

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin

Prayer James Phillips

Dismiss Tom Williams

Evening Worship

Announcements C. B. Hardin

Prayer Roger Knight

Dismiss Mike Savage

Sermon Communion Sunday

Wayne Fears Bill Butler

Marty Mallory Wesley Price

Morris Hallman Paul Montandon

Sam Sevier Lowell Wiggains

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 4 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 7 - EARL O'QUINN, phone 561-0671

Our Records

Contributions

Dec. 28 \$5,500.57

Dec. 21 5,168.28

Year Ago 4,836.70

Bible School

Dec. 28 372

Dec. 21 362

Year Ago 385

Worship

Dec. 28 498

Dec. 21 488

In Appreciation

Expressions of thanks have been received for the Poinsettias, fruit and the cookies baked by ladies of the congregation. These were given as a token of love and appreciation to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beard, Mrs. Lillie Knight, Mrs. Ruby Teel, Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham, Mrs. Ethel Payne, Mrs. Katie Heath, Mrs. Erma Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shuford, Mrs. Vannie Lee, Mrs. Lilla Tigert, Mrs. Ola Dunwoody, Mrs. Troy Ginn, Mrs. Ella Mae Hibbard, Mrs. Cora Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Algie Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strait, Mrs. Wyche Harris, Mrs. Annie McDonald, Mrs. Naomi Haden, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Metclaf, Mrs. Ivah Miller, Mrs. Marvin Jones, Mr. Lonnie Taylor, Mrs. Audie Grier, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo, Mrs. M. M. Haws, Mrs. Gladys Holcomb, Mrs. Evelyn Denton, Mrs. Elsie Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bedford.

TAKE NOTE!
 P. O. Box 613
 The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Class
 Lake Providence, La. 71254
 Will meet again January 1st at 10:00 a.m.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - JANUARY 4
 By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. "A Promise For Each Day."
 P.M. "What Is In Your Heart?"

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The Church With A Heart

RESPONSES

Kenny Bailey came Sunday to be restored.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Ethel Payne, mother of Kathryn Cauthen, underwent surgery last week for a broken hip. She is in the Medical Center Hospital and should not have visitors at the present time.

Mrs. Myrtle Ginn continues to be a patient in the Community Hospital.

They always talk who seldom think.



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The Psalmist exclaimed, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

I am thankful for the unity and the love which prevail in the West Erwin family of Christians. I am very thankful for the many beautiful expressions of love you have showered upon me and my family during this season and throughout the past year and all of the years we have been with you. As we look forward to 1981 I would pray for you even as Paul prayed for the Philippians, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ," (Philippians 1:9,10). May we never forget that the badge of true discipleship is love one for another, for Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," (John 13:35).

Surely the Lord must often be disappointed in His followers when they are filled with ani-

mosity and strife toward one another. How sad it is to hear of churches being filled with discord and division. However, this was true of the Corinthian church and it is too often true of many churches today. The following paragraph by Don Deffenbaugh which appeared in "Four State Gospel News" is very pertinent:

"Wasn't it in the Ancient Mariner that the following lines appeared? 'Water, water everywhere and all the boards did shrink.' Many brethren have rewritten those lines to say, 'Trouble, trouble everywhere and not one drop of accord. Trouble, trouble everywhere and all the brethren are in discord.' My, how that contrasts with 'Peace, perfect peace in this dark world of sin!' We must follow after things which make for peace, (Romans 14:19). We must learn the way of peace, (Romans 3:17). We need to take to heart the beatitude that says, 'Blessed are the peacemakers,' (Matt. 5:9). Instead, we merely give lip service to this beatitude and with our lives we say, 'Blessed are the sowers of discord.' 'Blessed are the war mongers.' Shame on us! We cannot successfully claim to be the church of the New Testament and continue to ignore this inspired teaching. Think on these things."

Study the Bible!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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 C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
 Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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**The
Fort Worth Lectures
JANUARY 11-15, 1981**

SUNDAY EVENING

5:30 P. M. - W. T. Hamilton

Difficult Texts From The Gospel Accounts
(Mt. 5:17 - Destroying or Fulfilling The Law)
(Mt. 5:33-37; Jas 5:12 - Swearing)
(Mt. 5:42 - Borrowing)

6:30 P. M. Avon Malone

(Cor. 1:15,18; Rev. 3:14 - Is Christ a Created Being?)

7:30 P. M. - Tom Warren

How Do You Reconcile Human Suffering And the Reality of Hell With The Existence of the Good And Merciful God?

MONDAY EVENING

7:00 P. M. - Gordon Ferguson

(Romans 3:20-31; 4:1-25; Gal. 2:6; 3:5-14 (The Relationship Of Law, Grace, Faith And Righteousness))

8:00 P. M. - Franklin Camp

(I Cor. 8; 10:25-33; Rom. 14, 15 (The Question of Christian Liberty and Expediency.))



Brown Trail Church of Christ

Brown Trail Church of Christ, located at 1801 Brown Trail, Bedford (Fort Worth), Texas, three blocks north of the Airport Freeway on 121A, near DFW Airport.

THEME:

"Difficult Texts of The New Testament Explained"

WENDELL WINKLER, DIRECTOR

TUESDAY EVENING

7:00 P. M. - Bobby Duncan

(John 2:1-11; I Tim. 3:3; 3:8 - Did Jesus Turn Water Into Intoxicating Wine? "Not Given To Much Wine?" "And Much Wine.")

8:00 P. M. - Roy Deaver

(I Cor. 7:10, 12, 15, 20: "Not Under Bondage, etc.")

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 P. M. - Rubel Shelly

Rom. 13:1-7 - The Christian And Civil Government (Can A Christian Kill For His Government? Non-Pacifist Position)

8:00 P. M. - Wayne Jackson

(Rom. 13:1-7 - The Christian And Civil Government (Can A Christian Kill For His Government? Pacifist Position).)

THURSDAY EVENING

7:00 P. M. - Hugo McCord

(Rev. 13: 16-18 The 144,000; The Number 666; The Mark of the Beast.)

8:00 P. M. - Tom Holland

(The Beauty, Simplicity and Understandability of The Scriptures.)

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Longview for Nell Edwards, a sister to Mrs. Rose Rushing.

Tuesday morning the funeral service for Mr. Algie Sherman was held at the Burks-Walker Funeral Home.

Funeral services were conducted last week in Houston for Herbert McBee, Jr., the brother of Joe McBee.

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

In Appreciation

I appreciate the visits, prayers, flowers and all the love that was shown for me while I was in the hospital. I love you all.

Bud Caskey

New Baby

A baby girl was born on Monday of last week (December 22) to Joni and Bobby Smith. Faye and Archie Kennard are the happy grandparents.

The Benevolent Committee appreciates the support of the congregation during the past year. We are looking forward to a greater year in 1981.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (1) Terry Warren (3) Elaine Roberson (4) Jonathan Lowrance, Mary Prater, Pat McCarley (5) Julienne Butler, Hazel Morgan (6) Jan Knight, Nell Wright (7) Lamern Bailey, James Beard (9) Wayne Fears.

**HERE
and THERE**



by wes price

Ready or not, here it comes! 1981 is shortly to become a reality. I hope the year past has been a good one for you, that your pluses have been more than your minuses, that your successes have been greater in abundance than your failures and that a measure of prosperity has been yours. But however great or small it was, don't be caught letting it interfere with the tomorrows in front of you. Let your expectations be based on your dreams of what might be rather than what has been. Your life can be filled with amazing things if you will use your imagination and vision to see the possibilities. Why not make up your mind to let 1981 be the year you finally get around to doing those things that you haven't dared to do but have wished secretly that you could do. God will be doing His part, granting grace to cover our mistakes, strength to meet each new obstacle and wisdom to accomplish what is good and pleasing and acceptable to Him. We can't hold time back, so let's get on with it!

I must say a word of thanks to my Sunday Morning Bible Class of young couples. They generously blessed my wife and me with a gift certificate. How we appreciate each member of that class. They are special to us. All of you are special to us and we appreciate the way the whole church has blessed our lives. Thank you for loving us.

From the Southeast bulletin in Oklahoma City where my good friend Ron Bussey preaches comes these thoughts: "Nobody grows old merely by a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, and the unfailing child-like appetite for what-next.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; As young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; As young as your enthusiasm; as old as your despair."

Our prayer for this congregation and for each member is that of the apostle John for Gaius: "Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers."

You Are Invited

On January 5 and 6, the Corinth Road congregation in Jacksonville will have a two night program on Leadership. Brother James Long, currently Public Relations Manager with Medina Children's Home, will be the speaker.

Brother Long was with Alabama Christian College before his present job with Medina Home and has conducted classes in the major workshops and college lecture programs. In addition, he brings a broad background in soul winning with him. Plan to come at 7:30 p. m. - Jan. 5 & 6.



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Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Durwood Hendry
Dismiss Shayne Bennett

Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Jim Canterbury
Dismiss Weldon Dawson

Serving Communion Sunday

Shannon Hughes Jeff Jones
Ray Womack Don Weathers
Kevin Womack Wade Weathers

Hillard Hughes Louis E. Jones

Assistants in Back Foyer

Our Records

Contributions

Dec. 14 \$13,190.98
Dec. 7 5,701.57
Year Ago 20,710.33

Bible School

Dec. 14 353
Dec. 7 366
Year Ago 396

Worship

Dec. 14 459
Dec. 7 484

Weekly

Budget \$5,200.00

Phil Marts - Leon Welborn - Mike Savage - Morris Hallman
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 21 and Wednesday, Dec. 24 - MIKE SAVAGE, 593-6587.

New Members

It is a pleasure to welcome into the fellowship of West Erwin Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Elizabeth) Endsley. They recently moved to Tyler from Midland where they worshipped with the Golf Course Road church. Brother Endsley is now retired. Their address is 735 Jeffery, phone 581-4273.

We are happy to welcome Jay and Debbie Bynum into the fellowship here. They live in Whitehouse and have been worshipping with the church there. Jay is self employed (B & B Construction Co.). Their address is P. O. Box 597, Whitehouse, Texas, phone 839-4258.

Last week Ronny Jones baptized Jenny Moseley, his future sister-in-law. She will live in Terrell.

In The Hospitals

C. E. Caskey was hospitalized Sunday for tests and was dismissed on Tuesday.

Eleanor Birdwell is suffering from a fractured wrist, severe cuts on the other hand and multiple bruises from a fall last week in their home. She was treated in the emergency room but is at home now confined to her bed.

Mary Evelyn Grier's sister, Betty Hyatt, underwent major surgery Tuesday in Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

THE YEAR END SINGING will be next Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Omen Road building. There will be no services at the West Erwin building.

THE WEDNESDAY Morning Ladies Class will not meet again until January 7.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Williams, Billie Morgan, Pat Ragsdale (22) W. V. Crossman (23) Tom Williams, Matthew Hart (24) Henry McRuiz, Kerry Hamblett (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth (26) Susan Skipper (27) Floia Payne (28) Evelyn Henderson (29) Ann Lambert, Margaret Talley (30) Jeff Jones (31) Averyt Smith, Vera Beard, Jeanene Thompson JANUARY (3) Elaine Roberts, J. J. Hubbard

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The Church With A Heart

We Thank God For You

George H. Stephenson *Nelda Browning*

Wes W. Price *Francis Mc Bee*

Hillard Hughes *Homer Wilkinson*

With many good wishes for the coming year.

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CUSTOMS

Do we realize how many of the customs of living in the 20th Century are rooted in the dim, forgotten past? Here are two illustrative examples:

HOUSEWARMINGS. Did you know that the basis for this is the 13th Century superstition that the fireplace was the residence of household gods? When a family moved from one house to another, they invoked the favor of these gods by warming the new house with embers brought from the hearth of the old one. Eventually, their friends joined in and, finally, the religious practice of blessing the new house became the social practice of friends wishing others well in a new home. By ACCIDENT, then a custom of today is related to a RITE of yesterday.

BRIDAL VEILS. This practice originated in the ancient belief that a jealous ex-suitor of the bride's might jinx the new marriage by an "evil eye." The veil which was originally red, was

thought to invoke the power of blood to ward off any evil spirits. Brides today, however, wear the veil universally by ACCIDENT, not by purpose.

And of course, there are many others, too. More than we know. I am led to think of this when I hear a brother or sister chastising other brethren because they give gifts on December 25 instead of waiting 'til the 26th or because they may observe a national holiday such as Thanksgiving.

We do, today, observe many customs that retain none of their original meaning, much of which was rooted in heathenistic worship and practice. What difference does it make how housewarmings started or Christmas trees began if there is none of the old meaning left in the customs?

One thing: if you are disposed to find fault with the customs of others, be careful about your own. . . . from The Alpine View by Charles A. Whitmire

YOU CAN GET MORE LIFE OUT OF LIVING

Many people aren't getting much mileage out of their gasoline. Even more, they are not getting much life out of their living. While there is a severe shortage of organic energy in the physical world, there seems to be a critical energy shortage in the spiritual realm of life. It puzzles me how some can be so concerned about organic energy and unconcerned about life-energy.

What is it we all want? We want life. What is life? Life is vitality, energy, growth. Life is loving and being loved. Life is a deep sense of well being. It is active participation in worthwhile activities. Life is being somebody; creating things, giving something and going somewhere.

Many people still have a pulse beat and take three meals a day but they don't have much life. They are tired, gloomy, apathetic and as lifeless as one can be, yet breathing. The worst tragedy is to die while you live.

Life means to be fully alive. Our Creator designed us to have vigor of body, mind and spirit throughout our years. Just as your body has built in re-builders when it gets run down by infection, so your soul has a built-in capacity for continuous renewal. The Bible claims "our inner nature is being renewed every day," even though our body may be getting older and showing signs of wear and tear (2 Corinthians 4:16).

To get more out of life we have to get more life (God) into us. We only get out of our life what we allow God to put into it! This begins when we commit our lives to Christ. We say, "Since you have given your life for me to have life abundantly, I give myself to you. You are my life. I have been born again for a lively life of good works."

To get more life out of living you must begin where life begins -- with God. Tolstoy said, "To know God is to live." In not giving God his rightful place in our life we fight God. If you would come alive and get heaps more life out of living, try God. Just don't get caught dead while you are alive!

--- Douglas F. Parsons

HERE and THERE by wes price



From all indications, the annual Adult Bible Class parties have been a super success. It is a marvelous time to be together with friends and fellow-Christians and enjoy such pleasant associations. Our thanks to all who have been responsible for decorating, planning, cooking and serving. Your efforts have not been in vain.

As usual this time of year, our Bible Class attendance on Sunday morning has been going up and down like a yoyo. We will have a good number one Sunday, then the very next week it will drop. Much of the absenteeism is due to necessary out-of-town weekend trips and some illness, but I feel that some are just not putting forth the best effort to be in Bible class. This is indicated by the unusually larger number in worship each Sunday than are in Bible class. You know your reasons for missing. We are not wanting to lay a "guilt trip" on anyone who cannot make it, but we do wish to encourage those of you who on occasion take the path of least resistance. Be careful that you don't let a nagging habit develop of not coming to Bible study.

A big tip of the "Thank You" hat to the following students who are members of the Junior High Class taught by Dick Higginbotham and Dannie Skipper for having 100% attendance for the quarter ended in November: Cole Bennett, Joelle Butler, Amy Owens, Penny Hulsey, Katie Powell, Kristy Roberson and Kim Steffee. We are proud of these young people and their teachers who encourage them to be present with such regularity.

The last Wednesday night that we will have services in our building this year will be next week, December 24th. We will not be having classes that night, but will meet in the auditorium for a singing worship service. Please plan on coming and enjoying this special service with all the members of your family. It will be a great time to bring those visitors with you who will be here for the holidays. Regular meeting time is 7:30 p.m. The following Wednesday night, we will

(continued next column)

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. John Henry (Jo) Mitchell. Jo passed away Monday in Dallas after a long illness. The Mitchells were members of this congregation a number of years ago and are known by many here. Her mother is Mrs. Frank Cox of the Glenwood congregation. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas.

Last week a brother-in-law to Bertha Byrd was buried in Grapevine, Texas. We extend our sympathy to the family.

SUPPLIES FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL

Supplies are needed for the Fellowship Hall. When you are shopping for your own kitchen why not buy a few extra of the following: Dishwashing detergent, detergent for the dishwasher, Comet or Ajax, paper towels, foil, plastic wrap, waxed paper, S. O. S. pads or Brillo, Handiwipes, Ziploc bags. Also, two large plastic serving trays have been misplaced.

If we are faithful, God will look after our success.

NO "VISITOR" NEXT WEEK

Because of the regulations of our mailing permit we will not publish a bulletin next week. The Visitor will be published again on January 1, 1981.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

be enjoying a city-wide song service conducted this year at the Omen Road church at 7:30 p.m. Make your plans to be present and enjoy joining with hundreds of other voices in praises to God!

This will be our final bulletin of the year. May we take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and joyous holiday season and extend our wishes to each of you for a prosperous New Year. Love to all.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements	C. E. Caskey	Dec. 7	5,701.57
Prayer	Wyndal Miller	Nov. 30	5,242.57
Dismiss	DeRay Bennett	Year Ago	4,929.37
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	C. E. Caskey	Dec. 7	366
Prayer	Roy Roberson	Nov. 30	416
Dismiss	Wesley Price	Year Ago	367
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Jack Beard	Jack Stringer	Dec. 7	484
Cooper Goodson	Rocky Chambless	Nov. 30	519
Harvey Grier	Odell Malone	Weekly	
John Teague	Guy Potts	Weekly	
Assistants in Back Foyer		Budget	
Dick Higginbotham	Matt Haws	5,200.00	

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 14 and Wednesday, Dec. 17 - FRED POWELL, phone 593-5229.

thanks

The House Mother of Foster Cottage, Boles Home, sends a special "Thank You" to the ladies of the Wednesday Morning Bible Class for their generosity in providing some of their extra needs in making Foster Cottage a real home.

..the word of our God will stand forever!

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Mrs. David Thurman underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Harvey Grier underwent surgery Wednesday in Community Hospital.

YEAR END SINGING

The Year End Singing (last Wednesday night of the year) will be at the Omen Road building this year at 7:30 p. m., December 31. There will be no service at the West Erwin building that evening.

The world is divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something and those who sit and inquire, "Why wasn't it done this way?"

WE HAVE BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!



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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

This is always a very busy and exciting time of the year. It is a time when we hear from loved ones and friends in many places. It is a time of many social and festive occasions. We do not believe December 25 is any more important than any other day. There is no certain evidence for this day to be the birthday of Jesus. I am glad, however, for people at any time to be reminded of that one who left heaven to come to earth to give Himself for us. We are glad for the spirit of good will which prevails among many at this season of the year and would certainly wish for that spirit to continue all the time.

Every year at this time when we are giving and receiving gifts we are thankful for the opportunity to make a special gift to the cause of Christ. On this Sunday may we all give generously to help remove the debt on our educational building. Then let us look forward to doing more mission work in 1981.

I was thrilled to hear of a very successful meeting in which Jack Paul preached recently. Jack was engaged in a retreat and teaching mission with university (continued on page two)

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1980

2 CORINTHIANS 9

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.

PRAY ABOUT YOUR GIFT ON THIS SUNDAY!



The Best Way

- Mack Lyon -

This is part of the mail churches receive:

"EIGHTEEN NEW FUND RAISING IDEAS! RAISE \$50 . . \$500 . . \$1200 FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION! Fancy Candies, 10 in 1 House of Tools, Auto Whiskit, Sculptured Candies, Greeting Cards . . WILL SELL AT A GLANCE!" etc. etc. etc.

There must be churches who use these fantastic money raising schemes to finance their work, else such companies would not send this "junk mail" to churches.

But, aren't you glad the Lord gave His church a better way? How would you like to go door-to-door selling "Fancy Candies" or "Dazzling Fashion Rings" to carry on our work for the Lord?

The Lord's Way is ALWAYS better than such human substitutes. He said, Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do you. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come, (I Cor. 16:1-2).

He said, He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath prospered in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto every good work.

I am never ashamed to ask you to go door-to-door seeking souls, but how embarrassed and ashamed a preacher would be to plead with you from the pulpit to go out and sell "Witness Bracelets" or "Fashion Crosses" or "Fancy Candies" to preach the Gospel, help the poor, support our missionaries or maintain our church building.

Thank God! We can just preach that you should prove your love for Christ by a generous and free will gift on the Lord's Day, (II Cor. 8:8).

The next time you feel disposed to criticize a sermon on "Giving," consider the alternatives. And the next time you feel inclined to hold back part of your gift to be used for other purposes, consider whether it is any less wrong to fail to do what the Lord taught, than to substitute a human fund-raising scheme for His Divine Way.

"Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully."



THE
SERMON
TOPICS

From the Preacher's Desk

(Continued from Front Page)

students in the state of Washington. He reports that there were twenty eight baptisms and a number of restorations in this campaign. There were ten others baptized in the week which followed the campaign. We are thankful for Jack's splendid ability to teach and to motivate others to become Christians. He is preaching in a meeting this week in Balch Springs. We are glad that he continues to be used in the Lord's work as he continues to be engaged in his secular business.

SUNDAY, December 14

A. M. Building Up The Church

by George H. Stephenson

P. M. Sermon by Wes Price

Amazing Grace

BIBLE CLASS

KLTV - CHANNEL 7

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Congratulations to the 9th and 10th Grade Sunday morning class taught by Milburn Cook and Louis Jones for their two Sundays in a row 100% attendance. They are doing a good job encouraging our young people. If you have a youngster in their class, tell them thank you.

Sometime this week or the early part of next week, each of our families will receive a letter containing a Daily Bible Reading Schedule for a full year. By reading two or three chapters a day, it will be possible to read the Bible completely by the end of 1981. We are indebted to Rebecca Castro for having these schedules printed and made available to us. Join me in thanking her and Robert for their generous contribution.

Being the holiday season, we are being blessed each Sunday morning with a host of visitors from various places. We are grateful for their being with us and I know that you will continue to do your usual good work of making them feel welcome when they come to worship. It might just be that some of these visitors are looking for a new church home and your impression will be the one that helps them decide in favor of West Erwin.

Most all of our Adult Bible Classes are having Holiday Parties in the coming days. May we urge all of you to make use of these good times to get better acquainted with other members of the congregation. Such times are certainly a part of the togetherness of fellowship that we can enjoy with one another. If you don't have a place to go or don't belong to any of our present Adult Classes, then let me extend an invitation to come and enjoy our class party on Saturday night, Dec. 13th. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall and if you have small children, they are welcome to come also.

(Continued next Column)

New Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Wendy) Crow are the happy parents of a baby boy, Joshua Phillip, born Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital. (Wendy is a new convert. She was baptized last June).

Kyle and Shirley McRuiz are the parents of a baby boy born last Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital. They have named him Jeremy Kyle. Henry and Becky McRuiz are the grandparents.

In Appreciation

Dear Friends,

We deeply appreciated the flowers, cards, prayers, food and other expressions of love during the recent loss in our family. Your concern during this period helped us through a very difficult time.

In Christian love,
Leslie and Carolyn Carruth

Happy Birthday

December (16) Robbie Tigert (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Hibbard (18) Lyska Adams (19) James Massey, Jason Duncan, Dorothy Snipes (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jack Beard.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

From the "Action Line" column of the Edgfield Echo edited by my good friend Clifton Rogers of Dallas comes the following excerpt from a recent sermon of his.

Be-Attitudes

He who is cowardly will do right because it is safer to do so;

He who is overly ambitious will do right if it is to his advantage to do so;

He who is miserly will do right when he finds it cheaper to do so;

He who is average will do right because it is expected of him;

But blessed is he who does right because it is right.

That sure puts an unusual perspective on things doesn't it?

Serving Sunday		Our Records	
Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Faber Cauthen	Nov. 30	\$5,242.57
Prayer	Stan Mallory	Nov. 23	5,434.38
Dismiss	Leslie Mallory	Year Ago	4,890.38
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Faber Cauthen	Nov. 30	416
Prayer	Joe McBee	Nov. 23	403
Dismiss	Jack Stringer	Year Ago	372
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Jack Beard	Jack Stringer	Nov. 30	519
Cooper Goodson	Rocky Chambless	Nov. 23	525
Harvey Grier	Odell Malone		
John Teague	Guy Potts	Weekly	
Assistants in Back Foyer		Budget \$5,200.00	
Dick Higginbotham	Matt Haws		
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 7 and Wednesday Dec. 10 - JAMON KIRBY, phone 561-9442.			

In The Hospital

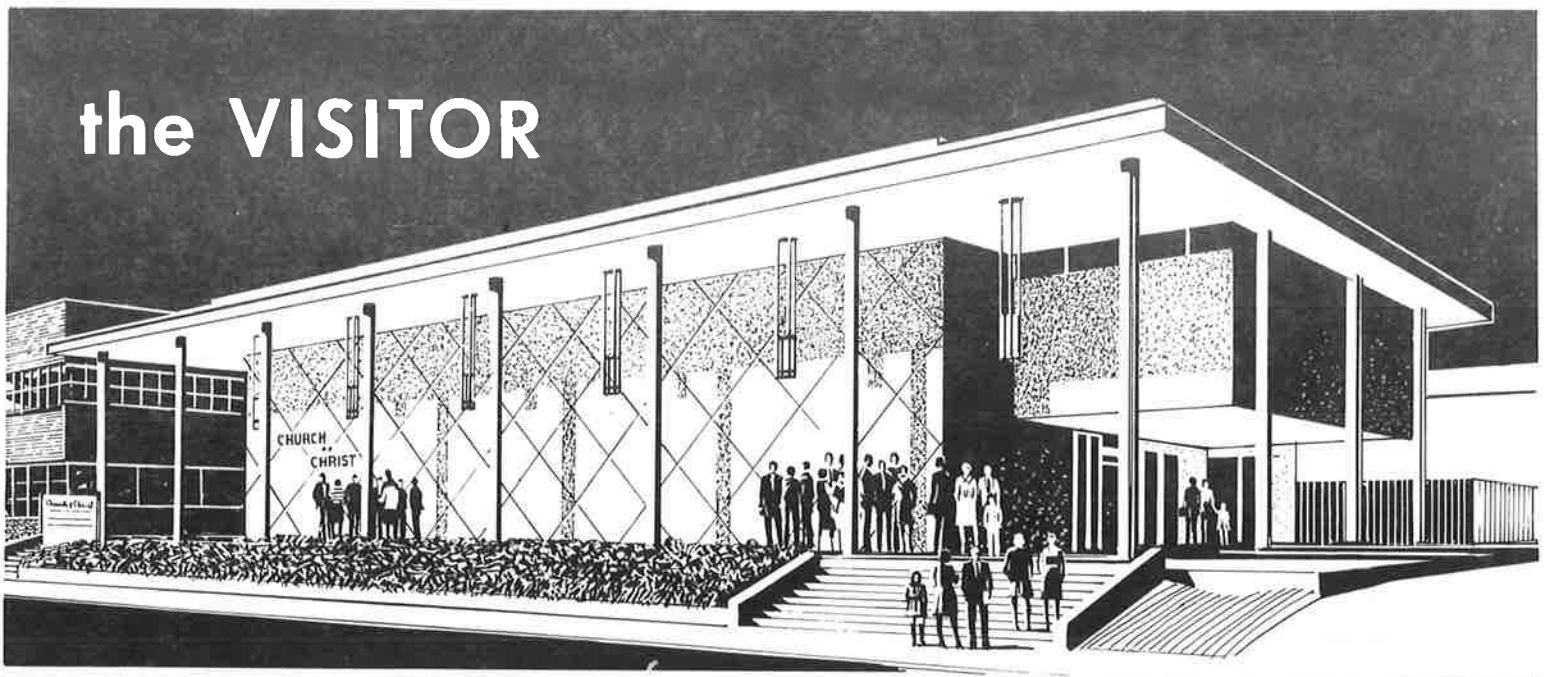
Ruth and Carl Bell's son, Randolph Bell, who lives in Dallas had surgery Thursday. Mrs. Alice Cook, mother of Mary Evelyn Grier underwent surgery this week in Medical Center Hospital. Mary Evelyn also has a sister very seriously ill in Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Fay Wallace's mother underwent surgery recently and also the mother of Mary McFadden has had eye surgery and is at the McFadden home at this time. At this time of year there are others who are ill at home with colds and flu, etc. Remember to pray for the sick and offer whatever service possible.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT
 Wednesday morning Alice Stephenson was the guest speaker for the Ladies' Bible Class at the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Some have asked for the address of The Amazing Grace Bible Class
 109 Gallatin Road, North
 Madison, Tennessee 37115

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
 By George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A.M. "Delightful Beggars"
 6:00 P.M. "His Own Joy"

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk
 George H. Stephenson

The West Erwin congregation has always responded in a wonderful way when it has been given a challenge to give. Once more you are being challenged to make a generous contribution. Dr. Roger Knight, speaking on behalf of our elders, stated last Sunday that we are being asked to give over \$24,000 on Sunday, December 14. This amount is needed to retire the indebtedness on our educational building which was erected in 1966. For many years the second Sunday in December has been designated as a day for a special contribution to meet some need of the church. In previous years we have often failed to meet the budget until the special contribution in December. During 1980 you have given and the budget has been met. We are thankful to you and to the Lord that this is true.

I am sure that all of us will be glad to help retire the debt on our educational building. When this is accomplished, the present auditorium and

educational facilities will be free of debt. Our only debt will be on the fellowship hall which was built in 1979. We will have more funds for mission work when the present debt is reduced. We should always be a mission minded church. West Erwin has always shown its interest in helping to take the gospel to others. If the world is ever to know of Jesus and His Word, the church must continue to do mission work.

No doubt many of you have already made very generous gifts toward the retirement fund which the church recently set up for Alice and me. I could never be able to tell you how much we appreciate this. Of course, I do not feel worthy of such a wonderful gift we received. However, it is indeed gratifying to think that through the kindness of many of you our older years should be spent comfortably. How thankful I am that Alice's needs would be met in case she lives longer than I do. We feel that the Lord has truly blessed us far above anything we could "ask or think."

Please examine your own ability and determine to give as you are able on December 14. May each of us do our part to help the church do more and more in bringing honor to our Lord who has done so much for us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psalm 103:2.



Welcome

We are very happy to welcome Bill and Jan Faulkner into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church. Jan was Jan Bynum and is known here by many. They have two young children, Amy and Austin. Their address is 416 Hwy. 110 (P. O. Box 537) Whitehouse, Texas - phone 839-7273.

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Beatitudes For Parents

Blessed are the parents who make their peace with spilled milk and mud, for of such is the kingdom of childhood.

Blessed are the parents who refuse to compare their children with others, for precious unto each is the rhythm of his own growth.

Blessed are the fathers and mothers who have learned to laugh for it is the music of the child's world.

Blessed are those parents who understand the goodness of time, for they make it not a sword that kills growth but a shield to protect and guide their children.

Blessed are the parents who can say no without anger, for comforting to the child is the security of a firm decision.

Blessed are those parents who accept the awkwardness of their growing children, letting each grow at his own speed.

Blessed are the parents who are teachable, for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.

Blessed are the parents who love their children in the midst of a hostile world, for love is the greatest of all gifts.

GIVE GOD THE CREDIT

Give God the credit! I'm in favor of that, all right. However, I doubt if that is done best by a group of worn out cliches. "The Lord did it through me... God used me... to God be all the glory..." may all be accurate statements. But they can be used in such a way as to impress others with one's artificial piety. Real piety shows without being advertised. I get suspicious of one who seems to be so good that he has to hold on to something to keep from going straight up.

When Jacob and Rebekah engaged in their great deceit, Jacob explained to his father why the meat was ready so quickly. He said, because the Lord your God granted me success (Genesis 27: 20, RSV). God was not responsible for that deception and to give Him credit for it did not

November 24, 1980

From

The Mail Bag



Dear Brethren,

We are always glad to have visitors come to our campus and just wanted to drop you a note and tell you that we enjoyed your visit. Hollis is quite a distance from Tyler and we appreciate your extra effort in coming to see us.

Thanks for the lovely quilts. Many hours of labor and love must have gone into each one. The boys who use them will benefit from your generous gift.

The pants are certainly items that are needed here at Westview. When you have a family of 50 - 60 boys it seems that you can just never have enough.

Come and see us again anytime that you are able.

Sincerely,

Carl D. Willis, Assistant Superintendent
Westview Boys' Home - Hollis, Oklahoma



Ladies

The monthly luncheon (covered dish) of the Ladies' Bible Class will be Wednesday, December 10th following the class. Hostesses for this luncheon will be Alice Stephenson, Mary Haws and Grace Walker. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the class and the meal together. Invite your husbands.

make it right. Nor did it improve Jacob's character! God does a lot of things for which He gets no credit - and He gets credit for a lot of things He does not do. To "give God the credit" does not make Him responsible.

Every good thing comes from God, and all we accomplish for Him is done by strength and talents and opportunities which He gives us. When we have done all the good we can, we still have nothing of which to boast. Without Him we can do nothing (John 15:5). Let's never lose sight of that. And it is all right to express it. But let's not equate that truth with pious ceremony.

Give God the credit - if it is something He has done for us or through us. I'm inclined to think, however, that it is best done by actions rather than ceremony. ...W. T. Hamilton

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mr. Joe Leake, brother-in-law to Mrs. Lola Reagan.

The brother-in-law of F. C. Carpenter was buried last week in Canton.

Funeral services were conducted in Dallas on Monday for the brother and niece of Leslie Carruth. They were fatally injured in an automobile accident in Beeville on Thursday of last week.

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

Shower

Ladies, you are invited to a Baby Shower for Mrs. David (Sheila) Taylor, Sunday afternoon, December 7 in the Fellowship Hall from 3 until 4 o'clock.

You Are Invited

The Ladies' Class of the Northwest Church of Christ invite you to attend our class on December 9, at 9:30 a.m. Afterwards our class has planned a trip to T. J. C. Planetarium.

If you are unable to come for class please come to our building at 10:30 and we will go together. Please let us know before December 5 if you plan to attend.

A Dutch Treat luncheon is planned following our visit to the planetarium.

DEACONS are asked to be at the front of the auditorium immediately following the worship service Sunday morning. A picture for the directory will be made.

East Texas Christian Academy Meetings

Parents, Teachers, and Friends Meeting is December 11 at 7:15 in the West Erwin Fellowship Hall.

The School Board Meeting is 3:30 p.m. December 14 at the Shiloh Road Building.

Happy Birthday

December (9) Bart Lemons (10) Joni Smith (11) Kristy Roberson, Ann Ida Miller, Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett (13) Ben Freeman, Fleta Butler.

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



A certain family had six children, who grew up, married and established their own homes. Periodically special gatherings were held at the parents' home - anniversaries, birthdays, etc. At first, all children attended these regularly with their families, and there was great joy in honoring the parents and having fellowship with each other. Then one of the boys missed an anniversary gathering. Others fearing illness, inquired, but all were well - so well, in fact that a camping trip had kept them away. More and more frequently this son absented himself ignoring all remonstrances as to the parents' disappointment. And he began engaging in practices not in keeping with the families reputation, wringing the aging parents' hearts with grief.

Meanwhile, one of the daughters embarked on a similar pattern while denying that she would ever do as her brother had. The others frequently reminded her of love's indebtedness to their parents, and their disappointment in her absence. At first, she admitted these facts and promised to do better, but then she became evasive, refusing to talk with her brothers and sisters for fear her neglect would be discussed. Finally, she became resentful, saying she would 'attend when she got ready.' Years passed, and the aged parents became increasingly dependent upon the children's care, but only four were willing to accept the responsibility.

Death came, and with it the settling of the sizable estate. First to arrive for the reading of the will were the neglectful brother and sister, fully expecting an equal share of their parents' wealth. But alas! Their names were omitted and the estate divided among the four. While they had a lifetime to regret their folly...

Any resemblance to the forsaking the worship services and Christian living and responsibilities in the above article is purely intentional. ...Selected

No one is a failure in this world who lightens a burden for someone else.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements Foy Richey
Prayer Bob Zadina
Dismiss Charles Hickman

Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements Foy Richey
Prayer Ira Wright
Dismiss Trey Hughes

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Worship

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Nov. 30 and Wednesday, Dec. 3 - GLYNN STARNES, phone 561-0736.

YEAR END SINGING

The Year End Singing (last Wednesday night of the year) was begun in 1963 by the Glenwood congregation. It has continued annually since that time rotating among the congregations in Tyler. This year the singing will be at the Omen Road Church on Wednesday evening, December 31 at 7:30 p. m. There will be no service at the West Erwin building that evening.

DEACON'S MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Deacons on Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The Elders also plan to be present for this meeting. All Deacons are urged to attend.

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New Arrival

A baby girl, 8 lb. 2 oz., was born early Tuesday morning in Nashville, Tennessee to Mark and Janie Cauthen. They have named her Allyson. Faber and Kathryn Cauthen and Jim and Sue Paul are the happy grandparents.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TIME CHANGE

It has been decided to re-schedule the Wednesday night service for 7:30 p. m. on the first Wednesday night in December. It is hoped the return to this hour will enable more members to attend.

Thank You

Thank you for your cards and visits during my recent stay in the hospital.
Pauline Aven

In The Hospital

Mrs. Dick (Molly) Ferguson had surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

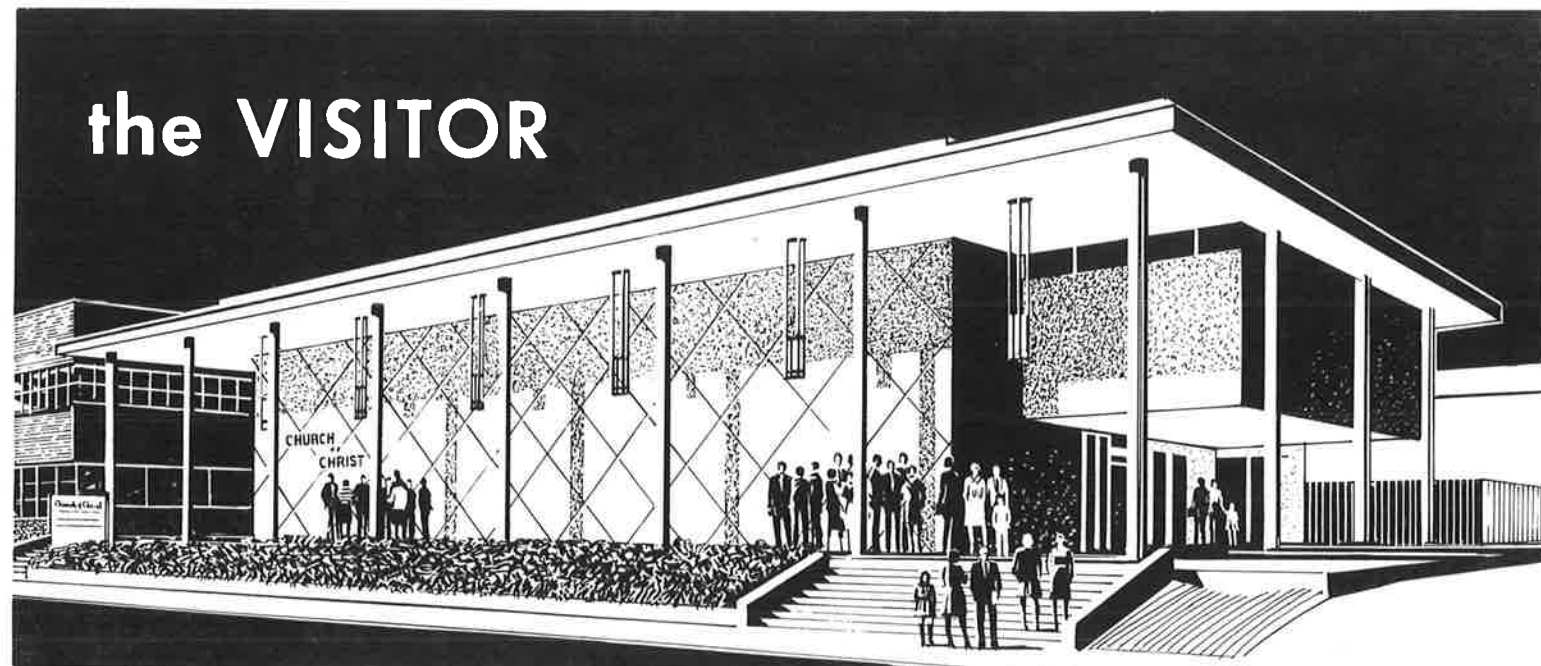
Happy Birthday

- DECEMBER
(1) Jim Canterbury
(2) John Owens
(7) Lee Roberson, Sherrill Little
R. C. O'Bannon, Lois Hoppers

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We were glad to see the good attendance at Bible School and worship on Sunday. We had the largest attendance we have had in some time. I was glad to preach on the importance of our being thankful. Surely we should be thankful not only on the day set aside by our government as a day of thanksgiving but also on every day.

I am most thankful for all that the Lord has done for me and for my family. I am thankful for the many acts of kindness shown us by the West Erwin church during more than twelve years I have been privileged to serve as your preacher. We will always remember the outpouring of love from you and friends in many places as a result of fifty years of preaching the gospel of Christ. I am thankful that I have been able to continue my preaching following open heart surgery in 1979. On the first Sunday in December 1979 I preached my first sermon after my recovery from a heart attack and surgery. Since that Sunday I have preached every Sunday except two when there were visiting preachers

here for gospel meetings. Of course, I have not always preached on Sunday nights and some of the Sundays have been filled with preaching appointments elsewhere - but the Lord has blessed me with the health and strength to preach each Sunday and how very grateful I am!

We hope that you will read the splendid report from Kieth Mitchell. It is most encouraging to know of the souls being led to the Lord in New York City. There were 20 immersed since the last report! Let us remember the Mitchells in our prayers as they find a way to care for their daughter, Margie.

We are thankful also for a report from the church in Kremmling, Colorado. There were three baptisms and five restorations there in October. There are now 60 members in the congregation with an average Sunday morning attendance of 72.

We pray that you and your family will enjoy a happy time together during the thanksgiving season.

SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER 30

- By George H. Stephenson
A. M. "Such As I Have"
P. M. "The Vine and the Branches"

25 33

Thanks be unto God...

for His unspeakable gift.
II Cor. 9:15

Thanks be unto God...

who putteth the same earnest
care for you into the heart of
Titus.
II Cor. 8:16

Thanks be unto God...

who giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus
Christ.
I Cor. 15:57

Thanks be unto God...

who always leadeth us in
triumph in Christ...
II Cor. 2:14

For the matchless treasures of grace in
Christ and the bounty of the abundant
life through Him, for compassionate
friends who sustain, for the sense of
victory even in dark hours of despair,
and for the guarantee of eternal victory,
let us be thankful not only in this season
but always!

Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!

Notice ALL DEACONS...

A time has been scheduled for taking a group picture of the deacons for the new church directory. Please meet at the front of the auditorium the first Sunday in December (December 7) following the morning worship service.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

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October 1980

Brothers & Sisters:

Time between my letters to you flies so fast. Our Bible Classes comfortably fill both your classrooms at International Mission each hour daily between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The present enrollment of students is well over 200. No where else are so many outside of Christ being able to hear the story.

My gospel meeting series at Golf Course Road Church (Midland, Texas) and church growth series at Jefferson Street Church (Hobbs, New Mexico) were both well attended and delightful experiences for me. Both of these good churches have a tremendous local program and foreign missions program in addition to their eight year fellowship in our New York City work.

Since my last letter, nearly 20 adults have been immersed into the Lord from daily International Mission teaching and Herald of Truth follow-up. The newest Korean Congregation has dedicated a lovely little chapel in Queens. Our Chinese Congregation, with nearly 200 in the church family (members and their families) finalized the transaction on their new 350 seat church in Flushing, Queens at the choice spot of that new Chinese community. Membership at Manhattan Church is just under 300. We praise the Lord for His rich encouragement.

We especially covet your prayers as we search for a new treatment center/school for our daughter Margie. Insurance benefits running out necessitate this by the year's end. We not only must find a suitable center, but also must find public or private foundation funding to pay for the program above the \$800 per month we pay. Do pray we will see the Lord's leading in all this.

Thanks so very much for allowing us to be your servants in this Queens of Cities.

With deepest appreciation,

Keith A. Mitchell
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HERE
and THERE



by wes price

News about the "Clean up TV" campaign is slowly making the rounds. This past week, Paul Harvey commented about it in a favorable way on his Saturday broadcast and also in his newspaper column. This will give you an indication about how effective the campaign efforts have been.

We still have blank copies of the protest form for those of you who have not completed one. So far, we have sent in less than 100 from West Erwin. If this good effort is to succeed, we all must do our part. If you have not completed one, please do so and turn it in to me to be mailed to the Joelton, Tennessee congregation sponsoring the effort.

Honor classes this past week include Jeanine Hughes Beginners Class, Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell's First Grade Class and the High School Class taught by Milburn Cook and Louis E. Jones. These all had 100% or above attendance.

We also would like to compliment the students from the 2nd and 3rd Grade Class taught by Fran Starnes and Ernestine Mallory for their perfect attendance. They are Teena Roberson and Chris Starnes. Keep up the good work!

Thanksgiving is not just a seasonal thing, but should be a habitual part of our daily lives. But it is good that we pause to join together with Christians everywhere to express thanks to God for all that He has done for us and given us. I am grateful to Him for the opportunities that are mine to work with such a fine congregation of people. I am thankful for the great teaching staff who work so tirelessly and diligently each week in our Bible classes. I am thankful for George and Alice Stephenson and their ministry to the saints here. I am thankful for Hillard and Jeanine Hughes for their excellent work with our young people. I am thankful for our good church secretaries and the faithful service they render. I am thankful for the young people, for the faithfulness in attending their Bible classes and worship services, for sitting down front and joining in making our worship in song so good! I am thankful for the older members of this church who are so warm and

FROM THE ELDERS

A scripture found in the 13th chapter of the book of Romans explicitly defines an obligation relative to the responsibility of paying honor to whom honor is due. Perhaps there may be many in your evaluation of those who are most deserving in this field of thought. We feel the urgency at times to point out an individual or group of individuals who are deserving. Because of his love, dedication and sincerity for the work of the Lord's Kingdom, brother John Porter can be seen not only at the church services regularly but also observed as a busy person at every opportunity working with the Tuesday school program, serving as co-chairman of the benevolent committee and expressing a desire to be of service in many other ways. With his winning smile and optimism John Porter is counted among those to whom "honor is due."

TYLER SINGLES AGAIN

The December meeting will be, Tuesday December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sarah Britt. For further information call 566-0602.

HERE and THERE (continued)

friendly and constantly encourage me in the work of the Lord. I am thankful for my Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible class and for the fine couples and singles who attend so regularly. I am thankful for our Elders and for the consecrated shepherding they give this flock. I am thankful for our Deacons and the way they keep the work going in the various areas of service. I am thankful for each and every member who make up the family of God at West Erwin. I thank God for all these things and at the same time thank each of you for being a part of my life. May God continue to bestow His blessings on us and grant us wisdom to be good stewards. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Nov. 23 and Wednesday, Nov. 26 - RONNY JONES - Phone 877-3053.

Welcome



Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Doug (Nancy) Shelton came to place membership. They have two small children - Brian, 8 years and Chris, 2 years. They formerly worshipped at the Woodland West Church of Christ in Arlington, Texas. Their address is 7320 Indian Drive - Rt. 21, phone 593-0064. We are happy to welcome this fine family to West Erwin.

In The Hospital

Mrs. A. Z. Aven is recovering from surgery in Medical Center Hospital.

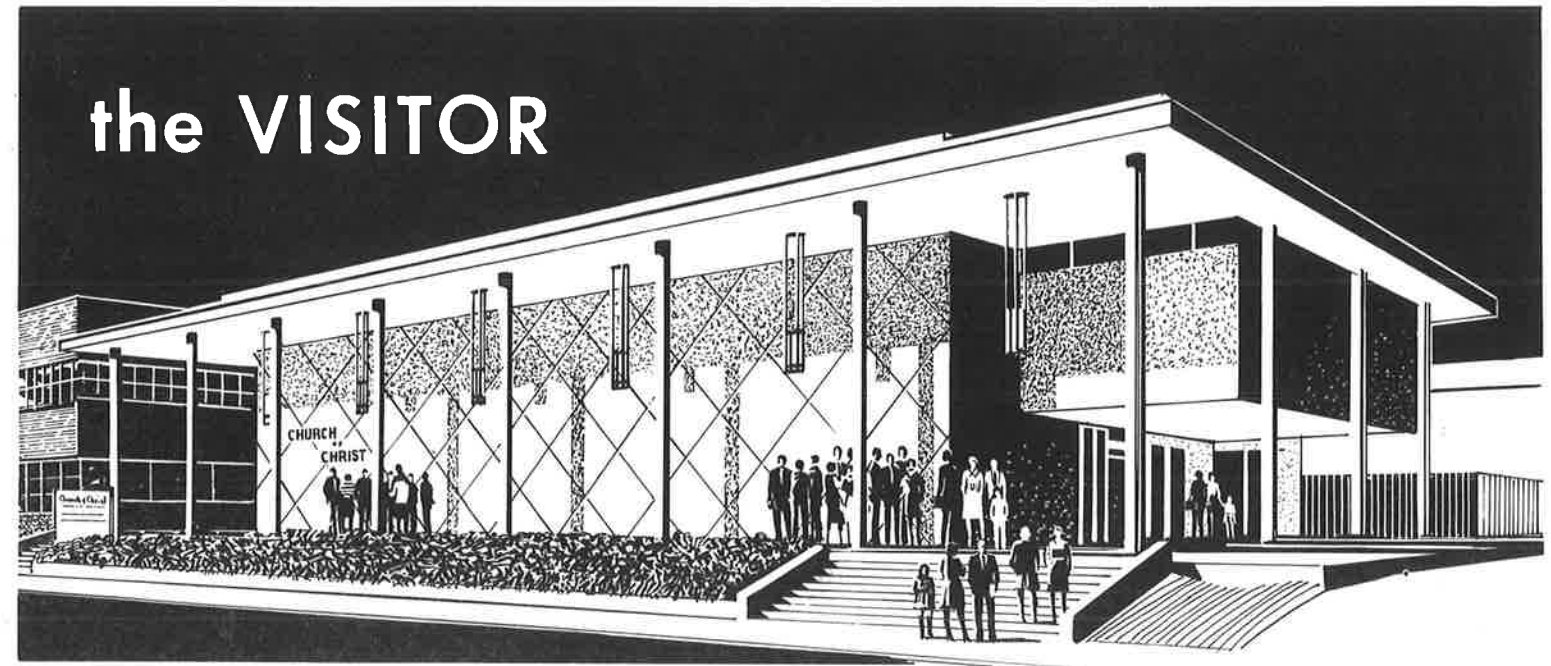
The way to break a bad habit is to drop it.

THE FIRM FOUNDATION, November 18, 1980 has pictured on the front page those who were on the program along with our elders for the ceremony honoring George and Alice Stephenson October 18. A copy has been posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

Ladies Class

There will be no Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday, November 25. It will resume December 3.

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George H. Stephenson

Sunday night was cold and rainy and not a very pleasant time for older people to be away from home. However, in spite of the inclement weather, the dinner for our older members proved to be a wonderful occasion. We appreciate the work of our fine young people who served as hosts and hostesses for this delightful occasion. Also, we thank all of the adults who worked in helping to prepare and to arrange this meeting. It is wonderful to have Hillard Hughes as the man who works with our youth. The West Erwin church has been blessed in having Hillard and Jeanine and their family with us for the years they have lived here.

I continue to be grateful for the good which is being accomplished as a result of the various mission efforts of this congregation. We continue to receive splendid reports of numbers being won to Christ as a result of the work of Kieth Mitchell and others associated with him in the International Mission in New York City. We are receiving good reports from the tele-

vision and radio preaching in Mexico. We have a small part in this work under the direction of the Highland Street church in Abilene who sponsor the Herald of Truth. A recent letter tells of the recent baptism of Felix Luna in Terreon, Mexico. This 38 year old man, father of five children, was originally contacted by the one year old television program, "Uuestro Tiempo" (Our Time) which is shown twice a week in Terreon, a city of 750,000, in the heart of Mexico. He was later taught in a gospel meeting in which Humberto Rivas, speaker on the television program, was the evangelist. The Highland elders state, "It is thanks to the brethren in the United States willing to give sacrificially that the Kingdom of God is growing in that receptive country. We praise the good Lord for all of you involved in this ministry."

K. Max and Mary Haws recently worshipped with the church in Augsburg, West Germany, where we are helping to support Rudolf Rischer in his mission efforts there. They bring back good reports of Rudi's work. They noticed the growth of younger members in the church since their visit in Augsburg a few years ago. Let us remember all of our various works, including Kremmling, Colorado, in our prayers and let us continue to work for the growth of West Erwin in order that we may be instrumental in preaching the gospel throughout the world.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 10:30 A.M. Be Ye Thankful
 6:00 P.M. The Peace of God

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"At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me. . . ." (2 Corinthians 11:32).

Freedom of Worship

Government has often been the enemy of religion and worship rather than its friend. In addressing an American labor delegation in 1927, Joseph Stalin said, "We guarantee the right of every citizen to combat by argument, propaganda, and agitation and any and all religion. The Communist Party cannot be neutral toward religion." Within two short years there was a "night of struggle against religion" in Leningrad on Christmas Eve, 1929. After that, religious believers were being arrested uninterrupted throughout Russia. Churches were closed simultaneously, and large-scale arrests were made of ministers. Churches came under constant attack by the government. A person convinced that he possessed spiritual truth was required to conceal it even from his own children! Tanya Khodhevick wrote:

You can pray freely
But just so God alone can hear.

For writing these lines she received a ten-year prison sentence. In later years Solzhenitsyn speaks of the Christians who went off to camp to face tortures and death in Russia. He writes, "There was a multitude of Christians: prisoner transports and graveyards. Who will count those millions? They died unknown, casting only in their immediate vicinity a light like a candle. They were the best of Russia's Christians. The worst had all...trembled, recanted, and gone into hiding."

As shocking as it sounds, such things have happened time and time again throughout history. Mindful of these conditions, I am thankful that I live in a land where freedom of worship has been woven into the very fabric of our government. The words of Thomas Jefferson in the Virginia Act for Religious Freedom, 1786 spell it out clearly:

We, the General Assembly of Virginia do enact that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body of goods, or shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinion or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civic capacities.

Thank God for the Founding Fathers of our country and for the heritage they have passed on to us. We are free to worship!

JOHN GIPSON
Little Rock, Arkansas

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Nothing less than a standing ovation is in order for our Young People under the guidance of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes for the marvelous program and banquet they gave our Senior Citizens on Sunday evening. Even though the weather was less than co-operative we had an excellent turn-out. I know that I express the thanks of all those in attendance for the fine banquet.

Our congratulations again to the First Grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell for their 100% attendance this past Sunday morning.

I'm sure that you have noticed a number of new bulletin board decorations in our halls and classrooms. Our thanks to Mary Evelyn Grier for the creative talent and countless hours of preparation time. Help me express thanks to her for the good work.

Happy Birthday

November

(24) Evelyn Burkham (28) Norma Nail, Laura Drummond, Wade McDonald, C. B. Burkham (30) Roy Layne Roberson, Cherrie Magee, Durwood Hendry.

Thank You

A very special "thank you"
That's as warm as it can be
For as nice a group of people
As this world will ever see!

I really appreciated the cards, visits, calls and your prayers. Each expression of love and concern meant so much to us. Thanks to each one of you.

In Christian love,
Mack Bynum

Attention

For information of those who are unaware of our facilities for those with hearing difficulties, we have aids in the front section of the auditorium on the south side of the auditorium. Two listening aids are at each station. They are marked with colored tape on the back of the pews to help you locate them easily.

Young At Heart

The Young at Heart (men and women) are invited to go as a group on a "Shopping tour" to the mall on Thursday, December 4. We will meet at the church building at 10:30 a. m. and go together on the bus. Wes Price will drive. If you need a way to get to the building, call Audrey O'Bannon or Maxine Freeman. Lunch will be served in our Fellowship Hall when we return to the building. In order to make preparations for the day we will need to know the number planning to go. Please call Audrey O'Bannon, 592-7421 or Maxine Freeman, 566-0535 by Tuesday Noon, December 2, and give them your name.

**Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT of next week we will have a Thanksgiving service. Everyone (all classes) will meet together in the auditorium. Remember the new time is 7:00 o'clock.

THE TYLER SINGLES AGAIN will have a Thanksgiving Devotional, November 25 at 7:30 p. m. at 2514 Delmar. For further information call Don McClaugherty - 592-4859.

THE 14th ANNUAL Gospel Sing Song at the Walnut Street Church of Christ will be Friday night, December 5th at 7:00 until Midnight, Texarkana, Texas. The A Cappella Chorus from Abilene Christian University will be special guest singers. You are invited.

A "LOST" RAINCOAT

Following the "Golden Years" Banquet on Sunday evening Dorothy Davis was unable to locate her almost new, green raincoat. It has a green nylon lining and a green dotted scarf in the pocket. If someone, by mistake, wore it home in the rain, please call Dorothy or the church office.

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan	Nov. 9	\$5,071.24
Prayer	Milburn Cook	Nov. 2	6,289.38
Dismiss	Paul Montandon	Year Ago	4,985.06
Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan	Nov. 9	360
Prayer	Phil Marts	Nov. 2	368
Dismiss	Tom Williams	Year Ago	376
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
John Steffee	Mike Savage	Nov. 9	489
Dale Balckstone	Ronny Jones	Nov. 2	485
Cole Bennett	Trey Hughes	Weekly	
James	K. Max Haws	Budget	\$5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Nov. 16 and Wednesday, Nov. 19 - K. MAX HAWS - Phone, 561-9402.

In The Hospitals

Carl Bell continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Carol Duncan's father, Mr. Norman Eads, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 382-A.

C. T. Beard hopes to go home this week-end from Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Jack Bennett is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by George Stephenson
 10:20 A. M. Pharaoh's Suggestions of Compromise
 6:00 P. M. Greater Works Than These

The East Texas Christian Academy is in need of substitute Day Care workers from 2:00 until 5:30 o'clock in the afternoons. Also, substitute Teacher Aids are needed. For information call 561-8642.

GIVING TO GOD

Years ago it was the custom for people to bring their gifts to the front of the church building. A preacher was making an appeal for people to give for a good cause. Many came to present their offering of love.

Among them was a little crippled girl who hobbled along at the end of the line. Pulling a ring from her finger, she placed it on the table and made her way back up the aisle.

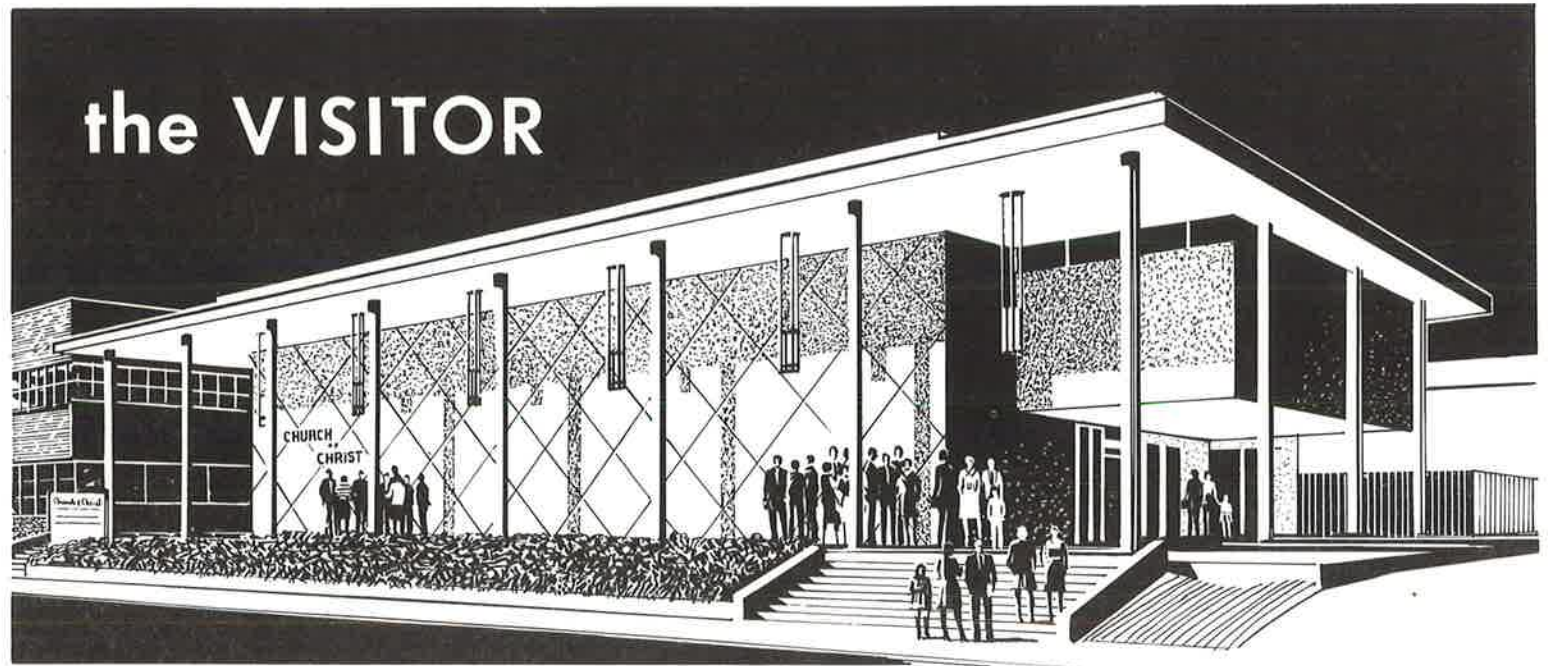
After the service an usher was sent to bring her to the preacher's study. The preacher said, "My dear, I saw what you did. It was beautiful. But the response of the people has been so generous that we have enough to take care of the need. We don't feel right about keeping your treasured ring, so we've decided to give it back to you."

To his surprise the little girl vigorously shook her head in refusal. "You don't understand," she said. "I didn't give my ring to you, I gave it to God!"

Our gifts bless us and please God only when they are given cheerfully - and to Him. If we think we're giving to the church leaders - or to their causes - the result will be bitterness rather than blessing. If you are giving to God you will be immeasurably enriched by it. It will be cheerful - and that's the kind of giving God loves. Doesn't everybody?

...Joe R. Barnett

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Testament. Dr. Barnhart's position was that the morality of any act is determined by the pleasure or pain it may bring.

Of course, Dr. Barnhart does not believe the Bible to be God's Word, so he ridicules the God of the Bible and doubts that Jesus ever lived. Of course, those of us who love the Bible and love the church found it hard to listen to his blasphemy. However, Dr. Barnhart is very clever in his appeal to prejudice against the church and one can see how he can have a great influence upon the thinking of young people. It is sad to think of the numbers who may have lost their faith as a result of the teaching of Barnhart and others of similar belief who teach in our colleges and universities.

It is good to know that a man who has received the highest degrees from great universities in our country - as brother Warren has - still maintains his faith in God's Word and stands ready to defend that faith when it is attacked by the enemies of Christ. It is my persuasion that many of the problems of our present day have been caused by those who have adopted the philosophy of doing whatever brings us pleasure. From Solomon's time until now men who have lived for pleasure alone have not found lasting peace and contentment. The religion of Christ which teaches unselfishness and living for others will bring lasting peace and contentment and provide assurance of joy in God's presence throughout eternity. It is great to be a Christian! Yes, I am thankful for my precious faith.



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I am thankful for my faith. I am glad that I still believe that the Bible is God's Word. I am thankful that it continues to give meaning to life and hope for the world to come. How wonderful it is to share this faith with fellow Christians! After attending the Warren-Barnhart debate held in Denton last week it was refreshing to be back Sunday to be with fellow Christians as we united in our worship to our heavenly Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the debate which was conducted in the auditorium of North Texas State University. The debate dealt with the questions of ethics and morality. The disputants were Dr. Thomas Warren, Vice President and Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Tennessee Bible College and Dr. Joe Barnhart, a Professor of Philosophy at North Texas State University. Dr. Warren's position was that an act is right or wrong based upon God's Word as revealed in the New

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*Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hawkins
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Pamela Kaye

to

Ron Allan Lott

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lott

Saturday, the twenty-ninth of November

nineteen hundred and eighty

at seven o'clock

South MacArthur Church of Christ

1401 South MacArthur Boulevard

Irving, Texas

Reception following

The Christian who claims the promises of God should obey the commands of God.

To the Ladies of the West Erwin Church

Thank you for your contributions to our Tuesday night meal. The chicken-tortilla casseroles, pinto beans, and desserts were really appreciated. Each of your contributions really helped to make our program on Tuesday night a success.

Please continue to pray for and graciously support our work at the center as you have in the past.

Sincerely

Tracy Spruill

Correspondent

Campus Christian Center

LOST AND FOUND

An expensive ball point pen was found here at the church last week. Please call for it at the church office.

Ralph and Marian Rowe

along with

Dee and Sue Lott

would greatly appreciate

your presence when

God keeps His Promise

to mold

Laurel Jo and Delbert Dee

into One Spirit

on Saturday, November 29, 1980

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following in the Fellowship Hall

The most joyous of occasions is the union of man and woman in the celebration of life. . .

Mr. and Mrs. George Vernon Whyte and

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dale Hamblett invite you to share in the ceremony

uniting

Rebecca Kathleen

and

Barry Kevin

Friday, November twenty-eight

Nineteen hundred and eighty

at seven o'clock in the evening

Greenacres Baptist Church Chapel

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

2623 South Chilton

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Our Father and Son Camp-out was a smashing success. There were about 22 present. We give a rousing round of applause to Fred Powell for the use of his farm and a big thanks to Harvey Grier for coming out Saturday morning and cooking pancakes for us. The boys made it fine sleeping on the ground, but some of the fathers needed a little physical therapy by morning. I feel sure that they will live over the ordeal and everyone enjoyed themselves. Incidentally, my "Holiday Inn" turned out to be a foam mattress in the back of a pickup truck. Regards to Hillard Hughes.

We recognize these classes for their 100% attendance last Sunday: 4 Year Olds taught by Carolyn Blackstone and 1st Grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell. Honorable Mention to the Junior High Class taught by Danny Skipper and Dick Higginbotham. They had 78%.

I'm looking forward to the Golden Years Banquet hosted Sunday evening in our Fellowship Hall by our High School young people. It has all the makings of a gala affair. If you are 65 or over, you won't want to miss it.

We are still sending in "Clean Up TV" commitment for N.S. News articles appeared in many major newspapers this past week, in our Tyler paper and also in the Wall Street Journal. If you have not signed one of these forms to mail in, please do so and get it in to me to mail to the sponsors of undesirable TV programs. Blank forms are in the foyer.

Maturity is patience. It is the willingness to postpone immediate gratification in favor of the long-term gain (a quote from Ann Landers).

Ray Fulenwider, Minister of Education for the Richland Hill Church in Fort Worth, lists sixteen principles of church growth in his workshop series, "How To Grow A Church Through the Bible School." They are: (1) The goal was to make disciples. (2) Doubters were overcome. (3) They had a sense of urgency. (4) There was a great emphasis on prayer. (5) They enlisted additional workers and delegated responsibility. (6) Everyone's talents were utilized as workers for the

Thank You

We would like to express our thanks for the food, flowers, cards, prayers and other expressions of sympathy at a time when Christian friends mean so very much. Becky McRuiz and Family

Happenings

We were happy to have Tom and Diane Humphrey in the audience Sunday morning.

Roy and Elaine Roberson have another foster baby, a little girl born last Friday.

A "Shopping Tour" bus trip for YOUNG AT HEART is being planned for December 4. A trip to the mall with a luncheon to follow in the fellowship hall for our Senior members is being planned. More later...

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

(17) Cathy Hallman, Jyl Tigert

(19) Taylor Savage

(22) Clyde Waggoner, Susan Steffee

Golden Age Banquet.....

Sunday evening following worship.

New Baby

Ronny and Lyn Jones are the happy parents of a new baby boy born last week in Mother Frances Hospital. Little Ben Jones is happy to be the big brother.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Lord. (7) They organized and appointed leaders. (8) The multitude was attracted. (9) They were willing to work hard to overcome opposition. (10) The main objective was the saving of souls. (11) There were steady and continuous programs for growth. (12) There was great unity in the church. (13) They spread their message widely. (14) They gave God the credit and praises. (15) They had a great personal work program. (16) They had outstanding soul-winning teachers.

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Roger Knight	Nov. 2	\$6,289.38
Prayer	George Kester	Oct. 26	4,402.76
Dismiss	John Powell	Year Ago	5,211.45
Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Roger Knight	Nov. 2	368
Prayer	John Owens	Oct. 26	366
Dismiss	Guy Potts	Year Ago	403
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Carroll Magee	Stan Mallory	Nov. 2	485
Edwin Pickle	Leslie Mallory	Oct. 26	458
Tim Holt	Reagan Phillips	Weekly	
Ricky Gambrel	Marshall Phillips	Budget	\$5,200.00
Assistants in Back Foyer			
Guy Potts	Paul Montandon	Mike Munn	Ron Jones
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Nov. 9 and Wednesday, Nov. 12 - RONNY JONES - Phone, 877-3053			

He who is born of God is certain to resemble his father.



Welcome

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Lola Reagan, 904 Lindsey Lane, into the fellowship of the West Erwin congregation. She formerly worshipped with the Greenwood church. It was interesting to learn from sister Reagan that at one time her grandparents owned a home on the property where the West Erwin building now stands.

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In The Hospital

Julie Higginbotham has been hospitalized but is now recovering at home.

Carl Bell underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

C. T. Beard entered Medical Center on Tuesday.

Mrs. Archa (Dorothy) Babb is a patient in Medical Center, room 418.

Mrs. Dan (Joan) Howell from Van, the daughter of Ben and Dollie Sutton, continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

J. B. (Bill) Endsley, a newcomer to Tyler from Midland, is in Mother Frances Hospital suffering from a back injury. The Endsleys have visited West Erwin many times in the past.

ISN'T IT INTERESTING

That some folks think they can take off most of their clothes and go to a public pool and still be modest.

That many believe it to be "old fashion" and silly to count dancing as a sin.

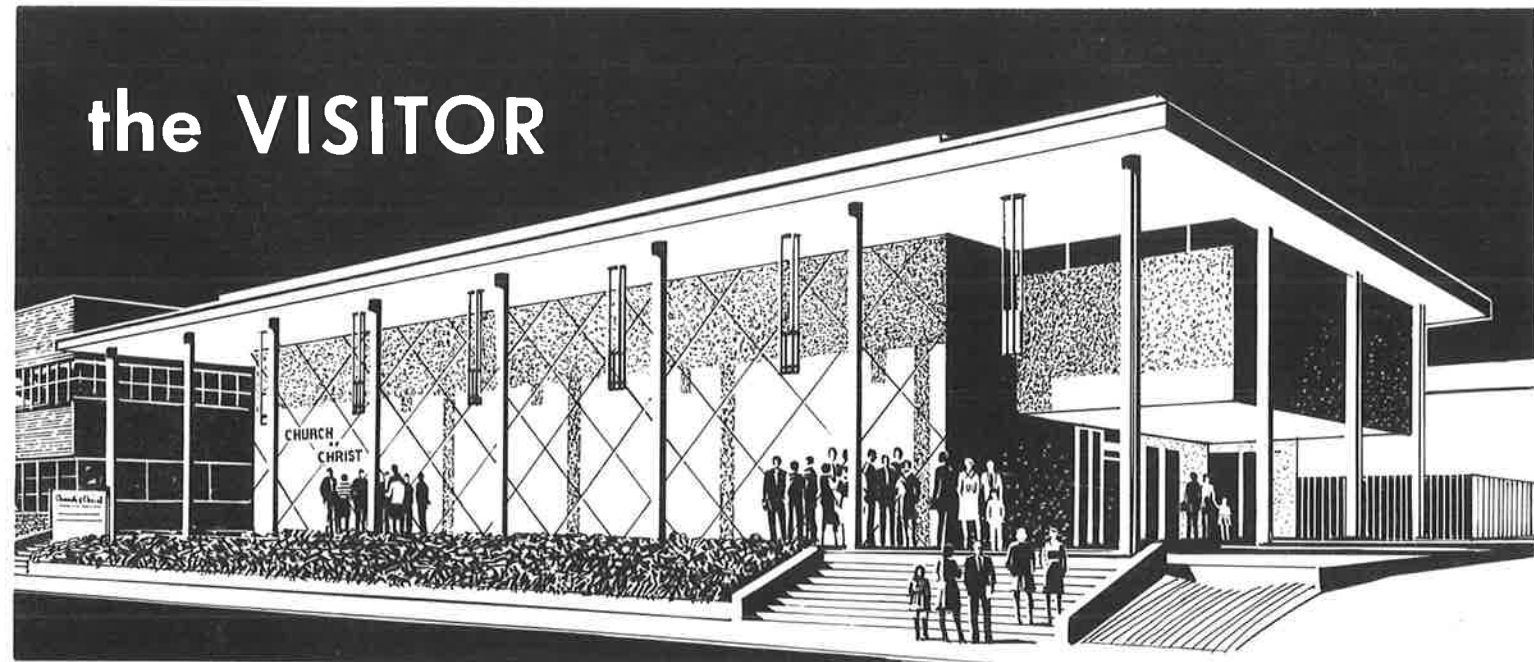
That people can take hours of their time working on some club project but three hours a week is more than enough to spend on anything relating to the church.

That most folks today that dress casually when coming to services, worship casually, and often live casually in spirit.

That every congregation is supposed to have a "loyal opposition" to the preaching of the truth.

It is interesting but where did they get the idea? From Cook Heights Herald

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George H. Stephenson

"When all has been said and done, much has been said and little done."

This slogan on the marquee of a Tyler business establishment attracted my attention. I have known many individuals who were good in talking but poor in performance. I have known many who were good at criticizing others, but who were not willing to assume responsibility for needed work to be done.

The apostle John wrote, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (I John 3:18). A man may profess a love for his wife and family, but when he fails to provide for them and may actually abuse them, his actions belie his words. And one may profess great love for Jesus, but when he refuses to obey the Lord and when he may bring reproach on the church, his actions also belie his words. Let us sing "Oh how I love Jesus," but let us by our actions show that we really do love Him.

Jesus quoted from the prophet Isaiah, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me," (Matthew 15:8). Again Jesus asked, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

Years ago the popular poet Edgar A Guest wrote a poem entitled, "I'd Rather See A Sermon Than Hear One Any Day." There are many people in the world who may pay little attention to the sermons we preach and the doctrine we believe but they will be inspired by dedicated Christian living. Peter admonished Christian women to live in such a way that they might win their unbelieving husbands for the Lord. "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husband, that if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives, while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear," (I Peter 3:1, 2).

I am looking forward to attending the debate at North Texas University in Denton this week between Tom Warren and Dr. Barnhart, a professor of philosophy. This should be interesting and educational. Sunday morning I plan to speak on "What God Hath Joined Together." We look forward to hearing Wes Price preach on Sunday night.

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 members 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 (lazy) 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!

...Virgil Trout

Directory Update

Brother James Phillips will be at the church building on Saturday evening, November 8, from 7:00 until 9:00 p. m. to take pictures for our church directory. If you have not had your picture made, please make every effort to be here. This is the last scheduled time for making pictures for our directory. We are anxious to have everyone's picture included.

THE MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME truck will be in this area during the week of November 10-14 to collect food and other items we may have for them. For this pick-up we are concentrating on SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK. A six month supply is 360 14 oz. cans.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

(9) David Hanley (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer (11) Sam Bailey, Melinda O'Quinn (12) Stan Mallory (14) Morris Hallman, Pauline Fuller, George Kester (15) Ruby Teel, Maria Crossman

Notice

In order for blood to be available when the need arises we need to keep at least 10 units of blood in the Stewart Blood Center. When you give blood, be sure to specify that you are giving in the name of the West Erwin Church of Christ.

Thank You

Your visits, calls, cards and deeds of kindness are very encouraging to us. We especially appreciate your prayers. Thank you for your thoughtfulness during the time of my hospitalization and since returning home.

Harold Browning

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon in Hughes Springs for Mrs. Adams, mother of Becky McRuiz. She passed away suddenly on Thursday. We extend our sincere sympathy to Becky and Henry and the family.

Ladies Class

The monthly luncheon of the Ladies' Bible Class will be Wednesday, November 12, following the class. Hostesses will be: June Walker, Dell Bullard, Arenia Clough and Eveline McCarty.

Ladies, be present for the class, bring a covered dish, invite your husband and enjoy the fellowship.

Let's Emphasize

Wednesday Night!

Remember the new time, 7:00 p. m.

EA AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Board meeting for the East Texas Christian Academy will be Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3:30 p. m. at the Shiloh Road Church building. Also, the Parent-Teacher meeting for the school will be November 13 at 7:15 p. m. at the Shiloh Road Church building.

SPECIAL!

The "Golden Years Banquet" given by our young people will be Sunday evening, November 16, following worship.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

A big hand for Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler's Beginners Class and Louis Jones and Milburn Cook's High School Class for their 100% attendance this past Sunday. Keep up the good work.

On the off-chance that you might receive the Visitor this Friday, let me encourage you to join us for the Father/Son camp-out. Be at the building by 6:30 and bring your camping gear. We will have a pot-luck supper (don't bring any food) and a good breakfast Saturday morning. The camp-out will conclude with breakfast.

The following article by a good friend of mine, Lewis G. Hale who preaches for the Southwest church in Oklahoma City is one I think you will appreciate.

IF YOU COULD HAVE YOUR WAY

If you could have your way in all instances, what would life be like? Most people foolishly suppose they would be very happy. Have you ever seriously thought what life would be like under such circumstances? Here is a child who thinks he wants that hot cup of coffee. He finds out to his sorrow he does not. A young man thinks life would be perfect if he could get a certain young woman for his wife. She makes his life a hell on earth.

Let's get down to where our lives touch, in the church. What if you could have your way in the church, what would the church be like? Make yourself a check list.

1. Would we have Bible School? If so, for whom?
2. Would we have worship services weekly, monthly, or just how often?
3. Would we meet on Sunday nights?
4. Would we have mid-week services?
5. Would we ever have gospel meetings?
6. Would we sing in our services? If so, who is supposed to do the singing?
7. Would we ever have any conversions? If so, whom would you like to see saved? Who would reach them?
8. Would we have a church budget and pay our bills? How would the money be raised?
9. Would we have any missionaries? If so, who would send them?

Do you realize you DO have your way in this church! And that is why our program is like it is!

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Announcements Ray Lott

Prayer C. B. Hardin

Dismiss Lee Roberson

Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

Announcements Ray Lott

Prayer Archie Kennard

Dismiss Dale Blackstone

Serving Communion Sunday

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Contributions

Oct. 26 4,402.76

Oct. 19 5,496.54

Year Ago 4,294.10

Bible School

Oct. 26 366

Oct. 19 386

Year Ago 381

Worship

Oct. 26 458

Oct. 19 452

Weekly

Budget \$5,200.00

Assistants in Back Foyer

Guy Potts Paul Montandon Mike Munn Ron Jones

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, November 2 & Wednesday, November 5-ROY ROBERSON, phone 597-5627



The annual Haunted House will be at the Campus Christian Center Friday night, October 31. Younger children should come between 6:30 and 9:00, and high school and college age are invited from 9:00 to 10:00.

Grocery Truck

Remember to bring sweetened condensed milk for the Medina Home truck that will be here the week of Nov. 10-14.

Think that day lost whose low descending sun, views from your hands no noble action done.

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In The Hospitals

Mack Bynum is doing well after surgery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Wilma Jones remains a patient in Community Hospital.

Erma Sanders is in Community Hospital following surgery on Wednesday.

From Boles Home

Dear West Erwin church of Christ:

Thank you very much for the money you sent for my clothing. This is my last year here and I also wanted to thank you for your support for the past 3 years. I am going to Harding Christian College in the fall.

I will always be grateful for the kindness you have shown. God Bless You. Thank you.

Cara Gowen

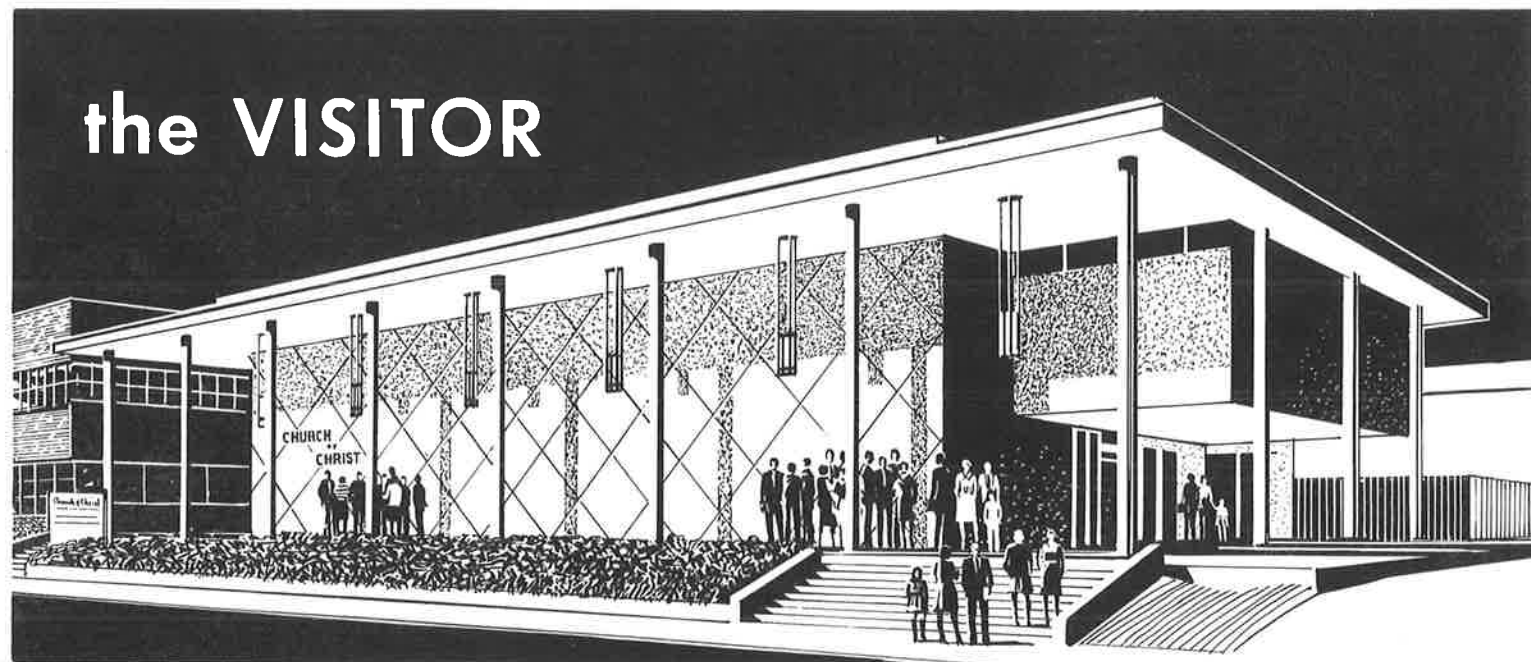
Happenings

Billie Bob Hickman will be speaking next Wednesday for the Ladies' Class at the Shannon Oaks congregation in Sulphur Springs.



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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I would like to commend and congratulate the Shiloh Road congregation for their remarkable contribution on Sunday, October 19. The church contributed over \$100,000 on that day. It has not been many years since that amount of money would have been considered a good contribution for an entire year for some of the larger congregations among us. The members at Shiloh have shown a spirit of sacrifice and dedication, and we pray that they may continue to have a great influence for good in our city.

Sunday, October 19 was also the date set by the Central church in Amarillo to have a contribution of \$2,000,000. We rejoice with them in their reaching their goal and exceeding it by about \$200,000. This was not only the largest contribution for one day among our brethren, but likely the largest contribution for one day for any religious group. We are thankful when

we know of individuals who have been blessed in a material way and then are willing to give generously for the cause of Christ. It is true that one might give of his money and not be a faithful Christian, but it is also true that one cannot be a faithful Christian who is not generous in his giving. Paul reminded the Corinthians that giving proves the sincerity of our love. (2 Corinthians 8:8)

I am still overwhelmed at the marvelous outpouring of your love and the love of others for us in arranging for us a retirement fund of one thousand dollars for each one of the fifty years of my ministry. I feel that we have been blessed all of our lives far beyond anything we could ever deserve. You have been wonderfully kind in helping to provide for our future needs as we grow older. May the Lord continue to be with all of us as we work for the growth of His Kingdom.

Sermons For Sunday

NOVEMBER 2

By George H. Stephenson

10:30 A.M.

"Questions Asked When Saul Was Converted"

6:00 P.M.

"The Way, The Truth, The Life"

Area Meetings

The North Tenneha Church of Christ in Tyler will have a Revival Meeting, November 2 - 7 with Ben Foster of Terrell. They will have a singing at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday. The nightly services will be at 7:30 p. m.

The 1980 Northeast Texas LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP will be held at Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, November 6, 7 and 8. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board.

The South Main Church of Christ in Henderson presents a day of positive spiritual enrichment for men and women. Saturday, November 8, you are invited to hear Bill Yasko and Dot Yasko. The time is 9:00 a. m. until 2:45 p. m.

The Broad Street church of Christ in Mineola will have a gospel meeting November 2-7 with Paul Rogers. Evening services will be at 7:30 - Monday through Friday.

Jerry Jones of Harding University will be conducting a meeting at the Alpine church of Christ in Longview October 31 through November 2. Services on Friday and Saturday will be at 7:30 p. m.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

- (4) Jeff Blackstone (5) Mary Evelyn Grier
(6) Lynn Jones (7) Lisa Higginbotham
(8) Burla Mayo

Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, to improve it in the most profitable way I can. Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly in another. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge. Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

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

WHEN THE HEDGE IS CHOPPED DOWN

God was proud of Job. Like a doting grandfather, He couldn't keep from talking about him. "Have you considered my servant Job... a blameless and upright man?" He asked Satan.

"Blameless and upright?" sneered Satan. "Job's goodness is mere hothouse piety. He's religious because you've put him in plush circumstances. He's good because you've sheltered him from trouble. You've build a hedge around him. Chop down the hedge and see what happens. He'll curse you to your face, God!"

Satan insinuates that Job serves God only out of self-interest. He's pious because it pays in dollars and cents. His prosperity and his piety will walk out together.

You would think Satan had heard Job speak at a modern-day testimonial meeting. These testimonies give the impression that trouble is forever banished the moment one turns his life over to God.

Much of our preaching seems to say, "Be good and you will be prosperous. Be good and you'll have no more troubles." It's a storybook religion where the bad guy always meets with disaster while the good guy always marries the boss's daughter and lives happily ever after.

If we follow God only for the material benefits, we're not a silly centimeter taller than those who followed Jesus because he provided the loaves and fishes.

Will we stay with God, like Job did, when things go bad? Will we rebel if adversity becomes our bed-fellow? Do we love him when unanswered questions bounce around inside our skulls? Is our love for the feast instead of the host? What happens when the hedge is chopped down? ... Joe R. Barnett

Welcome

We are happy to welcome Bret Tarpley to the West Erwin family. His address is Rt. 14, Box 372, phone 566-1185. He formerly worshipped with the Omen Road congregation.

You Are Invited

The Tyler Singles Again will have their November meeting immediately after services on Sunday, Nov. 9 at Shady Brook on Lake Palestine. All Christian divorcees, widows and widowers, and their children are invited. Bring a picnic lunch. For directions call Don McClaugherty at 592-4859.

Bridal Brunch
honoring
LAURIE ROWE
BRIDE-ELECT OF DEE LOTT
1903 Montrose
November 1, 1980 10:00 A.M. - Noon
Selections: Johnson's Jewelers & Brosangs

Thank You

Thanks for every expression of concern and love. We truly appreciated all the calls, beautiful cards, flowers and visits. We are especially thankful for your prayers.

Mildred and James Massey

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

The Family of A. C. "Click" Aven

Dates To Remember

Deacons' Meeting will be Monday at 7:00 p. m. All Deacons are encouraged to be present.

Remember the Mens' Fellowship Breakfast on Friday morning, November 9 at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

you might like to meditate on some of them. "Maturity is the ability to do a job whether you are supervised or not; finish a job once it is started; carry money without spending it, and be able to bear an injustice without wanting to get even."

There will be others to follow. Think about it!

Congratulations to two classes for 100% attendance. On October 19 the Junior High Class taught by Dick Higginbotham and Dannie Skipper had all members present, and on October 26 Jane Owens and Frances McBee had 100% in the 3 year old class.

**HERE
and THERE**

by **wes price**



There is still time for you to sign one of the pledge forms in our "Clean-Up Television" campaign. Get it signed and turned in to one of the elders or ministers. We are involved in one of the largest cooperative efforts the church has seen in many years. Blank forms are on the table in the foyer.

Friday night, November 7th, all the fathers and sons of West Erwin are invited to join us in a Father/Son camp-out. The group will meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 p. m. with camping gear to journey to a nearby remote area on Fred Powell's farm west of town. There is no age limit on either father or son, from the youngest to the oldest; so we want all fathers and sons to attend. The cost will be \$2.00 per person which will be used to cover the cost of food for Friday evening and Saturday morning. The camp-out will end after breakfast on Saturday morning.

Those who would like to can bring fishing gear to fish in the pond. You might not catch a big one, but it will be fun catching little ones.

Camping gear should include a sleeping bag or its equivalent, a small tent if you have one, Coleman lantern or flashlight (no electric blankets, please), and any other comforts of home that you might like to have.

I will need your reservations by Wednesday night, November 5 at the latest. Come on now, fathers, let's not be timid. Come join us for an evening of fun and excitement.

I don't know if you have noticed, but many have. We have certainly enjoyed some great sermons in recent weeks. George has been delivering some fine messages from God's word. We are grateful to have such a good preacher and judging from comments of some of our number who have visited out of town recently, we are fortunate, too. Let's continue to give him words of encouragement and gratitude for his work's sake.

Recently someone handed me a copy of Ann Landers' column with some definitions of maturity. I thought
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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.
Announcements Bill Butler
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Dismiss John Steffee
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Announcements Bill Butler
Prayer Dale Duncan
Dismiss Harley Turner

Our Records

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October 12 4,421.67
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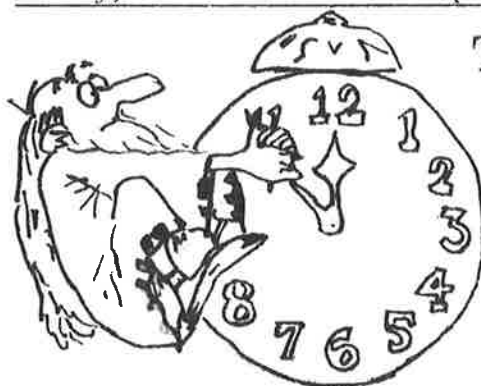
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George Kester C. B. Burkham Weekly
Bruce Raley James Canterbury Budget \$5,200.00
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, October 26 & Wednesday, October 29 - EARL O'QUINN, Phone 561-0671

In The Hospitals

Harold Browning is in Medical Center Hospital following surgery on Wednesday. Gilbert Venable is doing well after surgery in Dallas. He is in Baylor Hospital, Room 4119. Mack Bynum is undergoing tests in Dallas after being hospitalized here.

Sympathy

Irene Collier, sister of Ken Gode, was buried last Friday in San Antonio. Services were held Wednesday in Dallas for Fred Harmer, uncle of Ray Womack. We express our deepest sympathy to each of these families.



TIME CHANGE

Saturday night before going to bed - turn your clock back one hour. Be on time for Bible Class Sunday!

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER
 (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, DeRay Bennett
 (28) Shawn Montandon, Ann Layton (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sally Ann Pickle (31) Alan Hamblett, Mac McCall
 NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler, C. T. Beard

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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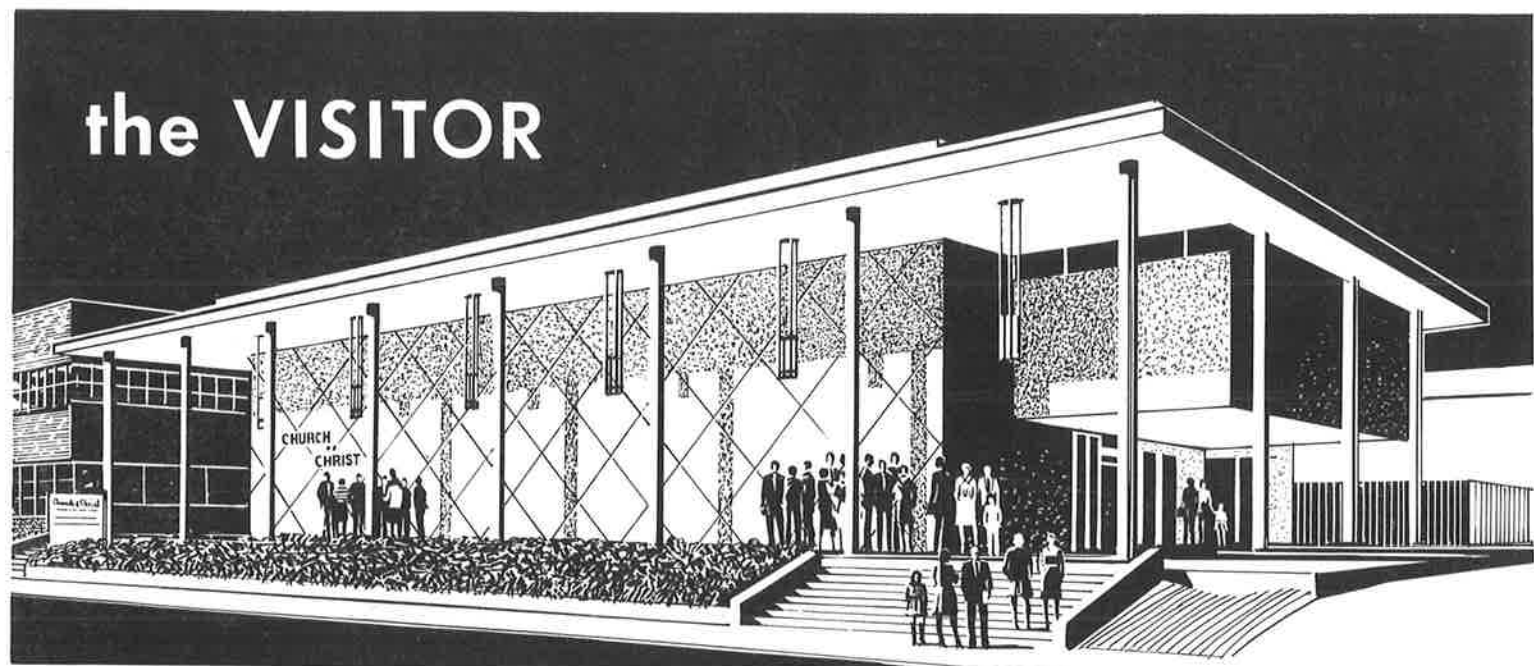
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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

What a wonderful day Alice and I experienced last Saturday! We could never adequately express our deep appreciation for such an outpouring of love and appreciation for us. We do thank everyone who had a part in planning and working to make the day such a memorable occasion. And we do thank everyone who contributed toward the most generous gift of money to help provide security in our future years. Truly "my cup runneth over". The Lord has blessed my life so richly and especially in giving us the opportunity to be associated with some of the greatest congregations in the world, especially the West Erwin church in Tyler.

Since I first preached as a fifteen year old boy - and even before - my greatest ambition has been to preach the gospel of Christ to the best of my ability. I think I can say with Paul, "As much as in me is I am ready to preach the

gospel--For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," (Romans 1:15, 16). How fortunate I have been to have a wife who has been a constant help and source of encouragement to me in my every endeavor. I have not accomplished many of the things which I wish I could have accomplished, but I am thankful for whatever good we have been able to do in these fifty years of preaching and teaching.

We will always treasure the many letters and cards expressing love for us. We are printing a poem in this issue of "The Visitor" written by a niece, Anne George Voelke. We appreciate the many prayers offered for us in the past, and especially last year in my serious illness, and we solicit your continued prayers on our behalf. May God bless all of you whose lives have so richly blessed ours.

Sermons For Sunday

OCTOBER 26
 By George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A.M. Does Our Worship Please God?
 6:00 P.M. The Promise of Heaven

DON'T QUIT

"If others are not doing their duty that is no good reason why you should not do yours. Don't quit. Your efforts will assist others and put them in the line of duty.

If there is trouble in the church, don't quit. There is all the more need of your help. Remember that soldiers are most needed when there are battles to fight.

If attendance at prayer meetings are small, don't quit. There is no good reason for quitting.

If a brother has mistreated you, don't quit. Pray for him.

If some of the best (?) members miss the Lord's service don't quit. It may be that they will do better if you will set them a wholesome example. Try it.

If some members do not give as much as one should, don't quit. Be sure that you give as much as you should.

If the elders and preachers are not as good and sincere as they should be, don't quit. Maybe if you are faithful, you will be appointed a bishop or deacon, and then you can show by actual demonstration how elders and preachers should act.

If you are not sufficiently appreciated by men for what you do, don't quit. God will own, honor and bless you, if you are worthy.

If souls are hard to save, don't quit. All the more need of effort.

If you don't love to read the Bible, read more and more, don't quit. You'll learn to love it.

Work and hope and sing and pray and rejoice. Press the glorious work. Good quitters are poor material for strong Christians. Don't Quit.

G. H. P. Showalter



Thanks!

I appreciated your visits, cards and prayers so much. Our Christian friends at West Erwin are very special to us and always will be. Thanks again.
Bennie Bynum

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for all the kind and loving things done for me during my illness. Thanks for all the lovely cards, the beautiful flowers, calls and visits. A special thanks to the blood donors. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. God bless you,

Moselle and Tommie White
Joanne Ragsdale and Hazel Morgan

HEAVEN'S HALL OF FAME (Fifty Glorious Years)

This day we come to honor
In our hearts we hold dear,
And recall with satisfaction
of Fifty Glorious Years.

It was a humble beginning,
That a youth sought to preach,
Wherever he might go,
Lost souls would be reached.

His faith and fidelity,
For the truth he would stand
His firm determination
Is known throughout the land.

"The Volunteer State" Tennessee,
And to the Texas Plains,
The Metropolitan cities
Would be volumes if contained.

The numerous congregations
The time he was privileged to
spend;
With faithful, loving Christians
They are truly lasting friends.

We know there's been sorrows,
And burdens hard to bear,
Yet, there is a glorious
promise,
With Saints Immortal s' yred.

So with this Golden Tribute,
That we can now proclaim,
And in the Lamb's Book of Life
be written
In Heaven's Hall of Fame.

Anne George Voelkle

The above poem was written in honor of brother George Stephenson for his "Appreciation Day" last Saturday. Anne George Voelkle is a niece of brother Stephenson.

Let not the desires of the Lord and His shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:4.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



What a great day for George and Alice! Even though I was unable to attend, folks have not ceased telling me about it since I have returned. It is a good thing to rejoice over the appreciation of folks like the Stephensons. Although this event blessed their lives immeasurably, it will return to bless the lives of the generous folks at West Erwin and other congregations who shared in it for years to come. I am thankful to be among people who appreciate preachers who have contributed so much to the growth of the kingdom in the past half century.

If you don't read anything else in the bulletin, please don't miss this. This Sunday marks the end of day light saving time. You will need to turn your clock back one hour upon retiring Saturday night in order to have the correct time when you get up Sunday.

In addition to this, we are also announcing a time change for our Wednesday night devotional and Bible study. Beginning with Wednesday night, November 5th, we will begin meeting at 7:00 P. M. instead of the 7:30 P. M. time. Please make a note of that and set your calendar and mental clock to remember the change. We feel that this will enable more of our families with small children to be able to come for Bible study who might otherwise be out too late for a school child. This time change will be effective through the end of May or the close of school.

To date, we have returned only 66 of the pledge cards for the "Clean Up TV" Campaign. I fail to understand why more folks have not signed one of these forms. Surely you must agree with the moral purpose behind what is being done. Let me suggest that you consider it carefully. If you cannot agree with this procedure, then perhaps you can and should let us know if you have a better one. We now have plenty of forms and every teenager and adult needs to sign one individually. Let me encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

We are presently having some great classes for Adults on Wednesday night. George's class in the

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Thank You

The family of A. M. "Dick" Tunnell acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The L. L. Prater Family

YOU ARE INVITED

to a

BABY SHOWER

for

JONI SMITH

Tuesday Evening, October 28

7:30 P. M.

At the Home of Ann Duncan

2207 Heather Lane

Tyler, Texas

Joni has made some
selections at Storkland

FUNERALS

Services were held Saturday in Greenville for A. C. Aven, brother to our A. Z. Aven.

Funeral services were held in Muskogee, Okla on Saturday for the nephew of Florene Lowrance.

We extend our sympathy to each family.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

auditorium continues to draw the largest crowd with Stan Mallory's taking second place. Phil Marts and mine draw the final two places in that order. Hillard Hughes and several of our couples are having a good time with the teenagers and their Bible Bowl sessions in the chapel. With all this going for us, you'd think we should be having more in attendance than our records show. The area where we are hurting the most is with our children's classes. Nothing is more discouraging for a teacher than to prepare for a class and not have any children show up. If you have children who ought to be in class, then do them a favor and come with them to Bible study on Wednesday night. You will profit by it and so will they.

Serving Sunday

Our Records

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Dismiss Roy Dayton	Year Ago	4,058.63
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.	Bible School	
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Prayer Harold Browning	October 5	388
Dismiss Marty Mallory	Year Ago	359
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship	
C. B. Hardin Edgar Bullard	October 12	483
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George Kester C. B. Burkham	Weekly	
Bruce Raley James Canterbury	Budget	5,200.00
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, October 19 & Wednesday, October 22 - MATT HAWS, Phcne 581-0138		

In The Hospital

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Teresa Holland is also in Mother Frances Hospital.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

tion by the unselfish contributions that this fine couple has made through the years. We needed this kind of leadership in years goneby and the truth of the matter is, we still need it. I wish I could be optimistic about the strength of present day preachers being the kind that George is, but I'm afraid he is a vanishing kind. As we pause to make a tribute to him and to Alice, we encourage all to see the kind of example they have set and let it be said that others desire to follow in their footsteps. God bless them on their special day of recognition.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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COULD I BE CALLED A CHRISTIAN?

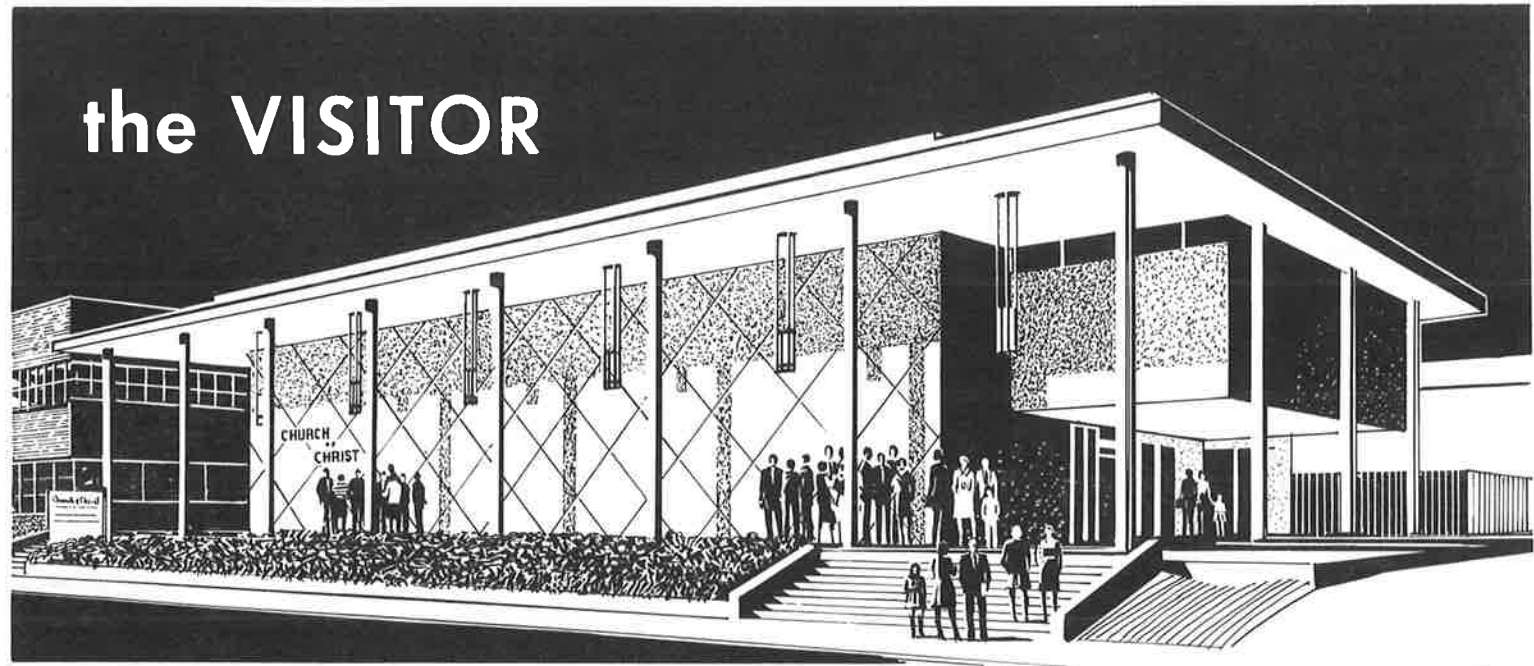
Could I be called a Christian
If everybody knew
My secret thoughts and feelings
And everything I do?
Oh, could they see the likeness
Of Christ in me each day,
Oh, could they hear Him speaking
In every word I say?
Could I be called a Christian
If everyone could know
That I am found in places
Where Jesus would never go?
Oh, could they hear His echo
In every song I sing,
In eating, drinking, dressing,
Could they see Christ in Me?
Could I be called a Christian
If judged by what I read,
By all my recreations
And every thought and deed?
Could I be called Christ-like
As I now work and play
Unselfish, kind, forgiving
To others every day?

-Copied

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FOR ALL AGES!**



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**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

The Ladies' Inspiration Day was indeed a day of inspiration for all the women who attended. I have heard many wonderful reports concerning the lessons of the day. I want to commend all who worked in the planning and in the execution of the plans for the day. Wes Price should be congratulated for his part in planning for such a day. Billie Bob Hickman deserves our praise for the tremendous amount of work she did. Our church secretaries ably assisted in the planning also. We appreciate all of the women who worked in various ways to make the day a wonderful occasion.

The women who attended the activities of the day expressed regret that many of our women were not present. They felt that those who did not attend missed a wonderful opportunity to be strengthened spiritually. There are many opportunities afforded us to become stronger

Christians which we neglect - and we are the losers. I am glad for Christian women to be together and to realize that they can be sources of strength in the church. According to the New Testament there are many things women are not to do in the church, but we need to realize that there are many things they can do. We remember Paul's commendation of women who helped him as we read in Philippians 4:3, "And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlaborers, whose names are in the book of life". We also remember Paul's commendation of Phebe in Romans 16:1,2, "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cinchria; That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you; for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also".

God be with and bless all of our faithful Christian women!

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A. M. Review of the New Testament
6:00 P. M. A New Commandment

Thank You

Thank you for your cards and visits and a special thanks to the young couples who were so kind to send cards. Marie Skeeters

Area Meeting

Don Kleppe of Vernon, Texas will be with the Northwest Church for a gospel meeting beginning Sunday to continue through Wednesday evening. Monday thru Wednesday services will be at 7:30 p. m. You are invited.

New Baby

We were happy to hear last week that Mike and Carol Pawlik, formerly of West Erwin, are the parents of a baby girl born October 7 in Karnes City, Texas. They have named her Angeia Rene.

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER

- (19) Mary Haws, John D. Brem, Roy Dayton
- (20) Fred Powell, Armitta Raley, Theron Pickle
- (21) Jean Fuller
- (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Darleene Little, Edythe Trentham
- (23) B. J. Tucker
- (24) Christi Cook, Kim Hughes
- (25) Bruce Raley, Walter Fuller

NOTE!

We recently had a note from Elwin and Pat Crow. Their address is 2030 Riverlawn Drive, Kingwood, Texas 77339. We miss them here and hope they are happy in their new home.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isa. 59:1.



We, the family at West Erwin Church of Christ, invite you to join us in honoring George and Alice Stephenson for their fifty years of dedicated service in the work of the Lord.

The appreciation ceremony and reception will be Saturday afternoon, October 18, 1980 at the West Erwin Church of Christ 420 West Erwin Street Tyler, Texas

Ceremony
2 until 3 o'clock
Auditorium

Reception
3 until 5 o'clock
Fellowship Hall

SIGN YOUR PLEDGE!!

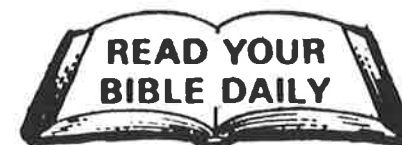
We hope that all our members will sign one of the pledge forms to join with the thousands of Christians across this nation to make our influence for good felt where it needs to be. Each individual should sign one and turn it in to the church office. And, don't forget that you are signing a pledge not to buy products sold by Producers until they respond to our request to change their policy about sponsorship of undesirable TV programs.

It is not infrequent that I hear some Christian say, "I don't have anything to do." Well, here is something that you can do. Don't just talk about it, do it!

FOR LADIES OF WEST ERWIN

Our Inspiration Day was such a great success. How sad it is that all the Christian women in this congregation and surrounding areas could not hear the two outstanding lessons that were presented Saturday. To all the ladies who worked on committees, to those who prepared the delicious food, and to each one who took part on the program, we take this means to say thanks for helping make that day such a blessed one.

Billie Bob Hickman



HERE and THERE

by wes price



Our Second Ladies' Inspiration Day was everything our ladies wanted it to be. Excellent weather, excellent food and above all, excellent speakers in the persons of Guille Jackson and Jo Anne North. So many ladies have commented to me about their inspiring lessons. We are indebted to a host of ladies for their assistance in making the day so beautiful. Billie Bob Hickman selected an outstanding crew to assist her. We would be amiss if we didn't mention our two church secretaries who worked so tirelessly in preparing the brochures and mail outs. Only one thing was lacking - we could have had a larger number of our own West Erwin ladies present. Aside from this, we had participants in good number from surrounding communities and many of them expressed their thanks for our leadership sponsoring such an affair, and they are looking forward to our next one.

I guess the beautiful Fall weather had something to do with it, but quite a number of our folks were gone from Bible study and worship last Sunday. We were blessed with a large number of visitors that kept us from looking so vacant in the worship assembly. We are always grateful for these precious visitors who come our way. All of you do so well in helping make our guests feel welcome when you greet and visit with them before and after our services. Thank you for being so thoughtful.

I hope you are making your plans to be present for the special day for George and Alice. It will be a mountain top experience. I regret that my wife and I will not be here for it. We will be in Oklahoma conducting a wedding for the son of dear friends. It has been on our schedule for quite some time so we will not get to enjoy the festivities. Since we will be gone, I must at least express my appreciation to George and Alice for their years of dedicated service in the Lord's Kingdom. George belongs to a special group of preachers who helped make the Lord's church what it is today. His sound Biblical preaching and ministry has touched the lives and hearts of thousands of men and women around the world.

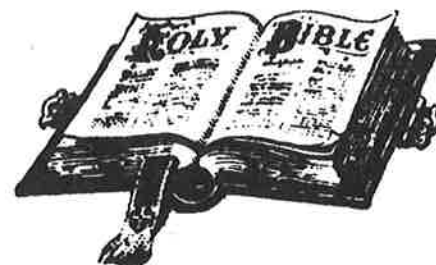
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WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT LIFE?



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OR HERE →



"Seek Ye FIRST the Kingdom of God..." Matt. 6:33

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Prayer	C. E. Caskey	Sept. 28	385
Dismiss	Paul Montandon	Year Ago	409
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Joe Carroll	Durwood Hendry	Oct. 5	507
Bob Zadina	Ben Young	Sept. 28	487
John Brem	Sam Bailey	Weekly	
David Demic	Tommy Lowrance	Budget	\$5,200.00
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY - October 12 & Wednesday, October 15 - FRED POWELL, Phone 593-5229.			

Responses

Baptized: We are happy that David and Kay Hanley, 1123 Powers, were baptized on Thursday evening of last week by Wes Price.

Sunday morning Kelly Gilbert, 2819 Emily, was baptized into Christ. She is a 6th grade student.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday morning in Henderson for Mrs. Eula Drennan, a former member of this congregation. We express our sympathy to L. G. and his family.

Last Saturday funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Clyde Bell, sister-in-law to Carl Bell. We extend our sympathy to the family.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

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Congratulations

Christopher Alan Montgomery was born to Candy and Alan Montgomery, September 29, 1980 in Tampa, Fla. Ray and Carolyn Womack are the happy grandparents and the Bob Davis' are the great grandparents.

Thank You

We wish to thank all our loving brothers and sisters for their prayers, cards, calls, visits and food. A special thanks for the blood doners during my illness and the continuing concern while I am convalescing. Cecil and Aline Beard

In The Hospital

Mrs. Tommy White continues to be in the Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. James Massey remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Elsie Shackelford is very seriously ill in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Mack Bynum is recovering from surgery in Mother Frances Hospital.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (12) Mary Dawson, Louise Hendry (13) Elva Lee Mackey (14) Ike Gaiser (15) Dawn Mallory, John Steffee (16) Audie Grier (17) Charles Lemons, Dannie Skipper (18) Sher Sevier, Ann Duncan.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Many wonderful events have taken place recently and will take place in the near future. I have heard fine reports concerning the retreat for young couples at Camp Deer Run and know that the Ladies' Inspiration Day on this Saturday will be a wonderful time for our women. I am looking forward to attending a debate to be held at North Texas State in Denton November 3 - 6. The debate will be between Dr. Thomas B. Warren of Cookeville, Tennessee and Dr. Joe E. Barhart of Denton. Both of these men are well educated and both are members of the American Academy of Religion and the American Philosophical Association. The debate will be on the question of ethics and morality.

My sermon topic for this Sunday morning will be, "Let Your Light Shine." Wes Price is scheduled to preach Sunday evening.

1930 1980

We, the family at West Erwin Church of Christ, invite you to join us in honoring George and Alice Stephenson for their fifty years of dedicated service in the work of the Lord.

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SPEAK UP FOR DECENCY!

During the past few months a massive nation-wide "Clean Up Television" Campaign has been initiated by thousands of churches from every state in the Union and is now spreading rapidly across the nation.

This effort is based upon the conviction that something simply must be done to curb the alarming increase in filth, immorality, and sexual perversion now being shown on television.

The purpose of the Campaign is not to take programs off the air, but to insist that they be cleaned up so that they are no longer an insult to decency and negative influence on our younger people. Specifically, companies are being asked to refuse to sponsor programs which depict scenes of adultery, sexual perversion, or incest or which treat immorality in a joking or otherwise favorable light. Concern is also being expressed regarding excessive violence and profanity.

The Campaign has already met with almost unbelievable success. Within only three months over 6,000 churches and nearly half a million people from a wide variety of backgrounds have already definitely agreed to take part and the list is growing daily. The total potential number staggers the imagination.

According to a recent opinion poll over fifty percent of the American public now feels that immoral television programming is a negative influence on family life. The idea that there is nothing decent people can do about such immoral broadcasting is, therefore, sheer nonsense. Almost all of the companies who sponsor such material depend heavily upon millions of decent people to buy their

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SPEAK UP ... (continued)

products. Our money is then used by these companies to sponsor programs presenting the very material we oppose.

All we need to do, therefore, to be effective is for all of us nation-wide to massively refuse to buy the products of the same specific sponsors at the same time, thereby creating a gigantic nation-wide wave of opposition to such immoral broadcasting. This is clearly not censorship but simply responsible action since companies remain free to sponsor any programs they choose. This is the purpose of the Campaign.

It is obvious that television is not really free. Each of us pays for a portion of the programs being presented as part of the purchase price of the products advertised. It is, therefore, unreasonable and unjust for millions of decent people, who are offended by immoral programs, to be told that our only alternative is to turn off our sets when we have paid both for our sets and for our share of the programs being presented.

The sponsors indicated (on the opposite page) were identified through a nationwide church survey as being two of the most active sponsors of morally offensive programs on television. Almost half a million people have already written these companies asking them to refrain from such advertising. They have, so far, been unwilling to cooperate with our efforts.

Every adult and teenager is asked to complete the "Commitment Form" letting these companies know that until they change their position we will no longer allow them to use our money for such purposes.

Our initial commitment will be for a period of three months. If corrective action is not taken it will be renewed every three months for the remainder of one year from October 5, 1980 to October 5, 1981. This promise does not include needed prescription items which are not available elsewhere.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid. Isa. 12:2.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Our anticipation of a good time on our Young Married Couples Retreat more than lived up to our expectation. Dr. Cail was just the right person to have as our guest speaker and the weather could not have been more co-operative. We are grateful to our elders for supporting our efforts and making it possible for us to enjoy such a beneficial treat. Husbands and wives were drawn closer to each other, couples deepened their affection for each other, and our spiritual growth was enhanced.

We are indebted to those adopted "grandparents" who helped us by keeping the children of several of our couples. They provided a real blessing that went a long way in making our retreat a success.

Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell's 1st Grade Class achieved another 100% in attendance Sunday. Help me express our thanks for them and the class members.

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find the list of Food Producers and the products they manufacture and sell. This list is provided so we can make good on our pledge to boycott buying because of their sponsorship of undesirable TV programs. It is very important that we fulfill our pledge to refuse to buy their products until they agree to stop sponsoring programs that need to improve morally. The boycott is to continue 3 months. At that time there will be another request for a change in their policies regarding sponsorship of such undesirable programs. We want to emphasize the need to follow through with our promise. If our efforts fail, then you can imagine how much more difficult it will be to ever have our voice for decency be heard again. If those around us are influenced to live immoral lives, sooner or later it will affect all of us directly. Since ladies do most of the shopping, may I suggest that you clip the list from your bulletin and place it in your purse to refer to as you shop. Let's join with the strength of thousands and certainly with the blessings of God and see this thing through to a successful conclusion.

Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, October 11, 1980

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Kevin Womack

Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Ray Womack
Dismiss Mike Savage

Serving Communion Sunday

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Bob Zadina Ben Young
John Brem Sam Bailey

David Demic Tommy Lowrance

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY - October 5 & Wednesday, October 8 - JAMON KIRBY, phone 561-9442.

Our Records

Contributions

Sept. 28 \$5,296.56
Sept. 21 5,136.13
Year Ago 5,073.35

Bible School

Sept. 28 385
Sept. 21 390
Year Ago 392

Worship

Sept. 28 487
Sept. 21 507

Weekly

Budget \$5,200.00

Responses

Baptized: Miss Sheri Rene Dobbs came Sunday to be baptized. She lives at Rt. 14, Box 316. Her parents are the Jerald Dobbs and Jasper and Ruth Dobbs are her grandparents.

Wynne Weathers, 3401 Heines, son of Wanda and Don Weathers, was also baptized on Sunday morning. He is a 9th grade student in Robert E. Lee High School.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 8th, following the Ladies Bible Class there will be a Covered Dish Luncheon in the fellowship hall. Hostesses will be: Elaine Roberson, Fleta Butler, and Pauline Fuller. Everyone is encouraged to attend the class and the luncheon following. Our nursery is available for this class.

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TYLER SINGLE AGAIN CHRISTIANS

Tyler Single Again Christians will meet on Monday, October 6, 1980 at 7:30 p. m. Christian divorcees, widows, and widowers are invited to attend. There will be plenty of food and fellowship. For information contact Melvonda Sparkman (592-3733) or Don McLaugherty (home: 592-4859) or (business: 566-1471, ext. 206).

In The Hospitals

Sister James Massey is a patient in the Medical Center Hospital and is scheduled to undergo surgery on Thursday.

Sister Tommy White is in Medical Center Hospital. She is improving.

A sister-in-law to Homer Williamson, Mrs. Evelyn Williamson from Glade-water, is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Neyman's father, Mr. Clyde Green has been a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral

Brother Stephenson spoke for the graveside service for Aubrey Warren Thursday morning. He was a cousin to Mrs. Ike Gaiser. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Area Meeting

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ here in Tyler will have a gospel meeting, October 12 - 15 with Bill Hearn of Logan, Utah preaching. Evening service will be at 7:30 - Monday thru Wednesday.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are thankful for the many challenges and opportunities which are ours with the coming of fall. The refreshing rains and cooler weather of this week fill our hearts with gratitude. We should experience a renewal of our spirit and a revival of interest in all of the work of the church.

I continue to be grateful for Kieth Mitchell and his family. I continue to be impressed with his unusual ability and his dedication. I am glad that West Erwin has fellowship with him in his great work with the International Mission in New York City. I want to share with you some very thrilling news about Kieth. He led a group to the Bible Lands this past summer and had the privilege of baptizing thirteen of the group in the Jordan River. Included in the number were a Presbyterian minister and the 76 year old priest of a chapter of the Knights of Columbus in San Francisco. Let us continue to pray for Kieth and all others involved in the work of the Lord in the great city of New York.

We began a series of studies last Sunday evening based on the events and teaching in the Upper

Room on the night of Jesus' betrayal. John devotes five chapters - thirteen through seventeen - to these significant events of that room. Plan to be with us each Sunday evening as we explore some of the great teaching found in these chapters.

While we are indebted to the gospel of John for our knowledge of many of the lessons from the Upper Room, yet John omits the institution of the Lord's Supper which is found in the other gospel records. On this coming Sunday morning our lesson topic will be "The Lord's Supper." I feel that it is very important from time to time to be reminded of the Lord's instructions on this topic. We should never allow the observance of the Supper to become just an empty ceremony. Its observance is a duty, but more than a duty - a sacred privilege. Its proper observance is a means of spiritual growth and health.

Our topic Sunday evening will be "Foot Washing." What a beautiful example we have from Jesus when he washed the feet of His disciples. We need to learn again that foot washing was not a church ordinance, but all of us should learn humility and service to our fellow man. We hope to see you in both of our worship services and in our Bible classes as well.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 A. M. The Lord's Supper

6:00 P. M. Foot Washing

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Annual

Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, October 11, 1980
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Guest Speakers:
Guille Wallace Jackson
Jo Anne North

"God Saw He Needed Her"

And the Lord God said, it is not good
that the man should be alone; I will make
a help meet for him. . . . Genesis 2:18

You are invited to be our guest
for lunch in our
Fellowship Hall

Nursery provided for children
(bring sack lunch)

West Erwin Church of Christ

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER

- (5) Ted Snipes
Robbie Butler
- (7) Ange Beard
Hunt Rowe
Arenia Clough
- (8) Pattie Tate
- (9) Hulen Hulsey
Penny Hulsey
Dorothy Shaffer
- (10) Leona Hardin
Virginia Graf
- (11) Chris Hallman
Joe Carroll

Brotherhood

Just a little bit more interest
In other folks' welfare,
Just a little greater showing
Tht 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!

DEACONS MEETING

Monday at 7:00 p.m. is the
time for the regular meeting
of the Deacons. All Deacons
are encouraged to be present.

HERE and THERE



by wes price

Congratulations to the 1st Grade Class taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell and to the 5th Grade Class taught by Dale and Ann Duncan for achieving 100% attendance last Sunday. Keep up the good work!

Our Departmental leaders met this past Sunday and agree that among our top priorities in the coming months is the matter of attendance in our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes. I'm sure that you will agree that this is one of our continuous problems. We are always seeking new ways to motivate people to see the importance of regular attendance in Bible study. Our supervisors will be working closely with teachers in striving to reduce the incidence of absenteeism among our members and their children.

A word to the "wise" - you could help in this matter by just making up your mind to be a "regular" in the appropriate class. Give it some thought.

Most of our young married couples will be enjoying a retreat at Camp Deer Run this week-end. A big word of thanks to the couples who volunteered to be weekend grandparents for some of our couples. I hope it establishes a continuing relationship. I am confident that grandparents can be of inestimable value in helping parents rear their children. We'll let you know how our retreat turns out.

Our Ladies Class began a couple of weeks ago with a large number in attendance and that good number has continued. We are grateful for the opportunity to study the Gospel of Mark each week with such a large number. If you are not coming, why not make it a point to come? I'd like to see us fill up the chapel each week.

And while we are speaking to the ladies, let me mention again the special day in October for our Ladies' Inspiration Day on October 11. I feel sure you have already made plans to attend, but in case you haven't let me encourage you to do so. The speakers, Jo Anne North and Guille Jackson, will challenge each of you in a wonderful way. We especially want to urge you to invite your friends and neighbors and those acquaintances from other congregations in our city to come

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Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Van for A. M. (Dick) Tunnell. He was the brother of Mrs. L. L. Prater. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Area Meetings

The Glenwood Church of Christ here in Tyler will host a Biblical Studies Seminar on October 3, 4, and 5. Dr. John Willis from ACU will speak. Classes will be held Friday evening at 7:30 and on Saturday evening at 6:00 and 7:00 o'clock.

Robert Oglesby will preach in a meeting October 5 - 8 at the So. Main church in Henderson. Monday thru Wednesday the services will be at 10 and 7:30 o'clock.

Saturday evening, October 11 at 7:30 the Corinth Rd. church in Jacksonville will have a special service with W. E. Hamblen as guest speaker.

Parents, Teachers, and Friends of the East Texas Christian Academy are invited to Open House, October 9, 1980. A business meeting will be held at 7:15 prior to Open House at 7:30.

HERE AND THERE (Continued)

and be our guests. They will enjoy the program and the fellowship.

A word of encouragement is in order for all those who have been working so diligently making preparations.

James Phillips is doing an excellent job in taking photographs for our new pictorial directory. If you have considered NOT having your picture made, may I encourage you to reconsider. You will be preventing someone else from having an opportunity of recognizing you when they see you. Let's have a picture of all the West Erwin members in this directory!

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Wes Price	Sept. 21	\$5,136.13
Prayer	C. B. Burkham	Sept. 14	4,693.12
Dismiss	Lowell Wiggains	Year Ago	4,799.90
Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Wes Price	Sept. 21	390
Prayer	Robert Conner	Sept. 14	379
Dismiss	Mike Savage	Year Ago	355
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Archie Kennard	Jamon Kirby	Sept. 21	507
Mac McCall	Paul Stanley	Sept. 14	511
Greg Duncan	Jeff Duncan	Weekly	
Mark Watson	Roy Roberson	Budget	\$5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY - September 28 and Wednesday, October 1 - DALE BLACKSTONE, 595-0130

Responses

Amanda Munn came Sunday evening to be restored,

GOSPEL MEETING

Trine Starnes from Waco, Texas will be with the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview in a gospel meeting, October 5 - 8. Monday - Wednesday services, 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday, October 8 at 10 o'clock brother Starnes will speak to the Ladies' Class.

Amazing Grace
BIBLE CLASS

KLTV - CHANNEL 7

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

- F. C. Carpenter
- Dr. Roger Knight
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In The Hospitals

A. C. Aven, brother of A. Z. Aven is very seriously ill in a Greenville Hospital.

Mrs. Tommy White continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Mrs. Phil Marts' father suffered a heart attack in Pittsburg, Texas on Tuesday. He is in M & S Hospital in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Joe McBee's father had surgery on Monday in Wichita Falls and is recovering nicely.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

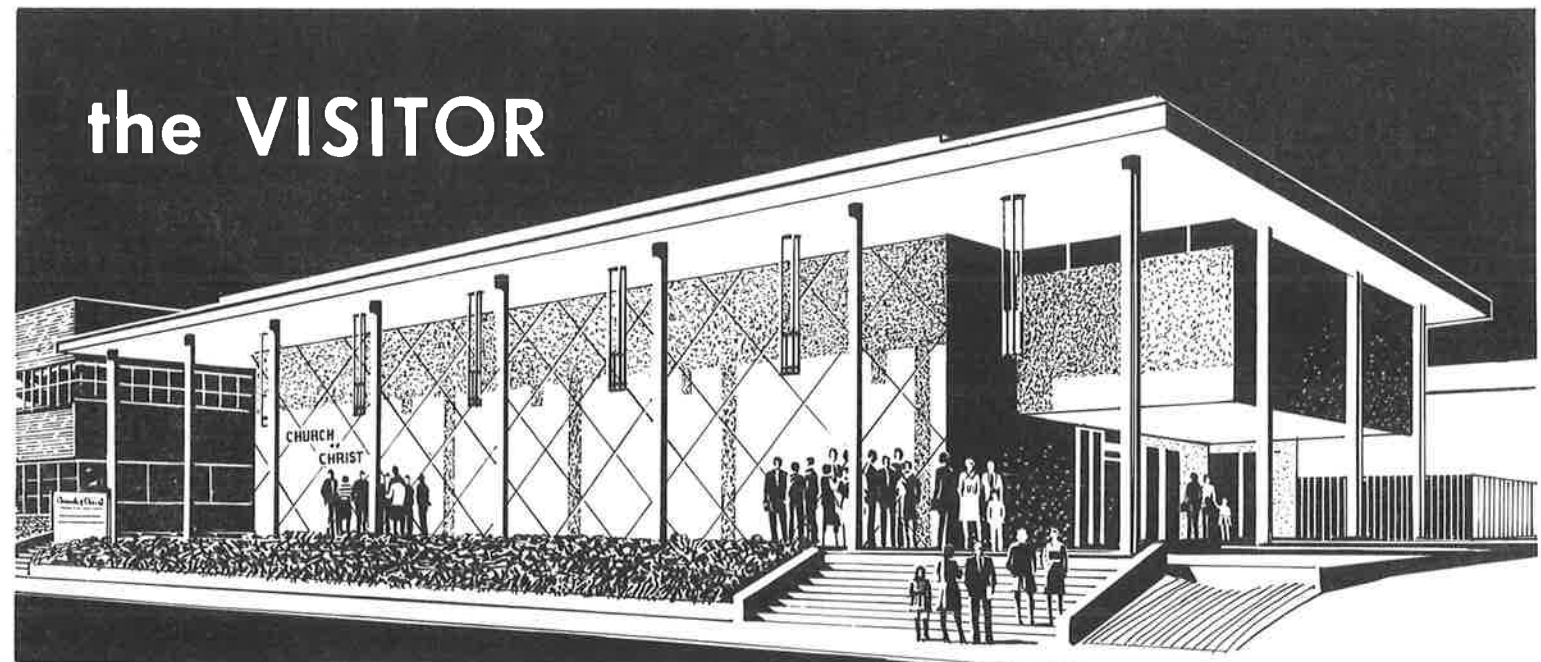
We received word that brother and sister Joe Malone will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 until 5 p.m. Saturday, September 27 at Pleasant Grove Church of Christ. Brother Malone has preached for the Pleasant Grove church since 1978. He has been preaching for 44 years.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

- By George H. Stephenson
- 10:20 a. m. "We Would See Jesus"
- 6:00 p. m. "In The Upper Room"

The name of the Lord is a strong tower:
the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
Prov. 18:10.

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**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

Alice and I appreciate more than words can say all of the expressions of sympathy we have received from many of you as a result of the death of my brother. We were glad to see two of our elders, Bud Caskey and Foy Richey, present for the funeral. We felt that their coming helped to represent the church. Your kindness at this time has once more reminded us of the love which is to be found at West Erwin.

Our lives have been enriched this month by the coming of the Rudolf Rischer family and the coming of Andrew Connally. Our love and appreciation for the Rischer family was renewed and increased. We felt a sense of sadness when the time came for them to leave us. Let us not forget them as they continue their work for the Lord in Augsburg, West Germany.

Andrew Connally brought some very powerful sermons while in our meeting. Surely, our lives will be better because he has come our way. I regret that I had to miss his sermons on

Monday and Tuesday. It is regrettable that some of our members gave priority to other activities and failed to take advantage of the opportunity to hear one of the greatest preachers of our time. Let us remember brother Connally in his work of teaching and training preachers and church leaders at the Tennessee Bible College in Cookeville, Tennessee.

The West Erwin church suffered a loss this past week when Elwin and Pat Crow moved from Tyler to Houston. Elwin has served as a deacon and Bible School teacher. Pat has been very faithful in her work as a Bible teacher. We will miss both of them. They have been an asset to this congregation and we know they will be an asset to the church wherever they go. May the Lord bless Elwin, Pat and their beautiful Cathy.

Dean and Maurine Brookshire recently moved from Tyler also. As you know, Dean served the West Erwin congregation as the local evangelist from 1958 to 1968. Recently he has served as one of the elders of the Northwest congregation. We understand that the church in Plainview plans to assist the Brookshires as they work and when they may retire. Our prayers and best wishes will be with them. They have a host of friends in Tyler and in the East Texas area.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Each Sunday in September has been set aside to have pictures made for our new church directory. Perhaps some do not understand that this directory will be a loose leaf book with one family or individual on each page. Below the picture your name, address, phone number, birthday and occupation will be listed. If your picture is not made - that space will be vacant. Thus far 210 appointments have been made and only about half that number have had pictures made. We appreciate brother James Phillips who has given his time for three Sunday after-

noons for this project. Won't you make a special effort next Sunday to help complete the picture taking.

Everyone with last names beginning with "S" come between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock. "T" through "Y" come from 3 until 4 o'clock. All others who have been unable to keep your appointments please come between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock. Of course, if you cannot come at the assigned time, come anytime between 2 and 5 o'clock and you will be worked in. When it can be arranged, we will try to have another hour for make-up.

YOUR PORTRAIT

"None is righteous, no, not one"
(Romans 3:10)



"I just don't take a good picture." Ever hear anyone say that? Maybe you've said it yourself. Most of us don't like the pictures we've seen of ourselves. They just don't do us justice. Or is it that they don't flatter us enough?

A well-known photographer said: "There are very few beautiful women or handsome men in the world. It takes careful lighting and posing to make most people appear attractive. Many do not know they have a crooked nose, one small eye, a lopsided jaw, or some other flaw. Unfortunately, when they look into a mirror, they are usually engaging in some type of activity like shaving or combing their hair. This is deceiving, for when a person is in motion, physical defects are not noticeable. But when he is still, as in a photograph, his undesirable features become obvious."

When a picture doesn't please us we may be able to blame it on poor lighting. Or perhaps the photographer lacked experience.

But there are no such mistakes in God's photograph of us. He takes a perfect picture. We may not like the way we look spiritually, but we certainly can't blame the imperfections on faulty lighting or the photographer.

Via Open Door - Houston

thanks

FROM CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL
Mbeya, Tanzania

Dear Friends,
We have received 5 boxes of medical supplies from you, including bottles eye glasses, bandages, soap, cold tablets, and small shirts. Thank you so much for providing these needed items for the hospital. We appreciate your continued help over these several years and especially for your showing your concern and love in a very practical way. May God bless and keep you as you continue to serve him by helping others.

In Christian love,
Florene Smalling

New Arrival

George and Alice Stephenson are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born Sunday morning in Dallas to Terry and Linda Stephenson. They have named her Ashley Ray. Linda and the baby are doing well.

OPEN HOUSE IN TATUM

You are invited to Open House at the Church of Christ in Tatum, Texas on Sunday, Sept. 28. They are planning Singing with prayers and comments from former ministers in the church auditorium from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (27) Elsie Shackelford (28) Guy Blakeley (29) Betty Hubbard, Adela Scogins, Jess King (30) Tommy Lowrance, Mary Butler

OCTOBER (1) Cooper Goodson (3) Kelly Womack (4) Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey



Ladies

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 11. This is the date set asked for Ladies' Inspiration Day at West Erwin. You will enjoy this special event.

"THE FATHER'S BUSINESS"

Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business," Luke 2:49. This statement certainly characterized His life. He came to do the Father's will (John 6:38) and He did indeed accomplish His objective. See John 17:4. Jesus was intent on doing the Father's business because He knew IT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS IN THE WORLD! No other business could begin to compare in importance with "the Father's business!"

And yet today, I often see "the Father's business" given but little attention by those who should know better! Almost everything imaginable "pre-empts" the Father's business. It has to "go begging" on many occasions. It is relegated to a place of secondary importance. It so often has to "get by" on the leftovers - leftover time, money and energy. ... If there is any leftover.

If brethren operated their offices, their shops, their commercial projects on the same basis that many seem content for the church to function, they would go broke in short order! No earthly "business enterprise" could survive for long with scarcely any vision, haphazard planning, little energy input, hardly any follow-through work, and almost nil zeal!

Do brethren in the "business world" readily turn their businesses over to a negative, do-nothing philosophy? Do they allow inconsequential trivia to get in the way of profit making objectives? Do they surrender to the pessimistic, "agin-it" views of those whose outlook would cause their business to stagnate and die?

Someone has well quipped that "one of the greatest proofs that the church is a divine institution is that it has managed to survive in spite of the abuse it has suffered by those who should be promoting it with all their might and yet who in fact are detrimental on nearly every hand." How true that is!

My brethren, hear me well... the church, and its work, IS THE FATHER'S BUSINESS! IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS IN THE WORLD! NOTHING SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENT OVER IT! Let us give the best of ourselves and of what we have to promote its welfare - to accomplish its mission!

... Maxie B. Boren

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

Sunday afternoon, 2:30 at the Bullard Church of Christ. You are cordially invited to attend.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements Milburn Cook
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss John Steffee

Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements Milburn Cook
Prayer Edgar Bullard
Dismiss Don Weathers

Serving Communion Sunday

Archie Kennard Jamon Kirby
Mac McCall Paul Stanley
Greg Duncan Jeff Duncan
Mark Watson Roy Roberson

Budget 5,200.00
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 21 and
Wednesday, Sept. 24 - K. MAX HAWS, 561-9402

Our Records

Contributions

Sept. 14 4,693.12
Sept. 7 5,360.54
Year Ago 4,220.16

Bible School

Sept. 14 389
Sept. 7 379
Year Ago 374

Worship

Sept. 14 511
Sept. 7 484
Weekly
Budget 5,200.00

In The Hospital

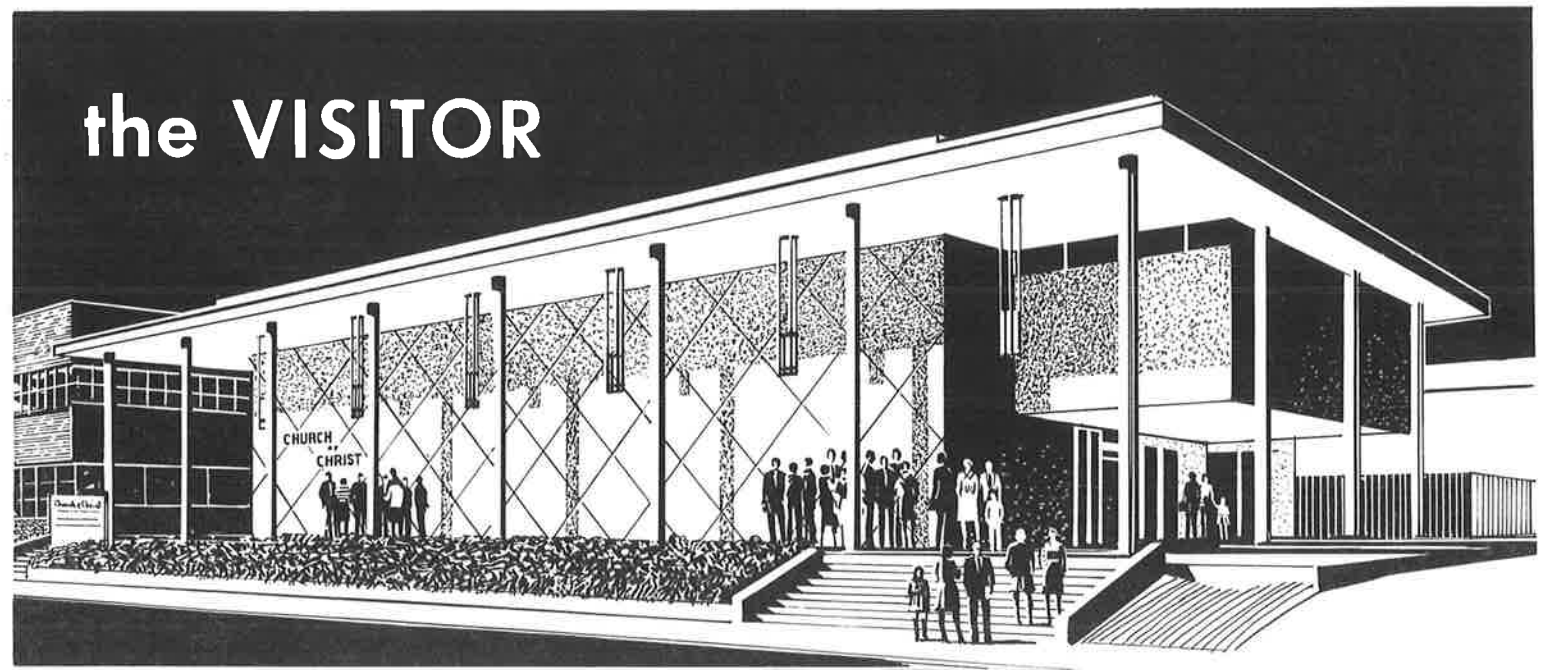
Sister Tommy White underwent surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center.

Funeral

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Jerry L. Mackey, nephew of Mrs. Louis J. Jones. Burial was at Arp. We express our sympathy to the family.

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A. M. Making A Success of Marriage
6:00 P. M. Parable of Two Sons



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The Church With A Heart

Welcome



Membership:

Last Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt (Elizabeth) Hughes came to place membership. Their address is 118 E. Cedar, phone 597-3604. We welcome them into the fellowship of the West Erwin church. They formerly worshipped with the Northwest congregation.

Also, coming Sunday was Vivie Wright of the same address. She is Elizabeth Hughes' sister and recently worshipped with the Candle Light church in Houston. We are happy to welcome her to West Erwin.

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LADIES BIBLE CLASS MEETS
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WEDNESDAY

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I am writing this column on Monday morning. We are planning to leave shortly for the funeral service of my brother W. L. (Lavergne) Stephenson who died Sunday afternoon in a hospital in Sherman. Of course, this is a sad time for us and yet we are thankful that Lavergne is now free from the pain and suffering he endured the last two years.

Lavergne was born and spent most of his life in the little town of Collinsville. In the last few months of his life he had lived with a son in Houston. He was brought back to the Collinsville Care Home about two weeks ago. I visited with him each day while I was in the meeting in Shannon. I was glad that he recognized me and asked me to have prayer with him. However, I was very sad to see his once strong, athletic body so very thin and emaciated from the ravages of cancer.

Lavergne spent a large portion of his life working in the grocery store which my father purchased in 1906. He purchased the store when my father retired years ago. Lavergne continued

to work and be very active until he retired two years ago at the age of 75. No one in our little community was more highly respected than was he. He would be called by many a "workaholic" because he was always a hard worker. No one ever doubted his complete honesty. He greeted the public with kindness and consideration. As my "big" brother (although he was smaller in stature) he was always kind and thoughtful to me.

Lavergne's body will be laid to rest in the Collinsville cemetery beside his wife's who died a few years ago. Their two daughters and one son survive along with eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was my only brother and I have only one sister.

Lavergne was a fast runner in his youth. His senior year in high school was as a student in Sherman High School. He was on the milc relay team which won first place in the state and he won first place in the 440 yard dash in the state. He has run life's race well and I believe he has won the victory. I am thankful that a few years ago he obeyed his Lord in baptism. He visited me in my serious illness last year and was glad when I recovered. He wrote that he wanted me to preach and tell the people to love one another and to love God. After all - isn't that what Christianity really is?

I am sorry to be missing much of our meeting with Andrew Connally. He is truly one of our greatest preachers. We appreciate your prayers and many expressions of sympathy at this time.

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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? How would you feel and what would you do as the result? 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 visit the grave site and place flowers there and the flowers would be wet with our tears. If a 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 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 do salvation and 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

DO YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES?

OFTENTIMES in an effort to arouse Christians from their lethargy, the encourager is met with this:

"But I just don't have time to do any church work!" And with this profound statement the conscience peacefully rolls back into pleasant laziness, thinking the unanswerable argument has been given. Yet, in all sincerity, how would you answer?

Do You Have Ten Minutes?

Ten minutes! If in ten minutes you could get one soul to hear the gospel or bring sunshine to a sickroom or make a youngster leap with happiness, wouldn't you feel that it was ten minutes well spent?

"Hello, is this Mr. Smith? I noticed in our church bulletin that the preacher is discussing the subject we were thinking about yesterday. Why don't I drive by this Sunday morning and take you to Bible study and worship with me? That's fine. I'll be there at 8:45. Good-bye."

That phone call did not take ten minutes, but who can measure the good it did?

"We missed you Wednesday night, and along with this little card of remembrance, I'm adding this personal assurance that your zeal and consistency at the assembly has always been an inspiration to me. We miss you when you are sick." To that little card you sign your name and mail to the sick one. Will he delight in receiving it? That did not take ten minutes either, did it?

What could be done if only the opportunity were seized when you had just ten minutes. A phone call, a card, literature mailed to prisons, hospitals and transportation centers—all in ten minutes or less. Then "steal" another minute and ask God to help you use to his glory the ten minutes you have, and perhaps make you the igniting spark of a great blast of activity in his kingdom.

—JIM BILL McINTEER.

Be Happy

--- You're A Child
Of The King

--- Joint Heir
With Christ

--- Let The World
Know It!

PICTURES FOR DIRECTORY

Each Sunday afternoon this month brother James Phillips is taking pictures for our new church directory. This Sunday we have scheduled everyone with last names beginning with "K" through "R". Also, if you were unable to keep your appointment last Sunday or the week before please come sometime between 2 and 5 o'clock this Sunday, September 21. Brother Phillips works quickly and the chances are that you will not have to wait more than a few minutes.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Final plans have been made for the Young Married Couples' Classes taught by Freeman Morgan and me to attend an over-night retreat at Camp Deer Run on Friday night, October 3. Dr. James Cail of Oklahoma Christian College will be with us for the activities on Friday night and Saturday. We are looking forward to this great event for our Young Couples. We need, however, to ask a big favor of other members of West Erwin. We need to have some volunteer grandparents to sit with the children of some of the couples who do not have local grandparents. This could mean staying with them in their home or inviting them into yours. From time to time, I have encouraged the couples in my class to adopt a set of grandparents for the sake of the good influence that older couples can have in the rearing of children. This request can help accomplish this good suggestion. If you can help us in this matter, please let the church office know.

At this time, we do not know how many couples may need a volunteer, so we cannot guarantee that all who volunteer will be used, but please consider this as a worthy cause and help us.

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Congratulations are in order for the 4 Year Old Class taught by Mary June Goodson for achieving 100% attendance on the first day of our meeting. Several classes had near misses on the 100% mark and we appreciate the effort of all in encouraging good attendance at our meeting.

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Several of our ladies are busy working on the Ladies' Inspiration Day set for Saturday, October 11. We want all our West Erwin Ladies to be present for this great day. Two excellent speakers will be with us for that day, Mrs. Stafford (Jo Anne) North of Oklahoma City and Mrs. Hulen (Guille) Jackson of Duncanville. Please circle that date now and don't forget it.

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If you are called upon to assist in any of the above mentioned good works and activities and you are hindered by some reason or other, perhaps the following list will help you notify the church office. Just give us the number of the excuse and it will save time for all. (Of course I make this suggestion with tongue-in-cheek!)

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Collinsville Church of Christ for W. L. Stephenson, brother of brother George Stephenson. We extend our sincere sympathy to brother and sister Stephenson and the family.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here during the week of November 10-14. If we would like to concentrate on one item, they have suggested SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK. A 6 months supply would be 360 14oz. cans. If we begin now we can easily collect that many cans before November 10. They also have an emergency need for sugar.

Happy Birthday

BIRTHDAYS

September (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, G. C. Wright, Barry Hamblett, Jewel Gann, Rhonda Haws (23) Martha Powell (25) Dewey Frederick (26) Blanche Rountree, Marty Mallory (27) Elsie Shuford.

A SAINT IS
A SINNER
WHO KEEPS
ON TRYING.



HERE AND THERE (Continued)

TABLE OF EXCUSES

1. That's the way we've always done it.
2. I didn't know you were in a hurry for it.
3. That's not in my department.
4. No one told me to go ahead.
5. I'm waiting for an OK.
6. How did I know this was different.
7. That's her job, not mine.
8. Wait 'till the boss comes back and ask him.
9. I forgot.
10. I didn't think it was very important.
11. I'm so busy I just can't get around to it.
12. I thought I told you.
13. I wasn't hired to do that.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.
 Announcements Phil Marts
 Prayer John Teague
 Dismiss Edwin Pickle
 Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.
 Announcements Phil Marts
 Prayer Glynn Starnes
 Dismiss DeRay Bennett
 Serving Communion Sunday
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 Bible School
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 Aug. 31 549
 Weekly Budget
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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY - Ronny Jones -
 Phone, 877-3053

HERE AND THERE (continued)

We are in need of blood donors for our blood bank at Stewart Blood Center. It will take about 30 minutes of your time and sometimes the pain of a needle point, but it is so valuable to the physical needs of our members. And, it might just be that you could be one in need some time. Please find the time to go by and give a unit.

And the Lord Added

Jonathan Paul, son of Jack and Mary Paul, was baptized Sunday morning by his dad. Jonathan is an 8th grade student. We are happy for his decision.

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New Baby

Steven Scott Higginbotham was born Sept. 2 in Dallas to Steve and Kathi Higginbotham. Kathi has gone home but "Scotty" remains hospitalized until he has gained sufficient weight. The very happy grandparents are Dick and Sue Higginbotham.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Tommy (Moselle) White continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Again this Sunday afternoon James Phillips will be taking pictures for our new church directory. Everyone with names beginning with "C" through "J" are asked to come to have your picture made. If possible, please keep the appointment time you have been given.

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The Church With A Heart

Everyone Welcome

Fall Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17

Introducing



Andrew M. Connally

ASSEMBLIES

<u>Sunday - Sept. 14</u>	<u>Monday thru Wednesday</u>
Bible School 9:30 a. m.	Evening Worship 7:30
Morning Worship 10:30 a. m.	Special Class
Evening Worship 6:00 p. m.	Wednesday - 10:00 a. m.

Our guest evangelist for the meeting will be Andrew M. Connally of Cookeville, Tennessee. He serves as Assistant to the President of Tennessee Bible College in Cookeville.

Brother Connally holds some ten meetings each year plus numerous lectureships and workshops. He is married to the former Claudene Franklin and they are the parents of four children.

We look forward to hearing brother Connally preach Christ in our meeting. Make your plans to attend each service and invite your friends to come with you.



Augsburg, August 1980

Dear Brethren,

Since September of 1974 Rudolf Rischer is our minister and preacher. We are grateful and happy as well that he had made the decision then to come to Augsburg to be with us in the service of our God.

We rejoice with him and his family for their opportunity to visit your country and your church, in order to tell you of our work here.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the good work he has been doing during the past six years. Rudolf has the talent - as no one else - to encourage us again and again for the Lord's work. We all appreciate his impressive and clear preaching. We have learned to love and know him as a hard worker, who always has the welfare of his brethren in mind. Besides this, he is still finding the time to teach in our Bible School at Heidelberg, and to conduct gospel meetings throughout the brotherhood.

It is our sincere desire to let you know how much we do love him as well as his family. It is owing to him that our church has grown spiritually as well as numerically.

But we also realize that we do owe a great deal to all of you for your great sacrifice. We all are very grateful to you for having supported the Rischer family for many years. We are confident that God our Father will bless you richly for doing this.

In order to fulfill God's will in every way, we will do our best to gradually do our part in the financial support of Rudolf and his family. We will try to make up for the loss of the constant devaluation of the dollar and of inflation from January 1981 on.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, the brethren of Augsburg salute you.

*Joseph Achate
Hedi Samuels
Elmar + Gundel Benner
Gemeindefonto: Augsburger Volksbank (BLZ 720 900 00) Kto.-Nr. 6 60 60
Bayerische Vereinsbank (BLZ 720 200 70) Kto.-Nr. 80 26 11*

Handwritten signatures and names:
 Ludwig und die Frau
 Jakobus Hauke
 Engelbert in Else Wörle, Vinzenz Joff, Gerd Joff, H. Riske
 Günther Joff
 Heidi Hillen + Ase
 Charles Karl + Jermine
 Berndt Klatt, Helmut Bosmann
 Hans Fackel, Helmut Klapp
 Hans + August Joff

Thanks!

We appreciate the love, compassion, and understanding you showed to us recently at mother's illness and passing. The lovely dinner, the beautiful service, the kind words, and flowers sent are all deeply appreciated.

Mother loved you all and she looked forward to being with you each Sunday. May God bless and keep you all as you try to be more like Him. Sincerely,
 Corrie J. Holland
 Buddy Langham
 & Families

Your loving concern and constant attention has made my recovery much easier. Thank you and God bless you.
 Faye Wallace

I just want to say thank you from my heart for your visits, prayers and the lovely pot plant. You have been such a comfort to me so many times. I love everyone of you.
 Your sister in Christ,
 Mary Lou Frasier

Notice Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime next week. Special needs are: Canned meats, canned fruit juices, sugar, large trash bags, and non-aerosol deodorant. Of course they will be happy to have any items we collect for them. Bring your gifts for them by Sunday if possible.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER
 (16) Meredith Womack (18) Raquel Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic (19) Constance Berry

GOSPEL MEETING

September 14 - 17

INVITE SOMEONE TO THE MEETING!



HERE and THERE

by wes price



The Rischer family certainly blessed us with their week-long visit. I am personally thankful for their having been with us and judging from the comments from so many of you, you feel the same way. They are such a fine family and the children are certainly a credit to their parents. I know you join me in a special word of thanks to our Elders for making it possible for them to visit and to God for such a dedicated family.

The Young Married Couples class which I teach expressed their thanks for their visit with us in a most unusual way, by a money gift of \$300.00. Isn't that wonderful? Rudi was most appreciative for their generosity.

Through the summer months, I have not been as diligent as I should in noting those classes each week that had 100% attendance. Let me confess my neglect and beg your forgiveness. Looking back, I note that Cathy Hallman's 2 year old class had 100% on Sunday, June 29; Milburn Cook and Louis Jones' High School class had 100% on Sunday, August 24, the first time in 6 months. Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell's 1st grade class had 100% on Sunday, August 3, August 31, and again this past Sunday. We congratulate these teachers and ask that you join us in doing so, especially if you have children or teenagers in one of these classes. All of our teachers do an excellent work each time they come to class, sometimes working against great odds in building attendance because quite often it is not the children's fault that they cannot come regularly. Let's never forget to be thankful for our teaching staff.

We are pleased with the beginning of our new adult classes this past Wednesday night. Stan Mallory had a good number present for his class. Phil Marts resumed his study in the Gospel of John with a good number and Mike Savage reported a fine beginning for the Singles and College Age Class. If you are not attending any of our Wednesday night classes, let me suggest you do so. These three classes are in addition to George Stephenson's Auditorium class and my class which is also studying the Gospel of John. Come join us!

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 7 and Wednesday, Sept. 10 - EARL O'QUINN - Phone 561-0671

HERE AND THERE (continued)

let me recommend one of these good works as a possibility. Elaine is always in need of good teachers or helpers in the Tuesday school and Modena will assist you if you can thread a needle to put your time and energy to good use. Try it, you'll like it!

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER(7) Vernon Naul, Dick Higginbotham, Moselle White, Arenia Clough (8) Lucille Carpenter, Charles Graf, Faye Wallace (9) Blanche Shuford (10) Gloria Thigpen, Juanita Teague, Betty Strait, Wilma Jones, Glynn Starnes (11) Tommie Alice Egbert (12) Lola Wright (13) Laurie Rowe, L. L. Prater

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DEACON'S MEETING

Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock in room 105/106 the Deacons will meet for their regular monthly meeting. All Deacons are encouraged to be present.

Report of Our Sick

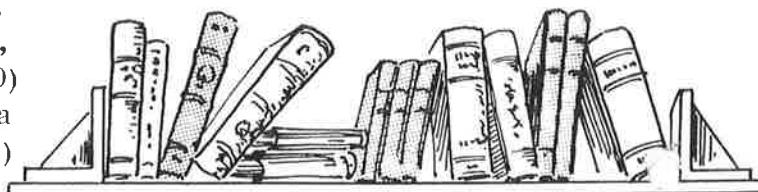
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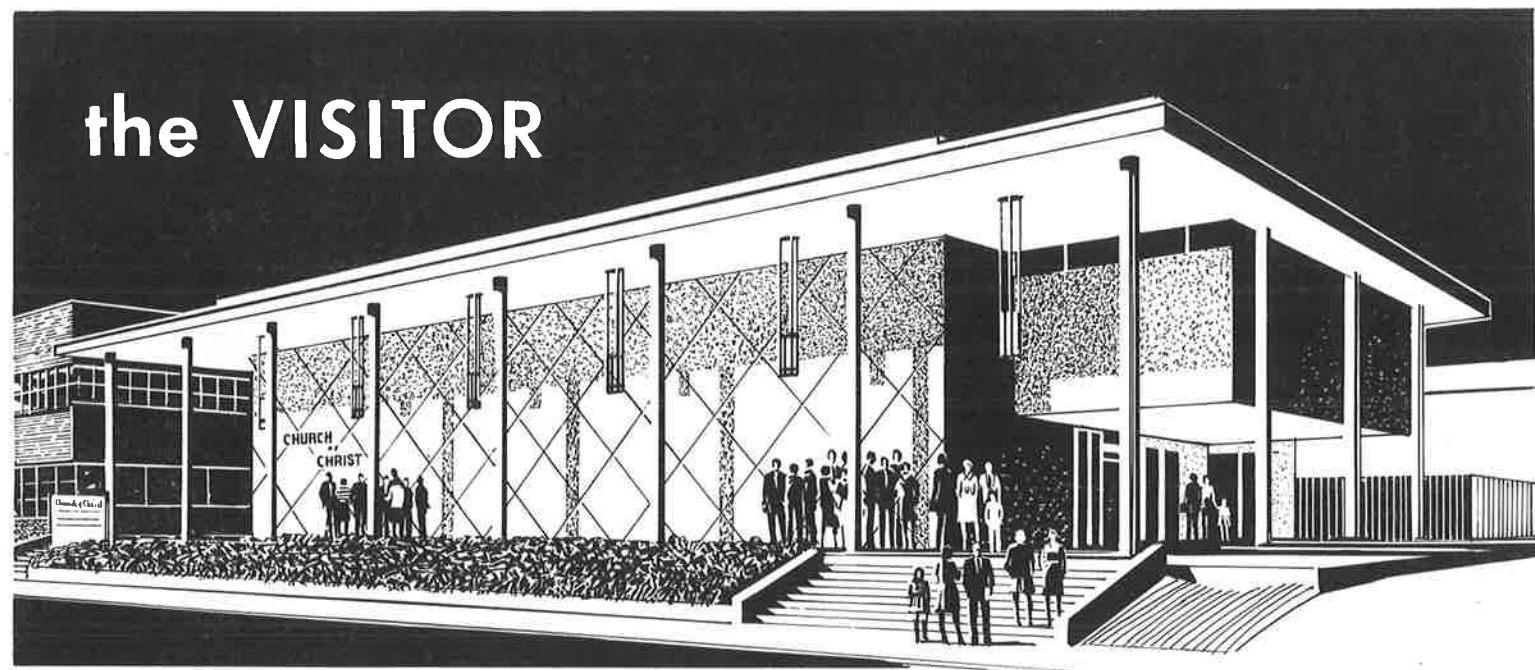
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The Church With A Heart



**From the
 Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

We had a wonderful day last Lord's Day. We were greatly blessed in having the Rudolf Rischer family with us and in having Rudolf to speak for our adults at the Bible School hour and to give a slide presentation at the evening hour. We have a greater appreciation than ever for the dedication and zeal for the Lord of Rudolf and his lovely wife Christel. Members of the church in Augsburg have made sacrifices in order to serve our Lord. Christianity is precious to them. Their zeal should encourage us to be more faithful.

We had the largest attendance in our fellowship hall last Sunday evening we have ever had. The large number present to honor the Rischer family is an indication of the respect and ap-

preciation the church has for them. The Rischers will leave Tyler on Monday. He will speak for the Chapel Class Sunday morning and speak for the young people's devotional Sunday evening following the evening worship. We pray that the Lord will greatly bless Rudolf, Christel, Andreas, Martina and Thomas as they return to their home in Germany.

On this coming Sunday I am scheduled to begin a meeting for the church in Shannon, a "country church" located between Sherman and Denison. The church of our Lord has been meeting at Shannon for 107 years. A modern brick building was erected there a few years ago. On this coming Sunday there will be a burning of the mortgage against the property indicating the church is now debt free. It promises to be a great day in the history of the Shannon church.

Jack Paul will be speaking at West Erwin for the morning worship and Wes Price will be speaking for the evening worship. We trust that there will be large numbers present for both of these services and that you will be blessed by the sermons preached by these men. We look forward to being back for our meeting with Andrew Connally beginning September 14. Please remember this meeting as well as our meeting at Shannon in your prayers.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Gospel Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17

Guest Speaker - ANDREW CONNALLY
from Cookeville, Tennessee

ASSEMBLIES

Sunday

Bible School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Monday through Wednesday

Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.

Special Class

Wednesday Morning 10:00 A.M.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS and friends of East Texas Christian Academy will meet on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month during the school year. The September meeting will be the 11th at 7:15 p.m. at the Shiloh Road church building.

THE BOARD MEETING of the East Texas Christian Academy will be the 2nd Sunday afternoon of each month. The meeting this month will be on the 14th at 3:30 p.m.



Notice Ladies Class

Make your plans to participate in the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class. Brother Wes Price will be teaching the class which will begin meeting next Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Chapel.

THE "THEY" MONSTER

"They" is an insidious monster. You can't see it; can't "put your finger" on it. But it's very real. Those who work with groups live much of life with the ominous "They."

... "What will They say?"

... "What will They think?"

Think about it! Your life has often been influenced by a conversation which started off with, "They say..."

"They" is the camouflage of weaklings. It is used by those who don't have the backbone to assume responsibility for their own wants... or those who recognize their arguments aren't strong enough to win their case. So, their approach is, "They want it!" The devious intention is to leave the impression that all persons involved have been polled and overwhelmingly favor the measure.

"They" is even more insidious when employed for destruction of a program. If a man's opposition to a matter is not substantiated by logic, he may launch the fatal attack, "They object to it." He may even call "They's" first cousin,

"Some of 'em," as witness. He does this by authoritatively saying, "Some of 'em have been talking to me 'bout it. They don't want it; They're not gonna' support it!"

Strangely, there is seldom any legitimate attempt to find out who "They" are. Any such investigation is suffocated by one sentence: "I'm not gonna' name names." And that ends that.

"They" may be a man's own personal feelings. "They" is often a man's wife. Seldom is "They" outside a man's immediate circle of cronies.

"They" is never present. When the discussion begins leaning toward a decision opposed by the skilled "They" user, he mentions absent members of the deciding body. "They" are opposed. By this tactic he buys time to regroup his force for a hopeful later defeat.

The procedure is very dishonest. It is untruthful to infer majority opposition when there has scarcely been a sampling.

Be on guard against the devastating cousins, "They" and "Some of 'em." They're beasts!

... Joe R. Barnett

Thanks!

From Boles Home

We appreciate the many ways your congregation helps in the Lord's work at Boles. This note is to thank you especially for two of the ways you help. The Hillcrest building is really looking nice since some men of West Erwin have been painting the interior of the cottage. The new lighting in the living room is so much better.

Brother Caskey brought a very good supply of cakes and cookies to the campus last Thursday. All of the housemothers appreciate that help because it makes their work load a little lighter. The children like the goodies so they are a benefit to all of us. Thank you again for your help and may God bless you.

ATTENTION

Mothers of Teens (and Pre-Teens)

You are invited to meet with Mothers For Teens of the Glenwood congregation at the home of the club sponsor, Mrs. Edith McLendon, 2425 Oak Lane, next Monday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m.

An off-spring of Child Nature Club, the mother's study group meets once monthly for inspiration, encouragement, enlightenment, and fellowship. It welcomes all mothers who need help with parenting the children during those challenging pre-teen and teenage years. Occasionally, fathers are also invited to attend special programs.

This year the club is seeking to broaden its membership to include other congregations, as well as other ladies of the community. So please come and bring your friend or neighbor.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Sunday in Canton for Mrs. Eva McCauley. She was the sister of L. L. Prater. We express our sincere sympathy to the Prater family.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



The Rudi Rischer family has blessed our lives by their presence. We are grateful for the privilege of having them with us. It certainly brings their work for the Lord in such a distant place closer to us and should make us more appreciative of the simple blessings we sometimes take for granted. Let's keep closer contact with that work now that we are more personally acquainted with this good family.

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Our Ladies' Class is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, September 10. I hope all you ladies who can will plan on being with us for the beginning session. We will be resuming our study in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 4, verse 26.

The following week we will have the privilege of having Andrew Connally with us for our Fall Gospel Meeting and he will be guest speaker for the class.

Come join us each week for an enjoyable time in the study of God's Word.

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All Bible Class teachers, both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes, will meet this coming Sunday afternoon for a general teachers meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. We would like very much to see 100% attendance at this meeting so we can share a common feeling of work in the education program at West Erwin. If you are absent, then by that much we are deprived of a greater feeling of unity. This meeting will help us set the tone for our work during the school year and also afford us an opportunity to discuss the effort to have all our members in Bible class on Sunday morning, September 14 for the beginning of our Fall Meeting. Please make every effort to be present.

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In addition to the new beginning of our Ladies' Class we also welcome the renewal of our Tuesday School under the direction of Elaine Roberson and the Benevolent work at our Service Center with Modena Jones and the dedicated core of workers. Tuesdays are always busy around the West Erwin building during the school year and it is a joy to see all these fine ladies (and some good men) busy doing the work of the Lord. If you have never found a comfortable place of real service in the Kingdom, (continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements John Owens
Prayer Ray Lott
Dismiss Tom Williams

Evening Worship

Announcements John Owens
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Fred Powell

Serving Communion Sunday

John Owens Leon Welborn
Dick Higginbotham Joe McBee
John Porter Averyt Smith
Earl O'Quinn Matt Haws

Assistants in Back Foyer
Gus Krewall Mike Munn
Guy Potts David Taylor

Our Records

Contributions

August 24 4,896.72
August 17 4,940.14
Year Ago 5,284.74

Bible School

August 24 403
August 17 385
Year Ago 419

Worship

August 24 549
August 17 538

Weekly Budget

5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 31 and Wednesday, Sept. 3 - HAROLD BROWNING - Phone, 566-0506

Sympathy

Sister Julia Langham passed away late Tuesday evening. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Lloyd James Funeral Home. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Charles (Ruby) Miles is in Community Hospital.
Mrs. Mary Lou Frasier has gone home from Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Pete Wallace will probably be at home by the time you read this.

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

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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

sabbath was not a part of New Testament Christianity. We do observe the first day of the week as a day of worship to God but do not keep the seventh day. We do need to emphasize the great moral principles found in the Old Testament which are repeated in the New. Be with us Sunday morning as we speak on the topic, "Master Your Desires," based upon the commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Covet."

Happy Birthday

August 31 Lisa McElroy, Jan Cook
September (1) Duane Hendrix, (2) Denton Phillips, John Teague, Audrey O'Bannon
(3) Kenny McRuiz, (4) Leona McElroy, Cathy Crow, Modena Jones, Dale Duncan
(5) Homer Williamson, Chris Starnes
Dollie Sutton, W. H. Wright, Clara Sims

RETURN TO BRAZIL

Janette Ingram has returned to Brazil to join her husband David and other members of her family. Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Williamson took her to DFW Airport in Dallas on Wednesday. They are looking forward to June of next year when the Ingrams return to the States to live.

Ladies' Bible Class



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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

It was a pleasure to be among the number who attended the banquet last week given in honor of Captain Ferman C. Carpenter, one of our elders, who is retiring after thirty nine years with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Ferman has gained the respect of leading citizens throughout Texas for his integrity and his ability. His life has been a credit to the cause of Christ and to the church he has faithfully served. Prayers offered on the occasion by Faber Cauthen, a fellow elder, and by his son Ferman were most impressive. There were 475 present to pay tribute to Ferman. Our prayers and best wishes will be with Ferman and his wife Tillie as they enter a new phase of their lives.

On this coming Sunday morning I will be preaching my final sermon in the series based upon the Ten Commandments. I have enjoyed this study and appreciate the comments you have made in regard to these sermons. While these commandments were given to ancient Israel, yet they contain some eternal principles which are given emphasis in the New Testament. Of course, we noted in our sermon on the fourth commandment, that the observance of the

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Don't miss this!

HEAR RUDOLF RISCHER SUNDAY

Rudolf Rischer of Augsburg, Germany will speak for the combined adult classes Sunday morning at 9:30 and will preach at our Sunday evening services at 6:00. We look forward to having the Rischer family in Tyler from August 30 through September 8. Be sure to attend the fellowship Sunday evening following our worship. Let us give a warm welcome to this fine family •

THE CHURCH EXISTS IN CHINA

Yen Choi Wong (not his real name) is a most unusual man. His uniqueness does not lie in the fact that he is seventy-one years of age, and lives, as he has always lived, in a relatively small city of 175,000 inhabitants just outside of Canton, China. He is not distinguished for having preached for one of the largest protestant churches in his city for nearly fifty years. Others have done that. Nor is he the only religious leader in China to have felt the devastatingly effective hostility fostered and fanned by Mao Tse-tung and his followers. Others beside himself have seen their buildings confiscated by the government, their congregations dispersed, their Bibles burned in public bonfires. They too have seen their own children pressed into the fanatical Communist Youth Movements. And perhaps even though only he would suffer the indignity of having his own daughter report him to the police for possessing and reading a Bible, an offense for which he would spend twelve torturous years in prison, yet it is none of the above which distinguishes Yen Choi Wong from a billion others living in his vast homeland.

What does distinguish this man from most of his contemporaries is the fact that he has just recently become a Christian - a genuine New Testament Christian. How this man, well advanced in years, living in a Communist country, thousands of miles from the nearest gospel preacher, could learn the truth and obey it is a study in Divine Providence. The odds against this ever happening are formidable indeed, but hindering circumstances melt as wax before a flame when the Divine Will is being expressed.

Salvation in Christ has always been available to Yen Choi Wong, as it is to all others who are led by faith to repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, but until recently some ingredients and circumstances of his eventual conversion were missing. They have only recently been supplied.

The circumstances that helped to make his conversion possible includes even the death of Mao Tse-Tung. That event brought an end to the tyrannical opposition of the basic human right of worship. Even though it is still necessary for anyone preaching in China to submit a manuscript of his sermon to the police in advance of its delivery and even though it is necessary to have policemen present in each religious service to insure that no political opposition be voiced from the pulpit, and even though a Communist flag must be on display in the building, and the service must begin with the singing of the national anthem, there is otherwise freedom of worship. That freedom has enabled Yen Choi Wong to begin meeting again, now in a building the present government has given him to replace the one confiscated from him many years ago. Another circumstance that has aided in the conversion of Yen Choi Wong is the fact that his sister, living in Hong Kong, has been permitted to visit him in his home outside of Canton. Wong's sister has made several visits of late, bringing him many copies of the Chinese Bible, and also bringing him news of her own son who is a student in Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas.

That son, Stephen Ma, represents the missing ingredient in his conversion, for he is the gospel preacher whom the Lord has used to teach his uncle the way of the Lord more perfectly. Recently, Yen Choi Wong and his forty-seven year old son (a professor in a leading university in China) sat down together and studied all over again the truths that had previously escaped them which Stephen Ma called to their attention. They agreed that he had taught the truth. They agreed that they must obey that truth. They went to the river together and the son baptized the father and the father baptized the son. Since that time they have baptized more than 200 of the members of the congregation where Yen Choi Wong preaches. Five hundred others have asked for baptism. But he has said that they "have been baptized once and will not be baptized again until they understand what baptism is for."

The church exists in China!

Cline R. Paden
LifeLine
Sunset School of Preaching

Since this release by Brother Paden, Brother Stephen Ma has left the United States for China and hopes to return in two or three months after helping the new converts there become more grounded in the faith. He leaves behind a young wife who is expecting a baby and two other small children. Please remember this effort in your prayers.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Next week we will be beginning our fall schedule and we would like for you to know the new classes which will begin on Wednesday night. Classes already in progress that will continue are: George Stephenson's auditorium class, and my class studying the Gospel of John with the addition of Phil Marts' discussion class on the Gospel of John. A new class to be taught by Stan Mallory studying the growth of the New Testament Church will meet upstairs over the south foyer in room 301. I am confident that a number of you will want to join him in this study.

Now that school is underway and summer activities are over which take many away during the week, we hope all of you will be responsive to the call to renew your attendance at the midweek devotional and Bible study time. Nothing can be more important to you and members of your family than being in class in the middle of the week. So why not do away with all the weak excuses and join us as we prepare for eternity.

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Quite a number of West Erwin folks enjoyed the retirement banquet for one of our elders, Ferman Carpenter. The whole church should feel complimented because of the fine things which were said about brother Carpenter. We rejoice with him and join with so many others in wishing him a happy retirement.

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Our Young People's class for Wednesday night will be a great treat beginning next week. Hillard Hughes shared the new plan with parents last week and they will be participating with the young people although not attending their class. Parents have been asked to write out questions from assigned chapters of the Bible. These will be used as study material for the Wednesday night class. It will also serve to prepare our young people to participate in a Bible Bowl. We are hopeful of reinstating this among area churches

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We will be anticipating 100% in all classes for the beginning of our Fall Gospel Meeting scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 14. Our goal is to surpass the 500 barrier which seems to be a near impossibility if past goals are any indication. Nevertheless, I

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Congratulations

Brian and Debbie Dinsmoor are the happy parents of a baby girl, Claire Elizabeth, born Saturday, August 23 in Houston. Ben and Patsy Young are the proud grandparents.

Thank You

I appreciate so much your prayers and every act of kindness shown to me while I was hospitalized. Also, I appreciate so much the gift Bible from the church that brother and sister Stephenson brought.

In Christian love,
Clara Sims



Sunday evening following the worship we will gather in the fellowship building for a get-together with the Rudolf Rischer family. Bring sandwiches, chips and dips, and desserts and enjoy the fellowship.

MENS' BREAKFAST

Friday, September 5th

The men and boys of the congregation are invited to the monthly breakfast to be held Friday morning, September 5 at 6:45 a. m. We look forward to hearing Rudolf Rischer speak for us at this time.

Directory Change

The Stan Mallory family in Mineola now also have a Tyler phone number, 593-6650. Please add this to your directory.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

am going to challenge each family to be present on that day. You will be the loser if you are not present.

The speaker for the meeting, brother Andrew Connally, will be teaching the auditorium class on that Sunday morning. Those who are members of the auditorium class are encouraged to invite guests to join them for the study. Other classes will meet as usual.

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS - A general Teacher's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 7 at 5:00 p. m. We have some very important things to discuss at that time. Please circle that date and mark the time so you won't forget.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Freeman Morgan
 Dismiss Jeff Jones
Evening Worship
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer C. B. Hardin
 Dismiss Shannon Hughes

Our Records

Contributions
 August 17 \$4,940.14
 August 10 5,555.35
 Year Ago 4,657.38
Bible School
 August 17 385
 August 10 355
 Year Ago 394

Serving Communion Sunday

Worship
 August 17 538
 August 10 465
Weekly
 John Owens Leon Welborn
 Dick Higginbotham Joe McBee
 John Porter A veryt Smith
 Earl O'Quinn Matt Haws Budget 5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 27 - MATT HAWS - Phone, 581-0138

And the Lord Added

New Members

We are happy to welcome Bill and Jean Thompson as new members of the West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped with the Garland Road church in Dallas. Their address is Box 26, Ben Wheeler, Texas 75754. They have a 5 year old daughter, Jeanene.

Restored

Mrs. O. M. Hughes, 3314 Greg Lane, came Sunday to be restored and ask for the prayers of the congregation. We rejoice with her.

Our Sympathy

A sister-in-law to Bob and Marie Threadgill was buried recently in Waco. We extend our sympathy to the family.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Pete (Faye) Wallace underwent surgery on Thursday in Medical Center.
 Mrs. Clara Sims is in Medical Center following surgery last week.
 Charlie Shuford is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. Julia Langham is in Community Hospital. She will be moved to a nursing home soon.

New Baby

Mr. and Mrs. James Beard are the parents of a baby boy, Cody Neal, born last Friday in Mother Frances Hospital. Jack and Zeffie Beard are the happy grandparents.

BIBLE COURSES

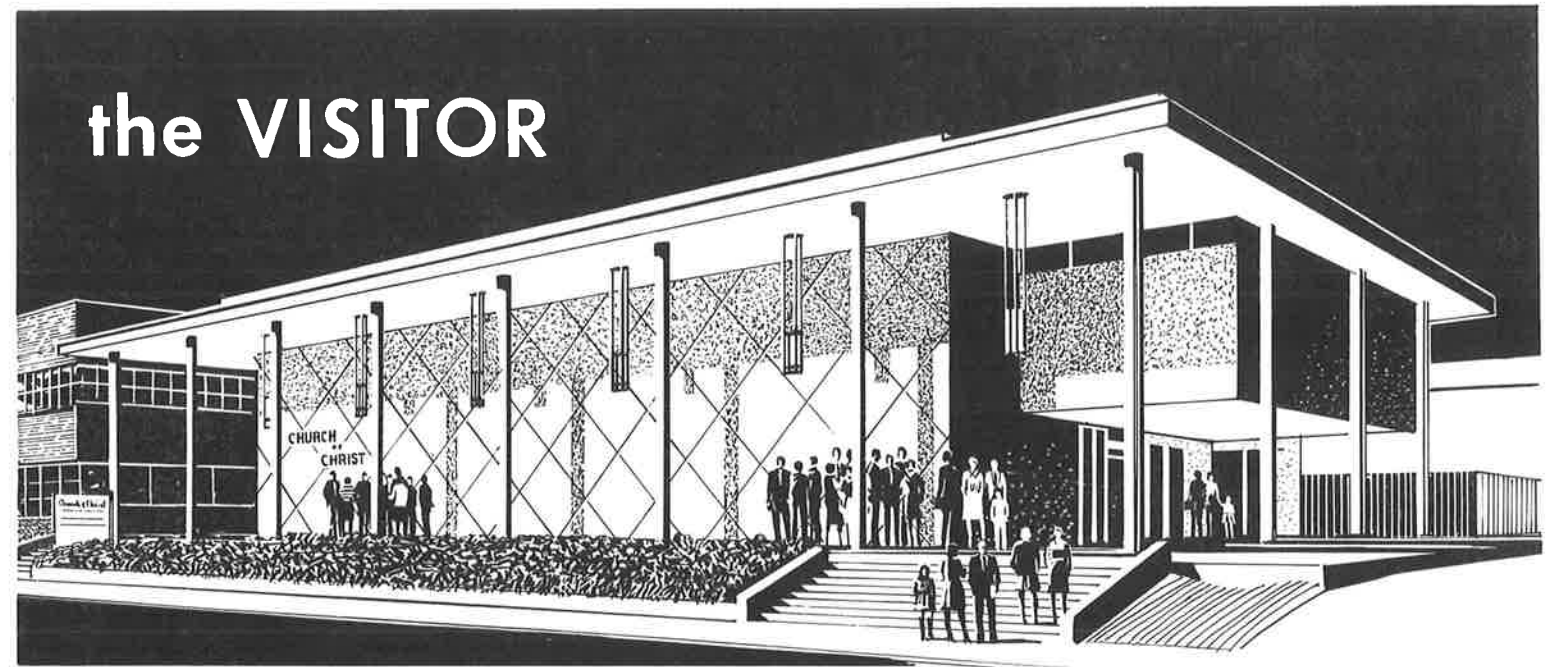
The Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College will offer the following credit Bible Classes this fall:

New Testament Survey 1:00-2:00 MWF
 Revelation 12:30-1:30 Tue.
 Life and Letters of Paul 7:00-9:30 Thurs. Evening

Jim Strait, Director of Campus Christian Center will teach these classes.

A non-credit course in New Testament Greek will meet for two hours a week, from 1:30-3:20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. John McKeel, Youth Minister for the Northwest Church in Tyler will be the teacher.

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ANDREW CONNALLY IS COMING!

Andrew M. Connally of Cookeville, Tennessee is to be our guest evangelist in a series of meetings beginning Sunday, September 14 and continuing through Wednesday, September 17. Brother Connally now serves as Assistant to the President of Tennessee Bible College in Cookeville after a very fruitful ministry as a missionary and gospel preacher for a number of congregations.

Brother Connally worked for the church in Springtown, Texas for eleven and one half years before assuming his duties with the Tennessee Bible College. During the time the Connallys worked for Springtown they established their third mission point in Africa at Arusha, Tanzania. The Connallys had previously established Chimala Mission and Hospital at Chimala, Tanzania which is now under the oversight of the Springtown eldership. Their first mission work was done at Lubgha in the little country of Malawi.

After his work in Africa, brother Connally served for five years as the local evangelist for the Springtown church. During this time the church erected a half million dollar building and doubled its membership. Brother Connally holds some ten meetings each year plus numerous lectureships and workshops. He is married to the former Claudene Franklin and they are the parents of four children, two of whom are married. He is a nephew of Vivian McCall of the West Erwin congregation.

We look forward to having brother Connally in our meeting. Make your plans now to attend every service and to bring your friends with you.



FELLOWSHIP

What is fellowship? Webster uses some interesting words in defining the word fellowship, words such as companionship, association, friendliness, comradeship and partnership. Webster also states that fellowship is a community of interests, activities, feelings, or experiences.

We think of fellowship with a wholesome connotation because we only think of the word when we hear it used in connection with the church. What we fail to realize is that we all have fellowship every day. The kind of fellowship we have depends on the type companionship and association. The Bible teaches us that we should prefer one another. Also, evil companions corrupt good morals. Therefore, brothers and sisters in Christ, we should look forward to and cherish the times we can be together whether it is in worship or in times of food and fellowship such as the one we are looking forward to the 31st of this month when our brother Rudi Rischer and his family will be with us.

In the coming year we plan to increase the number of fellowships here at West Erwin. Please purpose in your heart to attend each and every one. By doing so you will strengthen yourself and the West Erwin congregation.

The fellowship August 31st will be after the Sunday evening worship. Everyone will have an opportunity to meet and visit the Rischer family. Plan to come and bring sandwiches, chips and dips and desserts. Drinks will be supplied.

Phil Marts

BENEVOLENT WORK

The workers in the Christian Service Center will resume a weekly workday, September 9th. Last year bandages and other articles were sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital in Tanzania East Africa. The following article is taken from World Radio News, May-June issue. It was written by Henry Farrar, M. D.

"CHIMALA, Tanzania - Yaleti Ngao asked me to amputate that right leg because of pus and pain due to osteomyelitis. He had fallen from a mango tree and sustained a compound fracture six months before and delay by home treatment almost cost his life. Who could blame the family for not bringing him to the hospital earlier? They had only a bicycle and the distance to the

hospital was 12 miles, including descent of a 3,000 foot escarpment! Anyway, after six more months of treatment with removal of almost all the tibia and use of antibiotics and transfusions, God saved the leg through efforts at Chimala Hospital. We were also privileged to baptize him into Christ (cast and all—we just changed the cast right after baptism), and also to teach him to read and write. Now he works in Chimala Hospital laundry. He hears preaching of the gospel there every day. One day, we hope, he will return to Wanji plateau, his home, and establish the church there."

(Please continue to bring clean sheets for bandages. They are put to good use.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

August 24, 1980

Members of the administration and faculty of Abilene Christian University will speak for churches of Christ in the Tyler area on Sunday, August 24, in observance of the annual "Christian Education Sunday" sponsored by the University each year.

Our speaker for the evening worship will be Milton B. Fletcher, Vice President for Public Relations/Development at ACU.

Following evening worship, all alumni, parents, friends, and interested students are invited to a "dutch-treat" dinner at the Willow Brook Country Club, 3205 W. Erwin. Dr. John C. Stevens, President of ACU, will be the keynote speaker on this occasion, along with the showing of the new informative film, "Chad."

You may purchase tickets from Hillard Hughes or at the door.

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

Thank You

Thank you for the food, cards, beautiful flowers from the Chapel Class, and for every kindness shown to us during my illness. Carl and Ruth Bell

We want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and concern during my recent stay in the hospital. Your visits and kindness were encouraging to me and to all of my family. Phillip and Brenda Browning

Thank you so much for your calls, cards and visits after my surgery recently. Especially do I wish to thank those who have been so kind to bring me food while I am convalescing at home. Dorothy Davis

Congratulations

Jim and Pam Lauden have a new baby boy, Christopher James, born August 10 in Houston. Martha Jo Rowland, the happy grandmother, plans to leave after worship Sunday for a week's visit with them.

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST

- (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker
- (26) R. L. Trentham
- (27) Pauline Aven, Thomas White
Michelle Steffee
- (29) Titus Holland, Penny McDonald
- (31) Kerri Hallman

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Bible Class will resume the second Wednesday in September. Wes Price will be teaching the class from the Gospel of Mark. All ladies who do not work away from home are urged to make a special effort to be present for this Bible study, September 10th at 10 o'clock in the Chapel.

HERE and THERE

by **wes price**



Summer is a great time of relaxation and fun. Families have an opportunity to do things together that somehow get overlooked during the remainder of the year. This is especially true where there are children in the home. Family time is precious and there is nothing that will replace the togetherness of father and mother doing things with the children. About the only regret that we can have as we see the summer end, is that this time of togetherness sometimes gets short-changed. There are all sorts of demands that various schedules make on different members of the family. Why don't you make an extra effort to provide time for family activities. It's the kind of atmosphere in which love and proper self-esteem develop.

Hats off to Elaine Roberson and her crew of ladies who give so unselfishly of their time to Tuesday School. They are preparing for another year of good times with children from West Erwin members and children from families in our community. Help me express thanks for the great job they do in this work!

We have had the use of our Fellowship Hall just over a year now. Can you remember how we got along without it? It has been a great blessing to our work. There has not been a week since it opened that it has not been in use. Like our other physical plant, it is only a tool, a means to an end and I believe that we have benefitted each other by using it. "The more we get together, the happier we'll be!"

Be sure and mark your calendars for the all-church fellowship set for Sunday evening, August 31 with the Rischer family. We'll have a great time.

On Sunday morning, August 31, all adult classes will be combined in the auditorium for a great lesson from Rudi Rischer. Make your plans to be present and bring a friend.

GOSPEL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14 through 17 - GUEST SPEAKER, ANDREW CONNALLY

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship	
Announcements	Roy Roberson
Prayer	Ray Lott
Dismiss	Matt Haws
Evening Worship	
Announcements	Roy Roberson
Prayer	Weldon Dawson
Dismiss	John Powell
Serving Communion	
John Owens	Leon Welborn
Dick Higginbotham	Joe McBee
John Porter	Averyt Smith
Earl O'Quinn	Matt Haws
Assistants in Back Foyer	
Mike Savage	Morris Hallman
John Steffee	Dale Blackstone

Our Records

Contributions	
Aug. 10	\$5,555.35
Aug. 3	5,277.53
Year Ago	4,091.23
Bible School	
Aug. 10	355
Aug. 3	386
Year Ago	409
Worship	
Aug. 10	465
Aug. 3	526
Weekly Budget	
	\$5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 20 - FRED POWELL - Phone 593-5229

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 17, 1980
 A.M. Respect for the Property of Others
 P.M. Saints in Caesar's Household

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (Continued)
 their faith and worship were identical with the New Testament. But the "Christian Church" of our present time is neither apostolic nor similar to the "Christian Church" of the past century. The deed first listed the Pearl and Bryan church as "The Christian Church" because that was an agreement provided when the Commerce Street Christian Church was formed on August 24, 1877, which constituted the group that left the original congregation in favor of instrumental music and the missionary society.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

F. C. Carpenter Dr. Roger Knight
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The first gospel preaching known to be done in this section was sometime prior to 1855. Brother N. H. O. Polly, who spent a year travelling with Walter Scott, conducted a meeting here in a log cabin when Dallas was only a village.

In about 1861 Brother Charles Carlton came to Dallas. He was a graduate of Bethany College. He began teaching school in a log house south of the courthouse. One Friday he announced that he would begin a Lord's day school the next Sunday morning in the house in which he taught school. Here the church met for worship for several years.

In May, 1866, Dr. Isaac L. Van Zandt came to Dallas. In a letter dated October 14, 1925, Dr. Van Zandt stated: "When I went to Dallas in May, 1866, I found a meeting in an 'upper chamber.' They had a Bible lesson and then attended to the Supper. About June or July of 1866, General R. M. Gano, who had lived near Grapevine, came along and held a short meeting.

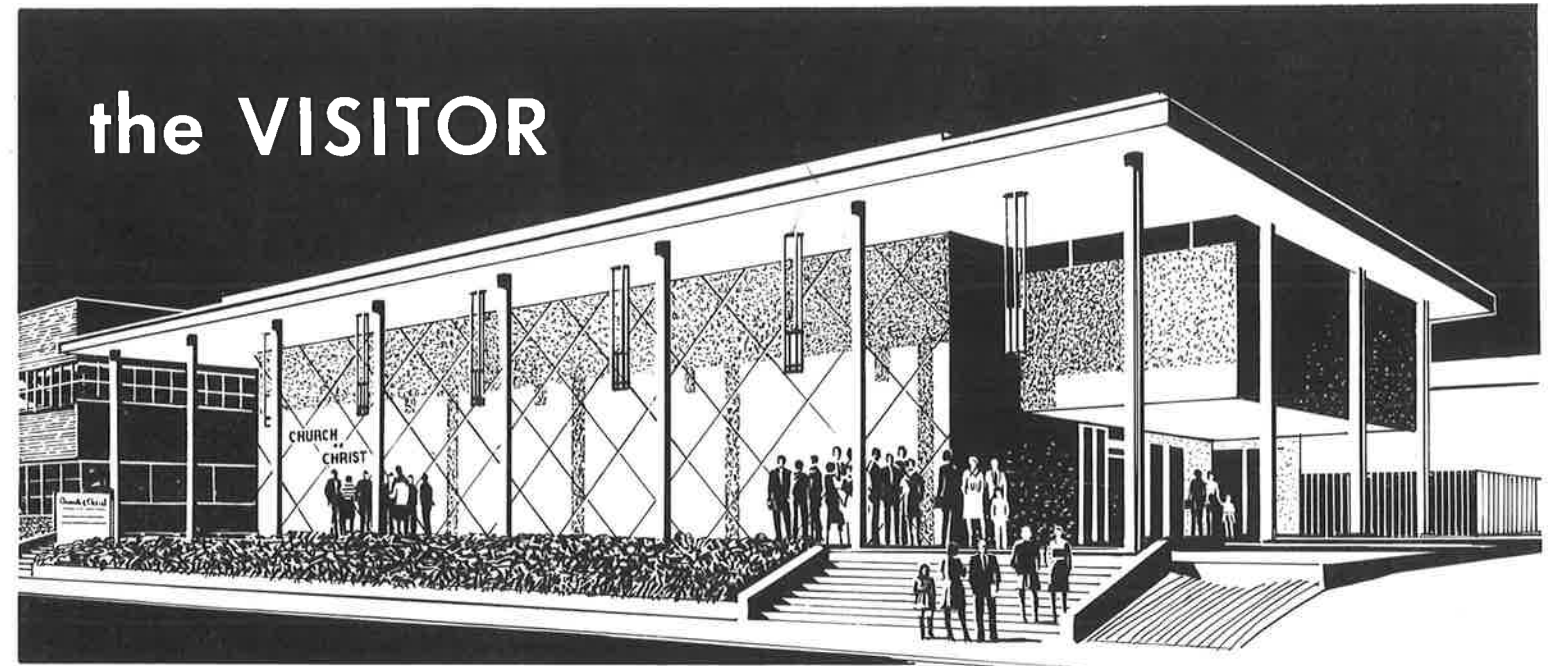
"In the summer of 1867, Dr. B. F. Hall, a man pretty well along in years, held a meeting in which my wife made 'the confession.'

"In the fall of 1867 we built a small meeting house about two blocks north and one block east of the courthouse."

In The Hospitals

C. T. Beard continues to be in Medical Center. Mrs. Wilma Jones is in Glenwood Hospital.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

In just five more years the West Erwin Church will be observing its one hundredth year as a congregation of the Lord's people. The Garland Road church in Dallas, which was formerly the Pearl and Bryan Streets church of Christ, is observing its one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary this year. The oldest congregation I have heard of in Texas is in Hallsville which was established in 1837. I found the following bit of history in the "Garland Roadmarks," bulletin of the Garland Road church, very interesting.

This congregation known as the Pearl and Bryan Streets Church of Christ has a most unique history. It had its beginning in 1885, and the original group began meeting in the courthouse in 1857. This small body consisted of the Peak, Shephard, Cole, Miller and Heard families and probably others not remembered. For many years this church was known as the First Christian Church, and was so listed on the legal records, but for the past few decades it has been called the Pearl and Bryan Church of Christ, and is now legally listed by this appellation. Many of the churches in the brotherhood in the early history of Texas were known by the term "Christian Church," although (continued on back page)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY
 August 24, 1980

Members of the administration and faculty of Abilene Christian University will speak for churches of Christ in the Tyler area on Sunday, August 24, in observance of the annual "Christian Education Sunday" sponsored by the University each year.

Our speaker for the evening worship will be Milton B. Fletcher, Vice President for Public Relations/Development at ACU.

Following evening worship, all alumni, parents, friends, and interested students are invited to a "dutch-treat" dinner at the Willow Brook Country Club, 3205 W. Erwin. Dr. John C. Stevens, President of ACU, will be the keynote speaker on this occasion, along with the showing of the new informative film, "Chad."

CARIBBEAN CAMPAIGNS FOR CHRIST

Dear Brethren:

I want to thank you for the \$100 contribution to pay for tracts that are distributed in the West Indies. Your contribution is not only appreciated but greatly needed. These tracts play a very vital role in the campaigns in the Caribbean area. For example, on the recent campaign to Antigua we distributed thousands of tracts not only in the area where we were working but also in the Central Market place. People come from all over the island on Saturday morning to the Central Market. We handed out these tracts to the people and when we had finished distributing several thousand we looked around and found none on the ground where people had thrown them down. These people do not have things to read like we do in the United States. Therefore, when they are given tracts, they eagerly take them and read them. Many will be read by more than one person.

The Lord blessed our efforts in Antigua. We baptized 46 and restored 17 to the faith. Most of these restorations were those who had been baptized in 1978 and 79 campaigns there.

Once again, thank you for your generous contribution. I love your brethren and appreciate your help very much.

In Christian love,
Don Stark

Area Meetings

Gray's Chapel Church of Christ located between Palestine and Athens) will have a Gospel Meeting, August 17th through 22nd. Allen Brown from El Campo will be preaching. Services will be at 7:30 p. m.

The Emory Church of Christ will have a Ladies Inspiration Day, August 16. Registration will be at 9:30. Activities will close at 2:00 p. m. All ladies are invited to attend.

Our Sympathy

We learned today (Tuesday) that A. A. Brett passed away this morning. He lived at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services are pending at this writing. We express our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST
(17) Lonnie Taylor (18) Misty Lemons, Jane Owens
(19) Bob Butler, Raymon Mayo, Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts (20) Odell Malone, Bertha Byrd, Earl O'Quinn, Pete Wallace (21) Elwin Crow (22) Beaulah Bedford, Prissy Potts (23) Joelle Butler

LADIES' SEMINAR AT GLENWOOD

Ladies are invited to attend the East Texas Ladies' Summer Seminar which will be conducted by the Glenwood church on Saturday, August 23. Two outstanding Christian women are scheduled to speak during the activities of the day. They are Helen Young and her daughter Emily Lemley. Helen is well known as a speaker to civic groups, college lectureships, and to women's groups across the nation. She is the wife of M. Norvel Young, Chancellor of Pepperdine University. Emily has taught in Lubbock Christian College and in Bible classes of the Broadway church in Lubbock. She also helps edit Power For Today, a well known devotional guide. She is the wife of Steven Lemley, dean of Lubbock Christian College.

Activities of the day begin at 9:30 in the morning and conclude at 2:30 in the afternoon. Lunch will be served at the Willowbrook Country Club. Registration fee is \$5.00 per person which includes the cost of the lunch. All registrations should be paid by Monday, August 18 and sent to the Glenwood church of Christ, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, Texas 75701.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alan Garrett Young was born Wednesday afternoon, August 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Young of Dallas. He weighed 7 lb. and 6 oz. Ben and Patsy Young are the very happy grand parents.

FOR BOLES HOME

...Cakes, Cookies, etc.

We have received word that the week of August 17 is the date for us to furnish cakes, cookies, and any other sweets to Boles Home. Plan to have your contributions here Wednesday evening, August 20 or early Thursday morning. Let's have a generous supply!

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Our film series on the family continues to draw large crowds on Wednesday night. After this week, we will have just two more to see. We hope you have been profiting by them. When this series is concluded, we will be beginning some new Wednesday night classes for adults as well as for young people. As this time approaches, you will realize that our summer activities will be drawing to a close. It hardly seems possible that the summer is that close to being completed.

We will be looking forward to our Gospel Meeting in September with Andrew Connally of Cookeville, Tenn. He is the nephew of Vivian McCall. I am confident that we will be in for some great preaching. Let's begin now praying and thinking of those who we can invite to hear the good news preached.

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Last March and April many of us signed forms protesting immorality on television and these forms were sent to the church in Joelton, Tennessee. These brethren were to compile the results of the nationwide campaign and notify the three major sponsoring companies of the questionable programs. To date, nearly half a million cards have been collected and discussions are underway with General Foods, Warner-Lambert, and American Home Products. The pledges to cease buying products from these companies have been delayed until the talks with these companies have ended. More information will be provided as soon as we hear from the brethren in Joelton. Let's pray that this good effort will succeed.

* * *

Setting a good example before others is as important now as it has ever been. It is expected of Christians that their manner of life will be such that those who observe them will see Jesus living in them. The example set before one's children falls fully into this category. How can we expect them to develop a healthy respect for God when they see how shamefully we treat our Christian commitment. God surely wants our faithfulness in little matters, but even if we are unconcerned about our own spiritual welfare, we should want to show the right way for them. Parents, think about this example principle.

* * *

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Freeman

request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Nona Marie

to

Mr. Clyde Lee Prince

Saturday, the sixteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and eighty

at two-thirty in the afternoon

Albany Church of Christ

Main Street

Albany, Texas

Reception
following the ceremony

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Our Young Couples Classes (the one I teach and the one Freeman Morgan teaches) are in store for a great outing scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th. We have reserved the camp facility at Petti-John Springs Christian Camp located near Madill, Oklahoma for an overnight retreat. Dr. James Cail of Oklahoma Christian College will be with us on Saturday for a series designed to strengthen the home. We will be traveling by bus to the camp and returning on Saturday. We hope all of our young couples will plan on attending.

We are working on arrangements for child-sitters to care for the children for the over-night trip. We will be saying more about this in the near future. We will also be preparing a reservation list of those who plan on attending, so be ready to respond.

Serving Sunday

Our Records

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Dismiss	Jamon Kirby	Year	4,626.55
Evening Worship		Ago	
Announcements	Dick Higginbotham	Bible School	
Prayer	Glynn Starnes	Aug. 3	386
Dismiss	Edwin Pickle	July 27	388
Serving Communion		Year Ago	
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 13 - JAMON KIRBY - Phone 561-9442



We are very happy to welcome Robert and Virginia Conner into the fellowship of West Erwin. They recently moved to Tyler from Detroit, Mich. Their address is 3318 Brookside, phone 592-4146.

True happiness consists in making others happy.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

- F. C. Carpenter
- C. E. Caskey
- Faber Cauthen
- Dr. Roger Knight
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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Dorothy Davis underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

C. T. Beard is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Ted Wright is in Community Hospital following surgery.

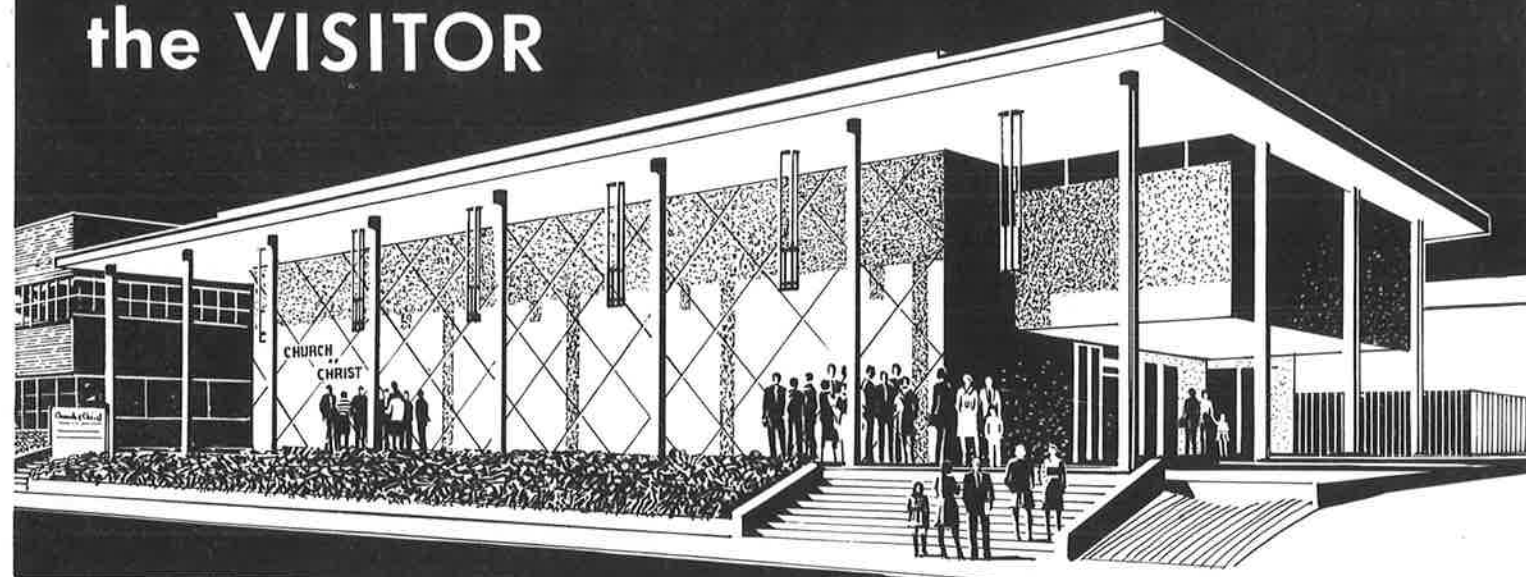
Mrs. Ruby Teel has been in Medical Center. She suffered a heat stroke last week

THE TRUE LIFE SINGERS

The True Life Singers from the White's Ferry Road Church of Christ will present a program at the Omen Road Church of Christ, August 8 at 7:30 p. m. You are invited to attend.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Last Sunday I endeavored to express appreciation to everyone for every kindness shown to me and my family since we began our work here twelve years ago. How quickly the time has passed since August 1, 1968! Some of the finest people in the world are to be found at West Erwin and I am thankful that we have had the privilege of knowing you. I appreciate the work of those who have served as elders and deacons in the past and in the present. We have been blessed by our co-workers, Hillard Hughes and Wes Price along with their families. We pray that God may richly bless every effort which is put forth by the West Erwin church to build up the Kingdom of our Lord.

Among other mission efforts of this congregation is the contribution made each month to the Herald of Truth to assist in preaching the gospel in Mexico. On January 1, 1980 30 radio stations of the influential RASA network started broadcasting "La Busqueda" (The Search) daily fol-

lowing the 7:00 a.m. news. A total of 53 stations now carry the Gospel as a part of the Herald of Truth ministry. Speaker for the program is Felipe Martinez. Thousands of letters have been received from listeners to the program. Last year a 5 minute television program was started by Humberto Rivas in Mexico. The program is now viewed on television stations in three cities. Brother Rivas stated, "The combination of radio and television preaching will be very effective in Mexico. It should lead us to many more lost souls than we have ever been able to reach before. Through the radio program alone, over 30 congregations of the Lord's church have been established in Mexico. I ask for the prayers of our brethren in the United States that many more congregations will be established as a result of the increased radio schedule."

We look forward to seeing you in Bible School Sunday morning and in worship also when our lesson will be on the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." We look forward to hearing Wes Price Sunday night.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

- 10:30 A. M. "Respect for Purity"
- By George H. Stephenson
- 6:00 P. M. Sermon by Wes Price

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dale Albright
and
Dr. and Mrs. Lee Roger Knight
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Leanne Jane
and
Grant Thompson
on Saturday, the sixteenth of August
Nineteen hundred and eighty
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Aldersgate Methodist Church
1724 Sayles Boulevard
Abilene, Texas

Reception immediately following

HELP FOR DIVORCED CHRISTIANS

The University Ave. Church of Christ of Austin is sponsoring the 5th Annual Single Again Seminar to be held at Latham Springs Encampment near Waco, August 29-31. This Seminar is a part of a continuing effort by the University Ave. church to minister to those suffering from divorce and to offer divorced Christians opportunities for service to others. The seminar is composed of talks, group sessions, classes and sharing. Cost is \$30, which includes two nights lodging, six meals and a registration fee. Persons interested in attending should write Single Again, 1909 University Avenue, Austin, Texas 78705. If you prefer to phone, call Wilma Robinson at (512) 476-9584, or Tony Ash at (512) 474-6373.

A map showing the exact location of the encampment can be seen on the church bulletin board.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

He fidgets. He paces the floor. He spends sleepless nights. He fumes, "If only I knew what the future holds I could make the right decision."

Risks scare us. We want a sure thing. What does the future hold? We cannot know "what is to be." And no one can tell us "how it will be." There are no flawless barometers of future happenings.

That is actually to our advantage. Too much foresight can be detrimental. A writer for a cycling magazine says, "It is easier to ride a bicycle uphill at night than during the daylight. After dark the cyclist can see only a few feet in front of him, and his headlight gives the illusion that the road is almost level. In this way he feels he can go on a few feet more - and soon he is up and over the crest. In daylight the entire hill is revealed and seems so steep that his courage fails."

Almost any great task, visualized as a whole, appears beyond accomplishment. But when it is broken into small segments it can be handled. A supreme goal is inevitably reached by conquering a series of smaller goals.

By living one day at a time we avoid discouragement, experience steady progress and ultimately achieve our ambitions. Jesus advised, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day," (Matthew 6:34).

We have 365 days in each year. That is overwhelming if we try to swallow the whole lump. But facing those days one at a time we can be wonderfully victorious. ...Joe R. Barnett



We're getting together..

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, August 31st. We will have a get-together following the evening worship. Rudolf Rischer and his family will be with us. More details about this later.

Thank You

We wish to express our thanks to West Erwin for allowing us the use of your beautiful facilities for our daughter's wedding. A special "thank you" to brother Williamson, sisters Browning and McBee for much assistance given.

Also, a special "thank you" to the elders for their kind invitation on July 9th to speak at West Erwin and the thoughtfulness of your remarks. Larry and Jean Harris

Thank you so much for the cards, food, flowers and every kindness shown to us during my illness. Mary Haws

Happy Birthday

IN AUGUST

(10) Chris Sevier, Ivah Miller, Shannon Starnes

(11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter

(13) Gilbert Venable, Suzanne Kirby

(14) Patsy Young

(15) Sylvia Reynolds, Cliff Clough

(16) Jean Holt, June Walker, Angela Mallory, Betty Knight

Special Notice

There will be an Ice Cream Supper at the Omen Road Church building after the evening service on Sunday, August 17. All donations will go to the East Texas Christian Academy.

E. Texas Ladies' Summer Seminar

LADIES, You are invited to attend the East Texas Summer Seminar on Saturday, August 23 at the Glenwood church of Christ. The theme will be "God's Purpose For Me." The two guest speakers will be Helen Young of Pepperdine University and her daughter, Emily Lemley, of Lubbock, Texas. Registration fee is \$5.00 per person (includes cost of lunch). Your check is your reservation for lunch. All registrations should be paid by Monday, August 18 to the Glenwood Church. No nursery will be provided.

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

HENRY'S WAYS

There used to be a monkey at the Marsalis zoo in Dallas, called "Henry the ape." He was quite an entertainer. Inexperienced newcomers smiled and laughed at his antics for a long time, throwing peanuts and yelling encouragements, while older and more experienced observers kept a respectful distance from Henry's pen. Because every once in awhile Henry would saunter over to his water supply, take a really heroic intake of water, hold it in his mouth, come nonchalantly to the bars of his cage and spray it all over his surprised audience. Henry would then snicker and caper to his own private delight. It made you wonder if he did not view the world outside the cage as his own private zoo, at which point Henry became the audience and the audience became the zoo!

Henry's monkeyshines remind me that sinners often think they are on the outside of the cage looking in, but after a career of sinning, they soon find they have built cages around themselves, and Satan stands outside mocking them. Sinners suppose they can have a good time, do as they please and avoid the demands of God. But after awhile they begin to pay penalties. "The way of transgressors is hard," (Prov. 13:15). And Solomon, in the afore-mentioned passage is not talking about eternity. He's talking about the here and now. But as respecting eternity, the wages of sin is death, (Rom. 6:23). And in either case we should not let Satan make a monkey out of us. Bert Mercer

Youth News

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet for the last time this summer on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Northwest Church of Christ here in Tyler. Our young people are asked to meet at the Northwest building.

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning Worship</u>	
Announcements	Paul Stanley
Prayer	Chuck Cauthen
Dismiss	Mark Cauthen
<u>Evening Worship</u>	
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 6 - DALE BLACKSTONE, Phone 595-0130

And the Lord Added

Katie Powell, daughter of Fred and Sara Powell, was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening. We rejoice with Katie and her family. She will be in the 6th grade when school begins next month.

Area Meeting

You are invited to attend Vacation Bible School and a gospel meeting, August 3 - 6 at the Frankston church of Christ. Jim Middleton will preach each weeknight, at 7:30. Monday night is special for all youth groups. They will have a short devotional and refreshments following the service. VBS is from 9:30 - 11:30 a. m.

Report of Our Sick

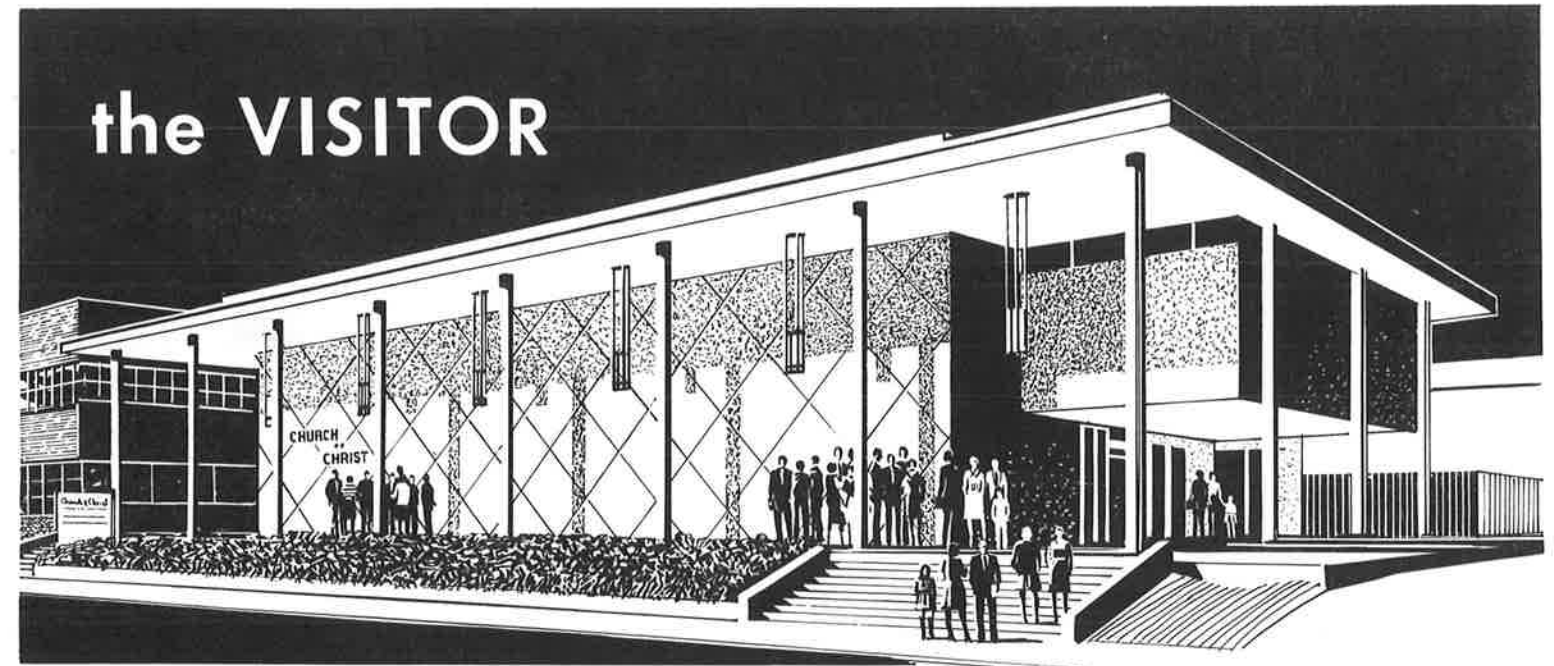
Carl Bell is a patient in Medical Center Hospital following surgery last week.
 Marie Skeeters continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.
 Julia Langham entered Community Hospital last week.
 Maurice Henderson is in Medical Center Hospital.
 Wyche Harris was able to come by the office for a brief visit this week. She is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Billie Frazier and two grandchildren.
 Phillip Browning continues to be a patient in Medical Center but has hopes of going home by the weekend.

In Appreciation

To all at the church of Christ who were so kind to help us when we really needed it we want to thank each of you and let you know we really appreciate everything you have done. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please call on us.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Sole

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I was glad to be back in the pulpit Sunday following our meeting with the church in Gunter. Gunter is a village in Grayson County about fifty miles north of Dallas. I have preached in numerous meetings there through the years. The first time I ever preached there was on a Sunday when I was eighteen years of age.

Gunter is the location of Hilltop Haven, a home for the elderly and disabled. The church building is connected to the home making it convenient for the residents of the home to attend the services of the church. Those who are physically unable to attend but who desire to listen may do so through a public address system. Hilltop Haven is under the oversight of the elders of the Garland Road church in Dallas. These elders also oversee the Christian Care Center in Mesquite. Both of these homes are outstanding in ministering to the needs of the elderly.

Hilltop Haven is located on the campus of the Gunter Bible College which operated from 1903

until 1928. A number of fine gospel preachers received some of their training there, including the late Harvey Scott, who served as the preacher at West Erwin at one time and E. W. McMillan, well known throughout the brotherhood and a Bible teacher of mine in Abilene Christian.

The church in Gunter not only has in its membership a number of the elderly but also a number of fine young couples with children. L. D. Byrd serves as the preacher for this growing church. We enjoyed good attendance and interest throughout our four day meeting with the church.

We continue to receive good reports from the various mission works in which West Erwin is involved. The Caskeys recently visited in Kremling, Colorado and brought back fine reports of the work there. It is thrilling to read the report from the International Mission and to know of the fine work Kieth Mitchell and others continue to do there. We have just heard from Rudolf Rischer that he and his family will be with us from August 30 through September 8. We are looking forward to their visit. Let us continue to pray for our work in other fields as well as our own work at West Erwin.

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A. M. Respect For Life
 6:00 P. M. The Prayer Life of Jesus

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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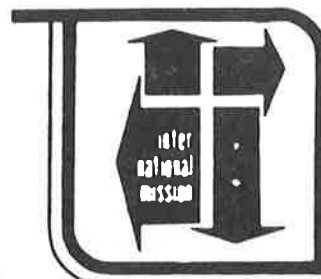
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MINISTRY OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER, SUITE 1003

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10048

TELEPHONE (212) 432-1088

JULY 1980

Brothers:

Things have moved so swiftly that my communication frequency is again interrupted. Summer classes at International Mission are nicely filled (some too full), enrollments remain high and more and more students show serious interest in the Word.

Two interns, Pedro Pablo Molina and Mark Barone, are doing a superb job with the students - assisting some with classes and working one-on-one. Pedro is a 1978 convert from El Salvador and may be invited to continue learning and working full-time at International Mission in the fall.

Since my last support letter between 15 - 20 have been immersed. All are adults from non-church backgrounds. Alisa is a Jewess from Russia and a professional pianist. Her confession of Christ was so bold and so touching. Another Jewish businessman came to believe in Christ after seven months careful study. He was so thrilled the day of his immersion.

We pray your summer is a good one and that the work of the Lord where you are has not gone on vacation.

We solicit special prayers for these:

1. Obtaining additional space at the World Trade Center.
2. Final selection and support of an academic dean for the International Bible Institute to open in January 1981.
3. Faithfulness and growth for our many new brothers and sisters.
4. The Mitchell family's need to find a new facility and funding for Margie by the end of this year.

Enclosed is my last month's report letter and the first quarter financial statement. Our mailing permit was disrupted and interrupted some of these mailings.

Accept our deepest love and appreciation for your part in helping us minister to the foreigners of this "Queen of Cities."

With deepest appreciation,

Keith A. Mitchell
Keith A. Mitchell

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*Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jerry
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Denise Jeanette

to

Richard Dwayne Ellis

on Saturday, the sixteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and eighty

at seven o'clock in the evening

Broadway Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. David Ingram (Janette) arrived in Tyler on Tuesday of last week from Brazil for a visit with her family. We want to congratulate Janette and David on the birth of two granddaughters last week. Robert and Elizabeth Fisher have a daughter born in Longview on Thursday and Bob and Patti Slieter have a daughter born Saturday in Mother Frances Hospital. Homer and Lerah Williamson are the happy great grandparents.

Happy Birthday!

August (3) Dale Blackstone, Dorothy Babb (5) Becky Blackstone, Robert Castro (8) Marian Rowe, Florene Lowrance, Fran Starnes (9) Angie Hendrix.

DEACON'S MEETING

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Deacons on Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock in the Chapel.

Youth News

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Alpine Church in Longview. Plan to meet at the building at 6:30 to go on the bus.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



My sincerest hope is that I won't have to make any more long road trips for awhile. It is great to have the opportunity to be away from home, but the thought of having to make any more trips leaves me cold.

Our group enjoyed a good week of classes at the ACU Teacher's Workshop. And, we bring greetings to many of you from friends in Abilene.

I know I express thanks to the Elders from all who went for making it possible for us to represent the West Erwin family at the workshop.

We are now in the final month of the summer. I'm not sure where the other two months went, but it will only be a few days until the school bells will be ringing again for all our teachers and school children. We will be working on some new and exciting programs that will be launched sometime this fall as well as getting ready for new Bible classes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. We hope all of you are enjoying the break from other routines and are looking forward to seeing cooler weather return and our standard schedule resume.

For those of you who have vacations still ahead, we pray a safe and happy trip for you and a safe return. Don't forget to worship the Lord wherever you happen to be.

With the coming of fall, the various committees who are working on the City-Wide Campaign with Ira North will shift into high gear to be sure all will be ready for this great effort. We want you to keep these preparations in mind so you can also remember them in your prayers that God will grant us a great victory of souls for the kingdom in 1981.

It is great to have Janette Ingram visiting from Brazil. She will be here several weeks visiting her folks and I am sure she will enjoy every minute of it, especially the part of being a grandmother. We pray God's blessings on her while she is with us.

TUESDAY SCHOOL workers are needed. School will begin on Tuesday, September 9th. Please enroll your children now. (2 years-by Sept. 1- through 5 years.)

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning Worship</u>	
Announcements	C. E. Caskey
Prayer	Roy Roberson
Dismiss	Trey Hughes
<u>Evening Worship</u>	
Announcements	C. E. Caskey
Prayer	Wyndal Miller
Dismiss	DeRay Bennett
<u>Serving Communion</u>	
Hillard Hughes	Louis E. Jones
Shannon Hughes	Jeff Jones
Ray Womack	Don Weathers
Kevin Womack	Wade Weathers
<u>Assistants in Back Foyer</u>	
Cooper Goodson	Bill Butler
John Owens	Dick Higginbotham

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
July 20	\$6,002.81
July 13	4,810.20
Year Ago	4,034.94
<u>Bible School</u>	
July 20	391
July 13	383
Year Ago	351
<u>Worship</u>	
July 20	491
July 13	473
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
	\$5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 27 and Wednesday July 30 - K. Max Haws - Phone 561-9402

RESTORED

Jim Franklin came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the church.



George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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FOOD NEEDED for our Pantry

The food supply in our pantry is depleted and needs to be restocked. Temporary needs of some have been met recently (who have been screened by the office of the State Department of Human Resources). This work is most important and at times the need is very great. Please bring non-perishable food (canned vegetables, canned fruit, flour, meal, rice, macaroni, spaghetti, etc.)

In The Hospitals

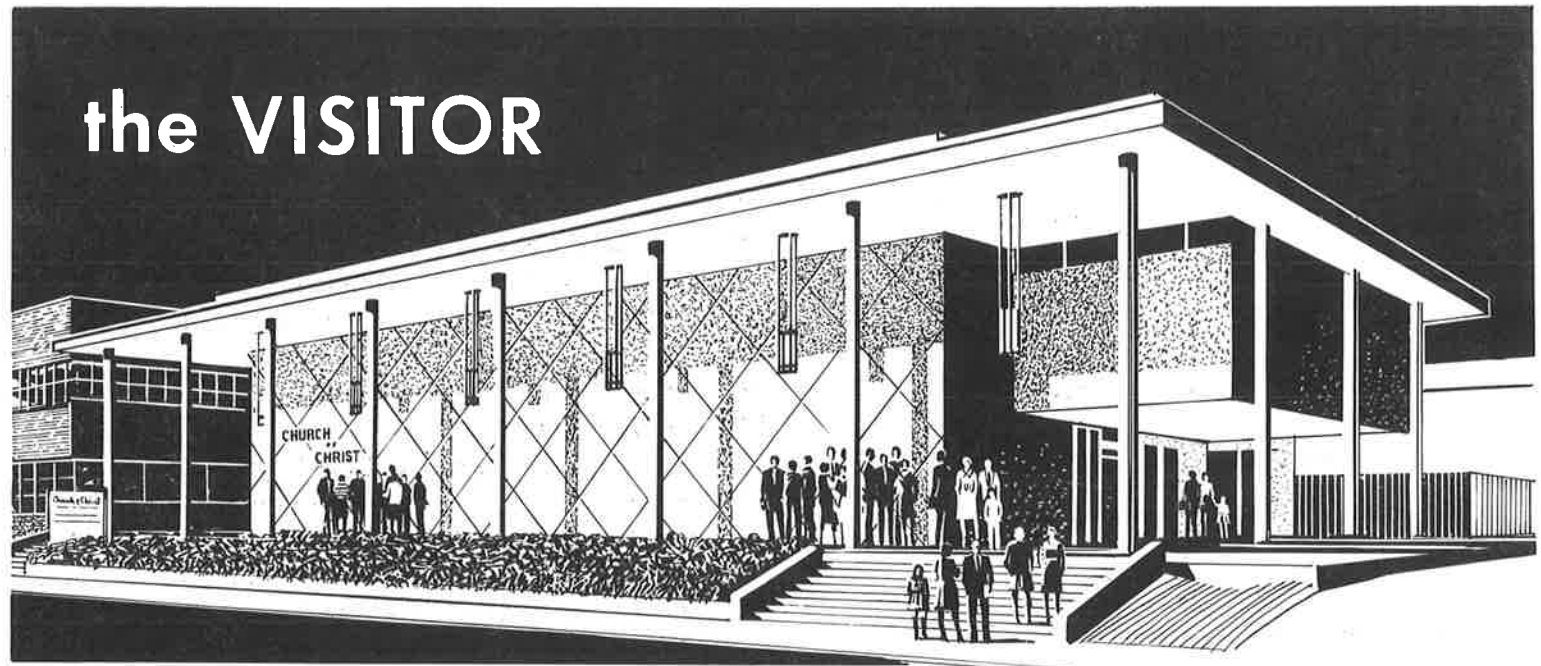
Carl Bell is scheduled to have surgery Friday in Medical Center Hospital.
C. T. Beard has been moved to Village East Nursing Home.
Phillip Browning continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Thank You

Your kindness meant so much while I was ill. For the flowers from the Chapel class, the cards, calls, visits, and especially for your prayers, we thank you.
In Christian love,
Artis & Pattie Tate

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 27
By George H. Stephenson
A. M. "Respect For Parents"
P. M. "The Power of Prayer"

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From the
Preacher's Desk
George H. Stephenson

Guest Editorial By Burton Coffman

IS IT ALL JOY... BEING A CHRISTIAN?

Many people would answer that question with an emphatic YES. There is some truth in that answer; but that is a long way from telling the whole story.

The foolish notion that the true Christian is always prancing around exclaiming how much fun he is having being a Christian is a ridiculous caricature of Christianity. Yes, it is true that JOY is among the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), but the joy described in the New Testament is not exactly the same emotion as fun, pleasure, happiness, etc. It is a higher and more blessed emotion than mere gladness or delight and may be found frequently in conjunction with tears, sorrow, and suffering.

May we turn to the New Testament in order to

find the truth on this question. It is written that, "We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God," (Acts 14:22). "Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, that we may be also glorified together with him," (Romans 8:17). Christ himself said that the Christian should receive persecutions, "...now in this time houses, mothers, brothers, sisters and children, and lands WITH PERSECUTIONS, and in the world to come eternal life," (Mark 10:30). "Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," (II Timothy 2:3). Remember, our Lord said, "I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you... If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you," (John 15:19, 20). No one ever followed Christ very long without learning the terrible truth of these declarations.

Our great example is the Lord Jesus Christ, and his sojourn upon our earth was in no sense one continual state of euphoria. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; he was despised and rejected of men; the last week of his life was a stark succession of tragic experiences one after another in rapid sequence. He was rejected by the leaders of the people, betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, forsaken by all the apostles, and left to pray in an agony of tears and blood in Gethsemane; and in addition to all this, proceeded to Calvary where he endured the brutal horrors of crucifixion "for the

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request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Mary Elizabeth

to
Mr. Timothy Erskin Snyder
son of Mrs. Jane Snyder
Saturday, the second of August
Nineteen hundred and eighty
at three o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
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Reception following
in Fellowship Hall

Youth News

The East Texas Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 29th at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore. Young people are asked to be at the church building by 6:45 to go together on the bus.

Fall Plans

TUESDAY SCHOOL

There will be a meeting on Tuesday afternoon, July 29th from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock for everyone who is interested in helping with TUESDAY SCHOOL this fall. Elaine Roberson asks that you come and give your ideas and support.

IS IT ALL JOY ... (continued from page one)

JOY that was set before him despising the shame," (Hebrews 12:2).

Can one imagine Christ during that final week flipping around in the manner of some current charismatics exclaiming, "Gee, isn't it great being righteous! ... Hallelujah, Praise God... Isn't the Father wonderful...?"

Or, look at Paul. He described his own CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE thus:

"But when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears," (II Corinthians 7:5). "If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable," (I Corinthians 15:19). "Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; and we toil, working with our own hands; being reviled, we bless; being persecuted; we endure it; being defamed, we entreat; we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day," (I Corinthians 4:11-13).

The Christian life is, therefore, a struggle; it is like being in the army during a war; it is a course of suffering and striving as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ in a world that hates both our Lord and His servants.

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

ADULT 1 - Philippians taught by George Stephenson.

(Meet in the Auditorium)

ADULT 2 - Gospel of John taught by Wes Price.

(Meet in Room 105)

ADULT 3 - Gospel of John taught by Phil Marts.

(Meet in Room 106)

The above classes meet following the devotional in the Auditorium.

FILM SERIES, "Focus on the Family"

Dr. James Dobson

This class is for all couples with 6th through 12th grade school age young people and others interested. (Go directly to the Chapel at 7:30 for this class.)

Pre-school and Primary Classes continue as usual.

Thank You

The family of Mrs. Mary Jane Preston thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. The beautiful spray of pink carnations was a comfort to us.

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you for all your kind expressions of love and sympathy following the death of our mother. Your prayers have given us great strength. Your visits, cards, flowers and phone calls make us aware that we are not alone at times like this. Words are so inadequate, but we do want to tell you we thank you and love you as our Christian family.

Weldon & Mary Dawson & Family

The family of Jewel Price acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you for the prayers, visits and cards and other expressions of concern during and after my recent stay in the hospital.

In Christian love,

Darrell Holt & Family

Thank you so much for the food, flowers, and cards. Everyone was so thoughtful and your love and prayers gave us strength and helped make our loss more bearable. May God bless each of you.

In Christian love,

Leslie Lauden McCain

Jo and Art Rowland

Happy Birthday

JULY

(28) Ken Bennett, Harley Turner, Melody Parsons

(29) Bryan Chambless, Lukas Reynolds

(31) Julie Higginbotham.

AUGUST

(1) Jeff Willis, Ralph Rowe

(2) Lee Knight, Edith Porter

HERE
and THERE

by Wes Price



"None of us is apt to be surprised by the statistic that 2-1/2 million American men between the ages of 30 and 60 suffer heart attacks every year. Last week at Rotary, though, I heard a heart statistic that did startle me. The speaker said that 76 percent of the 2-1/2 million heart attacks occur on weekends.

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

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

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

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

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

--Gene Sheburne

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Stan Mallory
Dismiss Leslie Mallory

Evening Worship

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Bob Zadina
Dismiss Jack Stringer

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Ray Womack Don Weathers
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Assistants in Back Foyer
Harold Browning Glynn Starnes
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Year Ago 4,755.14
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Year Ago 411

Worship
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July 6 410

Weekly Budget
\$5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER Sunday-Harold Browning, 566-0506

Words From Wes (Continued)

A special word of thanks to Stan Mallory who taught my Sunday morning Bible class in my absence. We are also indebted to the visiting preachers for some excellent Wednesday night presentations.

One final mention of the new building for the Village church in Oklahoma City. I noted on a tour of the facility that they had one room, a lounge area, with a fireplace in one corner. I commented to the deacon who was escorting me on the tour that I could remember no place in scripture which justified a fireplace in a churchbuilding. In good humor, he remarked that it was there for an object lesson - to remind folks how hot it might be in another place. I hope you can catch the humor in that remark!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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From The Preacher's Desk (Continued)

put us to shame when we have difficulty getting our members to attend a meeting which lasts only four days!

We pray that God will bless the service here Sunday when Wes will preach in the morning and Jim Strait will preach in the evening. I am scheduled to preach in a meeting in Gunter, Texas.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. K. Max Haws entered Medical Center Wednesday for foot surgery Thursday.

Mrs. Marie Skeeters is in Glenwood Hospital suffering from a fall.

C. T. Beard hopes to go home this week from Medical Center.

Mrs. Ben Young is in Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Jasper Dobbs has been in the hospital and is recovering at home.

Phillip Browning, son of the Harold Brownings, is recovering from emergency surgery in Medical Center. He is a member of the Glenwood congregation.

Welcome



We welcome Mago and Betty Jo Barajas to West Erwin. Their address is Rt. 12, Box 370-B. They formerly worshipped in Victoria, Texas.

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**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

What a blessing it is to be acquainted with Christians in many parts of the world! Alice and I were thrilled this week when we received a card from Mercedes Zardain of Madrid, Spain. Mercedes serves as the very efficient secretary of Juan Monroy. Brother Monroy has been a leader in the Restoration Movement in Spain even before he knew about the Restoration Movement in America. He has helped to establish congregations all over Spain. Last year when we visited Madrid we worshipped on a Wednesday night with the congregation there. It has the largest membership of any church of Christ in Europe today. Mercedes Zardain served as our hostess while in Madrid. She speaks English fluently and we were delighted to become acquainted with her and to learn more of the outstanding work of Juan Monroy. Alice and I learned to love her in the few days we were with her. We want to share with you her greeting to us.

Madrid, 28 June 1980

Mr. and Mrs. George Stephenson

Dear Brethren in Christ,

We are remembering you all the year through. We think of your visit to Spain about a year ago. We are very thankful to you for all you did for us and for your Christian love. We felt like we could walk with you till the end of the earth! We cannot forget you. Everything is about the same here. God continues blessing the work we do for Him. We are kept busy. We continue praying for you. My mother and Cornellius send also their love to you.

A great hug,
Mercedes Zardain

We met many other wonderful people on our visit to New York and to Europe last summer. Even though I suffered a heart attack at the conclusion of our trip, I will always be grateful that we had the wonderful experiences of the trip. I am glad that the attack came at the end rather than the beginning of the trip! I have always regretted that my illness prevented my giving a report to the congregation of the churches we visited while the trip was fresh on our mind. We hope you read the latest report from Rudolf Rischer in Augsburg, Germany telling about the recent campaign there. We rejoice over the four who were baptized in the campaign. There was an average of 15 interested visitors per night and the campaign lasted for two weeks! That should

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Gads
and
Mr. and Mrs. R. Dale Duncan
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children
Carol Jean
and
Gregory Marshall
Saturday, the twenty-sixth of July
Nineteen hundred and eighty
at eight o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
301 West Ferguson
Tyler, Texas

Reception following ceremony
Church Parlor

OUR TIME BELONGS TO GOD

We often hear people reason that God has given us six days and kept one for His use. This is not true. EVERY day belongs to God. NO day belongs to us. It is true that God allows us certain days in which to earn a living, but those days are not ours. They belong to God, just as the first day of the week belongs to Him. There are some things we must do on the first day of the week (Sunday) that are not required of us to do on other days, but this does not mean that God has separated days and gives us some to do with as we please and reserved others for us to do as He pleases. ... Selected

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

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

"THEE" or "YOU" IN PRAYER?

During recent weeks more than one church bulletin has come across my desk containing an article which sets forth the position that one is being less than reverent to God when he uses the common English pronoun "you" instead of "thee" or "thine" when addressing God. Many of you must have read some of this same material since several of you have asked me to comment on it.

First, let me remind us of a wonderful motto or two that has served us well in the Restoration Movement down through the years. One is to "Speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent." Another is "In matters of faith - unity; in matters of opinion - liberty; and in all things - charity."

I have no quarrel whatever with the person who uses the Old English pronouns in his prayers. I do have a quarrel with preachers who ought to know better who speak and write on the subject and leave the impression that one is not reverent toward God when using "you" and "yours" in speaking to God.

Fact is, even in the King James Version, you will not find a set of "sacred pronouns" used in addressing God and another set used to refer to man. Jesus used the same pronoun when addressing God and Satan! He said, "Get thee hence, Satan... (Matthew 4:10 KJV). Again he said, in addressing Peter, "Get thee behind me Satan: for thou art an offence unto me..." (Matthew 17:23 KJV). If the use of "thee" and "thou" within itself lifts God up higher in reverence than the use of "you" and "yours," then our Savior was showing reverence to Satan and Peter. Indeed, that which proves too much proves too little. Jesus and his apostles used the very same pronouns in speaking to God and one another. It was not wrong then and it is not wrong today. If we are not very careful we can become more wedded to tradition than to truth in such matters.

To me this is a symptom of our human tendency to judge others by the outward rather than the inward. We can sometimes make harsh judgment of others by a man's looks, his accent, or his color. "...for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7 KJV). ... Ken Joines, Memphis, Tennessee

You are invited to a Gift Tea
honoring
Miss Leanne Albright
bride elect of
Grant Knight
Saturday afternoon, July 26, 1980
Come & go, 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.
at the home of Mrs. Ross Walker
536 Park Heights Circle

Selections
Johnson Jewelers
Brosang's
Dillard's

Telephone invitations are not being made. Ladies, please consider this invitation personally yours.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Cooper, Texas for Mrs. Mary Preston, mother of Mrs. Weldon Dawson. We express our sincere sympathy to Mary and Weldon and their family.

Wednesday afternoon in the Burks-Walker Funeral Chapel, brother Stephenson spoke words of comfort to the family of Dan McCain. We extend sympathy to Leslie and the other members of his family.

Thank You

Your visits and calls were appreciated so much during my stay in the hospital. I especially appreciated the young men who visited so regularly. Thank you for every remembrance. G. W. McElroy

YOUTH SERIES: TUESDAY

July 22, 7:30 p. m. at the Tenneha Church here in Tyler. Plan to meet there.

Happy Birthday in July

(20) Jim Paul, Jack Paul (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (24) Andy Butler, Benjamin Sutton (25) Pam Lemons.

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



What a joy it is to be back home from our vacation. We enjoyed being away from home for a brief spell, but we have to attest to the old adage, "There's no place like home." We had a lovely visit with friends in Dallas and Oklahoma City. We attended worship at the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas and the Village church in Oklahoma City - congregations where we have been privileged to work prior to coming to Tyler. It is a source of great joy to have so many friends in other cities who are dedicated Christians and to be able to visit with them.

We were thankful for the opportunity to be away for a brief time, but we missed being with you and are looking forward to getting things back into high gear for the balance of our summer activities.

The Village church of Oklahoma City where I formerly worked and worshipped, is well into their new building program with possibilities of being in it by the first of the year. The great significance of this is that it will be the largest congregation in the state of Oklahoma and if the vision of its leaders is any indication, it will rival the great Madison church in Tennessee in size. The auditorium, when completed, will seat 3,000. There will be classroom space in their education unit for this number. We congratulate them on this great undertaking. Ronnie White is the pulpit minister and is a close friend of Gary Beauchamp of the Garland Road church in Dallas. Gary had the privilege of teaching Ronnie and baptizing him into Christ when they were living in Waco. I know some of our members at West Erwin will remember them and rejoice at their good work.

Our Younger married couples and teenagers will be enjoying the film series, "Focus on the Family" for the next few Wednesday nights. May we encourage you to come and bring friends who may profit by them. As was mentioned Sunday, we will be meeting in the chapel, but if we out-grow that room, we will move to a larger room, so don't be concerned about space limitations. Each family will be given a discussion guide that will increase the good you can derive from the lessons presented.

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Prayer Hillard Hughes
Dismiss Charles Hickman

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Prayer Ira Wright
Dismiss Dan Magee

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June 29 399
Year Ago 400

Worship

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June 29 418

Weekly Budget

5,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 13 and Wednesday July 16 - Hillard Hughes - Phone 592-1167

Report of Our Sick

Brother C. T. Beard underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother G. W. McElroy is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Darrell Holt has been in Medical Center but may be home by now.

A wound from the tongue is worse than a wound from the sword.

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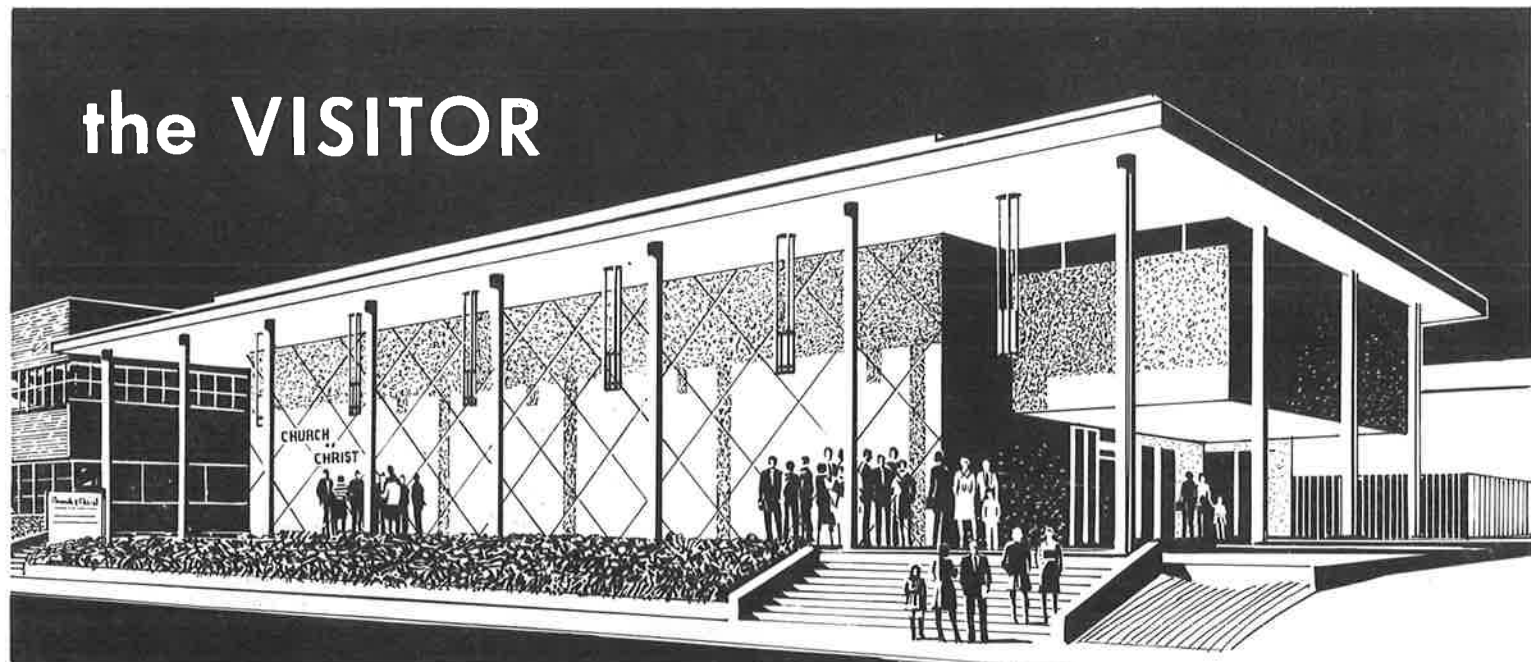
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ADULTS IN BIBLE STUDY

Do adult (in age) Christians need to be regular in Bible classes? The devil really gained a great advantage when he led religious folks to swallow the lie that children ought to be sent to Bible school. I'm not denying that children ought to have much Bible teaching; it's the idea that it does not matter too much whether the grownups go to Bible classes or not that is so destructive. In most churches of our Lord the most pitiable section of our spiritual development is the indifference of so many adults to the Bible study program. They are against Bible classes; they just feel it immaterial whether they attend regularly, study their lesson, or take an active part. Brethren (adults), this ought not to be. I would be just as sensible to say it does not matter whether adults eat regularly and plentifully if they are to continue doing hard work. Only the idle, sickly adult feels no need for regular nourishing meals. The same is true in the Lord's kingdom. I challenge you to find a hard working adult in the church who looks with indifference on Bible study, in classes or out. They know they must have it to continue to have spiritual strength for their tasks ahead. Did you ever stop to consider that most of the gospel is directed to the mature in age? We have far too many adults who are indifferent about Bible study. Won't you consider these truths seriously, and determine as an adult to insure health and strength so you can do much work for the Master. ... Wilbur Hill

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George H. Stephenson

Our visiting speakers have had some fine sermons each Wednesday night this summer. Tom Seay had a fine report concerning Boles Home. It was encouraging to know that 10,000 boys and girls have received care from Boles Home during its existence. Ray Hooper from Kilgore had a most inspirational and informative report concerning mission work in India. Lee Peters from Mineola had a fine sermon and then last week Bill Gibson brought a sermon on the "Good Seekers." He pointed out how important it is for us to be looking for the good in others. We wish that every member of the church could have heard every one of these sermons. Be here Wednesday night. It will do you good and you will be glad.

We have many wonderful people in our congregation at West Erwin. I was pleased to note in a recent issue of the Tyler Courier-Times

that Elaine Roberson was honored with her picture and write-up in the column, "Tyler Women On The Go." The Bible teaches us to give "honor to whom honor" is due. (Romans 13:7). We are pleased that Elaine has been recognized in the community for her work as a mother, as a good citizen, and as a worker in the church. We are glad to have Roy serving as one of our deacons. Roy has been preaching part time at Reese. We are thankful for the Roberson family and for the good influence they have in Tyler.

All of us have missed the Wes Price family who have enjoyed a much deserved vacation. It is good to have them back home. At this time of the year we are missing many of our people who are vacationing. However, it is good to have visitors from other places with us. In our Chapel Class Sunday we had visitors from four other states in addition to Texas. If you are vacationing, we hope you enjoy worshipping wherever you go and that you will return home ready to work for the master.

Sermons For Sunday

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. The Sabbath
6:00 P.M. Trying To Get Rid of Christ

You are invited to a Gift Tea
 honoring
 Miss Leanne Albright
 bride elect of
 Grant Knight
 Saturday afternoon, July 26, 1980
 Come & go, 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.
 at the home of Mrs. Ross Walker
 536 Park Heights Circle

Selections
 Johnson Jewelers
 Brosang's
 Dillard's

In Appreciation

Dearest Christian Friends,
 Words can never express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the very generous contribution to my travel fund. I am thankful to the Lord daily for each of you and I appreciate the loving way you opened your hearts to help me.

By the grace of the Lord, your help and the contributions of many others, I have the needed funds to make the trip. I am so thrilled and happy to be returning to the states at this time. I hope to visit with many of you during my stay in the states. Again, may I say thank you.

In Christian love,
 Janette Ingram



"That was real bright! When he said our children should be reared in a Christian home you screamed, 'You're not taking our kids away from us!'"



YOUTH SERIES: TUESDAY

July 15, 7:30 p. m. at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Be at the building by 6:30 to go on the bus.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS



Mr. & Mrs. Bob Clemmons, Jr.

Recently we welcomed Bob and Jane Clemmons into the fellowship of West Erwin. Their address is Rt. 7, Box 334, phone 566-3993. They are both employed at Tyler Junior College.

Happy Birthday in July

(14) Jasper Dobbs (15) Lorene Venable (17) Naomi Haws, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts (18) Delle Bullard, Dana Gode, Tracy Starnes (19) Roger Knight, Lera Bennett, Patricia Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggins.

Area Meeting

Ron Lowrance will be in a Gospel Meeting in Arp July 13 - 17. Services will be at 7:00 o'clock. You are invited to attend.

Mrs. Charles (Billie Bob) Hickman was the guest speaker for the Ladies Class last week at the Skillman Avenue Church of Christ in Dallas.

Thank You

A special Thank You for your prayers, cards, flowers, food, and every act of kindness shown to us while Cone was in the hospital and while convalescing at home. In Christian love,
 Eleanor & Cone Birdwell

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits and for all the men who sat up with Clarence Strait at the hospital during his recent illness. For your Christian care and fellowship we wish to express thanks.
 The Strait Family

We appreciate your remembering us with the beautiful bouquet of red carnations, your cards, and your prayers during our time of sorrow. These were a lovely tribute to David's father. Thank you. Sincerely,
 Virginia and David Demic

Dear Friends at West Erwin,

Mere words cannot begin to express my deep gratitude for your kind thoughts and prayers since my hospital stay. The cards and flowers are all so beautiful and the prayers helped more than you'll ever know. It's so hard when you get so depressed and think there is no hope, but all we have to do is remember there is someone who love and cares for us. And as long as we never give up hope and keep our faith, He will be there to guide us through all the good as well as bad times.

Much love,
 Linda Stephenson

I wish to say "thank you" for all your visits, calls, cards, flowers & prayers during my stay in the hospital last month. It helped me so very much.

Bessie Willis

The family of J. D. Taylor acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

HERE
 and THERE



by wes price

Guest Editorial

"WHAT'S THE WORLD COMING TO?"

As Mt. St. Helens erupted at one corner of our nation and riots erupted at the opposite corner, it occurred to me that many people will wonder, "What's this world coming to?" Is God about to destroy it through natural disaster, or will man destroy it through actions of anger and frustrations? "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6)

No one knows when this world will end (Matt. 24:36), and he who says otherwise is a false prophet. (Ezek. 13:3) But this we know - God is still supreme, and His will will be done whether we do it or not. But the only way to handle the concern brought on by events in this world is by "casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." (1 Pet. 5:7).

Christians are a step ahead of the world in coping with life, because our hope transcends this world. Whether mountains explode, or cities are burned, or wars come, or nations fall, we still trust in the unchanging Christ. (Heb. 13:8) Even if there were no hope for continued life here, we look forward with anticipation to a better world. We say with Paul, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21) What's the world coming to? Sooner or later, to its end! Let's place our hope and our treasure in the world to come!

Morris Thurman

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 PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR THE PANTRY, AS IT IS ALMOST EMPTY.
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WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

The Amazing Grace

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

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announcements-Freeman Morgan
 Prayer Milburn Cook
 Dismiss Paul Montandon

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Bible School
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 Year Ago 403

Serving Communion Sunday

James Phillips K. Max Haws
 John Steffee Mike Savage
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 Cole Bennett Trey Hughes

Worship
 June 22 450
 June 15 467

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 29 and Wednesday July 2 - Harold Browning - Phone 566-0506.

Report of Our Sick

C. T. Beard remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Cone Birdwell is in Mother Frances following surgery this week.

Clarence Strait is showing improvement at Glenwood Hospital.

The grandson of the Jim Willis', Fred Hendrix, is in Medical Center.

Linda Stephenson continues to be seriously ill in Medical City Hospital in Dallas. 75260

Artis Tate is now at home recovering from heart surgery.



There will be no Visitor next week because of permit regulations.

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If a man would concentrate on God as he does on business schemes,
 And give the Church the backing that he gives his football team;
 If he could quote the Scriptures as he does his favorite jokes,
 And practice with his prayers the way he does his golfing strokes;
 If he argued with temptation like he argues with his wife --
 The world would soon be full of Saints who lead a perfect life.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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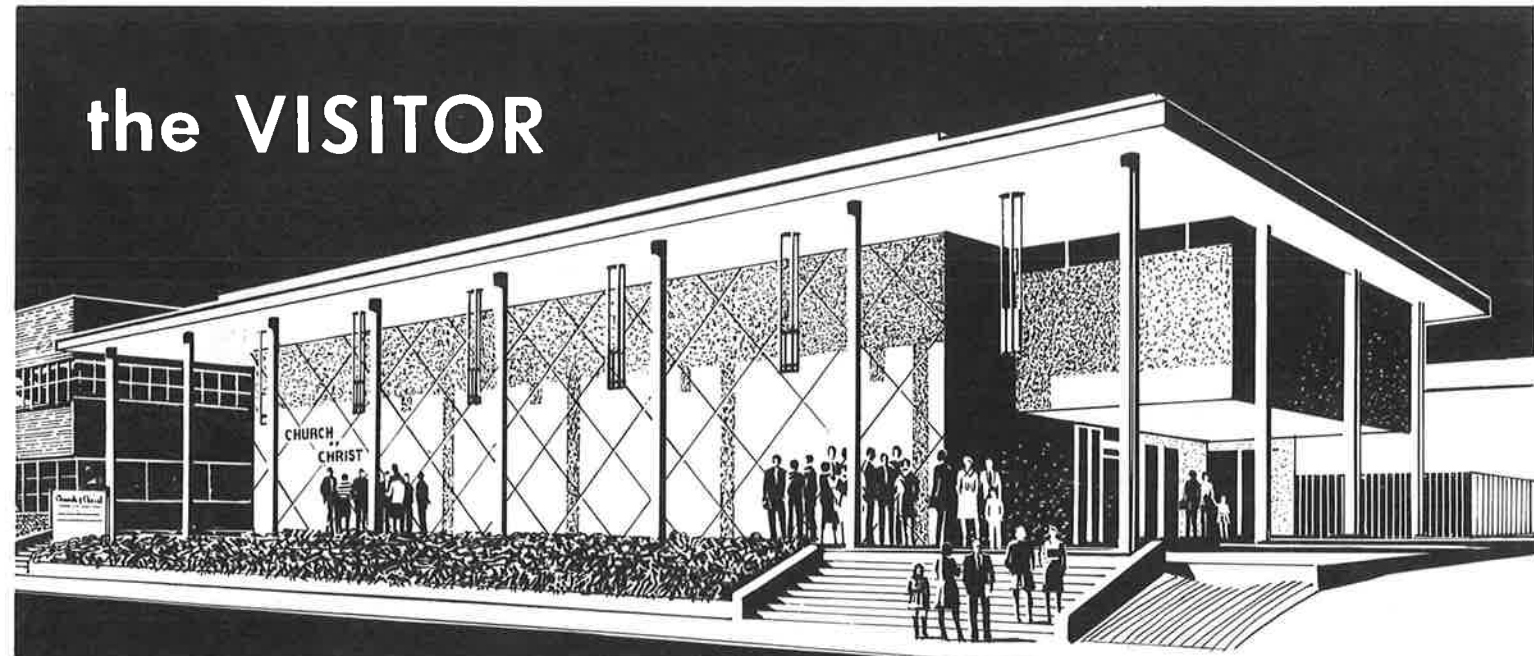
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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I would like to commend the McCartys for the fine work they do in arranging the books in our church library. The library has grown to the extent that additional shelves have been built to take care of the books. We now have over one thousand volumes in the library. Most of them have been contributed as memorials to our departed members or to relatives of members.

The books can be very useful, but they are not useful unless they are used. We have numbers of commentaries which can be helpful in your Bible Study. We have books on marriage and the home. We have books which are devoted to principles of Christian education. We have numbers of volumes pertaining to church history. We have books of sermons and devotional material. We have books of lectures delivered at Christian colleges. We have bound copies of the Millenial Harbinger from 1830 through 1870 and Christian Messenger from 1826 through 1844.

It is very interesting to read the thinking of some of the early preachers in the Restoration Movement. Practically every Bible subject is discussed in these papers.

We do not spend as much time in reading, especially in reading wholesome literature, as we should. It is too easy to sit back and watch television and not take time to read. Paul was a well read man. In his sermon on Mar's Hill (recorded in Acts 17:22-31) he showed familiarity with the writings and philosophies of his day. In Paul's final imprisonment, he was anxious for Timothy to bring him his books. He wrote, "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments," (2 Timothy 4:13). We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to read the books available in our library.

We have heard many favorable comments about our visiting speakers on Wednesday evening. We were impressed with the splendid report on India given by Ray Hooper from Kilgore. We commend the church in Kilgore for the fine mission work they are doing. Please put Wednesday evening services on your schedule.

Sermons For Sunday

by George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A. M. No Graven Images
 6:00 P. M. Symbols of the Word of God



BILL B. GIBSON

We are happy to have brother Bill Gibson as our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, July 2.

Bill B. Gibson preaches for the Moberly Ave. Church of Christ in Longview. He moved to Longview in July, 1978 from Ardmore, Okla. where he was with the Maxwell Ave. Church for seven years. He spent ten years in mission work in Kansas and Iowa and did campaign work in Iowa and the country of Scotland. He has also had 15 years of radio preaching experience. He attended Freed-Hardeman Christian College one year and Abilene Christian three years.

LARRY HARRIS, minister of the church in Whitehouse, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, July 9.

Happy Birthday!

JULY

- (1) Wes Price, Earnesene Shuford
- (3) Alma Bennett, Cindy Giles
- (6) Charlie Cook, Michelle Parsons
- (8) Louise Caskey
- (9) Rebecca Center
- (10) Terri Hallman
- (11) Wyche Harris, Dottie Nail, Velma Lemons, Paul Stanley

YOUR TALKING CHECK BOOK

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

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

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

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

Thank You

There are certain kinds of people who have special, thoughtful ways... They do so many things to brighten other people's days... And since West Erwin church of Christ is just that kind in every single thing they do A world of warmest gratitude is being sent to you.

Gilbert and Lorene Venable

Summer Youth Series

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 1, at 7:30 at the Glenwood Church building in Tyler.

Tuesday, July 8, the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville will host the meeting of the Summer Youth Series. Be at the building at 6:00 p. m. to go together on the bus.

In Appreciation

My sincere thanks for all the cards, calls, visits and food - a special thanks to the Chapel Class for the lovely pot plant sent me in the hospital. I will always remember your love and kindness.

Tommy White

Thank all of you for your love and care because you've made me what I am.

Roy Roberson

The flowers, many cards, and expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow were so greatly appreciated. Our Christian friends mean so much to us.

Darlene and Sherrill Little

Once again I want to say thank you to dear friends at West Erwin for all their consideration of me while I was in the hospital.

Jo Warner

Our Sympathy

Funeral services for A. B. Demic, the father of David Demic, were held in Harlingen on Tuesday.

J. D. Taylor, brother-in-law of Mrs. Gus Krewall, was buried in Tyler on Tuesday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to these families.

And the Lord Added

John Scott Lindsey, 3100 Old Kilgore Highway, was baptized last week by Wes Price. He has two sons - Scott, 6 and Brad, 3. We welcome him to West Erwin.

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

SOME CAMELS SWALLOWED AND SOME GNATS STRAINED

We human beings sometimes give inordinate attention to small things and completely neglect some important things. Consider the following:

(1) Young people and their parents sometimes spend lavish time and money and give anxious detail to the preparation of a very grand wedding and reception. But if none of the principals give much thinking to the quality of the marriage itself, it all reminds me of an expensive and elaborately wrapped and be-ribboned empty box.

(2) Parents usually want the very best of secular education which takes many years and many dollars to complete. Sometimes during the pursuit of this goal, the young person loses his faith, his soul and his future by the bad alliances and worldly beliefs acquired.

(3) Families sometimes spend a great deal of time in the pursuit of social advantages for their children while neglecting to teach kindness, love, honor and integrity. Popularity is no substitute for character.

(4) Christians often spend a lot of time and money for recreational equipment in the pursuit of pleasure while neglecting the real human needs of family members, friends, neighbors, and all others of their fellow-man.

(5) People sometimes spend great, important amounts of their time in the preparation of their appearance: clothes, hair, eyes, dress, and give not their immortal spirits a single thought.

(6) Many people spend large amounts of time and concern in the pursuit of physical health (medical care, nutrition, exercise, sleep) and neglect the worship which will nourish their spiritual health.

(7) We pursue with inordinate vigor and secular careers, sometimes eventually achieving success and gaining a great deal of this world's acclaim or affluence. We use up the life and face the Judgment Day miserable, poor, blind, wretched and naked. We gain some of the earth for awhile and lose heaven eternally.

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The best way to remember people is in prayer.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements	Roger Knight
Prayer	George Kester
Dismiss	John Powell
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 22 and Wednesday June 25 - Matt Haws - Phone 581-0138.

From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

In an age of relativism they provide a certain and objective standard of righteousness. By universal consent they stand in a class by themselves, expressing in a few words some basic relationships to God and men." We look forward to our study of these great teachings each Lord's Day for the next several weeks.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the Bible that was given me at the Baccalaureate service. It was thoughtful and appreciated.
Shayne Bennett

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SUNDAY
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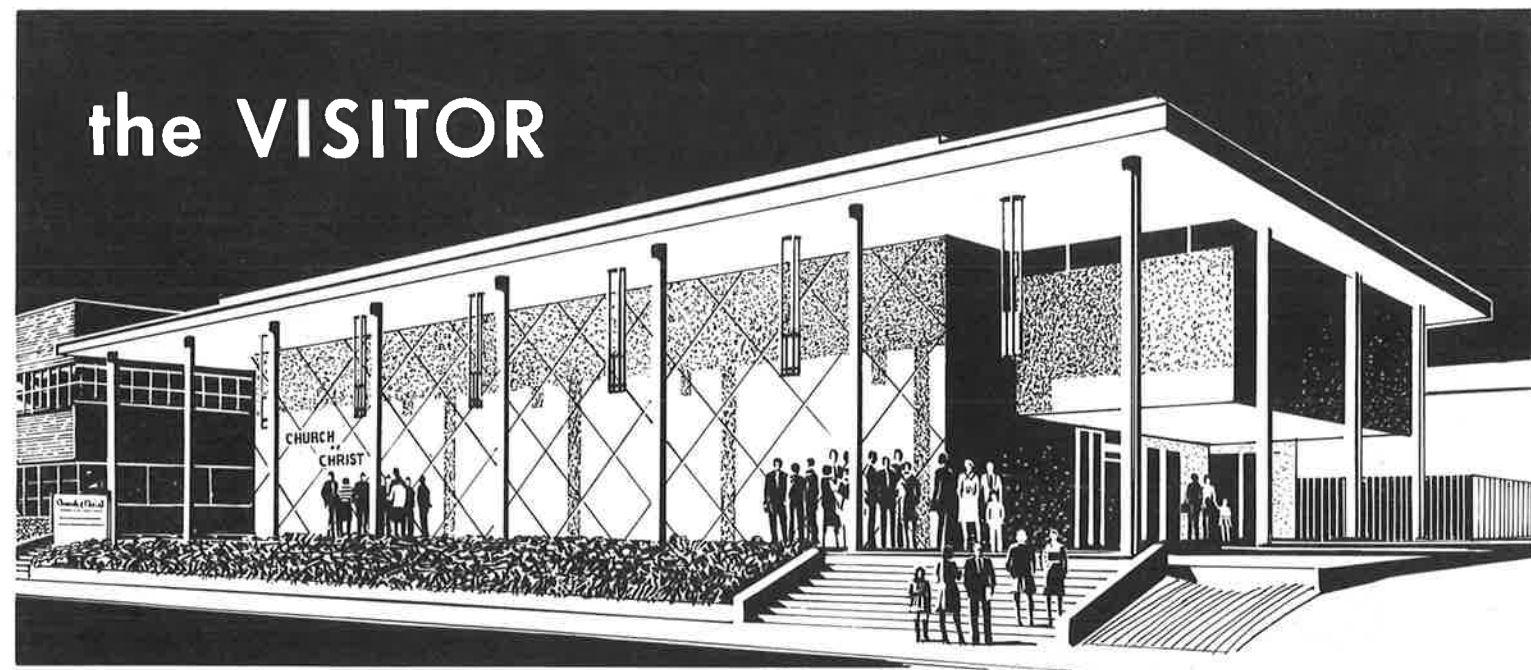
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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are very grateful to our elders for granting us permission to be in Wichita Falls Sunday to preach for the Tenth and Broad Streets Church in that city. Alice and I enjoyed the day very much. We have many wonderful memories of the years we lived in Wichita Falls when we were much younger. It was unusual to have a Sunday without additions in those days. We were privileged to witness a great increase in the membership and the erection of a lovely church building. Last Sunday we enjoyed being with friends of the past, but missed many who have gone on to their reward. The Tenth and Broad Church has great plans for the future and we hope that our visit with them was a source of encouragement to them.

We trust that this summer is a happy time for you and your family. Each year we need to be reminded that we should not allow vacations to hinder our spiritual lives. We should always worship with God's people

whether we are at home or away from home. And we need to remember to continue to support our home congregation with our contributions and our prayers.

Later this summer we are looking forward to having the Rudolf Rischer family here from Augsburg, Germany. They plan to be with us about the last week in August. They were with us some six years ago so it will be a pleasure to have them here again. The monthly report from Augsburg will be distributed in the Bible classes on Sunday. Be sure to read this report which was written by Kenneth Davis of Harding University who recently was with a group of young people in Augsburg. Brother Davis quoted another as saying, "The Augsburg church is one of the bright lights in Europe." We felt the same way when we visited there last summer.

On this coming Sunday I plan to begin a series of sermons based on the Ten Commandments. We understand, of course, that we now live under Christ and not under the Old Testament law. Nevertheless, there are unchanging principles in the Ten Commandments which are repeated in the New Testament. Burton Coffman, whose scholarship I respect, says, "The Ten Commandments, based upon eternal and unchanging principles, deal with man's basic problems of behaviour and form a guide for the course of moral life.

(continued on back page)



LEE PETERS

Lee Peters will be our guest speaker for Wednesday evening, June 25. He has been preaching for the church in Mineola since March. He has preached for congregations in Texas, Vermont, and Oklahoma. Brother Peters served the church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma for 12 years before coming to Mineola. We are happy to have him as our guest speaker on Wednesday evening.



Bridal Brunch

honoring

CAROL EADS

BRIDE ELECT OF GREG DUNCAN

Saturday, June 21

10:00 - 11:30 A. M.

Home of Mrs. Milburn Cook

215 Vicksburg

Selections at Leewrights and Dillards

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by George Stephenson
A. M. Put God First - P. M. While Men Slept

BALANCE

It's a rare person who has balance - who sees the problems and seeks the solutions.

There are two extremes. Most people fall into one of them.

1. THE CHRONIC COMPLAINER. After the second encounter you've got his number. You know when you see him coming that it isn't to spread cheer. He'll be griping about something. He's gloomy and pessimistic. The world isn't going to the dogs - it's already arrived. Things have never been as bad as they are now. We've gone too far - have reached the point of no return.

Every generation and nation has had its prophets of doom. Listen!

- "I dare not marry, the future is too uncertain." (Spoken by Wilburforce in 1801)
- "There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair." (William Pitt, 1806)
- "Nothing can save the British empire from shipwreck." (Lord Shaftsbury, 1848)
- "In industry, commerce and agriculture there is no hope." (Disraeli, 1849)

2. THE GIDDY OPTIMIST. The Christian has every right to be optimistic. But he's a fact-finding optimist, not a giddy, unrealistic enthusiast. A pep-rally is important. But you eventually have to play the game - and play it better than the other bunch - if you're going to win. Just shouting that everything is "great! great! great!" doesn't make it so.

Rare and wonderful is the person who has balance. He earns the right to complain by involvement. He doesn't gripe at you because of what's wrong - he puts himself on the line to help with needed corrections.

-Joe R. Barnett

Happy Birthday!

JUNE

- (22) Mark Sevier
- (23) Maurice Henderson, Bob Threadgill
- (24) Amie Roberts
- (26) Amy O'Quinn
- (27) Jeff Duncan
- (28) Christine Parsons
- (29) B. B. Lambert, Kyle McRuiz

Summer Youth Series

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, June 24, at 7:30 at the Omen Road building here in Tyler.

MONDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL- Broadway building here in Tyler for Jr. High & High School young people.

In Appreciation

Thank you very much for the fine Bible. I know it will help me study and know God's Word better. Thank you for remembering me.

Greg Hendry

Singing

You are invited to attend the 4th Sunday singing on Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock at the Bullard Church of Christ.

Funeral

Mrs. Georgia Cleo Little, mother of W. Sherrill Little, was buried Tuesday. Her funeral was held at the LaSalle Church of Christ near Mexia, Texas. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Little family.



**GOING
SOMEWHERE
THIS
SUMMER?**

Have A Great Vacation.

But Please . . .

remember the Lord's Work
at home.

**HERE
and THERE**



by wes price

Vacation Bible School was a great success! How grateful we are for all our teachers and workers who contributed so much to that success. Our high attendance was 178 and we averaged 169 for the five days. Along with our gratitude expressed to our teachers at the closing assembly on Friday, we also gave each of them a free meal ticket good for a plate lunch at the Hickory Fair on Southeast Loop 323. We are indebted to the proprietor, Mr. James Lancaster, for his generosity in giving us these free meals.

We must express our thanks to the boys and girls who worked hard in helping us have such a large number of visitors each day. Nearly half of our enrollment was from those who came to visit. In the Pre-School Department we had a tie with honors going to Michael Rhoades and Shawn Montandon; in the Primary Department after a recount of the number brought, Teena Roberson was our winner; in the Junior Department, Lea Hendry brought the most and in the High School Department the honor went to Tracy Starnes.

Again, may we encourage you to join with us in expressing to our teachers our sincerest thanks for a job well done.

The Annual Summer Teachers' Workshop at Abilene Christian University is set for the week of July 20 through 23. We will be taking our minibus and we have room for a large number to attend. Several have already signed up and we encourage you to get your reservation into the office soon if you plan on going with us. If you have never gone, you certainly would enjoy such a treat as well as gain in valuable information for your work as a Bible class teacher or worker. We must have the reservations in to A. C. U. by July 5th.

Thank you for your generous response to Sunday's sermons. It is always gratifying to feel that one's efforts are not in vain. We look forward to hearing from George when he and Alice return from Wichita Falls early this week.

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Welcome



BAPTIZED: Mrs. Steve (Wendy) Crow, Box 141 C, Pine Trails Shores, Flint, Texas 75762 was baptized on Friday of last week by Wes Price. She has been studying with Betty Knight.

MEMBERSHIP: Robert and Rebecca Castro, 420 So. Chilton, Apt. C, came Sunday evening to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Graham St. Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas

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Mrs. Terry Stephenson, (the Stephenson's daughter-in-law) went home from the hospital the latter part of last week but re-entered Medical City Hospital in Dallas on Tuesday.

Our Sympathy

An aunt of Mrs. Doc Wright passed away in McAlester, Okla. this week.
A sister to Mrs. M. H. Shaffer was buried this week.
We extend sincere sympathy to each family.

NO FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will not be held during the summer months. It will resume in September.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

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From the
Preacher's Desk
George H. Stephenson

Our Vacation Bible School teachers deserve much praise for the work they have done this week. They spent many hours in preparation and in teaching their classes. I do not know of any teachers anywhere who are more dedicated and more capable than our Bible teachers at West Erwin. Not only do we appreciate those who have taught this week; we also appreciate all who have helped with refreshments or who have helped in any way.

It has been good to have Johnny Anders teaching the adult class. We appreciate his coming each day from Bullard. I have enjoyed the lessons he has given. I have been disappointed that there were not more present for the adult class. It is sad to see the indifference of many toward a study of the Bible.

This coming Sunday we plan to be with the Tenth and Broad church in Wichita Falls where I will preach for the morning and evening services. It is always a joy to be back at Tenth and Broad where I served as the local evangelist for a number of years. I was the preacher when their building was erected in 1948. I love all of the churches I have been privileged to serve and none do I love more than Tenth and Broad. Our years there were some of the most fruitful of our ministry. Wes Price will be preaching for both services here Sunday. Our prayers will be with you and with Wes that the Lord will bless you as you worship together in His name.

It Won't Work



**...Unless
You Use It.**

The children were wide-eyed. They had just witnessed the paper figure of Jesus ascend from the earth and disappear through the clouds on his way to heaven. The visual demonstration had been successful. The excited children cried out to the Bible Class teacher. "Do it again...do it again." But one little fellow's mind had raced ahead and he blurted out, "What does Jesus do in heaven?"

A good question, don't you think? How difficult it must have been for the disciples of Jesus when he told them that it was expedient for him to go away. Having witnessed his feeding of the multitudes, his compassion on the crowds, his help in recovering the sick, the apostles had a hard time understanding how it would be to their benefit to have Jesus leave them. On earth Jesus did things. "He went about doing good." But heaven? What's he going to do there?

It will take eternity itself to explain all that Jesus is doing in heaven, but there is a word in the letter to the Hebrews which should bring us a note of comfort and cheer: "For Christ has entered...into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." Let those words soak in. Christ is in heaven on our behalf.

Christ entered heaven to secure our redemp-

tion. Under the Old Covenant the high priest would enter the Holy Place yearly with blood. Why? Because under the law, almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins, (Hebrews 9:22). But when Christ appeared as a high priest, "he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption," (Hebrews 9:12). Christ is in heaven, and I am redeemed!

In heaven the priesthood of Christ continues forever which means that Jesus is forever at the service of men. The Hebrew writer is quick to inform us that Christ "always lives to make intercession" for us (Hebrews 7:25). William Barclay comments, "That is why He is the complete Saviour. On earth He served men; He gave His life for them; in Heaven He still exists to make intercession for them. He lived and died for them on earth; He lives in Heaven to plead their cause. He is the priest for ever, the one who is for ever opening the door to the friendship of God, the one who is for ever and ever the great servant of mankind."

John Gipson
Little Rock, Ark.

Happy Birthday!

JUNE

- (15) Mildred Parris, T. J. Parsons
- (16) Ann Nail, R. E. Frederick
- (17) Fred Strait, Grace Walker
- (19) Stella Buckner
- (20) Lowell Wiggains
- (21) Faye Kennard

Grocery Truck

Remember the grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here one day next week. We are collecting salad dressing - any kind. Bring yours by Sunday. Of course, they are always happy to have any items we have for them.

GUEST SPEAKER

Next Wednesday evening, June 18th, we will have Ray Hooper as our guest speaker. He preaches for the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Tuesday, June 17th the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine will host the meeting of the Summer Youth Series. Be at the building at 6:00 p.m. to go together on the bus.

MONDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONALS

Each Monday evening the Broadway Church here in the city is hosting a devotional and activity for young people, Junior High and High School age.

Next Monday, June 16th there will be home made ice cream at the Broadway building. Our young people are invited to attend.

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The Bible Teachers Workshop at the Chandler Street Church in Kilgore will be Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 noon and 1:15 p.m. until 4:00 o'clock. There will be classes for teachers of all ages. Also, a Special Bible Hour Class.

Thank You

Thank you very much for the Bible. It will be very useful and your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Dan Magee

Thank you so much for the Bible. I know that I'll enjoy using it and will always treasure it. I appreciate the many kindnesses shown to me over the years I have attended here. Thank you again.

Jill Rowe

I really appreciated the Baccalaureate service and the gift. It was all so nice and impressive.

Clark Lemons

Your expression of sympathy in the flowers and cards sent was deeply appreciated.

Jack Stringer

FROM CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL

Mbeya, Tanzania - East Africa

Dear Friends,

Last week we received 6 boxes from you, all filled with many wonderful items for work at the hospital. Thank you so much for all of them. We know it requires a lot of your time, energy and money to provide these things for the work here and we love and appreciate you for that. May the Lord bless you richly for this work in His name.

The hospital is going on quite well for which we are thankful. It is the heavy malaria season so the wards are filled with patients having to lay on the floor because all of the beds are full. Also, the maternity ward is delivering a record number of babies this month.

Thank you again for all of the sheets, pillow cases, baby blankets, diaper shirts, bandages, wash cloths, gowns and all of the other items and especially for your continued interest in the work at Chimala.

In Him,

Florene Smalling



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**HERE
and THERE**



by **wes price**

Few activities generate as much work as our Annual Vacation Bible School. And this year has been no exception. Our teachers out-did themselves in preparing for their classes. We cannot praise them too much. They deserve all the praise and glory we can heap upon them, and the surprising thing about it is that they desire none of it. They simply accepted a challenge and rose to the occasion. We love and appreciate them all the more. Will all of you join me in extending to them a well deserved round of applause for a good week of Bible teaching.

Our parking lots have taken on a new appearance. We have had clean up crews here this past week removing the debris and dirt and giving it that "spring cleaned" look. We have the privilege of parking on the lot directly back of the newspaper office and on their lot across Elm Street and we extend that privilege to them on our lots during the week. All of you do a fine job in parking orderly and it certainly helps make use of all the spaces. I rarely ever notice any car parked in such a manner so as to use two spaces. Let's keep that good courtesy about us.

Louis Jones is now making selections of men to serve during the worship services at the Lord's Table and leading prayers. Let's encourage him in his work. And the best way to do that is to be ready when he notifies us to serve in whatever capacity he requests. It is especially important to let him know when you cannot serve so it won't be necessary to have a last minute scramble for someone to fill your slot.

The men who serve the congregation from time to time do a commendable job and we are apt to overlook their importance. Let's not take them for granted but remember to compliment them on the fine way they serve.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTU

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning Worship</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	K. Max Haws
Dismiss	Ron Lott
<u>Evening Worship</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	C. B. Burkham
Dismiss	Earl O'Quinn
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
Edgar Bullard	Bob Threadgill
Mac McCall	Averyt Smith
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May 25	359
Year Ago	379
<u>Worship</u>	
June 1	492
May 25	467
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
	\$5,200.00

Report of Our Sick

Sister Gilbert (Lorene) Venable has been hospitalized here but was able to go home Tuesday. Brother Venable entered Methodist Hospital in Dallas on Monday. He is undergoing tests in preparation for heart surgery.

Brother and sister George Stephenson's daughter-in-law, Linda (Terry's wife) is very seriously ill in a Dallas hospital.

Brother C. T. Beard continues to be in Glenwood Hospital.

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A.M. Blessed Assurance
 6:00 P.M. The Triumphant Christ

100% CLASS

The First Grade Class taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell was 100% in attendance last Sunday morning.



Library News

New shelves will soon be ready for use in our church library. This will solve the problem of space for now. You are encouraged to take advantage of the many good books and aids to be found in our library.

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Welcome



We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Jane) Clemmons, Jr. They placed membership Sunday evening and come to us from the Shiloh Road congregation. Their address is Rt. 7, Box 334 - Tyler 75707, phone 566-3993. They are both employed with Tyler Junior College.

Special Guest

Charles Whitemire, minister of the Alpine church in Longview will be our guest speaker Wednesday evening. Because of Vacation Bible School everyone will meet in the auditorium.

MiniBus Driver- June 8 and 11, Jamon Kirby

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

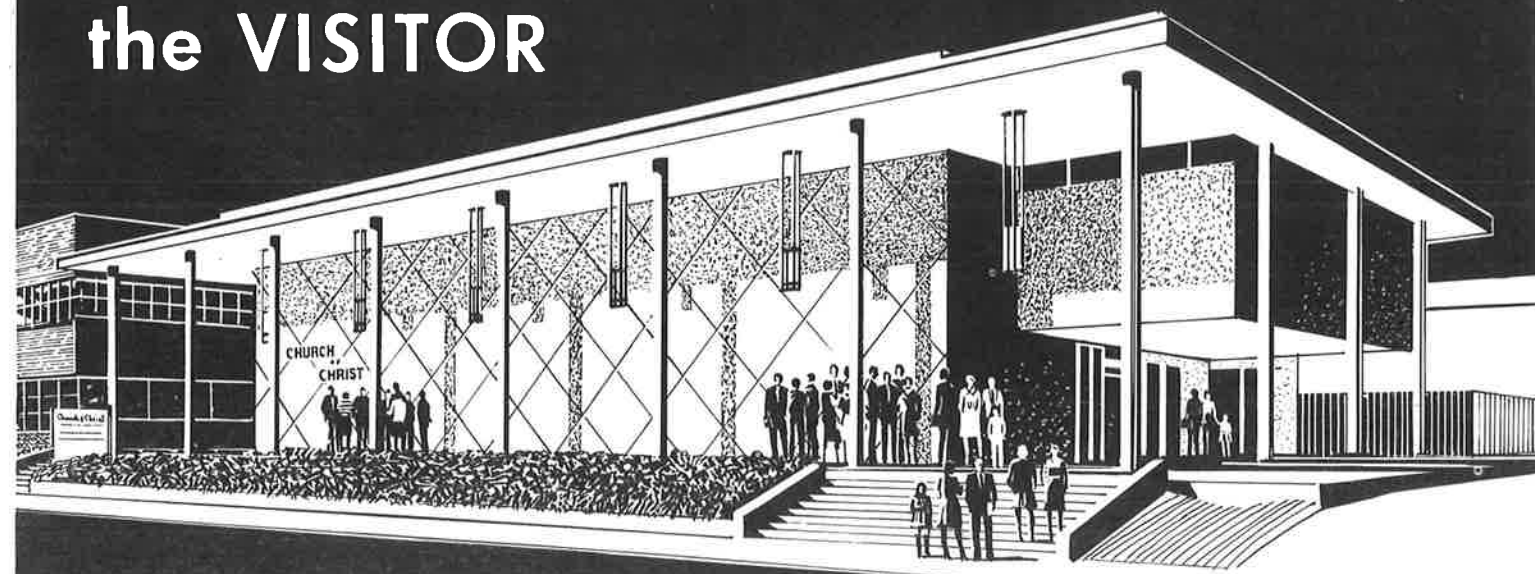
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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

This coming week is one of the important weeks in the life of the church. It will be time once again for Vacation Bible School. We have some very dedicated teachers who have been preparing for the school. We hope that many children will be here to benefit from the excellent teaching which will be provided them. I have known of some in the past who received impressions in Vacation Bible School which influenced their lives for good for years to come.

While we think of the good which can come to children in Vacation Bible School, I would like to remind you also that adults have a wonderful opportunity for growth in knowledge of God's Word by attending the Adult Bible Class each day. We are very pleased that John Anders will be teaching this class.

Brother Anders is well known and very highly regarded by members of the church in Tyler. For a number of years he served as the local evangelist for the Northwest church in our city. At the present time he is doing a fine work as the preacher for the Bullard church. We should have a number of retired people to attend this class along with many others. We all need to "grow in grace and knowledge" and this coming week can be an opportunity to do so.

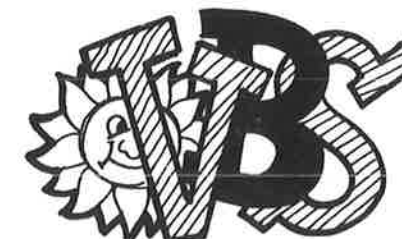
Children Love a

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

JUNE 9 - 13

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES



Summer Youth Series

FIRST MEETING OF SUMMER

Tuesday, June 10, 1980

7:30 P. M.

WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

(A Combined Meeting of West Erwin
and Shiloh Rd.)



Bible Study



Fellowship



Refreshments

WELCOME - HILLARD HUGHES

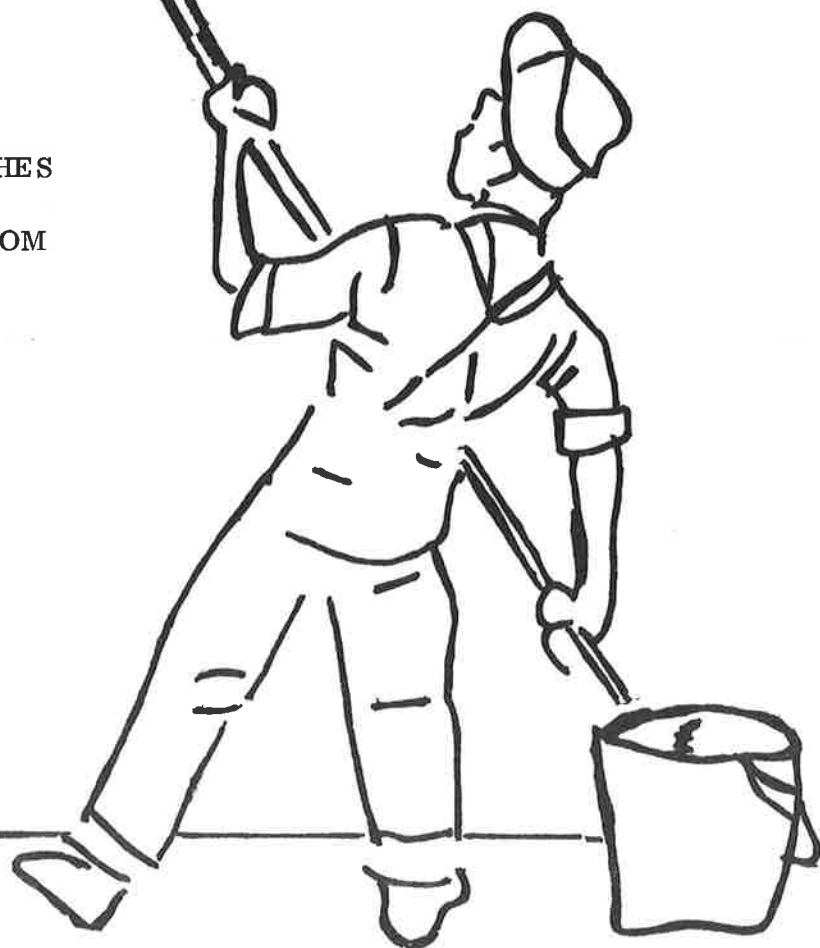
GUEST SPEAKER - CARY BRANSCOM

SONG LEADER - JIM MILLER

PUPPETEERS - SHILOH ROAD

★ BRING

A FRIEND



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 9 - 13 "Doing God's Will"

Nursery

2 years (Diana Savage, Cecille Wiggains, Barbara Montandon) 102

3 years (Fleta Butler, Pauline Aven, Lorene Venable) 107

4 years (Maxine Freeman, Julienne Butler) 104

Kindergarten (Carolyn Blackstone, Elaine Roberson, Fran Starnes) 202

1st grade (Carolyn Carruth, Rhonda Haws) 209

2nd grade (Pat Crow, Wanda Weathers) 206

3rd grade (Carolyn Womack, Marian Rowe) 204

4th grade (Jean Oliver, Betty Knight) 214

5th & 6th (Billie Bob Hickman, Billie Freeman) 201

Jr High & (Wes Price) 301

High School

Adult (Johnny Anders) Chapel

Refreshments - Ann Duncan

Carolyn Welborn

Happy Birthday!

JUNE (7) Christopher Miles (10) Sheila Taylor (11) Tanya Wiggains, B. E. Walker (12) Ralph Old (13) Harold Browning, Juanita Graf (14) Greg Duncan.

Grocery Truck

Remember, the grocery truck from the Mecca Children's Home will be here some time during the week of the 16th. We are asked to bring SALAD DRESSING (any kind, French, Blue Cheese, Italian, etc.)

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday in Dallas for R. T. Stringer, father of Jack Stringer. We extend our sympathy to the family.

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The Chandler Street Church in Kilgore will have a Bible Teachers Workshop on Saturday, June 14. There will be classes from 9:00 a. m. until 12:15 p. m. and in the afternoon classes will meet from 1:15 until 4:00 o'clock. There will be classes for teachers of: Pre-School, Primary, Junior, Teen and Adult. Also, there will be a Special Bible Hour Class.

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

Vacation Bible School time has arrived! We are nearly ready to receive your children for the week's concentrated course of Bible study. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find the schedule for classrooms. All is ready, don't let us down by not having your children present each day. We will be giving awards in each division for the child who brings the largest number of visitors for the week. Awards will be given on Friday during the closing assembly. Encourage your children to get busy and invite their neighborhood friends. We will have a great time, so don't you miss out. Our Adult Class will be taught by Johnny Anders of Bullard. I know you will enjoy having such a good teacher. Come and join us each day.

We remind all of you again of our great new Wednesday night series for Adults and Teenagers. We will be having a guest speaker each Wednesday evening for the first half of the summer. Our speaker for Wednesday night, June 11 will be brother Charles White-mire of the Alpine church in Longview. We couldn't possibly be more serious when we encourage you to be present for each mid-week worship opportunity. You'll be missing a great treat if you don't.

Our teenagers certainly add an inspiring touch by sitting close to the front. I'm almost afraid to mention it for fear they will abandon the habit. Let's tell them how much we appreciate their adding that special touch to our worship services.

The Teenage group welcomed a new group of young ladies to their Sunday night meeting following services. Six young ladies completed the 5th grade and will be going into 6th grade in middle school this fall. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes had the privilege of initiating these girls and their parents into the Youth Group. It may take a while for some of these parents to realize that they now have young people in the junior high school group, but they will grow accustomed to the idea soon enough. What will really take some getting used to is the idea that their children now approach the teenage years.

Wherever you go this summer, please remember to find the house of worship on the Lord's Day. There is no such thing as taking a vacation from Him!

Serving Sunday

Our Records

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Announcements	Dannie Skipper	May 25	\$5,742.05
Prayer	Ray Womack	May 18	\$4,929.60
Dismiss	George Kester	Year Ago	\$4,464.86
Evening Worship		Bible School	
Announcements	Dannie Skipper	May 25	359
Prayer	Durwood Hendry	May 18	363
Dismiss	Greg Hendry	Year Ago	416
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Edgar Bullard	Bob Threadgill	May 25	467
Mac McCall	Averyt Smith	May 18	505
Aubrey Payne	John Porter	Weekly Budget	
Cone Birdwell	H. McCarty		\$5,200.00

FRED GIVENS FAMILY RETURNING TO UNITED STATES
 Word was received this past week from Fred and Doris Givens, our missionaries to the Island of Trinidad in the West Indies that they will be returning to the States. Doris' father is in very poor health and must now have constant attention. In a letter to our elders Fred expressed his regrets but they have no alternative except return and give their attention to this family need.

We are indebted to this fine couple for the work they have done in Trinidad and I feel confident that when they are able to do so, they both will want to return to mission work again. Our prayers are with them as they return and in their future endeavors.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Suda Beard, Jack Beard's mother, is in Glenwood Hospital.

Jess King entered Mother Frances Hospital this week for tests.

Traci O'Quinn has a broken arm.
 Virginia Demic's mother is hospitalized in Lubbock.

AREA MEETING

Burt Groves will preach in a gospel meeting June 1 - 6 for the church in Pritchett. Week-night services will be at 7:30. You are invited.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. The Unsearchable Riches of Christ
 P.M. Thomas Who Believed

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NEW MEMBERS - Dr. and Mrs. Durwood (Louise) Hendry and children - Ann, Jennie, Greg and Lea.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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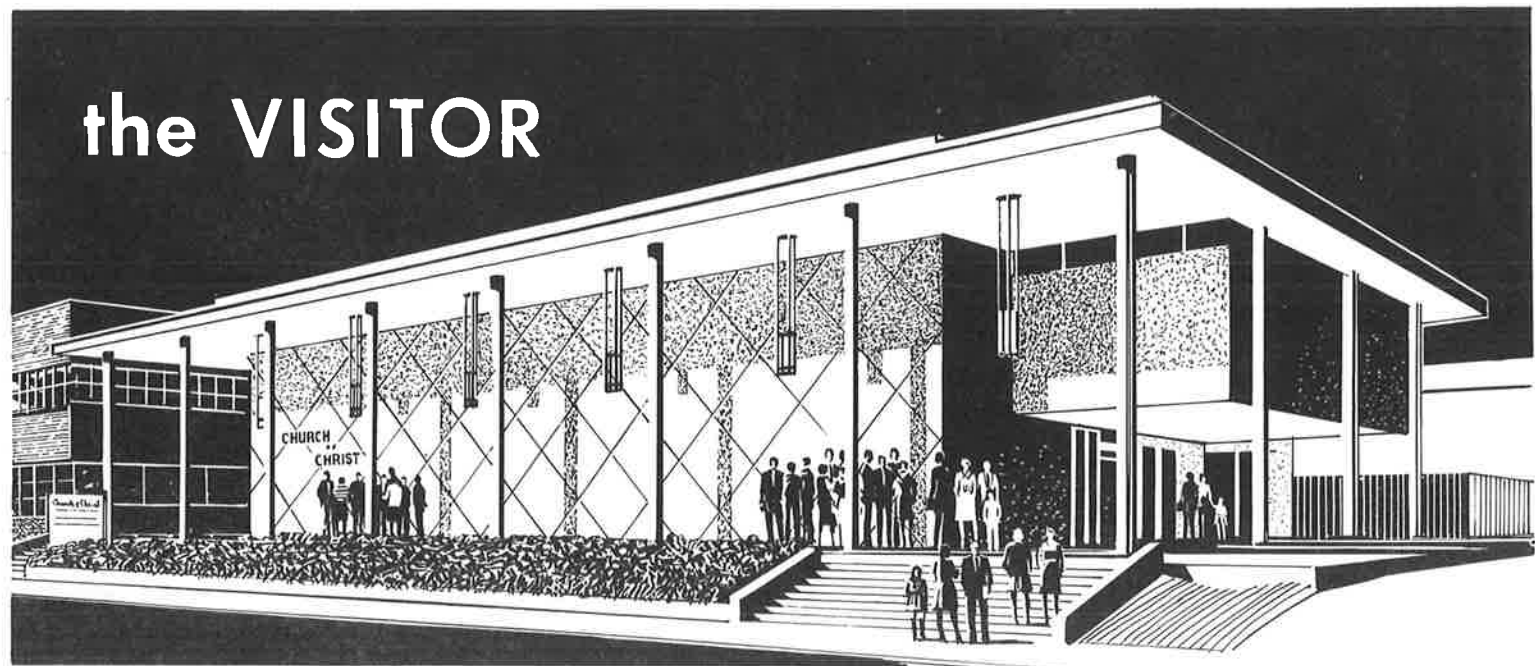
ELDERS

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

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The Memorial Day holiday took many of our members to other places and we missed them Sunday. However, we did have a number of visitors for worship. Among the visitors were Andrew Connally and his wife and family. We are looking forward to having brother Connally preach for us in a meeting in September.

Our high school seniors were honored with a breakfast in the home of Milburn and Jan Cook, given by the Cooks and Hillard and Jeanine Hughes. We were glad to be present. We have had some larger groups, but never any finer groups than the seniors this year. Their honors have been outstanding and we are truly proud of all of them.

Charles Miles has been preaching for several weeks for the Broadway congregation in our city. He has now agreed to work with the church on a regular basis. Charles is a good preacher and our prayers are with him and the Broadway church. We will miss having his family with us at West Erwin.

It is good to have many of our college young people home. We hope that they will have a pleasant summer and that all of us will encourage them. Hope to see you in Bible School at 9:30 and again at 6:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER WEDNESDAY

Thomas J. Seay, Jr. from Boles Home in Quinlan, Texas will give a report about the home Wednesday night, June 4 at 7:30. He is a very capable speaker and everyone is urged to hear him. The West Erwin church has a great interest in Boles Home. We are glad to be informed about its present activities.



Shayne Bennett



Greg Hendry



Lisa Higginbotham



Clark Lemons

High School Graduates 1980



Gregory E. Hendry received the American Chemistry Society Scholarship, UIL Science Award and National Merit Scholarship Commendation. He is a graduate of Robert E. Lee and plans to attend Texas A & M.

Lisa Higginbotham is planning to attend Tyler Junior College in the fall. She is graduating from Robert E. Lee where she is a member of the Key Club and an officer in the Southern Belles. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Clark Lemons is a graduate of John Tyler High School and plans to attend Tyler Junior College and Texas A & M. He is a member of Texas

Industrial Arts State Association and received the Annual Mathematics Award and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Dan Magee is a graduate of Brownsboro High School. He is planning to attend Tyler Junior College and Abilene Christian University. In High School he was on the Tennis Team with District honors; Vice President of the Junior Class and President of the Science Club. He was in Band 4 years and on the Tennis Team 4 years.

Roy Roberson graduated from Robert E. Lee among the top 25 students. He has an A average from the 9th grade through the 12th. He received
(continued on page 3)



Dan Magee



Roy Roberson



Jill Rowe



Michelle Skipper

GRADUATES (continued)

Departmental Award for "Excellence in Drafting," honorable mention for Texas A & M Drafting Competition. Roy is a Drummer in the Red Raider Band, Member of Explorer Post Sailing Club, and Certified Red Cross Life Guard and Instructor. He will attend Tyler Junior College.

Jill Rowe is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School and plans to enroll in Abilene Christian University in the fall. She is a member of the National Honor Society (2 years), Who's Who Among American High School Students (2 years), America's Outstanding Names & Faces, and an Honor Graduate. Jill has been a member of Future Teachers of America 3 years. She was Vice President in 1978 - '79 and President in 1979 - '80. She has been in band 8 years, Tyler Junior Civitan 1 year, Math-Science Club 2 years, and Fine Arts Club 1 year.

Michelle Skipper will attend Lubbock Christian College in the fall. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also received Century 21 Accounting Award. She was a member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Stafford Franklin (not pictured) is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

Shayne Bennett is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School.

In Appreciation

We wish to thank all who so generously contributed to the travel fund for our daughter, Janette. We appreciate your interest very much. Thank you all again.

Lerah & Homer Williamson

"Some take the time to plant a seed of thoughtful work and kindly deed, until a heart is truly blessed with ever-blooming happiness."

For the thoughts, cards, and especially the prayers, we are truly grateful.

Nancy & Mack Kincheloe

Happy Birthday

JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Paul Miller (4) Cheryl Welborn, Robert Gode (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C. B. Hardin, Jonathan Owens, Karen Porter

HERE and THERE



by wes price

My wife and I were privileged to enjoy early Sunday morning breakfast with our graduating seniors at the home of Milburn and Jan Cook. Hillard had arranged in advance for some choice bits of information concerning each of these young people from their parents. Not only was it enjoyable to learn some interesting facts, but it was also amazing to learn what parents remember about their children from earlier years. It was a most enjoyable occasion and we join with all of you in extending our heartiest congratulations and our prayers go with them as they look to future plans.

Our Vacation Bible School is approaching June 9 through 13. We are expecting a large crowd of eager children. We have printed some advertising brochures that we would appreciate your helping us distribute. We have placed some in the children's classes and another supply on the table in the foyer. Please help us invite others to join us for a week of Bible learning and fun.

Brother George certainly left no doubt in his sermon Sunday about what constitutes a faithful Christian. We say a hearty "amen!" to his message. It would do you good to sit down and make your own list of things that contribute to a successful Christian life and use plenty of scripture to support them. Then, proceed to measure yourself by the list to see how you stack up. It might surprise you to learn areas where you need to improve. We all still need to grow spiritually.

World Bible School Teachers, please take note. Last June, 8 people went to Ghana, Africa - 314 World Bible School students were baptized - 27 restored. In August of 1980, 20 people are planning to go back to Ghana. Their schedule should be sent to all former and present students plus any contacts in Ghana immediately. If you have students in this area come by the office and pick up a copy of their itinerary to mail to each of your students so they will have an opportunity to meet with these people

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Wyndal Miller
 Dismiss Ray Lott
 Evening Worship

Our Records

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 Bible School

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 Dismiss Kevin Womack Year Ago 336

Serving Communion Sunday

Dale Duncan Glynn Starnes May 18 505
 Leslie Carruth John Steffee May 11 516
 Mike Savage Bob Zadina Weekly Budget
 Leslie Mallory Clark Lemons \$5,200.00

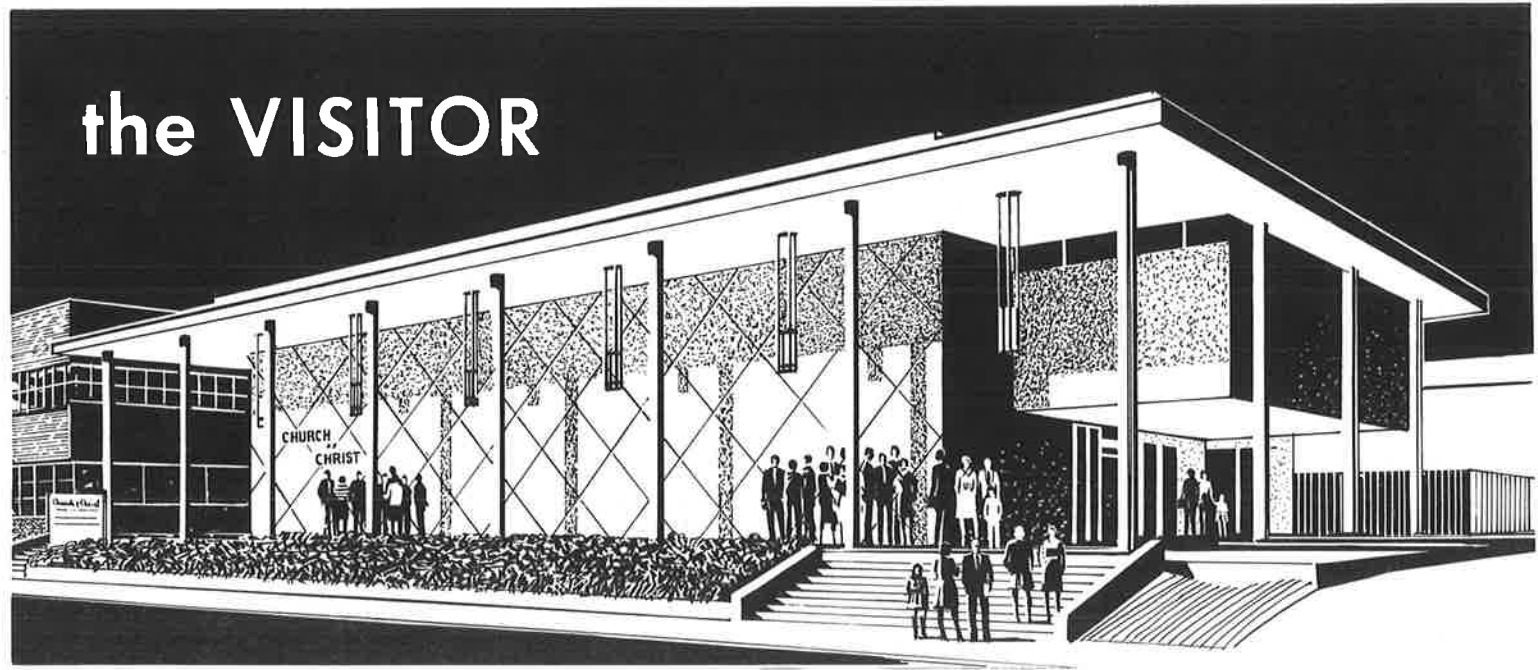
Report of Our Sick

Jack Beard's mother, Mrs. Suda Beard from Brownsboro, is in Glenwood Hospital.

Dr. Roger Knight's father, Felix Knight, underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital. He is now in Glenwood Hospital.

T. J. Parsons continues to be a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas.

The Third Grade Class taught by Virginia Demic was 100% in attendance on Sunday.



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Responses

We are happy that Kevin Womack, 1608 Yosemite, has returned to Tyler and wants to be identified again as a member of West Erwin.

GOSPEL MEETING

Richard Rogers of Lubbock will be in a meeting with the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, June 2 through 4. (Monday - Wednesday) Services will be 7:30 p.m. each evening. Everyone is invited to attend.



A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken (Prov. 15:13).

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George H. Stephenson

Summer will soon be here and I am praying that it will be a time of spiritual growth for all of us. Too often it is a time for a "slump" in the activities of the church. Let us be working to avoid a slump and make this summer a great time for the West Erwin congregation.

There are a number of events this summer which should be of interest to you. The Vacation Bible School in June is a time for us to be teaching and learning more of God's Word. An opportunity for adults to study at this time, along with the children, will be afforded in a class taught by Johnny Anders, now in Bullard and one time preacher for the Northwest church in Tyler. In July the annual Bible School Teacher's Workshop will be conducted at Abilene Christian University. This is always an outstanding event for all who are engaged in teaching.

Our mid week services for several weeks will feature guest preachers from nearby towns. All of these men will preach sermons (continued inside)



BACCALAUREATE

Sunday, May 25 at 6:00 P.M., there will be a Baccalaureate service for all High School graduates of the churches of Christ in Tyler. The service will be held at the time of the regular Sunday evening worship at the Glenwood Church of Christ. The guest speaker will be Don Kleppe who is the preacher for the church in Vernon, Texas and formerly of Tyler and the Northwest congregation.

Following the services there will be a reception for the graduates and their parents and friends.



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REFLECTIONS

The church certainly knows its share of failures. Due no doubt, to its human constituency. But churches - especially on the local level - are often victims of unfair comparisons, too. Literally translated, "telling it like it is" may mean "tell it as I see it," which is nothing more than some pretty far out and subjective editorializing.

I do not recall ever being associated with a church which did not pale alongside another congregation somewhere. At least in somebody's mind. "This church" - wherever it was - is not as "friendly" ... "worshipful" ... "evangelistic" ... "spiritual" ... "sophisticated" ... "know-

ledgeable," etc., etc., as "that church" wherever it was. I do not necessarily question the accuracy of these judgments; I am questioning their value and design.

Are we interested in pinpointing a genuine weakness in order to identify and to correct it? If so, good. Or are we only "stewing"? Perhaps giving expression to personal resentments and frustrations? Perhaps, again, merely speaking out of our own immaturity? There are differences in motivation and in intent. The one may be noble and worthy, while the other is mean and thoughtless. And that is a world of difference.

Lanny Henninger

From the Preacher's Desk (continued)

you will want to hear. Later in the summer a special opportunity will be provided for parents to see a film by an outstanding teacher of parent and child relationships.

In August we are looking forward to a visit of the Rudolf Rischer family from Augsburg, Germany. The church in Gainesboro, Tennessee has raised funds to pay for the travel expense of the Rischer family and our elders have agreed to pay the expenses of brother Rischer. While some of us have been privileged to visit in Augsburg, it has been six years since the Rischers have visited with us. This will provide an opportunity for many to renew their acquaintance with this good family and for many of our congregation to meet them for the first time. Another missionary coming to Tyler this summer is Jeanette Ingram from Brazil. She will be visiting with her parents, the Homer Williamsons, of this congregation. We have contributed toward the support of the Ingrams in the past and many of you have contributed toward the travel fund for Jeanette who has not been home in two years.

I am thankful for all of the mission efforts of this congregation. I was thrilled to read of the successful meeting in Trinidad, West Indies, where we help support Fred and Doris Givens. Their recent report, distributed in the Bible class, was interesting and encouraging.

Be sure to put the Lord in your plans for this summer and always.

GHS

In Appreciation

Many children who attend our Tuesday School are from families who do not worship at West Erwin. The following is a letter of appreciation received from one of the families of a Tuesday School "little one."

"Dear Mr. Price:

My family and I would like to thank you, the elders, and members of West Erwin Church of Christ for the opportunity extended to us in allowing Christie to attend your "Tuesday School." Without question, it was a blessing in her life and a joy to us to hear her talk about what she learned in "school" each Tuesday. We realize the substantial time and effort expended by the workers in this program and want to assure them and you that it is greatly appreciated."

Kindest Regards,
Clinton R. Roxburgh



by George Stephenson
A. M. Faithful Church Members
P. M. Paul, More Than Conqueror

HERE and THERE

by wes price



I have mixed emotions about the approaching summer. While it provides a refreshing change from the usual schedule, it also means a slow down in church related activities. I wish it could be otherwise, but what with vacation times and frequent weekend trips for the family, there are lots of times when members are away from their church home. Now mind you, I'm not begrudging anyone the right to be away, I'm just saying that we miss you when you are away.

Don't forget to find you a place to visit and worship on Sunday when you are gone and remember to leave your contribution check with someone here to put in or double up when you return.

At any rate - have a safe and happy summer!

Vacation Bible School is looking us square in the eyes! June 9 through 13, the second week of June. We want our building full of active boys and girls. Let's make every car count when it rolls toward our building each day. Invite your neighborhood friends to come with your children. Our staff of teachers are busy preparing materials for excellent class sessions.

Our staff consists of:

2 Year Olds	Diana Savage, Cecille Wiggains Barbara Montandon
3 Year Olds	Fleta Butler, Pauline Aven
4 Year Olds	Maxine Freeman, Julianne Butler
Kindergarten	Carolyn Blackstone, Elaine Robertson, Fran Starnes
First Grade	Carolyn Carruth, Rhonda Haws
Second Grade	Pat Crow, Wanda Weathers
Third Grade	Carolyn Womack, Marian Rowe
Fourth Grade	Jean Oliver, Betty Knight
5th & 6th Grades	Billie Bob Hickman, Billie Freeman
High School	Wes Price
Adult	Johnny Anders, Minister - Bullard
Refreshments	Ann Duncan, Carolyn Welborn

All VBS Teachers are reminded of an important meeting this coming Sunday afternoon, May 25 at 5:30 p. m. in the chapel. We would like to encourage all teachers who have been assigned to a class and those who have not yet who can be available to help us. We always have emergency needs, so we will need some teachers on stand-by.

Congratulations to all our graduating High School seniors! They deserve a big pat on the back for a noble accomplishment. Do you realize that by world population standards, these young people are considerably in the minority for such a lofty and ambitious achievement. I wish all of them "Godspeed" in their future endeavors.

We now have a new supply of letters from foreign students who have requested the World Bible School Correspondence material. Many of you have been waiting for some new students. Now is your chance. Some of you who have not become involved in this great teaching effort need to join us and see that we don't let a single opportunity pass to teach the gospel of Christ. World Bible School Teachers now number in the thousands, ranging in age from grade school children all the way through senior citizens. If you can read and follow directions, you can become an effective teacher in this program. Ask me about details.

WP



Your response to the travel fund for Mrs. David (Jeanette) Ingram has been very good. West Erwin members have given \$550.00

New Baby

Jim and Dee (Gowen) Ellison are the happy parents of a baby boy, Joshua Clifton, born May 17,

Happy Birthday

MAY
(26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight
(27) Paul Knight
(28) Jack Raney
(30) Mildred Tuel, Ola Dunwoody

The Amazing Grace

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Announcements	Roger Knight
Prayer	Foy Richey
Dismiss	Ferman Carpenter
Evening Worship	
Announcements	Roger Knight
Prayer	Lowell Wiggains
Dismiss	Carroll Magee
Serving Communion Sunday	
Dale Duncan	Glynn Starnes
Leslie Carruth	John Steffee
Mike Savage	Bob Zadina
Leslie Mallory	Clark Lemons

Our Records

Contributions	
May 11	\$4,352.29
May 4	\$5,353.12
Year Ago	\$3,674.54
Bible School	
May 11	394
May 4	383
Year Ago	311
Worship	
May 11	516
May 4	426
Weekly Budget	
	\$5,200.00

Welcome



We are happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Durwood (Louise) Hendry and their children into the fellowship of the West Erwin Family. Their address is 2100 So. Robertson, phone 593-7726. They come to us from the Broadway congregation here in our city. Their children are: Greg, a senior, Jennie, High School, Lea, 4th grade and Anne, 1st grade.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Revised Pre-School Program
East Texas Christian Academy will have a 2 year old, 3 year old and 4 year old program for the 1980-81 school year. For further information on time, and price for each program, please contact the school office at 561-8642

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Thank You

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

The George McCarley Family

We thank you so much for the prayers, visits, calls, cards and flowers, and every act of kindness at the passing of our brother, Clyde Richards. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. May God bless each of you.

Vera and Bernie Beard

100% CLASS

The first grade class taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

Report of Our Sick

T. J. Parsons entered the V. A. Hospital in Dallas on Thursday of last week.

Felix Knight, father of Roger Knight, underwent surgery Thursday in Mother Frances Hospital.

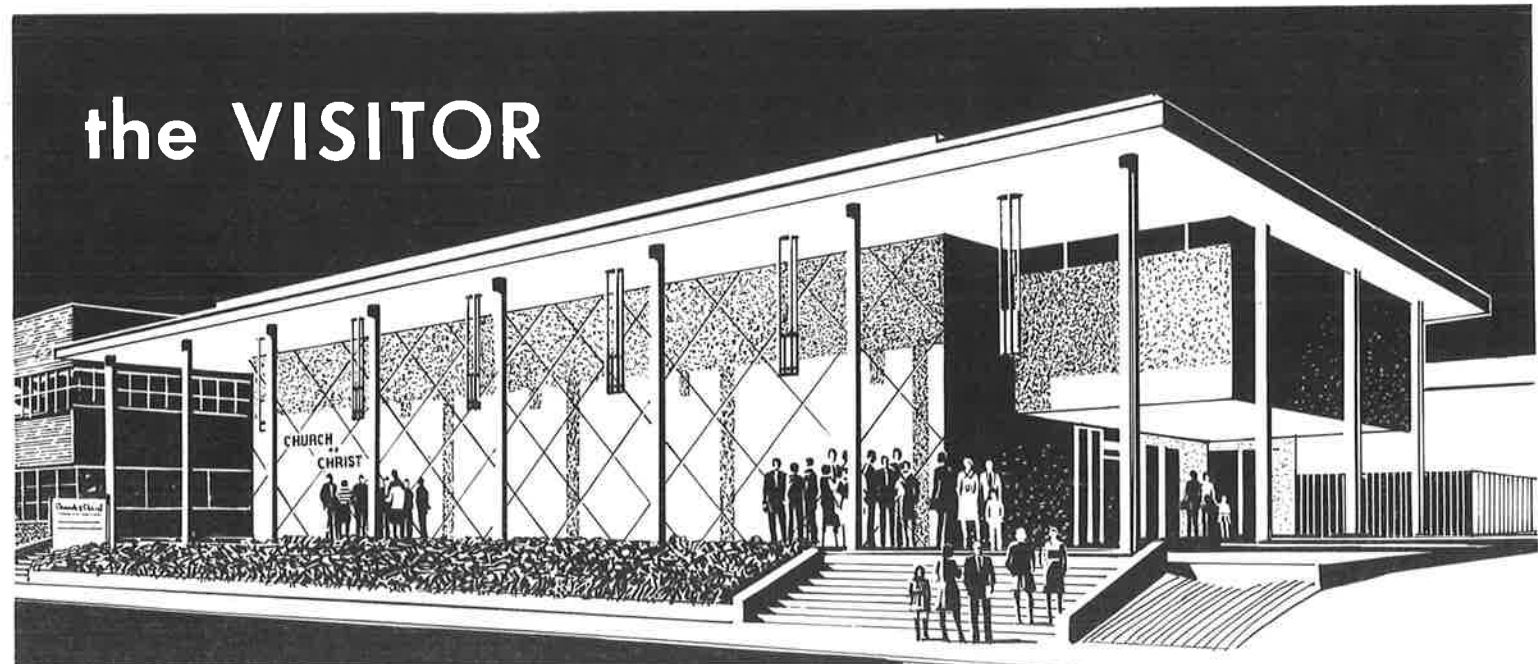
Mrs. Jim Willis is in Glenwood Hospital, but hopes to go home in a day or two.

Happy Birthday

- MAY
- (18) D. C. Jones, Barbara Montandon
 - (20) Doris Gregory, Mike Munn
 - (21) Sherryl Miles
 - (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis E. Jones

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Last Lord's Day was a beautiful day. It is always good to meet for worship with fellow Christians and it was good Sunday to see many visitors with us who had come to be with their mothers on the day men have set aside to honor them. We were glad to see our college students among others who were present.

I know that you appreciate, as I do, the beautiful flowers which were furnished and arranged by Mrs. Paul Miller. They added to the beauty and dignity of our building and helped to create an atmosphere conducive to worship.

We were glad to have the Dr. Durwood Hendry family to be identified with the West Erwin church. I feel that this lovely family will be an asset to us in our efforts to do the Lord's will.

Pauline Jones deserved the honor bestowed on

her for her many years of teaching God's Word to little ones. We are thankful for her and for all of our dedicated Bible teachers who give of their time and energy in teaching our children and young people.

We are printing in this week's bulletin the monthly report of the work in Augsburg, Germany. The reports are usually mimeographed and distributed in Sunday morning Bible classes, however we wanted everyone to have a copy of the picture and report written by Christel Rischer in regard to a youth meeting. Rudolf Rischer is a dedicated worker for Christ and he is blessed in having a very fine Christian wife. Christel is a very capable and dedicated worker. The report will tell you of some of the work she did for the youth meeting which is typical of the work she is constantly doing. The Rischers have a lovely family. I will always be grateful that Alice and I could be with them in their home in Germany and wish that all of you could have had the opportunity we had to become acquainted with the faithful Christians in Augsburg.

I look forward to seeing you in Bible Class and in worship Sunday.

SERMON SUBJECTS

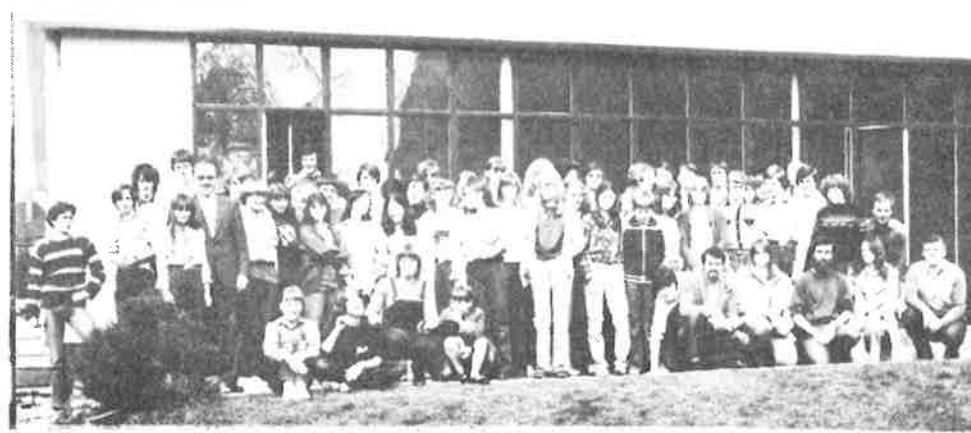
by George H. Stephenson
10:30 A.M. By Whose Authority?
6:00 P.M. The Disciple Jesus Loved.

Dear Friends,

On the picture below you see the young people who have been with us from March 30 until April 3. Again, for the sixth time, we were hosts for the Youth Rally which took place in our church building. 60 teenagers and ten teachers were attending this wonderful meeting, and took advantage of the great opportunity for Christian fellowship and intensive study of God's word (the main theme was from I John). Everybody was very much enthused, and they all said that it had been one of the best seminars they ever attended.

And this in spite of some difficulties we had with the food at the first evening. Something happened to our stewed steak (we burned it), so we couldn't serve it, and until we noticed it, it was time to eat. We had to decide what to do and, finally, Rudi had to go to get a Pizza for everyone. In the meantime more people arrived than we had expected and we had to split the Pizzas, and I had to empty my freezer to get everyone satisfied.

But nobody really cared about this accident, except us three cooks, who were very much upset and nervous.



For the first time I didn't have any responsibility during a seminar like this one. We thought it would be more wise to lead other ladies of the church to take over the responsibility, so that they get more experience and some day take over this kind of work.

But this doesn't mean that I didn't have anything to do. I helped with the cooking and was cleaning the church building (including rest rooms and showers) every day. Also, we had up to 20 people staying in our home. Some of them had to sleep on the floor on blankets since we did not have any more mattresses. Our breakfast we had to eat in shifts again, and we were so happy that we have a second shower in our basement since last year (we built it ourselves). We wouldn't know what to do without it.

On Thursday, April 3, they all left (except for 10 young people, who stayed with us for another day because they wanted to attend another youth meeting one day later in Wiesbaden), leaving a dirty place to be cleaned up, which we did with the help of some young people the following day. After these five days of joy and work, fellowship and stress, we felt kind of sorry that everyone had left again.

Thinking back we know that "all things work together for good to them that love God," as he has promised us. So, we are most happy to be able to report to you that 3 boys and 2 girls were baptized as a result of our combined efforts. And even though these five teenagers were not from Augsburg, we still are praising God for this wonderful fruit.

Rudi and our three children are sending you their heartiest greetings.

With Christian love,

Christel
The Rischer family

Thank You

To say I was speechless is putting it mildly. To Wes and the Elders - thank you for the honor bestowed on me. To those of you who have expressed your love and confidence in me - you made my day! Thank you. Pauline Jones

Congratulations Graduates

We know of several young people who will receive degrees this spring from college. We know of:

Kevin Womack graduated May 10th from East Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in printing. He will live in Tyler.

Pesemary Center will graduate May 17 from the University of Texas at Tyler. She will receive a Bachelor of Science degree and her major is Elementary Education.

Kathy Price Berry and her husband, Ken Berry, both graduated from Abilene Christian University May 4. She received a Bachelor of Science with a major in Homemaking. Ken received a Bachelor of Arts. He has a major in Greek.

Laurie Rowe will graduate May 17th from the School of Nursing in Galveston. She will return to Tyler and work in a hospital here.

Donnie O'Bannon graduated from Abilene Christian University on May 4 with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Carlotta Sparkman Browning received her Bachelor of Science degree on May 10 from Texas Woman's University in Denton. Her major is Homemaking.

Meredith Womack will graduate May 13 from Tyler Junior College. She received the Angela Stansbury scholarship award. She will continue her education in accounting.

Grocery Truck

The Medina Children's Home Grocery truck will be here the week of June 16 - 20. They have suggested that we may concentrate on one item - SALAD DRESSING (French, Blue Cheese, 1000 Island, Italian, Creamy Italian, etc.) We can begin collecting now and have a good supply when the truck arrives.

HERE
and THERE



by wes price

All it takes for one to learn to be more sympathetic with those who are ill is for one to have a bout with an illness himself. I assure you I can certainly be more understanding with sick folk for awhile. Of course, it never comes at a convenient time and if I understand John Owens and his concern for the last Men's Fellowship Breakfast, my recent illness was rather untimely.

At least now we know that I'm not indispensable to that breakfast. There are other good cooks around even if they don't like to get up that early. There was a good turnout and numerous good comments on George's devotional message.

All who are interested should take note that the Abilene Christian University Summer Teacher's Workshop is scheduled this year for July 20 through 23. We have reservations for all who would like to attend. We will be traveling together this year in our new Van, so make your plans now to attend. I need to have your name on my reservation list, so let the office know if you plan on going. We will have news of the teaching staff to share with you later.

Thank you in joining me Sunday morning at the close of our services in extending warm congratulations to Pauline Jones for being our honor recipient for this year's distinguished teacher award. May her example of continuous service as a teacher serve to inspire others to follow. Several generations have profited from her work as a class room teacher.

Promotion time for all of our children's classes will take place during the last few minutes of class time on Sunday morning, May 25. Parents can be of assistance by remembering this important date.

Our present schedule of Adult and Teenage classes will conclude with the close of class time on Wednesday evening, May 28. We are putting the finishing touches on a great summer program which will begin with a guest speaker on June 4th. All of the speakers and the balance of the summer program will be announced in a future bulletin. I feel sure that you will enjoy meeting with us each week on Wednesday evening for a balanced diet of spiritual food. Along with your other summer plans, please remember not to schedule the Lord out of your calendar.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan
Prayer	Bob Threadgill
Dismiss	W. S. Little
Evening Worship	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan
Prayer	James Canterbury
Dismiss	Shannon Hughes
Serving Communion Sunday	
Jamon Kirby	Dick Higginbotham
Cliff Clough	Cooper Goodson
Harold Browning	Bruce Raley
Marc Lemons	Rocky Chambless
Assistants in Back Foyer	
Phil Marts	James Phillips
Guy Potts	W. S. Little

Our Records

Contributions	
May 4	\$5,353.12
April 27	\$5,249.45
Year Ago	\$4,300.22
Bible School	
May 4	383
April 27	405
Year Ago	361
Worship	
Weekly Budget	
	\$5,200.00

RECEIVES DEGREE

Karen Porter will receive a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler this month. She has majored in marketing.



Get Smart

*Be In Bible Class Sunday
Bring The Whole Family
Bring Your Bibles
Be On Time*

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Report of Our Sick

Ed Naul is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Benjamin (Dollie) Sutton is in Medical Center Hospital.
T. J. Parsons is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Jim (Bessie) Willis is in the Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Lunceford, sister of Floia Payne is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon in Natchitoches, La. for Paul Shaw, uncle of Mrs. Pete Wallace. We express our sympathy to the family.

New Baby

A great granddaughter of Mary and Ike Gaiser was born Monday in Mother Frances Hospital to Gail and Glenn Tarpley.

MISSING CHAIRS

There are several chairs missing from class rooms in the educational building. When chairs are not returned promptly it makes a hardship on brother Williamson to provide chairs for a room. In the future, to avoid confusion, if you are in need of chairs for a meeting or a gathering in your home, please use chairs from the fellowship building.

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George H. Stephenson

We have heard good reports about the sermons preached by Dean Brookshire on Sunday. We were glad to have the opportunity to be in Lubbock for the formal opening and dedication of the new Education Center of the Broadway church building. The building is a magnificent structure and is well equipped with the needs of a great Bible School for years to come. An entire section of the Lubbock newspaper was devoted to the Broadway church. Several prominent men were on hand for the dedication ceremonies on Sunday afternoon including a congressman, state legislator, mayor, etc. I was glad to have the opportunity to teach one of the Sunday morning classes along with a number of other former Broadway preachers. Jack Paul was another one of the speakers for a Bible class. The Broadway church has been one of the strongest congregations in the brotherhood for many years. It was good to be with our friends there once again.

I regret very much that I was not present for the Teacher's Appreciation Dinner. We were

out of town due to the serious illness of my brother-in-law in Sherman. We are glad to report that he has shown improvement. I am glad that the Appreciation Dinner was very successful in every way. We have some splendid teachers of God's Word at West Erwin and they are surely worthy of more honor than they receive.

This coming Sunday, as every Sunday, is the Lord's Day. We will honor our Lord as we assemble around His table. It is also a day set aside as a time to remember our mothers. I shall be grateful for the wonderful Christian women whose lives blessed mine.

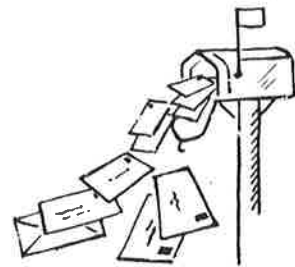
The greatest battle that ever was fought -
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not
It was fought by the mothers of men.

Joakin Miller

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

10:30 A. M. The Boy Who Let His Mother Down
By George H. Stephenson
6:00 P. M. Sermon by Wes Price

*the
Mail
Bag*



This letter was received this week in answer to a shipment of items for the Chimala Hospital in Tanzania, East Africa.

Dear Friends,

We have received your very welcome and much needed gift of 2 boxes of baby blankets, bottles, disposable pads, and gowns. Thank you so much for all of these useful items. They make our work much more pleasant and efficient. We know and appreciate the time, effort and expense it took for you to assemble, make and send these things to the hospital.

We hope you are enjoying nice spring weather in Tyler with a minimum of spring storms. It is near the end of the rainy season here at Chimala. From about the 1st or 2nd week in May we will not see any more rain until the latter part of November, so we are enjoying these last few days of lush green growth because in a few weeks every thing will be brown, brittle dry and dusty.

Thank you again for your nice gift and continued interest in the work at Chimala. May God's richest blessings shower down on you continuously as you work to please Him.

In His love,
Florene Smalling

The following letter was received by Mrs. Ross Walker from a student of the World Bible School in Nigeria.

Sister in Christ,

It was tremendously wondrous for the merciful work of God he had revealed to me, by enabling me the completion of my Bible knowledge studies. I can't express my feelings over the certificate awarded in its respect.

It was all the will of God, who had given you the opportunity of allowing me to benefit from your priceless and worthy instructions. May he shower more blessings and grace upon you and your family for his holy word you have been propagating throughout the universe. Amen!

I cannot state how deeply I have been given the clear understanding of the Bible through your lectures. In fact, I have preached and taught people on the pulpit since I received the certificate. I have no doubt of the fact that many of your students would do the same. Glory be to Jesus our Lord: now and forever more.

Moses Zakari asked me to inform that he had lost you since his last lesson you sent. He is anxiously waiting to receive the next lesson. He was really moved when I showed to him my certificate. Please do not tarry.

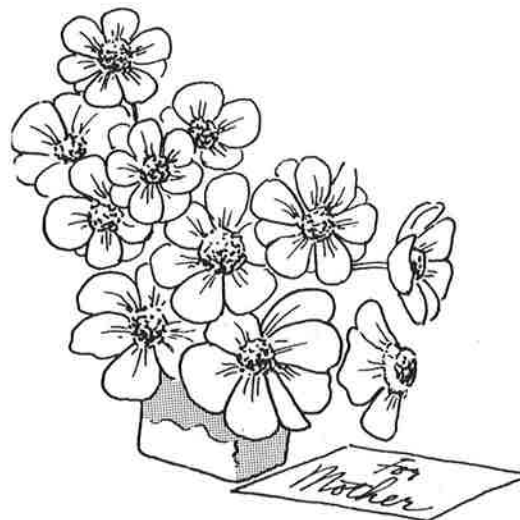
Your brother in Christ,
Innocent Omason

A PRICELESS MEMORY

One of the richest memories of a mother was the day she told her son the sunlight was God's smile. Later when the sunlight was flashing through a window, the lad stood in it and said, "Now I'm standing in God's smile."

Years passed, the boy grew to be a man, and the mother had long ago gone to heaven. One day the son searched thru the attic of the old home and found a pair of boy's shoes. On the bottom of them was inscribed, in his mother's own hand writing, these words: "My boy wore these shoes when he said, 'I am standing in God's smile.' "

The man, his eyes moist, remarked, "The dearest memory, perhaps, of mother has become my own. I want to stay in the sunlight of His love and someday be home again with mother."



Our Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of Pat McCarley in the loss of her husband, George. His funeral was conducted at Burks-Walker Funeral Home on Monday afternoon. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Mrs. M. B. Beard's brother, Clyde Richards, was buried here in Tyler on Monday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

We could not begin to thank each of you individually for your kindness and concern for us since Art has been sick. We appreciate the lovely cards from the Young Married Couples Class and others in the congregation, the visits and the calls.

We especially thank you for your prayers offered on our behalf and ask that you continue to pray for us as we await the time to go to Dallas for further tests later this month. A special "thank you" to the Chapel Bible Class for the lovely plant. It is beautiful and we will enjoy it for a long time.

Artis & Patti Tate

The lovely flowers, the cards, and your love and concern were deeply appreciated at the death of our mother, Alice Jenkins.

Foy Richey and Family

Happy Birthday

MAY (12) Aubrey Payne (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic (15) Jessie Smith, Julie Duncan (16) K. Max Haws (17) Jamon Kirby



On Wednesday of next week, May 14th there will be a covered dish luncheon following the Ladies Bible Class. This will be the last luncheon for this year until fall. Hostesses will be Elaine Roberson, Pat Corw, Grace Walker, Dorothy Davis, Dana Gode and Johnnie Sue Dayton. Men are invited.

**HERE
and THERE**



by **wes price**

Our visit to the campus of Abilene Christian University was a mountain top experience for parents who were witnessing the graduation of sons and daughters. Just the fact that they were finishing was exciting enough, but with the attendant blessings, it was joy unspeakable. The graduation exercise was in itself a thing of quiet beauty and dignity and spoke so eloquently of high and noble purposes in life. Education is one of those excellent purposes and we need to encourage constant pursuit of it.

Thank you for permitting our family to be away from you for a Sunday to enjoy the rare privilege of seeing our daughter and son-in-law graduate.

We rejoice too, with Russell and Audrey O'Bannon who witnessed the graduation of their grandson, Donnie.

Our Teacher Appreciation Dinner was an exciting event. We had an excellent number respond with their presence. The food was delicious, the decorations superb, the guest speaker inspiring, and the entertainment delightful. We wanted it to be so. Our Teaching Staff deserve a tribute such as this to show them how much we appreciate their great efforts.

We especially want to mention our thanks to the decorating committee, which consisted of Mary Dawson, Eveline McCarty and Mildred Parris. They are such talented ladies and the creativity enhanced the beauty of the occasion.

We were inspired by a brief message from brother F. C. Carpenter and our guest speaker, Cary Branscom. Cary also provided a most unusual form of entertainment in the person of Mark Twain. His impersonation was superb and the humor most enjoyable. Our only regret is that all could not be present to help us say thank you to our teachers. I know you have been doing that on your own. If you have not yet done so, say a kind word of thanks to your Bible class teacher at the very next opportunity.

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

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Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
April 27	5,249.45
April 20	5,105.43
Year Ago	4,148.62
<u>Bible School</u>	
April 27	405
April 20	422
Year Ago	356
<u>Worship</u>	
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	
	\$5,200.00

Responses

RESTORED: Jeff Munn

TOYS FOR NURSERY

Our nursery is in need of toys suitable for babies and toddlers to play with (washable toys). Also, if you have an unused toy chest no longer needed at your house it could be used in the nursery also.

TUESDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday School will close next Tuesday morning with a closing program at 10:30 in the Chapel. Parents and any who would like to come are welcome.

A sound argument must have more than sound to it.

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From The Preacher's Desk (Continued)
will be praying that it will be a good day at West Erwin.

The wonderful springtime in Tyler should fill all of us with a greater zeal and determination to be faithful servants of the Lord. The world is filled with frustration and anxiety, but let us not forget that there is still a Father in heaven who still cares for His children.

Report of Our Sick

Artis Tate is now at home from the hospital.

Ken Bennett and Bill Rozell are both patients in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas.

Bill Rozell underwent open heart surgery on Tuesday.

George McCarley remains in Glenwood Hospital.

George and Alice Stephenson received word this morning (Wednesday) that his brother-in-law, John Voelke, is very critically ill.

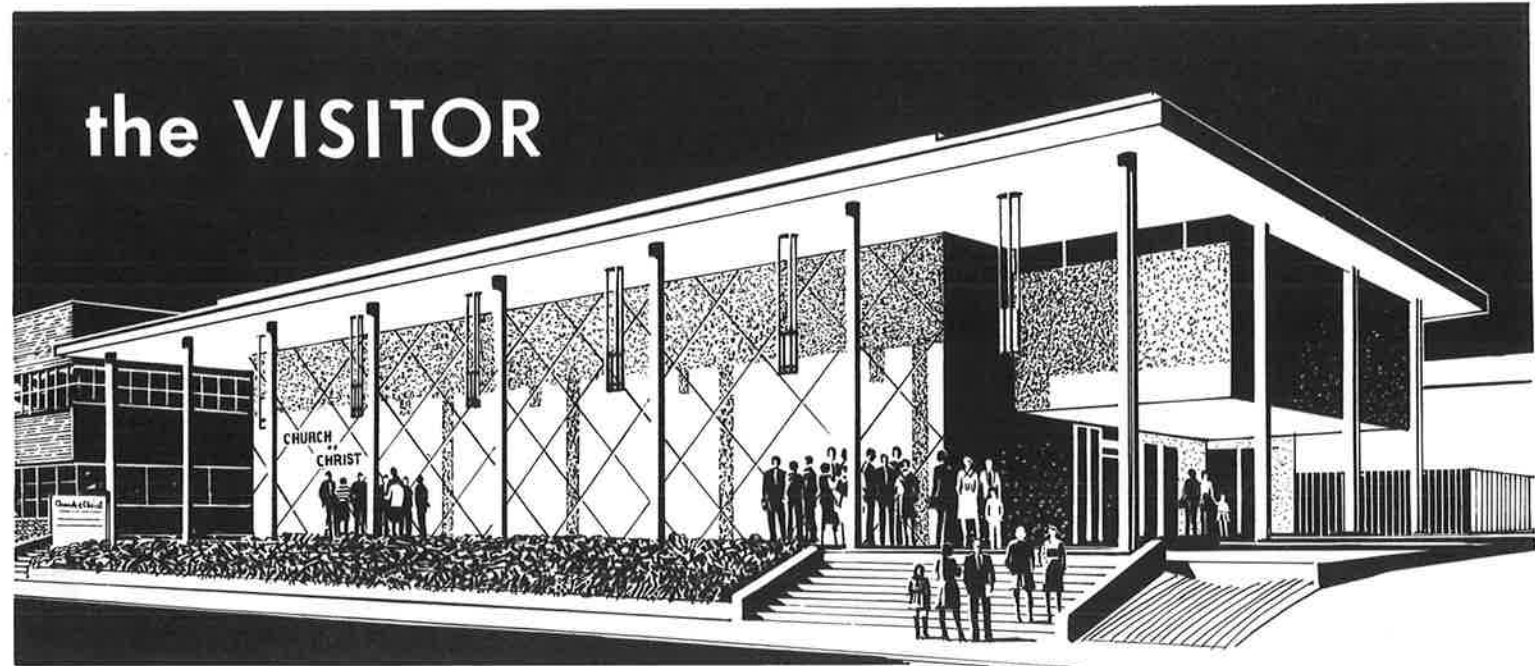
The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KFTV

"Fathers...bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are glad that Dean Brookshire will be back with the West Erwin congregation Sunday to preach for morning and evening services. Brother Brookshire served as the local evangelist for this congregation for ten years before we moved here in 1968. He and his wife, Maurine, are loved by many friends here.

We are looking forward to being back with the Broadway church in Lubbock Sunday. We were privileged to work with the Broadway church from 1957 to 1963. Sunday will be the occasion for the dedication and open house of a new \$3.8 million dollar educational building. It will be a homecoming for former preachers and members.

I had the opportunity to see the new educational building of the Broadway building recently when I was in Lubbock to preach the funeral for one of our good friends. We have been blessed in having opportunities to know many wonderful Christians among some of the outstanding congregations in the brotherhood. It is always a joy to meet friends in the church whom we have known and loved for many years. We look forward to Sunday in Lubbock and

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GUEST SPEAKER



Dean Brookshire

Dean Brookshire, former evangelist for the West Erwin church, will be preaching Sunday morning at 10:30 and Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

Fellowship of Christians



The Barber Shop Quartet

George Stephenson, Hillard & Jeanine Hughes
Guest Evangelist, Harold Poland

Wes Price, Joe McBee, Cullen Gilliam, Jim McCoy

FROM THE ELDERS

Perhaps there are some who might have varied opinions of the following request from the elders. Our conviction, first of all, is to serve the congregation in every manner we can that will promote the ultimate in Christianity at West Erwin and in every location of the church. As you may have noted from your copy of the 1980 budget that was distributed in February, this year we are contributing 19% to the mission field and 6% to benevolent work. We are concerned about doing more in these areas in the future. Saving the lost and assisting the needy is a great responsibility for all Christians everywhere. Even though we have a busy benevolent program and an active mission program, we are open to suggestions for ways to accomplish more to improve these programs. We invite your comments to the elders either orally or by letter concerning additional efforts we might explore.

Happy Birthday

MAY

- (5) Maxine Freeman, Dot Hardin, Nelda Browning
- (7) John Porter (8) Jason O'Quinn
- (9) Amy Owens, M. B. Beard, Ford Egbert

Area Meetings

Jay Lockhart, formerly of Tyler, will be in a meeting May 4 - 7 with the Shiloh Rd. congregation. Sunday evening and week-night services at 7:30. You are invited.

The North Tenneha Church here in Tyler will also be in a meeting May 4 - 9 with David Lane preaching. You are invited to attend nightly services at 7:30. The ladies are invited to their Thursday morning class at 10:00 o'clock and a light lunch following.

**HERE
and THERE**

by **wes price**



My wife and I are looking forward to a significant event in the life of our oldest daughter. She and her husband will be graduating this coming Sunday, May 4 from Abilene Christian University. The usual saying, "It seems only yesterday" certainly seems to fit. But we are happy for them that a large segment of their quest for higher education is coming to a close. She is graduating with honors and Ken is graduating as one of two salutatorians. We are not ashamed if our pride flows just a little bit. Of course, our congratulations go out to all graduating seniors both from college as well as high school. Our prayer for them is the same as for our own, may they prosper and be one with the Lord.

I hope all of you are joining me this week in honoring our teachers for their dedicated and unselfish service in our Bible School Program. Outside the reward they will receive in heaven, one of the few rewards they receive is the thanks they get from those who study under them. What we know, we owe to our teachers. Let's join together and thank them for a job well done.

We have received word from the church in Joelton, Tenn. that nearly 1/2 million folks sent in support for the "Clean Up TV Campaign." We rejoice that so many were considerate enough for the need to join in support of this campaign. We will keep you informed as to further developments.

Our congratulations this past week for Virginia Demic and Donna Lowrance's Third Grade Class for their 100% attendance on Sunday morning, April 27.

Our hats are off to the staff of our Tuesday School and its director, Elaine Roberson as they near the end of their current session. There is an enrollment of 74 and an average of 65 children each week. Add this to the dozen workers each week and you can see how much good work is being conducted in our building each Tuesday. They will take a break for the summer and be ready to resume with the beginning of school in the fall.

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MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Don and Debi Kelly and Children
305 E. Dobbs - phone 597-8712



Bob and Marikate Davis
1608 Yosemite - phone 561-5227

Here and There (Continued)

In addition to the Tuesday School workers, we also have a dedicated corps of women working in our benevolent center that same morning. They mend clothing, make quilts and prepare bandages and have a great time being together. Modena Jones is kinda the "mother hen" of this group. Join me in saying thanks to her and those ladies who work so diligently with her. We appreciate so much John Porter who is the chariman of the benevolent committee. John also drives the bus for our Tuesday School program.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer James Canterbury
 Dismiss Milburn Cook
 Evening Worship

Our Records

Contributions
 April 20 \$5,105.43
 April 13 \$5,346.60
 Year Ago \$4,519.65
 Bible School

Announcements Hillard Hughes April 20 422
 Prayer M. B. Beard April 13 333
 Dismiss George Kester Year Ago 388

Serving Communion Sunday

Worship
 April 20 542
 April 13 393

Jeff Duncan Greg Duncan
 Lee Roberson Roy Roberson
 Shayne Bennett Mark Watson
 Dan Magee John Powell

Assistants in Back Foyer Weekly
 Leon Welborn Earl O'Quinn Budget \$5,200.00
 Lowell Wiggains Marc Lemons

Report of Our Sick

Artis Tate continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Kenneth Bennett is a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas. At this writing he is improved.

John Voelke, brother-in-law to George and Alice Stephenson, is very ill in the hospital in Sherman.

FOR CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL

The workers in the Christian Service Center are in need of old sheets and pillow cases for bandage dressing. Also, small bars of Ivory soap are needed. The supplies will be sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa.

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We recognize that nothing can replace the importance of home Bible study and teaching. But we are thankful for the dedication and effort of every one of our faithful teachers who mean so very much to the work which this church endeavors to do in teaching the precious word of God.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, April 27, 1980
 10:30 a.m. When Satan Becomes An Angel of Light.
 6:00 p.m. Stephen, A Full Man

WILL YOU HELP?

It has been 2 years since Janette Ingram has been back to the United States from Brazil. She and David plan to remain in Brazil until the latter part of June, 1981.

Janette wants to come home this summer for a visit and needs help with the funds for travel. Her parents, Homer and Lera Williamson, are members of this congregation and also Janette and David have two daughters in the area who are expecting babies this summer.

If you can contribute to this fund, make your check to the church and mark it the Janette Ingram Travel Fund. This would mean much to Janette and also to her parents and children. Please leave your check in the office or give it to one of the elders.

**BE SYMPATHETIC;
 you know it could happen to
 you.**

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
 Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

When this issue of The Visitor reaches you our meeting with Harold Poland as the evangelist will be past history. We are thankful that he has been with us. We have enjoyed his company and appreciate his knowledge of God's Word and his ability to proclaim it.

I am thankful for the faithful work of those who were in charge of our fellowship meal on Saturday night. They did a great job and we had a delightful time. It is good that we may worship together, but it is also good that we may eat together and enjoy being with our fellow Christians. The first Christians in Jerusalem enjoyed eating together. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," (Acts 2:46,47). Of course, they did not have a fellowship building in which to eat, but neither did they own a

church building in which to worship. We believe that both types of buildings may serve useful purposes.

We look forward to the appreciation dinner on Friday night, May 2 when we will honor our Bible School teachers. The Bible teaches that we should give "honor to whom honor" is due, (Romans 13:7). Surely no group of people could be more deserving of honor than our faithful teachers of God's Word.

It is important for children to be taught. From a child Timothy had known the Scriptures. Paul said to him, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus," (2 Timothy 3:15). Timothy received training from a faithful mother and grandmother, (2 Timothy 1:5).

Everyone needs to be taught, because it is through teaching that individuals are led to the Lord. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me," (John 6:44,45). (continued on back)

Blessings of Teaching

Teaching the Word of God is the business of every congregation of the Lord's body. It is not an easy task - "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, preach the gospel to every creature."

This is the world's biggest assignment. What other business has the duty of reaching every person on earth with its product? Teaching is also hard work. It requires dedication of life and preparation of the mind through diligent study. Solomon said it: "Much study is a weariness of the flesh" Ecclesiastes 12:12. And it takes a special strength of patience to be able to stay with it through the blistering heat of planting and nourishing times without losing hope for the harvest. Yet it is worth it all. The blessings of teaching are worthy of its cost.

Teaching the Word of God Blesses the Ones Taught. It precedes and accompanies the conversion and growth of every Christian. Paul considered the gospel as a treasure which he could give to others (II Cor. 4:7). It enriched his disciples in ways which were world changing and eternal. Money couldn't buy a moment of forgiveness, joy, and peace he imparted when he taught.

Teaching the Word of God blesses the Church. An informed and disciplined membership enjoys

true peace, both with God and one another. The congregation that loves and serves the best is the one which is most blessed with good teachers. Ignorance of the Lord and of His way breeds destruction of every sort. Happy is the church that teaches effectively.

Teaching the Word of God Blesses the Teacher. The teacher is blessed by the extra time that is spent with God. His life continually is being changed by the transforming power of the word. Others take knowledge that he has been with Jesus. The teacher is blessed by the influence for good he has upon his students. It is a joy akin to that of the angels in heaven when the teacher watches the changes and growth of his students in the grace of God. All the while, the teacher enjoys the fruit of his associations. Lifelong friendships are formed with grateful learners of the word, not to speak of making heavenly friends.

While it is true there is no royal road to learning, to both teacher and student of the word of salvation there is a royal road which it provides and its destination is heaven.

Now, don't you want to teach.
...Hardeman Nichols

Do You Belong?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home
And crab both long and loud?

Do you ever go to visit,
A member who is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few
And talk after the clique?

There is quite a program schedule
That means success if done,
And can be accomplished
With the help of every one.

So attend the meetings regularly,
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over, member,
Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member?
Or - Do you just belong?

PARTY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Everyone should have received a letter by now concerning a party on May 16 for the juniors and seniors among the congregations in Tyler. This is always a special time for our young people and we are planning a special event for this year. If you can help with the expenses for the party, please give your contributions to Hillard or Jeanine Hughes.

FAMILY NIGHT - April 25

Sunday evening following worship the young people of junior high and high school age and their parents will meet in the Fellowship building for Family Night.

High School



Graduates

Shayne Bennett
Stafford Franklin —
Greg Hendry
Lisa Higginbotham
Clark Lemons —
Dan Magee
Roy Roberson
Jill Rowe
Michelle Skipper



TIME CHANGE

Two o'clock Sunday morning is the official time to change to Daylight Saving Time. Remember to turn your clock forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening and be on time for Bible School Sunday morning.

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Again, a hearty thanks is due those who worked so diligently in our Bible School Drive for last Sunday. We missed it by about three score. I'm glad so many put off their out-of-town trips to be with us. Perhaps we'll make it next time.

Our visiting preacher certainly did his part in making our meeting the success it deserved to be. We have enjoyed some excellent Biblical preaching. It was a blessing to have him here with us.

Special mention is due the classes that made their goals. First Grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell had 100%, Fourth Grade, taught by Jean Oliver and Pauline Aven had 100% and Fifth Grade, taught by Dale and Ann Duncan had 128%. We are proud of these for their accomplishments.

All our Bible teachers are reminded again that our Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet is set for Friday night, May 2, at 7:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please don't forget this important date.

Parents, please remember our Vacation Bible School this year is scheduled for June 9 through 13, 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. each morning. Teachers are being selected now, and we anticipate a great week of studying God's word in this concentrated effort.

One Adult class that we are especially proud to mention is the new one for Young Married Couples taught by Freeman Morgan. The class was actually begun after we set our goals, but it has grown in four weeks from 5 to a total of 16 present for our Bible School Drive day. We are grateful for their efforts in helping this needed class grow.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (29) Cone Birdwell
MAY (1) Aline Beard, B. Raney
(2) Lera Williamson (4) Ken Gode

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship	
Announcements	F.C.Carpenter
Prayer	C. E. Caskey
Dismiss	Archie Kennard
Evening Worship	
Announcements	F.C.Carpenter
Prayer	Freeman Morgan
Dismiss	Edwin Pickle
Serving Communion Sunday	
Jeff Duncan	Greg Duncan
Lee Roberson	Roy L. Roberson
Shayne Bennett	Mark Watson
Dan Magee	John Powell
Assistants in Back Foyer	
Leon Welborn	Earl O'Quinn
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Our Records

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Year Ago	4,346.04
Bible School	
April 13	333
April 6	424
Year Ago	406
Worship	
April 13	393
April 6	542
Weekly	
Budget	\$5,200.00

Responses

We rejoice that Miss Carol Eads, 1815 Magnolia, was baptized on Saturday through the efforts of some at the Shiloh Road church and the Duncan family. She came Sunday morning to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. Carol and Greg Duncan are engaged to be married in July.

When it comes to helping others, some people stop at nothing.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

true scale of spiritual values. I believe if you will, you will be here for every one of those times. We are hoping and praying that you will, because we love you. If we didn't, we would not be so concerned.

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Jim Franklin entered Baylor Hospital in Dallas on Sunday. Surgery was scheduled for Wednesday.
George McCarley is in Glenwood Hospital. Carl Jones, from Terrell, hopes to go home this week from Mother Frances.
Mrs. Elizabeth Lemons has been moved to Leisure Lodge Nursing Home.
The brother of George Stephenson is a patient in a Houston Hospital. Also, brother Stephenson's brother-in-law is in a Sherman Hospital in ICU suffering from heart trouble.
Ken Bennett is in ICU in the hospital in De Queen, Arkansas.

In Appreciation

Thank you for your interest and willingness to work to promote the growth of East Texas Christian Academy.
We continue to have need of your prayers and support to provide continual growth for East Texas Christian Academy.
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APRIL 20-21-22-23

SUNDAY

9:30 A. M. - Bible Study
10:30 A. M. - Worship
6:00 P. M. - Worship

WEEK DAY EVENINGS

7:30 P. M. - Worship

Pre-school class and Nursery available.



HAROLD POLAND

100% IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

YOUNG PEOPLE RECENTLY BAPTIZED



Amy Knight



Kristy Roberson



Trey Hughes



Terri Hallman



ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Saturday Night - Fellowship Hall - Come by 6:30 so we may eat by 7:00 p. m. Bring food for your family and guests. Bread and drinks furnished. Visiting evangelist, Harold Poland, will be with us.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS



Artis and Pattie Tate



Foy Bellows



THE STRENGTH IS IN THE STRANDS!

You may find it impossible to break a strong rope while the strands are intact; but if you will separate the strands and try them one by one, you will find you can easily snap them. While the several strands are intertwined and united, the rope is strong. Yet when the strands are separated, the strength of the rope is destroyed!

For the rope depends on the intertexture of the strands for its strength. The load must be borne by a balanced relationship of all the strands. When one strand is weakened, the strength of the entire rope is impaired; when one strand fails, the whole rope is placed in jeopardy!

The church of the Lord is similar to a rope! It is made up of its many members, yet its strength is dependent on the performance of each and every member! And when one member is weak, it will weaken the entire church. Therefore, there are no "insignificant members" in Christ's body.

Each is to perform in a worthy manner Paul taught "For the body is not one member but many... And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular," (I Cor. 12: 14, 26-27).

The church is spiritually strong only when ALL the members have spiritual strength.

Via Gospel Minutes

Happy Birthday

APRIL

- (21) Mary Keith, Jill Rowe, Leslie Mal-lory
- (22) Marie Skeeters
- (23) Annie Lee Drummond
- (24) Edna Tucker
- (26) A. Z. Aven, Cullen Gilliam, Shannon Hughes
- (27) Holly Henderson

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation for the cards, calls, the lovely pot plant and every expression of sympathy in the loss of my sister.

Mrs. Bernice Andrews

Congratulations

We congratulate Karen and Bob Zadina on the birth of a baby daughter, Shelly Nicole, born Saturday in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. They are scheduled to come home on Wednesday.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to brother Foy Richey in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Cora Jenkins. Her funeral was conducted on Wednesday in Sulphur Springs.

A BOARD MEETING of the East Texas Christian Academy will be held Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at the Shiloh Road church. The meeting is open to everyone.

A SAINT IS
A SINNER
WHO KEEPS
ON TRYING.



SPECIAL CLUB MEETING

Mothers for Teens - Mothers and their teenage daughters are invited to see a film to be shown at the Campus Christian Center by Kennon Rider on April 28, 7:30 p. m. entitled, "Rape, A Preventive Inquiry." He has shown this film and led the discussion following for several church and school groups.



The Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock with brother Harold Poland as the guest speaker. The class will be for men and women. Everyone is welcome!

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



One always wonders what more could be done when time finally runs out on getting ready for a gospel meeting. It seems that too much preparation is never the case. We are deeply indebted to all those who have been working to lay the ground for a successful four-day meeting, our Bible school teachers, the elders, deacons, preachers and those who made special announcements. It will most assuredly have its beneficial effect.

Permit me the opportunity to underscore one more time the necessity of every member being present in Bible study and worship on Sunday morning and for each of the evening services of the meeting. If any one of you fails to be present by permitting anything of lesser importance interfere, we cannot have a successful effort as far as you are concerned. We have heard some pretty far-out excuses already, so we won't be surprised to hear others - just disappointed. After all, the preaching and teaching that will be done at this place will not benefit those who do not come. And I dare say that many of those who let trivial matters stand in the way need all the help they can get. My own opinion is that we have walked softly over these matters far too long and it is time now to quit excuse making and live up to the commitment that we made when we were baptized, that we were giving our lives to the Lord. It is his own words that come to mind as we urge your consideration of these matters: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you. And if being present for every service where the gospel of God's son Jesus is preached isn't putting the kingdom first, then I need help in understanding it.

Time is upon us to develop strong faith and endurance. If we are not students of the Bible which is God's word, then faith has no basis to exist and grow in our lives. Paul tells us that faith comes by hearing God's word. And that hearing is not just a casual occurrence, but a matter of laying it upon our hearts.

Why don't you re-examine your time schedule for Sunday, April 20, for the 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. and the 6:00 p. m. worship periods and the 7:30 p. m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday meetings and rate them on a

(Continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:00 a. m.	
Announcements	Ray Lott
Prayer	Foy Richey
Dismiss	C. B. Hardin
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.	
Announcements	Ray Lott
Prayer	Ben Young
Dismiss	DeRay Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday	
John Owens	Phil Marts
Tommy Lowrance	David Demic
Harley Turner	Odell Malone
Bill Butler, Jr.	Wayne Fears
Assistants in Back Foyer	
Gus Krewall	David Taylor
Ronny Jones	Dale Blackstone

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Responses

Baptized

We rejoice that Mrs. Matt (Rhonda) Haws was baptized Monday afternoon by Wes Price. Their new address is 612 David, phone 581-0138.

Membership and Restored

Mrs. Don (Debi) Kelly came Sunday to place membership and be restored. She formerly worshipped with the Prakway Church of Christ in Middletown, Ohio. She and her husband live at 305 E. Dobbs, phone 597-8712. They have three children.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Bernice Andrews. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Ft. Worth for her sister.

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In The Hospitals

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Carl Jones from Terrell, Texas is in Mother Frances Hospital. He had surgery Wednesday. He is the father of Ronny Jones.

Pat McCarley's husband, George, is a patient in Glenwood Hospital and at this writing is in ICU. He underwent surgery on Monday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lemons, mother of Charles Lemons is in Mother Frances suffering from a broken hip.

Artis Tate is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Gospel Meeting

Virgil Bentley will preach in a gospel meeting April 16 - 20 for the church in Gilmer. Week night services will be at 7 o'clock. There will be a Seminar on aging on Saturday morning, the 9th from 9:00 until 11:30. He is the author of the book, "The Beauty of Age."

BIBLE HOUR SUNDAY EVENING

The Class for 1st grade thru 5th grade meets in room 210/211 each Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

Pre-School Bible Hour meets in room 108 for all pre-school children.

Parents are asked to pick your children up promptly following worship.

Remember
Our Meeting April 20 - 23
Harold Poland, Evangelist

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From the Preacher's Desk George H. Stephenson

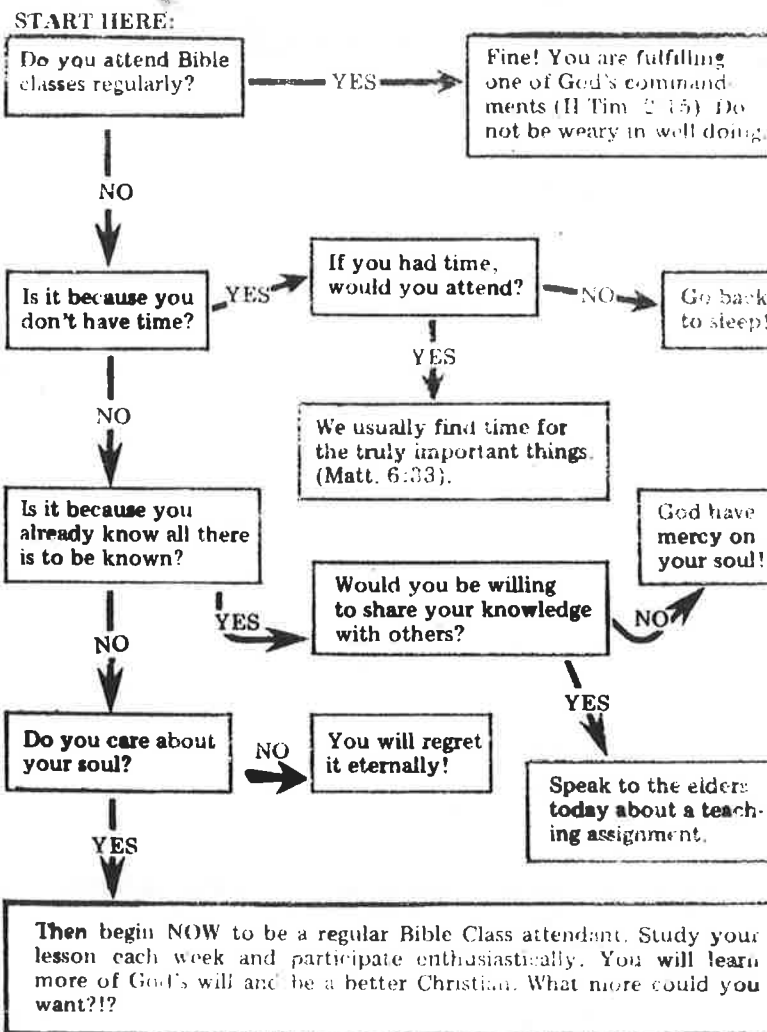
Recently I learned of the death of Ida S. Collins. Probably you did not know her. But, she is known in Lubbock for her gift of land for the establishment of Lubbock Children's Home. She owned four hundred acres of valuable land and gave half of it for the building of a home where boys and girls could be trained to become useful citizens of our nation and of the Kingdom of the Lord. It is always encouraging to know of the generous souls who are willing to give for the cause of Christ. Lawrence Green, an elder in the Broadway church in Lubbock, and a charter member of the Home's Board of Directors paid this tribute to sister Collins.

I remember so well when I was but a small boy the family of Ida S. Nairn Collins.

I can recall the family coming to church in a surrey drawn by two fine steel gray horses. Mrs. Collins' father, W. G. Nairn, came to this country in the Nineties and filed on some land now occupied by the Children's Home. He was an early-day pioneer and cleared the

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Bible Study is Important



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. ... Virgil Trout

MEN'S BREAKFAST

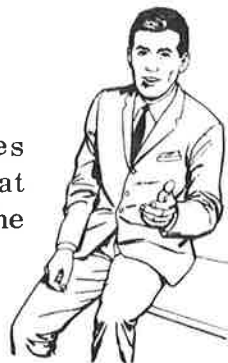
DATE: April 12 (Saturday)

TIME 8:00 A. M.

As announced on Sunday, representatives of Stewart Blood Center will be here at this time. Blood donated will be to the credit of West Erwin.

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

NEEDED: All Men Of The Congregation



Happy Birthday

APRIL

- (14) Jack Bennett
- (15) Ben Jones
- (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman
- (17) Marie Threadgill
- (19) Charles Miles, Laneva Turner
- (20) Reagan Phillips

From The Preacher's Desk (Continued from Front Page)

land and broke it for farming. He was not only a leader in the country and city of Lubbock, but a leader in the first church of Christ in the city which is now the Broadway congregation.

Mrs. Ida Collins was truly a great Christian lady. Her love for children was aptly demonstrated by the unselfish gift of her land to the Home. She owned 400 acres of rich Lubbock farmland and she gave half of what she had for the Home to be started.

My guess is that not many people would have given that much land regardless of the location. But Mrs. Collins had a vision. She was interested in caring for homeless children and seeing that they were first, Christians, then good educated citizens.

Many boys and girls have been trained just that way in the past and many, many more will be in the future.

Mrs. Collins' dream and great vision will live through the years to come and her great gift will serve many boys and girls yet unborn.

I am glad I knew Ida S. Collins. She was an inspiration to me.

Thank You

During our time of sorrow we learned how much our friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be treasured.

T. J. & Christine Parsons

Thank you for remembering us in the loss of our loved one, Charles Gilstrap. Thank you for the flowers, visits, calls, cards, food and most of all for your prayers to sustain us in the days ahead.

Lottie M. Gilstrap and Family

Area Meeting

Mike Biggs of Ponca City, Oklahoma will preach in a gospel meeting April 13 - 18 in Millard, Texas. You are invited to attend.

In Appreciation

The lovely basket of flowers in the auditorium last Sunday were placed there by Mrs. Paul Miller. We appreciate her gesture of thoughtfulness.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

DID YOU FIND THE ANSWER?

A research question on the Bible is given each Sunday morning on the Amazing Grace Bible class. It is interesting to find the answers to these questions from week to week. The question last Sunday was -

"What prophet of the Bible was made fun of for being bald?"

Look for the answer Sunday and be prepared for the new question to be asked. Encourage others to view the program every Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock on the Tyler television station, Channel 7 (Channel 3 on the cable).

THE EAST TEXAS TRAINING SERIES

Hosted by the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas on April 14 - 16. It is for everyone. In addition to qualified instructors, Gary Beauchamp will speak each evening on the Principles of Church Growth. The time is 7:00 p. m.

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



THE SECRET OF IT ALL

While many of us are sleeping, destructive creatures like the ugly termite are doing their dirty work of eating our houses out from under us. No one would worry about them if they took a "chaw" every other week, then just left our wood alone.

It's the same with boll weevils, cut worms, ring worms and lice - pardon these filthy references. Their power of destruction lies in their persistence.

But there's a positive side to this phenomenon. The secret of the power of your automobile lies in the regularity of the firing of its pistons. A lot of workmen can erect a gigantic building, just by being regular in laying one stone, one board, one beam at a time. Big fortunes are amassed, but not overnight. A few dollars are earned at a time - sometimes just a few cents profit on many sales.

The power of the early church lay in its regularity. Acts 2:42 states of the Jerusalem brethren: "And they continued steadfastly (that means regularly of course) in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." And when Paul was giving the Corinthian Christians the cue for growth and power he said, "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord," (I Cor. 15:58).

Is one service a week continuing steadfastly in fellowship? Is attending one or two Bible classes a month steadfast in breaking the bread? Is laying aside the Bible for weeks without studying it really continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine? Would you say that letting day after day pass without thanking God and asking His help in growing to be like His Son, is continuing steadfastly in prayer?

Thousands of souls were added to the New Testament church - even priests became obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7). Why? Because they were steadfast, that's why.

And the church's strength, or weakness (in fact your strength or weakness) is riding on how regular, rhythmic, and steadfast your service to the Lord is.

Joe Goodspeed

San Jose Church of Christ

Jacksonville, Fla.

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning Worship - 10:00 a. m.</u>	
Announcements	Roger Knight
Prayer	Faber Cauthen
Dismiss	Freeman Morgan
<u>Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.</u>	
Announcements	Roger Knight
Prayer	Artis Tate
Dismiss	Dan Magee
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
John Owens	Phil Marts
Tommy Lowrance	David Demic
Harley Turner	Odell Malone
Bill Butler, Jr.	Wayne Fears
<u>Assistants in Back Foyer</u>	
Gus Krewall	David Taylor
Ronny Jones	Dale Blackstone

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
March 30	\$5,034.86
March 23	4,524.77
Year Ago	4,296.84
<u>Bible School</u>	
March 30	411
March 23	368
Year Ago	343
<u>Worship</u>	
March 30	497
March 23	425
Weekly	
Budget	\$5,200.00

Response Rick Higginbotham came last Sunday to be restored.

Report of Our Sick

Nancy Kincheloe of Fort Worth, daughter of Mary Butler underwent heart surgery Tuesday in Methodist Hospital in Houston. She is doing very well at this time.

Mike Munn's mother from Winnsboro is in Medical Center following surgery on Monday.

Stafford Franklin had surgery Thursday in Mother Frances Hospital.

100% CLASSES - The 3 year old class taught by Frances McBee and Johnnie Stringer, 5th grade taught by Dale and Ann Duncan. The Junior High class only lacked one student being 100% in attendance.

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

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From the Preacher's Desk (continued)

However, these children have a need for love and guidance often times more than those who have lost both parents.

We look forward to having many visitors in our worship Sunday. Of course, this is the day referred to as Easter Sunday which will bring some visitors. It is also the concluding day for the Azalea Trails. We had a number of visitors last Sunday who had come to see the azaleas and dogwoods which are blooming in all of their splendor at the present time. This is a wonderful time of the year, a time for all of us to see the handiwork of the God who gave us a beautiful world. It should be a time of renewal of our faith and of our dedication to the Lord and His church. Let us make any visitors who come our way glad that they have been with us. Let us make this Sunday as well as every Sunday a day of rejoicing that we have a Saviour who died for us but who rose from the dead on the first day of the week to bring us the assurance of eternal life.

SERMON SUBJECTS - April 6

- By George H. Stephenson
- A. M. Prepare to Meet Thy God
- P. M. Mary, Martha, Lazarus

Happy Birthday

April - (8) Eveline McCarty (9) Clarence Strait, Helen Wright (12) A. E. Bedford (13) Sledge Clinkscales, Mary Drummond

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

JOHN CALVERT Speaking Wednesday Night

John Calvert, Superintendent of Sunny Glen Home in San Benito, will be heard to speak on this coming Wednesday night, April 9 at 7:30. We urge you to hear him tell about the work being done at Sunny Glen in behalf of needy children.

Our elders plan to have representatives here to speak on behalf of the various homes which receive regular contributions from this congregation. We have been sending contributions to these homes for many years and it is very fitting that we receive first hand reports from them. The first such report will be Wednesday night.

I am thankful for the compassionate spirit of this church in its desire to help provide homes for children and young people who need this special care. The Bible teaches us that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27). It is true that many of the young people in our children's homes today are not real orphans in the sense that they have neither father nor mother.

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Harold Poland from Arvada, Colorado will be our guest speaker for a Gospel Meeting April 20 thru 23.

Brother Poland has preached in Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas and Colorado. He taught two years in the Bear Valley School of Preaching in Colorado. He has been preaching in Arvada three years. He has held Caribbean Campaigns each summer since 1970. He received his B.S. in Bible in 1959 and returned to ACU and received his M.S. degree in Religious Education in 1970. He and his wife, Judy, have three children.

We look forward to having brother Poland here to preach for us.

Guest Editorial

We are reprinting an editorial from the "Madison Marcher" published by the great church in Madison, Tennessee where Ira North serves as preacher. We are thankful that this church, largest congregation in our brotherhood, stands for principles of righteousness and truth. We look forward to the city wide campaign in which brother North will preach in Tyler in April of 1981. We appreciate those of our number at West Erwin who have indicated that they want to do their part in the campaign to "clean up TV." GHS

Not only the Brotherhood, through which the program was broadened and executed, but moral-minded people everywhere, are indebted to the Joelton Church of Christ for launching so successfully the on-going "Clean Up TV" campaign. In the interest of decency on the air waves, the benefits can be beyond estimate.

In the first place, it shows that a substantial portion of the American people will not willingly surrender to filth-peddlers, whose designs clearly are, for financial gain, to corrupt the heart, mind and soul of the nation. The design is as obvious as the filth itself. Hardly can any participant—or sponsor, or network official—contend that the dirt is added to enhance the "amusement." Their pretext on such grounds is an insult to the public intelligence.

It never is enough, by way of reprisal, to simply throw up one's hands and "deplore" these excesses. It isn't enough to OBJECT to intrusion in one's home. There ultimately is a point at which decency must take its stand, and say "No More!"

The legal grounds of objection aren't new. It always has been true that the airways are public property. Like the radio stations, television stations and networks are licensed; meaning that they have to meet certain standards by way of rules and specifications, and for cause can lose their licenses. For lack of close discipline and enforcement by the

Federal Communications Commission, some of them have flouted every regulation.

Television is potentially a great and useful servant. Like anything else, it can be misused. It HAS been. It is long past time for a long-suffering public, whose money pays for it in partonage of these sponsors, to stand up and say "No More."

The objection of one individual—or of one community group—doesn't weigh a great deal. But when leadership mobilizes a mighty host of objectors, it makes its point effectively.

Decency has spoken, and through this continuing campaign still is speaking. IT WILL BE HEARD.

Thanks to Joelton Church of Christ for showing the way; Thanks to its minister, John Hurt, for taking the initiative to mobilize this team, and through that team deliver a message that was needed, WHERE it was needed.

No threat was voiced. But a promise was given, touching a very sensitive nerve in the pocketbook of reckless and indifferent sponsors.

That is not censorship; it is the exercise of responsibility on the part of a decency-minded American public. When the public opinion unites behind a righteous cause, it can outweigh even the dollar lure of pornographic profits.



WILL HAVE A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON on Wednesday, April 9th following the Ladies' Bible Class. Mary Drummond, Annie Lee Drummond, Lois Hoppers, Sara Powell, Floia Payne, Beatrice Holland, and Jonnie Steffee will be hostesses. Any men who are able to attend are also welcome. Wes Price is the teacher for the class.

**EVERY MEMBER PRESENT
IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY**

Our Sympathy

Memorial services for Charles Gilstrap, son of sister Lottie Mae Gilstrap and the brother of Donna Lowrance, were held in Lufkin on Thursday. Mr. Gilstrap was fatally injured in a plane crash last Thursday in Colorado. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

Mrs. E. A. Parsons, mother of T. J. Parsons, passed away April 1 in Dallas. The funeral service was in Gilmer. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

We love you all for your prayers, concern, cards and flowers during the illness and death of our sister. The flowers from the church were placed where we could see them at the funeral and at the grave. We felt as if you all were with us the entire way. George and Esther Kester

Thank you for the lovely flowers and all the many kindnesses shown to me during the time I was hospitalized.

Wilma Jones

Area Meetings

O. J. Russell will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview beginning Sunday, April 6 to continue through Wednesday. Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Ladies, you have a personal invitation to attend "Just For Women" Saturday, April 19 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. Speakers will be Montie McGinty Foster, Sue Wilson and Shirley Wallace. A nursery for pre-school children will be provided.

BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting of East Texas Christian Academy will be held Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 o'clock at the Shiloh Road Church. Everyone is invited.

CAMP DEER-RUN

Brochures from Camp Deer-Run are in the south foyer. Dates of the camping sessions and a reservation form are included.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



What a great way to really begin to put the emphasis upon attending Sunday morning Bible Study. Brother George really put it into focus with his excellent sermon last Sunday morning. If you who never attend or rarely attend this Bible study time could really understand why preachers continue to preach and teach about the importance of it, I'm foolish enough to believe that you would quit your feeble excuse making and get into the habit of coming. After all, it is not for the congregation just to crow about how many came, it is for the spiritual well-being of every individual members of the Lord's body.

It's time to get with it. The so-called good days are behind and its time to put your house in order and as the intellectuals would say, "prioritize your time schedule," which simply means "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you." You who would let everything else get in the way of coming, can you really say that Jesus' statement is your life-directive?

By the way, you don't have to wait until Sunday morning, April 20 to begin the Sunday morning Bible study habit. How about beginning the very next Sunday, which happens to be April 6th? See you in class then!

I hope you have noticed the new bulletin boards and hallway displays. Aren't they thought provoking and eye catching? Help me express thanks to their creator, Mary Evelyn Grier. She puts in countless hours creating these silent sermons.

Our Elders have invited brother John Calvert from Sunny Glen Children's Home to be with us this next week on Wednesday evening to tell us about the work of that home which we have a part in supporting. All adult classes will be suspended for that evening so we can meet in the auditorium for his message. Come and be with us.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:00 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Paul Stanley	March 23	\$4,524.77
Prayer	Leon Welborn	March 16	5,476.50
Dismiss	Hillard Hughes	Year Ago	4,952.89
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Paul Stanley	March 23	368
Prayer	Stan Mallory	March 16	403
Dismiss	Wesley Price	Year Ago	417
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Don Weathers	K. Max Haws	March 23	425
Lowell Wiggains	Earl O'Quinn	March 16	518
Ronny Jones	Paul Montandon	Weekly	
Jeffrey Jones	Shannon Hughes	Budget	\$5,200.00

CHRISTIANITY

In the home, Christianity is love, kindness, and the training of children in the way they should go.

In business, Christianity is diligence, honesty and fairness.

In society, Christianity is courtesy and helpfulness,

In the church, Christianity is faithfulness, humility, love, soberness, righteousness and godliness.

Toward God Christianity is reverence and obedience.

Toward the poor, Christianity is helpfulness.

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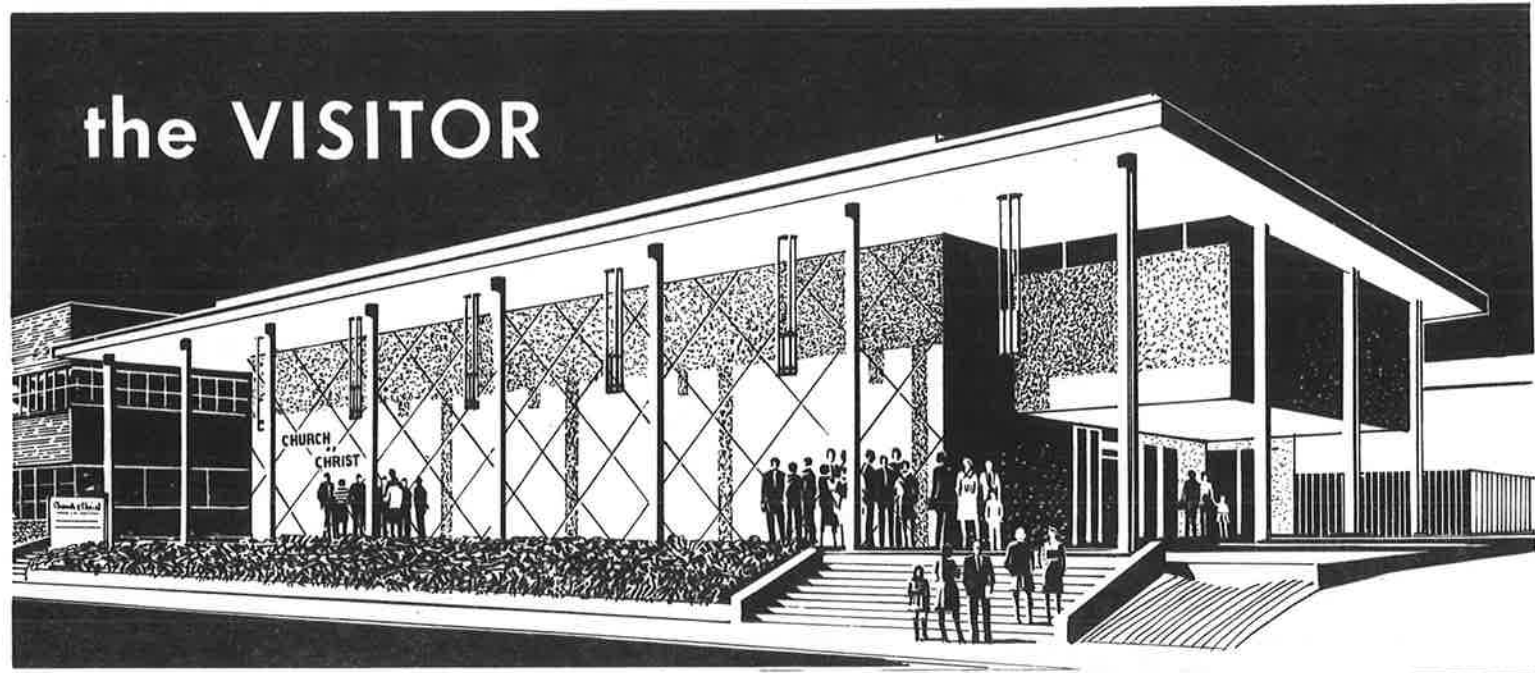
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pray for them and help to restore them in the spirit of meekness? (Galatians 6:1). Will you pray for someone who needs to come to Christ and then do your part to bring them to the Lord?

A recent television program showed how there are those who want their bodies frozen at death to be preserved for a time when they may be thawed and brought back to life. They think that it may be possible for a cure to be found for whatever ailment causes their death and that they may live again. These deluded people do not want to die and hope that in spite of death they yet may live. A Christian knows that unless the Lord returns first that his body will perish. Yet, he lives with the blessed assurance of eternal life. He knows that while the dust returns to the earth, it was, yet the spirit returns to God who gave it, (Ecclesiastes 12:7). While a Christian's body is left in the tomb, he looks forward to a resurrected body when the Lord returns to claim his own. Speaking of the body, Paul said, "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," (I Corinthians 15:42-49). As I viewed the vain efforts of men to preserve their bodies on television, I was sad because they did not have the Christian's hope and I was thankful for the hope Jesus has brought to you and to me of a spiritual body for all eternity.

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Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Thanks to all of you who responded to the appeal to support the campaign to "clean up TV." Wes has more to say about this in his column this week. As we pointed out in our sermon on Sunday there are many forces at work today which are corrupting the minds of our youth and older people as well. It is still true that "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," (Proverbs 23:7). Various ones in our nation are rightly concerned about pollution of our natural resources. However, the most serious pollution of all is the pollution of the mind. Destruction came in the time of the flood because the Bible says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," (Genesis 6:5).

April 20-23 is the time for our spring meeting. We hope you are praying for this special effort. Are there some who need to be restored whom you know? Will you

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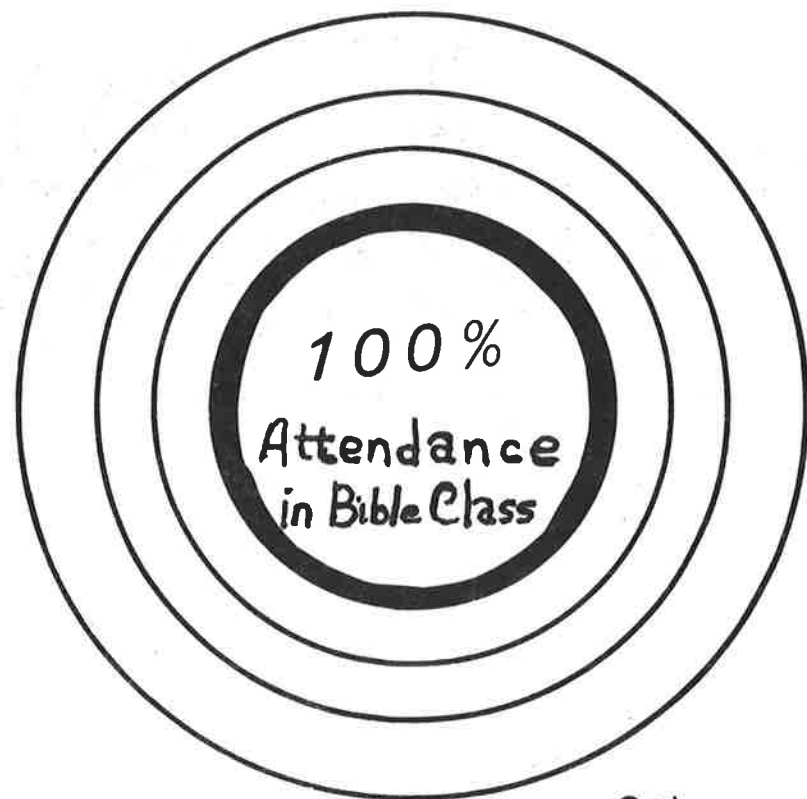
Recently, in my home town of Jasper, Alabama, the Sixth Ave. Church of Christ had a meeting in which one hundred 'six (106) people responded to the Lord's invitation. Fifty-four were baptized and fifty-two confessed sins. The wonderful results were obtained in a meeting where the best kind of advertising had been done - that of personal work.

In order that the members might rely solely upon personal work in advertising the meeting, the church did not spend a dollar in advertising, other than their regular means of communication with the public. They were not opposed to such advertising usually done but they preferred the powerful touch of a great congregation of personal workers out speaking to individuals about the meeting. Each member of the church was requested to invite every person with whom he came in contact to attend the meeting. Just imagine the effect this would have on the attendance of any congregation if it were done regularly!

The preacher cannot by public proclamation of the gospel convert those who are absent. It was therefore urged upon the congregation before the meeting started

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Our target on April 20



We can do it!

THE BEST KIND OF ADVERTISING
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that they should all do as did Cornelius - invite their kinsmen and near friends to hear all things commanded from God (Acts 10:24). Each family in the church was requested to invite some other family to come and also have an evening meal with them, with the understanding that all would attend the meeting that night together. The family to be invited was to be one which might not otherwise have attended the meeting, whether members or not.

The power of personal work was demonstrated by the best kind of advertising. It is true everywhere. And the church needs more of it. Won't you help us daily to this end.

Hardeman Nichols

GOSPEL MEETING

APRIL 20, 21, 22

HAROLD POLAND, Guest Preacher

Did You Miss Bible Class Sunday?

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." I Peter 3:15

If you missed Bible classes last Sunday morning, you missed an important phase of your Christian life. Sometimes members of the church have to miss because of work, or because of illness. But there are some members who miss Bible classes because of spiritual illness. Such members usually do not realize the importance of Bible classes. We ask you to consider the following points.

Bible classes are important because God's word is studied. When we learn more about God's word we are made better in every way.

Bible classes are important because we have fellowship with others who are children of God. We can learn together, and from each other.

Bible classes are important because such classes prepare us for the worship which follows the classes. There is more spirituality in the study of God's word than there is in dashing into the auditorium at the last minute after driving from home.

Bible classes are important because you are setting the proper example for all who know of your attendance. This includes your neighbors and others who see you with your Bible going to class.

If you missed Bible classes last week, WON'T YOU MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE PRESENT SUNDAY MORNING? ...Foster Ramsey

Happy Birthday

March 31 Roland Roberts, Matt Haws
April 2 Ronny Jones, Traci O'Quinn
(3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright
(4) Esther Kester, Shirley McRuiz,
Paul Montandon
(6) Sharen Chambless, Melissa Marts,
Myra Chandler

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Princeton, Indiana for Mrs. Neena Smith, sister of Esther Kester. We express our sympathy to the family.

Tuesday, Wes Price was in Dallas to conduct the funeral service for a cousin. We extend our sympathy to him and the family.

In Appreciation

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the lovely flowers sent to our home at the time of the death of Pete's sister. Your thoughtfulness was very comforting to our hearts.

Faye and Pete Wallace

THE EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is now accepting applications for experienced Bible teachers, Aids and Day Care workers for four year old, pre-school program. Also needed, Certified Teachers for Kindergarten through third grade. Must be faithful members of the church. P. O. Box 6966, Tyler, Texas 75711 Phone (214) 561-8642.

New Baby

We are happy to report that Audrey and Russell O'Bannon are now proud great-grandparents to a new baby girl, Jonna Renee, born March 21 in Lovington, New Mexico to Mark and Jan Adkins.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 9 - 13



LADIES
BIBLE
CLASS
MEETS
10:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Your response has been great to the signing of "Clean Up TV:" cards. We still need others to turn them in. Let me share some of the information with you from the Joelton Church of Christ who are overseeing this campaign.

The five most offensive programs on television as indicated from a recent nation wide survey of Churches of Christ were: (1) "Soap" (2) "Three's Company" (3) "The Newlywed Game" (4) "Dallas" (5) "Saturday Night Live."

Some sample products of the three companies who sponsor such programs are as follows: General Foods; Kool Aid, Orange Plus, Log Cabin Syrup, Gravy Train and Jello. Warner-Lambert: Listerine, Dentyne gum, Certs, Bromo-Seltzer and Shick razor blades. American Home Products; Chef Boy-Ardee, Jiffy Pop popcorn, Brach's candies, Woolite, and Black Flag insecticides.

Now remember, this is Phase I of the campaign. We will not be asking you to participate in an actual boycott at this time. We are fore-warned that we can expect all sorts of irresponsible opposition to be mounted to this effort. We are simply exercising our right to refuse to allow them to use our money to do so.

We will keep you posted as the campaign progresses. If you have further questions let me know.

All young Married Couples are reminded of the beginning of a new Sunday morning Bible class begun last week especially for you. Freeman and Billie Morgan will be working diligently to build up this new effort. Let's help them every way we can. If you know of someone who might profit by attending, please invite them to be a part of it.

Someone handed me the following bit of prose that I'm glad to pass along to you entitled: A New Day

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it - or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it! When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good, and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it.

Dr. Heartsill Wilson

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:00 a. m.

Announcements Dannie Skipper

Prayer Dale Duncan

Dismiss Leslie Carruth

Evening Worship

Announcements Dannie Skipper

Prayer Phil Marts

Dismiss DeRay Bennett

Serving Communion

Don Weathers K. Max Haws

Lowell Wiggains Earl O'Quinn

Ronny Jones Paul Montandon

Jeffrey Jones Shannon Hughes

Our Records

Contribution

March 16 \$5,476.50

March 9 5,600.23

Year Ago 4,108.99

Bible School

March 16 403

March 9 387

Year Ago 387

Worship

March 16 518

March 9 477

Weekly

Budget \$5,200.00

From The Preacher's Desk (Continued)

area at their meeting Tuesday noon.

Please be making your plans to be here for our meeting at West Erwin April 20 - 23. Harold Poland of Colorado will be our guest evangelist. He has been recommended to us as an excellent speaker. We want this to be a time of spiritual renewal and revival for all the church.

A campaign has been launched to protest against the filth, immorality and sexual perversion being shown on television. Members of churches of Christ are being given the opportunity to sign forms declaring their protests. Thousands of churches will be engaged in this effort. We will tell you more about it Sunday. Let us all co-operate in this effort to "clean up TV."

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

April 20 - 23, Harold Poland, Evangelist

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Wilma Jones is very ill in Glenwood Hospital.

Foy Richey is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Ted Wright is in Glenwood Hospital but hopes to go home by Wednesday.

Mrs. McCauley, from Canton, is also in Glenwood Hospital. She is L. L. Prater's sister.

While visiting his mother in Dallas, T. J. Parsons became ill and is hospitalized in Dallas.

Our Sympathy

Mrs. Mac McCall's great nephew in California was killed recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to Vivian and her family.



Gospel Meetings...

Brownsboro Church of Christ with Dan Carter of Sherman preaching. Services nightly at 7:00 o'clock, March 23, 24, 25.

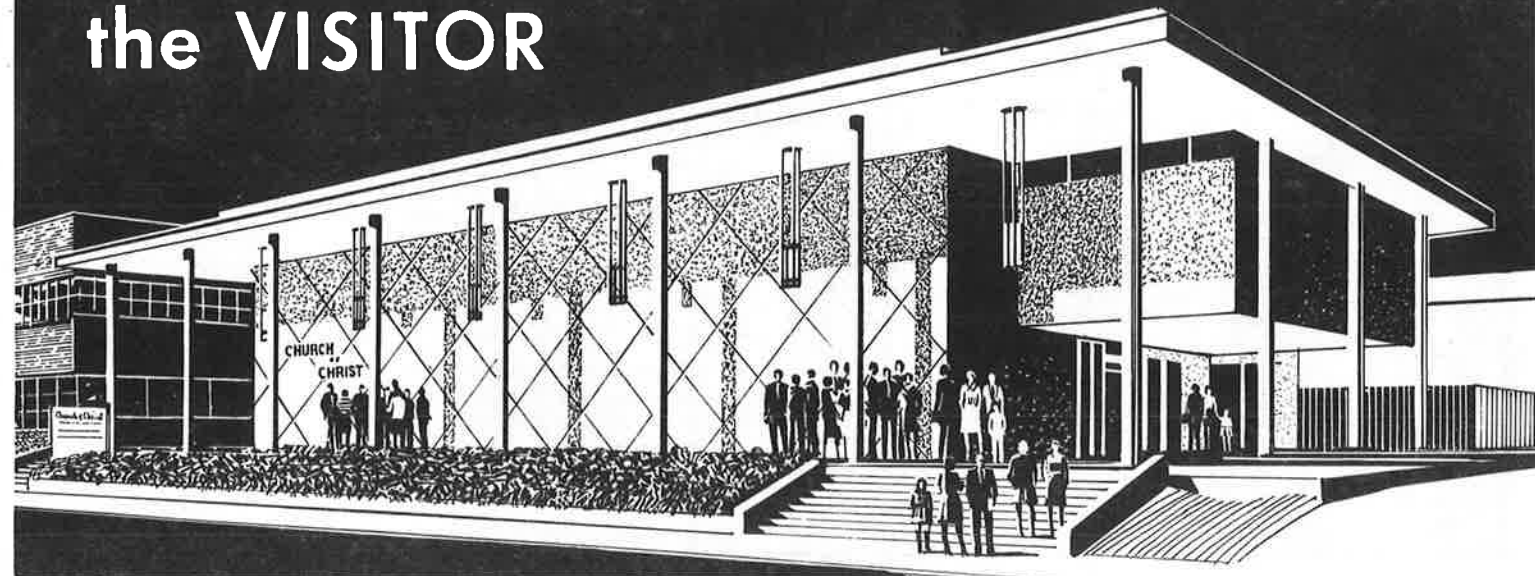
Glenwood Church of Christ - March 23 - 26 with Dan Anders preaching. Weekday meetings at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p. m.

Responses

Julie Duncan came Sunday to be restored.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

It was good to be back home on Sunday and to see the large number present for worship. We enjoyed our visit with the good church in Pearland and are thankful for the opportunity we had to preach in the meeting there. This was my first meeting since my heart surgery a few months ago. I am truly thankful to be able to preach in gospel meetings again.

The church in Pearland is growing and everyone is enthusiastic about its future. Louie White has served the church as local evangelist for nearly twelve years. At one time he preached for the Omen Road congregation here in Tyler. Larry Phillips has also been working with the church there for about a year. He and Louie make a fine team. There was good interest shown in the meeting with five who responded to the invitation. Alice and I enjoyed the hospitality of David and Frankie Smith who kept us in their lovely home. Frankie is a sister of our Audrey O'Bannon. In addition to the regular services of the meeting, I spoke for the combined adult classes on Sunday morning and the ladies' class on Wednesday. I also spoke for the preachers of the congregations of the Houston

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WHAT IS JUST 4 WEEKS AWAY?

OUR GOSPEL MEETING!

HOW TO GET RID OF THE BAD GUYS -AT LEAST ON T.V.!

Have you ever wondered how to get rid of all the bad guys in today's world? Well, when I was a kid we would just have had Roy Rogers or the Lone Ranger ride into town and gun them all down. But the script-writers of modern TV do it differently. One Sunday evening while trying to stay awake long enough to see the late evening news, I chanced to watch "Trapper John M.D."

The plot of this sordid episode was woven around a beautiful young woman, a brilliant surgeon, who just happened to have worked her way through medical school as a hooker. And in a world where skill is more than morals a way had to be found to protect her from those narrow-minded, Bible bound, God-fearing bigots who wouldn't let such a woman clip their toenails if they knew about her past. So a way has to be found to prove that skill is more important than morals.

To accomplish this feat, straw men are set up. Bad guy #1 is a conservative family-minded, God-fearing politician whose wife happens to need an operation that only the former hooker is skilled enough to perform. Bad guy #2 is Dr. Riverside who has fallen hopelessly in love with the woman but recoils when he learns about her past. Bad guy #3 is a sleazy reporter who is trying to dig up some juicy scandal stories about the hospital and its staff.

The good guys are Trapper's young assistant who knew about the woman's past but didn't let a silly thing like that keep him from recommending her to the hospital, after all skill is all that matters. Then there is dear ole Trapper, tolerance in person, who never would be intimidated by what some bigots might think. Finally there is the woman herself, beautiful, charming, brilliant, all smiles - health, beauty, and brains completely unscarred by her years as a hooker.

Now to get rid of the bad guys. The politician's wife suddenly becomes critical and so the good man drops his principles faster than you can say scat and lets the surgeon save his wife's life. Which just proves what the cynics have always said, that a man's neck is more important to him than his morals. Self-interest always wins out. Dr. Riverside, bad guy #2, thinks it over and decides that prejudice should not stand in the way of true love. That leaves only bad guy #3. He's so bad nobody could make a good guy out of him, so Trapper's assistant has to dupe him into thinking the juicy story is just a trap and naturally he's too smart to be trapped. So the bad guys have all been eliminated and not one had to be shot, tarred and feathered or sent home angry.

Get the point? There are not any bad people. But those silly morals make some people look bad. So get rid of the morals and you get rid of the bad guys. No doubt the writers of this script are hopeful that the millions who saw the show concluded that if we would just get rid of all those narrow-minded bigots, with their moral and social tabus, we would have a much better world.

Real life is something else again. Prostitutes seldom, if ever, become skilled surgeons but countless thousands wind up on the scrap pile of society. With few exceptions they become alcoholics, drug addicts, guilt-ridden, mentally deranged, used-up, hollowed-out, shells of humanity who learn to fear life more than death. To treat prostitution as a harmless, social tabu is equivalent to comparing malignant cancer to a sneeze.

As I watched this sickening perversion of reality on TV several scriptures came to mind: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil..." (Isa. 5:20). "And no wonder for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (II Cor. 5:20). "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (I Peter 5:8).

Tom Turner
Austin, TX

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your many acts of love and kindness during the illness and final "Home going" of our loved one.

Your visits to the hospital, and words of consolation helped us to face our inevitable loss. The beautiful floral tribute of red carnations spoke eloquently of your love for him and us.

The West Erwin church was always close to his heart, and shall ever remain close to mine also.

In Christian love,

Mrs. E. C. McKenzie and family

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

The Family of Pauline Wilson

JEAN OLIVER HONORED

We are pleased that one of our fine Bible School teachers, Jean Oliver, recently received some awards for her reporting in the Southwesterner, a paper devoted to articles written by Sears employees. Jean was named along with others as an outstanding reporter in the annual Southwesterner Reporters' Recognition Awards Program. Jean was honored as having the best story about Sears in a Company Activity. She was awarded third place for writing in another category, and honorable mention in other writings. We congratulate Jean on her accomplishments.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Hughes Springs for Patsy Hinds, sister of brother Pete Wallace. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

(24) Myrtle Ginn (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (26) Robin Miles (28) Joe McBee Rhonda Hendrix (30) Michael Lowrance

THE 5th GRADE Class taught by Dale and Ann Duncan was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

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Our Bible School Drive for Sunday, April 20 is now officially underway. Our Goal for each Bible class is 100% or a total figure of 493. This represents a sizeable number over what we are averaging in our classes at the present time. It will also leave room for a large number of visitors - so we have plenty of room for a challenge. Every teacher will be working to achieve the 100% attendance in class. Why not make your plans now to be present in your Sunday morning class on April 20. If you are not presently enrolled in a Bible class, this will be an excellent time for you to get started. Just attend the class of your choice and make your intentions known to the teacher.

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In an earlier bulletin, we informed all our teaching staff, those presently teaching and those of you who have taught in the past 18 months, to reserve April 11 for our Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Because of conflicts, we have moved the date forward to May 2. Please reserve this new date. We have arranged for an outstanding humorist from a past generation to be with us as guest speaker. I know that you will want to enjoy this great occasion with us.

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Don't forget our Vacation Bible School dates, June 9 through 13. We urge everyone to plan your vacation time so you and your children can be present for this week of concentrated study of the Bible.

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The Elders have invited representatives from the various children's homes supported by West Erwin to be our guests and report on the work of these homes on coming Wednesday nights beginning in April. On April 9th, brother John Calvert from the Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here to speak. All of our Adult classes will be dismissed on that night so all can enjoy learning of this great work.

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We look forward to having brother Harold Poland with us for the gospel meeting in April. We realize that it will take a great deal of work to be prepared for this good work, but we are confident that all the membership of the West Erwin family will be loyal by their attendance and will be inviting others to come and join us.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Joe Carroll
Dismiss W. S. Little

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Hillard Hughes
Dismiss Edwin Pickle

Serving Communion

Don Weathers K. Max Haws
Lowell Wiggains Earl O'Quinn
Ronny Jones Paul Montandon
Jeffrey Jones Shannon Hughes

Our Records

Contributions

March 9 \$5,600.23
March 2 5,402.97
Year Ago 3,879.68

Bible School

March 9 387
March 2 372
Year Ago 354

Worship

March 9 477
March 2 482
Weekly
Budget 5,200.00

How Long Has It Been... (Continued)

them at the first they were without hope. Jesus had been put on the cross and the redemption of Israel had faded away. It was dark and trying times. They, like all men, were fearful of the dark. And they, like all men, remain fearful until the light comes. What a difference Jesus made in their lives. And that difference was not so much in the fact that he was alive from the dead, though that means everything, but the difference was in what he did for them. He opened unto them the Scriptures. With a simple understanding of what Moses and the prophets had to say about his suffering and entering into his glory a new hope was born. A peace was there that no condition could ever bring them to despair again, a joy that would not let them remain silent any more. What is amazing about the story is this: all the time they were without hope and peace and joy, the supporter of these was present - the Holy Scriptures. A proper understanding of them would have made all the difference in their lives. Cleopas and his friend had

not possessed their possessions. But what of the modern day Cleopas? Have we possessed our possessions? We asked the question at the first, how long has it been since you had the heart burn? Well, how long has it been since you had a brighter tomorrow because you took a new truth from the Bible? How long has it been since you read a passage for the first time, a passage that opened the door to new light? How long has it been since you enjoyed a period of Bible study and meditation with a friend? How long has it been since you felt you must tell the world of your faith that was born of the Word of God? How long has it been since you had the heart burn?

Forest McFadden

Thank You

Becky (Young) Cook has expressed appreciation for your thoughtfulness and remembrances of her during her illness and recovery.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Clara Sims is a patient in Medical Center - Room 218. She will probably have surgery and has asked for the prayers of the congregation.

Waymon Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard, underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Congratulations

Billy and Beverly Chandler are the happy parents of a baby girl born Tuesday in Houston. The W. A. Chandlers and the grandparents.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We appreciate this article written by one of the fine men of the congregation, Forest McFadden. Brother McFadden preaches each Sunday in Brownsboro.

How Long Has It Been Since You Had The Heart Burn?

How long has it been since you had the heart burn? Now I'm not thinking of the kind you get when you eat too much spicy food. The kind I am thinking of is the kind that Cleopas and his friend had after they had spent some time with Christ on the resurrection day, (Luke 24:32). The heart burn they had was not one of pain and discomfort and regret, but one of peace and joy and hope. They were set on fire when they heard Jesus speak concerning the Scriptures. "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened unto us the Scriptures?"

When you look at the complete story, (Luke 24:13-34) you will see that Cleopas and his friend were of sad countenance. When we see

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CAMPAIGN

A combined effort of the churches of Christ in Tyler is well on its way toward the goal of a city-wide campaign to regain lost souls in this locality. This effort is under the leadership of a steering committee comprised of talented individuals from each congregation. Surely, if statistics were available, they would indicate most Christians cease to be active by virtue of drifting away rather than most other reasons. Extensive emphasis will be placed upon the book of Hebrews' account, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." We will be concentrating our actions upon "giving the more earnest heed" to our personal lives.

Three very capable members of the West Erwin church, Joe Carroll, Weldon Dawson, and Ben Young, are working in conjunction with committees from other congregations to make the "Campaign For Christ" a reality in April 1981 at Harvey Hall. Ira North will be the principal speaker for this outstanding event of the churches of Christ in Tyler.

Foy Richey
For the Elders

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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LAW AND GRACE

A misinterpretation of John 1:17 and Romans 6:14 has caused some to conclude that the Old Testament is wholly law and that the New Testament is wholly grace. Christians are not without law in regard to Christ (I Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2), though are not under Moses' law (cf. Rom. 7:4,7). The grace of John 1:17 is not exclusively New Testament, but hovers like an umbrella over both Old and New Testaments (cf. Heb. 9:15).

The law of Moses, though it was holy, just, good (Rom. 7:12), spiritual (Rom. 7:14), and perfect (Psalm 19:7) to bring to a knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20), yet it was an unbearable yoke (Acts 15:10) which led to spiritual death (Rom. 7:10; II Cor. 3:7). Though the Jews had to obey the law of Moses (Lev. 18:5; Duet. 29:26; Heb. 10:28-29) in order for Christ to save them (Rom. 3:24), yet in itself the law was a powerless item for anyone's salvation either from the guilt of sin (Acts 13:39) or from the grave (II Tim. 1:10).

In all ages there has been one plan of salvation: grace through faith (Heb. 9:15; Rom. 3:23-25). This is true in reference to Able (Heb. 11:4), to Abram (Gen. 15:6; Heb. 11:8), and to the Jews (Heb. 2:4). The divine side of salvation in all ages is the death of Christ (Heb. 9:15; Rom. 3:21-26), while the human side of salvation in all ages is the obedience of faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26).

Grace does not exclude trusting faith (Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:20-25), nor doing commandments (Lev. 18:5; Matt. 7:21; Rev. 22:14; Gen. 22:18), nor working righteousness (Acts 10:35; Gal. 5:6; James 2:24). Yet in themselves there is no saving merit in trusting, doing, or working (Lk. 17:10; Rom. 11:6).

HUGO MCCORD
Oklahoma Christian College

HOW THE SPIRIT CONVERTS

All who become Christians are converted by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit speaks to men through the Scriptures, and when men follow the Scriptures they are being led by the Spirit. The writer of Hebrews quotes from Psalm 95 and prefaces the quotation with the words, "Even as the Holy Spirit saith" (Heb. 3:7). So, the Holy Spirit is said to be talking when a scripture is quoted. In chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation we have the expression several times: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." How were the churches to hear the Spirit? By giving heed to the things John, an inspired man, was writing. When we read the Bible, we are hearing the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised the apostles that the Spirit would guide them in their teaching (John 16:12). He told them not to be anxious about what they would say--that it would be given them what to say (Matt. 10:19-20). On Pentecost, the apostles spoke as the Spirit "gave them utterance" (Acts 2:24).

What God revealed to apostles by inspiration we are to learn by reading their writings. "How that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understandings in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:3-4). When men read what the Spirit wrote, they are hearing the Spirit. When they obey, they are thus converted by the Holy Spirit.

RAYMOND KELCY
Oklahoma Christian College

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In honour of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Gaither W. McElroy
their children and grandchildren
request the pleasure of your company
at a Reception

Sunday, the sixteenth of March
Nineteen hundred and eighty
two until four in the afternoon
Christian Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Your presence is our gift

Area Meetings

W. Dan Carter of Sherman will be with the Brownsboro Church of Christ March 23 - 24 - 25 in a Gospel Meeting. Services nightly at 7:00. Everyone is invited.

The church at Hallsville will be in a Gospel Meeting March 16 - 21 with Ray Mayhue preaching. Week night services at 7:30. You are invited to share in this effort.

Dan Anders will be the speaker for a special series presented by the Glenwood Church of Christ March 23 - 26. Week-day services will be at 12:10 (noon) and 7:30 p. m. Lunch will be served at 12:40 each weekday.

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers and other remembrances at the time of the death of my sister.
Mrs. G. W. McElroy

Shower

There will be a baby shower honoring Karen Zadina, March 18th at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Carolyn Welborn, 618 Purdue.

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Happy Birthday

MARCH

(16) Teena Roberson (17) Ann Bailey
(18) Matthew Reynolds (20) David Taylor
(21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory

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There will be a very important teacher's meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p. m. in the chapel. We would like to urge every teacher to be present.

The East Texas Christian Academy, with classes meeting in the Shiloh church building is having a Chili Supper on Saturday, March 22 from 5:30 until 8:00 p. m. in our Fellowship Hall. Donations are being accepted of \$5.00 per person. All proceeds will go directly to aid the school in its operation. You will receive far more than just a good meal - you will enjoy meeting Christians from other congregations and hear about the progress of the school. Make your plans to attend.

In addition, a giant Garage Sale is being held by supporters of the school on Saturday, March 22 in the Mayfair Building in the Fairgrounds. If you have items that you no longer can use and they are serviceable, please let Fleta Butler know and she will be happy to pick them up for the sale. All proceeds will be used in support of the Academy. Time for the Sale will be from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Last Sunday morning's sermon on the Lord's Supper was in direct response to a discussion that our young people had in one of their devotionals and study periods. Several of them expressed appreciation for the worship period as well as a number of our adults. I am grateful for the response, not because of any personal need, but that there was ample indication that the message helped make the participation in the Lord's Supper more meaningful. As simple and ordinary as that observance is, it ought to be the focal point of our Sunday morning worship period. My prayer for all is that it will continue to be a precious time to reflect upon the meaning of the cross and the meaning of forgiveness from God.

I have made several visits to new citizens to the Tyler area this week - folks who have visited our services and they all responded similarly about how friendly the West Erwin congregation is. That's such a beautiful thing to hear about our members. Keep up the good work. That will help us grow.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, March 23, there will be another Board meeting of the East Texas Christian Academy. This is an open meeting with everyone invited. (4:00 p. m., Shiloh Rd. Bldg.)

TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Bible School Teachers on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the Chapel. Please be present.

100% IN ATTENDANCE

The 3 year old class taught by Johnnie Stringer and Frances McBee - the Kindergarten Class taught by Carolyn Welborn and Linda Marts and the 5th grade taught by Dale and Ann Duncan were all 100% in attendance last week.

A NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Beginning Sunday morning, March 23rd, we will initiate a new class especially designed for Young Married Couples. The Class will be taught by brother Freeman Morgan and will begin meeting in Room 105. We extend a special invitation to all those who fall into this category to come and join in this new class.



Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements	Foy Richey
Prayer	Faber Cauthen
Dismiss	Bob Zadina

Sunday Evening

Announcements	Foy Richey
Prayer	Ferman Carpenter
Dismiss	Reagan Phillips

Serving Communion Sunday

Louis Jones	Elwin Crow
James Phillips	Harold Browning
George Kester	Milburn Cook
Jack Stringer	Leon Welborn

Our Records

Contributions

March 2	\$5,402.97
Feb. 24	5,523.04
Year Ago	5,163.70

Bible School

March 2	372
Feb. 24	378
Year Ago	366

Worship

March 2	482
Feb. 24	497

Weekly

Budget \$5,200.00

RESPONSES

Restored: Kenny Bailey

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Wilma Jones continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Archie Kennard's brother, Waymon Pierce, is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Nora Chambless, mother of Rocky Chambless, suffered a heart attack last week and is in Mother Frances Hospital. Mrs. Chambless has been of great help to us by being a nursery attendant for Tuesday School for several years.

Baby Charlie, foster child of the Roy Robersons, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital with a bronchial infection.

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"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU"

Wouldn't this old world be better if the folks we meet would say

"I know something good about you," and then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy if each hand-clasp warm and true,

Carried with it this assurance: I know something good about you?

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant if the good that's in us all,

Were the only things about us, that folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be more happy if we'd praise the good we see

For there's such a lot of goodness in the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice this fine way of thinking too?

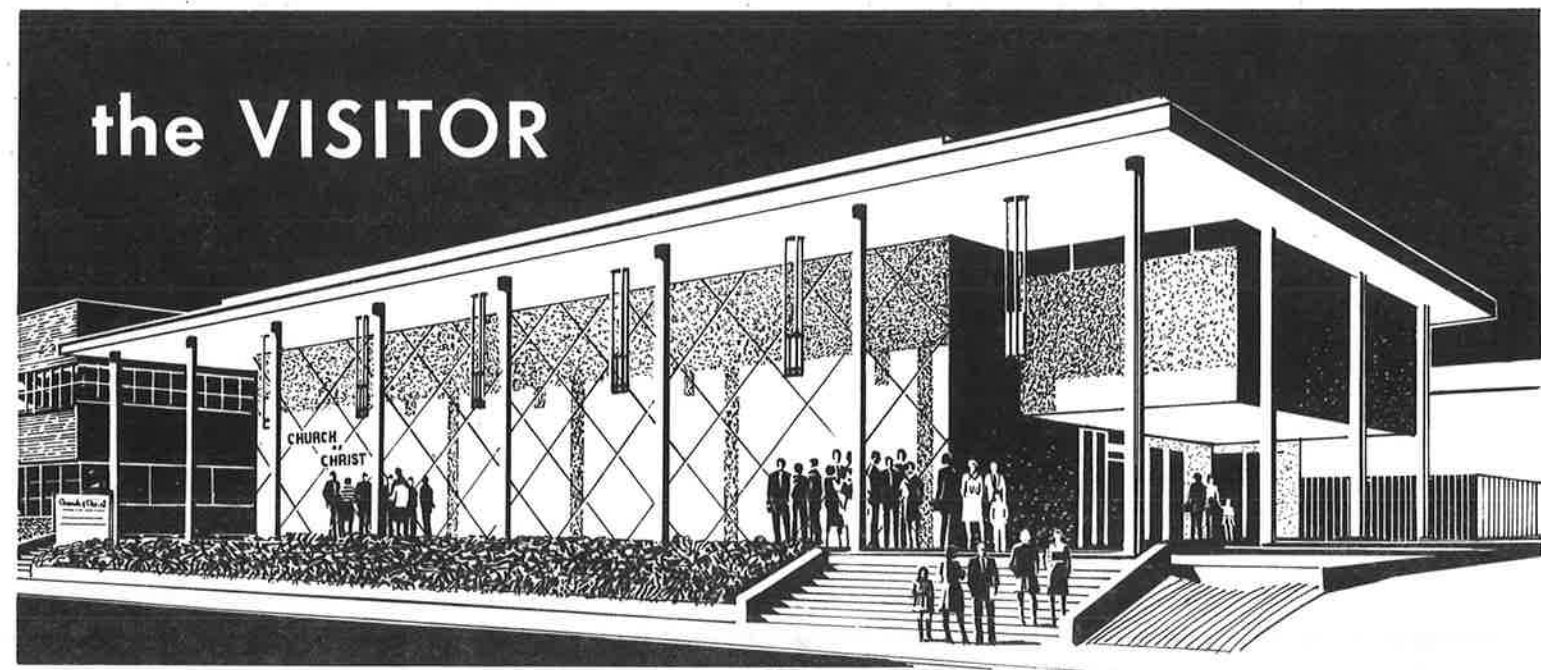
You know something good about me, I know something good about you!!

--Selected--

100% CLASSES

The 1st grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell and the 4th grade taught by Pauline Aven and Jean Oliver were 100% in attendance last Sunday.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I appreciate the words of commendation for my sermon Sunday in regard to growing older. I am thankful that the Lord has permitted me to see another birthday and to have the friends we have at West Erwin. Since life is a gift of God, it is also a stewardship. We are to answer to the Lord for the use we make of the time we are given on this earth. I hope that our sermon on Sunday was a source of encouragement to those of our number who are older. It is wonderful to know, as we said, that we may not be able to do as much, but we may be more. More can be accomplished on our knees than on our toes when we are looking to God to bless and strengthen. We may say with Paul, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day," (2 Corinthians 4:16).

We hope that, as we encouraged the older, that we were able to encourage the younger people also. I was asked to put in the bulletin the following quotation which was in the sermon.

The quotation is from Richard C. Halverson in a book by Virgil Bentley on "The Beauty of Age."

"You're going to meet an old man some day... He maybe a seasoned, soft, gracious fellow, a gentleman that has grown old gracefully, surrounded by a host of friends... He maybe a bitter, disillusioned, dried-up, cynical man, without a good word for anybody, soured, friendless and alone. The kind of old man you meet depends entirely on yourself. Because the old man will be you. He'll be the composite of everything you do, say, think, today, tomorrow. His mind will be set in a mold you have made by your attitudes. His heart will be turning out what you've been putting in... Every day in every way you are becoming more and more like yourself."

Whether young or old let us pray, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it, (Psalm 90:17).

I am scheduled to be in a meeting beginning this Sunday, March 9 to continue through Wednesday, March 12 with the church in Pearland, a suburb of Houston. We ask for your prayers in this effort. We hope that there will be large audiences here when Wes Price will be preaching.

HOW ABOUT IT? ARE WE REALLY MARCHING TO ZION?

"We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful City of God."

These words were written many years ago by the poet and hymnologist, Isaac Watts. We have sung this refrain often in our assemblies and generally with gusto and volume. The melodious music along with the words seem to arouse the soul and make one really want to "march."

We believe the Lord wants a "marching" people. Marching is generally associated with: (1) Movement. An army that is sleeping in tents or playing ball is not marching. It must be moving in one direction or another, else we do not think of it as a marching army. (2) Enthusiasm. Watch the band as it marches by. Each step is taken with vigor. No dragging of the feet; no hesitant, languid walking here. (3) Coordination. Each one is concerned about being in step. The leader sets the pace and all in the group "Keep step" with the leader.

As we "march for the Master" let us be sure of these three essentials:

1. Movement. The church here at West Erwin

must be characterized by advancing the cause for which Jesus died. Our good works of evangelism, edification, and benevolence must be pursued with faith and courage. If we content ourselves with what has heretofore been accomplished, a kind of hold-our-own operation, then we are in no sense a marching people. Where there is marching there is movement!

2. Enthusiasm. One of the most enthusiastic churches which ever existed was the early Jerusalem church. They filled Jerusalem with the gospel and in a relative short time saw thousands converted to Christ. Even when they were scattered abroad they went everywhere "preaching the word." Here was the first congregation under the direction of the apostles. What an example of zeal and enthusiasm for us!

3. Coordination. We do not walk alone as disciples of Jesus. We must have a concern for all our fellow-believers. If our ranks are beset with disorder and division we shall do little marching. The devil will never be made to tremble at the army of the Lord if all he sees is disciples wasting their strength fighting each other. No, let us not only move, move enthusiastically, but also move together - in unison!

adapted from The Christian Reminder
... Hershel Dyer



You Are Invited

Following Ladies' Bible Class next Wednesday, March 12th, there will be a covered dish luncheon. Hostesses for the luncheon will be June Walker, Eveline McCarty, Billie Morgan, Sue Skipper and Mary Dawson. Men are invited also.

A NEW GREAT GRANDSON

We rejoice with sister Beatrice Holland over the birth of a great grandson, Joesph Nicholas, born Monday in Chicago to Joe and Cherrie Mathias.

ON WEDNESDAY of this week sister Billie Bob Hickman was the guest speaker for the Ladies Class at the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Thank You

The family of Mary Ratliff acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Remember

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here one day next week to pick up items we have collected for them.

Area Meeting

The Daingerfield Church of Christ will have Carl W. Wade for a special meeting the weekend of March 14 - 16. There will be a Saturday morning service at 10:00 o'clock.

Happy Birthday

MARCH

(10) Katie Heath, John Powell, Eleanor Smith

(12) David Grier, Jr., Eleanor Birdwell, Darryl Hendrix

(13) Tennille Beard

(14) Chris Hallman

"Love Never Fails"



We need YOU

in Bible School!

10-46
**HERE
and THERE**



by wes price

We are still in need of a number of new teachers in the World Bible School Program. We have quite a back-log of prospective students in foreign countries who have requested study materials. If you have just a few minutes in any given day, why don't you volunteer as a teacher in one of the largest Bible school efforts that our brotherhood knows? If you have the time to come by my office some day during the week, I'll be happy to show you how to get started.

As we have already announced in previous bulletins, our Spring Meeting is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 20, with Harold Poland of Arvads, Colorado. In connection with this meeting, the Education Committee has planned a number of special events. On Saturday evening, April 19, there will be an all-church fellowship at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a covered-dish dinner and the tea, coffee and bread will be furnished. Make your plans now to attend and invite a friend to come and be your guest.

The Sunday morning Bible study will also be special since we will be working toward having 100% of our Bible Class membership in attendance. Each class will be working toward achieving that goal with all members present.

Special attention will be given to our Adult Classes with a new program to be launched in the near future to assist in encouraging members to be more consistent in attendance. Nothing plagues the prospering and growth of the local congregation as does the nagging problem of absenteeism. Although I would like to think that our effort will result in total success in this matter, I am more realistic than to believe such. It is a problem that we will be working on until the Lord comes, but we will continue to do so because we believe it is in the best interest of those over whom we continually express concern.

We are grateful to those teachers who work diligently in helping encourage good attendance for their classes.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss Ray Womack

Sunday Evening

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer C. E. Caskey
Dismiss Matt Haws

Serving Communion Sunday

Louis Jones Elwin Crow
James Phillips Harold Browning
George Kester Milburn Cook
Jack Stringer Leon Welborn

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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Wilma Jones and Mrs. Kathy Krewall are in the Glenwood Hospital.

Jim Querry from Longview is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Our Sympathy

We learned today (Wednesday) that Mrs. Leona McElroy's sister, Pauline Wilson, passed away in Dallas. Services are pending at this writing.

WORKSHOP

The Tenth Annual Christian Workshop will be conducted at the Church of Christ in Canton, Texas on March 14 (Friday night) from 7:30 until 9:15, and on Saturday from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Everyone is invited. Brochures are in the south foyer.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY will have a Board Meeting at 3:30 p. m., March 9th at the Shiloh Road Church building. The meeting is open to everyone.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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HERE AND THERE (Continued)

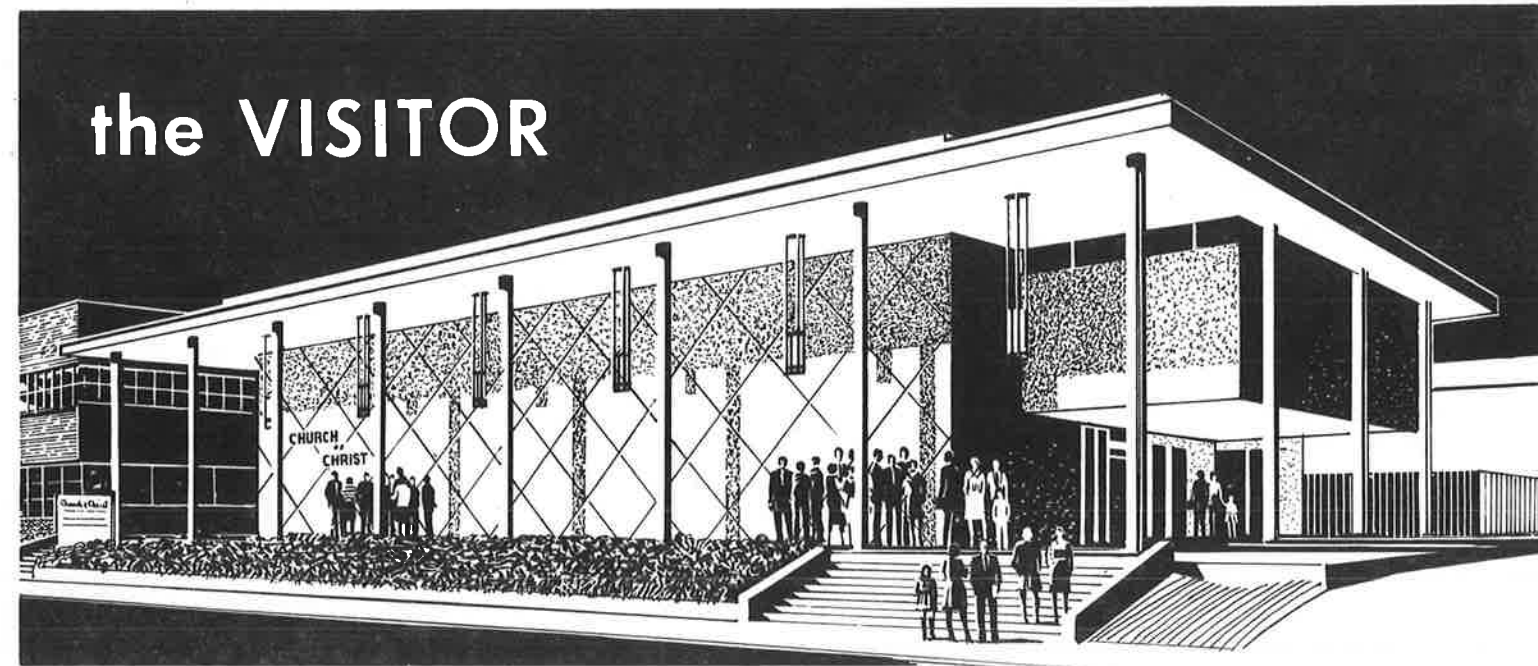
It will start your day off in such fine fashion.

I don't believe that there is a more exciting work in our brotherhood than the work that Kieth Mitchell is doing at the International Mission in New York City. I know you enjoyed hearing him speak concerning that work and the work of spreading the gospel to all the world this past Sunday. Just think, men and women of every nation are studying God's word on a daily basis and many of these are being converted and baptized into Christ. Think too of the great blessing of taking that message back to their own native countries to their loved ones and friends. The far reaching effects of that work staggers the imagination. Aren't you glad that the West Erwin congregation has fellowship in such an innovative work?

I spent some time yesterday looking through our pictorial directory. In just a short year, we have had so many changes among our members. Many have gone on to their eternal home, some have moved to other locations and areas of work. And, there is another group that gives me great cause for concern. That's the group whose pictures appear in the directory but who are no longer active in their attendance at Bible study and worship. If you are in this group, why don't you give serious thought to resuming the good habit of faithful attendance? The rewards will be great.

Congratulations to Dale and Ann Duncan's 5th grade class. They were 100% Sunday.

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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 enjoyed the fellowship and the lessons at the annual Bible lecture ship conducted by Abilene Christian University. I am thankful that Alice and I could attend the lectures. It was a spiritual tonic for us.

Among the other pleasant experiences we had was the breakfast sponsored by the Manhattan church of Christ and the Herald of Truth. We were thrilled to know of the impact the Herald of Truth is having in New York and to hear again of the great work of the International Mission. We were glad that Kieth Mitchell, who spoke at the breakfast, could be with us at West Erwin on Sunday so that you might be encouraged by the splendid reports he gave.

I think that all who heard Kieth Sunday will agree with the statement I made that he is the

RIGHT MAN at the RIGHT PLACE at the RIGHT TIME. His training and native ability uniquely qualify Kieth for the work he does. It is my opinion that one of the greatest mission efforts of our time is being accomplished in New York City. We are thankful to the Lord for the accomplishments of this endeavor and for the opportunities of the future. We were glad that Kieth and Diane were with us and hope that they will be coming again. Our prayers are with them and with their family.

We were sorry to learn of the death of E. C. McKenzie, who preached for this congregation years ago. I heard him speak at a fellowship dinner for the employees of Boles Home about two years ago. He made an entertaining and delightful speech. We are thankful for all of the preachers who have preached here in the past and who have helped the church to be what it is in Tyler today.

We hope to see you in Bible School and in worship Sunday.

Sermons For Sunday

10:30 A. M. The Beauty of Age
6:00 P. M. When God Came Back

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR TROUBLED HEARTS

J. M. Mankin

*"Why art thou cast down O
my soul?
And why art thou disquieted
within me?
Hope thou in God" Psalms 42:5*

Alexander the Great was off on another long batiie. Before he left home, he called all his oldest associates together to distribute gifts to them. To one he gave some of his used tunics, to another his personal effects.

Finally, when seemingly all he possessed had been given, an old companion observed, "You have given everything away and kept nothing for yourself." Alexander responded, "I have kept my hopes."

You and I live in a world gone mad. All we seem to hear is bad news: outbreaks of war, shortage of food production, population, higher prices, increasing use of drugs, resignations. This leads us to be nervous, tense and upset. More than anything else we have lost heart in "the system." We are just about ready to throw in the towel. We have no hope.

Long ago the psalmist had this same feeling of depression. He decided to talk with himself and find out why he was downcast. Several reasons emerge that will help us.

First is individual temperment. We are all different, and we have to get to know ourselves. Remember the old Mother Goose rhyme, "Jack Spratt could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean, And so betwixt them both, you see, they licked the platter clean."

We mainly divide people into introverts and extroverts, those who look inward and those who look outward. David was at this point when he wrote Psalms 42; Moses, Lincoln, and Wilson were in this category also. Find out about yourself and work on restoring your faith and hope.

Second is physical condition. The way a person feels or the handicap he endures affect his attitude. Yet people like Helen Keller and Franklin Roosevelt prove that one can overcome even these things and go on to accomplish something.

Third is a reaction after some great blessing or unusual experience. Some people get the blues in reaction to what has just happened, but we can no more live each day on the mountain top than we can in the deep valley.

What is the solution to depression? *Hope in God!* The apostle Paul once asked, "If God is for us, who is against us?" Then he assured us that "tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword" could not defeat us — if we take God into our lives (cf Romans 8:31-39).

Note: J. M. Mankin serves as one of the associate ministers of the Madison, Tennessee church and has been speaking for the Amazing Grace Bible Class in the absence of Ira North.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of March 10 - 14 to pick up items we have for them. The following is a list of needed items, however, they will be happy to have whatever can be supplied.

Laundry Detergent	Sugar
Tooth Paste	Tuna and
Detergent for Dishwasher	Canned Meat

Our Sympathy

Services for Mrs. Ray (Betty) Turner, sister-in-law to Florene Lowrance, were held last Saturday in Fort Worth, Texas.

Brother E. C. McKenzie's funeral service was conducted Tuesday morning in Canton, Texas.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family.

Moving

We are sorry that Steve and Sherry Brown are moving to Austin. He will be working in a new position for a visual aid company. We hope they will be very happy in their new home and work. We shall miss them here.

In Appreciation

We want to express appreciation to Mrs. Bill Butler, Jr. and to Katie Powell for contributing the two small rocking chairs to be used in our nursery.

Happy Birthday

MARCH

- (3) George Stephenson
- (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell, Mary Lou Wallis
- (7) Rocky Chambless, Becky McRuiz, Sue Paul
- (8) Kathryn Fears

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Friday morning, March 7th at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the congregation are urged to attend.

WE HAVE

BIBLE CLASSES

FOR ALL AGES!



Charlotte Ann Chandler

and

Robert Byron Sanford, Jr.

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Bill) Chandler

and

Mrs. Evelyn Sanford

invite you to share in the joy

of the beginning of their new life together

when they exchange marriage vows

on Friday, the seventh of March

Nineteen hundred and eighty

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Many thanks to our Elders for permitting us to be away for the annual Abilene Christian University Lectureship. There were several from West Erwin who attended in addition to the Stephensons and me. My personal opinion is that any who could go would profit greatly by the experience. Why don't you make your plans now for next year's lectureship. The University will be celebrating its 75th anniversary with the theme, "Our Uncommon Commitment," on February 22 - 25, 1981.

The World Bible School teaching ministry is a growing and vital force in the proclamation of the gospel in our world. At one of the lectures, brother Lovell was asked to stand and then all in the audience who were presently teaching in the World Bible School. Literally hundreds stood testifying to the great host of people engaged in this work. We still have a number of folks here at West Erwin who are teachers, but we still could use more. The church provides all the necessary materials and all we ask of an individual is time and postage for mailing. We have a number of requests for study materials on hand in the office now. Why don't you take the time to come by and let me get you started in this exciting work?

Our Elders have announced our spring meeting set for April 20-23 with brother Harold Poland doing the preaching. The Education Committee is working on plans for an excellent Bible School Drive for the beginning Sunday of the meeting. Let this serve as advance notice to each member of the congregation to reserve those dates for attendance at all the services of the meeting. More detailed plans will be announced later. Look for them!

Don't forget to express your appreciation to your Sunday and Wednesday evening Bible class teacher for the sacrifice of time and effort that they give in seeing that you and your children have the opportunity to study God's Word each week.

Men, don't forget our fellowship breakfast on Friday morning, March 7th. Join us for an excellent breakfast and good fellowship.

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us... Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thanks so very much for the spray of red carnations. They were a lovely floral tribute.

The Odie Lee Bland Family

You will never know how much your visits and cards meant to us. We were ill and ye visited us - we were hungry and you fed us. It is wonderful to be a part of such a family. In Christian love,

Helen and Jack McMahon

We truly appreciate all the kind gestures while Becky was in the hospital and recuperating. Thank you all.

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer George Stephenson
Dismiss Sam Bailey

Sunday Evening

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Leslie Mallory

Serving Communion Sunday

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In Appreciation

I want to thank you most sincerely for the beautiful Dieffenbachia pot plant which so lovingly expresses your sympathy and thoughts in the loss of my brother.

I appreciate so much knowing that my church family was thinking of me and sharing the sorrow I feel so deeply.

Most sincerely,
Margaret Talley

We wish to say Thank You so very much to our friends at West Erwin church of Christ for your thoughtfulness and remembrance of our loved one, Velma Holland.

The Titus Holland Family

The family of Marvin Snipes acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The flowers and visits were very helpful.

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Report of Our Sick

Sister Wilma Jones entered Glenwood Hospital Tuesday. A visit or card of encouragement would be helpful to her.

Brother Harley Turner is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Floyd Ratcliff is in Mother Frances Hospital. She has had prolonged illness and would appreciate visits.

Sister Russell O'Bannon had foot surgery on Monday and is now at home.

Sister Sybil Thacker has returned home from the hospital in Houston.

Brother E. C. McKenzie of Canton, a retired minister of the church, is critically ill in Mother Frances Hospital. In the early 30's he was the preacher for the congregation here at West Erwin.

Brother and sister Ben Young's daughter, Becky Cook, is now here in their home recuperating.

Act Now!

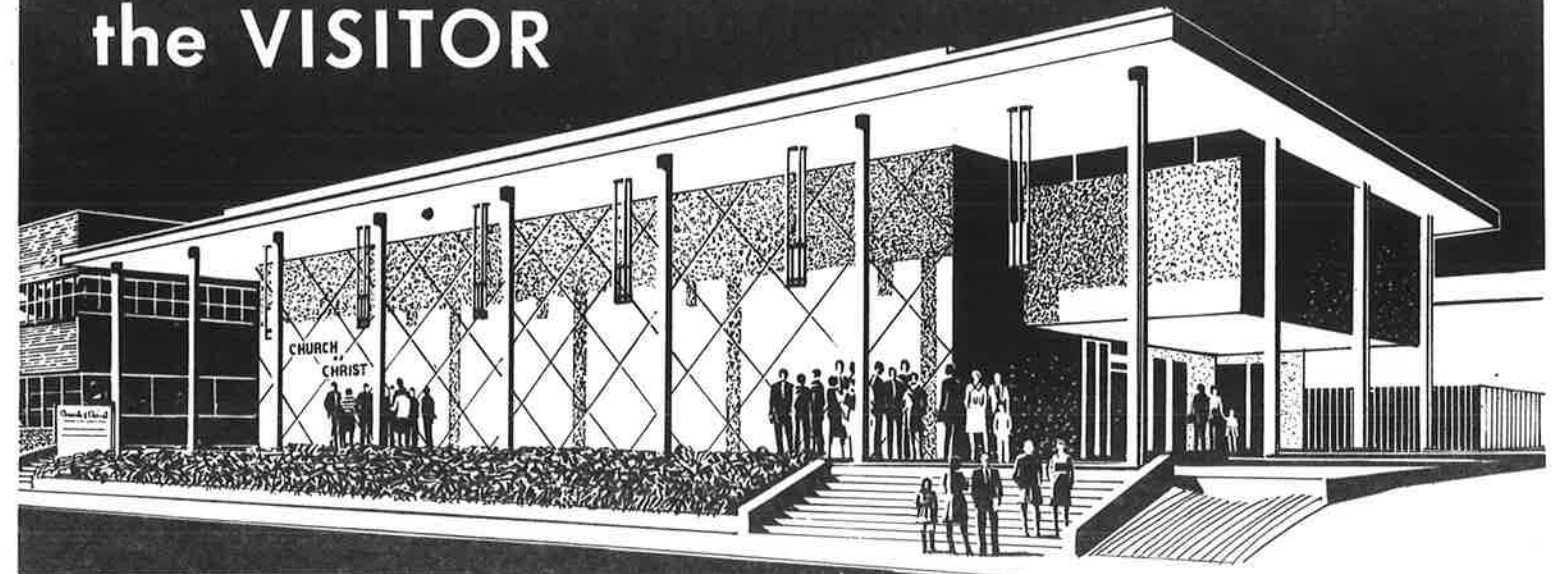
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BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY
9:30 A. M.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

On Sunday when I preached on "Discouragement," I mentioned the importance of our giving encouragement to one another. I received a letter last week which brought great encouragement to me. It was from a man we encouraged over twenty five years ago when he was in serious trouble.

This man was a young lawyer and was tried and convicted of a misdemeanor. We felt that the young man was falsely accused, but whether he was innocent or guilty we knew that we wanted to encourage him and we wanted to be a friend to his young Christian wife. The young man (I will call him Bill, which is not his real name) had to spend several weeks on a prison farm in Tennessee and his license to practice law was taken from him. Bill had been a very ambitious young man and worked very hard to become a lawyer. We were in court every day during his trial and visited him on the prison farm. I am sorry to say that many church members thought that Bill should be ignored. When Bill was released from prison he worked as a door to door salesman.

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COMING EVENT

KIETH MITCHELL

To Preach Sunday

Kieth Mitchell of New York City will be our guest speaker on this coming Sunday morning. We have had fellowship with him in his great work at the International Mission of churches of Christ in New York for a number of years. We are always glad when he visits with us. He is a very capable and dedicated worker for the Lord. We are glad that his wife will be with him on this visit to Tyler. Be sure to hear brother Mitchell preach Sunday.

New Members



Bob and Karen Zadina
6909 Southplace



Robbie Blackstone
Rt. 11, Box 482

*You Are Needed
In Bible School*

Happy Birthday

February

- (24) Vannie Lee
- (26) G. W. McElroy
- (27) Jane Jones, Matthew Goodson
- (28) Tom Parsons, Faber Cauthen,
Archie Kennard

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued)

He became very successful in selling encyclopedias and received important positions with his company. He became a very active Christian and his family are all active in the church. He has a lovely home and his life has been a blessing to many people. How thankful I am that we did not condemn this man but that we endeavored to show him love and friendship when he needed it very much. But here are some of the things in his letter:

"I am sorry that I have waited so long to personally write you a note. I am glad that you are coming along fine from your illness. I have been praying for your complete recovery. I do think of you and your sweet wife Alice often. I have always thanked God that he made it possible for me to meet you two grand people. For without you, I in all probability, would not have been led to Christ. I, and everyone else, including members of the church, had given up on me. Through our interest I was able to turn away from sin. I was able to find a useful and prosperous life for myself and my family. I am very proud of my children. They all seem to be doing very well. They all have wonderful families. So, by helping me you also helped my children. I just had a thirteen year old grandson baptized recently. We all rejoiced. Thanks again for your spiritual help and guidance. I know for a fact that God loves you for all you have done."

I just wanted you to share with me the joy this letter brought to me and to Alice also.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN HEARING, hearing aids were recently placed in our auditorium. The listening stations are marked with colored tape on the back of the pews to help you locate them easily. Two listening aids are on each station. They are in the front section of the auditorium on the south side of the building.



GOSPEL MEETING

APRIL 20, 21, 22

HAROLD POLAND, Guest Preacher

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

*Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Sparkman
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Sheron Carlotta*

to

Mr. Kenneth Harold Browning

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Browning

on Saturday, the first of March

Nineteen hundred and eighty

at three o'clock in the afternoon

University Church of Christ

403 Welch

Denton, Texas

Reception following ceremony

New Baby

Guy and Nettie Potts are the very happy grandparents of Brent Alan Spradlin born last Saturday afternoon at Glenwood Hospital. He weighed 8 lb. and 11ozs. and is the son of Brad and Debbie Spradlin.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Aubrey Byrd in the loss of her mother, Mary Ratliff. Her funeral service was Wednesday in Grapevine, Texas.

Brotherhood Briefs

You are cordially invited to the 4th Sunday singing at the Whitehouse church on Sunday afternoon at 2:15.

There will be a Gospel Meeting at the church of Christ in Frankston, February 24 - 28 with Dan Manuel as speaker. The services will be 7:30 each evening.

When a Christian Is Not a Christian

*Not everyone that saith unto me
Lord, Lord shall enter into the
Kingdom of heaven, but he that
doeth the will of my Father
which is in heaven Matt. 7:21.*

While talking with one of our elders a few days ago, I was very interested in the educational situation of the nineteen thirties. He was a teacher and superintendent for many years in north central Texas. He is educated and qualified as a teacher but no one thinks of him as such. He has been in the construction business for so many years that his early experience no longer identified him.

Another close personal friend of ours who is also an elder in the church was trained and thoroughly experienced as a test pilot in the second world war. Now for many long years he has been a public relations director for a utilities company. He seldom flies anymore and when he does it is not up front on the left. He is never identified with his former training and experience.

When a farmer doesn't farm anymore and a teacher doesn't teach any longer, the first vocational connection is completely broken. Now, when a Christian is no longer attending the worship services and observing the Lord's Supper... and when he has grown away from daily prayers and regular Bible study, he can't be what he once was in relationship to the Lord. This is the unfortunate situation with too many of our brothers and sisters. **James demands in chapter one of his general epistle that we be doers of the Word and not hearers only. If I am not as close to the Lord as I have been in times past, I know exactly who is responsible. The Savior has not moved away from me. We must never allow the toils and cares of the day to dull our hearing and dim our vision of salvation... bought with the precious blood of Jesus and received in simple obedience to His will.**

. . . Dub Chisum

*Let us hold fast our profession
of faith without wavering; for
He is faithful that promised;
let us consider one another to
provoke unto love and to good
works Hebrews 10:23.*

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Responses

Membership: We welcome Foy Bellows, Tyler Square Apts., 1007 N. NW Loop 323, Apt. 104 - 75702. He formerly lived in Lindale.

Report of Our Sick

Ben and Patsy Young's youngest daughter is ill and hospitalized in Houston. A card of cheer would be of encouragement to her. Send your card to Becky Cook, Rosewood Hospital, room 202, 9200 Westheimer, Houston, Texas 77063.

No one is a failure in this world who lightens a burden for someone else.

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--- *Let The World Know It!*

SOME SAD SITUATIONS

Full jails and empty Bible school rooms. People with fancy clothes and filthy minds.

Acres of fine houses and miserable people.

So-called Christians that must be invited and begged to worship God.

Children that know more about TV programs than about Jesus Christ.

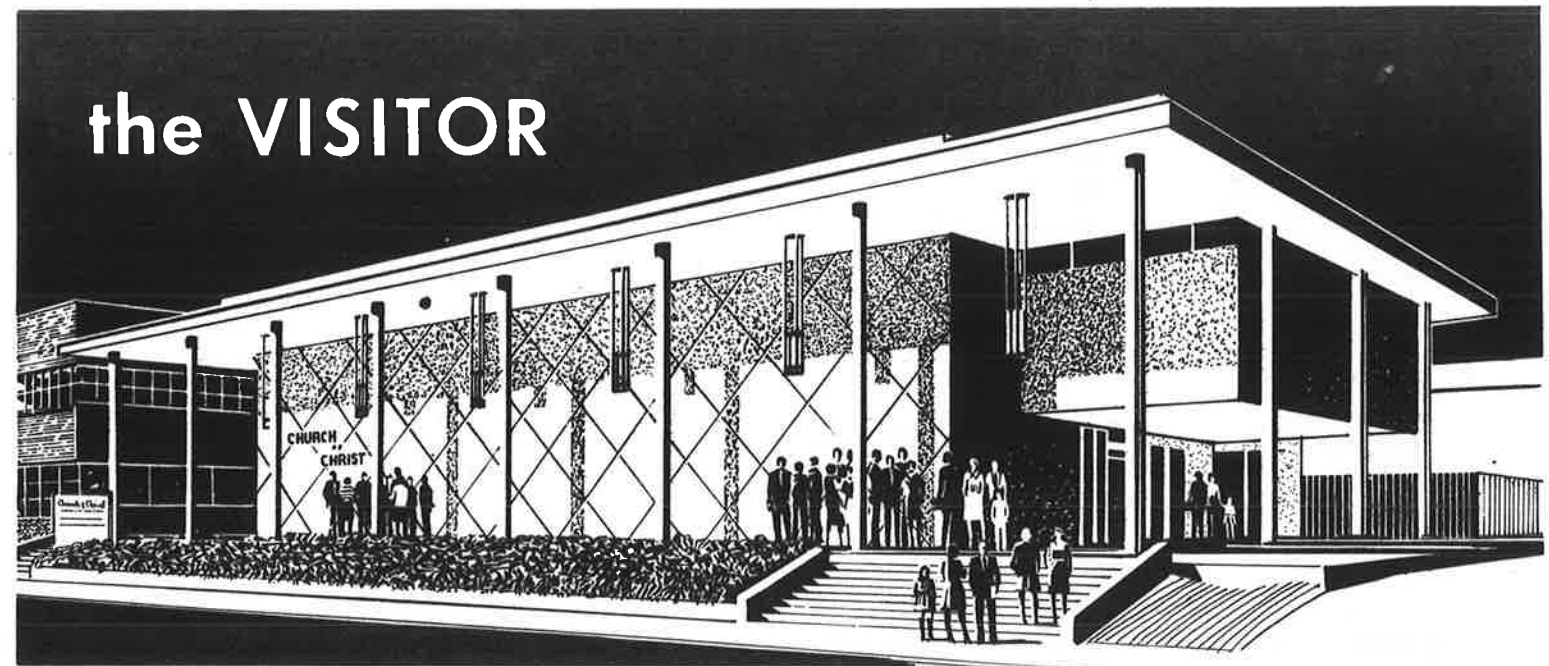
Parents that spend thousands of dollars on their children's secular education and complain about contributing to their spiritual well being.

People that worry more about the economy of the nation than the morality of our nation.

A world on its way to hell; and is unconcerned.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Reports from Kieth Mitchell in New York and Rudolf Rischer in Augsburg, Germany indicate that the Lord is blessing the work of both of these men in helping to spread the gospel of Christ. It is thrilling to read of those who have been taught and have obeyed the gospel of Christ. We are looking forward to having Kieth Mitchell preach for us on Sunday morning, February 24. We are always glad when he visits with us.

The report from Rudolf Rischer tells of some recent converts in Augsburg. His report, which will be distributed in the classes on this coming Sunday, you will find to be interesting. We hope that you continue to remember all of the "missionaries" we help support in your prayers. They are truly dedicated to the cause of Christ and are worthy of our continued interest. May

it be said of the West Erwin church, "For from you sounded out the word - but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad," (I Thessalonians 1:9).

Many of our people will be gone on this Sunday. They will be in Abilene for the annual Bible lectureship. We hope to attend the lectureship on Monday through Wednesday. Each year we look forward to this gathering of thousands of Christians who come from all over the country to enjoy the classes, lectures, and fellowship which this lectureship affords.

Every month we receive a bundle of "Action" magazines. These magazines are published by James Lovell in California for the purpose of promoting mission work and especially the World Bible School. A number of our people are involved in the correspondence work of this worthy endeavor. We would encourage you to take one of these papers and read it. You will find it worthwhile.

Sermon Subjects For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson

10:30 a.m. Discouragement
6:00 p.m. Joshua, Man of Courage



Billie Bob Hickman

To Teach Wednesday Class

Billie Bob Hickman, one of our faithful women at West Erwin, will be teaching the Ladies' Bible Class next Wednesday morning, February 20. Billie Bob is a frequent speaker for ladies' groups in congregations in other places. She is a diligent student of the Word. We urge our women to attend the class on this Wednesday.

FROM CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL
Mbeya, Tanzania - East Africa

The following letter came last week from the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa. Our Benevolent committee has recently sent many items for their use.

Dear Co-Workers:

Please forgive shortness of this letter. I just wanted you to know that one of our preachers had to stop preaching because he couldn't read the Bible in the pulpit. He found a pair of glasses in the lot you sent that enabled him to preach again!! He is very happy. Just think, somebody put in those glasses you sent. "All I know was that once I was blind but now I see" keeps ringing in my ears - Thank you.

Pray for the people here. They are now in the planting season and are worried greatly with witchcraft. A 14 year old boy died in the hospital yesterday because of native medicine and excision of his skin by native doctors to use in a mixture to plant "to insure good harvest." Thank God for the light of the gospel which banishes such.

Faithfully,
Henry Farrow

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation for all of the prayers, visits, calls, cards and flowers during my surgery. Christian friends mean so much to us. Thank you. In Christian love,
Roland & Amie Roberts

On behalf of my family and myself we want to thank you for every expression of sympathy during our recent sorrow.

Pauline Daughtry

Our Sympathy

Sister Margaret Talley's brother was buried on Monday of last week. We extend our sincere sympathy to her and the family.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of March 10 - 14. The following is a list of their needs. Of course, any items you bring will be used.

- Laundry detergent Sugar
- Tooth paste Tuna & Canned meat
- Detergent for dishwasher

Happy Birthday

February

- (18) Amy Knight
- (20) Brandon Chambless, Scot Miles, Roger McElroy
- (2) M. H. Shaffer
- (23) Sherri Bray

FOR OUR NURSERY

A child's rocking chair could be used in our nursery. Perhaps someone in the congregation has one that you would be willing to bring.

**You can't change the past,
but you ruin a
perfectly good present
by worrying about the future.**

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



The brief winter weather certainly made itself felt in our Sunday attendance. Most classes were down as was our worship service in the morning and evening. The Sunday evening crowd was increased some since the sun made a bit of an appearance in the afternoon.

Fred Powell initiated our new mini-bus route for older folks who do not have rides to our services. We are confident that this will be a marvelous ministry since quite often some of our widows cannot attend for lack of a ride. We have a number of men who will be rotating as drivers for the weekly route. If you have need of transportation, please let the church office know and we will add you to the list. Do this as soon as possible, since it will be difficult to add you to the route on the spur of the moment. Let's encourage Fred in this new ministry.

Pauline Aven and Jean Oliver's fourth grade class had 100% attendance this past week. Our congratulations to them.

George and I hosted the East Texas Preacher's Luncheon in our new Fellowship Hall this past Tuesday. 40 attended and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by yours truly and the chief cook, Don Weathers. We enjoyed having them see our new facility. Tom Holcomb, minister of the Northwest congregation spoke briefly on the City-Wide Campaign scheduled for the Tyler area next year.

Plans are underway for a Teacher Appreciation Dinner scheduled by our Education Committee at their last meeting. We would like to ask all teachers, co-teachers, both those presently teaching and those who have taught anytime in the past 18 months to reserve Friday night, April 11, for that important date. Don't forget now!!

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

OF PUPPIES AND PEOPLE

"For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of..." (Matthew 6:8).

"Hey, Dad, can I have a puppy?" little Johnny asks. And he thinks of the cuddly little ball of fur, and the cute face of a little playmate that he can call his own. He thinks of running, and being chased. He dreams of training the puppy to "fetch" a stick he has thrown, and to respond quickly when he authoritatively commands, "Here Rusty!"

But the father's mind comes up with different pictures. He tallies the price of a puppy chow and dog food remembering Johnny's other needs and their costs. He wonders if the boy will help clean up after the messes and help keep the dog out of the neighbors' way. He thinks of shots to be given, and of plans for care when the family is on vacation. He even imagines the possibility of the boy's heartbreak as he tearfully picks up the furry remains of his pet, crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding motorist.

Of course the difference in the boy's view and the father's relates to the vast difference in their experience. Johnny couldn't be expected to know or even to understand many of the factors which are the mental building blocks the father must use in deriving a decision. Day may say yes, or no, or, "I'll think it over," but the responsible father would have to consider several things first.

Just so is the vast difference between our view and the Lord's. His is the longer and more thorough. We know what we want. Only he can know, really what we need. He too may answer our requests with a yes, or no, or, a "Let's wait awhile." But it wouldn't be very wise, would it, to insist on our own will rather than submitting to his.

---Joe Goodspeed

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Wes Price
Dismiss Carroll Magee

Sunday Evening

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss Wesley Price

Serving Communion Sunday

Edgar Bullard Bob Threadgill
John Porter Mac McCall
Aubrey Payne Sherrill Little
Averyt Smith Charles Hickman

Our Records

Contributions

Feb. 3 \$5,902.61
Jan. 27 4,924.29
Year Ago 4,255.92

Bible School

Feb. 3 370
Jan. 27 364
Year Ago 361

Worship

Feb. 3 515
Jan. 27 477
Weekly
Budget \$5,200.00

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Karen) Zadina, 6909 Southplace, phone 581-0866, came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. They formerly lived in Houston and worshipped with the Memorial church of Christ.

Robbie Blackstone, Rt. 11, Box 482, phone 595-0130 also came Sunday to place membership. Robbie is the brother of Dale Blackstone.

Restored: Greg Duncan, 2237 Heather Lane and Kenny Bailey, 309 E. Erwin.

AREA-WIDE PREACHER'S LUNCHEON

There will be a luncheon on February 12 at noon in our Fellowship Hall for the preachers of the East Texas area. (Dutch Treat)

DEACON'S MEETING

The deacons are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock in the Chapel.

ACU Lectureship - February 17 - 20

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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From the Preacher's Desk (continued)

the land states that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty, but there are those who condemn their brethren as being guilty until they are proved innocent.

I want you to know that I am grateful for the wonderful love which is evident among members of the church at West Erwin. You have demonstrated your love to us again and again. Let us pray as Paul prayed for the Philippians that our "love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment," (Philippians 1:9).

Report of Our Sick

Becky Blackstone, young daughter of the Dale Blackstones, had a tonsillectomy in Mother Frances Hospital on Thursday.

Brother Roland Roberts continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister George Kester's sister is very ill in Indianapolis. Esther has gone to be with her and has requested our prayers.

Sister Roy Dayton's sister, Betty Jo Albright, is hospitalized following an automobile accident last Friday near the mall. Her small grandson was also injured and sitters are needed to help look after him. If you can help, call Mrs. Berry, 561-7680. The Albrights are members of the Glenwood congregation.

FAMILY NIGHT

There will be a Family Night Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the evening worship. This is for all junior and senior high young people and their parents.

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George H. Stephenson

In churches of Christ we desire to restore New Testament Christianity. It is our desire to restore the worship, the organization, and the plan of salvation as taught in the New Testament. However, we have not restored New Testament Christianity if we ignore the importance of brotherly love. The foundation of all of Christ's teaching is love. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God and the second greatest commandment is to love our neighbor, (Matthew 22:37-40).

Paul teaches us that love is the fulfillment of the law. We read, "Owe no man anything but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law," (Romans 13:8-10).

We may challenge the world to prove that there is anything wrong in our doctrinal position; we may be successful in every debate and show the error of every denominational dogma; but if we are filled with envy, strife, and ill will among our brethren, we are not truly disciples of our Lord. Surely it is right to contend earnestly for the faith and we must not compromise any Scriptural truth, but let us ever remember that Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," (John 13:35). And John wrote, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death," (I John 3:14).

It is reported that the world spoke of the early Christians and said of them, "Behold, how they love one another; they are ready to die for one another." It is most distressing to think of the divisions and strifes which have stifled the growth of the church in many places because of a lack of brotherly love. How sad it is when we preach unity and practice division.

When we truly love our brethren we will want to believe the best and never the worst about them. We are not to be credulous, but neither should we be a suspicious people. Without proper investigation and without going to the individual to determine if we may help him if he is in error, there are some who apparently find delight in reporting something they have found wrong with their brother in Christ. The law of

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LISTENING TO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing announcements made during the assembly is something that we have come to expect, whether we are at the home church or visiting elsewhere. Many have come to accept them as a necessity to be endured, and consequently pay little or no attention to them.

But, have you ever thought of the announcements as the means whereby doors are opened to us? Paul wrote to the Philippians about the illness of Epaphroditus. If he had been present at Philippi and had told an assembled church about this illness, it might be viewed as Paul making an announcement. There would have been some purpose behind it. Something was to be achieved by this announcement.

When we hear announcements of needs for groceries and clothing, we should view this as the opening of a door for service. Let us take note and respond by bringing clothing and groceries.

When we hear announcements of those who have lost loved ones, let us make note of it and see if there is something we can do to lift up a broken heart. Perhaps there is a word to be said, a note to be written or a visit to be made.

When we hear of those who are ill, again there is an open door. Perhaps a card or a visit. We should watch for opportunities of helping others.

Announcements need not be dry and meaningless to those who are watching for open doors.

... Raymond Kelcy

BEATITUDES FOR PARENTS

Blessed are the parents who make their peace with spilled milk and mud, for of such is the kingdom of childhood.

Blessed are the parents who refuse to compare their children with others, for precious unto each is the rhythm of his own growth.

Blessed are the fathers and mothers who have learned to laugh, for it is the music of the child's world.

Blessed are those parents who understand the goodness of time, for they make it not a sword that kills growth but a shield to protect and guide their children.

Blessed are the parents who can say no without anger, for comforting to the child is the security of a firm decision.

Blessed are those parents who accept the awkwardness of their growing children, letting each grow at his own speed.

Blessed are the parents who are teachable, for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.

Blessed are the parents who love their children in the midst of a hostile world, for love is the greatest of all gifts.

via Prestoncrest bulletin
Dallas, Texas

You are invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower
Honoring Miss Carlotta Sparkman
Bride Elect of Kenneth Browning
Saturday afternoon, February 9, 1980
at the home of Mrs. Ben Young
1903 Montrose

Selections:
Brosang's
Leewrights

Hours:
Come & Go
2 Until 3:30 o'clock



**PASS
THE
WORD.
LADIES**

The Ladies Bible Class will have a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday of next week following the class. Hostesses for the luncheon will be Leona Hardin, Ann Lambert, Hazel Morgan, Adela Scogins and Vera Beard. Men are invited.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful pot plant, the cards and calls at the time of the death of my sister. Mrs. Bernice Andrews

We wish to thank the West Erwin congregation for the flowers, food and many acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one.

The Family of Velma Holland

Happy Birthday

(10) John Freeman, Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley, Mae Bell Harwell, Gladys Prater, Bernice Andrews.

(11) Marisa Butler, Carolyn Welborn, Pauline Jones, Julia Langham.

- (12) Alice Stephenson
- (13) Lottie Mae Gilstrap
- (14) Laverne Keith
- (15) Mamy Waggoner

TO SPEAK IN RICHARDSON

Mrs. Charles Hickman will be the guest speaker for the Ladies Bible Class at the Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas on Wednesday, February 13.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



We had a large number of men present for the fellowship breakfast last Friday, probably the largest crowd since we started them several months ago. Our guest speaker was a life-long friend of mine, Glen Sargent who preaches for the church in Coahoma, near Big Spring in West Texas. Those who were present won't soon forget the brief message since he illustrated it with the use of my old ax. If you are interested in knowing what he talked about, ask someone who was present.

While we are talking about the breakfast, why don't you put a red circle around March 7th, so you won't forget to come? The food is always good, the company great and the devotional message inspiring. You will receive a blessing for coming. John Owens is the deacon who heads up this program and we are grateful for his good efforts.

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We have enjoyed a large number of visitors at our recent worship services and you have made good impressions on them by your friendliness. Keep up the good work. It will only help us grow more.

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For a number of weeks Stan Mallory and Leon Welborn have been teaching the Young Single Adults class on Wednesday night. With the beginning of the new school year at the Campus Christian Center, Jim Strait has begun a new study to which many of our young people have been going. The remainder have been attending Hillard Hughes class for parents and teenagers. Because these have captured the attention of the young singles, we will discontinue the scheduled class by Mallory and Welborn and resume it at a later date with a continuing study in the book of Acts. Our thanks to these good teachers for their work with this class.



Amazing Grace Bible Class

SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 A. M.
KLTV Television

Read your Bible

An accomplishment that you will never regret -- to read the Bible completely through in one year -- to know the Mind of God and the State of Man. Man's nature has not changed since the Garden and Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. Each one will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and be judged of those things written in The Book. Have you read it? All of it? Gain this year - knowledge, insight, wisdom supreme - Read the Book.

week 1	Genesis 1-26	14	1 Kings 16 — 2 Kings 15	27	Proverbs 25—Song of Songs	40	Zephaniah — Malachi
2	Genesis 27-50	15	2 Kings 16 — 1 Chron. 8	28	Isaiah 1-23	41	Matthew 1-21
3	Exodus 1-24	16	1 Chron. 9 — End	29	Isaiah 24-39	42	Matthew 22 — Mark 12
4	Exodus 25 — Lev. 10	17	2 Chron. — End	30	Isaiah 40-55	43	Mark 13 — Luke 9:50
5	Lev. 11 — End	18	Ezra — Esther	31	Isaiah 56 — End	44	Luke 9:51 — John 6
6	Num. 1-21	19	Job 1-27	32	Jeremiah 1-20	45	John 7 — End
7	Num. 22 — Deut. 11	20	Job 28 — End	33	Jeremiah 21-33	46	Acts 1-21:26
8	Deut. 12 — End	21	Psalms 1-41	34	Jeremiah 34 — End	47	Acts 21:27 — Romans
9	Joshua	22	Psalms 42-72	35	Lam. — Ezek. 11	48	1 & 2 Corinthians
10	Judges — Ruth	23	Psalms 73-89	36	Ezek. 12-32	49	Galatians — 2 Thes.
11	1 Samuel	24	Psalms 90-106	37	Ezek. 33 — Daniel	50	1 Timothy — Hebrews
12	2 Samuel	25	Psalms 107 — End	38	Hosca — Amos	51	James — Jude
13	1 Kings 1-15	26	Proverbs 1-21	39	Obadiah — Habakkuk	52	Revelation

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship	
Announcements	F. C. Carpenter
Prayer	Wyndal Miller
Dismiss	Freeman Morgan
Sunday Evening	
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Dismiss	Lee Roberson
Serving Communion Sunday	
Edgar Bullard	Bob Threadgill
John Porter	Mac McCall
Aubrey Payne	Sherrill Little
Averyt Smith	Charles Hickman

Our Records

Contributions	
Jan. 27	\$4,924.29
Jan. 20	\$4,810.84
Year Ago	\$4,198.54
Bible School	
Jan. 27	364
Jan. 20	330
Year Ago	406
Worship	
Jan. 27	477
Jan. 20	453
Weekly	
Budget	\$5,200.00

DAY BY DAY (Continued from inside)

Vance Havner writes of the strong influence his father had upon him as he states, "My father was faithful to the house of God. When he felt like it and when he didn't, when the preaching was good and when it wasn't, my father was there."

Whether the weather be good
 Or whether the weather be not,
 Whether the weather be cold
 Or whether the weather be hot,
 Whatever the weather, he weathered the weather
 Whether he liked it or not.

John Gipson
 Little Rock, Arkansas

Report of Our Sick

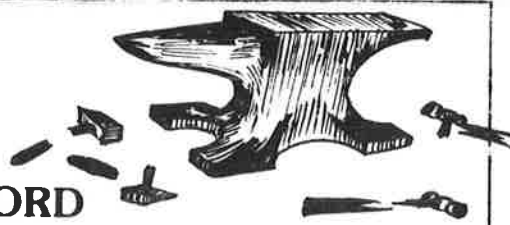
Mrs. Elsie Shackelford is very ill in the Glenwood Hospital.
 Mrs. Rose Rushing has been a patient in Medical Center but may be home by now.
 Roland Roberts is in Medical Center following surgery last Tuesday.

Our Sympathy

Mrs. A. C. Williams, sister-in-law to Mrs. Pauline Daughtry, was buried last week in Dallas. We extend our sympathy to the family.

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

THE ANVIL



OF GOD'S WORD

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

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

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

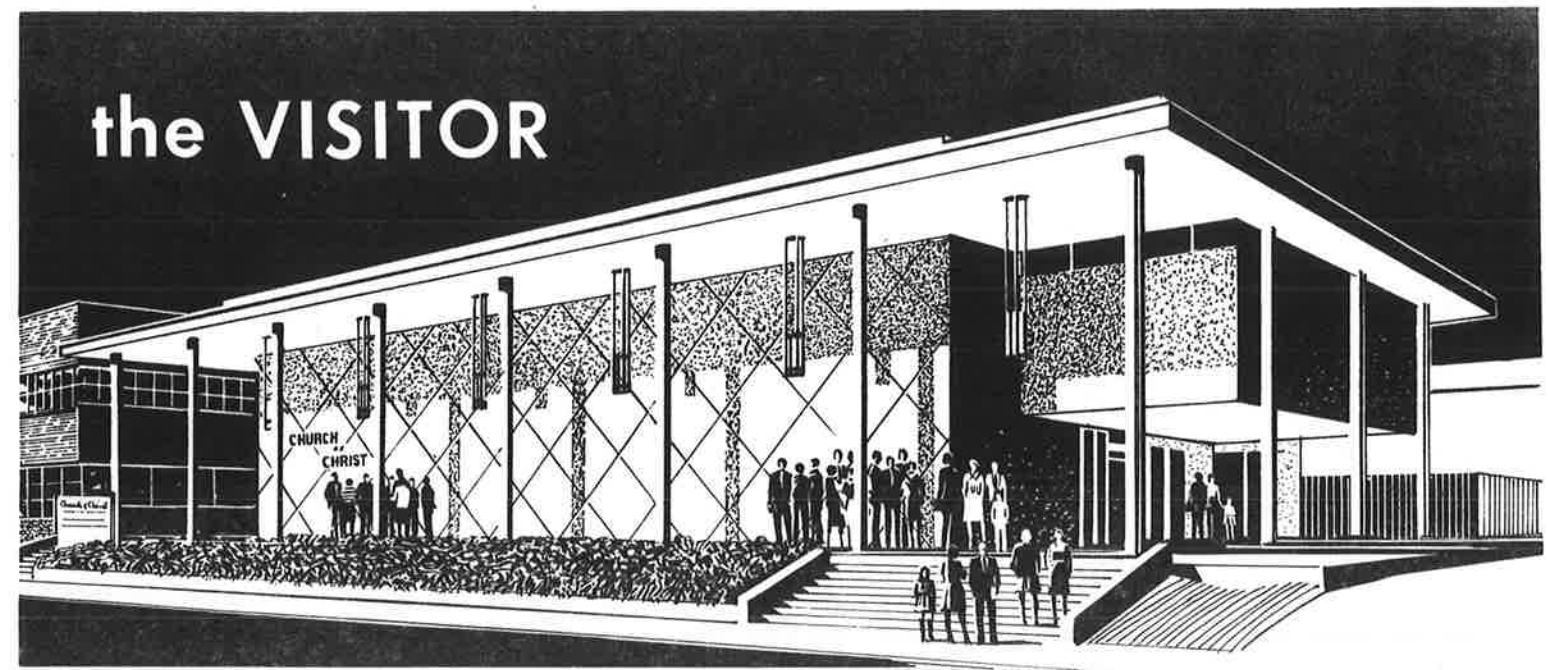
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 Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

The following article, which gives an account of a book written by a former employee of the popular radio and television evangelist Oral Roberts, appeared in the January issue of the Star Reporter. We think it should be in interest to everyone.

Jerry Sholes who was employed with the Oral Roberts organization for many years as a writer and TV producer, has exposed some of the tactics of one of the world's richest evangelists, Oral Roberts. Sholes came out with a book which was entitled, "Give Me That Prime Time Religion" last July and the complete edition sold out in one week. The book has now been reprinted and is available (Star Bible, \$8.95).

One of the things Sholes exposes is Oral Roberts' claim that the Lord told him to build the Research Center and Clinic in Tulsa. It was the "city of faith" episode that made Sholes decide to publish his views on the Oral Roberts "ego" and his association. On Sept. 7, 1977, Roberts announced the City of Faith, "Making it quite

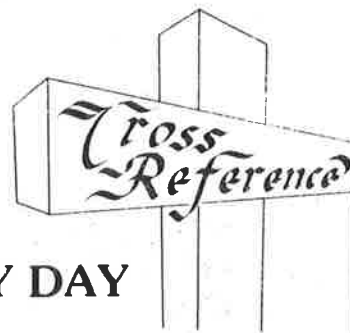
clear that the Lord had told him to build it. He said he had experienced a vision in the desert and that he had been told the plan of the complex, and even what it was to be called." However, in the preceding January, some of his employees said the same plan was discussed and the same name in the presence of Sholes, seven months before Roberts supposedly had his "vision in the desert."

The book is also critical of the lifestyle of Roberts and his operations. While Oral Roberts receives his \$5 and \$25 checks from many poor people, he drives his Mercedes Benz, has homes in Tulsa and Palm Springs, wears \$500 suits and so much jewelry that camera crews have to air brush it out according to Sholes' book.

The mail that comes after a broadcast is tremendous: "90% of the letters have money" says Sholes. He gets about \$25,000,000 through the mail and about that much more through other contributions such as for Oral Roberts University. The book is thoroughly documented and most is fairly common knowledge among Oral Roberts' employees including the fact that the term "city of faith" was used among them as far back as 23 years ago while Roberts goes on with the stirring account of his vigil in the desert in which the plan was "revealed to him" quite complete in 1977.

Such activities as these are not new to leaders in the Lord's church who have been familiar with Roberts' works for some 25 years. One of the

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AND DAY BY DAY

"And day by day..." Christians attended the temple together, "And day by day" the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46,47)

It's easy to see that there was a correlation between the enthusiasm which caused the Christians of the first century to meet together daily, and the baptisms which they had daily. Christians in Jerusalem didn't sit around and argue the question, "Does a Christian have to attend on Sunday night and Wednesday night?" Such a question would have been foreign to their thinking. They were thrilled with their privileges rather than laboring under their duties. How we need to recapture this spirit.

Someone has written: "Absenteeism will kill any organization. It will kill any congregation." Again it may well be said that a most effective way to build up the church is to attend it up. Therefore, the members of a congregation must decide for themselves: "Do we really want this church to grow or do we wish it to die?" Every member must feel a definite personal responsibility to the local congregation where he lives. It is this church that provides him and his family all the blessings associated with church membership—fellowship, edification, public worship, comfort, strength, encouragement, spiritual blessing, etc. It is not so much a matter of attending 'somewhere' as it is attending here. The congregation 'somewhere' cannot minister to you when you are sick, or bereaved, or cannot rejoice with you and weep with you. And the church here cannot do it if it is weakened by your absence, and the absence of others who feel no responsibility to it. This congregation will be as strong in your life as you make it. (Continued on back page)

Wedding Shower

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Telephone invitations are not being made for the shower. Ladies, please consider this invitation as personally yours.

Amazing Grace

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**No matter how great our need,
the divine resources are never exhausted.**

From The Preacher's Desk (Continued from page 1)
most notable of his "faith healing" experiences was in Amarillo, Texas when a tent blew down and several people were taken to the hospital and one man died. Roberts not only failed to raise the dead, but he didn't even visit the hospital.

And for the faith healing powers of Oral Roberts, author Sholes says, "He is exploiting the will to live. I have seen him pray for half million people with an ambulance standing by and a mobile intensive care unit. Those people who send in their contributions with request for prayer, people sick and people in trouble, they might be astonished to know that Oral Roberts prays not over the letter but over a computer printout of thousands of names. On the air he promises to answer every letter. These are computerized and given stock answers. I ought to know; I wrote some of those answers." (Adapted from Claire Eyrich, Ft. Worth Star Telegram 12-27-1979).

Our Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of brother Titus Holland and the family. Funeral services for his wife, sister Velma Holland, were conducted Monday afternoon.

A brother of Mrs. Bruce Raley, Odie Bland, passed away Monday morning in Yoakum, Texas.

A sister of Mrs. Bernice Andrews passed away this week in California.

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

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation for the flowers, your visits and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Erma Sanders
(Mrs. Sanders is in Glenview Nursing Home, Room 54 - Box 1209, Tyler, Texas 75710)

I would like to thank you for every act of love and kindness shown to us during my grandson's illness. I especially want to thank you for the prayers that have been offered in his behalf and also ask that you continue to pray for Leland.

Gloria Thigpen and Leland Middleton

Happy Birthday

February

(3) Teresa Grier, Lilla Tigert (4) Loyd Nail (5) Ruby Brem (6) Jill Hughes (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Meeta Clucas (8) Roy Roberson (9) David Grier, Darrell Holt, Jeremy Wiggains.

SPECIAL CLASS

There will be a class for young mothers Tuesday, February 5 from 9:30 until 10:00 a. m. The class will be in session for three Tuesdays - 30 minutes each session. Billie Bob Hickman will present the lessons on discipline. The basis of the study will be her book, "Kids - Holy Terrors or Blessed Angels." Nursery facilities will be provided for children of mothers attending. It would be helpful if you would call the office and let us know if you plan to attend.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



It is such a genuine pleasure to see our Wednesday night attendance improve. The past two weeks has seen a larger number of adults present for the devotional in the auditorium. Our teachers also report larger numbers in their children's classes. Our letter to the membership this past week is an effort to encourage others who have not developed the habit. We hope you will give it serious consideration if you are not already in the "Wednesday night habit."

If you are among the number who would like to get started on Wednesday night, we have two new classes for adults that might interest you. Phil Marts and Freeman Morgan are each hosting a group discussion class meeting in rooms 105 and 106 in the education building. They are studying the Gospel of John. Why don't you give one of them a try?

A word of thanks to Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and Ray and Dell Lott for taking a group of our young people to Petti John Christian Youth Camp located near Madill, Oklahoma for a week-end retreat this past week. They joined young people from several other congregations for the rich spiritual experience.

We received a special request from Jake Coppinger, minister of the church in Santa Maria, California for the flip-top chart Bible study aid for home studies by J. T. Bristow entitled "A Few Minutes With Someone Who Loves You." If you have one of these cottage meeting aids and are not using it, could we suggest that you donate it to be sent to Ghana, West Africa for use by our missionaries there in converting the lost. If you would also like to donate funds toward the purchase of one of these, they sell for around \$15.00. We will see that the chart or your donation are forwarded to brother Coppinger.

Congratulations to the 5th grade class taught by Dale and Ann Duncan. They were 100% in attendance on Sunday, January 27th.

A Christian is free
but not free to sin.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements John Owens
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Archie Kennard

Sunday Evening

Announcements John Owens
Prayer C. B. Burkham
Dismiss Jeff Jones

Serving Communion Sunday

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John Steffee Dannie Skipper
Glynn Starnes Dale Duncan
Leslie Carruth Arits Tate

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Contributions

Jan. 20 \$4,810.84
Jan. 13 \$5,260.14
Year Ago \$4,184.50

Bible School

Jan. 20 330
Jan. 13 444
Year Ago 374

Worship

Jan. 20 453
Jan. 13 566
Weekly
Budget \$4,500.00

HERE AND THERE BY WES PRICE (Continued)

the worship service is great and we want them to know how much we appreciate them for their co-operation. Why don't you join me in expressing your own thanks to them.

We are especially blessed with the good work that Hillard Hughes does with our youth. He, along with his lovely wife, Jeanine, is doing an invaluable service to parents of the young in supplementing the effort of the home in rearing them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. His new Wednesday evening class has been received with many good expressions. Don't forget to express your personal gratitude for his good work.

Christians never meet for the last time.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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In Appreciation

Thank you for your prayers, visits, food, cards, and all expressions of love, care and concern.

Wilma Jones
James & Frances Phillips
Bob & Jeanie Lou Smith
and Grandchildren

Report of Our Sick

Sister Velma Holland continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Rose Rushing is in Medical Center.

Little Ben Jones, son of Ronny and Lynn, had a tonsillectomy Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

FOR THIS NEW YEAR

This I would like to be: Just a bit finer,
More of a smiler and less of a whiner;
Just a bit quicker to stretch out my hand,
Helping another who's struggling to stand.
This is my prayer for the new year to be...
May this year make a better Christian out
of me.

This I would like to be: Just a bit truer,
Less of the wisher and more of the doer;
Broader and bigger, more willing to give;
Living and helping my neighbor to live.
This for the New Year my prayer and my plea...
May this year make a better Christian out
of me.

(Author Unknown)

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

The 1980 budget for this congregation was presented last Sunday by Ray Lott on behalf of the elders. The budget was made after much planning and preparation by our elders and various committee members. It represents an increase of \$700 per week over last year's budget. Each one of us should be challenged to do our part in reaching the goal set in the budget. This can be done if each of us will purpose to give regularly each week as we prospered. We should plan our giving in order to support the plans made by the elders for work to be done. The Bible says, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7). After prayerfully considering your own ability, will you then purpose in your heart what you will do?

The Fort Worth Lectureship, conducted at the Brown Trail church of Christ, had some splendid lectures last week. It was good to be

able to hear some of the concluding lectures. On our return from the lectures on Friday we went to visit some of our friends, brother and sister Morgan Munday, who live in one of the apartments of the Christian Care Center in Mesquite. This was the first time we have visited this very fine home for the elderly. Apartments are provided for those who do not require nursing care. This is one of the many fine works under the oversight of the elders of the Garland Road church in Dallas. Alice and I were glad to have the opportunity to visit the Mundays. Brother Munday was being honored on his ninetyeth birthday on Saturday. He was one of our elders when I was the preacher for the Southside church in Fort Worth.

Gary Beauchamp, who preaches for the Garland Road church, was guest speaker for our elders, deacons, and preachers last Saturday morning in a leadership workshop. Gary is doing a tremendous work at Garland Road and he brought us a very inspirational and challenging lecture. The Garland Road church has a budget of \$35,000 per week this year! They are reach-

ing more and more people with the gospel each week. I trust that all of us who heard brother Beauchamp will determine, with the Lord's help, to be more dedicated servants for the Master.

"For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be" (Ecclesiastes 8:7).

ONE DAY AT A TIME

He fidgets. He paces the floor. He spends sleepless nights. He fumes, "If only I knew what the future holds I could make the right decision."

Risks scare us. We want a sure thing. What does the future hold? We cannot know "what is to be." And no one can tell us "how it will be." There are no flawless barometers of future happenings.

That is actually to our advantage. Too much foresight can be detrimental. A writer for a cycling magazine says, "It is easier to ride a bicycle uphill at night than during the daylight. After dark the cyclist can see only a few feet in front of him, and his headlight gives the illusion that the road is

almost level. In this way he feels he can go on a few feet more—and soon he is up and over the crest. In daylight the entire hill is revealed and seems so steep that his courage fails."

Almost any great task, visualized as a whole, appears beyond accomplishment. But when it is broken into small segments it can be handled. A supreme goal is inevitably reached by conquering a series of smaller goals.

By living one day at a time we avoid discouragement, experience steady progress and ultimately achieve our ambitions. Jesus advised, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." (Matthew 6:34).

We have 366 days in this new year. That is overwhelming if we try to swallow the whole lump. But facing those day one at a time we can be wonderfully victorious.

—JOE R. BARNETT

Youth Department

A group of our young people (approximately 20) will leave Friday at 5:00 p. m. for Camp Petti John Springs in Madill, Oklahoma for a weekend Retreat. Young people from Glenwood in Tyler and Trinity Oaks in Dallas will also make the trip. Waymon Henson of Memphis, Tennessee will be the guest speaker. Also, the "Hard Travelers" of Lubbock Christian College will be there for the occasion. Adults from West Erwin making the trip with the young people are Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and Ray and Dell Lott.

THOUGHTS ON MARRIAGE

The divorce rate in America is now over 40%... more than one out of three. What happens that changes those moments of starry-eyed splendor into unconcern and apathetic feelings?

Consider:

1. He married her because, among other things, her hair looked so beautiful. He divorced her because she spent too much time fixing her hair.

2. He married her because she was such an adept conversationalist. He divorced her because she talked all the time.

3. She married him because he enjoyed her home cooking. She divorced him because he never took her out to eat.

4. She married him because he was a "real sport." She divorced him because he refused to give up his sport.

5. He married her because their families shared a common background. He divorced her because her family interfered in their affairs.

6. She married him because he was so attentive in little things. She divorced him because he was so oblivious to important things.

An IDEAL Marriage is NOT one in which people marry to BE happy, BUT TO MAKE others happy. This means give as well as take, to forget as well as remember, to love as well as be loved. (Selected)

New Baby

Mary June and Cooper Goodson are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday morning at Mother Frances. He weighs 7 lbs. and 4 ozs. and is 20 inches long. The Harvey Griens are the happy grandparents.

Singing

The Bullard Church of Christ invites you to attend the 4th Sunday Singing at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, January 27th.

Thank You

I appreciate so much your prayers and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my sister.

Mrs. Mac McCall

From Children we support in Boles Home

Thank you for the shirts & pants I received Christmas. I was in great need of them. I especially want to thank you for the weights & weight lifting gear. You can be sure I'll be healthy and stout. They'll be of great assistance in my athletic endeavors - cut down on injuries and keep me in shape year round.

Jay Cooper

Thank you for all the many wonderful things you have done for me since I've lived at Boles Home. I wanted you to know I really appreciate it very much. You have helped me so much, I really don't see how I'll ever be able to repay you. Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts and money. You helped us have a very nice Christmas. I hope you had as nice a Christmas as we did.

Cora Gowen

Thank you for the money that you sent. It was used well for a vest, magic, boots, a game, ankle weights, wrist and headbands.

Jon Cooper

Happy Birthday

JANUARY

(28) Emily Montandon (29) Ricky Gambrel

Mary Ruth Gilliam & Cheryl Blackstone

(30) Johnnie Stringer (31) O'Neal Tuel,

Aubrey Byrd and Carol Pawlik

FEBRUARY

(1) Louise Malone, Bud Caskey (2) Rozener Strait

HERE and THERE

by wes price



The elders have placed an excellent challenge before us in the budget for 1980. I am confident that you will examine your own giving in view of that challenge and increase your faith in the area of giving. To the Corinthian brethren Paul said, "see that you grow in this grace also," referring to the matter of giving. Don't let anyone fool you; giving as God has prospered you is as much a part of your spiritual life as is worship. Don't let the Lord down. Learn for yourself what the Lord meant when he said, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

We were blessed last Saturday with an outstanding presentation in our Elders, Deacons and Preachers workshop. Gary Beauchamp provided great food for thought and I am sure good will result in all facets of our work at West Erwin. We are grateful that he could spare the time from his busy schedule to come and be with us.

Congratulations to the following classes who made 100% attendance last week: Three Year Olds, taught by Frances McBee, Elaine Roberson & Johnnie Stringer; Kindergarten taught by Carolyn Welborn and Linda Marts; Fourth Grade taught by Jean Oliver and Pauline Aven; 5th Grade taught by Dale and Ann Duncan and the Junior High taught by Dick Higginbotham and Dannie Skipper. Thanks to all for exerting that extra effort to reach this worthy goal.

We now have a good facility for parents to use for training their little ones to adjust to sitting in the auditorium. For lack of a better term, we refer to it as our "Training Room." It is located upstairs and overlooks the auditorium through a double plate glass window. It is relatively sound-proof and has sound from the auditorium provided through a speaker. We want it to be used by those who desire to use it who have small children. We would like to suggest that our young adults and teenagers do not use it but encourage them to take their place in the auditorium with other worshippers.

And while we are speaking of young people, let's give some good old fashioned credit for the fine impression that those who sit together down front make. It is a great thing to behold and does wonders for our worship service. Their attentiveness and participation in

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Prayer M. B. Beard
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Year Ago 368

Worship

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Jan. 6 536
Weekly
Budget \$4,500.00

HERE AND THERE BY WES PRICE (Continued)

James for his contribution.

I have mentioned this before, but it should be mentioned again, how much we appreciate Cullen Gilliam for the mostly unnoticed work of selecting singers and helping with the music for funeral memorial services from time to time. It is a most difficult assignment because it is so difficult to find available people. He is always ready and does a superb job of providing beautiful music for these very special occasions. Thank you Cullen for a job well done.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Velma Holland is in Glenwood Hospital.
Jasper Dobbs had surgery this week in Medical Center.
Mrs. Jack McMahan, of Oklahoma City, is a patient in Medical Center and would enjoy your visit.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Making God In Man's Image
P. M. Jacob Who Became Israel

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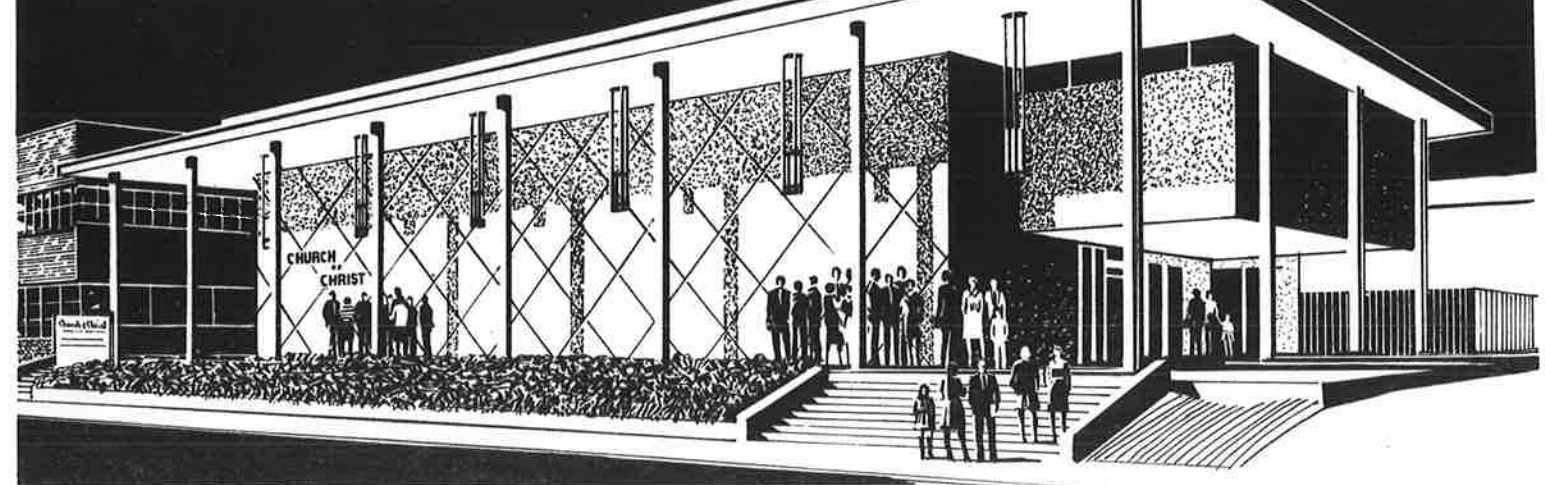
West Erwin is having a part in helping to preach the gospel in many parts of the world. We are preaching to many in East Texas every Sunday morning through the Amazing Grace Bible Class shown on the local television station. We are having fellowship with the radio and television programs in Mexico. This is a part of the Herald of Truth ministry. A recent letter from Art Haddox of the Highland Street church in Abilene states, "Many souls will be saved through your unselfish sharing of God's Word. May the Lord bless you for your part in the ministry of love. Please remember the lost of the world in your prayers."

In the letter from brother Haddox he tells of a recent conversion as a result of the Herald of Truth program in Savannah, Ga. Steve Howard, 29 year old pharmacist in Savannah, wrote to Herald of Truth after watching the program for several weeks. "The material came at a time when I was ready to give up... It was just what I'd been searching for." Steve looked in the yellow pages for a church of Christ and was baptized Nov. 19, 1978. In the months since he has worked closely with the preacher Norman Parrish in reaching non-Christians and many souls have been added to that congregation.

We are glad that we now have a new minibus. We congratulate the deacons on their leadership in obtaining the bus and for their plans in using it. It will have many worthwhile uses including the assistance of elderly persons in coming to worship.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are very thankful for the report given by brother Foy Richey on behalf of the elders in regard to the work being done by the West Erwin congregation in helping the needy. It is good for the members of the church to be aware of the good which is being done in various areas of endeavor.

When we help others we are following the example of our Lord "who went about doing good," (Acts 10:38). We also are obeying the teaching of Galatians 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Paul was instructed to remember the poor by leaders in the Jerusalem church as we read in Galatians 2:10, "Only they would that we should remember the poor, the same which I also was forward to do." And let us keep in mind that if our religion is genuine it will cause us to "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep ourselves unspotted from the world," (James 1:27).

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Benevolence

The activity in this field has been on the increase for the past few years to a greater degree than ever before in the history of the church. More individual members are becoming more active each year and this is the way it should be. Our food, clothing and medical assistance program has been active in six different locations throughout the United States and foreign countries. Our Foster Home program for child care on the local level has given assistance in the care and placement of six infants to permanent Christian homes. Our child care program for the teenage group consists of five individuals who are being cared for in the Boles Home for children until their 18th birthday.

The Christian Service Center, located adjacent to our church building, performs weekly services under the direction of John Porter and Modena Jones that assist many citizens of our local community. No truer words can be spoken than Christ's statement in Matthew 26:11, "for ye have the poor always with you." May we continue to grow to a greater spiritual strength to care for the unfortunate. We are grateful to the congregation for support of this program and our prayer is that we will do more as the need arises.

The Elders

A Scientist with a Song

B. J. HUMBLE

The living generation owes a great debt of gratitude to the past. This is true in every sphere of life. As men and women who enjoy the affluence of America, we owe a debt to those hearty pioneers who tamed a wilderness and laid the foundations for our economic prosperity. And as members of the New Testament church, we owe a great debt to men and women of faith of earlier generations who laid the foundations upon which we build.

It is not unusual for the younger generation to minimize this debt to the past. Youth is attracted to the new and novel and tries to brush aside the past as out-of-date and irrelevant to their concerns. But even though they may not recognize it or confess it, there are so many ways in which young people are indebted to those who have gone before them.

There is a song that is now popular among young people that illustrates this.

Nearly 30 years ago, I taught at a small Christian college in Florida. The school was small, and the faculty was young and inexperienced. It was a great inspiration to this young inexperienced faculty, therefore, when a distinguished Christian & scientist, A. W. Dicus, joined our number to serve as academic dean and give intellectual leadership to our faculty.

Brother Dicus had already had an impressive career as the head of the Department of Physics at Tennessee Tech University. He was a distinguished scientist and renowned physics teacher. During the dark days of World War II when the developmental work was being done on the atomic bomb, brother Dicus is said to have sent more physicists into the Oak Ridge laboratories than any other physics teacher in America. However, brother Dicus did not find complete satisfaction in his work in a state university and decided that he wanted



to devote part of his life to Christian education. Though he had not yet reached the normal retirement age, brother Dicus took an early retirement from Tennessee Tech, and he came to Florida at a modest salary to serve as academic dean at a small struggling Christian college.

Through the years that I worked under bro. Dicus, he was a great source of strength and inspiration. As a young, inexperienced teacher, I could go to him for counsel and encouragement. But I remember bro. Dicus as more than a distinguished physicist turned college dean. I remember him as a disciple of Christ, a man who expressed that faith in song.

For it was brother A. W. Dicus who wrote both the words and music of the song that is now so popular among young people in the church:

*There is beyond the azure blue,
A God concealed from human sight,
He tinted skies with heavenly hue,
And framed the worlds with His great might.*

Whenever I hear a congregation singing these words today, and especially a congregation of young people, I think of brother Dicus and a lump comes into my throat. It is a source of spiritual strength to me to know that these words of faith were written by a distinguished scientist. It is also a gentle reminder of the great debt of gratitude that every generation owes to those who have gone before.

Brother Dicus died just a few months ago at about 90 years of age. But even though brother Dicus is gone, he still lives on wherever Christians sing "There is a God, He is Alive."

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower
Honoring Linda Henniger Stephenson
Bride of Terry Stephenson
Saturday afternoon, January 19, 1980
at the home of Mrs. Bob Threadgill
2510 Pollard

Selections:
Dillard's
Johnsons Jewelers

Hours:
Come and Go
2 until 4 o'clock

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted this week in Texarkana for the brother-in-law of Charles Graf.

Services for the sister of Mrs. Mac McCall were held in Houston this week.

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

The funeral service for Marvin Jones was conducted on Tuesday afternoon. We share in the sorrow of sister Jones, the children and other members of the family.

Thank You

During the time of sorrow we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be treasured.

Sledge and Marshall Clinkscales

GROCERIES for Benevolent use

Non-perishable food is needed for use in the benevolent work of the church. Please bring your contributions to the church building.

TELEPHONE

Have you made a record of the telephone number in the Fellowship Hall and the Christian Service Center? Please list in your church directory 592-2537. This number is not listed with Information.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

(20) Frances McBee (21) Donna Lowrance
(22) Katie Powell, Homer McCarty
(23) Naomi Haden (26) Carolyn Blackstone

HERE and THERE

by wes price



We are grateful for an excellent beginning for our New Year. Not to mention the good weather, the spiritual aspects are significant. An excellent number were present for Bible study and worship and the giving was outstanding. Let's use this as a springboard for a great year of growth at West Erwin.

It is appropriate that we mention again the new Adult Class which began last Sunday morning in room 303 with Jack Paul as teacher. We encourage you to visit if you are looking for a class to attend. K. Max Haws will be co-teaching with Jack.

We have been asked to assist with blood donations for one of our brothers who is a member of the Northwest congregation. If you can give blood, please call the church office and ask about how you can do this so it can be credited to that individual. It is an urgent and very worthy need.

Congratulations to the following classes for their 100% attendance on the first Sunday of the new year: 3 Year Olds, taught by Frances McBee, Johnnie Stringer and Elaine Roberson and the 5th Grade, taught by Dale and Ann Duncan. These are Sunday morning classes. Let's follow their example and work on that attendance.

While we are speaking of attendance, let me encourage you to especially give attention to Sunday night worship and Wednesday night Bible study. We have experienced some increase in these, but many, many of you are still missing these great opportunities. Why not make yourself a good New Year's resolution about coming to every service. Ask the Lord to help you achieve the goal and then don't let anything prevent you from coming. Try it! You'll like it!

If you are a deacon, elder or preacher of this congregation and you are sitting at home reading this on Saturday morning, then you are absent from our annual Leadership Seminar. Don't just sit there reading, get dressed and join us at the Fellowship Hall even if you are late. "Better late than never."

A special word of thanks is in order for Monroe Sublette and James Massey. They have furnished us with the final touch on our new Fellowship Hall with the new letters over the entrance identifying our new facility as the "Christian Fellowship Hall." It is a most appropriate final touch. Join me in thanking Monroe and

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Morning Worship	Contributions
Announcements Paul Stanley	Jan. 6 7,774.04
Prayer James Canterbury	Dec. 30 4,836.70
Dismiss Dale Duncan	Year Ago 4,649.83
Sunday Evening	Bible School
Announcements Paul Stanley	Jan. 6 394
Prayer Ira Wright	Dec. 30 385
Dismiss Shayne Bennett	Year Ago 227
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship
C. E. Caskey F. C. Carpenter	Jan. 6 536
Jack Beard Cullen Gilliam	Dec. 30 511
Cliff Clough Jamon Kirby	
Bruce Raley Dick Higginbotham	Budget 4,500.00

Our Records

Moved

We are sorry that Gilbert and Minnie Kasperek will be leaving Tyler and moving to Richmond, Texas the first of February. They have been very complimentary of West Erwin and the friendliness of the congregation. They have invited everyone (not all at once) to visit them in Richmond (near Houston). Their address will be, 1215 Oak Creek Drive - Richmond, Texas 77469. We shall miss them very much here.

Sermons For Sunday

10:30 A. M. "Saved By Grace."
6:00 P.M. "Abraham, Friend of God."

Report of Our Sick

Brother Marvin Jones is now a patient in the Village East Nursing Home, room 123.

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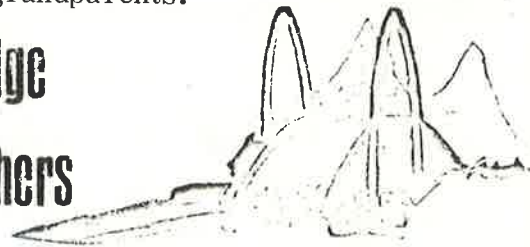
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New Baby

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A Bridge for Others



An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
The sullen stream had no fear for him
But he turned, when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

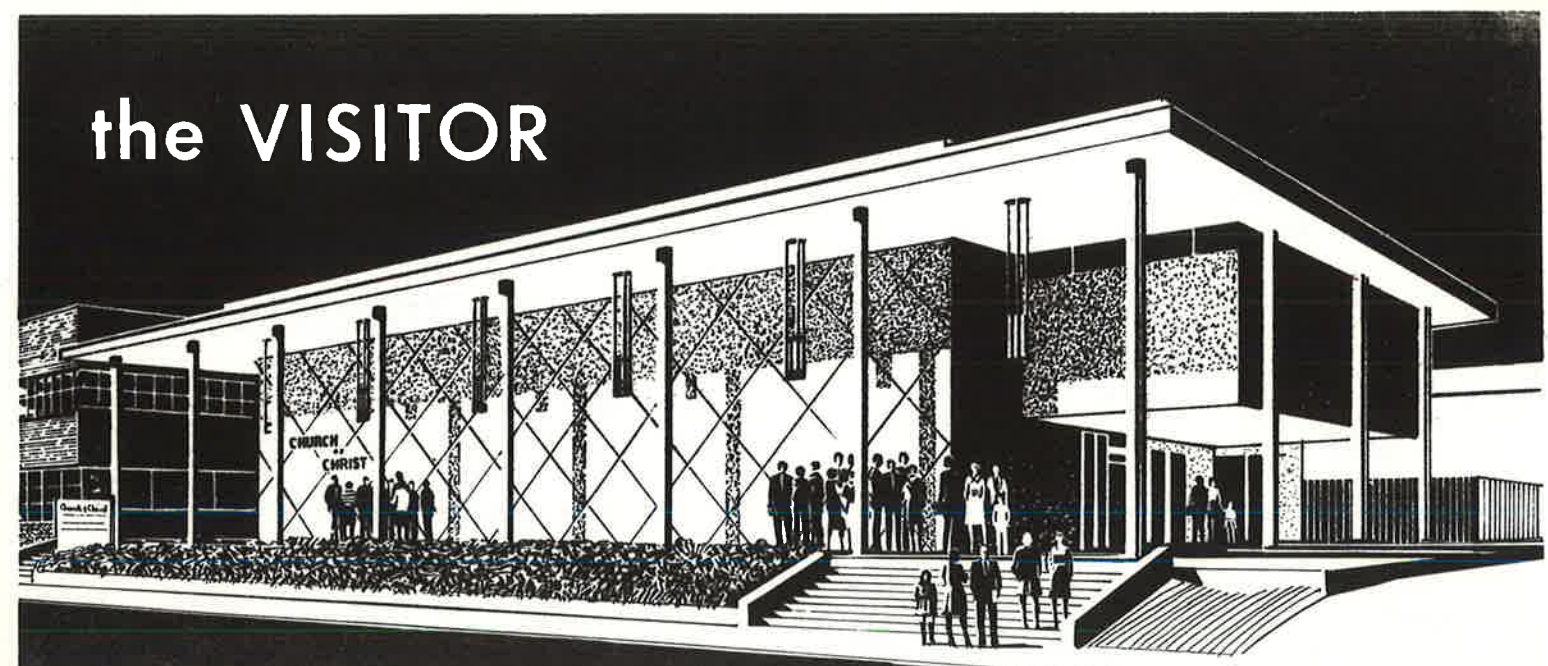
"Old man," said a pilgrim standing near,
"You are wasting your strength in building here;
Your journey will end with the closing day;
You never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide;
Why build this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,
"There followeth after me today

A youth whose feet must pass this way;
The chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He too must cross in the twilight dim-
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Three prominent gospel preachers have died in recent weeks. Wallace Gooch, James Fowler and Foy E. Wallace, Jr. have gone to their eternal reward. Wallace Gooch preached in Waco and had preached in gospel meetings in many places. For eighteen years James Fowler had preached in Birmingham, Alabama and had been known for his writing and radio preaching. Before preaching in Birmingham he had preached for the church in Irving, Texas. The church has sustained a great loss in the passing of both of these men.

Foy E. Wallace, Jr. was an older man than the others mentioned. He had preached the gospel since he was in his teens. I did not always agree with brother Wallace, but I did respect his great ability and his love for God's Word. I remember his preaching when I was twelve years old and I think he was thirty. He was always a distinguished looking man and was one of the most interesting speakers I ever heard. The church library has several of brother Wallace's books including the following:

Sermon on the Mount and The Civil State, Gospel For Today, God's Prophetic Word, Bulwarks of the Faith, Review of the New Versions, and a Study of the Fort Worth Norris-Wallace Debate. Thousands of people attended this debate and I was glad to be able to attend it also as a student in Abilene Christian University. Foy Wallace has been very active as a preacher almost to the end of his life.

I am thankful that I knew and was associated with a number of preachers whom I considered to be "giants." We lived in Memphis, Tennessee and were privileged to be associated with two great preachers, G. C. Brewer and N. B. Hardeman, who lived their last years there. And it was indeed a privilege to preach for the Southside church where the Horace Busbys held their membership. Few men have been able to lead as many people to Christ as brother Busby did in his day. I could mention many other great ones including some of my Bible teachers in college. I am especially glad that I came under the influence of E. W. McMillan, who headed the Bible department at Abilene Christian when I was a student there. He continues to be active in the Lord's service.

We should be thankful for all of the men, whether well known or not, who gave themselves to preaching the gospel and made it possible for the church to be as strong as it is today. May each of us do our best to encourage the preaching of the gospel everywhere. It is still God's power to save the believer.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower
Honoring Linda Henniger Stephenson
Bride of Terry Stephenson
Saturday afternoon, January 19, 1980
at the home of Mrs. Bob Threadgill
2510 Pollard

Selections:
Dillards
Johnsons Jewelers

Hours:
Come and Go
2 until 4 o'clock

Ladies, please consider this shower invitation personally yours. Telephone calls are not being made.

Congratulations

Pauline Aven is the first from the University of Texas in Tyler to receive her second masters degree. She has also been listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

LIFE AND GOD by Ray Beggs 1931 - 1979

Most of you know I have cancer. I didn't intend to have it, I don't like it, but I've got it. I don't enjoy living with it nor do I look forward to dying because of it, but I've got it. Now, what do you suggest I do about it? Quit the church? Rebel against God? Become bitter and go into seclusion? I think I can hear a resounding, "Oh, no! You need the church and the Lord more now than ever before. You can't beat it alone and besides we want to help you. Don't deprive us the opportunity to let you know how much we care. And above all that, don't cast away the only hope you have."

Yet how often do some of you let any little adversity keep you away from the worship and work of the church? Something goes wrong at work--"I'm not going to church." Have a little spat in the family -- "I'm not going to church." Any little difficulty comes up -- the first thing you do is quit coming to services and if you are contacted about it you usually respond, "I know I should be there, but I've got to get this problem solved before I can come back." If you would not suggest that procedure for me, why do you practice it yourself?

Your brethren want to help you bear your burdens, but you won't let them. God is not simply punishing you with these things yet you take offense at Him and quit His cause for just about anything that comes down the pike. We forfeit the greatest source of comfort and help available to us when we forsake the Lord and His people. Christianity isn't something we practice just when everything is going smoothly. Nor does it immune us from the trials and struggles of life. It doesn't keep us from ever being sick nor does it insure us against death. But it does instruct us how to bear and forbear, how to overcome. Any load is lighter when someone helps you carry it - so don't try to go it alone. You can't win this way.

New Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Scot Miles are the proud parents of a baby boy born last Friday evening in Glenwood Hospital. Ruby Miles is the happy grandmother.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY

- (15) Sam Sevier, T. J. Parsons
- (17) Ed Naul, Lauree Hale,
Pauline Daughtry, Clifford Grier
- (18) Bernice Majors
- (19) Velma Holland

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it;
Forced upon me, Can't refuse it;
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
I must answer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it,
Just a tiny little minute...
But eternity is in it.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



I sincerely believe that the wedding Saturday more than fulfilled our expectations. All parents who have gone through the experience will appreciate our gratitude for everything being as beautiful as it was. And if you will permit me a nostalgic reflection, I must admit that one never can fully learn the true meaning of love because over and over in life there will be a continuous line of events that reaffirm its dimensions. What the Bible has to say about love being more than words was so tremendously brought home in not only Saturday's climax but in so many wonderful ways by so many of you. The understatement of our life-time would be some brief statement of how thankful we are for all our wonderful friends here at West Erwin and in other congregations where we have been privileged to serve. I have never been more at a loss for words than I feel now as I think about all that has been done by so many in our behalf. Our gratitude overflows for every one who participated and shared in any way in our daughter's wedding. As small as it may sound, let me assure you that it is meant to be simple yet profound, "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts." I can only respond by saying that I will do my utmost to respond to others in the same way in which you have been so good to us.

This congregation has a marvelous opportunity for teaching that is in serious difficulty for lack of available teaching staff. We cannot begin to tell you of the great amount of good that the West Erwin Tuesday School does through its classes. Elaine Roberson is urgently pleading for 3 additional teachers to be regulars on the staff each week. Would this work go down to failure for the lack of only three teachers? It is a work of love and only eternity will provide the true estimate of its good, but we cannot wait that long for help. If you have the time or can make the time, please let us know immediately.

While we are speaking of Elaine, we should also extend our thanks to her and Roy for the excellent work that they do in the child care program. They are now in possession of their third foster child in almost as

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many months. With the church's financial help and their willingness, we keep infant children until appropriate adoptions can be arranged for them. Why don't you take a moment and tell them how much we appreciate this work.

Workmen are completing installation of new hearing aids in our auditorium. They are located on the back of every 4th pew in the front section of the auditorium on the south side. Two listening aids are on each station with volume controls for individual use. Just place the cup over your ear and adjust as needed. May we encourage you to leave these particular pews available to those who might need them. These locations were considered appropriate for the present and if we need others, they can be installed.

We would like to remind our Elders, Deacons and Preachers of our annual Leadership Conference which is scheduled for Saturday, January 19th, with Gary Beauchamp as our resource speaker. We originally planned to begin with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., but feel that we need additional time so that we may conclude by noon. Therefore, we have rescheduled our breakfast for 7:00 a.m. and the first discussion session set to begin at 7:45 a.m. Please mark your calendars and don't forget this important date.

Don't forget that the greatest way to express your thanks to God for his generous gifts and opportunities is by giving yourself, time and money to him.

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

LADIES... There are many dishes in the back foyer. Please check to see if you have a dish there. Also, there are several lost Bibles, without names, in the foyer next to the front door.

Serving Sunday Our Records

Morning Worship		Contributions	
Announcements	Roger Knight	Dec. 30	4,836.70
Prayer	Foy Richey	Dec. 23	4,356.66
Dismiss	Ray Lott	Year Ago	7,354.67
Sunday Evening		Bible School	
Announcements	Roger Knight	Dec. 30	385
Prayer	Joe Carroll	Dec. 23	334
Dismiss	Shannon Hughes	Year Ago	375
Serving Communion		Worship	
C. E. Caskey	F. Carpenter	Dec. 30	511
Jack Beard	Cullen Gilliam	Dec. 23	485
Cliff Clough	Jamon Kirby		
Bruce Raley	Dick Higginbotham	Budget	4,500.00

Responses

We are happy that two young ladies were recently baptized into Christ. Sunday, Dec. 23 Amy Knight was baptized. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight.

Sunday, Dec. 30 Kristy Roberson was baptized by her father. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson. Both girls are in the 6th grade.

Here and There (Continued)

Sunday. Hillard Hughes will remain as teacher for the Adult Class #8.

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New Year's Resolutions are always in order and I would like to suggest one for you to add to your list if you are not already practicing it. Resolved: I will be present for every weekly Bible Study and worship opportunity in 1980. I can assure you you will be blessed for doing so.

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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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

You will be glad to note an outline of the great work being done by Kieth Mitchell and other workers at the International Mission as outlined on the second page of The Visitor. Also you will be encouraged by the report which will be distributed in the Bible classes on this coming Sunday. It is thrilling to read in the report of fifty who were baptized in 1979 as a result of the efforts of the mission, Herald of Truth contacts, etc. It is thrilling to read of the conversion of Dr. Henry Sunwoo, President of Central Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea, who was immersed in September. He is with the largest evangelical training center in the Orient and is determined to lead the school in helping to build up the one body of Christ. Also others who have great potential leadership have been won to our plea for a restoration of New Testament Christianity.

May the Lord richly bless each of you in 1980.

Report of Our Sick

Marvin Jones is in Glenwood Hospital but hopes to go home in a day or so.

Charles Lemons has been in Glenwood Hospital.

Matthew Hart, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Willis, will have surgery on Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
10:30 A. M. My God and I
6:00 P. M. Enoch

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

With the ending of one year and the beginning of another we pause to thank God for the blessings of the past and to ask for His care and protection in the future. I can never tell you how much I appreciate all of the expressions of kindness shown to me and my family during my extended illness and during the holiday season. We appreciate your many cards and all of the gifts and tokens of love you have showered upon us. I trust that all of us may enter the New Year with renewed zeal and with determination to do more for the Lord than ever before.

As you know I have been preaching for the Sunday morning services only for the past few weeks. Now I look forward to preaching again on Sunday nights as well. We are grateful to our co-worker, Wes Price, for his preaching and for all that he has done during these months of my illness and convalescence. We are thankful for Wes and his family and all they have meant to the West Erwin church during the year and one half they have been here.

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Don't miss this!

1980

Ladies Bible Class

On this coming Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the Ladies Bible Class will resume its meetings with George Stephenson teaching. There will be a study of the letters of Peter. Foy Richey is to be commended for his teaching the class since September.

Following the class ladies are invited to come to a salad luncheon which will be held in the fellowship building at 11:30 a.m. Any men who can attend will be welcome also. Hostesses for the luncheon include: Dell Bullard, Vivian McCall, Ann Ida Miller, Marie Threadgill, Alice Stephenson, and Billie Bob Hickman.

The nursery will be open and a sitter for pre-school children will be provided until 1:00 p.m.

Plan to come to Ladies Class every Wednesday morning!

PURPOSE

International Mission, begun in 1972, shares the Good News of Jesus Christ with leadership-level professionals from foreign countries so that they can help carry the message of the Gospel to their own people.



OBJECTIVES

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

- **Contacts** foreign persons in New York City's International community.
- **Cultivates** relationships of depth and duration with foreign persons receptive to Christian concerns and teachings.
- **Converts** foreign persons from many national and cultural backgrounds through a dynamic sharing of the Gospel.
- **Commits** foreign converts to understand how to live under the Lordship of Jesus in every corner of their lives.
- **Commissions** foreign converts to share the Gospel with their own people in New York City and in their native lands.

LOCATIONS

- One World Trade Center, Suite 1003, New York, New York 10048 (212) 432-1088. In this six-building facility, 150,000 persons work and trade each day—a majority are Internationals.
- N.Y.U. Student Activities Annex, 21 Washington Place, Room 802, New York, New York 10003. This building houses the foreign student advisor and all international organizations of the university.

ACTIVITIES

- **Spoken English Improvement School**—daily classes taught at different levels from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The English Bible is the major textbook.
- **Counseling Sessions**—by appointment for crisis and cultural adaptation problems.
- **Hospitality Opportunities**—integrate students through American family and church experiences.

- **Herald of Truth Coordination**—services and coordinates 30-50 local contacts each week.
- **Ethnic Churches**—to date have helped to plant and nurture Chinese, Korean and Spanish churches in N.Y.C. with ethnic ministers.

OPPORTUNITIES

- More than 100 current daily students are enrolled for 2-4 hours of Bible instruction every week. New enrollment is conducted quarterly. More than 50% of our students never handled the Scriptures before purchasing their first Bible for classes. About 25% of our students never heard of Jesus before coming to New York City from completely non-Christian cultures. Conversions result in about 20%-25% of our regular attenders each year.

STAFF

- **Kieth Mitchell**, B.A., M.S., M.Div., S.T.M. Director, daily teacher, certified personal counselor.
- **Alan Phillips**, B.S., M.Div. Daily teacher, family counselor and key person for the N.Y.U. campus program and expansion.
- **Cory Collins**, B.A. Daily teacher and key person for the W.T.C. program and expansion.
- **Alberta Jackson**, Secretary-Receptionist.

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In Appreciation

Numerous expressions of thanks have been received for the cookies made by the ladies of the congregation and for the Poinsettias that were given as a token of love and appreciation to the following:

Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Beard, Mrs. Lillie Knight, Mrs. Ruby Teel, Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy, Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Trentham, Mrs. Ethel Payne, Mrs. Katie Heath, Mrs. Erma Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Shuford, Mrs. Vannie Lee, Mrs. Lilla Tigert, Mrs. Ola Dunwoody, Mrs. Troy Ginn, Mrs. Ella Mae Hibbard, Mrs. Julia Langham, Mrs. Wyche Harris, Mrs. Annie McDonald, Mr & Mrs. Marvin Jones, Mrs. Naomi Haden, Mrs. Ivah Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Metcalf, Mr. Lonnie Taylor, Mrs. Audie Grier, Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Mayo, Mrs. Gladys Holcomb, Mrs. Evelyn Denton, Mrs. Elsie Shackelford, Mrs. Clara Riley and Mrs. Margaret Ratcliff.

Thank You

The family of Zora Lunceford acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

A thank you note was read Sunday morning from brother Sledge Clinkscales for the kindnesses shown to him and his family at the time of the death of his dear wife, Mary. We want to express appreciation to brother Clinkscales for the lovely arrangement of flowers placed in the auditorium Sunday in memory of Mary Clinkscales. They were given by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Harvey, Jr.

Thank you for the cards, food, visits and every remembrance of me during my stay in the hospital

Mrs. Marvin Jones

MOVING

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Willis are no longer with us. They are moving to Anadarko, Oklahoma this week. Our prayers and best wishes go with them.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Not only have we closed out an old year, we have also closed out a decade and launched ourselves into a new one. Now I'm not one to dwell on the past, but if I were the events of the past ten years would give me cause for great alarm. And I'm not referring to the economic difficulties that face our nation. I'm rather referring to the obvious decline in the overall moral values of our nation. The Psalmist told us a long time ago, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." If this nation is to survive, then good people who fear God have their work cut out for them.

I heard about a religious group in another state who encouraged all their members to bring their television sets together to burn them - and quite a large number did. They came to the conclusion that the TV was an instrument of the devil. I don't know about the wisdom of their decision, but isn't it a shame that a tool like that which could be the solution for preaching the gospel to the whole world has to be nearly totally given over to the promotion of loose morals and unacceptable lifestyles. If I had a wish for the new year, it would be that Christian people everywhere could rally and rescue this medium from the clutches of the evil one and use it to spread the good news around the world. Would you like to join me in praying and working for that to happen?

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Since we did not have a bulletin last week, we could not inform you of the new classes that are scheduled to begin on the first Wednesday night of 1980. Let me share them with you. Ira Wright will be teaching the book of Proverbs in the auditorium. Phil Marts and Freeman Morgan will be guiding a group discussion class in room 105/106. Hillard Hughes will be teaching a special class of the High School Young People and their parents in room 301. Paul Stanley will be continuing his class in room 303. I feel sure that you will find an enjoyable study in which ever class you choose.

Several weeks ago, we combined Adult class #3 with Adult #8 until Jack Paul could be available to take the teaching position of Adult #3. Beginning Sunday morning, January 13, Adult #3 will meet in room 302 with Jack Paul as teacher. We encourage those who were members of that class to resume their meeting on that

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FUNERALS

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, December 23 at the Cathedral in the Pines Cemetary for Mary Clinkscales.

Services for Zora Lunceford were held Monday, Dec. 24 in Jamestown.

Services were held in Dallas on this past Monday for the sister of Clara Sims.

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

