

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Milburn Cook
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Tom Parsons

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Doug Shelton

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Hillard Hughes Louis Jones
Shannon Hughes Jeff Jones
Stan Mallory Don Weathers
Leslie Mallory Wynne Weathers

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Bob Clemmons
Jay Bynum

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 3 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, EARL O'QUINN - 561-0671.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 27 6,402.59
Dec. 20 40,332.60
Year Ago 5,500.57

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec. 27 404
Dec. 20 390
Year Ago 372

WORSHIP

Dec. 27 613
Dec. 20 573
Weekly Budget 6,200.00

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Leslie Carruth
David Taylor

In The Hospitals

Brother Rowland is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Jasper Dobbs had surgery last week in Medical Center.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY, 1982 (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.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 3, 1982

By Perry Hall
A.M. "An Untrodden Path"
P.M. "The Questions of a Governor"

WE REGRET that the following have moved or will shortly be moving. All will be greatly missed.

John and Jane Owens will move to Nacogdoches Dec. 31. Their new house is completed. John has served as one of our deacons.

Bill and Wanda Lyons have moved to Shreveport. La.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Prater and Miss Mary Prater will shortly be moving to Van, Texas. Probably, brother and sister Prater have been members of West Erwin for as long as any one here. They will be living next door to another daughter.

Dale and Ann Duncan recently moved to Rowlett, Texas.

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New Members

On Thursday evening, Dec. 17, brother C. E. Caskey baptized Miss Leanna Sanford, 3000 Fairlawn and her fiancé, John D. Miller, 206 Chimney Rock, #175. Their baptism followed a series of Bible lessons with brother Caskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin (Lee Ann) Braly, 1004 West Tenth, phone 593-6883, came Sunday, Dec. 20 to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Glenwood congregation.

Mrs. Melba E. Moore, 1822 E. Ferdell, phone 595-3357 came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped at Skillman Ave. church in Dallas.

We are happy to welcome each one to the West Erwin church family.

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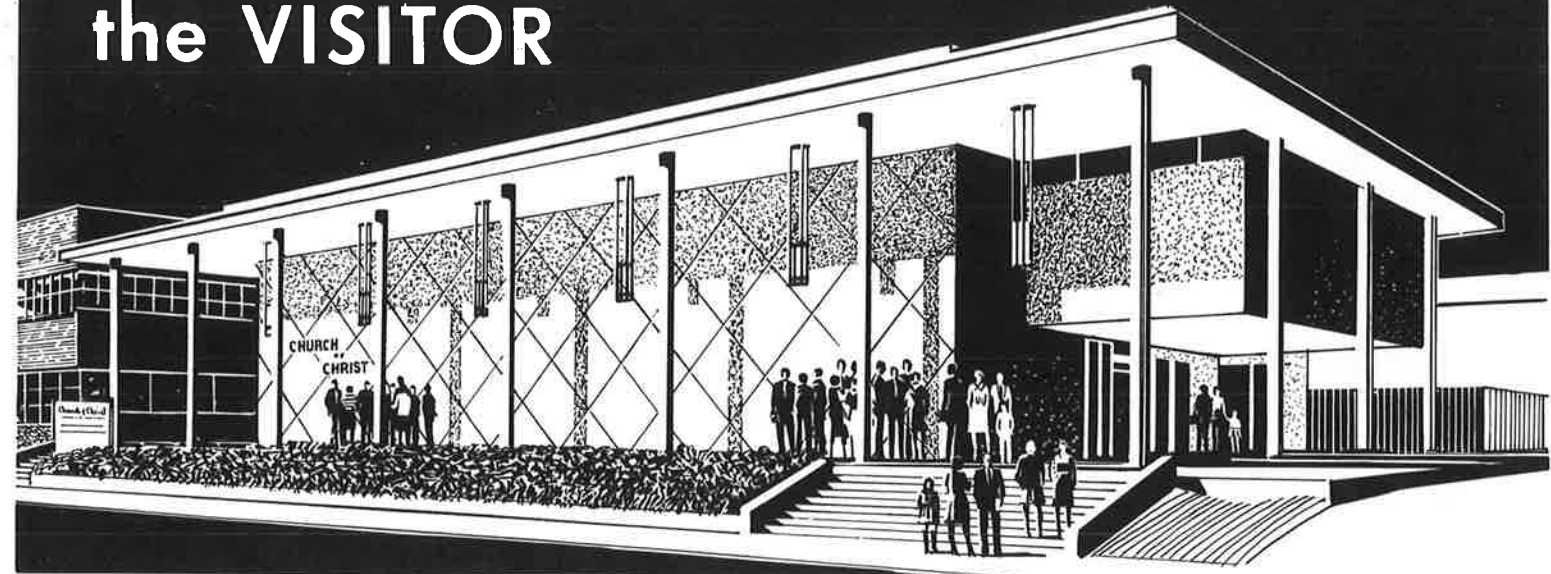
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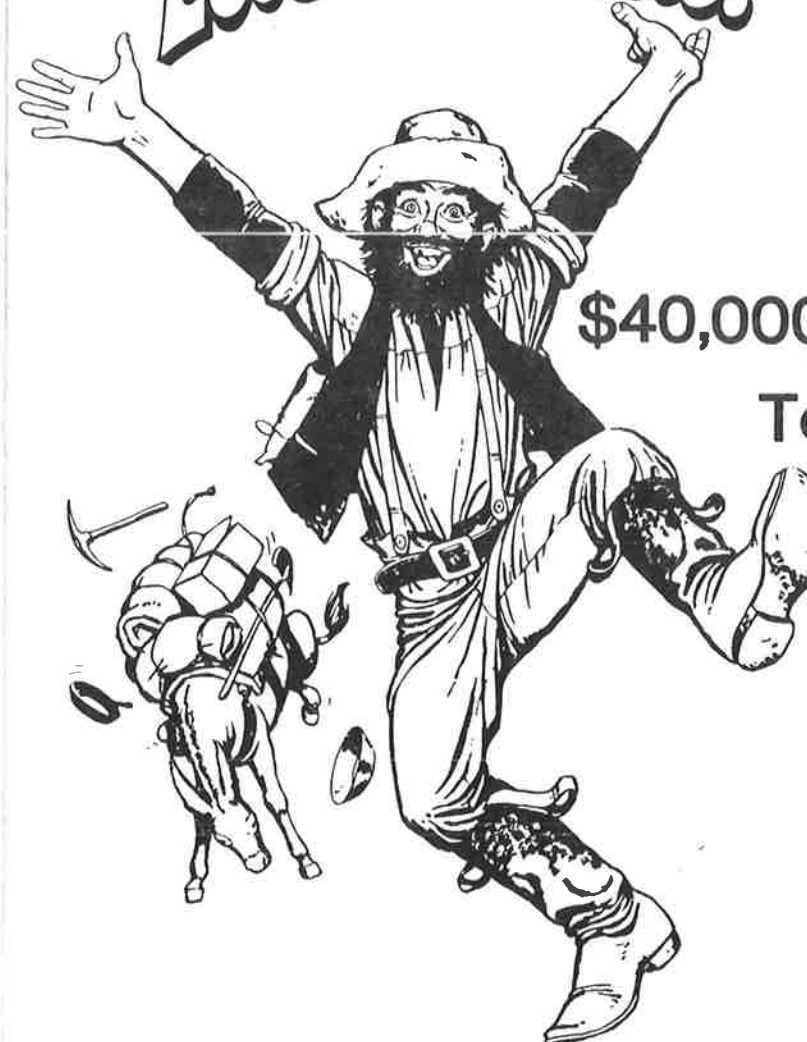
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The Church With A Heart

Let's Celebrate!



PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



**\$40,000 PLUS CONTRIBUTION
To God Be The Glory!**

Beloved, I am still celebrating! How wonderful it is that with one week's notice God's family would reach down and give over \$40,000.00 on one Sunday. As we enter a new year with such a cooperative spirit, surely we will strike it rich in 1982 in all areas of the Lord's work here. God is going to lay before us many golden opportunities unto His glory. We praise God for stirring your hearts through His holy religion and give unto Him the glory that He so richly deserves in all things. May He richly bless you and yours in 1982!



Numerous ladies of the congregation - and some men - come every Tuesday morning to work in our benevolent center. Pictured are ladies who were involved in making and packaging cookies for elderly and shut-ins for the holidays. They perform their tasks with pleasure, but they especially look forward to the good fellowship and the joy of working together each week.

In honour of the
Fortieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Averyt Smith
their children and grandchildren
request the pleasure of your company
at a Reception
on Sunday, the tenth of January
Nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at two o'clock in the afternoon
4708 Gretna Green
Tyler, Texas

No Gifts, Please

Sympathy

Brother W. D. Metcalf passed away early Thursday, December 17. Funeral services were conducted at the church building on Friday afternoon. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 19 for Mrs. Lucille Warren, the mother of Pat McCarley. We extend our sympathy to each member of the family.

THANK YOU...

Your love and concern for us at this time makes our loss easier to accept. Thank you for the food, flowers, calls, visits and your sincere friendship.

The Warren Family
 Pat McCarley & Family

Thanks for the fruit basket and the cookies. Thanks for all love and prayers you have given for Cecil and me. I could never have made it this far without God's love and your love and prayers. A special thanks for my closest brothers and sisters John and Juanita Teague, Naoma McKeever and Freeman and Billy Morgan. They have helped us at every turn. We will love you always.

Aline and Cecil Beard

BUDGET PRESENTATION-SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1982

AND HE WAS CALLED THE FRIEND OF GOD
 James 2:23

Preaching and teaching the good news of our Savior was the profession of our good friend and brother in Christ, W. D. Metcalf. A livelihood for he and his family was provided by his working many, many years as an accountant for a major railroad company.

To know W. D. Metcalf was to love, respect and admire this great man of God who devoted his entire life to loving, serving and worshipping the true God and teaching, admonishing and encouraging his fellow Christians.

Perhaps the greatest proof of brother Metcalf's devotion, dedication, unselfishness and love for the truth were the years during the depression when he served the West Erwin church as minister without monetary remuneration while the members were struggling to make payments on their new building and did not have funds to support a local preacher.

Through diligent study and prayerful meditation, brother Metcalf attained a high degree of efficiency and eloquence in his presentation of God's word; yet he retained those beautiful traits of kindness, humility, meekness and concern which caused all who knew him to love, respect and appreciate him.

The church in Tyler, as well as churches through the East Texas area, owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for brother Metcalf's faithfulness in helping develop and strengthen the local congregation in so many places and for the great influence for good he had upon the lives of thousands during his long and successful ministry.

Surely our beloved brother who has gone to claim his reward could share in the honor given Abraham of old and also be called "the Friend of God."

Written by C. B. Hardin, Jr.

HERE
 and THERE
 by wes price



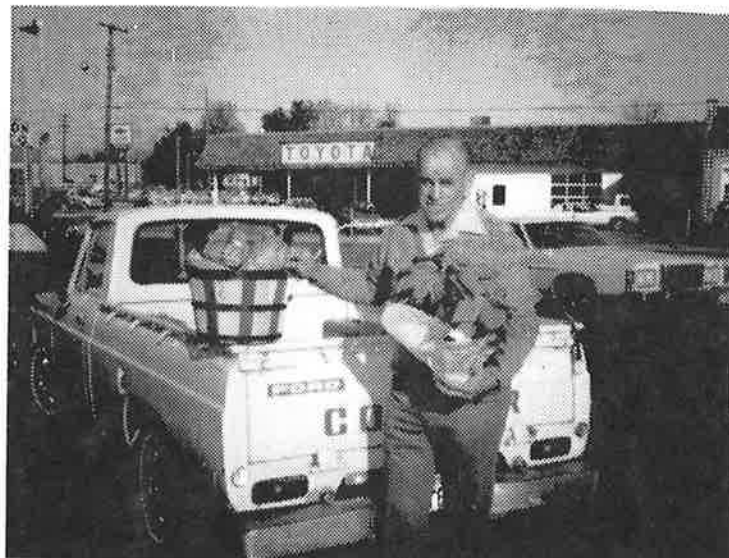
And now the final chapter in our weekly visit with you through this section of our bulletin. It hardly seems possible that another year has passed and I must admit that the older sages were right in telling me that they pass more quickly as one gets older. And I guess that's best. We probably could not stand all the excitement a year brings if we had to take it at the slower pace of younger years. God be thanked for making things as they are, even in the little noticed ways that in the end are for our benefit.

As we reflect upon days now passed, we must express our gratitude to all who have helped make them such a big success. To our elders for their support and spiritual guidance; to the deacons for their tireless efforts in seeing that everything kept running smoothly; to the Bible class teachers for the hours of dedicated preparation and the superb lesson presentations; to all members of this congregation who gave unselfishly of time and money to see that we continued the good work week by week. All this for the praise of God's glory.

As we set our faces toward the beginning of a new year, we are confident that each of you will resolve to build on all past year's accomplishments and assist with a new year with even more dedication and support. We commend you to that end that your souls may prosper as you have prospered materially. Let's remember that we are co-workers with God and He is for us, who can be against us?

I think Edward Everett Hale's lines seem to be very appropriate as we consider our roles and responsibilities as individuals: "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the Grace of God I shall do." EVERY MEMBER in the body of Christ is important. That means YOU are important. Let's be about the Master's business.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN '82
 January 1 - January 9, Genesis 1 - 18



John Porter (pictured) and a group of men met on Wednesday morning, Dec. 23 to deliver fruit baskets, poinsettias and cookies. Those helping with the deliveries were: Bruce Raley, Artis and Pattie Tate, Bob and Marikate Davis, Aubrey Payne, Ben Young, Harold Browning, James Massey, Bud Caskey, Ira Wright, Cliff Clough and Hoyt Hughes.

Serving Sunday Our Records

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Announcements	Ray Womack	Dec. 13	\$8,880.75
Prayer	Forest McFadden	Dec. 6	7,492.43
Dismiss	John Porter	Year Ago	13,190.98
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Ray Womack	Dec. 13	394
Prayer	Ron Lott	Dec. 6	398
Dismiss	John Brem	Year Ago	353
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP			
Joe Carroll	Bob Zadina	Dec. 13	524
Ben Young	Mike Savage	Dec. 6	453
John Brem	Hoyt Hughes	Weekly	
David Demic	Tim Holt	Budget	\$6,200

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, Dec. 20 and Wednesday Eve., Dec. 23—MIKE SAVAGE, 593-6587.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Opportunities and Opposition (continued)

other words, THINK, AND LOOK FOR the doors of opportunity and don't let the opposition deter you!

In my case, I am convinced that pulpit preaching in special evangelistic and revival efforts is the area in which I can best serve. That, and in writing. God is "opening doors" of opportunity...but there has been and will be opposition of one sort or another. I pray for strength to overcome whatever adversities there might be, and grasp the opportunities to serve..all to the glory of God!

Maxie B. Boren

Thank You

Your many kindnesses shown to me during my recent illness is appreciated. I especially thank you for the prayers, calls and food. It is a blessing to have Christian friends. We love each of you.

Carolyn Welborn



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 20

By Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. "God's Greatest Gift"

6:00 P.M. "Too Much To Go To Jerusalem"

THE END OF THE YEAR SINGING

will be hosted by the Glenwood Church on Wednesday evening, December 30, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. In addition, they extend an invitation to Open House in their new Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship in song. On that evening there will be no service at the West Erwin building.

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DEDICATION
CHALLENGE**

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



View of downtown Tyler from West Erwin roof.

The Church With A Heart in The Very Heart of Tyler

Commissioned by the elders, brother C. B. Hardin spoke to our hearts last Sunday. He reviewed a brief history of this nearly century old congregation. He told what would be necessary in years to come for this congregation to remain a shining light in

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SEASON'S GREETINGS
and best wishes
for a HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE PERRY HALLS
THE WES PRICES
THE HILLARD HUGHES
THE HOMER WILLIAMSONS
NELDA BROWNING
FRANCES McBEE

Perry's Perspective (continued from page 1)

Tyler and around the world. He very ably pointed out that it would take a faithful people of pure hearts and dedicated hands to see that the will of God is done.

Beloved, we are going to be encouraged to increase our missionary outreach in 1982. To make this a continuing possibility the home front must be kept strong and growing. We have been challenged next Sunday to dedicate \$40,000 of our prosperity above our regular contribution to God. This money will be applied to the cost of much needed additional classrooms and larger parking facilities.

This congregation has always met the challenge in the past. We believe Sunday will be no exception. Thanks be to God who puts earnest concern in

The YOUNG-AT-HEART group enjoyed a delicious meal, fun, and games at their Christmas party on December 10 with 64 present.

our hearts for His Kingdom and its growth. The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given us. As a result we are able to let the peace of God rule in our hearts. Christ, dwelling in our hearts by faith, causes us to realize that it is more blessed to give than receive. He also teaches us that where our treasure is there will be our hearts also. May God, who tries the hearts of all men, be able to say that there is a church with a heart that meets in the very heart of Tyler. So, my beloved brethren, let every man according as he purposeth in his heart give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

A bulletin board will be placed in the south foyer soon to inform each one of the scheduled activities. Keep up the good work, Paul Stanley.

THANK YOU...

Words are so inadequate to express to you my love and appreciation for all the beautiful cards, phone calls and your wishes of care. And, more than all other things, thank you for your thoughtful prayers that sustained me through my illness. We love all of you so much.

Charles and Billie Bob Hickman

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards and inquiries about me. I really appreciated the visits from Perry. Thank you all.

Gaither McElroy

Funeral

Brother Perry Hall spoke words of comfort for the funeral service on Wednesday for E. F. (Pete) Nichols. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Polly and to the family.

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Port Arthur for the brother of Vivie Wright and Mrs. Hoyt Hughes. We express our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jack Beard (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) Averty Smith, Vera Beard, Jeanene Thompson.

LADIES CLASS WILL NOT meet again until Wednesday, January 6.

THE VISITOR will not be published next week because of mailing permit regulations.

OPPORTUNITIES AND OPPOSITION

In the spring of 57 A.D., the apostle Paul wrote to the Lord's church in Corinth, and among other things, said "a great door for effective work has been opened to me, and there are many who oppose me," I Cor. 16:9 NIV. One would not have to delve very deeply into Paul's life to discover that what he wrote was so true. He entered boldly so many doors of great opportunity, but there was always the opposition!

How like today! Never before have there been so many great and open doors of opportunity opened to the church. Space fails me to do much more than touch the "hem of the garment" of doors ajar for God's people today, but let me share with you just a few: (1) In mass media...radio, television, and the printed page. Even now our brethren are feverishly working toward building a WORLD CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION at Anchor Point, Alaska, through which the message of Christ can be transmitted to millions of people in Asia and Eastern Europe. And Star Publications has just printed a book entitled, "Introducing The Church of Christ," which is NOW ready for mass direct mailing. All that is needed are visionary Christians to "walk through the doors." (2) It appears that China might be "opening up" to the gospel...let us pray so and determine to take it there! (3) Recent recognition of the church in Poland through the benevolent efforts of God's people in the U.S.A. is surely God's providential hand at work! (4) Great progress is being made in India in bringing the gospel to the teeming millions of that country! (5) Central and South America are fertile fields. THESE ARE ALL GREAT DOORS of opportunity open to us. But, as in Paul's day, there are adversaries and opposition. Nothing comes easy.

But more especially, we can personally "walk through" the open doors of opportunity that abound right in our own communities. How many people could you reach with the gospel IF YOU REALLY TRIED? Sure, there will be opposition...but so what? There always has been!

I really believe that every Christian must honestly examine himself or herself, and ask the incisive question, "HOW CAN I BEST SERVE MY LORD? WHAT ARE MY TALENTS AND ABILITIES? HOW CAN I BEST USE THEM TO HIS GLORY? WHAT WOULD HE HAVE ME TO DO?" In

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Bob Zadina
Dismiss Tom Williams

Evening Worship

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Prayer Paul Stanley
Dismiss Don Weathers

Serving Communion Sunday

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And the Lord Added

Through the teaching of a class at Leisure Lodge, brother Ira Wright was able to teach Janis Farris, 439 McCain Dr. here in Tyler. She was baptized by brother Hall on Wednesday of last week.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

A.M. Living Peaceably With All Men

P.M. The Greatest Thing In The World

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In The Hospitals

Mrs. Audie Grier is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

Mrs. C. T. (Aline) Beard went home from Medical Center Wednesday.

Mrs. Leon (Carolyn) Welborn underwent surgery in Dallas at Presbyterian Hospital on Friday. She hopes to return home this week.

Doyle Kelcey, brother-in-law of Wes Price, is very seriously ill in Brownfield, Texas.

FROM A VIEWER IN OMAHA, TEXAS

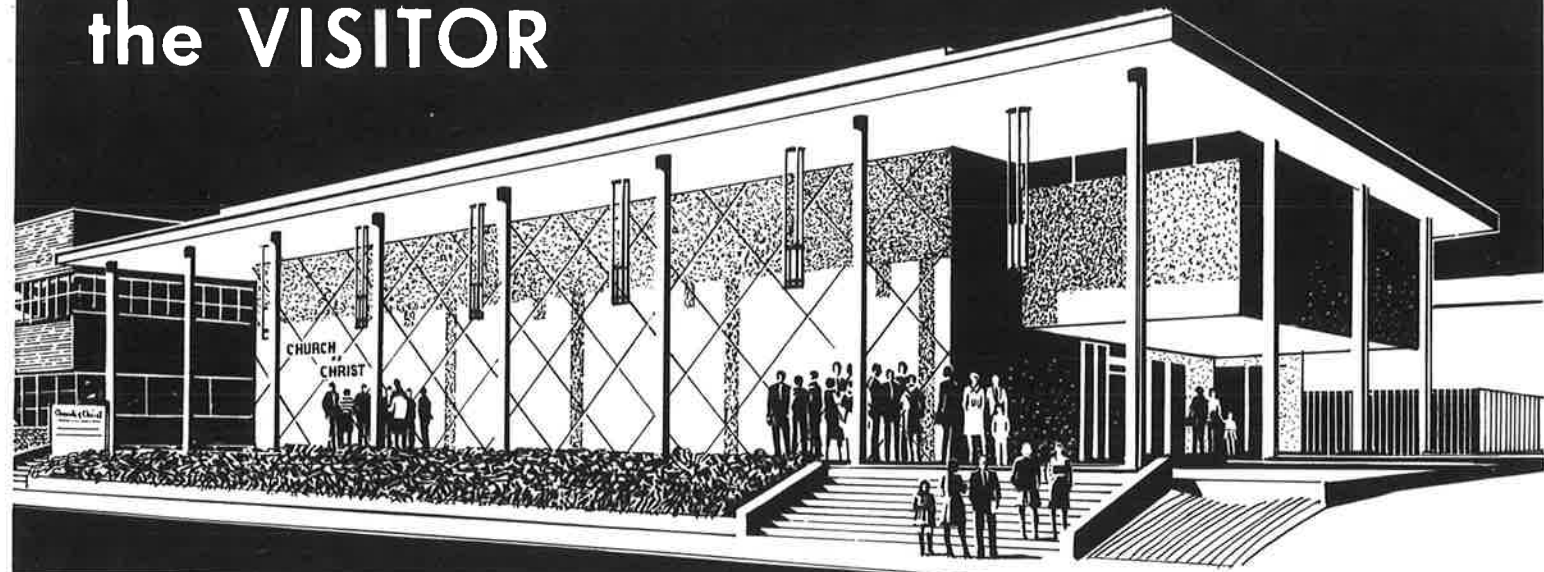
We regularly receive mail concerning the Amazing Grace Bible Class. We forward all answers of the questions to Madison, Tenn. Occasionally we like to share a letter with you.

Dear Christian Friends,

We have a daughter living at Big Sandy and she told us she listened to your program every Sunday. We don't usually get Channel 7, but we decided to try this Sunday A.M. We enjoy listening to good preaching and sure did enjoy yours. Also, we heard the question, where is the verse Jesus was risen early, etc.? It is found in Mark 16:9. We attend church at Rocky Branch - a small congregation.

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Growth Potential!



Brothers C.B.Hardin and Ross Walker have been asked by the elders to investigate the possibility of purchasing the remaining portion of property that completes the city block that our building sits on. This will allow more needed parking space. Some of this land is now available and it is believed that the rest will be available for purchase by the first of the year. Brother Hardin will briefly discuss the particulars of this project next Sunday morning. He will also discuss a special contribution that will be taken Sunday, December 20 for this and other expansion plans. We are grateful to these brethren for their labors in this project.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



Special Contribution

December 20, 1981

BONNER



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ALLEY

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WEST ERWIN

"Happy the people whose God is the Lord," (Psalms 144:15).

JOY... FIRST ON THE "WANT LIST"

"What do you want from life?" Ask the question anytime, anyplace. The answer is always the same. Happiness! That's what we want.

And that is what Christianity supplies. Joy! a part of the cluster labeled "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22). Unfortunately, the very opposite picture of Christianity is often assumed by the world.

A preacher entered a studio to have his picture made. "What is your occupation?" questioned the photographer. "I am a minister." "Oh," said the photographer, "then it will be a solemn expression."

Well, that's exactly what the world thinks of some of us. They don't think we're marching to glory. We don't look like it. The Bread of Life can not be recommended by those who look as if it gives them indigestion.

Probably no feature in Christianity would do more to convince a weary, cynical generation of the supernatural power of the gospel than a view of the joy it can infuse into a life. Do what it will, the world cannot produce joy. It can offer its counterfeits, framed in the neon lights of the entertainment world. . .but it cannot give joy. Christianity can!

"Joy is the flag which is flown from the castle of the heart when the king is in residence there."

...Joe Barnett

Funeral

Perry Hall spoke for the funeral service for Mrs. Vera A. Mumford on Tuesday here in Tyler. Mrs. Mumford, a former member of West Erwin, died Saturday in Plano, Texas. For the past several years she has made her home in Pasadena, Texas.

ATTENDANCE CARDS

"Why should I fill out an attendance card? Nobody ever looks at them anyway." Wrong! Each and every card is recorded. This is one way our shepherds can watch for our souls. The membership here is approximately 600 and without help like this, it would be impossible for the elders to keep up with us.

We also ask that each family fill out just one card for all those present at that service. Please indicate on the card if any members of the family are out of town or sick. Also, if a card is filled out on Sunday morning, please do not fill one out Sunday night.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in the filling out of attendance cards.

In Appreciation

We appreciate the expressions of concern and sympathy. Also, thank you for the flowers, food, cards and most of all for the prayers offered in the loss of our loved one.

In Christian love,
Charles, Juanita & Virginia Graf

It is with great appreciation that we express thanks to you for all the calls, cards, food and prayers during my illness.

Maurice Henderson

Thank you for your visits, cards and telephone calls while I was in the hospital. I really did appreciate it.

Frances Phillips

The family of T. J. Preston thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

The lovely spray of red Carnations that you sent to my father's funeral was a reminder that you were sharing in our loss. We wish to thank you for the flowers, cards and phone calls; but most of all for your prayers. You are very special, and we love each of you.

Mary and Weldon Dawson

The *Amazing*
Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

BABY SHOWER

A "Come and Go" Baby Shower honoring Julie Carlson and son, Robert Kelly, will be Saturday, December 12, from 10 - 11:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. Matt Haws, 612 David.

A FRIENDLY CONGREGATION

In a friendly congregation you find

- . . . people who are not afraid to speak to strangers.
- . . . people who are not afraid to speak to people they know.
- . . . people who want to know where you were last week.
- . . . people who know how to smile, even when they don't feel like it.
- . . . people who worship God with enthusiasm, thus making you feel more like worshipping.
- . . . people who care about other people.
- . . . people who want others to be a part of their activities.
- . . . people who are happy and want to share that happiness.
- . . . people who come back because they want to.

Come and be a part of this friendly congregation this Sunday.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (13) Fleta Butler, Ben Freeman (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Hibbard (18) Lyska Adams, Perry Hall (19) James Massey, Jason Duncan, Dorothy Snipes.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower Honoring Rosemary Center Saturday, December 12, 10:30 A.M. In the Fellowship Hall

Sanger Harris, Dillard's, Brosang's

Come and Go

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Dismiss	David Burkholder
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Response

Jeana and Bret Tarpley came last Wednesday evening to ask for prayer and be restored. We express our love and appreciation to them.

Singing

Remember the Year End Singing will be at the Glenwood building, Wednesday evening, December 30 at 7:30 P.M. There will be no service at West Erwin on that evening.

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Young At Heart

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The Church With A Heart



GOD,
GIVE
US

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



MEN!

The times are crucial. Many men are selling their souls for an earthly mess of pottage, a few moments of pleasure, a little praise from man, a few paltry dollars. Father, give us men of valor - men of courage. Give us men with hearts of compassion - compassion for the lost and doomed of this world; men who are willing to work, men who make no excuses, men who are willing to do their part in the work of the church, who are students of thy word, who attend the periods of worship and praise without begging upon the part of elders and preachers.

God give us men who love the truth, who will uphold it at all cost, who are willing to abide by it in their own lives. God give us men who have great

vision - vision to see the magnitude of the Great Commission. Give us men who are willing to teach thy word here in the local congregation as well as those who are willing to go across the sea, men who are on fire for Thee, men who have so much of Christ in them that others cannot help but see Him and be drawn to Him. Lord, deliver us from spiritual infants who refuse to grow - spiritual paralytics, babies who must be pampered and petted in order to move them. God give us men - strong, spiritually broad shouldered, alert, compassionate, sacrificing, hard working men. Father, help us to this end. God, please give us men! Lord, you will need to start with me. Make me such a MAN!
In Jesus name, Amen.

East Texas Christian Academy

The Parents, Teachers, Friends (PTF) organization of East Texas Christian Academy supports and participates in many efforts to benefit E.T.C.A.

One of the efforts for 1981-'82 is that of collecting labels from Campbells' (soups, beans, etc.), Swansons, and Franco American products. These labels can be used to purchase needed audio visual and sports equipment.

The labels can be brought or mailed to the Academy at 1801 Shiloh Road, Tyler, Texas 75703 or given to any of the PTF members. The Treasure Trunk, 117 W. Front is a resale and crafts shop which gives its proceeds to the Academy. Labels may be left at the Treasure Trunk also.

We continue to appreciate your congregation's support in providing a Christian school in Tyler.

We can use your help in collecting these labels and donating craft items and items for resale at the Treasure Trunk.

Sincerely,
June Holcomb, Director

Congratulations

Julie and Bobby Carlson are the parents of a new baby boy, Robert Kelly, born Tuesday, November 24 at Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 8 lb. and 13 oz. Ann and Dale Duncan are the happy grandparents. The new grandson was born on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mary and Max Haws have another granddaughter, Diana Brooke, born last Sunday afternoon in Arlington, Texas to Melody and Jim Cockrell. She weighed 8 lb. and 11½ oz.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (7) Lee Roberson, W.S. Little, R.C.O'Bannon, Lois Hoppers (9) Bart Lemons (10) Joni Smith (11) Kristy Roberson, Ann Ida Miller, Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett

No daily meal is complete without the "Bread of Life."

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Center
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Rosemary

to

Mr. Ross John Cox

son of Otis H. Cox and Betty Cox

on Saturday, the nineteenth of December

Nineteen hundred and eighty-one

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following ceremony

FROM THE BROWN TRAIL
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

The fifth of the annual lectures will be conducted January 10-14, 1982. The theme will be "Difficult Texts of the Old Testament Explained." A full slate of speakers will appear each and every day. Lectures will begin each morning at 8:00 and end each night at 9:00 P.M.

Mark your calendar now and plan on taking in the entire Lectureship. A full, detailed, schedule will appear soon.

Sympathy

Funeral services for Mr. Virdie Hillis, father of Mrs. Charles Graf, were held Tuesday morning. Hillard Hughes spoke for the graveside service in Memorial Park Cemetery. We extend our sincere sympathy to Juanita and other members of the family.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for John Voelke, brother-in-law to brother George Stephenson. He died in Collinsville, Texas. We offer our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

Dearest Christian Friends,

Can we ever thank you enough for all you have done for us?

Thank you for all your phone calls, cards, the beautiful flowers and your love, concern and most of all, your prayers on my behalf. You cannot know how much we appreciate and love you.

Archie Kennard

The family of Guy Massey acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The red carnation spray was beautiful and so very much appreciated.

We appreciate and want to thank you for your expressions of concern and sympathy. Also, thank you for the cards and for the beautiful flowers sent.

In Christian love,
James & Mildred Massey

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following is the names of children we know of who have perfect attendance records for the Bible School quarter just ended.

Jeremy Burkholder	Abby Adams
Doug Johnson	Joelle Butler
Drew Johnson	Clint Johnson
Michelle Steffee	Kimberly Steffee
Brad Johnson	Cheryl Welborn
Teena Roberson	Wynne Weathers
Traci O'Quinn	John Freeman

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Our Wednesday night Thanksgiving service was so rich and meaningful. We are thankful to all who had a part in directing our minds in worship. It was a heartwarming experience to participate with worshippers as we all sought to express individually and congregationally our deepest gratitude to God for his many and rich blessings. And now it remains for us to follow up on the verbal expressions of thanks and let thanksgiving show by the lives we live.

I sincerely believe that increased attendance on Sunday night and new interest has been indicated by Perry's use of visuals with his sermons. I have heard many good comments. If you have not been coming on Sunday night, then you don't know what you have been missing.

The month of December is such a busy time with all the holiday parties and events that bring family and friends together. Many of our Bible classes are having special holiday parties. We encourage all our members to become a part of one of our Bible Classes, not just for the parties, but to be a part of a regular Bible study group. Being a part of such a group has the additional blessing of giving us fellowship with other Christians.

Congratulations to Juanita Teague and Frances McBee's Four Year Old Class on Sunday morning for their 100% attendance this past Sunday.

THE PARENTS, TEACHER, & FRIENDS MEETING of the East Texas Christian Academy will be Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 in the new auditorium of the Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ. Kindergarten through fourth grades will present a program.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by Perry Hall
A.M. "The Undenominational Nature of New Testament Christianity."
P.M. "The Five States of Man and Five Roads Into Eternity."

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship	
Announcements	Leon Welborn
Prayer	Ray Womack
Dismiss	Cole Bennett
Evening Worship	
Announcements	Leon Welborn
Prayer	Jim Canterbury
Dismiss	Shayne Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday	
Cliff Clough	Cullen Gilliam
John Porter	Averyt Smith
Charles Lemons	W.S. Little
Cooper Goodson	Harvey Grier
Assistants in Back Foyer	
W.V. Crossman	DeRay Bennett
	Tommy Parsons

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, Nov. 29 and Wed. Eve. Dec. 2 - RON LOTT, 561-8606.

Our Records

Contributions	
Nov. 22	\$6,408.44
Nov. 15	8,281.62
Year Ago	5,434.38
Bible School	
Nov. 22	389
Nov. 15	397
Year Ago	403
Worship	
Nov. 22	517
Nov. 15	504
Weekly	

Budget \$6,200.00

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Temple, mother of Mildred Parris and June Walker is very seriously ill in Tennessee. She has suffered another stroke.

Mrs. Charles (Billie Bob) Hickman underwent open heart surgery on Monday in St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. Her condition is very good. Three bypasses were done. The address is 5905 Harry Hines, Dallas (75235).

G. W. McElroy is ill, and confined to his home.

Archie Kennard returned home on Friday of last week. He is making excellent progress.

Mrs. Weldon Dawson's father is seriously ill in a hospital in Paris, Texas.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Nov. 29, 1981

By Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. "The Living Word for A Dying World."

6:00 P.M. "The Magnetic Christ."



Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTU

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Margaret Talley in the death of her sister, Kathryn McRimman. Funeral services were conducted in Henderson on Monday. Margaret has been caring for her sister for several months and will remain in Henderson until the property is settled. You may write to her at 204 So. Winterbrook - Henderson (75652).

HERE AND THERE (continued)

ing so needed as being together with God's people and learning from His word. I hope you will give serious consideration to improving your service in these important ways. See you in Bible study Sunday.

Perry Hall, 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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FATHER, WE ARE THANKFUL

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BY PERRY HALL



Every day that we live, Merciful Father, we scarce can take it in as we realize the bounty of thy blessings. We marvel at the gift of Thy Son when we think of how wicked man has become. As we think of the crown of thorns, the spittle down His face, the mockery and contempt, the nails, the agony and thirst, but most of all the heartache and horror of rejection, and now. Father, the indifference, we cannot but cry out, "Oh, mankind we are so unworthy of that love."

As I look at the food upon my plate so full, I must tell Thee Lord, I am grateful. But then I stop to think of the hungry millions and I wonder why? Why am I so blessed while others die? Dear God, I know it is not because of what I have done for Thee because it is so miserably small, but for Thy blessings I am so thankful. Teach me Lord to share with others that which I know of Thee and have received from Thee. May my lips praise Thy name, my heart worship Thee in the beauty

of holiness and my hands serve Thee day and night!

If it be Lord that I should suffer, that heartache and tragedy be mine, that all men forsake me and curse my name, may my trust in Thee and my gratitude never fail. Lead me O Lord in Thy paths of righteousness and take not thy Holy Spirit from me so in that hour of death, no fear shall seize my heart, no matter how I leave this world.

The family gathered around me is the gift of thy love. Here is love and security. While others are filled with loneliness, Father I wonder why I have so much, why my cup runneth over. My wife and my children, my grandchildren, Father, here by my side, desire that in Thy love we may always abide; that, together, through Thy grace we may help each other overcome the wicked one.

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To West Erwin Church

As I indicated in a phone conversation about a week or two ago, I am informing you that in January 1982 I am planning to work full-time in the RESCUE ministry (rescuing children from sexual abuse). As you know, I have been fighting pornography on a part-time basis for the past 7 years. I have conducted 220 workshops, been on major lectureships, participated in dozens of debates in public forums and on television and radio talk shows, and testified before several city and county courts and senate committees.

You have been extremely good to me in the months that we have worked together and I praise God for that. There will be souls in heaven because of your mission investments here.

I shall be raising fresh support for January '82 to help in our RESCUE work and I solicit your prayers in that regard.

Because of a cross,
Neil Gallagher, Ph.D

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)

Father, as a family we think of a greater heritage from thee, Thy family, Thy children, the church of Jesus Christ. Father, we indeed are thankful for our brothers and sisters in Christ who labor at our side in Tyler. For their encouragement, faithfulness and growth we thank Thee. May none of us be separated from Thee in that Great Day. Father, we thank Thee for Thy Truth, Thy Word which has made us free. May we always uphold and be true to it.

Father, God in heaven, how we thank Thee for the freedom of our country and for the men that helped make it possible. May our children continue to enjoy this. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. John 1:12.

Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving...



Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide,
Thanks for times now but a memory,
Thanks for Jesus by my side,
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul,
Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny,
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply,

Thanks for pains, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair,
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare,
Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain,
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain,
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee,
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity.

TAKE NOTE!

WORKSHOP IN HENDERSON

Saturday, December 5, there will be a Teacher's Workshop at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Texas. Instructors are Lois Whitaker from Grand Prairie, Suzy Jeffrey, Oleta Lovell, Cliff Crumpler and Ray Fulenwider all from Richland Hills in Fort Worth. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Classes end at 3:45 p.m.

Thank You

The family of William Odie Cagle acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

ANOTHER NOTE FROM TIPTON

Thank you for the lovely quilt you made us. We're very proud of it. In Christian love,
Finn Cottage

Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the Massey family in the loss of brother James Massey's brother in Longview. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday.

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

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (1) Jim Canterbury (2) John Owens

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Perhaps you have noticed the new paving on the south end of our west parking lot. You probably have also noticed the nice new parking stripes. In addition, you may have taken a second look at some additional stripes cutting across those yellow parking stripes. In case you are wondering if the gentleman who did the job had a little too much to drink, let me give you the real story. Those white stripes are boundary lines for our young people to use when they play volleyball on the parking lot. Don't be confused by them, and park your cars in the usual manner inside the yellow lines. Just thought you would like to know.

What a great job Perry Hall did at our Teacher's meeting last Sunday. Isn't it good to have such a dedicated man preaching from our pulpit and who believes in the power of the Bible school program. Our thanks to him for the excellent message for our teachers as well as the good preaching he has been doing since coming our way.

Take plenty of time this week to enjoy the holiday spirit with your loved ones. Especially, take sufficient time to bow your head in prayer and express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all the generous gifts He has so bountifully bestowed upon us. But above all, remember to thank Him for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who made it possible for us to receive the remission of our sins and the hope of eternal life. Then, as you recall your own words of thanks to God, let your life reflect the deepest kind of gratitude for these unspeakable gifts. Nothing more pleases God than a life that is dedicated to demonstrating love by action. Keep up the good work in every area of life.

The Lord has indeed blessed us this past year at West Erwin. There is only one area where I could wish we would improve. That is in the area of our attendance in Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes. There is noth-

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announcements C. B. Hardin
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Dismiss DeRay Bennett
 Evening Worship

Our Records

Contributions
 Nov. 15 \$8,281.62
 Nov. 8 7,528.23
 Year Ago 4,896.52
 Bible School

Announcements C. B. Hardin Nov. 15 397
 Prayer Mike Savage Nov. 8 402
 Dismiss Marty Mallory Year Ago 342

Serving Communion Sunday
 Cliff Clough Cullen Gilliam Nov. 15 504
 John Porter Averyt Smith Nov. 8 559
 Charles Lemons W. S. Little Weekly
 Cooper Goodson Harvey Grier Budget \$6,200.00

Assistants in Back Foyer
 W. V. Crossman DeRay Bennett Tommy Parsons

MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday, Nov. 22 and Wednesday eve.
 Nov. 25 - DALE BLACKSTONE, 595-0130.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Hall in the auditorium, my class in room 106 or the Ladies Class in room 104 taught by Billie Bob Hickman.

The Young At Heart Club was presented details of a guided tour to attend the World's Fair scheduled for May 18, 1982. If you are interested in attending with Christians from this area, contact Betty Albright, phone 561-2747 for details. We also have a brochure in the church office.

Our Thanksgiving service will be for all members this coming Wednesday night, Nov. 25th. All classes will be dismissed as everyone meets together for worship.

Perry Hall, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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 C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
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Funeral

Some in the congregation will remember Mrs. Vivian Whiteside, former West Erwin member. She passed away Tuesday in a nursing home in Bellaire, Texas. Graveside services were held here on Thursday at Rose Hill Cemetary.

In The Hospitals

Roy Driggers is a patient in the UT Health Center (Chest Hospital). At present he is at home on a pass.

Archie Kennard continues to be a patient in St. Paul Hospital in Dallas following surgery. We are printing the address, however, if his progress is satisfactory he will return home on Friday. (5905 Harry Hines, Dallas 75235 - room 442).

Audrey O'Bannon was hospitalized in Medical Center for a few days, but went home Wednesday.

Ladies Class

The Ladies' Bible Class will not meet next Wednesday for class. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 2. All women who do not work away from home are urged to attend.

Response

We commend and express our love to Julie Carlson, who was restored Sunday.

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hand of God in her being exalted in the land. He said, "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:13,14).

The Jewish people were under the control of Persia in the fifth century before Christ. Esther, a Hebrew orphan, cousin to Mordecai, was chosen by Ahasuerus as his new queen in the year 478 B. C. Haman, exalted as Chief prince, second only to the king, plots to destroy all the Jews, not knowing the queen is a Jewess.

Under the influence of Mordecai's encouragement, Esther risks her life to save her people. Mordecai's message to her suggest strongly the providential

I am a strong believer in the providence of God. I am convicted that the West Erwin congregation has a unique part to play in God's purpose. In all the years I have been preaching the gospel I have not seen so much love, peace and unity in one place as prevails in this congregation. "May the Lord make us to increase and abound in love to one another and toward all men. . . to the end He may establish our hearts unblamable in holiness be- (continued on page 2)

Perry's Perspective (continued)

fore God. . . at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," (I Thess. 3: 12, 13). We are in a position to extend God's message of grace as few other congregations. Your love of truth is so apparent. May we live it, love it and defend it. Let us not compromise one moment in righteous living or in contending for the faith once for all delivered.

Laree and I continue to be astonished by two things here at West Erwin. The people and the potential of this congregation. Our elders are talking and planning even more mission work. They are making plans for expansion of our classroom and nursery facilities. Provisions are in the planning for a printing and dark room. New equipment for the office has been purchased recently. Additional land is to be purchased.

We are deeply excited about your love and reception of us. The encouragement and appreciation concerning our lessons from the pulpit are the greatest we have ever experienced. Our regular contributions are breaking all records. Wednesday night attendance is on the increase. We are optimistic about every phase of God's work here. God's Will will be done! We will not be lost and our desire as a congregation is that the world not be lost. Many around the world will be lost because of their failure to be used of God in the accomplishment of His will and purpose, but we cannot accept this as our destiny. God's program is going to be accomplished, and this is not the time to hold our peace. God has given US a work to be done and I believe we have been called to the kingdom for such a time as this! Enlargement and deliverance shall arise from this place!

Perry

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by Perry Hall

A.M. "Give Me This Mountain"

P.M. "Is The Young Man Safe?"

YEAR END SINGING

The Year End Singing (the last Wednesday night of the year) will be held this year on December 30, 1981 at the Glenwood Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. This custom began in 1963 and has been enjoyed annually since. All congregations join together this last Wednesday evening of the year for fellowship in song. There will be no service at West Erwin on that evening.

THE DAY I LEARNED TO GIVE...

by Bert Mercer

The year was about 1938. I must have been about five or six years old. I had accumulated 35 or 40 cents from various sources. My dad told me "Tomorrow will be the Lord's Day. You'll want to take a portion of your money and give it to the Lord. Remember, you'll never be sorry for anything you give to God." "What?" I thought, already a confirmed materialist, "take some of my precious treasure and throw it away into that obscure concept called the church treasury?"

Recklessly, I considered giving a nickel at first, but when the collection plate was passed I gave a penny. My dad had said, "I'll return to you whatever you decide to give to the Lord. So don't worry about losing your money." But his promise seemed less real to me than the cold silver I had in my pocket.

After church my dad asked, "Well, how much did you give?" With burning face I told him I gave a penny. Few times in my life have I ever been so ashamed as I was under his stare that day. He said softly, "you ought to be ashamed." He reached into his pocket and gave me a nickel (a return of 500%). At which point none of the money I had meant anything to me anymore. I would rather have had the approval of my father that day than all the wealth in the world.

So, when the collection tray comes around I always try to give so that I would not be ashamed to face my earthly or my heavenly Father.

"...not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give." (II Cor. 9:7)

From Teenage Christian, Feb. 1981

THE FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING will be held at Bullard on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ. You are invited to attend.

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

All the quilts are beautiful! All who worked on them are beautiful too! Thank you so very much. I chose the one with the baby blue and white checked gingham backing for the Chickadee Cottage. We are very grateful for all the time, work and love you put into making the quilts.

Robert & Annett Moore

Asst. Sup., Tipton Home

(Recently, a group of workers in the Benevolent Center made a trip to Tipton Home and carried several quilts made for the children in the home. They reported a very pleasant trip and wonderful reception.)

Dear Christian Friends,

I would like to thank all who helped me with food, visits and calls during my illness. Thank you for the love and kindness shown me.

Beulah Bedford

Our Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to sister Elva Lee Mackey. Her brother, Odie Cagle, was buried last Friday morning. Funeral services were at Burks-Walker.

Congratulations

Ralph and Marian Rowe are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born last Thursday to Cindy and Kenneth Giles in Omaha, Neb. The baby weighed 7 lb and 7 oz and has been named Kenneth Jr.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (22) Clyde Waggoner, Susan Steffee (24) Evelyn Burkham, (28) Norma Nail, Laura Drummond, Wade McDonald, C. B. Burkham (30) Roy Layne Roberson, Sallie Blakeley, Cherrie Magee, Durwood Hendry.

SEE **YOU** SUNDAY

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Our lovely senior citizens enjoyed a beautiful banquet in their honor last Sunday night. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and their able crew of teenagers put together a magnificent meal and program for Golden Age members of West Erwin. This is an annual event by our young people and it improves each year. I hardly see how it could get any better. Our thanks to all who participated in making it a fine success.

One of the highlights of the Banquet was the presentation of roses to our guests. We are indebted to Billy Rozell for hand selecting them from his rose fields. Join me in expressing appreciation to Billy for his generosity in providing the roses.

Congratulations to Cathy Hallman and Diane Savage and their 2 Year Old Class and Wanda Weathers and her 2nd Grade Class for their 100% attendance last Sunday.

The Young At Heart Club had its monthly meeting last week and we are pleased to announce the selection of John Porter to serve as the Entertainment Director. We are confident he will do an outstanding job of having special types of entertainment and fun. We want to urge others of the congregation who have not joined to do so. All who join before the end of this month will be considered "Founding Members" and will have their names inscribed on an honor roll to that effect. The roll will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.

All Teachers are reminded of the Teacher's Meeting, Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Don't miss the opportunity of hearing Perry Hall discuss some of his expectations for the future and growth of West Erwin.

We are indebted to Ben Young for the excellent teaching he has done in an adult class on Wednesday evenings. His study was completed this past week. We will begin a new class after the first of the year. We encourage those who attended his class to join one of the three remaining adult classes, Perry

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss Jeff Jones

Evening Worship

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Ben Young
Dismiss John Powell

Serving Communion Sunday

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Assistants in Back Foyer

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MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday, November 15 and Wednesday Eve., November 18—FRED POWELL, 593-5229.

Our Records

Contributions

Nov. 8 \$7,528.23
Nov. 1 5,549.75
Year Ago 5,071.24

Bible School

Nov. 8 402
Nov. 1 366
Year Ago 360

Worship

Nov. 8 559
Nov. 1 478

Weekly

Budget \$6,200.00

If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him. James 1:5.

In The Hospitals

Austin Faulkner, tiny tot of Jan and Bill Faulkner, is hospitalized in Mother Frances Hospital, room 428 suffering from pneumonia.

The grandfather of Dale Balckstone has been seriously in a gladewater hospital.

Matthew Hart, young grandson of Jim and Bessie Willis underwent a tonsillectomy in Mother Frances Hospital in Thursday.

Archie Kennard was scheduled for open heart surgery on Friday in St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. W. O. (Rose) Rushing is in Medical Center Hospital suffering from a fractured back as a result of a fall on Tuesday in her home.

STUDYING SUCCESSFULLY

Rewarding Bible study requires more than reading words - we must receive ideas. God's will becomes ours only when we yield to it, and that requires an awareness of the contents of the Bible. One can read without retaining knowledge.

Effort is required. While responsible people can understand the Bible, none will learn without diligence, (2 Tim. 2:15). One must earnestly seek the truth to experience liberation by it, (John 8:32). Those who talk about how easy the Bible is to understand may be revealing their ignorance; a good student of the Word of God knows that many difficult passages are in it.

Too many people expect great things from the Bible without showing great interest in study. The Bible is not a good luck charm; it is God's message for man. Superstitiously we carry our Bibles and read them with plastic minds and hearts. Diligence causes Christians to honor the Lord God in their hearts, (1 Peter 3:15), and earnestness enables them to explain why they trust and obey Jesus.

By Burt Groves
Gladewater, Texas

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
A.M. When Christ Has His Way.
P.M. How Great Thou Art!

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The Heirs of a Blessing



PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



joint heirs. Life itself is the gift or favor of God. It is the Divine gift to be nurtured and treasured. Earlier in the third chapter of First Peter where he discusses these things, he speaks of the Christian woman whose husband has not yet been won by the word, that she seeks to win him by her behavior. Her beauty was not to come merely from outward adornment that was manifested in beautifully arranged hair, gold jewelry or fine clothes. Instead her beauty was to be that of the inward self, "the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." In her godly submissiveness to her husband this beauty would be seen.

Husbands, likewise, were to be considerate of their wives, treating them with respect as the weaker partner, and as heirs with them of the gracious gift of life.

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As Christians we are heirs of great and tremendous blessings! The ultimate, of course, is eternal life with God in heaven. But on earth, while we are preparing, untold blessings are ours for the taking. Christianity springs up as a refreshing fountain within our marriages, family and daily lives. Peter says that husband and wife are joint heirs of the grace of life. When we think of being joint heirs of the grace of life we naturally think of heaven. We believe this is proper, but there is another sense in which we are

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Peter goes on to give instruction to all of us who love life and desire to see good days. We must keep our tongues from evil and deceitful speech. We must always turn from evil, and in every situation do good. We must seek and pursue peace. This means we must live in harmony with one another, learn to be sympathetic, compassionate, humble, and to love each other as brothers. We can never repay evil with evil, insult with insult, but rather with a blessing. To this, Peter says, we were called so that we may inherit a blessing.

Our Father blesses us. We must then, in turn, bless others. From Him we

continually receive the forgiveness of our sins; therefore we must continually be forgiving others. What a blessing God brings upon us through Christ and Christianity! The greatest blessing of all is His approval. His eyes are constantly upon the righteous, and His ears are eager for their prayers, but His face will ever be against impenitent evil doers.

May we ever love life, see good days and enjoy the peace of God, that even in the midst of great struggle and suffering, brings that which guards and keeps our minds in Christ Jesus, and transcends all understanding.

Harvest of the Years

Grace Noll Crowell

*This is the harvest
that my hands have garnered
Slowly and patiently
through the years:*

*A globe of wisdom
plucked from high branches,
A cluster of courage
gathered through tears,*

*Bright berries of laughter
tangled with brambles,
Humility gained
from the bitterest fruit —*

*The years have yielded
a bountiful harvest,
And tangy and sweet
is my hoarded loot.*

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PASS
THE
WORD.
LADIES

Ladies Bible Class meets each Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock with Wes Price as the teacher. For the benefit of young mothers, Mary June Goodson teaches a class for pre-school children. If you do not work away from home, you are urged to be present.

This Wednesday following the class we will have the monthly Covered Dish Luncheon. Plan to come to class and enjoy the meal together in the Fellowship Hall after class.

This Sunday

is the evening for the Golden Age Banquet. Calls by the young people are being made this week. If you do not receive a call, and you are in this age group, please remain following the evening worship and attend this activity. Our young people want you to be there.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



We have certainly enjoyed the excellent lessons Perry Hall has been presenting the past few weeks. I have especially enjoyed the visual presentations with the Sunday evening lessons. If you have not been coming on Sunday evening, then you have been missing some real stimulating Bible lessons.

Our Bible Study attendance on Sunday morning has been up and down like a yo-yo since the beginning of school. I don't suppose we have any more "week-ending" than in the past, but it certainly seems so. It gives me cause to want to remind you that there are a couple of things you should keep in mind when you plan on being away for a weekend. First, don't forget to find a congregation and worship with them. Second, either leave your weekly contribution with someone or double up the next Sunday. Enjoy your trips, but don't forget the Lord!

Congratulations for 100% attendance to Fran Starnes' 3rd Grade Class and Wanda Weathers' 2nd Grade Class. These are both Sunday morning classes. I believe this is about 8 out of the past 10 Sundays for that high mark for the 2nd Grade. Help me encourage them to keep up the good work.

Hillard Hughes' Young Married Couples Class has been averaging well over 20 in attendance since its beginning several weeks ago. We still have several who could be a part of this good class and as far as we can tell have not enrolled in a regular class. If you fit into this category, give it a try - you'll like it.

Attention All Teachers: We want to give you advance notice of our next general Teacher's Meeting so you can arrange your schedule to be present. Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. in our chapel. Brother Perry Hall will be our speaker. This will be our first opportunity to hear from him and to have him share some of his dreams and goals as he

Thank You

The family of Tom Henderson acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Thank you also for the many cards, calls, and expressions of sympathy.

Charles & Velma Lemons
Marc & Pam Lemons
Bart & Cindy Lemons
Clark Lemons
Charles & Sherryl Lemons

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN . . .

An organization to be of service to Christian Services, will have an Arts and Crafts Fair November 14 from 8:00 until 5:00 o'clock at the Campus Christian Center, 1415 So. Baxter.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (15) Maria Crossman,
Ruby Teel, (17) Cathy Hallman,
Jyl Ball (19) Taylor Savage.



HERE AND THERE (continued)

begins his work with us at West Erwin. I would like to urge all teachers (and many of you have not been to a teacher's meeting in quite some time) to be present. you are vitally important to the future of this congregation and it is difficult to plan for growth in the future when some of our staff of Bible School teachers miss our planning sessions. We will look forward to seeing you then.

BRING A GUEST

TO BIBLE SCHOOL!

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship		Contributions	
Announcements	Bill Butler	Nov. 1	\$5,549.75
Prayer	C. B. Hardin	Oct. 25	6,291.31
Dismiss	Dale Duncan	Year Ago	6,289.38
Evening Worship		Bible School	
Announcements	Bill Butler	Nov. 1	366
Prayer	Edgar Bullard	Oct. 25	427
Dismiss	Jeff Duncan	Year Ago	368
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Ray Womack	Robert Conner	Nov. 1	478
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MINIBUS DRIVER—Sunday, Nov. 8 and Wednesday Evening, Nov. 11, ROY ROBERSON— 597-5627.			

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.

Report of Our Sick

Mr. J.D. Majors (Bernice's husband) had a pacemaker implant Monday in Mother Frances. Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Slaughter continue to be patients in Medical Center (6th floor). Mr. O.M. Hughes, husband of Susie, is in Medical Center, room 255. Archie Kennard underwent tests in St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. He is scheduled to return home this week. Open heart surgery with four bypasses is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 12 in St. Paul Hospital.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

The next meeting is Nov. 12. If you are interested in the activities of this group, contact Paul Stanley. We welcome this excellent program to the other fine programs that are conducted at West Erwin.

Congratulations to the following classes that were 100% in attendance on October 25: 5 Year Old Class of Carolyn Welborn, 4th Grade taught by Jean Oliver and Pauline Aven, High School Class taught by Dick Higginbotham and George Kester. Keep up the good work.

We are very appreciative of brother Hall's willingness to be guest speaker in a number of our Adult classes in order to give all of us an opportunity to hear him teach.

Laree Hall has accepted the challenge of our Sunday Morning Ladies Class for the next quarter. Bernice Majors and Naomi McKeever have done excellent work in teaching this class.

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 15, Perry Hall will begin a series of studies in the Gospel of John with the Chapel Class. We are grateful to Joe Carroll for his lessons. The class is looking forward to one more lesson from him on Sunday morning.



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NO ENERGY SHORTAGE PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE THIS FALL

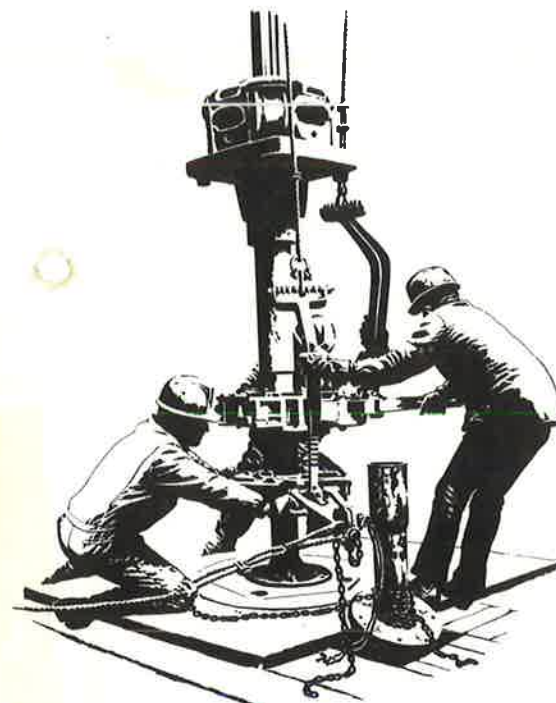
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is owed to Wes for his expertise in helping us all to be involved in the various areas of labor. There certainly seems to be no energy shortage in the congregation. A great deal of talent is present. Together may we tap the great resources of God by drilling deeply into the pool of His power.

The fall of the year is always an exciting time in the Lord's work. Even though we must be "instant in season and out of season" we seem to settle down and get to work as we head into winter's months. May there be no energy shortage this winter. A great number of us were away last Sunday. We are happy that each one had the opportunity to be involved where they were, but you were greatly missed. Our attendance and contribution were down slightly. May you have greatly benefited from your visit. Several had a great time at ACU.

You are of great importance in the successful operation of the spiritual body. You are vital. Your place of commitment can be filled only by you. Functioning together we can cause increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. The Lord is going to (continued on page 2)



Our appreciation for the involvement of so many in the work here at West Erwin continues to grow. A great debt of gratitude

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present the church to himself, not having spot or wrinkle. We must remain true, settled in the faith and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel if we are going to be a part of that family that will dwell with God eternally. We are counting on you. Above all, the Lord is counting on you. May our energy resources remain high as He works mightily in and through us.

Golden Age Banquet.....

Sunday evening, November 15, following the worship service, the young people will have the Golden Age Banquet for Senior Citizens of West Erwin. The young people plan to make a phone call to each one. This event is always very enjoyable for everyone.

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

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

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN. . .

Will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Glenwood Church of Christ in the conference room.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

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A.M. "The Christian Attitude Toward Spiritual Growth."
P.M. "Unto God In One Body."

THE 3RD ANNUAL N.E. TEXAS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Nov. 5,6,7

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
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Sulphur Springs, Texas

(A brochure is posted in the South Foyer.)

"Move from Grumble Street to Thanksgiving Street, not just for a day, but forever, to the praise of the glory of His grace."
-George Arms

Thanksgiving

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

Gratitude is the test of character. We are told by Shakespear that the cold winter wind is not as unkind as man's ingratitude. The body may be chilled by the wind but ingratitude chills the soul and grieves the heart of God. Thanksgiving is the exercise of a joyful, praying heart. Absence of thanksgiving is a mark of the wicked. Romans 1:21 states, "When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God; neither were thankful."

It is a mark of the saved in heaven that they are full of thanksgiving. Revelation 7:12 says, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might, be unto our God forever and ever." This should also identify the saved of earth. "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee." We are to "abound" in thanksgiving," offering "the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15.

Prayer and praise are the two wings by which the soul mounts into the heavenlies. Prayer and praise are the two steps by which the army of the Lord marches forward. We must keep our praising as up-to-date as our praying if we expect to advance for God.

The sweetest music of God is that of praise, thanksgiving and adoration form the heart and soul of one of His dear children. Praise adds a sweet fragrance to the Christian's life. It makes the soul more beautiful. Praise clothes with heaven's beauty.

Praise and thanksgiving open the gates to blessings and open our hearts to receive them. Praise multiplies the power and presence of the Lord. Praise will make you triumphant and victorious in battle.

Special Thanks

Dear West Erwin Family,
I want to thank you for the iron, ironing board, study lamp, and the \$50 a month I receive. I thought I had written this "thank you" note a long time ago, but I guess it got lost in the mail or something. I really appreciate the support you've given me.

I'm trying very hard to get good grades but it's very difficult. This is nothing like high school. I really enjoy college and I think I'm going to make it. I'm really homesick now though. I can hardly wait till Thanksgiving. Take care and God bless you.

Cara Gowen

(Cara is enrolled in Harding University. Her address is Box 1182, Station A, Searcy, Ark. 72143)

We thank you for the many visits, cards, flowers and food brought during my hospitalization and after I came home.

In Christian love,
Homer and Lerah Williamson

Area Meeting

Brother Goebel Music will be preaching in a Gospel Meeting in Gilmer, November 11 - 15. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each evening. You are invited.

Grocery Truck

The Grocery Truck will be here next week from Medina Children's Home. We have been asked to supply Mouthwash.

Also, they have a Holiday Project with special needs listed as follows: Toys, Games, Books, Candy, Nuts, Clothes, Gifts, Chocolate Chips, Maraschino Cherries, Candied Fruit, Karo Syrup (dark and light), Dates, Pecans, Peanuts, Marshmallows (miniature & creme).

Their truck will return during the week of Nov.29-Dec. 4.

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



The following article came to us from the White Rock Bulletin of Dallas.

"It seems that the television people are at it again. More smut is coming our way with this fall's new programs. This time the key program is the NBC series "Love, Sidney," starring Tony Randall. Randall plays the part of a homosexual who moves in with a woman half his age and her daughter. This is the first prime time series based on a "gay" leading character. Randall described the pilot as 'the best thing I've done in years.' He went on to say, 'Sidney's homosexuality serves an important and dramatic function on the show.' If we allow this kind of trash on television, then where do we draw the line? ABC was forced to suspend work on "Adam & Eve" television series starring two homosexual lovers after the F.C.C. was hit by more than 100,000 pieces of mail protesting the show. I am confident that we can have the same results with the "Love, Sidney" series if we will only take the time to write a letter of protest. Send your letter to: Chairman Thornton Bradshaw, R.C.A. Corp., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020. Please take the time to write your letter now."

Our "Young At Hearts Club" is now an official organization. At the October meeting the club by-laws were written and officers were elected. Our congratulations to the following officers: Paul Stanley as Chairman, Virginia Conner as Secretary, Averyt Smith as Treasurer and Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes as Host and Hostess.

Although we had a good turn-out, there were a number who did not make it and some who are eligible for membership that perhaps are not aware of the club's purpose. Membership is open to West Erwin members who are 60 or above. The monthly meeting will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

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Announcements	Paul Stanley	October 25	\$6,291.31
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Dismiss	Harley Turner	Year Ago	4,402.76
Evening Worship		Bible School	
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New Members

Sunday morning Billy Rozell, Rt. 11, Box 124BC, phone 593-4216, came to place membership and to be restored to fellowship. He formerly worshipped at West Erwin.

On Monday evening, October 19, J. N. Metcalf, Rt. 11, Box 77A, phone 597-3195, was baptized by Wes Price following several study sessions. He is the husband of Ginger. They have a three year old son, Justin.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. W. D. Metcalf is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 218.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Slaughter are patients in Medical Center, room 607. He will have surgery this week for a fractured hip.

Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff is a patient in Mother Frances, room 354.

Congratulations

Mrs. Mildred Parris has a new grandson born Tuesday in Atlanta, Ga. to her daughter, Betsy.

giving is an act of worship...

It Symbolizes Dedication of Heart.
It Strengthens Practice of Devotion.
It Assures Regular Support of God's Work.

"GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER"
II Cor. 9:7



By Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. The Universal Desire
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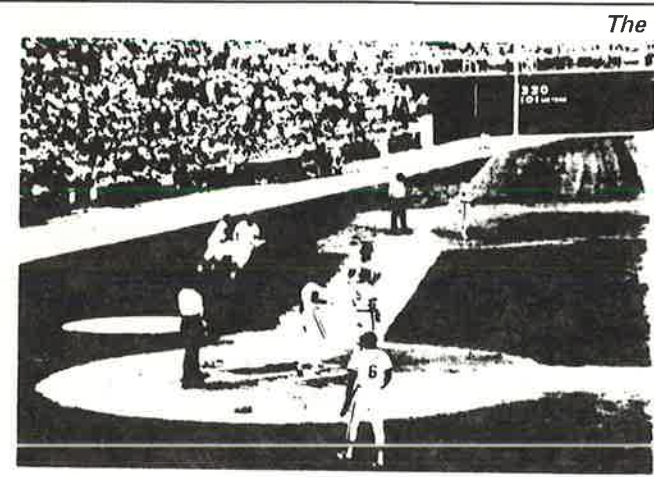
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BY PERRY HALL



DON'T DIE ON THIRD

We are being treated this week to the World Series. Both the Yankees and Dodgers are trying diligently to win. We can learn much from the game of baseball just as early saints learned from the Olympic games of the first century.

Anyone familiar with baseball knows the object of the game. If you are to have a winning team you must get players on base and bring them all the way around to home without being put out. If you bring more runners home than the opposing team you win. It is always a letdown to have a runner die on base. The most discouraging thing is to get a runner all the way to third, and have him die there as the inning or game comes to an end. You are happy only if you can bring him home. It counts only if he gets home. He must get home!

What a tragedy to die on third. You are almost there! Over the years we have observed a number of Christians who have almost reached home, but then they give up or allow the devil's opposing team to trap them off base, and are thrown out. They may have even been instrumental in bringing others home, but give up before they reach the goal. Peter speaks of those who have escaped the corruption of the world through a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, but are again entangled and are overcome. They are worse off than before their conversion. They turn their backs on the sacred commandments of God, and become like dogs and hogs (II Pet. 2:20-22).

The Hebrew writer tells us of those who were once enlightened, tasted of the heavenly gift, and who have shared in the Holy Spirit. They know the goodness of the Word and the powers of the World to come, but they crucify the Son of God all over again, and subject Him to public disgrace (Heb. 6: 4-6).

We must keep on drawing near to God with a sincere heart, holding unswervingly to (continued on page 2)

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE (continued)

the hope we profess. We must spur one another on toward love and good deeds. We must not give up meeting together as some have done. We must not keep on deliberately sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth. There is no other sacrifice for sin if we give up Jesus and His way. There is only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. If we trample the Son of God under foot, treat as an unholy thing the blood of the New Covenant, we do insult the Spirit of grace. If we give up and die on third, it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb. 10:22-36).

So, dearly beloved, do not throw away your confidence, for it will be rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. God will bring you home! You will not die on third.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christians of West Erwin,

Your gift to Oakdale to help us rebuild our building is so very much appreciated. We hope our building will be going up soon. Thank you for having a part in this.

In Christian love,
Members of Oakdale

(The elders of the West Erwin church made a contribution of a thousand dollars to the Oakdale church after it was destroyed by fire recently.)

The family of Burla M. Mayo acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Our family appreciates all of the kind things you did for our mother during her long illness. Your visits, phone calls, and prayers meant so much to her. We also want to thank you for the food, flowers, cards, and especially your prayers.

100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the 2nd grade class taught by Wanda Weathers. They have had 100% in attendance the past two Sundays.

EAST TEXAS TRAINING SERIES

The Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas presents the 1981 East Texas Training Series, November 2, 3, 4 at 7:30 P.M. You are cordially invited to attend. They will have specialized teacher training with the following classes:

Cradle Roll Teachers	Gay Townsend
Pre-Scholl Teachers	Olga Money
Primary Teachers	Mary Ward
Junior Teachers	Charles & Bettye Whitmire
Junior High Teachers	David Roper
High School Teachers	Paul Whitmire
Adult Teachers	Robert Bankes
Special Class	Dale Smith

Class Schedule at A Glance

7:00 - 7:15 - Auditorium Devotional

7:20 - 8:15 - First Class Session

8:15 - 8:20 - Break

8:20 - 9:15 - Second Class Session



We're getting together..

On Sunday evening following the worship, we will have an all-church get-together in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches, chips & dips and a dessert. Everyone plan to come. We want to honor our new members.

The **Amazing Grace**

Bible Class

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

Grocery Truck

Remember the grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here one day during the week of November 9-13. They have suggested that we concentrate on one item - MOUTHWASH (Scope, Listermint, Cepacol, Listerine, etc.) A 6 month supply is 300 bottles.

Also, remember we are collecting small bars of Ivory Soap for the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa.

A SPECIAL DAY

Last Saturday was truly inspirational for those who attended West Erwin's 3rd Annual Ladies' Inspiration Day. Our speakers, Caroly Womack, Barbara Warner, Judy Siburt, Alice Stephenson, and Bettye Whitmire were superb. They presented timely lessons from God's Word that challenged us to live the Christian life more fully.

Many hours of planning preceded the day, and many workers performed various tasks. Not the least of these workers were the food committee who served a delicious lunch. We were happy to have guests from Tyler congregations and the surrounding area. If you missed this day of Christian association, resolve now to be among the number next year.

Saturday was a delightful day, and we are especially thankful to Billie Bob Hickman who so willingly led in planning the activities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November (1) Bill Butler, C.T. Beard (4) Jeff Blackstone, Mack Bynum (5) Mary Evelyn Grier (6) Lynn Jones, Amy Faulkner (7) Lisa Higginbotham

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Charles (Velma) Lemons and her family. Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Borger, Texas for Velma's father, Mr. Tom Henderson.

THE BIBLE LIVES ON!

Generation follows generation - yet it lives.

Nations rise & fall - yet it lives. Kings, dictators, presidents come & go - yet it lives.

Hated, despised, cursed - yet it lives.

Doubted, suspected, criticized - yet it lives.

Condemned by atheists - yet it lives.

Scoffed at by scorners, yet it lives.

Misconstrued & misstated - yet it lives.

Its inspiration denied - yet it lives.

Yet it lives - as a lamp to our feet.

Yet it lives - as a light to our path.

Yet it lives - the gate to Heaven.

Yet it lives - a standard for childhood.

Yet it lives - a guide for youth.

Yet it lives - an inspiration for the matured.

A comfort for the aged, food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, rest for the weary, light for the unbeliever, salvation for the sinner, grace for the Christian.

To know it is to love it - to love it is to accept it - to accept means eternal life.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3:2.

THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER

AT THE EVENING HOUR

BE IN WORSHIP

6:00 P.M. each Sunday.

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Larry Carroll	Jeff Duncan	Weekly Budget	
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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1981
 By Perry Hall
 10:30 A.M. The Greatest Question of The Ages
 6:00 P.M. In The Footsteps of Jesus

New Members

We welcome Allen and Sherry Bobbitt, Rt. 2, Box 384, Tyler 75704-phone 597-4068. They come to us from the Glenwood congregation. They are the daughter and son-in-law of the Roy Clarks.

We are happy to have Mrs. Mable Massey, 3900 Old Bullard Rd., Apt. K 23. She recently moved to Tyler from Loving, Texas.

Mrs. Rodney (Betty) Knight, was restored during the meeting with Goebel Music.

In The Hospital

Mrs. Homer Williamson continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital. She hopes to come home this week.

CHILDRENS CLASS

Mary June Goodson is now teaching a class for children on Wednesday during Ladies' Bible Class. This is for the encouragement of young mothers to come and bring your pre-school children.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

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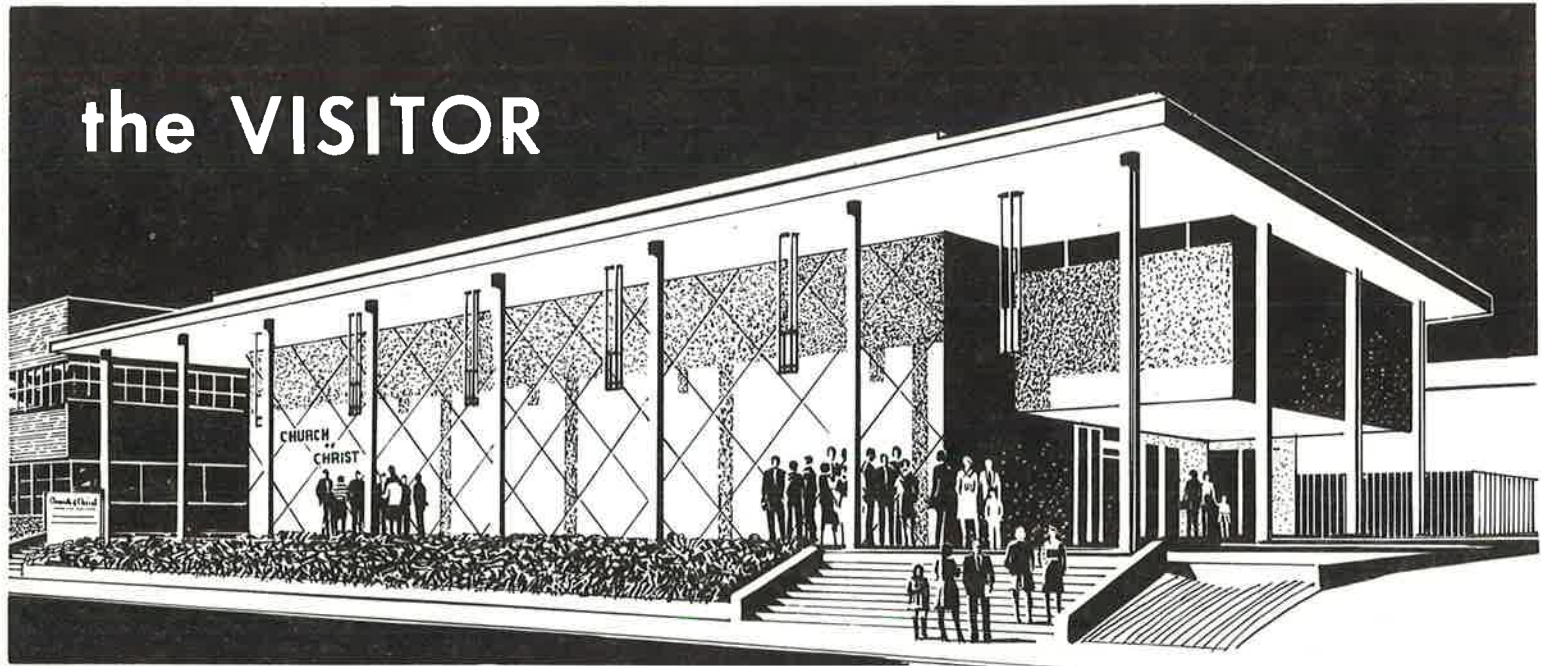
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The Church With A Heart

ON THE MARCH!



We are excited about everyone's excitement. We appreciate so much the remarks of brother C. B. Hardin Sunday night. Beloved, together we can do it for God! Over and over through the years we have seen the power of co-

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

By Perry Hall



operation, participation and teamwork. As workers together with God, Christ and the Spirit, I believe we are on the march.

We give thanks and praise to God for His blessings. A packed auditorium Sunday morning was very encouraging to this preacher. Four precious souls have been added to our number in the last two days. We welcome sister Mable Massey, Allen and Sherry Bobbit, who were identified, and J. N. Metcalf who was baptized by Wes Monday night. Congratulations to both J. N. and Wes! Our contribution continues to be over the budget and our Bible School was over 400 Sunday. We had a fine meeting of the elders, deacons, and preachers this past week. We want to reach out more and more. Such a spirit enables us to do just that.

May the Lord bless us to His glory, and may we be ready when Jesus returns. Meanwhile, beloved, let's stay ON THE MARCH!

LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY

All women of Tyler and the surrounding area are invited to attend the 3rd annual LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY at the West Erwin Church of Christ on October 24th. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program concludes at 2:15 p.m. Speakers will be Carolyn Womack, Barbara Warner, Judy Siburt, Alice Stephenson and Bettye Whitmire. Alma Faye Price will lead the singing.

Lunch will be served, free of charge, in the Fellowship Hall. Also, a nursery will be provided (bring a sack lunch for the children).

"Joy In Service" is the theme. YOU are especially invited - and bring a friend.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

James LeFan of Temple, Texas will speak in a Gospel Meeting at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall on November 1 - 4. Evening services will be at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

The North Tenneha Church of Christ will have Claude Andrews of Marshall, Texas in a REVIVAL MEETING, November 1-6. Nightly services will be at 7:30. A Fellowship Singing will be at 2:30 on the afternoon of the 1st. You are invited.

STEPHENSON'S ADDRESS

When the Stephensons moved to Collinsville they thought perhaps their telephone number would be changed, but it has remained the same. Their address is Box 43, Collinsville, Texas 76233, Phone (214) 429-6341.

Fellowship



An all church fellowship, to honor our new members, is being planned for Sunday evening, November 1 following the evening worship. Plan to bring sandwiches, chips and dips. Drinks will be furnished. EVERYONE COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP.

"You blew it again."

"I don't like you."



"You're great."

"I love you."

"Good job!"

"ANXIETY IN THE HEART OF A MAN MAN WEIGHS IT DOWN, BUT A GOOD WORD MAKES IT GLAD."

Don't forget to bring small bars of Ivory soap for the Chim-ala Hospital.

Congratulations

Wayne and Kathryn Fears are the happy grandparents of a new grandson born Friday in the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas to Tony and Vickie Fears. He weighed 7 lb. and 10oz. They have named him Adam Wayne.

Thank You

Thanks to all of you for your expressions of love and concern. You have made our heartache much easier to bear at this time. We love you so very much.

In Christian love,
Faye & Archie Kennard

Happy Birthday

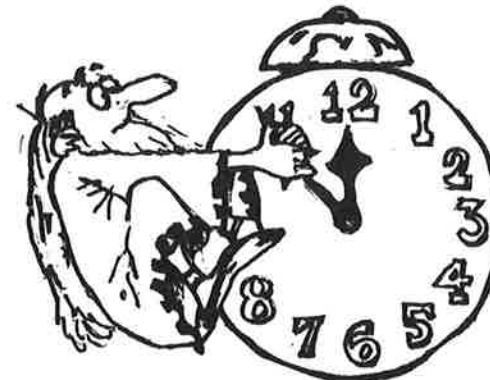
OCTOBER (25) Bruce Raley, Walter Fuller (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, DeRay Bennett, Ed Stitt (28) Shawn Montandon, Ann Layton (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sallyann Pickle (31) Alan Hamblett, Mac McCall.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of November 9-13. They have suggested that we concentrate on one item - MOUTHWASH (Scope, Listermint, Cepacol, Listerine, etc.) A 6 month supply is 300 bottles.

Attention

Sunday, October 25 is the date for our time change. It is time to "fall back" an hour again. Saturday night before going to bed turn your clocks back one hour.



HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Honor classes for 100% attendance for the past two weeks include: Dick Higginbotham and George Kester's High School Class on October 11 and again on October 18 and the Four Year Old Class taught by Nettie Potts and Frances McBee on Oct. 18. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Our Ladies Class on Wednesday mornings has had its largest continuing attendance over the past two years. We are grateful for that attendance, but there are still others who could join us too. If you have not been coming, why not give it a try? Come and bring a friend.

Our Third Annual Ladies' Inspiration Day will be under way by the time some of you read this. We are looking forward to our largest attendance. Billie Bob Hickman has put countless hours and energy into the program and we want you to join us in expressing gratitude for taking the lead in a vital work.

All the Young Married Couples are invited to join us for a Halloween party at the Campus Christian Center on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. Come in costume. Children are invited, but be sure they won't be frightened by the costumes or decorations. Bring some chips and a dip or a batch of cookies.

We continue to rejoice as new people come to work and worship with us at West Erwin. This past Sunday, we welcomed sister Mable Massey and Allen and Sherry Bobbit into our fellowship. On Monday night it was my privilege to baptize J. N. Metcalf into Christ. Let's make these folks feel at home with good Christian fellowship.

The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.

REPORT OF OUR SICK

Lera Williamson has been admitted to Medical Center Hospital. Maurice Henderson remains as a patient also in Medical Center.

Mrs. R. M. Mayo is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Jack Beard is in Community Hospital.

"I'M A NICE STRANGER"

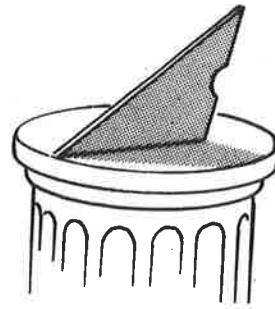
I'm a stranger.
 I never complain.
 I never get upset or create a scene.
 I don't object if the classrooms and church building appear unkempt.
 I never complain if the ushers lead me to a front pew because the members have taken all the back ones.
 I never say a word if the preacher rambles or spends more time out of the Bible than in it.
 I don't feel slighted after the service if the members gather in their own groups and ignore me.
 I don't even mind it if I am never visited by the church members.
 I'm a nice stranger.
 I just don't come back again!

Signed: A Nice Stranger

The Amazing Grace
 Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

TIME
 FOR
 CHRISTIAN
 LIVING



Wanted . . .

Fathers like Abraham: "He will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord" (Gen. 18:19).

Mothers like Hannah: "As long as he (her son) liveth he shall be lent to the Lord" (I Sam. 1:28).

Boys like Jesus: He returned with His parents to Nazareth and "was subject unto them" (Luke 2:51).

Girls like the little maid who told her mistress that God could heal Naaman's leprosy (II Kings 5:1-3).

Brothers like Nehemiah and Hanani, who served God together (Neh. 7:1-2).

Sisters like Mary and Martha, who received Jesus into their home and lives (Luke 10:38-39).

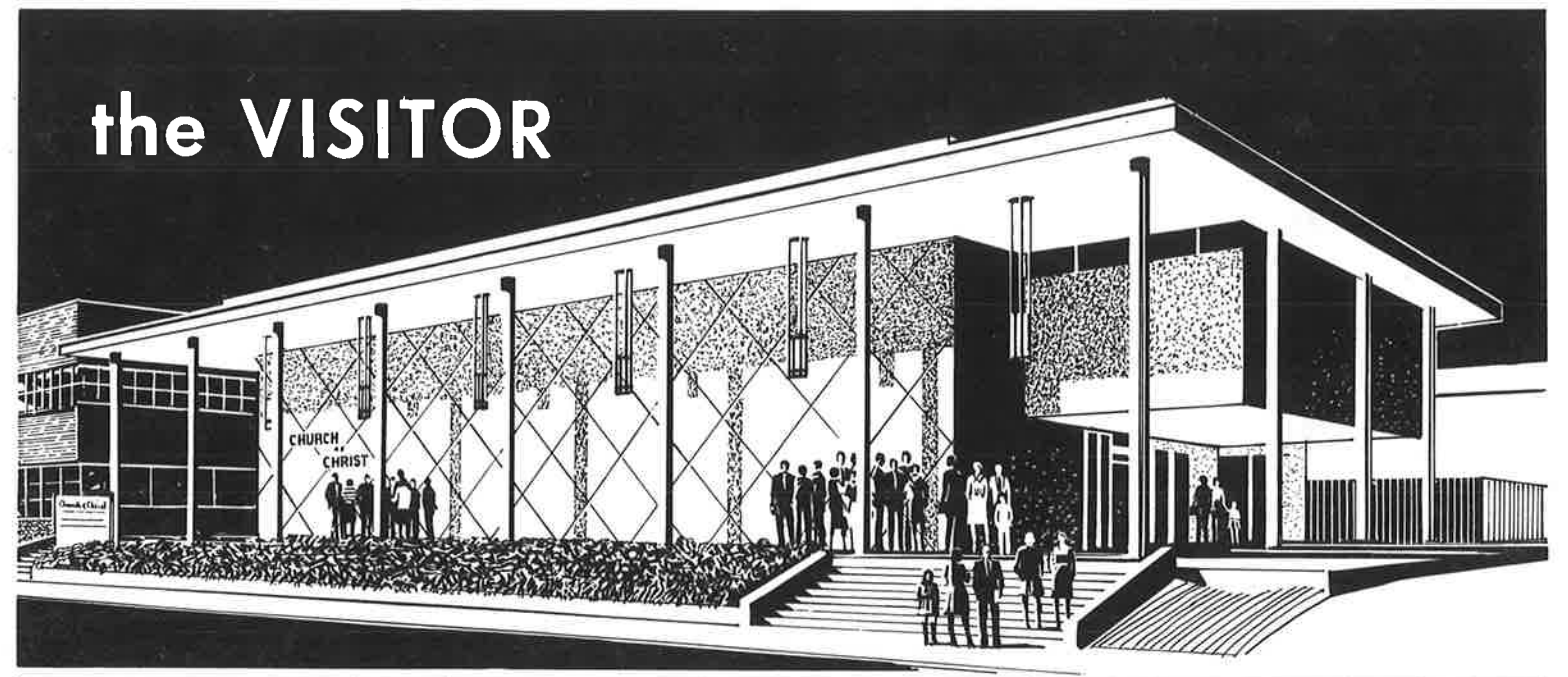
Preachers like Paul, who "in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (I Cor. 2:3) presented the truth

Servants of God like Barnabas: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

Lovers of the Bible like the Bereans: "They received the word (message) with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11).

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The Church With A Heart

From
 Our House To
 Yours

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

By Perry Hall



We are here. We have come to live and work with you, to rejoice and weep with you, to share your triumphs and your tragedies. They will now become a part of our lives. The moves an evangelist make can have such a profound effect upon the lives of him and his family. They sometimes lead to the mountain top where we see visions of the eternal glory to come. At times we are brought back to the dark valley where we are made aware of the deep entrenchment of sin in human nature. But always we believe God is making all things work for our good. And if God be for us, who can be against us.

Already we have received so much from you. Your reception and acceptance of Laree and me has been overwhelming. Your appreciation and encouragement is unsurpassed. Your love of God's truth is deeply appreciated.

As Paul stated in his letter to Rome concerning his desire to come to them that he might have fruit among them, we hope we can give to you that we might all be encouraged by our mutual faith. Paul stated three things concerning his coming to Rome that are appropriate here. He said, "I am a debtor," "I am ready," and "I am not ashamed."

I am keenly aware of my indebtedness to all men and unto God. God in his infinite mercy has saved us from sin and given all of us a share in helping to reach the souls of the lost of this earth. I, too, am ready to preach the gospel to you also who are in Tyler. I am not ashamed in any way of the gospel. It is God's power to save.

Are you ready? We hope! Are you ashamed of the gospel? We hope not! We know that you are a debtor. Let's Go!

Love,
 Perry

Perry Hall, Minister
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Announcements Edgar Bullard	Oct. 11 \$7,154.48		
Prayer Foy Richey	Oct. 4 6,703.47		
Dismiss Bruce Raley	Year Ago 4,421.67		
Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.	Bible School		
Announcements Edgar Bullard	Oct. 11 372		
Prayer Hillard Hughes	Oct. 4 428		
Dismiss Bill Butler	Year Ago 321		
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship		
John Teague Milburn Cook	Oct. 11 471		
Bob Threadgill Guy Potts	Oct. 4 512		
Larry Carroll Jeff Duncan	Weekly Budget		
Ronny Jones Joe McBee	\$6,200.00		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 18 and Wednesday evening, October 21, Mike Savage, 593-6587			

Assistants in Back Foyer for October 18 and 25
 David Hanley Kyle McRuiz
 John Porter Bill Thompson

YOU SHOULD ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL BECAUSE:

1. IT TEACHES THE BIBLE - Which is the basis of our faith in God and leads us to Christ. The Bible is the center of our educational program. Your child, without a knowledge of God's Word, is of all men most ignorant.
2. IT IS A TEACHING HOUR - We need not only periods of challenge, inspiration, and worship, but we also need instruction. The Bible School trains your mind and heart along the lines of things eternal.
3. IT MEETS YOUR SOCIAL NEEDS When God created people He made them social beings. Everyone likes fellowship and Bible class is a natural setting for it. Here you associate with God's most faithful children.
4. IT HELPS YOU DEVELOP CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Our goal is to become fullgrown men, to attain "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). Bible school helps us develop the Christian character necessary to face life's problems victoriously.

5. IT IS GEARED TO THE WHOLE FAMILY

In a world almost void of family togetherness the Bible School provides

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
 October (18) Ann Duncan (19) Mary Haws, John Brem, Roy Dayton (20) Fred Powell, Armita Raley, Theron Pickle (21) Jean Fuller (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Darleene Little, Edythe Trentham (23) B. J. Tucker, Carolyn Stitt (24) Christi Cook, Kim Hughes

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
 We extend our deepest sympathy to Archie and Faye Kennard in the loss of her brother, Waymon Pierce. Services were held in Rusk.

"THREE UNUSUAL DAYS"
 The Pine Tree Church of Christ will host "Three Unusual Days" on October 16, 17, and 18. This is a family enrichment series. This will be at 7:30 on Friday night and from 10:00 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. on Saturday.

- a place where the family can worship and study together.
6. IT PROVIDES AN AVENUE OF SERVICE
 You'll find many opportunities to serve God and the church. There will be opportunity to visit, to minister to the needs of the less fortunate, and to build up the kingdom. Out of the Bible class comes the ministers, missionaries, elders, deacons, and church workers.
 7. IT WILL HELP YOU IN LEADING YOUR CHILD TO CHRIST
 Your child's chance of obeying Christ is multiplied some two hundred times if he is faithfully attending Bible School. You are cheating your children when you keep them out of Bible class.

Fellow-Christians, if the national conscience of America is to be stirred, the Bible MUST be restored to its rightful place of authority and reverence. It must be burned on the hearts of our children and His Word occupy the central place in our lives. To accomplish this, BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS IMPERATIVE.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY

October 24, 1981

West Erwin Church of Christ

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

November 1, 1981

After Services

Fellowship Hall

HERE AND THERE (continued)

An extra pat on the back to Paul Montandon for the fine job he did leading our singing. If you have not already done so, be sure and compliment him.

We have reached that point now, where the extras are history, the meeting, our Married Couples Retreat and have reached the beginning of the long stretch as fall lengthens into winter and the close of the year. As cool weather stimulates our thoughts about warm fireplaces and cozy homes, it is also a time to reflect upon the great blessings God has so graciously granted us. And as we pause to express our thanks for Him for these gifts, let us also remember that these blessings are for more than just to make our lives comfortable. They are given to us so that we may have to share with others. They are given to us to remind us of our dependence upon God. They are given to us to use in His service. Wouldn't it be a terrible thing to take these gifts, say a brief "thank you" to God and then forget why we have them. Or worse yet forget to thank Him with our deeds of service and praise. Let us not forget to thank Him with our time and energy.

**HERE
 and THERE
 by wes price**



Our Second Annual Married Couples Retreat was a great success again this year. Seventeen of our couples took advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the weekend in the woods at Camp Deer Run. Royce Money of the Abilene Christian University staff of Family Life was our resource speaker and his counsel and advice was excellent. I believe sincerely that the marriages of these couples was strengthened by his well chosen words of wisdom and the application of scripture.

We are tremendously indebted to our Elders for their generosity and support of this annual event. It will pay rich dividends by the way of deeper spiritual ties in these families and consequently a stronger commitment to the Lord's church.

We could not have had such a great success without the help of those who volunteered to serve as substitute grandparents. Our heartiest thanks to these: Naomi McKeever, John and Juanita Teague, George and Esther Kester, and Roland and Amie Roberts. Others also volunteered, but this covered our needs. Thanks to all!

Only about a week separates us by the time you read this and our Ladies' Inspiration Day for the ladies of West Erwin and the East Texas area. If you have not set this weekend aside nor invited another lady to be your guest, then time's a'wastin. Get your calendar and telephone directory out now; circle the date on the calendar and look up the number of a dear friend who could profit by being present for this great day.

We are thankful for the preaching of the word during our meeting last week by Goebel Music. Many good comments were heard concerning his powerful preaching, and that in spite of the fact that he is still in poor health. Our prayers went with him for a speedy and complete recovery.

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Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.	Contributions	
Announcements	Mack Bynum 10/4	\$6, 703. 47
Prayer	C. B. Burkham 9/27	6, 407. 46
Dismiss	Wayne Fears	5, 176. 67
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.	Bible School	
Announcements	Mack Bynum 10/4	428
Prayer	Bob Threadgill 9/27	415
Dismiss	Cliff Clough Year Ago	388
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship	
Darnie Skipper Freeman Morgan 10/4		512
Morris Hallman Lowell Wiggains 9/27		501
Wayne Fears Bill Butler Weekly		
Marty Mallory Wesley Price Budget 6, 200. 00		
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MINIBUS Driver-Sunday, Oct. 11 & Wednesday night Oct. 14, FRED POWELL, 593-5229		

In The Hospitals

Brother Mac McCall underwent an appendectomy last week in Medical Center Hospital. He hopes to return home Thursday.

Remember Ladies

Saturday, October 24 is 'Ladies' Inspiration Day. Invite a friend and plan to attend.

In Appreciation

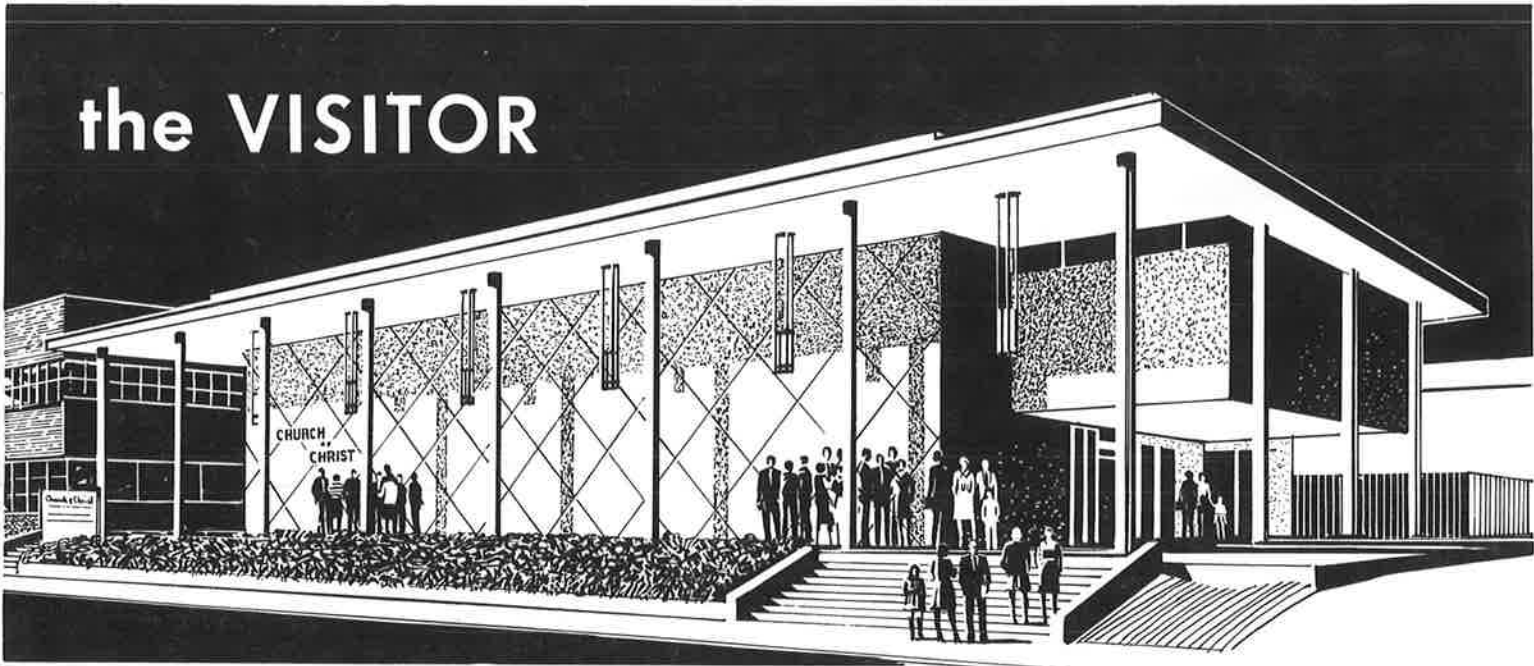
We appreciate the beautiful work that Mary Evelyn Grier does in keeping our bulletin boards up to date. She gives much time and effort to this project.

HERE AND THERE

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 which you not only will be adding to your storehouse of knowledge, but you will also be helping yourself to a stronger spiritual life. If your faith has not been tested, just give it time, it will be. Paul connects faith and a knowledge of God's word in Romans 10:17. You cannot hope to cope with the many problems of life without being a good student of God's word. We will look forward to seeing more of you in Bible study each week.

Do not think of coming to class as an exercise for entertainment. That's not the purpose of our class arrangement. Come expecting God to speak to you through the teachers and through those who participate in the study and through the reading from His word. That way you will not go away feeling that you gained nothing from being here. It could be that many have abandoned the Bible study habit because their own attitude was wrong about the teacher or the study. Wes

If you are a Christian, remember men judge your Lord by you.



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The Church With A Heart

God's Mission And Blessings For West Erwin

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

By Perry Hall



"Let us go, and possess it..." (NUM. 13:30)



spirit that characterizes God's people at West Erwin. We are overwhelmed with your friendliness and acceptance of us. We know it must have been a very difficult decision for George and Alice when they decided to move from Tyler. All of this makes the challenge of new horizons and opportunities very exciting.

Beloved, Laree and I rejoice with great joy in being here in Tyler with you. Before us all lies a new chapter in God's service. We thank God for the strong foundation that is already here in the church, its elders and deacons and the great work that has been done by such servants as George Stephenson, Wesley Price and Hillard Hughes. There is a

Exciting as our new move is, we have come to realize through the years that in striving to do God's will, there will be difficulties and pitfalls. This is true because each of us battles the god of this world. But this does not dampen our enthusiasm for we know that he who is in us is greater than he that is in the world. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

To be successful in our journey with you, we know that leadership will be of (continued on page 2)

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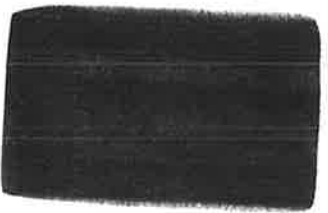
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Perry's Perspective

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the utmost importance. If God's people are to be safely guided as pilgrims and sojourners through this world they must, according to God's plan, have faithful and zealous leadership. Elders must be willing to be examples to the flock and dedicated to shepherding and overseeing as those who must give account to God for the souls in their charge. Brethren, we have great confidence in the elders of the West Erwin congregation and look forward to a very close association with them.

I, as an evangelist, must also be willing to help lead the way. Above all, I must seek to be an embodiment of all I preach. You have a right to expect this. I am, in accord with God's word, to seek to be an example to all who believe. I fervently covet your prayers and help in this matter because I, too, am beset with all the frailties of the human predicament.

Our main goal will be to bring the lost to Christ and all to spiritual maturity so Christ can be formed in us. Christ in us is the hope of glory! As Paul says in Colossians 1:28f, "So naturally, we proclaim Christ! we warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can,

NEW DEACONS INSTALLED

On Wednesday evening Dr. Roger Knight delivered an excellent sermon on the work and qualifications of deacons as he prepared to introduce the seven new deacons and their families. These men have been chosen to serve with our present deacons. We are pleased that they have accepted the challenge of serving in this ministry. They are: Bill Faulkner, Stan Mallory, Paul Montandon, Freeman Morgan, Mike Savage, Glynn Starnes and Lowell Wiggins.

all that we know about Him, so that, if possible, we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ Jesus. This is what I am working at all the time, with all the strength that God gives me." (Phillips translation)

But in spite of what leaders can do, there is another vital side to accomplishing God's mission and appropriating God's blessings. That side will be your faithful response of love, obedience and service unto God. We have great faith and confidence in God's people at West Erwin. We know you will reject the spirit of unbelief and defeatism that characterized ten of the twelve spies at Kadesh-Barnea. When the people were gripped by fear and unbelief as they were led by the ten to look at the obstacles instead of the opportunities, God turned them back into the wilderness to die. We will not let this be.

Beloved, we stand at the threshold of a new phase of our journey. Untold opportunities are before us. Spiritual and numerical growth here in Tyler and "to the uttermost parts of the earth" are within our grasp through God's power and direction. There will be hardships and difficulties, but what God desires us to do, He gives the power and the means to do.

"Let us go, and possess it." (Numbers 13:30).

Let us join with them in the same spirit which led them to accept this new opportunity to see our work and service go forward in the Lord's kingdom at this place. We have great things ahead as we harness the great energy and talents of this group of men. Let's not only pledge our support but be willing to do our own part toward the working of the Lord's body unto the building up of itself in love. WP

In Appreciation

Thanks to the class for the beautiful pot plant, visits and cards. Most of all thank you for the prayers while I was in the hospital.

Doc (G. C.) Wright

Thank you for your concern during my illness, especially for your prayers, cards and phone calls. You are very special to us and we know that your prayers for me were answered.

Archie Kennard

Area Meetings

Eddie Sharp will preach in a gospel meeting October 11 - 14 for the Church of Christ in Canton, Texas. Weeknight services will be 7:30 p. m.

The Chandler St. Church of Christ in Kilgore will have Dr. Andrew J. Hariston in a gospel meeting, October 11 - 14. There will be a noon meeting and evening services each weeknight at 7:30 o'clock.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (11) Chris Hallman, Joe Carroll (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.

CHIMALA HOSPITAL

Small bars of Ivory soap are being collected to send to the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa. The date of November 1 has been set for shipment.

MEETING HISTORY

By the time the bulletin reaches you our meeting will be history. We thank God and brother Goebel Music for his heart searching lessons. You have indeed helped us to think and we thank you for it, Goebel. May we press on to greater service for God. PH

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



A number of our classes are due congratulations for their 100% attendance in the past two weeks. The Senior high class taught by Dick Higginbotham and George Kester (two weeks), the Ladies' Class taught by Bernice Majors and Naomi McKeever (Sunday), the Three Year Olds taught by Cathy Hallman and Diana Savage and the Four Year Olds taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee (Sunday) were all 100%.

We appreciate the efforts of all our teachers who strive not only to have excellent lessons each week but for the extra effort they put forth in encouraging 100% attendance.

Our Ladies Class on Wednesday has certainly enjoyed increased attendance since its beginning last month. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet with these ladies each week and study from God's Word. We still have room for a lot more to come. If you have the time, you could not put it to better use.

It may be that some of you who read this who are members of West Erwin do not attend Bible study with regularity on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. If so, we sincerely hope that you will re-evaluate your priorities and see the need to develop this good habit. After all, it is for your spiritual welfare. You are quite right about it being your choice. You can choose to come or not and if you are spending a lot of time reading and studying your Bible each week, you may not feel the need to come. But, if your life is similar to that of many others, I feel confident that you are just simply neglecting the Bible study need altogether. If you view Bible study as simply an end within itself or just as an intellectual pursuit, then that probably has contributed to your failure to see it is a necessary part of your life. Let me suggest that you view it as an adventure in learning in

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.
 Announcements F. C. Carpenter
 Prayer Mack Bynum
 Dismiss David Demic
 Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.
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 Prayer James Phillips
 Dismiss Guy Potts
 Serving Communion Sunday
 Dannie Skipper Freeman Morgan
 Morris Hallman Lowell Wiggains
 Wayne Fears Bill Butler
 Marty Mallory Wesley Price
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, Oct.
 4 and Wednesday Evening, Oct.
 7 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736

Our Records

Contributions
 Sept. 27 \$6,407.46
 Sept. 20 \$6,290.05
 Year Ago \$5,296.56
 Bible School
 Sept. 27 415
 Sept. 20 366
 Year Ago 385
 Worship
 Sept. 27 501
 Sept. 20 471
 Weekly Budget \$6,200.00
 Assistants-back foyer
 Tom Parsons
 Edgar Bullard
 DeRay Bennett

ABOUT THE SICK

G. C. (Doc) Wright has been a patient in Community Hospital.

Karen Zadina's grandfather, Mr. H. Whitney, is recovering from a stroke. He is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

We have a note that Archie Kennard is doing fine. Faye said, "he is doing fine and moving around a little."

The address is: Ramada Inn, 2005 La Masa Drive, Room 197, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660.

SEEKING THE LOST

"Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them - what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together. 'Rejoice with me,' She tells them, 'for I have found the coin I lost!' In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:8-10

OCTOBER 4 - 8

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7:30 P. M. Each Evening

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The Church With A Heart



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

The moving day has come. Of course, there is sadness in our hearts as we come to the end of our ministry with the West Erwin church in Tyler. But there is also much joy in our hearts as we carry with us your love and appreciation. We were overwhelmed yesterday by your many kind words. The Lord has truly blessed our lives in permitting us to live and work among you for over thirteen years.

We are thankful for whatever good we have done, but we are never completely satisfied with our efforts. We wish that we could have done more. Alice and I have always enjoyed visiting, and we have not been able to do as much of this as we like to do in the past two or three years. We are sorry that we have not been able to see some of you we had hoped to visit in the last few weeks, but we want you to know that we are interested in all of you and love you.

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**GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS
 SUNDAY
 FOUR GREAT DAYS**

★ WITH GOEBEL MUSIC, Preaching

★ OCTOBER 4 - 8

★ ATTENDED NURSERY

7:30 EACH EVENING

(Including Sunday)

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK
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Many of you have asked about our future plans. They are rather indefinite at the present, but we do expect to have opportunities to preach on Sundays and to preach in gospel meetings. We expect to have less responsibilities, but we do plan to engage in various activities in the Lord's service.

We will continue to pray for the West Erwin church. We want it to grow and prosper. Perry and Laree Hall have been most cordial to us and our prayers will continue to be with them as they come to work with you. We pray that the meeting beginning Sunday with Goebel Music will be a great success. We regret that we will not hear him. We have known him for many years dating back to 1957 when we worked with the Broadway church in Lubbock and he worked with the Texas Tech Bible Chair. Goebel knows the Bible and is a fine preacher.

Many of you have said that you will come to see us and we hope that you will. Write us at our address: Box 43, Collinsville, Texas 76233. At present our phone number is (214) 429-6341. We expect this to be changed and will have our new number in The Visitor.

I would like to close with these words from Numbers 6:24-26.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

*Amazing
Grace*

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

NEW MINISTER FOR WEST ERWIN



PERRY HALL

Brother and Sister Perry Hall will move to Tyler this week to begin their work with the West Erwin Church. We look forward to their arrival. They come to us from Denton, Texas where he has served as the preacher for the University Church for seven years.

Friends of Children, an organization formed to assist Christian Services, invite you to participate in a fund-raising project for the Child Care Program. A "Bake and Gift Sale" will be held Saturday, November 14 at the Campus Christian Center. For more information, please call Barbara Montandon, 595-2745 or Betty Knight, 581-5426.

Come to the
MEETING!

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls, food flowers and visits during my hospitalization and after returning home. Most of all I appreciate your prayers.

Pauline Kennedy

Your prayers, cards, food and your kind words of sympathy were a source of comfort to us at the time of the loss of my sister. We thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Phil and Linda Marts & Missy

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart meeting that was scheduled for this week was changed to October 22 at 7:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday following the Ladies Bible Class there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are urged to be present and bring a covered dish.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October (4) Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey, Beatrice Holland (5) Robbie Butler, Ted Snipes (7) Ange Beard, Hunt Rowe, Arenia Clough (8) Pattie Tate, Anne Hendry (9) Hulen Hulsey, Irlany Hulsey (10) Leona Hardin, Dorothy Shaffer, Virginia Graf.

**Bloom
Where
You Are
Planted**

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



Plans are nearly complete for our second annual Married Couples Retreat to be held on the weekend of October 10/11 at Camp Deer Run. We have received a number of volunteers from among our members to be volunteer grandparents for the weekend, but we are still in need of two or three more couples. If you can help us, please let me know as soon after you read this as possible. This will be a great service to one of our young couples and a blessing to the church.

I sincerely hope that you have reserved the dates for our gospel meeting beginning this Sunday morning with brother Goebel Music. We are expecting all of our families to be in Bible study that morning and along with visitors who come to have a record attendance. You will miss some great preaching if you miss. Don't forget that the Sunday evening service will be at 7:30 as will each of the evening meetings during the week. The meeting will conclude on Thursday night.

Only one class made the honor roll for 100% attendance this past week. That class was the 4 Year Olds taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and we extend our congratulations to them.

Our new preacher and his wife will be settling into their home at 300 Ridgecrest by the time you read this. We are excited about their coming. Let's give them a great big East Texas reception.

Week before last I had the opportunity to enjoy a one day preacher's workshop on the campus of Abilene Christian University. Dr. John Stevens had the honor of making the concluding speech of the day and he spoke of elements that he had observed in churches that he has visited that are growing. In a world where there seems to be an intense push for justifying worldliness,

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Announcements	F. C. Carpenter	Sept. 20	\$6,290.05
Prayer	Bill Thompson	Sept. 13	8,083.83
Dismiss	Tim Holt	Year Ago	5,136.13
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	F. C. Carpenter	Sept. 20	366
Prayer	Mac McCall	Sept. 13	362
Dismiss	Morris Hallman	Year Ago	390
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
James Phillips	K. Max Haws	Sept. 20	471
Dale Blackstone	Paul Montandon	Sept. 13	537
John Steffee	Matt Haws	Weekly	
Cole Bennett	Trey Hughes	Budget	\$6,200.00
Assistants in Back Foyer			
Bob Zadina	Kevin Womack		
Don Weathers	Harley Turner		
MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, September 27 and Wednesday Evening, Sept. 30 - DALE BLACKSTONE, 595-0130			

Our Records

RESPONSES

Sunday we were happy to welcome Bren and Lois Rothrock, 509 E. Frazier, phone 592-4841. They are the parents of Melissa, 17 months. They formerly worshipped at the Center Street Church of Christ in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Stephanie Griffith, Rt. 19, Box 635, phone 593-7505, came Sunday evening to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Shiloh Road congregation here in Tyler.

Tom Parsons, 705 So. Broadway, #11, came Sunday morning to be restored. We rejoice with Tom and his family.

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HERE AND THERE (continued)
and have been wondering what to do with it, why not join this group each week from 9:00 until 12:00. You don't have to be an expert with a needle to find some useful work with this group. And by the way, congratulations to Modena. She is a member of the local Quilters Guild and serves as one of its officers.

OUR SYMPATHY

A sister to Phil Marts, Sue Fielden, passed away in Frisco, Texas on Tuesday. Funeral services are pending at this time.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. "The Christian Attitude Toward Life and Death."
P. M. "The Changing and the Changeless."

Report of Our Sick

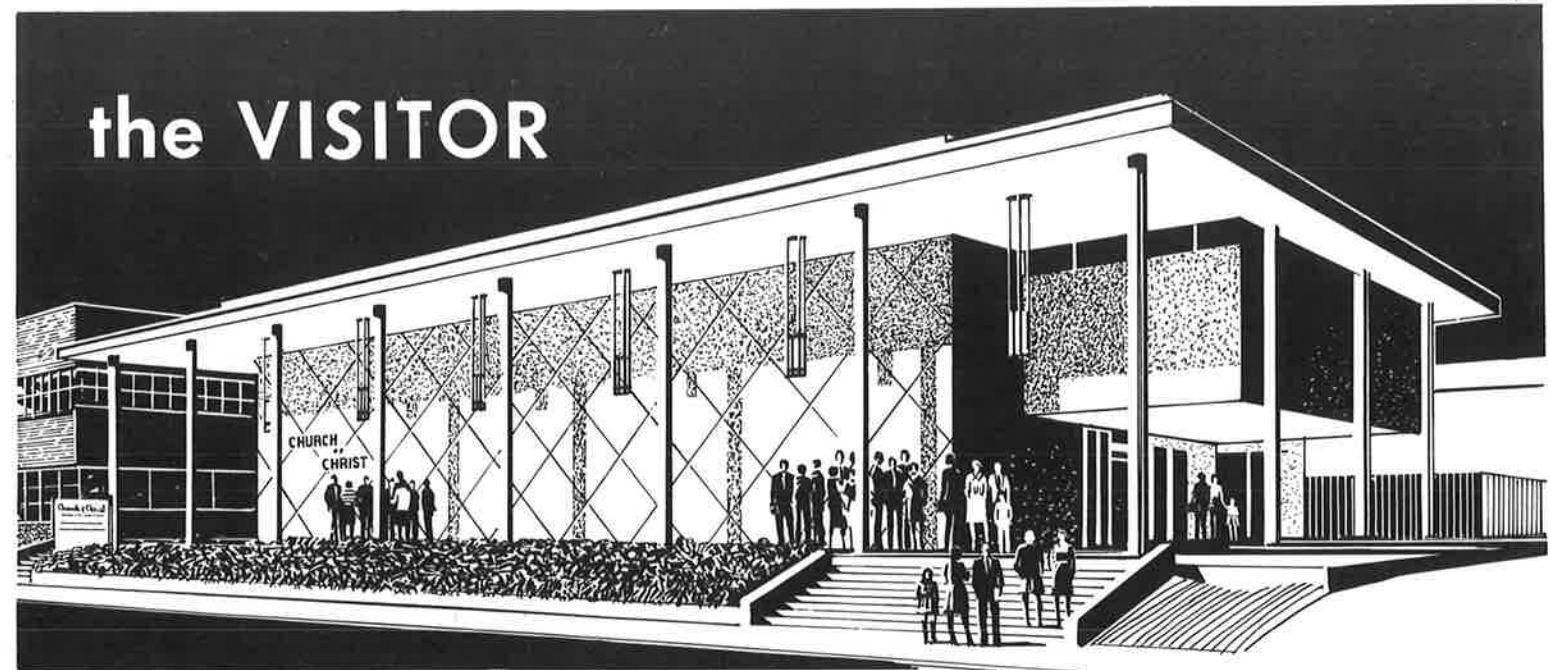
Mrs. Temple, mother of June Walker and Mildred Parris is again hospitalized in Nashville, Tennessee. Her condition has not improved.

Mrs. Velma Lemons' father, who lives in West Texas, is very seriously ill.

Pauline Kennedy has gone home from the Community Hospital. She should not be visitors for a few days.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The West Erwin church is blessed with some very excellent teachers in the various classes for children. Last Sunday morning Jean Oliver and Pauline Aven invited Alice and me to come to a combined meeting of the fourth and fifth grade classes at the beginning of the Bible class period. These fine women and boys and girls presented us with a poster containing pictures of all of them along with expressions of love for us. In the center of the poster is a pledge which the boys and girls recited for us, "I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. A lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." We will always remember this beautiful expression of appreciation and love from these teachers and boys and girls.

It will be wonderful if all of these boys and girls will keep God's Word in their hearts throughout their lives. No one ever went wrong who followed the teaching of God's Word. I shall ever be grateful for parents and teachers who

taught me to love the Bible. The children who come to West Erwin are truly blessed in having splendid teachers who will instill in them a love for the Bible. Thomas Jefferson was right when he said, "I always have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."

Another pleasant experience for us last Sunday was our attending the Family Night with the young people in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday evening worship. We have some very fine young people at West Erwin and I am persuaded that one of the best men anywhere to work with young people is Hillard Hughes. He and Jeanine have done a fantastic work throughout the years. I am thankful that they have been here eleven of the thirteen years we have been here.

Many of the "Brother's Keeper" units will be meeting this Sunday night following worship. I hope that all of you will continue to participate in this fine program of fellowship and activities of the church. If all of the members will encourage other members in their unit this will make for spiritual growth and development.

We hope to see you Sunday for our last day here as your preacher. We hope it will not be farewell, for we hope, the Lord willing, to visit with you on many occasions in the future.

HEAR GOEBEL MUSIC
OCTOBER 4 - 8, 1981

Goebel Music, who preached in a series of meetings for the West Erwin church several years ago, will be preaching in another series of meetings October 4 - 8. Brother Music is well known for his ability both as a speaker and a writer. He has been the speaker for campaigns in a number of places including Beaumont, Texas; Janesville, Wisconsin, and Memphis, Tennessee. He has spoken on Bible lectureships conducted by several Christian Colleges.

Brother Music holds the B. A. and M. A. degrees from Abilene Christian and graduate degree in New Testament from Vanderbilt University. While in Vanderbilt University he won the award for doing the most outstanding work in the field of the New Testament.

Brother Music served as the director of the Texas Tech Bible Chair in Lubbock and associate minister of the Broadway church of Christ for some time. While in Vanderbilt University, he was the preacher for the New Union congregation near Nanchester, Tennessee.

For seventeen years brother Music did an outstanding work as the local evangelist for the Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The church moved into new facilities and became known as the Pleasant Valley church of Christ during Music's ministry. From 1976 to 1980 he preached for the Pearl Street church in Denton. He is now serving as the preacher for the Colleyville, Texas church.

Brother Music has written numerous tracts and booklets. He publishes a Daily Bible Reading Tract which is now in its 21st year. This has been printed in French for two years. He has also contributed numerous articles to various religious papers and magazines.

Brother Music is a native of Elk City, Oklahoma. He is married to the former June Marie Brownrigg of Big Spring. They are the parents of four children: Angela Ruth (Mrs. Larry Crowns), G. G. Jr., Alicia Noreen, and Gaylon Trigg.

We know that brother Music will do some great preaching in the approaching meeting. The success of the meeting, however, depends upon your support in prayers, in attendance and in bringing your friends to the meeting.



GOEBEL MUSIC

TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be an important Teacher's meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. We will meet in the Chapel. We expect all teachers to be present for our first meeting of the fall. We have a large number of new teachers in our program and would like for you to join me in welcoming them into our education program.

WE COMMEND MARK CAUTHEN

Mark Cauthen, one of the young men who grew up in Tyler and at West Erwin, worshipped with us on Sunday, Sept. 13 when he came for a visit with his parents, Faber and Kathryn Cauthen. Mark and his wife and little daughter live in Nashville, Tenn. Mark began his journey back to Nashville on Sunday afternoon. At Ore City he had car trouble. As a result he spent some time with a mechanic who assisted him with the car problems. It was necessary to go to Longview to secure parts. During the hours together, Mark and the man who assisted him discussed the Scriptures. As a result of the time together, Mark baptized the man in Lake of the Pines. We are proud of Mark's faith and his assistance in leading a soul to Christ.

URGENT NEED . . .

Clean sheets (may be old) and pillow cases to be used for bandages. White, pastels and prints are all acceptable. Bring your sheets to the church building at first opportunity.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to thank each one who came to see me. Thank you for the many, many cards and a special thanks to the Young Couples Class for the card with all their signatures. Your interest in my recovery is greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,
Gladys Prater



Bible classes for all ages

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Only a few days separates us from three significant and historical events in the life of the West Erwin congregation. We will have the George Stephenson with us just one more Sunday. Perry and Laree Hall will be moving to join us in the work. And, we have much to look forward to in the meeting beginning on October 4th with brother Goebel Music. Sometimes circumstances have a way of bunching events together as with these things before us and it certainly does make for mixed emotions. We will feel saddened at the leaving of George and Alice, but rejoice that we have such a couple coming as the Halls. And having Goebel Music in a meeting will make for a good transition between them. Let's rejoice that we have enjoyed the past with all its successes and look forward with anticipation to God's blessing us with many successes as we move on into the future.

We will be expecting all our members to remain in town for the weekend the meeting begins, October 4th. That will mean that we will have a record attendance on that Sunday morning for Bible study and worship and another record crowd for each of the evening services. Again, we remind you, this will be an excellent opportunity to invite your friends to hear great gospel preaching, the kind that is filled with conviction but with the strong appeal of love. You will not be embarrassed to invite your friends to hear this man preach.

Every Bible class on Sunday morning, October 4 will be expecting a record number. Don't you dare miss it!

Elaine Roberson and her excellent staff of teachers got another year of the Tuesday School off to a good beginning last Tuesday with an enrollment of 51 and a first day's attendance of 48. It is great to see our building alive with little children who are here to learn about Jesus. We commend this work to you and commend Elaine for her capable leadership.

The West Erwin equivalent of the Women's Sewing Circle is in full swing on Tuesdays. Modena Jones has a good crew of lovely ladies who get together each Tuesday morning and work on quilts, clothing and bandages for the needy. If you have free time

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Announcements Faber Cauthen

Prayer Bill Faulkner

Dismiss J. B. Endsley

Evening Worship

Announcements Faber Cauthen

Prayer Robert Conner

Dismiss Cullen Gilliam

Serving Communion Sunday

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Sept. 6 6,525.39

Year Ago 4,693.12

Bible School

Sept. 13 362

Sept. 6 359

Year Ago 389

Worship

Sept. 13 537

Sept. 6 465

Weekly

Budget 6,200.00

Kevin Womack

Harley Turner



New Members

We are very happy to welcome Roy and Chloe Clark as new members of the West Erwin family. Also, placing membership is Maudie Brown, mother of Mrs. Clark. Their address is 922 N. Azalea Drive, phone 597-9448. They formerly worshipped with the Glenwood congregation here in Tyler.

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Report of Our Sick

Brother Archie Kennard suffered a heart attack last week in Tennessee. He is hospitalized in Indian Path Hospital, room 305, 2000 Brookside Drive, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660. Faye is with him and will remain until he is able to return home. We learned Monday that his condition is improving.

MOVED TO MADISONVILLE

David and Janette Ingram have recently moved to Madisonville, Texas where David is preaching for the church there. Their new address is 310 N. Madison (77864).

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 1981

By George H. Stephenson
A.M. "The Ministry of Deacons"
P.M. "Christ Is Coming"

LIVE A LIFE
SO YOU COULD
SELL YOUR
FAMILY
PARROT
TO THE
TOWN
GOSSIP -
Will Price



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George H. Stephenson

Sunday was a great day for us. We will always remember the very enjoyable reception which we had in the afternoon. We are very grateful to everyone who came to express their love and appreciation for us. Also we appreciate a number who called to express regrets that they would not be able to attend the reception. There were a number who worked to make the occasion a success and to each of them we would like for them to know that we are very grateful.

We were glad to receive a telegram from Perry and Laree Hall which read, "Congratulations for 14 years of faithful service and a wonderful example. God bless you. Love." This was very thoughtful of the Halls and our prayers continue to be with them as they plan to make their move to Tyler to work with you. We feel unworthy of all the kind words which have been said to us. The recent tribute in the bulletin from the elders is deeply appreciated.

We regret that we will not be here when Goebel Music preaches in the meeting which is scheduled for October 4 through October 8. I have known Goebel for many years. I first met him when I was preaching for the Broadway church in Lubbock and he was the director of the Bible Chair at Texas Tech. He has had a distinguished career as a gospel preacher. He was with us at West Erwin in a gospel meeting a few years ago. I hope that you are praying for the meeting and that you are planning to be present for each service.

Names of men who are prospective deacons were presented to the congregation last Sunday. Any Scriptural objections to the men should be presented to the elders. If the men meet the approval of the congregation they will be officially recognized on September 30 as additional deacons for the West Erwin Church. The elders have requested that I preach a sermon on this Sunday in regard to the qualifications of deacons. Those qualifications are given to us in I Timothy 3:9-13. It would be good for you to read these verses carefully and be better prepared for Sunday's sermon. Elders and deacons have a great work to do, but every member should realize that he or she may be a faithful worker for the Lord even if one does not have an "official position" in the church. All of us have the privilege of being "workers together with the Lord," (2 Cor. 6:1).

Editorial:

"... If anyone has insight let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666" (Rev. 13:18)

Troubled by "666"

It's amazing how people can compile "data" to support their fantasies. One of these involves the number "666." Mentioned only in Rev. 13:18, "666" was the arch enemy of the early Christians.

But today some have found many places that the number appears, and they've concluded that this means the world is about to end. In the book, **When Money Fails . . . the "666 System" is Here**, Dr. Mary Relfe noted these uses of "666" today:

World Bank Code Number is "666"

Shoes made in European Common Market have stamped inside the label "666"

Tanks built by Chrysler have on their side "666"

Arab owned vehicles in Jerusalem have license plates with prefix "666" (So they can quickly identify Arabs in the event of a war.)

Overseas telephone operator number from Israel is "666"

And the list goes on and on . . .

Dr. Relfe noted that each generation seems to have a candidate for "Mr. 666." Among those were the Caesars, the Popes, Hitler, etc. She concluded: "After giving much time to studying the scriptural qualifications, characteristics, and prerequisites, my present assessment is that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt is either history's nearest prototype or the real 'Mr. 666'."

Sometimes people can get so caught up in a study that their minds run wild. What was the importance of "666" in Rev. 13:18, and what does it mean? Three observations:

1. **Six was an Evil Number.** Homer Hailey "... to the Jews the number six was an omen or symbol of dread and doom, so when tripled—666—it represented the completeness of doom and failure."

2. **Who Received This Message About "666"?** It was the suffering NT church. What was the purpose in telling them about Awar Sadat who'd live almost 2,000 years later? "666" was telling them about the terrible trouble they would have — probably from either the Emperor or the Roman Empire as a whole.

3. **Do Not Get Upset.** No one knows for sure about "666." No matter how many times you can find it on ships, car tags, etc., it does not signal the end. God is still in control and in Jesus there is victory. Do not let speculators upset you.

Dick Marcear



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (21) Alma Faye Price (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, G. C. Wright, Barry Hamblett, Jewell Gann, Rhonda Haws, (23) Martha Powell (25) Dewey Frederick (26) Blanche Rountree, Marty Mallory, Dan Magee

FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday evening, September 20, the young people and their parents will enjoy Family Night together in the Fellowship Hall following the evening worship hour.

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

we need you!



in Bible School!

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Our "goodbye" reception for George and Alice on Sunday afternoon was a beautiful affair. So many helped to make it just the right occasion for all of those who love these dear people to spend a few minutes telling them so.

Even though they will be with us for two more weeks, we were made to realize just how near their leaving really is. We will miss this godly couple!

Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard in decorating and preparing food and serving as gracious hostesses. We have so many talented ladies to be thankful for.

By the time you receive this, our Ladies' Class will have had its first session for this fall. We had announced earlier that we would be studying the book of Romans, but since it is also the topic of study in our Sunday morning class, which many of our young ladies attend, we changed our study to a series of lessons entitled "Better Than Medicine." We believe that this will be an enjoyable and profitable study. If you had decided not to come to ladies class because it was a duplicate study, we invite you to begin next week.

Our Gospel Meeting with Goebel Music is just a short time away from its beginning. We are looking forward to some great gospel preaching and we encourage all of the West Erwin members to place this meeting high on your list of priorities. It will be an excellent opportunity to invite those special friends to hear the gospel.

Congratulations to the Four Year Old Class taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee. They have had 100% attendance for the past two Sunday mornings.

Those who attended the first fall meeting of the Young at Heart certainly had a good time last Thursday evening as they were entertained by Bill Faulkner. I understand that one dignified guest was a bit frightened by some surprise snakes. Our thanks to Bill for providing the entertainment. Isn't he good? The next meeting will be October 1.

Serving Sunday

Our Records

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Dismiss	Henry McRuiz	Year Ago	5,360.54
Evening Worship		Bible School	
Announcements	Roger Knight	Sept. 6	359
Prayer	George Kester	Aug. 30	405
Dismiss	Wyndal Miller	Year Ago	379
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Hillard Hughes	Louis Jones	Sept. 6	465
Shannon Hughes	Jeff Jones	Aug. 30	517
Stan Mallory	Don Weathers	Weekly	
Leslie Mallory Wynne Weathers	Budget	6,200.00	
Assistants in Back Foyer			

Wayne Fears Jim Franklin
 Tim Holt Leslie Carruth
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, September 13 and Wednesday Evening, Sept. 16 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627

And the Lord Added

Melody Parsons, a 6th grade student, was baptized into Christ on Sunday. She is the daughter of Tom Parsons and the granddaughter of T. J. and Christine Parsons. We rejoice with them.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by George H. Stephenson
 A.M. "The Christian Attitude Toward Marriage."
 P.M. "What Is That In Thine Hand?"

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held in Kress, Texas on Wednesday for Crutch Skipworth, brother-in-law to C. E. Caskey. He passed away in Canyon, Texas.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (13) L. L. Prater (16) Meredith Womack (18) Raquel Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic, Debbie Bynum (19) Constance Berry

ABOUT SUNDAY AFTERNOON...

Ladies, if you have been asked to bring cookies for the reception on Sunday afternoon, be sure to have them at the Fellowship Hall between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

There will be a short program at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon during the reception for the Stephensons.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here one day next week. Their special needs are: instant pudding, chili, dish-washing detergent, laundry detergent and pickles. Of course, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

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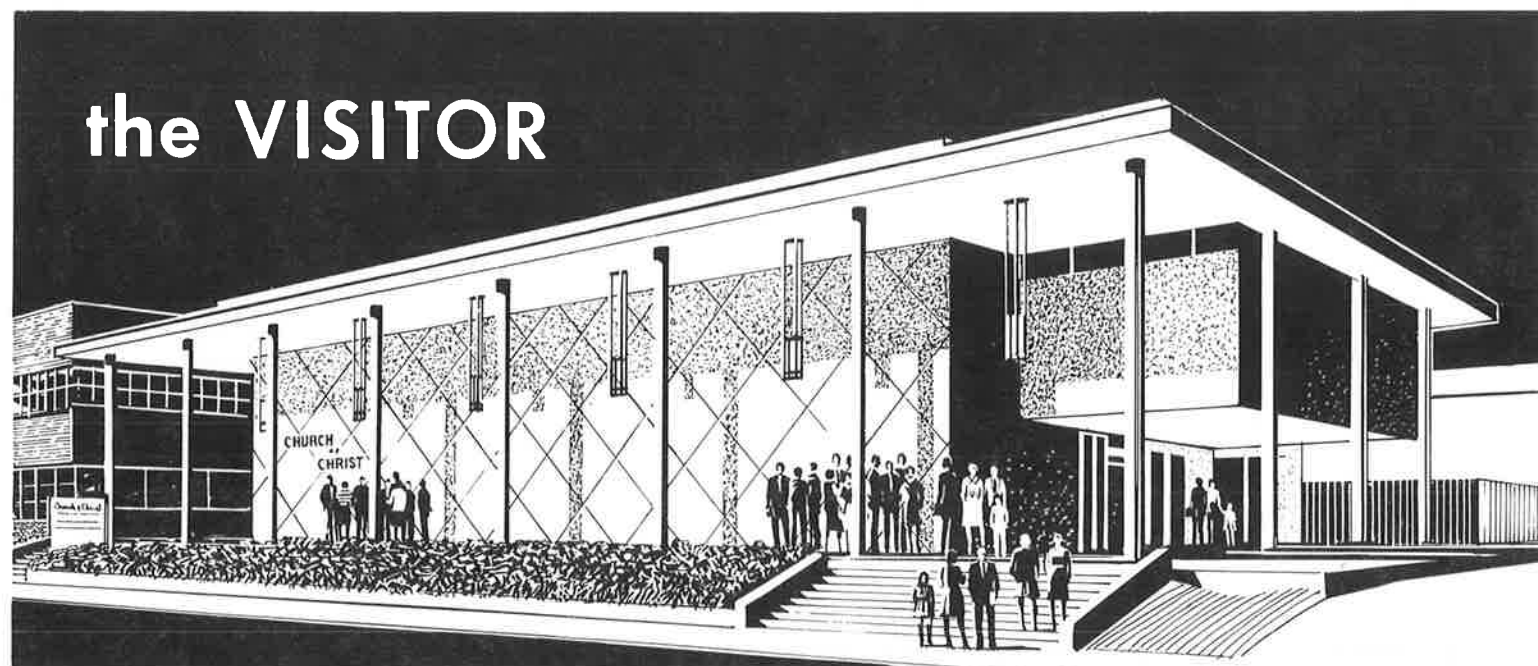
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GOSPEL MEETING

OCTOBER 4 through 8

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

In a recent telephone conversation with Neil Gallagher, our missionary in Rhode Island, he was very complimentary of West Erwin's "new" preacher, Perry Hall. When brother Hall was preaching in Arlington, brother Gallagher was acquainted with him and his work. We are very grateful to Neil for sending us a copy of his dissertation which Neil wrote in order to receive the Ph D. degree from Brown University. Neil's dissertation is entitled, "The Concept of Blame." We do appreciate his sharing with us this excellent material.

This Sunday morning our topic will be "The Christian Attitude Toward Marriage." This is a continuation of our series of sermons on attitudes. As most of you know it has been my practice to preach a sermon on marriage every year in September. I began this custom on our tenth wedding anniversary. On this September 15 we will observe our forty fifth wedding anniversary. The only time I have missed preaching

on marriage in September was in 1979 when I was in the hospital awaiting heart surgery. With the growing rate of marriage ending in divorce and with the continued decline of respect for God's Word in its teaching concerning marriage and the home, we surely need to be reminded of our responsibilities in making marriage a success. I have often told couples for whom I have performed marriages that I hoped that their marriages would be just as happy as ours has been. I have also said many times that any marriage will be successful if both partners will have a genuine love for each other and a love for the Lord. The love for one another is more than an emotion, although our emotions are certainly involved. It is the love described in I Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (New International Version). We should also have a love for God which will lead us to worship Him and serve Him. This formula for success in marriage is so simple yet so important. We are glad to have the opportunity to preach once more on this topic.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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You are cordially invited to attend a reception in honor of George and Alice Stephenson on Sunday afternoon, September 13 from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock in our Fellowship Hall. We will be joining with friends from Tyler and East Texas to express our gratitude and love for this wonderful couple and to pay our respect for their years of dedicated service.

George and Alice will be retiring from local work and moving from Tyler to Collinsville, Texas on October 1.

FEEL LEFT OUT?

When it is announced at the assembly that someone is sick, do you: Send them a card? Offer help? Organize help, if necessary? Visit them at the hospital? Get irritated with announcements about people you don't even know?

When a work day is planned, do you: Arrange your plans so you can be there? Look for ways you can contribute to the upkeep and improvement for the building (not only on work days)? Always manage to be "too busy" because it is your only day off?

When new souls are added to the Lord, do you: Introduce yourself and welcome them? Visit and encourage them? Ignore them and hurry away?

When you think there isn't enough social activity, do you: Invite groups of Christians into your home? Plan and carry out recreational activities for either adults or children? Offer to supply transportation or help for activities which others plan? Complain that no one is doing anything?

When no one seems friendly, do you: Become a friend to someone in need? Make it your place to greet visitors? Invite people to your home who are weak? Look for another church?

When Bible classes are provided, do you: Attend faithfully and encourage others to do so? Prepare your lesson? Contribute to the class discussion with comments or by asking questions? Sit with your mouth shut waiting for the class to be more interesting than it was last time?

When someone is absent from the assembly, do you: Call to find out why? Exhort and encourage them? Offer transportation when needed? Ever notice that they are missing?

When there is a Gospel Meeting, do you: Help advertise the meeting? Invite others to come? Exhort members to attend? Invite the guest preacher into your home for a meal or Bible Study? Support the effort with your attendance? Ignore the whole thing?

Now, from what activity do you feel you have been excluded?

... Rodney M. Miller

*Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Paul
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Jeana Elizabeth

to

*Mr. Bret Allan Turpley
on Friday, the eleventh of September
nineteen hundred and eighty-one*

at half past seven o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

*Reception following
Fellowship Hall*

Thank You

Thank you for helping me through my surgery! Your Prayers, Concern, Cards, Phone calls, Visits, Books, Gifts and the Food that was brought to the house, gave me no choice but to get well. The best medicine I had was your Christian Love!

Esther Kester

I appreciate your cards, calls and visits while I was hospitalized. We especially appreciate the special attention I received from the young people of the congregation.

Doc Wright

Thank you all so much for all the cards, calls and visits after Caysi was born. Thank you also for the food that was brought after we returned home. We are so lucky to have such fine Christian friends.

Jay, Debbie and Caysi Bynum

**The one thing worse than a quitter
is the man who is afraid to start.**

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



Our new Young Couples Class had a good beginning this past Sunday in spite of a large number of our folks being away for the weekend. I am confident that this will be one of our fastest growing adult classes with the capable teaching of Hillard Hughes. If you fit into the Young Married Couples age group, you will enjoy this new class.

We approach the end of this month with extremely mixed emotions. Next Sunday afternoon will be a time of rejoicing as we express our thanks to George and Alice for their years of dedicated service to the West Erwin church. We will hate to see them go. But, in spite of the sadness that their going brings, we also rejoice at the coming of the Perry Hall family to join hands with us in the work. When a church has had only three preachers in thirty years, a change is a historic event. Keep the Stephensons and the Halls in your prayers as they make these significant changes in their lives.

Our married couples will enjoy their second annual weekend retreat on the weekend of October 10/11. Royce Money of Abilene Christian University will be with us as our guest speaker for this event. He recently joined the staff at ACU working with the new department headed by Dr. Paul Faulkner on Family Relations. We're looking forward to this weekend of fun, fellowship and learning.

Since a number of our married couples do not have parents living nearby, we will ask as we did last year for volunteer substitute grandparents. If you would like to help us with this worthy project, please let me know that you will be one of those volunteers. It will require the keeping of children (as grandparents would do) for one Saturday night, October 10. Our retreat will end with lunch on Sunday and we will be back by 3:00 p.m. We have a larger number of couples who will need help this year since so many have come to us from other cities. Let me know if you can help.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Jay Bynum
 Dismiss Leslie Carruth
Evening Worship
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Joe Carroll
 Dismiss C. E. Caskey
Serving Communion Sunday
 Hillard Hughes Louis Jones
 Shannon Hughes Jeff Jones
 Stan Mallory Don Weathers
 Leslie Mallory Wynne Weathers
Assistants in Back Foyer

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 Year Ago 4,709.08
Bible School
 Aug. 30 405
 Aug. 23 403
 Year Ago 386
Worship
 Aug. 30 517
 Aug. 23 543
 Weekly
 Budget \$6,200.00

Wayne Fears Jim Franklin
 Tim Holt Leslie Carruth
MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, September 6 and Wednesday, September 9, EARL O'QUINN - 561-0671

And the Lord Added

Monday morning brother Stephenson baptized A. O. (Art) Rowland into Christ. He has attended worship here regularly with his wife, Martha Jo. We are happy to welcome Art into the fellowship of West Erwin.



SUNDAY, September 6, 1981
 By George H. Stephenson

10:30 A.M. "The Christian Attitude
 Toward Money"
 6:00 P.M. "The Resurrection"

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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Report of Our Sick

Mrs. L. L. Prater is a patient in Community Hospital.

Doc Wright and Larry Carroll were both hospitalized in Community Hospital early in the week but are now at home.

Mrs. Temple, mother of June Walker and Mildred Parris, was scheduled to have a pacemaker implanted on Monday.



Ladies Class

September 16
 10:00 A.M.

Study in Romans
C O M E !

Wes Price, Teacher

we need you!



in Bible School!

"AND THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK"

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The coming of September reminds us that the summer time will soon be over and that the fall season will soon be here. Vacation season for many has ended. Children have already been in school for some time. Now we see an increase in all of the activities of the church. The workers in the benevolent program have resumed their work. Soon the Tuesday School and the Ladies' Wednesday Class will be resumed. Plans are going forward for the arrival of Perry Hall and his wife, Laree, as they begin their work here on October 1. Also, the church is looking forward to the meeting with Goebel Music October 4 through October 8. This is going to be a great time for West Erwin.

We are most grateful for the continued interest shown by the church this summer. We have not experienced a "summer slump." We have had good attendance, good contributions, and a number have

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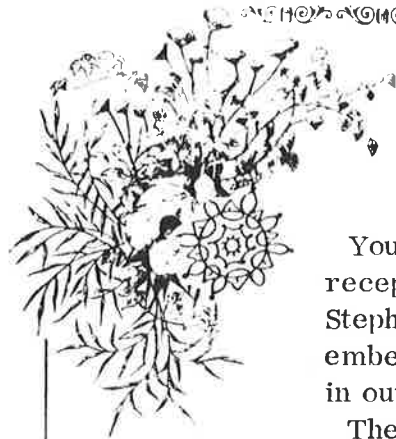
FROM THE ELDERS

We want to take this opportunity to express, in the most humble way we know, our praise to a dedicated Christian who has made outstanding contributions to this church. In addition to his contributions here, his work has been a source of good wherever he has been in the past; and we are confident his influence for good will continue in the future.

It has been a genuine pleasure for the elders of the West Erwin Church to work with brother George Stephenson. Although on some occasions the elders may not have made the most popular decisions, we have made every effort to always be consistent with the dictates of the Bible. Brother Stephenson has always displayed a spirit of understanding and cooperation without compromising the truth.

We feel a great indebtedness to George for his work in the Lord's Kingdom especially since he has spent his life on a day to day schedule for the Cause of Christ. We are constantly reminded of the pleasure of associating with brother Stephenson, who has so ably performed this service for more than thirteen years at West Erwin. His knowledge, wisdom, and humbleness has been exercised in every waking moment and his dedication to the Cause of Christ is unquestionable.

We know that Alice has been a great inspiration to George, and with her by his side he has accomplished many things to a greater degree. We will always consider George and Alice a part of our family at West Erwin.



You are cordially invited to attend a reception honoring George and Alice Stephenson on Sunday afternoon, September 13 from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock in our Fellowship Hall.

The Stephensons, who are retiring from local church work, will be moving from Tyler to Collinsville, Texas on October 1, 1981.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued from page 1)

come to worship with us. As we contemplate our approaching move, it makes us happy to see the fine spirit which prevails in West Erwin at this time.

I have enjoyed the study on attitudes which we have presented in recent weeks. I appreciate the favorable comments I have received concerning these sermons. I feel that it is most important for us to get rid of negative attitudes and to cultivate those attitudes which should characterize all who wear the name of Christ. Some of the sharpest criticism Jesus made was toward those with wrong attitudes. The "prodigal son" did wrong in his life of sin away from his father's house, but the elder brother did

wrong by manifesting a wrong attitude. All of us need the Lord's help in our efforts to cultivate right thoughts and attitudes.

There will be three more lessons in this series: "The Right Attitude Toward Money;" "The Right Attitude Toward Marriage;" and "The Right Attitude Toward Life and Death." We hope that you will be here to hear these sermons as well as the sermons on Sunday nights.

The Herald of Truth television program is now on Channel 7 each Sunday morning at 6:30. You will find it worthwhile to get up early to view this outstanding telecast. And be sure to see the Amazing Grace Bible Class at 8:00 A.M.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (6) Dollie Sutton, W. H. Wright, Clara Sims (7) Dick Higginbotham, Moselle White (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, Jeff Munn (12) Lola Wright

Thank You

We want to thank you for your expressions of sympathy after the death of our niece in Lubbock. We appreciate your concern.
Virginia and David Demie

Thank you so much for all the visits, cards, food and most of all for your prayers while I was away from you and ill.
Pauline Fuller

We thank you so much for the cakes and cookies you brought to Boles Home children. We love every one of you for sharing your time and food with the children in care at Boles. You continue to warm our hearts with the good things you do for the children. Thank you again and may the Lord bless each of you and supply your every need.
Larrie Cantrell
for Boles Home

Congratulations

Larry and Judy Ballard are the happy parents of a baby boy born in Mother Frances Hospital on Monday. The Ballards will soon be living in Natchitoches, La.

MOVED TO FORT WORTH

Ed and Vernon Naul are now living in Fort Worth near her brother. Their address is 4317 Panola St. (76103). We pray that they will be blessed with improved health.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



By the time Sunday, September 6, has passed we will be off and running on our new schedule for the fall. Let me mention again those new classes to begin on that date: Hillard Hughes will begin a Young Married Couples Class to meet in room 107 studying the book of Proverbs. The High School Department will be divided into three classes: Class 1, Salvation, taught by Milburn Cook and Louis Jones will meet in room 303; Class 2, Christian Living, taught by Dick Higginbotham and George Kester will meet in room 306; and Class 3, Other Religions, taught by Joe McBee and Bill Faulkner will meet in room 302. The High School students have already been assigned to their classes, but in case you have forgotten, please check with Hillard Hughes.

Other changes in the Sunday morning classes include new teachers for the Junior High Students: Phil Marts and Leon Welborn and Tony Adams joining Ron Lott on Wednesday night.

The Sunday morning Young Singles Class will also have a new co-teacher joining Dannie Skipper, David Burkholder.

Join me in welcoming these new teachers to our Bible School Program.

Congratulations are in order this week for our lone 100% attendance class - the 5 year-olds taught by Cathy Hallman and Melinda O'Quinn.

All the ladies of the congregation will be interested in the beginning date for our Fall Ladies Class. It is set for September 16 and will meet at the usual time, 10:00 a.m. We will be studying the book of Romans. We will be having our first luncheon on that date as well, so make your plans to attend.

The Young at Heart will have its first fall meeting on Thursday night, September 10, in our Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy Bill Faulkner's magic show. Make your plans to be present. More will be said in our announcements on Sunday.

ANNOUNCING
GOSPEL
MEETING

October 4 - 8
Goebel Music, Evangelist

HAPPINESS

FIVE THINGS

IF YOUR LIPS WOULD KEEP FROM SLIPS,
FIVE THINGS OBSERVE WITH CARE:
TO WHOM YOU SPEAK, OF WHOM YOU
SPEAK, AND HOW AND WHEN AND
WHERE.
IF YOUR EARS WOULD KEEP FROM JEERS,
THESE THINGS KEEP MEEKLY HID:
MYSELF AND ME, OR MY AND MINE, AND
HOW I DO OR DID.

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 Prayer K. Max Haws
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 Henry McRuiz Marc Lemons
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, August 30 and Wednesday
 evening, September 2 - BILL FAULKNER, 839-7273.



for
 Sunday,
 August 30, 1981

By George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A.M. "The Christian Attitude Toward Trials."
 6:00 P.M. "What It Means To Be In Christ."

**Sometimes the Lord calms the storm;
 sometimes He lets the storm rage and
 calms His child.**

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Thank You

I want to thank you for the many kindnesses - the food, flowers, calls, and visits while I was hospitalized and since returning home. We are especially grateful to those who were so helpful at the time of my injury.
 Mrs. John Brem

News and Notes

The Ladies' Bible Class will resume on Wednesday, September 16 at ten o'clock. Wes Price will be teaching the book of Romans. All ladies of the congregation who do not work away from home are encouraged to be present.

Larry and Judy Ballard, who moved here in June from Mineola, Texas have moved to Natchitoches, Louisiana. We hope they will be happy in their new home.

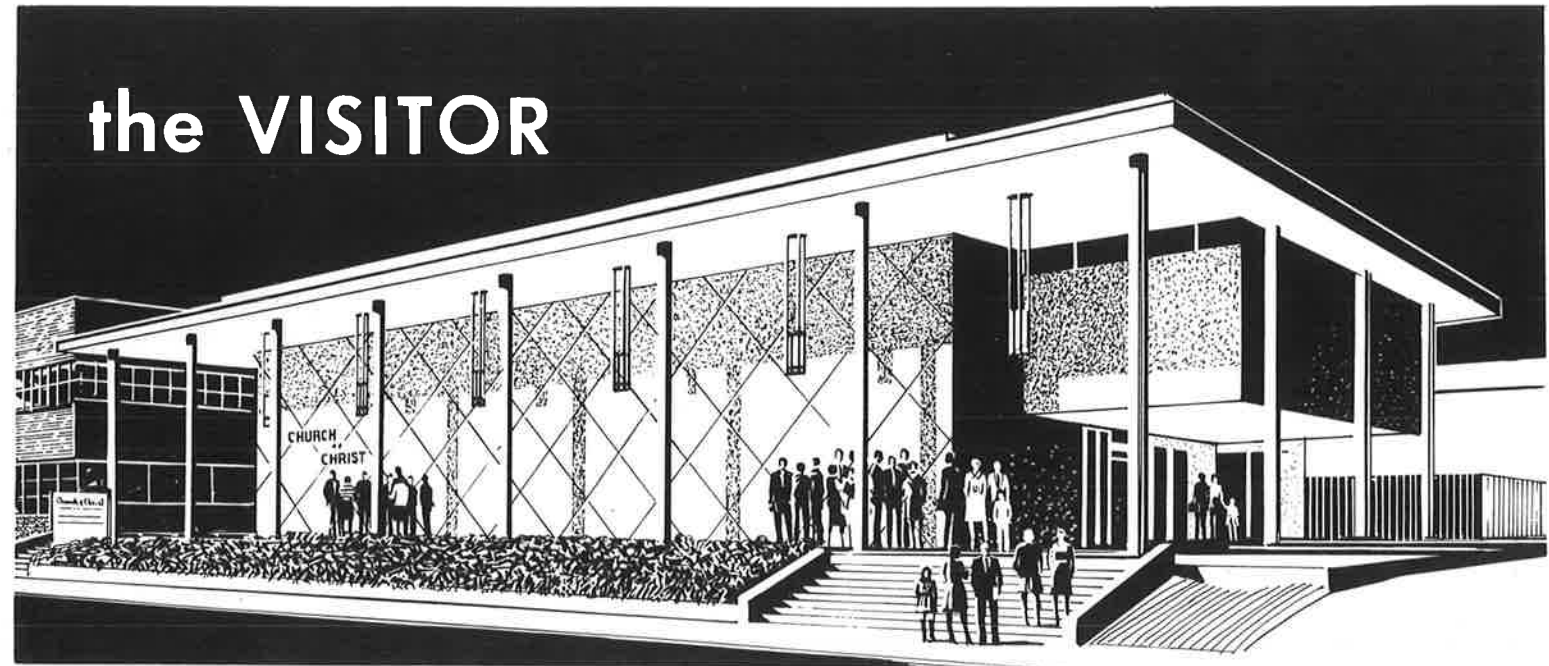
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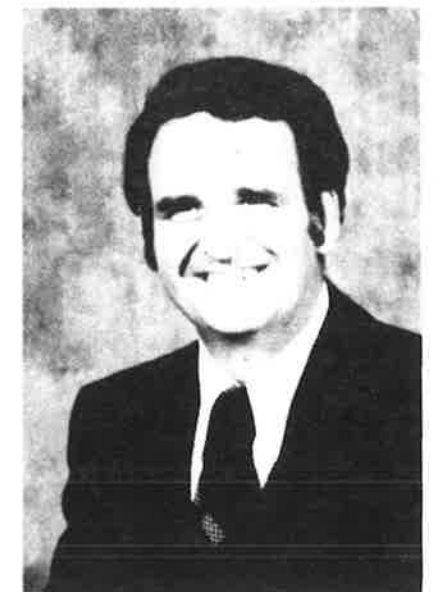
George H. Stephenson

PERRY HALL COMING TO WEST ERWIN

Perry Hall has accepted the invitation of the elders to become the pulpit minister for the West Erwin Church. He will assume his new duties October 1 after serving for seven years as the preacher for the University church in Denton.

Brother Hall comes to West Erwin highly recommended by those who know him. His character is above reproach. He loves the Bible and enjoys preaching it. He has a lovely wife, the former Laree Hartsell, who encourages her husband in the work of the Lord. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter all of whom are now grown with homes of their own.

Brother Hall received training in Decatur Baptist College, Fort Worth Christian College, Abilen Christian University, and the University of Texas at Arlington. In addition to his ministry with the University church in Denton, he has served as the local evangelist for congregations in Bridgeport, Springtown, and Arlington. He also spent some time in mission work in La Crosse, Wisconsin.



Perry Hall

(continued inside)

Gift Tea

honoring
Jeana Paul
bride-elect of
Bret Tarpley

Saturday, August 29, 1981 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Home of Mrs. Jim Paul
824 Woodhall Court
Woodbridge

Selections: Johnson's & Cardale's

CARL AND RUTH BELL TO MOVE

Our prayers go with Carl and Ruth Bell as they leave Tyler and move to Sunnyvale, Texas (near Mesquite) on Friday of this week. They will be living in an apartment prepared for them in the home of their son Randolph, and his wife and children. The Bells have been members of the West Erwin family for many, many years. They have numerous relatives here. We regret to see them leave, but we want to express our love and best wishes as they make this change in their lives. Their new address will be 227 Mansfield - Sunnyvale, Texas 75182.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



With the beginning of school, our families will be settling down to a more predictable schedule as far as weekends are concerned. With the exception of the final weekend fling of Labor Day, this ought to mean that our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes will have increased attendance. It can mean increased attendance if every father and mother will determine that this is an important and necessary part of the family routine. I never cease to be amazed at parents who, as they see their children establish homes of their own, wonder why they are not as faithful in their religious devotion as they ought to be. Let's set them the proper example and develop the routine of faithfulness.

I know you will want to join me in congratulating our elders in the selection of brother Perry Hall of Denton to be our new pulpit minister. I'm sure they are glad that the search is finally over and that a man of brother Hall's ability has been secured. We are all looking forward to having the Hall family with us and we look forward to an enthusiastic work with them.

Now, with the selection of a new minister, that does not mean we can sit back and do nothing until he arrives. Indeed, it means that there is even a greater need for us to do even more so that his coming will be made easier by our giving attention to areas of work that we can and should look after. And our more zealous work now will also serve as a gesture of love and respect to George and Alice as they come to the end of a long and successful work in the Kingdom. Let's show honor to both these families and above all to the Lord by doing our part. And, if you have not played your part in so long you have forgotten it, just let me know and I'll refresh your memory.

We are happy to announce the beginning of a new adult class on Wednesday night. Ben Young will be taking the class that Stan Mallory is now teaching and will be engaging in a new study, "The Christian Influence." This class will meet in the same room and

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Thank You

We want to express our thanks to B. B. and Ann Lambert for taking the cakes and cookies to the Boles Home last Thursday. They reported that the generous supply baked by the ladies here were greeted with enthusiasm by everyone at the home. The Lamberts have delivered the baked items annually for a number of years, and we appreciate them for their good work.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (30) Kerri Hallman (31) Jan Cook
SEPTEMBER (1) Duane Hendrix (2) Denton Phillips, John Teague, Audrey O'Bannon (3) Kenny McRuiz (4) Leona McElroy, Modena Jones, Dale Duncan (5) Homer Williamson, Chris Starnes

HERE AND THERE (continued)

we encourage any who would like to join this new study on Wednesday night, September 3.

So that you can't say we didn't give you advance notice for proper scheduling, mark your calendar right now for the coming meeting with Goebel Music. It will begin on Sunday, October 4 and continue through Thursday night, October 8. We will be hearing some great preaching. You can count on it!

Just in case some of our Young Married Couples forget, one more reminder about our class picnic on this Saturday, August 29. We will meet at the building at 2:30 p. m. and go by bus to Hide-A-Way park. If there is some reason you can't ride with us on the bus, just let me know so I can make arrangements for you to get in the main gate at the park. Each family is to bring a picnic lunch along with soft drinks, and we will share it together.

Our new High School Classes will meet as follows:

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Class #2 - Christian Living, taught by Dick Higginbotham, Room 306.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued)

I hope that all of you will be praying for the Halls and that you will give them a hearty welcome when they arrive in Tyler. The church has been good to us and I know that you will be good to the Halls. It speaks well for West Erwin that you have had only three pulpit ministers in the last thirty years. Alice and I will ever be grateful that we have been privileged to be with you for thirteen of those years.

We look forward to the remaining five Sundays I will be preaching for you. Of course, we have many mixed emotions about the change which will soon occur in our lives. We are going to miss our wonderful friends here. We hope that

we may have many opportunities to be back in Tyler and to visit with you. We are thankful for the fine spirit at West Erwin at the present and are praying that it will continue. I feel that much credit for this is due to the work of Wes Price and Hillard Hughes. Of course, we are indebted to many others - to the elders, deacons, Bible School teachers, and all who are giving of their time and talents for the Lord's work here. Please continue to pray for us. The Lord has abundantly blessed our lives in the past, and we trust that our future will be blessed with continued opportunities for usefulness.

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FILM SERIES

The Glenwood Church of Christ will be showing the "Marriage Enrichment Film Series" produced by Carl Brecheen and Paul Faulkner of ACU this fall. A brochure is posted in the South Foyer with information concerning dates and subject matter.

When you know you've got humility, you've lost it.

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 Year Ago 385
 Worship
 August 16 494
 August 9 596
 Weekly
 Budget \$6,200.00

Assistants in Back Foyer

DeRay Bennett Harold Browning
 Henry McRuiz Marc Lemons

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, August 23 and Wednesday evening, August 26 - RONNY JONES, 877-3053

Welcome



We are happy to welcome Vern and Nancy Johnson and their children as new members of the West Erwin Family. Vern works for Gulf States United Telephone Co. and Nancy is a homemaker. Their twin boys, Doug and Drew, are five years old and will be in Kindergarten this year. Clint is 11 and in the 6th grade. Brad is 9 and in the 4th grade, and is a member of the church. The Johnsons recently moved here from Indiana. Their address is, Rt. 1 - 4 Estate Circle, Flint, Texas 75762 - Telephone 894-6876.

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New Baby

Jeremy and Jonathan Burkholder have a new baby brother, Jeffrey Wayne. He was born Tuesday in Community Hospital to David and Renea Burkholder. He weighed 9 lb and 11 oz. and is 21 inches long.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning for brother Titus Holland. Burial was in Houston. We express our sympathy to his many relatives here in Tyler and to his sons in Houston and in Arlington.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. John Brem suffered a compound fracture of an ankle Sunday morning after worship. She underwent surgery Saturday afternoon in Medical Center Hospital. She hopes to go home in a few days.

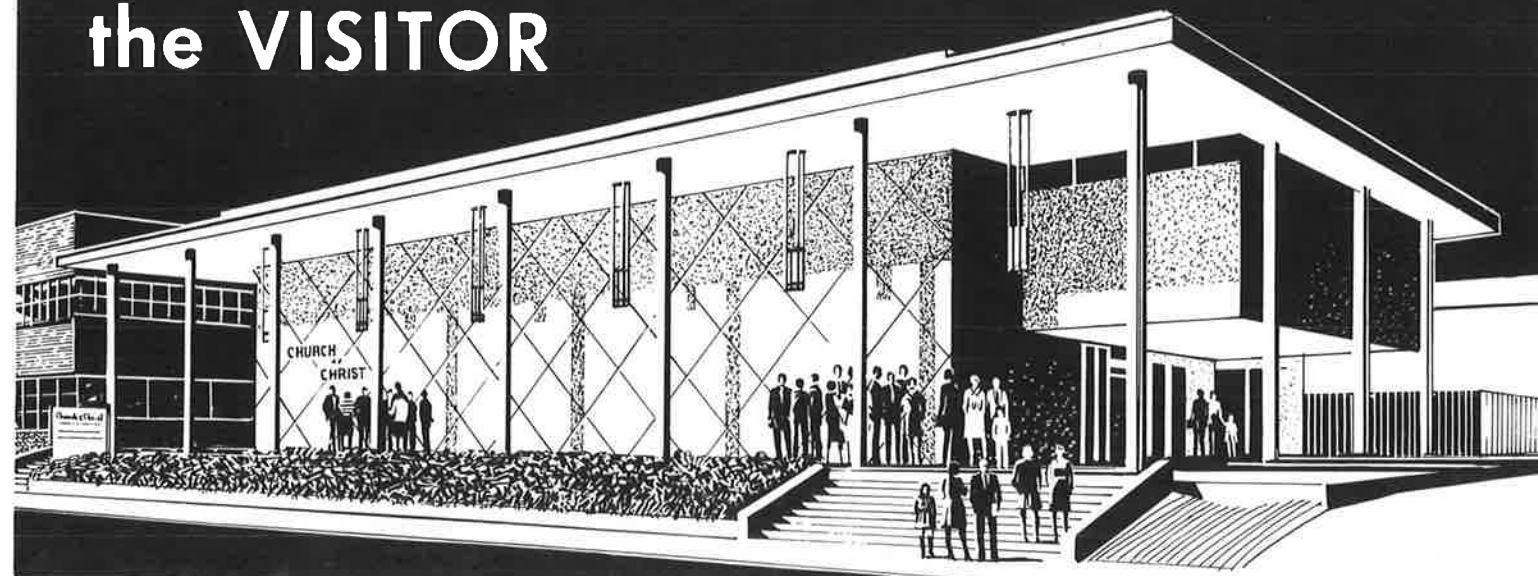
Mrs. Temple, mother of Mrs. Mildred Parris and Mrs. Ross Walker, suffered a stroke Wednesday and is hospitalized in Nashville, Tennessee.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. "The Christian Attitude Toward Others."
 P.M. "How Great Thou Art."

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I am a regular subscriber to the weekly Whitesboro News Record which tells of the news of Whitesboro and our home town of Collinsville and other small towns in western Grayson County. I was interested in a news item which appeared in the paper last week telling about the offer for sale of the First Christian Church building in Whitesboro. There was a picture of the building along with the article which told how no one now meets in the building. The church has continually declined in membership until now there are no members left.

The First Christian Church building now for sale was a lovely stone edifice and the finest church building in Whitesboro when it was erected in 1906. This church grew out of the Restoration movement of the nineteenth century. Instrumental music in worship and other innovations came into the church and it became known as the First Christian Church. For some time there was no congregation left in Whitesboro of those who opposed the innovations of the Christian Church. Years later a small group began to

meet and once again there was a New Testament church meeting in the town of Whitesboro. Today there is a thriving congregation in the town which is growing in spite of many handicaps of the past. The Christian church died. It had no distinctive plea. It departed from its Biblical teaching and preaching.

The church must ever maintain doctrinal purity if it is to survive. The bulletin from the church in Mineola has an interesting article which appeared in the Gospel Advocate in May of 1968. It was submitted by Alan E. Highers and records a conversation between two pioneer preachers, Jesse P. Sewell and J. W. McGarvey.

"The following incident in the life of brother J. W. McGarvey was told by brother Jesse P. Sewell. Although it happened more than sixty years ago these words of warning from the grand old man are very timely. Brother Sewell said:

"In January, 1902 or 1903, I was preaching for the Pearl and Bryan Streets Church in Dallas. Brother McGarvey, an old man at the time, was invited to speak at Central Christian Church in Dallas. We had three men in the Pearl and Bryan Streets Church who had graduated from the College of the Bible in Lexington, under brother McGarvey, and they were great admirers of him. They suggested that we invite brother McGarvey to preach at Pearl and Bryan that night. We did so. I was just a boy of

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

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twenty four or twenty five then. I was sitting beside this great old man on the front seat waiting for the service to begin. As we sat there talking, brother McGarvey said to me, 'Brother Sewell, I want to say something to you, if you'll accept it in the spirit in which I mean it.' I told him I'd appreciate anything he had to say to me. He said about these words, 'You are on the right road, and whatever you do, don't let anybody persuade you that you can successfully combat error by following it and going along with it. I have tried. I believed at the start that was the only way to do it. I've never held membership in a congregation that uses instrumental music. I have, however, accepted invitations to preach without distinction between Churches that used it and Churches that didn't. I've gone along with their papers and magazines and things of that sort. During all these years I have taught the truth as the New Testament teaches it to every young preacher who has passed through College of the Bible. Yet, I do not know of more than six of these young men who are preaching the truth today! He said, 'It won't work.'"

Brother Highers concluded, "That experience has been an inspiration to me all the days of my life since. It has helped me, when I was ever tempted to turn aside and go along with error, to remember the warning of this great old man."



Get Smart

Be In Bible Class Sunday
Bring The Whole Family
Bring Your Bibles
Be On Time

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

Every week we receive a number of letters in response to the Amazing Grace Bible Class. We want to share the following letter with you which came from Mt. Pleasant:

"I have enjoyed the Bible study so very much. I have been a member of the church for fifty four years. Have had six courses of study from Abilene church several years ago. Now I can see where I have not learned nearly so much as I should have. I am now seventy four and I forget easily.

"I have been very ill since February in and out of the hospital. I am now recuperating from pneumonia. I enjoy the Amazing Grace program every Lord's Day over Channel 7 Tyler, Texas. I live sixty miles north of Tyler. Please remember me in your prayers. My husband is 89 and is blind, also a semi-invalid, can hardly walk. He is a Christian. Thanks for the lessons.

A Christian, Cora Campbell

COMING.....

- September 1
Work Day - Christian Service Center
- September 10
Young At Heart Fellowship
- September 15
Tuesday School Begins
- October 4 - 8
Gospel Meeting with Goebel Music
- October 24
Ladies Inspiration Day

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

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

New Baby

A baby girl, 8 lb 1 oz named Caysi Jo, was born Monday in Mother Frances Hospital to Debbie and Jay Bynum. The happy grandparents are Mack and Bennie Bynum.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the visits, cards and calls during the time of the birth of our new baby. A special thanks to those who prepared food after Chad and I came home. We really appreciate your Christian love and friendship.

Paul and Barbara Montandon & Children

The family of Zephyr Hargrave acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

News and Notes

The Ladies Class, taught by Naomi McKeever, was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

Congratulations to Donnie O'Bannon. He received his Masters Degree in Business on Friday of last week from Abilene Christian University.

The Area-wide Fourth-Sunday Singing at Troup will be Sunday, August 23, 2:30 p. m.

Tuesday, September 1 is the day the Christian Service Center will resume their work. If you are interested in working in the benevolent program of the church, come and join in the work from 9 until 12 noon each Tuesday morning.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (22) Beulah Bedford, Prissy Potts, Cliff Clough (23) Joelle Butler, Robert Davis, Freeman Morgan (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker (26) R. L. Trentham, Lucille Stone (27) Pauline Aven, Thomas White, Michelle Steffee (28) Mari-kate Davis (29) Titus Holland, Penny McDonald.

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



You will be happy to hear the good news about our cooperation with the "Clean Up TV" Campaign. The latest newsletter from the Joelton church reads: CONGRATULATIONS, YOU DID IT!!! We succeeded in calling attention to undesirable programs by refusing to buy products which helped pay the advertising bill. We were confident from the beginning that it would work and we are delighted to realize such good results from our efforts. This means, of course, that the boycott is ended, and that products which we have been refusing to buy can now be bought.

Quoting directly from the newsletter, "We are, therefore, asking the thousands of churches and individuals participating in the Campaign to end the current boycotts against these two companies effective immediately. We are grateful for these improvements regardless of whether or not they are ever publicly acknowledged and hope to see continuing action in this direction in the future. During the coming months, a massive new survey is planned, and, if either of these companies chooses to move back into their former patterns, they may again be the subject of further action."

We are indebted to the Chandler Lions Club for a collection of eye glasses to be used by the Chimala Mission in East Africa. Brother Ford Egbert is a member of this club and we appreciate his seeking their assistance.

In a recent bulletin we announced new classes which will begin the first Sunday of September. One change needs to be mentioned. The High School Class studying "Other Religions" will be taught by Joe McBee and Bill Faulkner. Tony Adams will begin teaching the Wednesday night Junior High students in Joe's place and co-teaching with Ron Lott.

Hillard Hughes' Young Married Couples Class, due to begin on September 6, will be meeting in room 107. The four-year-olds will move upstairs to room 201. The 5th Grade will meet in room 307 above the south

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.
 Announcements James Phillips
 Prayer Jim Canterbury
 Dismiss Marshall Phillips

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 Serving Communion Sunday

Joe Carroll Bob Zadina
 Ben Young Mike Savage
 John Brem Hoyt Hughes
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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, August 16 and Wednesday evening, August 19 - MIKE SAVAGE, 593-6587.

Our Records

Contributions	
August 9	\$6,473.12
August 2	6,336.24
Year Ago	5,555.35
Bible School	
August 9	371
August 2	377
Year Ago	355
Worship	
August 9	596
August 2	554
Weekly	
Budget	\$6,200.00

Thank You

R. H. Davis was hospitalized briefly this week in Medical Center for surgery. He is now at home.

Mrs. George Kester entered Mother Frances Hospital Wednesday in preparation for surgery Thursday afternoon.

FROM THE TIPTON HOME

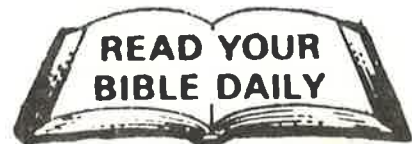
Thank you so very much for the very warm welcome extended to the Tipton Home and myself on Wednesday, July 29. It was truly my pleasure to enjoy your friendship, interest and participation in the Lord's work here at the Tipton Home. You are truly vital to our success.

We pray for success in all your ministries and encourage you in the Lord's mighty power. Please continue to pray for us and do come see us when you can.

Robert L. Moore
 Assistant Superintendent

MEETING AT NORTHWEST

Dean Brookshire will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Northwest Church of Christ beginning Sunday to continue through Wednesday evening.



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Mrs. Sybil Thacker
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The world looks brighter from behind a smile.



New Member

On Thursday of last week, after a series of Bible study sessions, Bob Sanford was baptized into Christ by C. E. Caskey. Bob is the husband of the former Charlotte Chandler.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The Lord has placed the responsibility of taking the gospel to the world upon His disciples. The church is the "pillar and ground" - or support of the truth, (I Timothy 3:15). Therefore, it is good to know about various efforts to preach and teach the gospel throughout the world. We were glad to hear the interesting and inspirational account of activities in the Caribbean islands presented by Don Starks on last Sunday night. We are thankful for his enthusiasm and dedication to the work of the Lord. We are thankful for the fact that the church here and some individuals have had some small part in assisting in the campaigns conducted by brother Starks.

I hope that you took time to read the splendid reports distributed in our classes last Sunday from Rudolf Rischer and Kieth Mitchell. We are thankful for them and for Neil Gallagher in Rhode Island and Gaylin Anderson in Colorado. There will be souls in heaven because of the support you give to the mission efforts of these

men and others.

For sometime the West Erwin church has been making a monthly contribution toward preaching the gospel on radio and television in Mexico. This special effort, sponsored by the Highland church in Abilene, known as the Harvest Campaign, is meeting with much success. In the past two and one half years thousands have been reached and 173 baptisms have been reported. When the campaign began, 23 radio stations carried the gospel to listeners throughout the country. In 1980 the powerful RASA network was added and today the gospel is being preached over 60 radio stations. In addition, a new television program was begun on stations in three cities. An important part of the Harvest Campaign is follow up by local Christians and special gospel meetings in cities where programs are being aired. To date, 15 meetings have been held, many attended by hundreds of people each night. Except for two of these campaigns, all have been conducted by native Christians. They have had the assistance of Texas Christians who worked side by side with their Mexican brethren knocking on doors and distributing materials to teach the lost. Juan Monroy of Spain was the speaker in three campaigns. Truly, the field is "white unto harvest" in Mexico.

May the Lord bless all of our efforts to preach the gospel in Tyler and in other parts of the world.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Kendall Lee Roberson, one of the fine young men of this congregation and son of Roy and Elaine Roberson, will be leaving August 20 to spend a year in Japan as an exchange student. We congratulate Kendall Lee for being selected by the Rotary Club to have this honor and opportunity to study in another country as a representative young man of the United States. Kendall Lee will be living in Arita, a town in the southern part of Japan, south of Tokyo. We pray that he will have a very profitable time in his year away from home and that he will have a very useful life always in the Lord's service.

GHS



BOLES HOME

We have been reminded that next week is our time to furnish cakes and cookies for the children at Boles Home. Ladies, bring your cakes and cookies any time during the day on Wednesday, August 19, or bring them when you come for worship on Wednesday evening. They will be taken to the Home early Thursday morning. Let's have a good supply of baked items for the home.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (16) Jean Holt, June Walker, Angela Mallory, Betty Knight (17) Lonnie Taylor (18) Jane Owens, Misty Lemons (19) Bob Butler, Raymon Mayo, Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts (20) Odell Malone, Bertha Byrd, Earl O'Quinn, Pete Wallace, Robert Conner (21) Walker Weathers.



You are invited to a Miscellaneous Shower honoring Lou Ann Driggers, bride elect of Lt. Hal Baugh, Jr., Sunday afternoon, August 16 in the Fellowship Hall.

Selections: Dillards
Hours: 2 until 3 o'clock

New Baby

Paul and Barbara Montandon have a new baby boy, Chad Casey, born on Thursday of last week. He weighed 6 lb and 13 oz. Bud and Louise Caskey are the happy grandparents.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon in Sulphur Springs for Mrs. Zephyr Hargrave, step-mother of Mrs. Foy Richey. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary and the family.

A niece of Mrs. David Demic's, Andrea Stevens - 14 years old, was buried this week in Lubbock. We extend our sympathy to the family. David and Virginia have suffered the loss of several members of their family during the past year.



AUGUST 16, 1981
By George Stephenson

10:30 A. M. The Christian Attitude
Toward Self

6:00 P. M. The Best Is Yet To Be



Laneva Nell Turner

and

Charles Norman Russell Jr.

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Turner

and

Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Russell

invite you to share in the celebration

when they exchange marriage vows

and begin a life together

on Saturday, the twenty-second of August

Nineteen hundred and eighty-one

at seven-thirty in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

in Fellowship Hall

News and Notes

The Whitehouse Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting, August 16-19 with their preacher, D. L. Thompson preaching. The services will be at 7:30 P.M. except Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

The East Texas Christian Academy is accepting applications for scholarships for the second and third grades.

We congratulate sister Ivah Miller who celebrated her 93rd birthday on Monday. Her sister, who is 91, came from south Texas for the celebration.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Do you think church leaders take things a little too seriously? What I mean is, do you think it's important to be attentive to details of the various programs that they implement for the overall good of the congregation? Let me be a little more specific. When they call upon us to do a simple thing like sign an attendance card, is that too much to expect of us? I don't think so. As little and insignificant as it seems, it is a part of taking care of their responsibility of shepherding the flock. There shouldn't be anything we should feel uncooperative about when it comes to submitting to their leadership. After all, it is in the areas of human judgment that we are called upon to submit to them anyway. The scriptures tell us what we are to do in following the Christian life, so it is only in following their direction about the on-going and day-to-day affairs of the church that we need to be cooperative. Let's do it! They won't ask us to do anything that would be unsound or offensive. Let's make their work easier.

It doesn't seem possible that we are on the closing chapter of the summer. School beginning is just ahead and vacation time is almost gone. We look forward to getting every one back into the regular routine with increased attendance in Bible study and worship. We miss you when you are away. Routines for our Bible school will be important, so get back into the habit of regular attendance at every opportunity to study God's word.

The Married Couples class that I teach will be having its final summer outing at Hide-Away Lake on Saturday afternoon, August 29th. This will be for the entire family. If you do not belong to one of our Bible classes, we invite you to come and join us for this event and get acquainted with the lovely couples who make up our class. We would love to have you.

Serving Sunday **Our Records**

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Milburn Cook	Aug. 2	\$6,336.24
Prayer	Edgar Bullard	July 26	6,503.63
Dismiss	Don Weathers	Year Ago	5,277.53
Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Milburn Cook	Aug. 2	377
Prayer	Max Haws	July 26	420
Dismiss	John Steffee	Year Ago	386
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
C. B. Hardin	Edgar Bullard	Aug. 2	554
Chas Hickman	Harold Browning	July 26	501
George Kester	C. B. Burkham	Weekly	
Bruce Raley	James Canterbury	Budget	6,200.00
Assistants in Back Foyer			
Dale Blackstone	Matt Haws	David Taylor	
MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, August 9 and Wednesday evening, August 12 - FRED POWELL, 593-5229			

HERE AND THERE (continued) will be taught by Milburn Cook and Louis Jones. Section 3, **Other Religions**, will be taught by Tony Adams and Bill Faulkner. Each class will last 13 weeks and students will rotate after completing a study. Hillard Hughes will provide opportunity for selection of a study prior to the first class session. We feel that these studies will be important to the basic knowledge of our young people and will enable them to continue their spiritual growth and maturity.

Report of Our Sick

Margaret Talley has been in Henderson most of the time in recent weeks to care for her sister who is suffering from a serious heart attack and injuries from a fall.

Andrew Connally is recovering from open heart surgery in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. The surgery was Monday afternoon.

Marie Skeeters is in room 101 in Community Hospital suffering from a fall.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Lou Ann Driggers, a former member of the West Erwin church, plans to be married September 5, 1981 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Lt. Harold James Baugh, Jr. Lou Ann presently lives in Little Rock, but following the wedding the couple will live in California.

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FUTURE SERMONS BY George H. Stephenson

Beginning this Sunday morning it is my plan to preach a series of sermons on Attitudes. I plan to use the following topics in the remaining Sunday mornings I am with you.

- Aug. 9 "Some Wrong Attitudes."
- Aug. 16 "The Christian Attitude Toward Self."
- Aug. 23 "The Christian Attitude Toward Others."
- Aug. 30 "The Christian Attitude Toward Trials."
- Sept. 6 "The Christian Attitude Toward Money."
- Sept. 13 "The Christian Attitude Toward Marriage."
- Sept. 20 "The Christian Attitude Toward Life & Death."
- Sept. 27 "The Changing and the Changeless."

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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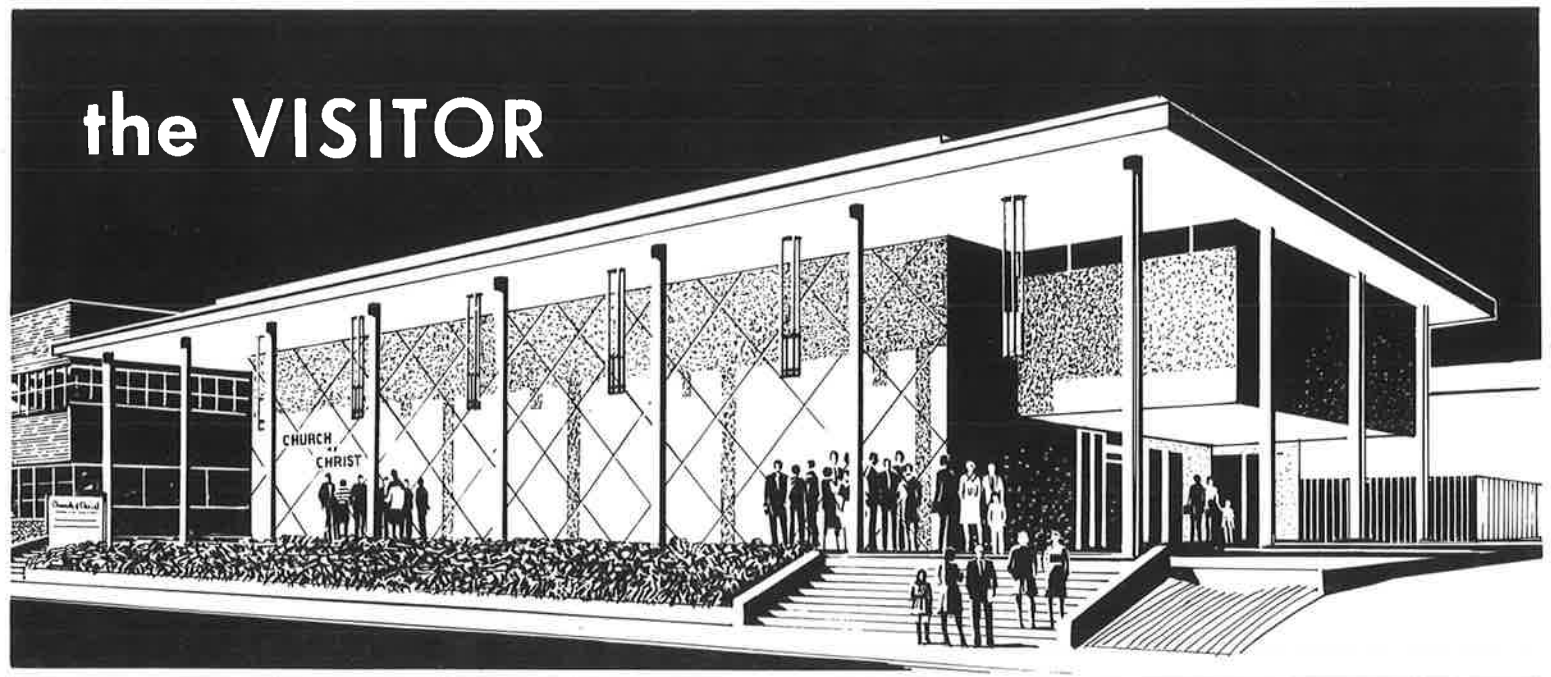
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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The Lord has truly blessed our lives in that we have been privileged to be associated with many wonderful Christians in some of the great churches in the brotherhood. Last Wednesday night we were privileged to visit with the Highland Street church in Memphis, Tenn. We have many fond memories of our happy association with that church when I served as their pulpit minister.

It was good to see the growth and progress being made by the Highland Street congregation. The church is in the process of building a wonderful new educational building at a cost of some two million dollars. This multi-purpose building is nearing completion. The church is near the campus of Memphis State University and maintains a strong program of teaching and ministry to the university students. The church is not only maintaining a great local work; it is also involved in a great mission program both in America and abroad. Harold Hazelip, one of the speakers on the Herald of Truth television program, and dean of the Harding School of Religion,

serves as the pulpit minister at Highland. Among other workers for the congregation is Larry McKenzie who serves as minister of visitation and personal evangelism. Larry is from Van, Texas and was encouraged to become a preacher by Mason Adair.

Twenty four years have passed since we moved from Memphis. Of course, many changes have taken place during those years. People who were young then have grown older. Many of those whom we knew and loved have gone on to be with the Lord. It was encouraging to see many who were children when we lived in Memphis who are now successful in their professions and who are active in the church. For example, I baptized a boy who was twelve years old shortly before our moving from Memphis. Today he is a fine surgeon - performing heart surgery. He and his wife are active in the church and have a fine family. His father, one of our good friends, serves as an elder. His mother serves as a church secretary.

I am glad to see churches I have served in the past growing and my prayer will be that West Erwin will make great progress in years to come when we are no longer here. I know that many of you are praying for our elders that they may find the preacher who will accomplish the greatest good here. I know, too, that you will love and support the man who is secured to work with this good church. And we appreciate your continued prayers for us.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ray Crow
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Cathy Lynn

to

Mr. John Dale Sloan, Jr.

Saturday, the fifteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and eighty-one

at half after seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin

Tyler, Texas

and afterwards for the reception

Fellowship Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. McClain
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Cynthia Ann

to

Bart Charles

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lemons

Saturday, the fifteenth of August

nineteen hundred and eighty-one

half after seven o'clock

Westwood Baptist Church

Tyler, Texas

Reception
Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (9) Angie Hendrix, Jonathan Paul (10) Ivah Miller, Shannon Starnes (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes (12) George Seagler (14) Patsy Young (15) Sylvia Reynolds.

Youth News

The final meeting of the Summer Youth Series will be Tuesday evening, August 11, at the South Washington Church of Christ in Marshall at 7:30.

Area Meeting

The Big Sandy Church of Christ will have a dedication service for their new building on Sunday afternoon, August 9, at 2:00 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

From Boles Home

Ladies, the week of August 16 will be our time to furnish cakes and cookies for the children at Boles Home. A volunteer is needed to take them to the home on Thursday, August 20.

Funerals

Funeral services were conducted Monday by brother George Stephenson for Mrs. Trula Cabe. Mrs. Cabe had formerly worshipped here but recently had lived in Ada, Oklahoma. We extend our sympathy to her family.

R. J. Richmond, brother-in-law to Mrs. Mildred Parris and Mrs. Ross Walker, was buried Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

We want to thank all of you for the cards and the lovely flowers sent to the funeral service for my sister. We appreciate it so much. Thanks again.

Virginia Canterbury

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

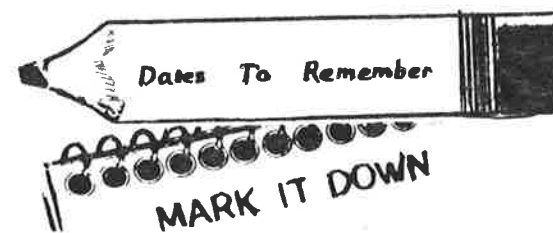
The family of Elmer Hawkes

I want to thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls, flowers and plants, food and visits made during my hospital stay and during my convalescence. Your love and concern has been more meaningful to my family and me than I can express. We love and appreciate you so much.

Cherrie Magee

DON STARKS TO SPEAK

We will be privileged to have as our guest speaker this Sunday evening Don Starks. Don Starks is a very zealous missionary and a dynamic speaker. He has led thousands to Christ in his work among islands in the Caribbean. You will be uplifted and inspired by the lesson he presents.



OUR GOSPEL MEETING
October 4 through 8, 1981
Goebel Music, Preaching

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Joe Schubert of the Bammel Road church in Houston tells recently of an article that appeared in the Houston Chronicle announcing that Proctor and Gamble, who spent \$486 million on television last year, was withdrawing its sponsorship of 50 programs because of their excessive sex and violence. Others will follow in the wake of this. The spark ignited by John Hurt and the Joelton church has become a mighty raging fire! Brother Schubert goes on to say, "Some who do not understand the strategy of this campaign cry 'Censorship.' No one is censoring anything. Censorship is not the issue. The issue is this: The networks can spend their money as they choose; the manufacturers may spend their money as they choose; and decent folk may spend their money as they choose. In this instance, we choose not to spend our money buying products manufactured by companies who promote filth. We are simply exercising one of our basic American freedoms. The television networks and the manufacturers may produce any kind of shows they want, with as much sex and violence as they desire, but we don't have to buy their products and help pay for it. That is the issue!"

September 10 is the kick-off date for fall activities for the Young at Heart group. The first meeting will be a covered dish pot-luck supper. Plans will be discussed for fall activities. The second Thursday in each month will be the meeting date.

We are happy to announce the beginning of a new Young Married Couples Class the first Sunday in September. Hillard Hughes will be the teacher. We will have more to say concerning this class in later bulletins.

Beginning in September, our High School classes are in for some exciting changes. Junior High (grades 6, 7 & 8) will be taught by Phil Marts. Senior High will have three sections and students may choose one of three studies. Section 1, Christian Living, will be taught by Dick Higginbotham. Section 2, Salvation,
(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.	Contributions		
Announcements	Phil Marts	July 26	\$6,503.63
Prayer	John Teague	July 19	6,295.30
Dismiss	Earl O'Quinn	Year Ago	5,214.98
Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.	Bible School		
Announcements	Phil Marts	July 26	420
Prayer	Glynn Starnes	July 19	374
Dismiss	Matt Haws	Year Ago	388
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship		
C. B. Hardin, Jr.	Edgar Bullard	July 26	501
Charles Hickman	Harold Browning	July 19	496
George Kester	C. B. Burkham	Weekly	
Bruce Raley	James Canterbury	Budget	\$6,200.00

Our Records

Assistants in Back Foyer

Dale Blackstone	Matt Haws	David Taylor
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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, August 2 and Wednesday evening, August 5 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736



New Members

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Shirley) Denman to the West Erwin church. Their address is Rt. 5, Box 289 B, Tyler, Texas 75706 - phone 882-4270. They have three children, all members of the church, Stan (a senior in Lindale High School), Jeanie (7th grade), and Steve (begin college in the fall). They formerly worshipped at the Omen Road congregation. Harold is a C. P. A. and Shirley works for him.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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(Sept. thru May)
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY-August 2, 1981

10:30 A.M. Five Great Duties
By George H. Stephenson
6:00 P.M. Sermon by Jim Strait
Director, Campus Christian Center
Tyler Junior College

Report of Our Sick

Ken Bennett continues to improve in Mother Frances Hospital where he underwent surgery last week.
Cherrie Magee was scheduled to go home from Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday.

How You Can Get Involved

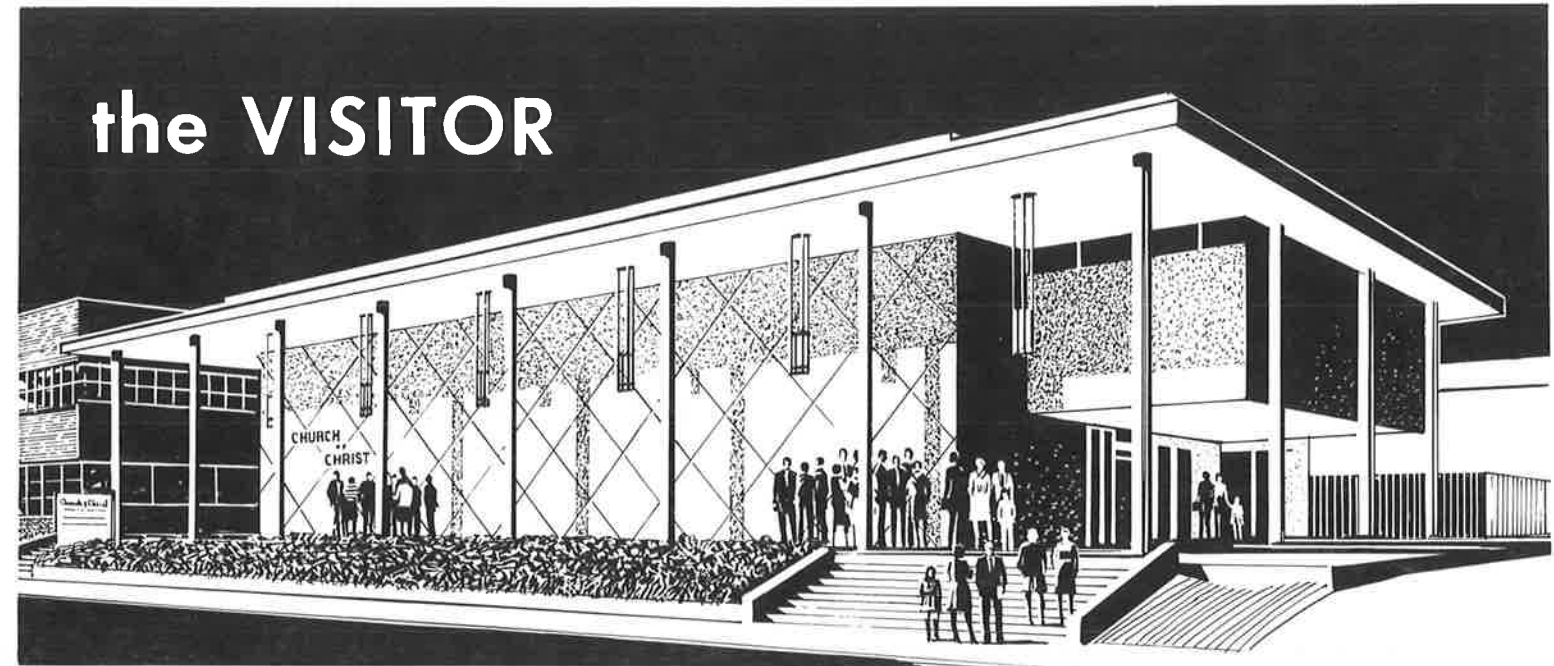
- Brother's Keeper Program
- Benevolent Work
- Visitation Program
- Tuesday School
- Bible School Teacher
- Cottage Meeting
- Attend Worship and Bible Class Regularly

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTU

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Sunday was truly a wonderful day for West Erwin. It was thrilling to hear Neil Gallagher in his presentation during the Bible School hour and again when he preached Sunday morning and Sunday evening. We were glad that his wife and children could be with him on his visit to Tyler. In spite of the fact that many of our members were away on vacation, we had large crowds present for all the services.

As in the past we were impressed with brother Gallagher's faith, zeal and love for the word of God. He has four earned degrees from outstanding universities including the Ph.D. in Philosophy from Brown University, a very prestigious center of learning. With his educational attainments he is well qualified to challenge the humanistic philosophies which are very prevalent in colleges and universities of our day and which are destroying the faith of thousands. Brother Gallagher has become well known by many people for his fight against pornography and immorality. We were truly appreciative of his appeal to the

Bible for authority and his emphasizing the importance of reading it daily.

In brother Gallagher's Sunday evening sermon in which he gave reasons for knowing that the Bible is the word of God, he told how everyone has two fundamental needs. Everyone needs to be loved and to give love to others. The religion of the Bible meets these fundamental needs of mankind. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love," (I John 4:8). "We love him because he first loved us." Our prayers will continue to be with the Gallaghers in their work in Rhode Island and in their work of promoting decency and morality everywhere.

Following our worship activities we enjoyed a fine period of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. How wonderful it is for Christians to be together and to enjoy pleasant association one with another. We thank Phil Marts, Chairman of the Fellowship Committee, and all who worked with him in making the meeting a great success.

On this coming Sunday evening Jim Strait will be speaking for us in regard to the work of the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College. We look forward to hearing him and hope that we will again have a large attendance on Sunday evening.

DEAD WEIGHT

I've been dead weight many years,
Around the church's neck,
I've let the others carry me,
And always pay the check.
I've had my name on the rolls,
For years and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled, too;
Nothing could satisfy.

I've been dead weight long enough,
Upon the church's back,
Beginning now, I'm going to take
A wholly different track.
I'm going to pray and pay and work,
And carry loads instead;
And not have others carry me
Like people do the dead.

Contributed by Wade McDonald
Via Bulletin, Northside Church
Temple, Texas

FOSTER PARENTS

Through Christian Services of the Southwest, Stan and Ernestine Mallory will care for a 19 monthold boy for a few weeks. He came to their house on Sunday.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe (2) Lee Knight, Edith Porter (3) Dale Blackstone, Dorothy Babb, Michelle Skipper (4) Virginia Conner, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette (5) Becky Blackstone, Robert Castro (8) Marian Rowe, Florene Adams, Fran Starnes, Elizabeth Hughes.

BENEVOLENT WORK

The Christian Service Center will resume the usual work day beginning Tuesday, September 1. We desperately need old CLEAN sheets for bandages to be sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa. We have supported the benevolent efforts of the Chimala Mission Hospital for a number of years.

Workers in the benevolent program of the West Erwin church meet each Tuesday morning from 9:00 until 11:30 through the fall and winter months. If you would like to help, come join in this rewarding work.

Congratulations

A. Z. and Pauline Aven have a new granddaughter born last Friday in New Braunfels, Texas to Gary and Mimi Aven. The baby has been named Nichole Elaine. She weighed 7 lb and 6 oz. On Friday afternoon she was transferred to a hospital in San Antonio because of severe breathing difficulties.

Thank You

A special thanks to everyone for the prayers and concern shown during the illness and death of my father. It is such a great comfort to have Christian friends to lean on.
Lynn Jones and family

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

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Norman D. Eads.

We wish to thank everyone for the sympathy and kindness shown to us in the death of our mother, Mrs. Ethel Shipman. For the flowers, food, prayers, phone calls and cards, we are grateful. May God bless you all.
Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Tucker



The Summer Youth Series meeting will be Tuesday evening, August 4, at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ here in Tyler. Young people from West Erwin will meet at the Shiloh Church.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a Bridal Brunch honoring Laneva Turner, bride-elect of Charlie Russell, on Saturday morning, August 1, 1981, at the home of Mrs. Robert Threadgill, 2510 Pollard, Tyler, Texas.

Selections:	Hours:
Leewright's	10 - 11:30 A.M.
Dillard's	

HERE
and THERE
by **wes price**



The Neil Gallagher family certainly left its good impression on the West Erwin family. It was great to get to meet the whole family and make them feel a part of us. We are indebted to Neil for the excellent sermons he presented Sunday. It is good to know that our missionary dollars are being invested in such a fine family.

Hats off to the fellowship committee! I believe that Sunday evening was the most we have ever had for any fellowship gathering of the West Erwin church family. The ice cream and cakes and cookies were delicious. And how ever good they were, they did not exceed the joy of sharing our lives in such a warm and friendly way. It reminds me of that old song, "The More we get together, together, together, the happier we'll be." "Each touching the life of another and in such a way that it makes a difference for good in the lives of both." How better could you explain the Christian community?

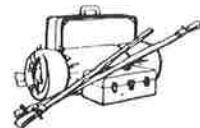
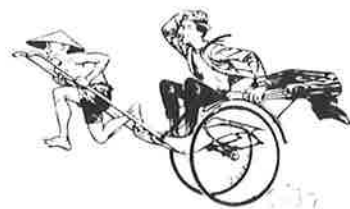
The Abilene Christian University workshop was a delightful experience. A total of 16 went from West Erwin. We are grateful to our elders for permitting us to attend and sharing in the cost. This is a great way for Christians to improve their skills in works of service to the kingdom. In addition to excellent "how-to classes" there was great spiritual encouragement in the daily devotional messages and the evening worship services. How I wish all of you could try one of these workshops out at least once in your lifetime. Why don't you think about doing it?

Even though the summer is grinding on and slowly moving toward its end, we have to pause and be thankful for your excellent response in attendance and in your giving. Both have maintained a high level which certainly shows your loyalty to your home congregation. We are looking forward to an exciting time this fall when we get the travel time and vacations behind us. Let's keep on keeping on.

JESUS AND SUMMER VACATIONS



- * Pray For a Safe Trip
- * Take Your Bibles Along
- * Worship on Sundays and Wednesday Nights
- * Leave Your Contribution at Home
- * Return Refreshed and Ready to Work More for Jesus



Serving Sunday

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Prayer Ray Lott	July 12 6,616.02
Dismiss Mac McCall	Year Ago 4,810.20
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Dismiss Jay Bynum	Year Ago 383
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship
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John Porter W. L. Little	July 12 559
Cliff Clough Cullen Gilliam	Weekly
Charles Lemons Wyndal Miller	Budget \$6,200.00

Our Records

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, July 26 and Wednesday evening, July 29, DALE BLACKSTONE - 595-0130.

And the Lord Added

Following a series of study sessions with Wes Price, three people were baptized last week.

Eddie Dunn and his wife Ronny, were introduced Sunday. He was baptized Tuesday evening by Wes Price, and Ronny placed membership. Their address is 4606 Dundee - phone 561-0379.

Doug and Linda Scoggins were baptized on Friday evening by Morris Hallman. Morris and Cathy first brought the Scoggins to worship. Their address is 2330 Devine - phone 595-5699.

TUESDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

In a few weeks our Tuesday School program will begin again for the tenth year. Tuesday School is designed for preschool children, ages 2 - 5 years. Bible study, training in Bible principles and supervised play are all a part of the activities. We are in need of classroom teachers, helpers, playroom teachers, and someone to serve refreshments. Please call Elaine Roberson, director, or the office if you are willing to help with this good work.

GUEST SPEAKER WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Robert Moore from Tipton Home in Tipton, Oklahoma is scheduled to speak at our Wednesday evening services on this coming Wednesday, July 29, at 7:30. We have been privileged to hear representatives from various children's homes speak from time to time. Their speeches have been interesting and informative. We hope that a large number will hear brother Moore Wednesday. West Erwin has contributed regularly to Tipton Home for many years and it will be good to hear more about this good work.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Carroll (Cherrie) Magee will enter Mother Frances Thursday and undergo major surgery on Friday.

Ken Bennett had surgery in Mother Frances Hospital on Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Fuller hoped to be able to go home Wednesday from the hospital.

Mrs. Jack Stringer was hospitalized briefly in Community Hospital with an attack of asthma.

Christians never meet for the last time.



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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We are looking forward to having the Neil Gallagher family with us on Sunday and to having him preach for us at both services. We are thankful for the great work he is doing in East Providence, Rhode Island and thankful that we may have fellowship with him in his work for the Lord.

We are thankful for all of our members who are in Abilene this week attending the annual workshop for Bible School teachers conducted by Abilene Christian University. This annual workshop provides a wonderful opportunity for Bible School teachers to receive inspiration and training for the greatest work in the world - the teaching of God's holy Word. I appreciate the interest which is always shown by our elders in every endeavor which encourages our Bible School. They are to be commended for assisting in some of the expense of the teachers who attend the workshop.

We continue to be grateful for the large number of visitors we have each Sunday. We miss many of our number who are vacationing and pray that they may safely return to us.

THIS SUNDAY

Worship With Us

NEIL GALLAGHER, supported in East Providence, Rhode Island by the West Erwin church, will visit with us Sunday and will preach at the morning and evening worship services.

The Chapel class will meet with the Auditorium class Sunday morning with brother Gallagher as the guest teacher.

we need you!



in Bible School!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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- C. E. Caskey
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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 identifies 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 any more 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.

A. W. Chism
Via The Exhorter

Youth News

Meet at 7:00 o'clock on the parking lot Tuesday evening, July 28 to go to Big Sandy for the Summer Youth Series meeting.

Happy Birthday

JULY (28) Ken Bennett, Harley Turner, Melody Parsons (29) Bryan Chambless, Luke Reynolds (30) W. D. Metcalf (31) Julie Higginbotham.

NURTURE YOUR FAMILY



1. Recognition
2. Encouragement
3. Praise

A Special INVITATION

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Selections:	Hours:
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Dillard's	

Funerals

On Friday afternoon of last week funeral services were held at Lloyd James for Mr. C. L. Davis, father of Mrs. Ronny Jones.

Mr. Norman D. Eads' funeral service was conducted on Saturday morning at the First Baptist church. He was the father of Mrs. Greg Duncan.

The funeral service for Mrs. Floyd Miller, sister of Mrs. Jim Canterbury, was held in Lonoke, Ark. on Saturday.

On Monday of this week funeral services were held at Memorial Funeral Home for Mrs. Ethel Shipman, mother of Mrs. B. J. Tucker.

Mrs. Leon Welborn's grandmother was buried this week in Pittsburg, Texas.

An uncle of Bob Threadgill was buried Monday in Waco, Texas.

We share in the sorrow of each family.



ICE CREAM SUPPER

A get-to-gether is planned for the congregation on Sunday evening following the evening worship hour. Bring a freezer of Ice Cream or cake/cookies. Coffee and tea will be furnished. Everyone plan to attend.

HERE and THERE

by **wes price**



KILLING WITH KINDNESS

Once upon a time there was a certain father who wished to teach his son the game of tennis. The father was rather good at the game so he had to "play down" to his son so the lad would not get discouraged and give up the effort in the early stages. In fact, the father loved his son so much and was so anxious to please him and contribute to his constant euphoria that he always gave him the easy shots. He never hit the ball to his backhand, never gave him a fast serve, never smashed the ball at the net, always kept the ball coming easily to the forehand.

Then one day the son thought he had learned enough tennis to take on someone other than his dad. He challenged a friend on the ladder at the local country club and got beaten badly in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0. All his opponent had to do was to serve it hard and keep hitting it to his backhand. When the massacre was over the friend remarked, "Man, I don't know who taught you to play tennis but he never did give you any hard shots." Of course, when the son saw his father again his first question was, "Hey Dad, why no hard shots?"

That's the question a lot of young people are asking their parents these days: "Why no hard shots?" Translated, this means, why did you coddle and baby me as I was growing up? Why did you allow me to get away with so much mischief? Why didn't you give me more direction and discipline? Why didn't you counsel me to take more courses in school that would prepare me for the hard jobs in the world after school?

C. S. Lewis has well said that most people when they shop around for a Deity don't really want a "Father in Heaven." What they want is a grandfather in heaven! That is, they do not want a God whose love expresses itself in discipline. They want an old, senile individual who will say, reflecting the hedonism and sensualism of our time, "Oh well, just let the kiddies play."

Dr. Arlie Hoover
From Youth Forum
Voice of Freedom, Nov. 1980

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Announce Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Dismiss Ronny Jones

Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

Announce Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Ira Wright
Dismiss DeRay Bennett

Serving Communion Sunday

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John Porter W. S. Little
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Charles Lemons Wyndal Miller

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Contributions

July 12 \$6,616.02
July 5 8,033.72
Year Ago 4,810.20

Bible School

July 12 387
July 5 414
Year Ago 383

Worship

July 12 559
July 5 497
Weekly

Budget \$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, July 19 and Wednesday evening, July 22 - EARL O'QUINN, telephone 561-0671

AND THE LORD ADDED

Mr. and Mrs. David (Renea) Burkholder, 2225 Sampson Dr., telephone 595-3362, came Sunday evening to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Hilldale Church of Christ in Clarksville, Tenn. They have two preschool boys, Jeremy and Jonathan. We are happy to welcome this family to Tyler and to the West Erwin family.

We also welcome Mrs. Frances Atkins, 1823 North Emerson, telephone 597-7687. She formerly worshipped at the Omen Road church.

See YOU

**In Bible Class,
Sunday!**

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Sympathy

We extend sympathy to sister Jimmie Brown in the tragic loss of two teen-age nieces last week in Lufkin. They were the victims of a fire in their home. Their father, Jimmie's nephew, was able to save his wife and a younger child. He was hospitalized briefly. Funeral services were held in Lufkin.



By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. The Greatest Sermon
6:00 P.M. The Men in the Fiery Furnace

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Walter (Pauline) Fuller is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 210.

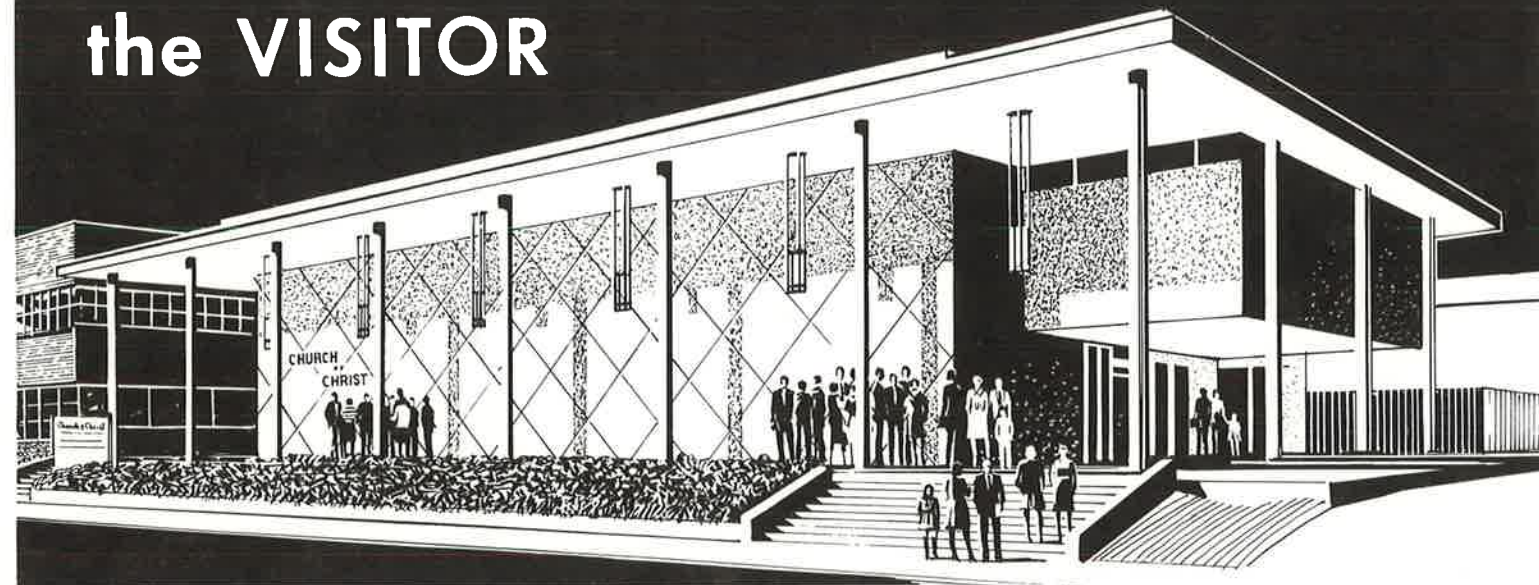


We're getting together..

ICE CREAM SUPPER, July 26

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**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

I enjoy the Amazing Grace Bible Class each Sunday morning on our local television station. I am glad that the West Erwin church has made it possible for the people of Tyler and East Texas to have an opportunity to hear and see this telecast for a number of years. I think we would be surprised to know the large number of people who view this program every week. Everywhere I go in Tyler and elsewhere in this area, I find people who have seen me and heard me introduce the program. I find it interesting to find answers to the Bible questions asked on the program. We have some members who never fail to have the right answer to the question of the week. I also enjoy the singing led by Nick Boone and the simple Bible lessons presented by Ira North. I believe that this program could be a more effective tool for good if all of our members would encourage their friends to view it. I am thankful that with all of the various religious programs on the air that there is one which presents in a practical way New Testament Christianity.

Recently the church received a very interesting letter from a woman who has been taking one of the correspondence courses the church offers. The letter reads:

"You are doing a great service. I thought I knew The Story, but these studies are teaching me I have missed the meat of Bible study. I have not known a study guide - only Sunday school and church. I am almost blind. I have had both eyes operated on and have two irreversable eye problems. I have to use a magnifying glass to read or write. Thank you so much for helping me know my Jesus. You and your church are to be commended for this great service. God bless you. I love to work at this."

I hope that you will read the report from Augsburg, Germany which will be distributed in the Bible classes this Sunday. It was written by Dr. Ray Muncy, an elder in the College church in Searcy, Arkansas who helped in the recent campaign in Augsburg. The campaign was conducted from June 1 through June 14. Rudolf Rischer reported an average of 15 visitors a night with 96 on one night! Two ladies, mother and 20 year old daughter were baptized the last night. The mother formerly was a school teacher of religion and the daughter a nurse. We thank the Lord for every effort that is made to teach His Word!

AGING - EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

It comes as a severe shock to many people to be told, "Aging is your concern, too." Once after I had made this statement a man in his twenties responded, "You've got to be kidding! I'm only twenty-five, and I have a long way to go before I reach sixty-five." Some people pass off the subject lightheartedly by saying, "Well, I don't plan to get old." Others say, "I'll worry about that when the time comes."

In one way or another each of us fits into the aging scene. Aging is your business, first of all, because no one is immune to it. Aging begins at birth, not sixty-five. Try to imagine what would happen if every person on earth were afflicted with leukemia. Can you envision the impact this would have on medical research, on the mass media and the national interest? Charles Coleman alerts us to being thoughtful about our future when he says, "Each day in the United States over 3,000 persons cross the invisible barrier of age 65 and by custom and law are forced into retirement."

Secondly, aging involves you because it poses not only a personal, but also an interpersonal challenge. You are bound to have dealings with older people, such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, business associates and friends. Twenty-three million Americans are sixty-five and older. These people represent eleven percent of the population and are the fastest growing minority group in the nation. What is more, every living person will one day be a member of this minority group.

In the third place, aging is of vital importance to you since your future happiness and usefulness depends upon how well you make adjustments to growing older. The degree to which you succeed in making adjustments as you grow older will be determined by the attitudes you form while you are younger. Goethe has said, "He is the happiest man who can see the connection between the end and the beginning of his life." The dynamic concept of aging is stated forcefully in Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them' Remember him before the spirit returns to God who gave it."

(Adapted from an article in Christian Family by Virgil Bentley)

Mr. and Mrs. H. Guy Potts
invite you to share in the ceremony
uniting their daughter
Pamela Jayne
and

Mr. Terry Robert Tindel
son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Tindel
Saturday, the twenty-fifth of July
nineteen hundred and eighty-one
at six-thirty in the evening
Glenwood Church of Christ
807 West Glenwood
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Building

The **Amazing Grace**
Bible Class
Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

YOUR OWN VERSION
You are writing a Gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true;
Say, what is the Gospel
According to YOU?

- Gilbert

Cordial Welcome Awaits You
In All Our Services



You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Cindy McClain, bride elect of Bart Lemons, Sunday afternoon, July 19, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Caskey (Dallas Hwy.)

Selections: Hours:
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Leewright's and Dillard's

Youth News

The Summer Youth Series, held weekly in this area, will meet Tuesday, July 21 at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville. Young people, meet at the building ready to leave together on the bus at 6:45 p. m.

Funerals

The funeral service for Elmer Hawkes was conducted Monday afternoon at the church building. He had been a member of this congregation for a great many years. We extend our sympathy to the loved ones and friends.

Happy Birthday

JULY (19) Roger Knight, Lera Bennett, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggains (20) Jim Paul, Jack Paul (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (23) Austin Faulkner, Greg Hendry (24) Andy Butler, Ben Sutton, Chris Shelton (25) Pam Lemons

**Seven Days
without Prayer
makes One Weak**

**HERE
and THERE
by
wes price**



"Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak, they have to be carried, for they cannot walk" (Jeremiah 10:5).

Is Your God A Burden?

Is your God a burden or a burden-bearer? In speaking of the idols which were so common in his day, Jeremiah says, "They have to be carried, for they cannot walk." A helpless god! How pathetic. Worse than that, he has to be carried around like a scarecrow. He's just a burden to be borne.

There are many people today whose God is a burden to them. He is just one more responsibility to be added. He is just one more obligation. They worship--even though they hate the thought. They give--even though it pains them. They keep commands--even though they had just as soon take castor oil. Their God is plainly a burden to them. Wanting the cheapest religion possible, they never ask how much they can do, but how little. They offer the second-best and then declare as those in the days of Malachi, "Behold, what a weariness is it" (Malachi 1:13). Yes sir, their God has to be carried... and it makes them dog tired.

But there are others who find God a burden-bearer rather than a burden to bear. As Halford Luccock has observed, their religion is not, "on top are the everlasting demands," but "underneath are the everlasting arms." Their God is one upon whom they can cast all of their burdens and He will sustain them (Ps. 55:22). They have discovered that God is able to "give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy, for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isa. 62:3). They have given themselves wholly to Christ and found him to be not a hard taskmaster, but an "unspeakable gift." They have learned by experience that His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30). And with joy they draw water out of the wells of salvation (Isa. 12:3).

Say, brother, does your God have to be carried, or does He carry you?

JOHN GIPSON
Little Rock, Arkansas

Serving Sunday

Morning worship - 10:30 A.M.
 Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer C. B. Burkham
 Dismiss Edgar Bullard
 Evening worship - 6:00 P.M.
 Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer Cullen Gilliam
 Dismiss Dick Higginbotham
Serving Communion Sunday
 John Owens Leon Welborn
 Dick Higginbotham Joe McBee
 John Porter Averyt Smith
 Earl O'Quinn Matt Haws
 Assistants in Back Foyer

Our Records

Contributions
 July 5 8,033.72
 June 28 6,426.18
 Year Ago 5,146.18
 Bible School
 July 5 414
 June 28 420
 Year Ago 362
 Worship
 July 5 497
 June 28 489
 Weekly Budget
 6,200.00

Roy Roberson Ted Snipes John Steffee
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, July 12 and Wednesday,
 July 15 - ROY ROBERSON - Phone 597-5627

And The Lord Added

Sunday evening, June 28 at the close of the Devotional following the young people's activities in the fellowship hall, six young ladies made the decision to be baptized. Parents of the young people were called and they returned to the building to witness the baptismal service conducted by Hillard Hughes. We commend the young people and rejoice with them in their obedience. The following were baptized: Amy Owens, Tracy Starnes, Shannon Starnes, Angela Mallory, Kimberly Steffee, and Christi Cook.

Julie Higginbotham was restored and asked for the prayers of the church at the same service.

BROTHERS' KEEPER PROGRAM

There will not be individual group fellowship meetings this month since we will have an all church fellowship on Sunday evening, July 26. Brothers' Keeper leaders will schedule meetings for August.

New Baby

George and Dorothy Daugherty are the proud grandparents of Lindsey Marie who was born on July 6 in Denver, Colorado. Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Daugherty are the happy parents.

Welcome

Gary Fox came forward Sunday morning for restoration and to place his membership with the West Erwin congregation. We welcome Gary to our fellowship.

Report of Our Sick

Elmer Hawkes is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Abby Adams had dental surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

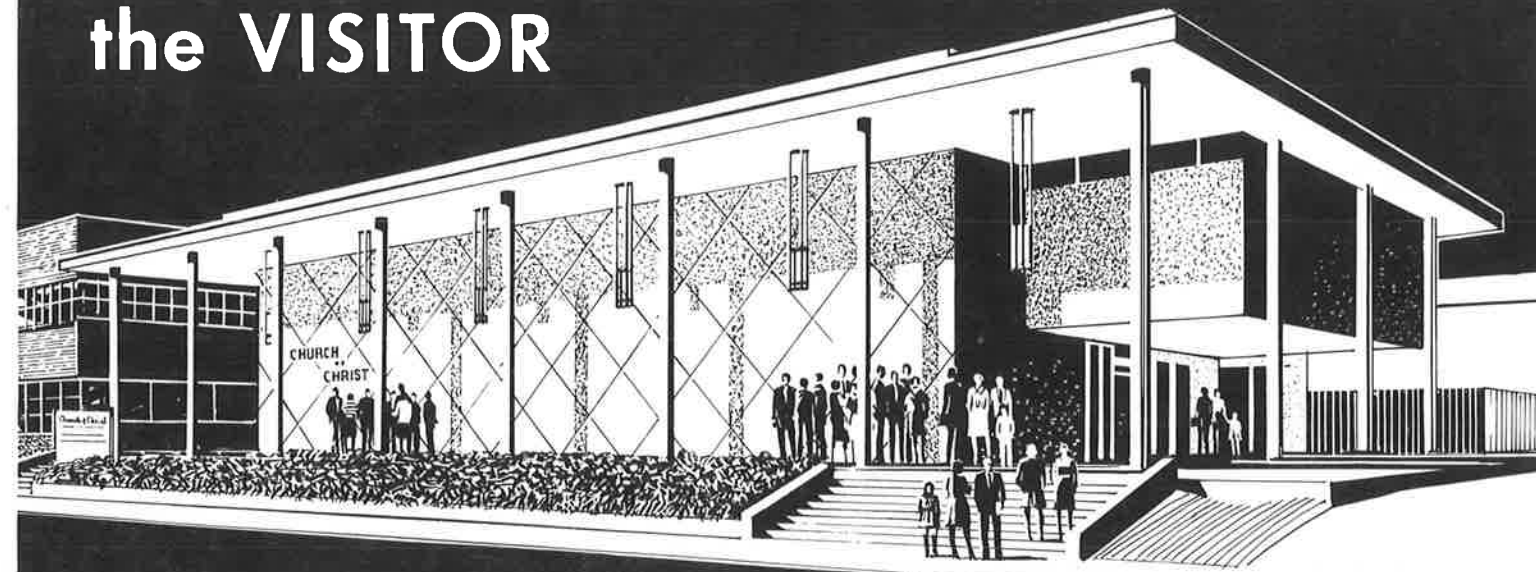
Sympathy

Services were held in Austin on Wednesday for C. C. Becker, a longtime member of the West Erwin congregation before moving to Austin. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lillian and to all the family.

Area Meeting Arp church of Christ
 July 12 - July 17 with Johnny Anders

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

This is the time of year when many of our members are on vacation. While we miss them it is always good to have others visiting with us. We had an unusually large number of visitors with us on Sunday. The Fourth of July holiday helped to increase the number who were with us.

The annual celebration of July 4, Independence Day, should remind all of us of how thankful we should be for being citizens of the "land of the free and the home of the brave." I am especially thankful that we may assemble for worship without fear of molestation from our government. We should continue to pray, as the Bible teaches, for governmental authorities that we may "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (2 Timothy 2:2).

The bulletin of the Watters Road church in Pasadena had a very appropriate quotation from Abraham Lincoln last week. Lincoln said, "It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble

The Church With A Heart sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

"And inasmuch as we know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolated the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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FROM THE ELDERS

We are reminded of two of the most outstanding characters of the Bible as we review the lives of David and Job. Never were there two individuals more devoted to the love of God. As we meditate upon their enormous love for their Lord, the challenge is presented to us to imitate their works in our lives.

Each of us in our lifetime, in our own way, seeks out someone whom we look upon as a model in comparison to these great Bible characters. We suggest to you our brother George Stephenson (along with our late brother Frank Cox) as modern day personalities who so fittingly represent a great soldier of the cross. Certainly, our emotions are stirred as we accept the fact that brother Stephenson will soon retire from his work with the West Erwin congregation and enjoy a much deserved period of less strenuous activity.

Our good will and prayers will go with you George and Alice.



The Story of Hands

All little hands will one day be big hands.

And of course big hands do what little hands have been trained to do.

Hands can perform delicate surgery and save a life. . .

Or they can pull a trigger that destroys it.

They can make a fist gesturing hate. . .

Or they can gently grant a soft touch to a shoulder of one sorrowing.

Hands can be moved by love to lift the fallen. . .

Or they can be driven by wrath to push one down.

Of course, hands only do what hearts instruct.

That's why you and your family must be in Bible Study - This Sunday!

YOUR INVITATION WEDDING SHOWERS

You are invited to a Gift Tea honoring Lee Knight, bride elect of Mark North, on Saturday, July 11, 1981 at the home of Mrs. Edgar Bullard, 4011 Pinedale.

Hours: 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Selections: Johnson Jewelers
Young Jewelry
Cardale

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation. No phone calls will be made.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Cindy McClain, bride elect of Bart Lemons, Sunday afternoon, July 19, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Caskey (Dallas Hwy.)

Hours: 2:00 until 3:30 p.m.
Selections: Brosang's
Leewright's and Dillards

LITTLE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL

Little People's School, of Glenwood Church of Christ, is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 1981-82 school year. There will be an offering of traditional basic childhood education classes as well as Montessori classes for you to choose from for 2½ to 4 year olds. Also, we will continue to serve you with a 2, 3, or 5 day program for your child. If we can be of service or you need more information, please call the Glenwood church office at 592-3858, or call Marcia Hubbard, Director, at 561-7595.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES MEETING

The Christian Singles will meet at the home of Betty Albright on July 14, 7:00 p.m., for a devotional and salad supper. For more information, call 581-2625.

Congratulations

We thought you would be interested in knowing about the new baby girl born to Tom and Diane Humphrey. Kortney Diane was born June 15 in Abilene. Their address is 2133 Sylvan Dr., Abilene 79605.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful Bible I received for graduation. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and Christian guidance.
Sherri Bray

Thank you all for the cards, visits and words of loving concern. Most of all I appreciate all the prayers in my behalf during my recent illness. It was encouraging to me.
Bessie Willis

Happy Birthday

JULY (14) Grant Knight, Jasper Dobbs (15) Lorene Venable (16) Ginger Metcalf, Artis Tate (17) Naomi Haws, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts (18) Delle Bullard, Dana Gode, Tracy Starnes.

Don't miss this!

Neil Gallagher, supported in East Providence, R. I. by this congregation, is scheduled to preach here on Sunday, July 26 at the morning and evening services.

We're getting together..

An Ice Cream Supper is planned for Sunday evening, July 26, in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Put this event on your calendar.

Youth News

The Summer Youth Series will meet on Tuesday evening, July 14 at the Mobberly Ave. Church in Longview at 7:30 p.m. All West Erwin young people will meet on the church parking lot at 6:15 p.m. to go together on the bus.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! My Sunday morning Bible class surprised me this past week with a birthday party in the Fellowship Hall. Nearly all the class turned out and joined in the festive occasion. I am tremendously indebted to all of you who planned it, to all who came, and to those who brought gifts (even if one of the gifts was a little electrifying!). If I had ever wondered how this bunch felt about me, that party removed all doubts. It filled me with joy while at the same time made me feel humble for the privilege of knowing and working with such a loving group. Again I say "Thank You!"

We are enjoying excellent Bible class attendance on Sunday morning, even in spite of the vacations and weekend trips that take our members away. We have been blessed with a large number of visitors, many from out of town, and also newcomers to Tyler. We are looking forward to having some of these folks place their membership with us. Watch for the little yellow roses on folks' lapels, and you will know that that person is a visitor. Introduce yourself and greet them warmly.

"Enlarging the borders of the kingdom....." That's what it's all about. What a joy to learn of the baptism of 6 of our young teenage girls and the restoration of another by Hillard Hughes last week. Our congratulations to them and to Hillard and Jeanine for the great work of influencing and guiding your young people. May their tribe increase!

**BRING A GUEST
TO BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Serving Sunday

Morning worship - 10:30 A. M.
 Announcements Dannie Skipper
 Prayer Tony Adams
 Dismiss Bill Endsley
 Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Our Records

Contributions
 June 21 5,953.76
 June 14 6,150.42
 Year Ago 5,640.08
 Bible School

Announcements Dannie Skipper June 21 344
 Prayer John Teague June 14 377
 Dismiss Fred Strait Year Ago 355

Serving Communion Sunday

Worship
 Milburn Cook Roy Roberson June 21 463
 Freeman Morgan Dannie Skipper June 14 473
 DeRay Bennett Shayne Bennett Year Ago
 Marshall Phillips Lee Roberson Weekly

Assistants in Back Foyer Budget 6,200.00

K. Max Haws Paul Montandon Charles Hickman
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 28 and Wednesday -
 July 1 - RONNY JONES - Phone 877-3053.

Welcome

We are happy to welcome F. A. and Nora Jones. They formerly worshipped here and we are pleased to have them as members of this congregation again. Their address is 8306 Oxford, phone 561-6190.

TRI-C NEWS

Area Ministers, Youth Directors, and Interns are guiding Devotionals at 9:30 each Friday night after Volleyball games. All those near college age are urged to be here.

Be here Monday at 7 o'clock sharp so that we can show Dr. Zhivago. Normally, our free movie starts at 7:30 p. m. but because of the length, this one begins at 7:00 p. m. Plan on being here until near 10:30.

Jim Strait

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MARK IT DOWN

The "Young at Heart" group is scheduled to travel to Kilgore on Thursday, July 2, for a visit to the Oil Museum. We will meet at the building at 10:30 a. m. and travel to Kilgore where we will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. We will be visiting the museum at 2:00 p. m. Make your plans to join us on this fun trip.

Thank You

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

Zorado Sherman

May I express my appreciation for kindness and thoughtfulness shown by the West Erwin congregation during my hospitalization. May God bless each of you.

Robert Frederick

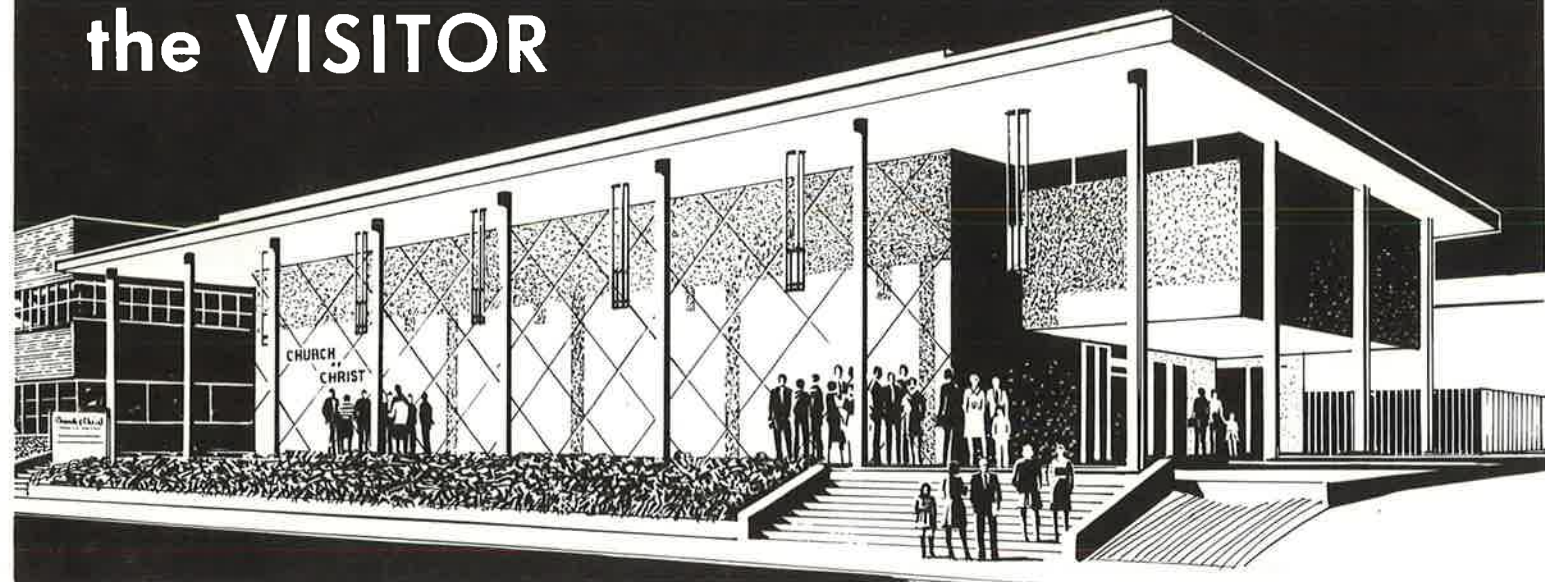
See YOU Sunday!



for Sunday, June 28, 1981
 By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 A. M. Respectable Sinners
 6:00 P. M. Fainting

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The announcement which we made Sunday of our plan to retire this fall was not a surprise to the congregation. Most of the congregation knew that we have been making plans to move to our little home town of Collinsville, Texas. It will not be easy to say good-bye when the last of September comes, for we have been privileged to live and work among you for thirteen years. We love all of you and you have demonstrated your love for us in countless ways.

It was after much meditation and prayer that we made our decision to move. I feel that it will be good for West Erwin to have a change in preachers. Our prayers will be with the elders as they seek to find a man who will be able to preach and work in an effective way with you. It is wonderful to see the fine spirit of unity and brotherly love which now prevails in the congregation. It was pointed out on Sunday by Faber Cauthen that West Erwin has had only three pulpit ministers in the last thirty years. Brother Cauthen was right when he said that this speaks

well for the congregation as well as the preachers who have served. West Erwin has a history of faithfulness reaching back to 1885 and I feel that its greatest years are yet to come.

Among the other joys of our work at West Erwin has been our work with the other preachers who serve the congregation. It has been wonderful to be associated with Hillard Hughes for the past eleven years. What a blessing he and his lovely wife and family have been to this congregation! And for the past three years all of us have been blessed in having Wes Price and his lovely wife and family working with us. Wes has helped to bring new life and growth to the church. It has been a great pleasure to have Nelda Browning and Frances McBee serving as secretaries during all of these years. They do a tremendous amount of work and without them West Erwin could not have accomplished all that it has in the years we have known you.

While we plan to retire from "local work" we hope that we may still be used in the Lord's work. We trust that we may have opportunities to preach on Sundays and to preach in some gospel meetings. We have three more months here at West Erwin, the Lord willing, and we look forward to them. We trust that all of us will continue to support and pray for our elders and our deacons and to co-operate with them in their efforts to build up the kingdom.

INGRAM FAMILY RETURNS HOME

The David Ingram family is returning to America this week following several years of mission work in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. We are thankful for the dedication of this fine Christian family and our prayers are with them as they seek a new work for the Lord. Tim Ingram was recently graduated from high school in Belo Horizonte. He appeared in a class play in which he sang two songs and was honored at an all sports banquet at which he was selected as the most improved basketball player. At his graduation he delivered a speech. We appreciate the sentiment of the following poem which Tim composed and which was printed in the graduation program.

SCHOOL IS

School is but a chapter in life's book
In which we learn to take tests
And take tests to see what we've learned.
Tests show not what we've learned, but memorized.

What can we possibly learn from books (except for one)?
It makes no difference if $x + y = z$
Or what Alexander the Great did.
What makes a difference is what we learn from life.

School is to teach, but few learn,
Life is to live, but many die.
What we need is not books, no school,
But God, and love.

If you get a Master's in education,
You'll have a job, and maybe a name.
But if you have God,
You'll have life, and you'll love it.

What makes a difference is not books,
Nor school, nor a college education.
What makes a difference is God . . . and love.

Tim Ingram

Happy Birthday

JUNE (28) Christine Parsons (29) B. B. Lambert, Kyle McRuiz JULY (1) Wes Price, Bob Zadina, Earnesene Shuford (3) Alma Bennett, Cathy Krewall, Vivian McCall (4) Betty Jo Barajas (5) Edwin Pickle (6) Charlie Cook, Michelle Parsons, Leslie Carruth (7) Jo Northcutt (8) Louise Caskey, Billie Bob Hickman, Virginia Canterbury (9) Rebecca Center, Charlie Hickman (10) Terri Hallman (11) Wyche Harris, Dottie Nail, Velma Lemons, Paul Stanley (13) Grant Knight, Jasper Dobbs



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Hours: 2:30 - 4:00 P. M. Selections: Johnson Jewelers Young Jewelry Cardale

Directory Update

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Mr. & Mrs. Ron (Pam) Lott
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Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Jones
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Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 561-6190

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Although other clean-up television campaigns are receiving national recognition for their efforts, we still rejoice that the Joelton congregation and John Hurt have taken the lead in the brotherhood in this vital area. This past week national headlines proclaimed a big victory in this effort with the announcement by Procter & Gamble's chairman that its company will not lend its name or advertising support to programs that feature gratuitous sex and excessive violence. Board chairman O. B. Butler told members of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences this past week that the Cincinnati-based soap and personal products giant feels responsible for programming sponsored by P & G products. "We must be responsible for the environment in which our commercials appear," Butler said. "We cannot abdicate that responsibility by turning it over to any group, no matter how highly motivated and how well-intentioned they are, by permitting our program choices to be dictated by threats of boycott."

You can rest assured that that last statement by Mr. Butler has taken into account the fact that the buying public does have power it can wield by refusing to buy products of companies who advertise on objectionable programs.

Let's continue to support the work of the "Clean-up TV Campaign" so that similar results will be brought about by irresponsible advertisers.

Thank you for the many expressions of congratulations on our recent celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary. We are grateful for so many friends who have made that 25 years most rewarding and enjoyable. We also learned and expressed our own congratulations to Ralph and Marian Rowe who celebrated their 25th anniversary on the same day. Married life just gets better and better.

Congratulations to Marian Rowe's Sunday morning Second Grade class for having 100% attendance this

(Continued next column)

In Appreciation

Thank you so much for the gift. It was so nice of everybody to think of the graduating class of 1981. The Bible along with the book the Stephensons gave me will help me to become a better Christian.

In Christian love,
Dottie Nail

Area Meetings

Don Kleppe of Vernon, Texas will preach in a meeting June 29 - July 1 at the Oakdale Church of Christ. Services will be 7:30 P.M. nightly. You are invited.

THE 4th SUNDAY SINGING will be at the Troup Church of Christ on Sunday at 2:30 in the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

THE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES will meet Tuesday evening, June 30 at the Broadway Church here in Tyler. West Erwin young people will meet at the Broadway building.

NO VISITOR NEXT WEEK

Because of our mailing permit regulations we will not publish THE VISITOR next week.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

HERE AND THERE (continued)

past week. This is especially noteworthy at a time when so many of our families are away for week-end trips and vacations. Don't forget Sunday morning Bible study. If you are away, then find the nearest congregation and worship and study the Bible with them.

We have a good group going to the ACU Teacher's Workshop on July 19. If you did not make reservations, let me know, and I'll still try to work something out.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.
 Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer Joe McBee
 Dismiss Jack Beard
 Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

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Contributions
 June 14 \$6,150.42
 June 7 6,772.84
 Year Ago 4,350.39
 Bible School

Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer C. B. Hardin
 Dismiss John Brem
 Serving Communion Sunday

June 14 377
 June 7 440
 Year Ago 355
 Worship

Milburn Cook Roy Roberson
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June 14 473
 June 7 501
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K. Max Haws Paul Montandon Charles Hickman
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 21 and Wednesday,
 June 24 - MIKE SAVAGE, Phone 593-6587.

RESTORED AND MEMBERSHIP

Frances Moore, 637 So. Chilton - phone 593-1510, came on Wednesday evening, June 3, to be restored and place membership. We are happy to welcome her into the fellowship of West Erwin.



We need YOU in Bible School!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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In The Hospitals

Sister Zorado Sherman is a patient in the Community Hospital.

Spiritual Gems

Work for the Lord. The pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

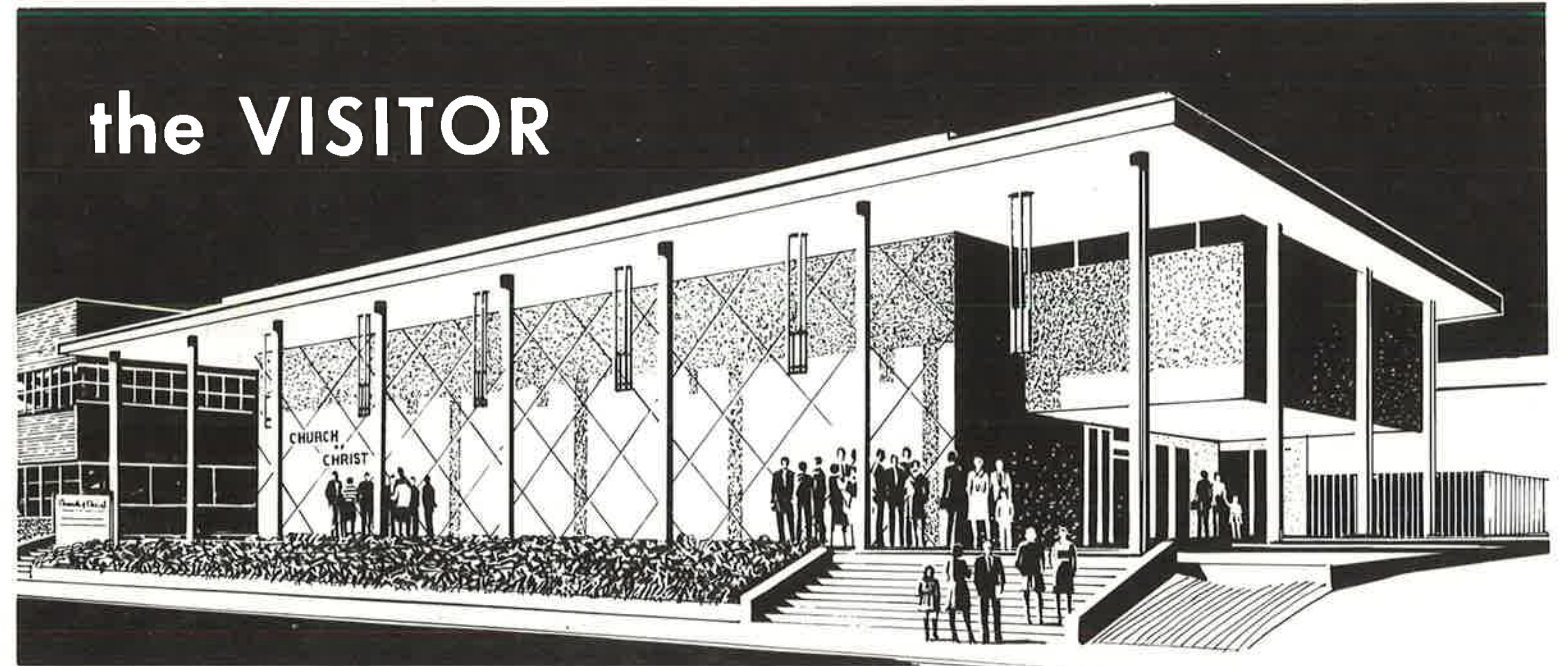
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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Alice and I were glad to get back in Tyler in time for Sunday night services following a very wonderful time spent with the Caribbean Christian Cruise and Lectureship. We arrived in Miami on Saturday morning where we boarded the special bus to West Monroe, Louisiana. We arrived there on Sunday morning and enjoyed worshipping with the White's Ferry Road church. Calvin Warpula, preacher for the church, had been among the number on the cruise. He had flown back from Miami in order that he would be ready to preach Sunday morning. We were glad to be associated with him and his lovely wife along with about 125 Christians on the ship which had a total of 450 passengers.

I wish that all of you could have enjoyed the rich experiences which were ours on board the ship Boheme and on our tours of four ports of call. We had a feast of food for our bodies and a spiritual feast for our souls as we met with other Christians for services on the ship and for

visits with Christians on the islands. All of us were made to realize how blessed we are to be living in America and all of us were inspired to be more zealous in the Lord's service as a result of the sermons we heard and the worship we enjoyed with fellow Christians.

We extend congratulations to Wes and Alma Faye Price who observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Tuesday of this week. They have made a wonderful Christian home. It would be a better world if there were more people like Wes and Alma Faye! I am thankful that they are a part of the West Erwin family. We appreciate the great work Wes is doing here and we appreciate all that Alma Faye means to him and to all of us. We pray that God may continue to bless their lives for many years to come.

I enjoyed the sermon preached by Jack Paul on Sunday night. Jack is well known as a speaker in the church and in the business world as well. His sermon on Sunday night should remind us again of how wonderful Jesus is and how all of us should love him. If we truly love him we will serve him.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1981
 By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. Our Father In Heaven
 P.M. Impressions From Our Visit in the Caribbean

The following article is taken from "Questions And Answers" in the Gospel Advocate by brother Guy N. Woods. Brother Woods is known throughout the brotherhood for his ability as a preacher and for his knowledge of God's Word. He loves the church and loves the truth. GHS

"Dear brother Woods, will you please explain I Corinthians 11:34 which says: 'If any man hunger, let him eat at home?'"

Among the many departures which characterized the Corinthian church when Paul penned this epistle was the improper observance of the Lord's Supper. Its original design had largely been lost sight of; the emblems no longer signified in full what the Lord intended; and to the bread (representative of his body), and the fruit of the vine (which portrayed his shed blood) they had added other items of food and had turned the Memorial Supper into a common and ordinary meal. Such disorder had robbed the table of its meaning, and evidenced the fact that those who were thus participating were without spiritual discernment (Verses 20-34).

Paul sought to correct this unseemly abuse of the divine service by (a) directing attention to the excesses which were theirs (verses 20, 21) by (b) reminding them that the usual and common place to eat food is at home and not in the assembly (verse 22), and by (c) showing that their actions resulted from a gross misunderstanding of the purpose of the Supper itself (verses 25, 26). And, there was another aspect of the matter which required the apostle's attention. The church in Corinth was composed of both rich and poor; some were able to bring more food than others in consequences of which those who were well supplied greedily ate theirs, refusing to "tarry" for the less fortunate, leaving some full and others empty. Their sins were many; they had corrupted the Lord's Supper; a state of gross disunity prevailed; covetousness and greediness were manifest; spiritual stupor possessed them and some of them were so far gone into this worldly, materialistic state that they were 'asleep,' and thus immune to spiritual impulses.

The querist adds, "We have a room in the back of our auditorium which is used for a Sunday School room; also have a stove and refrigerator in it and serve meals at times.

I don't think we should serve meals in the church building."

It is a misuse of Paul's statement in I Corinthians 11:34, to apply it to meals in the church building. (1) We have seen that it was penned to correct an abuse of the Lord's Supper - the mingling of a common meal with the Supper itself. It is improper exegesis to lift a statement from its context and apply it in a sense not intended by the sacred writer. (a) To oppose the eating of a meal in the building with this statement is to give it an unwarranted extension which would make it wrong to eat in a restaurant, on a picnic table in the park, or in somebody else's house! In none of these instances would one be eating "at home." It must be obvious that such was not the intent of the Spirit in I Corinthians 11:34. (b) The saints of the apostolic age, and this included the apostle who penned these words, often worshipped in the houses of members where meals were served and of which Paul doubtless partook. (Romans 16:5; I Corinthians 16:19.) Obviously, his teaching and practice in this matter are not in conflict. (2) There is no indication in the New Testament that any church of the first century ever owned a church building! Poverty, persecution, frequent expulsion from the land made such inadvisable if not impossible. A church building is an expedient; we may not properly apply to the building the divine rules governing the church (assembly).

Few people who are today living have preached the gospel longer or in more places than I; it has often been my privilege and pleasure to eat with the saints in church buildings throughout the land; from such practice I have never observed any departure; on the contrary, it is my observation that those congregations which engage in these "love feasts" (Jude 12, American Standard Version), often exhibit a warmer, closer bond of fellowship for each other. It is right and it ought to be more often practiced.

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

To a Bridal Brunch honoring Pam Potts, Bride Elect of Terry Tindel, Saturday morning, June 20, 1981 - Ten until Eleven-thirty o'clock.

Selections:

Leewright's

Brosang's

Dillards

Fellowship Hall

West Erwin Church of Christ

Thank You

Your prayers, food, and kindnesses have all been a source of encouragement to us. Thank you for every kind expression. Please continue to pray for me.

Lera Bennett

I really appreciate the love and guidance that has been shown in all of my years of school, and especially during graduation by all of you. Thank you for the Bible, and for thinking about me during this time.

Martha Powell

On Saturday, Cone and Eleanor Birdwell visited with sister Myrtle Ginn in Gunter, Texas. Her health has improved and she enjoys living at Hill Top Haven with other Christians. Here is her address:

Mrs. Myrtle Ginn, Hill Top Haven, Room 417, P. C. Box 38, Gunter, Texas, 75078.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (21) Faye Kennard (22) Mark Sevier (23) Maurice Henderson, Bob Threadgill (24) Amie Roberts (26) Amy O'Quinn (27) Jeff Duncan

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Parent, Teacher & Friends Organization for East Texas Christian Academy is opening a resale shop to help in funding the school. The opening date is set for July 1, and the location will be 116 West Front. Store hours will be 9:30 to 5:30 Monday thru Saturday. If you have any items to be donated, please call E. T. C. A. 561-8642, for them to be collected.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



The Abilene Christian University Summer Workshop is scheduled for July 19-22. We will be taking our mini-bus and as many as it will hold. If you would like to go, please let me know by the middle of next week. We must have our reservations confirmed shortly thereafter. We have several brochures in the office with details about the program and baby sitting arrangements. Drop by and pick up a copy if it will help you decide to go.

A great host of our families were gone last Sunday which will be representative of how things will be most of the summer. Of course, our prayers go with you for a safe and happy vacation. We don't want you to forget the work at home. Make arrangements to leave your contribution with a friend so that it can reach the church treasury. There is nothing wrong with doubling up when you return, but somehow that gets to be pretty difficult, with the expenses of a trip and all. Why don't you make up your mind to leave it so you won't be tempted to forget it.

It would be great too, if every Sunday you are away, you make a part of your plans to attend Bible study and worship on Sunday morning somewhere along the way. Do me a favor and pick up a copy of the church bulletin where you attend and bring it back to me.

With the increased frequency of week-end trips and vacations, there will be a need for substitutions in our Bible class teachers. Teachers, please help us by letting someone know when you are planning on being absent from your class so a substitute can be secured with plenty of time to prepare properly. Supervisors stand ready to assist you in this matter. Carolyn Welborn for the Pre-School Department, Alma Faye Price for the Primary Department, Jan Knight for the Junior Department, Phil Marts for the Junior High Department, Hillard Hughes for the High School Department and yours truly for the Adult Department. Don't wait until the last minute to call.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.
 Announcements Paul Stanley
 Prayer Hillard Hughes
 Dismiss Trey Hughes
 Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

Our Records

Contributions
 June 7 \$6,772.84
 May 31 6,538.29
 Year Ago 5,115.04
 Bible School

Announcements Paul Stanley June 7 440
 Prayer Hoyt Hughes May 31 368
 Dismiss Shannon Hughes Year Ago 382
 Serving Communion Sunday Worship

Wayne Fears Paul Montandon June 7 501
 Morris Hallman Bill Butler May 31 575
 Marty Mallory Wesley Price Weekly
 Sam Sevier Lowell Wiggains Budget \$6,200.00

Assistants in Back Foyer
 Rocky Chambless Dale Duncan
 H. G. Potts Ronny Jones

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 14 and Wednesday,
 June 17 - FRED POWELL - 593-5229.

Welcome



We welcome Larry and Judy Ballard as new members of the West Erwin family. They recently moved to Tyler from Mineola. Their address is Rt. 12, Box 244 A, phone 593-8219

**You don't have to explain something
 you have not said.**

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Bessie Willis is in Community Hospital.

Robert Frederick is now at his parents home.

Mrs. Lera Bennett remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Howard Adams continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Ike Gaiser is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Weldon Keith underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

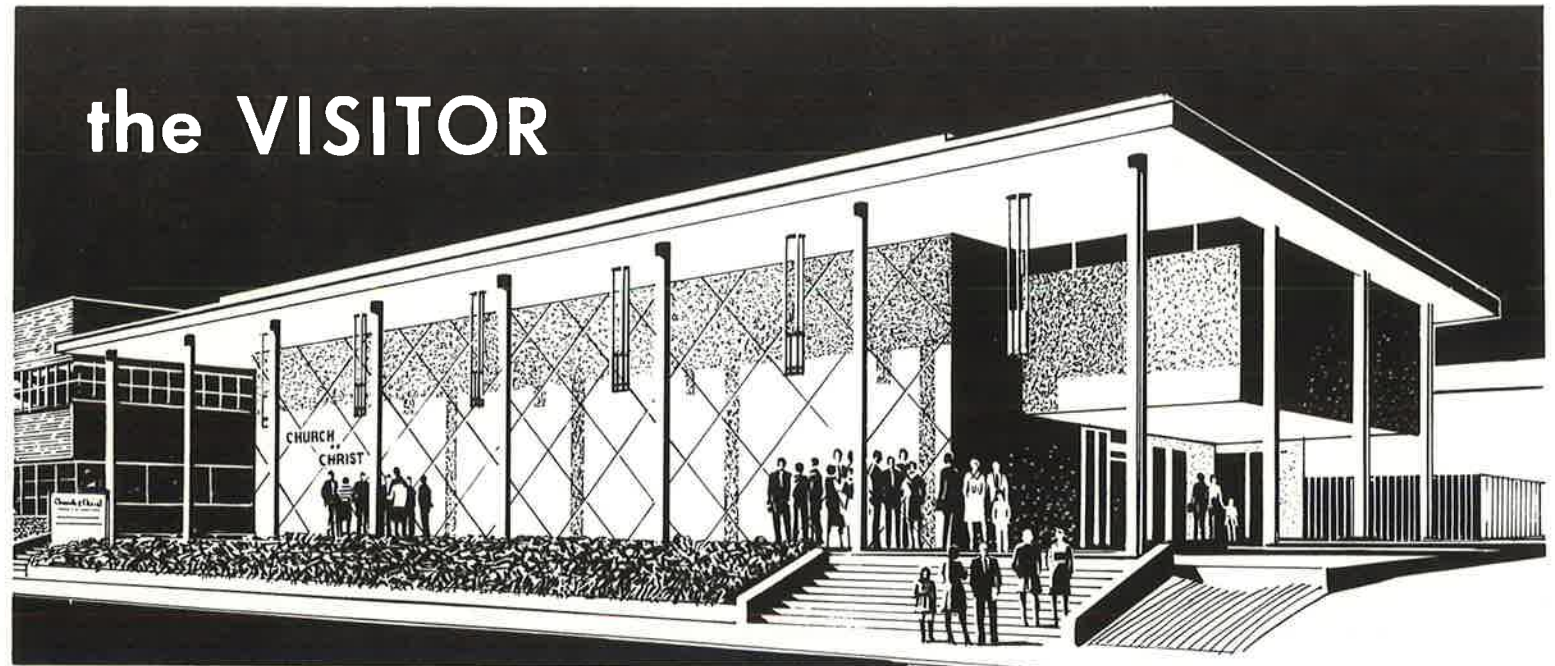
MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from the Medina Home will be here one day next week. We have been asked to collect CEREALS (Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Grape-nuts, Wheaties, Rice Krispies, etc.) A 6 months supply is 360 boxes. Bring your contributions when you come Sunday.

The Amazing Grace
 Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
 Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

We extend congratulations to Neil Gallagher who has received the Ph. D. in philosophy from Brown University this week. We are thankful that this fine man is being supported by the West Erwin church as he works to advance the cause of our Lord in East Providence, Rhode Island.

Brother Gallagher is the only one in the brotherhood to have a Ph. D. in philosophy from an "Ivy League school." It is wonderful that he has maintained his faith in the Bible as God's Word as he has come in contact with the various philosophies and has studied under some of the leading educators anywhere. Before becoming a member of the New Testament church he had made a study of various world religions. You will recall that he was reared as a Catholic and planned to become a priest. He became a diligent student of the Bible and continues to urge everyone to study the Bible each day. When he was here he said that no one can truly be a Christian who does not read the Bible each day.

Writing in regard to receiving his doctorate, brother Gallagher said, "It's been a long, hard expensive 4 years and I praise God for the victory!! My plan (among other things) is to take on in debate the humanists, liberals and atheists in our big universities and media who are leading thousands of young people astray. Pray for me as I include this as part of my missionary endeavors." We are thankful for this worthy ambition of brother Gallagher's and that there is one so well qualified as he to "contend earnestly for the faith" in a time when many are being influenced by the humanistic and atheistic philosophies of our day.

We are pleased to have an excellent article for our bulletin this week from Neil. He has gained National recognition for his fight against pornography. The article was previously published in the Gospel Advocate. In regard to our bulletin, Neil said, "You have, hands down, one of the most attractive and 'readable' bulletins in the brotherhood."

Brother Gallagher will be here at West Erwin to preach on July 26. We are looking forward to that.

We are proud of you and love you, Dr. Gallagher!

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ITEMS WORTH NOTING

(This article appeared in the University Church of Christ bulletin in Abilene.)

Four television programs identified in the Clean Up TV campaign as being objectionable have been cancelled or removed from most stations, according to the April newsletter from the campaign.

The cancelled shows are "Charlie's Angels," "The Dating Game," "Three's a Crowd" and "The Newlywed Game."

The newsletter notes that the campaign "has never attempted to have these or any other programs taken off the air, and would have preferred to see them improve their moral content," but adds that "we are thankful that the true feelings of the public about such material is beginning to be heard."

Among other important developments that have taken place during recent months, according to the newsletter, are:

- The program, "Number 96," which aired for the first time several weeks ago and was considered by many to be one of the most morally offensive programs ever presented on public television, was cancelled after completing only six episodes.

- The ratings for three of the other four shows identified as objectionable in the initial stages of the campaign have gone down considerably.

Those four shows are "Soap," "Saturday Night Live," "Three's Company" and "Dallas." Of those, "Dallas" remains first in the ratings, the newsletter says, but "numbers of viewers have commented about the apparent decrease in the amount of morally offensive material being presented."

"Three's Company" has gone from fourth in the ratings a few weeks ago to 11th place for the week ending March 15, and the other two objectionable programs were not listed in the top 20 in the ratings, according to the newsletter.

The boycott still is continuing for products manufactured by General Foods and American Home Products.

Let's Call Bible Sins By Bible Names

Neil Gallagher, Ph. D.

People do not have "affairs." They commit adultery.
People do not "live together" before marriage - or "swing."
They commit fornication.
People do not have "gay" lives. They commit homosexual acts.

In Revelation 2:20, God indicts the church at Thyatira saying, "But I have this against you... you allow that woman, Jezebel to teach that sex sin is not a serious matter."

In the same way, God indicts America... including Christians in America. How many times - at workshops, in Christian homes, on Christian campuses - one hears Christians (ignorantly) capitulate to the sins of the world by using the beat-around-the-bush words of the world.

And when we use the words of the world we, too, "teach that sex sin is not a serious matter." What, after all, is so serious about "having an affair?" An "affair" - a sin? Come now!! It not only sounds innocent, it sounds attractive. "Having an affair" - carefree, flamboyant and romantic.

But God calls it adultery. And adultery is God's name for the sin of sexually using another's mate.

"Living together" sounds innocent enough, and "swinging" sounds inviting. "Swinging" is cool and classy; the swingers have their act together; the non-swingers are out-of-date and stodgy.

But God calls it fornication and fornication is God's name for the sin of sexually using anyone.

Who wouldn't want to be "gay?" Preachers and elders and deacons talk worriedly about the "gay movement" and "gay rights" - not realizing they help "gays" just by calling them "gay." God calls it homosexuality. And homosexuality is God's name for the sin of sexually using another of the same sex.

Let's call popular sins by God's names. That's not only true to Scripture, but helps slap sense into people. When they hear that adultery, fornication and homosexuality are sins, they'll see they're caught up in something that ravages. And the only way they'll hear God's names for popular sins is for Christians to scuttle the habit (even at home) of echoing the words "affair," "swinging" and "gay."

We're fooling ourselves.

We're failing the pitiful people caught up in these sins.

... East Providence Church of Christ, 22 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, Rhode Island 02915.

Thank You

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

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Aubrey Byrd.

Thanks for your love and prayers at this time.
The Aubrey Byrd Family.

Thank you for the Bible that was presented to me at Baccalaureate Sunday, May 24th. It was kind of you to remember me on this special occasion and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Julie Duncan Carlson

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls I received from you while I was in the hospital. I appreciate all your expressions of concern. Thank you.

Susan Skipper

Congratulations

Monroe and Cleo Sublette are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born in Mother Frances Hospital to James and Connie Sublette.

Don't miss this!

The Summer Youth Series will meet next Tuesday in Carthage. (June 16 - 7:30 P. M.)

BIRTHDAYS-June (14) Greg Duncan, Kevin Womack (15) Mildred Parris, T. J. Parsons, J. N. Metcalf (16) Ann Nail, R. E. Frederick (17) Fred Strait, Grace Walker, Zeffie Beard (19) Stella Buckner, Carol Duncan (20) Lowell Wiggains, Vivie Wright

*A Special
INVITATION*

A Baby Shower honoring Debbie Bynum will be Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 P. M. in the Fellowship Hall. Debbie has made some selections at Storkland.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



At this writing, we are nearly 2/3 through our first One Day Vacation Bible School, and I must say that it is a good success. With the exception of a few minor hitches, we have moved smoothly through the Bible study sessions, refreshments and lunch in our fellowship hall. The weather has co-operated with us so far, so we anticipate completing our day in Bergfeld Park on schedule.

I cannot say too much by way of thanks to all the dedicated teachers and workers who have made this event possible. I hope you will join me in expressing your personal thanks to all of them for their tireless efforts.

Our Young Married Couples class continues to grow each week. We are grateful to all of the couples who have helped create an atmosphere of warmth and love that attracts other young couples into our midst. I'm sure you have noticed that the section in the auditorium down front on the north side is considerably fuller since we have been using that section to sit together during worship.

We had an attendance of 75 this past week and brother James Cail presented an excellent lesson on raising children. It was a joy to have him and his family visit with us this past week-end. His presentation in worship Sunday morning and evening certainly raised a mixed bag of comments. It makes me remember what brother Stephenson said was spoken of him by a good brother who introduced him on one occasion: "Some of you will like him... and some of you won't." The greatest feeling that I have about brother Cail's work is that he has helped keep hundreds of couples married to each other and faithful to the church as well.

We continue to hear good comments about Paul Stanley's Sunday morning Bible class for Basic Bible Study. Many of our young couples are enjoying learning under his capable teaching. His class combined with mine this past Sunday, but will be resuming their study this Sunday. Please notice the new room number: Room 303.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements F. C. Carpenter

Prayer K. Max Haws

Dismiss Matt Haws

Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements F. C. Carpenter

Prayer Bill Endsley

Dismiss Bruce Raley

Serving Communion Sunday

Wayne Fears Paul Montandon

Morris Hallman Bill Butler

Marty Mallory Wesley Price

Sam Sevier Lowell Wiggains

Assistants in Back Foyer

Rocky Chambless

H. G. Potts

Our Records

Contributions

May 31 \$6,538.29

May 24 5,374.43

Year Ago 5,030.27

Bible School

May 31 368

May 24 385

Year Ago 397

Worship

May 31 575

May 24 494

Weekly

Budget \$6,200.00

Dale Duncan

Ronny Jones

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 7, 1981 and Wednesday evening, June 10 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Jack Bennett went home Friday but was re-admitted to Mother Frances on Saturday.

The R. E. Frederick's son, Robert Frederick, continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

Dr. Ralph Rowe's uncle, Irwin Walker of Longview, entered Medical Center Tuesday for eye surgery.

Howard Adams underwent surgery Thursday in Mother Frances Hospital.

JAMES CAIL from Oklahoma Christian College will be our speaker Sunday and guest speaker for the Youth Meeting Tuesday evening. He will have a session with the Young Couples and others interested at a "Pot Luck Supper" Monday/6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

The crowds at Harvey Hall for the city wide meeting were excellent, and the enthusiasm was encouraging. However, the most encouraging thing we saw in Tyler was our brethren working together in peace and harmony.

The West Erwin congregation in downtown Tyler is the oldest of the congregations. It is healthy and strong with excellent leadership. George and Alice Stephenson have done an outstanding work for fourteen years at West Erwin. This was the home congregation of the late and beloved Brother Frank Cox, long time Gospel preacher and writer for the Gospel Advocate.

May the roses keep blooming in Tyler!

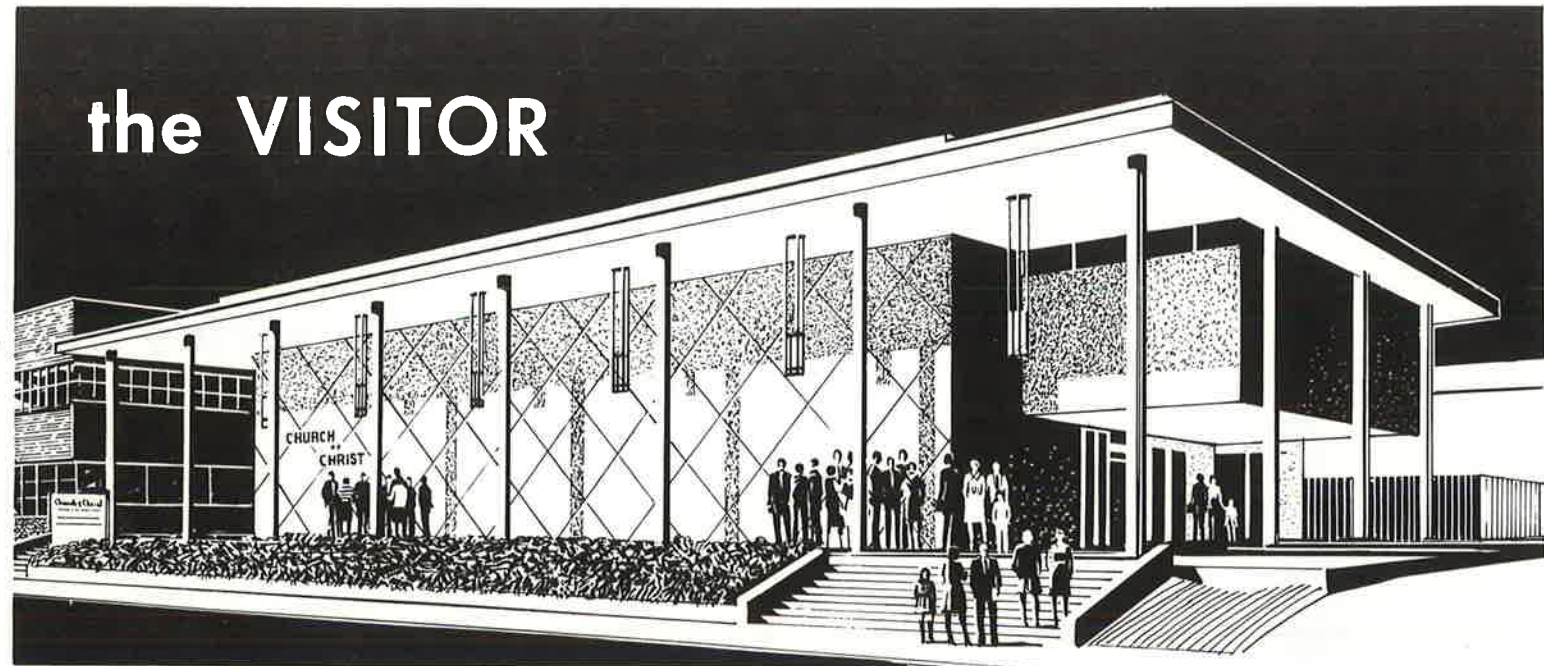
Of course, brother North was mistaken about Frank L. Cox being a member at West Erwin. He served as an elder at Glenwood. However, he had long been a friend of mine. I conducted funeral services for his mother years ago and spoke at his funeral service. His devoted wife visited our services recently. We are truly thankful for her as well as brother Cox whose writings continue to bless the world. He was known and loved by all the congregations in Tyler.

Wedding Shower

The shower for Julie Duncan Carlson is Saturday, June 6, from 10 - 11:30 A.M. at 618 Purdue.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We appreciate the words of commendation for the church in Tyler which Ira North expressed in the May 21 issue of the Gospel Advocate. I enjoyed very much the pleasant association with brother North and his wife Avon when they were here for the city wide campaign in Harvey Hall in April. I do not know of anyone who has a greater influence for good than Ira North. Here is what he wrote about Tyler:

More Than Roses Blooming in Tyler, Texas

Tyler, Texas is known as the Rose Capital of the World. It boasts the largest rose garden, and especially in the latter part of March and the first of April the town is absolutely beautiful, and hundreds come to view the azalea trail and the roses.

However, more than the roses are blossoming and blooming in Tyler, Texas. The church of our Lord is on the march. We recently were privileged to see the congregations in Tyler all working together in perfect harmony and peace in a city wide meeting. The congregations were West Erwin, Glenwood, Omen Road, Broadway, Shiloh Road and Northwest.

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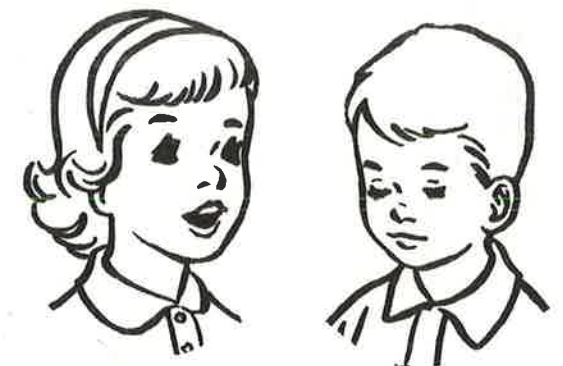
COMING UP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SPECIAL!
All Day

MONDAY, June 8, 1981

9:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M.





First Meeting. . .

Summer Youth Series

Co-Hosted by
West Erwin Church of Christ
&
Glenwood Church of Christ

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Song Director Greg Parham
Guest Speaker James Cail

Theme: "The Family and Your Future."

Fellowship and Refreshments - Fellowship Hall

June 9, 1981

7:30 P.M.

West Erwin Church of Christ
420 W. Erwin - Tyler, Texas

WISDOM is...



Job 28:28

*Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Montgomery
and
Mr. and Mrs. Allon Lade, Jr.
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Kay Sharon
to
Jeffery Glenn
on Saturday, the thirteenth of June
Nineteen hundred and eighty-one
at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening
Glenwood Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas*

*Reception
immediately following ceremony*

Happy Birthday

JUNE (7) Amanda Munn (9) David Hanley, Charlie Shuford (10) Sheila Taylor, Carolyn Carruth, Margarito Barajas (11) Tanya Wiggains, B. E. Walker, Elizabeth Endsley (12) Ralph Old (13) Juanita Graf, Harold Browning.

Congratulations

A new son, 10 lb 10 oz, was born Monday afternoon in Mother Frances Hospital to Cecille and Lowell Wiggains. The grandparents are Ferman and Lucille Carpenter.

Forest and Mary McFadden have a new grandson, Brent David, born Sunday, May 24 to Keston and Coleen McFadden. They live in Bedford, Texas.

In Appreciation

Thank you so much for the lovely Bible. I love it very much and will let the loving words fill my life always. Thanks again.
Michelle Crow

**HERE
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by wes price**



Our Brother's Keeper Program got off to a good beginning last Sunday night with good attendance being reported in most of the units. We also had one of the largest number in attendance at the evening worship for which we are thankful. Join me in expressing thanks to Weldon Dawson and the team leaders who hosted the fellowship meetings in their homes.

Perhaps a bit of additional information is necessary for some who may have some mistaken impressions about the fellowship meeting. This meeting is simply a time of togetherness where members of the various units can get to know each other better and learn to respond to each others needs. It is not some meeting to discuss church affairs, but a place where we can share our lives in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Those of you who could not make it this time will want to be sure and attend the next time. Reminders will be given for the next meeting.

"Behold how they love one another" will be the motto of this new effort and love will find a way to motivate each of us to be more consecrated and faithful to the Lord and to His church.

THE BROTHER'S KEEPER PROGRAM by Weldon Dawson

Our Brother's Keeper Program began in an excellent way last Sunday evening with fellowship meetings in the leader's homes. The response was very good and everyone is talking about how much they enjoyed it. If you were not able to attend, you were missed by those in your group; and you missed a wonderful evening. When you're called about the next fellowship, be sure you attend...you'll love it.

Our Sympathy

Words of comfort were spoken by brother George Stephenson on Sunday afternoon for the funeral service of Aubrey Byrd. Mr. Byrd died unexpectedly Friday morning. We extend our sympathy to Bertha and Linda and all of the family.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.	
Announcements	Ray Lott
Prayer	John Owens
Dismiss	Guy Potts
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Kevin Womack	Wynne Weathers
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Ron Jones	Edwin Pickle

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May 17	528
Weekly Budget	
	6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, May 31 and Wednesday June 3 - BILL FAULKNER - 839-7273

Responses

Mrs. Robert (Rebecca) Castro came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the church.

We are happy that Chris Hallman, son of Morris Hallman was baptized Saturday evening by Hillard Hughes. Chris lives in Dallas.

Sermons For Sunday

by George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A.M. Remember the Lord in Your Youth
 6:00 P.M. Christ As Our Judge

DEACON'S MEETING, Monday, June 1 - 7:00 p.m.



In The Hospitals

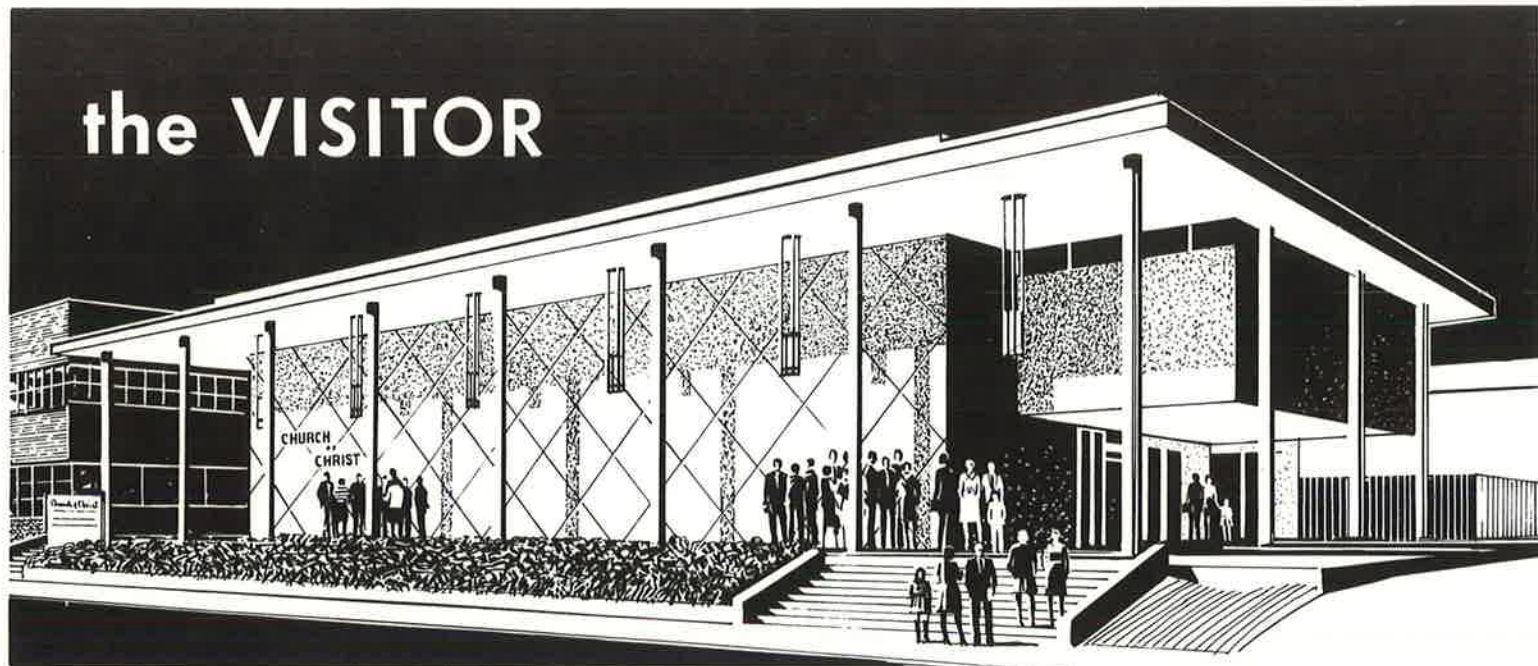
Dannie and Sue Skipper's daughter, Susan, was injured Tuesday in an automobile accident near Searcy, Arkansas. She underwent facial surgery Wednesday morning in Little Rock. Their daughter, Michelle, had minor surgery in Medical Center on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Bennett continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Robert Frederick remains in serious condition in Community Hospital.

C. L. Davis, father of Lynn Jones, had a pacemaker implant Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Last Friday evening proved to be a very delightful occasion for all who attended the dinner given in appreciation for the fine work being done by our Bible School teachers. We congratulate Wes Price for his fine leadership in our Bible School and for all that he did in helping to make the evening a great success. We were glad to have Charles Whitmire of the Alpine congregation in Longview as our principal speaker. Bill Faulkner helped to entertain with his "tricks of magic."

It was very appropriate for special honors to be given to Audrey O'Bannon for her devoted service for many years as a teacher of our women and children and to Elaine Roberson for her tireless and capable work with our Tuesday school. Also special recognition was given to three couples who have left or who soon will be leaving West Erwin to live elsewhere. These include the Elwin Crows, the John Owens, and the Sam Seviars. These three couples have made great contributions to the Bible School and other

work of the church. They will be greatly missed at West Erwin.

Speaking for the elders, Faber Cauthen commended the teachers for their work and reminded all of us of the need we have to remain true to the fundamentals of the cause of Christ. Brother Cauthen read the alarming statistics which were recently given by Guy N. Woods, who serves as the associate editor of the Gospel Advocate and who travels extensively among churches in his preaching in over 50 gospel meetings each year. These figures related by brother Woods have appeared in several periodicals including the Pasadena Exhorter edited by Lawrence Hazelip. According to brother Woods, among members of the church:

- 40% attend only one service per week
- 50% do not know why we do not use instrumental music in worship, and of these 35% would not object to the use of instrumental music in worship
- 10% believe that one church is as good as another
- 75% cannot find the plan of salvation in the New Testament

All of us who teach whether in the pulpit or in the class room need to recognize our responsibility in being faithful to God's word and in "contending earnestly for the faith," (Jude 3).

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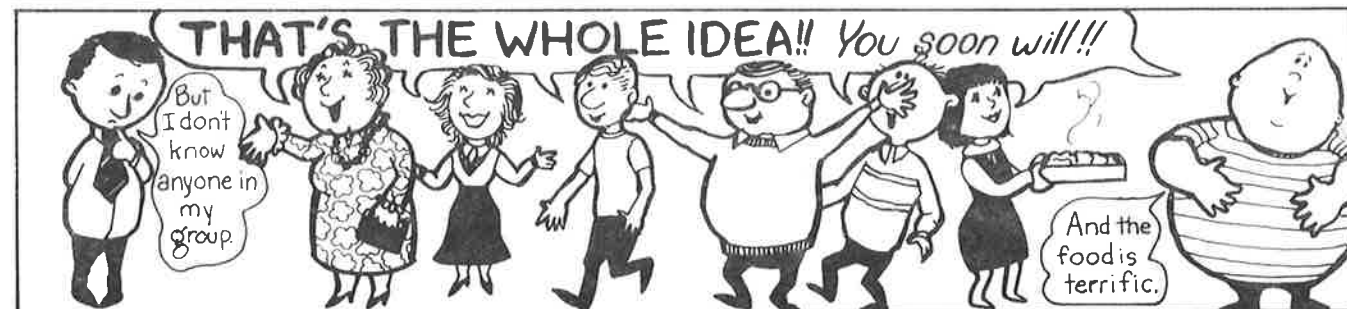
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Brother's Keepers



Congratulations

On Thursday afternoon of last week Vicki McKeown and Jim Franklin were married by brother George Stephenson.

Saturday morning Diana Lynn Martin and Kevin Womack were married in Dallas. They will live in Tyler.

Hillard Hughes said the marriage ceremony Saturday evening for Enola Gay Wyatt and Robert A. Bray. We extend congratulations to each couple.

Our Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Lyska Adams whose cousin was buried last week in Big Sandy.

Gospel Meeting

Mike Warner will preach May 31 through June 3 for the Pritchett Church of Christ. Week night services will be at 7:30.

High School Graduates



Sherri Bray



Julie Duncan Carlson



Michelle Crow



Dottie Nail



Martha Powell



Thank You

Thank you for the flowers, food, book, your visits and prayers during the time I was hospitalized and after returning home.
Eveline McCarty

Happy Birthday

JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Paul Miller (4) Cheryl Welborn, Carroll Magee, Ken Gode (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C. B. Hardin, Jonathan Owens.

HERE and THERE by wes price



Our Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet was a great success. Charles Whitmire of the Alpine congregation in Longview helped us tell our teachers how much we appreciate them and the work that they do. Faber Cauthen reinforced Charles' comments by expressions of thanks from our elders. Teachers, we do love and appreciate you for your work sake. The growth of the Lord's church is directly traceable to your efforts in teaching His word.

Special mention should be made of our honorees at this year's banquet. Our Teacher of the Year Award was presented to two of our lovely teachers this year, Audrey O'Bannon and Elaine Roberson. They both are deserving of this honor and we believe all will agree. Also receiving honorable mention for their dedicated service to our Religious Education Program were three families who will be making their homes elsewhere. Sam and Sher Sevier will be moving to Sulphur Springs. John and Jane Owens will be moving to Nacogdoches and Pat and Elwin Crow now live in a suburb of Houston. It is always sad to lose families from a congregation, and especially so when they are such dedicated workers as these have been. Our best wishes go with them.

Part of the success of our banquet is credited to some of our lovely teenage girls who were so gracious as they served our guests. They are: Christi Roberson, Mary Keith, Shannon and Traci Starnes, Angela Mallory and her friend, Leigh Ann Hunt. And a big hand to Bill Faulkner who entertained our guests with his feats of magic. He charmed us all with his crafty skill and humorous comments. Decorations were beautifully done by Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Jane Owens and Fran Starnes. Again, thanks to all who had a part in making our banquet such a success.

Wedding Shower

Ladies, you are invited to a miscellaneous wedding shower honoring Julie Duncan Carlson to be held at the home of Carolyn Welborn, 618 Purdue on Saturday morning, June 6 between the hours of 10 and 11:30.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.	
Announcements	Foy Richey
Prayer	Jay Buynm
Dismiss	Bill Butler
Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.	
Announcements	Foy Richey
Prayer	C. B. Burkham
Dismiss	Sam Bailey
Serving Communion Sunday	
Hillard Hughes	Louis E. Jones
Shannon Hughes	Jeff Jones
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Assistants in Back Foyer	
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Worship	
May 17	528
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Weekly	
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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, May 24 and Wednesday May 27 - DALE BLACKSTONE - 595-0130.

And the Lord Added

On Wednesday evening Ron and Pam Lott placed membership. Their address is 5000 Edinburgh, #406.

Following several study sessions, brother C. E. Caskey baptized Mrs. Terrylee Royer last Sunday evening. Her two children, Kelly Broadhurst and Judy Broadhurst were recently baptized in Longview. Their address is 321 So. Bois D'Arc - #5, Phone 593-8183.

Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith placed membership Sunday evening. They formerly worshipped in Fort Worth with the Brentwood congregation. Their address is Rt. 14, Box 455 - #403.

We welcome each of these families to West Erwin.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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In The Hospitals

Robert Frederick is seriously ill in the Community Hospital.

Mrs. Ola Dunwoody is recovering at her daughter's, Mrs. Barton, following eye surgery.

Mrs. Jack Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Cindi Galletly, daughter of Joe and Frances McBee is undergoing tests at the UT Health Center here in Tyler.

Mrs. H. McCarty underwent surgery last week in Mother Frances Hospital.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis E. Jones (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight (27) Paul Knight (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Alma Dunwoody, Mildred Tuel (31) David Fear's

Our Sympathy

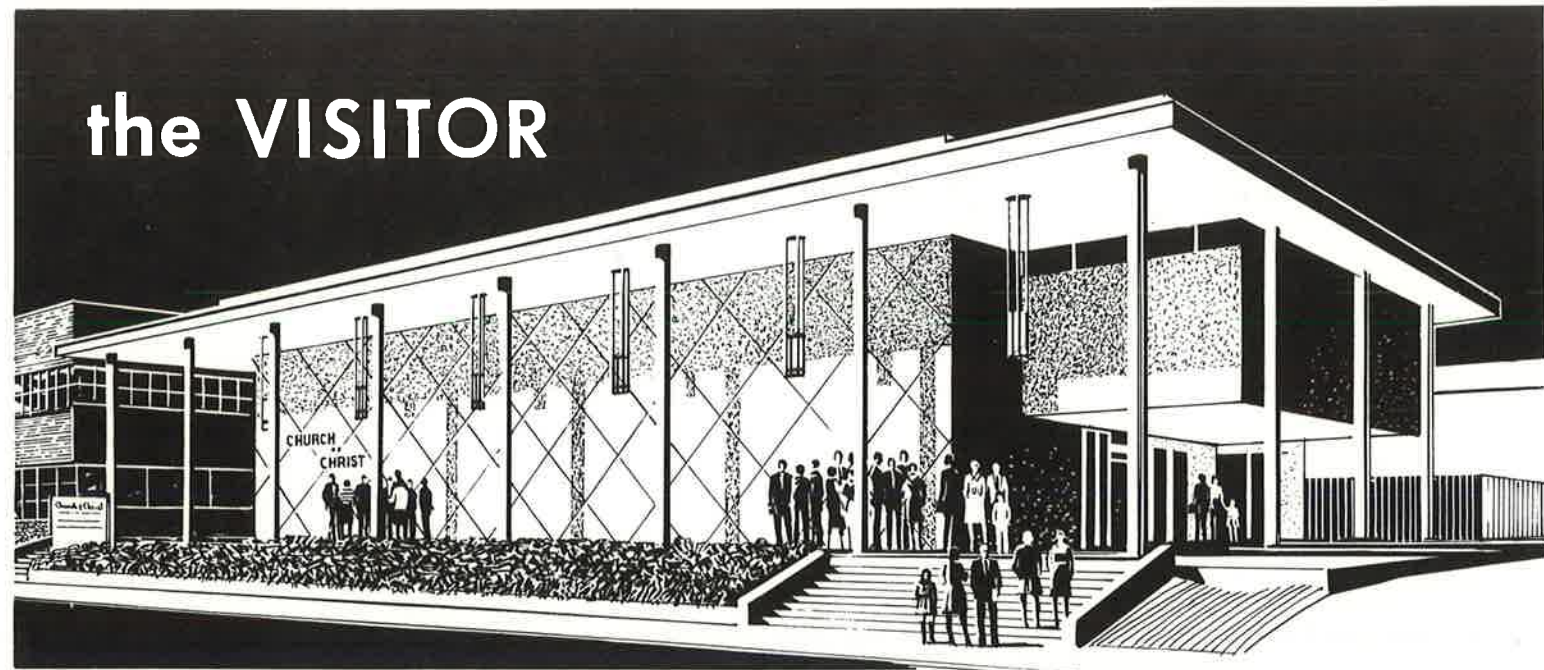
A brother-in-law of Mrs. Bruce Raley passed away last week in Abilene.

On Sunday an aunt of Rhonda Haws died. We extend our sympathy to each family.

From The Preacher's Desk (continued)
for the Garden Oaks church in Houston. He has completed his commentaries on the New Testament and is now writing on the Old Testament. His commentaries represent an amazing amount of research and study. I recommend them to you. I am thankful that the Coffmans are still active and useful in the Lord's service and pray for their continued health.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

It has been my happy privilege to know some of the great men in the church of today. Among the number is Burton Coffman of Houston. Recently Burton and his wife, Thelma, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Another couple, who were married at the same time the Coffmans were married, Maurice and Alma Hudgens, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary together with the Coffmans. I know that this was a delightful and wonderful occasion for both couples whom I have known for many years. I regret that Alice and I could not go to Houston for the happy occasion.

I doubt if there is another couple in the brotherhood today who has done more for the advancement of the cause of Christ than the Coffmans. Brother Coffman's dynamic leadership has helped to strengthen every church he has served as minister. He began his ministry with the Tenth and Austin Streets church in Wichita Falls as an associate minister with L. S. White. I was privileged to preach for this same church from 1945 to 1953. During that time, the

church built a new building and became the Tenth and Broad Streets church of Christ. The Coffmans were loved there and came for a number of meetings during those years. Other churches brother Coffman served included churches in Lawton, Oklahoma; Sherman, Texas; Central in Houston; Washington, D. C.; and Manhattan in New York City. Volumes could be written about the outstanding achievements of the Coffmans in all of these places. We are thankful for the great work being done today by the Manhattan church where Kieth Mitchell serves as the pulpit minister and brother Rutledge, father of our Jan Knight, is one of the elders. The Coffmans went to New York at a crucial time in the history of the Manhattan church and helped it to have a building and a foundation for the work it is doing today.

Thelma Coffman, affectionately known as "Sissy" has been a wonderful co-worker with Burton. I knew her parents in Arlington. Her father served as an elder in the church where I did my first work as "located preacher." Her mother was an aunt of our Alma Faye Price. They were wonderful people and I am thankful for the encouragement they gave me when I was a "boy preacher."

Burton Coffman will live on in the commentaries on the Bible which he has written since retirement from full time preaching. I should not say "retirement," for he is now preaching (continued on back page)

Congratulations Seniors

SHERRI BRAY

Sherr plans to attend Richard and Joseph's Artistic School of Hair Design. She is a graduate of Lee High School where she was a member of Home Economics Related Occupations and a Sophomore member of the Southern Belles.

JULIE DUNCAN CARLSON

Julie was Treasurer of DECA 1979/'80 and Vice President 1980/'81, and nominee for Homecoming Queen 1980. She was a member of the French Club 1979/'80. Julie is planning to attend Tyler Junior College to study Accounting.

MICHELLE CROW

Michelle has been a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America for the years 1979 through 1981, and served as Vice President. She was also School Store Manager. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and major in Accounting and Business. She is a graduate of John Tyler High School.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES for Graduating Seniors will be Sunday evening, May 24 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ at 6:00 P.M. A Reception for the Seniors and parents will follow the service.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Our Brother's Keeper program will help us to know each other better; and love each other more.

When you're invited to your unit leader's home for our first fellowship, May 31st after the evening worship, please respond, "Thank you - I'll come. What shall I bring?" Also, volunteer to have the next meeting in your home.

If Brother's Keeper is 100% successful it will take 100% participation and we know you will

DOTTIE NAIL

Dottie is a graduate of Brownsboro High School and plans to attend Tyler Junior College. She is a member of the FFA and served as Chapter Reporter for '80/'81 and was Star Chapter Farmer '79/'80. At the Henderson County Live Stock Show, she had Grand Champion Steer '79/'80 and Reserve Grand Champion Steer '80/'81. She applied for Lone Star Farmer Degree '80/'81. She was also a member of the Brownsboro Bear Pep Squad '78/'79 and '79/'80.

MARTHA POWELL

Martha will attend Tyler Junior College for a year and then plans to enter Texas A & M and major in Landscape Architecture. She is a graduate of Lee High School. She was a 1979 member of the Pep Squad, Future Homemakers 1978 through 1981. She was a member and Vice President of Home Economics Related Occupations 1980/'81. She was President of FHA 1979/'80, March of Dimes Area Chairman, 1980/'81, and member of the President's Council 1979/'80.

cooperate. It is very important that you fill out an attendance card each Sunday so we will know who is absent. Absentees each week will receive a call to find out if there is illness or a need of help. We're all members of God's family and want to supply the needs of one another.

A simple test of love: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Our Brother's Keeper? ... It's up to us.

Weldon Dawson

HERE and THERE

by wes price



A special invitation is extended to all of our Teachers at the West Erwin congregation to attend our Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet on Friday night, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Our Elders, preachers and members take this opportunity each year to express our deepest gratitude to our teaching staff for their unselfish contribution to our Education Program. Brother Charles Whitmire of the Alpine congregation in Longview will be our guest speaker. The baby nursery will be open.

May I encourage all our members to express a word of thanks to your Bible Class teacher and to the teachers of your children for their work.

We have some changes to announce with regard to our Wednesday night program for the summer. Each first Wednesday of each month, we will have a worship service together in the auditorium for Junior High, Senior High and all adults that will include an expanded selection of songs and a devotional.

The other Wednesday nights of the month will continue with the schedule of classes - some of which are already under way: George Stephenson's study in Hebrews; Stan Mallory's study on the Parables of Jesus; My class will continue on the Gospel of John to be followed with a study of the book of Romans; Mike Savage will continue his study with the college young people and singles. Two new classes will begin on the second Wednesday night of June, Phil Marts will begin a study of the book of James and Billie Bob Hickman will be teaching a ladies class.

I hope you will keep up the Wednesday night habit, or take it up if you have not been involved. It will do you good!

The Thirty-Niners Tenth Anniversary Reunion will be conducted on June 2 at the Garland Road church in Dallas. Look for the schedule of the day's activities elsewhere in this bulletin.

Don't forget to reserve Sunday night, May 31st for the first meeting of our new Brother's Keeper Program. Every member of this congregation will be invited into someone's home following that Sunday evening worship service. We look forward to a great time (continued next column)

Thank You

Please accept our sincere appreciation and thanks for the warm love, prayers, visits, cards, food and flowers in the loss of our dear mother.

The Family of Mrs. Ethel Payne

39er's Tenth Anniversary - June 2

Garland Road Church of Christ
10715 Garland Road, Dallas

9:30 a.m. Registration in G. R. auditorium
10:30 a.m. Welcome
11:00 Life Begins at 39
11:30 Ability Is Ageless
12 noon Lunch at 39er Park
2:00 p.m. On your own 'til 6:30
6:30 Regular monthly Thirty-Niner Dinner in Annex
8:00 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

The registration fee will be \$5 to cover lunch at the 39er Park and the evening meal.

GREETINGS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

In response to greetings from children in our Tuesday School, the following note of appreciation has been received from the White House.

"How delighted I was to receive your get well message! It tells me of your friendship and makes me very happy. I know that with so many young people rooting for me it won't be long before I'm feeling much better.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for caring."

Ronald Reagan

HERE AND THERE (continued)

together. If you have any questions about this new work, please call the church office or Weldon Dawson.

On Wednesday evening May 27, all adult classes will meet in the auditorium for a special worship service and a visit from James Long, a gospel preacher who travels in the interest of the Medina Children's Home. He will have a slide presentation which you will find interesting and informative. All classes above pre-school will be dismissed.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.		Contributions	
Announcements	Faber Cauthen	May 10	\$6,509.99
Prayer	Joe Carroll	May 3	6,254.03
Dismiss	Wayne Fears	Year Ago	4,352.29
Evening Worship - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Faber Cauthen	May 10	426
Prayer	Dale Duncan	May 3	394
Dismiss	Cullen Gilliam	Year Ago	394
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Shannon Hughes	Jeff Jones	May 10	572
Ray Womack	Don Weathers	May 3	416
Kevin Womack	Wynn Weathers		
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Assistants in Back Foyer		Budget \$6,200.00	
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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 20 - K. MAX HAWS - Phone, 561-9402

RESPONSES

Rockie Hughes, granddaughter of sister Cora Hughes was baptized Sunday morning. Rockie will enter the 6th grade in the fall. She attends regularly with her grandmother.

Because of the class brother Ira Wright teaches each week at Leisure Lodge Nursing Home, he was able to baptize Mr. Barr, an elderly man who has been studying with him. We commend brother Wright for his good work.

**A stranger is one away from home,
but a pilgrim is one who is on his way home.**

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Keep Yourselves in the Love of God
6:00 p. m. Christ, Our Priest

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Jim Willis is recovering from surgery in Community Hospital.

Robert Frederick is a patient in Community Hospital.

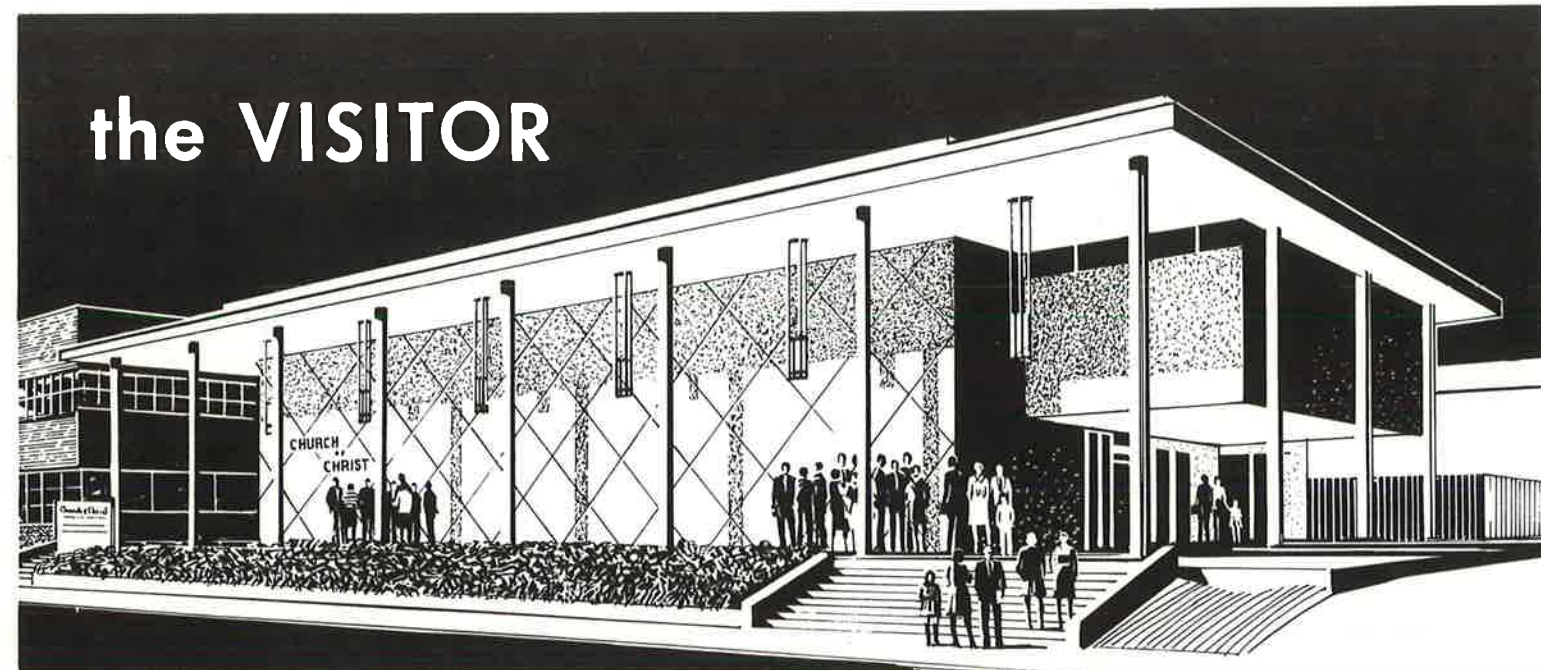
John Mackey had surgery Wednesday on his leg. He is in Mother Frances.

Cindi Galletly, daughter of Joe and Frances McBee is hospitalized in Nacogdoches for tests.

ON ATTENDANCE

Have you ever thought of it this way? If your car starts one out of three times do you consider it faithful? If your paperboy skips the Monday and Thursday editions, would they be missed? If you fail to go to work two or three days a month, would your boss be pleased? If your refrigerator quits for a day now and then, do you excuse it and say, "Oh well, it works most of the time?" If you miss a couple of mortgage payments in a year's time, would your mortgage holder say, "Ten out of twelve isn't bad?" So what about your church attendance? Anon.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We were thrilled to see the large number present for worship on Sunday. Of course, there were many visitors, for there were numbers here to visit with their mothers on the day set aside to honor them. We should never forget that every Lord's Day is one in which we meet in honor of our Saviour, but it is always good to give honor unto our mothers. "Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth," (Ephesians 6:2,3). I shall ever be grateful for the memory of a godly mother who passed away when I was thirteen and then for the other wonderful women who have influenced my life for good.

I appreciate all who have indicated their willingness to help in our new "Brother's Keeper" program. West Erwin is fortunate to have Weldon and Mary Dawson to give of their time in supervising this important activity. A meeting was held on Friday night in the Fellowship Hall of the unit leaders in the program. Wes

did a good job of explaining the program to the congregation on Sunday night. The program is designed to help all of us to follow these and other Scriptures:

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 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," (Hebrews 10:24,25)

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ," (Galatians 6:2).

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others," (Philippians 2:3,4).

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep," (Romans 12:15).

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted," (Galatians 6:1).

We do appreciate the many hours of work on the part of many who have worked to produce the new loose leaf membership directory. Hillard and the young people have worked hard on this project. James Phillips devoted time in making pictures. Our secretaries have gone beyond the call of duty on this project. Thanks to all of you and others for your "labor of love."

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Mr. and Mrs. Royce S. Wyatt
and

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bray
invite you to share in the joy

of the marriage uniting their children
Enola Gay

and

Roy Robert

This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the twenty-third of May
at seven o'clock in the evening
Westwood Baptist Church
Tyler, Texas

If you think you are too small to do
a big thing, try doing small things
in a big way.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Applications for employees are now being accepted at
East Texas Christian Academy.

1. Teachers - Kindergarten through fourth grade must be - a faithful member of the church of Christ
- experienced in teaching Bible class
- certified by the State of Texas
 2. Pre-school Teachers (2 years - 4 years) must be - a faithful member of the church of Christ
- experienced in teaching Bible class
 3. Aides must be - a faithful member of the church of Christ
 4. Day Care workers must be (2½ to 4½ hours) - a faithful member of the church of Christ
- All applicants must be 18 years or older.



A baby shower honoring Nancy Shelton and her new baby daughter will be Sunday afternoon, May 17 at 3 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



George Stephenson preached a marvelous sermon last Sunday morning on the question, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" He pointed out the mutual responsibilities that members of the body of Christ have for each other and the care that we express one for another. This message served to launch our New congregational program, the Brother's Keeper Program. It was my privilege to introduce the outline of the program to those selected to serve as Unit Leaders at a meeting on Friday night and then to share the plan with those present last Lord's Day evening. Reserve Sunday night, May 31, for our first unit meeting. All will be invited into someone's home after services that night.

Weldon and Mary Dawson have the supervision of this great work under the oversight of our Elders. You will be hearing from them soon about your participation in the program. We are indebted to them for assuming this demanding role and commend them to you for their work's sake.

Our Elders and all of us believe that this program will prove invaluable to this congregation as we strive to be drawn closer to each other and look for sincere ways in which we may assist each other in building up the body of Christ at West Erwin.

It would be impossible to estimate the number of times the church office has been asked, "When is our new pictorial directory going to be ready?" At long last, we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. The biggest thanks belongs to Hillard Hughes and especially to his Young People for the invaluable work they have done in collating the pages of this new directory. Thanks are due many others for your work as well. We are hoping to have this ready for distribution on Sunday.

Our "Young at Heart" group has planned a trip to see the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore on Thursday, June 4. Why don't you reserve that day to join us for the trip?

All of our retired members (and those past 65) are in for a special seminar for older Christians to be held
(continued next column)

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Ethel Payne. She had been a member of West Erwin for more than 30 years. We express our sincere sympathy to Kathryn Cauthen and her family and to sister Payne's children who are members of other congregations of the church in Tyler.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY (18) D. C. Jones (20) Mike Munn (21) Johnnie Sue Dayton, Doris Gregory (23) Jonnie Steffee, Bennie Bynum

See YOU Sunday!

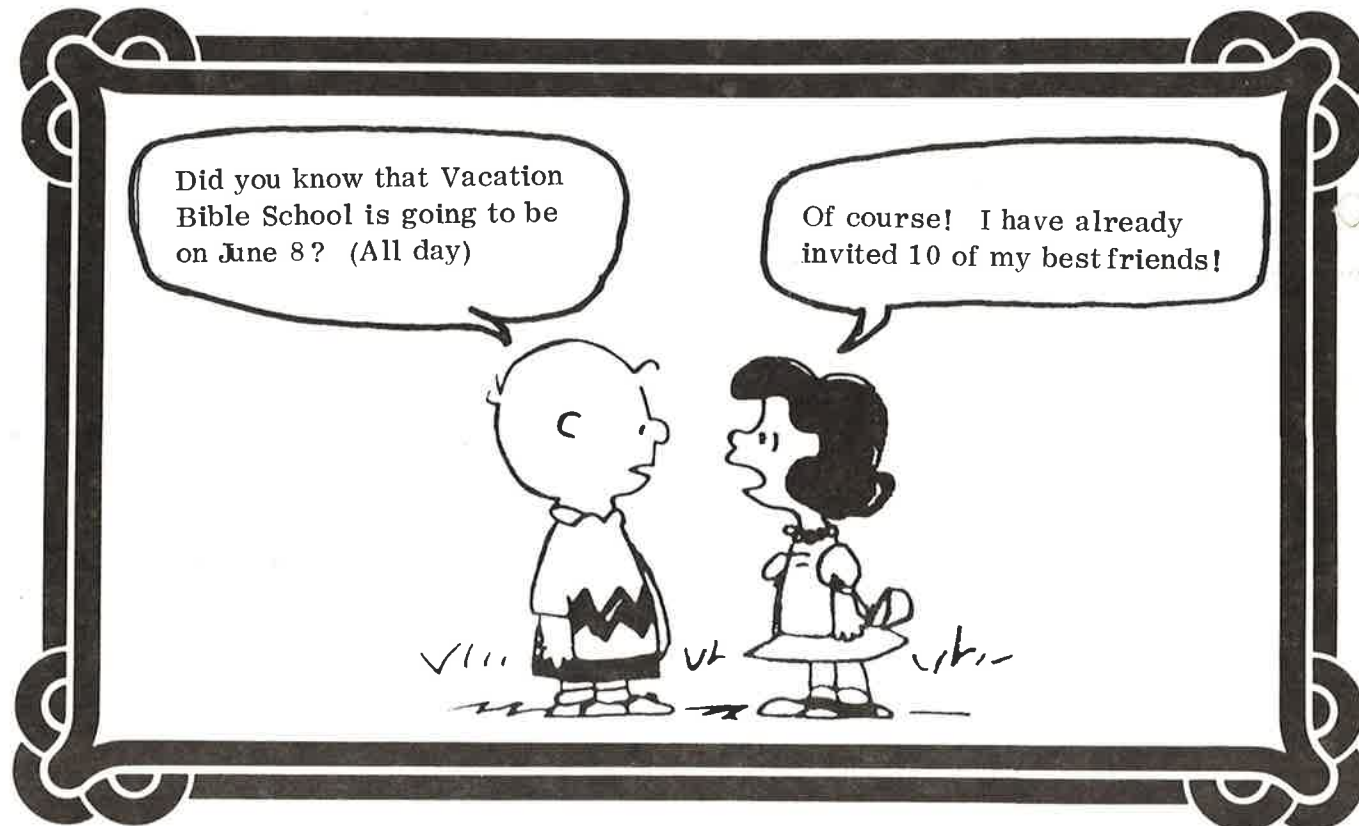
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at the Garland Road church in Dallas on Tuesday, June 2. You will see more about this in next week's bulletin. You want to reserve that day to go with some of our folks who have already committed themselves to attend.

We were glad to have Ferman Carpenter, Jr. and his family with us this past Sunday. He always does such a fine job in leading our singing. Since they last visited with us, he has moved into a new career field that I believe you will be interested in knowing about. He has joined a new Television ministry headed by Joe Barnett of Lubbock which will be producing programs to preach and teach the gospel on television. I know we will be hearing more about this in the future. We pray God's blessings on Ferman in his new work.

Help me remember to say thank you to Ann Ida Miller for the beautiful arrangement which graced the pulpit last Sunday. Her "green thumb" abilities certainly brighten the auditorium.

Paul Stanley's new class continues to be a smashing success. Many of our new Christians are availing themselves of this opportunity to learn the New Testament so as to have a good basic knowledge about how to live the Christian life.



Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Announcements Roger Knight

Prayer Mack Bynum

Dismiss Cliff Clough

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Announcements Roger Knight

Prayer Bill Faulkner

Dismiss David Demic

Serving Communion

John Teague Guy Potts

Jack Beard Odell Malone

Cooper Goodson Rocky Chambless

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Weekly

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Cliff Clough

MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday - May 10 and Wednesday, May 13 - ROY ROBERSON - Phone 597-5627.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

to each other's needs. Weldon and Mary Dawson are heading up this new work and every member will be blessed by their efforts. Come Sunday and hear about the Brother's Keeper Program!

LADIES YOU ARE INVITED

To a Baby Shower on Sunday afternoon, May 17 at 3 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall honoring Nancy Shelton and her new baby daughter.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

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Ike Gaiser remains in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Jim Willis underwent surgery on Thursday in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Gladys Weathers, mother of Don Weathers, entered the hospital Sunday in Jackson, Mississippi for surgery on Thursday.

Mrs. Gilbert Venable is in Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Linda Stephenson, daughter-in-law of the George Stephensons, had surgery on Friday of last week in Dallas. She is now at home. Alice is with them.

Charlene Aven, daughter-in-law of A. Z. and Pauline Aven continues to be a patient in Baylor Hospital. She is very seriously ill.

SCHOLASTIC HONOR

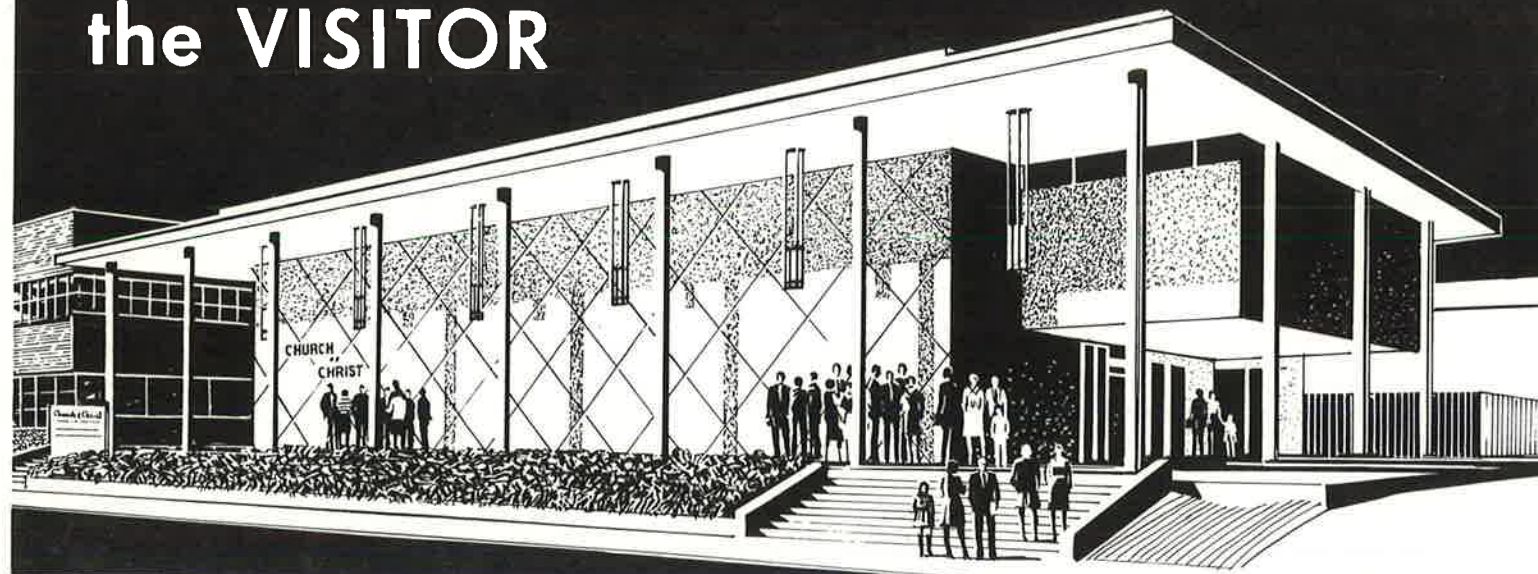
Brother and sister R. L. Trentham have received word that their son James has been named to the Dean's List of honor students at the University of Maryland European Division.

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The Church With A Heart

Where Is Your Brother?

"Where is Abel your brother?"
(Genesis 4:9).

Here in the field a struggle had taken place. There was blood on the ground. A murder had been committed... the first murder. And behind it lay the story of two brothers.

Cain had become upset with his younger brother Abel. But, as so often is true, anger did not end with itself. It led from sin to sin. Cain devised a plan by which he would punish his brother. "Abel, " he called out. Let us go out to the field." And unsuspectingly, Abel went along. Once they were in the field Cain rose up and killed his brother.

But murder did not end the matter. A short time afterward the Lord asked Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And Cain replied, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Cain became the first in a long line of folks who have disclaimed social responsibility. You know the philosophy. It's expressed in a variety of ways: "A man has to look out for himself... don't bug me... do your own thing... that's none of my business, etc."

But like it or not, responsibility rests upon each of us with regard to everyone with whom we are brought into contact. God has made each of us in His own image. We are bound together in a common society. How sad it is that this great truth has escaped many of us. In the words of the poet:

How many souls of strongest powers
To selfish solitude consigned,
Have whiled in idleness their hours,
Nor nobly sought to serve mankind!

Where is your brother? What is he doing? How is he getting along? What does he need? These questions constantly stare the Christian in the face.

If everyone who professes to care about the poor would become the friend of one poor person, the war on poverty in the United States could be won.

If everyone who professes to be a Christian would become the friend of one sinner, countless thousands would press into the kingdom of God.

If everyone who professes to be a Christian would love his brother in Christ, what a fellowship the church would be!

Listen! It's the voice of God. He's asking, "Where is your brother?"

JOHN GIPSON
Little Rock, Arkansas

DO WE NEED FARMERS?

By Robert Shank

(The following article is lifted from a report by Robert Shank in the "Restoration Leadership Ministry Monthly Report." Robert Shank is a former Baptist who is doing a great work in contacting various denominational preachers and acquainting them with our plea for New Testament Christianity. Brother Shank is the author of several books including "Life in The Son" written when he was a Baptist. The book refutes the doctrine of "once saved, always saved." We found the following comments interesting and very relevant. GHS)

March "came in like a lamb" and went out the same way, and except for one welcome rain, it was dry all the way in our part of the country. The weather has been delightful with many beautiful days . . . but what we need is rain! Too much pretty weather at the wrong time of year can be a disaster for an agricultural area, and for the nation and the world. No matter how far removed many people may be from agricultural pursuits, we are all totally dependent on what is produced from the soil.

Driving through Texas last month, I listened for a time to a telephone "talk show" on a local radio station. A woman called to complain about how much news is devoted to farm problems. "Farmers, farmers, farmers," she said, "I get so tired of hearing about farmers and their problems. I think we ought to shut down the farms and ship all the farmers out of the country and be done with all the problems." The talk show host was "flabbergasted" at such a suggestion and asked Dumb Dora what she would do for food if the farms all went out of operation. "Well, I get all my food at the Safeway store," she said, "so who needs farmers?" Can you believe it?

There are a lot of people around the country these days asking, "Who needs churches? Who needs preachers? Who needs grandpa's religion? Why not let's just all have our own do-your-own-thing religion and forget about all the religious trappings handed down to us from the Dark Ages?" Sounds great to a lot of religious "Dumb Dora's" who hardly know the difference between the Bible and Farmers' Almanac — and feel no need to find out. And there are indeed some religious accretions from the Dark Ages (and more recent times) that should very well be forgotten. But despite the religious trappings and accretions that have accumulated through the centuries, "the faith once delivered to the saints" has come down to our generation, preserved and defined in the Holy Scriptures, which in our day, as in the days of Timothy and Paul, "are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15 NASB). This is still the "religion" our late twentieth century "moderns" need. Sin, the human predicament, God's answer in Jesus Christ His Son, the good news of the gospel, and the forgiveness of sins

and promise of eternal life in the everlasting kingdom of God — these and all other great truths rooted in the being and character of God are as true today as they ever have been and will continue to be so forever.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," wrote Paul, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes" (Rom. 1:16). And the gospel of Christ is still the power of God for salvation for all who truly believe today, nineteen centuries after Paul. But as in Paul's day, "how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14, 15).

Who needs churches? Who needs preachers? Who needs old time religion? The whole human family in this "modern" world. The world needs first-century Christianity in this twentieth century, and faithful preachers of the everlasting gospel, and compassionate churches faithful to the mission assigned by our Lord to his churches.



STRENGTH
and
FORGIVENESS

**...ours through
Christ!**

THANK YOU NOTES

To The Ladies of West Erwin Church

Thank you so much for providing the meal for our Tuesday night dinner and devotional. All of us at Tri-C appreciate your contributions.

Thank you also for your continued support of the Center's programs. Please feel free to come by and join us for a meal and devotional anytime. We would be pleased to have you visit us.

Thank you again for the time and effort you spent in preparing the meal.

Trudy Spruill, Correspondent

The family of Rayford Wofford acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Thank you so much for the lovely little book, the visits and cards I received while in the hospital.

Mayme Waggoner

A NEW BABY GIRL

Valerie Beth Shelton was born Tuesday morning at 3:30 a.m. in Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 9lb. and 1 oz. and is 21 inches. Doug and Nancy Shelton are the happy parents.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY (11) Lea Hendry, Aubrey Payne (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic (15) Jessie Smith, Julie Carlson (16) K. Max Haws.

PROMOTION IN BIBLE SCHOOL

The last Sunday in May (the 31st) will be promotion in Bible School.

REMEMBER . . .

to bring CEREALS (Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Grape-nuts, Wheaties, Rice Krispies, etc.) for the grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home the week of June 15 - 19. A 6 month supply is 360 boxes.

A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON will be held Wednesday following the ladies class. This is the final class until fall. All ladies are encouraged to be present.

HERE
and **THERE**
by **wes price**



After three weeks of excellent attendance at Bible Study and worship, we took a turn for the worse. Our people were absent in mass this past Sunday, many of them traveling out-of-town. I hope all who were gone had a pleasant trip and a safe return.

When you are away from us on Sunday morning, please try to find a congregation where you are to pause and worship God. I think it would be difficult to pray His blessings upon your trip if you put Him last in your plans. Think about it.

The Christian Men's Fellowship Softball team won its game last week which was its first victory. Our game this week will be on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock on field No. 1 at the Northside park. Come out and cheer the players on to victory.

Our team will be wearing its new uniforms for the first time. We are grateful for the generosity of two of our West Erwin businessmen who provided them. Dannie Skipper with McDonald's and Lowell Wiggains with Insulpane supplied the funds and we are pleased to express our thanks to them.

The Abilene Christian University will be hosting its Summer Teacher's Workshop again this year on July 20 through 23. We will be taking a group with us, so if you would like to go, please let us have your name on the reservation list. This will be a great workshop, coming during the University's 75th anniversary and will feature Marriage and the home as its theme. All teachers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

We are delighted to report on an excellent beginning for Paul Stanley's new Adult Bible Class on New Testament Fundamentals. 16 enrolled for the beginning of the 12 week study. We have room for one or two more couples, so if you feel this would benefit you, think about joining this class next Sunday.

A new program is coming for the West Erwin Family. You will hear about it this coming Sunday. We are excited about this new work that will involve every member of this congregation. It will draw us closer to each other and help us to be more sensitive

(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning Worship</u>	
Announcements	Stan Mallory
Prayer	Bob Threadgill
Dismiss	Jack Stringer
<u>Evening Worship</u>	
Announcements	Stan Mallory
Prayer	Wyndal Miller
Dismiss	Roy Layne Roberson
<u>Serving Communion</u>	
John Teague	Guy Potts
Jack Beard	Odell Malone
Cooper Goodson	Rocky Chambless
Harvey Grier	Jack Stringer
<u>Assistants in Back Foyer</u>	
Bill Butler	Bill Faulkner

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
April 26	\$6,618.53
April 19	7,095.81
Year Ago	5,249.45
<u>Bible School</u>	
April 26	411
April 19	462
Year Ago	405
<u>Worship</u>	
April 26	480
April 19	607
<u>Weekly</u>	
Budget \$6,200.00	
Cliff Clough	

MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday - May 3 and Wednesday, May 6 - EARL O'QUINN - phone 561-0671

RESPONSES

We are happy to welcome new members to the West Erwin Family. Sunday the following came:
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Kathy) Carroll and two daughters Kim Templeton, a high school student, and Koreen Templeton, a junior high student. Their address is, 16 Angel Pines, Mineola, Texas 75773.
 Mrs. Ross (Lula) Cunningham, 414 E. Rix. She formerly worshipped with the Prestoncrest church in Dallas. Her phone is 597-4952.
 Mrs. Vicki McKeown, P. O. Box 326, Bullard, Texas came from the Broadway congregation. Vicki has two young children.

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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RESPONSES (Continued)

Mrs. Kenneth (Lisa) Cummins. She and her husband and little boy, Sean - 2 years - live at 2903 Crestview, phone 593-3743.
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott (Sheila) Morris, Rt. 21, Box 425 - phone 593-3472 placed membership and asked for the prayers of the church. They have one son, Nathaniel, 21 months old.
 Dolan W. Mensch, 309 East Erwin.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Jim Willis is a patient in Community Hospital.
 Jack and Jim Paul's father is a patient in Medical Center. Also, Mary Paul's mother is a patient in Medical Center. They are both from Sulphur Springs.
 Ike Gaiser continues to be a patient in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.
 Mrs. Jack Bennett remains in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

TUESDAY SCHOOL

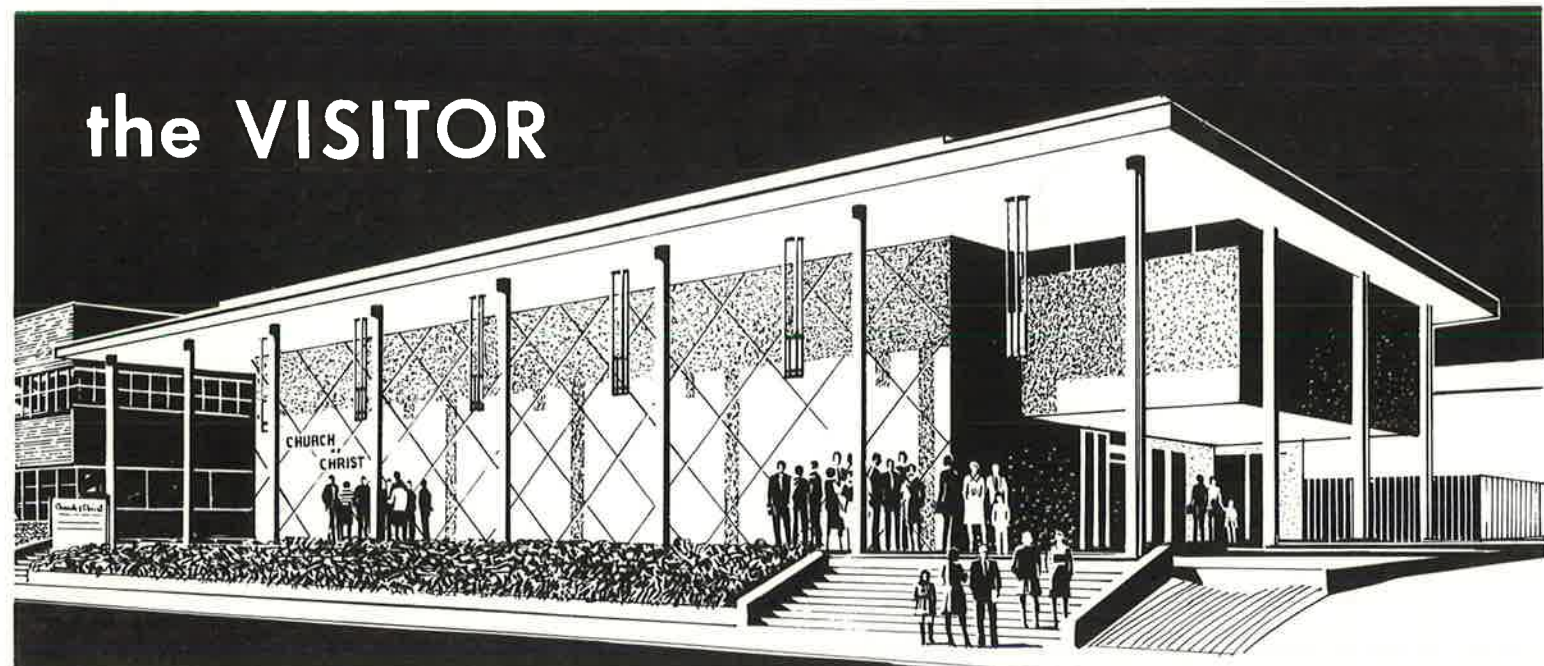
Tuesday School workers not mentioned on the inside of this bulletin are Virginia Conner and Pam Lemons. They worked the fall semester. At Christmas time brother Bob Conner was Santa's helper.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We had a great day Sunday and were thrilled with the number who were added to our West Erwin family. It is most encouraging to have all of the fine young couples who have recently decided to make this their church home. We are thrilled at the large number in the class taught by Wes. He is doing a great work with them. We are also thrilled to see the large number of babies and little children whose parents are with us. Surely, West Erwin has a bright future! We are thankful also for our teen agers and the fine work of Hillard with them.

Some have thought that the West Erwin church is just an "old folk's church." We do have many elderly people because this is an old congregation. Our elderly people help to give stability to the church. However, we are glad to have many fine younger people who mean so much to the church now and will mean so much in the years to come.

The fellowship last Sunday evening following our worship proved to be highly successful. The fellowship hall was filled to capacity. In fact we hardly had enough room for everyone. We enjoyed the food and the opportunity to be with each other. We appreciate the work of Phil Marts and everyone who worked to make the evening a success. We know that this was the result of the co-operative work of many of you.

With the approach of summer, we are reminded that many youngsters will plan to attend some time in camp. I would like to recommend to you Camp Deer-Run. During the years I have known about this camp, I have come to have a great appreciation for it. The youngsters who attend have a wonderful time as they play in the out of doors and are guided by Christian counselors. They receive Bible lessons and spiritual training which will bless them all of their lives. The camp is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 18. There will be four sessions of the camp lasting for two weeks and two sessions of only one week each. The first session begins May 31 and the last begins August 2. Brochures telling about the camp and applications to attend are available in the foyer and in the office. You should make reservations now.

Sermons Sunday by George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A.M. A Noble Boast
 6:00 P.M. The Bread of Life

ABOUT TUESDAY SCHOOL

This has truly been a great year and has it ever flown! To witness the progress many of the youngsters have made since September is remarkable. Some who were little more than toddlers are singing, recognizing colors, counting, participating in group activities - actually sharing - and learning to show the love of Jesus in their lives. Each age level has matured and many children will be ready to go to "real" school in the fall.

Our prayer for each child is that he will remember these experiences as happy times - reinforcing the knowledge that God did plan for him, his family, his world - and that he is somebody special.

A tremendous thanks goes to the special volunteers who have contributed to the success of Tuesday School. The teachers are:

Maxine Freeman, Mary June Goodson, Ann Nail, Fran Starnes, Rhonda Hendrix, Fleta Butler, Betty Knight, Barbara Montandon and Pauline Fuller. Other workers are: Sher Sevier, refreshments; Pam Wells, playroom; Nora Chambless, nursery attendant; John Porter, bus driver; Wes Price, Chapel. A special thanks to those who substituted during the year and to Forest McFadden and Joe Carroll, our candy men. We love you all!

Elaine Roberson

THANK YOU ELAINE ROBERSON

Elaine Roberson is the director of Tuesday School and has co-ordinated the activities and led in a most capable way for another year. We appreciate her and the time and energy she has contributed to make the school a success.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last week a "thank you note" from Cara Gowen appeared in the VISITOR. West Erwin has contributed to her care in Boles Home and she will enter Harding University in the fall to study Computer Science. We thought you would enjoy knowing some of her accomplishments: FHA President, 2 years, honorable mention in UIL One Act Play, Biology Award, Homemaking Award, 2nd Team All District in Basketball, Basketball Sweetheart, State in Woodshop, and Hunt County Fair Queen, 1980-'81.

FROM MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be here the week of June 15 - 19 to collect items we have for them. If we prefer to collect one item, they suggest CEREALS (Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Grape-nuts, Wheaties, Rice Krispies, etc.) A 6 months supply is 360 boxes.

YOUNG AT HEART

The over 60 group who meet the first Thursday evening of each month will meet May 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your card table and dominoes and a dessert.

AREA MEETINGS

The Bullard Church of Christ will conduct a Gospel Meeting, May 3 - 8 with Fred Bandy of Kemp, Texas preaching. Week night services at 7:30.

Perry Hall from Denton will preach in a Gospel Meeting for the Church of Christ in Carthage, May 3 - 6. Week night services at 7:30.

Saturday, May 9 A Day For Women will be held at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Lottie Beth Hobbs will be the speaker. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The program will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

ON THURSDAY of last week, Jack Paul baptized Robert L. McBurney in the Smith County Jail. The young man had been taking a correspondence course from a church in Dallas. Brother Paul was contacted by a preacher from the Dallas church.

We are happy to report that Tony Fears wife, Vickie, was baptized into Christ on Monday evening at the Garland Road Church of Christ in Dallas.

LADIES LUNCHEON RESCHEDULED

The Ladies' Bible Class Luncheon was scheduled for May 6 on our Calendar; however, it will be held the 13th - the final day for Ladies' Bible Class until September. Remember to make this change on your calendar.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY (4) Ken Gode (5) Nelda Browning, Maxine Freeman, Dot Hardin, Jeana Paul, Mark Watson (6) W. A. Chandler, Bessie Willis (7) John Porter, Wade Weathers (8) Jason O'Quinn (9) Amy Owens, M. B. Beard, Ford Egbert.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Julie Duncan and Bobby Carlson were married Saturday, April 18. J. C. Tate said the marriage ceremony. They will live in Tyler. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 13 - Final Class of Ladies' Bible Class until September

Covered Dish Luncheon

May 15 - Junior/Senior Banquet

May 22 - Teacher Appreciation Banquet

May 24 - Baccalaureate Service

May 27 - James Long will have a slide Presentation about Medina Children's Home

BIBLE HOUR for Elementary age children Sunday evening is in room 209 (1st through the 5th grade). Ray and Carolyn Womack and K. Max and Mary Haws have taught this class for some time. Recently Doug and Nancy Shelton have been helping. From time to time teenagers help also.

PRESCHOOL children have a class at the same time in room 108. This class is taught by Nelda Browning, Frances McBee and Julienne Butler.

Parents please be prompt to pick up your children following the worship service.

DEACON'S MEETING, Monday evening in the Chapel - 7:00 o'clock.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Our annual Vacation Bible School is set for a new adventure this year. It will be a one day school, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 4:30 p.m. Our date for this new approach will be Monday, June 8. We will be announcing our teaching staff in the near future. Teachers who have already volunteered are excited about this experiment. Parents of children, 2 years old through sixth grade, are asked to reserve that date for this school.

Our Beginners Class taught by Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler had a bumper crop of little ones this past Sunday with a total count of 14. With the coming of many new members, we rejoice to see the increase in all of our children's classes.

We encourage you to seek out our newest members listed elsewhere in this bulletin and get acquainted with them. We are grateful for their coming our way.

We don't want to forget one more time to remind those of you who are interested in the new Adult study scheduled to begin this coming Sunday morning in room 306 to be taught by Paul Stanley. This study is especially designed for those who are new members of the Lord's church or those who feel they need a stronger base for more mature Bible studies. I am confident that Paul Stanley will prove just the right teacher for this new study. If you have any questions about whether you should go to this class or not, please feel free to call me.

With the large increase in toddler age children, we are happy to announce the beginning of a Wednesday night addition to our Beginners Class. One of our newest members, Becky Sims will be working with Jan Faulkner and Debbie Bynum in teaching these little ones. If you have been missing Wednesday night because we did not have a class for this age group, you can now feel good about this new beginning.

Phil Marts and his Fellowship Committee pulled off another good one for us Sunday night with the largest ever group of members and visitors staying for a food and fellowship get-together. Thanks for a very pleasant time.

Serving Sunday		Our Records	
Morning Worship		Contributions	
Ann.	Hillard Hughes	Apr. 197,	095.81
Prayer	Henry McRuiz	Apr. 127,	267.98
Dismiss	DeRay Bennett	Year	5,105.43
Evening Worship		Ago	
Ann.	Hillard Hughes	Bible School	
Prayer	Glynn Starnes	Apr. 19	462
Dismiss	Cole Bennett	Apr. 12	576
Serving Communion		Year Ago	
Dale Blackstone	Ronny Jones	Worship	
Cole Bennett	Trey Hughes	Apr. 19	607
James Phillips	K. Max Haws	Apr. 12	765
John Steffee	Mike Savage	Weekly	
Assistants in Back Foyer		Budget	
Jay Bynum	Dale Duncan	6,200.00	
	Bob Clemmons		

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, April 26 and Wednesday, April 2 - RONNY JONES, Phone 877-3053

HERE AND THERE (continued)
 ments and any interested in working in our Vacation Bible School. We will meet for our first organizational meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in room 105/106. We have some exciting plans to share with you about this years effort, so come and be in on the announcements.

In recent weeks we have been giving each of our visitors an embroidered, yellow rose. We don't tell them that this marks them as a visitor, but for our members, when you see one, you will know that this individual is visiting with us. Give them a warm greeting and invite them to come again. I believe this will do wonders for our public relations.

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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Report of Our Sick
 Mrs. Clyde Waggoner underwent surgery last week in Medical Center.
 Mrs. Jack Bennett entered Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas on Wednesday.
 Jim Willis is a patient in Community Hospital. He is undergoing tests.
 Ike Gaiser is improving in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Happy Birthday
 APRIL (25) Carl Bell (26) A. Z. Aven Cullen Gilliam, Shannon Hughes (27) Holly Henderson (29) Cone Birdwell (30) Dell Lott MAY (1) Aline Beard (2) Lerah Williamson.

Our Sympathy
 Funeral services were held Thursday for Mrs. Beulah Payne, sister-in-law to Modena Jones and to Wilma Jones.

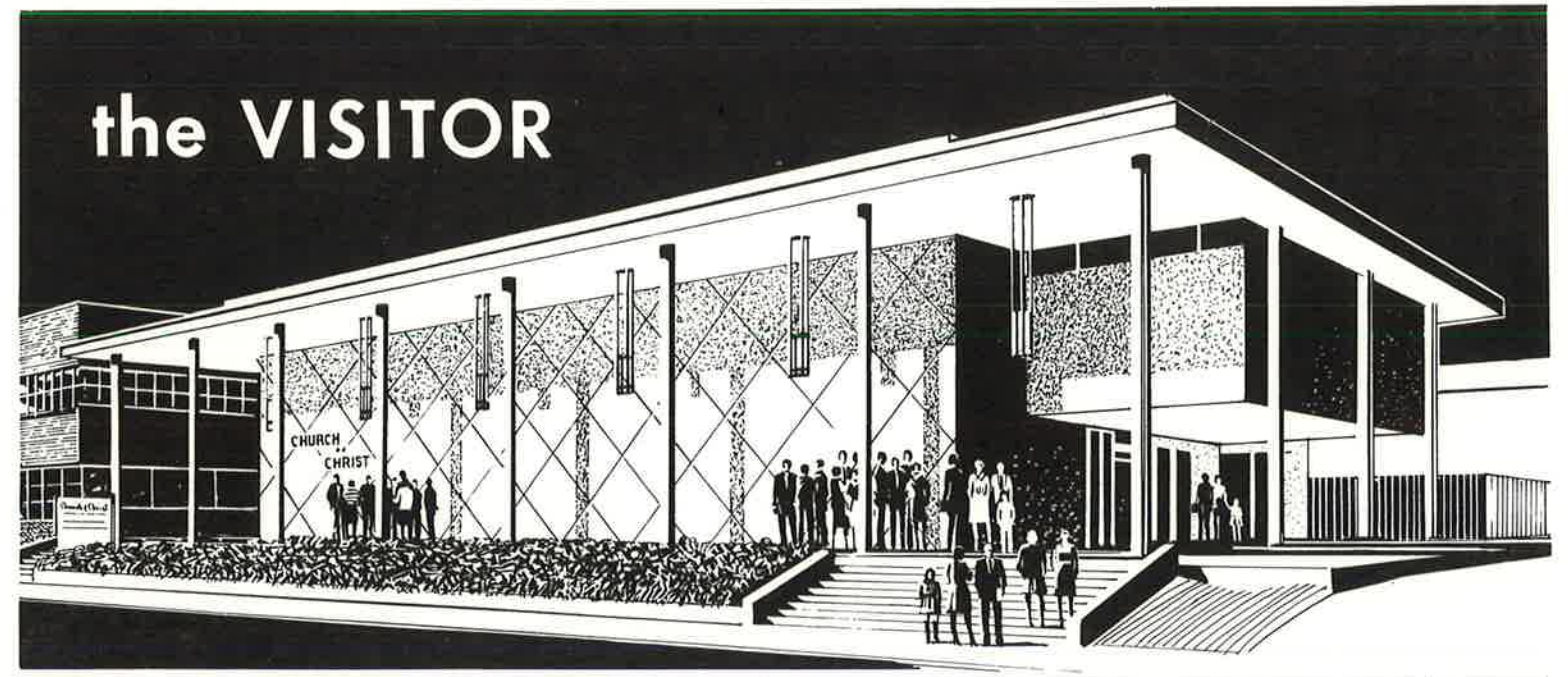
Funeral services were held on Wednesday in Frankston for Rafford Wafford, brother of M. B. Beard.

We extend our sympathy to each family in their loss.

SPRING GRADUATE IN BRAZIL
 Tim Ingram, grandson of Homer and Lerah Williamson, will graduate with honors from High School in Brazil. He is vice president of the Student Council and Co-captain of the Soccer Team. He will attend ACU in the fall.

Thank You
 The R. M. Mayos express appreciation for your visits and the thoughtfulness of those from the Christian Service Center.

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

It was thrilling to see the large number present for worship Sunday. We have a fine spirit prevailing at West Erwin. Of course, we had many visitors Sunday and it was a time many people "go to church" for the only time in the year. However, I have never felt that it was the time to scold people, but rather a time to do my best to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in the hope that it will encourage all who attend to want to do the Lord's will.

Last Sunday we rejoiced that Christ was raised from the dead, but this we should do every Lord's day. Our faith and our hope are built upon the reality of Christ's resurrection. Paul expressed it in these words: "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain," (I Corinthians 15:13,14). The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our belief in our own resurrection. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him," (I Thessalonians 4:14). On each first day of the week Christians meet to break bread in memory of Christ's

death, (Acts 20:7) and to rejoice in the victory Jesus gained over death. How wonderful it is to worship each Lord's day with fellow Christians! "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, (Psalm 122:1).

Adding to the beauty of our building Sunday were the lovely flowers provided by Mrs. Ann Ida Miller. We are very grateful for her arranging and providing them. Jesus spoke of the flowers in his day as a reminder of the providential care of God. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:28-30).

There is beauty in nature and there is beauty in holiness, (Psalm 29:2). As we seek to live for Christ the beauty of his life should be in us. Let us pray with the psalmist, "And 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). Lasting beauty is not in physical attraction alone, but in the beauty of spirit. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. (Proverbs 31:30).

SERMON SUBJECTS, Sunday - April 26, 1981
 By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 A.M. "Shipwreck of Faith"
 6:00 P.M. "The Great Physician"

What Happened To The Pot Plants?

O. J. Russell

This story is true - only the names and places have been withheld to protect the guilty! A congregation moved into a new building with gleeful delight and some degree of pride over the elegant material surroundings in which they would worship. Someone supplied two beautiful five-foot plants to adorn the front of the new auditorium.

Some months following the opening service in the new building, to the dismay of some of the elders and building committee, the plants disappeared. Said elders and said building committee sounded the alarm. The congregation was bombarded with announcements. Men were deputized to seek the whereabouts of that which was lost. Apologies were made to the donors of the decorative plants. For two months, the missing pot plants became the conversation piece of the church at worship and at home. The search was intensified, and the announcements and pleadings seemed unending.

The quest ended abruptly when the local preacher dared to solve the problem. It took nerve to do it! Since the pot plants had not been found and obviously were not going to be, he arose following a long announcement about the lost decorations and said: "We have heard a great deal about the missing plants that were lost. For two months at every service, announcements have been made, and people have earnestly looked for that which is lost. For years, we have known that sheep have strayed from the flock. Prodigal sons are away from the worship, and the Bible declares that they are lost. Each soul missing here today is more valuable than the whole world - and, yet, we have not heard one announcement nor have we seen anxious concern about Mary Smith, John Brown, or Sam Jones, whose eternal welfare may hang on our concern. If we had put forward 1/10 the energy in locating the lost souls of this flock that we have the lost pot plants, surely angels in heaven would rejoice!"

Is this not true in so many areas? With 4 billion people on the earth with 70 million more born each year than die, how can we be so deeply concerned over such minor details as stained glass windows, color of curtains, interior decorations, or wall-to-wall carpet?

In Dallas several years ago, before the Sunday morning services began in a large church, the preacher and some members came to the front steps of the commodious building just in time to see a man fall prostrate with his hands stretched out toward the pulpit. They stood there and watched him die. Suppose this man, seeking for something which the world did not give him, had heard only an intense and frenzied plea for lost pot plants!

Think it over!



We're getting together..

WHEN: Sunday Evening after Worship

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

BRING: Food for your family and guests

(Sandwiches, Chips, Dips, and Desserts)

Tea and Coffee will be furnished

TIME CHANGE

Sunday morning at 2 a.m. we go back on Daylight Savings time. Be sure to turn your clock forward 1 hour on Saturday evening before you go to bed. Be on time for Bible Class Sunday morning.



Area Meetings

You are invited to hear a series of gospel sermons on LOVE, April 26 - 29 at the South Main church of Christ in Henderson, Texas. Frank J. Dunn will preach. Evening services will be at 7:30.

The South Main Church of Christ in Henderson will present A DAY FOR WOMEN on Saturday, May 9 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lottie Beth Hobbs will be the speaker. A salad luncheon will be provided. There will be no nursery.

The North Tenneha Church of Christ in Tyler will have a Gospel Meeting, May 3 - 8 with David Benford preaching. Their Homecoming services will be Sunday (May 3). Services will be 7:30 each evening.

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ will present the Brecheen-Faulkner Marriage Enrichment Film Series for eight consecutive Thursday evenings beginning May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Subjects are posted on the bulletin board.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola will have John Banister preaching in a meeting, April 26 - 29. Week-day services at 7:30 p.m.

Thank You

I wanted to write and thank you and your Bible classes for the beautiful luggage. I really appreciate your caring and your thoughtfulness.

I am looking forward to attending Harding Christian College this coming fall.

I also want to thank the church for their support for the past 4 years.

Love and Thanks,
Cara Lynn Gowen

We appreciate very much your expression of love and concern during our time of sorrow of the loss of Bill's sister.
Bill & Elizabeth Endsley

HERE and THERE

by wes price



Although we can take a deep breath and relax just a bit after the campaign has been completed, there will still be work to be accomplished in the weeks to come. Follow-up visits will be scheduled on the many who visited each night of the campaign and efforts will be made to find church homes for them. Visitors included those who are members and not attending faithfully at any local congregation and many who have never been members of the Lord's church.

This will be the most important aspect of making our campaign the all-around success that it should be. If you know of someone who attended one or more nights but did not register, please let me know. We want to follow every lead.

Again, a big thanks to all of you who helped in any way to make the week a success.

We are proud to announce the beginning of a new Sunday morning Bible Class. Paul Stanley will be teaching a class on the basics of New Testament Christianity. It will be meeting in room 306. The class will be especially for those of you who feel a need for this type of study. It will include those who are new Christians, and any others who feel that they don't have a good foundation for Bible study in our regular classes. The course will last 12 weeks and will be repeated as often as needed. Remember, beginning on Sunday morning, May 3, in room 306.

Weren't the flowers beautiful in front of the pulpit last Sunday morning? Our thanks to sister Ann Ida Miller who provided them.

Our attendance in both Bible Classes and worship Sunday was great. Many classes had near 100% attendance but only one reached that level, Jane Owens and Frances McBee's Three Year Old class. Thanks for the good work.

Attention all teachers in pre-school department
(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship
 Announce Dick Higginbotham
 Prayer Paul Stanley
 Dismiss Edwin Pickle

Evening Worship
 Announce Dick Higginbotham
 Prayer Leon Welborn
 Dismiss Shayne Bennett
Serving Communion Sunday
 Dale Blackstone Ronny Jones

Cole Bennett Trey Hughes
 James Phillips K. Max Haws
 John Steffee Mike Savage
Assistants in Back Foyer
 Jay Bynum Dale Duncan

Our Records

Contributions
 Apr. 12 7,267.98
 Apr. 5 7,076.38
 Year 5,346.60
 ago
Bible School
 Apr. 12 576
 Apr. 5 397
 Year Ago 333
Worship
 April 12 765
 April 5 542
 Wee
Budget 6,200.00
 Bob Clemmons

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 22, MIKE SAVAGE; Phone 593-6587

HERE AND THERE (continued)

We still want to remind you to check your home for library books that might belong to our Children's Library. A large number of volumes is missing. Please help us locate them. We would also like to encourage you to make donations for memorials to this good work. Of our two libraries, the Children's probably gets the larger use. Let's join in adding new volumes to it.

There is an obviously new spirit among us for the work of the Lord. If you haven't caught it, then rub shoulders with some of us who have it. It will be good for you. Whatever you do, don't pour cold water on it. Fan it and let it grow. Let me repeat a phrase used earlier in this column, "Give God the praise!"

Report of Our Sick

Ike Gaiser remains in Baylor Hospital in Dallas and is improving.

We learned Tuesday that Mrs. Dean Brookshire is improved but continues to undergo tests. It is possible she may return home next week.

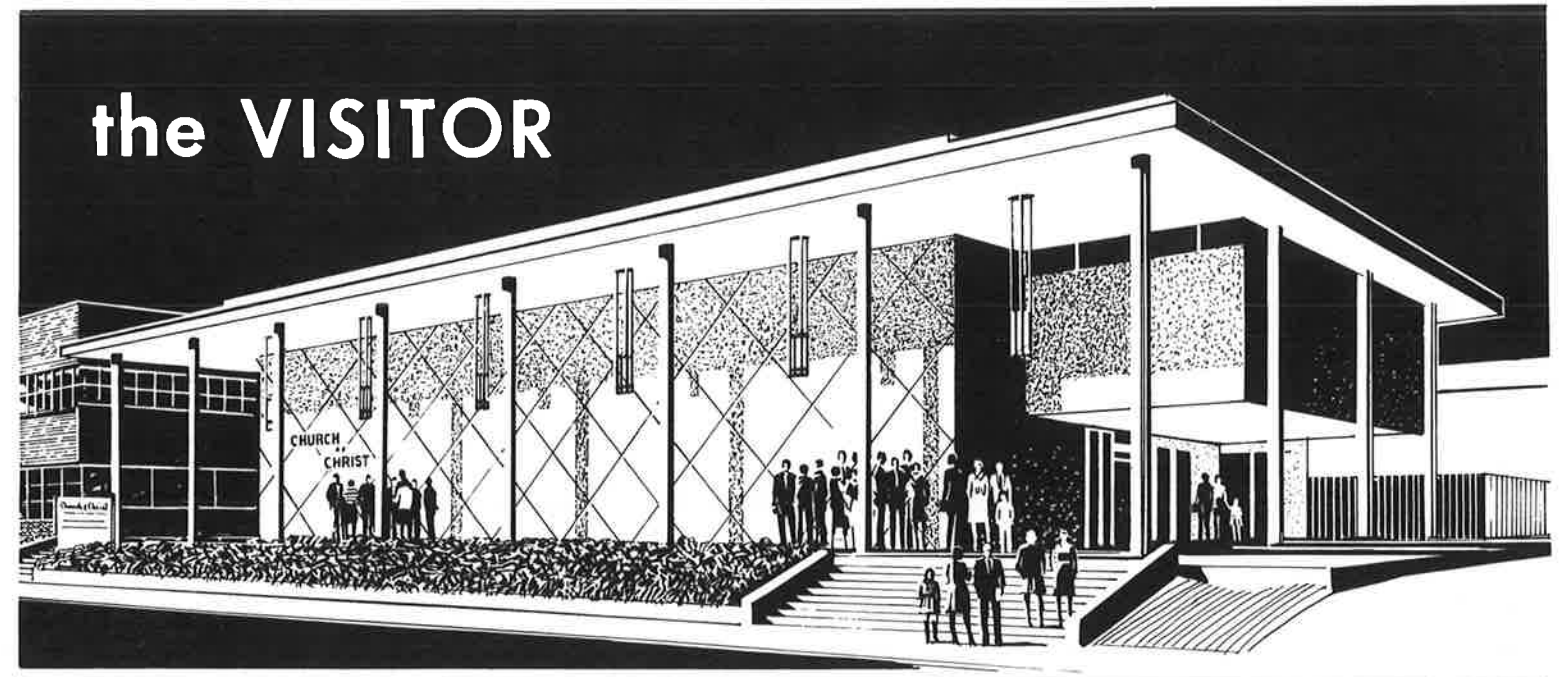
TO OUR VISITORS

We were so happy to have the many, many visitors for the Sunday morning worship last Sunday. We hope you will return at every opportunity.

Responses

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Mary) Adams, Rt. 14, Box 202, 75707 - phone 566-1598. They have two children, Mark, a 4th grade student and Abby, a 6th grade student and also a member of the church. They formerly worshipped with the Glenwood congregation.

We are happy to have Mrs. J. D. (Irene) Taylor place membership with West Erwin. Several years ago she and her family worshipped here. She also asked for the prayers of the church. Her address is Rt. 7, Box 755, 75707 - phone 566-3319.



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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Wes' class. We have a wonderful group of couples with some very fine children. This helps us to be assured of a great future for this congregation.

From time to time we receive reports from the men we support in other places and usually distribute these reports in our Bible classes. I want to share with you this report from Neil Gallagher in East Providence, Rhode Island: "We praise God for His generosity poured out through you. The trust you continue to invest in us for this mission work in Rhode Island is gratifying and encouraging. Since January 1, we have had eleven baptisms and five restorations. People in our area are quite familiar with 'being religious' but do not know that warm and secure personal relationship that comes by being a New Testament Christian. People here show dramatic joy when they really come to see that the Bible and Bible only is our guide and strength."

Last Sunday was a great day at West Erwin with record breaking attendance in Bible School and worship. It was the first time since I have been with this congregation that it has been necessary to have chairs in the aisles. We have had large crowds present each night in Harvey Hall. We are thankful for the fellowship which has been shown each evening by members of the congregations of Tyler. I appreciate the efforts put forth by everyone in this campaign and feel that the cause of our Lord has been strengthened as a result of the coming of Ira North and Bill Blackstone to Tyler.

Our own Wes Price has had a big part in the smooth handling of the services each evening. He was in charge of the Worship Committee and has handled his work in a very efficient way. We enjoyed very much the Sunday morning breakfast prepared by

Sermons For Sunday

APRIL 19

10:30 A.M. Do You Love Jesus?
 6:00 P.M. The Good Shepherd

4 1/2

6 1/4

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A MODERN PARABLE

(Taken from the sermon, "Please Excuse Me", preached on March 1, 1981 by Jim Hackney. Text: Luke 14:15-24.

There once was a God who had a royal kingdom which covered the earth. He had a marvelous plan of how to meet the needs of His subjects and to increase the number of those whom He could bless. He was such a loving being that He went to great extremes to bless His people. The one for which He'll long be remembered was the sacrifice of His son to provide eternal security.

From time to time various needs arose within the kingdom which required the assistance of some of these very blessed subjects. So the call would go forth for volunteers to serve. "Come, for everything is ready!" But they all alike began to make excuses.

The first said, "I have a difficult and demanding job that drains me through the week. I can't make Sunday School and Sunday night is out of the question. Please excuse me!"

Another said, "Inflation is a horrible beast and there are so many luxuries for which to pay. Don't ask me to purpose or support the kingdom in a great way. Please excuse me!"

When the third was called he quickly replied, "What?! My family --- Wednesday night? Can't you see! I get home at 6 p.m. and it's a school night too. Don't forget it's not a rule! Please excuse me!" Visitation, Bible School teachers, servants of all kinds. "I'm too old!", replied one. "I'm too young!", said another. "Excuse us, please!" And still another... "I've served my time!"

What'll happen to the kingdom? What'll happen to this God? Will He find those subjects for whom He seeks? Will they come from within or will they come from without? Could it be they won't come at all? "Turn Loose", He cried! "Turn Loose! With me you can do all! Isn't there a man somewhere who can understand my call?"

Jim Hackney

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a miscellaneous wedding shower honoring Miss Diana Martin, bride elect of Kevin Womack, on Saturday from 10:00 until 11:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. Ralph Rowe, 1925 Courtney. Selections at Brosangs.

Thank You

Your kind expressions of sympathy in the death of our sister, Vena Griffin, will always be remembered. It means so much at a time like this to have friends like you.

In Christian love,
Vera and Bernie Beard

JUNIOR/SENIOR BANQUET

The annual party honoring Juniors and Seniors of the churches of Christ in Tyler will be May 15th. Contributions for this party may be given to Hillard and Jeanine Hughes.

BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate service for graduating seniors will be Sunday evening, May 24 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ at 6:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (19) Laneva Turner, (20) Reagan Phillips (21) Mary Keith, Jill Rowe, Leslie Mallory (22) Marie Skeeters, Annie McDonald (23) Annie Lee Drummond (24) Edna Tucker

We're getting together..



APRIL 26

Following Evening Worship

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



To say that Sunday was a great day is to vastly understate the situation! It was a fantastic day! How can we begin to say thank you to all of you who were so diligent in doing your part in that success. Maybe it will suffice to say, "Give glory to God." He certainly was working among His people in that great event.

From the beginning for our Young married Couples Class who enjoyed a fine breakfast in our fellowship Hall, to the big event climaxing the day in Harvey Hall with 1631 present for evening worship, virtually every detail was adequately covered.

One individual I would like to express thanks for the second mile which made our gathering at Harvey Hall all the better is to Dale Blackstone for providing the flowers and greenery to decorate the stage. Without the touch, the event would not have been quite the same.

A glorious round of applause to those who helped cook breakfast, and clean up afterward, to those too who helped prepare the seats in Harvey Hall for Sunday night's meeting, and to all the men who served as greeters, ushers and generally served to make the day a good one. How could we ever get along without you?

A whole host of classes hit the 100% + attendance in Bible study Sunday morning. Let's join in congratulating them: Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler's Beginners Class; Johnnie Stringer and Frances McBee's 3 Year Olds; Carolyn Blackstone's 4 Year Olds; Dick Higginbotham and Jay Bynum's Junior High Class (exceeded the 100% in number) and Milburn Cook and Louis Jones 9th and 10th Grade Class (also exceeding the 100% in number). In addition to this, the Junior High Class was 100% last week, April 5, and Delle Bullard's 1st Grade Class on Wednesday night had 100% plus one visitor. Great work teachers and students!

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Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements Geo Stephenson
Prayer George Kester
Dismiss Lee Roberson

Our Records

Contributions

April 5 \$7,076.38
March 29 6,581.76
Year Ago 5,185.12

Evening Worship-Harvey Hall 7:30

Bible School

Announcements Geo Stephenson April 5 397
Prayer F. C. Carpenter March 29 404
Dismiss Roger Knight Year Ago 424

Serving Communion Sunday A. M.

Worship

Chas Hickman Harold Browning April 5 542
George Kester C. B. Burkham March 29 539
Bruce Raley James Canterbury Weekly

C. B. Hardin Edgar Bullard Budget \$6,200.00

Assistants in back foyer
Dale Blackstone Bob Clemmons
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MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday - April 19 - FRED POWELL
Phone 593-5229

We Appreciate

Elaine Roberson was interviewed on the Joan Hallmark Show over Television KLTV on Tuesday afternoon. Among all the other good things Elaine does she has served this year as the City Council President of the PTA.

Report of Our Sick

Ike Gaiser is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Open heart surgery was scheduled for Wednesday of this week.

Matt Goodson, young son of Cooper and Mary June Goodson, is improving in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Payne underwent surgery on Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Dean (Maurine) Brookshire was taken to Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota on Monday of this week.

MISPLACED ITEMS

Occasionally items are misplaced in our Fellowship Hall. Two large plastic trays (they look like glass) are missing. Also, one of the yellow pitchers and a lid to one of the heavy cooking pots cannot be located. If at any time you need to take something home in a container from the building, please return it by the following Sunday.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Shreveport for Mrs. Fay Anthony, sister of brother Bill Endsley. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

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Welcome



Wednesday morning following a series of Home Bible Studies with Wes Price, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Wanda) Lyon were baptized into Christ. Brother and Sister Roland Roberts are to be commended for making the initial contact with the Lyons. They have two children. Todd is a 5th grade student and David is 6 years old. Bill works for General Electric and Wanda does not work away from home. Their address is 625 Joel, phone 581-4286. We welcome this family into the fellowship of the West Erwin congregation.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

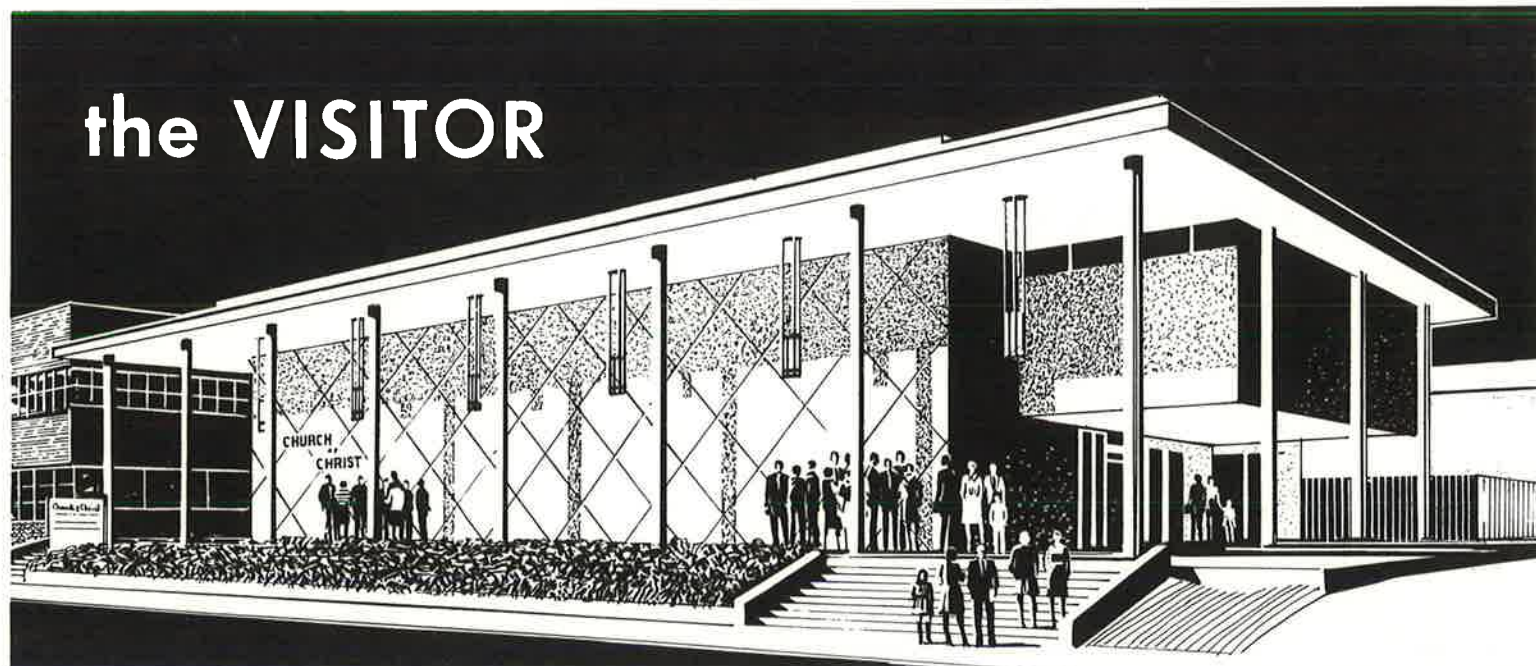
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The Church With A Heart

Gospel Meeting

Brother Ira North will preach at West Erwin Church of Christ on Sunday morning. Campaign '81 will begin Sunday evening at 7:30 in Harvey Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your friends. This is a combined effort of all the Tyler churches of Christ. The meeting will continue through Thursday evening.



Dr. Ira North



COMMENT:

THE ORCHARD

For almost fifty years my grandfather toiled to improve the ground around the house he and my grandmother built. He turned raw wilderness into cultivated beauty.

On the southeast third of the land lay the plot we always called "the orchard." Granddaddy seeded and grafted the nine pecan trees there. He started them in buckets, transplanted them in neat rows in the orchard, and replaced them with other homegrown trees if blight or disease or drought destroyed them during the years.

For all those years Granddaddy fenced and pruned and watered and sprayed that pecan patch. In his part of West Texas nothing grew by accident.

Since shortly before my grandfather's death, I have owned and cared for this treasured parcel of land. A few weeks ago I loaded my tools and drove south to work in the badly neglected orchard. It had not been mowed in a year. Prickly pear cactus was beginning to appear in spots; mesquite shoots stuck up in more than a dozen places; and mesquite trees the size of my arm had to be cut out all around the fences.

In less than six years the land my grandfather had kept curried and clean had reverted to wilderness. In another two or three years it would have been as rank and wild as any unkempt pasture in the county.

As I hand-sawed the offending mesquites along the fences and marvelled at how quickly they had sprung up, I reflected on how swiftly our hearts and souls also revert to wickedness and wildness if we relax our spiritual vigilance for even a short time. How many Sundays do you have to skip church before sleeping in becomes a way of life? How many cigarettes do you have to smoke before the habit is firmly entrenched again?

Today the orchard lies freshly mowed, newly pruned, with all the undergrowth cleared again. It looks almost like my grandfather had been at work on it once more. I must take care that my heart looks as good, lest the mesquite of immorality and the cactus of carnality take root and choke my soul.

—Gene Shelburne

100% IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

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

Amazing Grace Bible Class

KLTV - CHANNEL 7

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

Happy Birthday

(12) A. E. Bedford, Foy Bellows (13) Sledge Clinkscales, Mary Drummond (14) Jack Bennett (15) Ben Jones, Doug Shelton (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman, Michael Rhodes (17) Marie Threadgill.

Campaign Workers

Sunday evening is West Erwin night at Harvey Hall. All men who have been assigned work are requested to be there by 6:45 p. m.

There will be no services at the West Erwin building on Sunday evening or on Wednesday evening, April 15. Everyone will be at Harvey Hall for the Campaign

Our baby nursery will be open here at the building each evening during the Campaign. Care for infants will be provided.

For Women Only

You are invited to the Fifth Annual "Just For Women." A lectureship for women and teenage girls - Saturday, April 25 - 9:30 A. M. - 2:30 P. M. There will be lunch for everyone. Also, a nursery for pre-school children will be provided.

Betty Muns, Hortense Bivins and Sharon Sanders will be the speakers. The theme will be "Showers of Blessings."

ALPINE CHURCH OF CHRIST

1100 North Loop 281 East

Longview, Texas

Congratulations

We congratulate Lee Roberson who was initiated into the National Honor Society on Monday evening. Lee is an 11th grade student at Robert E. Lee.



"I never repeat gossip, Mrs. Smith, so listen carefully the first time!"

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Let this be the final reminder to all who attend our Sunday morning Young Married Couples Class. We are looking forward to a great time at the Whitehouse home of Mack and Bennie Bynum for a hayride and picnic. We are looking forward to having a large turnout and a good time.

We also want you to remember our date for breakfast together on Sunday morning. If you were not in class last Sunday, please let Dale Blackstone, Mike Savage, Morris Hallman or me know so we can add your names to the list.

Can anything stand in your way to keep you from Bible study and worship on Sunday morning, April 12! Let's be present and bring a friend. There is no reason why we can't fill all our class rooms and the auditorium. Come and be part of a historic event at West Erwin.

Marion Rowe's Second Grade Class set the example for us last Sunday for our Bible School drive by having 100% attendance two weeks prior to our drive. Let's follow that example!

For years, advocates of "free love" in our society have pointed to Sweden's liberalized sex laws as a "good" example of how well promiscuity works among people. If you take the Dallas Morning News, you no doubt saw the bold, black headlines in last Sunday's edition which relate a different story. The headlines read: "Sweden's Liberal Sex Policies Backfire." The article tells the real story. Ten years after pornography was legalized, the forces in opposition are mounting a campaign to turn things around. "They" told us that if we would just relax our old-fashioned ideas and morals about sex that things would be better, but we know differently. This is exactly what the "Clean Up TV Campaign" is all about. Don't forsake your pledge to boycott products manufactured by companies who sponsor immoral programs on TV. We will see the victory for righteousness and truth if we hold our positions.

Serving Sunday		Our Records	
Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan	March 29	6,581.76
Prayer	Forest McFadden	March 22	5,793.39
Dismiss	John Owens	Year Ago	5,034.86
Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan	March 29	404
Prayer	Milburn Cook	March 22	396
Dismiss	Bill Faulkner	Year Ago	411
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Chas Hickman	Harold Browning	March 29	539
George Kester	C. B. Burkham	March 22	459
Bruce Raley	James Canterbury		
C. B. Hardin	Edgar Bullard	Weekly	
Assistants in back Foyer		Budget	6,200.00

Marc Lemons-Wayne Fears-W. S. Little-W. V. Crossman
 MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday, April 5 and Wednesday
 Evening, April 8 - GLYNN STARNES, phone 561-0736

Responses

We are very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jwill (Becky) Sims, Jr. to Tyler and West Erwin. They formerly worshipped with the Downtown church of Christ in Searcy, Ark. Their address is 1103 So. Palmer, phone 595-4689. They are the parents of an infant son, Jwill III.

East Texas Christian Academy

The meeting of Parents-Teachers & Friends of ETCA will be at 7:15 p. m., April 9. Alma Faye Price will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "How To Help Children With Their Homework."

Board Meeting for ETCA, Sunday afternoon, April 5 at 3:00 o'clock.

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From The Preacher's Desk (concluded)

because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him," (I John 3:14, 15).

FOSTER PARENTS

Baby Kyle, foster baby cared for by Roy and Elaine Roberson is scheduled to be adopted sometime next week. They have cared for him for several weeks. The Stan Mallorys now have a baby boy also. We commend these couples for giving their time and effort to caring for these children. Remuneration for daily needs is provided by Christian Services of t Southwest. Children are only placed in Christian homes. West Erwin regularly contributes to this service.

LOST - An antique gold bar Pin has been lost and a reward is offered. If you should find it, please call the church office.

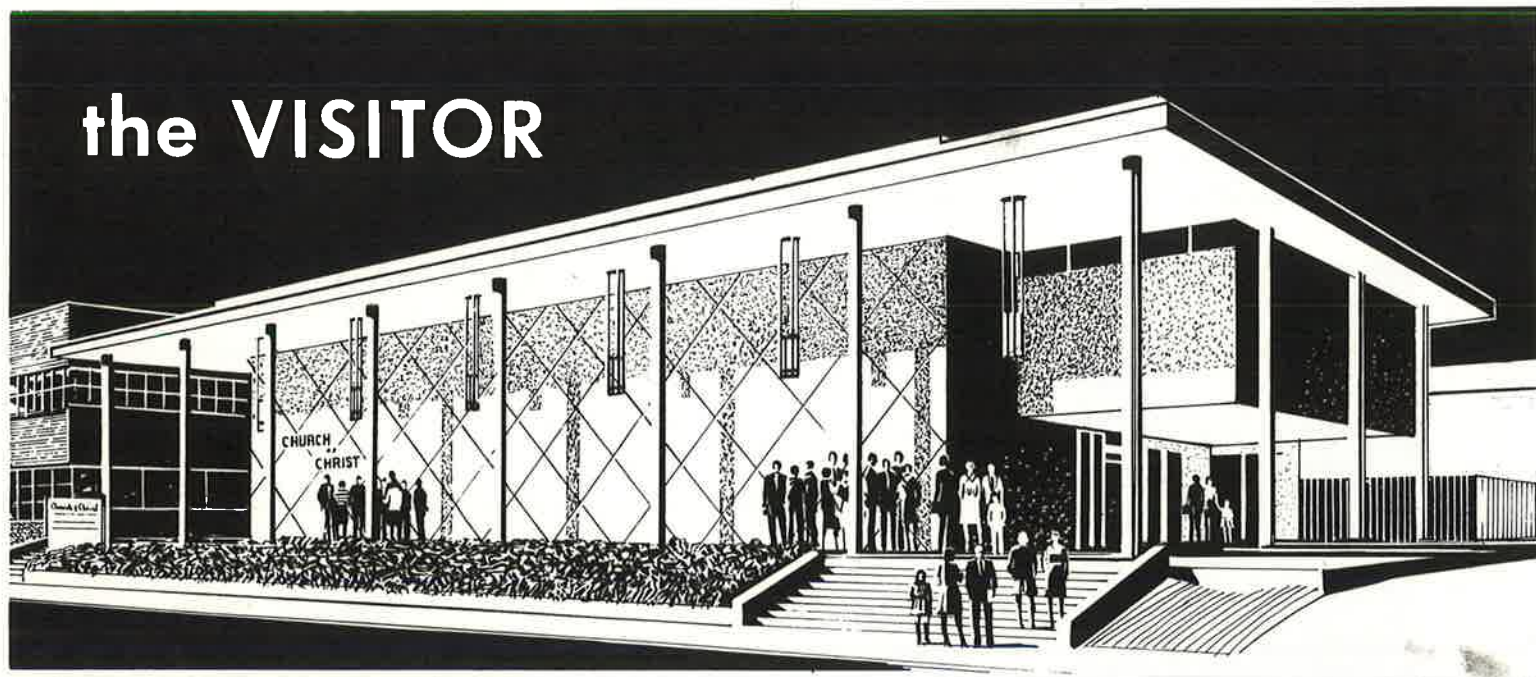
Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Ethel Payne is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. Jack Stringer is in Community Hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. "Satan's Devices."
 P. M. "The Preservation of the Word of God."

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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

We had a fine day Sunday at West Erwin. We had a large crowd for worship including many visitors and we had an increase in our Bible classes. Also we went over the weekly budget in our contribution. With all of the present obligations of the church it is very important that we meet the budget each week. We should be reminded to make up the contributions we miss when we are out of town.

This coming Sunday is the last one before the city wide campaign in Harvey Hall. We want everyone in Bible School and worship on April 12 when Ira North will be with us. Many people throughout this area are viewing Ira North on the Amazing Grace Bible Class each week. We hope that many will come to hear him in the campaign. Please pray for this effort on the part of the various congregations of our city.

All of us - I am sure - are grateful that our president, Ronald Reagan, is recovering nicely from the bullet wound he received last Monday. We were shocked when the word came that he and three others had been shot. It is very sad

to realize that the life of anyone who becomes president of our country is in danger. One individual is capable of bringing so much distress to an entire nation of people by his ability to kill and destroy a man of influence. When I heard of the tragic shooting of the president, my mind went back to the time when John F. Kennedy was fatally wounded. We were living in Fort Worth at the time. Kennedy and his wife, as you remember, had spent the night in Fort Worth before going to Dallas. We were among the number who saw the Kennedys shortly before they left for Dallas. It was very shocking when in just a very short time we heard that Kennedy had been killed.

Too many do not have respect for life nor respect for authority. Regardless of our political views, everyone of us should have respect for the office of president. A lack of respect for the office shows a lack of respect for constituted authority. I am persuaded that the lack of respect for human life shows a lack of respect for God who is the source of life. When God is no longer in our lives it becomes easy for every kind of evil to take control. When we recognize that every individual has a precious soul we will have greater respect for human life. From the time of Cain until now murder has been the cause of untold misery and suffering. While we deplore all acts of violence and murder, let us remember the evil of hatred, the source of murder. "We know that we have passed from death unto life,

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Nashville Banner praises North



Dr. Ira North, Madison church of Christ minister and former Lipscomb faculty member, was the subject of an editorial in The Nashville Banner Feb. 2 on the occasion of an appreciation dinner held in his honor.

In applauding the achievements of his long and active ministry, the Banner said, "It is altogether fitting and proper that Dr. Ira North be honored for his 28 years of service to the church of Christ with an appreciation dinner tonight at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson (Tenn.)."

"Dr. North, minister of the 5,000 member Madison church of Christ, has also served as lecturer and editor of the Gospel Advocate. He has also distinguished himself as an educator and author, as well as for his stewardship of his church, which under his guiding hand has grown from a small congregation to the largest congregation among churches of Christ.

"Dr. North has led his church's Sunday School attendance to a record among churches of Christ of more than 7,000. He has not only served his

church well, but his contributions to his community are great. He is active in civic affairs, as well as in education. Dr. North was the 1980 Alumnus of the Year at David Lipscomb College, where he is a former professor of speech and Bible.

"The energy, devotion and concern of Dr. North is nowhere more evident than in his preaching ministry and that makes tonight's dinner all the more appropriate. We join countless other friends in congratulating Dr. North for more than a quarter-century of unselfish service to his church and wish for him many, many successful years in the future," the Banner concluded.

The paper also cited his educational accomplishments, which include the honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Abilene Christian University, membership on the boards of trustees at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., Goodpasture Christian School in Madison, membership on the Advisory Board of Oklahoma Christian College and the Advisory Council on Evangelism at Harding University.

North is a graduate of Lipscomb and Abilene Christian college, received his M.A. from the University of Illinois and the PhD. from Louisiana State University.

... From The Lipscomb News/March, 1981



Dr. Ira North from Madison, Tennessee will be the guest speaker for the CAMPAIGN, April 12 through 16. He will speak each evening at 7:30 beginning Sunday evening, April 12. Invite your friends and neighbors.



Ladies

FOLLOWING THE Ladies Bible Class next Wednesday (April 8) the monthly luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall. All women who do not work away from home are encouraged to be present for the class and for the covered dish luncheon to follow.

Funeral

Funeral services were conducted last week in Jacksonville for Mrs. Vena J. Griffin, sister to Mrs. M. B. Beard. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Beards.

SINGLE CHRISTIANS will meet Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p. m. in the home of Betty Albright. You may call 561-2747 for further information.

Thank You

Both of us certainly appreciate the many kindnesses toward us during the recent sorrow of losing my mother. The beautiful pink carnations were a lovely tribute to her. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers and thoughts, and in other comforting ways.

Virginia and David Demic

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated by the family of Bernice Tipton Vifquain.

Brother Stephenson and Friends at West Erwin Church of Christ:

Thank you so much for the red carnation spray. Col and I always enjoyed our visits with Christian friends at West Erwin Church. These memories mean so much to me at this difficult time.

Mrs. Col Sparks

I want to thank those who have donated blood for me. Your Christian love and concern is appreciated.

Jim McCoy

The family of Vena J. Griffin acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Less than two weeks separate us from the beginning of our great City-wide Campaign with Ira North of Madison, Tennessee and Bill Blackstone from Abilene. What a treat we have in store with Ira North's preaching and Bill Blackstone's song leading. I know you won't want to miss inviting friends and neighbors to be your guests for these great worship and Bible learning sessions. The campaign begins on Sunday night at Harvey Hall at 7:30 and continues each evening at that time through Thursday night. Why not invite a friend out to eat and then bring them with you to the meeting.

The splendor of this city-wide effort begins for us on Sunday morning, April 12 when we have the privilege of having brother North as our speaker at our morning worship service. We are looking for all our members to be present in Bible study that day to be a part of a special effort at an all time high in Bible study attendance. Don't let us down. Do your part by being present for class.

The Young Married Couples class which I teach has been working diligently these past few weeks in several important ways to help West Erwin grow. They have realized the responsibility and accept the challenge to become more active in encouraging other young couples to become members here. One visible effort that they have put forth is in evidence on Sunday morning when you now see most of our young couples sitting in the section behind where our teenagers sit. This makes them more visible to other young couples who visit our services. Join me in expressing thanks to them for their good efforts.

Congratulations to Billie Bob Hickman's Sunday morning Fifth Grade class for having 150% attendance last Sunday. No, that's not a typing error, they had enough visitors to reach that figure. Isn't that great!

The beautiful weather will be a great assistance to our getting folks out for Bible study and worship on Sunday. We hope you are making every effort to be at every service of the Lord's church.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Serving Sunday

Our Records

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan	March 22	5,793.39
Prayer	Hillard Hughes	March 15	5,928.11
Dismiss	Hoyt Hughes	Year Ago	4,524.77
Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Freeman Morgan	March 22	396
Prayer	Charles Hickman	March 15	378
Dismiss	Ira Wright	Year Ago	368
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Bob Zadina	Ben Young	March 22	459
John Brem	Hoyt Hughes	March 15	512
David Demic	Tommy Lowrance		
Joe Carroll	Durwood Hendry	Weekly	
Assistants in Back Foyer		Budget	6,200.00
Marc Lemons	W. S. Little		
Wayne Fears	W. V. Crossman		
MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday, March 29 and Wednesday evening, April 1 - BILL FAULKNER, phone 839-7273			

MEMBERSHIP AND RESTORED

Sunday morning, Dan and Wynelle Sexton came to place membership and to be restored. Their address is Rt. 17, Box 326, phone 595-6836. They formerly lived in Dallas.

RESTORED

Reagan Phillips and Mrs. Ernesens Sims came Sunday morning to be restored.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

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AREA MEETING

Jay Lockhart of Sugarland, Texas will be with the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview for a meeting to begin Sunday and continue through April 1. Also, the Pine Tree Church will have Open House Sunday afternoon for their new classroom addition.

Ladies - You are invited to the Fifth Annual "Just For Women" Saturday, April 25, 1981 at the Alpine Church of Christ.

THE SICK

Brother Ira Wright was hospitalized early in the week for surgery on () and. He is at home now.

The Amazing Grace

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

SERMONS For Sunday, March 29

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. "Women Who Are Not Needed."
P. M. "Fulfilled Predictions of the Bible."



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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Back in 1937 various religious denominations in Fort Worth conducted a "union meeting" in the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. Gypsy Smith, a popular evangelist of that time, did the preaching in the meeting. I was preaching for the church in Arlington at that time. My wife and I decided to attend the meeting one night to hear the famous "Gypsy." Thousands of people were present on the night we attended.

At the beginning of Gypsy Smith's speaking he said, "We are having great co-operation from the various churches in Fort Worth with the exception of one little group who go around with a Bible in one hand and a hymn book in another. This little group reminds me of a puppy dog barking at the moon. The dog barks, but the moon keeps on shining. This little group may bark, but like the moon we will keep on shining."

It was obvious that Gypsy Smith referred to churches of Christ as being the "little group" who did not co-operate in the meeting, for the churches of Christ in Fort Worth had publicized the reasons why we were not co-operating in the union meeting. I felt and still feel that it was

a wonderful compliment to be referred to as people with "a Bible in one hand and a hymn book in another!" It would seem to me that those with a Bible should be the ones compared to the shining of the moon - or in reality to the shining of the sun. The psalmist declared, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple," (Psalm 19:130). Again the psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," (Psalm 119:105).

I hope that we may always be known as a people who have Bibles in our hands, but more important, that we have God's Word in our hearts. Many of our day look upon the Bible simply as a work of man filled with some good but also filled with many myths and superstitions. In our Sunday evening services we have been attempting to emphasize the greatness and the authority of the Bible. We have spoken concerning the wonders of the Word and concerning its inspiration. On this coming Sunday evening our subject will be, "Fulfilled Predictions of the Bible."

When Ira North comes to preach in the co-operative meeting of churches of Christ in Harvey Hall we know he will be here with a Bible in his hand. We will want to hear God's Word and we also want to sing praises to God. Will you do your part to make this effort to preach the Word a great success?

**Cordial Welcome Awaits You
In All Our Services**

FADING FUNDAMENTALS

There is a tendency in the church today to neglect the fundamentals of the faith. Perhaps it is because we have allowed this age of "intellectual-emphasis" to convince us that the fundamentals are so elementary and "old hat" that people are bored with them and that we must continually be presenting something "new and different" to maintain interest. Or perhaps we are over-reacting to an imagined unbalanced preaching of yesteryear.

Whatever the reason, it is my considered judgment that the present decline in the proclamation of fundamental doctrine is a cause for profound concern. By our failure to proclaim basic truths, forcefully and definitively, it will be so easy for a generation to arise that knows not the Lord nor His Way. Do you remember Judges 2:10?

Apostasy (i. e., a "falling away" from the faith) is always a real possibility or there would not have been so many warnings placed in the New Testament: such as Matthew 24: 4-5, 11; Acts 20: 29-30; I Timothy 4:1ff; II Timothy 2:16-18; 4: 1-4; II Peter 2:1ff; and I John 4:1ff. Obviously, God does not want us to leave "the way" in view of what He placed in His book. Remember II Timothy 3:16-17!

Too many gospel preachers have almost ceased declaring some of the primary tenets of "the faith," ignoring subjects which once were often taught. For example, fewer and fewer sermons are being heard concerning God's terms of pardon, and the one church! As a result, many members of the church really don't understand the difference between denominationalism and New Testament Christianity! We are slowly but surely allowing "Excellency of speech" and human wisdom to supplant the "old Jerusalem message." See I Corinthians 2:1-5. So much of the preaching being done in the church today could be repeated in most any denominational pulpit in the country without causing a ripple.

FADING FUNDAMENTALS! It is a serious matter and deeply troubles me. The ongoing of the cause of truth and right is at stake! The future of the church of our precious Lord is in the balance! We had better heed the exhortation to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" and get back to bold preaching of distinctive truth! Read Jude 3, Acts 4:29; and II Timothy 4:2.

Maxie B. Boren

Funerals

We extend our sympathy to Virginia and David Demic in the death of Virginia's mother, Mrs. Mary Willhoit, in Tahoka, Texas last Friday.

Funeral services were conducted in Troup on Tuesday for Mrs. Bernice Vifquain, sister of Mrs. G. C. Northcutt and an aunt of Mrs. Art Rowland. We extend sympathy to the family.

Thank You

I want to thank all those who were so kind to remember me in my recent illness. The food, cards, calls, and visits meant so very much. May God bless each of you.

Pauline Daughtry

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

The Family of Frank Owens

ATTENTION LADIES

You are cordially invited by the ladies of the Shiloh Road congregation to come share in a treat on Tuesday morning, March 31st at 9:30 a. m. Mary Oler of Dallas will be speaking to our Ladies Bible Class on the subject, "Aging Gracefully."

If you have already heard sister Oler speak, you know what a joy you have in store and if you haven't, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear this wise and gracious lady.

Please make plans to attend and stay for coffee after class.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March (30) Michael Lowrance, Elmer Hawkes, Susie Hughes (31) Roland Roberts, Matt Haws, Ray Magee.

April (2) Ronny Jones, Traci O'Quinn (3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright (4) Esther Kester, Shirley McRuiz, Paul Montandon.

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



George Bailey used to say, "Sitting in a church house no more makes you a Christian than sitting in a hen house makes you a hen." It is a fact incontestable that everybody who comes to meeting does not come for the same purpose. Elton Trueblood has called going to church the "greatest spectator sport in America." The pulpit sometimes is even referred to as "the stage." It seems timely then to ask the question, "Why did you go?" This multiple purpose that drives men is not strange to the 20th century; it occurred even in the lifetime of the Lord. One time when he went into a synagogue with other worshippers, they had a diverse reaction. The testimony of the scriptures is, "They were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the sabbath, for they wanted to find something which they could use as a charge against him." (Mark 3:2) They came not to worship but to watch!

Super critics can always find in the assembly of the people of God something of which they may make a capital case, and something they can use to justify their own littleness of spirit and being. There aren't very many perfect song leaders; flawless preachers haven't been born; prayer leaders sometimes stumble over words; announcements have a way of growing longer and longer. It is easy to find something to criticize - for man has so many imperfections it is impossible for him to hide them all.

However, if a person comes to worship he will more than likely obtain the very thing that brought him there - namely, knowing he has been in the presence of God. Jesus made a promise that "where two or three are gathered together" in His name, He would be there. If a person has come to worship the Lord, more than likely in his sacred quest he shall find satisfaction. Analyze your own life; ask yourself the question, "Have I come to worship or watch?" You can be successful in both - but only one carries the benefit of blessing!

...Jim Bill McInter

**+ Campaign '81
Victory in Jesus!**

Mark your calendar, April 12 - 16 to hear Ira North each evening at Harvey Hall at 7:30. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Leon Welborn

Prayer Roger Knight

Dismiss Paul Montandon

Evening Worship

Announcements Leon Welborn

Prayer Roy Dayton

Dismiss Dale Blackstone

Serving Communion Sunday

Bob Zadina Ben Young

John Brem Hoyt Hughes

David Demic Tommy Lowrance

Joe Carroll Durwood Hendry

Our Records

Contributions

March 15 \$5,928.11

March 8 6,225.51

Year Ago 5,476.50

Bible School

March 15 378

March 8 380

Year Ago 403

Worship

March 15 512

March 8 450

Weekly

Budget \$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER, SUNDAY - March 22 and Wednesday, March 25 - DALE BLACKSTONE, 595-0130

HERE AND THERE (continued)

our giving needs. I'm sure you agree that the work which our elders have set out for us to accomplish in 1981 is worthy of our full support. We now have that extra challenge of a great full-time minister in the mission field who needs our support. Let's get behind our elders with our pocket-books and get our giving up to the level of our prosperity.

What a great day April 12 will be with brother Ira North of Madison, Tennessee as our visitor. We want every member of the West Erwin family present in Bible study that day. Set yourself to be a part of that great number!

Responses

Marshall Phillips came Sunday to be restored.

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Report of Our Sick

Linda Marts cousin, Melanie Bowers, continues to be seriously ill following an automobile accident. She is in a hospital in Texarkana.

Maurine Brookshire has been released from the hospital. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 808 Columbia, Plainview, Texas 79072.

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The Boles Home Grocery Truck will be here one day next week. Special needs are: Black Pepper, Canned Fruits, Pickles, Hand Soap & Foil.

THE ANNUAL PARTY for Juniors & Seniors given by members of churches of Christ in Tyler will be May 15. Please give your contribution for this special event to Hillard or Jeanine Hughes.

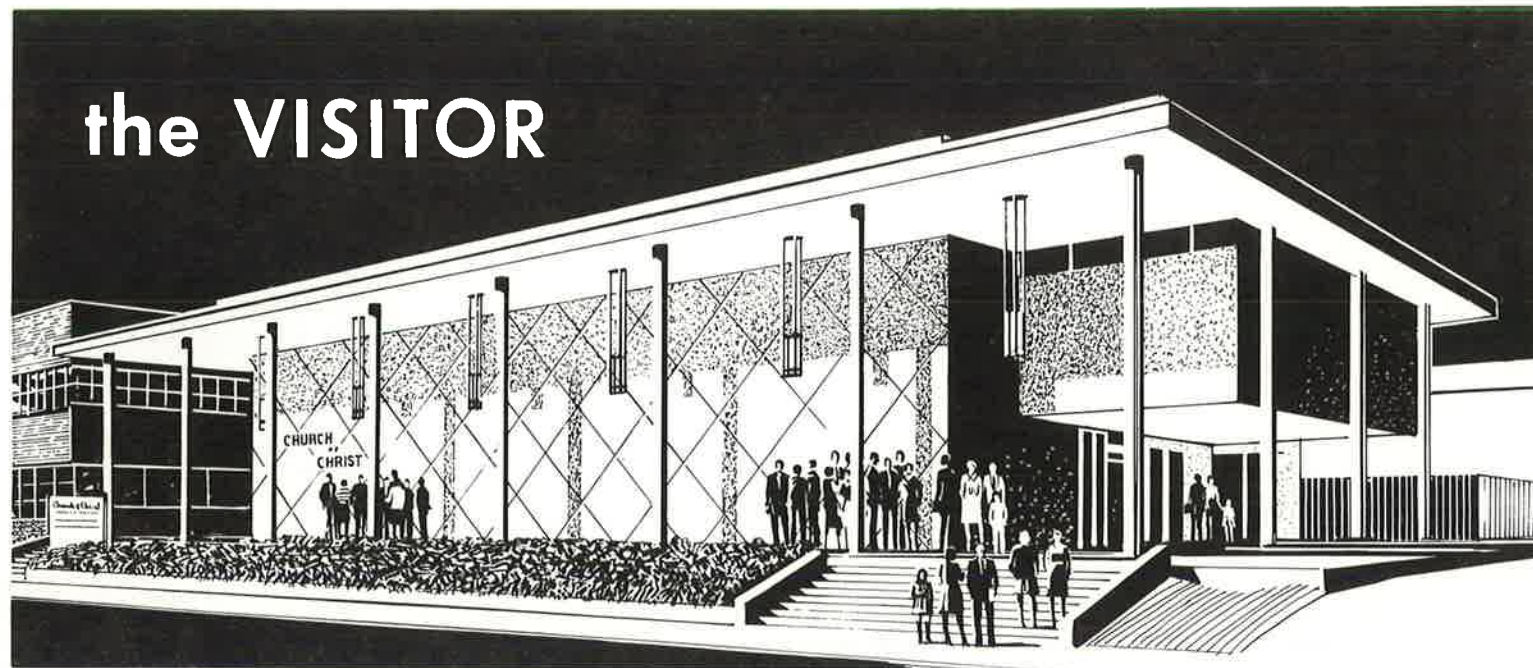
GOSPEL MEETING

The Queen and Debar Sts. congregation in Palestine will have Robert Gregg in a meeting beginning Sunday through March 15. Evening services at 7:30.

THE DAINGERFIELD Church of Christ invites you to attend their Spring Youth Roundup, Saturday, March 21 - 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Mike Warner will speak.

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The Church With A Heart



**From the
Preacher's Desk**

George H. Stephenson

Once again it is spring! This is truly a wonderful time of the year and surely there is no more beautiful place during this season than Tyler. There will be hundreds and even thousands of visitors to Tyler during the next two weeks to enjoy the beauty of the Azalea Trails.

The beauties and wonders of the spring time always remind me of the creative power of God. How could anyone see these wonders of nature and deny the existence of God? It is said that a biology professor held in his hand a brown seed and said, "I know the composition of this seed. I know how much carbon and hydrogen and nitrogen are in it. I can make a seed with the same proportions, but when I plant my seed nothing happens. When I plant this seed made by God, life and fruit will be the result. The difference is that I made one seed and God made the other."

Concerning the life which is found in seed, years ago William Jennings Bryan spoke concerning some grains of wheat which had been left in an Egyptian tomb for more than three thousand years. Concerning these grains of wheat Mr.

Bryan said, "As I looked at them, this thought came to me: If one of these grains of wheat had been planted on the bank of the River Nile the year after it grew and all of its lineal descendants planted and replanted from that day until now, its progeny would be sufficient to feed the teeming millions of the earth today. If the invisible germ of life of the grain of wheat can pass unimpaired through three thousand resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has the power to clothe itself with a new body suited to its new existence when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust."

As we see the awakening of nature in spring time I hope that we may also have a rededication and renewal of our spiritual lives. May this be a time of spiritual revival. The time will soon be here for the great campaign for Christ conducted by the churches of Christ in Tyler. Remember April 12 through April 16 is a very special time for the Christians of Tyler. We look forward to having Ira North as our evangelist and Bill Blackstone of Abilene as our song leader. The article by Ira North in this week's Visitor is typical of his stand for righteousness and truth. We know he will have simple but inspirational lessons from God's Word.

Sermons For Sunday by George Stephenson
10:30 A. M. Men Who Are Not Needed
6:00 P. M. The Inspiration of the Bible

THE DIVORCE EXPLOSION

"From the Beginning It Was Not So"

By Ira North

Recently we heard a trial judge here in Nashville refer to the increase in the breakup of American homes as the "divorce explosion." We think this is not an exaggeration but, unfortunately, an accurate assessment, a phenomenon we are seeing in our day and age. We are now told that half of all marriages will end in the tragedy and heartache of divorce. And unfortunately, we see more of the heartache in the church of our Lord. There are few families among us who have not been touched with this tragedy by either a son or daughter or uncle or aunt or niece or nephew or cousin who has divorced.

Once war is declared and the shooting has started, there is so little that can be done to save the marriage.

Part of the explanation for the "divorce explosion" may be found in the changing times. This may explain part of the reason, but of course it does not justify it. There was a time when our society was rural, and now it is largely urban. There was a time when a son worked alongside his father, and the daughters worked in the home from sunup to sundown by their mother. The grandparents were nearby, and the family unit was strong and close. Today most mothers work outside the home, and the father, sometimes, does not even see the child from sunup to sundown, and often very little after that. Our society is mobile, and the restraining and encouraging influences of neighbors who care and relatives nearby is often not present.

What can we do, and what is the answer? We believe there are three things that we can do to help ameliorate this sad condition.

1. Let us continue to preach and teach with great love and yet with great force and conviction on the dignity and sanctity and permanence of Christian marriage. We would like to see every member of the church be able to quote Matthew 19:9 from his youth up. Teaching and preaching is needed now as never before.

2. Let us help to lower the expectation among our young people. Our grandmothers were taught that when they married they would have it rough and tough. It would mean working from dawn until dusk and there would be children who would need to be fed and clothed and educated. Sacrifices and deprivations would be many and hardships would come swiftly and forcibly.

And so our grandmothers married, and it was rough and tough, and there were sacrifices and deprivations and hardships. So what, they expected it and were able to cope with it and face it. Today so many of our young people think all their problems will be over when they get married. They have the romantic concept that you have arrived when you meet the prince charming and marry him. Life is going to be a bed of roses and a continual honeymoon. When they face the reality that building a home requires blood, sweat, toil, tears, patience, prayer, sacrifice, forgiving, and above all staunch

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and strong character, they are so often disillusioned and ready to run to the lawyer's office. As preachers and teachers and parents, we can help lower the expectation and help prepare them for reality.

3. A third thing we can do is to put more and more emphasis on the prevention of the breakup of the home. We need to make bad marriages good and make good marriages better. New films are now available by two Bible professors at Abilene Christian University, Brother Carl Brecheen and Brother Paul Faulkner. These men have been lecturing for a number of years and conducting seminars on family life. It is their goal in their series of lessons to help bad marriages become good and to help good marriages to become better marriages. We are happy to see this new series of lessons and are glad to note in our brotherhood more and more emphasis on prevention of divorce. We believe people will do better and better when they are taught better. We know that often an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and that many families, if they had received help earlier, might have stayed together. When a couple goes to see the lawyer and the matter is taken to court, it then

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Thank You

Thank you for your expressions of love in the death of my beloved brother, Col Sparks. Your prayers, visits, calls, beautiful cards and flowers are cherished. God bless you.

Floia and Aubrey Payne

We wish to thank all those who were so very kind to us at the time of my accident. We appreciate your kindness more than we can say.

Lerah and Homer Williamson

YOUNG AT HEART

Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, all retired people and everyone over 65 are invited to meet on the church parking lot to go together on the bus to the Dogwood Trails in Palestine. The group will plan to eat lunch in Palestine. If you would like to go, call Foy Richey - 597-3078 or the church office.

Funerals

Funeral services were held Monday in Gainesville for Lois Polsgrove, sister to Averyt Smith.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Burks Walker for B. Frank Owen, brother to Mrs. W. D. Metcalf.

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

BIRTHDAYS

March (22) Vicki Warren (23) Ben Young, (24) Jarlotte Sanford (24) Myrtle Ginn (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (27) Pat Skipper (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda Hendrix

DIVORCE EXPLOSION (continued) becomes war. Once war is declared and the shooting has started, there is so little that can be done to save the marriage.

Strong families make strong congregations, and stronger families make stronger congregations. In spite of the perilous times in which we live, the Word of God is still strong and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. There is so much that we can do to strengthen the family and encourage domestic tranquility. "Moses, for the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so," (Matthew 19:8).

HERE and THERE



by wes price

The Young Married Couples Class, which I teach, has accepted the challenge to be the congregation's contact for our attendance drive on April 12 at the Bible Study hour and worship service. This past Sunday those present received 10 names from our membership directory to contact. They will be contacting each of you during the next month prior to our goal date - April 12. We are confident that you will welcome their call and be prepared to respond with a positive and definite "yes" to their request to be present for Bible study and worship. Let's make this the best ever beginning for a campaign. With this much time in advance of that date, you can adjust or schedule your time so that you can be in town all week.

One other important feature about the campaign - its purpose is to SAVE SOULS! If you have a friend whom you are reluctant to try to teach, this will be a perfect opportunity for you to invite them to hear the gospel. While you are reading this, think of someone you can invite to come.

The majority of our time in the monthly Teachers Meeting this past Sunday was spent discussing ways in which we could encourage families to be present for Wednesday evening Bible study. No one can have a better prepared staff of teachers ready to teach the Bible to your children. But, they cannot teach them if you do not bring them. I think you will agree that if you take your children to all kinds of sports activities in which they participate (and I'm not downgrading these activities) which consumes great portions of time but don't have time to bring them to Bible study on Wednesday night, they are learning the lesson that those activities are more important than Bible study. I fully realize that it takes a little of their time away from school studies and sleep, but aren't the dividends of having your child well-grounded in the scriptures worth that cost? Our teachers stand ready to do every thing they can to make this the most profitable time possible for your child. Won't you help us by coming and bringing them to class each week?

A big "amen" to brother Cauthen's comments about (continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.	Contributions
Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Tom Williams
Dismiss	Phil Marts
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Announcements	Wes Price
Prayer	Ray Womack
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David Demic	Tommy Lowrance
Joe Carroll	Darwood Hendry

Our Records

March 8	\$6,225.51
March 1	6,187.89
Year Ago	5,600.00
March 8	380
March 1	368
Year Ago	387
March 8	450
March 1	475
Weekly	
Budget	\$6,200.00

From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

You may renew your present subscription or you may be a new subscriber for \$9.00 per year. Single subscriptions are \$10.00 per year. Just turn in your name and address to us and indicate if your subscription is a renewal or not. The Firm Foundation will bill you later. I always enjoy the Firm Foundation and other religious papers also. There are always interesting and instructive articles in the paper. Reuel Lemmons has thought provoking editorials each week. Among other fine articles in the paper this week is one by Neil Gallagher, "The One Word Which Everyone Wants to Hear - But Everyone's Afraid to Say." The closing paragraph of this article reads, "Perfect love casts out fear. When we love people - the tough love of Jesus Christ - we resist the fear of saying 'No.' This is the word everyone wants to hear - but no one wants to say, 'No.' It means I LOVE you ENOUGH to say, 'No.'"

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. Women Who Are Needed in the Church
 P.M. Wonders of The Wonderful Word

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday and Wednesday - K. Max Haws - phone 561-9402

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DeRay Bennett Henry McRuiz
 Leslie Carruth Matt Haws

Responses

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. George (Dorothy) Daugherty to West Erwin. They came Sunday to place membership. Their address is 2928 Pollard, phone 593-7720. They formerly worshipped with the Glenwood congregation.

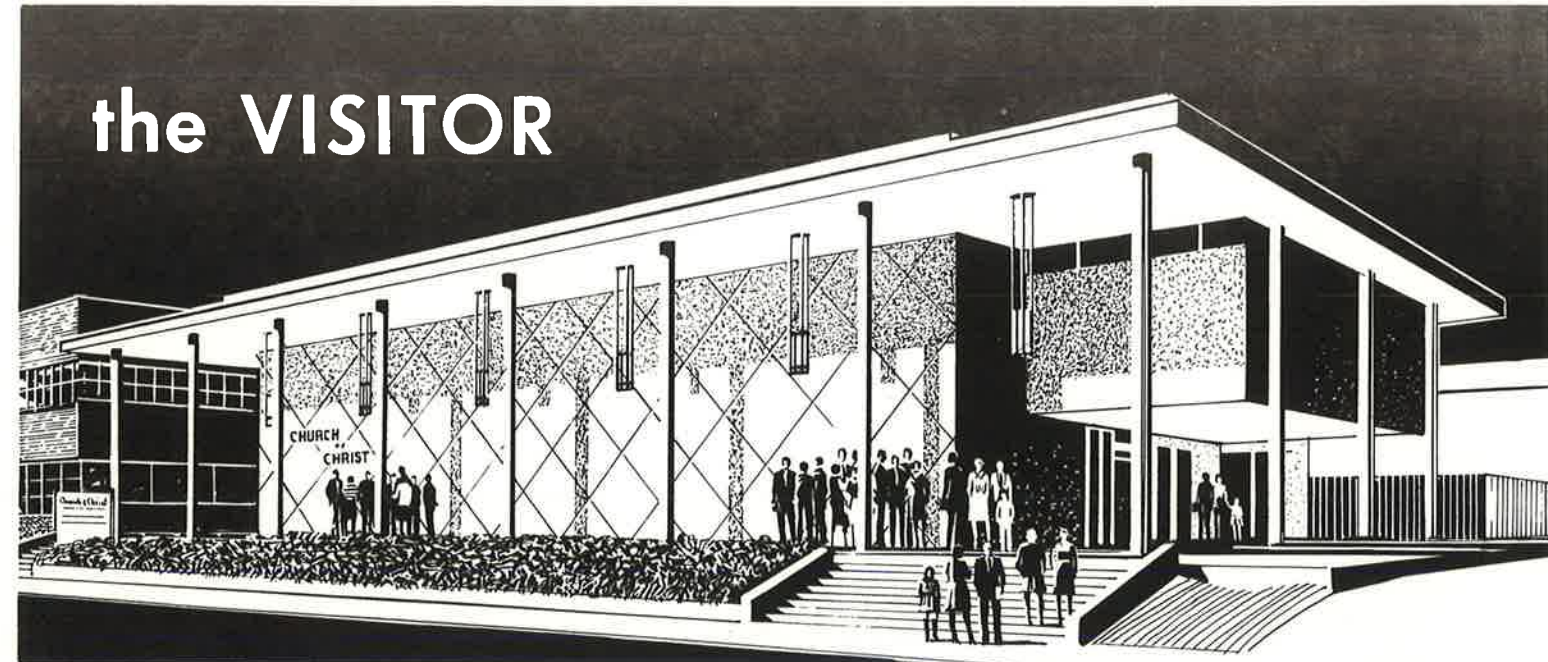
LET AN EARTH-SHAKING Applause be heard for Phil Marts and his crew for putting together the most successful All-Church Fellowship that we have had in our Fellowship Hall. Joining Phil for this good event were Charles and Billie Bob Hickman and Guy and Nettie Potts. We thank each of them for their tireless efforts in making everything go smoothly.

WP

Happy Birthday

March (16) Teena Roberson (17) Ann Bailey
 Jim Franklin (18) Matthew Reynolds (20)
 David Taylor (21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory, Bryan Pickle

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The Church With A Heart



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George H. Stephenson

The city-wide campaign of the churches of Christ in Tyler is just four weeks away! I hope that you are praying for this effort and that you will do your part to make it a success. We hope that this will strengthen all of the congregations in Tyler and that it will strengthen each one of us personally. No doubt there are thousands of people in Tyler and East Texas who have seen Ira North on the weekly Amazing Grace Bible Class which is paid for on television station KLTW by the West Erwin church. We hope that many will want to come to Harvey Hall to see and hear brother North in person.

We are going to be privileged to have brother North with us at the West Erwin church on Sunday morning, April 12. He will be speaking at Harvey Hall that night and each night through April 16 at 7:30. We urge everyone to co-operate in the Bible School Drive on April 12. Wes tells us in his column that his Bible class will take the lead in this drive. We congratulate them on their willingness to do this. Please plan to have as many as possible with you in Bible School Sunday morning, April 12.

Would you like to be included in a club of subscribers to the Firm Foundation? (continued on back page)

COMING.....

APRIL 12 - APRIL 16

HARVEY HALL
 (Sunday night thru Thursday night)

CITY-WIDE MEETING

Ira North from Madison, Tenn. preaching

SUNDAY MORNING, April 12
 Brother North to preach at West Erwin

BIBLE SCHOOL GOAL 60!



Let's all PULL together!

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DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

By C. Bruce White

"Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him. And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

Luke 8:38-40

THE CONFRONTATION OF JESUS in the life of this man made an immediate and effective change. He was made into a disciple and a witness of what had been done for him. The result of that transformation prepared an entire citizenry to change its' mind about Jesus.

Clyde Reid in "The Empty Pulpit" reveals a report from the New York Times that leads him to observe that preaching is ineffective in bringing about change in the lives of hearers. He then says, "If it makes no difference to be a Christian, then why go to church?" The question is a very vital one with reference to our day.

We live in a country known as "Christian" and in a day that sees religious affiliation at its all time high. We also find ourselves in an atmosphere of frustration and upheaval. The crime rate soars higher and higher; young people are restless and rioting; the streets of our cities are virtually unsafe at night. What is wrong with all of these "Christian" people?

The answer is evident on every hand. The churches and pulpits are filled with unchanged people. The man in the pew has never felt the real experience of conversion. We find our "going to church" as another mundane affair of life. The sadness of this is reflected in the fact that the service usually strengthens that attitude.

The problem will remain an ever present one, only to increase with age, if we don't begin demanding a change (genuine fruits of repentance) in our converts. We have been so taken up with the visions of multitudes filling our commodious buildings that we have forgotten the command of the Lord. "Repent or perish." Christianity, if it is to remain CHRISTianity, must make a noticeable difference in the lives of its adherents. It has become too much the rule and not the exception that the marriage to Christ in baptism is annulled in a few days by a lack of repentance. We, therefore, find ourselves continually trying to reunite

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Attention Teachers Meeting

There will be a Teacher's Meeting for teachers of preschool, primary and junior grades on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p. m. in room 106. Teachers are urged to be present.

Funeral

We extend our sincere sympathy to Floia Payne in the death of her brother, Col Sparks. He died Tuesday in a Dallas Hospital. Funeral services were in Jamestown Thursday afternoon.

Grocery Truck

Remember the Grocery Truck from Bales Home will be here during the week of March 23 - 27. A list of needed items is on the bulletin board.

YOUNG SINGLES

The Young Singles will have a Cook-out and Devotional at Love's Look-Out on Friday evening, March 20. Meet at the parking lot of the Shiloh Road Church at 6:00 p. m.

Does It Make A Difference? (continued)

a relationship that never really existed. A greater number of our members need to be converted rather than restored. One cannot be restored to something in which he never shared.

The church, to be the body of Christ, must be filled with individuals who have confronted Christ, accepted Him, realized their great blessing, and are now prepared to share it with others. The message of the church should be preached in the lives of its members, that being, Jesus will make you a peculiar people. When we fill our ranks with "changed" people then we will fill our buildings with interested people. Remember, when the man published what Jesus had done for him, "the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

HERE and THERE

by wes price



The Corinth Road church in Jacksonville will be engaged in a four day meeting (March 22 - 25) with Andrew Connally of Cookeville, Tennessee, as the visiting evangelist. You will remember his dynamic preaching when he was with us this past fall. Make plans to attend one night or more. You will enjoy hearing him again. Week night services will be at 7:30. (Lest we forget, he is the nephew of our own Brian McCall. I don't think Mac claims any part of that kinship.)

We are delighted to congratulate our Wednesday night first grade class taught by Delle Bullard and Jo Butler for having 100% attendance on Wednesday night, March 4. Parents, we appreciate your helping in this matter by having your children here for their classes on Wednesday night.

We are happy to announce some recent additions to our teaching staff and some changes in our class teachers. New to the Sunday morning Junior High Class and joining Dick Higginbotham is Jay Bynum. Adult Class no. 8, previously taught by Hillard Hughes, is now being taught by Freeman Morgan. Hillard is now working with Sam Sevier in the 11th and 12th Grade Class. Join me in welcoming these new teachers and new teachers in other classes. We appreciate their willingness to serve in these important areas.

Many of you will remember the Boerwinkle family, Jerry and Beckie and their little girl, Candy. Jesse, 4 months, was born after they moved back to Irving and has been seriously ill for the past two months. He is now in the Children's Hospital in Dallas. They have requested that we keep them in our prayers. If you would like to write, their address is 2334 MacArthur Blvd., #104, Irving, Texas 75062.

The West Erwin church will be serving as hosts for the opening session of the City-wide Campaign on Sunday night, April 12, and all workers needed for ushers, greeters, parking lot attendants and other workers will come from our congregation. Louis Jones, Deacon in charge of selecting men to serve in our worship services, will be calling upon various ones of you to be prepared to serve on our night.

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New Baby

A 7 lb. 6 oz. baby boy, named Matthew Casey, was born Sunday to Matt and Rhonda Haws in Mother Frances Hospital. The happy grandparents are K. Max and Mary Haws and great grandparents are Naomi Haws and John and Ruby Brem.

In Appreciation

Thank you to all my friends and loved ones at West Erwin for the visits, flowers and messages of love. You are all so near and dear to my heart. How could I ever live without you. Naomi Haws

The family of Allen Ray Chamness acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES of the Southwest Auxiliary will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Please honor his request and make plans to be present at the designated time and place to serve. If you cannot serve, please contact him at 593-2528 as soon as you receive his letter.

Momentum is now beginning to build for the April Campaign. My Sunday morning Bible Class has assumed the responsibility of spear-heading the drive for us on Sunday morning, April 12. We want every member of the West Erwin congregation to be present for Bible Study and Worship that day. Brother Ira North will be with us for the morning worship service and will be dropping in to pay a visit in each of our Adult Classes. Each family in the congregation will be asked to assume responsibility for one other family to encourage them to be present for Bible Study and Worship. We are excited about this great day! Don't you want to be involved in it too? Mark your calendar for April 12, and make a pledge to the Lord to be present that day.

Serving Sunday

<u>Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Roy Roberson
Dismiss	Matt Haws
<u>Evening Worship - 6:00 P. M.</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Sam Sevier
Dismiss	Fred Powell
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
Mac McCall	Paul Stanley
Greg Duncan	Jeff Duncan
Greg Hendry	Roy Roberson
Archie Kennard	Jay Bynum

Our Records

<u>Contributions</u>	
March 1	\$6,187.89
Feb. 22	4,814.36
Year Ago	5,402.97
<u>Bible School</u>	
March 1	368
Feb. 22	356
Year Ago	372
<u>Worship</u>	
March 1	475
Feb. 22	482
Weekly	
Budget	\$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER - SUNDAY, March 8 and Wednesday evening, March 11 - Roy Roberson - 597-5627

Sermons For Sunday

10:30 A. M. Men Who Are Needed in the Church
 6:00 P. M. "But He Was a Leper"
 by George H. Stephenson



March 8th - we will have an all church fellowship following the evening worship.

Mark your calendar for this event!

Ladies Class

The Ladies Class will have a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday following the Ladies Bible Class. Hostesses for the luncheon are Dana Gode and Marie Threadgill. All ladies are encouraged to be in the class and attend the luncheon. Husbands are invited.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Dean Brookshire is improved and now in a room at Lubbock General Hospital.

Mrs. Naomi Haws is now in Colonial Manor, Room 221, and would like visitors.

Mrs. Ed Naul is living at present in Leisure Lodge.

Ed Naul is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

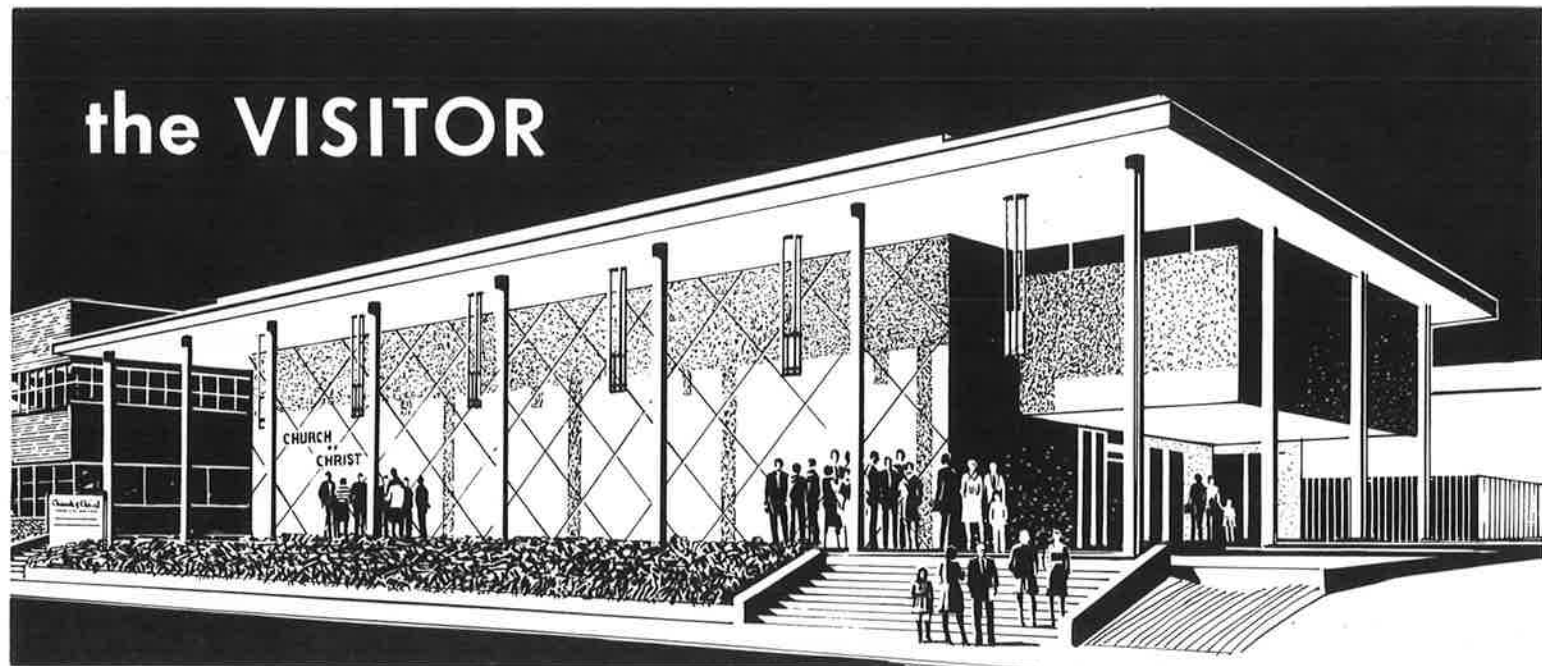
NEWS AND NOTES

Wes Price is participating in the South Dallas Training for Service Series conducted at the Trinity Oaks Church of Christ this week. He is teaching a class for teachers of adult classes.

Study your Bible daily.

Assistants in Back Foyer 3-8 and 3-15
 DeRay Bennett Henry McRuiz
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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

The past two Lord's Days have been great at West Erwin because we have had two outstanding men as our guest speakers. We were thrilled to hear Kieth Mitchell tell of the success and of the challenges and opportunities in New York City. And then last Sunday we were impressed with Neil Gallagher. We were impressed both with the man and his messages. I was pleased to learn that our elders have agreed to help support Neil in his work with the church in Providence, Rhode Island. I heard many, many favorable comments concerning Neil. I made the comment that Neil Gallagher is the right man in the right place. I believe this to be true. However, I also believe he would be the right man for nearly any place.

I feel that West Erwin is truly blessed in having the opportunity to have fellowship with such dedicated workers as those we help support in mission work. I am thankful that West Erwin is a mission minded church. We should realize, of course, that everywhere we are is a

mission field. We should be concerned about winning souls for Christ in Tyler and we should be concerned about winning souls for Christ everywhere. If we are to do the work of mission work we must be generous in our support of the budget outlined for this year. I believe that we have been richly blessed in Tyler and we should certainly show our appreciation for the Lord's blessings by our giving. "Freely ye have received, freely give." (Matthew 10:8).

I wish that all of you could have attended the annual Bible lectureship of Abilene Christian University. The weather was beautiful; the lectures were good; and the fellowship was tremendous. I was impressed with the emphasis given to the authority of the Bible in all of the lectures. The speakers reminded us again and again of our "uncommon commitment" to be loyal to the Christ and to the fundamentals of New Testament Christianity. Our days in Abilene were truly uplifting.

We congratulate Sue Starnes in her winning a Bible from the Amazing Grace Bible Class. Everywhere I go in Tyler and in other East Texas towns I meet people who tell me that they have seen me on television and that they watch the Amazing Grace Bible Class. Remember that Ira North, the regular teacher for the class, will be the speaker for the citywide campaign April 12-16. Do you have these dates marked on your calendar? Are you praying for this effort?

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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CONGREGATIONAL PRIDE?

Not long ago I heard a young lady talking about the congregation where she worshipped. She loved the elders, enjoyed hearing the preacher, and bragged on the Bible classes. She closed this "testimonial" by saying, "There's just no place like it anywhere!"

At first I felt that she was too much in love with her home congregation and that she ought to realize that there were good congregations of the saints in many places. And then I had some second thoughts.

What's wrong with Christians loving the congregation where they live and worship? What is wrong with our being a little proud of our program of work and the joy we have in the worship there? There are all too many Christians that never say a good word about their home church, never feel any close attachment to the church. It is referred to as "they" and not "we."

When a student goes to college and is proud of the school, he usually does better work. It's his school; he supports it, he fights for it, he talks it up.

It's wonderful to see a man who is working for a firm that he is not ashamed of. He can say with pride that he is a part of that honorable organization.

We joke about grandparents talking about their wonderful grandchildren, but isn't it nice? And don't you like to hear a wife brag on her husband instead of criticizing him?

It may be that we have heard sermons condemning congregational rivalry so much that we have felt that it would be wrong to talk up our own congregation. It seems to me that in the letters to the seven churches of Asia that the Lord appealed to their sense of congregational pride by speaking of the things they had done well and urging them to do better.

We must put Christ at the center of our heart and of all we do, but remember that the congregation is loved by Him and sustained by Him. When Israel fought the Midianites, their cry was, "For Gideon and the Lord." Gideon as the Lord's servant and instrument was loved and honored too.

Let us build, love, support and be proud of our own congregation. It is a part of Christ.

...Harvey Porter

HERE and THERE

by wes price



With the advent of better weather, we should be seeing more and more of our members able to attend Bible study and worship service on Sunday morning. So far, we have not seen the increase. I'm sure that illness has had a decided effect upon the attendance each week, but there really is no legitimate reason why we can't have a larger number in Bible study each week. If you have been among the number absent each week, why not get back into the habit of coming. It will do your soul good.

From week to week we do have those classes that reach or exceed their enrollment in attendance. This past week the Three Year Old class taught by Johnnie Stringer and Frances McBee had 100% attendance. We appreciate their efforts and the efforts of all our teachers who work diligently with their classes.

A few weeks ago Sister Mayo called me and asked me to express thanks from she and Brother Mayo for the generosity of the auditorium class for helping them get a new television. I forgot to write it down and consequently forgot to get it in the bulletin. My apologies to her for that oversight. She and Brother Mayo were pleasantly surprised when a deliveryman brought the new set to their house. I'm sure that if you know them, you know how grateful they are for that gift.

I will be away all this week participating in a Training for Service Series at the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas. I'll miss being here, but I'm looking forward to being with old friends in the big city of Dallas. I'll be back to join you in worship service next Sunday.

Signa Stanley was honored last Friday, February 26, by her fellow workers at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company party room. The occasion marked her retirement after more than 40 years with the company. Several of us from West Erwin were privileged to join the guest on this occasion. It was a joy just to participate as a guest, but the best part was knowing that

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Thank You

Thanks to all of those who were kind enough to be concerned about my welfare during my recent illness. Your cards, calls and your many prayers were truly appreciated.

Dorothy Davis

Welcome

Brother and Sister George Squier wish to be part of the West Erwin family. They live at 2901 E. Front, phone 595-1346. Brother Squier is in Pine Village Nursing Home.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck will be here from Boles Home the week of March 23 - 27. Their needs are: black pepper, canned fruit, pickles, hand soap, and foil.

Happy Birthday

(8) Kathryn Fears, (10) Katie Heath, John Powell, Eleanor Smith, (12) David Grier, Jr., Eleanor Birdwell, Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains, (13) Tennille Beard, (14) Chris Hallman, Rodney Knight

HERE AND THERE (continued)

a fellow-Christian was esteemed so highly by superiors as well as her co-workers. That kind of example blesses the church and we thank God for saints like her. Congratulations, Signa!

Work is intensifying for the campaign in April with Ira North. It won't be long before you will begin to hear radio and television spot announcements and see advertisements placed in our local newspapers. As good and as necessary as these types of advertisements are, they are still less effective than the kind that we need every member of this church doing. That kind es each one doing his part to bring others to the meeting. We are depending on you to consider yourself a co-worker with us in making this the finest campaign that this city has ever had. There is no reason why it can't be if each one will do his part.

ONWARD AND UPWARD - A Seminar on Successful Church Growth

Shiloh Road Church of Christ March 9 - 10 Gary & Deanna Beauchamp

Building People To Build The Church

Gary

6:00/6:30 Youth (Jr./Sr. Hi Boys)

Monday Be An Example

Tuesday Young People Build the Church

6:40/7:10 Singles

Monday The Single In the Body

Tuesday (Men Only) The Single Man Leads

7:20/7:45 General Assembly

Monday The Family of God

Tuesday Building the Church

8:00/8:30 Men

Monday Setting Priorities

Tuesday Church Roles

8:40/9:10 Church Leaders (Elders, Deacons, Teachers)

Monday Church Programing (Causing Growth)

Tuesday Leadership Technique (Equipping)

Deanna

Youth (Jr./Sr. Hi Girls)

Created For A Purpose

Who Will You Marry?

Singles

Single Women and the Church

Christian Woman's Influence-Part I

Christian Woman's Influence-Part II

Leader's Wives

A Helper Fit For Him-Part I

A Helper Fit For Him-Part II

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a. m.

Announcements Bill Butler

Prayer Weldon Dawson

Dismiss John Powell

Sunday Evening

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Serving Communion Sunday

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Contributions

Feb. 22 4,814.36

Feb. 15 6,084.93

Year Ago 5,523.04

Bible School

Feb. 22 356

Feb. 15 352

Year Ago 378

Worship

Feb. 22 482

Feb. 15 572

Weekly

Budget 6,200.00

Assistants in Back Foyer

Dale Blackstone Phil Marts Leon Welborn John Steffee

MINIBUS DRIVER - SUNDAY, March 1 and Wednesday evening, March 4 - EARL O'QUINN - 561-0671



LADIES BIBLE CLASS MEETS

10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

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IN THE HOSPITAL

Ike Gaiser is in Medical Center Hospital. He is now in room 371.

Mrs. Naomi Haws is a patient in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Pauline Daughtry is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

IN APPRECIATION

I am thankful for your thoughtfulness of me recently while I was ill. The calls, cards and flowers are all appreciated.

Patsy Young



Bible Class

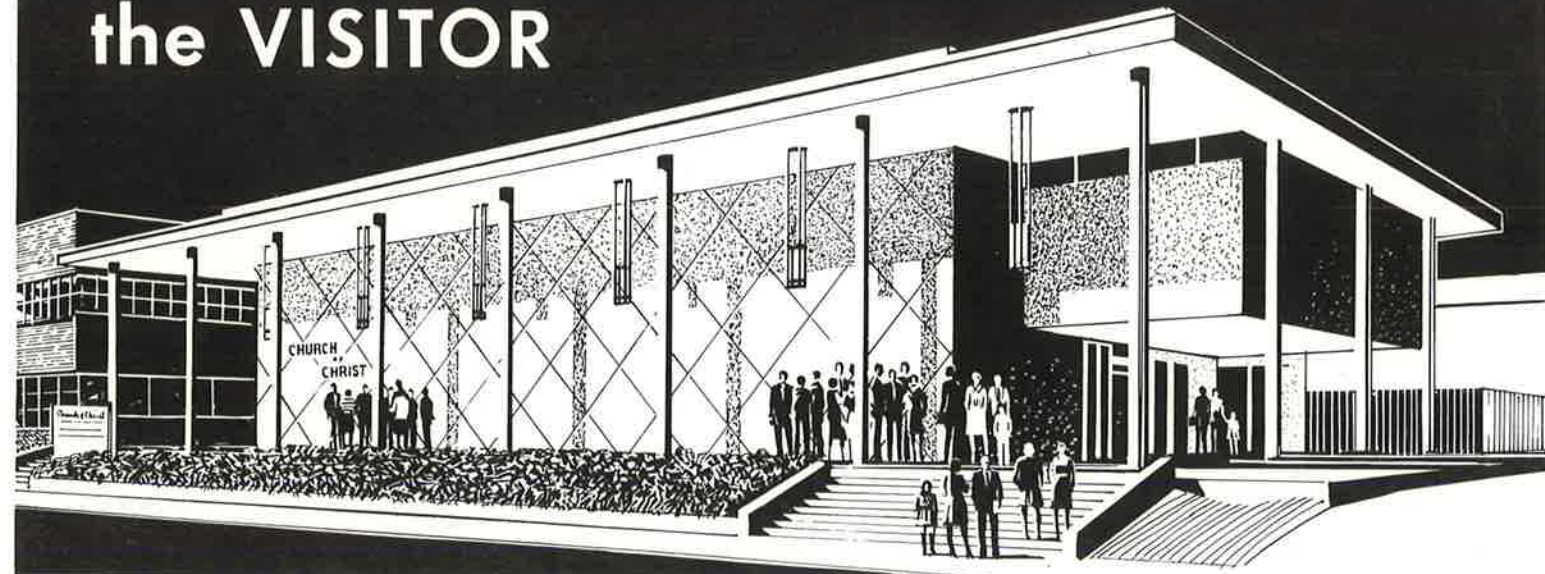
Each Sunday, 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

SHARPENING THE SWORD

"Sharpening the Sword Seminar" will be conducted Saturday, March 7 at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. Registration will begin at 8:00 a. m. and the seminar will end at 6:30 p. m. The cost is \$13.95 per kit. This means that an individual may use a kit, or a couple, or the entire family. The members of the Alpine congregation invite those participating to be their guests for lunch. Dennis Kelly of the Bible Bookhouse in Searcy, Ark. will be conducting this seminar.

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George H. Stephenson

It is always encouraging to have Kieth Mitchell with us. We were glad that he could be here Sunday and now we look forward to another guest speaker on this coming Sunday. Neil Gallagher who preaches for the church in East Providence, Rhode Island is scheduled to be here and preach for us. I am very glad that you will have the opportunity to meet him and to hear him speak.

I first met brother Gallagher a number of years ago while I was preaching for the Southside church in Fort Worth. At that time he had recently been converted from the Catholic church. He spoke for us in Fort Worth on several occasions. We were impressed with his ability and sincerity. Neil is now preaching in his native state of Rhode Island. He was reared as a Catholic and trained for a time to become a priest and to enter a Franciscan Monastery. He served in the peace corps in North Thailand for a time. While there he came in contact with American missionaries of the church of Christ. In 1965 he was baptized by Bob Davidson.

Brother Gallagher continued his education following his conversion and returned to the United States. He received the M.A. degree from ACU and also from TCU. He later received his Ph. D. from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1966 he was elected to "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Neil Gallagher is a prolific writer, having written for major religious journals. He is nationally known for his fight against pornography. His book, "How to Stop the Porno Plague," has gained national attention. Neil is now in his seventh year as the preacher for the church in East Providence. The church has grown from 25 to 70 with most of its membership consisting of former Catholics. There is a great need for financial assistance at this time for the church to continue to grow and become a source of strength in the Northeast.

Brother Gallagher has the co-operation and support of a lovely wife and family. In a letter to our elders he states, "As you can see the church has nearly tripled, but I believe that number could have been much greater with adequate funding. We've had the plans drawn up for months for an aggressive outreach program, including: radio evangelism, Bible correspondence courses, direct-mail evangelism, and a tract ministry. We've got brothers and sisters who are committed: they regularly and boldly share Christ with non-Christian friends and they regularly bring the same to church."

THE WIFE BEATER

Being peeved at the brethren and forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being angry at the dog and kicking the cat. A preacher once asked a certain man why he had ceased to attend church. He replied: "They haven't treated me right over there." "Then, why don't you go and beat your wife!" The startled man gave the preacher a look which questioned his sanity. "My wife hasn't done anything against me," he said. "Well, has the Lord done anything against you?"

When you see a man or woman forsaking the worship assembly because of something that has been said or done, there is something wrong with that person. Deep down in his heart, he usually knows it, but simply hasn't the faith to follow God and let Him lead the way. Let's be honest about it. If you have quit, there's something wrong with your relationship to Christ. It is your soul that's being separated from Christ and there should be nothing allowed to come between you and your Saviour. Don't kick the cat! Don't beat your wife! Don't quit the Lord!
... via Shield of Faith - Jackson, Mo.

YOUNG AT HEART

All retired people and everyone over sixty are invited to participate in a game night and get-together on Thursday evening, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship building. Set aside the first Thursday night of each month for this event. Bring a card table and dominoes and a dessert. In the future, trips for this group include: the Dogwood Trails (in March) in Palestine, the Oil Museum in Kilgore, Jefferson Pilgrimage, and Autumn Trails.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES

The Christian Singles will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nella Ware, 2101 Old Omen Rd. for supper and devotional. All widows, widowers, single and divorced Christians are invited. For further information call Nella Ware, 566-0387 or Don McClaugherty, 592-4859.

GOSPEL MEETING AT BROADWAY

Tom Rook of Winder, Ga. will be with the Broadway Church of Christ Thursday, March 5 through the Sunday morning worship, March 8. You are invited. The services will be at 7:30 p.m.

See YOU Sunday!

THE FATAL SHOT

Recently, I heard a story about Satan's attack upon a Christian. First Satan shot a poisonous dart at his heel; but the Christian was unharmed because he had his feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Satan's next attempt was at his loins; but the Christian repelled this because he had his loins girded about with the truth. Unsuccessfully, the devil tried a shot at his breast, but there was the breastplate of righteousness. The Christian knocked away another with his shield of faith and his helmet of salvation repelled another arrow. But the devil, not being discouraged, slipped around behind the Christian and shot him in the pocketbook and killed him dead as a hammer.

Author Unknown

TEACHERS WORKSHOP AT CANTON

The Eleventh Annual Teachers Workshop at Canton will be March 16 - 18, 1981. The theme for this year's Workshop will be "We Are God's Spiritual Children." There will be classes for teachers of Cradle Roll, Pre-School, Primary, Junior, Teens and Adults. Also, special classes for Leadership, Family and Woman's Work. On Monday and Tuesday evenings classes, Cradle Roll through Teens will be repeated the second hour so that everyone will have the opportunity to take advantage of two classes. An attended nursery for preschool children will be provided each evening from 7:30 to 8:30. A list of classes and teachers is posted on the bulletin board.

HERE and THERE

by wes price



No Time For God

There appears to be three major classifications of men.

- (1) Those who trust God at all times;
- (2) Those who trust God when times are bad;
- (3) Those who have no time for God at all.

It is a mortal tragedy of the human spirit to allow mundane affairs to occupy the totality of our interests. Absorption in ventures, contracts, investments, finance, and securities can be a healthy sign of ambition. Yet for many, it is a crisis. A spiritual one!

The Lord warned that wealth has the potential of choking out our spiritual life... "the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful" (Matt. 13:22). For some, money is too great a temptation. The pursuit of it becomes a godless obsession. In time, there is no room for God or His Will.

There was a man that had lived a greedy, avaricious life. He had added stocks to stocks, bonds to bonds, gold to gold, silver to silver, houses to houses, and lands to land. At the age of sixty-five, he lay upon his bed dying with his face turned toward the wall. He was heard to say as he lay there: "Time for money, but no time for God." The sister said to friends who had gathered in the room, "Brother is not rational." At that, the brother turned over in bed and said: "Don't say that I am not rational. My mind is clearer than it ever has been. You know that I've had time for everything but God. I've hated the church, cursed preachers, stabbed my conscience, quenched the spirit, hardened my heart, and now I'm dying without God." Three days later the man died. Some of his last words were these: "Time for everything, but no time for God."

Our Lord loves us. He is our refuge - our protection. He tries to save us from ourselves. Like a neon sign, the warning looms up from Holy Writ: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness." He continues by assuring us that a man's life is not measured in the abundance of material things. The wise apostle wrote: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but

(continued next column)

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last Friday in Cisco, Texas for Brother Bill Smith, a former member of this congregation. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Maxine and his family.

On Saturday of last week funeral services were held in Sulphur Springs for Mr. Allen Ray Chamness, brother of Mrs. A. Z. Aven. We extend our sympathy to the Avens and their family.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your cards and visits during my two recent stays in the hospital. Your concern was deeply appreciated.

Mrs. W. D. (Clive) Powell

ALL ADULT classes will meet together Sunday morning in the auditorium to hear a lesson from our guest evangelist, Neil Gallagher.

SWEET EXPRESSIONS

There will be no area-wide fourth-Sunday singing this month. Instead the Sweet Expressions, a unique singing group from Austin will present a program Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Troup Church of Christ. You are invited to attend. There will be congregational singing preceding the program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March (3) George Stephenson (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell, Mary Lou Frasier (6) Ray Lott (7) Rocky Chambless, Becky McRuiz, Sue Paul

HERE AND THERE (continued)
in the living God" (I Tim. 6:17). Only there can the rich life be found.

"No time for God?
What fools we are, to clutter
up our lives with common
things, and leave without
heart's gate the Lord of
Life and Life

Kerry Knight
Houston, Texas

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Geo. Stephenson	Feb. 15 \$6,084.93
Prayer Lowell Wiggains	Feb. 8 5,951.93
Dismiss Wynne Weathers	Year Ago 4,744.30
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P. M.	Bible School
Announcements Hillard Hughes	Feb. 15 352
Prayer Mike Savage	Feb. 8 382
Dismiss Marty Mallory	Year Ago 332
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship
Cliff Clough Cullen Gilliam	Feb. 15 572
Charles Lemons W. S. Little	Feb. 8 496
Phil Marts Henry McRuiz	
John Teague Wyndal Miller	Weekly
Assistants in Back Foyer	Budget \$6,200.00
Dale Blackstone Phil Marts	
Leon Welborn John Steffee	

MINIBUS DRIVER - SUNDAY, Feb. 22 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 25 - RONNY JONES - Phone 877-3053

Responses

Miss Michelle Crow came Sunday morning to place membership. She attends Tyler Junior College and formerly worshipped with the Omen Road church. HERE AND THERE (continued from front page)

elderly find it difficult to be out at night and I am not referring to them. I am referring to those of you who choose not to and could if you really wanted to. I don't mean to "get on your case" about this matter, but I do feel that you are missing something by not coming. I know too, that even if nothing personal is gained, your presence will be of great help to others. If you can't come for any other reason, try that one.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

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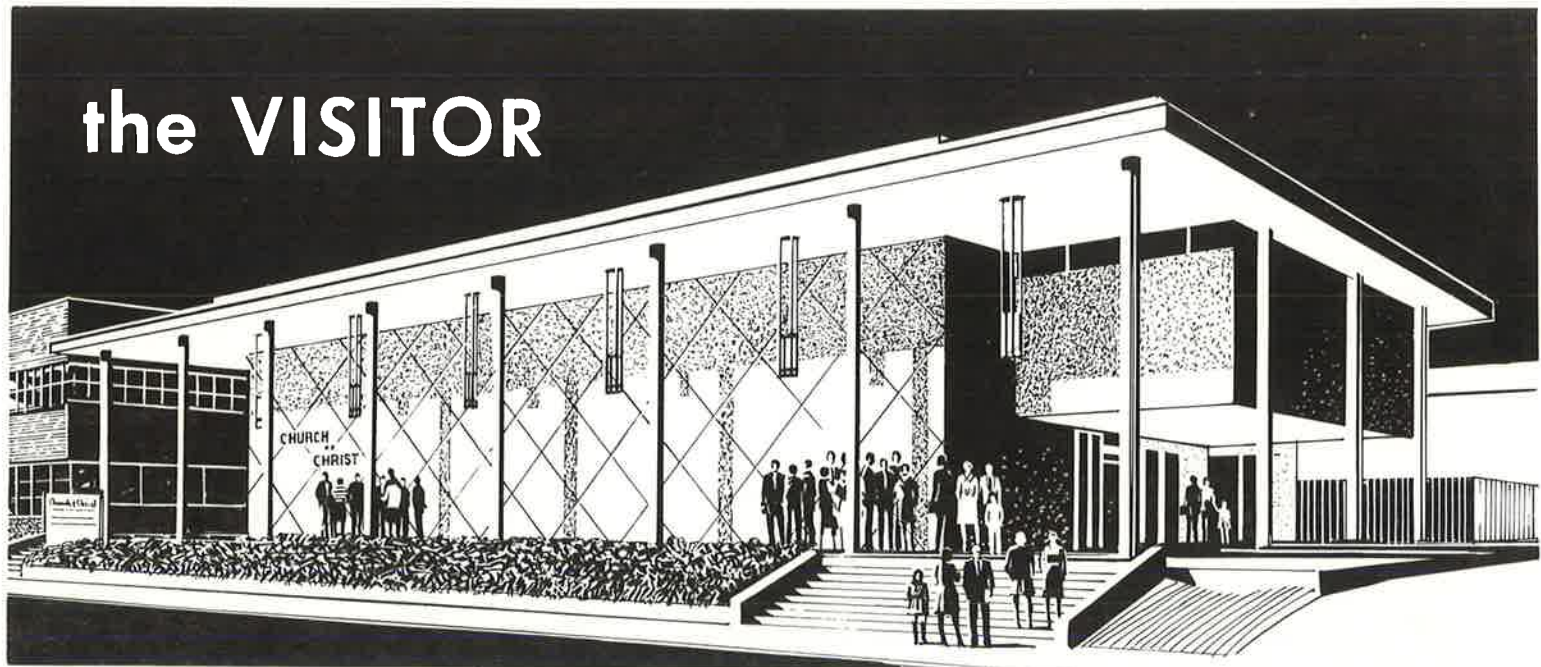
Mrs. Gus Krewall is in Community Hospital.

Dan and Wynelle Sexton, newcomers to Tyler have a new baby girl (2 months premature) born last week in Mother Frances Hospital. The baby is still hospitalized.

IS THE LORD'S CHURCH A ZOO?

Some church members are as stubborn as a Missouri mule about doing church work, but as sly as a fox in their own business deals; as busy as a bee in spreading the latest gossip, but as quiet as a mouse in spreading the Gospel of Christ. Many are as blind as a bat to see the needs of others but have eyes of a hawk to see the fault of a few. Some are as eager as a beaver about barbecue, but as lazy as a dog about prayer meeting. Some will roar like a lion when things don't go just to suit them, but they are as gentle as a lamb when they are called upon to take a stand for the truth. Some are as noisy as a blue jay when complaining about the church, but as timid as a kitten when talking to the lost and as slow as a snail about visiting absentees and shut-ins. Many are night owls on Saturday night, but "bed-bugs" on Sunday morning; slippery as eels on Sunday nights and as scarce as hen's teeth on Wed. nights. Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until he starts working.

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The Church With A Heart

KIETH MITCHELL

TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Kieth Mitchell, Director of the International Mission of churches of Christ in New York City and minister of the Manhattan church of Christ, will be our guest speaker Sunday morning at 10:30. The West Erwin congregation has had fellowship with Kieth in his work at the mission since its beginning in 1972.

The work of Kieth and other workers has been very successful. The Lord has blessed their efforts. A total of 830 students from among leadership level, foreign born students have been enrolled in daily English Bible study during the past two years. The current term enrollment is more than 150 for daily English Bible study - and that in spite of extremely cold weather. Work at the mission has been directly responsible for the conversion of 169 persons from 5 continents and 28 nations during the past nine years. In the past six years, the mission has helped in the planting and nurturing of a Chinese church, a Spanish church, and two Korean churches in New York City. Great plans are underway for future expansion of the work.

In addition to brother Kieth's work at the mission, he is engaged in a very fruitful ministry with the Manhattan church of Christ. He was recently made an elder in this good church. The Manhattan church continues to have a steady growth in spite of the large numbers of members who are in New York for short periods of time. From 1976 - 78 the church roll grew from 75 to 150 and from 1978 to 1980 the roll grew from 150 to 300. Seventeen different national citizenships are represented in this church's membership.



KIETH MITCHELL

It will be a pleasure to have this great man with us Sunday. He has unusual ability and his splendid talents have been effectually used in helping to spread the gospel of Christ. He is a man of great faith and is a most energetic worker.

Are you still asking, "What is E. T. C. A.?" Many people are still not aware that E. T. C. A. is the short way to say East Texas Christian Academy.

We hope you are asking about the progress of E. T. C. A. If you are, you'd probably want to know that our enrollment increased by 350% this year. Last school year we had fourteen students, and this year we have sixty-five. In addition, our staff more than doubled; from two certified teachers and one aide, we have increased to four certified teachers, four pre-school teachers and four aides.

E. T. C. A.'s curriculum is the same as that of T. I. S. D. Our children participate in Chapel, and have daily Bible lessons in the classroom. One mother told us, "How wonderful it is to have a child come home from school talking about Jesus."

Come join in our commitment to Christian education. There is a place for your child if he or she is age two years through third grade. Next fall, plans include a fourth grade and pre-school choice of days. We're excited about our progress and our future, and are deeply grateful for all the help and support you have given toward building a Christian school for the children of Tyler.

June Holcomb
Director, E. T. C. A.

CHILI SUPPER

The Parents, Teachers and Friends of the East Texas Christian Academy will sponsor a Chili With Trimmings (crackers, cheese, potato salad, drinks, etc.) as a fund raising project for the school on Friday, February 27 from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Let's Keep Our Work
Moving Forward**



BURDEN BEARING

Some time ago at a presentation of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, a spectator examined the large cross used in the play. Thinking it was made of synthetic material he tried to pick it up. When he did so, he staggered under its weight and nearly fell. Setting the cross back down, the visitor turned to see an actor standing before him, smiling at his actions. The spectator inquired as to why the cross had to be so heavy. The smiling actor, Anton Lang, who played the part of Christ, replied, "I couldn't play the part realistically unless I felt the weight."

We cannot develop Christlike understanding in our lives until we learn to feel the weight of our loved ones and associates. The admonition to carry other people's burdens (Gal. 6:2) paradoxically at the same time lifts our own burdens. Peace of mind comes through the process of indirection. Strangely, we develop our own happiness and satisfaction by trying to bring happiness through lightening the load that someone else carries.

- Bob Barnhill

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class

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



Sunday, February 22

Kieth Mitchell will preach for the morning worship service.

Sunday, March 1

Neil Gallager will preach for the morning worship service.

Sunday, March 8

We will have an all church fellowship on Sunday evening following worship.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, February 14, 1981, Florene Lowrance and Howard Adams were married in the church of Christ in Van. Ronny Lowrance said the ceremony. We extend our best wishes for a happy life together.

"THREE UNUSUAL DAYS"

The Pine Tree church of Christ in Longview will have Earl Williams from Conroe, Texas to hold a special series of meetings entitled "Three Unusual Days." This event will be February 20, 21 and 22 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). A schedule is on the bulletin board.

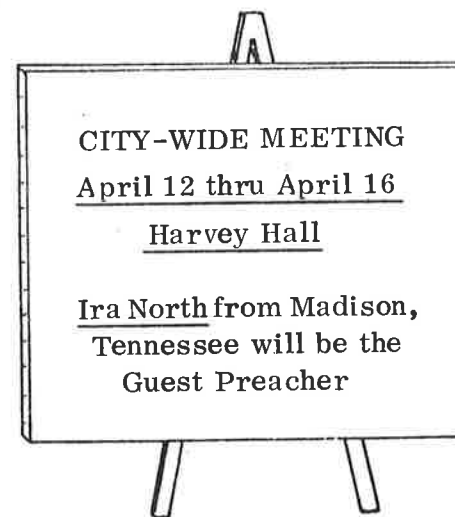
Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY

- (22) M. H. Shaffer, Mike Savage
- (23) Sherri Bray, Jean Thompson
- (24) Vannie Lee
- (26) Jane Jones, Matthew Goodson
- (28) Tom Parsons, Faber Cauthen
Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall

Directory Change

Jamon and Clay Kirby and their daughter Suzanne are now worshipping with the Shiloh Road Church.



Remember
WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

HERE
and THERE

by **wes price**



Honor classes this past Sunday for 100% attendance include the Three Year Old Class taught by Johnnie Stringer and Frances McBee and the 9th & 10th Grade Class taught by Louis Jones and Milburn Cook.

Quite a number of folks commented about how good they thought the singing was last Sunday. I appreciate the fine way you co-operate in making that service vibrant and meaningful. Let's keep up the good work.

We are about to turn the corner on plans for our City-Wide Campaign. The Steering Committee and all Elders from city congregations are meeting this week to be brought up to date on plans. In the near future you should be seeing advertising on area billboards and on the Amazing Grace Bible Class. It is not too early for you to begin doing your part. Pray for the success of the meeting. Make plans to invite friends and neighbors to be your guests. Let the plans include more than just a verbal request. Include them in on an invitation to eat with you before coming to the meeting and some other personal effort. You might be surprised at the response you get.

There's no doubt that we will have a great meeting. And having Ira North, who is well known in our area because of the Amazing Grace Bible Class, will be a big plus for us. Every where I go in and around Tyler and identify myself as being from the church of Christ, I receive good feelings from folks who have seen the TV Bible Class. Let's use this to our advantage.

We had an excellent Teacher's Meeting this past Sunday afternoon. If you were not able to be present, come by and visit with me sometime and I will show you how to use some of the equipment that we have available for you to use.

I wish, I wish! How I wish we could have as many folks attend Sunday night worship as we do our Sunday morning worship. If I live to be 120, I don't believe I will ever understand why many do not return for that evening service. Oh, I understand that some of our

(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A.M.		Contributions	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Feb. 8	\$5,951.93
Prayer	Dannie Skipper	Feb. 1	5,620.63
Dismiss	Harley Turner	Year Ago	5,133.10
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.		Bible School	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Feb. 8	382
Prayer	Dale Duncan	Feb. 1	341
Dismiss	Bill Endsley	Year Ago	367
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
Cliff Clough	Cullen Gilliam	Feb. 8	496
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John Teague	Wyndal Miller	Budget	\$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 15 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 18 - MIKE SAVAGE, 593-6587.

Responses

For Prayer: Julie Duncan, Ted Wright, Kim Hughes

IN THE HOSPITAL

Mary Drummond is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.



FELLOWSHIP

March 8th - we will have an all church fellowship following the evening worship.

Mark your calendar for this event!

George H. Stephenson, Minister
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YOUNG SINGLES

The Shiloh Road church would like to invite all Young Singles to a fellowship on Friday night, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Creekwood Apartments Party room. Bring a snack and drink, casual dress.

For additional information call Sherry Bartlett, 561-2366.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. Looking Upon Jesus
6:00 P.M. Confessions of a Failure

THE PERSON THAT...

- Seldom misses a day on the job,
- Rarely misses seeing his favorite team play,
- Visits all the best recreation sports,
- Seldom misses a club meeting,
- Is a leader in civic affairs,
- Is financially secure,
- Lives in comfortable surroundings,

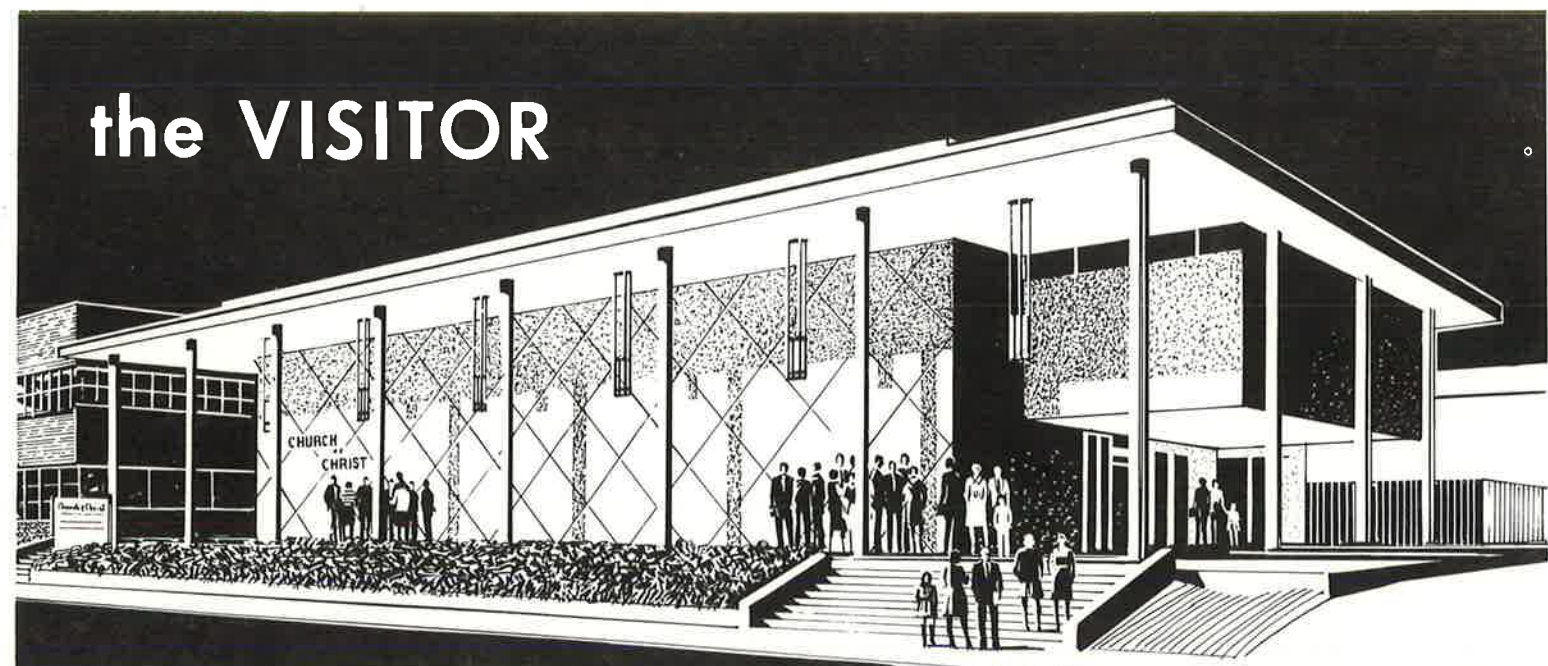
AND YET...

- Frequently is absent from worship,
- Does not support special efforts of the church,
- Will not engage in Christian service,
- Takes no initiative or responsibility in the Lord's Cause,
- Gives little or nothing to the Lord,
- Refuses to be inconvenienced to serve God.

IS NOT MUCH IN LOVE WITH GOD!

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Wasn't it fine to see our young people seated with their parents at the front of the auditorium last Sunday night? This helped us to have better singing and was a source of encouragement to all of us. We are blessed with some fine young people and they are blessed in having Hillard and Jeanne Hughes work with them. Every age has problems peculiar to that age. Our young people surely have many problems and many temptations in our present society. All of us should show our interest in them and our love for them. I feel that no one is better able nor does a better job as youth director than Hillard Hughes. We were glad to attend the meeting in the fellowship hall following the Sunday evening worship. It was a delightful occasion for everyone who was there.

We have a few extra copies of the program of the annual Bible lectureship at Abilene Christian University in the church office. As we have said before we are looking forward to this event which will be held from February 22 through February 25. The lectureship always serves as a spiritual tonic for us. There are many in-

formative and inspirational lessons to hear and the visit with hundreds of fellow Christians we know is a foretaste of heaven itself. Some of the featured speakers this year include Reuel Lemmons, Anthony Ash, B. J. Humble, Thomas Foster, John Stevens, Jerry Jones, and Batsell Barrett Baxter. Of course, there are many others who participate in teaching classes and in other activities as well. The theme for the lectureship this year is, "Our Uncommon Commitment."

We are hoping to be in Lubbock on this Friday (the 13th) to attend a dinner honoring Paul Sherrod and his wife Irene. The dinner is to be held on the campus of Lubbock Christian College and is sponsored by the administration and trustees of the college. I am thankful that I have been invited to have a part on the program. Few people have done as much as the Sherrods to advance the cause of Christ. Paul Sherrod has contributed much to the cause in Lubbock and other parts of the world. He served for many years as an elder of the Broadway church and later as an elder for the Greenlawn church on the L.C.C. campus. He had a big part in the founding of the Lubbock Children's Home and of Lubbock Christian College. He helped promote the mission work in Germany following World War II. He and Irene have been instrumental in converting many individuals to Christ in their personal work with them. It will be good to be among the hundreds present in Lubbock to help give "honor to whom honor is due."

DIVORCE IS NOT THE ANSWER

Sociologists attribute the popularity of country and western music to its ability to address itself in honest terms to human loneliness. A couple of lines from a current tune confirms this analysis. The singer soulfully complains,

"Our marriage was a failure
But our divorce ain't workin' either."

Divorce is a popular way of coping with marital adjustment difficulties. An appalling number of young people enter marriage with the attitude, "If it doesn't work out we can always get a divorce." Such an attitude not only contradicts Scripture, but it also creates more problems than most people imagine.

Divorce does not end the involvement two people have with one another. Most divorces are preceded with a great deal of spiteful controversy ranging all the way from periodic shouting matches to physical violence. The idea that these hostile confrontations end with the divorce decree is a myth. There are disagreements over alimony, visitation rights, property settlements, charge accounts, and other matters. Divorce not only produces discord, but it brings loneliness, loss of self-respect, a sense of failure and many other social problems as well. That's why some divorced persons work hard at reconciliation even in cases that involve alcoholism, drug addiction or adultery.

Obviously, the Lord had our welfare in mind when He planned for the marriage relationship to be permanent - Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:1-6. When He declared that only the innocent party in a marriage broken by fornication can scripturally remarry - Matthew 19:9, He had no intention of cramping our life style. On the contrary the God who made us knows what life style is best for us. Marriage for life was ordained in the Garden of Eden, not in the mind of some 19th Century Puritanical preacher. God put boundaries on His marriage laws because He knew that we could not go beyond them without getting hurt.

Every marriage has adjustment problems.

These problems are trying in many cases.

Your marriage may be difficult - but don't think a divorce decree will make your life any easier.

...Norman L. Bales



GROCERY TRUCK

The Boles Home Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of March 23 - 27. Following is a list of needs: Black pepper, Canned fruit, Pickles, Hand Soap and Foil. Of course, they will be glad to use any other items we supply.

THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER is still in need of clean sheets for bandages. Also remember to bring non-perishable food to stock the pantry.

CHILD CARE AUXILLARY

There will be an organizational meeting of the Child Care Auxillary on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This organization will serve as an aid to the Christian Services Program. Those participating will not be required to be licensed, but may serve as relief parents and perform services to be of assistance to foster parents. This is a very rewarding and useful work. The West Erwin nursery will be open and staffed for the meeting. For more information call Glenda Moss, 561-2339.

Thank You

The family of Erma Sanders acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

I would like to thank all of you for the cards and food that was sent and the prayers that were offered on my behalf during my stay in the hospital and at home. Thank you so much! In Christian love,
Debbie Bynum

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY

(15) Mayme Waggoner (18) Amy Knight
(20) Brandon Chambless, Roger McElroy
(24) Theo Janet King

"I WANT A WORM TO EAT"

A young mother tried in vain to get her spoiled son to eat his meal. As he repeatedly refused to eat what she had prepared, she asked him what he would like to eat.

Trying to be as difficult as he could, the boy replied, "I want a worm to eat." The mother had read in her psychology book that children should be given just what they want, so she instructed the father to go to the garden and find a worm.

The father did, but the son was still dissatisfied. He complained that he wanted the worm cooked. So his mother cooked the worm and set it on the table, but again the same old story of refusal. "Now what?" asked the mother, and the boy said he wanted his father to eat half the worm first.

Still believing in the idea that the child should have his way, the father reluctantly ate half the worm. But no sooner had this been done than the boy let out a tremendous howl of dissatisfaction. "Daddy ate the half that I wanted."

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him diligently" (Proverbs 13:24).

... Pulpit Helps

HERE
and THERE

by wes price



Congratulations to the following classes for 100% attendance this past week: 9th and 10th Grade taught by Louis E. Jones and Milburn Cook; First Grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell; 3 Year Olds taught by Nettie Potts and Frances McBee.

I don't know if my comments in last week's Visitor helped or not, but our singing Sunday was great. I know that our visitors enjoyed joining in with the full spirit of worship in song. Let's keep up the good singing.

The new red carpet certainly brightens up our foyers and hallways. Thanks are in order to Morris Hallman and our Elders for making it possible.

Attention all Pre-School and Primary Teachers. There will be a work session meeting for your departments this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Chapel. We will be giving demonstrations on the use of all our Audio Visual equipment and printing machines. You will not want to miss this work session.

Let me pass on a first rate compliment that I received on you this past week. One of our visitors who is not a member of the church had nothing but praise about the warm and friendly people who greeted her and the wonderful spirit that she could observe in our worship assembly. The highest compliment of all was that all the friendliness came across to her as genuine and sincere. Of course, we hope that it always is that way, but we are glad that we have occasional testimonials. This kind of spirit will help us quietly invite visitors back.

CITY-WIDE GOSPEL MEETING

Mark your calendar now for April 12 thru April 16. Brother Ira North from Madison, Tennessee will be the guest preacher for the Area-Wide Meeting to be held in Harvey Hall.



Serving Sunday

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Prayer Jim Canterbury	Jan. 25 5,639.66
Dismiss Marshall Phillips	Year Ago 5,902.61
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.	Bible School
Announcements James Phillips	Feb. 1 341
Prayer Harold Browning	Jan. 25 392
Dismiss Leslie Mallory	Year Ago 370
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship
Dick Higginbotham Joe McBee	Feb. 1 445
John Porter Averyt Smith	Jan. 25 480
Earl O'Quinn Matt Haws	Weekly Budget
John Owens Leon Welborn	\$6,200.00
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, February 8 & Wednesday evening, Feb. 11 - FRED POWELL, 593-5229.	

Our Records

Responses

Martha Powell came Wednesday evening for prayer.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Dorothy Davis remains in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Ben Young is in Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Vannie Lee is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Suda Beard, mother of Jack Beard in in Community Hospital.

New Baby

Jack and Johnnie Stringer are the grandparents of a baby boy born Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital to Pam and Don Faubus.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. Voices From Hell

By George H. Stephenson

6:00 P.M. Sermon by Wes Price

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POTPOURRI

The Christian Service Center is in need of clean sheets for bandages. Also, remember to bring non-perishable food for the pantry.

There will be a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, February 11, following the Ladies' Class. Hostesses will be: Vera Beard, Beatrice Holland, Adela Scogins, Edith Porter and Floia Payne.

The Board Meeting for the East Texas Christian Academy will be Sunday at 7:30 in the evening at the Shiloh building.

The East Texas Christian Academy needs substitute Day Care workers and also regular full-time workers to work from 2:00 until 5:30 each week day. Minimum wage is paid.



We're getting together..

Mark your calendar for March 8th. We will have an all church fellowship that Sunday evening in the fellowship hall following the evening worship. More about this later!

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (8) Roy Roberson, Jan Faulkner (9) Darrell Holt, Jeremy Wiggains (10) John Freeman, Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley, Mae Bell Harwell, Gladys Prater, Bernice Andrews (11) Marisa Butler, Pauline Jones (12) Alice Stephenson (13) Lot's Mae Gilstrap.

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George H. Stephenson

We are always glad to read the reports from Kieth Mitchell in regard to the great work which he and his fellow workers are accomplishing in the International Mission of churches of Christ. We know that you will enjoy his latest report which we are printing in this issue of "The Visitor." We are very thankful for the progress being made in the health of the Mitchell's daughter, Margie. Many prayers have been offered on her behalf and they will continue to be offered. We have received word that brother Mitchell will be with us at West Erwin on Sunday, February 22. We will look forward to hearing him speak that morning. It is always an inspiration to hear him and we are glad that he can visit with us on his way to attend the annual Bible Lectures at Abilene Christian University.

I wish that every member of the West Erwin congregation could have heard Daniel Morgan when he spoke for our services on Wednesday evening, January 28. Brother Morgan and his family are planning to do mission work in Manaus, Brazil under the oversight of the elders

of the Westover Hills church in Austin. Our brethren have been doing mission work in the southern part of Brazil for several years. The West Erwin congregation has had some fellowship in the past with David Ingram and his family in the work which they do in the southern part of Brazil. It is only recently that efforts have been made to do mission work in the northern part of Brazil where Daniel Morgan and others will be working. All of us who heard brother Morgan on Wednesday night were impressed with his ability, his zeal, and the excellent preparation he has made for the work he plans to do. I am thankful that our elders saw fit for the West Erwin church to make contribution toward the travel and "re-settlement" fund for the Morgans. We pray that God may richly bless this effort to spread the Kingdom. Brazil covers a vast area much of which is developing very rapidly. It is surprising to many of us that Brazil covers an area much larger than the continental United States.

I would like to express appreciation to all who worked on behalf of the fellowship dinner for new members of the West Erwin family. It was a delightful occasion. I am sure that all of us would like to see more added to our family and especially more who become Christians. Toward that end may all of us work diligently and pray fervently.

Study your Bible daily.



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January 14, 1981

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Rejoice with me - the Lord has been so good in several ways:

1. In the past three weeks, we have seen 5 lovely souls come into the Body of Christ. This thrills us every time. Last Sunday DR. SILIA GARCIA, an International Mission convert of this summer from Ecuador, brought an aunt and cousin to confess Christ and be immersed into His atoning death. This occurred two hours before Dr. Garcia's return to her own country. This is the kind of dynamic we've always envisioned for International Mission - nationals of many lands leading their own to Christ.
2. A wonderful residential school, with a psychologically oriented staff, has invited our daughter Margie to join their student body. She moves Monday, January 19th. We have all prayed so long for a suitable after-hospital placement. We just learned, our local school will absorb most of the funding for the next two years. Margie has asked that I thank all of our friends who have prayed. She is elated and called the other evening to say, "This is my first time out of a hospital in 8 years; I believe I'm ready for this big step. Pray I'll make the adjustment O.K." Margie's new center is Berkshire Learning Center near Lenox, Massachusetts. We are really praising God over this obvious expression of His providence.

I ask a very special interest in your prayers while the Manhattan Church is in a period of very significant growth; our leadership is expanding as well. On Sunday, January 18, I will be ordained as one of the elders of the congregation. Twice before, I've declined this urging but this time am convinced this can be a positive step for both the church and International Mission. This brings our elders to four and puts the expanding Mission under daily supervision of an elder. On the same Sunday, four brothers will be added to our three deacons - one is ALAN PHILLIPS, one of our International Mission evangelists. This same Sunday, DAN MARSHALL comes to join us as a full-time Herald of Truth outreach evangelist and co-ordinator of nurturing for our new Christians. Pray for all of us that we might do even a better job of serving the many new believers in New York City as an authentic, faithful Body of Christ.

We continue to be so grateful for your part in making this exciting ministry possible. We pray 1981 will be an abundantly fruitful year in your own life and your congregation. As a token of appreciation we invite you to the free breakfast during Abilene Christian University Lectureship week co-hosted by International Mission, Manhattan Church of Christ and Herald of Truth. It will be Tuesday morning, 6:45, February 24, at Mack Eplens in Abilene.

My prayers and best wishes,

Kieth A. Mitchell
Kieth A. Mitchell

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



I thought you might appreciate the content of the following poem I picked up from the Christian Reminder of the 10th and Rockford Church in Tulsa, Okla.:

There isn't a word that a preacher can say
No matter how lovely or true.
Nor is there a prayer that he ever may pray
That can preach such a sermon as you.

You vowed to serve Christ and men know that you did,
They're watching the things that you do;
There isn't one action of yours that is hid,
Men are watching and studying you.

You say you're no preacher? Yes, but you preach
A powerful sermon each day.
The acts of your life are the things that you teach
Not just the things you say

So Christians, remember you bear His name
Your lives are for others to view
You are living examples, men praise you, or blame,
AND MEASURE ALL CHRISTIANS BY YOU.

You may or may not agree completely with the closing line, but you cannot deny that the kind of life you lead tells others how much you respect the name you wear.

The flu bug continues to make havoc with our Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible class attendance. We certainly sympathize with all of you who have had to suffer through the rigors of it and our prayers are that you will be returned quickly to a normal state of health. Although we do miss you when you are absent, we urge you not to try to get out too quickly. Many have thought they were well, only to suffer a set-back that in many cases has been more severe than the first bout. Keep smiling.

Our Young People who use the classrooms upstairs on Sunday morning will notice some new improvements this week. We have eliminated the necessity of going through a class room to get to another room so that there will no longer be any disturbance. We are indebted to Bud Caskey for over-seeing this good project.

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CONGRATULATIONS

A baby girl was born on Thursday of last week in Lufkin to Kim and Peggy Smith. The grandparents are Eleanor and Averyt Smith and Jim and Sue Paul.

Tuesday morning a baby girl was born to Paul and Brenda Anderson in Mother Frances Hospital. Ray and Dell Lott are the grandparents.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughtfulness at the time of the death of my uncle, Charles Reid. We appreciated the food and the sweet service said by brother Wes Price.

Cleo Sublette & the family of Charles Reid

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Our singing Sunday was excellent. Only the Lord can properly judge the real worth of our worship in song and that's as it should be since we are to sing praises to Him.

Permit me a suggestion or two about our song service. We have a difficult time in our auditorium because of the acoustics. From any given seat, a person can only hear those who are seated close around him who are singing. The immediate result is that you think you are singing too loud, so you soften your own volume. The final result when all tend to do the same thing, that is soften their volume, is that the vitality begins to disappear from the singing. Now don't misunderstand, I'm not equating volume with vitality. But it will help the quality of the worship in song if every one will open up and sing from the bottom of their hearts. Don't worry about thinking that you are being heard above everyone else. Just go ahead and sing.

Another thing that sometimes complicates the singing is that it is difficult for the leader to hear the audience singing. It is important for you to listen to him and watch him so that all will be singing together and on the same pitch. It will improve our worship in song if you will give some thought to these suggestions. Of course, they are not to overshadow the spiritual directions to sing with the spirit and understanding, making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.
 Announcements Milburn Cook
 Prayer Edgar Bullard
 Dismiss Don Weathers

Our Records

Contributions
 Jan. 25 \$5,639.66
 Jan. 18 6,712.00
 Year Ago 4,924.29

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P. M.

Bible School
 Announcements Milburn Cook Jan. 25 396
 Prayer K. Max Haws Jan. 18 392
 Dismiss John Steffee Year Ago 364

Serving Communion Sunday

Worship
 Dick Higginbotham Joe McBee Jan. 25 480
 John Porter Averyt Smith Jan. 18 521
 Earl O'Quinn Matt Haws Weekly Budget
 John Owens Leon Welborn \$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, February 1 & Wednesday evening, Feb. 4 - JAMON KIRBY - 561-9442.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Dale Duncan's father continues to be in Baylor Hospital in Dallas but is improving. He is out of ICU.

Mrs. Dorothy Davis remains in the Community Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. M. B. Beard's sister, Vina Griffin, is a patient in UT Health Center.

SINGLE AGAIN CHRISTIANS will have a Chili Supper at Melvonda Sparkman's home located on Greenbriar Road on Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 P. M. All widows, widowers, singles and divorced Christians are invited to attend and enjoy the food and fellowship. For further information, call Melvonda at 592-3733 or Don McClagherty at 592-4859.

Responses

Marty Mallory came Sunday for prayer.

Is Wednesday Night Important To You?

If you think of Wednesday night as "preparation time" for Sunday, it should be important to you.

If you think of Wednesday night as "a learning experience," it should be important to you.

If you think of Wednesday night as "a midweek hour of power" it should be important to you.

If you think of Wednesday night as "a time of Christian fellowship" it should be important to you.

If you think of Wednesday night as "a Bible study time" it should be important to you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT should be important to you. YOU are important to the life of the church on Wednesday night.

George H. Stephenson, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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 Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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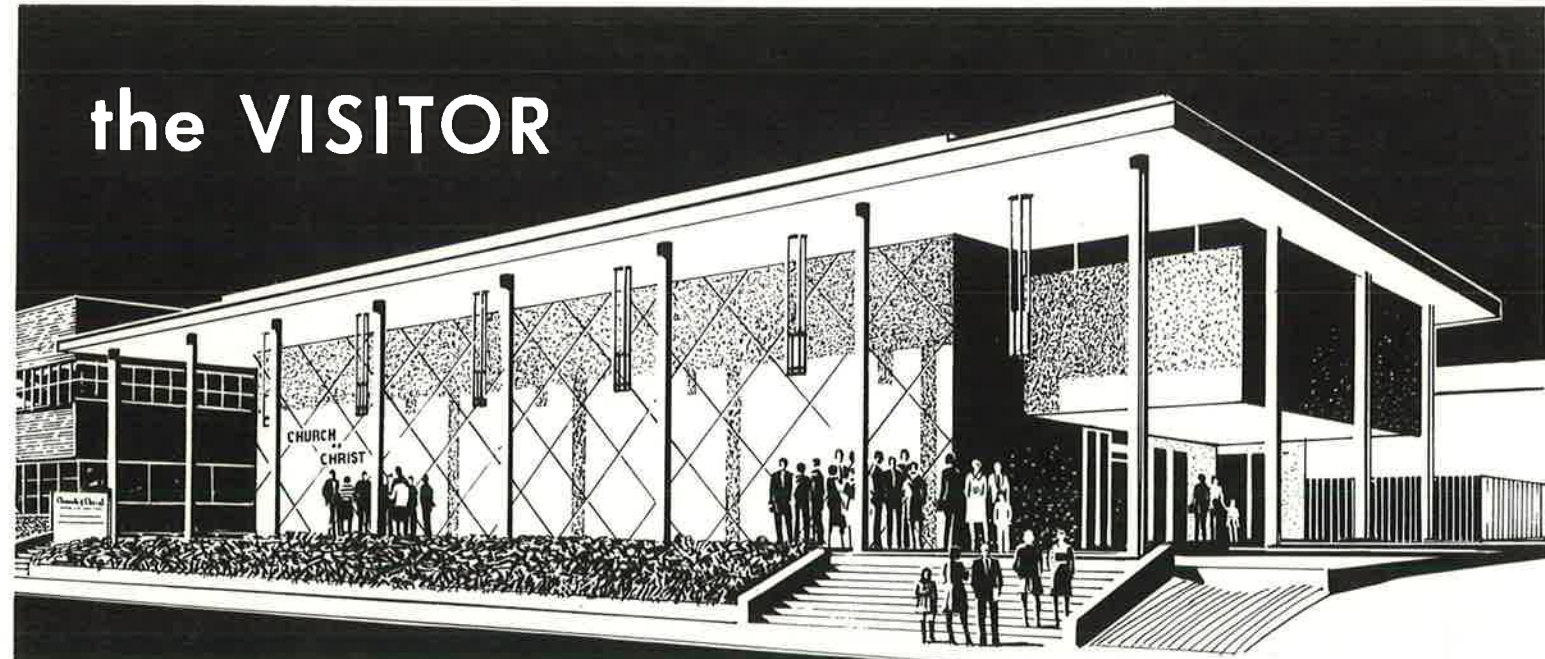
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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

All of us should be praying and planning now for the city-wide campaign which will be conducted in Harvey Hall from April 12 through April 16. This will be a co-operative effort of all the congregations in the city. Ira North, the dynamic preacher for the great Madison, Tenn. church and regular speaker for the Amazing Grace Bible Class, will be the evangelist for this series of meetings. We want to have a Bible School drive on Sunday, April 12 at the West Erwin church. Please circle April 12 on your calendar now and make your plans not to be out of town on that day. We are hoping that the campaign will accomplish much good for the Cause of Christ in our city.

The annual Bible lectureship at Abilene Christian University will be conducted this year from February 22 through February 26. This is always one of the greatest meetings attended by members of churches of Christ. It would be good if many of our people would plan to attend. I always look forward to the opportunities for fellowship and inspiration which the lectureship

The Church will prosper where I have missed very few of these lectureships since I was a student in Abilene Christian.

I am always impressed with the reports we receive from the various ones we help to support in the mission field. I appreciate the zeal and dedication of all of them. I continue to be impressed with the faithfulness of the members of the church in Augsburg, Germany. Their faithful attendance at all of the activities of the church should shame many of us for our indifference and unconcern about attending all of the services of the church. I wonder just how much strength West Erwin would have if every member wanted to be here on Sunday night and Wednesday night as well as Sunday morning. Someone has said that the real strength of a church can be determined by the Wednesday evening attendance. I know that some may not be able to be here, but I know also that many are unconcerned. The spirit which prevails not just in Tyler, but in most other places, would cause Paul to weep even as he did when he wrote, "For many walk of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things," (Philippians 3:18,19).

Sermons For Sunday

By George H. Stephenson
 10:30 A. M. Contentment
 6:00 P. M. The Prophet's Unfaithful Wife

NO-NO'S, YO-YO'S, BLOW-BLOW'S, AND GO-GO'S

Robert Schuller, Nationally known religious writer and lecturer, described four types of people he has encountered in his experiences. These categories certainly exist among college students and church members as well as in any avenue of life. Jesus described the same traits in the Parable of the Sower, Matt. 13:3-12.

The first category that Schuller described was the No-No. Regardless of the proposal, the No-No is against it. The plan is defeated before a single ounce of energy can be exerted in trying to accomplish it. The No-No is characterized by the soil along the wayside. Seed which falls there has no chance of bearing fruit nor does the No-No.

Schuller next described a person he called the Yo-Yo. Like the child's toy, this person is up and down, filled with energy and enthusiasm one day and overwhelmed with depression and discouragement the next. The Yo-Yo is the unstable man driven like a wave of the sea, James 1:6-8. Comparable to the seed that fell on stoney ground, the Yo-Yo lacks depth and consistency. Difficulties come and destroy good intentions. Unlike Paul who learned to be content regardless of external circumstances, Philippians 4:11, the Yo-Yo is unable to maintain stability during the day-in and day-out struggles of life.

The Blow-Blow is the third category of people that Schuller discussed. This person talks big and plans big but he never carries through with his boasts. Too many thorns choke out his plans. His excuses are many but his fruit production is nil. He says and does not, Matthew 21:30. Perhaps the Blow-Blow fails to count the cost, Luke 14:28-33, or he lacked the self-discipline that his goals required. His intentions are good but he bears no fruit. His life is frustrating and unfulfilled rather than victorious and abundant, John 10:20.

Schuller's fourth grouping is the Go-Go. James describes such persons as those who show their faith by their actions. They do not have to boast about their faith as the Blow-Blow does - they demonstrate it, James 2:18. They are the fertile soil that brings forth thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold. They enjoy the abundant life by becoming living sacrifices, dedicated to the service of the Creator and their fellow-man.

The obvious question each person should ask is, "Which category do I belong in? Am I a No-No, a Yo-Yo, a Blow-Blow, or a Go-Go?" By their fruits you shall know them, Matthew 7:16.

... Tommy Stringer
Via Navarro Christian

HERE and THERE

by wes price



"Can you imagine 745 intelligent people, mostly adults, some in late teens, all religious from many denominations, deciding in one 25 day period to become just what First Century Christians were? This was our experience in August this year, 1980 in Ghana, West Africa." Thus says the final report of the "Ghana For Christ" campaign this past August, 1980. We rejoice at the tremendous accomplishments of the team which included six gospel preachers and a host of co-workers. This report is also made more interesting by the fact that many of you who work as teachers in the World Bible School had contacts with some of these students and can consider yourselves a part of the force that took them the gospel. We are thankful for your continuing work and for the fruit that God permits us to have in sharing the gospel.

The following article comes to us compliments of "The Communicator" of the Military Parkway Church in Dallas.

"We spend millions of dollars shielding our highways from the junkyards and hang pornography at eye level for our children in the newsstands. We worry about air and water pollution and then shovel filth into our living rooms through our television sets. We turn loose the criminals and lock up the juries. Married people are living apart and singles are living together. We want to ban saccharin and legalize marijuana. Our students have so many rights the teachers are becoming disgusted and afraid and are leaving their classrooms for safer jobs. Lack of responsibility and undisciplined living are sapping the vitality of America... We complain of inflation but keep on buying. We complain of high gasoline prices, but keep on driving. We complain of government hand-outs, but jump into the first line where we can get ours. America needs to be born again. It will not come about from Washington, but must begin in you and me. It's getting late. Think about it!

The thing that prompted my attention to the preceding article was the opportunity I had last week to see a portion of one of the national TV talk shows
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Our Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Erma Sanders. Funeral services were conducted for her on Sunday afternoon by brother Stephenson.

Wes Price said words of comfort at the funeral service for Charles Reid, uncle of Mrs. Monroe Sublette. He was buried in Dallas on Tuesday following the service here in Tyler.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the flowers, phone calls, visits and delicious food during my recent hospital stay. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and we love you all. Thanks again.

Pam and Marc Lemons

PTF - East Texas Christian Academy

Dr. Roger Allen, Psychologist, will be the guest speaker for the Parents, Teachers and Friends of the East Texas Christian Academy. The meeting will be Thursday, February 12 at 7:15 p.m. Dr. Allen's topic will be "Parenting Skills."

HERE AND THERE (continued)
hosted by Charlie Rose. He was interviewing John Hurt, minister of the Joelton, Tennessee church and who is director for the National Clean-Up TV Campaign. To say the least, he made a tremendous impression as a gospel preacher and in support of this campaign. You would have enjoyed, as I did, the excellent way in which he conducted himself and by the way he handled questions both from the show host and from the audience. I believe the Clean Up TV Campaign is in fine hands and nationally is receiving a great deal of attention.

Let's continue to pray for this good work and for its ultimate goal, that of seeing TV programs improved morally.

Help me express congratulations to two of our classes for 100% attendance: 3 year olds taught by Johnnie Stringer and Frances McBee and First Grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell.

Happy Birthday

February (1) Louise Malone, C. E. Caskey (2) Rozener Strait (3) Lilla Tigert (4) Loyd Nail Cindy Carruth (5) Ruby Brem (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley, Nola Seagler (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Meeta Clucas.



We have calls almost weekly to help provide food for families who are in need. Will you help keep our pantry stocked with non-perishable food? Canned food, etc. brought to the building will be placed in the pantry for use.

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 A. M.

Announcements Phil Marts

Prayer John Teague

Dismiss Edwin Pickle

Sunday Evening - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements Phil Marts

Prayer Glynn Starnes

Dismiss DeRay Bennett

Serving Communion Sunday

DeRay Bennett Shayne Bennett

Milburn Cook Roy Roberson

Charlie Cook Lee Roberson

Freeman Morgan Dannie Skipper

Our Records

Contributions

Jan. 18 \$6,712.00

Jan. 11 5,201.21

Year Ago 4,810.84

Bible School

Jan. 18 392

Jan. 11 355

Year Ago 330

Worship

Jan. 18 521

Jan. 11 442

Weekly

Budget \$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 25 & Wednesday evening, Jan. 28 - DALE BLACKSTONE, 595-0130

Responses

Jeff Munn came last Wednesday evening to ask for the prayers of the church.



Sunday, January 25, 1981

By George H. Stephenson

10:30 a.m. Where Is Your Faith?

6:00 p.m. The Lord's Prayer (John 17).

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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THE CHILD CARE AUXILIARY

Here is one of the new opportunities to serve in the Child Care Program. Be in on the ground level. The first organizational meeting will be Sunday, February 1, 1981 at 3:00 p. m. at the Glenwood Church of Christ Conference Room. For more information call Glenda Moss, 561-2339.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LOVE

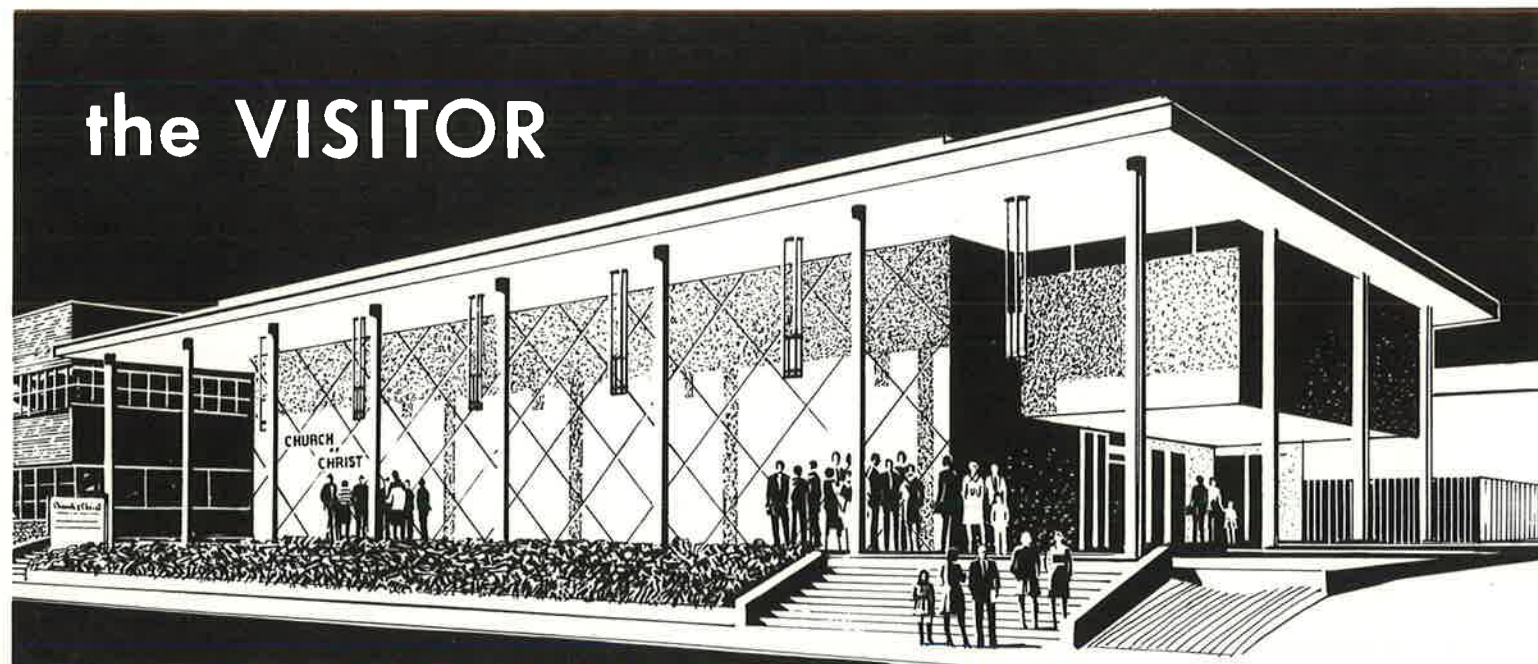
THE FIRST STAGE is baby love or self-love. Just as a baby grows up physically, mentally, and emotionally, the Christian must grow up in love. He cannot continue to just think of himself.

THE SECOND STAGE is loving those who love us. A child loves his parents because they love him. Our first love for God is this kind of love, I John 4:19. However, if we love only those who love us, how are we different from others? Matt. 5:46.

THE THIRD STAGE of love is loving those who do not love us. It is actually impossible to carry out the great commission without this kind of love, because it involves helping many we may never see in this life, much less know.

THE FOURTH STAGE of love is loving those who hate us. This is actually seen in the event of Jesus being crucified. Yet, he loved the people anyway. Cf. Romans 5:8. We must learn to seek the well being of others even if they are our enemy, Matt. 5:44-45.

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

This is a time for all of us to be thankful that fifty two Americans held as hostages for such a long time have finally been set free. Many prayers have been offered here at West Erwin along with the many thousands of prayers throughout the nation on behalf of these men and women and their families. Now we give thanks that at last they are coming home.

It is wonderful to be free. How wonderful the former hostages must feel to know that they have freedom once more. Those who are in Christ have been set free from the bondage of sin. How true are the words of Jesus in John 8:34! "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." We have all known individuals who were slaves to alcohol or drugs or some other evil. They can be set free through Christ. There is freedom in believing and obeying the truth. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," (John 8:32).

As we give thanks for the release of hostages, we also should pause to ask God's blessings

to be upon our new president, vice president, and others who will assist them in the administration of our government. The Bible teaches us to pray "for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty," (I Timothy 2:2). We are greatly blessed in living in a country in which we may freely worship according to God's Word and have the opportunity to teach the gospel of Christ. We pray that this privilege may belong to our children and grandchildren and those who continue to live in this "land of the free and home of the brave."

I wish that all of you could have heard the great sermons which were preached at the "Fort Worth Lectures" last week. Many of the difficult passages of Scripture were discussed by men who spent many hours in diligent preparation. The last night was a fitting climax to the series of studies when sermons were delivered by Hugo McCord of Oklahoma City and Tom Holland of Nashville, Tennessee. Following a study of difficult passages during the week, brother Holland closed the series in a masterful way telling of the beauty of God's Word and how it is adequate to meet all of our spiritual needs. It is good for preachers to hear other preachers and I am thankful for the opportunity I had to hear the lectures in Fort Worth.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

"For with such sacrifices God is well pleased," so said Paul in Hebrews 13:16. Sacrifices are as old as Adam, so it has always been an integral part of man's life. God Himself has always decided what He would accept and how much. When man does differently, then God refuses the sacrifice. Cain is a classic example. Nadab and Abihu learned the lesson the hard way to their everlasting shame.

Modern man feels his giving is left entirely up to him. If he chooses to give, that's fine, but if he chooses not to give, he feels that's fine too. This lie, like all lies, is fostered by Satan. God still demands sacrifice. The entire tenor of the New Testament is acceptance based on sacrifice. Without sacrifice from the heart it just isn't acceptable.

Our giving like all service is based on sacrifice. What does it really cost you to give? So many give out of their abundance - they never miss it. No sacrifice is involved. Some give out of what's left over, so no sacrifice is involved either. Others give begrudgingly. Some give to be seen of men while others give complainingly, miserably, covetously or sparingly. Yet, some give out of deep motivation based upon conviction. Every contribution is based on prayer and sacrifice. Each time they increase their giving it is the result of planned, purposeful searching to do the will of God. They give enough until it is truly a sacrifice. In spite of the sacrifice it is given lovingly, cheerfully and generously. And "with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Giving is an art. It can be warm and rewarding. It can be a measure of our love, a test of our faith and the occasion of spiritual growth. People who love to give are people who are loved. They are loved of God and loved by God's people. Our lives are enriched by their example, and we are encouraged to do more ourselves. Giving is so godlike. No one can appreciate God until he appreciates God's generosity and is compelled to follow God's example. Sacrificial givers are so beautiful, they always want to do more and are never satisfied to coast, wait or refuse a needy cause. Thank God for such brethren! And finally, brethren, giving can be learned.

Andrew Connally

**HERE
and THERE**

by wes price



Today (January 20) will be a significant day in history for many reasons. We rejoice that at long last, our hostages seem on the verge of being released. And a new administration takes office. I hope you will join me in giving thanks for the release of the prisoners and the offering of prayers as a new President and off take office to govern the affairs of our beloved country.

To those who wish to see it, there is no doubt that this country became great in times past by its reliance upon God. Our founding fathers were interested in promoting reverence for our Divine Creator. However faltering the efforts of the masses in following the teachings of the Bible, at least there was agreement among great leaders that we ought to acknowledge our need for guidance from above. It is obvious to the casual observer that we have drifted far from the religious principles which helped make us great. Strong, dissenting voices have been heard and their influence has been felt to the deterioration of the spiritual strength which once we knew. And unless we, the people of God, begin to let our own voices and influences be heard, we will continue to see further erosion in public trust in God. At this time of new beginning for our government, let us also re-commit ourselves to a closer walk with God, and let our influence for righteousness be felt. Let's reaffirm our faith and let it be seen in all areas of faithfulness in serving the God whose we are.

Congratulations to the Four Year Old Class taught by Carolyn Blackstone on Sunday morning for 100% attendance on 3 consecutive Sundays, January 4, 11, & 18; to the 4th Grade taught by Jean Oliver and Pauline Aven for 100% attendance on Jan. 18. Congratulations are also in order for the 1st Grade on Wednesday night taught by Dell Bullard for 100% attendance this past week. We appreciate the fine efforts of our teachers in building consistent attendance.

For those in the Young Married Couples Class that Freeman Morgan and I teach, we will be beginning
(continued next column)

Congratulations

Miss Stacey Lowery and Dennis Beckham were married in the Chapel on Saturday evening, January 10. Brother George Stephenson said the ceremony.

On Monday, January 19 at Noon, Miss Debbie Loggins and Mike Franklin were married in a ceremony in the Chapel. Brother George Stephenson officiated. They will live in Odessa, Texas.

Thank You

Your prayers, cards and kind words of sympathy were a source of comfort to us at the time of the loss of our sister and aunt. We are grateful to you for your thoughtfulness.

Bud and Grace Walker
Fred and Sara Powell
Don and Judy Forbes

Happy Birthday

JANUARY

(26) Carolyn Blackstone (28) Emily Montandon, Jimmie Estelle Brown (29) Ricky Gambriel, Mary Ruth Gilliam, Cheryl Blackstone (30) Johnnie Stringer, Kay Hanley (31) O'Neal Tuel, Aubrey Byrd, Nancy Shelton, Pat Stokes.

*Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!*

HERE AND THERE (continued)
a new study this coming Sunday in the book of Ephesians. We encourage each of you to take the time this week to prepare for our study by reading the entire book of Ephesians prior to class time next Sunday. To all of our Young Married Couples we cordially invite you to come join us in this new study.

*A Special
INVITATION*

The baby shower honoring Mrs. Matt (Rhonda) Haws will be Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.

coming event

CITY-WIDE MEETING
APRIL 12 - 17
Ira North, Preaching

This Sunday

The concert featuring the HARD TRAVELERS will be held at Hubbard Jr. High Gym (not Moore Jr. High as previously announced) at 7:30 p.m. January 25. They are a professional-quality singing group composed of four Christian young men from Lubbock Christian College. All young people of the area are invited to attend. The program will be dismissed by 9:00 p.m.

Amazing Grace
BIBLE CLASS

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

Serving Sunday

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Prayer	Stan Mallory	Jan. 4	6,091.23
Dismiss	Wesley Price	Year Ago	5,260.14
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.		Bible School	
Announcements	Leon Welborn	Jan. 11	355
Prayer	Bob Threadgill	Jan. 4	358
Dismiss	Fred Powell	Year Ago	444
Serving Communion Sunday		Worship	
DeRay Bennett	Shayne Bennett	Jan. 11	442
Milburn Cook	Roy Roberson	Jan. 4	511
Charlie Cook	Lee Roberson	Weekly	
Freeman Morgan	Dannie Skipper	Budget	\$6,200.00

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 18 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 21 - RONNY JONES, 877-3053.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued) seven nights meeting with the church at West Folk, Missouri, Sunday evening. The attendance was poor and there were no additions. The place is very prejudiced, and the gospel has no power over those who will not come and hear it. ' I like the forthrightness of that report and perhaps all of us need to face the realities of life as did this brother and realize that sometimes our work is not going to meet with success. The Lord doesn't require success, but he does require faithfulness, (I Cor. 4:2).

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY By George Stephenson

- 10:30 a. m. Life On Another Planet
- 6:00 p. m. Jesus' Concluding Words of Encouragement

George H. Stephenson, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

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

Wednesday

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(Sept. thru May)

Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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COMBINED CLASS
Sunday morning, January 18, the class taught by Wes Price and the class taught by Hillard Hughes will meet together for a presentation of the Child Care Program. The combined class is scheduled to meet in the Fellowship Hall at the regular time, 9:30 a. m. All class members are urged to be present.

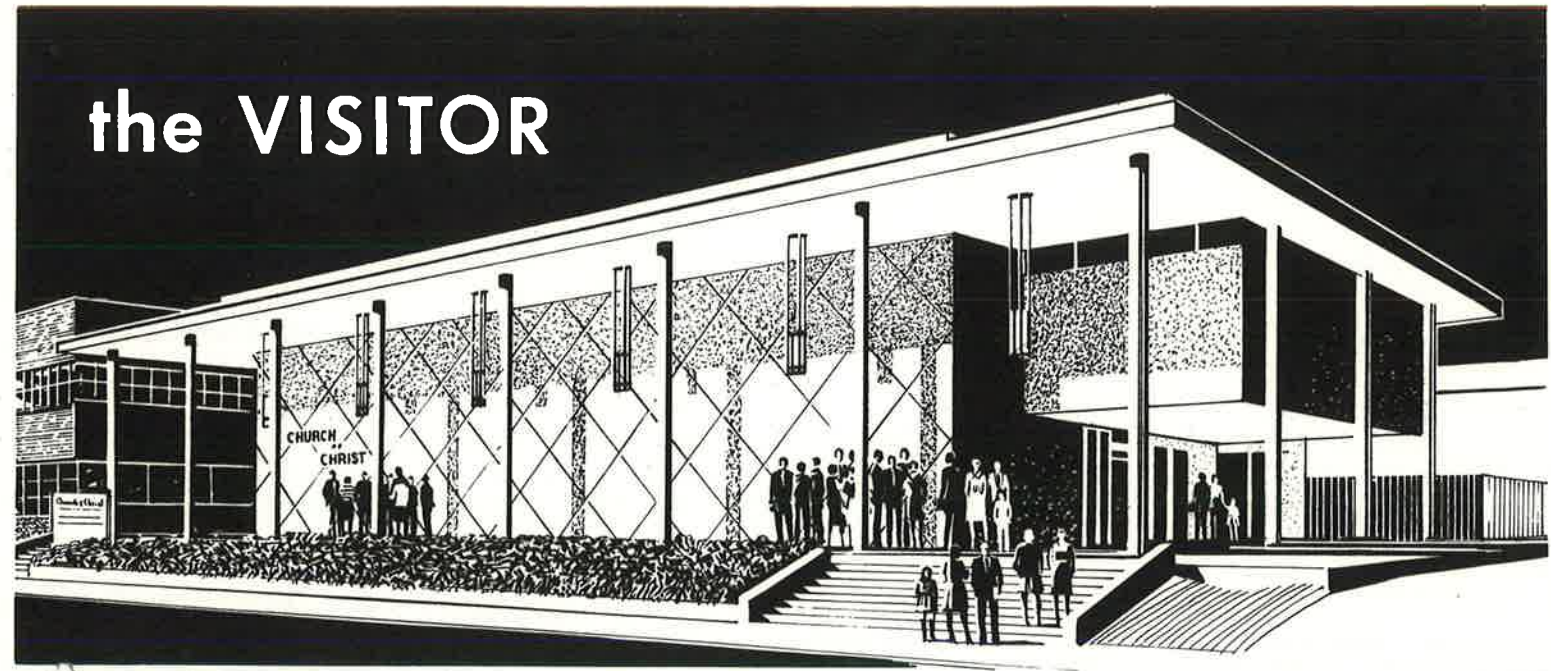
ADDRESS
Eleanor Birdwell has given us the correct address for sister Myrtle Ginn. It is, Hill Top Haven, Room 123, P. O. Box 38, Gunter, Texas 75058.

HARD TRAVELER'S IN CONCERT
The HARD TRAVELER'S, a musical quartet from Lubbock Christian College will perform at Moore Jr. High on Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.
All East Texas area young people are cordially invited to participate.

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**Ask yourself,
Does my faith remove mountains
or do mountains move my faith?**

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The Church With A Heart



From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

Many in our congregation have had colds and flu and this has hindered our attendance. I am sorry that many were not here on Sunday to hear the presentation of the 1981 budget by Ray Lott. The budget is substantially larger than any previous budget, however the congregation contributed more than this amount in 1980 when special contributions are included. The budget should be a challenge to each of us to do our part in helping the church reach the goals we have set for the year.

I am thankful for all of the efforts of the West Erwin church to preach the gospel. Paul commended the Thessalonian church for "sounding out the word," (I Thes. 1:8). The West Erwin church should be commended also for its part in "sounding out the word" in many parts of the world. A recent report from the Highland Street church in Abilene states that plans are underway to establish the church in Acapulco, Mexico. This is probably the largest city on the North American continent where there is no church of Christ. Responses have come from radio broad-

casts in Acapulco which indicate there are prospects for being taught the truth. Aroher Lopez, Mexican native and graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock will be working to help establish the church in Acapulco.

Preaching the gospel over the radio in Mexico has met with much success. Filipe Martinez, preacher for Herald of Truth radio programs in Mexico, states, "The radio program has helped the church of Christ to become well known in Mexico. Much of the growth of the New Testament church is a direct result of the radio program. There are now about 12,000 Christians and 400 congregations in Mexico, and the Lord opens new opportunities for further growth every day." I am thankful that the West Erwin congregation is making a monthly contribution toward preaching the gospel in Mexico.

We rejoice when we read of many being led to the Lord in various mission efforts. However, we know that efforts do not always meet with results we would like. Don Deffenbaugh in "Four State Gospel News" makes this interesting observation:

"Generally when one turns to a column like this he expects to find glowing reports of all the work that is done. It was interesting to me the other day to be reading in the Firm Foundation dated August 18, 1936, the report of a brother Horace A. Holt. His report is as follows, 'I closed a

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In Romans, the apostle Paul both began and ended that magnificent letter with pronouncements concerning the obedience of faith:

Even Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience of faith among all nations for his name's sake, (Romans 1:5).

By the scriptures... is made known unto all nations unto the obedience of faith... the gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ, (Romans 16:26).

Nothing in all of the Roman letter is of any more importance than these FIRST/LAST deployments of this remarkable phrase.

The first of these references is the first mention of faith in the whole Roman letter, and faith's being mentioned along with obedience is extremely significant. Paul was about to write the most important document on the subject of faith that the world would ever see, in which, of necessity, there would be written some of those things which even an apostle would consider "hard to be understood," (2 Peter 3:16); therefore it was a matter of gracious discernment upon Paul's part that, in the very beginning of the letter, he should make it clear that throughout Romans "faith" should always be read "obedient faith." Paul never for a moment considered "faith alone" as efficacious in the procurement of salvation; because, as noted here, his apostolical commission was designed and Paul received it in order to produce "the obedience of faith." In all of Paul's writings, "faith" always and without exception means Not Faith Only, but an Obedient Faith. No other kind of faith ever saved anybody.

Thank You

Words are inadequate to express to you our sincere appreciation for all the things that you have done for Cone and me since my accident. The prayers, food, flowers, cards and everything has been so nice. In Christian love,
Eleanor Birdwell

The family of Algie Sherman acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

These same words (faith and obedience) conjoined by apostolical authority likewise stand in the final paragraph of the letter where they are mentioned in the final doxology; thus they form the archway through which one enters the portal and through which one departs this magnificent cathedral of sacred Christian literature.

This amazing expression, "obedience of faith," standing there in the final lines of Romans, as it does also in the very first paragraph, is the KEY to Romans. Together, these two dramatic placements of this eloquent expression, like two great arches at opposite ends of some magnificent boulevard, make it impossible to misunderstand Paul's many references to salvation "by faith," "through faith," etc. in this New Testament letter. It was always and without exception of obedient faith that he wrote.

Without a single exception, in all of the great passages where the apostle spoke of "faith apart from works," or "faith apart from the works of the Law of Moses," or "faith without circumcision," etc., the purpose of his words was not to question IF obedience was required, but to determine WHAT obedience was required of men who sought to be saved. Paul made this principle to be the underlying foundation of everything taught in Romans; and he did it by the double placement of these words, like two mighty pillars the Jachin and Boaz in the porch of the Temple of Solomon, so that all who enter the study of Romans might more readily discern what is taught.

Therefore, Paul never wrote anything that nullified Jesus' declaration that, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

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

The Family of Elsie Shackelford

GOOD WORK

On Saturday of last week, Alma Faye Price was one of the teachers in the Teacher's Workshop at the church in Mineola. She taught a class for Primary Teachers.

New Baby

Mr. and Mrs. David (Sheila) Taylor are the parents of a baby girl born last week in Mother Frances Hospital. They have named her Jennifer Brooke. Fred and Betty Strait are the happy grandparents.

Our Sympathy

Mrs. Alvin (Elsie) Shackelford passed away on Wednesday of last week and funeral services were held on Friday. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Bobby Wilbanks, nephew of Mrs. G. W. McElroy, was buried in Cleburne on Tuesday. The funeral service was held in Fort Worth. We express our sympathy to the family.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Rhonda Haws on Sunday afternoon, January 25 at 3:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.

Appreciation

I wish to express appreciation for the prayers, visits, and cards while I was in the hospital. It is so good to know friends care.
Gaither McElroy

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (18) Bernice Majors (19) Bob Center (20) Frances McBee (21) Donna Lowrance, Mary Paul (22) Katie Powell, Mac McCarty, Nicholas Goodson (22) Naomi Haden

Study your Bible daily.

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



Like many of our congregation, I have been enjoying a bit of ill health this past week, so I think I am mentally prepared to sympathize with others. The hanging-on part is what I dislike the worst. If it would just run its course and be gone I wouldn't mind so much. It just seems to be hard to shake. I wish you well if you happen to be fortunate enough to catch up with some of the latest that's going around. I guess illness must surely be at the root of last Sunday's low attendance in both Bible study and worship service. We were some 50 below our average in Bible class, but 100 plus below in worship attendance. I hope the worst of the illnesses are behind us.

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS: There will be a General Teachers Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon in the Chapel. Please be present at 5:00 p.m.

Our Elders have set us a goal for our giving for this coming year of \$6,200 per week. This will enable us to continue the many good works that we have in progress as well as plan for expansion in some areas. We are looking forward to adding a new missionary somewhere in the continental U.S. before the middle of the year. Join me in praying for our elders as they continue the search for a good man.

George's sermon could not have been more appropriate to follow the presentation of the budget. It should give us all cause for considerable thinking about the use of the income God grants us to earn. God planned before He gave, why not do the same with your possessions?

Freeman Morgan joins me in the Young Married Couples Class to initiate a new study in the book of Ephesians beginning Sunday morning, January 25.

We have re-combined the two classes for this study, so we look forward to having all in one class together. If you have been out for a few Sundays over the holidays, why not join us and make a new commitment for weekly Bible study?

Serving Sunday

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.	Contributions
Announcements Hillard Hughes	January 4 6,091.23
Prayer Ray Lott	Dec. 28 5,500.57
Dismiss Bill Faulkner	Year Ago 7,774.04
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.	Bible School
Announcements Hillard Hughes	January 4 358
Prayer Bob Threadgill	Dec. 28 372
Dismiss Jay Bynum	Year Ago 384
Serving Communion Sunday	Worship
Wayne Fears Bill Butler	January 4 511
Marty Mallory Wesley Price	Dec. 28 498
Morris Hallman Paul Montandon	
Sam Sevier Lowell Wiggains	

Our Records

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 11 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 14 - ROY ROBERSON - 597-5627.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Mack and Bennie Bynum back into the fellowship of West Erwin. They have been worshipping with the church in Whitehouse but formerly worshipped here and brother Bynum served for a time as one of our elders. Their address is Box 417, Whitehouse 75791, phone 839-2792.

FOR PRAYER

Brother L. L. Prater came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the church.

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In The Hospitals

Mrs. Vannie Lee is in Community Hospital.

Fred Powell's mother is a patient in the Community Hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Payne continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Ginn is now in Hilltop Haven - Gunter, Texas 75058.

NEEDED - Blood Donors!

We have been encouraged to make a special effort to give blood this month - National Blood Donors Month - to increase the supply of blood in our account. If you are able to donate a unit of blood, please go to the Stewart Blood Center and request that your donation be credited to the account of the West Erwin Church of Christ.

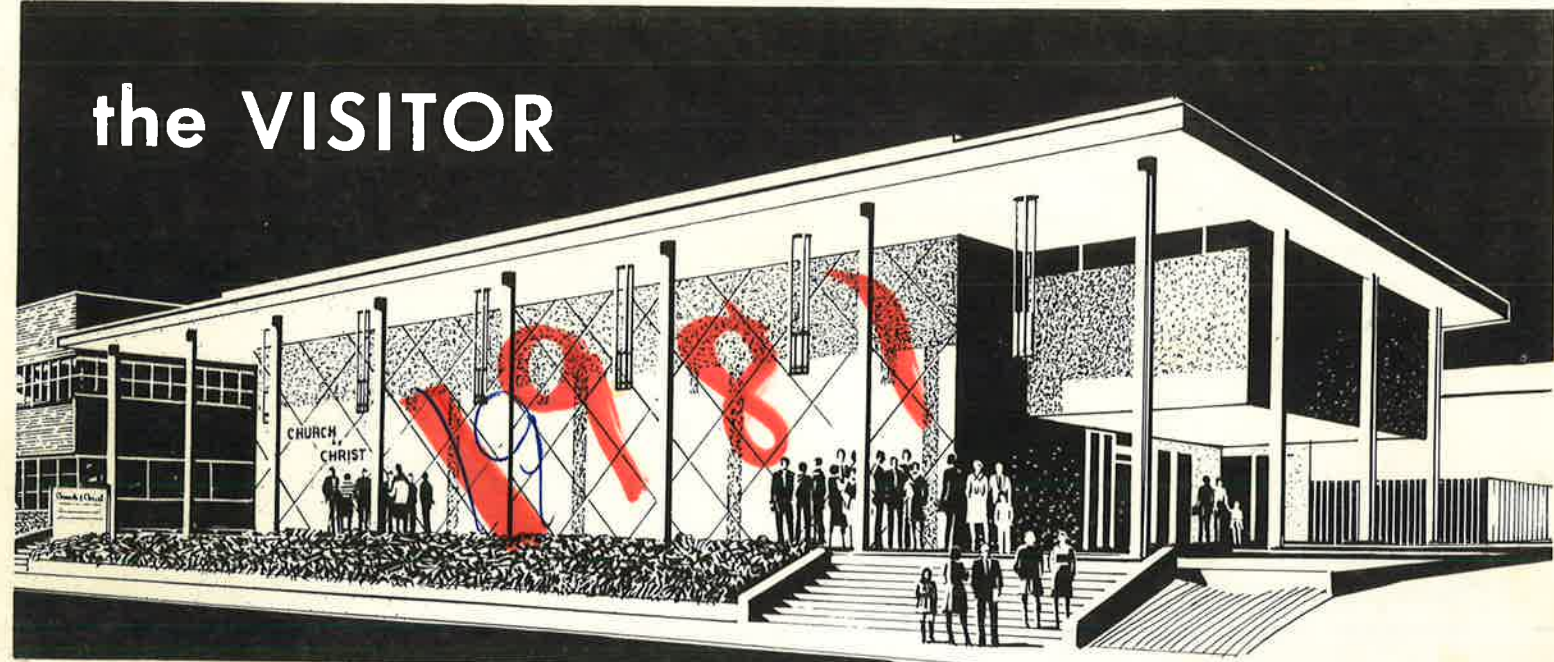


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From the Preacher's Desk

George H. Stephenson

I am looking forward to attending the Fort Worth Lectures at the Brown Trail church of Christ in Hurst next week. Each year these lectures prove to be outstanding. Great preachers will be presenting Biblical truths in a capable way. In *The Visitor* last week we had a copy of the evening program. The complete program is on the bulletin board in the south foyer of the auditorium. Each day will be filled with Bible lessons. Sessions will begin each morning at eight and conclude each night at 9:00. There will be special classes for women. Some luncheons and dinners will be on the schedule also. We are looking forward to a spiritual feast during the week.

On this Sunday the elders plan to present the budget for the West Erwin church for 1981. We will be challenged to do more in this year than ever before. We are thankful for the generous contributions of the past, but I know that we can

do better if all of us will truly give as we have been prospered. It is good for the leaders of the church to plan a budget. It is also good for members of the church to plan their giving. We should give purposefully as we are taught in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." West Erwin does not ask for the signing of "purpose cards" as some congregations do. Personally, I think this is a scriptural and helpful way to encourage giving. However, whether one signs a card or not, he should plan his giving. He should carefully and prayerfully plan the amount he will give as long as his prosperity continues as it is. In determining how much we should give I remind you of the following verse whose author is unknown.

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

SERMON TOPICS - January 11, 1981
10:30 A.M. "Concerning The Collection"
By George Stephenson
6:00 P.M. Sermon by Wes Price

Happy Birthday

January (11) Tim Holt, Rosemary Center, Angel Carpenter (12) Earl Clucas, Naomi McKeever, Clay Kirby, Kimberly Steffee, (13) Jay Bynum, Rebecca Castro (15) Sam Sevier, T. J. Parsons (16) Jim Willis (17) Ed Naul, Lauree Hale, Pauline Daughtry, Clifford Grier.

In Appreciation

Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff's name should have appeared in the bulletin last week among those expressing appreciation for the Poinsettia and cookies during the holidays.

FUTURE MEETINGS

West Erwin Church of Christ
1981 - April 12 - 17 Ira North
City-Wide Meeting
(to begin Sunday Evening)
Fall - Goebel Music
(October 11 - 15)
1982 Spring - John Davis
Fall - Jon Jones
1983 Spring - Joe Barnett
Fall - Joe Schubert
1984 Spring - Harold Taylor
Fall - Clifton Rogers
1985 Spring - Avon Malone

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



I don't know about you, but I kinda like to get the holidays over with and get on to other things. I do enjoy the brief break from the routine, but the longer I live, the more I become convinced that we were made more for the ordinary routine than the special. It seems we can enjoy just brief episodes of extra-special times and then we have a strong desire to return to normal.

A word of thanks to all of you who blessed our lives in greetings during the holiday season.

I hope you joined me in beginning your daily Bible reading schedule on January 1. If not, it is not too late to do so. If you have misplaced your DBR schedule, come by the office and we will see that you get one. It will only take a few minutes a day to complete the appointed assignment and at the end of the year you can be counted with scores of others who have undertaken this good project.

Our young people have enjoyed a challenging Wednesday night Bible study for the past several months using the Bible Bowl contest approach. Beginning next week, January 14, two new classes will begin for them. Hillard Hughes will be teaching the Senior High and Joe McBee will be teaching the Junior High. Welcome these two new classes to our Wednesday night schedule.

April 12 - 17 are special dates to remember in 1981. Take time while you are reading this bulletin to get your activity calendar down and reserve those dates. We will be joining with sister congregations in Tyler for a city-wide campaign with brother Ira North preaching. The campaign will begin on Sunday night in Harvey Hall at Fair Park. You will be hearing more and more in coming days as we move toward that date. Every effort will be made to contact every household in the Tyler community to encourage attendance. We will be able to capitalize on the good public relations that the Amazing Grace Bible class has created through the years that we have been sponsoring it in the Tyler area. Please arrange your activities so that you will be able to be present and bring

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Guest Editorial...

THAT'S THE WAY SIN WORKS

There was an interesting article by Dalton Key in the December issue of Four State Gospel News on "sin." In it he quoted an article from James Ramey on "The Last Taboo." The article was published by SEICUS (Sex Information & Education Council of the U.S.) In it Ramey says, that "incest is a matter of 'personal morality' and the present laws against it are 'overly harsh'." He then observes that some "sex researchers" say that "in certain situations it can actually be beneficial!"

Key concluded, "First, we get tolerant of adultery and 'open marriage'. Next come homosexuality and 'gay rights'. And now we are being bombarded by the blight of incest! Who would have believed the time would come when our nation would even consider condoning incest?"

Consider:

1. Sin Is Always Deceitful (Heb. 3:13). It covers up its real intent. It moves us step by step away from God and His will for our lives. Sometimes it appeals to "experts" who will tell us that what God says is wrong is not really so bad.
2. Sin Becomes Progressively Worse. Jesus warned, "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold." (Matt. 24:12). Little by little wickedness replaces righteousness. This way it can move a long way, but always with short steps.
3. Sin's End Is Disguised. Moses chose not to enjoy the "pleasures of sin" (Heb. 11:25) because he knew they were temporary. The end of sin is death, but it always comes packaged as something good. Beware of the way sin works!

Dick Marcear

Our Sympathy

We extend sympathy to brother B. E. Walker and family. His sister, Lizzie Henry, was buried last Saturday in Pampa, Texas.

A brother-in-law to sister D. C. Jones was buried last week in Rogers, Ark. We express our sympathy to the family.

BENEVOLENT WORK

The work in the Christian Service Center will resume Tuesday, January 13th. The building is open from 9 until 11 a. m.

Thank You

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

The family of Herb McBee acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Ladies Class

Wednesday, January 14 is the date for the next Ladies' Covered Dish Luncheon following the Wednesday morning Bible Class. Hostesses will be Nettie Potts, Elizabeth Hughes and Vivie Wright. All ladies are encouraged to attend and invite your husbands.

HERE AND THERE (Continued)
friends each night of this campaign.

We have excellent classes each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for all ages. It is evident by taking attendance figures and checking attendance charts that some of the West Erwin family have not taken advantage of these Bible study opportunities. I'm sure that many of you could if you would just try. May I suggest that you examine your reason carefully and see if it might just be an excuse. If that is the case, then set it aside and come join us. You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain.