

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Dismiss Leslie Carruth
 Sunday Evening

Our Records

Contributions
 Dec. 16 20,710.33
 Dec. 9 4,929.37
 Year Ago 7,221.68
 (including Bldg.fund)
 Bible School
 Dec. 16 396
 Dec. 9 367
 Year Ago 486
 Worship
 Dec. 16 494
 Dec. 9 501
 Budget 4,500.00

Thank You

We appreciate the many kindnesses you have shown us during the time of our sorrow. Thank you for the flowers, cards, food and the words of comfort.

The Family of Mrs. Pearl Carruthers

Thank you for every act of kindness shown to us while Cone was in the hospital and convalescing at home. We especially appreciate your prayers.

In Christian love,
 Eleanor & Cone Birdwell

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Sledge (Mary) Clinkscales suffered a stroke last Sunday toward the end of the worship service. She is very critically ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Zora Lunceford continues to be seriously ill in Medical Center Hospital.

From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

which seems to prevail among many at this season. I would wish that this spirit would be found at all times. And I am glad whenever people are reminded of the Christ and of His coming to bless the world. We enjoy being with loved ones and friends and to engage in many happy social events. We enjoy the greetings from friends in other places. At this season I am grateful to all of you at West Erwin for your many cards, gifts, and tokens of love and kindness.

We are saddened when we realize that many will be "celebrating" at this time in the wrong way. Many will be indulging themselves in drinking and in other forms of sin. Many will lose their lives because of drunken drivers. Many will be injured for life. It is tragic to know that the world as a whole still does not know that lasting satisfaction and joy is to be found only in the Christ who came into this world to bring us salvation from our sins and meaning and purpose in living.

This will be the last Visitor for 1979 since one will not be published next week. It is our prayer that all of us will enter into a new year and a new decade with renewed faith, hope and love. May we rededicate our lives to the service of the Lord and His church. All of us who are privileged to be supported by the West Erwin church pray that the Lord may richly bless you during this season and throughout the coming year.

Why worry when you can pray?

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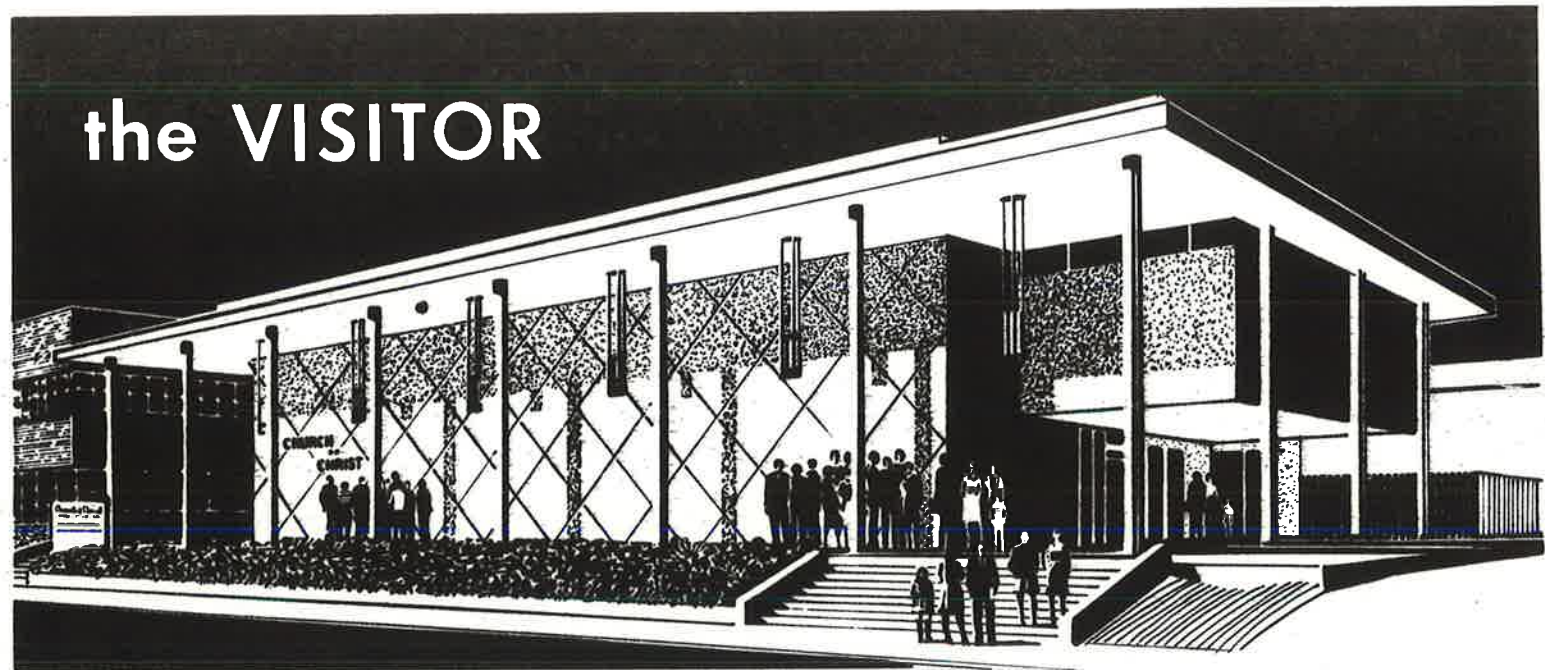
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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are thankful for the good day we had last Lord's Day. We are grateful for the generosity of those who helped us to have a contribution of \$20,710.33. You have made many generous contributions in 1979. Many made special contributions through the year toward the fellowship hall. Furthermore, you have supported the regular budget of the church. For this we are truly thankful.

I am thankful that I have been able to preach again on Sunday mornings and before long I expect to be able to preach also on Sunday nights. We appreciate the sermons which have been delivered by Wes Price on Sunday evenings. We are especially thankful for his good sermon last Sunday.

This is a happy season for many of us. Of course we do not know the date of Jesus' birth and our services each Lord's Day are kept in memory of His death and resurrection. However, I am thankful for the spirit of good will

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*Best Wishes
 for the Holidays
 and Happiness throughout
 the New Year*

George H. Stephenson

Wes Price

Hillard Hughes

Nelda Browning

Frances Mc Bee

Tommy Williamson



Comment:

"ALL THE CHURCH CARES ABOUT IS MONEY"

Have you ever heard that statement? If you are associated with a dead and do-nothing church then perhaps you haven't. But if the congregation you worship with send missionaries, houses orphans, feeds the hungry, and clothes the needy then somebody occasionally complains: "All the church cares about is money."

If the charge is true, it puts the church in bad company. The one indictment that can be consistently brought against every sordid segment of society is "All they care about is money."

All the liquor industry cares about is money. That is a true statement, despite the fact it is seldom said. Liquor interests have no regard for a man's family. They don't care about accidents and mangled bodies caused by drinking. They do not care about "skid row" and the human lives left shattered.

All the tobacco companies care about is money. I know for sure they don't have a feeling for a breath of good clean air in a jetliner cabin. They don't care about stained fingers, lips, lungs, or perhaps even the cancer to which they may have contributed. They don't care about wasted budgets.

Now what about the church? The church cares about the lost and dying. The church cares about the sick and underprivileged, and discouraged. The church cares about the home and the community, about immorality and lawlessness.

The church must not care much about money because it gives away every penny it can get its hands on to advance the kingdom of God. . . .

The kind of man who says, "All the church cares about is money," is telling you more about himself than about the church. The church has absolutely no terminal interest in money whatsoever.

The church merely wants to assist the brethren by translating the root of all kinds of evil which the brethren can't take with them into treasures which moth and rust cannot destroy.

If you ever again hear anybody else make the statement you'll be prepared to set them straight.

-Dr. William S. Banowsky, President of Oklahoma University

Our Sympathy

Mrs. Pearl Carruthers passed away on Thursday of last week. Her funeral was held on Saturday afternoon. Brother Wesley Price spoke words of comfort to the family at that time and we express our sincere sympathy to Doris and the other members of the family.

We share in the sorrow of brother Jasper Dobbs. His brother passed away last Saturday in San Diego, California.

Lynn Jones' grandmother, Mrs. C. C. Haynes, was buried last week. She was a member of the Glenwood congregation. We extend our sympathy to Lynn and the family.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the very beautiful and comforting music provided during the Tidwell service. We appreciate it very much.

Mrs. A. J. Tidwell (Joe McBee, Barbara Williams, Cullen Gilliam and James Phillips were kind enough to sing in Brownsboro for this funeral).

Singing

Wednesday, December 26 is the date for the Year End Singing of all the congregations in Tyler. We will all meet at the Shiloh Road building at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend this special meeting and enjoy the fellowship together.

Happy Birthday

December

- (23) Tom Williams
- (24) Henry McRuiz, Kerry Hamblett and Shelley Miles
- (25) Sherry Munn
- (27) Floia Payne
- (28) Evelyn Henderson
- (29) Ann Lambert, Margaret Talley
- (30) Jeff Jones
- (31) Averyt Smith and Vera Beard

January

- (3) Elaine Roberson, J. J. Hubbard
- (4) Jonathan Lowrance, Mary Prater Pat McCarley
- (5) Julienne Butler, Hazel Morgan

*Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Woodford Price
request the honour of your presence*

at the marriage of their daughter

Kathy Diane

to

Mr. Ken Laurence Berry

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Laurence Berry

Saturday, the fifth of January

Nineteen hundred and eighty

at three o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

WORK IN KREMMLING, COLORADO

We are glad to receive good reports from the work of the church in Kremmling, Colorado. The West Erwin church makes a monthly contribution to the church as a part of our mission efforts. Gaylin Anderson is doing a fine work as the preacher for the congregation. There was an average attendance of over 60 each Sunday in November. Two young people were recently baptized. One of the congregations in Sulphur Springs has agreed to serve as the sponsoring church for the Kremmling work. They will begin to co-ordinate the supporting funds for Kremmling beginning in January. We are grateful for the prospects for further growth of the congregation.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

The Mobberly Avenue Church of Christ in Longview will have a Singing beginning at 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. They plan to sing and pray until after midnight. Everyone is invited.

NO "VISITOR" NEXT WEEK

In keeping with our permit regulations with the Post Office we will not publish "The Visitor" next week. It will be mailed again on January 3rd.

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Aubrey Payne Fred Strait

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Welcome



Mr. and Mrs. Artis Tate (Pattie), 2932 Keenan, phone 593-1543, came Sunday to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Palestine, Texas where they were members of the Crockett Rd. church of Christ. We are happy to welcome them to Tyler and into the fellowship of the West Erwin church.

Miss Teresa Holland came Sunday evening to place membership and to be restored. Her address is 2024 Casa Grande Apts., phone 561-2998. We are happy to have Teresa as a part of the West Erwin family. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Julia Langham.

Archie Kennard came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the church.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Zora Lunceford remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Tommy White is much improved and can have brief visits. He is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Foy Richey has been in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Vannie Lee is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Continue to remember Leland Middleton, grandson of Gloria Thigpen. He continues to be very seriously ill in a Houston Hospital.

Mrs. Vivian Whiteside, a former member of West Erwin, suffered a stroke recently and is hospitalized in Houston. The address is Memorial Hospital, 7600 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77074.

HERE AND THERE (Continued)

other hand, you have an optimistic attitude, then you are sure to find any and all of these times to be delightful and fulfilling. If worship assembly is not important to you, if Bible study is boring, I submit that the person you need to see is the one living closest to you and that is yourself. Be sure you can find just what you are looking for.

In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16: 33

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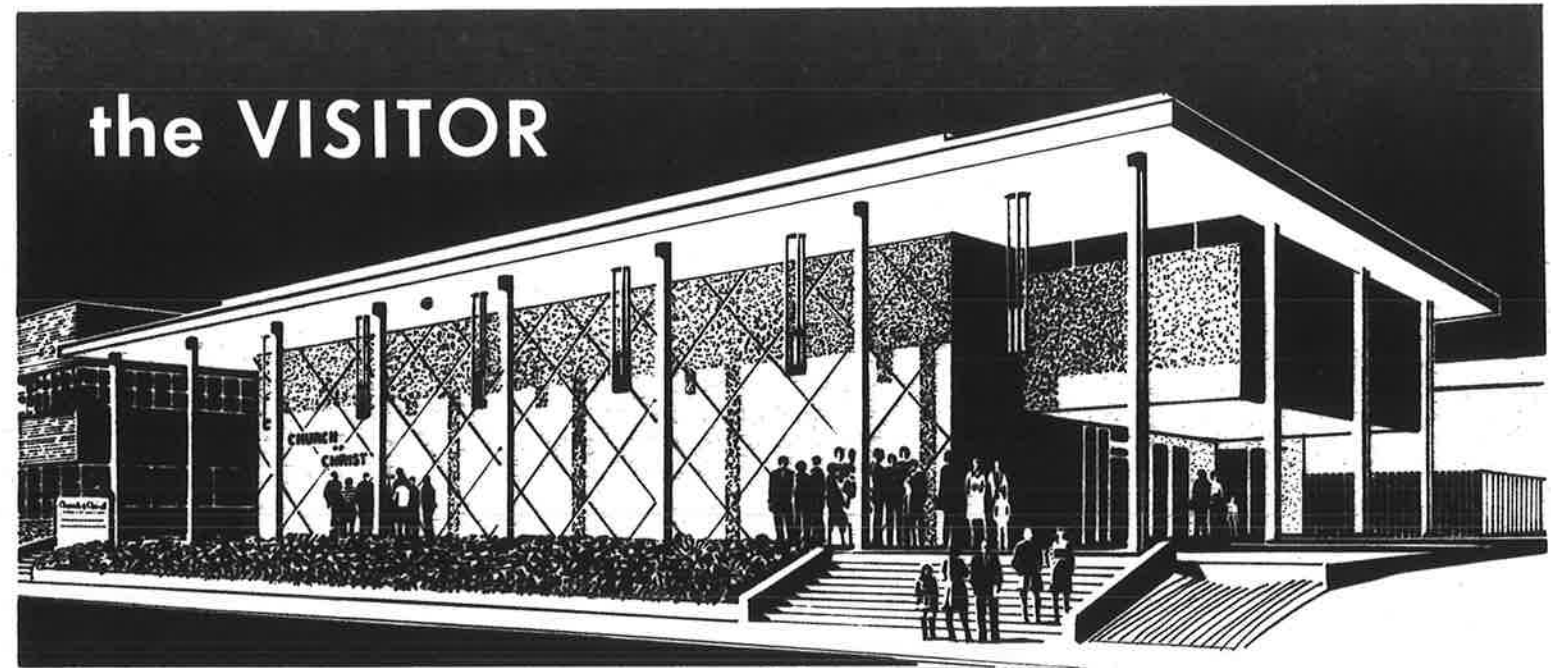
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

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. Remember that your giving shows the sincerity of your love. PRAY ABOUT YOUR LOVE GIFT ON THIS SUNDAY.

CHRIST AND MOHAMMED: WHAT A CONTRAST!

The people of this country know little of the Moslem faith. Most persons are unacquainted with the self-proclaimed visions of Mohammed and his proclamation of himself as the apostle and prophet of God. They may think of Mohammedanism as religion but it is much more than this. Mohammed encouraged the use of the sword to subdue the "infidels," i. e. those who would not accept him as the prophet of God. People in the middle-eastern countries, when invaded by the Moslem hordes, had the choice between becoming Mohammedans, going into slavery, or being slain on the spot.

In knowing even this little bit about the rise of Mohammedanism we can better understand the criminal actions of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Add to this the words of Mohammed:

"The sword is the key of heaven and of hell. A drop of blood shed in the cause of Allah, a night spent in arms, is of more avail than two months of fasting and prayer. Whoever dies in battle, his sins are forgiven."

The fanaticism with which the Moslems have been willing to fight and to give their lives is understandable in the light of these words from their prophet.

Perhaps, out of the present tragic events in Iran some good may come. Mohammedanism, long known as "the religion of the sword," has been making vast strides in the world. We are told that their converts, in Africa for example, have been greatly outnumbering those of all forms of Christianity. If in the example of this "holy man" (?) of Iran the world can be made to see pure Mohammedanism as it was some thirteen centuries ago, then the sufferings of our fellow-citizens will have not been in vain.

A man under influence of Mohammed's teaching might be expected to do the very thing the Ayatollah Khomeini is doing. But can you imagine the difference if this leader were under the influence of the teaching of Christ? In that case he certainly would not be holding in captivity citizens of another land, making threats of great harm towards them, and yet offering them freedom if only he can get his hands on his old enemy! Such words and conduct befit an international gangster; never a "holy man!"

Hershel Dyer Tenth & Rockford, Tulsa, Okla.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

A big "thank you" to the young people for entertaining children who attend the Bible Hour on Sunday evenings. The children, grades 1st through 6th, went caroling for some of the elderly of the congregation and then were entertained by our young people.

HOLIDAY PARTY

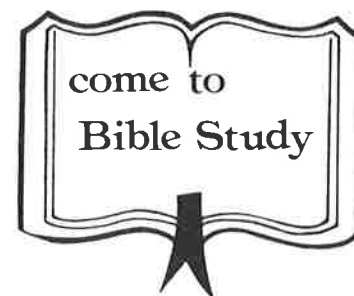
There will be a party for the young singles and college age young people, December 21st at 7:00 p. m. at the home of Leon and Carolyn Welborn, 618 Purdue.

BAPTIZED

We are happy to report that Jim Ellison was baptized last week. He and Dee Gowen were married last Fall in Garland, Texas. We rejoice with Jim and Dee.

Don't miss this! Singing

Remember the Year End Singing of all the congregations on Wednesday evening, December 26 at 7:30. We will meet at the Shiloh Road building this year.



FROM THE ELDERS

As the year 1979 draws to a close, we feel we would be somewhat derelict in our duty and responsibility not to express our gratitude to each of you individually as well as collectively for the many great things that have been accomplished at West Erwin.

Many, many of you have gone the second mile, even beyond, to see the Lord's work progress at this place this year. We are aware of the many talents, monies and time that have been used to accomplish these worthwhile goals; especially those of missions, benevolence and physical properties. Your challenges have been great and you have met them. The Lord gave a great admonition in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

As the Psalmist David declared in chapter 23 verse 5, "thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER." Then, in verse 6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." May we always remember the words of Paul in Philippians 4:13, "We can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

We covet your prayers daily and hope that our vision and wisdom will lead the West Erwin congregation to a better and more prosperous year for 1980.

Happy Birthday

December

- (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Hibbard
- (18) Lyska Adams
- (19) James Massey, Jason Duncan
- (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jack Beard
- (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Williams, Mike Pawlik

THANK YOU

The family of Donald W. Albright acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



As the month of December draws to a close we need to pause and express thanks to the entire teaching staff of the West Erwin Bible School. All of our teachers have done an outstanding job in preparation for the all important task of teaching God's word. Let me encourage you to take the opportunity to express your personal feelings to them for the fine work they are doing.

With the end of the month, we will be concluding two of our Wednesday night adult classes. Jim Strait's class on the Christian family will be concluding as will my study of Job in the auditorium. We owe Jim a hardy round of applause for his being with us for this special class on the home. Perhaps we can have him back again for some special study again in the future.

Beginning in January with the first Wednesday night we will be initiating three new adult studies. The auditorium class will be studying the book of Proverbs and will be taught by brother Ira Wright. Phil Marts will begin a new group discussion class and will be using the New Testament books of Galatians and Ephesians as the basis for study. Hillard Hughes will be teaching a new class that will be quite unusual in that we want all of the Junior High, Senior High young people AND their parents combined. Location for these last two will be announced later.

Since we are beginning a new year with several new studies, this is an excellent time to urge each one of you to renew your commitment for attendance on Wednesday night. I'm afraid that some are not putting the proper amount of emphasis on this excellent opportunity for studying God's word. It is hard to imagine that a growing Christian who is hungering and thirsting after the word of God can feel that it is unimportant to be present for this mid week study. So many through the years have born testimony to the great good that this mid week assembly does for them that we ought to be encouraged to give it a more important place in our lives. Try it, you'll like it!

In regard to attendance at any of our services, you are likely to find just about what you expect to find. If you want a class or worship to be dull and uninteresting then no matter whose class you attend or who the preacher might be, you will be bored. But, if on the

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Prayer Milburn Cook

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Steve Brown Cullen Gilliam

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In The Hospitals

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Mrs. Zora Lunceford has suffered a stroke and is in Medical Center.

Tommy White continues to be in Medical Center but is improved.

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy and Mrs. Erma Sanders are in Glenwood Hospital.

The Weldon Dawsons' daughter, Sandra Wingate, is in their home recovering from surgery. She lives in Jacksonville.

Leland Milton, grandson of Gloria Thigpen, was very seriously injured last week in an automobile accident in Houston. They hope to move him to Mother Frances. Gloria is in Houston at the present time.

Ike Gaiser entered Baylor Hospital in Dallas Monday for tests.

Attention, Ladies!

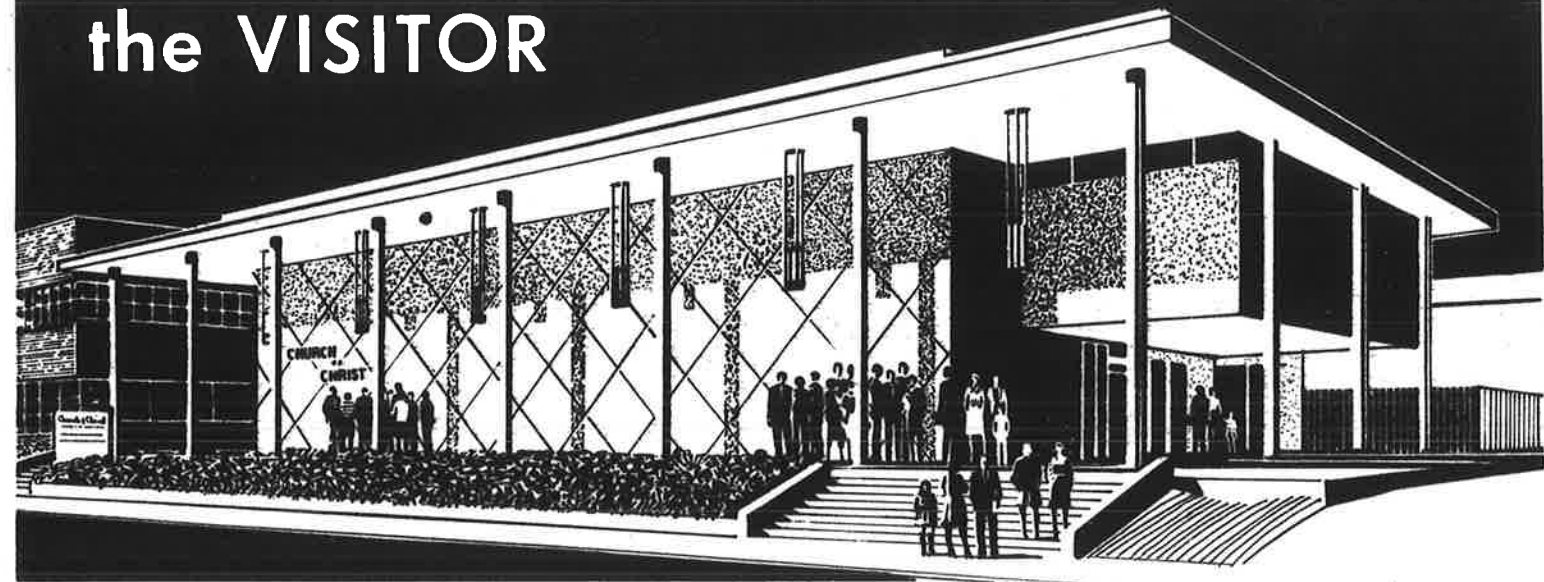
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The Amazing Grace

Bible Class
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George H. Stephenson

How thankful I am to be able to preach again! It was a very emotional experience for me to be in the pulpit again Sunday after such a long period of absence. I am most grateful to each of you for your expressions of love and appreciation.

Please keep in mind the announcement made Sunday by Dr. Roger Knight on behalf of the elders concerning the special contribution on Sunday, December 16. I am truly thankful that the Lord has blessed the West Erwin congregation during the year 1979. It is a source of great encouragement to know that the members have met the needs of our budget for the year. Not only have you contributed to the regular budget, but many of you have contributed generously on the new fellowship building. The Lord will surely bless you for your generous giving.

The elders plan to apply the special contribution on December 16 toward the retirement of the debt on our educational building. I believe, as Dr. Knight said, that we have the ability to wipe out this debt if we really wanted to do so. When this obligation is taken care of, then we will have that much more funds to be used in other worthy endeavors. In past years we have had some very generous contributions in the month of December. We hope that this year will not be an exception.

The Lord has richly blessed us and we would be most ungrateful if we are miserly in our giving for His Cause. I hope you will prayerfully consider how much you can give at this time. Have you been as generous as you could have been during the year? Have you received bonuses or extra funds enabling you to make a substantial contribution? Let us remember that when we reach the end of our lives here that these words will be very true:

What I saved I lost
What I spent I used
What I gave I have.

I hope to see you Sunday when my sermon topic will be, "Does Christ Live In You?" We look forward to hearing Wes Price again on Sunday evening.

WHY SHOULD I KEEP TRYING?

Virgil R. Trout

You have probably experienced the feeling of "What's the use?" The temptation to quit is powerful. The realization that to try to do the worthwhile keeps you vulnerable to future hurt cannot be ignored. Why keep trying?

The future offers possibilities only if you are actively participating. What if your ship did come in and you weren't there?

You have been created in the image of God, therefore "to quit" is an insult to Him and betrayal of yourself.

Jesus invites you to receive His strength. He invites but He does not coerce. Allow Him to associate with you!

Remember someone believes in you!

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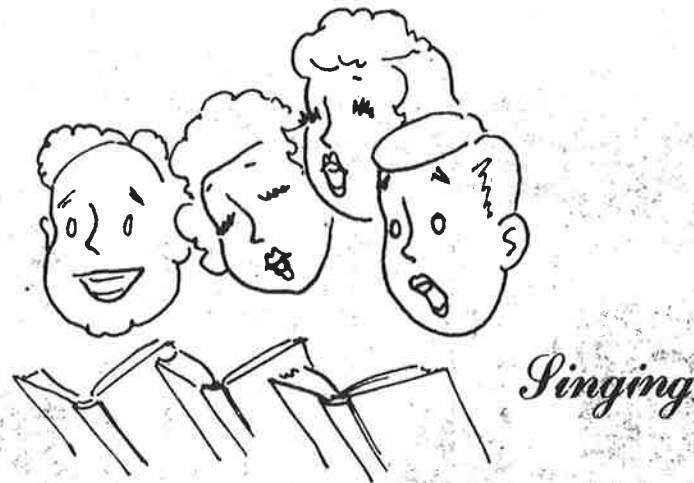
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THE ASSEMBLY

"Hebrews 10:25 points to religious fellowship. There is a devotion which is hidden from all human knowledge in which the soul is open to the searching eye of God. Yet there is something that is needed beyond this private devotion. What private devotion begins, fellowship in the assemblies completes. We should arise from our private devotion to attend the assemblies of the saints. If we could see that all public assemblies are for our good, and not to appease God, there would be fewer empty pews and more joys in attending them. Our misconceptions of the assemblies make us think of them as wasted time.

The public assemblies fill a need in our lives. Though we may come to the assemblies faint in heart and clouded in hope, the gathering of the people of God may help to revive and brighten our lives. It is in worship as in friendship, conversation is often an inspiration. A loving tone builds up our courage, and the grasp of a friendly hand steadies us when we are ready to give up through weariness or fear. The face we see in the assembly may be as the face of a friend, and the voice of its song as an assurance of comradeship in the long, hard strife of daily living. It is easy to become lonely in the pilgrimage of life. The heart longs to hear a footstep in the dim and silent passage through which this life often moves. Such a footstep we may hear in the assemblies and it causes our hope to come back. We listen and are made glad; we pray together and our broken hearts are healed. Can you feel with the Psalmist his need of the fellowship of God and friends when he says, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord..." How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord... I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked."



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 Shiloh Road church of Christ on December 26 at 7:20 p. m. There will be no service at West Erwin on that Wednesday evening. Plan to attend. This is always an enjoyable time for Christians to meet together for worship in song.

I preached a sermon to a man
Concerning him, no other.
And when he heard it, how he laughed,
He thought I meant his brother.

Remember This Article?...

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

Thank You

Thank you for all your concern at the passing of my father. And, thank you for the beautiful plant.

Also...

Thank you so much for all the shower gifts. We appreciate all of them greatly.
Robin Miles

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Mrs. Mable Lewis.

Happy Birthday

December

(7) Lee Roberson, Sherrill Little, Lois Hoppers, R. C. O'Bannon

(9) Bart Lemons

(10) Joni Smith

(11) Kristy Roberson, Ann Ida Miller

(13) Fleta Butler, Ben Freeman

SOUND ADVICE

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

... Abraham Lincoln

... If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed. John 8:31

HERE and THERE

by wes price



We are happy to announce that our training room upstairs has now been completed and is ready for use. Final preparations were completed by Paul Montandon and Lowell Wiggans.

This room is especially suited for use with children past the toddler stage where parents can take them to feel comfortable without disturbing others in the auditorium. It is a "training room" where the little ones can be taken until they can learn to sit quietly in the worship assembly. We would like to suggest that it is not a place where parents go to do their visiting during the worship period. One can and should participate in the worship service since you can both hear and see what is being done in the auditorium.

No, we are not legislating what parents should do with their children. It is your decision whether you use this facility or not. We simply want to make it available for those who would like to use it. It is simply an additional tool to facilitate parent's wishes for helping their little ones who struggle with the adult atmosphere in the auditorium.

At a later time, we will be submitting a list of guidelines from the mothers so that we can accomplish the best over all purpose of this room. We welcome any suggestions that you might have.

In case you have not been to this training room, it is reached via the stairs at the north end of the back foyer. In addition to the training room itself, there is a restroom and baby changing room adjoining it.

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With the end of the year drawing near, we must pause and reflect upon the many changes that have taken place. The Lord has indeed blessed us at West Erwin in so many ways, increased giving, a host of new members and an improved feeling of love and goodwill. Let's let this spirit continue as we leave the 70's and launch into the 80's. Christians still are to be the most optimistic people on earth.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16

Serving Sunday

Our Records

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Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Nov. 25	\$4,839.38
Prayer	Guy Blakeley	Nov. 18	\$5,153.32
Dismiss	Jack Bennett	Year Ago	\$4,185.10
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Nov. 25	458
Prayer	Cone Birdwell	Nov. 18	371
Dismiss	Dale Blackstone	Year Ago	331
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Weldon Dawson	Harold Browning	Nov. 25	503
Steve Brown	Cullen Gilliam	Nov. 18	463
David Demic	Cliff Clough		
Harvey Grier	Charles Hickman	Budget	\$4,500.00

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

cellent volumes that our library contains. Brother and sister H. McCarty serve as our librarians and would be willing to assist you at any time when you have questions about our library. We are grateful for their faithful service in this good work.

When you return a book to the library, please place it on the shelf just inside the door to the left. Normal check-out time for a volume is two weeks.

**We need YOU
in Bible School!**

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Report of Our Sick

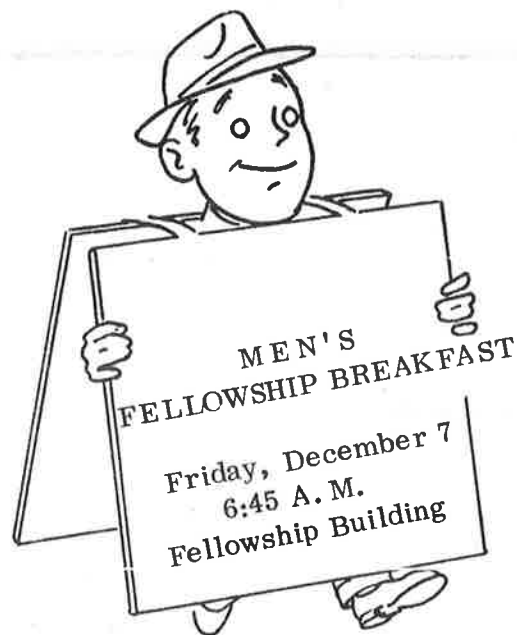
Mrs. Marvin Jones is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Robert Stokes had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

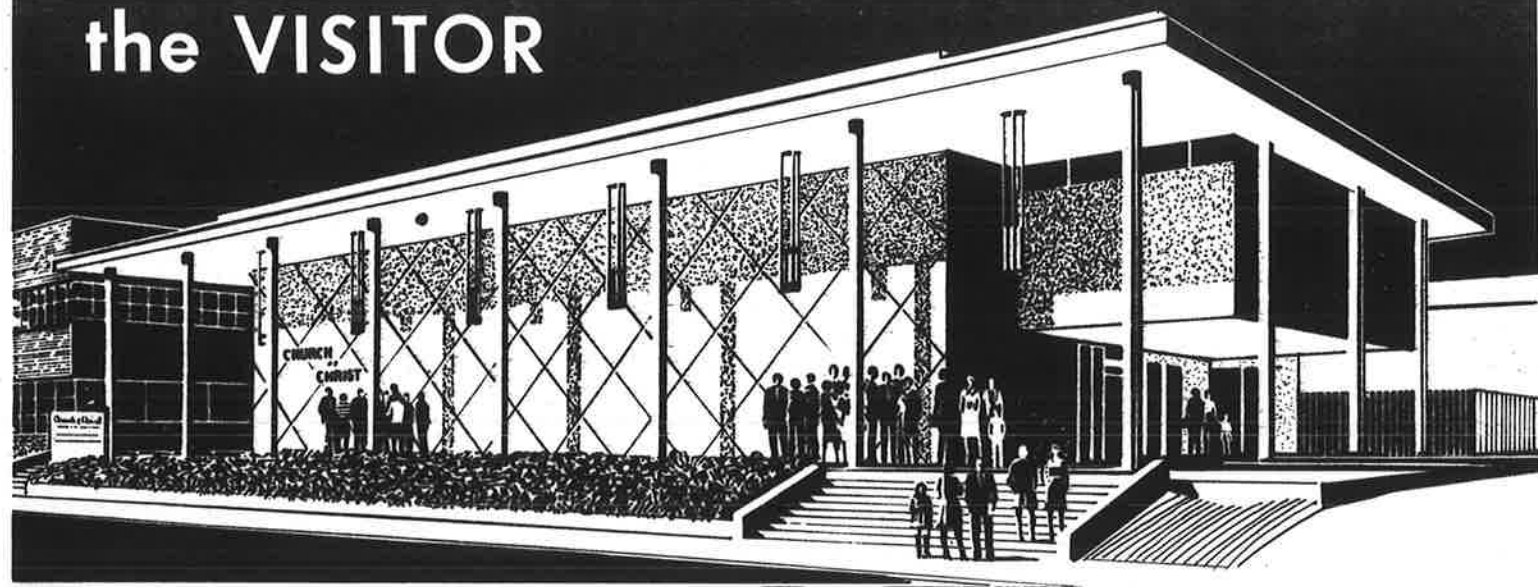
Tommy White suffered a heart attack late Monday evening and is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Sybil Thacker underwent surgery in Houston on Monday.



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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

I am writing this column on Tuesday morning and that is a busy time around the church building. We have Tuesday school in progress and at the same time some of our faithful Christians are busy working at the Christian Care Center. It is always thrilling to see the little folks who come to Tuesday school. Our women who work in the school - without any financial remuneration - certainly deserve our praise and commendation. And all who give of their time and energy in the Care Center are worthy of praise also.

I have enjoyed hearing some of the visiting preachers who have preached during my absence from the pulpit. We were glad to have Luther and Ida Gieger with us on Sunday and to have him preach for us. Luther did a good work as the preacher for this congregation for some seven years back in the 1950's. He and Ida have the love and respect of those who knew them back then. I am glad the elders invited them to

be here and that I had the privilege of hearing him and of visiting with them.

This should be a time when we as American citizens should be very prayerful. Our country is facing a great crisis in the Iranian problems. We continue to pray on behalf of our fellow citizens who are being held hostage and we pray that the leaders of our nation may have wisdom as they make important decisions at this time. We do pray for peace among all the nations of the world. How different is the spirit of Christ and his religion, built upon love, from the spirit of Islam which is built upon hatred and the sword!

I am looking forward to Sunday morning and to the opportunity of preaching for the first time in a long time. My topic for Sunday will be, "The Greatest Man Alive Today." Do you know who this is? We hope to have a large crowd Sunday morning and again on Sunday night when Wes Price will be preaching.

Recently the church received a beautiful card from Zurich, Switzerland written by Rudolf Rischer. It states: "Heartiest greetings to each one of you from Zurich, Switzerland where I am preaching in a Gospel meeting this week. We are being blessed by good attendance in spite of much snow."

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1).

Somebody Killed The Devil

I don't know who did it, but I am confident that Satan is rejoicing. He doesn't have to worry about those who don't believe in him. He already has them in his hip pocket.

Under the guise of being sophisticated we have banished hell as a delusion of medieval fools and have killed off the devil to help tidy up the package. It's so comforting not to believe in old superstitions.

Do you suppose that we are a little too smug in our enlightened age? After all, I do remember that Satan tempted Jesus immediately following his baptism. When Jesus had gone forty days without eating, the devil said, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." Satan was striking at the body. "You're hungry, so do what comes naturally - eat."

Don't think for a moment that Satan has stopped tempting, or that he lies dead and buried. He's constantly telling folks: "You have a body, but no soul. Take care of all of your bodily needs and forget about anything else."

About twenty minutes ago I received a call from a lady. Her doctor told her to find a man and have sex. I asked, "Is your doctor a psychiatrist?" "No, he's a gynecologist." She asked, "Well, what do you think?" "Why - it's wrong. The Bible condemns adultery and fornication from the beginning to the end." She paused, thanked me, and hung up.

Two things about that conversation bother me. In the first place I didn't handle it very well. With a different kind of approach on my part this could have become a meaningful teaching experience. I blew that opportunity with my quick, arbitrary answer.

The second thing that bothers me is that Satan is in our midst tempting us in our universities, doctors' offices, churches, movie theaters, etc., and we don't even know it. In our pride we have been taken in by the silly superstition that somebody has killed the devil.

JOHN GIPSON
Little Rock, Arkansas



New Members

We are happy to have Leslie and Carolyn Carruth as new members of West Erwin. They have two children, Scott (5 years) and Cindy (almost 2 years). Leslie is employed by the State Health Dept. and Carolyn is a teacher.

Happy Birthday!

November

(28) Norma Nail, Laura Drummond, Wade McDonald
(30) Roy Layne Roberson, Sallie Balkeley

Thank You

We wish to express our love and appreciation to each of you for your expressions of love and sympathy shown to us in the passing of Mark, our son and brother. The flowers meant so much. Your love and care for Mark will always be remembered. In Christian love,

Pat and Ralph Wilson
Jennifer & Alan Weeks

Funerals

Mrs. Gwen Jackson, sister-in-law of Eleanor Birdwell, passed away Thursday in Pecos, Texas. Services for her were conducted Saturday at the church in Pecos.

The father of Robin Miles passed away in Michigan last week. Robin will be back home toward the end of this week.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for Don Albright, brother in-law of Johnnie Sue Dayton. He was a member of the Glenwood church.

We share in the sorrow of each family and extend our sincere sympathy.



Remember

Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower for Robin Miles on Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Building - Come and Go from 2:30 until 4:00 p. m.

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Words can't express the joy we felt when brother George was able to participate in our worship services last Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. I know that we are not any more anxious to have him back in the pulpit than he is anxious to get back to his preaching. We are thankful to God for his continued recovery.

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Brother C. B. Hardin did such a splendid job in opening our services last Sunday and in making the necessary announcements. When men like him and Hillard say a word of welcome to us at the beginning of the service, one just can't help but feel welcome.

While we are on the subject of announcements, let me make a request. When you have information concerning any of our members that needs to be mentioned publicly or any other announcement information, give the church office a call as early as possible and give the information to one of our secretaries. If you don't have the information until the week-end, then make a written copy of it to bring with you to Bible study and worship. The one selected to make our announcements always meets in the library just prior to the beginning of worship. You can leave your announcement with any of the men in the library and they will see that it gets to the proper person so that it won't be overlooked. Your cooperation in this matter will insure that correct information is provided.

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A number of our teenagers were treated to their first air plane ride last Sunday afternoon. Brother Jim Paul was gracious enough to take them flying in his plane three at a time. From all the reports I heard (and the enthusiastic report of my own two teenagers) it was quite a pleasant experience. I'm sure all who enjoyed it would join me in sending a special word of thanks to Jim.

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In recent weeks our library has received a number of new volumes and contributions in memory of departed saints. We would like to encourage you to take advantage of these new books as well as all the ex-

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer George Stephenson
Dismiss Ed Bullard

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Elwin Crow

Serving Communion Sunday

Phil Marts Don Weathers
Glynn Starnes Jim Canterbury
Pete Wallace Stan Mallory
Trey Hughes Cole Bennett

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Year Ago	3,987.12
Bible School	
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Worship	
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Budget	4,500.00

Responses

We are happy to welcome Leslie and Carolyn Carruth, 4200 Park Place, #218 - phone 561-9684. They recently moved to Tyler from Springfield, Mo. They are the parents of two pre-school children. Carolyn is a teacher and Leslie is employed by the Smith County Health Dept.

Report of Our Sick

Guy Potts is in Glenwood Hospital for tests. Teresa Holland was in Glenwood Hospital for a few days but is now at home.

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." I John 3:1

A SHORT STORY ABOUT

NOBODY

Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Pete Anybody and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you couldn't have enjoyed worshipping with them. EVERYBODY went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit with friends. ANYBODY wanted to worship, but was afraid SOMEBODY wouldn't speak to him. NOBODY went to church.

Really, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY did visiting. NOBODY worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday school teacher. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do it; and SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY should. Guess who finally did it? That's right... NOBODY.

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live among them. EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY should try to win him; ANYBODY thought SOMEBODY should try to win him; ANYBODY could have at least made an effort. But guess who finally won him for Christ? That's right...NOBODY!

Newark Sentinel
Newark, N. J.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thessalonians 5:18).

This verse is one of many in the New Testament which teaches us that Christians are to be a thankful people. I am glad that our government officials have set aside one day each year as a day of thanksgiving to God for the blessings we have received in this country. This has been a custom in our country from colonial times. The first proclamation under our constitution for the observance of Thanksgiving Day was issued by George Washington on October 3, 1789. This proclamation shows that while our founding fathers recognized the need for freedom of religion they did not advocate freedom from religion. Throughout our history as a nation leaders of government have expressed a belief in God and a recognition of our need for His guidance.

Of course we should look upon every day as a time to give thanks to God. It is easy to take for granted the many blessings we have all received.

I must confess that during the past few months I have had times of depression and on a few occasions have indulged in the useless and foolish exercise of self pity. However, I am truly thankful for the many ways in which I have been abundantly blessed.

I am thankful that my life has been spared as a result of the skill of medical science along with the many prayers offered on my behalf. I am most grateful for the many hundreds of people here and in many other places who have expressed their love and appreciation for us. Long distance phone calls, cards and letters have come to us by the hundreds. How wonderful it is in times of distress to have the assurance of love from relatives, friends, and fellow Christians!

I am thankful for my faithful companion who has been by my side in all of my illness. This September was the first time in 33 years that I have not preached a sermon on marriage. I began this custom on our tenth wedding anniversary and until this year nothing has ever prevented my annual sermon or sermons on marriage.

Most of all, today I am thankful for the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. I am thankful for the Bible which gives meaning and purpose to living and provides me with the hope of heaven when this life is over. May all of us show our gratitude to God each day by loving obedience to His will and faithful service to our fellow man.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Tyler Branch of Christian Services of the Southwest will conduct a foster parent training workshop at Glenwood Church of Christ on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Anyone who is interested in the inside story about foster care is welcome to attend.

We will be addressing such issues as the effects of participating in foster care on each family member and dealing with separation. Two foster families from Christian Services in Dallas will help conduct the workshop. The Coops have been foster parents for 24 years and the Smiths for 9 years.

An attended nursery will be provided, and we will share a pot luck dinner at noon. Please plan to join us and call me at 592-3850 if you will be using our babysitters or if you need more information.

Diana L. Hall M. S. S. W.
Director, Tyler Branch

IN APPRECIATION

Brother Bill Scott certainly challenged us with his good messages this past Sunday. We are thankful for his coming and for our elders inviting him to come. Remember the messages? "He Touched Me" and "Prayer Room" should refresh your minds to his lessons. They can be of immense value to the continued development of spirituality in our lives. WP

FORT WORTH LECTURES

For years, the Ft. Worth Christian College lectures and books were considered to be among the finest in our brotherhood. When the college closed, the lectures, as such, ceased. Now, after several intervening years, these lectures have been revived as "The Ft. Worth Lectures," and are conducted annually by the Brown Trail congregation in Ft. Worth (which operates the Brown Trail Preacher Training School), Wendell Winkler, local evangelist and director of the school being the director.

The 3rd annual lectures will be January 13-17, 1980 with the theme, "What Do You Know about the Holy Spirit?" Lectures will begin at 8:00 a. m. and end each day at 9:00 p. m. Plan to attend.

Thanksgiving



"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Funerals

Mark Wilson lost his life last Friday morning in a fire in the apartment complex where he lived. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Jim Willis' sister was buried Monday here in Tyler. We extend our sympathy to him and the family.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday for Mr. L. D. Vanhuss, an uncle of Mrs. Monroe Sublette. We express our sympathy to Cleo and the other relatives.

Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Robin Miles on Sunday afternoon, December 2, 1979 in the Fellowship Building - Come and Go from 2:30 p. m. until 4:00 p. m.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

Volume I of Barnes Notes on the Old Testament and Josephus is missing from the church library. No card is in the file to show who is using each book. Please remember to put your name on the card in the book and leave it in the card file when you take books from the library.

PREACH SUNDAY

Brother Luther L. Gieger from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be our guest preacher Sunday. Brother Gieger was the preacher for the West Erwin church about 7 years during the "50s." We look forward to his coming.

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTW

Where God's finger points,
God's hand will always make the way.

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



It was a great Sunday to welcome into the West Erwin fellowship the Leslie Carruth family. They come to us from the South National congregation in Springfield, Mo. We are looking forward to a growing and fruitful relationship with this fine family.

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Jack Paul finished a good meeting with the Trinity Oaks congregation in Dallas where I formerly worshipped. Of course, he and Mary go back a long way with these good folks since he preached for the Old Trinity Heights congregation which merged later with another congregation. From the personal testimony of several I talked with, they certainly appreciated Jack's excellent preaching.

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For something like a year, a petition has been circulated among individuals and churches concerning the efforts of Madeline O'Hare to stop religious broadcasts. It is called Petition Number R. M. 2493. I even received one anonymously in the mail this past week. Let me put the matter to rest by referring you to the recent article in the Firm Foundation dated November 13 entitled: "Don't Fly Off the Handle When You're Full of Baloney" which quotes directly from an FCC source. It is a dead issue. Please don't circulate or encourage others to sign and mail these petitions. If you would like further information you may write Mr. Charles D. Ferris, Chairman of the FCC at 1919 H. Street, Washington, D. C., 20036.

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A word of thanks is in order for those of you who are called upon on numerous occasions to sing for memorial services for our departed loved ones. So often we forget to express thanks to these folks because they are usually concealed from the audience in a separate room. And a special word of thanks to Cullen Gilliam for the selection and direction of this group. He deserves a great deal of credit for the good impression that our singers make on visitors to these services. We are grateful for him and the many others of you who respond so unselfishly when called upon to sing.

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WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

Thank you for the response to Sunday's sermons. I especially hope you considered the morning message. Enough cannot be said about Christians who are diligent workers in the kingdom. We need each and every one of you doing your part in building up the body of Christ here at West Erwin. Think of the rewards, both here and in the future for dedicated workers who want the church to grow spiritually and numerically.

If you look around hard enough you will find some good work that you can do. If you have done that and you still can't find any, then let me know. I have an exhaustive list that will challenge anyone who truly wants to do his part.

We look forward to seeing you every Sunday in Bible study and worship. I try every Lord's Day to see as many of you personally as time will permit. If for some reason I miss you, keep trying. I'm sure that I'll pass your way eventually.

Smile, God loves you and I do too.

Our Records

Thank You

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The phone number for the Fellowship Hall and the Benevolent bldg. is 592-2537.

*My beloved is mine and I am his
Song of Solomon 2:XIV*

Linda Ann Henniger

and

Charles Terry Stephenson

invite you to share in the ceremony
uniting their love
on Saturday, the eighth of December
nineteen hundred and seventy-nine
at half after six o'clock in the evening

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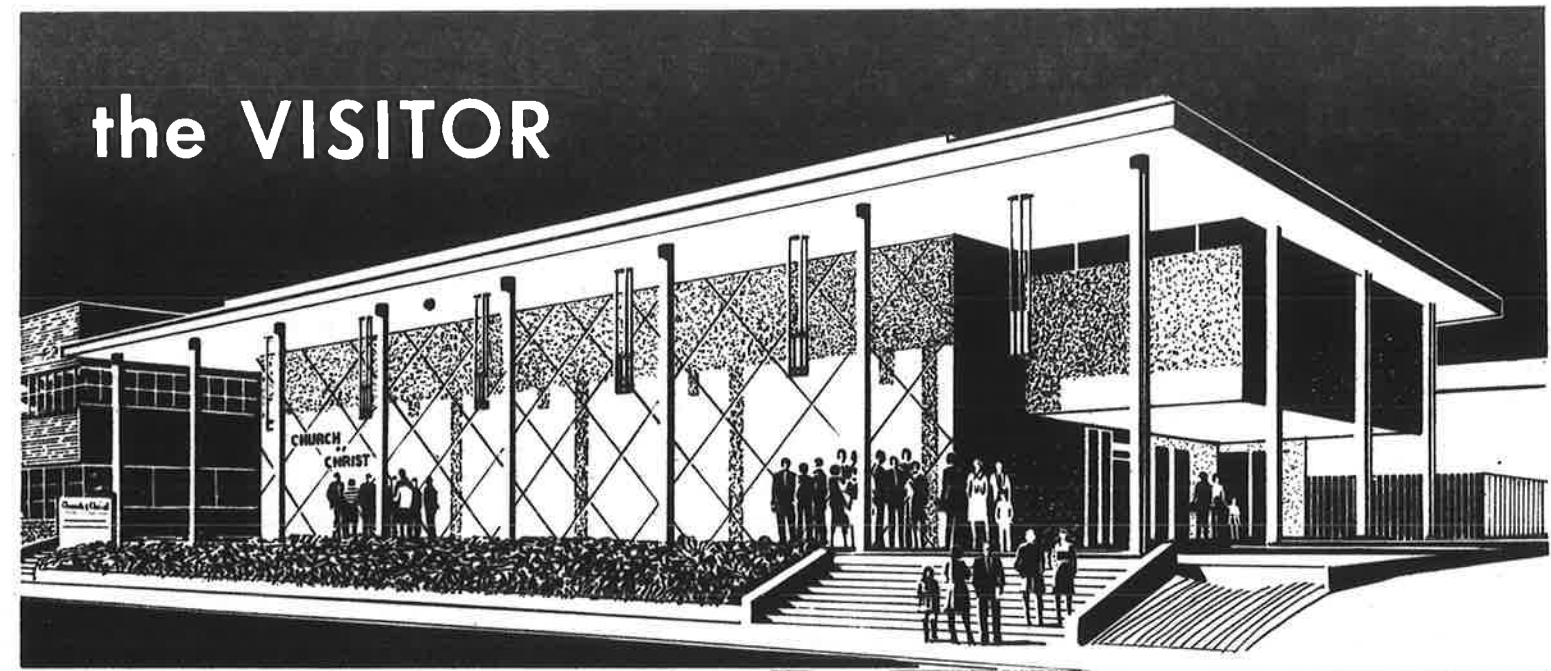
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The Church With A Heart

working hard to acquaint others with New Testament Christianity and to train those who have been converted. The church in Augsburg now has 46 members, twice the number five years ago when the Rischers moved there. The church is blessed in having some valuable property. When it was purchased, it was not in the best location, but the area now has improved and property values have greatly increased in value. There is a nice church building and a nice preacher's home located on a large lot containing beautiful gardens and flowers. Rudolf has worked with his hands in making numerous improvements to the church building and the home.

We spent three nights in the home of the Rischers and had the opportunity to see what a splendid family the Rischers have. We attended mid-week Bible study on one night and a supper in our honor on another night. We were impressed with the spirit of love and dedication shown by the members of the church. They are not just "Sunday morning" Christians. A big majority of the members attend every service of the church. It required much faith and courage for some of these to turn from the religion they have known and in many instances to suffer for it.

The church in Augsburg would like to be self-supporting, however it is very expensive to maintain their property and endeavor to carry on a program of work in a city such as Augsburg. Campaigns and meetings of various kinds are held to attract attention. Advertisements are in the newspaper. Tracts and pamphlets are

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**From the
Preacher's
Desk**

George H. Stephenson

The regular monthly report from Rudolf Rischer and family in Augsburg, Germany will be distributed in the adult classes on this coming Sunday. I hope you take time each month to read Rudi's reports. They are interesting and informative. Rudi spends quite a bit of time preparing the reports, because it is not always easy to express one's feelings in a different language.

I was very sorry that I was unable, because of my illness and surgery, to give a report of our visit with two families we help support, the Rudolf Rischers and the Kieth Mitchells. It is my conviction that Rudolf and Kieth are both outstanding men in their respective fields of labor. I doubt that you could find anyone more dedicated and more able in the work they are doing than these two men.

It is not easy to build up the church in Germany where the people have been brought up for centuries in the traditions of either Roman Catholicism or Lutheranism. Rudolf Rischer is

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MISSIONARIES TO TRINIDAD... Supported by West Erwin

Fred and Doris Givens plan to move to Trinidad, an English speaking nation, where brother Givens will teach in the School of Preaching. The school will be directed by brother Parker Henderson, a long time missionary to Thailand and instructor at the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. The Trinidad school trains young men from the various islands in the Caribbean chain who then return home to preach the gospel.

The Givens have three grown children - one a missionary in Brussels, Belgium. Brother Givens worked for the U. S. Dept. of Defense for 24 years. His wife was a public school teacher for 18 years. He has served as an elder in several congregations and has been active in personal evangelism and counseling in each location.

Brother Givens graduated from Abilene Christian University with a B. S. degree in 1948. He received his M. B. A. degree at the University of Texas in Austin in 1950. Doris received her B. S. degree from Abilene Christian University in 1947. Each have done graduate work at West Texas State in Canyon, Texas and he attended North Texas University in Denton. They will be living in Lubbock, Texas until leaving for Trinidad.



Fred and Doris Givens

Remember

You are invited to a Gift Tea
Honoring Kathy Price
Daughter of Wes and Alma Faye Price
Sunday afternoon, November 18, 1979
at the Ross Walkers
536 Park Heights Circle

Selections: Hours:
Brosang's Come and Go
Leewrights 2 until 4 o'clock

Happy Birthday

We are sorry that last week's birthdays were incorrect. The following list is for the 11th through 24th of November.

- (11) Christina Miles, Sam Bailey
Melinda O'Quinn
- (12) Stan Mallory
- (14) Morris Hallman, Pauline Fuller
George Kester
- (15) Ruby Teel
- (17) Cathy Hallman
- (18) Joyce Willis
- (22) Clyde Waggoner

Phone Number Change

The Harvey Griens telephone number is now 592-5409

Amazing Grace

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

Help us to help each other, Lord
Each other's cross to bear;
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel his brother's care.

Help us to build each other up,
Our little stock improve;
Increase our faith, confirm our hope,
And perfect us in love.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Our Teacher's Workshop this past Saturday was a great success. We had nearly 60 of our Bible class teachers and workers present for the four sessions. The Workshop teaching staff, Les Gleaves of the Central church in Amarillo, Lahoma Cox of the Waterview congregation in Dallas and Alma Faye Price of West Erwin did an excellent job in challenging those present with new ideas and improved methods so that they can go about their jobs of teaching with greater effectiveness. My heart overflows with gratitude for all of you who could be with us.

I would be remiss if I overlooked those who helped prepare breakfast, Hillard Hughes, Paul Montandon, Dale Blackstone and Charlie Hickman. They truly went the second mile to be here early to get the food prepared. Thanks men!

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I am especially pleased that we are to begin assisting in the support of brother and sister Fred Givens who will be leaving for Trinidad off the coast of South America just after the first of the year. It has been my privilege to know and love these fine folks for more than 15 years and to be associated with them in two different congregations. Fred retired from his government work just over a year ago and has been researching foreign areas to determine the best possible location for doing mission work. He will be working with brother Parker Henderson, long-time missionary to Thailand and teacher with the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, in a Preacher Training School in Trinidad.

By the time you read this, he and his wife will have been our guests on Wednesday night. I hope all of you were able to meet them. I'm not sure what their timetable is for their departure, but I hope they will be able to return for a brief visit on a week-end prior to their leaving the country. We are glad that the West Erwin family will be joining hands with this fine couple to help spread the gospel to that part of the world.

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Thank you for the response to Sunday's sermons. I especially hope you considered the morning message. Enough cannot be said about Christians who are dili-

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"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

THANKSGIVING

(Psalms 107:1)

We face no greater peril than the danger of ingratitude. It is one of the hazards of abundance. Israel repeatedly rejected God. And always in times of great prosperity...never in moments of poverty.

Moses issued a "news release" announcing their inheritance of the promised land. They would have "goodly cities" and "houses full of all good things." To people whose eyes were red from the irritation of wilderness dust, whose nostrils were filled with the stench of polluted streams, and whose minds were tormented with memories of 40 years of aimless wandering, the news was unbelievably good.

Moses' heart must have been pounding and his eyes stinging with tears of happiness. Yet, knowing their weaknesses he felt compelled to

warn of the danger of abundance: "...when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:11,12).

Tragically, they failed to follow his advice. Today America replaces Israel as monumental evidence that prosperity and gratitude seldom occupy the same room. Never have people had so much. Yet, the average American is one of history's most vehement complainers.

It is an unusual man who pauses to "give thanks to the Lord." How ungrateful we must seem to Jehovah. Listen! "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18).

It doesn't matter how full life may have filled our fortunate hands; if we are ungrateful we reside on spiritual "skid row." With our lips and by our lives let us express our gratitude to God.

—JOE R. BARNETT

From the Preacher's Desk... (continued from page one)

distributed among the people. Inflation has really hit Germany. Also, the American dollar has greatly decreased in value.

I heard nothing but praise for Rudolf and for his wife Christel as well. Christel is very industrious and very helpful in the work. She is surely a fine example of a genuine helper to her husband. When we visited in Frankfurt, Germany we were told by many that the work in Augsburg is one of the most promising in Germany today. I am glad that West Erwin has had a part in it and am truly thankful for our fellowship with the International Mission in New York. May all of us remember in our prayers all of our efforts to advance the cause of Christ in other parts of the world as well as here in Tyler.

SUNDAY MORNING		SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Hillard Hughes	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Roger Knight	Ben Young	Ben Young
Dismiss	Wayne Reynolds	Ronny Jones	Ronny Jones
Contribution, Nov. 4, 1979		Bible School	Worship
\$5,211.45		403	485

Responses

Terri Hallman, daughter of the Morris Hallmans was baptized Monday afternoon by Hillard Hughes. We rejoice with Terri. She is in the 9th grade.

TELEVISION... Continued from inside

Whether or not it is a deliberate effort to break down the nation's moral fabric - to capture the minds and lower the standards of another generation - it works that way. It is as insidious as cancer, and to some extent infects everybody.

It flouts every conviction this nation has entertained. It cheapens and degrades. You wouldn't stand by idly and let someone pour poison into the water reservoirs of our city. The water of life can be defiled, too.

This IS YOUR business to the extent that you are concerned about your own home, your own children and grandchildren.

True, you can turn off that tube. But the fact of individual option does not acquit filth-mongers and their sponsors of responsibility and liability in the eyes both of the law and before the bar of public opinion. They operate by sufferance.

Turn them off. But also file your protest. When their sponsors begin losing business appreciably because of this glorified degradation, they may even beat the FCC, to which the networks are strictly accountable, in taking offenders off the air.

... Ira North

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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TRIBUTE... (continued)

not only in Tyler but in other places as well. He served for a number of years on the Board of Trustees of Abilene Christian University. He read the religious papers and kept informed concerning the work of the church in other parts of the nation and of the world. Eternity alone can tell us the good influence brother Haws had in the lives of countless people.

We have heavy hearts today and we sympathize deeply with Naomi and their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, all of his relatives - yet we rejoice in the hope which is ours and which was brother Haws'. We have every reason to believe that he could say even as Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

Report of Our Sick

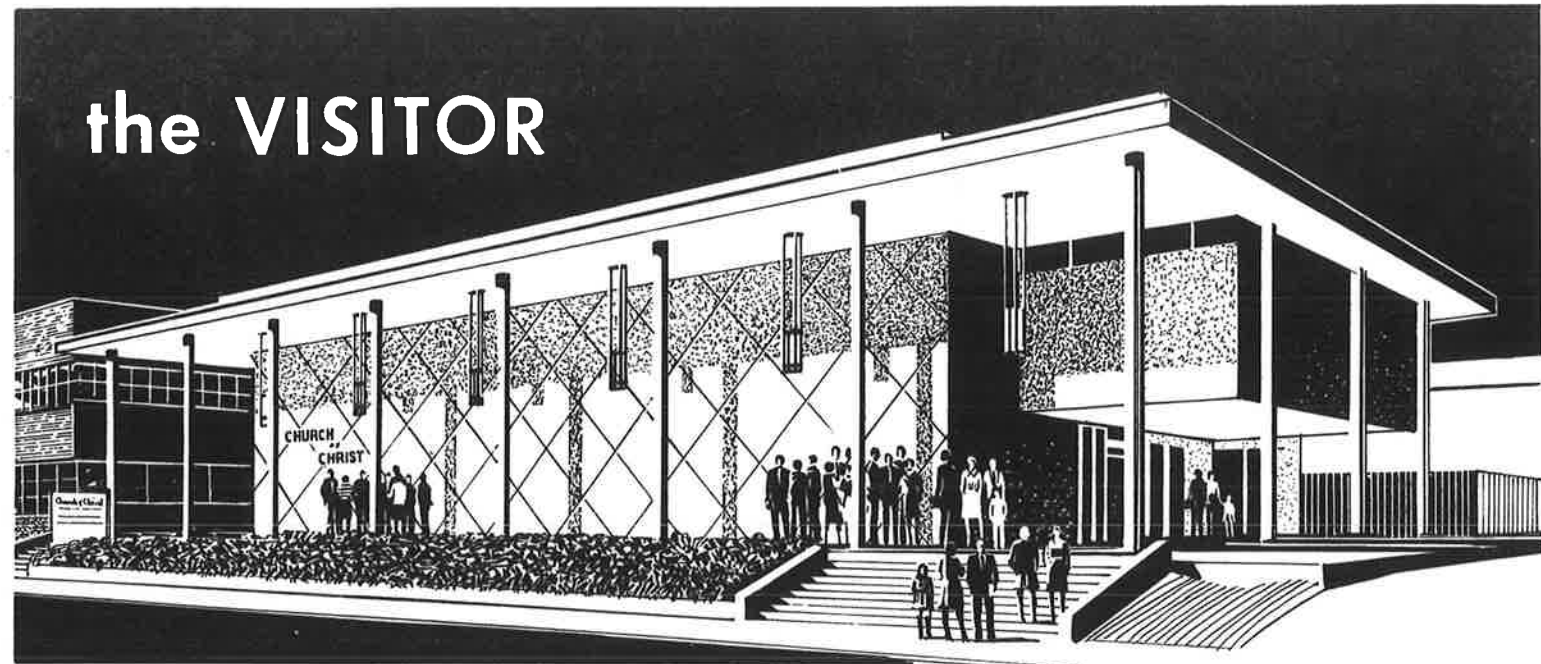
Mrs. Fred Strait is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Tommy Lowrance is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Henry McRuiz's mother is in the Glenwood Hospital.

The Ben Youngs' son-in-law, Larry Cook, is in Park Plaza Hospital in Houston.

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The Church With A Heart

Tribute To M.M. Haws

By *George H. Stephenson*

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (2 Samuel 3:38)

The West Erwin church has lost one of its most loyal members. I have suffered the loss of a very good friend. I first became acquainted with Max Haws and his lovely wife Naomi some 19 years ago when I was preaching in a gospel meeting for the West Erwin church. Max and Naomi were always very hospitable. I was a guest for a meal in their home. I was a guest in their home in another meeting at a later date. Since 1968 when my family and I moved to Tyler Max and Naomi have been some of our dearest friends. Through all of these years they have encouraged and supported me in my efforts to preach the gospel of Christ.

Many words could be used to describe M. M. Haws. A loving husband - a devoted father - a successful business man - a good citizen - active church member - capable Bible teacher - faithful elder. All of these and many other words could be used in describing the life of this man. However, I think of one phrase which can summarize all that brother Haws was. He was a Christian gentleman. In every sense of the word he was a gentleman, but most important of all, he was a Christian. The greatest tribute which can ever be paid to any man or any woman is to

say that this person was a Christian. Brother Haws was a man of faith. He believed the Bible to be God's word. He believed Jesus to be the Son of God. His faith led him to obedience to the Lord's will and to loyalty and devotion to the Lord's church.

I am grateful for the years brother Haws served as an elder for the West Erwin congregation. It has been my privilege to work under the oversight of many fine and godly elders in various congregations where I have preached. I do not think I have known anyone who served as an elder in a better way than did M. M. Haws. He wanted the church to grow and to prosper. He wanted the church to be united. He was a man of conviction, but he was willing to listen to the opinions of others. I felt that the church sustained a great loss when brother Haws resigned as an elder. However, his resignation showed his genuine interest and concern for the welfare of the church. We felt that he could have continued to serve capably as an elder the remainder of his life, but he did not want to reach the point in life when he might not be able to function as an elder should. However, he continued to maintain his interest in the work of the church just as he had always done. We still could look to him for counsel and respected his wisdom and judgment. He continued to show an interest in visiting the sick, the elderly, and in encouraging others to be faithful to the Lord.

Brother Haws was interested in preaching and teaching the gospel (continued on back page)

QUESTION: DO YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SEE THE VERY BEST . . . ON TELEVISION?

People who revere the name of God, or esteem as holy anything else sacred, cannot condone profanity in any form. People with a basic respect for decency cannot indulge or patronize—willingly and knowingly—ANYTHING whose essence in any degree partakes of indecency.

To some that may sound like a dogmatism—an “emphatic statement or view without any supporting evidence.” Correction, please. There is EVERY evidence; supporting the premise of what conscience and teaching make the Christian’s point of view in this matter stated—and the deplorable fact that for lack of adequate challenge, both profanity and indecency are encroaching . . . employed by people, blatantly offensive and contemptuous of all restraint.

In the name of liberty—the “freedom of speech” concept warped and exploited to fit perverted tastes—they increasingly are practising LICENSE. What is worse, they are not content to practice this for self-amusement in their own pigsties, but are determined to parade it as a profitable business in public—via salacious “literature” on the book stands, movie screens, and the television networks.

No decent American householder would permit the garbage man or any neighbor—much less a big shot conglomerate of garbage men—to bring into his or her home the filth of the alley and there dump it in their living room. Decency and the basic laws of hygiene would forbid. The objection would be heard clear to Washington, and right quickly there would be some action more drastic and immediate than lawsuits, if necessary.

But every hour on the hour, and increasingly in volume and regularity, they are dumping their filth—a contrived scum of language and vulgarized suggestiveness—into the living room of any family permitting it. They are doing that for money, SPONSORED by firms and corporations who actually look to customers to pay for this depravity.

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Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Gift Tea

Honoring Kathy Price

Daughter of Wes and Alma Faye Price

Sunday afternoon, November 18, 1979

at the Ross Walkers

536 Park Heights Circle

Selections:

Brosang's
Leewrights

Hours:

Come and Go
2 until 4 o'clock

(Ladies, please consider the above invitation as being personally yours. Telephone calls will not be made.)

THANKFULNESS

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

Unfortunately it seems that the art of saying "thank you" is a lost one. Our "Hardboiled and practical age" has decided that there is no time for such childish sentiment. However, the art of saying "thank you" is a must for a maturity that produces true freedom.

In the first place, being thankful demands some thoughtful appreciation of blessings. Many valuable possessions are lost because they were not properly evaluated.

Thankfulness creates an alert spirit for recognizing opportunities. Thankfulness is an effective antidote to the poison of cynicism. Thankfulness brings light of hope rather than promoting the darkness of defeat.

Dare yourself to count your blessings! You may have been conducting a one-sided inventory of your life. Yes, you must recognize problems and demanding responsibilities. But to be realistic, don't forget to say "Thank you" for your blessings. - Virgil Trout

Happy Birthday

November

(11) Tim Holt

Rosemary Center
Angel Carpenter

(12) Earl Clucas

Naomi McKeever
Clay Kirby

(15) Sam Sevier

(17) Clifford Grier

Ed Naul
Lauree Hale
Pauline Daughtry

Thank You

Two very nice notes were received this week from Jon Cooper and Jay Cooper, who live at Boles Home, expressing appreciation for money for their back-to-school clothing.

Thank you so much for the kindness and love shown to my mother. The hospital gowns, sheets, blanket and comfort you brought to her are such a blessing and we appreciate your thoughtfulness so very much.

Mrs. Marie Furr

(daughter of Mrs. Houston Holcomb)

Funeral

Brother M. M. Haws was hospitalized last Thursday afternoon and passed away on Friday. The funeral service was conducted for him on Saturday. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Haws and the children and to each member of the family.

A REMINDER

The Medina Children's Home truck will be here one day next week to pick up what we have collected for them.

TV HOT LINE

There is a television hot-line sponsored by the National Parent Teachers Association, which is an effort to clean up TV programs. You can register your complaint toll free by calling: 1-800-323-5177 (daytime only). You should give the following information:

1. Time of program
2. Name of program
3. Channel - Network
4. Sponsors

What an opportunity to make your Christian voice count. Take time and fulfill Paul's admonition, ". . . . have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them". (Ephesians 5:11)

HERE

and THERE

by wes price



I am looking forward to our Teacher's Workshop this coming Saturday. If you are at home reading this bulletin on Saturday morning after 9:30 a.m. and you could be improving your effective service to the Lord, please put the bulletin down, get dressed and join us even if you are a little late. This is too important for you to miss. These Workshop Teachers will inspire us with new ideas and suggestions as well as encourage us in the good work of teaching.

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We are saddened by the loss of brother M. M. Haws, but I counted it a great privilege to be able to join Hillard Hughes and Jack Paul in addressing his memorial service last Saturday. He indeed will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to Naomi Haws and the entire Haws family.

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Our young people continue to have some great times together each week. Hillard and Jeanine are so diligent in making plans for them. We praise them for their dedication and effort. The Youth Program is as good as it has ever been. I count it a great privilege and joy to be associated with these fine Christians in our work at West Erwin.

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I hope you will give careful attention to the article elsewhere in our bulletin about television programs. We are seeing more and more ungodly and immoral conduct being shown on the network programs being passed off as normal and acceptable behavior. The least we can do is guard our families from being exposed to those kinds of programs. Then we can go a step farther and express our feelings about specific programs that are offensive by writing the F. C. C. and the businesses who sponsor the shows. We can do our part by speaking out against this sort of thing. It is obvious that we cannot rely upon the networks themselves to screen out such immoral shows. They do not even have the proper basis for doing so since we are wanting Christian morality to prevail.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Faber Cauthen
Dismiss Edwin Pickle

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer David Demic
Dismiss Harley Turner

Serving Communion Sunday

John Brem Charles Graf
John Porter Joe McBee
Shayne Bennett Dan Magee
Jeffrey Jones Leslie Mallory

Our Records

Contributions

Oct. 28 \$4,294.10
Oct. 21 4,798.75
Year ago 3,479.25

Bible School

Oct. 28 381
Oct. 21 471
Year ago 320

Worship

Oct. 28 438
Oct. 21 679
Budget \$4,500.00

HERE AND THERE (continued)

pline of conduct, there will be no discipline for learning. Our own young people have their opportunities jeopardized, either by interruption of ill-mannered peers, or worse, the constant pressure and temptation to conform to a disgusting standard of lax morality. Let's give our encouragement to the ones elected to administer good education in our public schools so that the schools can get back to the most important business they were intended to accomplish, the basic education of our young people.

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See you in Bible School Sunday!

Why worry when you can pray?

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Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Marie Skeeters is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Willie Todd, mother of Pauline Aven, is in Medical Center Hospital following foot surgery.

THE MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

truck will be here one day the week of November 12th. A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board.



New Members

We are so happy to welcome back to Tyler and West Erwin brother and sister R. H. Davis (Bob and Marikate). They recently moved back to Tyler from Cleburne, Texas and now live at 1608 Yosemite - phone 561-5227. They are the parents of Mrs. Ray Womack.

In spite of what God knows about us, and that is more than we know about ourselves, He loves us.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

It is good to have this opportunity to visit with you in this column after such a long time. Many exciting things have happened at West Erwin in the past few weeks and months and while I could not be with you, my thoughts and prayers have been with you.

It has been wonderful to be able to be back in worship the past two Lord's Days. I am glad to be a part of the West Erwin family and to feel the love which is found among so many of our members.

I am most thankful for the work of Wes Price during the time of my illness as well as all the time we have been privileged to have him working with us. He and Alma Faye and children are truly a blessing to the congregation. And we appreciate the faithful work of Hillard Hughes who has been a loyal friend for many years. West Erwin is also blessed with Nelda Browning and Frances McBee who serve as two of the best secretaries I have known. We are thankful for the elders, deacons, and everyone who has continued to do their part to see that the work at West Erwin has gone forward.

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TEACHER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 10

PRESCHOOL Lahoma Cox
PRIMARY JUNIOR Alma Faye Price
HIGH SCHOOL ADULT Les Gleaves

SCHEDULE

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
("Dutch Treat" at modest cost)
Fellowship Bldg.

Session I 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Break 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Session II 11:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Session III 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Break 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Session IV 2:20 - 3:30 p.m.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued)

I am glad that I had the opportunity to hear Joe Barnett preach two sermons during the meeting here. I have heard many words of appreciation for brother Barnett's work. We are indebted to him for taking the time to be here for he is one of the busiest men I know. In addition to his duties as pulpit minister for the large Broadway church in Lubbock, he is engaged in many other evangelistic and missionary activities. He is one of the speakers on the Herald of Truth television program. I have had the opportunity to view the program several times lately and was impressed with the splendid presentations by Joe Barnett, Lawrence Hazelip and Batsell Barrett Baxter. Joe also serves as editor of the 20th Century Christian magazine and Pathway Evangelism. He is on the board of trustees of Lubbock Christian College and is in demand as a speaker for lectureships, youth meetings, etc. We pray that the Lord will bless Joe with many more years in his useful life.

And I was glad to hear Bob Wear preach Sunday. His lessons emphasizing the importance of the Bible were very timely. Human philosophy and worldly wisdom can not take the place of the Bible in our teaching, preaching, and practice. As brother Wear pointed out, we must know the Bible and make it a part of our lives.

I appreciate all of your prayers for my continued improvement in health and strength.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

Area Meetings

Developing Leadership is the theme of the Leadership Workshop at the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs November 1 - 3. (Thursday evening from 6:30 until 9:30 p. m. and Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a. m. until 9:30 p. m.) The schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Remember the North Tenneha Church here in Tyler will have a one week revival meeting November 4 - 9 with a "Fellowship Singing" beginning at 2:30 on the afternoon of the 4th.

The Chandler St. Church in Kilgore will have Joe Jones from Harding University to present a series of lessons on "Prophecy and the book of Revelation" Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 and also on Sunday, November 4th.

The South Main Church in Henderson will have their 2nd Annual Bible Teacher Workshop on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:45 a. m. until 4:00 p. m.

HOW TO KILL INITIATIVE

1. Never compliment anyone for exceptional service. Never say thank you or give any recognition for a job well done. Act as if it is wrong to publicly encourage any individual or group.

2. Make a task twice as difficult by bluttering it with red tape-unnecessary details and foolish procedures.

3. Require no deadlines. Don't cultivate a sense of urgency or immediacy. Act as though nothing will be said to a person who does not fulfill his individual responsibility.

4. Never set any goals. Never suggest any challenges or any enlarged horizons. Be complacent and act as if the congregation is fulfilling its complete orb of responsibility.

5. Keep telling people that a difficult job can't be done. Never do anything by faith. Always insist on tangible evidence before you launch out.

6. Never get excited with enthusiasm. Act like excitement is undignified. Minimize it by calling it "emotionalism." Be completely unmoved by the sight of souls perishing, or men and women who have personal needs going unfulfilled. Be a machine.

7. Don't express any confidence in newcomers, weak members or members with a "bad past."

8. Tolerate disharmony and watch hearts broken and initiative stifled.

9. Forget about the individual. Act as if you are dealing with a machine rather than live animate people.

... Bob Marshall

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, visits and flowers during my stay in the hospital. I especially want to express my appreciation for the prayers in my behalf. Maurice Henderson

Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Mary June Goodson on Sunday afternoon, November 11, at 2:30 in the Fellowship Building.

Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER

- (4) Jeff Blackstone
(5) Mary Evelyn Grier
(6) Lynn Jones
(7) Lisa Higginbotham
(8) Burla Mayo
(10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer

Amazing Grace

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

POTPOURRI

Wes Price was the guest speaker Monday evening for a Visitation Program for the Trinity Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas.

Billie Bob Hickman will be the guest speaker for the Ladies' Bible Class on Tuesday morning, November 6th at the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas.

It was a joy Monday morning to have a visit in the church office with brother Lloyd Rutledge, one of the elders of the Manhattan Church of Christ in New York City. It is inspiring to see his enthusiasm for the work there with Kieth Mitchell and the International Mission.

Brother George Stephenson was able to be present for both services on Sunday. We are happy for his progress. As you have noticed he has written his column this week for The Visitor.

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

Many of our folks were away for the weekend attending Homecoming activities at Abilene Christian University. In spite of that, we had a good attendance in our Bible classes and worship Sunday morning. I guess we must credit good old loyalty on the part of the most of West Erwin members for that. In some small, quiet way those folks who are members here who come to every service, week-in and week-out, must be given a word of thanks for their support.

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Jack Paul recently completed a very successful meeting at the Midtown congregation in Ft. Worth. Over thirty responses to the invitation were reported. He will also be engaged in another meeting with a congregation in which both of us have many friends, the Trinity Oaks congregation in Dallas. He will be speaking on the North East Texas Leadership Workshop at the Shannon Oaks Church in Sulphur Springs, Texas November 3 along with other great preachers.

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All teachers, both those now in the class and those who are on leave, are reminded of the Teacher Training Day, November 10. Please don't let us down by letting this opportunity pass and not take advantage of it. We have an excellent staff of teachers to conduct the training classes but they will not be able to teach those who do not attend. We are also extending an invitation to all of you who have not taught in the West Erwin Bible School to come and enjoy these sessions. We need scores of trained teachers and your desire to be used in this way will give you rich rewards for your efforts.

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A recent news report in the Tyler paper indicated that a vote for a more strict code of discipline is to be considered by the School Board according to Dr. Bill Carnes, Superintendent. Our prayer is that the board's vote will be in favor of the more strict code. It has been an alarming thing to watch our public schools deteriorate to the point where they accepted just any kind of conduct of the students with little recourse. It will be forever true that where there is no disci-

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.	
Announcements	Faber Cauthen
Prayer	Ray Lott
Dismiss	Louis E. Jones
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Prayer	Fred Strait
Dismiss	David Demic
Serving Communion Sunday	
Harold Browning	Gil Kasparek
George Kester	Henry McRuiz
Carroll Magee	O'Neal Tuel
John Owens	Jamon Kirby

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Oct. 21	\$4,798.75
Oct. 14	5,187.26
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Oct. 14	404
Year Ago	320
Worship	
Oct. 21	679
Oct. 14	576
Budget	\$4,500.00

HERE AND THERE (Continued)

I have heard so many good things about our Ladies Class being taught by brother Foy Richey. He is undoubtedly doing a superb job and we are grateful to him for using some of his "retirement time" in such a spiritual way. If you are not attending, then you are missing a treat. Come and join the ladies each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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What a great joy it was to see brother George Stephenson in our audience for the Sunday morning worship period. We are continually grateful to God for his improvement. We hope the time will be shortened when he can resume his work. I know everyone is looking forward to that time.

WES W. PRICE



West Erwin
Teacher Workshop - November 10

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Paul Wallace will be in a meeting with the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview beginning Sunday, October 28 to continue through Oct. 31. Week night services will be at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

The North Tenneha Church of Christ here in Tyler will have a gospel meeting November 4 - 9 with N. L. Evans of Grand Rapids, Michigan. On Sunday, November 4 they will have a singing at 2:30 p.m. The nightly services will be at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

HAUNTED HOUSE

The Campus Christian Center on the Tyler Junior College Campus will have the Annual "Haunted House" Tuesday, October 30, from 6:00 until 8:00 P. M. for children through the 5th grade - from 8:15 until 9:00 o'clock for middle school children. High School and College young people may come Wednesday evening from 9:00 until 10:00 P. M.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. O. Gilliam, mother of Cullen, will have surgery Tuesday in Baylor in Dallas.

Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

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THE PRIMARY AND THE TRIVIAL

I dropped by one morning to have coffee with a friend and was complaining about some small matter when he handed me a card with this inscription:

Your story has touched my heart. Never before have I known anyone with troubles such as yours. Please accept this card as a token of my sympathy.

I don't know exactly why, but when you read something so elaborately formal as the words on the card in reference to really small ills, your ego deflates, tucks tail and goes skulking away for cover where it belongs.

I kept the card in my billfold for a number of years. When I found myself irritated over the rock in my shoe I'd take the card out and read it to regain a necessary humility. The things we human beings complain about most of the time don't matter very much, whereas our real problems i.e. illnesses of the spirit go unnoticed. The really important problems and issues of the church, the community, the world often go unsolved because we give them such low priority.

The first things of the Bible need my first concern:

1. Respect for God and the keeping of His commandments (Eccl. 12:13)
2. His kingdom and his righteousness (Mt. 6:33)
3. The inside of the cup (Mt. 23:26)
4. Justice, mercy, and faith (Mt. 23: 23)
5. Love for God and man (Luke 10:27)

...Bert Mercer

"... let us run with perseverance the race..."
(Hebrews 12:1).

NEVER GIVE UP

As a young man Winston Churchill attended Harrow, a preparatory school in Britain. He didn't do well. He was in the bottom third of his class and showed little promise.

He graduated, went to the university, then entered military service. He eventually became prominent in public life and was twice elected Prime Minister of England.

He was a statesman of the first rank. His leadership during World War II gave courage to his people during their darkest hours.

Late in life he was invited back to Harrow to address the students. The headmaster told the students, "In a few days our Prime Minister will be here. He's one of the greatest orators of all

times, so listen carefully and take plenty of notes!"

Sir Winston came. His speech was incredibly brief. He said, "Young gentlemen, Never, never, never, never give up!" That was it! Nothing more. But impossible to forget I imagine.

In those eight words Sir Winston gave the secret of winning. It isn't talent, nor training, nor luck that produces a winner. It's patience, persistence, perseverance.

Stickers are winners. Quitters are losers. You can't defeat the person who refuses to quit. The guy who whines and drops out at the first obstacle — or the one hundredth — may have lots of talent, but he's not a winner.

It also applies to the Christian life. The person who cries "poor me" when adversity appears is certain to lose.

But the person who runs the distance is sure to win. Don't stop. Run the race with patience, persistence, perseverance — the unbeatable triple threat.

— Joe R. Barnett

TIME CHANGE

Sunday at 2:00 a. m. we change back to Standard Time. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



You are getting older!

Your children are growing up!

Judgment is nearer!

NOW IS THE TIME

START TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

START BIBLE STUDY DAILY AT HOME

FROM THE ELDERS

No greater thoughts could possibly be put forth than that of the Psalmist David, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessings, even life for evermore."

We express our deepest gratitude to each and every member of the congregation for the efforts put forth from time to time and especially those of the past week during the time of our gospel meeting with brother Joe Barnett conducting the preaching services and brother Wes Price conducting the singing services. The theme of edification and evangelism has lifted our hearts to greater strength among us all and we feel confident that the future will be commensurate with the effort that each of us may apply ourselves each day. May we seek God's blessings to strive for greater things for the kingdom while on the earth would be our prayer.

Thank You

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

We both appreciate your kindness very much. We would like to thank you all so much for your gift of money. We need your prayers.

Love,

Jim and Dee Ellison
(nee: Dee Gowen)

Thank you so much for the Mexican food and dessert that West Erwin ladies prepared for our Tuesday night dinner and rotational at the Campus Christian Center. Several commented on how good it was.

Susan Jones

CCC Correspondent

THE MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME truck will be here the week of November 12 - 16 to pick up groceries and other items we may have for them. They are in need of: Canned Milk, Sweetened Condensed Milk, Canned Meats (Chili, Spam, Vienna Sausage, etc.), Coffee, Cake Mixes, Coconut (Angel Flake for Holiday cooking), Bleach, Cleansers (Ajax, Comet, etc.), Kleenex, Napkins, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Dishwashing Detergent, School Supplies (Notebook Paper, Spiral Notebooks - Notebook paper size), Pine-O-Pine. If anyone has a good pecan crop and would share with the Home it would be very helpful for Holiday baking and cooking.

Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER

(28) Shawn Montandon

(30) Vonnie Hamblett

(31) Alan Hamblett

NOVEMBER

(1) Bill Butler, C. T. Beard

If you do not want the fruits of sin, stay out of sin's orchard.

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

At your reading, our gospel meeting with Joe Barnett will be history. Permit me an observation or two. Joe's preaching was excellent. We are indebted to him for the unusually fine lessons. He certainly did his part to make this a great meeting. Many of you have commented on this fact. Attendance at the Sunday morning and Sunday evening worship services was excellent. There were so many visitors for which we are always thankful. The Dessert Fellowship following the evening worship was great and so many of our visitors stayed to be our guests. A big thanks to all you ladies who prepared the delicious desserts for that event.

Only one area apparently needed greater attention and that was the attendance at the Sunday morning Bible Study hour. I'm at a loss to understand why so many did not make it to Bible class for our drive. There were more than enough extra (and that just of our members, not to mention the host of visitors we had for worship) in the assembly to make our goal. Congratulations to all of you who were present for all the services of our meeting. I feel sure you agree with me that every session was beneficial.

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Attention All Teachers, Co-Teachers, Substitutes and those interested in teaching in our Bible School Program. Saturday, November 10, has been set aside as a day of training. An excellent staff has been arranged to give us some new enthusiasm and increase our potential as teachers. Mrs. Paul Cox (daughter-in-law of sister Frank Cox) of the Waterview congregation in Richardson will be conducting the session for our pre-school teachers; Alma Faye Price will be teaching the Primary and Junior (grades 1 through 5) teachers and Les Gleaves, Minister of Education for the Central church of Amarillo will be conducting the session for our High School and Adult teachers. Please mark your calendars for this important date. A brochure is being prepared with a copy of the schedule for the day. Look for it in the mail or on the desk in the foyer.

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss Joe McBee

Serving Communion Sunday

Harold Browning Gilbert Kasperek
George Kester Henry McRuiz
Carroll Magee O'Neal Tuel
John Owens Jamon Kirby

Our Records

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
Oct. 14 \$5,187.26	404	576
Oct. 7 4,891.12	409	504
Year Ago 4,058.63	359	
Budget 4,500.00		

Responses

Restored: Sunday morning Jamon Kirby and Archie Kennard came for prayer.

Report of Our Sick

Brother Maurice Henderson continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Brother George Stephenson continues to improve and grow stronger each day.

REMEMBER

600 in Bible Class Sunday - 9:30 a. m.

Time Change - Sunday Evening Worship
7:30 p. m. this Sunday - Fellowship
following worship.

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HERE AND THERE (Continued)

Beginning in November, Carolyn Womack will be in charge of our Baby Nursery. Interested mothers met this past Sunday to discuss ways to maintain the quality of service and to see that the facility is kept in the best way. We are indebted to Fleta Butler for her tireless efforts in maintaining this work during the past several months.

When we have the Training Room finished we will be publishing a brochure of information which will contain the list of guidelines for both of these areas. Any time you have suggestions concerning them, let us know.

It is vitally important that these two areas be kept to a high standard for our mother's use as well as those visitors who come our way. It can be a valuable tool in encouraging new comers to West Erwin.

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May we encourage every teacher in our Sunday Morning Bible school to contact your class members this week and encourage them to be present for class. No, Saturday is not too late. Let's put forth our best effort to have 100% of our families present at 9:30 a. m.

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Brother Barnett will speak for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast next Wednesday Morning at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged to attend.

Also, on Wednesday brother Barnett will speak for the Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 a. m. Men are invited to attend this special class.

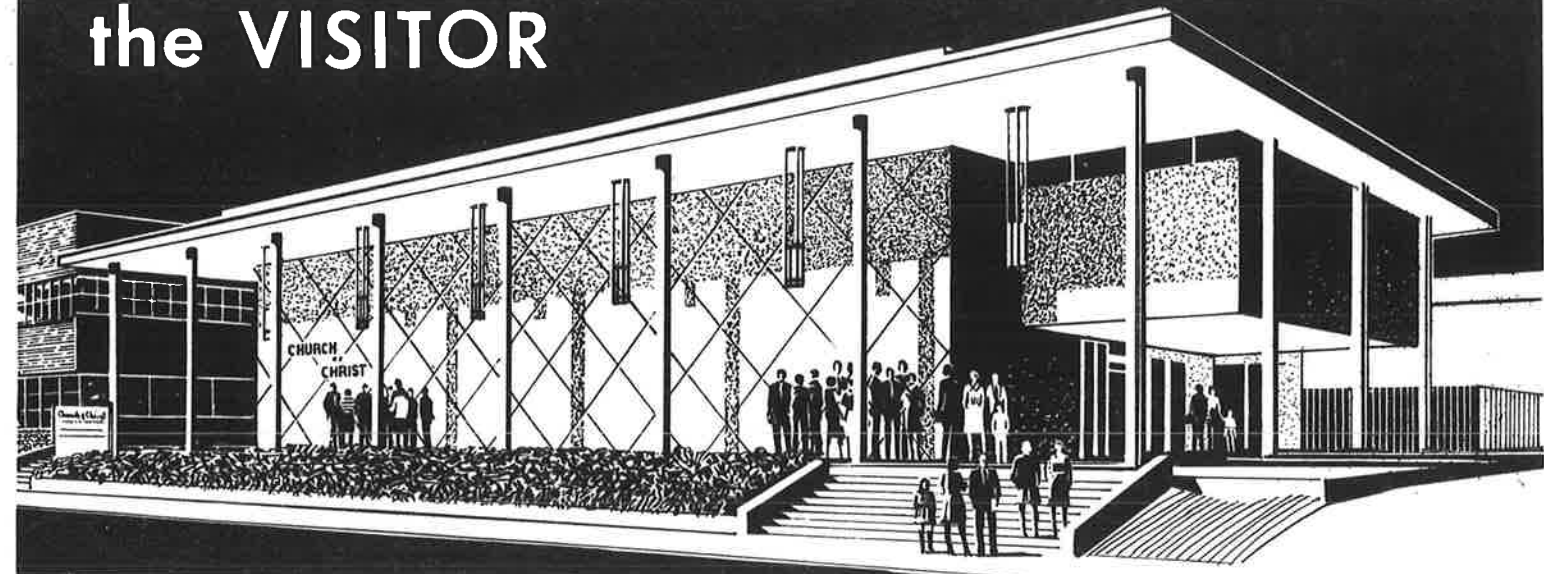
WES W. PRICE

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

If you are participating in the World Bible School as a Teacher, please call the office and give us your name. A world-wide list of teachers is being compiled for a mailing list in order to send material that will be of help to you in this work.

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ABC'S OF A GOOD MEETING

- A**
1. Advertise the meeting.
 2. All members attend all services.
 3. Absorb all the lessons possible.
 4. Always pray daily for the meeting.
 5. Abound in the good work.
 6. Accept your responsibility.

- B**
1. Bring as many as you can to every service.
 2. Be on time.
 3. Be reverent.
 4. Believe and apply each lesson.
 5. Be courteous to all visitors.
 6. Be enthusiastic and cheerful.

- C**
1. Call all your friends and invite them.
 2. Center your thoughts on spiritual things.
 3. Cooperate in all the work.
 4. Create a friendly atmosphere.
 5. Correct all things amiss in your life.
 6. Cancel all other engagements.

Gospel Meeting

OCTOBER 21 - 21

Guest Speaker

JOE BARNETT

SUNDAY

- 9:30 A.M. - Bible Study
- 10:30 A.M. - Worship
- 7:30 P.M. - Worship

WEEK DAY EVENINGS

- 7:30 P.M. - Worship



Bring your Rose Festival Guests to worship Sunday!

EVERY MEMBER PRESENT

IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

&

**BRING A GUEST
TO BIBLE SCHOOL!**

GOAL --

600

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, flowers, visits and kindness shown during the illness and death of my sister, Mittie Gray.
Carl and Ruth Bell

Thank you for the prayers, visits, food, flowers and many other acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our loved one.

In Christian love,
The Family of J. B. McKeever

Your kind expressions of sympathy for the loss of our brother and the lovely flowers were sincerely appreciated.

L. L. Prater and Family

Workshops

The First Annual NE Texas Leadership Workshop will be held at the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, Texas on November 1 - 3. Speakers will be: Ira North, Gary Beauchamp, Bill Minick, Ray Fulenwider, Holland Boring, Jack Paul, Dale Smith, Mid McKnight, Mrs. Ira North, and Mrs. Gary Beauchamp.

The College Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie will conduct a Leadership Workshop on Saturday, November 3 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Speakers will be: Robert Bell, George Bailey, Bob Fyrnhill and Virginia Kirk.

Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER

- (21) Jean Fuller
- (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Darleene Little, Edythe Trentham
- (23) B. J. Tucker
- (24) Christi Cook, Trey Hughes, Marvin Jones
- (25) Bruce Raley, Walter Fuller
- (26) Kim Hughes, Forest McFadden

Fellowship

Ladies, bring a pie for the Fellowship following worship Sunday evening. Tea and coffee will be furnished.

**HERE
and THERE**



by wes price

We are closing in on the time for the beginning of our meeting with Joe Barnett. By the time you are reading this, just a few hours remain before that beginning. I feel very optimistic about this meeting and your cooperation and support. So many have assured me that they will be present for every service. I hope all our members will be in Bible Study Sunday morning at 9:30 and bring a guest. 600 is not an impossible goal for us to make - in fact it may be just a bit too small. At any rate, we have given it our best and pray that the Lord will send his blessing upon our efforts.

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All the members of my Sunday morning Adult Class are in for a treat. Brother Barnett will be teaching and I have asked him to share a timely message about our responsibility as Christians. Make your plans to be present. We are looking for 100% attendance from class members and with a large number of guests. That should give us 60 to 70 present.

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Everyone please take notice that Sunday night's service is set for 7:30 instead of the usual 6:00 p.m. This will enable our friends from Tyler and area congregations to be our guests. Following the evening service all will be invited to enjoy a pie and coffee fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. Each family of West Erwin is asked to bring a pie or cake and leave it in the kitchen area of the Fellowship Hall prior to coming to the evening worship. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to get to know the many visitors who will be with us and also to get to know brother Barnett in a more informal setting. Plan on coming and bring a guest.

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Good progress is being made on preparation of our young children's training room upstairs. It has been carpeted and is now being painted. We want this to be the finest place possible for mothers who would like to have a place to take their children who are too old for our nursery.
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Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Oct. 7	\$4,891.11
Prayer	John Teague	Sept.30	5,073.35
Dismiss	Charles Hickman	Year Ago	3,472.79
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Oct. 7	409
Prayer	Stan Mallory	Sept. 30	392
Dismiss	Mike Savage	Year Ago	319
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Weldon Dawson	Paul Stanley	Oct. 7	504
Theron Pickle	Roy Roberson	Sept. 30	491
Shannon Hughes	Marty Mallory		
Freeman Morgan	Earl O'Quinn	Budget	\$4,500.00

HERE AND THERE by Wes Price
(continued from inside)

children must be present and strive to bring at least one family with you. It is not too much to ask of you that you put forth the effort to bring a family with you.

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Every Bible Class Teacher is urged to make a personal contact with every student in your class to encourage attendance at the beginning session of the meeting on Sunday morning, October 21. Don't take any class member for granted.

Congratulations to the 3rd grade class taught by Virginia Demic and Donna Lowrance and to the 5th grade class taught by Dale and Ann Duncan. Both classes were 100% in attendance last Sunday.

Deal with the faults of others as gently as your own.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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Report of Our Sick

We are glad to report that brother Stephenson is making good progress and growing stronger each day.

Maurice Henderson underwent major surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Mrs. Gladys Holcomb is a patient in Medical Center and is very ill.

Gilbert Kasperek is in Houston with his brother who has suffered a heart attack.

We recently learned through his daughter that A. A. Brett is now in Colonial Manor Nursing Home, room 108 South. He is 90 years old and in pretty good health. He would enjoy a visit.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday evening, October 17, all adults, high school and junior high will meet together in the auditorium for a special service.

SPECIAL NOTICE

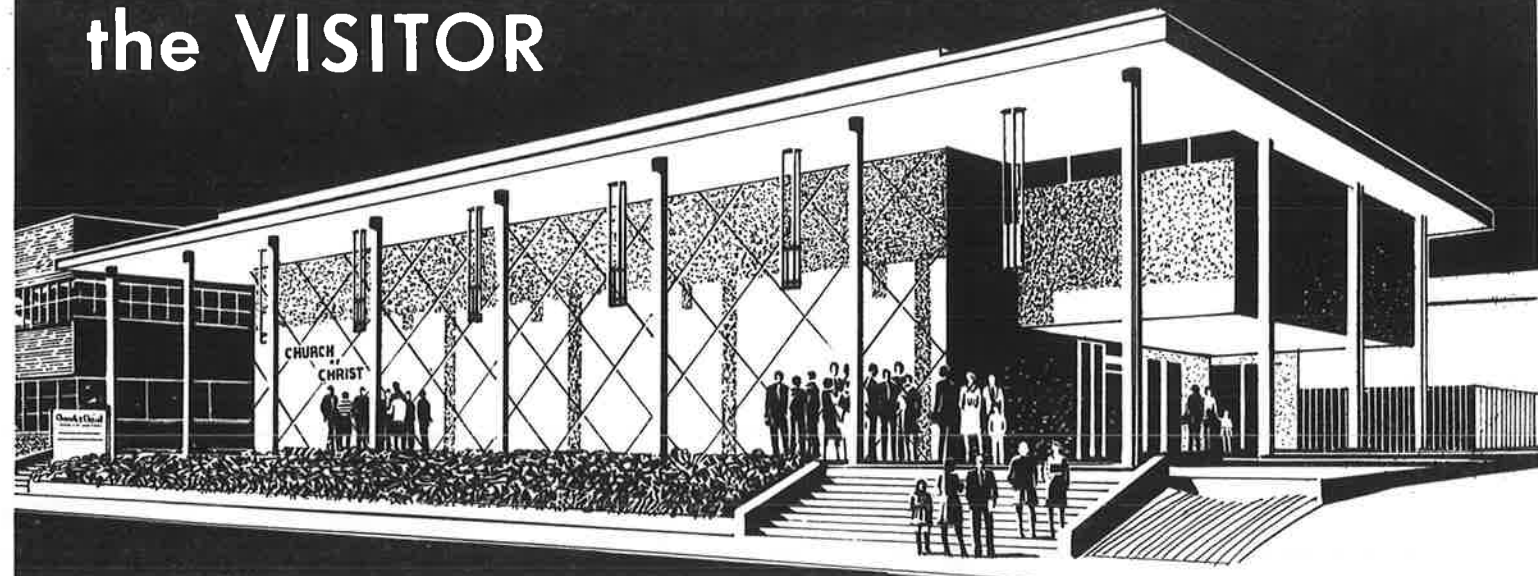
Anyone among the elderly of the congregation who will need a ride to attend the meeting, call Faber Cauthen.

Don't miss this!

600 in Bible School
October 21

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR
West Erwin

We hope that everyone will plan for a Special Day on October 21. On that Sunday we want to have 600 in Bible School and begin our Gospel Meeting with brother Joe Barnett.

Brother Barnett was born in San Angelo, Texas in 1933. He graduated from Midland High school in 1951 and from Abilene Christian University in 1955. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1955 and received the Doctor of Laws Degree from Pepperdine University, 1973. He and Alyce Gaines were married in 1955 and are the parents of two sons, John Hugh, 20 and Douglas Richard, 18.



JOE BARNETT

Brother Barnett preaches for the Broadway church in Lubbock, Texas. Presently, he is host of a weekly television program, "A Better Life" that is aired on KCBD-TV, Lubbock, KAMR-TV, Amarillo, Texas and KSWS-TV, Roswell, New Mexico. In November, 1976 Dr. Barnett joined the Herald of Truth television team. He has delivered speeches on lectureship programs at numerous Christian Colleges and is the author of several books.

This special effort will provide a time of spiritual growth and development for all of us. Won't you be here as an active participant. Be enthusiastic and invite someone to come with you.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE MEETING AND BROTHER BARNETT

Ho-hum. Another Gospel Meeting

That is the attitude of many in the church today when the dates are announced for a gospel meeting. It is a shame that some feel that way, because a gospel meeting can be one of the true spiritual highlights of the year. It is totally dependent on the commitment and performance of the local congregation. If we do our part in readying for the meeting, it can be a marvelous time of spiritual growth for all of us.

I like the way Cornelius prepared for the arrival of Peter in the 10th chapter of Acts. First, they were all present as Peter arrived to preach to them (verse 33). When Joe Barnett arrives to preach Sunday, October 21, we need to all be present. It might mean that schedules need to be altered a little and a sacrifice made if necessary. But realizing the importance of what will take place, we must resolve to be present.

Second, Corenelius and his kinsmen had come with purpose. He said in verse 33, "to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord." Their purpose was to hear and to do God's will for their lives. As we approach our meeting, keep in mind the purpose - to hear and do the will of God. Joe Barnett is a master at revealing God's will for our lives.

The third thing Cornelius and his kinsmen did was to participate. They listened attentively and earnestly and were prepared to share the truth learned. May God help us all to be ready to participate by sharing the truth learned.

If we follow Cornelius' pattern of preparation for a gospel meeting, there will be no attitude of "Ho-hum, another gospel meeting." Rather, it will be the most exciting time of our year at West Erwin.

This will not be just another "ho-hum," gospel meeting.

... adapted from an article by Ronnie C. White

The Christian Service Center

There is still a need for clean sheets to be made into bandages. Also, this is the last call for eye glasses, and plastic medicine bottles to be sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital. There is also a need for ladies to sew diaper shirts that have been cut out. You may contact Modena Jones about this project.

We are grateful to Mrs. Paul Miller for contributing an almost new sewing machine to the Benevolent Center.

LADIES LECTURESHIP

The 4th Annual Fall Ladies Lectureship, "The Abundant and Glorified Life" featuring Betty Wilcox of Edmond, Oklahoma, will be held at the So. Washington Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas on October 26, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS



Jerry and Becky Boerwinkle
129 So. Baxter, phone 597-5642

Fall Meeting

October 21 - 24
Sunday - Wednesday

Funerals

Mrs. Virginia Greene, a sister to Modena Jones, passed away Sunday evening in Lindale. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Services for Mrs. Mittie Gray, sister of Carl Bell, were held on Monday afternoon in Dallas.

The funeral for Tom Nowell was in Lindale on Monday afternoon. Wes Price assisted with the service.

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Houston for David Holt, nephew of Mrs. Bob Threadgill. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Gatesville.

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

Responses



Kenneth Bailey & C. E. Caskey

Last week Kenneth R. Bailey responded to the invitation and asked for help in a study of the scriptures. Sunday evening he was baptized into Christ by C. E. Caskey following a period of study. His address is 309 E. Erwin.

Happy Birthday!

October

- (14) Ike Gaiser
- (15) Mary Dawson
- (16) Audie Grier
- (17) Charles Lemons
- (18) Sher Sevier, Ann Duncan
- (19) Mary Haws, J. D. Brem
- (20) Fred Powell, Metta Raley

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



What a great way to welcome our new members into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. The Newcomer's Dinner on Sunday evening, hosted by the elders, deacons and preachers and their wives, was a great success and I am sure these new members feel fully at home with us now. A big thanks to all who prepared the fine meal and a special thanks to Hillard Hughes and the young people for the excellent entertainment following the meal. Hillard continues to do an outstanding job with these young folks and we are blessed to have him and Jeanine working with them.

Plans are already under way for our next newcomers dinner. Let's get busy and have a host of new members again by the time that time rolls around.

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My visit on the campus of Harding University last week was great. Only one thing could have made it better, and that is that all of you could have enjoyed the great spiritual feast. It is difficult to enjoy such a feast without wanting to come home and tell everyone about it. But that is impossible. I can only encourage you to take advantage of such opportunities when you have them. That way you will see personally how you can profit from them.

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What a great sight it was to see brother M. M. Haws in our worship service Sunday morning. He has made such excellent progress since his illness this summer. How thankful we are to God for blessing him and brother Stephenson. Let's continue to remember them as well as others in our prayers. And now especially Maurice Henderson who is in Medical Center Hospital following very serious surgery.

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We simply cannot overemphasize the need for loyalty of members for our coming Gospel Meeting with brother Joe Barnett. Unless every family makes this kind of personal commitment, we cannot achieve the kind of success such an effort deserves. We are striving for the 600 present in Bible Study on Sunday morning, October 21. That means all of our members and their

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Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Sept. 30	\$5,073.35
Prayer	C. E. Caskey	Sept. 23	4,799.90
Dismiss	Archie Kennard	Year Ago	3,368.44
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P. M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Sept. 30	392
Prayer	C. B. Burkham	Sept. 23	355
Dismiss	Cole Bennett	Year Ago	355
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Weldon Dawson	Paul Stanley	Sept. 30	491
Theron Pickle	Roy Roberson	Sept. 23	495
Shannon Hughes	Marty Mallory		
Freeman Morgan	Earl O'Quinn	Budget	\$4,500.00

Report of Our Sick

Brother George Stephenson was able to return home from the hospital in Dallas on Wednesday morning. The doctors have ordered that he not have visitors at this time. We are so thankful for his good progress since the surgery.

Sister Paul Miller recently underwent eye surgery in Shreveport. She is now recovering at home.

Brother Carl Bell's sister is very ill in Intensive Care in the Chest Hospital.

Mrs. Irene Holiday, mother of Faye Wallace, fell and broke her hip. She is in Memorial Hospital, room 4066 in Marshall, Texas and would enjoy cards. (Faye Wallace would like to express appreciation for everything done for her mother while she was hospitalized here recently).

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HERE AND THERE (Continued)
Resolve to be present at every service of the meeting, beginning with the Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30.

We have a pretty arduous schedule outlined for brother Barnett, but I know that he will not disappoint us. He has the goods to deliver and he knows how to deliver it. Beginning with the Bible study Sunday morning he will speak to the Young Married Couples Class. On Wednesday morning, he will be guest speaker for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast and then address the Ladies Bible Class at ten o'clock (all men will be invited to attend this session). These lessons are all in addition to the regular meeting times.

Our thanks to brother Dean Brookshire for two fine lessons this past Sunday. It was good to have him and his wife visiting with us.

We will be having the opportunity to hear from several visiting preachers in the next few weeks in brother Stephenson's absence. Don't miss any of them.

Dates To Remember

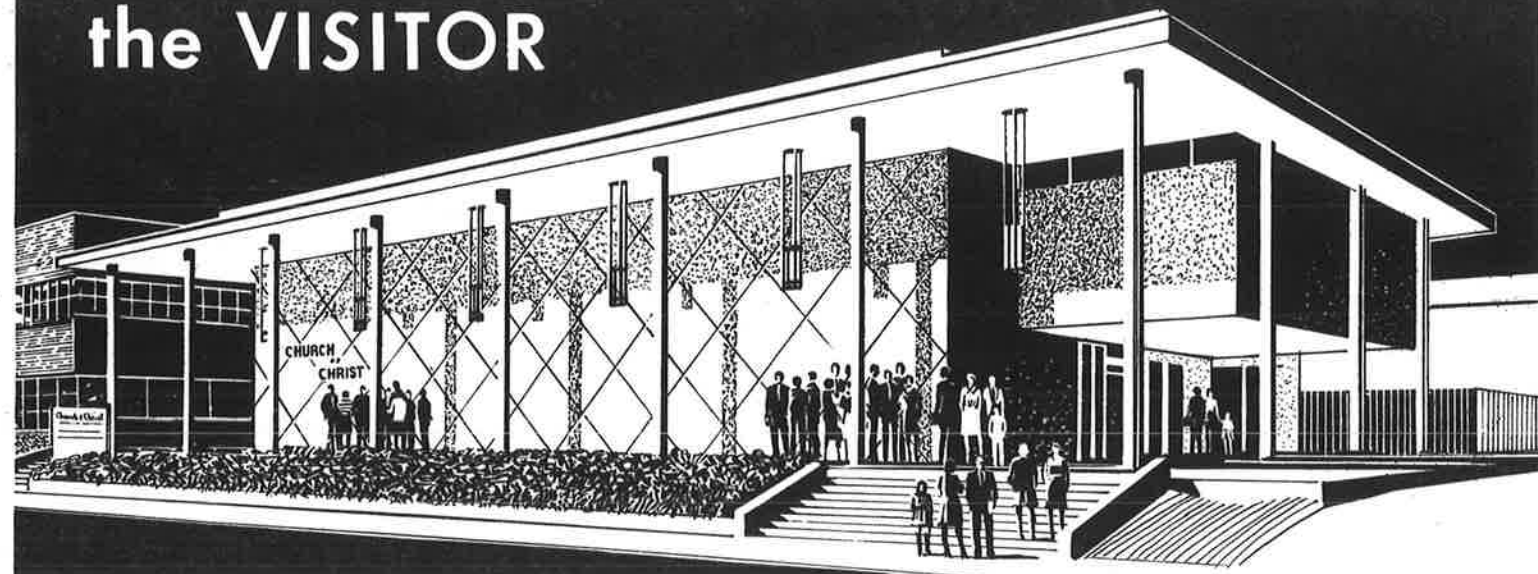
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GOSPEL MEETING

Joe Barnett - Evangelist

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4 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MAKE OUR MEETING A SUCCESS

OCTOBER 21 - 24



1. You can bow your knees in prayer and petition for God's blessings in behalf of the meeting. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matt. 9:38).



2. You can attend every service. O what a blessing we forfeit by failing to be in the services - the fellowship of those of like faith and more important, the fellowship of God. "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together..." (Heb. 10:25).



3. You can sing enthusiastically. Singing is an expressing of spiritual sacrifices. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15).



4. You can invite and bring guests to each service. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). "And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father cometh unto me" (John 6:45). People will come with you if you are determined to bring them.

FOSTER PARENTS

Through the participation of the West Erwin Church with Christian Services of the Southwest Roy and Elaine Roberson have been licensed specifically to care for infants as foster parents. Seven weeks ago a newborn baby boy was placed with them by Christian Services. Very soon now - within a week or so - the baby will be placed by Christian Services with adoptive Christian parents. We commend Roy and Elaine for providing a temporary foster home for this little one. Sam and Sher Sevier of this congregation have also participated in this program. This is truly a Christian service.

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

LITTLE THINGS THAT WILL HELP OUR MEETING GREATLY

1. Be an active participant. Think of it as My meeting. Make every possible effort to attend all the services. Determine that the Lord and His work are going to come first regardless.
2. Invite and bring friends. All of us have someone in our acquaintance whom we can influence to come with us. Go by for him...sit with him...make him feel at ease...introduce him to others...have him in your home for a meal or refreshments...invite him to return again.
3. Be enthusiastic about the meeting. Talk about the lessons, and how much you are helped and inspired. Talk the meeting UP, and say nothing to discourage others.
4. Be friendly...neighborly. Make a special effort to speak with whom you are least acquainted. Introduce yourself to as many visitors as possible. Be friendly to all around you.
5. Sit toward the center of the pews. It is very helpful to have our people sit toward the front. Visitors are often reluctant to go down toward the front of the auditorium. However, always move toward the center of the pew. This allows others to take a seat without climbing over you.
6. Be quiet and reverent during services. Remember we are here for spiritual reasons. With many visitors and larger attendance there is a tendency to allow ourselves to drift into a carnival atmosphere. Let's do all possible to create a spiritual atmosphere during the service.
7. Be attentive in every part of the services. Be ready to sing. Be ready to pray. Listen to every word of the sermon. This is not only good for you...but also an object lesson to those around you. Visitors will notice these little things.
8. Be responsible for your family's conduct and attendance. Be on time at each service. Help your family to be a credit to the Lord and good influence in conduct. Good children cannot be expected to conduct themselves properly without parental supervision.
9. Pray earnestly each day for the meeting. Souls who need Christ are our quest. Pray for those friends and relatives who need the blessings of God. Encourage them.

YOU CAN HELP !!!

New Members



James and Virginia Canterbury
2028 Woodhaven
phone 566-8917



Freeman L. & Billie Morgan, Jr.
Rt. 2, Box 164 (Airway Dr.)
phone 595-2338

Area Meetings

The Glenwood Church of Christ here in Tyler invites you to hear Roy Osborne of San Antonio speak in a Gospel Meeting, October 7 - 10. The lessons Monday thru Wednesday will be at 12:10 Noon and 7:30 p. m.

Goebel Music will preach in a meeting October 7 - 12 at 7:30 p. m. at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. You are invited to attend.

TO SPEAK AT LECTURESHIP

Brother Wes Price is teaching a class this week at the Harding University Lectureship. He will return home on Saturday.

Special Guest Sunday

We are pleased to announce that Doug Warner will preach for us Sunday at both morning and evening services. Brother Warner is the President of Abilene Christian University in Dallas.

Happy Birthday!

October

- (7) Ange Beard, Hunt Rowe, Arenia Clough and Pat Crow
- (9) Hulen Hulsey, Penny Hulsey, Dorothy Jaffer
- (10) Wayne Reynolds, Leona Hardin, Virginia Graf
- (11) Chris Hallman, Joe Carroll
- (12) Mary Dawson

Wedding

Miss Dee Gowen and Jim Ellison were married Friday evening, September 28, 1979 in Garland, Texas. We extend our best wishes for a happy life. They will make their home in Dallas.

Have you...
HEARD?
600 in Bible School
October 21

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



During the month of October, we are going to be emphasizing the theme, "I'd like to get to know you better." We have had so many new members in recent weeks that we feel a need to emphasize getting better acquainted. This theme will also be carried through our meeting, October 21 - 24 with Joe Barnett. What better way to get to know people than to invite them to a special gospel meeting.

In keeping with this theme, I'd like to make some suggestions that will help you accomplish this goal for yourself: (1) Spend a few minutes each week looking at your new pictorial directory with special notice of people you don't know. (2) Look for these people when you are here at the building and introduce yourself to them. (3) Sit in a different place during the worship service and acquaint yourself with the folks you are sitting near. (4) When you greet someone you feel like you have met before and can't remember their name, remember that they may not have remembered your name either, so repeat your name to them and (5) keep a bright smile on your face when you greet folks - it is the kind of infectious disease we need to spread.

I sincerely hope you are reserving the week of October 21 for our meeting. It will be a sad occasion for you if you miss any of it. Not only do we want to urge loyalty on your part for each of the services, we also want to stress inviting your friends and neighbors to come. Far too often we let opportunities pass on occasions like this to invite others when it might be just the thing that will open the door for their entrance into the kingdom. Fix your mind on someone specific (I'm working on my barber) that you can invite. Pray about it. Then give them a warm invitation to come. This will be the fifth meeting West Erwin has had since my coming a year ago in June. We have had some excellent speakers but I have yet to see the kind of ground swell of support that members of this congregation are capable of giving if you just make up your minds to do so. Many of you have already made up your minds to come, why not let this time be a demonstration of your desire to put some real effort into your spiritual growth!

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss John Owens

Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Phil Marts
Dismiss Harley Turner

Serving Communion Sunday

Shayne Bennett Edwin Pickle
Wesley Price Cole Bennett
DeRay Bennett Dan Magee
Leslie Mallory Jeff Jones

Our Records

Contributions	
Sept. 23	\$4,799.90
Sept. 16	4,220.16
Year Ago	3,660.43
Bible School	
Sept. 23	355
Sept. 16	374
Year Ago	467
Worship	
Sept. 23	493
Sept. 16	490
Budget	\$4,500.00

Responses

We are happy to welcome Billie and Freeman L. Morgan, Jr. to Tyler and West Erwin. They formerly worshipped at Memorial Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 164 (Airway Dr.) phone 595-2338.

Report of Our Sick

Brother George Stephenson underwent surgery early Monday morning. We are happy to report that he is making good progress and will probably be out of ICU and in a room in another day or two.

Brother Carl Bell's sister is a patient in the Chest Hospital.

GIVING is the thermometer of our love.

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 ELDERS

"GOLDEN AGE"

We shared an experience Sunday evening with the young people of the congregation that very few church members have the privilege to do in a lifetime. Our hearts are so full of joy that we want to share it with all Christians.

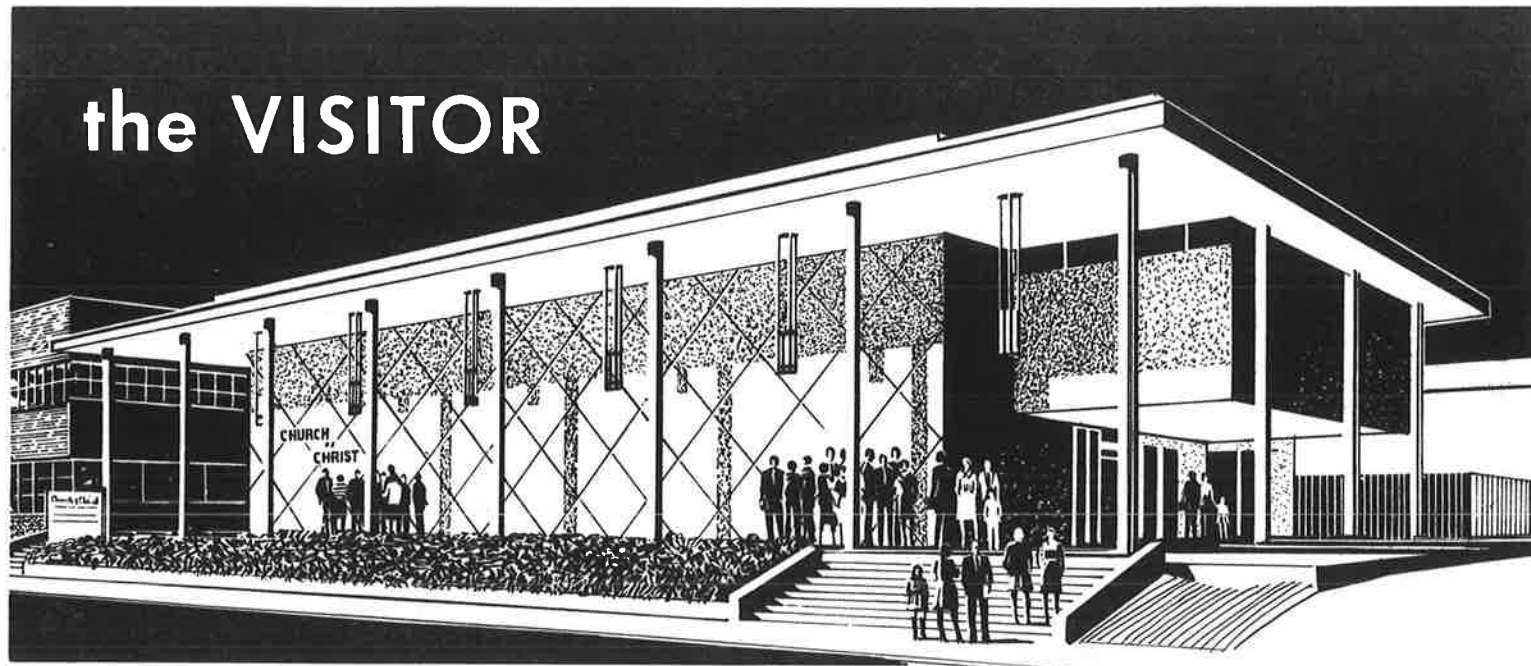
Beginning with the junior high through college, it was an idea conceived on their own to plan, organize and implement a program to host the "Golden Age" group of the congregation for a period of spiritual fellowship. It was the responsibility of the young people to contact each senior member, host a delicious meal prepared by the young ladies and share in a period of fellowship.

Yes, a senior member realizes the obligation to be leaders and examples and to exercise wisdom to its highest level. What a joy to be a part of the Christian family to witness the fruits of the efforts of the young generation of Christians we have at the West Erwin church.

Funeral

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon in Jamestown for T. O. Prater, brother of L. L. Prater. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

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The Church With A Heart

Let's Have A Meeting

During the course of an evangelistic effort it is highly important that members of the home congregation be present at every service. It has always been a mystery to me that when a meeting has been designed for the lost that the saved feel no pang of conscience for being absent. The question comes to my mind, "If the saved do not come who will bring the lost?" Perhaps we have placed too much dependence on promotion and advertising when what we need, more than anything else, is the influence of the individual Christian. Vance Havner, in his little book "Pepper 'n Salt," said it this way:

If I were a non-Christian and dropped into the average church during a so-called revival and saw a fraction of the membership trying to get more recruits for the army of the Lord when most of the outfit had already gone AWOL I would conclude either that Christianity is not what it is supposed to be or else we have been sold a cheap and easy brand -- inoculated with a mild form until we are almost immune to the real thing.

Support the evangelistic effort, encourage the lost to be saved, lift up the down-trodden and help those who have strayed to return. All of this really means LET'S GET INVOLVED!

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH JOE BARNETT IS OCTOBER 21 THROUGH 24.

ARE YOU FORSAKING
THE WORSHIP OF GOD?

Have you ever wondered why so much emphasis is placed on your attendance at the worship and study opportunities provided by this congregation? Although just attending all the services of the church will save no one, attendance is the thermometer which gauges the fervor of any congregation. The fact is that those who attend are also the most active in all phases of the church program. They give, visit, teach, admonish and keep themselves pure. Would you think of suggesting someone's name for elder, deacon, teacher, etc., who was not faithful in meeting with the saints? If not, why not?

When you forsake the assembly, others begin to doubt the importance you give your professed religion. Your religion seems insincere. You make others weak. You hinder the Lord's work. You stamp out the religious zeal of your brethren. It is a vote against Christ. You are less prepared to face a difficult week. The meeting of God's family is incomplete. You deny your soul the spiritual food it needs. Your soul is in danger. The congregation is smaller. You prove that you care little about the Lord's work. You make others judge you as a hypocrite. You make others think that your spiritual well-being and that of others is of little importance. You give Satan power over lost souls. You encourage others to forsake the Lord also. And, if you are honest with yourself, you actually miss the fellowship, at least for the first few absences.

Then Satan sears your conscience... and he has you... again! Think it over!
by Walter Kreidel
Midland, Texas

Act Now!

GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



IF I -

by RICHARD M. "PEK" GUNN
Poet Laureate of Tennessee

*If I could go back and undo
Some wrongs I've done along the way,
And know that wounds that I have caused
Were healed of all the scars today.*

*If steps I've caused someone to take
By thoughtless ways in which I've trod
Have led to a confused estate,
Instead of simple trust in God.*

*If someone else still wanders on
Who followed my unsteady track,
And lost his way for lack of light
Because my lantern globe was black.*

*If I could gather up and bind
The wasted years that I have spent,
And treat them as they'd never been
Today I'd be much more content.*

*I'm pardoned from my undone past -
But even so the hurt is done,
For out there somewhere in the dark,
A soul is lost I might have won.*

New Members



Guy and Sallie Blakeley, 2713 So. Broadway, Apt. 204 - 592-3535 came recently. They moved here from Grand Rapids, Mich. We are happy they came to Tyler.

Gospel Meeting

The Bullard Church of Christ will be introducing their new minister, Johnny Anders, to the community and area in a Gospel Meeting, Sept. 30 - Oct. 5. The evening services will be at 7:30 p. m.

Thank You

To all of you who have done so much to contribute to our comfort and happiness during the serious illness of Max we want to express our appreciation. The cards, letters, beautiful flowers, visits and food and most of all your prayers will never be forgotten by us.

In Christian love,
Naomi and Max Haws

I am so thankful for your prayers for my recovery and for the cards, visits and flowers. I appreciate your kindness.

Lilla Tigert

The search for words does not come easy when you feel you have so much to express to so many Christian friends and a small space to say them.

To all of you for your continued prayers, cards, and visits, I cannot forget how very much Floyd and I appreciate the things you have done. Thanks so much to the very nice Christian ladies who brought food to us on a Saturday. That helped Floyd out so much. Brother George and Alice brought a book as a gift from the church before I left for St. Louis. The book "Flowers of Friendship" has really meant a lot to me. I shall ever be grateful to all of you.

It maybe a long while before I can worship with you in person, but I shall always be there in my prayers and thoughts.

Margaret Ratcliff

Happy Birthday!

- Sept. 30 Tommy Lowrance
Mary Butler
- Oct. 1 Cooper Goodson, Jr.
- Oct. 3 Kelly Womack
- Oct. 4 Hillard Hughes
Foy Richey
- Oct. 5 Robbie Butler

Some people
find fault as if
it were buried
treasure.



**HERE
and THERE**



by wes price

Oh, how I wish the whole congregation could have been there! It certainly was one of the finest things I have ever seen our young people do. The banquet they worked so hard to give the Senior Citizens of this congregation was an outstanding demonstration of the kind of love and affection that ought to characterize the body of Christ. If you were not there, you missed a royal treat.

Our hats off to the fine young people who worked so diligently to make it the success that it was and to the adults who assisted and guided their efforts. And, thanks to Hillard and Jeanine for inspiring them to the task.

Our efforts to dedicate last Lord's Day to our Senior Citizens was well received and a fine tribute to the heritage they have paved the way to provide. Words of commendation were received for the day's efforts from so many, even from some who would not admit to being among those we sought to honor. We do a lot of kidding about the matter of ages, but we certainly wouldn't change it.

What a joy to report the success of surgery brother Stephenson underwent earlier this week. The prayers of so many righteous went up in his behalf. We are thankful for his good progress. We want to continue our prayers in his behalf until he is able to return home and then when he is able to return to his work.

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS There will be an important meeting this Sunday afternoon at 4:45 in the Chapel. This is our first general meeting of the new school year and there are several important things that we need to discuss. Please, please make every effort to be present. This includes all teachers, in all departments.

A word of encouragement to all members. Let's continue to keep up the good spirit of zeal and growth. Don't develop a habit of missing any of our services here at West Erwin. You are missed when you are away.

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Prayer Faber Cauthen

Dismiss Steve Brown

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Worship

Sept. 16 490

Sept. 9 540

Budget \$4,500.00

Responses

We are happy to have James and Virginia Canterbury as new members of the West Erwin family. They recently moved back to Tyler from Jonesboro, Ark. Their address is 2028 Woodhaven, phone 566-8917. They have a son, Jimmy, who is a college student in Magnolia, Arkansas and they are the parents of Mrs. Glynn (Fran) Starnes.

Funeral

An aunt of Mrs. Elwin Crow was buried this week in Waco, Texas.

HERE AND THERE (Continued from inside)

out, nothing can be more valuable than the consistent habit of being together with one's spiritual brethren to study God's word. Which of these habits have you developed?

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In Appreciation

To Our Loved Ones At West Erwin

Thank you for your continual interest and prayers during my lengthy illness. Your many cards and expressions of love continue to encourage us. We are still hopeful that before long I will be able to undergo heart surgery and be on the road to eventual health again.

We appreciate all that Wes, the office staff, and scores of you are doing in the Lord's work. Continue to remember us in your prayers. We love each of you.

George and Alice

Report of Our Sick

We are happy to report that George Stephenson is feeling better and was without fever Wednesday morning. They are planning surgery again within 4 or 5 days. His address is: St. Paul Hospital Room 636, 5909 Harry Hines, Dallas, Texas 75235.

Mrs. Lilla Tigert had surgery Monday in Mother Frances. She is doing well.

J. B. McKeever continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Gladys Holcomb is in Medical Center, room 203. She lives in Mineola and formerly lived in Tyler.

Joe Willis is in Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Sybil Thacker is in Houston for tests.

Mrs. Ed Bullard's brother underwent major surgery this week in Tennessee.

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The Church With A Heart

TOO SOON OLD, TOO LATE SMART

In a jesting sort of way many older folks sometimes feel that wisdom may have come just a bit late in life. Somehow, they feel confident that life would have been far better to have been lived with all the wisdom the passing years have brought. They perhaps would have chosen a completely different type of life and things would have really been different.

But when they come face to face with the inner self, those at least who have dedicated themselves to God early in life, realize that wisdom came as they dealt with the peaks and valleys of life. They learned fortitude and courage as they had to stand up to life's difficulties. And then they rejoice at how God has ordered the affairs of men. Wisdom comes when we live up to the best that is in us as we rub shoulders with all of life and that day by day. Advancing age becomes an option that is altogether desirable when we see its opposite, death.

The young don't often express proper gratitude for the elderly's contribution to their life and welfare. Too frequently they express nothing but disdain and in such a presumptuous way as to make others feel like they were responsible for all of the things they presently enjoy, and not by the sacrifice of older folks who have gone before them.

We are indebted to generation after generation of older men and women for the wisdom and stability they have given our society. It is true that we need the vigor and zeal of youth to balance the drive of the processes that make a society alive, but it is a mistake to think either the young or old are dispensable to the delicate balance in society or in the church for that matter.

Older Christians are beautiful people because they have lived with God longer than we who are younger. However, it is a truth that needs to be emphasized over and over, being loving in old age is preceded by the daily development of Christian characteristics while one is young. That's the secret of older saints who have Godly personalities.

Let's look forward to old age by the proper preparation. "Fear God and keep His commandments" is sound advice. We need to heed it if we are to be what we can be in older age.

Perhaps the young do not now understand or believe it but they will eventually if they prepare properly for it, that like Ben Ezra we can say, "Grow old with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made. Our times are in His hand."

By Wes W. Price

"Not neglecting to meet together . . ."
(Hebrews 10:25).

THE ATTENDANCE PROBLEM

Church attendance has been a problem as long as I can remember. When I was a boy brethren were agonizing over those who didn't attend. I'm sure they were doing the same when my father was a boy, and when his father was a boy.

There are three basic reasons you should attend scheduled worship services:

1) **It honors God.** When God is being praised in worship you should desire to be there to pay him homage. You cannot "honor him just as well somewhere else" when the saints are gathered.

2) **You need it.** We've all heard such statements as, "I can worship God just as well in the privacy of my own home." "I can commune with him in the beauty of his creation on the bank of a gentle stream, or on a beautiful golf course."

I won't argue against God's presence in nature. But I've yet to see a person who forsakes the assembly in favor of recreation on fire for the Lord.

God has designed certain worship activities to enlighten and strengthen us. If something else would work as well he would have said so.

3) **Others need you.** That "proof text" so often used for attendance, gives good reasons: ". . . let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together . . . but encouraging one another . . ." (Hebrews 10:25).

One thing is certain - you can't encourage your brothers and sisters by your absence. I've seen hundreds of Christians who were terribly discouraged by low attendance.

Those who neglect the assembly not only damage their own spiritual health, they also violate the rule of brotherly love and concern.

- JOE R. BARNETT

IF MY PEOPLE, WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.
II CHRON. 7:14

Happy Birthday!

- September
(23) Martha Powell
(25) Gilbert Kasperek
(26) Blanche Rountree, Marty Mallory
(27) Elsie Shackelford
(28) Guy Blakeley
(29) Betty Hubbard, Adela Scogins

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Your expression of love to Jeanine and me was a delightful surprise Sunday night. Even though we believe we receive much more than we give to our young people, we consider it a great privilege to work with them. May we express our sincere appreciation to all of the young people, their parents and the others that made a memorable night for us.

Hillard and Jeanine Hughes

COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS

An attitude of "count your blessings, not your troubles" will change our basic life attitudes from negative to positive. If we can see our day to day problems and even our longer-range problems against a background of our blessings, our lives can be much happier and we will be much more constructive in facing our problems.

We must especially count our spiritual blessings. Christ is our savior and also our perfect example. The intimate, personal relationship we have with Him is a blessing beyond our description. Then, there is the wonderful blessing of the church, this fellowship with the like-minded Christians that helps us so much. We remember that the Bible is our ever present and dependable guide. We can learn from it and upon its teachings, build a happy and successful life.

Christians can count their blessings especially because of this promise, "and we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). -Ward Glentzer (via Omen Road Bulletin - Tyler, Texas)

BIBLE TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

The 2nd Annual East Texas Bible Teacher's Workshop is Saturday, November 3, 1979 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 402 South Main, Henderson, Texas.

Cradle Roll through Sixth Grades will be conducted by Kelly Hamby and Hillcrest Outreach of Abilene, Texas. The Teenage Department: Wally Wilkerson of the South Side church in Ft. Worth; Adult Department: William E. "Dub" DeLoach of the White's Ferry Road church in West Monroe, La. There will be a Children's Bible Hour Demonstration presented by the Hillcrest Outreach group. A sandwich luncheon will be provided by the ladies of South Main Church.

Area Meeting

Jack Exum will be speaking Friday and Saturday evenings at the South Washington Church of Christ in Marshall. There will also be a special class for ladies on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

LECTURESHIP


The White's Ferry Road Church of Christ of West Monroe, La. will conduct the ninth annual International Evangelism Lecture and Workshop on Oct. 17-21, 1979. The theme for this year is "THE BIBLE" - The Foundation of Our Assurance." Housing is available in the homes of Christians or area motels and hotels. There are also camper hook-ups available. For reservations, call 318/388-0595 or 318/396-8007.

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

The following young people have been elected officers for the year 1979-1980 at the Campus Christian Center on the Tyler Junior College Campus.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| President | Mike Bell |
| Vice President | Ben Motts |
| Secretary | Angel Carpenter |
| Treasurer | Debbie Wicks |
| Correspondent | Susan Jones |

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Hillard and Jeanine Hughes were honored Sunday night in a beautiful way by the youth of our congregation. A surprise dinner party was planned for them following the worship service. And as best I could tell, they were completely surprised by the special occasion. Some of Hillard's "friends" did spend a few minutes reminding him of some unusual things that have happened in his tenure as youth minister at West Erwin. But that was done in the best of fun for it was obvious that all who were present joined in an appropriate standing ovation. Each of them received a beautiful gift in addition to a beautiful silver tray appropriately engraved to remember the date.

We are truly thankful to have such dedicated folks like these working with our young people. They possess enough vitality to keep things alive and enough spiritual maturity to guide our youth in the right way. We render our thanks to God for them.

Our 1979 Tuesday School was officially begun Sunday afternoon when all the parents who have pre-school children enrolled were invited to attend a get-acquainted affair here at the building. We met many new couples whose children are enrolled here for the first time. Our Tuesday School Director, Elaine Roberson, briefed the parents on the operation of our school and then they were given the opportunity to meet the teachers of the various classes.

We have an enrollment of 78 this year. The following ladies make up our teaching staff: Pauline Aven, June Walker, Maxine Freeman, Betty Knight, Pauline Fuller, Betty Hubbard, Pam Wells, Ann Nail, Fran Starnes, Lorene Venable, Robin Miles, Fleta Butler, and Debbie Dobbs. Special workers: Playroom - Sara Powell, Refreshments - Sherryl Miles, Bus Driver - John Porter, Special Events - Barbara Montandon and Carolyn Blackstone, Registration - Pat Crow, Chapel - Wes Price.

There are few things in one's spiritual life that are more damaging in a subtle sort of way than the persistent habit of missing Bible study. Week in and week

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 Bldg. Fund 320.00
 Sept. 2 4,216.68
 Year Ago 2,927.28
Bible School
 Sept. 9 411
 Sept. 2 339
 Year Ago 380
Worship
 Sept. 9 540
 Sept. 2 453
 Budget \$4,500.00

MY PRAYER

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

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

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

Report of Our Sick

Brother George Stephenson is in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas and is scheduled to undergo heart surgery today.

Brother M. M. Haws continues to improve in Medical Center Hospital. He hopes to be able to go home soon.

Brother J. B. McKeever remains in the Medical Center Hospital. His condition is improving.

Sister Gladys Holcomb is also a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Lola Gray, mother of Clay Ki... is now at home in Gladewater following surgery.

Mrs. Thelma Simmons, sister of Lera Williamson, is in the hospital in Marshall following a heart attack.

Thank You

Thank you for all of the visits, cards, and calls during my recent stay in the hospital.

Earnesene Shuford

Our words may hide our thoughts, but our actions will reveal them.

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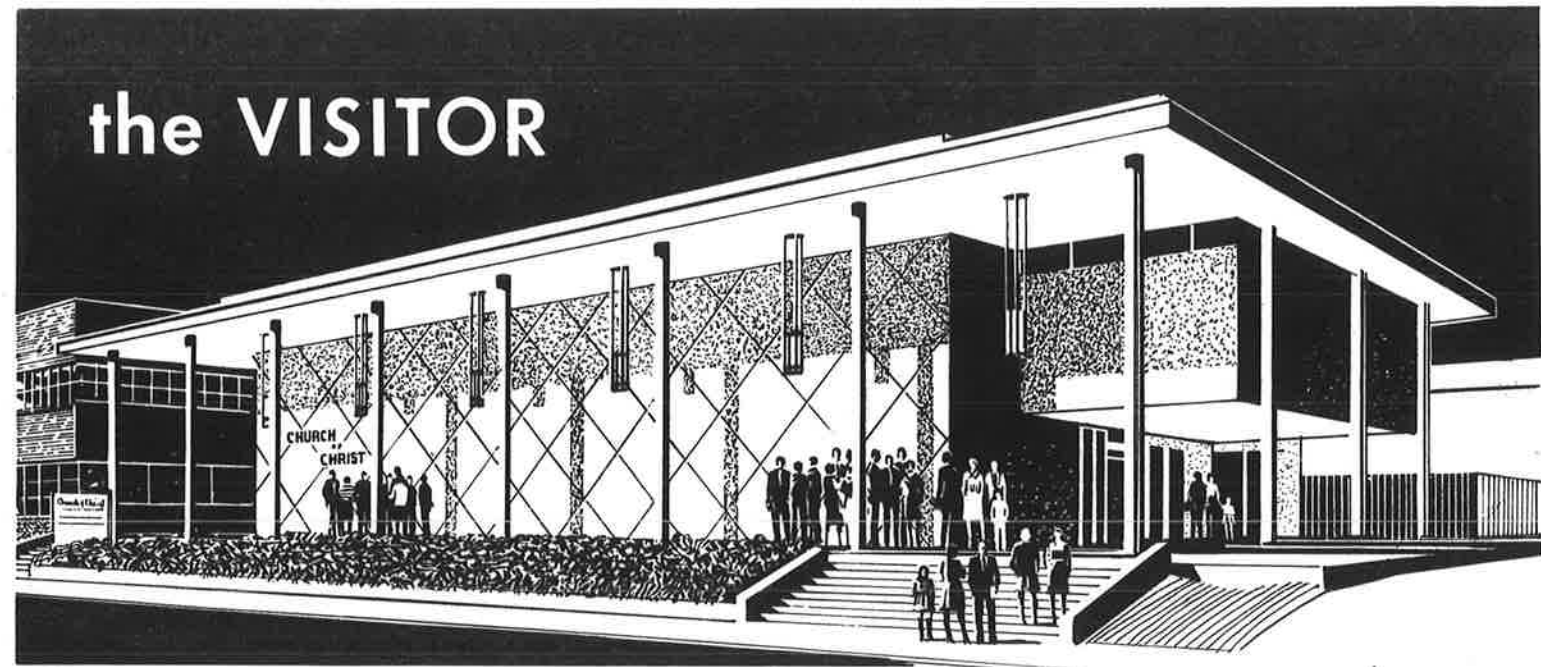
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NEW TEACHERS IN THE WEST ERWIN BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday Morning

- Diana Savage and Cathy Hallman
- Johnnie Stringer
- Barbara Montandon and Carolyn Blackstone
- Dale and Ann Duncan (Team Teaching)
- Paul Montandon and Dale Blackstone
- Lowell Wiggains with Sam Sevier
- John Owens with Elwin Crow

- 2 Year Old Class
- 3 Year Old Class
- 4 Year Old Class
- Fifth Grade
- 9th - 10th Grades
- 11th - 12th Grades
- Young Professional Class

Wednesday Evening

- Nettie Potts with Becky McRuiz
- Faye Kennard and Joni Smith
- Fran Starnes and Ernestine Mallory
- Ronnie Jones and Edwin Pickle
- Hillard Hughes
- Stan Mallory and Leon Welborn
- Paul Stanley - Jim Strait - Billie Bob Hickman

- 2 and 3 Year Olds
- 4 and 5 Year Olds
- 2nd - 3rd Grades
- Junior High Class
- Senior High Class
- Young Singles Class
- Adult Classes

We are happy to introduce these new teachers to you and are thankful for their willingness to serve on the Staff of our Bible School program.

We urge all parents to be conscious of your childrens' need to be present in Bible study both on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening to receive the maximum benefit of our teaching program. There is an urgent need to involve more of our children in class each week. Won't you cooperate with us and see that your children are present?

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

New Members



Mr. and Mrs. Dannie (Sue) Skipper
Michelle Patty

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Dannie (Sue) Skipper and their daughters, Michelle and Patty. They formerly worshipped with the Broadway congregation. Their address is 617 Purdue, phone number 561-9219. Michelle is in the 10th grade and Patty is in the 12th grade.



Mr. and Mrs. Glynn (Fran) Starnes
Tracy Chris Shannon

The Starnes' placed membership with us on August 12.

The Christian Service Center

The Benevolent Committee needs: Eye glasses of all descriptions and clean plastic pill bottles to be sent to the Chamala Mission Hospital in Tanzania (Church of Christ supported). We need ladies to do light sewing for the hospital also.

Workers are needed to assist in the benevolent work each Tuesday from 9-11:30 in the Benevolent Building. There is something everyone can do!

He most lives who lives for others.

We Appreciate



We would like to give "special thanks" to the ladies of the congregation who so willingly assisted us in the preparation, baking, and serving at our open house at the Fellowship Hall, and to Mrs. Art Rowland who furnished the beautiful roses for our centerpiece.

Eveline McCarty June Walker

You Are Invited

The Mobberly Avenue Church of Christ in Longview will have Leslie McGalliard of the Southwest church in Amarillo in a Gospel Meeting September 16-19. Worship services will be at 7:30 Monday through Wednesday.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of Sept. 17 - 21. The special needs are non-aerosol deodorant, toothpaste, canned meats, fruit juice, toilet tissue, and pickles.

Thank You

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy at the recent passing of my sister, Laurie Barron.

Modena Jones

Directory Change

Because of failing eyesight, Sister Marie Skeeters will be attending the Northwest congregation with her daughter. We shall miss her very much.

Happy Birthday!

September

- (18) Raquel Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic
- (19) Constance Berry
- (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, G. C. (Doc) Wright, Barry Hamblett

WHAT IS A FAMILY?

Warmth when the world is cold... safety when the world is hostile... a place of love in a world of hate... a place of light in the midst of darkness.

This is a family... a family is many things... it is devotion sitting on a pew together... A mother singing as she goes about preparing supper... father happily playing with laughing children.

A family is a yell squad when victory is won... a place of understanding and starting again when a defeat must be endured.

It is a very private organization--only bonafide members are allowed in. As a poet said, "all of us are we... and everyone else is they." It is held together with the glue of love and the cement of mutual respect.

The family is a shelter from the storm... a safe and friendly port when the waves of life become too wild. No person is ever alone if he is a member of a family.

The smile of a mother... the robust laughter of a father... the giggle of daughters... the shouts of sons. That's a family.

They may taunt one another... they must fight, fuss and bicker among each other. But, when trouble threatens from outside forces, instantly the ranks close and the troops unite against the common foe.

A family is all of these things... but, most of all, a family is a group of human beings working together to build something beautiful and lasting.

A family is a colony of heavenly bliss. Right here on earth.

Relate all of this to Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 3:15 which says the church is "the family of God."

via The Southside Bulletin

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T H E R E



Sunday was a significant day in the history of the West Erwin congregation when so many of you participated in the dedication service for our new Fellowship Hall and Benevolent Center. We are proud of these new facilities as additional tools for the work of the kingdom. How thankful we are for our Elders, Deacons, and members who were so unselfish in their support. We thank God for all of you and want to show that thankfulness by using these buildings to their fullest potential in the work of edifying the saints and helping the poor and needy.

James and Mildred Massey were honored by the formal unveiling of the plaque commemorating the special work that they did in making the Fellowship Hall a reality. We are proud to express this special thanks for their efforts.

Our sincerest appreciation to June Walker, Mac and Eveline McCarty for the work of preparing for the Open House. Their contribution in decorating and preparing refreshments made it a lovely affair.

Dr. John Stevens' presentation on Christian education Sunday night was great. It is always such a pleasure to listen to him speak. We are grateful for his visit and the visit of others who came from A. C. U. for the A. C. U. weekend. Our Fellowship Hall was the scene of the covered dish dinner following services, and a great host of people were present. Our thanks to Dr. Stevens and all those who have contributed so much to the continuing work of Abilene Christian University. So many of our people have strong ties with that great school.

Thank you for your encouraging remarks about my sermons these past two weeks. You certainly make it less difficult to try to fill brother George's shoes. You have been so used to the finest from him that I feel a little inadequate. Thanks for helping me.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Robert Stokes
Dismiss Roger McElroy

Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss Wayne Reynolds

Serving Communion Sunday

Ed Bullard John Teague
Steve Brown Averyt Smith
Bruce Raley Robert Stokes
Charles Lemons Cooper Goodson

Our Records

Contributions

Sept. 2 \$4,216.68
Aug. 26 5,284.74
Year Ago 3,365.88

Bible School

Sept. 2 339
Aug. 26 419
Year Ago 351

Worship

Budget \$4,500.00

Directory Change

Gayle and Joe Ford and children have moved to Longview.

Georgia and Herbert Lowery and family have moved to Victoria.

The Ray Womacks' new address is, 1608 Yosemite, phone 561-5227.

In The Hospitals

Brother M. M. Haws continues to be in Medical Center Hospital. He is improving.

Brother George Stephenson was moved Thursday from Mother Frances Hospital to St. Paul's Hospital.

Thank You

We want to express our sincere appreciation to each of you for your interest and concern. We are grateful for your prayers, calls, cards, food and every act of loving kindness shown to us.

George and Alice

WORDS FROM WES (Continued from inside)

generous weekly giving. If there is any way in which you need our help, don't hesitate to call and we will feel free to call upon each of you for special assistance when it is needed. Continue your prayers for the work of the Lord at West Erwin.

WES W. PRICE

**When the Spirit prompts the asking,
When the waiting heart believes,
Then we know of each petition,
Everyone who asks receives.**

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KL ✓

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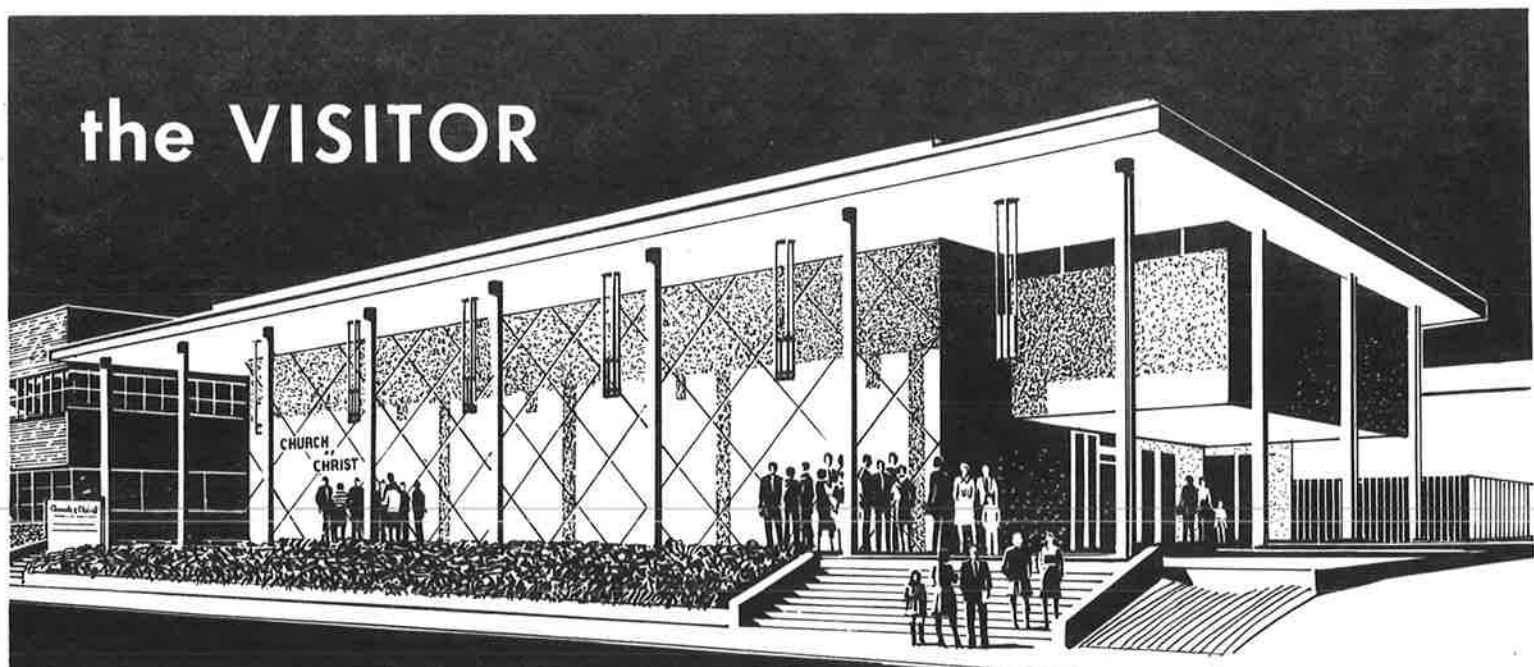
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**A Sunday With
Abilene Christian
University**



Dr. John Stevens, President Abilene Christian University

We are pleased to have Dr. Stevens as our guest speaker during the University's annual "Sunday With Abilene Christian University." Other outstanding men from the University will be speaking in area congregations. Following the evening service, for which Dr. Stevens will be speaking, friends and Alumni from the surrounding area will join in a Covered Dish Dinner in our Fellowship Hall to hear the latest plans and developments at the University. I am confident that you will want to be present Sunday evening for worship to hear him and to enjoy the fellowship following.

“... the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us...” (Romans 8:18).

WE AIN'T DONE YET

In Robert Ozment's *But God Can* there is the story of a woman who was suffering terrible tragedy. In bitter desperation she said, "I wish I'd never been made." A discerning friend said, "My dear, you are not fully made yet; you're only being made, and this is the Maker's process!"

A good observation. Someone asked a small boy who had just come from Sunday School, "Son, can you tell me who made you?" Digging a toe in the ground and squinting an eye, he courteously replied, "To tell you the truth, mister, I ain't done yet."

True. If we stay yielded God continues to mold us for a lifetime. None wish for tragedy. Yet, most of those who have accomplished significant things

have been "Made" by their tragedies. They conquered in spite of them, not because of the absence of them.

Milton was stricken with blindness before he wrote the incomparable *Paradise Lost*. Beethoven wrote his most famous music after he became deaf. And who hasn't been inspired by the incredible accomplishments of Helen Keller?

The person who studies biographies of great people soon comes to see this pattern: they have disappointment; and because of such suffering have risen to great heights.

Maybe things are going rough for you. You wouldn't choose these circumstances. They're not pleasant. But they may be the making of you. As someone said, "where souls are being tried and tested, there God is hewing out pillars for his temple!"

We ain't done yet! We're still in the process of being made.

—JOE R. BARNETT

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us...

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Laurie Barron.

We want to express appreciation to the B. B. Lamberts for taking the supply of cakes and cookies to Boles Home last Thursday. Also, many thanks to the ladies who did the baking.

BOLES HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of Sept. 17th - 21st. Following is a list of their needs, however they will be happy to use whatever can be supplied.

Needs: Non-aerosol deodorant, toothpaste, canned meats, fruit juice, toilet tissue and pickles.

Elders & Deacons Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, 1:30 P. M. in the Chapel

AN INVITATION

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Everyone is invited to attend a period of fellowship and learn more about Abilene Christian University on Sunday evening following the worship service. There will be a Covered Dish Buffet at the Fellowship Hall. Dr. John C. Stevens, President of ACU will speak.

Happy Birthday!

September

- (10) Gloria Thigpen, Juanita Teague, Betty Strait, Wilma Jones
- (11) Tommie Alice Ford
- (12) Lola Wright
- (13) Laurie Rowe, L. L. Prater

Since we last mentioned it we have had several members to put their birthday on the back of their attendance card (just the month and day). If we do not have your birthday, please put it on the back of your attendance card Sunday.

Words From Wes



With the passing of Labor Day Weekend, we can look forward to our families' schedules settling down to a more normal routine. Now, if we could have just a touch of cool weather, then it would feel like fall. I'm sure we will be having the cool weather soon enough so I guess we better not rush it. At any rate, we can begin now to build a more regular attendance in our Sunday morning Bible classes and our Wednesday evening classes. It certainly is a good time for each family to take a look at their schedules and make a more consistent effort to attend if it has not been a habit already.

We are proud to encourage all to seek a place in regular Bible study. We have some new studies beginning in our Sunday morning classes as well as our new studies and new teachers for our Wednesday evening studies.

Try them, you'll like them!

Now don't you forget our special program this coming Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, at 2:30 in our new Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a brief ceremony, then welcome our guests from area and city congregations to help us celebrate the opening of this great new facility, and to show our Benevolent Center. We will also be using the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening following the worship service. Brother John Stevens will be preaching at evening worship and then all friends and Alumni of Abilene Christian University are invited to a Covered Dish Dinner for the evening meal in the Fellowship Hall. Each family attending is asked to bring a dish.

As we mentioned Sunday morning, brother Stephenson's illness provides us with a special challenge. We make a special appeal for all Christians at West Erwin to keep an optimistic attitude and continue to support all of the programs of work. And continue to remember brother George in your prayers. Until he is able to return, we will be doing everything to keep up the good momentum we have enjoyed these past few months. And, we can continue to grow if each of you will do your part in attendance, good works and your

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Hand In Hand

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies, the Wednesday Morning Bible Class will begin next Wednesday (the 12th) at 10:00 a. m. Brother Foy Richey will be teaching "The Parables of Jesus." The nursery will be available and a class for pre-school children will be taught by Billie Bob Hickman. Following the lesson a Salad Luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



OPEN HOUSE

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 we will have a brief, special ceremony in our new Fellowship Hall for West Erwin members. Open House will then be held from 3:00 until 4:00 o'clock for the Fellowship Hall and the Benevolent Center. Invite your friends and be present Sunday afternoon for this occasion.

She placed her hand in mine --

Pudgy, tender, and small --

Expecting that the size of my hand
Might prevent a serious fall.

She yielded her life to my guidance --
Trusting, depending, and sure --

That whatever the plight or danger
With me she would be secure.

The responsibility O Lord is frightening!
To have a task so divine!

For assurance of the right direction,
Let me place my hand in Thine.

--James C. Barry

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Aug. 26	\$5,284.74
Prayer	Archie Kennard	Aug. 19	4,657.38
Dismiss	Mike Pawlik	Year Ago	3,433.03
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Aug. 26	419
Prayer	C. B. Burkham	Aug. 19	394
Dismiss	Wesley Price	Year Ago	373
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Ed Bullard	John Teague	Aug. 26	486
Steve Brown	Averyt Smith	Aug. 19	394
Bruce Raley	Robert Stokes	Budget	\$4,500.00
Charles Lemons	Cooper Goodson		

Responses

Baptized: Trey Hughes, son of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes was baptized by his dad on Sunday morning. He is a 7th grade student.

Membership: Jerry and Becky Boerwinkle, 129 So. Baxter, phone 597-5642, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly attended Northgate at Irving, Texas. We are happy to welcome them. They are the parents of a baby girl.

WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

hope that everyone will select one of the subjects and stay with it during the entire course.

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Please don't forget our special day, September 8th. We will have a brief dedication program at 2:30 p. m. for West Erwin members and then invite all our friends from Tyler to join us in an open house to show our new Fellowship Hall from 3:00 to 4:00. Plan on being present.

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Report of Our Sick

Brother George Stephenson continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital. He is in the Intensive Care Unit and cannot have visitors. He would enjoy cards from you.

Brother M. M. Haws remains in the Medical Center Hospital, room 202.

Mrs. McCauley from Van is in Glenwood Hospital.

A SUNDAY WITH
ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

You are invited to attend the Annual "Evening With Abilene Christian University" following worship Sunday evening, September 9th. The meeting will be a Covered Dish Buffett at the Fellowship Hall of the West Erwin church. Dr. John Stevens will speak.

Brochures are in the foyer.

Congratulations

The George Kesters have a new granddaughter, Carrie Lee, born August 28 in Tennessee to John and Penny Kester.

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies' Bible Class will resume Wednesday, September 12 with brother Foy Richey, one of our elders, as the teacher. In order to encourage young mothers to attend, Billie Bob Hickman will be teaching a class for the children. The nursery will be available also. Let's make this a special year. Following the first meeting on the 12th, a salad luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

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BRACES

Parents pay thousands for braces for Johnny's and Mary's teeth, wanting their children to have a healthy mouth and a pleasant smile. Corrective shoes often are fitted to children's feet, and we tell them "The straight walk and comfortable feeling of happy feet is more than worth the temporary loss in appearance." Contrivances are forced into shoes when not in use to push them into shape. Cables pull strongly on utility poles to keep them upright. Everywhere things brace other things. Everywhere, needful pressure is applied to force things into the desired shape. Well, our souls need braces too.

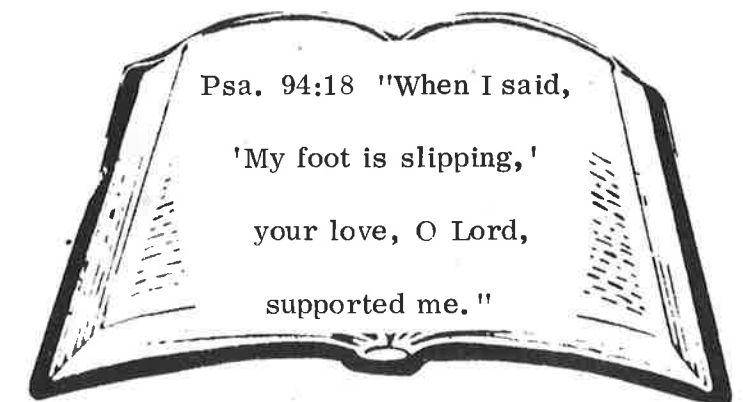
"A child left to himself causeth shame to his mother," (Proverbs 29:15). In fact, anything left to itself comes to ruin, doesn't it? An unweeded garden, a neglected lawn, an abandoned car, a business whose managers just let things go, an undisciplined team, or a church made of people who do as they please.

So, as frail, weak, and often sinful children of God, we need the corrective pushes and pulls from God's Word as it reproves, rebukes and exhorts us. We need the suggestions and comments born of brotherly love. How desperately

we require those pressures the Lord brings upon us through the preaching and teaching of the message of Christ.

Many a kink has been drawn out of a twisted soul through wholesome fellowship with other Christians. Many developing spiritual deformity has been corrected as Christians worked side by side doing some needful task for Christ. We have a choice. Submit to the braces of God - bending to his will - or become hopelessly deformed and misshapen. Better to hurt a little under the gradual pressure of meaningful braces than to hurt a lot later and eventually to be destroyed.

Joe Goodspeed



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS SCHEDULE

Class	Teacher	Subject	Room
Junior High	Ronnie Jones/Edwin Pickle		304
Senior High	Hillard Hughes		302
Single Adults	Stan Mallory	History of New Testament Church	305
Ladies Class	Billie Bob Hickman	*Mary, Handmaiden of God	104
Adult Class	Paul Stanley	The Christian in the Church	301
Adult Class	Jim Strait	The Christian Family	106
Adult Class	Wes Price	The Book of Job	Auditorium

* This is a continuation of a study begun in the spring. Starting date for this class will be one week later on September 12.

Think

Virgil R. Trout

DUTY AND SELF-HONESTY

"You have to stay awake to make your dreams come true."

Without a deep sense of duty, you are not being honest with yourself. It is so easy to say with another, "I never have frustrations the reason is, to wit; if I don't succeed, I quit."

Acceptance of duty enables you to develop a sense of courage to withstand the paralysis of fear that comes from daily circumstances.

A healthy sense of duty keeps your view of the present from being hobbled by brooding over the past. Disappointments should be cremated and not embalmed.

Recognition of duty will keep your life-style one of dynamic determination instead of passive, whimpering cowardice.

Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to accomplish His work" (John 4:34).

FROM CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

In connection with Tyler Junior College's Homecoming, October 6, the Campus Christian Center is planning the 1st Annual Tri-C Reunion. If you would like to be included in this year's activities or be put on the exes mailing list, please notify Joyce Trimble at 1415 S. Baxter or call 593-8181.

Blest be the tie that binds...

our hearts in Christian love!



IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO BE CHRISTIANS,

You MUST SET THE EXAMPLE!

Attend Church as a Family!

Thank You

Thanks to so many for remembering me in their prayers, visits, flowers, cards and calls during my stay in the hospital.

In Christian love,
Leona Hardin

BENEVOLENT WORK

Clothing for the Benevolent work of the church is needed. Clean clothing in good repair and of modern style is needed. There is a special need for children's clothing. Shoes are also needed. Bring your contributions to the church building.

INVITED TO SPEAK

Last week brother Wes Price spoke to the Golf Course Road Church in Midland, Texas to launch their Brother's Keeper Program. He has been invited to present the same material to the church in Fort Smith, Arkansas on Friday, Sept. 7th.

Happy Birthday!

- (2) Denton Phillips, John Teague, Audrey O'Bannon.
- (3) Kenny Lee McRuiz
- (4) Leona McElroy, Cathy Crow, Modena Jones
- (5) Homer Williamson
- (6) Dollie Sutton, W. H. Wright, Clara Sims
- (7) Vernon Naul, Dick Higginbotham, Moselle White, Arenia Clough
- (8) Gayle Ford, Lucille Carpenter, Charles Graf, Faye Wallace

Brother R. L. Trentham celebrated his 88th birthday last Sunday. Congratulations!

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be September 7th at 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

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

Psalm 27:14

Words From Wes



We are so happy to have brother and sister M. M. Haws back in Tyler since his illness hospitalized him in San Francisco. He is now in room 240 in Medical Center Hospital. We are thankful that he made the trip without further complications to his illness. He is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances as they continue to give him physical therapy treatments. We are so glad that they are accessible to us and we can help them in a more positive way by being available. We thank God for their safe return.

And while we are speaking of the hospitalized, brother Stephenson is resting comfortably in the Glenwood Hospital after his doctor discovered that his illness in Germany was indeed a heart attack. He will be there several more days, but we are confident that with proper rest and care he will return to us soon as good as ever.

Let's continue to pray for these good men.

We want to remind all our adults that a new series of lessons will be beginning this Sunday in all of our Adult Classes. There is one exception to the previous announcement and that concerning brother Stephenson's Chapel Class. While he is recuperating, brother Joe Carroll will be substituting and will continue with the present course of study. When George returns, then he will begin the new study in Psalms.

We hope all of you are planning on your usual regular attendance. We cannot say thank you enough to those of you who are here for every Bible study and worship period. To those of you who can come but don't, we continue to pray that you will alter your present value system of time and realize the need that we all have for studying the Bible at every opportunity. The benefit you derive may be as far reaching as eternity where you can spend all your time praising God.

An announcement concerning our new Wednesday night classes is found elsewhere in this week's bulletin. As has been the case in the past, you will have the opportunity to select the course of study you would like. We

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Leslie Mallory Cole Bennett
Lowell Wiggains Harvey Grier

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Aug. 19 \$4,657.38
Bldg. Fund 1,260.00
Aug. 12 4,091.23
Year Ago 2,868.37
Bible School
Aug. 19 394
Aug. 12 409
Year Ago (no count)
Worship
Aug. 19 560
Aug. 12 557
Budget \$4,500.00

Responses

Baptized: Scott Lowery, a ninth grade student was baptized Sunday evening. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowery. We rejoice with Scott.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Guy (Sallie) Blakeley, 2713 South Broadway, Apt. 204, came Sunday to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Grand Rapids, Mich. We are happy to welcome them to West Erwin and to Tyler.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Friday of last week for Mrs. Laura Barron, sister of Modena Jones. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

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Congratulations

Mrs. Howard (Cindi) Galletly, daughter of Joe and Frances McBee, will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Music Saturday from Stephen F. Austin State University.

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Where You Come In

If you are a Christian, God has a plan for your life. You are a piece of His workmanship, designed and put together for a purpose. Paul expressed it this way: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). There you have it! The reason why God made a new creation out of you is that you might produce good works.

Just as we plant a tree in prospect of the fruit it is to bear, so God "hath before ordained" that we should be fruitful. Jesus says, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8). And again, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit" (John 15:5).

The winning of souls to Christ is one of the principal duties of every Christian. Think back. John the Baptist pointed Andrew and John to Jesus. Andrew won Peter. Jesus won Philip, and Philip won Nathaniel. The woman at the well of Sychar came to believe, and led many others of her town to believe in the very same day. With these examples before us, every Christian should feel the responsibility of inviting men to Christ. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come" (Revelation 22:16, 17). If you have heard, you are to invite!

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart.
And love that soul through me.
And may I humbly do my part
To win that soul for thee.

Soul-winning cannot be considered optional in the life of a Christian. Jesus said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away" (John 15:2). These branches will be gathered, cast into the fire, and be burned. Are you bearing fruit? The man who fears God, fears to sit at ease.

John Gipson
Little Rock, Arkansas

Guest Editorial

WHY SOME CHURCHES GROW!

One Sunday night after services a lady asked why the church is growing so rapidly in some areas and so slow elsewhere with similar circumstances. After meditating on her question, the following reasons were given to her.

The church grows where there is a spirit of love, unity, and understanding among the members, and they in turn manifest these attitudes toward the people of the community. A "better than thou" or "we are right and you are wrong" attitude cannot convert people to Christ.

Secondly, the church grows where the leaders are men of character, reputation, zeal and vision. Where little men oversee the work of the church very little will be done. Elders and deacons should be respectable and responsible citizens as well as scripturally qualified and devoted as Christians.

Thirdly, the church grows where the local preacher sets a high spiritual tone, and where he excites the members to do great things for the Lord. If he is narrow in attitude, small in matters of judgement and afraid to "launch out into the deep" then he will hinder instead of help the church.

Fourthly, the church grows where there is a will to work. When a church has the attitude that they are too small to do much, they will be too small. Too many churches are nothing more than worshipping societies only keeping house for the Lord. A church at work will win souls.

Fifthly, the church grows where it plans for the future. A church that meets today's needs tomorrow is always behind. The congregation plans for the future in providing adequate buildings for worship services and Bible school, in employing efficient personnel, in assuming new benevolent and mission programs, and in being Bible centered in every activity.

Lastly, a church will grow where God is honored, Christ is preached, and where the Holy Spirit plays an important role in the life of the disciples. When the Gospel is preached in truth and love, and when the lives of the members exemplify their profession, the CHURCH WILL GROW!

Jack Gray

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

August

(26) R. L. Trentham

(27) Pauline Aven, Thomas White
Michelle Steffee

(29) Titus Holland, Penny McDonald

(30) Lisa-McElroy, Jan Cook

September

(1) Duane Hendrix

When we were gathering material for our church directory we were able to learn the birthday of many in the congregation. We would like to publish everyone's birthday. If we do not have yours, please put it on the back of your attendance card Sunday or call the office. We are not asking for the year, just the day and month.

Love Never Fails

Thank You

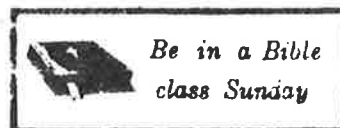
During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us...

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Edrie Ingram.

We want to express our appreciation for your interest, for the cards, flowers, telephone calls, and especially for your prayers. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The M. M. Haws Family

Thank you for all of the visits, cards and calls and your loving concern during my recent stay in the hospital.
Bessie Willis



The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Words From Wes



What a joy it was to welcome George and Alice back to Tyler. My wife and I had the privilege of picking them up at the DFW airport last Thursday and getting the first "first-hand" report of their journey. Of course they both were physically exhausted (even more than we first thought as you will see elsewhere in the bulletin), but were just bubbling over with good news about their trip. A few unpleasant things marred their trip like being robbed on the train in France and George's illness the day before they were to return. That illness turned out to be a heart attack which was diagnosed a week later at the Glenwood Hospital where George is now.

He is resting comfortably in his hospital bed and first reports indicate that no serious damage was sustained by his heart. We are thankful that he is doing as well as he is and hope that he will soon be recovered and back to his normal duties. He will appreciate being remembered in your prayers in the meantime. He had planned a report to the congregation about their trip and visits with missionaries in New York City and Augsburg, Germany, but that will wait now until he has recovered. I know you will be as anxious to hear that report as I.

We are looking forward to the new school year and especially to getting all of our families back from vacations and week-end trips. It is always good to take time off, but it is also good to get back to a regular schedule of activities. We are excited about the new adult studies that will begin in September. We will also be announcing new adult studies for the Wednesday evening sessions in our next week's bulletin. We have enjoyed the excellent messages from visiting speakers each Wednesday evening such as the one brought by Mike Warner last week. J. C. Tate will conclude these sessions this week and next week being a fifth Wednesday we will have the young men conduct our worship. The new classes will begin with the first Wednesday evening of September.

(continued next column)

Blest be the tie that binds... our hearts in Christian love!

WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

Please reserve Sunday afternoon, September 9 for a very special occasion. We will be presenting our new Fellowship Hall. We will be inviting all the congregation and our friends from sister congregations to join us for an Open House affair. Make your plans to help us make the formal presentation of this new facility. The formal presentation will be held at 2:30 p.m. and our other guests will be invited to Open House beginning at 3:00 p.m. We want all of our West Erwin folks to be present for the brief presentation at 2:30.

A quarterly Elders and Deacons meeting is also scheduled on that afternoon, but it will be held at 1:30 p.m. so that all can be present for the program in the Fellowship Hall at 2:30.

We have had such a good summer here at West Erwin. Attendance has been up at all services in spite of the usual vacation plans of many of our members. Giving has grown and we have gained a number of new members. We are thankful for the generous response of all of you who love the work of the Lord here and are concerned about the growth of the congregation. Let us continue to build on this good momentum. Don't become negative minded but encourage the work.
WES W. PRICE



PASS
THE
WORD.
LADIES

The week of August 26th (next week) is the time for us to send cookies and cakes to Boles Home. Bring your baked sweets on Wednesday and they will be taken to the home on Thursday.

Will someone volunteer to take the cakes to the home?

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer Wyndal Miller

Dismiss Shayne Bennett

Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer Milburn Cook

Dismiss Denton Phillips

Serving Communion Sunday

Stan Mallory Paul Stanley

Tim Holt Daniel Gianelloni

Leslie Mallory Cole Bennett

Lowell Wiggains Harvey Grier

Our Records

Contributions

August 12 \$4,091.23

Bldg. Fund 1,000.00

August 5 4,626.55

Year Ago 3,158.30

Bible School

August 12 409

August 5 427

Year Ago 327

Worship

August 12 557

August 5 483

Budget \$4,500.00

Responses

Membership: We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Glynn (Fran) Starnes and their children. They formerly worshipped with the Omen Road congregation. Their children are: Tracy - age 11, Chris - age 6, and Shannon - age 13. Shannon is also a member of the church. Their address is Rt. 8, Box 254 - phone 561-0736.

Words From Wes (Continued)

many of you who have not developed the habit of attending any of our adult classes on Sunday morning or Wednesday night. The only way a person can profit by these studies is to be present at class time. Please consider the importance and seriousness of this responsibility and when you do, I know you will make the Bible class attendance a part of your weekly habit.

WES W. PRICE

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 Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Report of Our Sick

Sister Ivah Miller fell Sunday and fractured a bone in her elbow. She is wearing a sling.

We have learned that brother M. M. Haws will be flown home Monday or possibly Tuesday and will enter the hospital here. His condition is about the same.

Mrs. McCauley, sister of brother L. L. Prater, is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Floyd Ratcliff is scheduled to have surgery this week in St. Louis, Mo.

God provides food for every bird but He does not place it in their nest.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

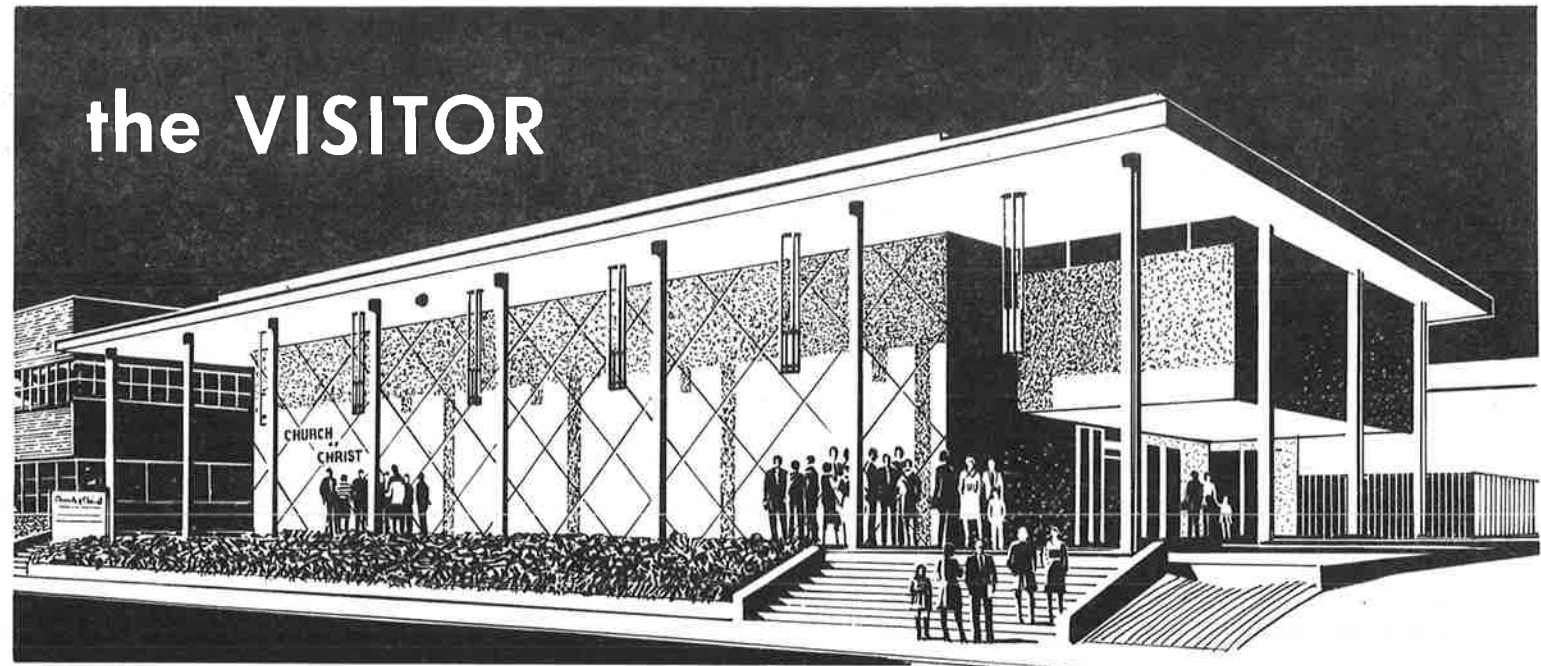
- (19) Bob Butler, Raymond Mayo, Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts
- (20) Odell Malone, Bertha Byrd, Earl O'Quinn
- (21) Elwin Crow
- (22) Beulah Bedford, Prissy Potts
- (23) Joelle Butler
- (25) Ross Walker, Sue Higginbotham

NEW MEMBERS



Roy & Johnnie Sue Dayton
The Daytons placed membership last week.

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BROTHERHOOD

Just a little bit more interest
In other folks' welfare,
Just a little greater showing
That really you do care.

Just a little more kindness
To those you meet each day,
And a little greater effort
To aid them on their way.

Just a little more determined
To do the best you can,
To help some other fellow
And prove a friend to man.

Just a little bit more sunshine
Along life's weary road,
Just a little bit more ready
To ease another's load.

Just to work a little harder
For other people's good,
And to show a bit more friendship -
My friend, that's Brotherhood!



J. C. TATE

TO SPEAK WEDNESDAY

Brother J. C. Tate will be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening. He is an Insurance Representative and preaches most every Sunday. He formerly preached for the church in Bullard. During this time their new building was constructed. We look forward to hearing him.

NEW ADULT STUDIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Beginning September 2

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Young Single Adults #7	Elwin Crow	Christian Fellowship
Young Married Adults #2	Wes Price	Christian Fellowship
Adult #8	Hillard Hughes	Christian Fellowship
Adult #4	Ferman Carpenter/Roger Knight	Christian Fellowship
Adult #3	Jack Paul	Christian Fellowship
Chapel Class-Adult #5	George Stephenson	The Book of Psalms
Auditorium Class - Adult #1	Faber Cauthen	The Book of Psalms
Ladies Class - Adult #6	Audrey O'Bannon/Bernice Majors	Gospel Advocate Series

FROM THE ELDERS

We are grateful for the many individuals of the congregation who are diligently contributing to the good works of the West Erwin church. We give a special thanks to the VBS teachers who helped make our recent VBS one of the greatest successes that we have experienced at West Erwin. Many compliments have been given in your behalf and we certainly add ours to them by saying, "thanks for a job well done." We are thankful for you.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner will be conducting a "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" at the Glenwood Church of Christ Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25. This is a 12 hour seminar designed to enrich, strengthen and vitalize the marriage relationship. The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. Kennon Rider is the Coordinator, phone 592-3858.

HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR GIVING?

Giving is not the most popular subject in the world to losers. But to people who really care; love the church; and want to see the Gospel taken around the world; they are interested. Recently, John Gibson penned some words I'd like for you to consider:

"According to U. S. News & World Report if you bought a house five years ago for \$40,000, to maintain that same buying power today, you must sell it for \$58,280. If five years ago you made \$1,000 a month, you must get \$1,457 today to have the same money you were getting then.

"If five years ago you gave \$100 a Sunday in the contribution, today you must give \$145.70 to be giving the same to the church. If you were giving \$50 a week then, you must give \$72.85 today to make the same contribution.

"You can see that if we aren't terribly careful we will be asking God to take the brunt of inflation. When it comes to housing, cars, gas, etc., we don't have much of a choice. We pay the price and go on. But because contributions are voluntary, we don't often reflect on what is happening to our giving.

"Perhaps it would be a good thing if all of us would do some sober reflecting on what we should be giving to the Lord."

How are you doing with your giving? Perhaps we need to give it some playful consideration.

Dick Marcear

The honour of your presence is requested

at the marriage of

Kathleen Joy Quick

to

Mr. Steven Evans Higginbotham

on Friday, the twenty-fourth of August

nineteen hundred and seventy-nine

at eight o'clock in the evening

Ellis Chapel, Park Cities Baptist Church

Dallas, Texas

and afterwards at the reception

Thank You

I wish to thank each and every one for the lovely cards, visits, calls, flowers and gifts. I am grateful for the ladies who sat with me in the hospital and I am especially thankful for your prayers in my behalf.

Naomi Haden

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, and prayers in my behalf while a shut-in due to an accident in my home.

W. D. Metcalf

Congratulations

We extend congratulations to Homer and Lerah Williamson. They will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday, August 17.

Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Frankston will have Mike Wyatt of Arlington in a Gospel Meeting August 19 - 23. Tuesday evening is Youth Night. Services, 7:30 p. m.

COOKIES, CAKES

for Boles Home

We have received a reminder that the week of August 26 is the date for West Erwin to furnish Cookies and Cakes for the children at Boles Home. Ladies, let's have a good supply to send!

Words From Wes



It is a difficult thing to say "thank you" in the right manner for the work of so many in our Vacation Bible School last week. I have never had things go as smoothly and as successfully. I am sure the children, teenagers and adults who attended classes were richly rewarded for their time. Included in our teaching staff were a number of teenagers who did a beautiful job in handling their assignments. They will be valuable additions to our adult teaching staff. Another special mention is to the teenagers who made the puppet show a success - John Freeman, Lee and Kristy Roberson. They handled the show like real pros. Refreshments were handled by Carolyn Welborn, Linda Marts and Ann Duncan.

I could only wish that every VBS went as well as ours. Thanks again to all involved.

By the time you receive this, George and Alice will be back among us from their trip abroad. We will be happy to see them return and share the good news about the trip with us.

Just a few more days and school will resume. It will be a great time to get back to the routine of being home. We can always count on church activities taking on renewed interest since folks schedules will be more predictable. We will be announcing a new series of classes for our Wednesday night program for adults that we believe you will be pleased with. One class already confirmed for this new program will be taught by brother Jim Strait on the Christian Family. Many of you will be wanting to enroll in that class. In addition to the new classes and subjects for Wednesday night, we will also be beginning a new series in each of our Sunday morning Adult Classes. These will be announced elsewhere in the bulletin. Our Education Committee is pleased to announce these new subjects and feel that it will be a great help in providing a balanced diet of Biblical studies for adults.

While we are talking about Bible classes, it is a most appropriate time to mention also the need to encourage

(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	August 5 \$4,626.55
Prayer	James Phillips	July 29 4,469.47
Dismiss	Wade Weathers	Year Ago 3,148.93
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	August 5 427
Prayer	Henry McRuiz	July 29 395
Dismiss	Lowell Wiggains	Year Ago 342
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship
C. B. Hardin, Jr.	Bob Threadgill	August 5 483
Tom Williams	Sam Sevier	July 29 477
Wayne Fears	Jamon Kirby	Weekly Budget
Ronny Jones	Donnie O'Bannon	\$4,500.00

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Johnnie Sue) Dayton, Rt. 4 17 Wilana, phone 561-6181, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly worshipped with the Broadway congregation. We are happy to welcome them to West Erwin.

Amazing Grace
BIBLE CLASS

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

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In The Hospitals

Brother M. M. Haws remains in the Presbyterian Hospital in San Francisco. His condition remains about the same.

Sister Mildred Parris was in Mother Frances Hospital for a few days last week but is now at home.

Sister Margaret Ratcliff will have surgery in St. Louis one day next week. They plan to leave Friday or Saturday. She will undergo tests on Tuesday.

Last Saturday twin boys were born to David Morris and his wife. He preaches for the Omen Road Church and is teaching young people in our VBS. The babies are premature and weigh 3 lbs. each. They are having difficulty breathing. Remember this family in your prayers.

Mrs. Thannie Anderson, mother of Mary McFadden, is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

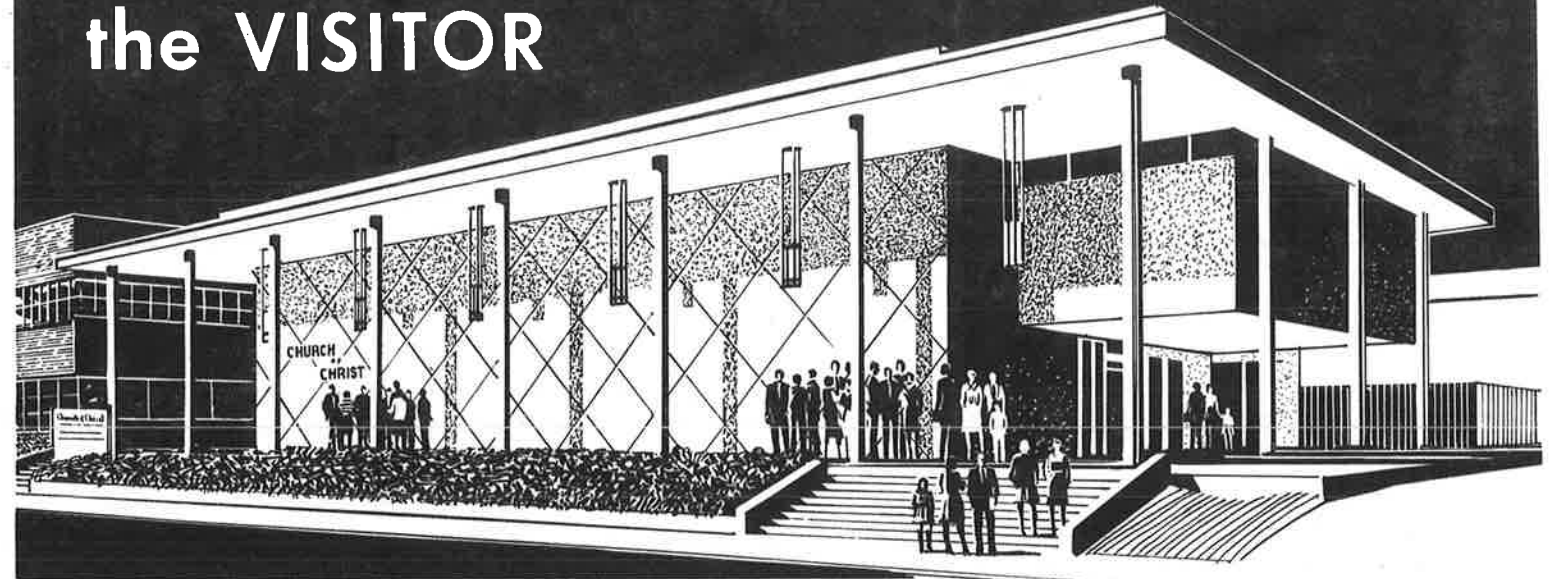
I have no YESTERDAYS,
Time took them away;
TOMORROW may not be—
But I have TODAY.

NEEDED ITEMS

A list of supplies needed for our new fellowship building is posted in the south foyer. If you would like to help supply some of these things please put your initials by one or more of the items.

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You Finish This Story

Once there was a congregation in which every member was *just like you*. Each one cooperated and supported every program *just the way you have been doing*. Everyone worked as hard and attended the same services and gospel meetings *that you did*.

The elders, deacons, and preachers were all interested in the church *as you are* at this time. They put the same emphasis on their recreation, business, and other material affairs *that you do*. Each member gave *as you do*. Within a year or so, this congregation

Via Garland Roadmarks



Mike Warner

We are happy to have Mike Warner as our guest speaker next Wednesday evening. Brother Warner is the minister for the Shiloh Road Church here in Tyler. We urge everyone to be present.

The Lord's Work

By Bobby Key

A young Christian woman with six children, two yet in diapers, walked into my office and told me she wanted to be assigned some work to do - she wanted to work for the Lord. Bless her heart, I told her she had her hands full working for the Lord right at home caring for her precious children. One who keeps a house does so by the authority of God. To neglect this responsibility is to blaspheme the Word of God (Titus 2:5). The godly woman who sweeps, mops, irons, cooks and changes diapers is certainly not neglecting the Lord's work.

Some where along the line we have gotten the idea that we must either be in worship service, knocking doors, riding a bus or teaching a cottage meeting to be working for the Lord. Now, all of these things are important and they need to be done; however, working for the Lord is not limited to these few good works. Making a living, caring for a house, feeding and clothing a family, training children by example and precept, visiting the sick, befriending the stranger, helping a neighbor, yes, and even recreation may be doing the Lord's Work! A lady whose husband was bed-ridden and demanded round the clock care came to me in tears because she was unable to get out and knock doors and work for the Lord like some of the others were doing. A preacher had told her that she was going to hell if she didn't get out and set up some cottage meetings. My Friend, the Lord expects you to do what you can with what you have, but he never expects the impossible. It is never right to place a blanket indictment on an entire group of people who differ in ability, circumstances and priorities.

We see so many times the inter-relationship of physical and spiritual activities. It is almost impossible to separate the two. Since making a living is a part of God's law, the Christian who fails to work has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel (I Tim. 5:8). The Lord wants

everything we do in word or deed to be done in the name of the Lord. Too many in the church have their own special interest and expect everybody else to have the same interest or else he is not working for the Lord. Ours is an age of specialization. In life one develops special interests, talents, and undergoes special training for special jobs. It is only natural that the most important work of the church, is the part that I am interested in. And, if others are not involved in what I am doing then, "they must not be doing anything for the Lord."

We have special interest groups in the federal government, local government, the school system, and yes, even in the church of Christ. The body of Christ has many members and all members do not have the same office. Yet all are important, and it takes all the parts to make the whole body. We have brethren involved in child-care, educational programs, door knocking, campaign work, care for the elderly, bus programs, TV, radio, newspaper, religious periodicals, camps and youth activities, and a dozen other things that are good. Let none of these special interest groups set back and judge their brethren who are working for the Lord in another field and accuse them of not doing anything. Let us be glad that everybody in the church doesn't have the same ability so that all the parts (members) might work together for the good of the whole and the glory of God.

There is no place in the church for nit-picking and criticism of sincere brethren who don't see fit to jump on every bandwagon that rolls by. Let us pray that God will use us in the place that we can serve him best. Take what ability you have and get started working for the Lord where you live, and you will not have the time to be critical of brethren with other talents and interests. May we all work together and with the Lord to the saving of the lost.

The man who is worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

(13) Gilbert Venable, Suzanne Kirby (14) Sherry Brown (15) Sylvia Reynolds, Cliff Clough (16) Jean Holt, June Walker (17) Lonnie Taylor (18) Jane Owens, Misty Lemons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Hughes
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Laurie Kay

to

Mr. Walter Ray Dawkins

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Dawkins
on Saturday, the eighteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following ceremony

TEACHERS AND WORKERS for Tuesday School are needed. Please see Elaine Roberson if you are willing to help. Tuesday School is scheduled to begin September 18.

THE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is in need of a 2nd grade teacher. If you are interested, contact Danny Minton at the Shiloh Road Church. Also, enrollment cards for children are available at the Shiloh Road building.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Edrie Mae Ingram, step-mother of David Ingram. We express our sympathy to David and his family.

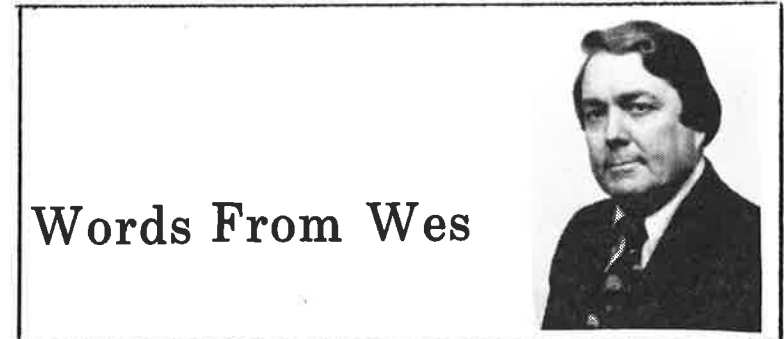
Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and visits while I have been sick.

Zorado Sherman

A RUMOR...

IS ABOUT AS
HARD TO UNSPREAD
AS BUTTER.



Words From Wes

We had a great beginning to our annual Vacation Bible School on Monday with 160 children present. Our biggest disappointment was in our adult class where we could have had a larger number. I have never worked with a better group of teachers. All of them made such an easy first day, and I am sure that was because of the advance preparation they did prior to that first class. We are confident that our attendance will continue to increase each day.

Thank God for such tireless workers!

Jack Paul challenged us with two fine messages Sunday. We are blessed to have such a gifted preacher among us. He also had a great beginning with our young people on their special study. I have heard so many good comments from them about the class. I am confident that they will profit greatly by this intense study of things that are basic to real Christianity.

Sister Ivah Miller reports hearing from the Stephensons and they are doing fine. Had a slight mix up on a train schedule from Barcelona, Spain but otherwise were enjoying their trip.

Our new fellowship hall has been put to good use on several occasions lately and what a blessing it is to have. We will be exercising good stewardship by using it as frequently as possible. Wedding receptions are on the schedule next, and I'm sure that many of you will be enjoying it then. Our men enjoyed their fellowship breakfast in it last Friday morning and we plan on having others there. If you have any questions about reserving the building for any special purpose, give the church office a call. A master calendar is maintained so that conflicts can be avoided.

See you in Bible Class Sunday!



Youth
News

EAST TEXAS
SUMMER YOUTH
SERIES

The last meeting for the summer will be at the Shiloh Road Church Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30.

PRAY AS THOUGH EVERYTHING
DEPENDS ON GOD --
WORK AS THOUGH EVERYTHING
DEPENDS ON YOU!

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Our Records

Tuesday School

Tuesday School is a one morning a week, Bible centered school for pre-school children ages 2 - 5. Tuesday School will begin Tuesday, September 18 and continue until May. Enrollment begins this week. The more workers we have the more children we will be able to accept. This provides many areas for us to serve the Lord. Two teachers are needed for each class plus help for refreshments, play-room, art activities, field trips and a good substitute list. Anyone (ladies or men) who are interested in being a part of this good work, please call the church office, 592-0809 or Elaine Roberson, 597-5627.

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

will be teaching our Adult Class and David Morris of the Omen Road church will teach High School students (both junior and senior high). We want to have a full class of people for these classes as well as all of our classes.

Bible awards will be given to the boy and girl in each department who brings the most visitors to our VBS. Awards will be made on Friday in our closing assembly. Begin working now to invite friends and neighbors to come and join us for a week of excellent Bible study and good times. All of our teachers are making excellent preparation for their classes and we want this to be the finest VBS ever. We will be looking forward to seeing you each day, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Come join us!

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Loyd Nail underwent surgery on Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Jim Franklin is now at home.

Judy Grogan, daughter of Lorene and Gilbert Venable underwent surgery on Wednesday in Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

M. M. Haws remains in the Hospital in San Francisco. He underwent surgery Monday evening and his condition is some improved at this time.

Mrs. Naomi Haden continues to be in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford is in the Glenwood Hospital.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Everyone Welcome!

August 6-10
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Rejoice!
and
Praise
the Lord!*

*West Erwin
Church of Christ*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 6 - 10

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Room</u>
<u>Nursery/Toddlers</u>	Fleta Butler	Marisa Butler	Nursery/ 109
<u>Pre-School</u> - Co-ordinator, Carolyn Welborn			
2 years	Diana Savage	Cecille Wiggains Christi Cook	102
3 years	Jane Owens	Susan Steffee	107
4 years	Maxine Freeman	Julienne Butler	104
5 years	Elaine Roberson	Sher Sevier	202
<u>Primary</u>			
1st grade	Betty Hubbard	Sherryl Miles	209
2nd grade	Earnestine Mallory	Dawn Mallory	206
3rd grade	Alma Faye Price	Barbara Montandon	204
<u>Junior</u> - Co-ordinator, Jan Knight			
4th grade	Billie Bob Hickman	Pauline Aven	214
5th grade	Carolyn Womack	Ray Womack	201
<u>High School</u>	David Morris		301
<u>Adult</u>	Tom Holcomb		Chapel
Refreshments	Carolyn Welborn	Linda Marts	



**JACK PAUL
TO PREACH SUNDAY**

Jack Paul will preach for morning and evening services this Sunday, August 5. We appreciated hearing Jim Strait, Director of Campus Christian Center at TJC, speak last Sunday morning.

The Amazing Grace

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

LITTLE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL of Glenwood Church of Christ is now accepting applications for fall enrollment in pre-school classes. Schedule and tuition for classes are as follows.

2½ - 3 year olds: 9:30 a. m. - 1:30 p. m.
Tues. & Thurs., \$20 per month
4 year olds: 9:30 a. m. - 1:30 p. m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri. - \$30 per month

For further information contact Marcia Hubbard, Director at 561-7595 or the Glenwood church office at 592-3858.

**EAST TEXAS
Summer Youth Series**

Tuesday, August 7, 1979
7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ
Mineola, Texas
(Meet at church building, 6:15 p. m.
to go together on the bus.)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August (5) Becky Blackstone, (8) M. M. Haws, Marian Rowe and Florene Lowrance (9) Angie Hendrix (10) Chris Sevier, Ivah Miller (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter.

*Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Rowe
and
Mrs. and Mrs. Edward D. Perkins, junior
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children
Cindy Ann
and
Kenneth Lee Giles
This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the eleventh of August
Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine
at three o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas
Reception
following the ceremony
Fellowship Hall*

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

We will always remember your kindness during our loss. Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, food, and each word of encouragement at this sad time. You helped us bear our burden and we love you.

The Elwin Crows

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Nacogdoches last Friday afternoon for Vernice Fulmer, nephew of brother B. B. Lambert. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Moved

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins have moved to Abilene to live near their daughter. We regret to see them leave but hope they will be happy in their new home.

Gospel Meeting

OCTOBER 21 - 24
Joe Barnett, Preaching

*Words
From
Wes*



Those who attended the ACU Workshop came home with a renewed spirit for service in the Kingdom. All were grateful for the opportunity our elders provided for us to go. All of those who went will be putting new ideas and programs into their efforts for the sake of the kingdom at West Erwin.

Beginning this Sunday, August 5, all of our Jr. High and Sr. High young people will have the privilege of engaging in a new six weeks study of Basic Christian Beliefs with brother Jack Paul as teacher. The class will meet in room 302. We want all of our young people to take special note of this series and make every effort to be present for each session. We are indebted to Jack for undertaking this series for the youth of West Erwin. He has already presented this series on two previous occasions for our adults and it has been well received. Our Education Committee feels certain that the class will be of inestimable value in deepening the faith of our young and help them grasp the significance of the New Testament church in the 20th Century.

Time is upon us for the beginning of another school year. And as has been the case in previous years, we will be having our Tuesday School under the direction of Elaine Roberson. Enrollment information will be available from her or the church office. We would like to encourage any who might be interested in helping teach these classes to let us know. This is a very important outreach service into our community and your work would be very rewarding in touching the lives of these little ones. Please let Elaine know if you can be of help.

Our Annual Vacation Bible School begins next Monday morning at 9:30. We have a great staff of teachers and workers for every age. We have two visiting teachers for our young people and adults. Tom Holcomb of the Northwest church

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Faber Cauthen
 Dismiss Guy Potts
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Our Records

Contributions	
July 22	\$4,034.94
July 15	4,755.14
Year Ago	3,263.15
Bible School	
July 22	403
July 15	411
Year Ago	351
Worship A. M.	
July 22	530
July 15	514
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,500.00

In The Hospitals

Jim Franklin continues to be in Baylor in Dallas. Fay and Pete Wallace's daughter, Pam, underwent major surgery on Monday in San Antonio. They have asked for our prayers for her recovery.

We regret that brother M. M. Haws has suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in San Francisco, California. They were on vacation when he became ill. His condition is very serious.

Mrs. Naomi Haden and Mrs. Sybil Thacker are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne is in Medical Center but hopes to go home in a day or two. Mrs. Jasper Dobbs is in Medical Center for tests.

Directory Change

Because of the nearness of the church in Bullard to their home, Connie and David Thurman have decided to worship there. We shall miss them very much and hope they will visit with us at every opportunity.

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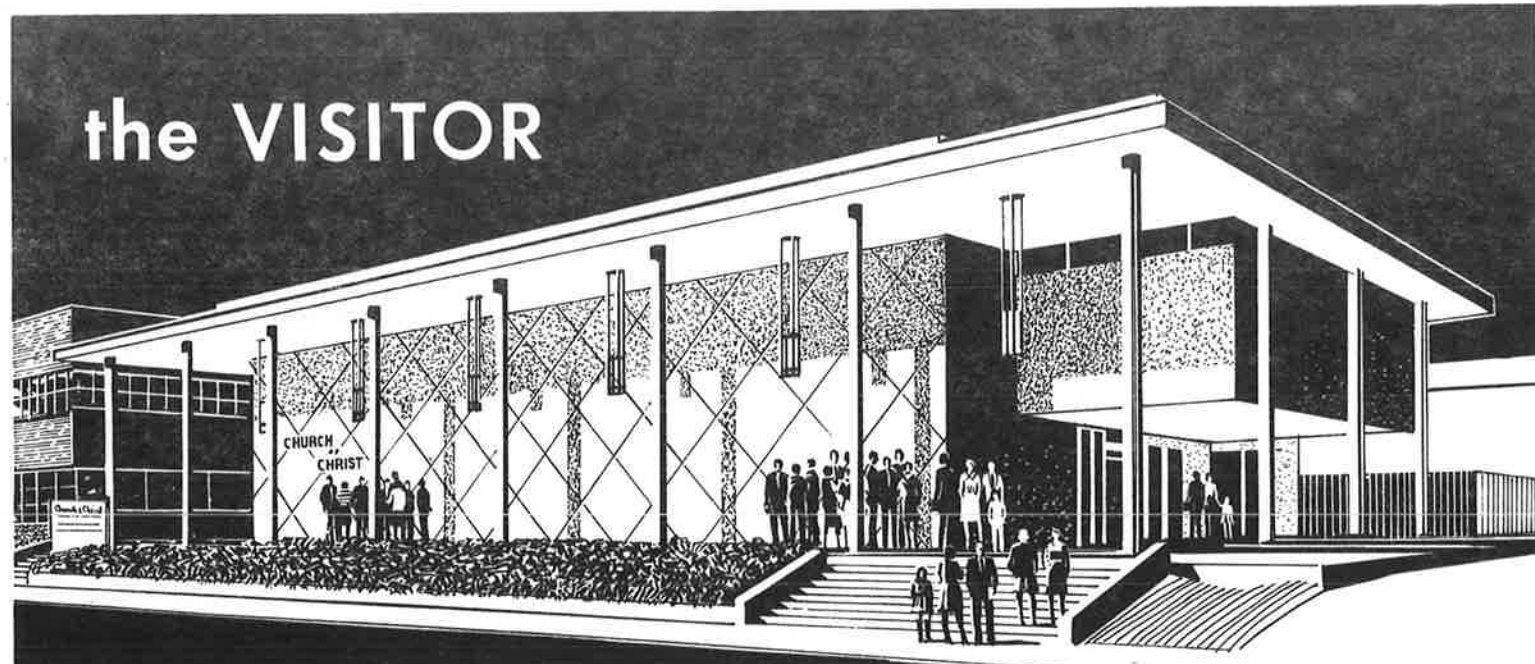
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contributed toward the support of the Rischer family for a number of years. We usually make copies of brother Rischer's reports and give them out in our Sunday morning classes. However, we are publishing his latest report this week in The Visitor. It is written by Reiner Kallus who preached in a recent campaign in Augsburg. I know you will rejoice in the success of the campaign. There were 183 guests all together or an average attendance of 17 guests per night. (Do we do that well in our meetings in Tyler?) A 36 year old man and an 18 year old woman were baptized.

We are most grateful for all of your prayers and good wishes for us on our trip. We are thankful that the elders have given us the opportunity to visit with our missionaries and to have this enriching experience. We are grateful to Wes and Hillard for their good work with West Erwin. I know that you will appreciate hearing Jim Strait and Jack Paul when they preach in addition to the good sermons by Wes. Also, I appreciate Joe Carroll for his willingness to teach the Chapel class in my absence. We pray God's blessings to be with all of you while we are away and look forward to being in the pulpit here again on August 19.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .
 October 21 - 24 Our Gospel Meeting
 Joe Barnett from Lubbock, Texas

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

When you receive this bulletin Alice and I will likely be in New York City on the first stop in our trip overseas. I am scheduled to preach for the Manhattan church on Sunday morning and fly out from New York on Sunday night for Madrid, Spain.

We are looking forward to our visit with Kieth Mitchell, who works in the International Mission in the World Trade Center. West Erwin has contributed toward the support of Kieth for a number of years. In addition to his work at the mission he preaches for the Manhattan church and is doing an outstanding work in both areas of work. We also look forward to seeing brother and sister Lloyd Rutledge who made their home here for a period of time. As you know he is the father of our Jan Knight. Brother Rutledge has worked very faithfully as an elder at Manhattan and has contributed much to the progress of the church there.

We will be traveling by train through various places in Europe until we reach Augsburg, Germany where we look forward to our visit with the Rudolf Rischer family and the church there. The church at West Erwin has

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JIM STRAIT

Jim Strait will be our guest speaker for the Sunday morning worship hour.

Jim is Campus Minister for Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College. He is a native of Tyler and grew up here at West Erwin. We are pleased to have Jim and Lynda and their children living in Tyler.

AUGSBURG NEWS for June 1979

Today's report was written by Reiner Kallus from Braunschweig, Germany, who has been a dedicated preacher for more than thirty years. I asked him to write this report, so that you might get an impression of our work from another view. After Reiner left Augsburg, he went on a trip to Austria, which is the reason for the delay of this letter. Reiner writes:

From June 17 through 22, 1979 I held a meeting for the German church in Augsburg, Germany. These six nights were only the first part of a meeting of 11 nights. My friend, Jack McKinney, now teaching at Harding College, preached the remaining 5 nights. It was not my first meeting there. Probably no one has held as many meetings for this congregation as I have over the past 20 years.

My last preaching was done during the campaign of 1977. As usual I found the church ready for it as none other in Germany. All the members were well motivated, had had a part in the preparation of the meeting, helped in the course of it, were regular in attendance, brought others, visited with guests, etc. Everytime I am impressed with the congregation, everytime I think it cannot be improved, and everytime it is being improved. I know that this, to a great degree, is the work of Rudolf Rischer and I can only congratulate you for working with such a dedicated and able man. The Augsburg church indeed is one of the bright spots in Germany and you can expect it to continue to grow and in due time will be fully independent. But please be patient and understand that the situation in Germany is not comparable to that in the States. The meeting was especially remarkable because of the many new contacts made. Of course, this is the main goal of a campaign of this kind, but it is not always reached. In this case it went very well. The number of guests grew steadily from 8 on the first night to 24. Many of those came back several times and were enthusiastic about the church and the preaching - no wonder that two baptisms so far resulted from it. This again is exceptional because in Germany people normally do not respond easily.

I enjoyed my short stay in the Rischer home immensely and I am looking forward to more meetings of that kind - if the Lord will let me live.

To you, as a German I like to express my gratitude for your making it possible for Rudolf to preach the gospel to my people.

Love and greetings Rudolf

Yours in His service
Reiner Kallus

BIRTHDAYS

July (29) Bryan Chambless, Lukas Reynolds (30) Steve Brown, W. D. Metcalf (31) Julie Higginbotham, Connie Thurman.

August (1) Jeff Willis, Ralph Rowe (2) Lee Knight, Edith Porter (3) Zora Lunceford, Dale Blackstone, Dorothy Babb.

Remember Parents and Junior High and High School "Family Night," Sunday evening following worship.

EAST TEXAS Summer Youth Series

July 31, 7:30 P.M.
Alpine Church of Christ
Longview, Texas

(Meet at the church building at
6:00 p.m. to go on the bus.)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frank Moore

*request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Rhonda

to

Mr. John Matthew Haws

Friday, the third of August

Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine

at seven-thirty in the evening

Westwood Baptist Church

Tyler, Texas

*Reception following
in Fellowship Hall*

Thank You

We wish to thank each brother and sister for every kindness, books, flowers, cards and most of all for the prayers that have been offered in our behalf. We are grateful for brother Caskey, brother Price and brother Stephenson and all who had a part in John's salvation. We want to ask that everyone continue to remember us in your prayers.

John and Naomi McKeever

I want to express to each of you my sincere appreciation for your prayers, the food, visits, cards and every expression of kindness shown to me and my family.

Mrs. O. B. Sanders

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Waco for the mother of Elwin Crow. We extend our sincere sympathy to Elwin, Pat and Cathy and to the other members of the family.

Vacation Bible School, August 6 - 10

Words From Wes



Guest Editorial...

KILL THE SPIDER by Bob Mize

One Brother in the congregation had a habit of praying a certain phrase every time he led prayer. It went, "Lord, clean out the cobwebs from our lives." Finally after hearing this prayer so many times that he was to the point of exasperation, the preacher spoke up, saying, "Lord, don't remove the cobwebs - kill the spider!"

Most of us are like that brother -- gifted in dealing with the symptoms rather than the diseases. It is difficult to truly examine self, honestly and frankly. And there are reasons. The main one might be that our senses are all turned outward rather than inward. Our eyes can see the faults of others quicker than our own. Our ears hear others, but it is hard to hear how we ourselves sound (people are surprised when hearing a recording of their voice for the first time). Our tongue speaks to others but we seldom give ourselves a "good talking to."

Another roadblock to self-examination is rationalization, the mental exercise of attributing our actions to creditable motives without adequate analysis of the true motives. And we all do this. Give enough time to find "extenuating circumstances" and "count enough heads," we can talk ourselves out of almost all lingering guilt feelings.

An added obstacle is that of inconsistency. Most of us have our bandwagons, soap boxes, or ruts. It is hard to turn our condemnations toward self. Therefore we classify sins as "bad," "not so bad," and "don't sweat it."

When was the last time you bowed before God and began a simple and direct prayer with something like this: "Father, I know how easily I can be deceived. Please help me look within and find my faults, weaknesses, and repulsive traits, and repent of them!"

Remember the admonitions: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are holding to your faith. Test yourselves" (2 Cor. 13:5), and "Be the more zealous to confirm your call and election" (2 Pet. 1:10). How close do you suppose your view of yourself is to God's view of you?

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer George Kester

Dismiss Lowell Wiggains

Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer Wyndal Miller

Dismiss Edwin Pickle

Serving Communion Sunday

Leon Welborn Phil Marts

Weldon Dawson John Owens

Gilbert Kasparek T. Lowrance

Mike Savage Tim Holt

Our Records

Contributions

July 15 \$4,755.14

Bldg. Fund 390.00

July 8 4,928.64

Year Ago 2,900.19

Bible School

July 15 411

July 8 400

Year Ago 335

Worship A. M.

July 15 514

July 8 497

Weekly Budget

\$4,500.00

Responses

We are happy to have Dale and Ann Duncan and their children as members of the West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped with the Shiloh Road congregation. Greg and Jeff are college age and Julie is in the 11th grade. They have a younger pre-school son, Jason. Dale is a store manager of Kroger.

Restored: Sandra Henderson

In The Hospitals

Jim Franklin continues to be a patient in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Naomi Haden remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Jim Willis has been in Glenwood Hospital.

The baby grandson of Joe and Joyce Willis is hospitalized in Nacogdoches.

"Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation."

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WHAT ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENTS?

Often criticized as unspiritual intrusions into the services, and not infrequently poorly executed, announcements are reluctantly accepted in some church gatherings as necessary evils. Necessary they are; evil they are not, except in the sense that an inappropriate or bungled sermon could be called evil.

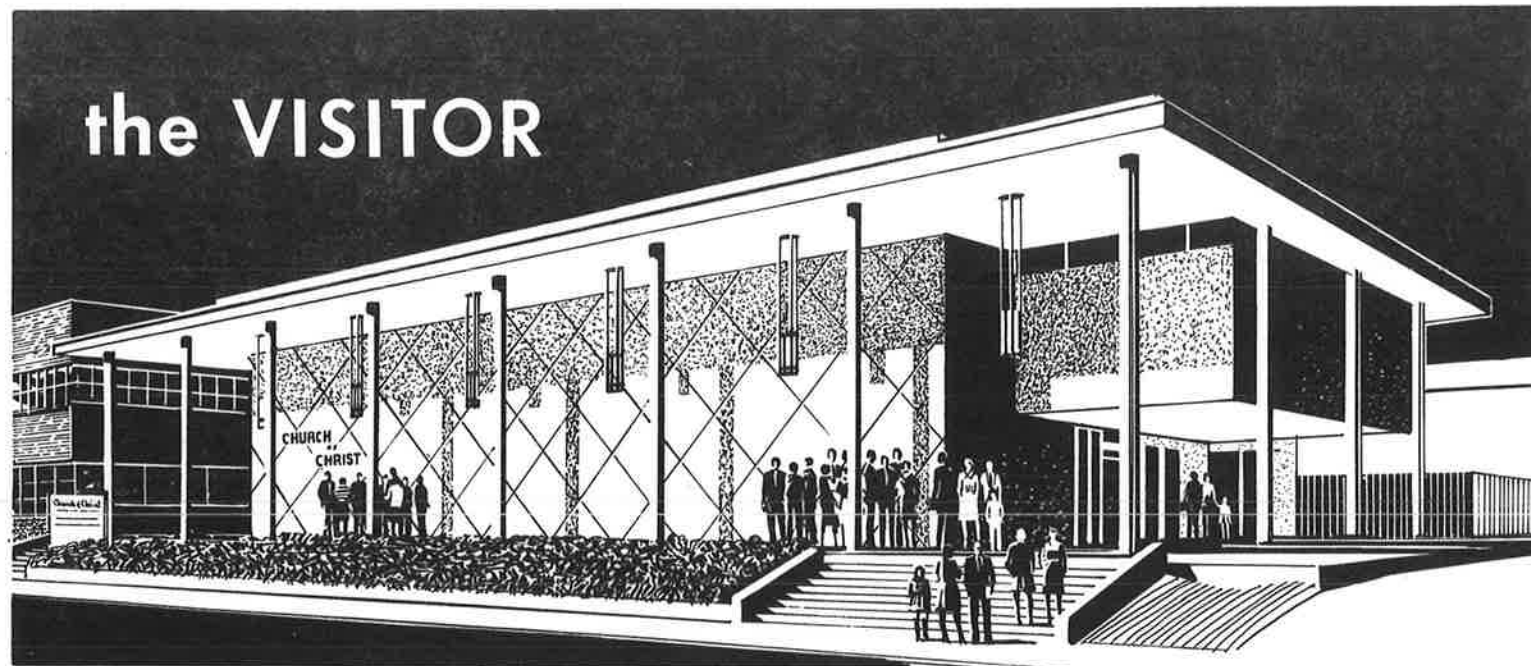
The spiritual significance of announcements is often overlooked... Paul did not succumb to the extreme spiritualizing tendency which prevents some church services from being concrete expressions of fellowship, but he laid on the assembled saints such "worldly" items as personal plans and reports, expressions of affection, individual greetings, and news of the brethren, which would enhance their mutual involvement and inspire prayer and praise. Worship which is so narrowly defined that such communications are excluded would, I suspect, be too "solemn" for Paul...

Hoy Ledbetter
via bulletin Littleton, Colorado

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Tuesday, July 24
Glenwood Church of Christ

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seminar a few years ago at the West Erwin church. It was excellent and I have been told that brethren Brecheen and Faulkner have made it even better.

The schedule includes registration on Friday, August 24 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and sessions from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Sessions on Saturday, August 25 will be at 9:00 to 12:00 in the morning, 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon, and 6:00 to 9:00 in the evening. As the brochure concerning the seminar says, it is twelve hours designed to enrich, strengthen and vitalize the marriage relationship.

We have registration forms available for those who desire to attend. The cost is \$10.00 per person with manual included. It is \$15.00 per couple with one manual for the couple. There is no charge for those who have attended one of the previous seminars.

Next to our relationship to our Lord, the most important relationship is that between husbands and wives. We should do all we can to promote homes that are in harmony with the teaching of God's Word. Please plan to attend this marriage enrichment series. GHS

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. Life Without Life

P. M. The Persecuted



**From the
Preacher's
Desk**

George H. Stephenson

I am grateful for the words of appreciation from many of you in regard to our sermons based upon the beatitudes of Jesus. I plan to preach the 1st sermon in this series on this coming Sunday night when we study the statement of Jesus, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." I believe that the one who referred to the beatitudes as "blessed attitudes" was right. I hope and pray that all of us who are Christians may show the traits and attitudes Jesus would want us to have in the beatitudes. Surely this will bring happiness to our lives and give strength to the church of which we are a part.

Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner will be conducting a "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" at the Glenwood Church of Christ Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25. I highly recommend this seminar to all who are married and for those who are planning to be married. You will recall that we were privileged to have this

WHAT IS A BIBLE CHAIR OR A CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

It is a place to bring a friend, where Christian fellowship takes place. It is a place where Christians congregate to relax, refuel their bodies and refurbish their souls. Some come for counseling, others come looking for fellowship and still others come to share their thoughts, needs and ambitions. It is a place where some make permanent companions. It is a place which sponsors retreats, seminars, and devotionals; a place to fill the soul. It is a place where one can study the Word, fill the mind and glorify God. It is a place of commitment where ethics, morality, and standards are solidified. An atmosphere is provided where fun, food, and fellowship are welcome. A library is provided where serious students can do research. Students plan activities, represent the church, and share their faith. Devotionals provide an opportunity for praise and growth. It is here that some first come to a knowledge of faith and devote their life to God. It is truly a place where adults can feel comfortable about their sons and daughters' participation. It is the church at work on a state campus.

...Jim Strait, Campus Minister

BIRTHDAYS

(22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (23) David Hubbard (24) Andy Butler, Benjamin Sutton
(25) Pam Lemons (28) Ken Bennett, Harley Turner

New Members



Rodney & Betty Knight
Michael



Stan & Ernestine Mallory
Dawn, Marty, Angela, Lesley



C. B. & Evelyn Burkham



Dale & Ann Duncan
Greg, Julie, Jeff, Jason



Mrs. Hazel Morgan



Cole Bennett

BON VOYAGE, George and Alice

As many of you know, George and Alice Stephenson will be leaving next week, July 26th, for a trip abroad. Principally, their trip is designed to visit with our missionaries in Germany and in New York City but George will also have some unique speaking opportunities. He is one of the guest speakers on the European Lectureship in Madrid, Spain but will preach for the Manhattan church on the 29th prior to their departure for Spain. They will travel by train from Spain through Switzerland to Augsburg, Germany where he will visit with Rudolf Rischer and his family for a day or so.

They are excited about the trip and I know that you would enjoy sharing some of that excitement with them before they go. Let's pray that they have a safe and happy trip and return to us refreshed and brimming over with enthusiasm for the work of the Lord. Bon Voyage, George and Alice. WP

Thank You

The family of Jesse Mayo acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Your visits, cards, calls, and especially your prayers were all appreciated during my recent stay in the hospital. I hope to be back for worship soon.

Mrs. R. M. Mayo

Thank you for the visits and especially for the shower of birthday cards I received last week. A special thanks to brother Stephenson and brother Price for the pot plant. Wyche Harris

A SPECIAL NEED

There is a need for adoptive parents for children with specific needs. These children are considered "hard to place" for various reasons, and there may be one for whom you feel you are suited to provide a good home. If you would like more information, please call Diana Hall, Christian Services of the Southwest - 592-3850

Words

From Wes



Guest Editorial... by Virgil Trout

An Alarming Danger

Perhaps the most alarming problem that faces every elder and every evangelist in the church of the Lord today is the problem of spiritual indifference on the part of 50% of the members of the body of Jesus Christ. In some areas this figure is higher and in some lower. It is an alarming thing to read the severe rebukes that our Lord directed to the spiritually indifferent and then to realize that this is a disease which afflicts so many people of God today. The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is to be to us everything. But the fact is that to many of us He is almost nothing.

About all Christianity seems to be to many a member of the church is that he is expected to get up on Sunday morning a little later than usual and put on his best suit of clothes and enter the church building too late for Bible classes with a stately and dignified step, bow his head, or at any rate close his eyes when prayer is offered, turn toward the pulpit with holy dullness while the preacher speaks, partake of the Lord's supper with his thoughts a million miles away, slip a dollar bill out and put it in the platter, kind of shoving it down under the other bills so that as far as the usher knows it is a ten or twenty, and go quickly home to the biggest meal of the week. After the big meal he leans back with a smile of self satisfaction, thinking to himself how fortunate the Lord is to have him for his servant. Jesus describes this dead, inactive, lukewarm, once a week Christian as a "wicked and slothful servant." He promises that when he comes again to receive his own he will say to this man, "I never knew you."

If this is all that Christianity means to us, then I assure you that we are in worse spiritual condition than the man who never heard the name of Jesus. Let us wake out of the spiritual lethargy before it is too late.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING will be Sunday, 2:30 p. m. at the Frankston Church of Christ. You are invited to attend.



**From the
Preacher's
Desk**

We are most grateful to all of the preachers from other congregations in Tyler who have spoken for us in our Wednesday evening services this summer. We have had some excellent lessons and I know that they have blessed all who have heard them.

I am sure that we do not appreciate the freedom which we enjoy in America to assemble for worship without fear. We should pray that this freedom may continue in the lives of our children and grandchildren. A recent letter from the Overland Park Church in Overland Park, Kansas tells of the suffering and persecution many Christians are enduring at this time.

The letter states: "Our brothers are being murdered in Nicaragua by the armed forces of the dictator, Somoza. Many have attempted to flee the country with their families, only to be felled at the

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Responses

Mrs. Jimmy (Billie) Mintz, 809 So. Robertson, came Sunday evening to be restored.

Ira Wright had the privilege of baptizing his grandson on Wednesday (the 4th). He is from Sherman.

In The Hospitals

Jim Franklin underwent surgery Monday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas on Monday. His address is room 6431 - Baylor Hospital, 3500 Gaston, Dallas 75426.

Brother W. D. Metcalf is improving following a fall recently. He is at home.

Maurice Henderson and Holly Henderson were hospitalized a few days last week.

Mrs. R. M. Mayo is a patient in Medical Center.

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy and Mrs. Jim Willis are in the Glenwood Hospital. Also, Mrs. Zorado Sherman had surgery in Glenwood Hospital last week as a result of a fall in her home. Mrs. Naomi Haden has been in ICU in Glenwood Hospital following a heart attack. She may be in a room by the time you read this.

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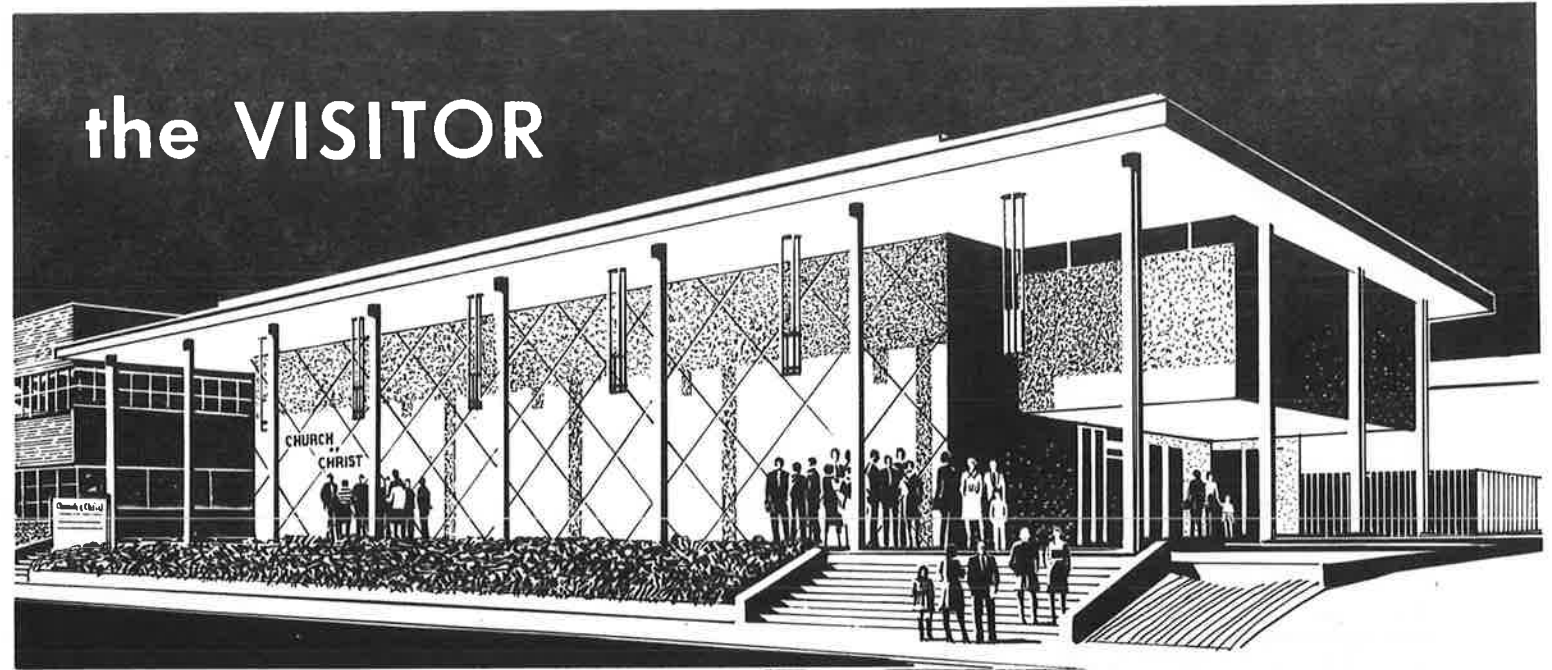
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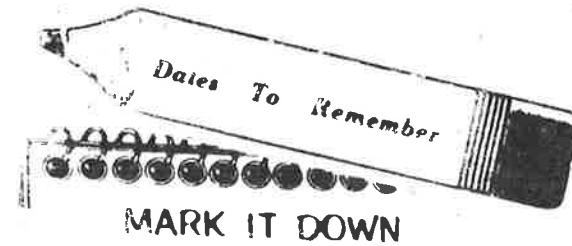
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Marriage Enrichment Seminar
Glenwood Church of Christ
August 24, 25, 1979

West Erwin Church of Christ
Gospel Meeting
Joe Barnett - Preaching
October 21 - 24



Rufus Johnson

We look forward to having Rufus Johnson as our guest speaker next Wednesday evening. Brother Johnson is the preacher for the North Tenneha Church of Christ here in Tyler. You are urged to be present for this service.



GUEST SPEAKER

We were happy to have Charles Siburt, preacher for the Glenwood Church of Christ, speak for us on Wednesday evening.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to the Campus Christian Center each Friday evening from 7:00 until 10:00 o'clock (through August) for fellowship. Each Friday evening a Christian couple will serve as host and hostess. Will be looking forward to meeting each of you.
Jim Strait, Director

Singing

You are invited to attend an area wide singing hosted by the Crockett Road Church of Christ teenage group on Sunday in the new auditorium beginning at 2:00 p. m. It is not just for teens!

New Baby

Steve and Sherry Brown are the happy parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, June 27. They have named her Laurie Ann and she has already been to church.

TO SPEAK IN TERRELL

Wes Price will speak in Terrell Wednesday evening, July 18 for their Vacation Bible School.

EAST TEXAS Summer Youth Series

Queen at DeBard Church of Christ
Palestine, Texas
July 18, 7:30 p. m.

(Be at the building about 6:00 p. m.
to go on the bus.)

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

- (14th) Grant Knight, Jasper Dobbs
- (15th) Lorene Venable
- (16th) Lisa Ford
- (17th) Naomi Haws, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Zeffie Beard, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts
- (18th) Delle Bullard
- (19th) Roger Knight, Lera Bennett, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggains
- (20th) Jack Paul, Jim Paul, Laurie Hughes
- (21st) Jeanine Hughes

Directory Change

Wilmer and Dianne Little are now attending the Shiloh Road Church.

Thank You

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

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

P. J. Bryant Family

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Erma Sanders

Thank you for the cards and interest shown during my illness. A special thanks for the pot plant from the Chapel Class and for the card from the Young Couple Class.
Mrs. Titus Holland

Our Sympathy

Brother R. M. Mayo's brother was buried last week in Ballinger, Texas. The Mayos were unable to attend the funeral service.

An aunt of sister Marvin Jones was buried last Friday in Houston. She has suffered the loss of three aunts since May.

Funeral services were held in Dallas last week for an aunt of sister Faber Cauthen.

"LET'S GO!"

"AND THE PEOPLE HAD A
MIND TO WORK"

Preacher's Desk

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border. Two widows and their children, along with two other families are presently living in the Cristo Rey church building in San Jose, Costa Rica. One of these widows not only watched her husband shot down at the border, but also stood helpless as the guards prepared to shoot her teen age son. Some gunfire nearby caught the guard's attention and the family slipped away. One church family had not eaten for a week when they arrived in San Jose. The father was so infested with parasites from drinking bad water that he had to be taken to the hospital. Many others have been helped out; the church in San Jose has had to turn many away."

The letter continues to tell of the suffering and distress of over 200,000 refugees in the land. It also states, "A suburb of Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, containing a church of about 100 people has been sealed off by Somoza's armed forces; no one is allowed to come or go. This area was then bombed by Somoza's air force. There is devastation, death and injury throughout Nicaragua, the extent of which we will not know until the fighting stops. Certainly, this event is cataclysmic in comparison with the earthquake in Managua a few years back. At that time churches of Christ contributed \$103,000 for relief. Much more will be needed this time."

The Overland Park church is asking for special contributions made out to "Nicaragua Emergency Fund." The church address: Overland Park Church of Christ, 103rd and Antioch, Overland Park, Kansas 66212.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson

- 10:30 a. m. The Pure in Heart
- 6:00 p. m. The Peacemakers

Words

From Wes



In just a very short time now we will have possession of our new Fellowship Hall. Workmen are in the final stages of work and completion is at hand. Although we will be using it right away, a special open house and dedication program will be scheduled for the month of September. The date will be announced later.

One man among us stands out in a significant way concerning the oversight of construction of this building. He has spent countless hours virtually 5 days a week supervising the work. He is a modest man and seeks no praise for the effort put forth, but our Bible tells us that we should give honor to whom honor is due and it is just and fitting that we express our gratitude to him. And I'm not just talking about this expression here, but asking you to join me in a verbal word of thanks to brother James Massey. And while we are at it, an equal word to his lovely wife, Mildred for the encouragement she has given her husband in this giant effort.

We will be proud of our new building. It will add immeasurably to our capabilities for the work of the Lord at West Erwin. We want to be good stewards of what God has given us and we hope to put this facility to the optimum use in His service.

Parents, please don't forget our Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 6 - 10. Teachers are hard at work preparing their materials and we hope to have a great time. We urge all of you to encourage your children to invite their friends to come as guests and enjoy this special Bible study effort

We still have room on our bus for those who might be interested in attending the ACU Teachers Workshop. We will leave here on Monday morning around 8:00 o'clock and return on Friday morning. We have already turned in our reservations for room space at the college, but if you are interested in going, we will try to find a room for you. Just call the office.

See you in Bible Class on Sunday morning!

WES W. PRICE

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Paul Stanley
 Dismiss John Steffee
 Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.

Our Records

Contributions
 June 24 \$4,804.03
 June 17 4,322.70
 Year Ago 3,157.68
 Bible School
 June 24 403
 June 17 381
 Year Ago 371

Serving Communion Sunday

DeRay Bennett Edwin Pickle
 Ron Lott Shayne Bennett
 Paul Knight Hunt Rowe
 Ray Magee Kevin Womack

Worship
 June 24 503
 June 17 579

Greeters for Sunday

Roy Roberson Mac McCall
 D. C. Jones

Weekly Budget
 \$4,500.00

Responses

Baptized: On Saturday of last week Ed Stitt was baptized by brother Stephenson.

Tuesday evening brother C. E. Caskey baptized J. B. McKeever.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. (Pete) Wallace (Fay), 1619 Montrose, phone 597-6888 asked to again be identified with the West Erwin congregation.

We rejoice that all of these have been added to the fellowship here.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Velma Holland is in Glenwood Hospital. Ed Stitt is hospitalized in Houston.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (next week) July 1 Wes Price, July 3 Alma Bennett, Cindy Rowe, July 6 Charlie Cook.

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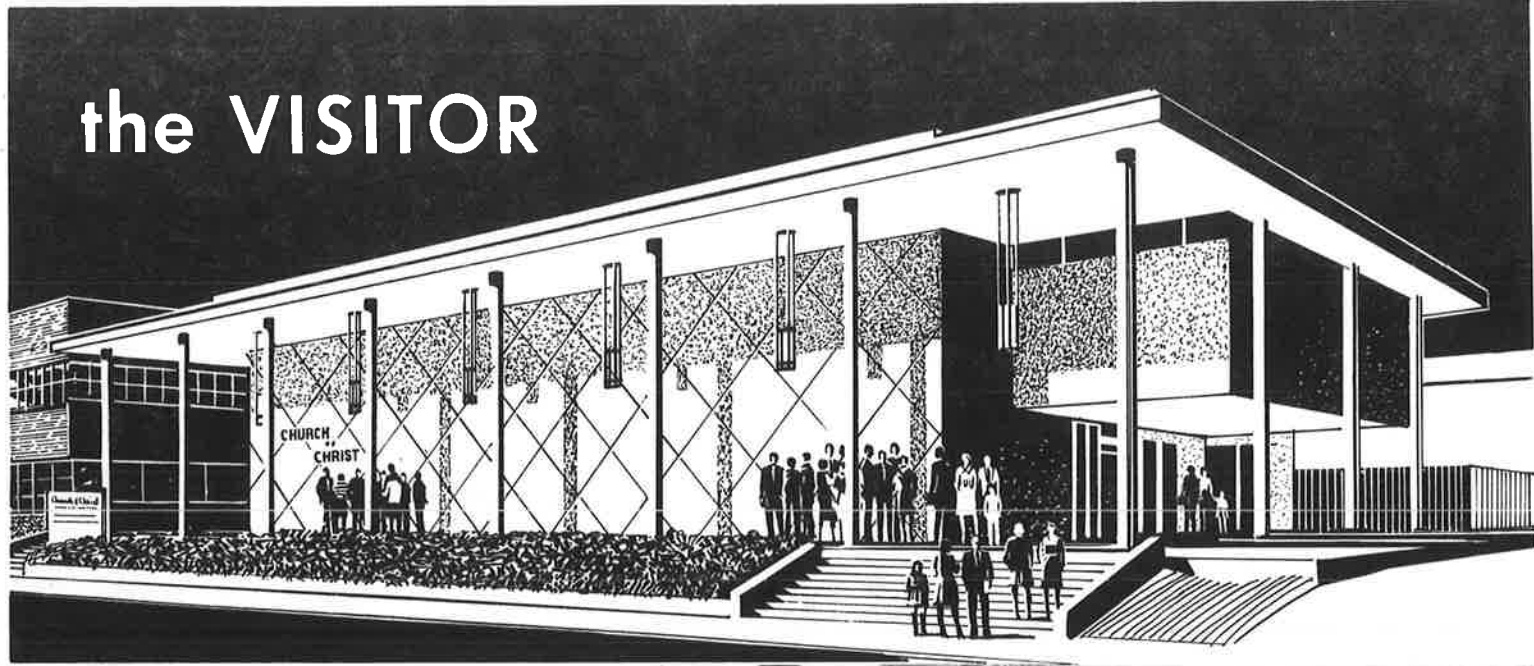
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From The Preacher's Desk (Continued)
 sires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." (New International Version)

Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning their past conduct, but they had changed. It is possible for homosexuals to change their life style. We read, "Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (I Cor. 6:9-11, N. I. V.)

If we are true to the Bible, we must continue to oppose all forms of immorality and yet with a spirit of love and kindness.

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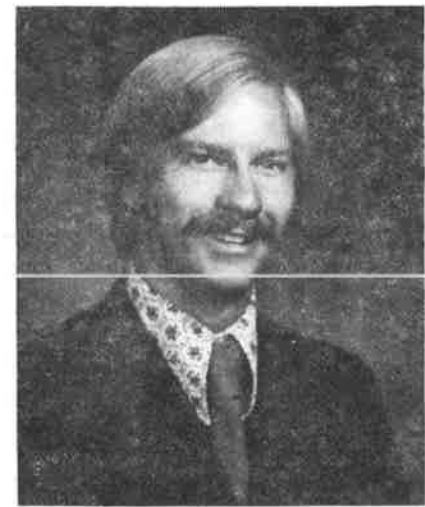
I was glad to note in various periodicals that Anita Bryant was selected as the Most Admired Woman for the second consecutive year by a poll taken by the Good Housekeeping magazine. This shows that many people in our country still appreciate those who have the courage to take a stand on moral issues.

Anita Bryant is to be commended for her stand against homosexuality. She has suffered much ridicule and quite a bit of persecution. Her stand has cost her financial loss as well as harassment for herself and family.

The "gay" movement continues to gain in momentum across the land. I am sorry that the word "gay" now has the connotation it has. It was once a very good word, but has come to be identified with a life style that the Bible teaches is wrong.

We should not hate homosexuals. We are to love them, but Christians cannot condone their practice. Paul's description of this sinful practice is very vivid in Romans 1:24-27:

"Therefore God gave them over in the sinful de- (continued on back page)



David Morris

Our summer series of lessons for Wednesday evening will continue next week with David Morris as our guest speaker. Brother Morris preaches for the Omen Road congregation.

We want to encourage everyone to be present each Wednesday evening for these special lessons.

Senior Citizens

The world has always belonged to the young. That hasn't always turned out for the best. Jeroboam took the counsel of the young men rather than the counsel of the old men and brought division and rebellion upon Israel. Today, in the average church, if one has passed fifty years of age he is too old to preach. In all the years in between Solomon and the present we have repeated the mistake of hiring youth ministers and neglecting ministries to senior citizens in the church. Attention should be called to the extra value of the contribution that age can make to the ongoing of the kingdom.

The scriptures make it clear that it is God's will that senior citizens have a vital role in the local church. Israel looked to its "elders" for wisdom to direct its affairs. Before there was an Israel, the "patriarchs" provided the government of the tribes and peoples. In the New Testament church it was a most natural thing that from among the elderly "elders" should be ordained to lead and guide the flock.

One of the most important things that senior citizens can do in the church is to set good examples in purity and holiness for the rest of the church. Paul's instructions in Titus 2 make it clear that old men are to be teachers of young men and that older women are to be teachers of young women. There are some vital principles of morality in this chapter that cannot be ignored if the church is to continue to prosper. Aged Christians are directly commissioned to teach the next generation to conduct itself as befits Christian people. If they fail the church will fail.

There is entirely too much of the spirit of retirement among senior citizens. Too often they say, "When I was younger, I used to do thus and so, but now it is time for someone else to do it." In the carnal world one may retire and go on social security, but in the spiritual kingdom there is no retirement age. One keeps on keeping on until called to glory. The church should not build a shelf for its senior citizens.

It doesn't hurt for the church to honor its senior citizens. We are a peculiar people in that we are allergic to honor. Those who don't do anything get jealous of those who do, and especially if anyone starts to honor them. Older people in the church do not deserve to be ignored.

It is very difficult for Christians growing old not to become cantankerous and opposed to church growth

and expansion. Plans that will set the congregation forward, such as building a new building or changing a location are often opposed by the elderly and pushed by the younger members. If senior citizens are encouraged by the church to stay alive and stay active, and if they are taken into consideration in the planning of the congregation, a lot of the "generation gap" can be eliminated. After all, we are one family.

About everything we do is designed to split up the family. Our Bible schools, our youth work, our singles courses, our young professionals—all of it is designed to do exactly the opposite of what we preach: that we are all one. We do not here propose a separation of senior citizens into a group or class of their own, but, rather, a mixing of them in all the work of the church. They will add a flavor to the mix that would be good for the church. We have designed the division and separation of different elements in the average congregation until in too many instances we have several groups within a stone's throw of each other—and that's what they do.

There are all kinds of federal programs that minister to the physical and mental well-being of the aged. Isn't it time we do some thinking and planning to use the unusual ability and wisdom that only years of living in the world can provide? They are well fitted for counselship. They have time to do the thousand little things that need doing in implementing the work of the congregation. Opportunities can be provided for them to meet together, work together, yes, even eat together. Someone recently wrote: "Every time they meet you can smell coffee." We have never yet seen anyone who said such things who ever built up a congregation. There is hardly anything any more biblical than eating together. The New Testament church, which we are supposed to be restoring, did it daily.

Researchers tell us that twenty years from now one-third of the people in the U. S. will be over 65. The role of the senior citizen is vital to the church and we need to plan for their useful participation in the church's work. Maybe we need a minister for the aged in the congregation. Now, that would be a "staff member" for you!

FIRM FOUNDATION—JUNE 26, 1979

We are grateful to Reuel Lemmons for the editorial above from the Firm Foundation. We need to promote fellowship and love among all of us — young and old alike. GHS

The best way to remember people is in prayer.

Words

From Wes



Our Wednesday evening visiting preacher program has been well received judging from the comments of many of you. We are thankful that these busy men could find room in their schedule to be with us. It is indeed a joy to get better acquainted with them.

We have many more to hear from and we especially want you to come if you have not been in the habit of coming for the mid-week service. It will do you a world of good.

What a great day Sunday was! We had good attendance at all services and the preaching was outstanding. Along with a full house of our own members, we had a host of visitors for whom we are always grateful. All of this adds to our momentum in a fine way. Let's keep it up.

Just a brief mention about our Wednesday night classes. We have classes for all ages through fifth grade. Teachers are here and prepared to help in the teaching of your children. It is important that your children be here for these valuable lessons. I'm afraid that we teach a negative lesson on the importance of Wednesday night attendance when we let anything of lesser value interrupt our coming. It is a subtle yet very effective way to tell our little ones that studying the Bible on Wednesday nights is not as important as other things. And incidentally, one of the ways we can reward these diligent teachers for their unselfish service in behalf of our children is to see that the children are present for classes.

Have you ever thought about the law of the cumulative effect? A drop of water is not very significant, although a rich man lifted up his eyes in torment and begged for one. But, when you amass enough of these "drops" you have an ocean.

One person lagging behind in zeal is not really of great significance, but when several do then real hurt to the body of the Lord can be felt. And, unlike water

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Thank You

A special "thank you" is in order for the West Erwin church of Christ for remembering graduation and especially mine. Thank you.

Barry Hamblett

I would like to extend my appreciation for the nice baccalaureate service. The Bible I was presented with will always be of great use. I know it will help be a strength to my Christian belief. I would also like to thank all of my friends at West Erwin for not only the nice gifts but for the Christian leadership I have grown up under in my classes. I would like to say thanks for having two wonderful Christian parents, for they have made the greatest influence on me.

Angel Carpenter

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

The Family of W. L. (Dub) Lowery, Jr.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted for O. B. Sanders on Thursday afternoon by brother Stephenson. Burial was in Tyler Memorial Park. We extend our sympathy to sister Sanders and the family.

EAST TEXAS Summer Youth Series

July 3, 1979 - 7:30 P.M.
Pine Tree Church of Christ
Longview, Texas
(We will leave from the building at 6:00 p.m. on the bus.)

WORDS FROM WES (continued)
where no moral influence is present, a few lazy Christians have an influence upon others that is detrimental to the church. Why don't you avoid being a part of the cumulative effect for evil by taking a positive stand on what pleases God. Wes Price

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 Dismiss Ray Lott
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 Dismiss Shayne Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday
 John Teague Charles Hickman
 Jack Stringer Don Weathers
 Dale Blackstone Wyndal Miller
 Ben Young Joe Willis
Greeters For Sunday
 C. B. Hardin, Jr. Bill Butler, Jr.
 D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions
 June 17 \$4,322.70
 Bldg. 300.00
 June 10 4,483.90
 Year Ago 3,774.55
Bible School
 June 17 381
 June 10 387
 Year Ago 389
Worship
 June 17 579
 June 10 503
Weekly Budget
 \$4,500.00

Responses

Baptized: Lee Nail, Rt. 1, Box 230A, Chandler, Texas 75758, Phone 852-6888, came Sunday to be baptized. Lee's mother and two sisters are members of this congregation and we rejoice with Lee in his obedience to Christ. He is in the 7th grade.

Membership: We are happy to welcome Stan and Ernestine Mallory to West Erwin. They have four children, Dawn, Leslie, Marty, and Angela. The three older children are members of the church. Their address is Rt. 2, #2 Dawn Drive, Mineola, Texas.

Not what we get, but what we give, measures the worth of the life we live.

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you will plan to be here for Sunday nights as well as Sunday mornings to study with us lessons from Jesus. On this Sunday I plan to speak in the morning on "Poverty of Spirit" and in the evening on "Blessed Mourners."

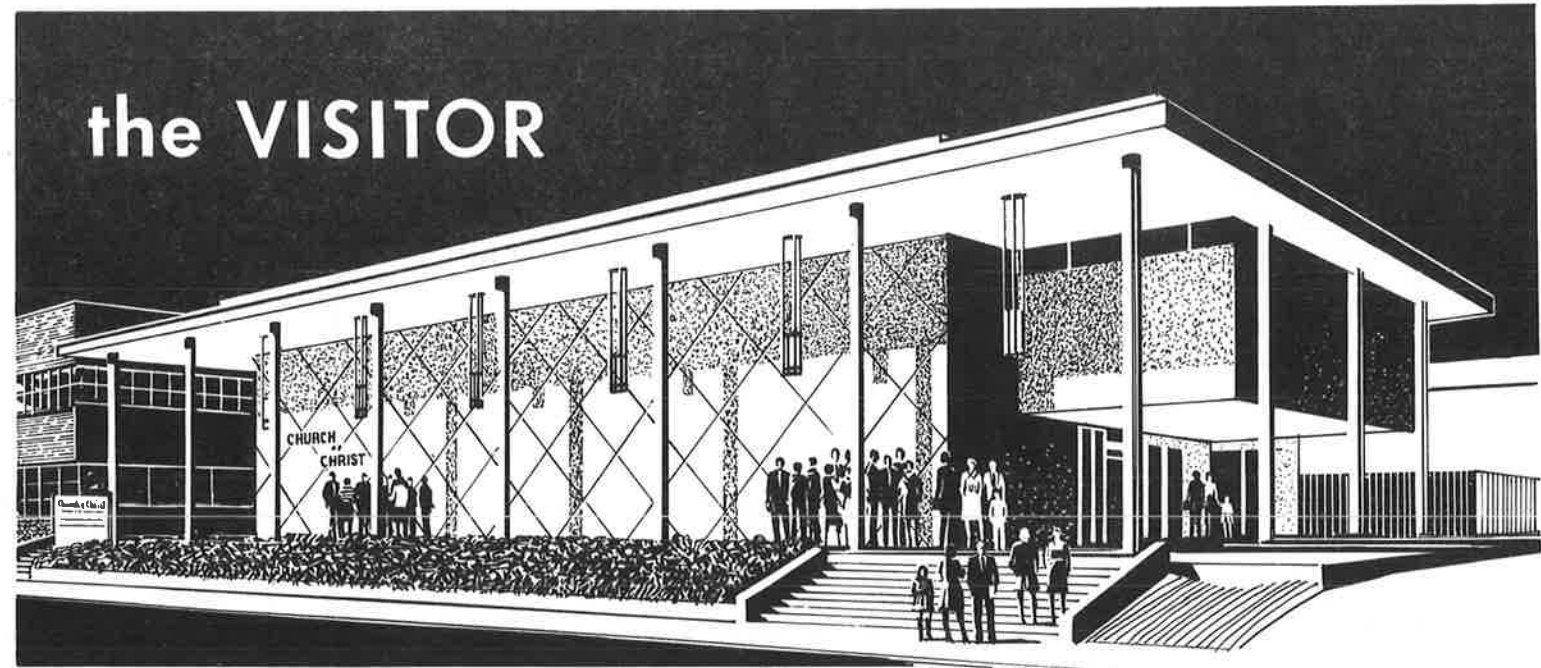
I would like to encourage you to listen and tell your friends about the Amazing Grace Bible Class every Sunday morning at 8:00. Many people have written in and many others have told us about how much they enjoy the program. Recently, Mrs. A. G. Mullins wrote a letter to the program, and among other things, she wrote:

"I want to compliment you and the other brethren on the wonderful lessons that you all give on the Tyler Station KLTU. We thoroughly enjoy your program every Lord's Day morning. We tell so many people about your program and do appreciate the congregation in Tyler for sponsoring the program."

NEW ADDRESS

Sister Wyche Harris is now living in the Pine Village Nursing Home. The address is 2901 E. Front - Room 503. She would be happy to have a visit or card from you.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

It was thrilling to see the large audience present for worship on Sunday. We were delighted to have many visitors with us. There is a wonderful spirit among the members of the church at this time. We are sorry that more were not present for Bible Study. We have some excellent teachers and we would encourage you to be in Bible class every Sunday.

It is encouraging to note that our contributions are much larger than a year ago. We need to continue our giving through the summer months. The beautiful new fellowship hall will soon be completed. If you are able to contribute any extra amount in the building fund at this time it would be appreciated.

During the next four Sundays I plan to present a study of the eight "beatitudes" found in Matthew 5: 1-12. These have been called "blessed attitudes." If we would really practice the principles set forth in these great statements of Jesus, our lives would be richer and we would be better servants of the Master. I hope

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GUEST SPEAKER

We are glad to have as our guest speaker next Wednesday evening brother Gary Workman who preaches for the Broadway congregation here in Tyler.



Gary Workman



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24 May 1979

We usually distribute our various mission reports in the adult Bible classes on Sunday morning. However, we have decided to print brother Mitchell's report this month in the bulletin. The Mitchell family needs our prayers because of the many years of illness of their daughter. Keith, as we know, is a most faithful and dedicated worker with unusual ability.

"The past three months have been incredibly busy. Attendance at classes has surpassed all previous records. Alan Phillips and Cory Collins are doing a superb job. Our classrooms are too full from 9:00 - 2:00. Students first don't return when we don't have chairs for them. We have been praying for space on our floor for one more larger classroom. Just today there is a space available (10' X 20') just a few steps from our I.M. door. Eighteen to twenty students could attend in that room, as contrasted with the only six or seven which can attend in our present small classroom which is intended for and needed for an office.

"Two of our daily students have just obeyed the Gospel. They are Felix Galindo and Maria Jimenez. You may wish to drop them a note of encouragement at the International Mission address.

"We have a special I.M. Sunday School class each week at Manhattan Church. Several students and families attend; several students are already members of the Church. Though it was a special occasion, we had just under 300 for morning assembly at the church last Sunday (20 May). Since January 1st at the church 17 have been baptized, 12 have placed membership, and 7 have requested public prayers for more faithfulness to the Lord. The Manhattan Church is encouraging and nurturing the faith of our students in a very effective manner.

"On the home front, my family has been experiencing considerable anxiety. Our hospitalized Margie is really suffering emotionally and physically. In the past two months scores of tests have been run that seem to suggest her having Lupus disease of the central nervous system - which would account for her nearly seven years of chronic depression and psychosis. The symptoms may possibly be drug related. Prognosis and a treatment program are unclear right now. Will you increase your prayer support for a time again? Brothers and sisters, without the faith of Jesus and power of His Spirit wouldn't we all be out of our minds at times.

"Thanks so much for your faithful support and encouragement to me, my family, and the work. My commitment is to be more regular with personal messages like this one."

With deepest appreciation,
Kieth A. Mitchell

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Friday of last week in Nacogdoches, Texas for the brother of Herbert Lowery. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Mrs. Eula Hoppers, mother of Lois Hoppers and a sister of Lonnie Taylor. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a miscellaneous Tea Shower honoring Miss Kathi Quick, bride-elect of Steve Higginbotham, on Sunday June 24 from 3 - 4:30, 813 Dolores.

Thank You

I would like to say thanks for the Bible presented to me at the Baccalaureate service and to Mr. & Mrs. Hillard Hughes, and Mr. & Mrs. Milburn Cook for the delicious breakfast prepared for seniors. I also would like to express my appreciation to those that made the Junior-Senior Banquet possible. It was very, very nice.
Jana McRuiz

Dear Christian Friends,

Words cannot express our appreciation for the many cards and good wishes we received on our anniversary. We are grateful for our friends at West Erwin.

E. V. and Bertha Rushing

**See YOU
In Bible Class,
Sunday!**

MOVING TO GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham's son, James, and his family are moving to Munich, Germany. He is Chief Security Agent for U. S. Army and Air Force Exchange Service. They will be there 3 years.

Words

From Wes



Time has arrived for you to plan to attend the Abilene Christian University Bible Teachers Workshop. The dates are July 22-25. We need your reservation in the church office by July 10 so we can confirm our room needs with the University. We will be taking our bus this year so we hope that more of you will be able to attend with us.

Copies of the schedule are on the table in the foyer so you can see the great classes that have been arranged for teachers and church workers.

All Bible Class teachers and co-teachers are urged to attend.

We have a Sunday morning children's worship and two children's Bible classes on Sunday. The children's worship is for pre-school children and the evening classes are for pre-schoolers and grade school children through fifth grade. If you do not have children in these age brackets, it is altogether possible that you are not aware of the fine work that Fred Powell and his workers do with the children's worship and K. Max and Mary Haws and Ray and Carolyn Womack are doing with the Bible class. We appreciate the dedicated way in which they are always prepared and present for these special efforts. I'm sure that those of you who have children attending are helping us express continuing thanks for their efforts. Let's encourage them to keep on keeping on.

Although we anticipate being able to use our new building sometime in July, we will be planning a special open house date for the month of September. A planning committee has been selected to arrange the program, so if you have any good ideas, let us know. We don't guarantee to use all of them, but we will be looking to have the most attractive program possible. September has been selected so that all of our vacationing folks will be back home and will be able to enjoy that day with us. Give your good ideas to me.

***** WES W. PRICE

Our walk must square with our talk.

EAST TEXAS Summer Youth Series

7:30 p. m. - Tuesday, June 26, 1979
Chandler St. Church of Christ
Kilgore, Texas

Meet at the Church building at 6:30 p. m.
to go together on the bus.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	James Phillips
Dismiss	Jack Stringer
Evening Worship 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Joe McBee
Dismiss	Lee Roberson
Serving Communion Sunday	
John Teague	Charles Hickman
Jack Stringer	Don Weathers
Dale Blackstone	Wyndel Miller
Ben Young	Joe Willis
Greeters For Sunday	
Ross Walker	Sam Bailey
	D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions	
June 10	\$4,483.90
Special	45.00
Bldg.	300.00
June 3	4,394.66
Year Ago	3,375.70
Bible School	
June 10	387
June 3	365
Year Ago	346
Worship	
June 10	503
June 3	440
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,500.00

Welcome

We want to welcome Mrs. Earnesene Shuford, a former member, back into the fellowship of West Erwin. Her address is, Rt. 1, Box CL 78-3, Murchison, Texas, 75778.

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

I'm sure I'll still be looking for that magic formula to get people to be more loyal to the services of this church, but I'm making an effort to help souls get to heaven. Come join us each week for Sunday morning Bible study and worship, Sunday evening worship and the mid-week Bible study and worship on Wednesday evenings. See you there.

WES W. PRICE

THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER AT THE EVENING HOUR

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all of these families, sitting down with them to counsel and share. The two of us worked full time for over five weeks in sharing what you sent for relief.

"Truck loads of goods were received from many of you. We were able to use an empty school building as a distribution point, where well over 1,000 families received help with food, clothing, furniture, household items and appliances. An individual from near Snyder donated a 1970 Plymouth which was transferred to one of our members. Contributions have been received from 344 churches and 175 individuals in 21 states and 2 foreign countries. We have \$50,000 on hand now to be used as families progress in rebuilding their homes and establishing their needs.

"We are deeply indebted to you brethren for your resourcefulness in our time of disaster. We have done our best to serve the people in need."

The letter is signed by two elders, J. Morris Robinson and Paul W. Fisher.

In The Hospitals

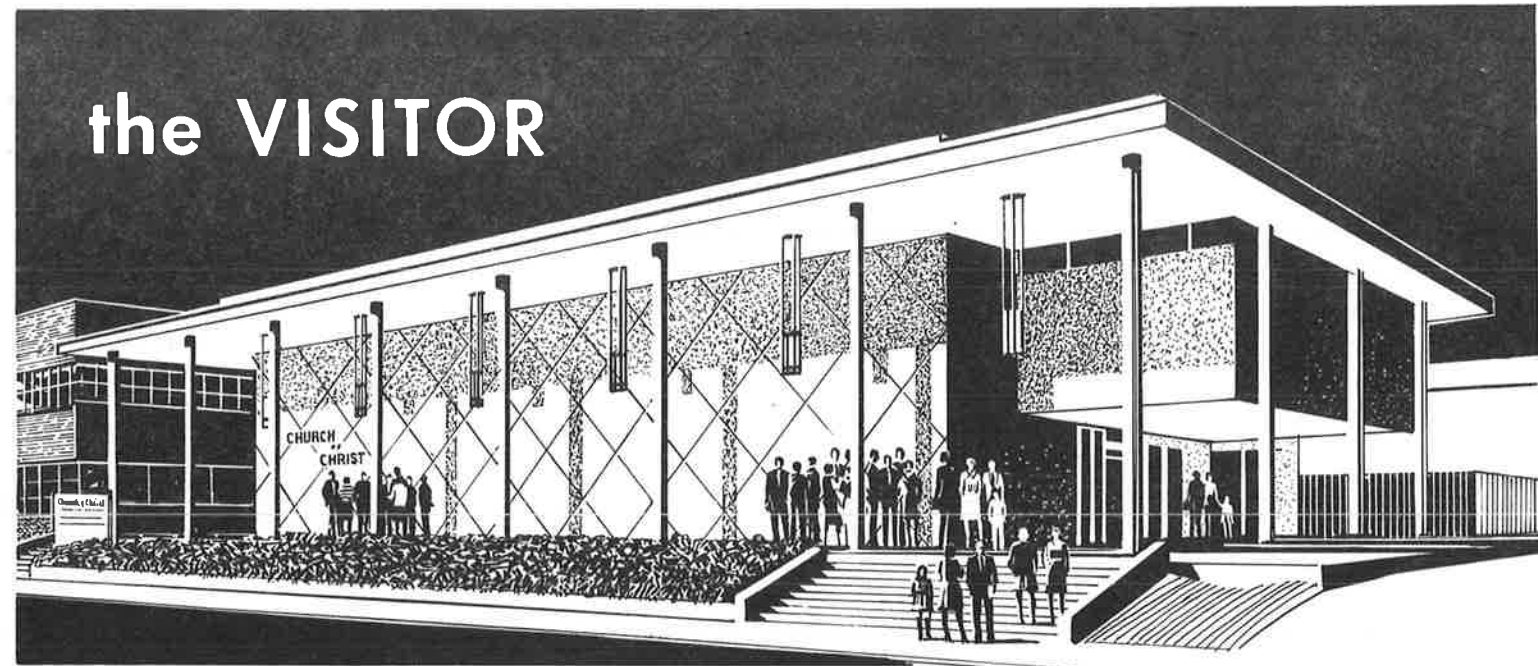
Mrs. Mary Drummond had surgery on Thursday in Medical Center.

O. B. Sanders continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Billie Mintz is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Pearl Carruthers remains in the Mother Frances Hospital.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Recently we had a report in the bulletin from the churches in Wichita Falls expressing appreciation for the assistance which was given following the disastrous tornado last April. We have received another report which we think you will be glad to read. It is most encouraging to see the spirit of compassion shown by Christians in many places.

"Homes of 32 families at Tenth & Broad were complete losses or received major damage. Two businesses were destroyed. Two of our members, brother and sister Dennis Thorp, lost their lives.

"Through the generosity and love of fellow Christians, we received over \$350,000. Of that amount, \$45,300 has been distributed to sister congregations - including Edgemere, Faith Village, Twenty-third and Grace, Lincoln St., and North Fourth St., in Wichita Falls and Vernon, Texas and Lawton, Okla. (The latter two cities experienced tornadoes the same day.)

"Tenth & Broad has helped 81 families. 45 of these are from Tenth and Broad. 30 families are not members of the church. 6 families are members of the church but not at Tenth & Broad. We went personally to nearly

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Tom Holcomb

We are happy to have Tom Holcomb as our guest speaker for our Wednesday evening service next week. He is a very fine speaker and you are encouraged to be present for this service. Brother Holcomb serves as the minister for the Northwest Church of Christ. He moved to Tyler with his family the first of this year.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is a way of thinking, a way of responding, a way of life. It's a system of ethics, a contemporary philosophy, a life-style. It's knowing that great Shepherd of the sheep. It's understanding that service is our plank. It's knowing that the meek shall inherit the earth. It's knowing our relationship with the Father and serving out of gratitude.

It's being light and salt in a dark and decaying world. It's being content without being complacent. It teaches us restraint when we would prefer to indulge, to walk a second mile when we would prefer to ride, not to be anxious when we are filled with anxiety. It's fixing our eyes on Calvary and weekly observing that supper. It's singing with a great portion of melody in our heart. It's giving ourselves to the Master, body and soul. It's praying all night when the need demands. It's taking a stand for Jesus when it would be far more comfortable to sit. It's living, it's loving, it's believing because of a cross. It's enduring, it's uncompromising, it's total commitment. It's suffering loss rather than getting even. It's accepting God's grace while we work like beavers to demonstrate our love.

It's giving the glory to God when we've worked so hard. It's forgiving the unforgivable, loving the unlovable, and encouraging the unfaithful. It's loving your neighbor with the same healthy self-esteem you have for yourself. It's remembering our model washing dirty feet when we have the tendency to feel proud. It's letting the Spirit play a large role in our lives as we pray, study the word, fellowship the saints and teach those bogged down in sin. It's letting the peace pass our understanding but enjoying it to the fullest. It's letting the Holy Spirit lodge in our hearts as the representative of both God and Jesus. It's keeping on loving each other as brothers and sisters. It's reliving the resurrection as we celebrate that great gift. It's accepting the blood atonement though we could never merit salvation. It's dying daily to those passions of the world as we empty self and are filled with the Spirit. It's making room in our hearts for patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

It's stooping down and writing in the sand when one has the legal right to throw stones. It's treating the other person the way we would like to be treated. It's knowing when to gently nudge someone toward Christ without being dogmatic. It's weeping with a friend who has lost a brother and rejoicing with someone at a wedding feast. It's feeling forgiven as we walk in the light, forgive our fellowman, repent of our sins daily and enjoy the coverage of the blood shed at Calvary. It's being at one with ourselves and having conquered the inner war within us. It's having a tender relationship with an Elder Brother. It's remembering Jesus Christ.

...Jim Strait

Thank You

We want to express our deepest appreciation for your love and concern during this time in our lives. You will never know how grateful we are for the helping hand that you have given us.

The Joe Ford Family

I would like to thank the West Erwin Church for the baccalaureate service. It was even more special because it was at "home." Also, thank you for the nice Bible. I will always treasure it. May God bless you.

Virginia Graf

Thank you for the New International Version Bible you gave me for graduation. I will certainly get a lot of use out of it at Abilene this fall.

Wade Weathers

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Bridal Brunch (miscellaneous) Saturday, June 16 at 3401 Heines from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in honor of Laurie Hughes, bride-elect of Walter Ray Dawkins.

Grocery Truck

Have you brought several cans of SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK (Eagle Brand, etc.) for the Medina Children's Home truck. It will be here one day next week.

New Members



Jyl Tigert and Children, Tony & Robby

Congratulations

The Trentham's grandson, Mark Whitworth received his BBA degree last month from ACU. He and his wife will live in Atlanta, Ga.

Words

From Wes



Permit me a few comments on Brother George's Sunday morning sermon. First, let me say Amen! Then some further observations for West Erwin members. I wonder what it would take to instill a greater sense of loyalty in those of you who have not developed the attendance habit, or who have abandoned that habit? I am happy that so many do have the good habit of being here for every service and Bible study opportunity. You realize how important it is for the continued nurturing of your spiritual beings. What I wish further is that we could find a way to help those who don't see any need to come for more than the Sunday morning worship. There is no doubt in my mind that all areas of church growth would be enhanced. We would experience an enthusiasm for the Lord's church that has seemed to vanish in some congregations. It would speak volumes to the community about how we feel about our religious convictions and even without a word would cause some to seek us out to find the reasons why we feel thus.

I am afraid that far too often words of encouragement about attendance fall on deaf ears. Those who need the exhortation most seem to be the last ones to realize it. But, never the less, we will continue to speak out on this matter, not because attendance as such will result in an eternal home, but because it will certainly serve to stimulate one's personal spiritual growth which is necessary to receive the crown of life.

We have the building comfortably filled on Sunday morning for worship nearly every week. Among those present, we always have a host of visitors - some of whom are seeking a church home. When they return on Sunday evening or Wednesday evening, they receive an altogether different picture when so many are absent. To say the least, this makes a negative impression that might cause them to look elsewhere for a church home.

I hope you will consider your own soul when you think about the regularity of your attendance. We say what we feel we must say not because our concern is for a large number of people assembled, but because it is so important to the individual. God won't account the faithfulness of a congregation as a credit to the individual in the day of judgement. He will look at each person.

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HOW ABOUT THIS?

EAST TEXAS Summer Youth Series

TUESDAY Evening, June 19, 1979
Corinth Road Church of Christ
Jacksonville, Texas
Speaker - - Glen Williams
7:30 P.M.

We will plan to meet at the church building at 6:30 p.m. and go together on the bus.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer C. B. Hardin
 Dismiss Don Weathers

Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Fred Powell
 Dismiss Ben Young

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Greeters for Sunday
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 June 3 \$4,394.66
 Bldg. fund 2,145.00
 Special (Fords') 1,541.22

May 27 4,464.86
 Year Ago 3,573.69

Bible School
 June 3 365
 May 27 416
 Year Ago 386

Worship
 June 3 440
 May 27 486

Weekly Budget
 \$4,500.00

Welcome

We are happy that C. B. and Evelyn Burkham came Sunday to place membership. They moved to Tyler recently from Sherman where they worshipped with the Travis Street Church of Christ. Their address is 3628 Pollard, phone 581-1288.

Thank You

Many thanks for your love and concern during my illness.
 Myra Chandler

The family of Ella McCulloch acknowledges with grateful appreciation your tribute of love.

Congratulations

...to brother and sister E. V. Rushing who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary June 15th. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 130, Big Sandy, Tx. 75755.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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 sent for Bible classes Sunday morning. It is always good to visit with Ira North. His enthusiasm and his love for the Lord and the church have helped Madison to grow. He has had the assistance of many fine dedicated Christians working together to advance the Lord's cause. The church is known for its benevolent work. It maintains its own children's homes and homes for the aged. It also engages in a great amount of mission work both in this country and elsewhere. The attendance was so large Sunday night that it was necessary to have policemen to handle the traffic.

The new fellowship hall here is looking beautiful. There are already a number of events scheduled for its use when it is completed.

We hope to see you in Bible School and in Worship on Sunday.

In The Hospitals

It would be good to encourage Jim Franklin with a card while he is in Baylor Hospital for tests - Room 2122, 3500 Gaston, Dallas, Texas 75426. Arenia Clough's father, Irby Williams, is in Mother Frances following surgery. Mrs. Pearl Carruthers is in MF suffering from a fractured hip. J. B. McKeever will undergo surgery Friday in Medical Center. Wyche Harris and O. B. Sanders are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Alice and I are most grateful for the opportunity which was ours to go to Nashville, Tennessee to attend the graduation exercises of David Lipscomb College and to see our son, David, graduate. Lipscomb College is the oldest one of the colleges directed by members of churches of Christ. It was originally called Nashville Bible School. The graduation ceremonies were very impressive with John Stevens, president of Abilene Christian University, as the principal speaker.

We were glad to attend Bible School and worship at the Harpeth Hills Church on Sunday morning. Harpeth Hills is growing. Johnny Thompson serves as the pulpit minister. On Sunday evening we were glad once more to visit the great Madison congregation and to be present for the filming of the Amazing Grace Bible Class. It is always thrilling to me to see the tremendous work of the Madison church and to see its continued growth. I remember when it was just a small group and now it has grown to be the largest congregation in the brotherhood. There were about 3500 pre-

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We are pleased to have brother Danny Minton of the Shiloh Road congregation as our first guest speaker for the summer series for Wednesday evenings. In addition to these guest speakers, we will be presenting an informative series of filmstrips prepared by Bill Humble of Abilene Christian University on the Restoration Movement.

We want to encourage every West Erwin member to be present each Wednesday evening for these fine presentations.

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a complete list of speakers for the summer.

"ROMANTIC LOVE NONSENSE"

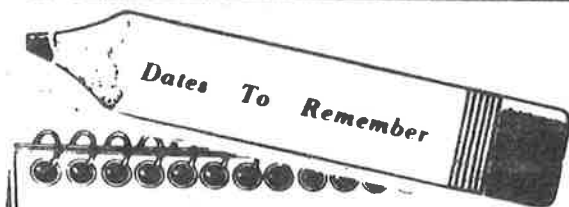
Herbert G. Zerof has written an interesting book, FINDING INTIMACY. His job is to explode the myth, fantasy, and wishful thinking of "romantic love." Life/love are not Fairy Tales ... we do not "live happily ever after." Real life is not an exciting weekend, a vacation to the South Seas. Too many approach life and marriage with unrealistic demands. Only after all of this is exploded can real love/intimacy be found. Real love means the abandoning of the mystique of romantic love.

Real love is character. Marriage does not fail - people fail. Real love involves "giving" more than "getting." Singles think "marriage is the answer to all problems." It is not; it can make bad matters worse. Many marry sub-consciously demanding the mate fulfill their

needs and wants. This is disaster. Partners must not be expected to give us everything we have missed in life.

Real love is compassion and understanding. Yet no one person will ever understand himself let alone someone else. The other person must be given space, freedom, time alone; yea they must be encouraged to develop as a person. Love is not a mind reader! Love's mystique preaches this! Quit playing games and having disappointments! Tell your mate your thoughts and feelings. Openness is necessary for intimacy. Even with disagreement the other's esteem and worth is reinforced. Trust, love, demonstration results in intimacy - an enduring intimacy.

... C. B. Hodge



MARK IT DOWN

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS FOR THE SUMMER

JUNE	13	Danny Minton
	20	Tom Holcomb
	27	Gary Workman
JULY	4	David Morris
	11	Charles Siburt
	18	Rufus Johnson
	25	Film - Restoration
AUGUST	1	Film - Restoration
	8	Film - Restoration
	15	Mike Warner
	22	J. C. Tate
	29	Film - Restoration

It doesn't do a man good to sit up and take notice if he keeps on sitting.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is the most exciting and fulfilling vocation in the world! However, there are peaks and valleys in our pilgrimage. The following is a list of principles to use in making decisions.

EXCESS: Does it slow me down spiritually?

Hebrews 12:1

EXPEDIENCE: Can it be profitable, useful?

I Cor. 6:12

EXAMPLE: Can it allow me to be a good example?

Rom. 14:13

EVANGELISM: Can it help spread the Gospel?

Col. 4:5

EDIFICATION: Can it help other Christians?

I Cor. 10:23

EXALTATION: Can it glorify God?

I Cor. 10:31

REVENGE: Does it have anything to do with avenging myself? Lev. 19:18

FORGIVENESS: Can I demonstrate forgiveness in this? Matt. 18:21-22

STEWARDSHIP: Can I be a good steward in this?

Luke 12:37-48

CONFORMITY: Will this conform me to Satan's world? Rom. 12:2

PEACE: Can I maintain peace with others in this?

Rom. 12:18

Wedding Shower

There will be a miscellaneous wedding shower for Rhonda Moore, bride elect of Matt Haws, Sunday afternoon, June 10 from 3 until 4:30, 821 Dolores.

Remember Grocery Truck

Remember! The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be here one day during the week of June 18 - 22. For this trip a number of congregations will concentrate on the collection of one item. It is suggested that we concentrate on SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK (Eagle Brand, etc.). A six months supply would be 360 14 ounce cans. Of course, they are always grateful for any grocery items.



The East Texas Summer Youth Series will begin June 12th with a meeting here at West Erwin for all area youth. The speaker will be Willard Tate. All young people are invited to attend. This series will meet each Tuesday evening at different congregations in East Texas through August 14.

New Members



We are happy that recently Robert and Pat Stokes moved back to Tyler from Luling, Texas and are again members of the West Erwin family. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 7165, Tyler 75711. They live at 14 Key Alegro Dr., Emerald Bay, Lake Palestine.

Words

From Wes



The end of school always brings about some sort of a mass exodus for vacation spots and this has been no exception. Many of our folks were gone this past weekend and we missed them. Summer vacations are a blessing and everyone needs a time away from the normal routine of life. Our prayers go with all who are traveling for a safe and happy trip home. Please remember us in your prayers for the continuation of the work at home.

We had a number of visitors with us from out of town this past Sunday. I hope you met them and made them feel welcome at West Erwin.

We were certainly sorry for the loss of the Joe Fords' home by lightning and fire this past week. West Erwin members were provided an opportunity this past Sunday to respond to that need. What a blessing it was to reach out and help in this time of need.

We hope that you will respond to the challenge of our Wednesday night program of guest speakers by being here for each one. We are privileged to have Danny Minton, Associate Minister of the Shiloh congregation as our first speaker on Wednesday night, June 13. Come and invite your friends.

I hope all of our young ladies are taking advantage of the new class beginning this week taught by Marian Rowe and Patsy Young. If not, you will surely be missing a great blessing. There is still room for others and if you have not registered, just be present for the next class. Don't forget that the class begins at 7:00 p. m. instead of the usual Wednesday night class time.

Teachers, please be sure you give us plenty of lead time when you plan on being away from your teaching post for any reason during the summer months. This will make it easier for us to secure substitutes for your class.

WES W. PRICE

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Phil Marts
Dismiss Sam Sevier

Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.

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Prayer Edwin Pickle
Dismiss Wyndal Miller

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Worship

May 27 486

May 20 494

Weekly Budget

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Thank You

A very special "Thank You" for all of you at West Erwin who have shown your love and thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized. I really appreciated your prayers, food, flowers, cards and visits.

In Christian love,
Amie Roberts

Our Sympathy

Mrs. Ella McCulloch, sister of brother Russell O'Bannon died last week in Huntsville, Texas.

Funeral services were held in Pasadena, Texas last week for the step brother of our brother Roland Roberts.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

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Gospel Meeting

Ronnie Lowrance will be conducting a Gospel Meeting at the Church of Christ in Chandler on June 3 - 8. Ronnie is the son of Florene Lowrance. He and his family live in Farmersville, Texas.

JIM STRAIT - New Campus Minister

We were happy to have Jim Strait and his family visit with us Sunday. He is the new Minister for the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College. They have moved to Tyler from Emporia, Kansas.

Report of Our Sick

Donna Stodghill, daughter of the Ted Snipes', underwent surgery Monday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Ed Stitt continues to be a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

"For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:20

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I am very thankful for the high school graduates who were honored Sunday night in the baccalaureate services. There are some fine young women and young men in the group and our prayers will be with them during this very important time in their lives. Young people who are being graduated from high school were present from seven congregations in Tyler. Our building was filled. Tom Holcomb, preacher for the Northwest church, delivered a very excellent sermon. We are glad that West Erwin could serve as the host congregation for this delightful occasion.

Milburn and Jan Cook and Hillard and Jeanine Hughes honored our West Erwin seniors with a breakfast Sunday morning. We were glad to be guests for this breakfast and to enjoy the fellowship of our young graduates. We appreciate all that Hillard has done and continues to do in his work with our young people. We are fortunate

to have the Hughes family as a part of our West Erwin family.

Fletcher Cauthen, brother of Faber, recently wrote a letter of appreciation for the bulletin. He wrote, "Just a note of thanks for the great bulletin each week. I look forward to it and pass it on to a neighbor."

Fletcher further wrote, "Keep the Word of God going in Tyler and I think of the great men who preached there and especially of brother T. B. Thompson, who baptized me in Alabama when Faber was barefooted and wearing 98¢ overalls."

In Fletcher's letter he tells of the very fine work of the Northside church in Lancaster where he is a member. His letter continues, "Jim Antwine is our new preacher at Northside in Lancaster and we love him so. Two unusual things about this southside Dallas County congregation. At our mid-week services the past few weeks, every seat taken and number 2, one of our elders announced the other day that we have a list of teachers on the waiting list to teach Bible classes. Can you say this at West Erwin? We are having 200 for Bible classes at the 9:30 hour Sunday a. m., with no great big push, no bus program, no bubble gum, God gives the increase. Thank you for your help with the TV program each Sunday with Ira North and Nick Boone. When you pray remember us."

It would be wonderful, for sure, if we too could have the house filled on Wednesday evenings and a waiting list of those who desire to teach!

HERALD OF TRUTH CONTINUES TO GROW

The Herald of Truth Radio and Television program sponsored by the Highland Street church in Abilene continues to expand and to grow in influence. According to reports from Kieth Mitchell the Herald of Truth television program has proved to be the most effective way to reach the masses in the great metropolitan area of New York City.

Hundreds of contacts have been made by the Manhattan church and the International Mission supported by churches of Christ. Brother Mitchell reports the following results after one year's television in New York City:

- 940 personal letters sent to contacts
- 940 contact forms sent to contact's nearest church
- 1,365 pieces of printed material sent
- 337 Bible Correspondence Courses sent
- 200 + individual sessions of personal teaching and/or counseling given
- 20 + prayers offered at public worship
- 7 baptisms at Manhattan church related directly to Herald of Truth
- 5 restorations/identifications with Manhattan church related to Herald of Truth
- 5 baptisms reported to us by area churches.

An interesting letter from Sally B. Hargis, Director of Education of the Walter Hoving Home in Garrison, New York shows great possibilities:

"Thank you for your letter and also for sending us the 3/4 inch video cassette of your program 'Is Baptism Really Important?' It arrived in good condition and we are very grateful for it.

"For the last couple years we have been looking for a lesson for our students here on the importance of water baptism. We have found various ones but could never really find the one we felt would help them the most. When I saw this program on TV I strongly felt that this was the one that would really help the girls.

"Many students will have the opportunity to view this cassette and will be drawn closer to our Lord as a result. Thank you again for your generosity."

In addition to the New York viewing area Herald of Truth television is now in the great cities of Washington, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Of course, television time on these stations is very expensive. It costs \$7,500 each week for the program to be shown in these major cities. However, the cost per person who views the program is certainly economical.

At the present time, the Herald of Truth is not in our budget because of our other mission work. We are planning to contribute \$100 per month to the Mexican radio program under the direction of the Herald of Truth. Perhaps there are those who would like to make a special contribution to the Herald of Truth to assist in their work of preaching the gospel in the metropolitan areas of our nation. The gospel will be preached to thousands who would never attend one of our services and in whose homes we would never be invited in any other way. You may make your contribution through the church here or send them directly to Highland Church of Christ, P. O. Box 2439, Abilene, Texas 79604.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

Words

From Wes



PRACTICING WHAT YOU PREACH

Within every church there are those who evaluate the performance of their brethren critically. These people are willing at a moment's notice to point out every area in which the practice of an individual or the entire congregation doesn't measure up to the high standards which Jesus set for his people. These people are the ones who are quick with the discouraging word and the cry "HYPOCRITE." It would be in order to put in a word about the nature of the ones with such attitudes and about the validity of their criticism.

First, I have never known of a single "critic" who was really active in the work of the church or who ever exhibited any real concern for personal involvement in the lives of other Christians. The critical viewpoint demands that one keep his distance from his target. This is unloving, un-Christlike, and intolerable. We must minister to those around us who have such attitudes.

Second, while these "critics" have ranted and raved about the inconsistency they see in the church, they have missed the point of the Christian life. The Christian life is the pursuit of excellence, but we will never reach perfection. Not even the critic can be perfect. Our aim is to grow in the Lord. If there are those, and there always are, who cannot distinguish between imperfection and insincerity, we are very sorry. They do not have the right to discourage their brethren with their "super-spiritual" observations. They do not have the right to turn from Christ because of some flaw in one of his children. Let us stay very close together. Let us refuse to hear the words of criticism. We will love even those who speak of hypocrisy, but we will not join them in their tirade. We will seek to lead them out of it because...

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:8,9.

... Eddie Sharp

Via The Visitor - Eldorado, Ark.

New Members

The following have recently become new members of the West Erwin family.



Roger & Lisa McElroy



Mrs. Marc (Pam) Lemons



John & Susan Steffee
Kimberly & Michelle



Mike & Diana Savage
Ryan and Taylor

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Leon Welborn
 Dismiss Mike Savage
 Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Our Records

Contributions
 May 20 \$4,369.14
 Bldg Fund 67.00
 May 13 \$3,674.54
 Year Ago \$3,842.74
 Bible School

Baccalaureat Service

May 20 336
 May 13 311
 Year Ago 339

Serving Communion Sunday

George Kester Ray Lott
 Joe McBee Archie Kennard
 Fred Powell Averyt Smith
 Bruce Raley Wayne Reynolds

Worship
 May 20 494
 May 13 491

Greeters for Sunday

Ben Young Cilff Clough
 D. C. Jones

Weekly Budget
 \$4,500.00

New Members

On Wednesday evening, May 9th, Rodney L. Knight, Rt. 1 Box 140 K-I, Frankston, Texas, was baptized into Christ by Wes Price. We welcome him to West Erwin.

On the same evening, Betty Rhoades, 1616 Lake Placid, phone 592-8990, came to place her membership with this congregation again. She formerly worshipped with the Shiloh Road church. Betty is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Oliver. We welcome her.

TO APPEAR ON TV

Traes Howard, son of Mickey and Donna Howard and the grandson of Jean Oliver will be a guest on "The Carpenter's Children" sponsored by Richland Hills Church of Christ in Dallas, Sunday, May 27th at 7:30 A. M. over Channel 5.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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F. C. Carpenter Dr. Roger Knight
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From The Preacher's Desk (Continued)

all been made possible by the love of God and His Name be glorified in this area. We have suffered much, but we have learned so much of the graciousness and goodness of God.

Yours in Christ,

C. O. Young, Elder
 for the Elders

We received your check for \$800 and appreciate it so very much.

I appreciate the fine way that West Erwin members always respond when worthy appeals are presented to them. God bless you. GHS

Thank You

The students at the Tri-C would like to express their appreciation for your services in preparing food for our dinner-devotions. Thank you for working with the students at the Center. We appreciate it greatly.

In Christian love,
 Campus Christian Center

Thank you for the prayers, calls and the shower of cards I received during my illness. Janell Fletcher

Our Sympathy

Services were conducted at Lloyd James Funeral Home on Wednesday morning for a cousin of Carolyn Blackstone. We extend our sympathy.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Appreciation From Wichita Falls Churches

Some weeks ago the members of the West Erwin congregation sent \$3,262.81 to aid in the relief of those who suffered loss in the destructive tornado at Wichita Falls. The money was distributed equally among four congregations: Faith Village, Edgemere, 23rd & Grace, and 10th & Broad. We have received letters of appreciation from all of these congregations. There were about 200 families who are members of churches of Christ in Wichita Falls who lost their homes. Below is the letter of appreciation from the elders of the 23rd and Grace Streets church:

"Dear Brethren,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your love and concern in the recent disaster that struck our city on April 10. As a result of this tornado the homes of 30 families of this congregation suffered major damage and 25 lost their homes completely. About 10 of these families are re-

tired, living on Social security so this is a real blow to them and some just could not afford the insurance they really needed. One young family lost their home and everything but the clothes on their back plus he had just gone into the contracting business and he lost his truck and all of his tools. I only tell you this to let you know of the real need that has existed here in this congregation.

Your generosity has allowed us to give all the members suffering major loss enough money to live on, help provide their immediate needs, and like in the case of this young contractor, replace the necessary tools for him to earn a living. We have to date dispensed a little over \$15,000 to take care of the immediate needs of these members. We know that a great expense that is yet to come is to help replace the homes of our elderly retired members. As of yet they have not all made settlement with their insurance companies so we can not yet determine about what we will need to take care of these people. We have on hand about \$7,000 to begin to help these people plus brethren have said they will be sending further help in the future to meet this need.

Brethren, we cannot express enough to you the feeling of closeness that we have with our brethren all over the country who have come to our aid. It has awakened a closer tie to the other congregations in the city as well as a great spirit within this congregation. It has

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DeRay Bennett



Angel Carpenter



Virginia Graf



Jana McRuiz



Wade Weathers

High School Graduates 1979



Virginia Graf graduated 11th from John Tyler High School. She lettered three years in Tennis. She was a member of the National Honor Society two years, a member of the John Tyler Tennis Team for three years and was also Recording Secretary for F. T. A. Virginia plans to attend Tyler Junior College.

Jana McRuiz is a graduate of John Tyler High School where she was on the "B" Honor Roll. She was a member of the Brigadettes (Drill Team) and Secretary of the Rodeo Association. Jana will attend Tyler Junior College.

Wade Weathers graduated from Robert E. Lee High School where he received Honorable Mention for All District Football and All East Texas Honorable Mention. He was a member of the "T" Association. Wade will attend Abilene Christian University.

Jeff Willis is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. He received a Physical Education Award, A Certificate of Merit from Art Instruction School, Lone Star Farmer Degree. He is a member of F. F. A.

(Graduates not pictured: Sheri Rene Dobbs, Barry Hamblett, Sandra Henderson, and Jeff Willis.)

About Our Seniors

DeRay Bennett is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School and was chosen Senior Class Favorite. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, President of Math-Science Club, and member of F. H. A. DeRay plans to attend Tyler Junior College.

Angel Carpenter is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and was a Vocational Office Education student. She was also a Southern Belle, member of the Drill Team. Angel plans to attend Tyler Junior College.

Words

From Wes



May God's richest blessings be upon all of you who attend every service and Bible study opportunity that we have at the West Erwin congregation. Now I'm not saying that faithfulness is established just by attendance, but I am saying that being present when Bible study and worship is being conducted is important to one's spiritual welfare. We have such a wonderful congregation of people who feel so responsible about attending. However, there are some who could use an extra measure of encouragement to be here more frequently than they do. As we have opportunity, let all of us use our influence to speak that word of encouragement to those we know who do not attend as regularly as they ought.

I'm sure there must be congregations in numerous places who do not experience the summer slump, but there must not be very many. I wish West Erwin were one of those, but I'm afraid that we will experience some of the symptoms of easy come, easy go, to being away from home base for part of the summer. Since we do have some difficulties with being in and out during the summer months, let's observe some suggestions that will help prevent complete "summer fall-out."

In the first place, resolve to be here for every service when you are in town. Second, when you are away, be sure to include time for worship on the Lord's day. Then last, but not least, make sure that your contribution finds its way to the treasury of your home congregation. We must not allow our leisure time to become an excuse to overlook our giving responsibilities.

Our prayer is that all will have a safe and enjoyable summer. But we ask that you remember that the work of the church at West Erwin will continue. Remember us in your prayers.

Please remember that our Bible school promotion will be made at the beginning of the summer this year. All graded classes will meet in their new classes on
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Fellowship



Remember the Picnic for the church on Saturday afternoon. You should have received a letter this week with details! It will be at Massey's Farm on Hwy. 69 South. Someone will be at the gate to show you where to park. Some plan to go on out about 3:00 o'clock for ball, etc. The Picnic Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. Bring enough food for your family and guests. Drinks will be furnished. If you would like to leave your car at the church parking lot, the bus will leave at 5:30.

Special Class

Young Ladies, remember your new class will begin Wednesday evening, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. This class is for 11th, 12th, and college age young ladies. Patsy Young and Marian Rowe will be teaching.

BACCALAUREATE

Sunday evening at the regular worship time, 6:00 p.m., a Baccalaureate service will be held with Tom Holcomb as the guest speaker. You are encouraged to be present.

Words From Wes (continued)

the first Sunday of June. Parents of pre-school children are asked to help the little ones find their new classrooms.

One new classroom has been made for the 5th grade. It now meets in room 201 instead of 209. Other room changes will be announced for pre-school classes in next week's bulletin.

Don't forget our Vacation Bible School dates are set for August 6 - 10. This will still be two weeks before the beginning of school. Our supervisors are selecting teachers now for each of our classes. If you have not been asked and would like to assist, please let me know. We want to have the very best Bible School possible.

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Prayer F. C. Carpenter

Dismiss Bill Butler

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May 13 \$3,674.54

Bldg. Fund 200.00

May 6 \$4,300.22

Year Ago \$3,204.47

Bible School

May 13 311

May 6 344

Year Ago 307

Worship

May 13 491

May 6 498

Weekly Budget

\$4,500.00

New Member

We are happy to have Mrs. Jyl Tigert, 3100 New Kilgore Hwy., #270 - phone 597-4338, to place her membership here. She is the daughter of Cliff and Arenia Clough. 75702

Gospel Meeting

The Shiloh Church of Christ will have a meeting, May 20 - 23 with different speakers each evening. The theme of the series is "Christ, The Way." Jack Paul will preach Sunday morning and Fred Hudson that evening. Monday - Dan Manuel, Tuesday - Charles Whitmire - and Wednesday evening J. C. Tate will speak. The week night services will be at 7:30.

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In The Hospitals

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

Mrs. Roland Roberts remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Aubrey Payne is now at home following surgery last week in Mother Frances.

C. J. Richey, brother of Foy Richey, is in the U. T. Health Center for tests - room 411. Cards would be appreciated.

Karen Hinz's grandmother is very ill in Decatur, Alabama and needs the prayers of the congregation.

Juanita Graf's father, Virdie Hillis, is a patient in the Glenview Nursing Home.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Several of our young people have recently graduated from college. We know of the following. If there are others, please let us know.

Texas Eastern School of Nursing

Laneva Turner

Abilene Christian University

Paul Knight Grant Knight

Walker Weathers

North Texas State University

Kenneth Browning

Texas Eastern University

Larry Wied Skipper Womack

Howard Galletly (Masters degree)

Peggy Smith

David Lipscomb College

David Stephenson

Tyler Junior College

Matt Haws

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Alice and I had a most delightful surprise when we were in Glen Rose for a meeting with that congregation. A beautiful floral arrangement was delivered to us with a card stating, "With love, West Erwin Church of Christ." This was such a thoughtful gesture and I cannot find words to tell you how very much we did appreciate the flowers and the love which prompted the sending of them. It is wonderful to know that while one is away from home that he or she is in the thoughts of those back home.

We had an enjoyable time in Glen Rose and the church seemed to appreciate our efforts. There were three who were baptized and one who came forward to ask for the prayers of the church. We stayed in the home of the preacher, Wayne Lowe, and his wife. They treated us royally and it was a pleasure to be associated with them. This is a beautiful time of the year at Glen Rose. The hills were covered in wild flowers. There are several rivers and rushing streams of water in the area, so it is a place where many go to

camp, to fish, and to enjoy the beauties of nature.

Our last Sunday we were glad to be back with the Southside church in Fort Worth, the church we were with before moving to Tyler. The day was a special one for the Southside congregation. They have recently completed an addition to their lovely building. They were observing the opening of the new wing to the building and the twentieth anniversary of the building at its present location. The Southside church is now 87 years old. Wyatt Sawyer, Willard Morrow and I were former ministers present for the various activities of the day. The Southside church has some very capable men working there and I predict it will continue to make progress. Bob Barnhill serves as the pulpit minister and Wally Wilkerson and Mike Brown work in the educational and youth programs. Fred Cowley is doing an outstanding work also as song director. Alice and I were glad to have the opportunity to worship and have fellowship with Christian friends of the past.

We are thankful for the work of Wes Price in the pulpit while we were away. His work with us has really blessed West Erwin. Also, I wanted to express personal appreciation for the teaching of the chapel class by Joe Carroll. Everyone in the class has praised him for his excellent teaching.

We look forward to seeing you in Bible School and worship on the Lord's Day.

BIBLE CALL

An interesting editorial from the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ, Little Rock, Arkansas, gives a sad comment on our times. Below is a condensed version for your consideration.

Some months back, the Albany, New York church became involved in Bible Call. It has proved to be very effective as a method of both teaching and interesting the community in New Testament Christianity.

Sounds fine doesn't it? Here is where the picture clouds. Recently the Albany church was written up in one of our nations pornographic magazines. Under the title, "Phoney Advice: Dial-A-Dope," an article appeared ridiculing the New Testament's teaching on such subjects as "Sex Before Marriage," "Homosexuality,"

and "The Sin of Adultery." The writer said, "If it weren't on the level, these taped messages from God would have us doubled over in laughter. As it is, it's pretty frightening to consider that there are people who actually fall for this _____ (expletive deleted)."

To the right of the article a pornographic picture further ridicules the Albany church. Bad enough? It gets worse. Two weeks ago, the Albany church building burned to the ground. Police have determined it was arson. You guessed it - the fire started in the room housing Bible Call!

Bible Call will soon be back in operation in Albany, New York.

...from Broadway Life Lines - Tyler, Texas

THE HIGH COST OF GIVING

Most of us do not understand the principles of economics. Inflation and cost of living increases have been on the front pages of our newspapers for the last fifteen years. We know that as the cost of living goes up eight to ten percent per year that we must make at least that much more money to just stay even.

You can't buy a house for what you could ten years ago. It is far more than doubled in price. Automobiles are the same. Food costs much more.

What does it mean? It means that you have to make more money in order to live.

And what does this mean in the work of the Lord? It means that the people of God have to give more money to the work of the Lord. Insurance on the church property is much higher. Utilities are very much higher. Salaries of the workers who are paid by the church are higher. Building costs and costs of repairs are also higher. It costs just about double for the church to carry on her work as it did ten years ago too.

The question before us now is have we, as dedicated Christians, doubled our contribution to the Lord and His work during this period when everything else has gone up? The answer will be "Yes" if we give as the "Lord has prospered us" (I Corinthians 16:2). When we are "prospered" (get a raise) we share it with the Lord.

I talked with one of our members recently who said "I am actually giving more to the Lord now because I have increased my giving each year even though my salary did not increase that much." That is commendable.

Our taxes go up each year and we pay them or go to jail. They are a large percentage of our income. Most of us would not pay them if we were given any option. But, it is not that way with the Lord. He never forces us to do anything in the area of giving. It is totally up to us. We make up our mind. Some do not give much attention to it. They just give what they have at the time. Or, they give what "they have always given." It behooves us to give some time and serious attention to HOW MUCH we are giving to God right now. This one area of Christianity will keep more people out of heaven than anything else, I believe.

God is a giver - He gave His Son. Jesus is a giver - He gave His life for each of us. The church is a giving institution. Her giving is based on love not coercion. All things being equal, we ought to be giving more to the Lord right now than ever before.

...Harvey Porter

Our Sympathy

Services were held Saturday for Mr. W. R. Riley. He passed away Friday. Sister Riley had cared for him a number of years in their home. We express our sympathy to her and the other members of the family.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Cleburne for the sister of Mrs. G. W. McElroy. We express our sympathy to the family.

New Members



Wyndal and Carolyn Miller moved to Tyler recently from Tucson, Arizona. Wyndal works for Sherwin-Williams Co. Their address is 342 Powell, phone 581-1045.

ATTENTION All Teachers, Pre-School through 5th Grade: There will be a very important meeting on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in the Chapel. This will be in preparation for our Bible School promotion the last Sunday of this month.

Thank You

We want to express appreciation for the flowers from the church and for the many calls, cards, and flowers at the time of the death of my sister.

Mrs. G. W. McElroy

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and help through my husband's illness and death. Thank you for the flowers and for food. I also want to express appreciation to brother Stephenson and to brother Brookshire and the singers.

Mrs. W. R. Riley

Words

From Wes



It's great to have George and Alice back with us after a gospel meeting in Glen Rose and a home-coming at the Southside church in Fort Worth. They report a good time was had by all. We will be looking forward to George's preaching this Sunday.

And while we are talking about preaching, let me say thank you to all of you who were so kind about last Sunday's sermons. I especially wanted to have a good message to honor our mothers on that day. You are a kind and gracious audience to preach for.

We are proud to announce a special class for Young Ladies which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday night, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Marian Rowe and Patsy Young will be teaching the class that will meet each Wednesday evening in Room 105/106. You will note that the class begins thirty minutes prior to our regular Wednesday evening Bible study, but this is to provide adequate time for each week's lesson. It will conclude at the usual 8:30 time. We are asking all of our young ladies, eleventh, twelfth grades, college young ladies and young professionals to be our guests for this class. We have mailed out pre-registration forms, but in case we missed anyone, please let us know at the church office.

These two ladies have spent countless hours preparing material for this class and I know that it will be of great benefit to each class-member.

Our Annual Tuesday School had its final day last week for this current year. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Elaine Roberson and her crew of hard working ladies who gave so much time and effort into making this enterprise such a success. The school closed with a special program for parents last week when their parents were invited to be our guests for a closing program and refreshments. It has probably been a long time since we have had so many parents in our building who are not members of the Lord's church. So you can see, that in addition to the teaching opportunities with the little children, we have additional opportunities with their parents. This good work will resume next fall, with registration the first two weeks of August.

WES W. PRICE

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer C. E. Caskey
Dismiss Cliff Clough

Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Elwin Crow

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C. E. Caskey Foy Richey
Elwin Crow Ron Jones
Paul Stanley Roger McElroy
Jamon Kirby Odell Malone

Greeters for Sunday

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New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Pat) Stokes, came Sunday evening to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the South Magnolia Church in Luling, Texas. They are known by many here since they have lived in Tyler before and worshipped here. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 7165, Tyler, 75711. They live at 14 Key Alegro Dr., Emerald Bay, Lake Palestine.

Words From Wes (continued from inside)

eternal life hang in the balances, but simple, old fashioned gratitude is expected by our beneficent God. If he expects thanksgiving for our daily bread, surely He expects our "thanks" for the bread of life. To refrain from giving such thanks by deliberately absenting oneself from the Lord's table is, if it were nothing more, the sin of ingratitude. ...Hershel Dyer

Our Records

Contributions

May 6 4,300.22

Bldg. Fund 641.31

April 29 4,148.62

Year Ago 4,810.33

Bible School

May 6 361

April 29 356

Year Ago 395

Worship

May 6 481

April 29 499

Weekly Budget

4,810.33

From the Preacher's ...

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soever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," (Philippians 4:8).

It is also true that Christians should pray for the sick, but it is equally true that it is right to use physicians. Jesus said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick," (Matthew 9:12).

Christian Scientists deny the reality of sin, sickness and death. They do not believe in the very heart of Christianity - that Christ died for our sins. (I Corinthians 15:3,4). Their religion in reality, can be neither "Christian" nor "scientific."

Report of Our Sick

Guy Potts is in Glenwood Hospital following surgery. O. B. Sanders has returned to Glenwood Hospital. Henry McRuiz is in Mother Frances for tests. Mrs. Roland Roberts suffered a heart attack Monday evening and is in ICU in Mother Frances. Lera Bennett was scheduled to come home from the hospital in Dallas on Wednesday. George McCarley came home from Dallas where he underwent heart surgery. The brother of Pauline Aven is seriously ill in Sulphur Springs Hospital.



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The Church With A Heart

Last summer an unprecedented statement came from the starkly modern, 18 story headquarters of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston warning the 3,011 branch churches in 51 countries that there is a need for more healing."

The article continues to show the financial difficulties of the church. "Christian Science is out of tune with the mood of the times," according to Robert Handy, professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Some religious historians and theologians question if Christian Scientists will be around to celebrate its 200th anniversary.

The Christian Science religion in the past has appealed to many of the more elite and cultured members of our society. They are morally upright people, but, unfortunately they follow a religion which teaches many principles completely foreign to the New Testament.

It is true that the mind has a powerful influence on the body and the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, recognizes this truth. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," (Proverbs 23:7). "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones," (Proverbs 17:22).

Paul admonishes us: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, what-

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson



Christian Scientists are declining in membership and increasing in financial difficulties according to a report in the Wall Street Journal, date February 27, 1979. The report states:

"When James T., a 36 year old Christian Scientist, was stricken with Cancer he dutifully stuck to the tenets of his faith and refused to visit a physician. Instead he tried to cure the disease through prayer and the scriptures. But the Cancer grew and so did the pain. Panicking, he agreed to enter the hospital. He died one week later. James T's widow tells how she lost her faith in Christian Science as a result: 'My children and I left the church,' she says with some bitterness.

"Other Christian Scientists, too, apparently have been losing faith in the power of spiritual succor and are putting more faith in the temporal care of modern medicine.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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WHERE IS MOTHER?

"Her children rise up, and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praiseth her"
Proverbs 31:28

1

Our little one lay mid snow white sheets,
And smiled in peaceful slumber sweet,
Soon he opened his blue eyes wide
And he saw me standing by his side.
His baby lips quivered, loud he cried,
"Where's Muvver?"

2

Small Anne was playing in the yard,
She ran too fast and fell so hard.
Up the steps she ran past me,
With bleeding hands and aching knee.
Tears in her eyes, she could not see,
She cried, "Where's Mother?"

5

I was their Dad and I could not see
Why they asked for Mother instead of me.
But the next day when I came from town,
I asked the children standing round,
"Where's Mother?"

3

When Jack comes in each day from school,
Throws his coat and cap upon a stool—
Into the kitchen he quickly flies,
Thinking of cookies and apple pies,
If she's not there he always cries,
"Where's Mother?"

4

My lovely daughter came up the steps
And right by my chair she swept,
She asked not for sister, or brother,
But asked the same old question over,
"Where's Mother?"

---Author Unknown

New Members

In recent months we have gained several new members to our family at West Erwin. We hope to include pictures of all new members in The Visitor in the next few weeks. We appreciate James Phillips for taking the pictures.



Mrs. Bobby (Joni) Smith



Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Signa) Stanley



Daniell J. Gianelloni

Holly Beth Womack
and
Kimsie Robert Shupe
together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Womack
and
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Shupe
invite you to share in the joy
when they exchange marriage vows
and begin their new life together
on Saturday, the nineteenth of May
Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine
at eleven o'clock in the morning
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas
If you are unable to attend
they ask your presence in thought and prayer
Reception following

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Greenville for Gladys Angel, sister of A. Z. Aven. Burial was in Celeste. We express our sympathy to the family.

Gospel Meeting

The Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville will have a Gospel Meeting May 13 - 17. Reuel Lemmons will preach each weekday evening at 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend.

Grocery Truck

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be here during the week of June 18 - 22. They are always grateful for any grocery items. However, for this trip a number of congregations will concentrate on the collection of one item. It is suggested that we concentrate on SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK (Eagle Brand, etc). A six months supply would be 360 14 ounce cans.

Words

From Wes



GUEST EDITORIAL. . .

Do We Really Understand?

While Harry S. Truman was president of this country an attempt was made to assassinate him. A guard was killed in the line of duty, protecting the president. Mr. Truman said at that time, "You can't understand how a man feels when somebody else dies for him."

How would you react under the circumstances in which Mr. Truman found himself? How would you feel and what would you do as the result of your feelings? Do I hear someone saying, "I'll tell you one thing for sure; as long as I live that person would never be forgotten." Flowers for the funeral and visits with the family, with every offer of help, would be only the beginning. We would often visit the gravesite and place flowers there and the flowers would be wet with our tears. If some kind of memorial should be started in that person's name we would give most generously to it. In all of this we would be trying to repay the person, posthumously, for his noble deed. But, in our purely rational moments we know that no one would be recompensed in these ways for the sacrifice of life. All that we could do is memorialize His name and manifest gratitude for a love or sense of duty that was so great.

And, is this not what Jesus was teaching his disciples with the institution of the Lord's Supper? "This do in remembrance of me," he said. He knew that we could never repay him for what he was doing. But we would be able to keep the memory fresh with regard to his suffering and at each coming together at his table we could say "thanks" once again.

When persons miss the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week, sometimes for the most trivial reasons, they miss the opportunity to say "thanks." Can it be that the death of an ordinary person would touch us more deeply and affect our future lives more profoundly than the death of God's Son on the cross?

Our failure to say "thanks" must be that we just don't really understand. Not only does salvation and

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Prayer	Roy Roberson
Dismiss	Joe Willis
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Dismiss	Steve Brown
Serving Communion for Sunday	
C. E. Caskey	Foy Richey
Elwin Crow	Ron Jones
Paul Stanley	Roger McElroy
Jamon Kirby	Odell Malone
Greeters for Sunday	
Jack Stringer	B. E. Walker
	D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions	
April 29	\$4,148.62
April 22	\$4,519.65
Year Ago	\$3,266.20
Bible School	
April 29	356
April 22	388
Year Ago	347
Worship	
April 29	499
April 22	533

Weekly Budget	
	\$4,500.00

New Members

We are happy to welcome two families to Tyler and West Erwin. Wyndal and Carolyn Miller, 342 Powell, phone 581-1045, came Sunday morning to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Palo Verde Church in Tucson, Arizona.

Mike and Diana Savage, 3524 Cameron, phone 593-6587, came Sunday evening to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Broadway Church in Garland, Texas. They have two children, Ryan, 3 years and Taylor, 5 months.

Singing

The First Sunday Singing will be at the Omen Road Church building this Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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Area Meetings

The Tenneha Church of Christ here in Tyler will have a series of Gospel lessons, May 6 - 11. Theaster Malloy from Houston will speak each evening at 7:30.

Jack Paul will preach in a meeting for the Highway 31 Church of Christ in Brownsboro, May 6 - 8. Evening services at 7:30. Jim Paul will lead singing.

You are invited to attend the Singing Workshop next week at the church in Van. The weeknight sessions have been changed from 7:30 to 7:00.

BACCA LAUREATE services for graduates will be conducted by the churches of Christ in Tyler on Sunday evening, May 27 at 6:00 o'clock at the West Erwin building.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Jack Bennett entered Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas last Sunday.

Mrs. Doris Terrell is hospitalized in Houston.

Mrs. Alvin Shackelford is in Glenwood Hospital.

Harvey Grier suffered burns on his face and head from an accident while working Tuesday afternoon. He is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Travis Fletcher (former Members) underwent major surgery this week in Kerrville. Her address is Sid Peterson Hospital, Room 508-A. Her condition is serious.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

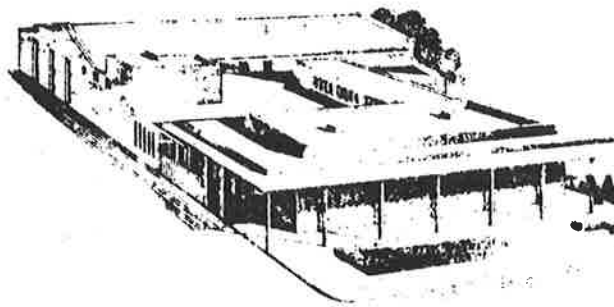
The first annual Ladies' Inspiration Day for the West Erwin church was a great success. The weather was delightful. The Rose Garden was ever more beautiful, so the luncheon at the Rose Center Building was held in lovely surroundings. All of the women who attended were most enthusiastic about the instruction they were given, the inspiration they received, and the fellowship they enjoyed. Wes Price and Billie Bob Hickman are to be praised for the work they did. They have a letter in the bulletin expressing their appreciation for the help given by everyone.

We are thankful for the many fine Christian women in the West Erwin family and for their influence for good. Paul often wrote about the Christian women who assisted in the work of the Lord in his time. For example, he wrote, "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with my

fellowlaborers whose names are in the book of life," (Philippians 4:3). Of course, we understand that there are restrictions placed upon the work women are to do, but there is much which they can do for the cause of Christ.

I plan to be away the next two Sundays. I am to preach in a gospel meeting at Glen Rose, Texas beginning this Sunday. On the following Sunday I am to be at a Homecoming at the Southside church in Fort Worth where I preached before moving to Tyler. The church will be having the formal opening of a beautiful new educational wing and fellowship hall and observe the twentieth anniversary of the building of its present building. The Southside congregation is 87 years old. I am thankful for the opportunity to return to Fort Worth for this occasion. We will be thinking and praying for all of you at West Erwin and ask that you pray for us also.

In 1978 I was privileged to return for special occasions for three congregations where we have worked in the past - Tenth and Broad in Wichita Falls, Highland Street in Memphis, Tennessee, and Broadway in Lubbock. So I am very glad now to return to another church where we were in the past - the Southside church in Fort Worth.



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MINISTERS GEORGE H. STEPHENSON
WES W. PRICE

May 3, 1979

Dear Christian Sisters,

Our "Inspiration Day" was truly an inspiring occasion! Hopefully, we helped ladies from the East Texas area strive for greater faith and to grow in the qualities of Christian womanhood.

Even though words are sometimes empty, please accept our sincere words of "thank you" for all of your willing help - your talents are unlimited.

We want to praise Wanda Weathers and June Walker for the excellent job they did with the hard task they had. Our luncheon time was so beautiful. A special thanks to each of the women who worked so untiringly with them and also to all of the women who prepared the delicious food.

For those ladies who were not called on to do something special we want you to know the day would not have been a success had we not had your support by your presence, your encouragement and kind words.

To the ladies who were hindered from attending for one reason or another, we missed you! We only pray that if we have another Ladies' Day, you will be able to attend and enjoy the spiritual food that permeated the occasion. To be with 200 women of like faith was something to experience.

With such willing workers the Lord's Church at West Erwin is bound to grow both in spirit and numbers. Our deepest love and gratitude to each of you.

In Christian love,

Wes W. Price

Billie Bob Hickman

Words
From
Wes



Joy beyond measure! That's how I would summarize the various comments that were made about the Ladies' Inspiration Day last Saturday. Everyone who came went away with a soaring spirit for the feast of good things enjoyed during the day's activities. Our deepest thanks to all who had a part in making that day the success it was. And above all, a great word of thanks is due Billie Bob Hickman for the great work of planning and directing the program. Only the Lord knows (and maybe her husband) how much time and energy she put into making the day what it was. We appreciate her so much for her excellent work.

To all who had a part, great or small, in making the day a success, our word of thanks to you and prayers of thanks to our Heavenly Father in your behalf. For further comments, note the personal letter to all our ladies elsewhere in our bulletin.

What a joy it was to welcome two new families into our spiritual household on Sunday. They both will make valuable additions to our working force. Their coming is a credit to all of you who show such a friendly face to those who come to visit with us. Let's keep up the good work.

The Daylight Savings Time certainly took its toll as far as our Bible school attendance is concerned. Many realized too late that they had forgotten to reset their clocks before retiring. I have a ready solution to this if I could get the attention of the legislators. Why not use midnight Sunday night for the time change instead of Saturday? Do you suppose there would be some late to work on Monday morning? Perhaps, and do you also suppose we are too often more zealous about our secular responsibilities than we are about our devotion to God?

So that we will all be making proper plans, we would like to announce that Bible school promotion time for our classes will be accomplished this year on the final Sunday of May instead of at the end of August. On Sunday, May 27, we will use the final part of the class time

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Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls and visits. Also, thank you to brother and sister Dawson and Wes Price for sitting with my daughter and husband during my surgery.

In Christian love,
Mrs. Jo Metcalf

ATTENTION!

A notice to Hillard Hughes' classmembers. To accommodate your growing number, we are moving your class to a new location. Please go to room 108 beginning next Sunday morning. We appreciate Hillard's work in helping this class grow. May it serve as a stimulus for all of us. WP

HELP!

LADIES - we have misplaced the punch bowl. If you know where it is please call the church office.

WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

to direct the children in the grades to their new class so that the following Sunday, June 3, they will go directly to their new classes. The promotion for the Wednesday night classes will take place on June 6.

Teachers, may we urge you to be making plans to help us accomplish this move so that it will be done with as little difficulty as possible.

New materials will be available in advance of that time. If you have any question about the material or the promotion, please contact your supervisor.

Perhaps you have wondered about the new wall being constructed on the Northeast corner of our south parking lot. This is being done to improve the appearance of our facilities. It will conceal the refuse containers belonging to the Newspaper next door. We are indebted to brother and sister Ross Walker for this project. We love them for their generosity and for their desire to see that this church is not lacking in making the very best impression on our community.

WES W. PRICE

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	April 22	\$4,519.65
Prayer	Roger Knight	Bldg.fund	68.00
Dismiss	Edwin Pickle	Special	\$3,262.81
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Year Ago	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Year Ago	\$3,208.58
Prayer	Gilbert Kasparek	Bible School	
Dismiss	Ray Womack	April 22	388
Serving Communion Sunday		April 15	398
Ed Bullard	John Teague	Year Ago	373
Sam Bailey	Harley Turner	Worship	
Steve Brown	Tommy Lowrance	April 22	533
Paul Miller	Gus Krewall	April 15	631
Greeters For Sunday			
Harold Browning	Weldon Dawson	Weekly Budget	
D. C. Jones			\$4,500.00

RESPONSES

Baptized: We are happy that Cole Bennett, son of Ken and Alma Bennett, Rt. 10, Box 452, was baptized on Sunday morning. He is in the 6th grade.

Baptized and Membership: After a period of study with Wes Price, Mike Pawlik was baptized into Christ on Friday evening. His wife, Carol, placed membership on Sunday. Their address is 421 So. College, Apt. B - phone 593-7564. They have lived in Tyler a short time and have attended the Young Couple's Bible Class.

Restored: Wallace Gayle came last Wednesday evening to be restored.

Sunday morning Janie Cauthen came to be restored.

For Prayers: Sunday morning Jim and Sue Paul came for prayer.

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Judea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul," (Acts 11:29, 30).

A considerable amount of teaching in the Bible concerns the matter of helping the needy in Jerusalem. Paul asked the Roman Christians to pray for him that the contributions he had helped to raise would be received by the Jerusalem saints, (Romans 15:31). Paul gave instruction to the Corinthian church concerning a collection for needy saints, (I Corinthians 16:2). Chapters eight and nine of Second Corinthians give a detailed discussion concerning the co-operative work of benevolence of several congregations. I am thankful for the compassionate spirit which prevails among the West Erwin members and which you demonstrated in such a fine way last Sunday.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Gus Krewall entered Glenwood Hospital Wednesday for minor surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chandler are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Jack Bennett will go to Dallas for treatment in a few days.

Mrs. Mary Lou Wallis went to Baylor Wednesday for tests.

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George H. Stephenson

Thank all of you who responded in a very generous way to send aid to those who suffered loss as a result of the recent tornado in Wichita Falls. I thought that the contribution of \$3,262.81 was just great following our regular contribution of \$4,519.65.

Christianity is a religion of compassion and helpfulness for those who are in need. In Paul's writing to the Galatians, he spoke of the fellowship of leaders of the church in Jerusalem and then declared, "Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do," (Galatians 2:10). When famine arose in Judea we read, "Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in

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Ladies' Inspiration Day

at

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420 West Erwin St.
Tyler, Texas*

Saturday, April 28, 1979

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Theme: Crowning Qualities of
Christian Women*

My Wife

A sigh in the night... A smile across a room of strangers...
A tug at a sleeve in the middle of a sad movie...

This is my wife.

She is a pair of waiting arms for a weary warrior. She repairs frayed banners torn on daily battle fields... She cushions defeats... and makes victories worthwhile.

This is my wife.

Her smile can lighten a heavy heart. She can hold a hand and lend an ear... She can blow a kiss... and ease a care...

She can warm cold room just by walking through a door...

A wife is a secret-sharer... she has a private smile that belongs to just a husband when they both recall a fond and secret memory...

A wife is an unpredictable creature. She can remember a word spoken in love 20 years ago... but can't remember to pick up the cleaning.

She's magic with a dish towel in her hands... romance running a vacuum cleaner... charm with a smudge of flour on her nose.

A pair of blue-green eyes with faith shining out... a head of soft hair that bounces when she runs... a sad pout when things go wrong.

This is my wife.

A sweetheart through all the years of man's life... a help meet when the load grows heavy... a friend when all other friends have turned their heads away.

This is my wife.

Wives look beautiful in the strangest places... like standing in a doorway or reaching high to take a dish off the shelf... or straightening pillows on the sofa... or tucking a child into bed... or standing in the rain waiting for a husband to open the car door.

When a man runs out of heart... a wife gives him part of hers... She re-kindles the spark of dreams. She can make a husband young again with just a twinkle in her eyes...

She's charm, love, enchantment, hope, pride, dreams, pleasure, laughter, delight, magic, gaiety and Christian womanhood... all wrapped into the most wonderful woman in the world.

She's my wife. I love her.

-Richard Rogers

Time Change

This is the time of year for our time to "spring forward." Remember to turn your clock forward 1 hour Saturday night before you go to bed. Make a special effort to be on time for Bible Class Sunday morning.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be 6:45 a.m. Thursday, May 3 at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Beckham. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations

Gary and Louise Weaver are the happy parents of a baby boy, Randall Wayne, born April 9, 1979 in Mesquite, Texas. Louise is the niece of brother George Stephenson.

CAMP DEER RUN

We have brochures available for boys and girls who might like to attend Camp Deer Run. Camp Deer Run provides an opportunity for wholesome recreation and spiritual training for boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 18 years. It is located 14 miles east of Quitman in a beautiful wooded area.

Sessions will be held this summer on these dates:

June 3 - 8	July 8 - 20
June 10 - 22	July 22 - Aug. 3
June 24 - July 6	Aug. 5 - 10

The one week session costs \$30.00 plus a \$10.00 reservation fee. The two week sessions cost \$55.00 plus a \$10.00 reservation fee. We have application blanks available for all who are interested.

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies beyond the will of God.

Words
From
Wes



I'm excited about the Ladies' Day program. I hope you are too! It will be a great day for all our ladies and the many, many guests we anticipate coming. So many have contributed their talents and energies in planning this program, but I must express a word of thanksgiving for Billie Bob Hickman. She has been so unselfish with her time and talent and without her, this great day would not be a reality. We are thankful for her beyond words. Please join me in telling her how much we appreciate her.

I hope you receive this bulletin before Saturday, for just one more reminder to invite as many as you can to come and be your guests for this day's activities.

We will be concluding our study in Hebrews in our Wednesday morning Ladies class in the next couple of weeks, but we will continue through the final Wednesday in May with other studies. If you have not been coming, please accept this invitation to be with us for these few final weeks.

Sunday, two weeks ago, (April 14), many of you received a packet of tracts on your automobile windows sometime during the time you were here at the building for worship services. At this time, we are not able to express proper thanks since we are not acquainted with the donor. If you are, we would appreciate knowing who to thank.

We are continually thankful for our Bible class teachers. Week in and week out, they do their work quietly and efficiently, seeking to impart God's word to those who come to their classes. Won't you help us thank them properly? Tell them how much you appreciate their efforts and by all means be present for the classes they teach. We could not survive without them in the spreading of God's word. We pray God's richest blessings upon them.

WES W. PRICE

Be an "AMEN" Christian, but don't shout it any louder than you live it.

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 Prayer Leon Welborn
 Dismiss Matt Haws
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 April 15 398
 April 8 406
 Year Ago 351
 Worship
 April 15 631
 April 8 406
 Weekly Budget
 \$4,500.00

Gospel Meetings

Emmett Roberts of Raytown, Missouri will speak for the Spring Meeting at the Northwest Church of Christ, April 22 - 25. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Stafford North, Executive Vice President of Oklahoma Christian College, will preach in a Gospel Meeting on "The Book of Revelation," April 22 - 26 at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, Texas. The evening services will be at 7:30 p. m.

Study your Bible daily.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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IN THE HOSPITALS

Jim Franklin continues to be in the Mother Frances Hospital. He should not have visitors at this time.

Mrs. Jack Bennett remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

O. B. Sanders is in Glenwood Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last week in Brownsboro for the niece of Cone Birdwell. Also, the funeral for an aunt of Eleanor Birdwell was held in Brownwood.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

by George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Conformed or Transformed?
 P. M. The Last Miracle of Jesus.

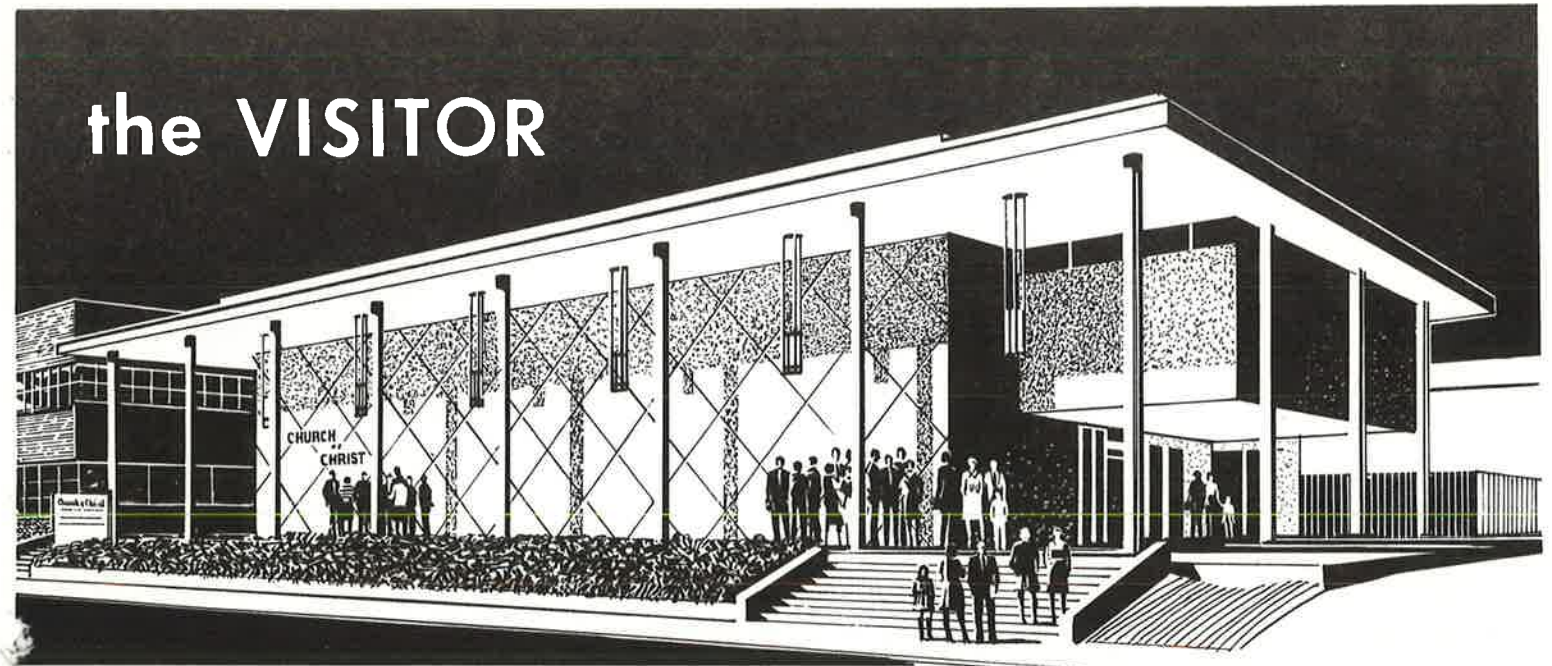
Sooner or later, a man reaches his "B" period:



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George H. Stephenson

Last Sunday we were pleased to see the large number of visitors with us and to have one of the largest crowds we have had for the morning worship. We hope and pray that the time will come when we have more than this present every Lord's Day. Let us continue to work together for the growth of the church at West Erwin and everywhere.

Special Collection for Tornado Victims

On this coming Sunday there will be a collection taken to assist the victims of the recent tornado which struck Wichita Falls on Tuesday, the 10th. Tornadoes also hit Vernon, Texas and Lawton, Oklahoma. According to reports we have received there were 20,000 left homeless in Wichita Falls as a result of the storm. There were 40 or 50 killed and hundreds seriously injured. Several church members were on the casualty lists. There were about 160 families who were members of churches of Christ who lost their homes.

We have been informed that the greatest need at this time is for money to be used in the purchase of necessary items for the tornado victims. Therefore, we hope that every member at West Erwin will be prepared to make a generous contribution on Sunday.

We have been informed that there is no further need for used clothing at this time. Truck loads of various supplies have been brought to Wichita Falls and are being distributed by the Tenth and Broad congregation from a school building they have rented. There is a need for household furnishings and non perishable food items. If you have any household items you would like to donate for this purpose, please call the church office. Arrangements will be made to take them to Wichita Falls.

The special contribution on Sunday will be sent to one of the congregations in Wichita Falls to be used by the elders in helping those who are in need. This is an opportunity for us to show our love for the Lord as we attempt to minister to the needs of his saints.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith," (Galatians 6:10).

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Saturday, April 28, 1979

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Theme: *Crowning Qualities of Christian Women*

PROGRAM

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 Welcome address
- - - Carolyn Womack
- Invocation
- - - Alice Stephenson
- 10:15 - 10:30 Singing
- - - Alma Faye Price
- Introduction of speaker
- - - Jan Knight
- 10:00 - 11:30 Keynote speaker
- - - Barbara Rogers
- Dismissal Prayer
- 11:30 - 1:00 Lunch and fellowship
- RETURN TO CHURCH BUILDING
- Singing
- - - Alma Faye Price
- Scripture reading
- - - Mary Paul
- Prayer
- - - Modena Jones
- Introduction of speaker
- - - Elaine Roberson
- 1:15 - 2:00 Guest speaker
- - - Mary Nell Kreidel
- 10 Minute Break
- Introduction of panel
- - - Audrey O'Bannon
- 2:10 - 3:00 Panel
- - - Barbara Rogers, Mary Nell Kreidel, Alice Stephenson, and Alma Fay Price
- Farewell
- - - Marian Rowe
- Benediction
- - - Vivian McCall



BARBARA NELSON ROGERS

Barbara Nelson Rogers was reared and educated in Dallas, Texas. She has spoken to Ladies' Bible Classes in the Blue Ridge Encampment in Black Mountain, North Carolina as well as the Abilene Christian University Lectureship. She is the author of several books, each a study of a New Testament book. She teaches the wives of the Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock, Texas. She is married to Richard Rogers and is the mother of four children.



MARY NELL KREIDEL

Mary Nell Kreidel was reared and educated in Dallas, Texas. She attended Abilene Christian University and received her B.A. degree from U.T.P.B. in Odessa, Texas. She and her husband Walter, lived and worked as missionaries in Sao Paulo and Curitiba, Brazil from 1961 to 1974. They returned to the United States in 1974 to work with the Elmwood Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas. In 1977 they moved to Midland, Texas where Brother Kreidel is Minister of Personal Evangelism. In addition to being the mother of four children, she teaches fourth grade at a private school.

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Thank You

We want to express our thanks to you for every encouraging word during the past few weeks. The sweet fellowship of Christians at West Erwin has been a wonderful source of comfort during the illness and death of our loved one. Your prayers and generous acts of kindness are sincerely appreciated by all of us.

Lonnie K. Taylor
Lonnie and Pat Taylor
Harold and Nelda Browning

Thank you very much for all the cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital stay. Also, a special thanks to all my class members for the flowers. It is times like these when your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

Pam Lemons

I am at home but do have to go back to Baylor for more tests. Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, food, your love and thoughtfulness.

Mary Lou Wallis

Directory Change

Ralph and Dee Skaggs placed membership Sunday with the Broadway congregation.



"JUST FOR WOMEN"

You are invited to the third annual "Just For Women" on Saturday, April 21, at the Alpine Church of Christ. The theme for this lectureship for women and teenage girls is "Sharing Our Joy."

Singing

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be at the Bullard Church of Christ Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 in the afternoon. You are invited.

No day is well spent without communication with God.

Words From Wes



WES W. PRICE

Work is proceeding a head of schedule on our new Fellowship Hall. I believe you can tell how impressive the front will be when it's completed. It certainly will improve the overall appearance of our property. So much for appearances. The important thing is that it will be such a useful facility. As time for our Ladies' Inspiration Day draws near we can already see how great it would be if we had it for that day. It will be a welcomed addition to our facilities.

John Owens did a super fine job of getting men together for our first monthly men's fellowship breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the early morning get-together. Not the least of the enjoyment was the spiritual challenge Jack Paul gave us for the growth of the church at West Erwin. Don't forget, reserve the 1st Thursday morning of each month for this meeting.

Congratulations are in order for Joe McBee, one of our deacons who was recently cited by Southwestern Bell Telephone for completing 30 years as an employee. We are proud to acknowledge his honor.

Ladies, please don't forget the Ladies' Inspiration Day on Saturday, April 28. Excitement is building and we are expecting a large number of visitors from area congregations.

With a great host of visitors for worship we have an almost record attendance in the morning service. We are always thankful for our visitors. We continue to receive warm compliments on how wonderfully we receive our guests.

Don't forget Sunday morning Bible study. The knowledge you receive may just be what you need for strength for the week. Come join us regularly.

Congratulations

Florene Lowrance is the happy grandmother of a new baby boy, Stephen Wesley, adopted by Linda and Ronny Lowrance. He was born February 17. They live in Farmersville, Texas.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Milburn Cook
Dismiss	Denton Phillips
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	C. B. Hardin
Dismiss	Shayne Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday	
Ed Bullard	John Teague
Sam Bailey	Harley Turner
Steve Brown	Tommy Lowrance
Paul Miller	Gus Krewall
Greeters for Sunday	
John Brem	George Seagler
	D. C. Jones

Our Records

Contributions	
April 8	\$4,346.04
April 1	\$4,296.84
Year Ago	\$3,672.38
Bible School	
April 8	406
April 1	343
Year Ago	347
Worship	
April 8	548
April 1	414
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,500.00

THE BAPTISM OF LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln was well acquainted with several outstanding members of the restoration movement. He understood that one could be a member of the church for which Christ died without being a member of any denomination. He attended a meeting in 1862 and discussed the subject of baptism with the preacher W. H. Morris. Lincoln agreed with the Biblical teaching on the subject and said, "I intend to attend to it."

When Lincoln mentioned the decision to his wife she flew into a tantrum and said that she and Washington society would be scandalized if it became known. Ten days later John O'Kane, a reputable preacher, and Lincoln took a buggy ride with a change of clothing under the seat and O'Kane baptized Lincoln secretly in a small river near Springfield, Illinois.

From that point on he lived and died a member of the church of Christ. President James A. Garfield was also a member of the church and also died of an assassin's bullet. This information shows the far-reaching effects of powerful pioneer preaching and teaching. . . the Christian Journal, July 1977.....

For Women Only

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Jack Bennett remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Jim Franklin is a patient in Mother Frances where he underwent back surgery on Monday.
 Guy Potts remains in the Glenwood Hospital.
 Jeana Paul had a tonsillectomy this week and is recuperating at home.
 Mrs. Houston Holcomb has been dismissed from the hospital and is at her daughter's home.
 Mrs. Mary Lou Wallis is now at home after undergoing tests in Dallas.
 Mrs. R. M. Mayo, Mrs. Algie Sherman, and Mrs. Alvin Shackelford have gone home after hospitalization.
 O. B. Sanders is to go home this weekend.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We had a wonderful group of men and young men present for a delightful period of fellowship and inspiration last Thursday morning for the first of a monthly Mens' Breakfast. Jack Paul was the speaker and in his usual dynamic way he challenged us to be more zealous and to work together in making the West Erwin congregation a great church. We thank the deacons for their work in arranging for this monthly breakfast which we feel will accomplish great good.

As you know this coming Sunday is known as "Easter". Many people will be attending some sort of church services for the only day in the year they will attend. If we have "extra visitors" on this day we will be glad to have them. However, we would hope that we might encourage them to worship every Lord's Day and to give themselves without reservation to the Lord.

Of course, we should be thinking about the resurrection on Sunday not because it is any more

important than any other Sunday. The first day of every week is kept because Christ was raised from the dead on this day. The early Christians met on the first day of the week "to break bread" (Acts 20:7). In the observance of the Supper we proclaim the Lord's death even as Jesus said, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come", (1 Corinthians 11:26). Without the death of Christ we would not have the promise of the forgiveness of sins through his shed blood. (Matthew 26:28). However, if there were no resurrection then Christ's death was in vain. Paul declared, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain", (1 Corinthians 15:14).

Yes, we invite you to be with us this Sunday and every Sunday as we honor the Christ who died for us and was raised again. Because Jesus was raised from the dead there are three great truths which should be remembered. (1.) Christ is truly the Son of God. (Romans 1:4). (2.) Since Christ was raised, we have the assurance of our own resurrection, (1 Thessalonians 4:14). (3.) We worship a living Christ, one who is alive forevermore. (Revelation 1:18).

"Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a Victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!"

GUEST EDITORIALS

TIME IS VALUABLE

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." (Romans 13:11).

Perhaps never in the history of the world has time been as valuable to a people as it is to the citizens of America at the present. There are so many places to go, so many things to do, so many people to see; and so little time to do all of it. "I haven't time, is a popular excuse for not doing anything that the person does not want to do.

"Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" is just as true for us as it was for the members of the church of Rome to whom Paul first wrote this great truth. Is it not essential that we wake out of sleep?

Members of the church are asleep as they give time to that which is trivial, and refuse to give time to the work of the Lord. That which is transient and material is of the earth, and will pass away. That which is spiritual is of God and Christ, and is eternal.

When we give our time to anything, we indicate the importance of that particular activity. How much time do we give to the worship of God; to the helping of others? Certainly time is valuable! So let us use our time for that which is important, for that which has to do with the salvation of souls, ours and others!

..... Foster L. Ramsey

THE UNTOLD STORY or REAL REASONS WHY

Some people don't miss church services because they live too far from the building - but because they live too far from God.

Some people don't miss church services because they don't drive at night - but because their spiritual light is growing dim.

Some people don't miss church services because they have no clothes - but because they're spiritually unclothed.

Some people don't miss church services because it's too cold - but because their hearts are cold.

Some people don't miss church services because they have company - but because they're not in the Lord's company.

Some people don't miss church services because they're sick - but because their souls are sick.

Some people don't miss church services because the preacher is different - but because they are indifferent.

Some people don't miss church services because they have no way - but because they have lost their way.

..... Greg Cummings

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Saturday for Mrs. Lonnie Taylor. Our deepest sympathy goes to brother Taylor, Nelda and Harold, Lonnie and Pat, and to all of her family.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. John (Susan) Steffee, Rt. 4 (Jeff Davis Drive), phone 561-1503, came Sunday to place membership. They are the parents of Kimberly - who is in the 4th grade, and Michelle - who is in kindergarten. They formerly worshipped with the Glenwood congregation. We welcome them as they work and worship with us.

Thank You

Our thanks to the many friends at West Erwin for their expression of love and thoughtfulness during the sickness and death of our loved one.

The family of Ann Murry Bryant



You Are Invited

...to a shower for Sue Ann Ferguson at the home of Marian Rowe, April 21, from 10:00 - 12:00 A.M. The address is 1925 Courtney.

WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

Many of you need to be encouraged to pay closer attention to your attendance at our weekly Bible study, both on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. I just cannot but feel that you surely are missing a personal blessing when you are not present. Not that you are failing to study your Bibles at home, but it increases your learning when you come to a classroom setting and study with others. We have a great staff of teachers for every age, from the youngest to the eldest who are well prepared to help you learn more about God's word. Come join us, won't you?

Words

From

Wes



A big, warm, sunshiny Sunday brought out a host of visitors to our services Sunday morning and evening. We are thankful for them as well as our own members who were present for Bible study and worship. It was a big increase over the previous Sunday when the old weatherman's rain scared many into staying at home. And for a fact, it did prevent many from getting out for last Sunday's evening service.

How glad we are to have so many visitors. I believe the reputation we have as being a warm and friendly congregation is not without foundation. And the great thing about it is that we don't have to continually tell everyone to be friendly (which is usually a sure indication that it is virtually non-existent) because everyone is friendly. We have received praise from many of our visitors and we are thankful for it.

Attention, Parents! In case you have not been aware of an earlier announcement, our Vacation Bible School is scheduled this year for August 6 through 10. This will be a week or so prior to the opening of the school year the latter part of August. Please be sure to make a note on your calendar and reserve those dates for a week full of Bible learning and fun.

We still have room in the Defensive Driving Course to be held here in our building on April 26 and 27. We have around 40 registered, and there will be room for at least this many more. If you are interested, please call the church office. There is a small fee of \$2.25 for the course, but it will be good for a 10% discount on your automobile insurance.

We certainly don't want our ladies to forget the special Saturday coming up this month. Our first Ladies' Inspiration Day is scheduled for April 28. A great day of spiritually enriching events have been planned especially for ladies, and we want all of you to be present. We are inviting ladies from all of the East Texas area to be our guests. A lovely luncheon will be served at the Tyler Rose Center for all.

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Serving Sunday

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Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	James Phillips
Dismiss	Don Weathers
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Henry McRuiz
Dismiss	Wade Weathers
Serving Communion Sunday	
Lowell Wiggains	F. C. Carpenter
Paul Stanley	Tim Holt
Harvey Grier	Charles Lemons
David Grier	Marc Lemons
Greeters for Sunday	
Morris Hallman	Ford Egbert
	D. C. Jones

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Contributions	
April 1	\$4,296.84
March 25	\$4,952.89
Year Ago	\$3,486.96
Bible School	
April 1	343
March 25	417
Year Ago	361
Worship	
April 1	414
March 25	571
Weekly Budget	
	\$4,500.00

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Lonnie Taylor, Mrs. R. M. Mayo, and Mrs. Houston Holcomb are patients in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Alvin Shackelford and B. B. Sanders are in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Lou Wallis is entering Baylor Hospital in Dallas for tests.

Remember our sick in your prayers.

SERMON SUBJECTS

10:30 A. M. Did the Jews Kill Jesus
 6:00 P. M. Healing the Lepers

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PREACHER'S DESK (Continued)
 earth flashed into midday splendor, and I have known that it was grand. But the grandest thing, next to the radiance that flows from the Almighty's throne, is the light of a noble and beautiful life, shining in benediction upon the destinies of men, and finding its home in the bosom of the Everlasting God".



**We get the sweetest comfort
 When we wear the oldest shoe;
 We love the old friends better
 Than we'll ever love the new.
 Old songs are more appealing
 To the wearied heart—and so
 We find the sweetest music
 In the tunes of long ago.
 There's a kind of mellow sweetness
 In a thing growing old.
 Each year that rolls around it
 Leaves an added touch of gold.
 Tomorrow is not promised us,
 So let us take today,
 And make the most of it,
 The once we pass this way.
 Just speak aloud the kindly thought,
 And do the kindly deed;
 And try and see and understand
 Some fellow creature's need.
 Tomorrow is not promised us,
 Nor any other day.
 So let us make the most of it,
 The once we pass this way.**

— Louise Mae Hagan

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

I have heard some fine comments about the sermons preached by Wes on Sunday. I am thankful to know about those who were baptized into Christ at the morning and evening services.

We had a very enjoyable time in Pearland where I spoke three times. I spoke for the combined adult classes at the Bible School hour and for the morning and evening worship services. We were well received by the congregation. There was one restoration at the morning hour and another at the evening hour.

Russell and Audrey O'Bannon accompanied us on our visit. Audrey's sister, Mrs. David Smith, was instrumental in getting Christians to meet together for worship in the beginning of the congregation. Her husband is now a faithful Christian and an elder in the church. We enjoyed the hospitality of their home. The church has made much progress and now meets in a very beautiful and comfortable building erected two years ago. Louie White, a former preacher

for the Omen Road congregation, has been serving as the faithful preacher at Pearland for over ten years.

This is a wonderful time of the year in Tyler. The beautiful azaleas and dogwoods attract visitors from many parts of the state. The beauty of nature at this season is a reminder of the Creator of all beauty. The "resurrection" of the plants and trees at this season reminds us again that God has the power to resurrect those in the tombs.

Even more beautiful than the flowers of nature are the beautiful lives of Christians. The psalmist prayed, "And let the beauty establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea; the work of our hands establish thou it", (Psalm 90:1). In his famous tribute to Henry W. Grady, John Temple Graves speaks of the beauty sometimes found in man:

"I have seen at midnight the gleaming headlight of a giant locomotive, rushing on through the darkness, heedless of danger and uncertainty, and I have thought the spectacle grand. I have seen the light come over the eastern hills in glory, driving the lazy darkness, like mist before a sea born gale, till leaf and tree and blade of grass sparkled as myriad diamonds in the morning rays, and I have thought that it was grand. I have seen the lightning leap at midnight athwart the storm swept sky, shivering over chaotic clouds, mid howling winds, till cloud and darkness and the shadow haunted

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THE SERPENT THAT HUGS

RELIGION RELATED SCHOOL administration are in shock. They have been told that the government suspects them of discrimination and they must prove themselves innocent or they will be hanged by the neck with additional taxes.

OUR TAX SYSTEM has become such a conglomeration of accumulated complexities that all of us are confused, frustrated, intimidated and frightened by our own government. And that, of course, is the way Big Government, doing for us, does us in. The big-enough serpent does not have to bite; he hugs you to death.

PUBLIC EDUCATION is a comparatively recent innovation in our nation. Originally, all of our schools were "church schools". In the years since, private education has phased out in favor of tax-supported public education. Yet many parents - while continuing to pay taxes for the support of public schools - elect to pay extra to keep their own children in private or "church" schools.

TODAY PUBLIC EDUCATION versus Christian education is a conspicuous mismatch. Academically, Stanford achievement test scores show Christian students seven to thirteen months ahead in reading; eighth graders in Christian schools are reading at tenth-grade level.

MORE THAN 50 PERCENT of public school students divorce within the first five years of marriage, Christian school students 9 percent. Percentagewise, more public school students kill themselves in one day than do Christian school students in a year. An Ohio congressman, Bill Ayers, said it: "We educate without religion; we graduate clever devils." And now these private-donation-supported educational institutions are threatened with economic suffocation and extinction because the IRS commissioner suspects that they are designed to discriminate.

IF THEY CAN TAX away your dollars for religious education, the next turn of the screw is to take away your dollars for evangelization, then comes religious strangulation.

SO WHETHER OR NOT you are directly interested in Christian education, you do have a stake in this. Perhaps you don't have any school-age children or grandchildren, but you have a car and a house that you don't dare leave unlocked any more and beautiful streets you don't dare walk any more - because we have been educating intellects while letting emotions run wild!

IF YOU DO NOT WANT religion-related schools to die of taxation, then communicate with your congressman and say it succinctly. There will be a lot of new members of Congress incoming. They will be hearing many demands, will have many distractions, so sloganize your sentiments if you can.

IF YOU CAN'T, help yourself to this one: "If the church school is starved out, we have a tired team on the field and nobody on the bench."

..... Paul Harvey

And the Lord Added

Mrs. Marc (Pam) Lemons, Rt. 17, Box 240, phone 593-4790, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning by brother Price. We rejoice with her in her obedience to the Lord.

Daniell J. Gianelloni, 414 West Elm, phone 592-5204, was baptized Sunday evening by Bud Caskey. We welcome him into our fellowship.

Thank You

Thank you very much for the flowers. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Gene Bunch, On Behalf of the
Ira Wright Family

Words are so inadequate at a time like this. For every act of kindness we are so grateful. For every prayer, food and beautiful cards, we are so grateful. Thank you for loving Ralph and us. Please keep praying for us.

Florene, Tommy and Ronny

A very special "Thank you" for all of you at West Erwin who have shown your love and thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized. I really appreciated your visits, cards, and most of all your prayers.

In Christian love,
Connie Thurman

Zone Meeting

Zone 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 p. m. at the home of Ray and Dell Lott.



VISITATION IS THE KEY
TO CHURCH GROWTH!

Words

From

Wes



The weather certainly interfered with our attendance on Sunday, both for Bible study and worship. I hope that doesn't sound like we are blaming the Lord for all who could not make it to the building.

At any rate, we needed the rain and I am absolutely convinced that no one stayed away just because they knew I was to preach. And even if they did, I don't want to know who they were. Now that's a humorous remark, so don't go getting serious on me now.

We are thankful that no serious injuries resulted from the storm which passed us by and came down heavily on Longview.

Thank you for your generous remarks about the sermons. I certainly appreciate your encouragement.

Attention Supervisors in the Pre-school, Primary and Junior Departments: There will be an important meeting this coming Sunday in my office at 5:00 p. m. Please make every effort to attend.

We are continuing our study in Hebrews in our Ladies' Class on Wednesday mornings. May we encourage all who can to be present for this class. I won't brag about the teacher, but the subject matter is literally out of this world, heavenly that is. Come and enjoy this study with us.

Ladies, don't forget the special date of Ladies' Inspiration Day, April 28. Begin now to make a list of those you can invite to be our guests.

By the time you receive this, we will have experienced our first monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast, but I know it will be a delightful fellowship. You might like to put it down on your monthly calendar, the first Thursday of each month.

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Elwin Crow
Dismiss Jeff Willis

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

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Bldg. Fund 250.00
Year Ago \$3,244.94

Bible School

March 25 417
March 18 387
Year Ago 371

Worship

March 25 571
March 18 523

Weekly Budget
\$4,500.00

Every week we receive letters in response to the Amazing Grace Bible Class which we sponsor on KLTU each Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock. Here is a portion of a letter recently received from a viewer of the program in Gilmer:

"I watch and enjoy the Amazing Grace Bible Class each Sunday morning sponsored by the West Erwin church of Christ. I am 48 years old. I am a widow. My husband died of heart failure Sept. 10, 1978. My only child, born June 7, 1954 was a son, was killed in a motorcycle accident Dec. 15, 1978. So you can see I am alone with my sorrow except for my God and Christ. Thank God I have them to lean on as I am weak in the flesh. God has blessed me so many times and I am grateful.

"Thank you for your program". We will never know the hundreds of lives being blessed by this program - which is a mission effort by this congregation.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Lonnie Taylor remains seriously ill in Medical Center Hospital.

Ike Gaiser remains in Medical Center but expects to go home Friday.

O. B. Sanders remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. W. D. Metcalf had eye surgery this week and is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Claud (Mary Lou) Wallis is ill and asks that we remember her in our prayers.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. Psalms 46

See YOU
In Bible Class,
Sunday!

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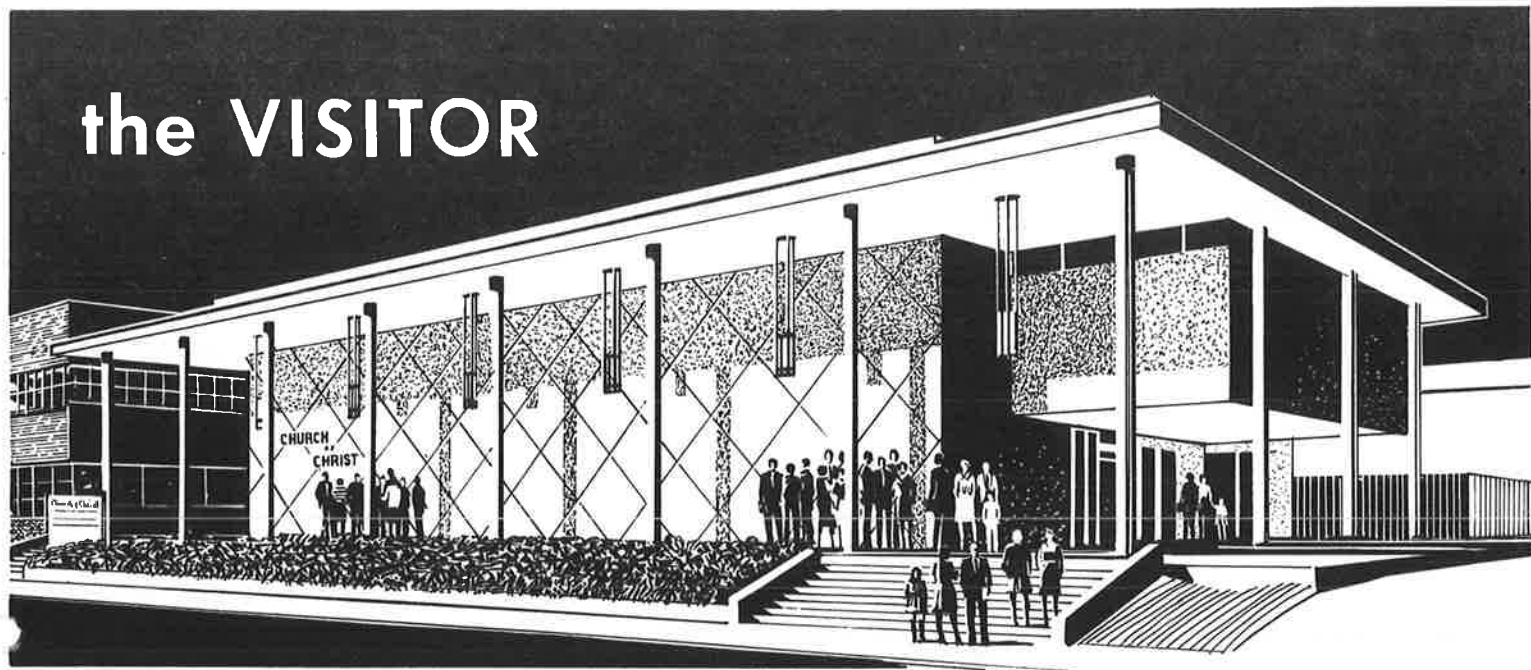
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From the
Preacher's Desk
George H. Stephenson

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday! The weather was ideal and our attendance at Bible School and worship was the largest it has been in a long time. We had good singing led by Jack Paul in the morning and by Wes Price in the evening. West Erwin is blessed with some wonderful talent in many ways. May the Lord enable all of us to use our talents in a way to glorify His name.

I enjoyed reading an interesting story told by J. Wallace Hamilton in his book, "Ride the Wild Horses". I want to share it with you. Here is the story:

"There was an old hermit living once in the mountains of Virginia. He was a wise old man, gifted with that rare insight which some men, though uneducated in the schools, acquire through close contact with nature and the God of the Garden. The young boys of the village

laughed at the old patriarch. 'I know how we can fool him', one said. 'I'll take a live bird and hold it in my hand and ask him what it is. When he answers, I'll ask, 'Is it alive or dead?' If he says it's dead I'll let it fly away; if he says it's alive I'll crush it.' So they went and found him at the door of his hut. 'Old man, I have a question for you. What is it I hold in my hand?' 'Well, my son, it looks like a bird you have caught.' 'Right. Now, tell me, is it alive or dead?' The old man fixed his eyes on him until the boy could bear it no longer. 'It is as you will, my son.'

"As you will! So it is with the atoms, with houses and lands and liberties and with all the stuff you have in your hands. So it is with your soul. Is it alive or dead? It is as you will".

The moral from the story by Wallace Hamilton is so very true. You will determine by the choices you make whether or not your life will be pleasing to God. You will determine where you will spend eternity - whether you choose to obey or disobey our Lord. As you will!

I will miss seeing you on this Sunday. I am scheduled to speak in Pearland, one of the towns near Houston. We hope that there will be large crowds present to hear Wes preach and to assemble for worship around the table of the Lord.

Editorial

Probably it's good that the term "ecology" has found its way into a lot of vocabularies to which until recently it was a stranger - and people are looking at the "environment" near and far with an interest suggesting that its instant purification is their individual responsibility. There's nothing wrong with that awakened concern. It is, after all, the only world presently ours, and we owe to posterity some intelligent effort to pass it along as an asset and not as a filthy, dissipated liability.

This physical domain, however, is only a small part of what should be our concern for community - and, beyond that, national - purity and protective sanitation. There are streams to purify of far greater, eternal importance than our rivers and lakes. For the fact is that, while we have paid some corrective attention to the latter, we have permitted disease-carriers - from mere moral litterbugs to individuals and agencies of the filth-mongers - to spread their poison into the very wellsprings of our individual, community, and national lives. They are not mere "Typhoid Marys," helplessly addicted. They are the cult of commercialized vice - in the business of corrupting our children and our children's children.

They get away with that because, while they scream and agitate raucously the claim of "rights" - free speech and free thinking - most even of those segments that object have remained silent. Or they have been so nearly silent that the authorities could almost believe nobody cares. The fact is that we have almost surrendered, though professing shock when the boldest of these (and increasingly) ply their profession publicly in improvised movie houses, or on TV, or seduce the minds of our children by prostitution of words and pictures and themes of storied deviation in bookshelves and magazine racks. Even our newspapers - for generations the first line of defense against debauchery - are not immune to this sickening drift. "Four letter words" and kindred obscenity now permeate the printed page.

It is ironic that while we have built dams for "flood control" protective of our homes and cities, we leave these living quarters and precious lives exposed to the deluge of filth pouring from such sewers of depravity. We punish for litterbugging, but permit the foulest scum this side of Sodom to capitalize financially on traffic in the souls of people - including children.

Whose fault is it? It is OUR fault if the authorities believe nobody cares. It is our fault - the fault of church people of any faith - if for cause the idea becomes prevalent that we DON'T care. Freedom of speech, free thought, or any other item suggested by First Amendment reference, does not immunize public depravity from accountability, whether the idea originates with an egghead or an idiot.

Saving our environment is nice - and worthy of our concerned attention.

Flood control is a vital principle of public welfare.

Sanitation laws - subject to regulation by Health Departments and Food and Drug Administrations - are essential.

Vastly more important are regulations - enforced - to combat the floodtide of pollutions sweeping away at the moral foundations of this country.

..... From "Madison Marcher" published by Madison, Tennessee Church of Christ.....

Our Sympathy

Brother Ralph Lowrance passed away Thursday. His funeral was held Saturday by George Stephenson and Wes Price. We share in the loss to Florene, Tommy, Ronnie and all the family. Our sympathy is with them at this time.

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Lowell and I sincerely appreciate your cards, visits, and the lovely book you gave us upon the birth of our daughter. It is such a blessing to be a part of the Christian family at West Erwin.

Cecille Wiggains

We want to thank all you Christian people for all your visits, cards, calls, and most of all for your prayers. Thanks for the beautiful flower. All of you have been so sweet to us. We love you all very much.

Raymon and Burla Mayo

Singing

The Broadway congregation will host the Tyler city-wide monthly singing Sunday, April 1 at 2:30 P.M. The entire congregation invites you to come and be their special guests in this fellowship hour of singing.

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

They are also accepting applications for teaching positions. If you are a qualified teacher, you may submit your resume to Morris or Jack. If you have any questions, either of these board members will be glad to talk with you.

My wife and I have been associated with Christian Academy work for the past seven years, and we are in complete agreement with its goals and opportunities. We want to help in any way we can to promote this good work and to encourage you to join the growing advocates of Christian Education.

Sunday was a great day for Bible school attendance as well as worship attendance. We see a renewed interest in attendance at all of our services. Those of you who do not come just don't know what you are missing. Come join us for Bible study at 9:30 and worship at 10:30 and 6:00.

Words

From

Wes



What a great joy our Gospel Meeting was with Wyatt Sawyer. He encouraged us in the faith. We are grateful for the opportunity of having him with us. And what good attendance! So many of you were here for every service, and we are thankful for that.

As good as Wyatt's preaching was, I'm kinda like Jack Paul - we hear the finest sermons from our own Brother George week after week. His two sermons Sunday were outstanding.

Ladies' Inspiration Day is just around the corner. Don't forget that April 28th has been set aside for a great ladies' program. We will have two excellent speakers as well as an interesting panel discussion. We will be hosting women from all over East Texas for the day's activities as well as serving them lunch at the Tyler Rose Garden. We want all of our friends who live in this area to come and be our special guests. The scheduled activities are set to begin at 9:30 for registration followed by a worship at 10:00. Our morning speaker will be Barbara Rogers of Lubbock and Mary Nell Kriedel of Midland. Barbara is the wife of Richard Rogers, minister for the Sunset congregation in Lubbock. Mary Nell is the wife of Walter Kriedel, minister of personal evangelism at the Golf Road congregation of Midland. This fine couple served as missionaries in Brazil for nearly 14 years. We are excited about these ladies being with us for a great day of spiritual feasting. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this event!

We are excited about the creation of a Christian Academy in Tyler. The East Texas Christian Academy is now a reality. A board has been formed with two representatives from each congregation in Tyler. Morris Hallman and Jack Paul serve as members from West Erwin.

The board is presently engaged in a fund raising campaign to raise \$100,000 for the planned opening of classes in September of this year. Such a venture is obviously an expensive undertaking, and they will need all the support that can possibly be secured. If you can assist them in any way, take one of the pledge cards from the table in the church foyer and fill it in for them.

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 Worship
 March 18 523
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 Weekly Budget
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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

Oh, Lord, help me . . .
 to be glad of life, because it gives me the chance to love
 and to work, and to play and to look up at the stars;
 to be satisfied with my possessions, but not contented
 until I have made the best of them;
 to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and
 meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
 to be governed by my admirations rather than my
 disgusts;
 to covet nothing that is my neighbor's except his kindness
 of heart and gentleness of manners;
 to think seldom of enemies, often of friends, and every
 day of Christ . . .

. . . . Henry Van Dyke

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PREACHER'S DESK (Continued)

We are thankful for the great work being done by other congregations and trust this will inspire all of us to a greater zeal and determination to work for the advancement of the church of our Lord.

Report of Our Sick

Ralph Lowrance, Ike Gaiser, and Mrs. Lonnie Taylor are patients in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. David (Connie) Thurman is in Medical Center following surgery.

O. B. Sanders remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Charles Graf is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Ben Young has been in the hospital, but is now at home.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Stephenson on Wednesday for Mrs. P. J. (Anne Murry) Bryant. We express our sympathy to Brother Bryant and to the children in their loss.

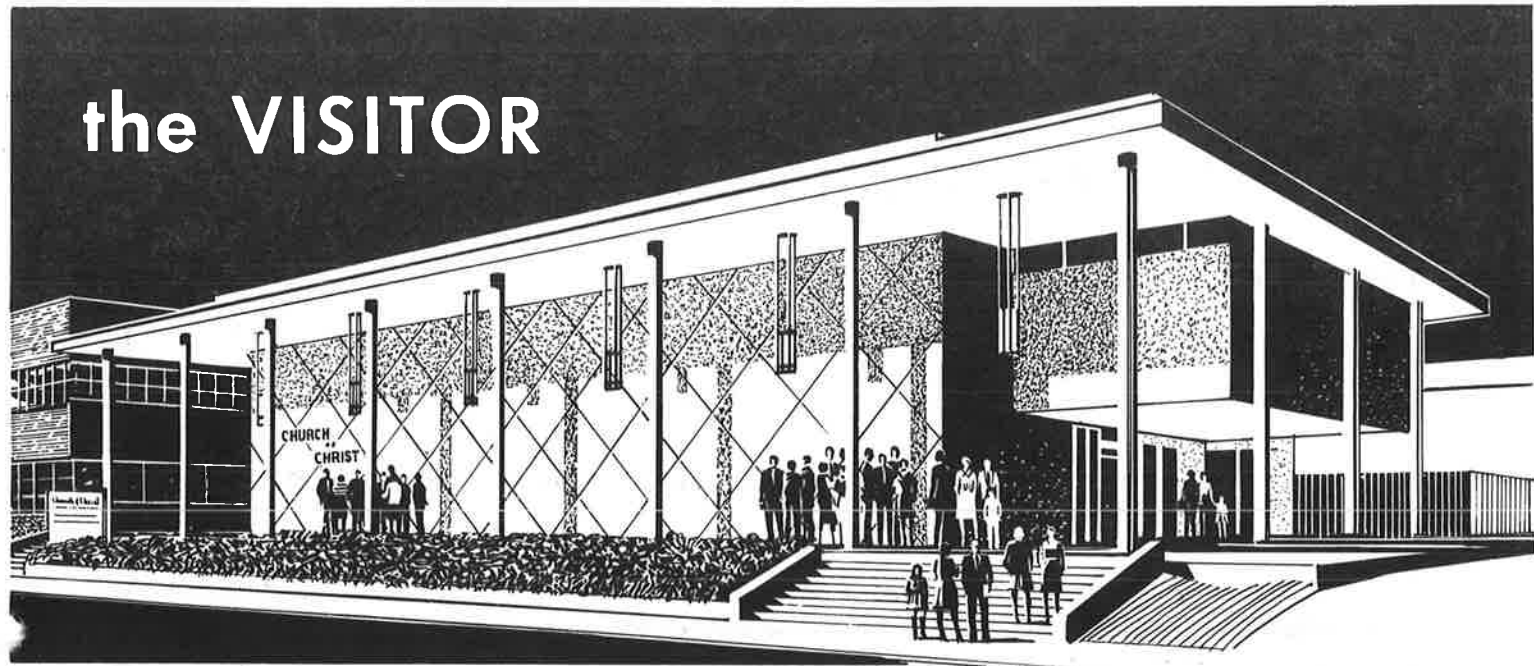
Burial services for Mrs. Esther Lee, sister of R. M. Mayo, were held last Sunday. We extend our sympathy to this family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

..by George H. Stephenson

A.M. Lessons From the Transfiguration

P.M. Jesus Walking on the Water



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The Church With A Heart

We sometimes get discouraged when we realize that in our present society it is sometimes difficult to get people to respond to the invitation of our Lord. In my own experience I can remember times when it seemed that people were more easily persuaded to accept the gospel of Christ. But there are many things happening in the church today which should cause us to be grateful and to realize that the cause of our Lord is making progress in the world.

Ira North, the enthusiastic preacher for the great Madison, Tennessee church, who also serves as editor of the Gospel Advocate recently wrote:

"The church of our Lord is on the march!

"Who among us would have thought just a few years ago that there would be a congregation in our brotherhood that would have a Lord's Day collection of \$2,259,013.00?

"Who among us would have thought just a few years ago that there would be a congregation in our brotherhood who would have 6,174 in Sunday morning Bible School?

"Yet that is exactly what happened a few Sundays ago.

"The first happened at the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas and the latter happened at the Madison Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee."

There are many other congregations in our brotherhood today who have raised large sums of money for their local work and for helping to preach the gospel in many other places as well.

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From the Preacher's Desk



George H. Stephenson

We have had a wonderful week with Wyatt Sawyer bringing great lessons from God's Word and Wes Price directing our singing. Our lives have been blessed and all who have listened to brother Sawyer will surely be stronger in the faith.

Brother Sawyer conducted a youth rally last Saturday night. I was delighted to see groups of young people present from a number of area congregations. Joe McBee led the singing in a fine way. We appreciate the work of Hillard Hughes in arranging this fine rally of young people.

Wes Price is really doing an outstanding work with his class of young married people on Sunday morning. There were 42 present in his class Sunday! That was great. If the class keeps growing - and it should - they are going to need a larger room.

I have heard many commendations of the Ladies' Class which is being taught by Wes on Wednesday mornings. The ladies who attend are lamenting that more women are not present for the good lessons being taught.

The Christian And Social Drinking

For a Christian to defend social drinking is a sin. The forces of evil are ever at work and when elders are appointed who condone social drinking, the entire congregation is under a shadow of shame. The liquor industry has fostered more evil than almost any other type of sin. It destroys homes, jobs, lives, souls and reason. Absolutely nothing good can be attributed to liquor.

When a Christian uses, condones or defends social drinking, he or she has aligned themselves with one of the most destructive forces in our world. Teenage drinking has reached alarming proportions. Part of this is due to parents' use of and attitude toward liquor. Kids now are alcoholics in grade school, all to our shame.

I am disgusted with the pseudo-sophistication of some "saints" - so called who feel they are wise beyond the common herd because they are enlightened above the rest of us concerning social drinking.

Many of our preachers make false arguments against the Bible's teaching on wine, but their hearts are right. They see the terrible ills of liquor and their offended sense of righteousness reacts. But far better to be in their shoes than stand with the social drink defender! Social drink defenders "strengthen the hands of them who do evil." For shame.

Isn't it sad when preachers have to leave the pulpit because elders condone social drinking and you can no longer stomach their ungodliness.

Isn't it sad when our influence is demeaned and destroyed because we are spiritually blind and "can't see the harm in a little drink or two."

Brethren, I want it emblazoned on my tombstone: He hated every form of evil! You can number me with those who stand opposed to social drink defenders. I further believe their ungodly lives should be pointed out and we should vocally oppose them whenever and wherever they are found. May God help us to smite them hip and thigh and give no quarter until the foe is vanquished.

Yours, in defense of the Truth,
Andrew M. Connally

Brother Connally is a nephew of Vivian McCall. He is a faithful preacher of the Word in Springtown. We were glad to have him visit with us recently.

GHS

You Are Invited

Jay Lockhart will preach in a meeting at the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview March 25-28. Services will be at 7:30 Monday through Wednesday. The theme of the meeting will be "The New and Living Way."

The Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine will have a meeting March 25-28 with Dan Anders as speaker. Services are at 7:30 p. m.

"If Anyone Would Come After Me" will be the theme of a Discipleship Seminar at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin. Roger Lamb from Charleston, Illinois will be the speaker for the seminar.

JOE MALONE ON TV SUNDAY

Joe Malone will present a lesson you will want to see and hear on KXAS TV Channel 5 on this coming Sunday morning, March 25 at 7:00 o'clock. Wyatt Sawyer, who has been preaching in our meeting, is one of the regular speakers on this program. Joe Malone is well-known for his artistic ability as well as his speaking ability. His lesson will be "The Purpose of Life". He has preached here in meetings in the past and presently serves as the preacher for the Pleasant Grove church in Dallas. Do not miss seeing him on TV this Sunday!

WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

how to live when things are difficult and I know how to live when things are prosperous. In general and in particular I have learned the secret of facing either plenty or poverty." What was his secret? How was he able to always gain a victory? He had help from another. "I am ready for anything through the strength of the one who lives within me" (Philippians 4:11-13). With the help of the Lord, he was able to undergo every trial, bear every suffering and overcome every temptation.

Centuries before, David had made the same wonderful discovery. He said, "The Lord... maintainest my lot" (Psalm 16:5). And with this knowledge, he was happy and content in life.

Guest Editorial... By Joe R. Barnett

Words
From
Wes



"I have a goodly heritage."

(Psalm 16:6)

THE DEMON OF DISCONTENT

There is a man I like to see. When asked, "How is it going?" he always replies, "Things couldn't be better! I have the greatest job in the world! Everything is so good I just can't believe it!" And the point is, he REALLY means it! It's refreshing to bump into someone every once in a while who is content with his lot in life. David was such a man. He said, "I have a goodly heritage." He had found satisfaction and contentment. He had learned a valuable secret, and one that is well worth our knowing.

Most of us have been dogged by the demon of discontent. With apologies to Paul, "We have learned, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be discontent." Never satisfied, we long for something different, something better, something more.

We assume that everything would be wonderful if only we could get a better salary, a finer home, a new car, and money in the bank. In our wishing for wealth and lusting for luxury, we are confident that sufficient cash is the secret to lasting contentment. But the wisdom of the ages warns against this counterfeit solution. The psalmist said, "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of the wicked" (Psalm 37:16). And Solomon observed, "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith" (Proverbs 15:16).

Here is the rub - the covetous can never be content. Their desire is insatiable. Someone has suggested that "a tub was large enough for Diogenes but the whole world was too small for Alexander." Some people are SATISFIED with LITTLE while others are DISSATISFIED with MUCH. And no magic wave of the wand of wealth will bring contentment!

Life's checkered experiences came to the apostle Paul. He knew sorrow and joy; distress and comfort. Yet he learned to be independent of all external circumstances. With confidence he could say, I have learned to be content, whatever the circumstances may be. I know now

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WORDS FROM WES (Continued)

We enjoy our monthly First Wednesday night singing but I'm afraid many do not take it seriously enough to be here. Our desire for that program is not just to spend some time entertaining and being entertained, but to worship God with song in spirit and truth. And, even though we do spend time singing new songs and songs not frequently used, we still can worship God in an acceptable manner. If you have not been in the habit of coming, then revise your thinking and give it a try. You might find a little bit of heaven in the midst of all that is so obviously worldly. Come join us every Wednesday night.

Wes

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Ethel Payne is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Anne Bryant is in Medical Center.

Ike Gaiser is in ICU in Medical Center following a heart attack last Saturday.

Mrs. Edrie Mae Ingram, step-mother of David Ingram, is very ill in Medical Center Hospital.

Ralph Lowrance continues to be in Medical Center. He is now in a room.

T. J. Parsons has been in Glenwood Hospital.

O. B. Sanders remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Claud Wallis has been ill at home for the past two weeks.

R. M. Mayo's sister, Esther Lee, is very ill in Memorial Hospital.

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And the Lord Added

Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. (Signa) Stanley, 3124 Autumn Leaves, phone 597-4753, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly worshipped with the Shiloh church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Lisa) McElroy, 439 South Broadway, 597-6492, also came on Sunday. Roger asked for the prayers of the church to be restored and his wife placed membership and was restored. She formerly worshipped at the Glenwood congregation.

Mrs. Hazel Morgan, 1030 Old Omen Road, Apt. C-103, phone 593-8557 was baptized into Christ Tuesday morning by brother Stephenson. We rejoice with her in her obedience to the Lord. She is a sister to Moselle White.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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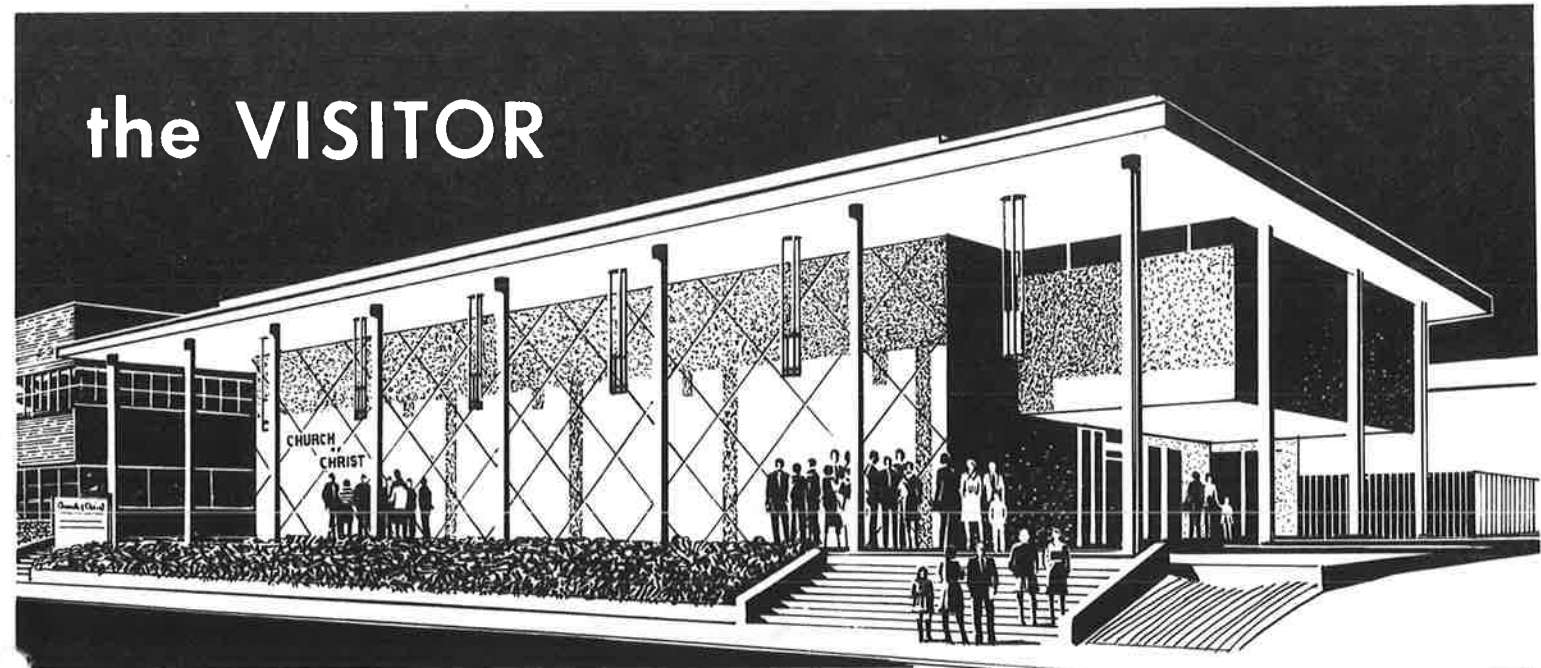
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SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1979
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10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
6:00 P.M. WORSHIP

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ANY RESPONSES SUNDAY?

We all rejoice when any come forward to be baptized into Jesus, confess faults, rededicate an unfruitful life, or identify with the local congregation. But so often the common usage of words become hackneyed and near meaningless... "Were there any responses Sunday?"

Can you imagine a dialogue such as this: "Last Lord's Day we saw the greatest number of responses in the history of this congregation, and not one person came down the aisle. Brother 'A' was so moved by the sermon that he went home following worship and closing his door, got down on his knees and prayed as never before. Brother 'B' was so moved by the entire service that he got on the phone calling every absentee in the membership. Brother 'C' was so pricked by conscience that before eating his noon meal, he went straight to his brother with whom he had had harsh words, asked his forgiveness, and together they prayed and then went out to lunch together."

"Sister 'D' during the morning prayer silently asked God to help her worship Him with a newness of spirit, and the entire worship service was such an inspiration that brethren didn't want to rush home but rather warmly embraced one another and discussed the morning lesson. Heaven's Responses continue, for Sunday evening attendance has equaled that of Sunday morning and mid-week service has fantastically grown beyond the fondest expectations."

"But greatest of all - the entire community is talking about that friendly church where spiritual vitality has seized the entire membership and people hasten to be among them - for Jesus is there!"
... Stanley Sayers

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Fort Worth on Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Joe A. Bunch, a sister to Mrs. Ira Wright. Burial was in Denison, Texas. We express our sympathy to sister Wright and her family.

Funeral services were held Monday for Roy White, an uncle of Mrs. Theron Pickle. He was a member of the Corinth Road church in Jacksonville.

ATTENTION!

Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!

YOUR PLACE

Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care;
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care!
He set you there.

Whate'er your place, it is
Not yours alone, but His
Who set you there.

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who visited me and sent cards of encouragement while I was hospitalized. A special thanks to all for your prayers.
In Christian love,
Margaret Ratcliff

B. B. and I want to say "thank you" to our many friends who were so kind during my illness. It's bad to be sick but the Christian love shown us made it easier.
Ann Lambert

Thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, telephone calls and the book, "For Love's Sake." It is wonderful to have Christian friends who are concerned and thoughtful.
Maurine Brookshire

Thank you for the prayers and the kindnesses shown to me and my family. It means so much to us.
Vera Taylor

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members of West Erwin who have shown their love and thoughtfulness during my illness. The cards, visits, food and prayers have meant so much.
In Sincere love,
Jim Franklin

New Baby

Cecille and Lowell Wiggains are the parents of a baby girl born early Monday in Mother Frances. She weighed 9 lbs. and 6 oz. Ferman and Lucille Carpenter are the happy grandparents. Lowell's parents are visiting here to help with the children.

Congratulations

David and Janette Ingram have adopted an 11 year old Brazilian girl. Their plans now are to return to the United States next summer. Homer and Lerah Williamson are anxious to meet their new granddaughter.

The *Amazing Grace*

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

Words
From
Wes



I'm looking forward to our meeting with Wyatt Sawyer. He will inspire us with great messages from God's word. I hope all of you are planning on being present for every service. And not only that, inviting others to come as your guest. We are praying for beautiful weather so everyone can get out to come. We would like to encourage all to be present for Sunday morning Bible study so that we can have a great crowd for worship assembly to begin our meeting. We will miss you if you are not here.

Our Wednesday Ladies' Class has been enjoying an excellent look into the book of Hebrews each week. We have averaged around 30 in attendance, but there are many others who could be coming. May we extend to you a special invitation to join us in this timely study? By the time you receive this invitation we will be nearing our time to look at chapter 11 - a great chapter on God's "Hall of Fame."

My wife and I will be assisting in a special Teacher Training session at the Johnson Street church in Sulphur Springs this coming Saturday, March 17. We would love to have any of you come up for the day for some excellent training classes.

There is also a Training Program scheduled in Canton the same day with several outstanding personalities conducting classes. Gary Beauchamp will be speaking on "The Church Equipped for the Community" and Charles Hodge will be speaking on "Leadership Equipped for Shepherding."

If you can make some of the classes at either of these workshops I know you will be rewarded.

We are especially proud of our teaching staff at West Erwin. For their weekly dedication to preparing lessons and the consistent way they keep at the job of being a teacher. Most of their efforts go unheralded and only the Lord knows how to reward them adequately, but we can express our gratitude and ought to frequently. A word of praise for the whole staff is in order - teachers, co-teachers, supervisors and Education Committee members. Our Bible School would be nothing without you.
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LOST YESTERDAY: somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.



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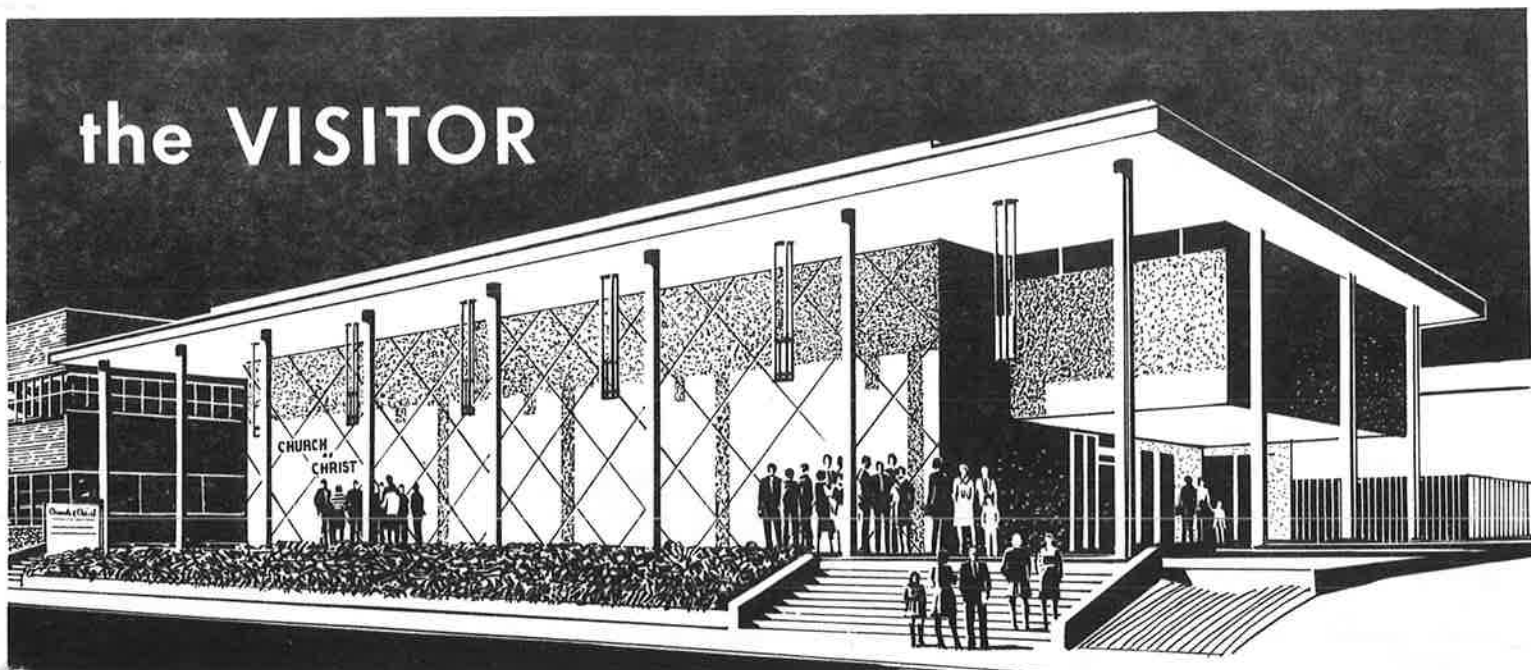
MY LOVING FRIEND

I have a tender loving Friend
A true and faithful One
Who doesn't run when trouble comes
But stays until it's done.
He is the One I turn to when
In need of strength and hope;
For with His helping hand I can
Climb almost any slope.
He is always with me
Through thick as well as thin.
With such a perfect partnership
How can I help but win?
And all He asks for in return
Is that I seek the right.
If I do this, my Friend will lead me
Through the darkest night.
My Jesus is my loving Friend;
I place my trust in Him.
He fills my cup of life with joy
Up to the very brim.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Just one week from Sunday our spring meeting will be in progress! Please be praying that this will be a great time for the West Erwin church and for the cause of Christ in our city.

We are looking forward to having Wyatt Sawyer, our evangelist, and his wife with us. He has served as the local evangelist for some of the outstanding congregations in the brotherhood. At the present time he serves as the pulpit minister for the Midtown Church of Christ in Fort Worth, the largest congregation in that city.

Here are some other facts you might like to know about brother Sawyer. Born and reared in Dallas, Texas, he received his B. A. degree from Harding College and his M. A. degree from the University of Houston. He has conducted numerous evangelistic meetings, youth forums, and parent-youth seminars throughout the nation. He has served on the Board of Directors of Houston Christian Schools, Christian College of

The Southwest in Dallas and Fort Worth Christian Academy. At the present time he serves as member of the President's Development Council of Harding College. He is active in civic affairs having served on the Board of the South Fort Worth Business Association.

Brother Sawyer's wife is the former Christine Neal of Springdale, Arkansas. They are the parents of two sons, Jerry Sawyer, an attorney in Amarillo and Joel Sawyer, a television sports announcer in Laredo, Texas.

Brother Sawyer is the author of the book, Must the Young Die Too? He has also written several Bible Study work books including, Panoramic Views of the Bible, an analytical study of the entire Bible.

Brother Sawyer has always been very interested in young people. He has built and conducted summer Bible Youth Camps for over twenty years in the Southwest. We are very pleased that he will be conducting a rally for the young people of this area on Saturday evening, March 17 - the evening before our meeting begins.

Let us bring our friends and neighbors to hear the lessons from God's Word brought to us by Wyatt Sawyer. We have 5 days - Sunday through Thursday, March 18 - 22, for this great meeting.

Young People



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THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits and gifts when I was in the hospital and after coming home. They were appreciated more than you know.

In Christian love,
Lois Hoppers

Thank you all so much for the calls, visits and prayers. A special thanks to the Young Marrieds Class for the plant and food. Thanks again for everything and the association of Christian friends.

Lynn Jones

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Clifton Rogers will preach in a meeting at the Robbins Road Church of Christ in Athens, Texas, March 11 - 14. Services will be at 7:30 each evening.

James Benson, former preacher for the church in Overton, will conduct a meeting for that congregation March 16, 17 and 18.

The Glenwood Church here in Tyler will have a Biblical Studies Seminar Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Carroll Osburn as the speaker. Friday lecture: 6:00 p. m., Saturday lectures: 6:00 and 7:00 p. m.

TO SPEAK IN DALLAS

Mrs. Charles Hickman will be the guest speaker for the Ladies class at the Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Dallas on Wednesday, March 14.

THE ACU ALUMNI and friends will have a Dessert Party, March 23, 7:00 p. m. at 506 Rudman. There will be a guest speaker from ACU plus entertainment.
R. S. V. P. 561-4596 593-6076

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

To lose one's wealth is much,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss,
as nothing can restore.

Words

From

Wes



Last Sunday saw us blessed with beautiful, glorious sunshine, but not with many members in attendance. If you were among those who were absent, we missed you and hope you will be with us next Sunday for Bible study and worship.

George's Sunday morning sermon on "Putting God First" was certainly a good one. How often have you read that passage (Matt. 6:33) and wondered what the Lord had in mind when he made it? Now as you have grown spiritually, surely you have discovered that many of the things we do that are innocent in themselves sometimes become harmful because they keep us from doing what is best. The Apostle Paul might have a little help in such passages as Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:12-14, and Hebrews 13:1,2. The important thing to remember is that we must purposefully set out to put the things of the kingdom first. If we leave it up to human nature to sort them out, then they more nearly will fall into a lower priority.

Don't forget, "to whom much is given, much is required" and any limit we put on it only limits how God can bless us, for Paul said "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen." Eph. 3:20,21.

I'm looking forward to the gospel meeting with Wyatt Sawyer. He most certainly will do us good. As usual, we are calling for the loyalty of ALL of our members for attendance at every session of the meeting. Surely nothing can be more important than setting aside some time to develop the stature of your soul. Not only will the lessons be important for you, but we urge you to invite friends to come as well.

We are asking all our Bible classes to strive for 100% attendance in Bible class on Sunday morning, March 18. We will announce all classes with such attendance in our worship service that morning. Every class can have 100% in attendance if all our members will be present.

ATTENTION! Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!

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RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Archie (Faye) Kennard, 2721 Wakefield, phone 566-3992, came Sunday evening to place membership. We are happy to welcome them. They formerly worshipped with the Shiloh Road church. We are also happy to welcome Mrs. Bobby (Joni) Smith. She and her husband live at 610 Joel, phone - 561-2408. Joni is the daughter of Faye and Archie Kennard. She also formerly worshipped with the Shiloh Road congregation. Joni works for Imco. Inc.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Ralph Lowrance is a patient in Medical Center. Mrs. John Brem is in Mother Frances for tests. Mrs. B. B. Lambert and Mrs. Dean Brookshire are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

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PREACHER'S DESK (continued)

result of my hospital stay. I was disappointed that I did not get to attend the Abilene lectures. Several of our members were there for some of them and have good reports concerning them.

All of us are looking forward to the coming of spring and pray that it will be a time of spiritual revival and renewal for all of us.

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

study of Developing Christian Character in that class, so come and be with us.

Our meeting with Wyatt Sawyer is just around the corner. We want to urge every member to plan on being present for every service. Have you ever made such a commitment? If not, then now is the time to try it. It will be great for your spiritual welfare. And after all that is certainly one of the reasons why elders plan meetings. Don't let anything interfere with your attending.

See you in Bible study next Sunday.

Wes Price

A stranger is one away from home, but a pilgrim is on his way home.

HOSPITALS (continued)

Mrs. Ronny Jones has been in Mother Frances for tests.

George Squier, brother of Annie Lee and Laura Drummond is in ICU at the Ck Hospital.

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

We hope that you will mark on your calendar right now - if you have not already - the dates March 18 - March 22. Plan now to attend every service of our meeting which will be in progress at that time. Wyatt Sawyer, preacher for the Mid-Town church in Fort Worth, will be our guest evangelist. West Erwin has been blessed in having some great preachers for our meetings and we will be blessed in having another great preacher in the person of Wyatt Sawyer. Brother Sawyer will have some great lessons, but the success of the meeting will depend on us - our work and our prayers.

I appreciate the concern and interest shown by many of you during my short stay in the hospital last week. I am glad to report that while I have some minor health problems my general health continues to be good. I am thankful that I did not miss any of our worship services as a

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COMING.....

GOSPEL MEETING

March 18 thru 22



WYATT SAWYER

"There Is No Law"

The pendulum swings from one extreme to the other. In our efforts to get away from an extreme position we so often take the opposite extreme. Some who fought everybody and everything during the first half of their lives find themselves loving everybody and accepting everything in the last half. The anti-everything person becomes the allow-everything person.

Within recent years several have discovered grace. Some who leaned heaviest on "works" now are saying "there is no law." We are beginning to hear expressions like this: "The Bible says, 'There is no law'; 'Nowhere in the Bible is worship commanded'; 'The Bible isn't all that firm'; 'God is a god of compassion, so long as your attitudes are right'; 'Attitude is all that counts,' and many other such expressions.

We are just as afraid of liberalism as of legalism. One extreme is as bad as the other. We do not believe that the Bible teaches either extreme. It is non-biblical to preach that one may, by doing good works, earn brownie points toward a crown with stars in it. It is just as non-biblical to teach that we are exempt from law.

The universe cannot exist without law. Nature cannot exist without law. And man cannot exist without law. Total chaos would reign in any realm where law did not apply. Of all places where chaos is out of place, the spiritual realm would be the first. Total submersion in the will (law) of God is the beginning of wisdom. When one is dipped, plunged, buried in Christ, he is immersed into the will (law) of Christ. Accepting Jesus as Lord as well as Savior includes submission to his will (law).

If attitude were all that mattered, then Saul of Tarsus was alright where he was. He claimed to have "lived in all good conscience to this day." What he did contrary to Jesus he did ignorantly. Conscientiousness and sincerity have never been substitutes for obedience.

Sin is the transgression of law. It is rebellion against God. Where there is no law there can be no sin. If we are not under law then it is impossible for us to sin. Likewise repentance is unnecessary for there is no sin to repent of. If there is no law, then Christ died in vain, for he died to satisfy the demands of the law for justice.

One sin is all that it takes to separate one from God. Adam found that out. On the basis of a single sin he lost Eden. This doesn't imply at all that one jumps in and out of the kingdom every time he sins. That's what

grace is all about, and salvation would be of works if that were the case. But it does mean that a single sin can damn us. We are not afraid of any sin—from adultery to murder—for which the sinner can find a place in his heart for genuine repentance; but we are afraid of any sin, however small, for which one can find no place for repentance in his heart. The very possibility establishes the fact that law does apply, even after one becomes a recipient of God's grace.

We should be very careful what we teach at this point. Some are saying, "If we have a proper view of the cross we do not need a law." The Bible nowhere teaches that doctrine. It teaches instead that the "law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." We agree the word "law" here refers to the rulership or governorship of the spirit of life, and evidences the fact that Jesus must be Lord of our lives as well as Savior of our souls. His very lordship depends upon the exercise of law. If there is no law there is no lordship. He rules only through his law.

It is a mistaken idea that God no longer keeps account after one becomes a Christian. The fact that there will be a judgment in which will stand the small and the great, the good and the bad, is evidence that even the good are under law. Surely, we keep the law out of love, which in turn springs out of faith, but we keep the law. Otherwise we become apostate.

The fact of hell demands law, even for those in Christ. God isn't willing that any should perish—especially those bought by the blood of Jesus. He has no delight in the death of the wicked. But to teach that "there is no law" is to deny hell, and to deny all the Bible says about its being the ultimate destination of the rebellious.

And, most certainly, if the righteous are not under law at all then there is no possibility of their ever apostatizing. If they can't break any law they cannot commit any sin.

We do not believe that the swing from the earned merit of law-keeping to the other extreme of irresponsibility to law put anyone any closer to the truth. It could put him infinitely further away. Error is not as good as truth. And it does make a difference what we believe.

...Reuel Lemmons, Firm Foundation

FIRM FOUNDATION

Please read the excellent article, "There Is No Law" which appears on the opposite page of our bulletin. Reuel Lemmons, editor of the Firm Foundation, has many fine editorials. You may not always agree with him, but he will always make you think. Beginning April 1, the subscription rates for the paper will increase to \$10.00 per year. Until that time the rates will remain at \$7.00 per year or in clubs of five or more at \$6.00 per year. Let us send in a club at that rate. If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription just let us know. The Firm Foundation will bill you for it. GHS

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the food, cards, flowers and all the many kindnesses shown us at this time. A special thanks for your prayers and to those who attended the funeral of our loved one. We appreciate all this more than we can ever tell you.

In Christian love,
Jo and Art Rowland
Mrs. G. C. Northcutt

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of March 19th - 23rd, 1979. The following is a list of their needs at this time.

Paper towels	Dish Washing Liquid
Napkins	Tea (Instant or bags)
Toilet Tissue	Jelly Peanut Butter

ZONE ONE

Zone One will meet Tuesday, March 6 at the home of Foy and Mary Richey. The time is 7:30 p.m.

*The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop—
At late or early hour.
NOW is the only time you own;
Live, love, toil with a will—
Place no faith in TOMORROW for
The clock may then be still.*

Words

From Wes



The 1979 version of the Annual Lectureship of Abilene Christian University is now history. I believe it will go down as a great one. The theme concentrated on the family. I wish it were possible for thousands more to have heard the great messages that would, if applied, heal a lot of the hurts and problems that beset our society. Indeed, unless we see an about face soon in the life style of America, we may see the demise of our way of life. What a tragedy that would be! A copy of the lectureship book is in my library. If you would like to borrow it, please ask.

The First Annual Ladies Inspiration Day at West Erwin is in the final stages of planning. We want you to reserve Saturday, April 28th for that special occasion. Plans for that call for a morning session to begin at 9:30, a luncheon at noon and an afternoon session to be concluded by 3:00. We will be inviting women from all the area congregations and we want you to begin inviting your friends to reserve that day to be your guest. Speakers and other information will be supplied as we proceed with plans. We are thankful to have Billie Bob Hickman as the director of this excellent program.

Hillard Hughes' and my Sunday morning Bible classes enjoyed a special outing to Dallas on Saturday night this past week. Over 40 from these two classes took the trip to eat at a special restaurant. The food was great, but the greatest part was the fun that all had being together for the trip.

These special trips can do so much in helping us get to know each other better. If you are not attending a Sunday morning class regularly, then we urge you to consider joining one, not only for the enjoyment of learning more of God's word, but also being edified by being together at special outings. All of our Adult classes provide more than just being together on Sunday morning. You are missing a great thing if you are not attending regularly.

Our thanks to Jack Paul for the excellent series of lessons he presented on Personal Evangelism on Wednesday nights. We have received so many good comments about the series. We now will resume with the

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Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

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Dismiss	Rocky Chambless
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Dismiss	Wayne Reynolds
Serving Communion Sunday	
Ralph Skaggs	Bob Threadgill
John Porter	Don Weathers
Phil Marts	Paul Montandon
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David Thurman	Elwin Crow
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WAYS TO MAKE OUR BIBLE SCHOOL A SUCCESS

1. Pray for it daily, for the teachers, for the students, for everyone we are interested in.
2. Use our phones and every other means to urge others' attendance to the classes. Offer to drive by and take to Bible classes those whom you invite.
3. Talk the Bible school up...never down. Be enthusiastic about its possibilities wherever you go. Enthusiasm will spread from you to others.
4. Be on time...make it a point to be a few minutes early...for if you are exactly on time, you are late, for the classes start on time.
5. Make all visitors and others comfortable. Welcome and get acquainted with other people after each service. Remember that this is the congregation where we worship and the visitors are our visitors.
6. Distribute gospel literature, post cards, and personal invitations each week.
7. Remember that the Bible study is for the purpose of saving souls. The good done by each class cannot be determined after each meeting, but its far-reaching effects will never be known by all.

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Floyd Rateliff is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. Ed Stitt has been in Glenwood Hospital several days this week.
 Ralph Lowrance is a patient in the Chest Hospital.
 Mrs. P. J. Bryant's daughter, Melvonda Sparkman, is a patient in Medical Center following surgery.
 Lois Hoppers is now at home after being in the hospital a few days.

Since our task is difficult, we dare not relax.
 Since our opportunities are brief, we dare not delay.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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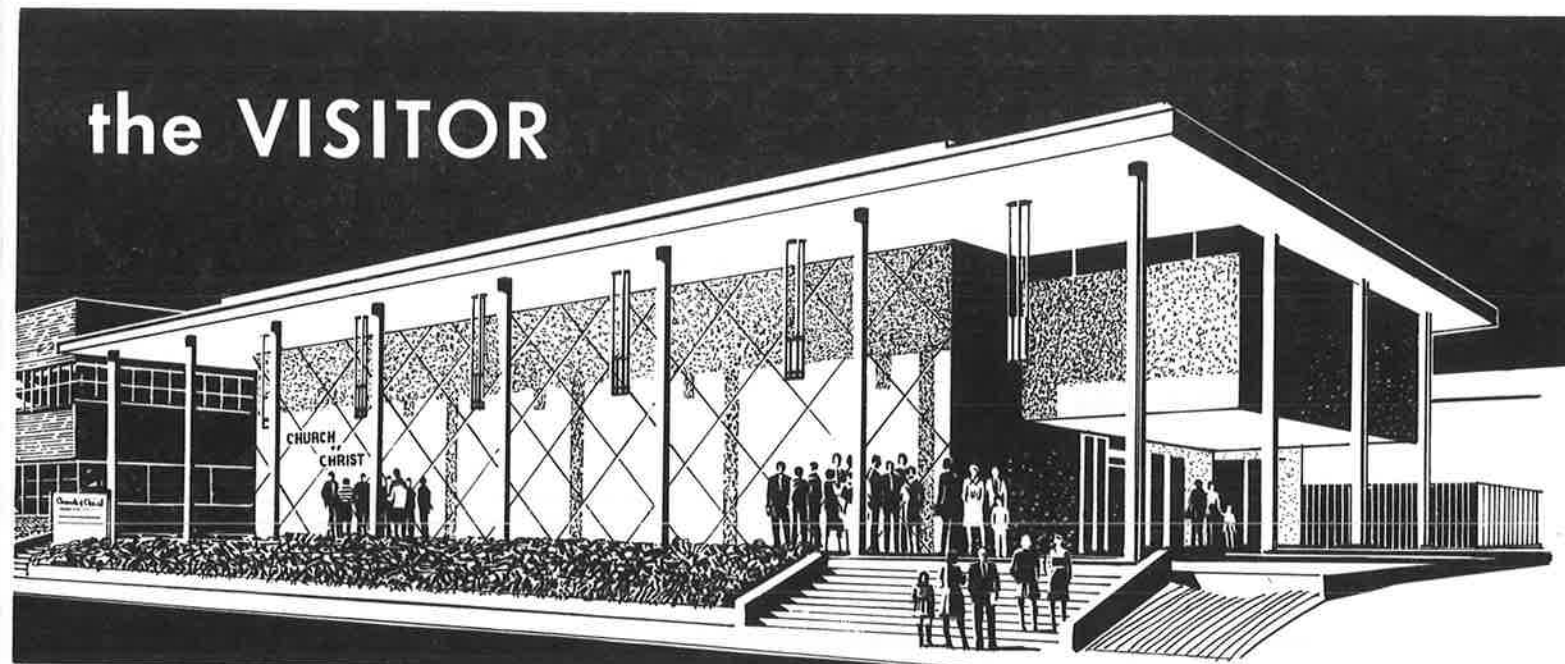
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From the
Preacher's Desk
 George H. Stephenson

Where Is The Punctuation?

The following articles were written by F. W. Emmons in 1873. As you read the articles, please note that each one is exactly the same, word for word, yet note how different the meaning set forth by differences in punctuation. Much in life depends on where we put the emphasis or punctuation.

THE GOOD MAN

"He is an old and experienced man. In vice and wickedness he is never found. Opposing the work of iniquity he takes delight. In the downfall of his neighbor he never rejoices. In the prosperity of any of his fellow-creatures he is ready to assist. In destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure. In serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent. In sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride. In laboring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent. In endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no exertions. To subdue his passions he strives hard. To build up Satan's kingdom he lends no aid. To the support of the gospel among the heathen he contributes largely. To the evil adversary he pays no attention. To good advice he gives great heed. To the devil he will never go. To heaven he must go where he will receive the just recompense of his reward."

THE EVIL MAN

"He is an old and experienced man in vice and wickedness. He is never found opposing the work of iniquity. He takes delight in the downfall of his neighbor. He never rejoices in the prosperity of any of his fellow-creatures. He is always ready to assist in destroying the peace of society. He takes no pleasure in serving the Lord. He is uncommonly diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances. He takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of Christianity. He has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers. He makes no exertions to subdue his passions. He strives hard to build up Satan's kingdom. He lends no aid to support the gospel among the heathen. He contributes largely to the evil adversary. He pays no attention to good advice. He gives great heed to the devil. He will never go to heaven. He must go where he will receive the just recompense of his reward."

Preacher "Reconsiders" Football

Do you remember reading the article that made the rounds of church bulletins a few years ago entitled, "Preacher Quits Football?" With tongue firmly planted in cheek, the author solemnly announced that he was never darkening the gate of the stadium again. His reasons? The coach never thanked him for coming. There were "hypocrites" present who seemed more interested in other things than the game. Not only that, but you couldn't even get in the gate before they started asking for money!

While the author's "exasperation" is understandable, perhaps a more conciliatory approach is in order. After all, if Paul drew examples from marathon running and boxing, is football completely without examples for the church?

Attendance at workouts is taken seriously. The pro who skips practice will draw a fine or may even be booted off the team. Perhaps circumstances are not identical, but do you think we're that serious about attendance in the church?

Teamwork is placed at a premium. Individual egos and temperaments are subordinated for the success of the team.

Enthusiasm is encouraged. Coaches recognize the importance of seeing that players are "up" for the game. The fact that every game is exactly like the one before it does not prevent coaches, players, and fans from displaying a high degree of enthusiasm. Their fear that enthusiasm may "get out of hand" does not prevent them from making sure that this vital element of success is present.

"...the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." (Luke 16:8)
"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." (I Corinthians 9:25)

-Rodger Weems

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT CLASSES

You are invited to attend one of the following classes on Wednesday evening.

Auditorium - George Stephenson is teaching the book of Genesis.

Room 304 - Wes Price will continue his lessons on Development of Christian Character.

Room 106 - Roy Roberson is teaching the book of Revelations.

Room 104 - Billie Bob Hickman has a new class for ladies with lessons on Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

ATTENTION! *Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!*

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Frankston for Mr. H. A. Northcutt. He was the son of Mrs. G. C. Northcutt and brother of Mrs. Art Rowland. We express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Northcutt and to Martha Jo and Her family.

GOSPEL MEETING

Wyatt Sawyer will preach for our Gospel Meeting - March 18 - 22.

MISTAKES

Be not concerned nor be surprised,
If what you do is criticized!
There'll always be some folk who can
Find some fault with every plan.
Mistakes are made, we can't deny,
But only made by those who try!
-Author Unknown

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Words

From Wes



A few years ago, Lewis Hale, a gospel preacher at the Southwest church in Oklahoma City, wrote a very fine article entitled, "Absenteeism Does Not Kill Churches!" Carefully consider what he said.

"Despite all that you may have heard to the contrary, absenteeism does not kill churches. Does that sound strange coming from a preacher? Well, it's true and preachers certainly should tell the truth.

"You see, absenteeism is not the disease but a symptom, and symptoms do not kill. "Symptom" is defined as: "any condition accompanying or resulting from a disease and serving as an aid in diagnosis."

"Our disease may be a lack of love, unbelief, selfishness, worldliness, lust, etc., etc. These things in turn produce undesirable fruits in our lives.

"A man is more concerned with his own pleasure than with the things of the Lord, so he is at the lake rather than in God's house on the Lord's Day. His trouble is not in being absent, but his real trouble is whatever caused him to be absent.

"Another man does not give as he has been prospered. His real problem may actually be covetousness. He wishes to keep for himself what rightfully belongs to God.

"One of the reasons for our slow progress in the Lord's church is our widespread practice of working on the symptoms rather than the disease. We harp on one's being absent when we would do well to spend the time in cultivating his love for the Lord, in enlightening him about the values of regularity of worship and the dangers of neglect, in building his faith and confidence in God. Introduce him to the joy of saving a soul!!

"No, absenteeism does not kill churches. But cold and selfish hearts will. Covetous hearts will. Lust will. In whatever form it comes, sin will. When we put away sin, absenteeism will die!"

Lewis Hale - Oklahoma City

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Ralph Lowrance entered the University of Texas Health Center (Chest Hospital) Wednesday morning.

Mrs. David Grier (Teresa) underwent surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Douglas Terrell (Doris) has returned home from the hospital in Houston and is doing well.

Thank You

I want to thank all of my wonderful Christian friends for the loving things they did for me during my illness. I so appreciated the calls, cards, food and flowers, but most of all your prayers.

June Walker

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RESPONSES

Restored: David and Teresa Grier came Sunday to be restored. They have two young boys, David and Clifford. We rejoice with David and Teresa.

Membership: We are happy to welcome Evelyn Denton to West Erwin. She formerly worshipped with the Northwest congregation. All of sister Denton's sisters attend here and we are happy to welcome her. She is a shut-in and will appreciate your visit. Her address is 3204 Tulsa, phone 592-0766.

DIRECTORY NEWS!

We received a letter today (Wednesday) concerning the proofs of our directory pictures. Everyone should have received a notice from United Church Directories telling the time and date to see your proofs. If you can possibly keep your appointment, please do so. If for some reason you cannot keep the appointed time, come in when you can during the following hours:

- Monday, Feb. 19 - 3:00 - 9:00 p. m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 20 - 3:00 - 9:00 p. m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21 - 2:00 - 7:00 p. m.
- Thursday, Feb. 22 - 3:00 - 9:00 p. m.
- Friday, Feb. 23 - 3:00 - 9:00 p. m.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I wish that all of you could have had the privilege of a visit with Kieth Mitchell when he was here Monday afternoon and night. I am sorry that more could not be here on Monday night when he gave a report of his various activities with the International Mission in New York City. I can assure you that all who were here were thrilled to hear of the many who are being taught the Word and of those who are being led to the Lord. It was good also to hear of the splendid work Kieth is doing with the Manhattan Church of Christ. The Herald of Truth television program, which has been on a New York station since last April is reaching thousands of people with the gospel. Of course, this is an expensive program but it has proved to be an effective way to bring the gospel to our nation's largest city. You would be thrilled to hear Kieth tell of various ones who have learned the truth as a result of this effort. Kieth is a very capable, intelligent and industrious worker for

the Lord. I am just thankful that the West Erwin church has had fellowship in his work. We want to continue to remember him and his family in our prayers.

Alice and I were glad to be invited to the dinner prepared by our young people for their parents last Saturday night in the Campus Christian Center. It was a delightful occasion. We have some wonderful young people. We commend Hillard and Jeanine Hughes for their work with them. We appreciate the others also who serve on the youth committee.

On this Sunday morning I plan to use as my sermon topic, "Why Be Baptized?" From time to time I feel that we need to be reminded of some of the fundamental principles of the gospel. Our young people need to be taught along with others who may visit with us from time to time. I think that you know that I believe in preaching lessons in addition to the "first principles of the gospel," but we need to be ready always to give an answer of the hope that is in us, (I Peter 4:15).

Wes Price will be preaching Sunday night and we hope that a large number will be present. We plan to go to Abilene Sunday afternoon to attend the annual Bible Lectureship of Abilene Christian University.

YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

You are not what others think that you are...you are not necessarily what you think you are...but what you think, you are. Your life is dyed to the color of your thoughts.

You cannot control the thoughts that you are introduced to each day. However, you can choose which thoughts become a permanent part of the library of your mind.

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8, RSV)

In a cafeteria line, you select the food that is most appetizing. In a clothing store, you select the colors which are best suited for you. Why not concentrate on those thoughts which will develop your personality to the finest?

If you think pygmy thoughts, you will be a mental dwarf. If angry thoughts dominate your mind, you become hot-tempered. If jealous thoughts prevail, your soul will become a nauseating shade of green. But if you choose thoughts of sympathy, beauty, vision, understanding, and appreciation, a "new you" will emerge.
...Vrigil R. Trout

Jim Strait

New Campus Minister

After several months of searching, the Elders of the Glenwood church are pleased to announce that Jim Strait of Emporia, Kansas, has accepted their invitation to serve as Campus Minister for the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College.

Jim is a Tyler native and grew up here at West Erwin. His mother and father, the Clarence Straits, and his brother's family, the Fred Straits, are members here. Jim graduated from TJC in 1959. He received the B. A. degree in Bible from ACU in 1962 and completed an M. A. in Bible in 1968. He received the M. S. and Ed. S. degrees in Counseling from Emporia State University.

Jim and his wife, Lynda, are now in their eleventh year of campus ministry to Emporia State University. His experience in preaching spans 20 years with service in pulpit ministry

as well as campus ministry.

The Straits have two children, Sandie (15) and Paul (13). Their tentative arrival date is June 1. We look forward to their coming to Tyler and Jim's work as Campus Minister.

SUPPORT SECURED IN COLORADO

Gaylin Anderson's support in Kremmling, Colorado has been secured. In addition to support that West Erwin is supplying, churches in Graham, Texas, Cordell, Okla., Childress, Texas and some individuals are aiding in his support. In a note in their bulletin they say, "We sincerely thank you, and God bless you all for your generosity and loving concern for the Lord's work."

Send a note or card to:

Donny Nash - John Sealey Hospital, Ward 7 C, Burn Ward, Galveston, Texas 75770. This young man was burned in an automobile accident recently. He is a member of the Glenwood congregation.

MAKE-UP PICTURES

Tuesday, February 27 is the date for our make-up pictures for the new church directory. Because of illness and a day of bad weather we have several families who have not had their pictures made. We hope to call each family for an appointment. The photographer will be here from 1:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If there is a specific time you would like to have, please call the office. The response has been excellent. We are anxious for everyone to be included.

GOSPEL MEETING

The Broadway church of Christ here in Tyler will have a gospel meeting, February 18 - 21 with Norman Starling preaching. All of their evening (including Sunday) meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend.

Thank You

We appreciate the visits, cards, the book from the church brought by brother Stephenson, and the many expressions of joy at the time of the birth of our baby girl.

Paul and Barbara Montandon

We would like to express our appreciation for the generous response from the congregation for clothing for Laura, our foster child. The response has been overwhelming and we are sincerely grateful for your assistance.

Sam and Sher Sevier

**See YOU
In Bible Class,
Sunday!**

ACU BIBLE LECTURESHIP

The 61st annual Abilene Christian University Bible Lectureship will be held February 18 - 21. The theme for the lectureship this year is The Home In Crisis. We hope many from West Erwin will be able to attend.

Words
From
Wes



Never let it be said that we don't have a wonderful bunch of young people. I know we do! Last week's party honoring parents proves me to be correct. With the direction of members of the Youth Committee, they hosted a special dinner for their parents that was a sight to behold. It was a great thing to see. You ought to join me in telling them how much we appreciate them.

And while I am at it, I must also comment about how great it is to see them sitting down front at each of our worship services. It was especially good to have them sitting on the front rows last Wednesday night for the worship in song. Young people, keep up the good work.

All ladies of the congregation are asked to mark your calendars for April 28. That will be a special day for all ladies of this area. Plans are being finalized for a special Ladies' Inspiration Day. As plans progress, we will be mentioning more about this but don't forget to set it aside for something special.

I am really proud of my Sunday morning Bible class of young married couples. We are having great attendance and have practically out grown our room. We have several new couples visiting and we are anxious to grow.

George's sermons Sunday were great, but I would like to re-emphasize the one he preached Sunday morning on being faithful. There is simply no other way to put it. Being faithful certainly includes being present at worship and Bible study every opportunity a person has. It includes the continuing development of a sweet and loving spirit. And not least in this matter is the development of a generous heart in returning to the Lord as He has blessed us. If you have not seen the importance of these matters, then you should take a close look at yourself in the scriptures. You might find that there is still room for growth. "To whom much is given, much is required."

We wish it were possible for all of you to attend the annual Abilene Christian University Lectureship this year. Emphasis will be on the family. No time in this nation's history has such an emphasis been more needed. We hope all of you who can go will go and receive a blessing.

Wes Price

Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship - 10:30 a. m.</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Sam Sevier
Dismiss	Joe Willis
<u>Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Foy Richey
Dismiss	Edwin Pickle
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
Wallace Gayle	Milburn Cook
Tom Williams	Wayne Reynolds
W. V. Crossman	Ike Gaiser
Mac McCall	B. J. Tucker
<u>Greeters for Sunday</u>	
John Owens	Jack Beard

D. C. Jones

WORDS FROM WES (continued)

don't question the good that can be done for your spiritual life or the need that we all have to study more and more of God's Word. Of course, nobody can force you to do it, but let me just say a word of encouragement to see if it will help you make up your mind to make it a more permanent part of your schedule.

Wish we would see all of you here for worship and study every time we meet. One wonderful thing about heaven will be that when the saints get together, everyone will be present. Do you think that if you don't enjoy it here, you may not enjoy it there?

For those who missed having your picture made, we hope we can accommodate you with a make-up date. We will keep you posted. This directory will be of great value to our work and you are to be thanked for your cooperation in making it possible.

See you in Bible Class
Wes

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
Feb. 4	\$4,255.92
(Bldg. Fund)	200.00
Jan. 28	\$4,198.54
Year Ago	\$8,662.62
<u>Bible School</u>	
Feb. 4	361
Jan. 28	406
Year Ago	341
<u>Worship</u>	
Feb. 4	498
Jan. 28	525
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
	\$4,500.00

From the Preacher's Desk (continued)
good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book. "W. E. Gladstone said, "I have known ninety five of the world's great men in my time, and of these eighty seven were followers of the Bible." Daniel Webster said, "If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

SERMONS TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

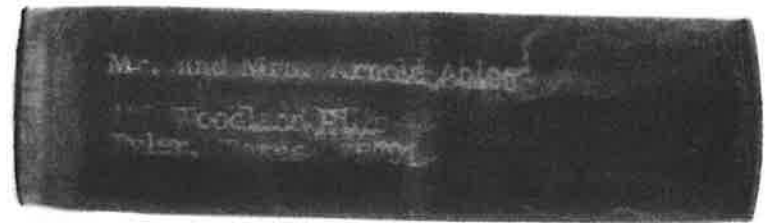
- By George H. Stephenson
10:30 a. m. The Greatest Need of The Church.
6:00 p. m. Healing The Nobleman's Son

IN THE HOSPITALS

- Maurice Henderson is in Medical Center.
Teresa Grier, daughter-in-law to Mary Evelyn and Harvey Grier, is in Glenwood Hospital.
Carolyn Blackstone's mother, Mrs. Steele, is in Medical Center.
Mrs. Frank Cox, of the Glenwood church, is in Medical Center.
Nettie Potts' father, Mr. Grimes, is in the Glenwood Hospital.

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George H. Stephenson

For over thirty years the Gideons International has been offering free Bibles to Dallas school children in the elementary schools. The Bibles are actually New Testaments plus the Old Testament books of Psalms and Proverbs. No one was forced to take one of these Bibles. They were simply placed in a box and made available to anyone who wanted one.

Now the American Civil Liberties Union has said that the practice by the Gideons in giving away the Bibles must cease. They have threatened to sue the Dallas School District for a violation of the separation of church and state. As a result of the action of the ACLU the Gideons have withdrawn their practice of giving away Bibles.

One wonders just what rights of anyone were violated by making it possible for any child to have a Bible if he so desired. What possible harm had come as a result of the practice for over thirty years? Of course, those of us who believe the Bible to be true know that text books promoting evolution and humanism are regularly being used in our schools. Our children have to

be exposed to such, but in the name of freedom, they are not allowed to have the Bible given to them even if they want it.

I am fully convinced that our founding fathers did not have in mind that freedom of religion should be interpreted as being freedom from religion. In their desire to promote separation of church and state they wanted no one religion to be a State religion.

Of course, no individual was to be forced to be religious. However, religion has always played an important role in the activities of our government. Presidents have taken their oaths of office with their hands upon the Bible. Prayers have always been offered at their inauguration. Chaplains have been provided for our Congress and for our armed forces. The Declaration of Independence acknowledged our Creator in these words: "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights..." Once each year a day is set aside in November by our presidents as a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of God.

When one reads the school books of the nineteenth century he will be impressed with the influence the Bible had on the training of boys and girls. In reality, the ACLU is not so much interested in human rights as they are in making this a secular society.

No child was ever hurt by reading the Bible. Abraham Lincoln said, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the

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George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

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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WHAT IF I JUST QUIT?

There was once an elder of the Lord's church whom I knew well. He loved the souls of his flock, and he was quite concerned when some stopped attending the worship. Being blessed with a great deal of wisdom (sent from the Master above), he would visit those wayward people and say something like this: "Bob, I have been concerned about you lately and I really need to know what made you quit the church." "Quit the church?" the surprised member would stammer. "Why I haven't quit the church!"

To this, the elder would quietly ask, "Well, Bob, then let me ask you another question: If you DID quit the church, just what would you do that you are not doing now?"

This bulletin goes into the homes of many such members of the Lord's church, people who have repeatedly forsaken the assembly, who have by their very actions "QUIT" the church. By your absence, you have said that Bible study is not important, worshipping Christ is not essential, fellowship of the saints is of no value, and you have more important things to do than to praise God. I can think of no other thing you could do to hurt the cause of Christ than what you have already done. The Bible says of you that you have "trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant where with He was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of Grace." Heb. 10:25 - 31.

Please seriously consider your life, my brother, and ask yourself, "What would I be doing differently if I just QUIT?"



Salvation doesn't come by luck, but by faith and obedience. Are you trusting to luck for salvation?

When things seem difficult, and life uphill,
Don't look too far ahead, keep plodding on,
And inch by inch, the road will shorten, till
The roughest patches will be past and gone,
And you'll look back surprised and cheered to find
That you have left so many miles behind,
And very soon the tedious climb will stop,
And you will stand triumphant at the top.



NEW CLASS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Beginning February 14, Billie Bob Hickman will begin a new study for ladies. The class will meet in room 104. The course of study will be on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We urge all our ladies, young and old to take advantage of this new class. This new class will take the place of the one previously taught by Kathryn Cauthen. We are grateful to her for the excellent class she has been teaching.

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation for the prayers and visits during my recent illness and stay in the hospital.

Maurice Henderson
(Note: Maurice Henderson has returned to Medical Center Hospital.)

THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

...has need of the following clothing:

Maternity clothing, Men's shoes, trousers, jeans and jackets. Boy's jeans, jackets, shirts and shoes.

All clothing should be clean and in good repair. We have had many calls for help recently.

ZONE TWO will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Ray and Dell Lott. The time is 7:00 p. m.

GOSPEL MEETING

Wyatt Sawyer will preach for our Gospel Meeting - March 18 - 22.

ATTENTION! Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Words
From
Wes



We are thankful for couples like the Seviere's. They are now the foster parents of a new baby girl. She will remain with them until a permanent home can be found for her. They will have the opportunity to nourish and cherish her for a brief time, but the impression will be more permanent. I must take my hat off to them for the sacrifice they make to be ministers in this beautiful way.

They will be needing baby clothes, so if you have any you no longer need or can make a purchase or two, why don't you help out by calling Sher and seeing what her specific needs are.

Members of the West Erwin congregation will have a unique opportunity during the month of April. The Defensive Driving Course which has been offered here before will be available again through the courtesy of Marshall Smith of the Department of Public Safety. Dates for the course are April 26 and 27. Class time will be 6:30 to 10:30 each of those evenings. Attendance for the required number of hours is necessary to receive a certificate of accomplishment. This certificate will be of financial benefit since there will be a 10% discount on your automobile insurance for completing the course. We would like to encourage all who are interested to plan on being present. We would like to know how many plan to attend. There is a limitation of class number, so turn your name in to the church office.

We were blessed with a number of visitors last Sunday morning for which we are grateful. The worship service had such a beautiful participation by each one present and brother George's sermon was splendid.

And speaking of his sermon, isn't it wonderful to have such scripturally oriented sermons to encourage us and help us grow in the grace and knowledge of God's Word?

The Education Committee will meet on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in my office. We want each member of the committee to be present.

It must be true that many who could be here for Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study are simply not coming. What could we say that would make a difference in your attitude in this regard. Surely you

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Serving Sunday

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Dismiss	Paul Montandon	Year Ago	\$3,643.22
Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Jan. 28	406
Prayer	Carroll Magee	Jan. 21	374
Dismiss	DeRay Bennett	Year Ago	371
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Wallace Gayle	Milburn Cook	Jan. 28	525
Tom Williams	Wayne Reynolds	Jan. 21	461
W. V. Crossman	Ike Gaiser		
Mac McCall	B. J. Tucker		
Greeters For Sunday		Weekly Budget	
Faber Cauthen	Carroll Magee	\$4,500.00	
D. C. Jones			

Our Records

Report of Our Sick

Doris Terrell is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Houston for surgery. Jim Franklin went home from the hospital Tuesday.

APPRECIATED WORKER

We are pleased that brother Homer Williamson is now serving as Custodian for the church building. He and his wife, Lerah, have been members of this congregation for many years. Their daughter, Jeanette, is the wife of David Ingram, whom we help support in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. We appreciate the work brother Williamson is doing.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. John 3:16
 P.M. Healing the Paralytic.

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

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George H. Stephenson

We were thrilled Sunday to see the large number present for Bible School and worship. It was good to have a beautiful day of sunshine. Of course, it is always a beautiful time when Christians meet together in fellowship and in worship to the Lord.

We appreciate the work of the women who are calling and assisting in preparation for our new membership directory. We are thankful for the co-operation of all who have agreed to have their pictures made. The picture directory is a very useful tool for new members and older members as well in helping to recognize fellow Christians. Be sure to keep your picture appointment. Pictures will be made, as you remember, on this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Sunday afternoon the West Erwin congregation will be hosting the monthly singing of churches of Christ in Tyler. This is a good opportunity to enjoy the singing of praise to the Lord and to enjoy fellowship with members of other congregations in Tyler.

According to news reports the "Worldwide Church of God" is having all kinds of financial

problems. Herbert W. Armstrong has been the leader of this group for many years. Last June he excommunicated his son, Garner Ted, who has been a well known radio and television speaker. Garner Ted has organized another church, the "Church of God, International" with headquarters here in Tyler. According to Time magazine, Herbert Armstrong and the top leaders of his organization have spent the church's funds extravagantly. They spent \$22,571 for a stay at the Hotel Plaza Athenee in Paris; \$7,509 for furnishings of the church treasurer's pad in Tucson, and \$12,402 for six pieces of Steuben glass. Since Garner Ted is no longer with the organization, it has been run by Stanley Rader. It is reported that he reaped the profit from the \$1.8 million sale of his Beverly Hills estate, which was maintained at church expense.

A church lawyer claims that tithing has dropped so sharply among the church's members that its debts are mounting at a rate of \$1 million a week! Money from the sale of the beautiful school campus at Big Sandy has been ordered by the courts to be held to apply on the debts of the church.

It might be well for Armstrong and his followers to remember these words: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," (I Timothy 6:9 - 11).

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank each one for the beautiful flowers, cards and words of sympathy at the time I lost my brother. Thanks also to all who took time out from their busy day to attend the funeral service.

Elva Lee Mackey

Sister Cora Hughes has expressed her thanks to the church for the remembrance of her during the holiday season in December.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST - February 4 - 8 each evening at 7:30 will be conducted in Palestine at the Queen at Debard church. Larry West from the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching will be bringing the lessons. You are invited to attend.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

ASSEMBLIES

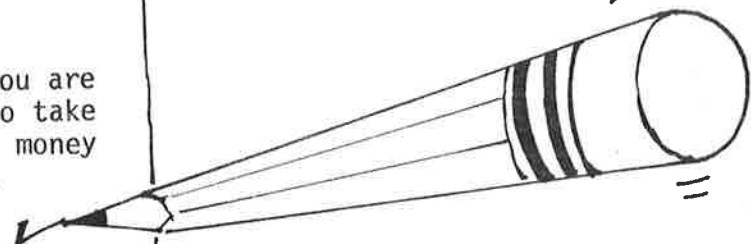
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UNDER THE TEST

Good morning class. I hope you are ready because today we are going to take the Corinthian Test. It concerns money and the willingness to give it away.

1. Do you want a good harvest?
"The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6).
2. Can you tell me how much I should give to pass the test?
"Each one must do as he has made up his mind" (vs. 7).
3. Suppose I give more than I am able?
"God is able to provide you with every good work" (vs. 8).
4. Do you really think I can count on God?
"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources..." (vs. 11).
5. Isn't it possible to give oneself into poverty?
"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity" (vs. 11).
6. What difference will my giving make?
"You will be enriched in every way..." (vs. 11).
7. What right does God have to expect a gift from me?
"Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift" (vs. 15).



**PASS
THE
WORD.
LADIES**

Beginning Wednesday evening, February 14 Billie Bob Hickman will teach a class for ladies. Sister Hickman is a very fine teacher, and we look forward to this series of lessons.



**VISITING
PAYS!**

ZONE ONE will meet Thursday evening, 7:30 at the home of John and Juanita Teague in Chandler.



First Sunday

Singing

Next Sunday will be our time to host the first Sunday singing for the Tyler congregations. Attendance should be good, since so many of you love to sing. One great and helpful thing about these opportunities is the opportunity we have to learn new songs, especially since we have so many good ones in our books. We hope many of you will take advantage of this great opportunity and come be with us at 2:30 p. m. for an hour in worship in song and Christian fellowship. WP

Thank You

Your lovely expressions of sympathy with flowers, cards and prayers were appreciated following the death of my father.
Mary Richey

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expressions of sympathy. The flowers, cards, food and remembrances in thoughts and prayers have indeed helped sustain us during our time of sorrow.

In Christian love,
Jamon, Clay and Suzanne Kirby

New Baby

Barbara and Paul Montandon are the parents of a baby girl, Emily Kay, born Sunday evening at Mother Frances. She weighed 7 lb. and 7 oz. and is 21 inches long. Louise and Bud Caskey are the happy grandparents.

Remember

Pictures for our new Church Directory will be made Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Please make every effort to keep your appointment. We are anxious to have everyone's picture included. If you have not been called, please call the office.

Words
From
Wes



Isn't it great to be so blessed by God so that we can give back to Him for the work of His kingdom. We have so many things for which to be thankful and there is no better way to be thankful than by returning a generous portion back to God.

The elders, deacons and preachers are thankful for the generosity of West Erwin members who made the 1978 budget possible. Our elders challenged us last Sunday with a good budget for this new year. The budget represents the vision, planning and prayers of all of the leadership at West Erwin. I am confident that we will have a great year and we can continue to rely upon you for your generous support for the program of work. And isn't that the point to be considered? We are not giving to meet a budget, we are giving to show our love for the Lord and to support the work of the church at this place. Keep up the good work.

We were so glad to see the fine attendance at Bible study and worship on Sunday. And wasn't that great preaching? George has certainly helped us see some of Satan's traps to avoid - many of which are so subtle they are almost imperceptible.

We don't make any bones about it! We want all of our members to be in Bible study every time we meet. And that means Wednesday evening. The Education Committee is quite concerned about all phases of attendance and we are seeking to discover new ways to motivate our members to come.

At the present time the Committee is working on Bible study plans for all of our Adult Classes. We want to be of assistance to all our Adult Teachers in supplying plans and materials so they will be equipped in the best manner to accomplish the mission of edifying the saints here. While we are on the subject, we must compliment all of our Adult Teachers for the fine work they do from week to week. Only heaven knows how much study time they spend in getting ready for the classes they teach. We could not do without them.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	F. C. Carpenter	Ray Womack
Dismiss	David Demic	Jack Beard

Serving Communion Sunday		Greeters
Bill Butler, Jr.	David Hubbard	C. E. Caskey
Mike Munn	Darrell Holt	Sam Sevier
Odell Malone	Cone Birdwell	D. C. Jones
Joe Willis	Ben Young	

Our Records

Contributions	Bible School	Worship
January 21 \$4,184.50	374	461
January 14 \$4,784.01	368	425
(Bldg. Fund) 500.00		
Year Ago \$2,828.39	221	

Responses

Mrs. Clara Sims came Sunday evening to be restored.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. R. M. Mayo and Mrs. W. O. Rushing were both hospitalized last week but are now at home.

Mrs. Blanche Rountree is now at home. Her sister is caring for her.

Jim Franklin underwent surgery on his back Tuesday. He is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Wayne Fears is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ross Walker went home last Sunday from the hospital.

Gilbert Kasperek is suffering from a broken bone in his heel from a fall recently. He is at home.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

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speakers on the program. The Brown Trail church serves as the headquarters for the Brown Trail School of Preaching. I thought that the lectures there were outstanding. "The Holy Scriptures" served as the theme for this lectureship. There is always the need to get back to the Bible and in our day when the Bible is under attack by some and neglected by many it was most appropriate to study again the inspiration and validity of the Scriptures.

We look forward to the presentation of our budget for the fiscal year beginning on February 1 which will be presented to the congregation on this Sunday. We are thankful for the generous support given to the cause of Christ in the past and feel that you will want to accept the challenge for greater work for the Lord in the future.

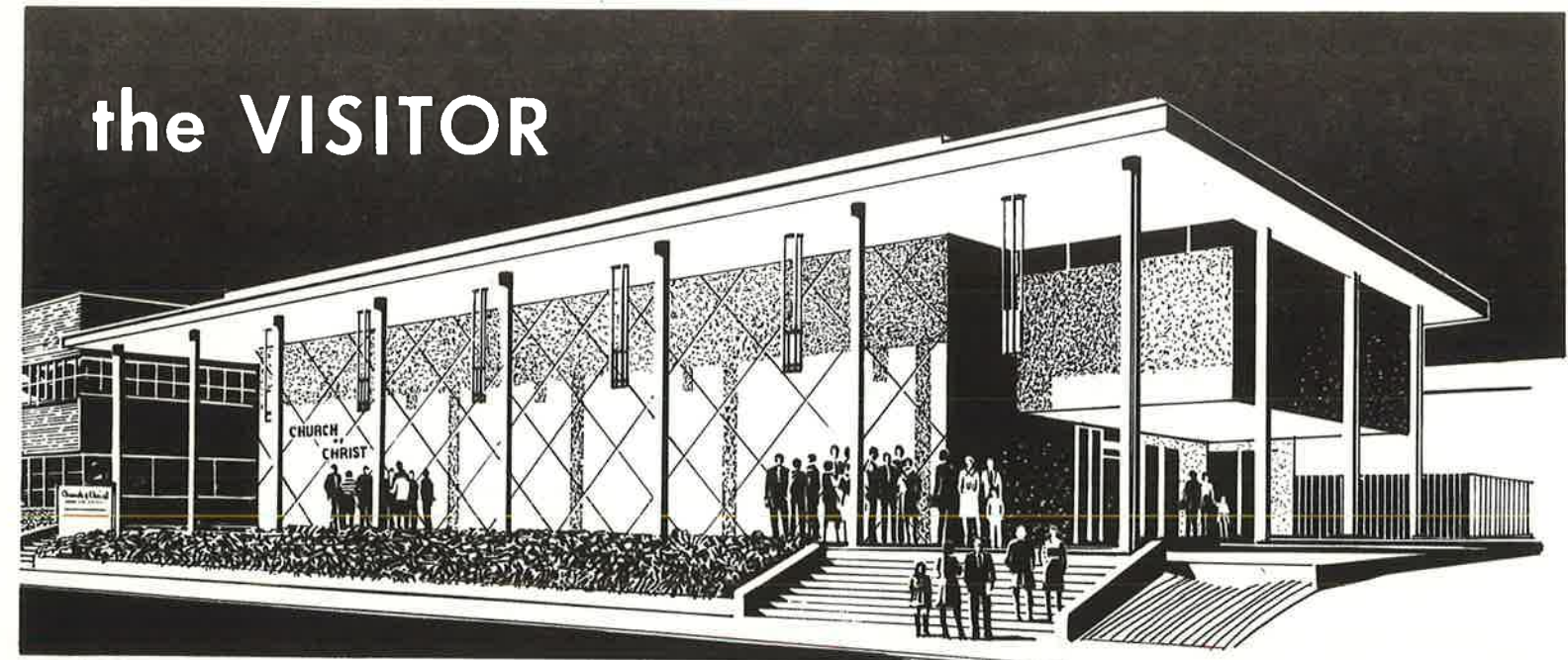
Our business in prayer is, not to prescribe but to subscribe to the wisdom and will of God; to refer our case to Him, and then leave it with Him.

GOSPEL MEETING

Wyatt Sawyer will preach in our meeting
March 18 - 22.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I always look forward to attending the annual Bible lectureship of Abilene Christian University. There are many fine classes conducted in addition to the lectures delivered by outstanding speakers. I always enjoy the fellowship of Christians from many parts of the country. This is one of the largest gatherings of members of churches of Christ in the world.

The theme for this year's lectureship is "The Home In Crisis." Some of the speakers include Jack Evans, Kenneth Dye, Tom Holland, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Gary Beauchamp, Joe Schubert, Paul Faulkner, Carl Mitchell, and Prentice Meador. We hope that a number from West Erwin may be able to enjoy this outstanding event.

I am thankful for the privilege I had of attending the Fort Worth Lectures held last week at the Brown Trail church of Christ. I felt honored in being one of the

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"The Home In Crisis"

ACU 61st Annual Bible Lectureship

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WHAT IF JESUS ASKED YOU, "...LOVEST THOU ME?"

The seven disciples and Jesus were out on the shore of the Galilean Sea. Gathered near the campfire where they had just finished breakfast, they were somewhat perplexed on such a happy occasion to hear Jesus ask Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these?" Of course Peter answered in the affirmative only to be asked a second and then a third time, "Lovest thou me?" cf John 21:15ff

If Jesus should ask you that question, how would you answer Him? Most of us would say with Peter, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee."

Before we repose too securely in our avowed love for Christ, let us look at the evidences of our love. We are too ready to lay the case to rest on the basis that we have a tender sentiment or a sweet feeling with the very mention of the Lord's name. But sentiment and feeling are not the real test. Did not Jesus say, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7:16

When we genuinely love another person we show this in some way. Perhaps it is by being pleasant, speaking encouraging words, offering help in time of need, or in other ways. Love

that is undemonstrated really profits none.

Love that is most meaningful and the most appreciated is that which has to overcome obstacles. The boy who walks several miles on a cold, snowy evening just to see his girlfriend for a little while proves that he loves her. The disciple who day by day does the bidding of his Master when there are all kinds of discouragements and impediments, proves that he loves his Master.

Riley Walker recently cited the following story in the bulletin which he edits.

"I just finished reading an article about a beautiful black brother in Nigeria. There was a photo of him accompanying the article. His body was deformed and his legs withered. Unable to walk, he crawls to the assembly of the church. In order to carry his Bible, he either balances it on his head or pushes it on the ground in front of him. LOVE FINDS A WAY."

Makes some of our excuses seem pretty petty, doesn't it? ...Hershel Dyer

MADISON BUDGET - \$1,146,000

The Madison, Tennessee church of Christ has a budget of \$1,146,000 for 1979. It is my understanding that this is the only religious group in the Nashville area with a budget exceeding a million dollars. The budget calls for a contribution of \$22,050 per Sunday.

I can remember when congregations with a budget of \$22,000 for a year instead of a week would have been considered outstanding. I also remember when the budget of the Madison church was a fraction of its present budget. It is good to know that members of the Lord's church have

been prospered and that they are willing to give to promote the cause of Christ.

The Madison church is spending \$106,600 per year in the production of the films for the Amazing Grace Bible Class. Local congregations then pay for the time on television stations. The Amazing Grace program has a large audience in East Texas. We encourage you to tell others about it.

We appreciate the great work of the Madison church including Ira North and all who are working to advance the cause of Christ there. GHS

The *Amazing Grace*

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

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. The cards and visits helped me to pass a lot of lonely hours. I would also like to express my love for all of you and what West Erwin and the Christian fellowship means to me and my life. In Christian love,
Blanche Rountree

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and many cards received expressing your sympathy following the death of my brother. In Christian love,
Velma Lemons

Wedding

Miss Lisa Atkins and Roger McElroy were married Saturday evening, January 20, at the bride's home. Brother George Stephenson said the ceremony. They will live in Tyler.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for W. P. Cagle, Sr., brother of Elva Lee Mackey. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Foy Richey's father, Mr. E. A. Hargrave, was buried Saturday in Sulphur Springs, Texas. We extend our sympathy to Mary and the family.

Have you...
HEARD?

A New Church Directory

Beginning this week-end several ladies will be calling the congregation to set up appointments for each family to have a picture made for the new church directory. Pictures will be made Sunday afternoon, February 4th from 1:00 o'clock until 6:00 p. m. and Monday and Tuesday, February 5th and 6th, from 4:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. We hope everyone will have a picture included in the directory. Pictures of your children away in college or in the service may be submitted and they will be included.

Words
From
Wes



"Now that the football season is over..." You can add your own final comment to that statement. Perhaps our Sunday evening services will begin to have a larger crowd, and that in time for the singing service. Too, we ought to have a greater quantity of emotional energy to put back into the work of the church since pulling for one's team surely takes a large amount.

Now don't get me wrong, I love football just as much as anyone and I have a favorite team, but we do spend an extremely large amount of time and energy even as spectators. My only wish would be that we could at least use that same amount in dedicated work for the Lord. At any rate, we can get on to other things now that it is over - like, I wonder who is going to win the basketball race???

We are always thankful when pretty weather falls on Sunday. We can always depend on a larger number for Bible study and worship. Some of our elderly have great difficulty in getting out in bad weather. Which reminds me, when the weather is bad, and we have cause to remember those who have difficulty getting here, wouldn't it be a great thing if we dropped by to check on them occasionally? We do have a few who do this regularly and become a blessing. We ought to follow their example.

It's difficult to understand why so many people in our "Christian Nation" fail to understand the simple message of the gospel of Christ. I realize that it is based on pre-conceived ideas coming from erroneous teaching, but it is so difficult to get back of such ideas. Now we all are guilty of having some such ideas, which suggests that we still need to study the word continually to avoid getting trapped in such ways. When we attempt to teach others, we need to remember that they possess many ideas that were taught them by people they loved and trusted. But we do need to speak the truth in love.

Brother George's sermon Sunday on the Restoration movement was superb. Such an understanding he sought to impart to us will be helpful in teaching others that we stand for New Testament truth and make no apology for it. And at the same time we can have useful information to help others see why our plea is for non-denominational Christianity. Let's practice real New Testament Christianity by seeking those who really are sincere in wanting to know what God's will for them is.

See you in Bible study Sunday.

Wes Price

Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>
Announcements	Wes Price	Wes Price
Prayer	Weldon Dawson	Ray Womack
Dismiss	Cullen Gilliam	M. M. Haws

Serving Communion Sunday

Bill Butler, Jr.	David Hubbard	<u>Greeters</u>
Mike Munn	Darrell Holt	Wallace Gayle
Odell Malone	Cone Birdwell	Bob Threadgill
Joe Willis	Ben Young	D. C. Jones

Our Records

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January 14 \$4,675.76	368	425
(Bldg. Fund) 108.25		
January 7 \$4,649.83	227	347
(Bldg. Fund) 190.00		
Year Ago \$3,775.50	357	

Report of Our Sick

Jim Franklin continues to be in Mother Frances. He has been in traction.

Mrs. Blanche Rountree may go home by Friday.

Mrs. Ross Walker underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Maurice Henderson continues to be in Medical Center.

John Porter (John and Edith's son) has been in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Sam Sevier's grandmother is hospitalized in Austin suffering from a fall.

FROM CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Good, clean clothing for children - infants through teens - is needed. We have on hand an adequate supply of adult clothing. We will be working each Tuesday morning from 9:00 o'clock until 12:00 noon.

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WORDS FROM WES (continued)

Our elders are in the process of putting the finishing touches on our new budget for 1979. Beginning this year, we will be operating on a fiscal year instead of the calendar year, beginning with Feb. 1 and continuing to Jan. 31. I know you will be pleased and challenged with the new budget. I hope every family will determine what they can give each week and make a private pledge to the Lord, and make every effort to show your love for the Lord's blessings.

While the world may be alarmed with the potential financial crisis, we can rest assured that we can depend on God to do his part if we are good stewards of the good that He has intrusted to us.

See you in class Sunday.

Wes Price

Thank You

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the visits, cards, flowers and food while Eleanor was hospitalized and after coming home.

Averyt and Eleanor Smith

We appreciate your kind words and cards and the flowers sent for the funeral of my sister, Iradell Powell.

Vera Taylor

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

Two great preachers are coming to West Erwin in 1979 to preach in gospel meetings. Wyatt Sawyer will be with us in March and Joe Barnett will be here some time in the fall. Wyatt Sawyer preaches for the great Midtown church in Fort Worth and Joe Barnett preaches for the great Broadway church in Lubbock. We need to make our plans now for the meeting with brother Sawyer in March. The dates for the meeting have been set for March 18 through March 22. Please mark these dates now on your calendar and arrange your schedule so that you will be here for this meeting.

Coming Soon! We are going to be having pictures made for a new church directory on February 4th, 5th, and 6th. As you know our present directory is out of date. Many changes have taken place in our congregation since it was published. Many of our people have asked, "When are we going to have a new directory?" Now plans are underway for one to be published. You will be receiving more information about this in a few days. We hope that we may have the co-operation of every family in the church

in having pictures made. For the directory to be as useful as possible we need everyone to have a picture. Now if you are like I am, you do not like to have your photograph taken. But I know that the directory will be incomplete without my picture and it will be incomplete without yours. All of us need to become better acquainted with all the members of the church and this is one of the most helpful tools to be used for this purpose.

We have some new studies in our Wednesday evening classes. Roy Roberson is beginning a study of the book of Revelation and I am beginning a study next week of the book of Genesis. Jack Paul has been doing his usual fine job of teaching, but his series will be coming to a close. Wes Price will continue in this class. Billie Bob Hickman is going to begin a study with the Ladies' Class on Wednesday night. We appreciate the fine work of Kathryn Cauthen who has taught the Wednesday night class for women for some time. I appreciate Ira Wright who brought a lesson to the auditorium class on Wednesday in my absence. It is good to have this man, who served as an elder for many years in Denison, as one of our faithful workers. Why not decide that you will be here every Wednesday night as well as Sunday morning and Sunday night? What else could you do which could be better than being here for worship, fellowship, and Bible Study?

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"OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS" ...by Hugo McCord

It was not possible for Doctor Luke or for the learned Paul in their day scientifically to know that all human beings are related. The statement of Paul on Mars' Hill recorded by the beloved physician, "God... hath made of one blood all nations of men," had to be given by the Holy Spirit. In that age of the world universal kinship of humans was unknowable. In all the intervening centuries attempts have been made to classify some races as superior and others as inferior. The attempts have always failed. The alleged "Aryan" super-race, so avidly espoused by Adolph Hitler, is a non-entity. The alleged superiority of white men to Negroes is indefensible. A surgeon with knife in hand, preparing for an incision through a black skin, remarked: "Underneath we are all alike." Now it is known scientifically that all men are akin. The fact that the Bible asserted the oneness of the human race centuries before doctors had arrived at the same conclusion is an outstanding tribute to the scientific foreknowledge of the sacred writings.

Early in the twentieth century doctors were able to separate human blood into four primary types (A, B, AB, and O). Those four types are found in all races (Caucasoid, Negroid, and Mongoloid). Since the four types of blood are found in all races, scientists were unable for many years to speak definitely as to the race origin of a blood specimen. The writer heard an FBI blood expert say that blood samples of a white man, a Negro, a Chinese, and an Indian in four separate test tubes would be indistinguishable. The statement is still true as far as the precipitants used by the FBI are concerned. However, continued research in blood groups now allows scientists to be more definite about races, because the number of blood types has been multiplied, and because of the frequencies of certain blood types in certain races. Even paternity cases are affected by certain blood types (M and N).

This new information, says Dr. John H. Brewer (biologist for Hynson, Wescott and Dunning Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Baltimore, Maryland), in no wise disparages Paul's statement in Acts 17:26. Though blood characteristics vary to such an extent that no two humans have exactly the same blood, yet all humans are akin. They are of one stock, of one origin. Biblically, "the first man Adam" (I Corinthians 15:45) is the father of the whole human race. Scientifically, "all living races belong to the single human species Homo sapiens, and the differences between races are much fewer than the features shared by all human beings." W. Creighton Gabel, "Races of Mankind," Funk and Wagnalls Standard Reference Encyclopedia (1959), XX, 7391-7395.

Major Greek manuscripts omit the word haima, blood, from Acts 17:26. Accordingly, the American Standard Version translates as follows: "made of one every nation of men." Whether the word blood was in Paul's original utterance or not, the truth of the statement remains the same: all nations are one in their common humanity and in their common need of God.

Recipe For 1979

Take twelve full-grown months, see that they are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, hate, and jealousy, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite, pick off specks of pettiness and littleness, and in short, see that these months are freed from all the past. Have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of time.

Cut each month into 30 or 31 equal parts, this batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time, but prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day put Faith, Courage, Work, Hope, Fidelity, Liberality, Kindness, Rest, Prayer, Meditation, and Bible Reading. And don't forget a sprinkling of Good Humor.

Pour into the whole - love without measure and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with smiles of thankfulness and sprigs of joy;

Then serve with Quietness, Unselfishness and Cheerfulness;

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR IS YOURS!

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon in Gladewater for Mr. W. E. Gray, father of Mrs. Jamon Kirby. We extend our sympathy to Clay and Jamon and the family.

Thank You

Sister Rose Rushing's name was not included in last week's bulletin in the list of those who received poinsettias during the holiday season. She has expressed her appreciation for the remembrance.

We need YOU in Bible School!

Congratulations

Gus and Kathy Krewall have a new granddaughter born Monday in Mother Frances Hospital to Tony and Gail Maldonado.

Moved

Brother and sister Roland R. Roberts have moved to 624 Pam. Their telephone number is now 561-0042.

BE ATTITUDES FOR A GREATER CHURCH

Blessed is he who tries a little harder when all around are saying "It can't be done."

Blessed is he who serves faithfully in the task of the church which has been entrusted unto him.

Blessed is he who loves the church more than his business.

Blessed is he who walks as fast to get to the church as to get to the ball game.

Blessed is the church member who is not pessimistic.

Blessed is he who invites people to come to church with him.

Blessed are those who never gossip about the faults of the church, but keep working to make it better.

Words
From
Wes



It sure is amusing to hear all the excuses people give for not coming to Bible study. Those excuses are not too different than those that are given for not attending Sunday night worship and Wednesday night Bible study. A high school teacher of mine many years ago (and how many years ago is not any of your business) made the statement that seems to have some application: "He who makes excuses is seldom good at anything else." You may not like the sentiment that such a statement expresses, but only you can examine your real reasons for neglecting to attend these important assemblies. But in the final analysis you must reason with the Lord with these same excuses and if you are comfortable with them here, you may have reason to be concerned later.

Seriously, it does little good for our teachers to spend countless hours preparing their lessons and praying for their class members unless it is important enough for you to be present every time. These teachers are doing an excellent job in preparation and anyone who is not diligent in attendance is a source of discouragement to them. Perhaps you don't agree, but I contend that the single most elementary responsibility a Christian has is to be present for every Bible study and worship opportunity. If that's not so, then what can be more basic? As we have so often pleaded in the past, won't you please give serious thought to your personal spiritual growth and development and make a renewed effort to develop a new love and appreciation for being present on every occasion. Every preacher longs for the time when the members of the congregation where he serves will be more consistent in attendance at all services, not for his benefit, but for the individual Christian's benefit. After all, we cannot be present to represent you in the assembly. Nobody can but you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, teenagers! Your renewed habit of sitting near the front is a tremendous encouragement to the singing and preaching. I was especially proud of your attentiveness during Sunday night's sermon. Now don't let my compliment discourage you from the good you have been doing. Keep it up.

By the time you receive this, we ought to be able to see some construction work begun on our new building. There are so many good things that this new facility can be used for, we can hardly wait until it is completed.

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Serving Sunday

<u>Sunday Worship</u>	10:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Announcements	Wes Price	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Roger Knight	Cliff Clough
Dismiss	Joe Willis	Keston McFadden

Serving Communion Sunday

James Phillips	K. Max Haws	<u>Greeters</u>
Tom Williams	Harold Browning	Sam Bailey
Cliff Clough	Wayne Fears	Ben Young
Jeffery Jones	Wesley Price	D. C. Jones

Our Records

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January 7 \$4,649.83	227	347
(Bldg. Fund) \$ 190.00		
December 31 \$4,054.67	284	375
(Bldg. Fund) \$3,300.00		
Year Ago \$3,411.53	362	

Report of Our Sick

Maurice Henderson had surgery this week. He is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Blanche Rountree continues to be in the Medical Center Hospital.

Jim Franklin is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Edwin Murrell, a brother of Jean Oliver, is a patient in Medical Center. He underwent surgery Monday.

Confident Parenting Workshop at Glenwood

A Confident Parenting Workshop will be conducted at the Glenwood Church of Christ on February 2 and February 3. Sessions will be conducted on Friday from 6:30 to 10:00 p. m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Instructors in the workshop will be outstanding educators in their field.

The seven hour workshop is designed to help parents with the vital concerns of:

- listening and talking so my children will communicate openly.
- dealing with family conflict and parental frustration.
- disciplining my children successfully.
- being more confident as a parent.

We feel that this is a wonderful opportunity for training in one of the greatest responsibilities we have - that of being grand parents. The cost of the workshop will be \$19.00 for an individual or \$29.00 for both parents. Reservations should be made by January 21. Contact one of the preachers or the church office if you wish to attend this important workshop.

Funeral

Funeral services were conducted this week in Woodville for Mrs. Elbert Powell. She was a sister to Mrs. Lonnie Taylor.

He most lives who lives for others.

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**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

I was glad to hear the report to the congregation last Sunday by brother Foy Richey in regard to our present building project. Members of the church are to be commended for their liberality in giving over \$47,000 to this project as of this date. Construction will begin in the near future. The buildings purchased by the church will be renovated and made into a very attractive and useful building. We need to continue to give generously to this project in order that the debt will be as low as possible. Furnishings for the building will need to be purchased in addition to the contractor's fees. We appreciate those who have continued to give to the regular budget of the church. The Lord has richly blessed us and we should be glad to make whatever sacrifices are necessary for the welfare of His church. As Jesus told his disciples, "Freely ye have received, freely give," (Matt. 10:8).

Beginning on this coming Sunday, January 14 and continuing through Thursday, January 18

the "Fort Worth Lectures" will be conducted at the Brown Trail Church of Christ. The theme for the lectures is "The Holy Scriptures." Over forty speakers will be delivering lectures in regard to the Bible. I am looking forward to this meeting and am scheduled to present one of the lectures on Tuesday morning. If you could arrange it so that it could be in your schedule, I know you would find the lectures interesting and helpful.

Tyler has a "new preacher." Tom Holcomb recently moved to Tyler to assume the work of a preacher for the Northwest church in our city. He came to Northwest with the highest of recommendations. I have known his father, Claude Holcomb, a faithful gospel preacher, for many years. We are glad to welcome Tom and his family to Tyler and hope and pray that they will have a very pleasant and profitable ministry with the Northwest church.

Wes Price has gained the love and friendship of the entire congregation since he has been with us. He will be preaching on this Sunday evening. We hope that a large audience will be present to hear him.

We trust that this may be our prayer each day in 1979. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

The Mistake of Misjudging

Poor childless Hannah was praying fervently that God would grant her a son - a joy which for years had been denied her. Eli, the priest, without getting all of the facts, misjudged her and accused her of muttering in a drunken stupor. When Hannah told him that she had poured out her soul before the Lord, he immediately realized he had been mistaken. His insulting comments had been entirely out of order, for before him stood a devout woman, who should have been commended.

Often we are quick to condemn others, only to find that we have misinterpreted their actions. Since we cannot look into men's hearts, we are forbidden to express such hasty and arbitrary opinions, I Cor. 4:5.

The story is told of a Mr. Jones who picked up the wrong umbrella in the hotel lobby and was about to walk out when the rightful owner called attention to his mistake. Embarrassed, he of-

fered apologies. Finding his own he went on his way. The incident, however, reminded him that he had promised to buy both his wife and daughter an umbrella. To his delight he found that a local store nearby had them on sale, so he bought two. Just as he was getting into his car with his unwrapped purchases, he saw the man he had encountered earlier. He was eyeing him suspiciously. Seeing the three umbrellas hooked over his arm, the stranger exclaimed sarcastically, "I see you had a good day after all!" Although Mr. Jones blushed, he was not guilty of any wrong doing.

Things are not always what they appear to be on the surface. Beware of misjudging others!

Think of these things: "The man who continually and suspiciously looks down his nose at others usually has the wrong slant!"

... Via Bulletin - Stephens, Ark.

NEW ADULT CLASS

A new adult class will begin on Wednesday night, January 17th. Roy Roberson and Phil Marts recently completed their Adult study course on the Teachings of Jesus. This class will now have the opportunity to begin a study of Revelation. Roy will be directing the study. It is designed to be a concentrated study and will continue for the next 13 weeks. It will meet in room 106. Remember this beginning date, January 16. Come and enjoy this study.

Sympathy

Basil Henderson, brother to Velma Lemons, was buried Monday in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were conducted in Gilmer this week for Ellis Stembudge, a cousin to Ruth Bell, Ruby Brem, Jonnie Steffee, Beatrice Holland, and Evelyn Denton.

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

Why worry when you can pray?

VISITATION

Well, I went to visitation --

Against my will, I guess

I was hot and tired and troubled,

And I wasn't at my best.

But they told me I was needed

So I knew I couldn't rest,

With my conscience making comments

About how I'd failed the test.

First I went to see a shut-in;

She'd been one quite sometime.

Oh, how she missed the brethren,

But she tried not to pine.

Next, a brother who'd been absent

Several Sundays in a row

He thought nobody missed him

And he said next time he'd go.

Last, I called upon a couple

Who'd just moved into town.

I invited them to visit

And they said they'd come around!

Back home again I pondered,

Why, I was feeling fine --

Recalling those gladdened faces --

The pleasure was all mine!

Thank You

The following received poinsettias, as a remembrance, from the church during the holidays. We have received numerous expressions of appreciation for the flowers and for the cans of cookies baked by many of the ladies of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beard

Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois Hoppers

Mrs. Lillie Knight

Mrs. Ruby Teel

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy

Mrs. Pearl Carruthers

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham

Mrs. Ethel Payne

Mrs. Katie Heath

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shuford

Mrs. Vannie Lee

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Mrs. Lilla Tigert

Mrs. Ola Dunwoody

Mrs. Troy Ginn

Mrs. Ella Mae Hibbard

Mrs. Julia Langham

Mrs. Wyche Harris

Mrs. Marie Skeeters

Mrs. Annie McDonald

Mrs. Naomi Haden

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Metcalf

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bryant

Mrs. Ivah Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Taylor

Mrs. Audie Grier

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo

Congratulations

David and Betty Hubbard are the parents of a boy born on Wednesday of last week in Mother Frances. They have named him James Jack. The happy grandparents are Jack and Zeffie Beard.

Joe and Jo Ellen Clayton are the parents of a boy, Justin Joe, born last Saturday in Mother Frances. Joe and Joyce Willis are the proud grandparents.

TO SPEAK IN FORT WORTH

Brother George Stephenson will speak at the Lectureship next week in Fort Worth at the Brown Trail Church of Christ.

Words

From

Wes



I don't know about you, but I still get a feeling of renewal at the beginning of a new year. There's something about a fresh start that helps me think about examining past goals and accomplishments to see how I've made progress or failed. For many years now, I have always made new commitments and set new goals for myself. I must admit that I don't always arrive at goals I've set by the time the year passes, but I'm determined that I'll do better the next time.

At least one of the goals I've re-affirmed each year is one that I always seem to have the most difficulty with, that is I don't seem to come up to, and that is to spend more time reading good books. Included of course is a desire to read and study the Bible more. I'm afraid that I suffer a similar malady with many of you. I tend to let the television occupy too much of my time. That's damaging in at least two ways. First, it takes far more time than is justified by its benefits. Then there is the matter of the way we let it do our thinking for us. We are far too quick to accept the conclusions that are presented than we are to really examine what is being said or shown and draw our own conclusions.

I hope you will join me in making a few basic resolutions for this new year. Let them be a pledge between you and the Lord. Most of the ones we broadcast, we generally are least successful with. Remember, we are co-workers with God in the development of our spiritual beings. (I Cor. 6:1).

Attention All Teachers - There will be a very important Teachers Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon in the Chapel at 5:00 o'clock. I hope you will arrange your schedule to be present.

In a few short days we should be able to see real progress being made on the renovation of the building for our Fellowship Hall. It will be such a valuable tool for the West Erwin church. We will be able to use it for so many worthwhile projects. Appearance is not the most important consideration, but it certainly will enhance the view from our parking lot. Won't it be great to have it finished and available?

I'm looking forward to my first full year with the West Erwin church. You have been so gracious in accepting us for our work's sake and we are appreciative for your generous encouragements. Let's go forward for the Lord in 1979.

Wes Price

Serving Sunday

Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Announcements	Wes Price	Wes Price
Prayer	Faber Cauthen	Joe Carroll
Dismiss	Guy Potts	Edwin Pickle

Serving Communion Sunday		Greeters
James Phillips	K. Max Haws	John Porter
Tom Williams	Harold Browning	Fred Powell
Cliff Clough	Wayne Fears	D. C. Jones
Jeffery Jones	Wesley Price	

Our Records

Contributions		Bible School		Worship
Dec. 31	\$4,054.67	Dec. 31	284	375
(Bldg. Fund)	\$3,300.00			
Dec. 24	\$3,684.46	Dec. 24	329	486
(Bldg. Fund)	\$3,200.00			
Year Ago	\$3,537.22	Year Ago	353	

Responses

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, 1805 South Chilton, phone 593-7156, came Sunday, Dec. 24 to place membership. We are happy to welcome them. The Millers formerly worshipped at Glenwood.

Baptized: Mrs. Anita Chambless, 1705 N. Broadway, came Sunday, Dec. 24 to be baptized into Christ. We rejoice with her in her obedience to the Gospel.

For Prayer: Jo Ellen Clayton came Sunday evening for prayer.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the visits, calls and cards during our recent stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Algie Sherman

A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lip -
The lesson was done.
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said;
"I have spoiled this one."
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul -
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother P. J. Bryant is in Medical Center Hospital. He may be home by the time you read this. Sister Bryant has been ill at home.

Sister Blanche Rountree fell on the ice Wednesday morning and suffered a broken leg. She is in Mother Frances.



WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS 75702 592-0809

The Church With A Heart



1979
From the
Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

to be the preacher for the West Erwin Church.

At the close of one year and the beginning of another we are always reminded that time swiftly passes by and that life is always brief. Many we have known passed into eternity in 1978 and we know that only the Lord's coming will prevent others of our number from dying in 1979. We should live for the Lord because tomorrow we may die. But more important, we should live for the Lord because tomorrow we hope to live! A life lived with and for Jesus is the greatest life in the present and provides us with the hope of eternal life in the world to come.

Be sure to read the greetings sent to this congregation from Kieth Mitchell in New York City. I am amazed at the tremendous amount of work Kieth does at the International Mission and at the Manhattan church of Christ. He is a man of unusual talent and ability. He manifests a most courageous and noble spirit in the personal problems he has had. We are thankful for him and for his family. Let us continue to remember him in our prayers as he continues his great work for the Lord in our nation's largest city.

Please read your Bible every day in 1979. And remember to pray. Pray for West Erwin in that the church may grow both spiritually and numerically. Pray that all of us may be effective workers for our loving Master.

I am glad that freezing temperatures did not arrive in Tyler until Sunday night. However, the weather was disagreeable and our attendance in Bible School and worship suffered as a result.

Sunday will be the first Sunday of 1979 and we hope you plan to be present every Sunday during the year. At the conclusion of our service Sunday morning Jack Paul challenged everyone to be present every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. He was right when he said that if everyone does this we will have a greater church at West Erwin! I challenge you to be here for every service. I just know you will be glad and that you will be a stronger Christian if you do.

I am thankful that I did not have to miss a Lord's Day worship in 1978. It has now been three years since I had to miss because of illness. I am thankful that the Lord blessed me in this way and thankful that I have been privileged

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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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Christmas 1978

Dear Friends in the Lord:

It is that time of year when traditionally we share the Season's Greetings and let others know they are not forgotten. The Mitchell family wants each of you to know how grateful we are to each of you for staying faithfully by us this year in our ministry at International Mission in New York City.

Because of two disappointing situations, I end this year manning the Mission single handed with the help of my secretaries. This means being at the Mission 11 hours a day, teaching all the classes - about 8 hours. I want you to know our sponsoring elders in Bridgewater have handled these delicate matters as real spiritual giants. They have been helpful and encouraging to me in every way possible.

Here is the good news. Not one, but two good men are preparing to join us near the first of the year. With these we can move "full steam ahead" at the World Trade Center and begin studying a foreign student outreach at New York University campus hopefully by September. Alan Phillips, native of Rome, New York, completes his Masters Degree in Bible at Abilene Christian University this month. He and his family hope to be here January 1. Cory Collins, Salutatorian of his 1977 graduating class at David Lipscomb College is also raising support to join our team. Cory is married to a Long Island girl and has preached the past 15 months at Bethpage on Long Island. Both of these seem to be great guys and committed men of God. Pray for their fund raising efforts - and help in any other ways you can by referrals or suggestions. We need them as soon as they can get financially ready to come.

In spite of a year of "ups and downs" we are definitely up! More than 200 different foreign unbelievers have attended our Bible classes. Several seem to be near obedience to the Gospel. Thirty-one foreign persons came into the body of Christ this year. Five were through classes or personal teaching at the World Trade Center; eight primarily through the influence of Herald of Truth and/or Manhattan Congregation; six primarily through the influence of the Chinese Congregation; twelve primarily through the influence of the Korean Congregations. My latest immersion was a professional viola player at Juliard School of Performing Arts - Canadian and son of an Anglican Priest. Unrelated to the Mission, but a part of my ministry at Manhattan Church, thirty-six (in addition to the foreign persons) just "plain old Americans" came into the congregation - eight by immersion. We know of at least two Jewish persons who came to Messiah this year as a result of studying our special Jewish study guide. So we praise God for these positive commitments to the Lord and His body.

As to family news, my wife Diane continues working away on her college degree. In addition to helping with remedial reading in our local school, she is actively involved in the Children's Church Program at Manhattan Church. Rhonda looks forward to eighth grade graduation in the spring. She plays the piano beautifully now in her sixth year. Rhonda is also a tireless worker in the Manhattan Children's Church Program. Stephen, in fifth grade, has done some good work on the soccer field this year. A broken finger cut into his fall participation. Margie is still a patient at Silver Hill Foundation Hospital in Connecticut. It is hard for us to believe she is 16 1/2 as we've seen so little of her since age 10. We still covet your prayers for her treatment and adjustments to life.

Again, we thank you for your fellowship with us in the New York City work. We pray you are strong in the Lord and facing the prospects of the New Year with the same kind of excitement we are.

Repeat appreciation

h A. Mitchell

THANK YOU

The family of Jack Preston thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Dear Friends, I wish to thank you for the lovely spray of blue Carnations that was sent to the funeral of my brother, Jack Preston. Also for your Prayers, cards and calls. Your love means so much to me.

In Christian love,
Mary Dawson

It is difficult to find adequate words to express my appreciation for all the visits, cards, flowers, calls and interest shown during my recent illness. Your prayers and thoughtfulness gave me the strength and encouragement I needed at this time.

In Christian love,
Pauline Daughtry

CONGRATULATIONS

Peggy Smith graduated from Texas Eastern University with a B. S. degree in Education. She is a member of Alphi Ki Honor Society. Peggy is the daughter of Sue and Jim Paul and the daughter-in-law of Eleanor and Averyt Smith.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last week in Dallas for Mrs. Larry (Emily) Holland. She was the daughter-in-law of Beatrice Holland. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Catherine Connally, sister-in-law of Aldred Parris, in Columbia, Tenn.

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER will resume work Tuesday January 9, from 9 to 11 a. m.

In spite of what God knows about us, and that is more than we know about ourselves, He loves us.

FROM TIPTON HOME

Please accept the heartfelt thanks of all of the children and staff of Tipton Home for the tremendous effort that your ladies have put forth in making the 10 lovely quilts for our home. We're overwhelmed at their beauty and we know they will give many, many years of service. We wanted to give a special thanks to Foy Richey, James Massey and Bruce Raley who made the long trip to bring them to us. This is just wonderful of them.

We appreciate too, the regular contribution of \$100 each month that comes from your congregation throughout the year. We appreciate all the things you do for us from time to time also.

We all send our warmest best wishes for the finest year ever in 1979 in service to our Lord. We sincerely hope that the church there continues to grow and I'm sure it will under the care of such dedicated leaders.

In Christian love,
T. N. Putman, Sup't.

FROM HERALD OF TRUTH

Over 100,000 people responded to Herald of Truth radio and television programs during the first 10 months of 1978, in the United States, Spain, Portugal and Mexico.

In March, New York City and Washington D. C. were added to the list of cities receiving the television program. Baptisms have already been reported by congregations in the Northeast as a result of the programs.

Results have been equally encouraging wherever the program is heard. In Mexico, for example, over 1,000 people have been baptized and over 40 new congregations started as a result of the programs during the past few years. In Spain, there are now 25 congregations where there were none only a few years ago. During the past three years, over 200 souls have been saved in Portugal and five churches established.

Work is the yeast that raises the dough.

