TUESDAY OF THIS MONTH
February 28 - 7 o'clock
DUTCH TREAT DINNER
WYATT'S CAFETERIA

Robert Bankes, Guest Speaker

THE FOLLOWING LETTER was received last week from the Kniffen family:

Dear Members of West Erwin,

My family and I have decided to move our membership to the Glenwood congregation. We have been active with a group of students at Tyler Junior College on Wednesday evening for the past two years and believe we can extend this program to a congregation near to the college.

We have enjoyed the four years with you at West Erwin and have much love for you. We want to thank you for the Christian influence you have had on us. We especially thank all the teachers that have taught all of us the wonderful words of the Bible.

In Christian love,
Fred Kniffen, Carolyn
Janet, Judy, J'Lynn and Dale

Amazing Grace
BIBLE CLASS

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

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



There is something very special between a father and a daughter. A very special kind of love. There is a very unique relationship between a daddy and his little girl. For twelve years Jairus' life had been filled with the sunshine of his little girl. Jairus, a synagogue ruler, came to Jesus one day because his daughter was sick - almost to the point of death. When a daddy can't control a daughter's health there is nothing he won't do. Jairus pleaded with Jesus, "My little girl is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." Who could deny a daddy pleading for the life of his little girl?

Then came the tragic news - "You're too late, Jesus. Maybe if you hadn't stopped for that woman that was bleeding you could have come in time. The little girl is dead." They told Jairus not to bother the teacher any more.

Ignoring what they said Jesus told the synagogue ruler - "Don't be afraid; just believe." Not faith in faith as we teach our children by our lives so many times. But faith in Jesus.

The tears, the screams, the refusal to accept reality. The lost dreams and hopes.

And Jesus told them, "She's not dead." The laughter of such a thought. And quietly and gently Jesus empties the house except for Jairus, his wife and Peter, James and John.

Jesus leans over the little girl, takes her hand gently into his two strong hands and tells her, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" The astonishment and joy that follows. And he tells the family - Don't tell anybody." Jesus ordered the news of the healing not to spread. The healing was an end in itself, not for the publicity and his advancement nor out of a desire for personal prestige.

Jesus, the healer of hurts, loves you too!

Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>10:30 a. m.</u>	<u>6:00 p. m.</u>
Announcements	Milburn Cook	Milburn Cook
Prayer	Ben Young	Ray Lott
Dismiss	Fred Strait	Charlie Cook
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>		<u>Greeters</u>
George Kester	John Teague	Ray Womack
Dwaine Thedford	Joe Willis	Roy Roberson
Mike Munn	Wayne Reynolds	D. C. Jones
Clark Lemons	Jeff Willis	

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
February 5 \$8,662.62	Feb. 5 341	432
Year Avg. \$4,424.03	Year Avg. 337	431
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. 202	

It Won't Work



**...Unless
You Use It.**

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Wednesday
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Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

We hope that the church may look forward to doing more and more for the Lord. There are many areas in which we need to improve and expand our present facilities as time goes by. There are always needs which need to be met in mission fields both in our country and abroad. There are always challenges to us to do more in helping the needy. May we never be satisfied with past achievements, but may these achievements encourage us to use our talents more and more in the Lord's service.

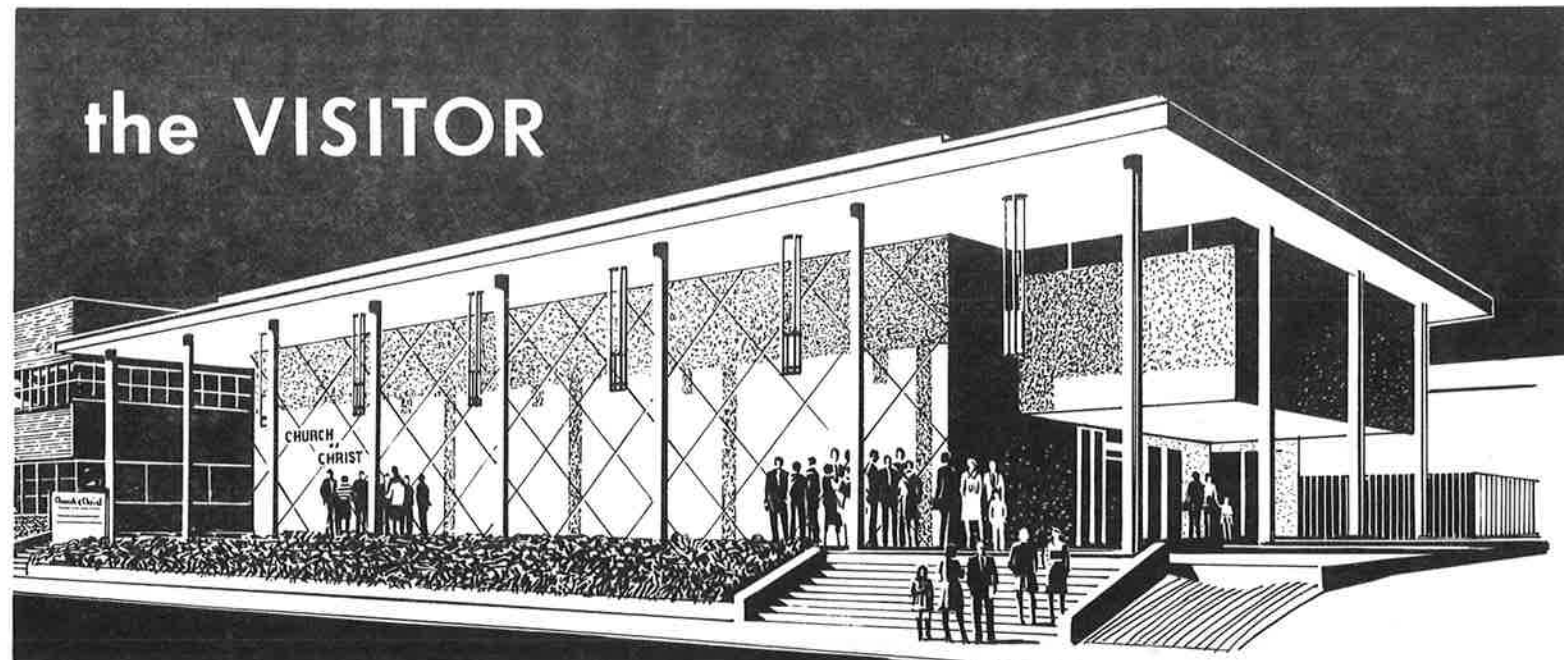
Once again Tyler has had a winter snow storm. No doubt this brings delight to our youngsters as they romp and play in the snow. The weather, along with various sicknesses, has not helped our church attendance. At such a time we are thankful for warm houses and the comforts we enjoy. Our prayers are with those who are ill that they may soon recover and that all of us may remain healthy both physically and spiritually. We hope you will be here Sunday as we meet together to be in the presence of our Lord.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Dorothy Lowry is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.
Mrs. Barton (Gayle) Davis is in Mother Frances Hospital.

**Blest be the tie that binds...
our hearts in Christian love!**

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

**From the
Preacher's Desk**

We are very thankful that the debt on the southern annex to our building has been paid! A generous contribution from one of our couples - along with funds in the treasury enabled the church to pay off this obligation. How thankful we are for this addition to our building. The spacious foyer on the lower floor plus the lovely classrooms on the second floor make a wonderful addition to our building. We had the formal opening of this addition in January 1974. It was built at a cost of \$125,000 plus the cost of furnishings. We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us and that the generosity of the members has enabled us to erase this debt. We still have an indebtedness against the main educational wing on the Erwin Street side of our building. We look forward to the time when this will be paid also.

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CITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN

C H R I S T

the C R O S S

and Y O U

preaching by **BILL SMITH**

March 12 thru 17

7:30 each night

CALDWELL AUDITORIUM

OIL IN THE FAMILY

Have you heard the Arabs' newest love song? It says, "I love you, a bushel and OPEC!!!" Nowadays, it seems, we are never very far from the spectre of fuel shortages and rising oil prices. If three OPEC ministers visit the wash room together, reporters race to their wire services with rumors that the price of a barrel of crude will go up. Usually they're right.

Most of us, viewing the tight-knit fellowship of OPEC moguls across a pile of gasoline credit card tickets, harbor a less than congenial opinion of Arab oil sheiks. After all, they're the rogues who caused us to refit American gasoline pumps with four-digit money dials. Gone are the good old days of less-than-ten-dollar fill-ups, courtesy of OPEC!!

If we can put our hostility on HOLD for a moment, we may learn a lesson from these sons of Esau. They are succeeding because they stick together! And they will continue to control our energy bills and our thermostats as long as they stand united.

Strength belongs to unity. Husbands and wives who fuss continually cannot control their kids. Congregations of Christians who battle and bicker among themselves will be impotent to bless each other, much less to benefit the world around them.

People listen to the OPEC people because they have learned to "speak the same thing," to "have no divisions among them," to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement" (I Corinthians 1:10) These Mohammedan millionaires have proved the effectiveness of the Christian ideal of oneness.

Isn't it time we tried it, too?

Gene Shelburne, edited and adapted via Emory Church of Christ bulletin

Thank You

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

The V. E. Warren Family

For the lovely flowers, cards and your words of comfort and loving concern during the illness and death of our brother, D. L. Willis, we thank you and we shall always remember it.

Bessie and Jim Willis and Family

Mrs. Erma Sanders has asked that we express her appreciation for your prayers, visits, cards, food, and every expression of kindness toward her during the recent weeks of her illness. She is able to be up some but her recovery is very slow. Your continued interest and visits are very much appreciated.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at the home of Elwin and Pat Crow. (7:00 p. m.)

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

There is a class for young people, 6th grade thru 12th grade Sunday afternoon - 5 o'clock in the Chapel.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS will get together Sunday evening - 7:30 till 9:00 - at the home of Ray and Carolyn Womack.

GETTING OUT A BULLETIN

If we print jokes, some say we are silly;
If we don't, some say we are too serious.
If we print original matter, we lack variety;
If we don't, we are too lazy to write it.
If we print news, some say we are nosey.
If we don't some will be offended.
If we print contributions, it's full of junk;
If we don't we don't show our appreciation
Like as not, someone will say we swiped this...
Well, we did! From another bulletin!
No telling where they got it!



Ray Lott

Meet

Our

Elders

In the church office we treat Ray Lott with proper respect because he is one of our treasurers and writes our checks each week. He is also a very fine gentleman who was recognized as one of our elders on January 22 of this year. Ray was born in Collin county near McKinney, Texas. When he was about ten his family moved to Brownsboro where he finished school. He then attended Henderson County Junior College where he met Dell Rhodes. Dell was reared in Anderson County near Palestine. They completed Junior College in Athens and were married there August 11, 1951. From 1951 until 1963 they lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and both attended Arlington State College. They moved to Tyler from Arlington in 1963. Ray was in the sheet metal business when he moved to Tyler. He later sold to his brother and worked for a time for Kelly-Springfield. He is now again in business as owner of the Ray Lott Sheet Metal Co. Ray and Dell own a farm near Jacksonville where he raises cows. They enjoy spending some of their time there.

Ray and Dell are the parents of Mrs. Paul (Brenda) Anderson who lives in Houston, and Ron Lott, a student at Tyler Junior College. Ron lives at home. They lost their older son, Carl, in an automobile accident last July.

Brother Lott was baptized into Christ by Kermit Upshaw in July 1953 in Athens, Texas. In the past he has served as an elder for one other congregation. He has also served West Erwin as a deacon. He and Wallace Gayle are the church treasurers. They spend many hours each week taking care of the business of the church. In addition to these duties Ray serves as the Chairman of Zone two.

60TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP
1978

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
February 19 - 22



Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON

"A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.' Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured." (Mark 1:40-42)

Leprosy is a horrible disease. A man's body contaminated by the disease became repulsive to himself and others. There was no contact of lepers with other people. Everywhere the leper went he announced his pathetic state, "Unclean. Unclean."

One of the real tragedies of the leper was the absence of the human touch. The man with leprosy recognizes that Jesus is one sent from God. He disregards all rules a leper is to abide by and begs Jesus on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." The leper knew Jesus had the power. He didn't doubt that. He didn't say, "If you can." Instead the leper asks, "If it's God's will, if it won't violate God's purposes - I know that you can make me clean."

Jesus demonstrates his power to the leper and reaches out and touches the man. I wonder how many years had passed since someone had reached out to touch him. And then compassionately Jesus says, "I am willing. Be clean!" And he was cured.

The beautiful part of the story is that I too am a leper. Maybe not deformed physically with sores covering my body, but sin is ugly and repulsive. Praise God that His Son has said to me, "I am willing. Be clean!"

The person who views himself as a spiritual leper comes to Jesus with a broken heart and spirit. Out of the ugly depths of sin Jesus brings us into the Kingdom to walk with the King.

Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>10:30 a. m.</u>	<u>6:00 p. m.</u>
Announcements	Wallace Gayle	Wallace Gayle
Prayer	Harold Browning	Don Chaffin
Dismiss	Bruce Raley	Denton Phillips
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>		<u>Greeters</u>
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Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
January 29 \$4,328.96	Jan. 29 388	492
January Avg. \$3,576.32	Jan Avg. 336	431
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. 211	

Responses

Mrs. Darryl (Rhonda) Hendrix, 2720 So. Broadway, Apt. #107 - phone 592-8835, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Omen Road congregation. Rhonda and Darryl have two children, Duane and Angie. We are happy to welcome her to West Erwin.

For Prayer: Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Jones..

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. P. J. Bryant is a patient in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

Mike Mackey is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. L. C. (Dorothy) Lowry entered Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Ethel Payne is now a patient in Leisure Lodge.

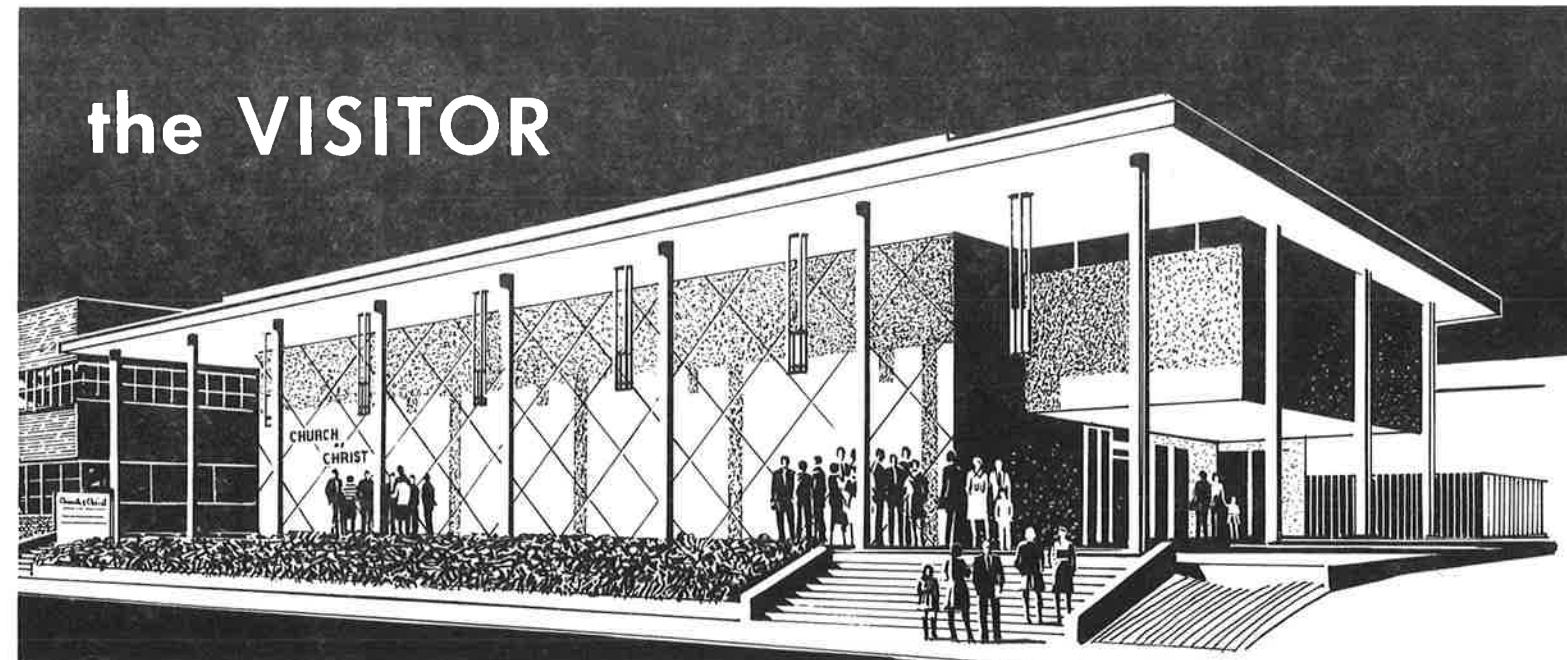
From the Preacher's Desk (continued)
 vince people that something can be done when they have made up their minds that it can't be done. As an example, the article tells when Robert Fulton gave the first public demonstration of his steam boat that there was one spectator who insisted that it would never work. He kept repeating, "He can't start her." Suddenly, there was a belch of steam and the boat began to move. The negative spectator looked in amazement for a moment and began to say, "He can't stop her."

Always there have been those like the spies of the Old Testament who declared, "We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. - And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched - And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers." (Numbers 13:31 -33). We need to have faith like that of Caleb who said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it," (Numbers 13:30). Let us believe that by the help of our God that we may go forward to accomplish greater things for Him.

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

TRAINING FOR WORSHIP for pre-school children will begin again Sunday morning in room 108. Fred Powell will be in charge of this program.

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GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

I appreciate the kind words which many of you said concerning the sermon last Sunday morning. I hope that all of us will endeavor to do our part in making the West Erwin church the kind of church God wants it to be.

The budget for 1978 was presented in a fine way by Wallace Gayle. Wallace is one of our deacons and works with Ray Lott in handling the finances of the congregation. This is a responsible and time consuming work. We appreciate the work these men do. It was most encouraging to know that we met the budget on the day it was presented.

We need to do more positive thinking about the work of the Lord. The February issue of the Reader's Digest in "Points to Ponder" has an article about negative thinking. It tells how difficult it is to con-

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HILLARD HUGHES TO ASSIST IN WORK HERE



Hillard Hughes

The elders of the West Erwin church have announced that Hillard Hughes has accepted their invitation to work with the church, especially in the area of the young people's activities. Hillard will continue his work as an employee of a hospital insurance company, so his work at West Erwin will be on a part time basis. He worked as educational director and youth minister for West Erwin from 1970 to 1976. He and his wife, Jeanine, are greatly loved by their many friends here. We feel very fortunate in having them to help in the Lord's work at West Erwin.

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A BEAUTY SHOP IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

We have installed a beauty shop in the church building at 420 West Erwin Street. It is opened weekly for the women at 10 A.M. Wednesday. We hope that you will make a standing appointment. This is the most marvelous beauty parlor in town. It can work wonders for all who attend. Services offered are these:

- Make the "face shine" with wisdom (Ecc. 8:1).
- Lips made lovely by "speaking no guile" (I Peter 3:8).
- Eyes made beautiful with "compassion" (I Peter 3:8).
- The voice improved by "prayer" (I Thess. 5:17, 18).
- Hands beautified in "charity" (Proverbs 31:20).
- Feet made beautiful by "bringing glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15).
- Posture made "upright" (Proverbs 15:8).
- Walk improved by faith (II Corinthians 5:7) and the steps of the Master (I Peter 2:21).
- Wardrobe becomes new (Ephesians 4:22-32; Colossians 3:8-15) and the finest (Galatians 3:27).
- A beautiful ornament... that of a "meek and quiet spirit," which in the sight of God is "of great price" (I Peter 3:1-4).

All of this is in the most up-to-date beauty salon in existence. SEE YOU IN LADIES' BIBLE CLASS... FOR A COMPLETE BEAUTY TREATMENT.

(Selected & adapted - Thanks to the Weldon Dawsons for submitting the article.)

Thank You

I would like to thank you for your kindness during my illness. Your prayers, cards, food, visits and the book were sincerely appreciated.

Maurice Henderson

We would like to express our thanks to our Bible Class members for honoring us with a dinner. A big thanks to Frances and James Phillips and all who had a part in it. Also, thanks to brother and sister Stephenson and our elders and their wives for honoring us with their presence. It is hard to leave people like you.

Travis and Janell Fletcher

I send my love and my deep appreciation to each of my dear Christian friends whose many words of comfort and acts of kindness in true Christian love are helping me in my great sorrow. I am especially grateful to brother Stephenson for the beautiful service which meant more to me than I can express in words. To him and Alice and all those who visited Bill in the hospital, and for the lovely spray of red carnations I am so thankful. The messages on the beautiful cards, I know, were heartfelt and they help greatly to allay my grief.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord."
Margaret Talley

Dear Sisters,

It certainly was a wonderful and great surprise to receive your beautiful quilt. Christel and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your gift. We are so very proud of this present.

Christel wants me to tell you that she will try some day to make one herself. I am so glad that we have your quilt, because I am afraid that it will take years before she will finish one since she has so much else to do.

We think of you very often, and we love you very dearly. Heartiest greetings to each one of you.

In Christ,
Rudolf Rischer

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of our brother. The greenery arrangement is appreciated.

L. L. Prater and Family

For the remembrances during the holiday season we have received expressions of thanks from Mrs. Houston Holcomb, Mrs. W. H. Turner and Mrs. Ola Dunwoody.

CITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN - March 12 - 17, 1978



Foy Richey

Meet

Our

Elders

Brother Foy Richey was reared in a family of very active Christians. He was born in Hopkins county in the community of Pine Forest, located a few miles east of Sulphur Springs, Texas. His mother still lives in the community. At an early age Foy began directing singing, making short talks, serving the Lord's supper and performing other duties in the church. He was baptized by John A. Dickie in 1927. He is the author of a book, Christian Annals, which tells of the history of the church in Pine Forest.

Foy and Mary Hargrave were married October 10, 1937 in Oklahoma. Mary also grew up in the same area as Foy. They are the parents of four girls - Myra Nell Bachelor in Baltimore, Md., Theva Baur in Fort Worth, Mary Kay Kennedy in Lindale, and Jan Floyd in Canton. They have one son, Foy Jr., who lives in San Antonio. They have 12 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

For a little over 30 years brother Richey was employed by the Exxon Company. He retired in January of 1976. He was an electrical supervisor. Since his retirement he and Mary have enjoyed traveling in their motor home. They traveled to Alaska with a group last summer from May until late August.

Brother Richey has served two congregations as a deacon and three as an elder before coming to West Erwin. He and Mary moved to Tyler from Hawkins about 12 years ago. He led singing at Hawkins and also at Big Sandy. He served the West Erwin congregation as an elder from 1973 until 1976 when he resigned and was away for a time working. Recently he was asked to serve again and was recognized as one of our elders January 22. He presently serves as co-chairman with James Massey on the benevolent committee.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held last week in Alexander City, Alabama for the brother of Jim Willis.

Services were conducted last Friday for the father of Mrs. Pat McCarley and grandfather of Terry Warren.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family.

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



Roy Osborne is one of the finest writers in our fellowship. Roy is a beautiful person. I pray his message that follows will bless your life.
DCA

HOW CAN I BE SURE OF THIS?

Bible Thought: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Zacharias and Elizabeth had prayed for a son. Even though they were old and it was against nature, they still prayed for the son every Jewish family wanted. Then the angel came and told Zacharias that he would have the son he had prayed for, but Zacharias said, "How can I be sure of this?" He couldn't believe that God would do this for him.

Zacharias was typical of so many of us. We pray for forgiveness, and for guidance, and for strength, but we go on acting like people who pray to a God of stone who can neither hear nor answer. We do not accept forgiveness and the joy of our salvation because we "can't be sure of this."

Sometimes people want a "sign" from God that He has answered prayer. Zacharias was not given a "sign" that the prayer was answered. He was made dumb as a punishment for his non-belief. The only sign we need that God answers prayer is FAITH. He promised it. That's enough!

The *Amazing*
Grace

Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Announcements	F. C. Carpenter	F. C. Carpenter
Prayer	John Owens	W. S. Little
Dismiss	Carroll Magee	Steve Higginbotham
Serving Communion Sunday		Greeters
John Owens	Phil Marts	Ben Young
Ben Young	Don Chaffin	K. Max Haws
Roy Driggers	Bruce Raley	D. C. Jones
Mike Franklin	Stafford Franklin	

Our Records

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
Jan. 22 \$2,828.39	Jan. 22 221	283
Year Average \$3,388.16	Year Avg. 323	416
Budget \$4,200.00	Wed. Eve. --	

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Texarkana Monday for W. E. Prater, brother to L. L. Prater. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Mr. W. B. Talley passed away Tuesday morning. Graveside services were held for him Wednesday afternoon by brother Stephenson. We express our sympathy to Margaret and the family.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Titus Holland has been in Glenwood hospital following surgery, but hopes to go home Wednesday.

Percy Tate has been in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Dorothy Lowry is a patient in Mother Frances. She will be going to Dallas soon for possible heart surgery.

Jack Beard's mother, Mrs. Suda Beard, is a patient in Glenwood hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Payne (Kathryn Cauthen's mother) is hospitalized in Houston.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued)

friends must show himself friendly," (Proverbs 18:24). If you find that the church seems to be unfriendly, could the fault lie with you? Make it a habit to show a genuine interest in the others about you. Are we not supposed to be a people who love one another?

We are looking forward to a good and pleasant work with our two new elders, Ray Lott and Foy Richey. I believe that they are good men and love the cause of Christ. Let us support them and all of our elders with our prayers and cooperation.

The new budget will be a challenge to us to do our best in 1978. Will you prayerfully consider how much you have been giving and how much you could give? If the Bible teaches anything, it teaches that those who are generous in their giving will be blessed. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," (2 Corinthians 9:6).

We need to plan what we will do as individuals to support the Lord's cause. "Everyman according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7).

*We need YOU
in Bible School!*

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The Church With A Heart

THE LEAST CONFESSED SIN



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

Because of the ice on the streets, we left home last Sunday morning earlier than usual in order that we would be sure to arrive on time. The Andersons arrived just before we did. D. C. and Pauline Jones were already there - ready to do their work for the day - Pauline teaching her class and D. C. greeting those who attend Bible School.

I want to commend brother Jones - ("Jelly" as he is affectionately called by many of his friends) for the wonderful way he greets each one on Sunday morning. His pleasant smile and friendly greeting should make everyone who comes through the west door of the educational building feel that it is good to come to Bible School. Thank you, Jelly, for always being on hand and making all of us feel better.

I would like to encourage everybody to be friendly. Someone said, "A man that hath
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A fly landed on a nice strip of gooey, sweet-smelling, flypaper. Not seeing a challenger in sight, he happily announced, "My flypaper!" Sinking his nose in the syrupy stuff, he dined sumptuously. Then, deciding to leave, he began hopelessly beating his wings against the air... and the paper announced, "My fly!"

That's often the way it is with a man and his possessions. Surveying his accumulations he proudly says, "My possessions!" The possessions knowingly announce, "My man!"

Francis de Sales, reputed to have heard more confessions than any other Catholic priest, said that the sin of covetousness was never one time confessed to him. We wonder how often it is confessed to God. This is the problem with covetousness... it is seldom recognized by the victim.

Covetousness is easily camouflaged. Most of those who are guilty refuse to face it. Jesus preached about it. "And the Pharisees also who were covetous, heard all these things and they derided him" (Luke 16:14). Lovers of money scoff at (or at least "shut out") the preacher who warns them of their sin.

Covetousness is Satan's "home field." In this park he has won his most stunning victories. Covetousness is to the soul what cancer is to the body. No wonder Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness" (Luke 12:15).
...Joe R. Barnett

POWER FAILURE

We have experienced many inconveniences during the past two weeks as a result of the ice and snow. The first ice storm caused electrical power failure in many parts of Tyler and East Texas. In our home we were without electricity forty eight hours.

Like many others we have numerous electrical appliances and gadgets which we enjoy but often take for granted until we no longer can use them. We have good appliances, but for two days and nights they were absolutely useless. We have a good electric stove, but no meals were cooked on it. We have light bulbs in every room, but our only light came from candles. We have a nice television set, but we saw no pictures on it. We have a central heating system, but it did not warm our house. The vacuum sweeper, the clothes washer, the dish washer - and all of our other electrical gadgets did not operate. Nothing was wrong with the appliances, but they were useless without the power to operate them.

Just as all our appliances were useless without the power to operate them, even so all of our activities and work for the Lord are useless without love. Paul said, "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing." (I Corinthians 13:1 - 3 American Standard Version)

Paul is simply telling us that all of our preaching, all of our commodious buildings, all of our church programs, and even all of our sacrifice and our benevolence will be empty and useless without love.

Paul lets us know that faith alone will not save. With faith to remove mountains, it still is empty and vain without love. Love is the power which

will cause faith to act. "For in Jesus Christ, neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love," (Galatians 5:6). Genuine love will make our faith work. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," (John 14:15).

When the power returned, all of our various appliances operated. When true love for the Lord is in our hearts we automatically work for Him. If sinners really loved the Lord and understood what He said, they would gladly obey the command to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, (Acts 2:38). If we really loved the Lord, it would not require a lot of persuasion to get us to worship Him. If we loved the Lord as we should, gladly would we give our money to help support His Cause. The Corinthians were told that giving is the proof of love, (2 Corinthians 8:8).

What we really need is to fall in love with Jesus. And how could anyone not love Him? "We love him, because he first loved us," (I John 4:19). May we never forget all that He has done for us and all that he continually does for us each day.

When my love to Christ grows weak
When for deeper faith I seek,
Then in thought I go to thee
Garden of Gethsemane.

There I walk amid the shades,
While the lingering twilight fades,
See that suffering, friendless One
Weeping, praying there alone.

There behold His agony,
Suffered on the bitter tree;
See His anguish, see His faith,
Love triumphant still in death.

Then to life I turn again,
Learning all the worth of pain;
Learning all the might at lies
In a full self-sacrifice.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

IN APPRECIATION

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Thanks for your remembrance in the flowers and your prayers.

The Frank L. Cox Family

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WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST BUDGET FOR 1978

<u>MISSION</u>		
Kieth Mitchell	6,720	
Rudolf Rischer	12,000	
David Ingram	3,600	
Campus Christian Center	3,000	
Amazing Grace Bible Class	12,000	
Additional Missionary	15,000	\$52,320
<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>		
Childrens Homes	6,000	
Local Benevolence	5,500	11,500
<u>LOCAL EVANGELISM</u>		
Education	17,000	
Youth Program	3,000	
Special Evangelism/visitation	3,700	
Meetings	4,000	
Advertising	1,500	29,200
<u>BUILDINGS & GROUNDS</u>		
Note Payments	22,400	
Repairs & Maintenance	15,000	37,400
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Utilities	15,000	
Office Supplies & Postage	6,680	
Insurance	8,000	
Memorials & Misc.	1,200	30,880
<u>SALARIES</u>	57,100	57,100
Total Annual Budget		<u>\$218,400</u>
Weekly Budget		<u>\$4,200</u>

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

Congratulations

Mary Evelyn and Harvey Grier are the grandparents of a baby boy born in Glenwood Hospital Wednesday, January 18 to David and Teresa Grier. The baby was transferred to the nursery in Mother Frances Hospital with breathing difficulty. He is much improved at this time.

Vickie and Steve Barnett, formerly of this congregation, have a new baby girl born last week. They will soon be moving to Fort Worth.

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



This Sunday our new budget will be presented. This year's budget is our first budget requiring more than \$200,000. It's an ambitious budget that is practical and realistic.

Last Sunday was marked with joy and regret. I regret losing Mack Bynum as a shepherd. Mack and Bennie are fantastic Christians that I respect and love deeply. The Whitehouse church will be blessed by them. We rejoice as Ray Lott and Foy Richey were recognized as elders in the West Erwin body. Let us pledge to Ray, Foy, Ferman, Bud, Faber, and Roger our faithfulness and dedication as they seek to lead us to spiritual maturity.

You are a marvelous people! I'm thankful for your response to the need of additional teachers. You are eager to employ your gift of teaching. Such willingness is a mark of one who cooperates with the Spirit. When we look at our lives one of the greatest accomplishments we can ever make is to teach our children about Jesus. Can you think of anything greater that you could give to a child?

Thank You

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beard, Mrs. Lilla Tigert, Mrs. Cora Hughes, Mrs. Pearl Carruthers, Mrs. Ruby Teel and Mrs. Annie McDonald have all expressed their appreciation for the remembrance during the holiday season.

Thanks so much for your kindness to me and my family during my illness. For your prayers, visits, cards, food, the book and every act of loving concern, we appreciate and love you.
Sara Powell

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Announcements	Roger Knight	Roger Knight
Prayer	Francis Bullard	Roy Roberson
Dismiss	Ron Lott	Jack Beard
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>		<u>Greeters</u>
John Owens	Phil Marts	Joe McBee
Ben Young	Don Chaffin	Phil Marts
Roy Driggers	Bruce Raley	D. C. Jones
Mike Franklin	Stafford Franklin	

Our Records

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
Jan. 15 \$3,775.50	Jan. 15 357	467
Year Average \$3,574.75	Year Avg. 357	461
Budget \$3,825.00	Wed. Eve. --	

Responses

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Billie Bob) Hickman, 714 Hampton Hills - phone 561-1289, placed membership with us last Sunday. They formerly worshipped with the Fleetwood Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. We are so happy to welcome the Hickmans to Tyler and to the West Erwin congregation.

Mrs. Joe D. (Gayle) Ford, Rt. 10, Box 371 A - phone 566-1646, came Sunday to place membership. Gayle and her family have moved back to Tyler from Hallsville, Texas. We are happy to have them return to Tyler again.

Miss Julienne Butler, daughter of Bill and Jo Butler, was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. She was baptized by her father. We rejoice with Julienne and her family.

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

The past two weeks have brought very severe winter weather to Tyler. This has not helped our attendance. Also, we have heard of numerous ones in our congregation who have colds, flu, and other respiratory ailments. We hope that soon the weather will improve and that there will be less sickness among us.

I regret that so few from West Erwin attended the Personal Evangelism Workshop conducted last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. While this was conducted at the building of the Northwest congregation, it was a joint effort of all the congregations in Tyler. Bob Danklefsen conducted the workshop and will be directing the campaign of the Tyler churches to be held March 12 - 17. Each day during the campaign there will be personal workers contacting various individuals. Each night during the campaign services will be held at Caldwell Auditorium with Bill Smith preaching and Bernard Lassiter leading the singing. This campaign can be one of the greatest events in the history of the church in Tyler. However, it must have the support of all of us if it is to succeed. Can the Lord depend upon you and me to do our part?



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GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

Elsewhere in The Visitor you will find the resignation of Mack Bynum as one of the elders of this congregation. We are going to miss him and his good wife Bennie. We regret very much that they will not continue to be with us at West Erwin, but we know they will be a great blessing to the church in Whitehouse. They leave us with the prayers, love, and best wishes of all of us.

The names of two other men were submitted to the congregation to be approved as elders. These men are Foy Richey and Ray Lott. Brother Richey has previously been an elder for the church. Brother Lott has been a deacon and served as an elder for another congregation before placing membership here. If you know of any Scriptural reason why these men should not serve as elders, the elders have asked that you submit your reasons to them.

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A REAL "SNOW" JOB by Jim Bill McInter

It was 7 a. m. and, as it did habitually, the alarm sounded, calling Sue and John from their peaceful slumber. With customary stumbling, John wove his way to the window to peek through and assess what kind of a day it was - for, after all, weather is such a determinate factor. "Why, it snowed!" he shouted.

"Then go back to bed - there's probably a sheet of ice under it, and everything will be locked in today," said Sue as she rolled over for that longer snooze. But was she to be surprised!

"That's just the way with you women - you think a little snow ought to stop the wheels of progress - we've got to have a tough generation or we'll amount to nothing!" John snorted. "But, honey, I -" started his wife.

"Don't but me! That paper better be out front when I go to get it. That's what I pay that paper boy 5¢ a week profit for anyhow. He's got to learn to go, heat or snow; makes a man out of him!"

"But, John, all I said was. . ."

"Listen, Sue, that office better be ready for me when I get there. It's part of the custodian's job. And if that policeman isn't on his corner, I'm going to call the mayor. It's my tax money he's wasting. Tell you what else too: that waitress better be in the coffee shop ready to serve me or I'll take my 46¢ breakfast somewhere else. We can't stop the routine of living just because it snowed."

"But, John, you don't go to the office, IT'S SUNDAY!" After an embarrassing silence, softly is heard, "Move over, Sue, only an idiot would be out on a day like this!"

Pleasant dreams, Christian. I love the way you build character and place emphasis. You're great!!!

From Campus Christian Center

You, the Church of Christ in East Texas, have made ministry to college age adults a top priority. Praise God for your love!

Just stop and ask yourself what it would be like if there was no Church of Christ Bible Chair at Tyler Junior College. Who would have been there ready to extend Christ's help to the 18 year old coed who was raped, or to the 19 year old alcoholic, or to the deeply depressed "A-plus" student who was thinking suicide was his only alternative? Who would have told them of Christ if you had not cared about Campus Ministry?

Or, who would be providing preparation in leadership for the young, intelligent Christians who will certainly be the preachers, leaders, and Bible class teachers of "tomorrow's church" in East Texas? Or, who would be around answering, through in-depth Bible classes, those tough questions asked on campus? Or, who would be training students in evangelism? Or, who would be offering opportunities for young men and women to have wholesome Christian fellowship and daily Bible study?

If you, the church, had not cared about the spiritual needs of these young souls, I shutter to think of where they would have turned.

"I thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for your love that has motivated your people, the church, to make ministry to college age adults a top priority. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Larry Heath
Campus Minister

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Georgia Lee is in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Archa Babb is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Titus Holland is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford is at home. She is suffering from a broken ankle.

We have learned that J. B. Gray, formerly of this congregation, is at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas, room 225. He has a broken leg.

Dates To Remember

Marriage Enrichment Seminar - Feb. 3 - 4
Pine Tree Church of Christ, Longview

City Wide Campaign (Caldwell Auditorium)
March 12 thru 17

Abilene Christian University Bible Lectureship
February 19 - 22

FROM BOLES HOME

Dear Friends,

We wanted to write and express our thanks to you for furnishing Christmas for the Cooper-Gowen children. It was a very nice Christmas and the children are very appreciative children.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Boles Home Staff

(Very nice letters were also received from the children. Also, a letter of appreciation was received from Mrs. Terrie Cavender, Case-worker and Mrs. Kelly Spratlan, Supervisor of Tyler-Smith County Child Welfare Unit concerning these children and the assistance given them during the Christmas season by the church.)

FROM ANGOLA PRISON - Louisiana

Dear Friends,

I'm not very good at expressing my feelings on paper, but I would like to try. I deeply appreciate the Christmas package, but much more than that, I appreciate the feeling of a renewed hope of a world still worth living in. By your caring for someone that you don't even know, you gave me that hope. I thank God for creating you.

Sincerely with love,
Billy Gardner

Thank You

For the prayers, visits, flowers, cards and phone calls while in the hospital and since coming home I am truly grateful. Christian friends mean so much in time of need. Thanks again.

In Christian love,
Vera Beard

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 the Cecil Payne Family.

Appreciation has been expressed by the following for the flowers during the Christmas Season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Metcalf

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Norris

Mrs. Marie Skeeters

Mrs. Ella Hibbard

Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois Hoppers

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



A MOUNTAIN

IN A MOMENT

By Landon B. Saunders

Would you believe that I have a mountain? Not that I won it all by myself. I just happen to know someone who does. And, we are on good terms.

My mountain is a moment with God. The Bible records many mountain top moments between God and man. God is my mountain. Not in some mystical, subjective way. Not in dreams or visions. But, quietly. In communion with Him. Prayer. The Word. Meditation.

My Spirit needs this stillness. Because life goes so fast. Not that I would slow it down, but still, I want it controlled by something other than its speed. Speed exhausts and drains us; but a busy life ordered by the Lord is calm and certain.

But, how do you go about stillness in today's world of speed and noise? It is obvious that we cannot slow the world down. And, we do not want to withdraw from the world. No, we want to plunge into life, to savor its excitement and joy and pain, to live intensely, to win by living well. After all, Jesus was extremely busy, yet always had time to do everything he needed to do. Nothing was left undone. He kept every ap-

MACK BYNUM RESIGNS

After much prayer and meditation, we have decided to work and worship with the church in Whitehouse. Since we live in that community, we feel we should be helping spread the gospel there. West Erwin will always have a special place in our hearts and your love and friendship remembered. God bless you.

The Mack Bynums

pointment. His life was marked with a beautiful, quiet hurry.

How did he do it? How can I?

Disciplined quietness may be the key. Maybe beginning with a morning moment. Out of which your day of life flows. With grace and beauty. A quiet moment in which your heart touches God's. And leaves you different all day.

Here are some suggestions for such a moment.

First, let us try for a daily quiet time. Jesus said we must take the cross daily (Luke 9:23).

Second, do not plan too much time. Begin with moments rather than hours. Satan loves to convince us we do not have time. Moments. But, bring your whole heart.

Third, read the Word. And not simply a chapter a day to keep the devil away. Rather, read with your life open, searching for the thought that you need. Carefully. Watching, searching. When you find the thought, stop reading, put the date in the margin. That is to help keep you honest. Bookmarks and checkmarks do not tell you how many days you missed - the date does.

Take a moment to plant the thought in your mind. During the day, call it to mind. Digest it. Let it permeate your life.

Fourth, pray. Take a moment and decide what to pray about. Order priorities. Lay your day before Him. What is important? As you grow in this discipline, you will find that you always have time to do what is important. Pray with your whole heart.

Fifth, accept the cross and claim God's promises. Listen for the hammering of the nails. Some pain, yes, but oh, the worth of resurrection life.

Sixth, do not be discouraged. Be patient. Tenacious. You have God's love.

And remember. The mountain of the Lord is just a moment away. Do not underestimate this ... for God is found in moments.

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Announcements	C. E. Caskey	C. E. Caskey
Prayer	K. Max Haws	Fred Powell
Dismiss	Rick Higginbotham	Ray Magee
Serving Communion Sunday		<u>Greeters</u>
Fred Kniffen	James Phillips	Milburn Cook
Morris Hallman	David Demic	Fred Strait
Bill Butler, Jr.	K. Max Haws	D. C. Jones
Randy Fletcher	Keston McFadden	

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Jan. 8 \$3,411.53	Jan. 8 362	456
Year Average \$3,474.38	Year Avg. 358	458
Budget \$3,825.00	Wed. Eve. 226	

Responses

For Prayer: Ted Wright and Hillard Hughes

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR meets in room 209/210 each Sunday evening at six. This is for 1st through 6th grades.

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From the Preacher's Desk. . . (continued)
in every worth while endeavor.

Brother Cox was probably best known for his prolific and worthwhile writing. He was the author of fourteen books which have furnished help and guidance in Bible study for preachers and teachers everywhere. He served on the editorial staff of the Firm Foundation for fifteen years and has been on the staff of the Gospel Advocate for the past twenty four years. For many years he was editor of "The Minister's Monthly," an excellent magazine for church leaders. He had a most remarkable ability to analyze a passage of Scripture and put in in outline form.

Brother Cox had a wonderful companion, Jo Gretchen Cox, who survives him. They had three daughters and one son. All of them are Christians and are married to Christians. All of the grandchildren who have reached maturity are Christians. Brother and sister Cox observed their fifty eighth wedding anniversary last December.

To know brother Cox was to love him. He has been a source of help and encouragement to many gospel preachers, both young and old, and I am glad that he was my dear friend and brother in the Lord.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Important Questions
P. M. Last of All He Sent His Son

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From the
Preacher's Desk
George H. Stephenson

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"
(2 Samuel 3:38).

Frank L. Cox, one of the great preachers of our time, passed away on Monday morning of this week. Since 1956 he had made Tyler his home. He served as one of the elders of the Glenwood congregation. He was a friend of mine for many years and it was his request that I should speak at his funeral service. Many years ago I conducted funeral services for his mother when we were living in Wichita Falls.

Brother Cox exerted a great influence for good in our city and throughout the nation. He had served as the local evangelist for a number of fine congregations before moving here. He had preached for many of the congregations near Tyler. He had preached in meetings and lectureships in many parts of our nation. His preaching encouraged the church to go forward
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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

The Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview is inviting everyone to attend a series of lectures on February 3 and 4. This Marriage Enrichment Seminar will be conducted by Dr. Carl Breecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner of the Bible faculty of Abilene Christian University. Four topics include "Commitment to God's Design," "Commitment to Husband/Wife," "Commitment to Communication," and "Commitment to Oneness." A similar seminar was conducted here at West Erwin a few years ago. All who attended can testify to the excellence of these lessons. The seminar is designed to enrich the quality of our marriages. In today's unstable homes, we need to get back to God's way and strengthen our marriages. It will be good to attend this seminar whether or not you have attended one before.

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RECENT RESPONSES TO AMAZING GRACE TV PROGRAM

"I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy your program every Sunday morning on KLTV Tyler. It is wonderful. I make it a point to get up in time to hear it. It is wonderful for the elderly that can't go to church. Some times I can't go to church as I am elderly myself. But your program inspires me so much and helps me make the day when I can't go. Just keep up the work as we need more like it."

Emmá Harris, Diana, Texas

"I pray for you. You are the best teacher. I listen on KLTV Channel 7, Tyler, every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. I will miss my breakfast, if necessary, to hear you."

Mrs. Dora Uzzel

Glenview Nursing Home, Tyler

"I am a Baptist, but I watch the Amazing Grace Bible Class every Sunday on KLTV Tyler, and enjoy it very much."

Eldridge Gunter, Rusk, Texas

"I was listening to your most wonderful sermon yesterday over TV Channel 7, KLTV Tyler. I enjoy the questions."

Mrs. Mary Carter, Kilgore, Texas

"I listen to your program every Sunday."

Claribele Mink, Tyler, Texas

"I listen to your program over Channel 7 KLTV in Tyler, Texas."

Mrs. R. O. Shaw, Longview, Texas

"I enjoy your Amazing Grace Bible Class."

Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Palestine, Texas

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for Cecil Payne, a brother to Aubrey Payne. We extend our sympathy to Aubrey and Floia and the family.

Brother Frank L. Cox passed away Monday afternoon. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the Glenwood church where he served as an elder. Brother George Stephenson spoke words of comfort to the family and many friends. We share in the loss of sister Cox, the other members of the family and friends.

Thank You

Words of appreciation have been received from the following for the flowers and fruit given during the holidays.

- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Taylor
- ✓ Mrs. Naomi Haden
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham
- ✓ Mrs. Katie Heath
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bryant
- ✓ Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy
- ✓ Mrs. Ivah Miller
- ✓ Mrs. Myrtle Ginn
- ✓ Mrs. Wyche Harris
- Mrs. Julia Langham
- ✓ Mrs. Lillie Knight
- ✓ Mrs. Georgia Lee
- Mrs. Zora Lunceford
- Mrs. Earnesene Shuford

MOVING FROM TYLER

We regret that Mark and Tawana Stewart and their children will be moving to Mount Vernon within the next two weeks. Mark is being transferred with Brookshires. We hope they will be happy in their new home. They will be missed here.

"We can preach only the Christ that we live."



Dr. Roger Knight

Meet

Our

Elders

Dr. L. Roger Knight is one of five sons in his family, and also a twin to Ronald Knight of Manassas, Va. Roger was born in Malvern, Arkansas and grew up in Little Rock. He attended Abilene Christian College and Baylor Medical School. His internship and residency was at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock. While in Abilene Christian College he met Jan Rutledge from San Antonio. They were married in San Antonio in 1954. Dr. Knight was a surgeon at Sandia Base Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He also served during the Berlin Crisis, 1961-62.

The Knights moved to Tyler in August, 1959. They are the parents of four children - 2 boys, Paul and Grant, and 2 girls, Lee and Amy. Paul, Grant and Lee are all students at Abilene Christian University. Amy is in the 4th grade and the only native Tylerite in the family.

Professionally Dr. Knight is a member of the American Medical Assn., American College of Abdominal Surgeons, Texas Medical Assn., Smith County Medical Society and Southern Medical Assn. He is associated with the Glenwood Hospital here in Tyler. He also serves as the team physician for John Tyler High School and Tyler Junior College.

Brother Knight was baptized in 1944 by U. R. Beeson in Little Rock. He has served on the Advisory Board of ACU and now serves on the ACU Board of Trustees. He is a member of the ACU Committee for Science and Mathematics and also a member of the President's Council, Harding College. He served the West Erwin congregation as a deacon beginning in 1964 and was recognized as an elder in 1970. He presently serves on the Youth and Education committees in the organization of the elders work, and is teaching the young married couples class. Roger enjoys several hobbies such as travel, reading, and golf.

Although Dr. Knight is a very busy man he is generous to the church with his time and talents.

Study your Bible daily.

Let It Shine

David Cord Anderson

Dan Anders is a friend of mine that preaches for the Central Church in Houston. Dan is a powerful writer with a keen insight.

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

STAYING POWER

All of us, at times, know the uplift of high inspiration. Periodically there come the mountain peaks when we soar to some new high of spiritual insight, devotion and commitment.

It happens in personal life - when you are in good health and working regularly; when your family life is settled and happy; when problems are at a minimum and plusses at a maximum; when all seems well with your soul.

It happens in the life of a church -
 When a neighborhood is young and growth blooms;
 When activity hums and youth is vigorous;
 When programs click and success breeds success;
 When the brotherhood applauds and even the world takes note.

But we come down from the lofty heights to the trudging chores of the valley. As individuals and groups we eventually face the reality of walking, not soaring or even running. Then comes the real test of life.

Whence comes the power to stay at the job when progress is slow, success spotty, recognition slight? How can one keep on walking when the burden is heavy, the scenery routine, the chore dull?

God's answer is always the same: "Wait on the Lord!" Seek him, return to him, trust him, worship him, obey him. There, and there alone, is the key to unflinching power.

So, as a gospel song says, "Teach me, Lord; Teach me, Lord, to wait." Dan Anders

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 The 60th Annual
 Abilene Christian University
Bible Lectureship
 February 19-22, 1978
"Spirituality"

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m. ³³	6:00 p.m.
Announcements	Mack Bynum	Mack Bynum
Prayer	Sam Sevier	Gerald Montgomery
Dismiss	Joe Willis	DeRay Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday		Greeters
Fred Kniffen	James Phillips	W. S. Little
Morris Hallman	David Demic	Weldon Dawson
Bill Butler, Jr.	K. Max Haws	D. C. Jones
Randy Fletcher	Keston McFadden	

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
Jan. 1 \$3,537.22	Jan. 1 353	459
Dec. 25 \$3,289.70	Dec. 25 271	448
Year Ago \$3,109.34	Year Ago 336	
Budget \$3,825.00	Wed. Eve. (no count)	

Report of Our Sick

Maurice Henderson is in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. Erma Sanders is now at home.
 Mrs. Mildred Parris is in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. Suda Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.
 Mrs. W. H. Turner will have eye surgery on Friday in Mother Frances.
 David Ingram's father is in Medical Center for tests.
 Jack Beard has been in Glenwood Hospital.

Congratulations

Tommy and Donna Lowrance are the happy parents of a baby boy, John David, born early Wednesday in Medical Center. Ralph and Florene Lowrance and Mrs. Charles Gilstrap are the proud grandparents.

BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday afternoon 1:30

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 David Cord Anderson, Minister of Education & Youth

ELDERS

Mack Bynum C. E. Caskey
 F. C. Carpenter Faber Cauthen
 Dr. L. Roger Knight

ASSEMBLIES

Sunday
 Bible School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
 Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
 (Sept. thru May)
 Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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FORGET IT

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,
 A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,
 And you know of a tale whose mere telling
 aloud
 Would cause his proud head to in anguish
 be bowed,
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

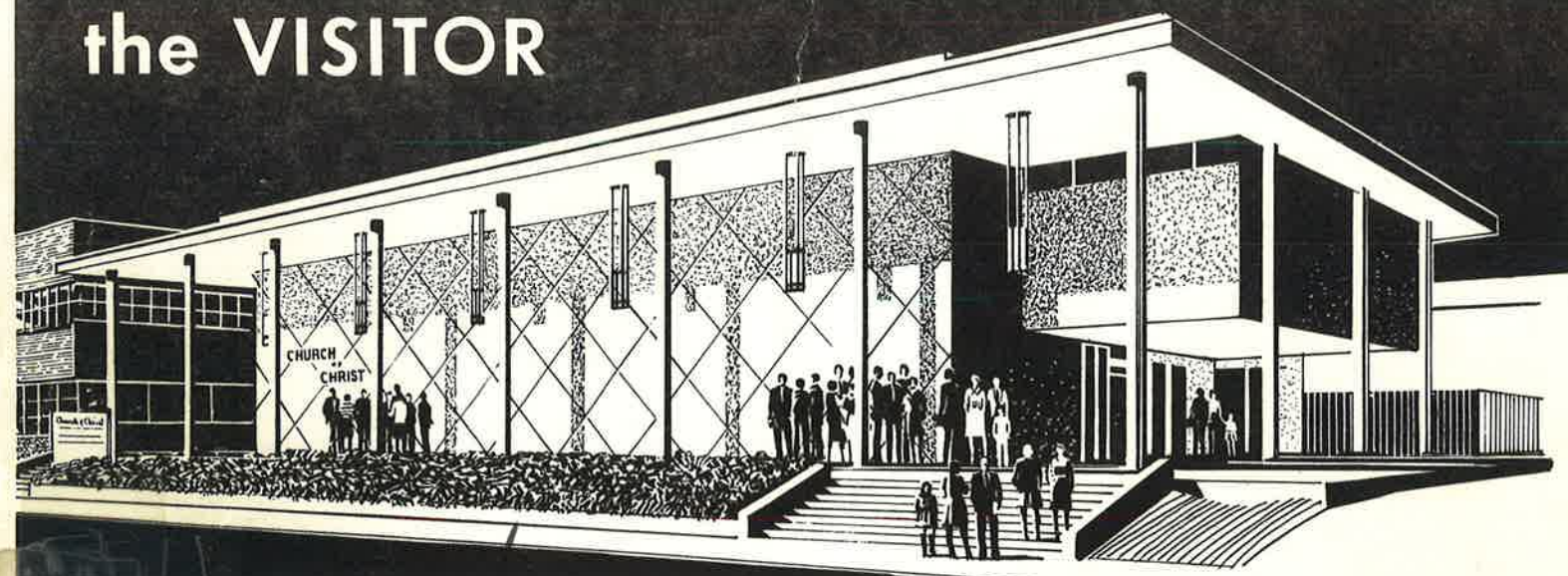
If you know of a skeleton hidden away
 In a closet, and guarded and kept from the
 day
 In the dark, whose showing, sudden display
 Would cause grief and sorrow and lifelong
 dismay,
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know anything that will darken joy
 Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
 That will wipe out a smile or the least way
 annoy
 A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing, just the least little
 sin,
 Whose telling would cork up a laugh or a
 grin
 Of a man you don't like, for Lord's sake
 keep it in!
 Don't, don't be a knocker, right here stick
 a pin -
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

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The Church With A Heart

1978



GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

From the Preacher's Desk

Greetings and best wishes to each of you as we visit with you in this, the first issue of **The Visitor**, in 1978. I hope that you think of my column as a visit with you week. We hope that **The Visitor** will encourage and help all of us to want to do more for the Lord.

The workshop on Personal Evangelism should be of interest to every member of the church in Tyler. It is being conducted to help prepare for the City Wide Campaign in March. It will be good for all the Christians to work together in this great effort. Incidentally, wasn't the singing great at Northwest when all of the congregations met together?

I hope that all of us will profit from the poem, "Forget It," which I read Sunday in my sermon and which is on the back page.

ATTEND THE PERSONAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Northwest Church of Christ - Tyler

Thursday, January 12 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Friday, January 13 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, January 14 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bob Danklefsen, Director of School of Personal Evangelism, Whites Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies will instruct and motivate you.

Bernard Lassiter of Houston will inspire you as he directs the singing on Friday and Saturday.

BECOME A BETTER WORKER FOR THE LORD

WHAT DO YOU BRING TO BIBLE CLASS?

On the first glance, the question may seem foolish and our answer might be, "I bring a Bible, what else is there to bring?" If we examine the question a little more, we may see that in a large measure, what we bring to Bible study will determine what we take away from Bible study. We place a great responsibility on the teacher to stimulate and inspire the students, but we should also recognize that the students have a responsibility to bring certain qualities of mind (along with their physical presence and a Bible) to Bible study.

First, a student needs to bring a mind that is interested in learning what the Bible teaches. If our interest is not centered on what is being taught, the best teacher will find it difficult to inspire or stimulate us, and we will take very little of value away from the class. But if our interests are on learning God's word we will bring out the best that is in the teacher and serve as a catalyst to draw out the knowledge and ideas that the teacher has to offer.

Next, the student needs to bring a mind that is fresh and rested, one that is capable of receiving and retaining Bible knowledge and information. A mind that is tired and distracted is a poor receptacle for teaching. We would not take a bucket full of holes to a well to draw water, but taking a tired and distracted mind to a well of teaching is like taking a sieve.

The student should also bring a mind that has undergone some preparation for the particular study. The time the teacher has is short, and he usually cannot give all of the background, all of the context and all of the material related to a particular scripture or topic. Yet the more of this background and context the student brings to Bible study as a result of preparation, the more meaning the student will be able to receive from what the teacher offers.

Perhaps most importantly, the student should bring a mind that is committed to use and apply what is learned rather than a mind which merely takes what is offered and files it away in some corner for future reference. The student needs to bring a mind that is constantly asking, "What use can I make of this in my life this week?" or "How can this help me to grow and mature as a Christian?" If we look for ways to apply what we learn, we can find them.

These four qualities of mind that have been briefly mentioned are not necessarily the only positive qualities that a student should bring to a Bible class, but perhaps these will stimulate our thinking about how we may receive the most benefit from Bible study. Unfortunately, we can just as easily bring negative qualities of mind (indifference, distraction, criticism, etc.) to a Bible class - qualities that present an almost insurmountable barrier to a teacher. We can bring with us qualities of mind that will build a bridge between teacher and student, or we can bring qualities that will erect a wall that will keep us from taking away anything of value. Let's bring with us the "bridge building materials" and take away with us from Bible study much more than we bring.

Edwin Langford, Brentwood Church of Christ
Fort Worth, Texas

BY FAITH

I'm prone to wonder daily
Just what the next will be
When little trials of this life
Perplex... and worry me.

I try to plan to meet each day
The feeble way ... of man,
But oft' times it's an easy road
And does not meet God's plan.

I'm glad he guides and leads me
For I do not know the way,
I only travel on by faith
Content from day to day.

... Mrs. Roy Milum

"... OR ELSE..."

Threats are common in our conversation. Parents use them with their children, companions with their mates, employers and employees with those who work for or that oversee them. "You do what I say, or else" seems to be the law for securing what is wanted or for getting one's way. The "or else" means that size or weight or strength or "pull" will be used to obtain the desired result. This may be necessary at times and effective when used cautiously but there is danger that it might be carried over into the church and be bad.

Preachers may use threatening tones in the pulpit, as even when speaking to God some fake healers will shout, "Heal him... heal him now!" with a voice suggesting, "or else" ... I will quit preaching or God will not do right, and so on. We in the Lord's church should not be carried away and threaten one another. A preacher might be told, "You change your preaching or else I will quit coming" and elders might be told, "You do it my way or else I will worship where it suits me better." All may make mistakes but such threats would be most inappropriate as the way to handle the matter.

Love for the brethren is the key that opens the way for growth and development in the congregation and delivering ultimatums would not be the best way to show love. When asked for it one will state his opinion but not with the idea that he is running the church and must have his way "or else." Jesus is our example of course and about him it is written that even "when he suffered, he threatened not." (I Peter 2:23). Isn't it great to work together with mutual respect for each other, and for all to be dedicated to one thing: the good of all for the glory of God.

L. L. Gieger

Tuesday of last week (December 27) a group from the Broadway church came to our building to witness the baptism of a young man by Gary Workman. He is the first response to the Bible Call program sponsored by the Broadway church.

LEAVING TYLER

It was announced Sunday that the Travis Fletcher family will shortly be moving to Kerrville, Texas. They will be greatly missed but we hope they will be very happy in their new home.

**Pray on! Pray on! Cease not to pray,
And should the answer tarry, WAIT!
Thy God will come, will surely come,
And He can never come too late.**

Let It Shine

DAVID CORD ANDERSON



Happy New Year! 1978 is underway. I hope that your life in Jesus will reach new heights this year.

I'm really excited about the 20's/30's class that meets in room 106 on Sunday mornings. Roger Knight and I are teaching "Who Is Jesus?" This is a study of the identity of Jesus as revealed in the gospel of Mark. This week this class was re-organized in a way that will promote love, involvement, fellowship and evangelism. That's why they are called LIFE groups.

Our Bible school average for 1977 was 405. This is how it averaged each month for 1977.

January	361	July	400
February	395	August	400
March	402	September	406
April	432	October	387
May	402	November	422
June	403	December	346

The key to the growth of the Bible school at West Erwin lies with the adults. In 1978 there will be many things happening to hopefully spark some enthusiasm. There will be some changes in our organization to more effectively help us to become more involved in one another's lives as our love for each other grows. Later during the year all adult classes will be studying the biblical concept of fellowship. As we reach out to each other we want to strive to make our love inclusive rather than exclusive as we seek to lead our friends and families to the Lord Jesus.

Sunday, January 1 marked the beginning of my second year as a part of the West Erwin family. I'm grateful for the privilege of working with you. I'm very thankful for all the acts of kindness, concern and love throughout this past year. "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."