

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss Matt Haws

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer James Canterbury
Dismiss George Kester

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Harold Denman Tony Adams
Robert Sanford Robert Castro
Trey Hughes Aubrey Payne
David Hanley W. V. Crossman

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 26 \$5,602.16
Dec. 19 8,260.19
Year Ago 6,751.90

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec. 26 326
Dec. 19 364
Year Ago 418

WORSHIP

Dec. 26 475
Dec. 19 517

Weekly

Budget \$7,117.50

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

C. B. Burkham Paul Montandon
T. J. Parsons Leon Welborn

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 2 and Wednesday Evening, January 5 - VERN JOHNSON, 894-6876.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

struggles face us all along the way. But the way leads through the gates into the City!

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" Let's dry up those misty optics, see things as they really are and in the power of our faith in the living God, be truly OPTIMISTIC!

We can certainly be optimistic about the challenge of our new budget which goes into effect this Sunday. The church did such a marvelous job in surpassing the 1982 budget. The elders are challenging us with increased mission and benevolence work. Our new budget is \$8185.56 per week. This is over \$1,000.00 per week above last year. Beloved, we can do it! 1983 is almost here. Let's go!



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The Sick

Shannon Starnes, daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes entered Medical Center Tuesday for tests.

Mrs. Leona McElroy underwent eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Pete Wallace is in Houston for tests at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Sermons for Sunday

A.M. Forward! By Perry Hall
P.M. The Old Paths

Here and There (continued)

Have you heard the news? If you want to greatly increase your chance for a long life, you will be interested in the following:

1. Do not ride in an automobile or get in the way of one - the cause 20% of all fatal accidents.

2. Do not stay at home - 17% of all accidents happen in the home.

3. Do not walk around on the street - 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

4. Do not travel by air, rail, or water - 6% of all accidents are the result of this type of traveling.

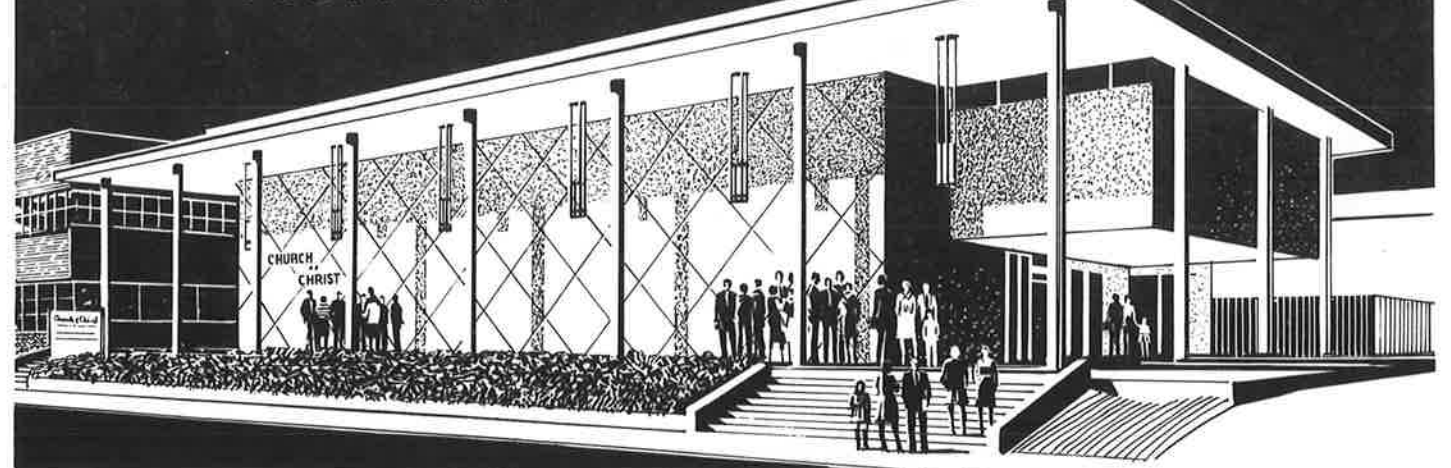
5. Only .0001% of all deaths occur at worship and these are related to previous physical disorders such as heart attacks, etc.

So, obviously, the safest place in this world is at worship. Be on the safe side; be at church services every Sunday morning, Bible study and worship Sunday and Wednesday evening. It might save your life - to say nothing of saving your soul!

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PURELY PERSONAL!

In recent days we have once again been reminded that we are a spiritual body or family in which we are deeply interrelated. There are times when we rejoice together and there are times when we weep together. Always we are concerned with each others needs. There are those among us during these days with special burdens on their hearts who have reached out to us and shown their love and confidence in us. They have asked for our prayers. Let us not fail them! Let us remember before the Throne **Nora Jones, Faye Wallace, John D. and Leanna Miller** as they seek the Lord's solutions to their problems. We deeply love each of these and hope for them the very best!

We rejoice with brother **Ira Wright** who, through his teaching of the gospel, has enabled us to have a new brother in the Lord, **Sam Hatfield**. Brother Hatfield is a resident of Leisure Lodge and is 90 years of age. We welcome this new family member.

We appreciate so much all those who worked so diligently to make our holiday cheer baskets possible. Especially do we thank our sisters and brothers who work so faithfully in our benevolent outreach!

Genuine thanks goes to **Robert and Rebecca Castro** who have once again prepared for all of us their daily Bible reading schedule for the new year. You can pick up your envelope in the south foyer.

Please allow **Laree** and me to express our deep love for you and our best wishes for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



FAITH AND OPTIMISM IN 1983

There is every reason for us to look forward to 1983 in faith and with an optimistic hope. These always characterize the Christian as he or she serves in love. God owns the universe. Our Father is working out His program. Good is, in the final outcome, going to win, so we are on the winning side! God is using us to bring victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our salvation is another year nearer than when we first believed. Christ continues to be formed in the lives of all those who have turned themselves over to the Lordship of Jesus. We trust we are stronger and more spiritual than a year ago. Whatever tribulation or temptation that may have come our way in 1982, they surely honed only sharper the edge of our resistance to every false way. We want to share Jesus with everyone more than ever before. Let us increase our home activities as we have our mission activities. We want to be

more like Jesus than ever before. We want to do more for Jesus than ever before. **Pessimism is dead.** Our Lord Jesus has killed it. Nothing in the way of "death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Pessimism is the absence of faith, trust, confidence in God. Brother Joe Barnett wrote a few years back, "A pessimist is like an athlete who has become discouraged and laid aside his game. It means he has had his greatest day, he has reached his highest moment, he has had his fun. From then on, it's all down hill!"

Not so for the Christ-filled life! Everything is up hill. West Erwin has not seen her finest day! You make the difference. Yes, great (continued on page 4)

In Appreciation

In the spirit of love and appreciation for our elderly and shut-ins, deliveries of flowers, fruit and cookies were made during the holidays to the following: Zorado Sherman, M/M Walter Fuller, Myrtle Ginn, M/M Charlie Shuford, Rozener Strait, Lonnie Taylor, M/M A.E. Bedford, Lillie Knight, Ruby Teel, Dovie Norsworthy, M/M R. L. Trentham, M.A. Slaughter, Katie Heath, Vannie Lee, Lilla Tigert, Ola Dunwoody, Ella Mae Grayson, Wyche Harris, Annie McDonald, Naomi Haden, Clara Riley, Audie Grier, Gladys Holcomb, Cora Hughes, Wilma Jones, Evelyn Denton, Frances Atkins, Maudie Brown, M/M W. O. Rushing, Laura & Annie Lee Drummond, Mary Squier, Floia Payne and Gladys Weathers.



Some of the ladies who helped to prepare cookies and fruit baskets during the holiday season.

Responses

Tuesday afternoon Amy Faulkner was baptized by her grandfather, Mack Bynum. Amy is the daughter of Bill and Jan Faulkner. She is in the 5th grade.

On Thursday, Dec. 23, brother Ira Wright, who teaches a Bible class each week at Leisure Lodge, brought Mr. Sam Hatfield, at his request, to the church building to be baptized. Mr. Hatfield is 90 years and has been studying the Scriptures with brother Wright for about 5 years. He is a resident of the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home. We rejoice with him.

FOR PRAYER

Nora Jones, Faye Wallace, John and Leanna Miller.

Potpourri

Instead of the usual area-wide fourth Sunday singing, this time the church at Troup is hosting the annual watch-night singing, Friday, December 31, from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M. You are invited to attend.

We have learned that brother Ira North is recuperating at home following his recent surgery. His wife reports that the doctors are optimistic for a full recovery.

A special thanks to the Lions Club of Chandler, Texas for eye glasses. They have donated many of the eye glasses that we have sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital in Tanzania, East Africa.

The following is part of a note from the Chimala Mission Hospital.

"Chimala is now helping 130 outpatients every day, besides 56 bed patients, because of your help. Joel Glenn is now acting as hospital administrator, so he'll be prepared to take over for the Smallings when they leave in March for their U.S. furlough. Brother Carter Geer and wife have moved into one of the mission houses to start working with the bush churches. Despite the fact that the country is very low in supplies of any kind now, we are all encouraged for the work here. Pray for us who work with these people and keep sending your contributions.

Congratulations

Scott and Sheila Morris are the happy parents of a new baby boy, 9 lb and 5 oz, born at Mother Frances Hospital, December 23.

Happy Birthday

December (26) Susan Skipper (27) Floia Payne (28) Evelyn Henderson, Kenneth Cummings (29) Ann Lambert, Margaret Talley (30) Jeff Jones, Nancy Johnson (31) Averyt Smith, Vera Beard, Jeanene Thompson JANUARY (1) Terry Warren (3) Elaine Roberson Scott Morris (4) Jonathan Lowrance, Pat McCarley (5) Julianne Butler, Hazel Morgan (6) Jan Knight, Nell Wright (7) James Beard, Lamern Bailey.

Thank You

Thank you so very much for the delicious meal provided recently by Guy Pott's Brother's Keeper Group. The food was very good and enjoyed by all. Thank you for all of your support of the program here.

Lynn Fox

Tri-C Correspondent

We wish to thank the members of our Brother's Keeper group for the food that was brought when Bradley was born. It was very thoughtful and we will always remember it.

Bobby & Joni Smith

Thank you for the floral arrangement, cards, calls and love shown at the loss of Jack's sister, Ruth Shotwell.

Jack and Lera Bennett

I want to thank all of you who were so kind to me after my surgery. All of your calls, cards, food, flowers, gifts, thoughts and prayers made my recovery much easier.

Jonnie Steffee.

Thank you so much for the great way you have supported the Child Care Ministry in 1982. Your financial support, your fine foster families, your involvement with the Administrative Board and with the Women's Auxiliary and your prayers have helped make the year a great success.

Bill Moore

for the Trustees & Directors

Christian Services of East Texas

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to the family of L. L. Prater. Wes Price spoke words of comfort at the funeral service on Tuesday afternoon, December 21. The Praters moved from Tyler about a year ago. They had been members of West Erwin for over 50 years.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 19 for Sister Alma McCoy. She was a member of the Glenwood congregation and known to many at West Erwin. We extend our sympathy to her family.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



This will be the final column for this year. If I were asked to summarize 1982 in a brief statement, I would have to say that it has been a good year. The Lord has blessed the Price family in a great number of ways. We have so many blessings and friends here at the West Erwin church that it would be difficult to enumerate them. We thank God for all of you and for your generosity. My Sunday morning Bible class surprised my wife and me with a lovely money gift as an expression of their love and appreciation. And many others responded in a similar way. How can we merit your love and affection? We can only say, "thank you" and show our love for you by responding at every opportunity we have to your needs. We love you.

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Sister Aline Beard shared the following formula for Scripture Cake that she clipped from a newspaper. It is authored by Mary Cooley: $\frac{1}{2}$ cups I Kings 4:22, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Judges 5:25 (last clause), 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20, 2 cups I Samuel 30:12, 2 cups Nahum 3:12, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Judges 4:19 (last clause), 2 cups Numbers 17:8, 2 tablespoons I Samuel 14:25, 2 teaspoons Amos 4:5, to taste II Chronicles 9:9, pinch Leviticus 2:13, six Jeremiah 17:11. Beat together the Judges and Jeremiah 6:20; add 2 tablespoons I Samuel 14:25. Beat the 6 Jeremiah 17:11 (yolks) and add to above. Add the I Kings, Amos, II Chronicles and pinch of Leviticus alternately with the $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of Judges 4:19. Add Nahum and Numbers and beat. Fold in the rest of Jeremiah 17:11 beaten stiff. Bake in a greased tube pan at 300 degrees for 2 hours.

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The end of the year is always a good time to reflect upon what has gone before and a good time to make some new resolutions. I hope you will join me in doing that. I am preparing a list of resolutions. If you are interested in what they are, please ask me. I hope you will make a list also and add this to it if it is not already there: "I resolve to be more loving and forgiving, patient and kind, thoughtful and sweet, seeking to develop the Spirit of Christ in the simple and everyday affairs of life." Oh, yes, reading the Bible every day will help you accomplish that resolution. Happy New Year!

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 W.S. Little John Porter
 Freeman Morgan Averyt Smith
 Scott Morris Billy Rozell

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 Morris Hallman Larry Henry
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PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

seeing the wrong side. When you get over there, you will be able to see the full design and the beauty of our Father's work."
 How prone we are to judge everything by today! From the underside it is hard for us to view the beauty of God's work. It is hard to relate today with the total picture. A partial view is all we can have with our limited vision. If we are to make the transition from tragedy to triumph, we must believe and accept the fact that for those that love God and are His,

that He will even make us to triumph through our tragedy (Rom. 8:28; II Cor. 12:7-10).
 When our tragedy and trial comes, may God help us to remember these things, to remember that He has said that He will never leave or forsake us (Heb. 13:5).
 "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day," 2 Tim. 1:12. Truly, all is well that ends well! God is ours, we are His and He can see the whole picture!

Appreciation

I wish to extend our thanks on behalf of the officers of the Tyler Police Department to members of your Youth Group and that of the Glenwood Church of Christ for the Christmas bags you brought us.

It is heartwarming to know that the youth of your church appreciate the police in a time when a large portion of our society look toward us with disdain.

If we can be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
 R.L. Britton, Acting Chief of Police

(Sunday evening, gifts of candy and fruit were taken by the young people to the police station.)

The Sick

Mrs. Lillie Knight is hospitalized in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Audie Grier is in Community. Robert Stokes entered Medical Center on Tuesday.

Mrs. Edythe Trentham is in Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Hillard Hughes went home on Tuesday.

Hoyt Hughes underwent eye surgery (an implant) this week.

Sermons for Sunday

BY PERRY HALL
 A.M. Those Magnificent Macedonians
 P.M. Contending For The Faith

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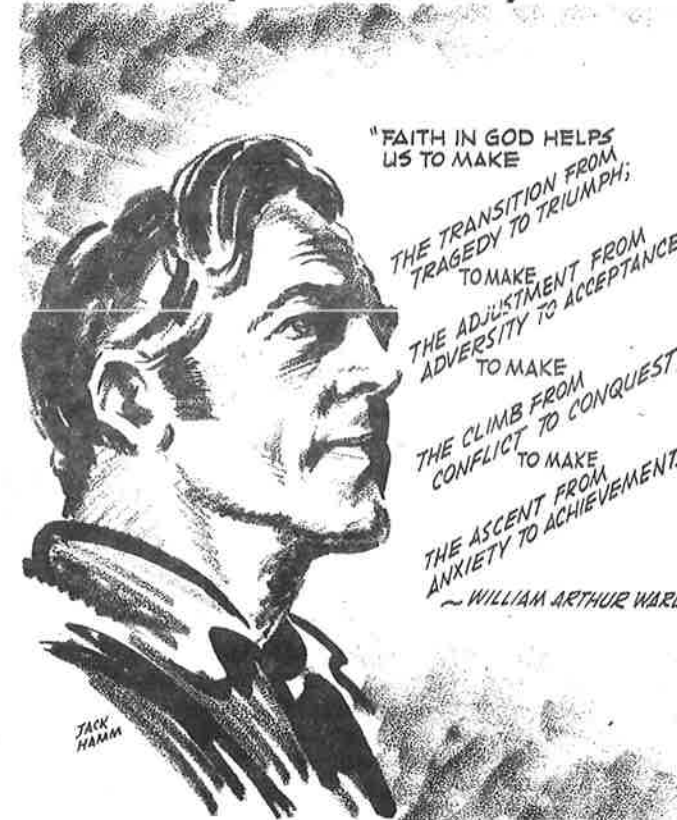
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Upward All The Way



WHEN TRAGEDY AND TRIAL COME

Our Father sees the whole picture of life. He has placed us here on earth to grow and mature in preparation for eternal habitations. As we pass

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



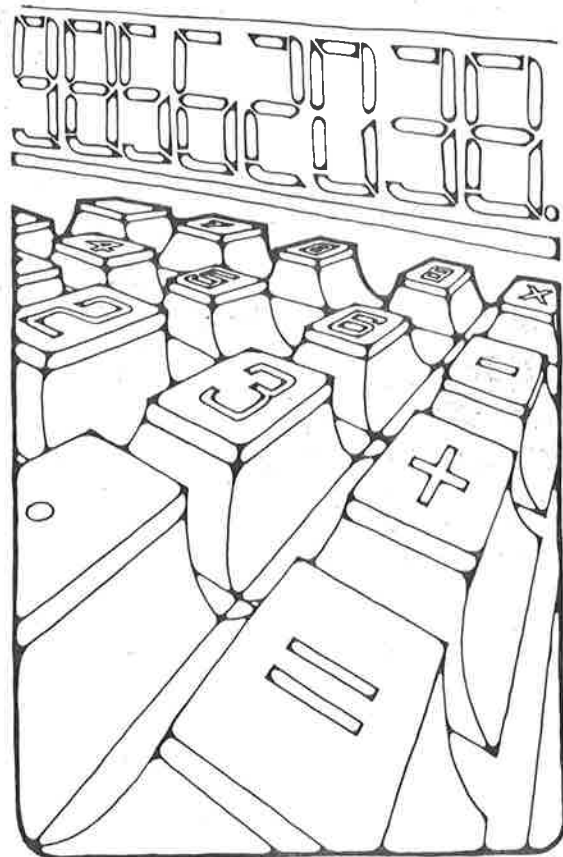
very question was asked this past week as I stood by the side of a widowed sister in the Lord as she looked into the face of her deceased husband. Only the person who has suffered such a loss can know how she felt, but we all at sometime or other have asked the same question. In our limited view of things, it is hard sometimes for us to understand why things happen as they do. But faith in our God causes us to trust in Him and press on. After all, "All is well that ends well!" We know that if we are really trusting and serving God that all will end well.

see that she had been crying. She was having a very difficult time adjusting to her loss. She was trying to pass the long and lonely hours by doing a beautiful piece of embroidery. The preacher picked up the needlework, deliberately turned the wrong side up, and remarked, "This is the ugliest piece of embroidery I have ever seen. Look how those threads are knotted and tied."

There was an immediate response: "You have it wrong side up! If you will turn it over, you will see that it is beautiful!" Turning it over and seeing the beauty of her handwork, he commented to her, "That's like you! God is weaving the threads of this life into a beautiful tapestry for eternity. You are only

A few years ago I read of a preacher that was making some calls one afternoon. He visited in the home of a lady who had been widowed a few months earlier. It was easy to

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It all adds up
to a great contribution!

\$38,316.07
and more to come!

It is very encouraging to see brothers and sisters rise to a challenge. The response to our special contribution Sunday was excellent. Many of us were concerned that it would not be as good as it was due to the economic downturn. But you came through with flying colors. May the Lord richly bless you for your generous response!

In His love, Perry

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

Lots Of Love

Author Unknown

Before your gifts are all wrapped up
and gaily ribbon tied,
Oh, please remember to tuck in
a lot of love inside.

*The gift itself may be quite small,
but love tucked in with care
Can change it to a wondrous thing,
an offering rich and rare.*

The gift itself may soon wear out . . .
its usefulness be past,
But always you can be quite sure
that love tucked in will last!



Thank You

I have always known that West Erwin was a loving congregation. This past week I found out just how much love and caring you can give to a person and her family. Thank you for all the ways you expressed that love. Thank you for the food, visits, telephone calls, cards and flowers, but mostly for your prayers. They were answered in a most gracious way.

Love,
Jeanine Hughes

Funeral

We extend our sympathy to Jack Bennett in the loss of his sister, F. Shotwell. Funeral services were conducted for her last week near Lufkin.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (19) James Massey, Dorothy Snipes (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jack Beard (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Williams, Billie Morgan, Pat Ragsdale (22) W.V. Crossman, Erica Smith (23) Tom Williams, Matthew Hart (24) Henry McRuiz, Kerry Hamblett, Shelley Miles (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth.

Singing

There will be no classes for Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. Everyone will meet in the auditorium. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29 we will host the "Year End Singing." Plan to be here for this special worship in song.

Teachers

With the coming of winter weather, the usual illness will also come. Many of our number will be affected. Bible class teachers are subject to such annoyances, so let me ask a special request. Be sure and let us know when it is necessary to have a substitute for your class. The sooner we know, the easier it will be to have a substitute properly prepared.

Wes Price

HERE and THERE
by Wes Price



Our attendance was down in both our Sunday morning Bible classes and the worship service. But, you would never know it by the size of the contribution. It was great! Just a little short of the \$40,000 mark and I predict that others will be making a special contribution to add to that before the end of the year. It is marvelous to behold the generosity of God's people. I know the elders are pleased, but above all, I know that the Lord is pleased. Thanks be to Him who supplies our every need.

I'm looking forward to the warmth and love of having family and friends home for the holidays. And, although we don't celebrate Christmas as a special religious holiday, it is the spirit of Christ that causes us to rejoice with family and friends on such special occasions. Our prayers ascend for all who will be traveling during this holiday season for a safe journey and a happy reunion with family. Greetings and love to all!

We would encourage all our members to be especially mindful of those of this congregation who are shut-in and do not have family to pay attention to their needs. What a pity it would be if we, in our own rejoicing, forget to express our love to those who are lonely. If you are unaware of those in this category, give me a call and I will be glad to give you a hint.

I believe you will be inspired with the 1983 budget that our elders will present on Sunday morning during a brief portion of the worship service. It is ambitious enough to challenge us to grow in the grace of giving but realistic enough to account for the present economic stress. I hope you will give it your closest attention, not only during the presentation, but as you consider your blessings each week during the coming year. Remember too, that our giving is to the Lord, not to elders. They are only entrusted with the proper use and distribution of the gifts. What a pity it would be if you failed to recognize the power of being generous toward God.

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Here and There (continued)

and young people will meet together in the auditorium for a visual presentation of the mission work that our congregation is presently supporting. This presentation will prepare us for the annual presentation of the budget by our Elders on Sunday morning, December 19. We hope you will make plans to attend so that you will be better informed about the work this congregation supports.

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Several have asked for the mailing address of the World Bible Translating Center in Arlington where you can order more of the Bibles. It is 1401 Hillcrest Drive - Arlington, TX. 76010.

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 12

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. Dancing and Aselgeia
6:00 P.M. Psychology and the Soul

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Hillard Hughes is a patient in Community Hospital following surgery on Wednesday morning.

Fort Worth Lectures

The sixth annual Fort Worth Lectures will be conducted January 9-13, 1983, at the Brown Trail Church of Christ. Many of the churches in the Fort Worth area are cooperating to bring these fine lectures within driving distance of all of us. The theme will be, "The Person and Life of Christ." There will be a full schedule of speakers all day and two each evening Sunday through Thursday. Thursday night has been designated as Youth Night, and all young people of the area are urged to plan to attend. Mark your calendar now and plan on attending every time that you possibly can. A full, detailed schedule will be available soon.

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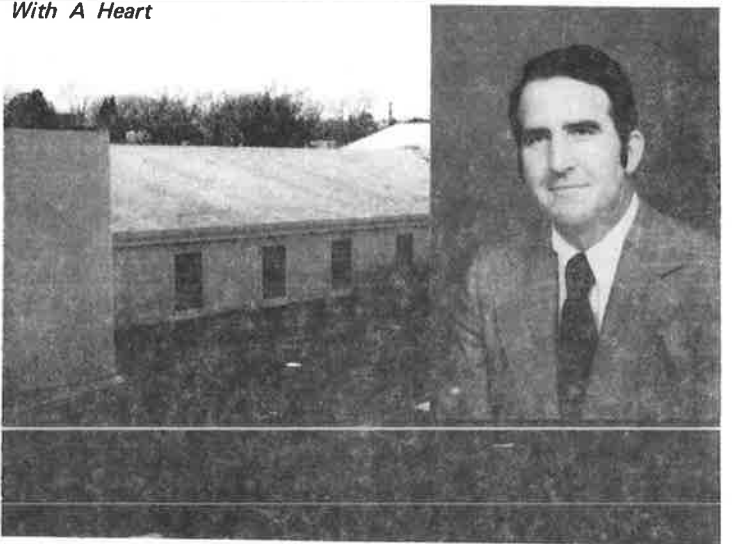
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Brother Roger Knight, one of our shepherds, set before us last Sunday morning the need for a new roof on our entire building. I understand that the old roof on the main part of the building is 27 years old. The roof on the educational section is 16 years old. Repair is badly needed. Large bubbles have arisen under the tar paper due to age. Bids have been let on this project. At this time it looks like it will cost in the general area of \$80,000 to do the whole job.

Our annual special contribution will be used toward paying for this repair. This is a very large expense. Your help in this project will be greatly appreciated by all. Be prepared for this special contribution



View of Auditorium and Educational Building roof discussed by Dr. Roger Knight on Sunday.

next Sunday, December 12. We know that we all would rather give toward, and see the money spent for, missions. But, the years do pass and material things have to also be repaired. We have spent many times this amount for evangelizing during those years. So, may we all dig down and help meet this expense. May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity.

Perry Hall

NEEDED: \$80,000

LEADERSHIP

Great leadership begins in the hearts of men who have a burning and passionate love for lost souls. Leaders are not followed just because they are designated as leaders, but rather because of their ability to instruct, inspire, encourage, challenge, rebuke and comfort. The task of leadership in the church is one of the most demanding and challenging tasks to which any man can set his hand.

Having the proper attitude is most important. He who would lead others in the work of the Lord must be sure that his life and motives are pure. Humility plays a big role. When a person is sure he knows everything, he is not in a frame of mind to learn anything from others. An effective leader must have self-confidence. He believes in himself, and in the Lord's ability to use his life for great things.

It has been said that enthusiasm is as powerful as dynamite and as contagious as the measles. The leader for Christ must be enthusiastic about his work because of a deep commitment to Christ. Those who have most powerfully and permanently influenced their generation have been the "seers" - men who have seen more and farther than others. Responsible leadership always looks ahead to see how policies proposed will affect, not only present, but succeeding generations.

The leader of God's people must always be patient. This patience begins in one's own life, for none of us grows as much or as rapidly as we feel we should. This patience needs to extend into the lives of others, especially into the lives of young Christians.

The leader must find that which is lovable in each person, not just those he finds it easy to love, and the love must be genuine.

Swift and clear decisions are required in the light of God's word, without regard to consequences to the leader personally. Sometimes a mistaken though sincere decision is better than none at all.

Too few men strive to become leaders in the Lord's work. Leaders pay a price to be effective - time away from family, drain of nervous energy, criticism and sometimes loneliness are involved. A leader's humility shows thru in such cases.

Let's encourage our boys and young men to aspire to leadership in the Lord's Kingdom. The rewards are not always obvious but God gives each of us a work to do and only he who loses his life in His service really ever finds it.

...John Strealy

*Mr. and Mrs. Loyd L. Nail
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Norma Loraine

to

*Mr. James Michael Holcomb
Saturday, the eighteenth of December*

Nineteen hundred and eighty-two

at seven-thirty in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

*Reception following
Fellowship Hall*

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The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTU

East Texas

Christian Academy

East Texas Christian Academy continues to save labels from the following products: Swanson canned and frozen foods, Franco American Spaghetti, Campbell's Soups, Beans, Tomato Juice, etc. Also, Freshlike vegetable labels are also being collected. Bring your labels to the office and we will give them to some one from the school.

The Board meeting will be Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, food and telephone calls during my stay in the hospital and recovery at home. It is at times like this that we most appreciate our Christian friends. We love you all.

Virginia Canterbury & Family

In the past several weeks, I have received many cards and words of condolence regarding the death of my mother, and more recently, best wishes for a speedy recovery from my surgery. Dorothy and I express our thanks and deep appreciation to each and every one of you.

Hulen Hulsey

I would like to express my sincerest thanks for the kind words, telephone calls, the many beautiful cards and lovely plant sent by the West Erwin church at the loss of my mother. Words cannot express my appreciation.

Laverne Keith and Family

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith are the proud parents of a baby son, Bradley Joe, born Friday afternoon, Dec. 3 in Mother Frances Hospital. Archie and Faye Kennard are the happy grandparents.

Grocery Truck

The Boles Home grocery truck will be here one day next week. The following items are most needed, however, they will be happy to use whatever items are supplied. Needs: Toothpaste, Band-Aids, Trash Bags, Canned Fruit, Chili, Syrup.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (12) Cole Bennett (13) Ben Freeman, Fleta Butler (16) Robbie Tigert (17) Mary Richey (18) Lyska Adams, Perry Hall.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Thank you for your generous remarks about Sunday morning's sermon. It is gratifying to know that concentrated preparation has a measure of reward. Not that my lessons are designed to be easy to accept, but even when I have a burden on my heart you seem to sense it and graciously accept it. I always hope that what I try to present from the pulpit will be received with the spirit of love in which it is intended. I'm glad, too, that I don't have to measure up to any standard except to try and speak the truth. Thank you for letting me be just me.

Dale Randolph, who spoke on the work of the World Translation Center about the exciting work of translating the Bible into foreign languages was well received by those who attended our worship on Sunday night. The Mission Committee recommended to our Elders that we underwrite the cost of translating the book of Acts in the amount of some \$9,000 plus. It is a joy to see people respond so readily to such real missionary needs. Our thanks to Dale for being with us.

Congratulations to Benny Bynum's Sunday morning First Grade Class and to Juanita Teague and Frances McBee's Four Year Old Class for perfect attendance. Keep up the good work!

We will continue our Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class through December 15. That day will complete our series for this year. We will resume study on Wednesday, January 5. Mark your calendar.

We are looking forward to hosting the annual City-wide Singing here at West Erwin on Wednesday, December 29, at 7:30 p.m. All congregations in the city will be joining us for that joyous occasion. Make your plans to be present.

Several of our members journeyed to Arlington this past week to enjoy an all-night singing at the North Davis congregation. Several thousand voices joined together for that great worship in song.

On Wednesday night, December 15, all adults

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BIBLE SCHOOL
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 Nov. 21 504
 Weekly
 Budget \$7,117.50

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Harold Browning J. N. Metcalf
 Mike Munn Guy Potts
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 5 and Wednesday evening, Dec.8 - LES CARRUTH, 561-9684.

Report of Our Sick

Recently, Cone and Eleanor Birdwell visited at Gunter Home with sister Myrtle Ginn. They found her a little more alert than she has been, but her overall physical condition remains unchanged. She continues to be very seriously ill.

Mrs. Jim (Virginia) Canterbury is scheduled to go home today (Wednesday) from Medical Center. She is making a good recovery from surgery and we are thankful for her good reports.

Tim and David Ingram, grandsons of Homer and Lerah Williamson, were in an automobile accident on Wednesday evening of last week on their trip home from Abilene for the holiday. Because of bad weather conditions they were involved in an 8 car accident. Both boys were injured, but not seriously.

Dudley Brookshire, son-in-law of Bud and Louise Caskey, was hospitalized for tests this week in Mother Frances. He has been dismissed.

Thank You

Thank you for your thoughtfulness during my hospitalization. I am grateful for your prayers. I enjoyed your visits and cards and especially the card from the Young Couples Class.

Mrs.O.E.(Ethel) Townsend

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Neighborly Love

Perhaps you are aware that the majority of the books in our church library were purchased with funds given as memorials. Recently, thought has been given to enlarging the library to include the tape ministry.

Many friends, neighbors and family members have contributed to this fund in memory of loved ones. This week we were impressed with a joint contribution to the fund from seven neighbors of sister Constance Berry, none of whom are members of the West Erwin church. We appreciate their love for sister Berry and her love for the church.

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On a hill outside of Verdun, France lies a national cemetery which holds within its bosom the earthly remains of 130,000 soldiers of various nations, many of whom are Americans. They gave the ultimate in two world wars in behalf of their families, their friends and countries. At the brow of the hill, with spire

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



who he was against. He stood fast until the end!

Can we do or give less for the eternal kingdom of God? Do we dare run from the service of that heavenly country? The Captain of our salvation has ordered us to stand fast in the faith. He did not say stand fast until the going gets rough or the problems get too great. He did not say stand fast until His way grows unpopular. He did not say stand fast until others forsake Him. Nor did He say stand fast only as long as we or others agree with what He has commanded. He says to stand fast - to stand with our loins girt about with truth, our heads protected with the helmet of salvation and our pure hearts covered with the protection of the breastplate of righteousness. We are to have

the sword of the spirit, the word of God, firmly in our grasp, and the shield of faith held before us to quench the fiery arrows of our enemy.

We are to stand, contend, and fight the good fight of faith, laying hold onto eternal life. Few may ever know our names, our families, or where we are from. No earthly monuments will be built to our glory or honor, but all who know us will know who's side we were on. Though, there were times we trembled, they will know we did not run. They will know for what we stood and what we were against. But above all, the one and only King of Kings will know that we fought the good fight, that we were indeed faithful, yes, even unto death and that we stood fast in the faith until the end!

TISD Community Reception

On Sunday, December 12, the Tyler Independent School District will host a Community Reception in Harvey Hall from 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. This event is a significant milestone in the development of Tyler Public Schools and the Tyler community.

The entire community is invited to help TISD celebrate "Centennial Day" at this time.

I believe we have planned a program that will have something of interest for everyone. Over forty display booths will illustrate the history of public education in Tyler. This event is an opportunity for citizens to reminisce, renew acquaintances and visit former teachers and classmates. In addition, visitors will be able to see an overview of the TISD school system of today.

Philip H. Hurley, Chairman
TISD Community Reception

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Weldon Keith. Funeral services for her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Waller, were held last Saturday in Orlando, Fla.

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 Irene Wade, sister of Roy Clark.

Deacons Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Deacons on Monday evening at 7:30 in the Chapel.

Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART will meet Thursday evening, December 9, in the fellowship building for their December meeting.

Take Time To Pray

Springtown Homecoming

The church in Springtown, Texas will have a homecoming Sunday, December 5 to celebrate their 77th anniversary. Those preaching or teaching special classes will be Dr. John C. Stevens of Abilene Christian University, Mary Oler of Dallas, Texas and Perry Hall of Tyler. Claude Guild, Springtown preacher and Jon Love, his grandson, will give a report on their recent missionary tour of three countries which resulted in over one thousand souls being baptized into Christ. Springtown is the supporting congregation for the Chimala Mission Hospital in Africa.

Perry Hall has been the preacher two different times for the Springtown church. Sunday, brother Wes Price will preach morning and evening in the absence of brother Hall.

Grocery Truck

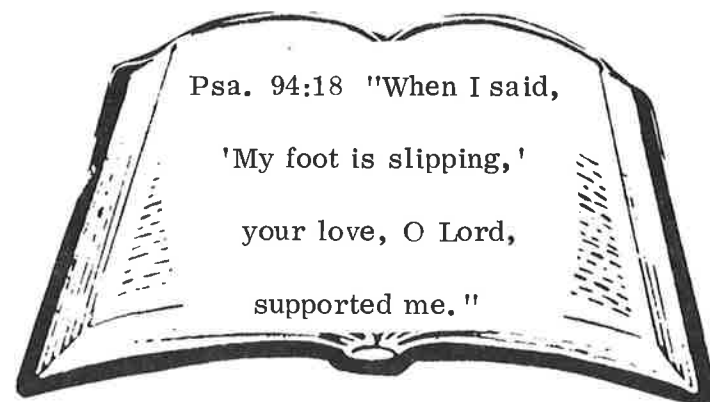
The Boles Home grocery truck will be here the week of December 13-17. The following is a list of most needed items, however, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied. Needs: toothpaste, band-aids, trash bags, canned fruit, chili and syrup.

East Texas Christian Academy

The meeting of Parents, Teachers and Friends of East Texas Christian Academy will be Sunday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shiloh Road church building. The school is now saving Fresh-like vegetable labels. If you can save for the school, they would certainly appreciate it.

Tuesday School

After the holidays TUESDAY SCHOOL will be in need of two new teachers for the second semester of school. If you have free time and enjoy working with children, please consider this good work. Elaine Roberson directs the school. Please call her or the church office if you can help.



HERE and THERE by Wes Price



It was such a delight to see so many happy faces in our worship services Sunday. Many, many visitors blessed our services and more than made up for our members who were away visiting their loved ones. We had good attendance in Bible classes as well as both worship services. I must admit to one difficulty. It is hard to remember all the names and faces and to put them with the right family. More than once I embarrassed myself by trying to put someone in someone else's family. Maybe in time, I'll get all the family members, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren sorted out. In the meantime, it is a joy to have them in our midst.

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In a recent Sunday morning Bible class a discussion arose concerning self-discipline and the use of time. The following article speaks to that point and I feel is worthy of consideration by all. It is by Dick Marcear, minister of the Central church in Amarillo.

THE URGENT AND THE IMPORTANT

Have you ever wished you could stretch out your days to 36 hours? Surely if we could, then we could finish all that we would like to do. Sometime it seems our lives are a trail of unfinished tasks, unanswered letters, unvisited friends and untaught children.

Our problem is not one of hard work. We work long hours, put our best into our work, but when finished, important tasks are still undone.

Someone wrote, "your greatest danger is letting the URGENT crowd out the IMPORTANT." Often it seems that the important tasks need not be done today or even this week. But the urgent things demand our immediate attention. So, such things as extra hours of prayer, serious Bible study or teaching our children are put back on the list of things to be done.

At the age of 33, Jesus said he had "finished his work" (John 17:4). How could he say this when there were so many yet unsaved and still sick. For every muscle that he had flexed into health, a hundred remained impotent. Sure, a few had found forgiveness, but multitudes were still lost. How could he say he had finished work?

Jesus realized that the call was not the demand. At times one must learn to say "no" to the urgent in order to take care of the "important." Someone calls, "but you are the only one who can make this project go for the PTA...we have got to have you play bridge with us tonight...you have got to serve on this committee at church..." And on and on the calls go. But if you are to escape the ulcers, colitis, heart attacks and nervous breakdowns, you must learn to say "no" to the urgent so that you can fulfill the important.

The first step is to decide what is really important in our lives. When you have made out your list of priorities, then stick with it. Do not let the urgent pleas (no matter how good the causes) stop you from doing the important. David said, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts with wisdom," (Psalms 90:2).

My children are important to me. It's my responsibility as a father to train them in the Lord's way, (Eph.6:4). I cannot allow the call of the urgent to keep me from this important task.

Evaluate your life. It's not the Lord who has loaded us down to the breaking point. "The Lord pities those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers we are dust," (Psalms 103:13-14). We are responsible when we will not say "no."

Yield your life to the Father. Do what He says is important. Then, when your life is over, you can say as did Jesus, "I have finished my work." Maybe you will not have gotten all the URGENT things done, but you will have finished the IMPORTANT.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (7) Lee Roberson, Sherrill Little, R. C. O'Bannon, Lois Hoppers (9) Bart Lemons (10) Joni Smith, Pam Lott (11) Kristy Roberson, Ann Ida Miller, Sue Skipper.

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Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov.21 \$7,196.86
Nov.14 7,298.16
Year Ago 6,408.44

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov.21 400
Nov.14 407
Year Ago 389

WORSHIP

Nov.21 504
Nov.14 520

Weekly
Budget \$7,117.50

Here and There (continued)

some of the younger doctors to be not as sanitary or up to the standards they had observed in the more modern hospitals in the civilized world. Upon hearing of their criticism, Schweitzer glowered from his craggy features and intoned, "I like the way I am doing it better than the way you are not doing it."

The non-doers of the world have a very easy job. Sitting in life's stadium - they never get into the game - they are spectators only. They develop a certain expertise in their areas of criticism which effectively prevents them from seeing their own threefold error: (1) They are not doing anything (2) Such critics do not see their own self-righteousness (3) This kind of critic is a very dependent person.

I wonder if there are any in the Lord's church like this?

Thank You

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the short illness and death of our beloved mother. For the prayers, visits, flowers and food, we will be forever grateful.

In Christian love,
The Family of Constance Berry

Deacons Meeting

There will be a meeting of Deacons on Monday evening, December 6, at 7:30 P.M. in the Chapel.

Beginning in 1983, the deacons will meet at 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall the first Tuesday of each month.

Report of Our Sick

Jim Franklin is scheduled to go home from Mother Frances on Wednesday.

Mrs. James Canterbury is recovering from surgery in Medical Center. Mrs. O. E. Townsend has gone home from Mother Frances.

Hulen Hulsey had surgery last Friday in Mother Frances.



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Faith's Flowers



The beauty of faith is easily seen. Its fragrance is appreciated by all truth loving people. Too many times we wait too late before we express our appreciation for its beauty. In this season of "Thanksgiving" I want to send forth this bouquet of blessing to the entire congregation for the faith that is being so beautifully shown.

We are thankful for every prayer, every encouraging word, every act of love and kindness and every single word of God that is taught by our teachers and individual
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Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



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Perry's Perspective Continued

members. We rejoice that every dollar contributed has been spent to advance the kingdom in some way. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

We praise God for our elders who have and continue to give of themselves so unselfishly for God's glory. It has been my observation over the years that their work is the most important, but often the most thankless of all. They receive no financial remuneration. They live every day in the kitchen and the heat can get very hot. I am persuaded that most preachers would have quit long ago (and some have) if they had to take the flack that goes along with this work. Let us thank and encourage these men for putting their life on the line for us and the glory of God. We salute Bud, Faber, Ferman, Foy, Ray and Roger.

Deacons also have their frustrations. They perform many unrecognized and thankless tasks. We give God thanks for our deacons. Especially do we want to thank Leon Welborn and Lowell Wiggains for serving as treasurers. Unless you have served in this capacity, you cannot know the time involved. We thank all the men who assist them. Louis Jones is to be thanked for the fine job done in heading up the worship committee for 1982. This good work often goes unnoticed, but is very vital. Mike Savage has given many hours to see that the building and grounds are in good shape. Phil Marts has given excellent service in the realm of fellowship, the best that I have seen in this area. Wes Price, though not a deacon, is to be greatly commended for the long and sometimes exasperating hours that can go with the educational challenge of the church. The list is long when it comes to the responsibilities of this task. Elders and deacons serve with him. Our Benevolence committee is perhaps one of our most active. As we thank God for 1982, we must thank Him for the work of Freeman Morgan, John Porter, James Massey and others in this area. They, along with the ladies who work each Tuesday, have done an outstanding job. We thank Modena Jones for providing outstanding direction for the Tuesday work. Bill Faulkner in advertising, James Phillips in photography, Glynn Starnes in minibus, Jack Stringer in P.A. systems and Joe McBee and the evangelism committee are men who stick in my mind who are doing a great job. All of

these mentioned have other deacons working with them that space or memory does not allow recognition for their services. God knows and God will not forget.

We thank C.B. Hardin and Ross Walker for working on special projects this year.

To our staff we all owe great gratitude. Hillard is greatly loved and appreciated for his work with the youth. No person is more vital to the overall work than is Wes, who has been mentioned already. His coordination of the visitation program is great. His love, warmth and devotion is appreciated by all. Both men give so much. We thank Homer Williamson for his contribution to cleanliness and orderliness of the building. Last but not least by far, are those who have served so faithfully longer than anyone else, our secretaries, Nelda and Frances. They are so vital to the smooth flow of work in the office.

Tuesday School, directed by Elaine Roberson, has been fantastic. Thanks to Mary Evelyn Grier our bulletin boards are kept attractive and up to date. Recently, the auditorium was made more attractive with the lovely basket of silk flowers placed in front of the speaker's stand. It was arranged and donated by Dale and Carolyn Blackstone.

Weldon Dawson and the Brother's Keeper Program play such a vital part in the work here. We thank him. Paul Stanley served as Chairman for Young At Heart in 1982. All who have helped promote this program are greatly appreciated.

Wait! I am being overwhelmed by a tremendous realization that I will never in this space be able to mention all to whom we owe so much gratitude. Wes does such a fine job of expressing appreciation in his column. I will have to leave it to him. What more shall I say? Space will fail me if I tell of Jack, Harold, Cliff, Milburn, Cullen, Dick, George, Stan, Paul, Fred, Bruce and Roy, who through faith, have helped to advance the kingdom in the work of righteousness.

As I close, please indulge me for one more minute. I must thank Laree and all those women who labor with their husbands in the kingdom. Without their encouragement, work, fidelity and love, we could do nothing.

Here is our bouquet of thanksgiving and blessing to every member of the West Erwin family.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pauline and Jelly Jones and the other members of the family in the death of their mother, sister Arlie (Constance) Berry. Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning.

Congratulations

Dick and Debbie Fromm are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, November 17, in Dallas. She was born prematurely and weighed 3 lb and 4 oz. She is in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital. Averty and Eleanor Smith are the grandparents.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (28) Norma Nail, Laura Drummond, Wade McDonald, C. B. Burkham, Chloe Clark (30) Roy Layne Roberson, Cherrie Magee, Durwood Hendry DECEMBER (1) Jim Canterbury.

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS BY PERRY HALL
A.M. Forgetting Jehovah Thy God
P.M. The Soul and Philosophy

Singing

The Bullard Church of Christ will host the Fourth Sunday Singing this Sunday at 2:30 P.M. You are invited to attend.

The
Amazing Grace
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A happy Thanksgiving

HERE and THERE
by Wes Price



I sincerely hope that you and your family take this week to really express deep and genuine gratitude to God for all the rich gifts He has bestowed upon us. It is always easy to take the holiday purpose for granted. Don't forget that as important as expressing your thanks is, you should never overlook the fact that it should be followed with thankful living.

Putting God first in your time with your money is not just a duty, it is a privilege. If we remember to put God first in good and prosperous times, then we will feel a lot better about asking His help in difficult time.

Have a happy Thanksgiving Day!

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The American Red Cross has informed us of a new program they would like for us to tell you about. It is known as Telecare. It provides a daily call to the elderly, or anyone who lives alone, and does not have frequent contact with others. Part of the program is a follow-up procedure in case a caller cannot reach the client by telephone. This assures the client that they have assistance should they become ill or be injured at home. Red Cross Volunteers will be making the daily calls, with the Staff carrying out the follow-up. Anyone interested in having a caller may telephone the Red Cross office at 597-6339 to sign up. Their office hours are 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

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Our hearts were saddened again this past week at the passing of one of our dear members, Constance Berry. A dear saint has gone home. That is the most beautiful sentiment that can be expressed about anyone. We give thanks to God for having had the privilege of knowing and loving this dear saint. She will be missed as will so many who have departed this life in recent times. Whatever else might be said, we ought to be reminded that none of us has an indefinite lease on life. Such a termination awaits each of us. It should serve to encourage us to greater faithfulness.

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Albert Schweitzer was once criticized concerning his primitive jungle hospital. It seemed to

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Dismiss Sam Bailey

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Nov. 7	8,329.27
Year Ago	8,281.62
BIBLE SCHOOL	
Nov. 14	407
Nov. 7	376
Year Ago	397
WORSHIP	
Nov. 14	520
Nov. 7	474
Weekly	
Budget	\$7,117.50

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER
Eddie Dunn Henry McRuiz
Roy Roberson Wayne Fears

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 21 and Wednesday Evening, Nov. 24, **FRED POWELL** - 593-5229.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Here and There (continued)

little things. The same thing is true in regard to our spiritual lives. We are so prone to let the insignificant appear so immediate and demanding that it outweighs the really important matters. From the duty of church attendance to overcoming worldly temptations, we sometimes set aside the best for the immediate. The only person I know who can conquer that problem is you. Learn to evaluate the things which cross your path that demand some kind of response. Select those things which have real, higher priority and do them. You will be blessed if you do, and you might miss some great joy if you don't.

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Our Gospel Meeting

We deeply appreciate the fine job done by brother Jon Jones in his proclamation of the Word of God. Every lesson was true to the book, good balance was maintained and his presentation was very warm and filled with a genuine spirit of love and concern. We especially appreciate two of his lessons. As we have said before, his lesson on the blessedness that Jesus spoke of in the Beatitudes was outstanding. Also, we have never heard a finer discussion of the conversion of Cornelius. At this writing we look forward to the final night of this meeting.

Perry

Thank You

We appreciated the pink carnations sent to the funeral of Gladys Caudle, my sister. Thanks also for the food and many cards sent to our home. The Christian love shown us will always be remembered.

The Charles Graf Family

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. O. E. Townsend is in Mother Frances. Surgery was scheduled for Thursday.

Mrs. James Canterbury entered Medical Center on Tuesday for surgery on Friday.

Mrs. Constance Berry is very seriously ill in Medical Center.

Brother Ira North underwent surgery last Friday in Nashville, Tenn. He is recovering and will require Cobalt treatments.



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As we approach another national holiday, termed "Thanksgiving," we do give thanks to God for having been given the opportunity to live in a nation that sets aside a day to remember our heritage and give thanks. We do not equate America with the kingdom of God. The country is unworthy of comparison, but we are deeply grateful for all the spiritual and physical blessings afforded by this democracy. As salt of the earth and lights of the world, may we as Christians live and further to the greatest degree the righteousness that exalts a nation. May you be with family and friends as you celebrate and give thanks.

Perry Hall

Organization Of Work At West Erwin

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Cliff Clough
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Weldon Dawson
Wes Price
Perry Hall, Chairman

BENEVOLENCE

Elders: Foy Richey
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Deacons: Harold Browning
James Massey
Bruce Raley
Milburn Cook
Louis E. Jones
Glynn Starnes

Ira Wright
John Porter, Co-Chairman
Freeman Morgan, Co-Chairman

FELLOWSHIP

Elders: Ferman Carpenter
Ray Lott

Deacons: Phil Marts
Stan Mallory
Louis Jones
Milburn Cook

Guy Potts
George Kester, Chairman

EDUCATION

Elders: Ferman Carpenter
Faber Cauthen
C. E. Caskey
Roger Knight
Ray Lott
Foy Richey

Deacons: Milburn Cook
Joe McBee
Stan Mallory
Bill Faulkner
Fred Powell

Forest McFadden
Wes Price, Chairman

YOUTH

Elders: Ferman Carpenter
Roger Knight

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Higginbotham
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mallory
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Welborn
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell
Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Starnes
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson
Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Hughes

Hillard Hughes, Chairman

WORSHIP

Elders: Faber Cauthen
Foy Richey

Deacons: Paul Montandon
Jack Stringer
Mike Savage
Jack Beard

Joe Carroll
Roy Clark
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Freeman Morgan, Co-Chairman

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Elders: C. E. Caskey
Ray Lott

Deacons: Jack Beard
Cullen Gilliam
James Phillips
Mike Savage, Chairman

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (22) Clyde Waggoner, Susan Steffee (24) Evelyn Burkham, Freddie Jo Keener (27) Norah Jones

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS BY PERRY HALL

A.M. Avoiding Potential Conflict

P.M. The Glad Hills of God's Glory

We aren't all five talent people. Some of us were given only one talent. And the one talent man could nearly worry himself to death because he isn't the most talented man among us and there are a few things he can't do.

But this is so wrong and so against the teaching of our Lord. God gave everyone at least one talent. If you were only given one talent, then use your talent to the very best of your ability and be assured that God will love you and reward you as much as he will that man who is more talented.

...from "How To Overcome Worry"

by Joe Laird



Call a friend today. Extend an invitation to attend Bible class and worship this Sunday.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



We were blessed with a great host of visitors on the Lord's Day, the beginning of our gospel meeting. It is always a warm pleasure to see so many new faces in the audience. I have every reason to believe that our visitors went away feeling good about being with us. You are always to friendly to guests that they enjoy the visit..

It was certainly a joy to have Jon Jones with us for this brief meeting. He had some excellent messages to stimulate and build us up in the faith. We will certainly be better for his having come our way.

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Our elders have appointed new roles for many of our deacons and the committees on which they serve. We are already beginning to see some new vigor and enthusiasm, and we will see even more as they get deeper into the work. A number of new projects will be proposed in the months to come that will have far reaching effects upon the future of this congregation. Let's all get into high gear and support these good men in their efforts. We will all profit by it.

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The Wednesday Morning Ladies Class enjoyed hearing Jon Jones this week and will observe a holiday next Wednesday for the class, since it precedes our Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday. Remember now, no Ladies' Class on Wednesday, November 24.

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Remember, Wednesday night, November 24, all classes will meet in the auditorium for our annual Thanksgiving service. We will enjoy having our young men conduct the service this year. Let's fill the house of worship on that night and enjoy sharing our expressions of thanksgiving to God.

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Did you ever notice how little things sometimes get in the way of our accomplishing something important? Now, that's not a new discovery. What should be interesting however, is how we learn to overcome that problem. Until, and unless we do, we will always be at the mercy of

(Continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Perry Hall
Prayer Shannon Hughes
Dismiss DeRay Bennett

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Perry Hall
Prayer Lee Roberson
Dismiss Marshall Phillips

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Trey Hughes Shannon Hughes
Jonathan Paul Marty Mallory
John Powell Wesley Price
Wynne Weathers Cole Bennett

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

W. V. Crossman Vern Johnson
Tony Adams Allen Bobbitt
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 14 and Wednesday Evening, Nov. 17, GLYNN STARNES - 561-0736.

Our Records

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Nov. 7 \$8,329.27
Oct. 31 7,082.76
Year Ago 7,528.23

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov. 7 376
Oct. 31 368
Year Ago 402

WORSHIP

Nov. 7 474
Oct. 31 501
Weekly

Budget \$7,117.50

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Gladys Caudle, sister of Juanita Graf. She died late Monday evening. Burial and a graveside service were held in Atlanta, Texas. We extend our sympathy to the family in their loss.

In The Hospital

Jim Franklin underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital. He should not have visitors for a few days.

Life is like a ladder,
every step we take is either
up or down.

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Wes Price, Associate Minister

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Thank You

We want to say how much we appreciate you sending the spray of red carnations. It was so thoughtful. We would also like to express our heart felt thanks for all the food and cards sent to us. We are so grateful for all of your kind words of sympathy and thoughtful acts shown to us during our time of sorrow. The Christian love shown to us will always be remembered.

Mrs. Ruth Bell
Randolph Bell Family

Thank you for your prayers and every deed of kindness at the time of the loss of our sister and aunt, Lottie McCoy. Although we were away from our church family for the funeral, the lovely spray of pink carnations was a source of comfort and reminder of your care.

Grace and Bud Walker & Family

I am thankful for the many acts of kindness that you have shown me since my eye surgery. The calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and most of all, your prayers are appreciated so much.

Mary Squier

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

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The Church With A Heart

Gospel Meeting

NOVEMBER 14 - 17

SUNDAY - 10:30 AM AND 6:00 PM

WEEK NIGHTS 7:30 PM

**Hear Ye,
Hear Ye-
the Gospel!**



**Evangelist
Jon Jones**

INTEREST COMMITMENT PRACTICE

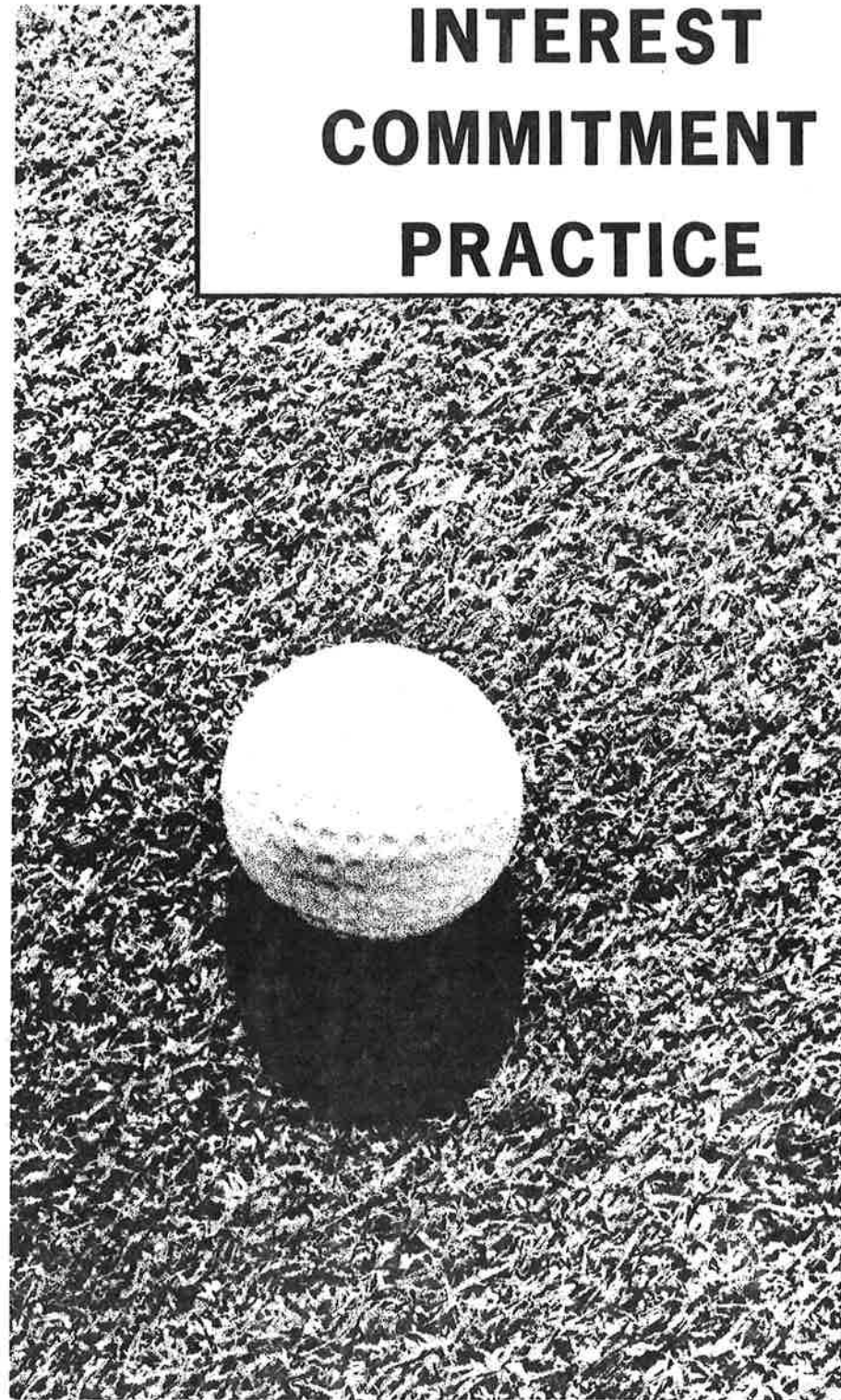


Twenty years of experience has taught me that you cannot be a good golfer by playing only two or three times a year! I still do well to break 100 on 18. Now, why would I be such a poor player? I simply do not take the game of golf seriously, even though it is a great and enjoyable game! I am not committed to improving my game. I allow other things to take up my time and interest. I do not really believe it is vital that I learn the finer and more disciplined points of the game of golf.



Could this be the key to why some Christians never grow to maturity and deep consecration? Two or three times a year they really get serious about being a dedicated servant. They do not take the Lord seriously with any genuine conviction. They are not committed to spiritual growth, allowing other interest to take the bulk of their time. They do not really believe it is vital to their well-being to be so involved. Think about it!

Perry N. Hall



No Wednesday Night Classes

There will be no classes next Wednesday evening because of the meeting with brother Jon Jones.

The following Wednesday evening (Nov. 24) we will have our Thanksgiving service and everyone will meet together in the auditorium.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (14) Morris Hallman, Pauline Fuller, George Kester (15) Ruby Teel, Maria Crossman (16) Maudie Brown, Tammy Sheetz (17) Cathy Hallman, Brad Johnson (19) Taylor Savage

Think of a friend and telephone to extend an invitation.

Thank You

In time of sorrow and distress it is nice to know friends like you are there. To those who called, sent cards or visited, I am grateful.

In Christian love,
Katie Heath

Boles Home Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of December 13-17. The following is a list of their needs: Toothpaste, Band-Aids, Trash Bags, Canned Fruit, Chili and Syrup.

Retreat Report

Last week seventeen of our young people enjoyed a retreat at Pine Cove Camp.

John Paul Blankenship of Lubbock developed our theme, "Givers and Takers." Using this thought he made us all aware of our place in God's Kingdom - servants!

This is the second year that the West Erwin and Glenwood high school students have spent a weekend retreat together. Gregg Parham of Glenwood does an outstanding job of coordinating our activities. I believe Gregg to be one of the strong youth leaders of today and I appreciate him very much.

Of our own young people who attended, I believe they came home with a more determined effort to be "Givers" of themselves. Those who attended from West Erwin were: Kristy Roberson, Lee Roberson, Marisa Butler, Julianne Butler, Marty Mallory, Angela Mallory, Trey Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Tracy Starnes, Shannon Starnes, Mary Keith, Wesley Price, Wynne Weathers, Jonathan Paul, Cole Bennett, John Powell, Shelly Campbell and Jeanine Hughes. This retreat is one of the year's highlights for our youth group.

Hillard Hughes

Singing

The annual "Year End Singing" will be at West Erwin this year.

HERE and THERE by Wes Price



It was an ordinary day - a day like any other - a day of work. Two brothers who were fishermen were casting their nets into the Sea. A man who was walking near the Sea of Galilee called out to them. "Come, follow me, and I will make fishers of men out of you." Then and there Peter and Andrew left their nets and followed him.

I'm glad that Peter and Andrew didn't respond as many of us would have. Had the Lord personally called us we would have been tempted to say, "We're sorry Lord, but can't you see we are busy? We would love to heed, but we have families to support and taxes to pay. We might be able to follow you next Tuesday for a couple of hours during the heat of the day when the fish aren't biting, but there is no way we can work it into our schedule right now. Sorry about that."

Or they might have responded, "If we do follow after you, what are we going to get out of it? What kind of wages are you willing to pay? Will there be any security in this work? What about opportunities for advancement? Will we be staying here at home, or will this work require traveling? If we have to move, where will we be living?"

They could have said, "Your job description leaves a lot to be desired. What do you mean when you say we will become 'fishers of men'? We've never heard of that before. You are asking us to give up work we have engaged in all of our lives for something that sounds a little fuzzy."

Or their answer might have been, "Thanks for the invitation. It all sounds very exciting, but what about our families? Don't you feel that we have an obligation to them? Obviously, we can't make a decision like this without a family conference. If you can assure us that we will have enough money to take care of them, then perhaps we can get their permission."

The point of all of this is that Peter and Andrew upon receiving the call of Jesus "dropped" their fishing nets, left their families, and became disciples. There is no implication that they returned to their homes or their livelihood.

I think I catch in this little story a glimpse of what discipleship is all about.

John Gipson - Little Rock, Ark.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer James Canterbury
Dismiss David Burkholder

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Roy Clark

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Mack Bynum Bill Faulkner
Jay Bynum Jwill Sims
Tom Parsons Ron Lott
Wesley Price Marty Mallory

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Oct.24 6,101.01
Year Ago 5,549.75

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Oct.24 364
Year Ago 366

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Oct.24 457
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In The Hospital

Sister Mac (Vivian) McCall is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. She cannot have visitors at this time, but would enjoy a card. She is in room 282.

Brother Darrell Holt is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Glen Howard from Hawkins, former member of West Erwin, had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sister Gladys Weathers, mother of Don Weathers, underwent surgery last week in Jackson, Miss. You may send a card to her at the Baptist Medical Center, 1225 N. State St., Jackson, Miss. 39201.

Sister Gladys Caudle, sister of Juanita Graf, is very ill at this time.

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 Allene Tomlin.

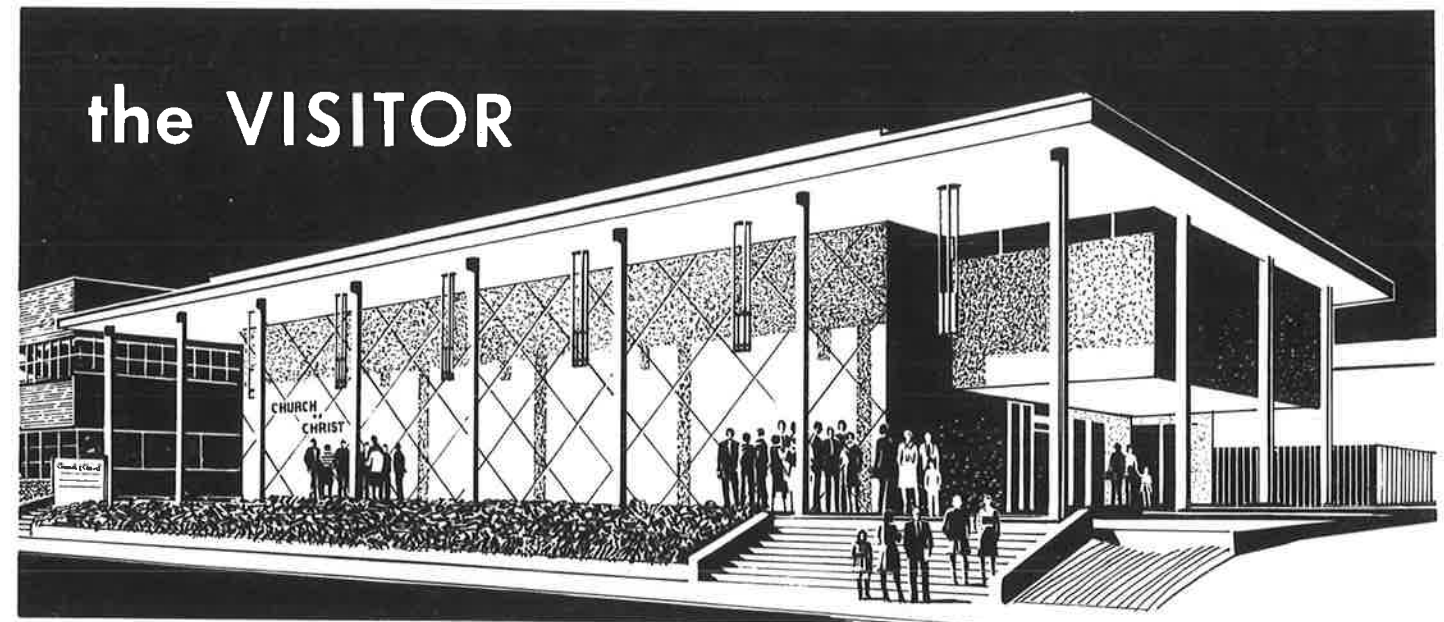
Sermons for Sunday

BY PERRY HALL
10:30 A.M. "A Mighty Meeting"
6:00 P.M. "Death Is Ours"

Save Your Labels

East Texas Christian Academy needs your labels from the following products: Swanson canned and frozen foods, Franco American Spaghetti, Campbell's soups, beans, tomato juice, etc. A pocket poster is in the hallway across from the office for your convenience.

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The Church With A Heart

Welcome To West Erwin

We are happy to welcome sister Pete (Polly) Nichols, Rt. 14, Box 380 (Betty Drive), Tyler, Texas 75707. She desires to be known once again as a member of the West Erwin family. We rejoice that she feels this way and extend to her the right hand of fellowship.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

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What Manner of Man?

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Hear Him preached in our gospel meeting November 14-17!

How often have we contemplated the words of the disciples when they, filled with fear, witnessed the obedience of the winds and sea to the command of Jesus. Nature "recognized" its subservience to this One, its utter dependence upon His power.

The calm followed the storm. Where there had been the thrashing and howling winds there was the quiet of a restful day. Where there had been the thunderous, roaring and churning waves, there was the placid and serene calm of perfect peace. It is no wonder that the disciples were filled with awe.

Meditation upon this Man always brings awe to the open heart.

As the multitudes listened to His teaching, they were astonished at His doctrine. Even His enemies expressed their wonder by saying, "Never man spake like this man."

Those that were eyewitnesses of His power saw Him heal the sick, the blind, the lame, and cast out devils. There was the authority of heaven in everything He did. The witnesses stood with Him at the tomb of a man that had been dead four days. They heard His powerful voice split the silence of the tomb and saw the evidence that those tones of authority had even reached into the innermost recesses of the hadaan world because the dead one was raised to

life!

No greater marvel can be seen than the perfect life He lived. His enemies had to lie in order to charge Him with wrong doing. How unlike human kind was He in his sinlessness and yet how compassionate He was in His understanding and mercy toward others. In the face of the cursing crowd who had nailed Him to a Roman cross, He prayed that they might be forgiven. His mother and her care were in His last thoughts. If the story ended here we would turn from the scene saying, "What manner of man is this?" We would be filled with awe with all we know about Him. He would rank in our memory as the greatest of the great! But all does not end here, nor in view of His life would we expect it to so end. When that still body had been in the grasp

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of death for three days it broke the chains of death and lived again! Now He tells us to tell the whole world of His victory over death for our justification.

"What manner of man could this be?" we ask. He had to come from another realm - from another world. There is *no other way to account for what the*

people heard Him say or saw Him do! The evidence is overwhelming that He is **Divine!** He came with a divine message from the Creative Power of the universe. He answers the great questions of life and death. He gives the purpose for our existence and the existence of all things.

He asks us to follow Him to

the Celestial City beyond this veil of tears, sin and suffering. He showed us how to walk and assures us that if we hear His voice and follow that there shall be calm of soul now and in the world to come, eternal life with Him. **What a man! What a God!**

To Him be glory and dominion both now and forever more! □

Gospel Meeting

Hear

Jon Jones!

November 14 - 17

Sunday through Wednesday

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY thru WEDNESDAY

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.



JON E. JONES

Jon E. Jones was born and reared in Texas. He graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1953 and received the first Trustees' Award, an award for outstanding contributions by a student to A.C.U.

Brother Jones has preached for the Richland Hills congregation in Fort Worth since the summer of 1977. He has served congregations in Texas, Alabama and Florida. He has appeared on lectureship programs and conducted numerous religious seminars throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

In 1966 he traveled and spoke extensively throughout the Middle East. In 1967 he traveled throughout Western Europe visiting with church groups. He has written articles for the Firm Foundation, 20th Century Christian and Power for Today.

Area Meetings

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas beginning Sunday, Nov. 7 through the 10. Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Jim Strait will preach, November 7 - 10 in a Gospel Meeting at the Big Sandy Church of Christ. The services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be at 7:30 p.m.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday for Billy Limerick, grandson of sister Katie Heath. He was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held last week in Mineral Wells for Lottie McCoy, sister of Mrs. B. E. Walker. We express our sympathy to sister Walker and the family in their loss.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (7) Lisa Higginbotham (9) David Hanley (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer (11) Sam Bailey, Melinda O'Quinn, Jesse Keener (12) Stan Mallory, Eddie Dunn

Young at Heart

Thursday evening, November 11, is the scheduled date for the monthly meeting of Young at Heart. A "Pot Luck Supper" is planned for 6:30 p.m.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

An Invitation

*A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Norma Nail
Bride Elect of Mike Holcomb
Sunday Afternoon
November 7, 1982*

*Selections
Shifrin House
Fellowship Hall Chandler, Texas
3:00 O'clock Phone 214 849-3943*

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Our gospel meeting with Jon Jones will soon begin. I hope you have reserved those dates so that you can be present for each of the services, beginning with Bible study on Sunday morning, November 14 at 9:30. We need all of our members present for each of the services to make a great success of this effort. And, we need you to invite your friends and neighbors to come and hear the gospel preached. When you read these words, fix your mind on some one you consider to be a friend who is not a Christian and begin now to plan to bring them with you to as many of the meeting services as you can. We can have a very satisfying effort if all of us work together!

Our Third Annual Married Couples Retreat was a genuine success. We had 34 of our members present for the all day session at the Mallory lake house near Mineola. Roger Allen had some excellent suggestions about making the home a more successful affair for husbands and wives in their relationship with each other and for their role as parents. We are indebted to Stan Mallory for the use of the lakehouse and to his father, A. O. Mallory of Mineola.

Honor Roll Classes for the past two weeks include the 4 Year Old Class taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and the First Grade Class taught by Bennie Bynum on Sunday, October 24 and the 5 Year Old Class taught by Carolyn Welborn on Sunday, October 31. Congratulations!

Honorable Mention also includes the 5th Grade Class taught by Tony and Mary Adams for their attendance record on Sunday, October 31. Keep up the good work!

All of the Brother's Keeper meetings that I've received word from tell of well-attended meetings this past Sunday night. We want to express our thanks to Glynn and Fran Starnes who kept the older children here at the building so that their parents could attend. Also, we very much appreciate the loan of a TV and Video Recorder provided by Ken and Lisa Cummings for the children's entertainment during their stay at the building.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Foy Richey
Prayer Mack Bynum
Dismiss Wayne Fears

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Bob Zadina Mike Savage
Ben Young K.Max Haws
Harold Browning Joe Carroll
Shayne Bennett DeRay Bennett

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Oct. 24	\$6,101.01
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Year Ago	427
WORSHIP	
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Oct. 17	505
Weekly	
Budget	\$7,117.50

Serving in Back Foyer

Ray Vannoy Robert Willoughby
Jesse Keener Bart Lemons
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Oct. 31
and Wednesday evening, November 3
- TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

In The Hospital

Mrs. Gladys Weathers, mother of Don Weathers, is hospitalized in Jackson, Miss. for tests and possibly for surgery.

Grocery Truck

REMEMBER, the Grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of November 8th - 12th. We are collecting SALAD OIL (for cooking).

Here and There (continued)

If you have developed poor habits, then the child will miss the vital training that he needs. Won't you please help us help you in the spiritual training of your child? It may just mean the difference between whether your child grows up loving the Bible and serving God or whether he doesn't. We would appreciate your cooperation with us in this matter.

I'm looking forward to the gospel meeting with Jon Jones. If you wait until the last minute to reserve those dates (Nov. 14 - 17), then you are likely to let something else interfere. Do yourself a favor and make a pledge to the Lord that you will attend every session of that meeting. We will enjoy hearing Jon speak. He will present messages from God's word that will be uplifting and strengthening. One other thing, the meeting won't be a success unless you invite and bring a friend. Invite them to come with you on Sunday morning and then have them over for dinner following. Don't forget those dates!

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HEAR JON JONES
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Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Editor's Note

Brother Faber Cauthen and brother Foy Richey recently returned from a trip to Colorado where they checked on the two churches with whom we are having fellowship in the gospel. We commend them for taking the time and making the effort to encourage these brethren, as well as to help keep us informed. Brother Foy Richey submits the following observations for our consideration.

Elders Report on Mission Trip

Faber Cauthen and Foy Richey, two of the elders at West Erwin, recently visited with the churches in Meeker and Kremmling, Colorado - two locations where we are having a financial part in establishing the Lord's work. The church at Meeker has just recently completed a new building for worship services with adequate accommodations for all facets of the work. Even though they are small in number, they have a minister serving full time and enough adjoining property for a larger building with ample parking space.

The Lord's work at Kremmling consists of a very nice building constructed from imported logs and built almost entirely by the brethren there. They, too, are supporting a minister on a full time schedule. The church has had growth each year for the past four or five years.

Both locations are doing a great work for the Lord's Kingdom in their respective areas. Perhaps we can continue to offer our assistance to them in the future, as well as to search out new fields to plant the seeds of Christianity.

Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy is having a combination arts and crafts/bake sale, November 6th from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Tri-C Building. Everyone is welcome.

The monthly Parents, Teachers and Friends meeting is Thursday evening, November 11th at 7:30 P.M. at the Shiloh building.

The East Texas Christian Academy Board meeting will be at 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, November 14th at the Shiloh building.

Teachers Workshops

The Fifth Annual East Texas Bible Teachers Workshop is Friday Night, November 5 - 7:30 P.M. at the South Main Church of Christ (402 So. Main) in Henderson, Texas.

On Saturday, November 6th, the Workshop will continue from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. A sandwich luncheon will be provided by the ladies of the congregation.

A class for teachers of every department will be provided.

The Big Sandy Church of Christ is looking forward to a special Teachers Training Workshop, Saturday, October 30 with Dan and Lois Whitaker as speakers. The Workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:15 p.m. A sandwich luncheon will be provided.



Coming Down

It is exciting to see the old buildings being demolished on the property west of our parking lot. We look forward to the time when the lots are clear and ready for our use.

Funeral

Funeral services for Mrs. Tommy Tomlin, sister of Aubrey Payne, were held on Saturday of last week. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS BY PERRY HALL

10:30 A.M. Can You Recommend Your Religion?

6:00 P.M. This May Startle You
(a study of the Sabbath Question)

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler, Jr. (4) Jeff Blackstone, Mack Bynum (5) Mary Evelyn Grier (6) Amy Faulkner

Time Change



Sunday is the date to change our time again. Saturday evening before you retire, turn your clock back one hour.

we need you!



in Bible School!

Brother's Keeper

SUNDAY EVENING
Following the Evening Worship

Showers

A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Norma Nail
Bride Elect of Mike Holcomb
Sunday Afternoon
November 7, 1982

Selections
Shifrin House
Fellowship Hall Chandler, Texas
3:00 O'clock Phone 214 849-3943

A Baby Shower
Honoring Laurie Dawkins and
Baby Son, Brady
Monday Evening, November 1
Fellowship Hall 7:00 O'clock

Ladies, please consider each invitation as yours personally.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The Family of Ora Lou Harris
(sister of Ross Walker)

We thank you so much for the kind expression of love and sympathy.

June & Ross Walker

The love and concern shown to my father and to my family and me during his illness and after his death will always be remembered. We appreciate the beautiful flowers, food, cards, visits, words of comfort and most of all your prayers more than words can express. It is an inspiration to be a part of such a wonderful Christian family.

Jo Butler

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 Carl E. Bell.

(We greatly appreciate the beautiful spray of red carnations.)

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



A total of 29 fathers and their sons had a great time at our father-son camp out this past Friday night at the Fred Powell's farm. Both fathers and sons had a good time - the fathers re-telling old stories around the camp fire and the boys running wild in the woods. I was amazed at how trusting the fathers were to just lean back and let the boys have a genuinely good time. Our thanks to Glynn Starnes, Billy Rozell and J. N. Metcalf for putting all the essential ingredients together.

We are looking for a good turnout for our annual Couples Retreat this year. If you have not already done so, and you plan to go, please let the church office know as soon as you read this. We will be leaving the building on our bus at 7:00 a.m. for the Mallory lake house. We will enjoy breakfast together at 8:00 and then begin our sessions with Dr. Roger Allen at 10:00 A.M. If for some reason you cannot ride the bus with us, there will be a map posted at the building and Stan Mallory has arranged to put the signs up to show the way after you get to the turn-off on Highway 69. We will conclude the sessions by 3:00 P.M.

Parents with young children, may I have your undivided attention for a moment or two? We constantly strive to have the very best in the way of Bible teaching on both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening so that nothing will be lacking in the training of your children. I can assure you that our teachers are among the best. They are diligent in lesson preparation and presentation. But the fact remains that they cannot teach your child if he is not present. No amount of effort will avail if the child is absent from class. And too, it is important for the child to be present at these classes on a consistent basis. If they attend one class and miss the next two, lesson continuity breaks down. The teaching cannot be as effective nor as permanent as it otherwise could be.

We emphasized again in our Teacher's Meeting this past Sunday how important it is to encourage attendance. But, the parent holds the key.

(Continued inside)

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 24 & Wednesday evening, Oct. 27 -ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

Sermons for Sunday BY PERRY HALL

A.M. The Christian Hope.
 P.M. The Destruction of the World.

Here and There (continued)

We have been having good attendance at our Wednesday night devotional and Bible study until this past Wednesday night. For some reason our attendance dropped dramatically. We hope it was only a temporary thing and that more and more are beginning to see the importance of regular attendance at that time. I'm especially concerned about children who miss out on regular Bible study with children their own age. They need it so much. May I remind you that it is easy for them to think public school is more important when they are not allowed to miss classes there for reasons that they are permitted to skip on Wednesday nights. Think about it!

Perry Hall, Minister
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Thank You

I want to express my heart felt thanks for the calls, cards, food and flowers sent to me at the recent loss of my sister. The love you have shown to me at this time and during the last few months is appreciated so much and will always be remembered.
 My love to you all,
 Amie Roberts

Funeral

Funeral services are pending at this writing for Will Green, father of Lyska Adams. He died Tuesday evening in a Gladewater Nursing Home. We extend our sympathy to sister Adams in her loss.

The Sick

Mrs. Mac McCall was able to go home this week from the hospital. Hoyt Hughes underwent eye surgery (an implant) on Tuesday. He is now at home.

Lonnie Taylor is now a resident of The Hearthstone, 800 Clinic Dr. He would enjoy your visit.

In Appreciation

Earl Ball has donated to the church an antique volume of Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge or Dictionary, published in 1856 by Joseph Steen & Co. Because the book is very fragile, it will be kept in the office.

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HE KNEW AND GAVE HIS ALL Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall



His was a total sacrifice for the will of God! How far will you go to know and do the will of God? What does it mean to you that Jesus took your sins in His own body upon that tree? Does it mean enough to you that you will make your body a living sacrifice for Him? Will you serve Him faithfully for the rest of your life? Are you willing to die for Him if you are called upon to do so? Where should we begin in our efforts to know and do the will of God?

Let us begin by being in Bible School next Sunday morning. Let us begin to work and pray for our gospel meeting that will be November 14 - 17. Let us support this effort in every way possible with all of our being. The elders have planned several years to have this visiting evangelist with us in this series of gospel meetings. Let us work with them to serve the Christ in this effort!

Let Us Follow Him!

Hear Jon Jones!

YOU'RE SCHEDULED TO PITCH

There once were two major league baseball players - a pitcher and a catcher - who were so dedicated to their sport that they could not imagine life without it. Moreover, they could not imagine afterlife without it. Consequently they entered into a pact. Whoever died first would try to report back to the survivor on whether or not there was baseball in Heaven. Soon after the agreement was made, the catcher was struck by a truck and sent to his eternal reward. Being a man of his word, he appeared to the surviving pitcher in a dream.

"I have good news and bad news for you," he said. "The good news is that there is baseball up here in Heaven and I'm playing every day. The bad news is that I just looked at the bulletin board and you are scheduled to pitch tomorrow."

The good news for each of us is that we are scheduled to pitch today. If our ears and eyes and minds are opened to what is going on around us, we will discover that with each day comes a new opportunity to put our life in motion and to satisfy a need in the divine plan of creation that God has entrusted to us and to no one else.

You are needed! God has need of you! Do not waste time complaining that your role is not big enough. Your importance to this day and hour can never be measured by worldly standards. God needs you to allow Him to express His attitudes through you. God needs you to allow Him to express through you His tremendous love for your family, your friends and neighbors and even your enemies.

- - Jon Jones

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (24) Christi Cook, Kim Hughes (25) Bruce Raley, Walter Fuller (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, DeRay Bennett, Ed Stitt (28) Shawn Montandon, Ann Layton (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sallyanne Pickle (31) Mac McCall, Alan Hamblett

Gospel Meeting

Jay Lockhart will speak for a series of meetings at the Glenwood church, October 24 - 27. The week-night services will be at 7:30. "The Light the World Needs" will be the theme. They plan noon services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a light lunch to follow the lesson. You are invited to attend.

Teachers Workshop

The South Main Church of Christ in Hendershot, Texas will present their Fifth Annual East Texas Bible Teachers Workshop on Friday night, November 5th at 7:30, and Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is something in the Workshop for everyone. A sandwich luncheon will be provided by the ladies of the South Main congregation. Classes for teachers of all departments will be presented. A brochure is on the bulletin board in our south foyer.

How About This?

Do you know why fire trucks are red? Well, fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight are twelve. Twelve inches make a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Mary was a Ruler. The Queen Mary sailed the oceans. Oceans have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are Reds. Fire trucks are always rushin'. So, that's why fire trucks are red. If you think this is wild, you should hear some people explain absences from church meetings!

Congratulations

A baby boy, Walter Brady, was born Wednesday, October 13 in Mother Frances Hospital. Laurie and Wally Dawkins are the parents. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes are the grandparents and the great grandparents are Elizabeth and Hoyt Hughes.

September 28, Marian Jeanette was born in Lone Star, Texas to Marie and Irving Styron. Marie, formerly of this congregation, was Marie Wylie.

Sympathy

M. M. Grayson, father of Mrs. Bill Butler, Jr., was buried Monday morning. He was a member of the Northwest congregation. We express our sincere sympathy to Jo and her family and the others members of brother Grayson's family.

We express our deepest sympathy to sister Amie Roberts. Funeral services were conducted for her sister on Sunday afternoon in Hoxie, Ark. Sister Roberts was not able to make the trip.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Directory Update



The update process for our church directory is continuing. If there has been a change in the marital status of your family by marriage, death, etc., James Phillips will be making new pictures beginning Sunday immediately following worship.

HERE and THERE by Wes Price



Attention all Teachers - pre-school through 5th grade. Don't forget our Teacher's Meeting on Sunday afternoon, 5:00 o'clock in the Chapel. We need all teachers, co-teachers and helpers present.

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Brother Hall's fine lesson on singing in worship certainly had a profound effect on the invitation song. Not only could you hear the difference when we stood to sing, but you could feel it. There is simply no reason why we can't do that all the time. It just means that we will have to put continuing emphasis on it. We can do it!

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Adult couples who plan on attending the Saturday session with Dr. Roger Allen need to let the church office know. We have plenty of room, but we do need to know how many will be joining us for breakfast on Saturday morning, October 30. This retreat is for all married couples, not just for those who think they may have problems with their marriages. It is designed to help make a good marriage better and improve parent-to-child relationships. All are welcome to come, just be sure and let us know.

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We are looking forward to a good turnout for our Father/Son camp-out set for this Friday night. If you would like to come and bring your son, let Glynn Starnes know. We will be spending the night at Fred Powell's farm. No age limit has been set, so if you think you and your son would enjoy being with us, join us.

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Congratulations are in order for Carl Brecheen and Paul Faulkner of A.C.U. whose popular film series, "Marriage Enrichment," was voted the Film Series of the Year award by the Christian Film Distributors Association which represents dealers in films produced by all kinds of religious groups.

Not only have they conducted their seminar in Tyler churches, many of the congregations have used this film series. At the present time, the church in Bullard is showing the series.

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Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Edgar Bullard
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Budget \$7,117.50

Robert Willoughby
Bart Lemons

In Appreciation

Thank you for each card, call and visit and especially for your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. In Christian love,
Bud and Grace Walker

Sympathy

Funeral services are pending for brother Carl Bell who died at his home in Sunnyvale, Texas. Services will be here in Tyler. We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Bell and all members of the family.

Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in Corsicana, funeral services will be held for Mrs. Ethel Hulsey, mother of Hulén Hulsey.

The Sick

Sister Mac McCall is a patient in room 255 in Medical Center.

Sidney Davis, father of sister Harold Denman is recovering from a heart attack. He is hospitalized in Shreveport.

Mrs. Norma Gillum, a member of the church in Grapeland, is an outpatient in Medical Center and staying at the Villa Motel, 917 So. Beckham, room 1. She is alone and would appreciate a visit.

Mrs. Gladys Weathers, mother of Don Weathers, will enter Baptist Medical Center Hospital in Jackson, Miss. on October 24. She is scheduled to have surgery.



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The Church With A Heart

FRIENDSHIP

Friend! What a precious word. Most of us concur wholeheartedly with William Shakespeare who said:

"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

One of the privileges of friendship is being able to speak frankly. Little by little, and day by day, we become accustomed to saying what we think we ought to say instead of what we really think. How comfortable and how pleasant it is to speak freely without having to be on guard. As the Arabian says, "A friend is one to whom we may pour out the contents of our hearts, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away!"

Another privilege of friendship is that of being understood. Perhaps it was this quality which caused George Eliot to write: "Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions; they pass no criticisms." Personally, I expect more of my friends than that. Understanding? Yes! Total agreement and acceptance? Not necessarily! As one anonymous writer has said, "The strength and sweetness of friendship depend on sincerity tempered by sympathy."

A third privilege of friendship is the privilege of silence. If one is but a mere acquaintance we feel that we must talk. So we turn to such exciting subjects as the weather, our ailments, and our latest surgery. But what a joy it is to have a friend that will even understand your silence and not say, "My friend is not my friend anymore because he is not talking."

Friends have mutual interests. They enjoy doing the same kinds of things, and talking about their shared interests. That's why there is such great comradery between fishermen, woodworkers, gardeners, authors, etc.

Friends are mutually devoted to each other. If you and I are friends, when you are in trouble, it is not merely my duty but my privilege to stand by. If I am in trouble, you count it a privilege to help.

Friendship is this...and a whole lot more. But it did cause me to ask, "Are God and I friends?"

...JOHN GIPSON - Little Rock, Ark.

For every benefit you receive, a responsibility is levied.

Here and There (continued)

Our Ladies' Class continues to have excellent attendance, but we would like to encourage others who have not yet been with us. I believe you will enjoy our studies together.

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On Sunday, October 24, there will be a teacher's meeting for all teachers of pre-school through 5th Grade in our Chapel at 5:00 p.m. This is advance notice so you will reserve that time and date.

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Attendance vs. High Mobility

Despite the higher fuel costs at the gasoline pumps and the ever-increasing prices for recreation, our society manifests a stubborn independence to give in! We are still one of the most mobile people on earth when it comes to weekend jaunts. The result, in terms of maintaining any semblance of regularity in attendance for local Bible classes and worship assemblies, is an erratic and fluctuating attendance.

Whatever the personal attraction might be, weekenders are bitten with "wanderlust." Idealism would like to believe that these weekenders are guests of a congregation somewhere. Practicality suspects differently, especially when one views the numbers of people exiting from a Sunday night worship service to participate in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Years ago, some brethren adopted a well-worn phrase which traditionally characterized these people. They were "providentially hindered," but it perplexes us that local members are victims of so many unavoidable conflicts! These highly fluctuating attendance figures from week to week cut huge swaths through the fields of member involvement.

Relaxation is not anti-spiritual. But uninvolvement with Bible study classes, mutual worship, and stewardship commitments through one's local church family allows a creeping indifference to and estrangement from spiritual priorities to create a subtle anti-spiritual plague. Are you serious about your spiritual growth?

—Bill Young

The Artist

I love to watch
God paint the dawn
In scarlet flush and gold;

I love to watch
Him touch the sky
In colors bright and bold.

I love to watch
God paint the dusk
In purple-shadowed gray.

Then leave His name
upon it all—
Artist of night and day!!

Marion Schoeberlein

Thank You

We would like to express our thanks to our West Erwin friends for the cards, calls, flowers and expressions of concern in our recent sorrow. It is a joy to be a part of such a fine Christian family.

The Ross Walker Family

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (17) Charles Lemons, Dannie Skipper (19) Mary Haws, J. D. Brem, Clint Johnson (20) Fred Powell, Armita Raley, Theron Pickle (21) Jean Fuller (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Darleene Little, Edythe Tenham (23) B. J. Tucker, Carolyn Stitt.

Gospel Meeting

Keith Robinson, minister at the Austin Street church in Garland, Texas will preach the gospel in a meeting with the Broad Street church of Christ in Mineola, October 17 through 20. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

Benevolent Work

The workers in our benevolent center have a continuing need for clean sheets (white or pastel) to be used for bandages. Also, children's winter clothing is especially needed.

Our Plea

Book, chapter and verse.
Everything that the Scriptures teach.
And nothing the Scriptures do not teach.
Back to the Bible!



© Bob West

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Thank you for your generous compliments for last Sunday's sermons. With reference to the lesson on Sunday night, I must confess that I left you with no clear indication as to the great variety of works that are available for a servant in the Kingdom of God. Of course, Jesus said that we will be rewarded even if we give a cup of cold water in His name, so any good work that is accomplished for Him will gain its reward. My personal conviction is that every Christian has been given a talent which can be used in the role of a servant and each one must strive to discover it and put it to use. We hope you will be encouraged to seek the place of serving that God has for you in the kingdom.

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Two classes reached the Honor Roll of 100% attendance this past Sunday. They are the Three Year Olds taught by Cathy Hallman and Diana Savage and Bennie Bynum's First Grade Class. Congratulations, teachers and pupils.

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We want to re-emphasize the Couple's Class (#2) Retreat for those who may have missed it. Saturday, October 30, we will go to the Stan Mallory lake house near Mineola where Dr. Roger Allen will serve as our key-note speaker. We will have breakfast together at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Allen's discussion and sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. Couples who would like to attend need only to let the church office know so we will be able to have ample food for breakfast. Each couple is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch which we will share together at noon. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

If there are special questions that you would like to have Dr. Allen discuss, drop me a card (you need not sign it) and I will pass it on to him.

We are looking forward to a great turnout. We would love to have you come.

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 Prayer Bob Threadgill
 Dismiss Wynne Weathers

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 Aubrey Payne George Kester Gus Krewall

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 10 & Wednesday evening, Oct. 13 - LES CARRUTH, 561-9684.

Welcome To West Erwin

Sherryl Miles wants to be identified as a member of the West Erwin family. She has two girls, Shelley, in Middle School, and Stephanie, in Kindergarten. Their address is 804 Watkins, telephone 593-9914.

Here and There (continued)

of it will be to the decline of spiritual interests. If you have begun to develop a tendency to miss, resolve now to correct that habit. Join us each Sunday morning and Wednesday night for Bible study.

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Gospel Meetings

Bob Barnhill will preach October 17 - 20 in a Gospel Meeting at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. The theme of the meeting will be "Church Growth." Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Brother Perry Hall will be in a Gospel Meeting Sunday through Wednesday in Paradise, Texas.

The Sick

Mrs. Roy Clark went home from the hospital on Tuesday.
 Mrs. Mary Squier underwent eye surgery Tuesday at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

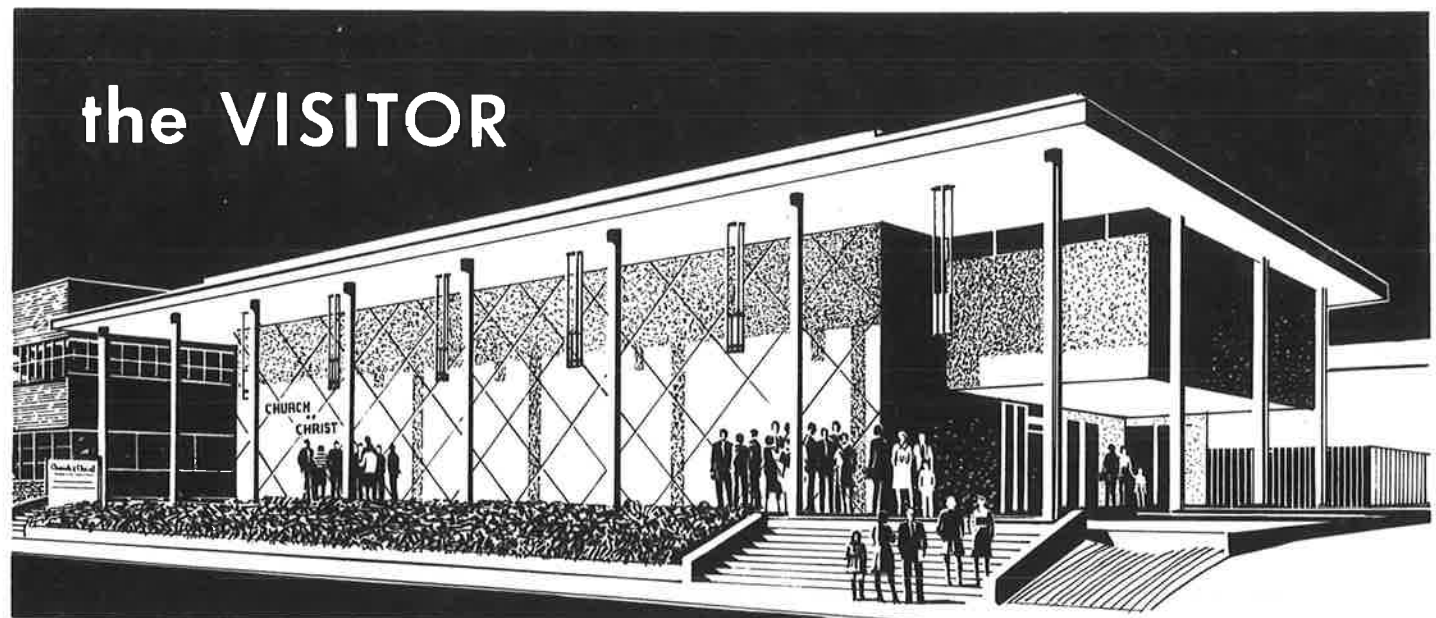
Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy Board Meeting will be Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Shiloh building. The public is urged to attend.
 October 14, the Academy Parents, Teachers & Friends meeting will be an "Open House" at the building at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Young At Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday evening, October 14 at 6:30 for a covered dish supper. The 2nd Thursday of each month is their regular meeting time.

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Beloved, we must not forget that Paul said that if we walk in the Spirit we would not fulfil the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5:16). To the contrary, we will produce the marvelous and beautiful fruit of the Spirit! Satan and the world constantly counsel to walk in the flesh. But only children of disobedience walk in the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2). "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (See all of Eph. 5:1-12).

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



LEST CHRISTIANS TODAY FORGET!

They Who Practice Any of These Things Shall Not Inherit The Kingdom of God:

Gal. 5:19-22.

◆ MEMORIZE IT! ◆

- ◆ FORNICATION
- ◆ UNCLEANNESS
- ◆ LASCIVIOUSNESS
- ◆ IDOLATRY
- ◆ SORCERY
- ◆ ENMITIES
- ◆ STRIFE
- ◆ JEALOUSIES
- ◆ WRATHS
- ◆ FACTIONS
- ◆ DIVISIONS
- ◆ PARTIES
- ◆ ENVYINGS
- ◆ DRUNKENNESS
- ◆ REVELLINGS

Touch Not, Taste Not, Handle Not: All Which Things Will Perish With The Using.

(Col. 2:22.)

Contact Program

Because of the current "economic crunch" many of our brethren in Tyler are presently out of work. In order to assist them in finding work, the Shiloh Road Church of Christ has started the "Contact Program" which is explained below.

Your cooperation will allow us to do a more effective job in helping local people.

Mike Warner, Minister

In order to assist Christians who are needing employment, the Shiloh Road church has started a "Contact Program."

Anyone seeking employment, should file a brief resume with the Shiloh Road church office. Include qualifications, experience, type of work seeking, whether full-time or part-time, etc. Call 561-7992 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Anyone who knows of a job opportunity or anyone wishing to hire someone for ANY work from house cleaning to yard work is also requested to call the church office with a full description of the job or work.

With the cooperation of all of us, many of our brethren who are out of work can be assisted.

Grocery Truck

REMEMBER - the grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of November 8 - 12 to collect what we have for them. We are collecting SALAD OIL (for cooking). Of course, cash is always appreciated also since it allows them to purchase perishable foods such as fresh fruit, milk, vegetables, meat and eggs.

Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Gilmer, 612 Buffalo, invite you to study the Bible with them in a Gospel Meeting, October 10 - 14. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. John Shero from Corsicana, Texas will be the guest speaker. "Come and bring a friend."

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

Monuments To Ourselves

Near Lincoln, Kansas stands a group of gravestones that boggle imagination. A farmer named Davis, a self-made and determined man, managed to amass a considerable fortune, but had few friends and no relatives for whom he cared.

When his wife died Davis erected an elaborate statue showing both her and him sitting at opposite ends of a love seat. So pleased was he with this monument that he commissioned the sculptor to create another, this time showing him kneeling at her grave with a wreath in hand. That made such a fine impression that he set out to erect still another tombstone, depicting his wife kneeling at his future gravesite with a wreath. He even put wings on her back, as she now resides in another world. So, as time passed, and one idea led to another, he eventually spent over a quarter of a million dollars on monuments to himself and his wife.

Davis had no interest in aiding his fellow man or benefitting his community. Nor did he become a blessing to the church. He used all his resources on himself and died at ninety two, a lonely, dispirited man. His cherished stones are slowly but surely sinking into the Kansas soil, victimized by vandalism and neglect, weathered by time.

How many people live out their lives in much the same way, building monuments to themselves, but ignoring needs of others about them. They avidly pursue their personal goals of fame, fortune, pleasure and power. How different was Jesus, who "became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (II Cor.5:15) How different are genuine followers of Christ, who do "not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again." May God help us to do more with our lives and fortunes than build monuments to self!

Douglas F. Parsons
...from The Christian Caller

Thank You

Your outpouring of love and concern for me and my family at the loss of my mother has been overwhelming. Words could never express our appreciation for the beautiful floral offering at the funeral, for the many flowers sent to us here, for the food, cards and most of all for your prayers. We feel very humble and grateful that we worship with a congregation whose caring is so evident.

Patsy Young

My sorrow in the death of my twin sister has been indeed eased by the many expressions of love and sympathy through beautiful cards, telephone calls, personal notes, visits and flowers from my West Erwin family. I especially appreciate the memorial gift book to the church library from the church.

My love to all,
Margaret Talley

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (10) Leona Hardin, Virginia Graf, Dorothy Shaffer (11) Chris Hallman, Joe Carroll (12) Mary Dawson, Louise Hendry, Allen Bobbitt (13) Elva Lee Williams (14) Ike Gaiser (15) Dawn Mallory, John Steffee (16) Audie Grier, Sandra Henry

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to brother Ross Walker and his family in the loss of his sister, Ora Lou Harris. Funeral services were held Monday in Watonga, Oklahoma.

Ross and June Walker left Tyler again on Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral service for his sister-in-law, Vivian Walker, in Lubbock, Texas. Services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

HERE and THERE by Wes Price



The Fourth Annual Ladies' Inspiration Day is now history. From all reports, it was the best ever. So many good comments have been made about every phase of the activities that it would best be described as a total success. Billie Bob Hickman is to be commended for the excellent way in which she organized and carried out this year's plan. Of course, praise is due the many who helped with the various parts of the program. I am sure you have already expressed your thanks to Billie Bob for her capable work and to the others for their contributions.

It was a real pleasure to visit with the Berry's Chapel congregation this past Sunday and to preach for them on Sunday. They had their first fellowship meeting for the new Brother's Keeper program on Sunday night. I never fail to gain new ideas when I have the opportunity to visit other congregations.

Our Annual Married Couples Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 and is to be held at the Mallory's lake house near Mineola. Our guest speaker this year will be Dr. Roger Allen. He is a member of the Glenwood congregation and is in private practice in Tyler as a family counselor. Nearly 40 have already indicated a desire to attend but we have room for others. If you would like to attend, let the church office know. We were unable to secure a facility for an overnight outing, so this year we will just be together for the one day.

Our honor class this week is Carolyn Welborn's Five Year Old Class which reached the commendable record of 100%.

Now that fall is approaching, we should be seeing a regular increase in the average attendance in Bible study on Sunday morning. I hope you are conscious of how important it is to all family members to be consistent in attendance. Children, as well as adults, need the regular habit of studying the Bible with others. There is no substitute for Bible study and the absence

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Butler
Prayer Tony Adams
Dismiss John Brem

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Butler
Prayer Leon Welborn
Dismiss Allen Bobbitt

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Dannie Skipper Hillard Hughes
Eddie Dunn Morris Hallman
Earl O'Quinn John Steffee
Shannon Hughes Jeff Jones

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Aubrey Payne George Kester Gus Krewall
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 3 and Wednesday evening, October 6 - MIKE SAVAGE, 566-1460.

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Year Ago 6,290.05

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 26 418
Sept. 19 443
Year Ago 366

WORSHIP

Sept. 26 551
Sept. 19 550

Weekly Budget \$7,117.50

Responses

We are happy to welcome Wally and Laurie Dawkins into the fellowship of West Erwin. They recently moved to Tyler from Clyde, Texas. Wally is the Basketball Coach at Chapel Hill High School. Laurie is the daughter of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes. Their address is 4400 Troup Hwy., Apt. #1404, telephone 581-4308.

We commend Desiree Sheetz for her courage in coming forward Sunday to be restored. She moved to Tyler recently from North Carolina and placed membership here. Desiree is the daughter of Donna Weston.

Sermons for Sunday

By Perry Hall

A.M. "God's Woman: Praise Her" - Part 2
P. M. "What Think Ye of Christ?"

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (2) Gwen Shuford, Joseph Smith (3) Kelly Womack, Bill Faulkner, Kevin Hanley (4) Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey, Beatrice Holland (5) Ted Snipes, Robbie Butler (7) Angie Beard, Hunt Rowe, Arenia Clough, LeAnn Braly (8) Patti Tate, Anne Hendry (9) Hulen Hulsey, Penny Hulsey.

The Sick

Brother B. E. Walker underwent surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances.

Brother John Teague had eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances. He went home Wednesday morning.

Sister Wilma Jones remains in Community Hospital.

Brother George Stephenson underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Plaza Hospital in Sherman. We understand he is getting along well.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, food, flowers and especially for your prayers during my illness and hospitalization. I hope to be back for worship soon.

Lera Bennett

We appreciate so much your prayers, calls, cards and visits during my illness. Your every act of kindness will always be remembered. Thank you for your love and concern.

Bernie & Vera Beard

Your kindness and consideration are sincerely appreciated. Thank you for the calls, cards, food and your prayers. Each expression of your love is greatly appreciated.

Mack Bynum

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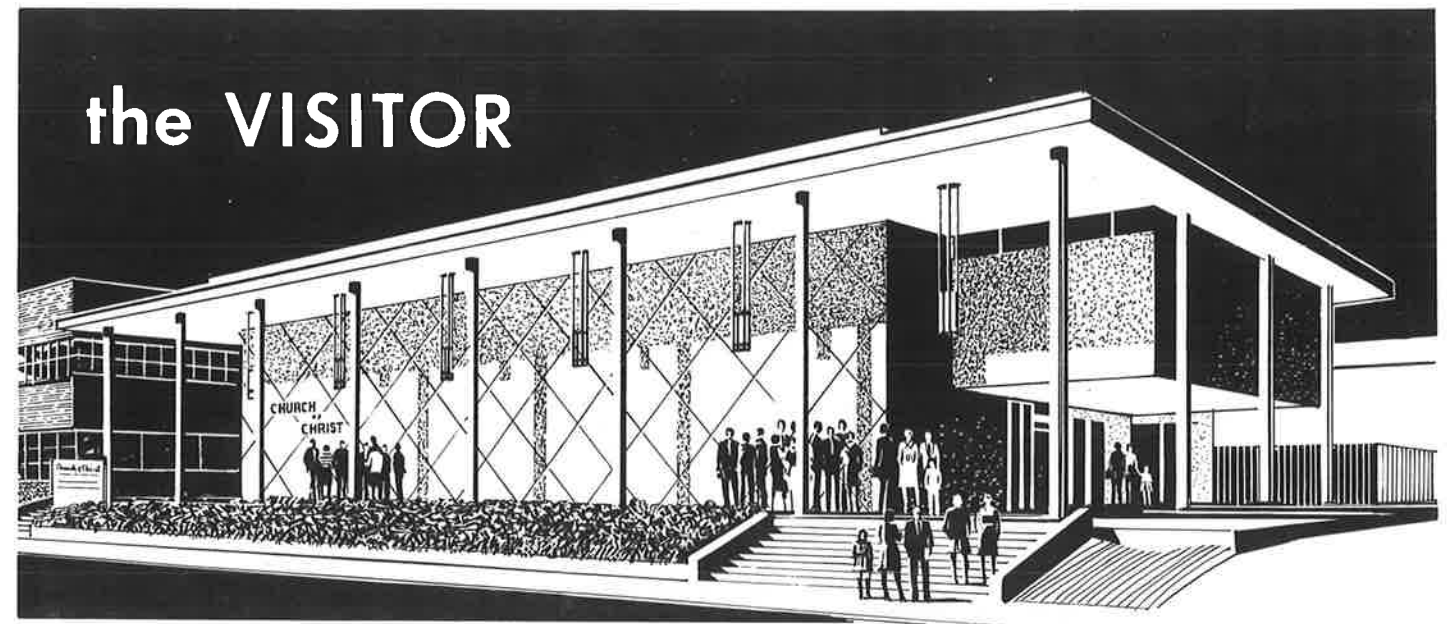
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The Church With A Heart

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Guest Editorial

Editor's Note:

We appreciate this word of exhortation and encouragement from our Shepherds.

From The Elders

Progress is a continuing process of successive steps by moving onward. The word is not found in the Bible but the writer of the Hebrew letter states, "let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." It should be the desire of each and every one of us at West Erwin to vigorously expend our time and energies to continue the present pace of progress, to vow a goal to dedicate our lives to a greater productivity, to bring more souls to Christ, and to be present at all of the assemblies. As Luke would say, every man that puts his hand to the plow should look forward as to the kingdom of God. The elders are making plans for greater works for the church in the future. We solicit your suggestions and prayers.

Auditorium Screen

Several individuals have asked recently as to why we still do not have our auditorium projection screen installed. We all certainly expected it to be installed before now. Several things have caused this delay. We worked several weeks with the largest screen manufacturer in the world, but due to the distance of projection, size of screen and the need for it to come up out of the floor, they finally decided they could not provide it. They suggested that we go to a smaller company that specializes in custom made screens. We have been working with them and they now project a shipping date of two weeks. We hope that within a month, barring unforeseen difficulty, we will have our new 13 by 16 foot screen installed at the front of the auditorium. We will then be able to raise it whenever it is needed. It will be a great tool in presenting the gospel mission reports, budget presentation, etc. We are grateful to the elders for their foresight in this matter.

Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, October 2, 1982
9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

THEME: "Let Your Light Shine"
(Matt. 5:14,15,16)

Our Guest Speakers



Alma Faye Price



Jeanne Masters

REGISTRATION 9:30 until 10:00 A.M.
LUNCH - Fellowship Hall 11:45 Noon
(Compliments of West Erwin)
FAREWELL 1:30 P.M.

* For Women of all Ages

* Singing

* Nursery Provided

* Sweet Christian Fellowship



Theme: "Let Your Light Shine"

Patricia Ann Crawford
and
Charles David Fuller
together with their parents
Mr. William Crawford
and
Mrs. Jean Fuller

invite you to share in the joy
of the beginning of their new life together
when they exchange marriage vows
on Saturday, the ninth of October
nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at six o'clock

Highland Street Church of Christ
Memphis, Tennessee

Reception
immediately following

Sympathy

It was announced Sunday that Margaret Talley's twin sister, Marjorie Prewitt, died in Dallas. Graveside services were held Monday afternoon in Gatesville, Texas. We extend our sympathy to Margaret and her family.

Mrs. Ethel P. Morris, mother of Mrs. Ben Young, died early Monday morning in Handley. She had been very seriously ill in a nursing home for quite some time. We offer our sincere sympathy to Patsy and her family.

Mrs. Bob (Peggy) Davis, daughter-in-law of Bob and Marikate Davis died in Dallas on Monday morning. We express our sympathy to the Davis family and also to Carolyn and Ray Womack and their family.

We extend sympathy to Lerah and Homer Williamson in the death of her brother-in-law, Audrey (Blackie) Simmons in Marshall. He passed away on Monday.

Funeral services were held this week in Sulphur Springs for May Maddox, an aunt of Foy Richey. We express our sympathy to the family.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Brother Hall certainly put the "bee" on us men to encourage our wives to be present for the Ladies' Inspiration Day next Saturday. I'm sure you feel that it was a suggestion well taken. I hope the building is filled. If you are one of the ladies of the West Erwin congregation, you will miss a great spiritual treat if you cannot come.

I'll be away from West Erwin this coming Sunday preaching at the Berry's Chapel congregation in Franklin, Tennessee. They have asked me to join them in launching their edition of the Brother's Keeper Program. I'm looking forward to visiting with them. It will be a new experience for me in that they have two Sunday morning worship services and I'll be preaching twice in succession for the first time. Please remember me in your prayers. I'll be returning Sunday night.

The Brother's Keeper units that met together in our Fellowship Hall Sunday night had a great time together.

Our new design for child care was a big success. Our thanks to the Morris Hallmans and the John Steffees for supervising, and to Kimberly Steffee, Tracy Starnes and Kristy Roberson for assisting. We will be doing this again next month.

We still have not heard from many of you on the questionnaire we sent out. It will be of help to us in future decisions if you will let us have your remarks.

Special congratulations to the 4 Year Old Class taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and to the 2nd Grade Class taught by Wanda Weathers. They both had 100% attendance last Sunday.

Congratulations

Laneva and Charlie Russell are the happy parents of a baby girl named Courtney. She weighed 9 lbs and was born at Mother Frances Hospital on Thursday of last week. Harley and Myra Turner are the happy grandparents.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements F.C.Carpenter
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss John Porter

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements F.C.Carpenter
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Dismiss H.G.Potts

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Wesley Price Wynne Weathers Budget \$7,117.50

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Mrs. Wilma Jones was entered in the Community Hospital on Friday of last week.

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart group is planning a bus trip to Dallas on Thursday of next week (Sept. 30) to view the Miracle of Pentecost presentation. They will leave the building at 9:30 A.M. Cost will be \$2.00 for the program plus the noon meal. Bill Endsley is the new Chairman of the group.

Grocery Truck

Sometime during the week of November 8 - 12, the grocery truck from Medina Childrens Home will be here to collect items we have for them. If we prefer to collect one item SALAD OIL (for cooking) is suggested.



Spiritual Gems

Work for the Lord. The pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

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Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say:
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so much whatever the part
By the family of
Mrs. Vera Green
(mother of Lyska Adams)

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Perry Hall, Minister
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PREACHER'S POTPOURRI

My, how time flies! October 1 will see the anniversary of our move to Tyler last year. It is great to be here with you. How we love and appreciate everyone of you. Laree and I continue to thank the Father for leading us here.

Wes has mentioned in his article our workshop and Bible school drive. I don't believe I could improve on what he said. We do want to thank Wes for taking care of the planning and leg work for this endeavor. Also to be thanked are those who put together the refreshments for the workshop. Wes and Dale Blackstone were right in the middle of these preparations. We thank him and any others.

We do appreciate James Phillips for his faithful work in photographing the congregation for our pictorial directory. Our printing facility is now ready and we hope to print the update of the directory this week. Soon the entire directory will be reprinted as we have been out of directories for sometime.

Bud Caskey and Joe Carroll will be leaving for Saint Vincent next Monday. Our

prayers and hopes go with them. May God richly bless their sowing and watering of the seed. Saint Vincent is a part of what is called "The Windward Islands." It lies north of Trinidad and Grenada off the coast of Venezuela, South America.

We appreciate so much our "Tuesday work-day" sisters. How they remind us of Dorcas who showed her love for others with every stitch of her fingers. So do our sisters. We love them.

Day by day we are warmed by the many good acts we see done in the name of Jesus. Our elders and deacons involve themselves in so many good works and in the hurt of the lives of others. All such deeds fill the heart with joy and appreciation.

Laree and I are about two-thirds of the way in our efforts to get into every home. We are having problems finding some at home. We will continue to work at it.

May God bless you all.

Nursery Facilities

Just inside the double doors on the north side of the auditorium we have a nursery for infants and children up to two years of age. Sister Fleta Butler is in charge of this facility. You may leave your babies in her care, but because of limited space parents are asked not to enter the nursery.

For the convenience of parents with older children or parents who wish to stay with their children, you are invited to use the room upstairs at the back of the auditorium. This room has a view of the auditorium and a speaker. Parents may sit with their child in this area anytime the need arises.

Also, on Sunday evenings during the worship hour, a class for pre-school children (two years through kindergarten) is taught in room 108. The Sunday morning Training for Worship has been discontinued for the present.

Benevolent Work

The workers in our Benevolent Program have been very busy since resuming their weekly meetings in the "Red Brick House." On Tuesday morning of this week, five families with four to six children in each family were helped with clothing.

Clothing for school age children and also for pre-school children is especially needed. Now that the weather is cooler, there is a need for sweaters and jackets for children. If you can help with winter clothing, bring your donations to the church building. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.



The reason worry
kills more people
than work is
more people
worry
than work.
Robert Lee Frost

In Appreciation

We do appreciate your love and concern for us during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home. It is a blessing to be encouraged and cared for by Christian friends.

Faye and Pete Wallace

The family of Mrs. Mary E. Stitt acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The family of Matt Stripling acknowledges with appreciation your donations of blood in his behalf. Brother Stripling died on Monday evening. He was a member of the Bullard church of Christ.

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER (26) Blanche Rountree, Marty Mallory, Dan Magee, Mary Squier (27) Jim Canterbury, Nettie Potts (28) Shayne Bennett, Ryan Savage, Abby Adams (29) Adela Scogins, Jess King, Bob Clemmons, Justin Metcalf (30) Tommy Lowrance, Mary Butler
OCTOBER (1) Cooper Goodson, Gwen Shuford, Joseph Smith.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. God's Woman: Praise Her!

6:00 P.M. The Blindmen & The Elephant

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday in Kilgore for Will Murphee, brother of sister Audie Grier. We extend our sympathy to the family in their loss.

Fourth Annual
Ladies' Inspiration Day
Saturday, October 2, 1982
9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

THEME: "Let Your Light Shine"
(Matt. 5:14, 15, 16)

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Flavil Yeakley more than fulfilled my expectations for our seminar. A big word of thanks to all of you who joined us for the all-day session on Saturday. And thanks to all who were a part of our attendance at Sunday morning Bible study and worship assembly.

I don't know of anything more we could have done to impress on all our members how desirous we were of reaching the goal of 555, but there must have been some thing that we overlooked. I can only say that you missed a great message by not being present. Well, we will not give up. We will try and try again. And our emphasis isn't just upon numbers. The numbers only represent the souls. If you did not come, ask yourself, "Why?" and then decide if the reason is legitimate.

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I know that all of you ladies are looking forward to the coming of Ladies' Inspiration Day set for October 2. What a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors. I can tell you that the ladies who have been chosen to speak will challenge your minds and hearts with good spiritual food. I must admit to a little prejudice when I say that about my wife, Alma Faye, but I'm sure you understand. Jeanne Masters a dear friend from Dallas, is the other speaker and I feel confident that you will enjoy hearing her as well. Now don't make the mistake of letting other things slip up on you and miss this day, Saturday, October 2. Don't miss it!

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Our Ladies' Bible Class last Wednesday got off to a good start, but there are others of you who could be coming. I have resolved that I will do better about letting you out on time, I promise. Come and join us each Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

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I'm sure that other classes probably reached the 100% attendance for this past Sunday, but many of them were combined in the auditorium. We do know of one and we congratulate them - Carolyn Welborn's five year old class.

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We will be looking forward to our Brother's Keeper meetings this coming Sunday night. On a

new trial basis, we are arranging for children from nursery through middle school to remain at the building. The nursery will care for infants up to 2 years of age. The Morris Hallmans and the John Steffes will be supervising care for the older children. Two teenagers will assist them in this effort. If you plan to leave your children at the building, bring them a sack lunch when you come for the evening service. The children will be kept after worship in the annex for activities. When your Brother's Keeper meeting is over select one couple to return to the building at 9:00 o'clock and take all the children in your unit back to the host home. This will reduce the number of couples returning to the building. The practice of picking up children can be rotated among those who need the service. We will also be rotating the couples who remain at the building.

We mailed a questionnaire this past week to all of you who might need this service. Please return those to the office by this week-end. The information will help us decide how to best serve your needs.

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I had the opportunity to preach for the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas on Sunday night as a part of their home coming festivities. I am indebted to our elders for permission to be away. My wife and I enjoyed being with all the friends who came, both from the Trinity Oaks church as well as from the Sunset church in Dallas.

As much as we love our many friends in other places, we have such a great feeling of love and affection among our members here. Thanks for loving and caring for us.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Sunday Evening

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Foy Richey
 Prayer Hoyt Hughes
 Dismiss Jeffrey Jones
EVENING WORSHIP
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 19 and Wednesday evening, Sept. 22—**GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.**

New Member

Desiree Sheetz, 5105 Old Bullard Road, R-24, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped at the New Bern Church of Christ in North Carolina. She is the daughter of Donna Weston. We welcome Desiree to West Erwin.

Here and There (continued)

Jones and her crew resumed their weekly work on last Tuesday. They outfitted four families on that day in addition to other work. If you enjoy working with your hands in an atmosphere of love and good fellowship, you will enjoy joining this group each Tuesday.

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DON'T FORGET THAT FOR US TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF 555 NEXT SUNDAY MORNING IN BIBLE STUDY, YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENT.

The Sick

Mrs. Jack Bennett entered Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas on Wednesday.
 Mack Bynum entered Baylor Hospital in Dallas on Monday and was scheduled for open heart surgery Thursday morning.
 M. B. Beard is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Young At Heart

The Young at Heart group will take a bus trip to Dallas on Thursday, September 30 to view the Miracle of Pentecost presentation. They plan to leave the building at 9:30 a.m. on the 30th. Cost per person for the presentation will be \$2.00 plus the cost of your noon meal. John Porter will be driving the bus.



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FLAVIL R. YEAKLEY, JR.

IT'S HERE!

Our weekend seminar on church growth with brother Flavil Yeakley, Jr. is here! A great big THANKS goes to Wes who has done the planning and laid the ground work for

this great weekend. These seminar studies will be God-honoring, Christ-centered and Bible-based. Ten hours of teaching will be packed into a day and a half.

Brother Yeakley has been a gospel preacher since 1950. He has also served as an elder. A speaker at lectureships, workshops, and training programs throughout the USA, Flavil has an extensive background in personal, marriage and family counseling. He is a consultant in personal communications for corporations, government agencies, etc., a specialist in interpersonal communication problems. Brother Yeakley has earned the BA and MA degrees from the University of Houston and the PhD from the University of Illinois. He is chairman of the Speech/Interpersonal Communication Program at the University of Tulsa. He has been married since 1954 and he and his wife have three grown children all who are faithful Christians.

The goals of this seminar are many. Brother Yeakley will help correct bad attitudes, help Christians feel good about themselves and about evangelism, focusing on the principles of growth, not on gimmicks. This seminar is not what many people expect. It is not a hard sell, high pressure, fear and guilt approach.

We all look forward to great blessings from this effort. See you Saturday morning, September 18, at nine!

GROWTH SEMINAR

September 18-19

Saturday Morning Topics:

9:00 - 9:50 A.M.

"The Need for Church Growth"

10:00 - 10:50 A.M.

"Why Some Churches Grow While Others Die"

11:00 - 11:50 A.M.

"How the Conversion Process Works"

LUNCH BREAK

Saturday Afternoon Topics:

1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

"A Plan for Church Growth"

2:30 - 3:20 P.M.

"Ministry vs. Manipulation"

3:30 - 4:20 P.M.

"Success in Evangelism"

DINNER BREAK

Saturday Evening Topics:

7:30 - 8:20 P.M.

"Evangelism as Dialogue"

8:30 - 9:20 P.M.

"Evangelistic Methods that Work"

Sunday Morning Class Topic:

"Attitudes and Evangelism"

Sunday Morning Sermon Topic:

"When the Son of Man Comes, Will He Find Faith on the Earth?"

Nursery facilities for babies will be available Saturday.

100% Classes

Our 100% classes this past week include: 4 yr. Olds taught by Linda Marts and Frances McBee; the 5 yr. Olds taught by Carolyn Welborn and the 1st Grade Class taught by Bennie Bynum. We hope to report 100% in all classes next Sunday for our Bible School Drive-555!

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Lakeside Church of Christ

God's people have established a new congregation which meets thirteen miles south of Loop 323 on hwy. 155 (at the blinking light). Fourteen members began this work on February 28 of this year. Average attendance is now running between 28 and 34.

The Lakeside congregation has purchased a building for \$45,000 with four classrooms and an auditorium which seats 60. The brethren there have requested our financial fellowship in this work. After prayerful consideration, even though the money was not budgeted, the elders have decided to send \$1,000.00 to assist them. We thank God that he has put it in your heart to give generously. This is why this money can be sent without fear of failure in meeting our expenses and beyond. May God bless you for your love and generosity and his unspeakable gift!

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY in September (19) Constance Berry (20) Mary Adams (21) Alma Faye Price, Becky Sims (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, G. C. Wright, Jewell Gann, Rhonda Haws (23) Martha Powell (25) Dewey Frederick.

Gospel Meeting

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall will have Danny Manuel of Palestine preaching in a Gospel Meeting September 19 through 22. Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

We received word this past week that brother George Benson will be preaching at the New Summerfield church on Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th.

Baby Shower

Ladies, remember the baby shower for Gayle Holt and her baby girl, Kimberly Gayle. Kimberly was born July 23 and has been hospitalized at Shreveport and here in Tyler. They hope to bring her home this week.

The shower will be Monday evening, September 20 at the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

In Appreciation

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy.

The Bud Ray Family

A warm and loving thank you for your thoughtfulness and concern shown toward my family and me during my recent surgery and recuperation. We appreciate so much the food, flowers, cards, visits and calls. Most of all, your many prayers were appreciated. Thank you West Erwin, you are truly a loving and caring family of God. May He richly bless you.

Sherry Bobbitt

Thank you for your many acts of kindness at the time of our loss. The spray of red carnations was especially beautiful.

The Paul Family

We really appreciate the cakes, cookies you brought to Boles Home children and showing your concern for them in such a nice way. They do enjoy the cakes and cookies so much. Our thanks to brother and sister B. B. Lambert for bringing the goodies to the children.

Larie Cantrell
Administrative Assistant

The chicken supper was extremely tasty. We want you to know that we appreciate your participation and cooperation in our student outreach.

A special thanks to Elaine and Betty for their pulling the meal together. Please feel free to come to see us at any time.

Jim Strait
Campus Christian Center
(Elaine Roberson has expressed appreciation to all the ladies who helped with the meal.)

555 in Bible School Sunday

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



This week will see the beginning of two of our vital programs-The Tuesday School under the direction of Elaine Roberson and the fall edition of our Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class. I will have the privilege of teaching this class. Tuesday School actually got under way this past Sunday afternoon with a reception for the parents of the children. We are looking forward to a great year with both of these programs.

We especially want to encourage our ladies to attend the class at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday mornings. We will be studying lessons from a book entitled "Heart Diseases And Their Cure." We feel that this will be a valuable study for all.

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Elsewhere in our bulletin, you will find the schedule of topics for Saturday's workshop with Flavil Yeakley. Now don't decide that you will just come for those which just appeal to you. We need all our adults here for all the sessions. Of course, for those of you who have conflicts in your daily schedule, come for as many of them as possible.

I'm especially indebted to Dr. Roger Knight and Stan Mallory for the excellent special encouragements for attendance at the workshop. I believe Stan hit it right when he suggested that those who don't attend are not really interested in the future growth of West Erwin.

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Billie Bob Hickman and her crew of diligent workers are working on final details for Ladies' Inspiration Day, scheduled for Saturday, October 2. You won't want to miss this great event. Not only will it be of great benefit to you, but it also affords an opportunity for you to invite friends and neighbors, who may not be members of the church, so that a new and favorable impression can be made on them about the Lord's church. Make your plans to attend.

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It's great to see the busy workers gathering again at our Benevolent Center. Modena

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Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Kevin Braly

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Aug. 29 490
Weekly

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Ray Womack

Bill Faulkner

Take Time To Pray

Here and There (continued)

and will be taught by Gail Vannoy and Laree Hall. This is especially designed to attract young ladies who have been married 10 years or less. Keep these in mind and if you can, take them in.

I'm sure that by now you are aware of our new efforts to build up our singles class. Hillard Hughes had a good beginning with this group last Sunday morning, and I will be teaching the group on Wednesday nights beginning on September 15. We want to encourage all from West Erwin to make a regular habit out of this class, and to bring friends. Let's build this work up!

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The Sick

Mary Lynn Stitt is a patient in Community Hospital.

GROWTH SEMINAR

September 18-19

In the Saturday seminar sessions, each hour-long segment includes a round 40 minutes of lecture, 10 minutes for a question-and-answer period, and a 10 minute break between sessions. The typical schedule is as follows:

SATURDAY

9:00-9:50 A.M. Topic #1
10:00-10:50 A.M. Topic #2
11:00-11:50 A.M. Topic #3

Lunch Break

1:30-2:30 P.M. Topic #4
2:30-3:20 P.M. Topic #5
3:30-4:20 P.M. Topic #6

Dinner Break

7:30-8:20 P.M. Topic #7
8:30-9:20 P.M. Topic #8

SUNDAY

Lesson in Bible class hour.
Sermon in morning worship hour.

Sermons For Sunday

by Perry Hall

A.M. Growing a Soul
P.M. The Direction of Growth

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FOR EACH A GOAL *



"FOR THE LORD GOD WILL HELP ME; THEREFORE SHALL I NOT BE CONFOUNDED: THEREFORE HAVE I SET MY FACE LIKE A FLINT, AND I KNOW THAT I SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED."
— ISA. 50:7

555!

1. It is right for every member at West Erwin to earnestly long for the pure word of God!
2. It is right for every member of the body to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness!
3. It is right for every member to love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength!
4. It is right for every member of the family of God to seek the will of the Father!
5. It is right for every Christian to set their affections on things above and not on things on the earth!
6. It is right for every member at West Erwin to be in Bible Class on Sunday, September 19!

Attendance vs. High Mobility

Despite the higher fuel costs at the gasoline pumps and the ever-increasing prices for recreation, our society manifests a stubborn independence to give in! We are still one of the most mobile people on earth when it comes to weekend jaunts. The result, in terms of maintaining any semblance of regularity in attendance for local Bible classes and worship assemblies, is an erratic and fluctuating attendance.

Whatever the personal attraction might be, weekenders are bitten with "wanderlust." Idealism would like to believe that these weekenders are guests of a congregation somewhere. Practicality suspects differently, especially when one views the numbers of people exiting from a Sunday night worship service to participate in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Years ago, some brethren adopted a well-worn phrase which traditionally characterized these people. They were "providentially hindered," but it perplexes us that local members are victims of so many unavoidable conflicts! These highly fluctuating attendance figures from week to week cut huge swaths through the fields of member involvement.

Relaxation is not anti-spiritual. But uninvolvement with Bible study classes, mutual worship, and stewardship commitments through one's local church family allows a creeping indifference to and estrangement from spiritual priorities to create a subtle anti-spiritual plague. Are you serious about your spiritual growth?

—Bill Young

We Need Your Help . . .

There is an immediate need for clean white or pastel shirts in small or medium sizes. These will be sent to Chimala Mission to be used for hospital examination gowns.

Also there is a need for childrens' winter school clothes. We have many calls for clothing distributed through our Benevolent Center.

Our Sympathy

Mrs. Vera Green, mother of Lyska Adams, passed away in Big Sandy on Tuesday.

Services were conducted Monday for Clarence David Ray, brother of Mrs. Monroe Sublette, in Pittsburg, Texas.

The mother of Ed Stitt was buried in Charleston, West Virginia this week.

We extend our deepest sympathy to these families.

Reunion Report

Last Sunday was a fun day with old memories and wonderful surprises. Our reunion was well attended with about 175 staying for lunch and fellowship following our worship period. A big thank you goes to all of you that helped make the day so good. Barbara Montandon and Charlene Parker deserve a special thank you for their work in getting all the invitations mailed in the beginning. Last, but for sure not least, thank you to those that surprised us with the Video Recorder. Thanks to all of you for your continued expressions of love.

Hillard and Jeanine

Remember

Baby Shower

The ladies are invited to a baby shower for Gayle Holt on Monday, September 20, at the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:00 P.M.

THANK YOU...

It is so wonderful to have friends who send flowers, bring food, sing at funerals, send cards, pray for me, and hug me. I am glad I am a Christian. I love you all.

Jean Oliver

Gospel Meeting

The South Main congregation in Henderson will be hosting a gospel meeting September 12-15 with Jay Lockhart as guest speaker; services will be at 7:30 each evening.

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER (12) Lola Wright
(13) L. L. Prater (16) Neil Vannoy
(18) Raquel Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic, Debbie Bynum.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



555 is not an impossible goal for us to reach for Sunday morning Bible class attendance on September 19. The only thing it means is that you take it personally and see that your family is present. We can achieve that number even without visitors, so you can see that your commitment will make it possible to have even a larger number present.

The real test for West Erwin will not be that goal for Sunday morning Bible class, but for the all day session on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. We are expecting all adult members to join us for these vital sessions. We cannot hope to meet the challenge of the future unless each of you takes this seminar seriously. It will be a test of great self-discipline for you to be present for each of the eight sessions on Saturday.

The seminar will conclude with the Sunday morning sermon.

I don't hesitate to tell you that it will be difficult for us to arrange schedules and priorities to be present. Then, too, it will be easy for you to begin to make excuses for why you can't attend. But I believe you will be greatly benefitted for the investment of time and energy, not to mention the great benefit for the kingdom at West Erwin. Don't disappoint us; be present and add your strength to the foundation for the future of this congregation.

Occasionally we admit to a mistake or two in the bulletin. Of course, we put them in to see if members are actually reading what we print. Recently we put in a list of our young people who are attending college, and inadvertently we listed Shayne Bennett as being a student at Texas A & M. He actually is a student at the University of Texas. We sincerely regret this mistake both to Shayne and to A & M. Sorry 'bout that.

We will be looking forward to the new beginning of our Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday, September 15. We hope you are making plans to attend. While we are talking about Ladies Classes, we want to emphasize the new Ladies Class that will be conducted on Wednesday nights
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LADIES BIBLE CLASS WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

New Members

We are happy to welcome Robert and Betty Willoughby to Tyler and into the fellowship of this congregation. They formerly lived in Indianapolis, Ind. and worshipped at the Garfield Heights Church of Christ. Their address is 4518 Edinburgh Drive, telephone 581-1135. Brother Willoughby is employed by Carrier Corp.

In The Hospital

Mrs. Pete (Faye) Wallace is recovering from surgery. She is in Medical Center Hospital.

Fred Powell's father, W.D. Powell, had surgery last Friday in Medical Center and is now at home.

Mrs. Allen Bobbitt has gone home from the hospital.

The baby girl of Tim and Gayle Holt is making good progress. She was brought back to Mother Frances from Shreveport about two weeks ago. They hope to take her home within another couple of weeks, or as soon as her weight is up to five pounds.

Christian Academy

The meeting of Parents and Friends of East Texas Christian Academy is set for September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Shiloh Road Church building.

The Board meeting is 3:00 p.m. September 12 in the Shiloh building.

There are still openings in Pre-school classes for 2, 3 or 5 day a week sessions.

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the faith and strength through God to bring the heathen house down when he pushed its pillars from underneath.

Today, modern man still practices his idolatry, but often in a different way. Many in the church are being affected. In our big push this fall to build up the body in love and to more firmly establish God and His word in all our hearts, we must push down the twin pillars of worldliness and lukewarmness. Let's all push down all pillars and barriers that stand between us and the knowledge of God and build up the body in love this fall!

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THE BIG PUSH

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



We are moving toward fall and many great new challenges. We mentioned some of these in our sermons Sunday on "Building Up The Body In Love." We look forward to this Sunday in our reunion with former young adult members of this congregation. Our church growth seminar with brother Flavil Yeakley, Jr. is September 18 and 19. It is going to be a great event. Ladies' Inspiration Day, Saturday, October 2, will be an inspiration to all our ladies. A gospel meeting in November will bring blessings to us.

In connection with our church growth seminar we are planning a big push in Bible School for Sunday, September 19. Brother Wes has worked out the challenging and yet realistic number of 555 for that day. It will be a day in which we will "show our faith" by pushing aside all obstacles to the growth of the body in study of the word.

During Samson's day the people of the world had raised temples of idolatry in worship to their heathen gods. Many people of Israel were affected and plunged into apostasy time after time. Though the strong man, Samson, suffered much, due to his own weakness, he finally had

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New Fall Classes & Teachers

Wednesday Night:

2 Yr. Olds	Marisa & Julienne Butler	Room 102
4 & 5 Yr. Olds	Nancy Johnson	Room 202
1st Grade	Brenda Boulter	Room 215
6, 7, 8 Grades	Bill Faulkner	Room 304
9 thru 12 Grades	Hillard Hughes	Chapel ³⁰¹
Singles	Wes Price (Begin Sept. 15)	Room 305 ³⁰³
Couples	Stan Mallory	Annex ¹⁰⁸
Young Ladies	Gail Vannoy (Begin Sept. 15 for ladies married 10 years or less)	Room 108 Chapel
Auditorium Class	Perry Hall	Auditorium

Sunday Morning:

Beginners (new section)	Jan Faulkner & Becky Sims	Room 104
2 Yr. Olds	Renea Burkholder	Room 102
4 Yr. Olds	Juanita Teague & Frances McBee	Room 209
Young Couples	Ray Vannoy & Dannie Skipper (formerly taught by Hillard Hughes)	Room 105

All other classes and teachers remain the same. We are looking forward to a great beginning with both our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes for the fall term. If you are not now attending classes, why don't you try it. It will only do you good. I'm especially concerned with our childrens' classes on Wednesday night. I fully realize that with the beginning of school there will be the tendency to keep children home on Wednesday night instead of bringing them to class. I am confident that they will profit more by being here than by staying home to gain whatever rest you feel that they need. I am fearful that they will gain the impression that going to public school is more important than studying the Bible. Please consider these things as you make your decisions. We need them in Bible class and they need to be here.

Wes Price

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

Shower

You are invited to a Baby Shower Honoring Laneva (Turner) Russell At the home of Mrs. Marc Lemons 1408 Larkspur Lane (Meadow Wood Addition off Rice Road)

Tuesday, Sept. 7
7:00 until 8:00 P.M.
Come & Go

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Supplies

When you are shopping for your kitchen supplies, remember to buy for the Fellowship Hall. A supply of paper towels, dish-washing detergent (liquid and for the dishwasher), foil, handi-wrap and ziplock bags are always needed.

Funeral

Herman Butler of Greenville, a brother-in-law to A. Z. Aven, died Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

There are just not words to express our appreciation for all of the kind and thoughtful things done for our dad during his long illness. Your visits and prayers meant so much to him. We are so grateful that he had so many friends who loved him. We also appreciate the beautiful spray, the delicious food and especially your prayers.

Doris Stevens
(daughter of R. M. Mayo)

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 Naomi Haws.

Thanks for the visits, cards, calls, flowers and most of all your prayers and your love during my recent disability.

Wyndal Miller

Thanks so much for everything. The prayers, visits, calls and cards meant so much to me and my family. The love for one another, the helping hand and care given in so many ways is truly letting the Christian example shine at West Erwin.

In Christian love,
Mack Bynum

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jean Oliver and her family in the loss of her brother, Edwin Murrell. Services for him were conducted on Monday afternoon.

Sermons For Sunday

Sermons for September 5, 1982

By Perry Hall
A.M. How To Build Up West Erwin
P.M. The Gadara Gospel

Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



The announcement Sunday concerning the coming of Flavil Yeakley for a week-end workshop in church growth is a significant event in the life of the West Erwin church. It will serve to initiate a renewed emphasis upon the total involvement of the membership of the body of Christ which meets at West Erwin. It will be easy for some to sit back and decide, even without thinking, that this effort does not include them. And no matter what we do, we will not be able to motivate some into positive action for the work of the church. But for those who can and will be stimulated to become involved in the growth of this congregation, we urge you to make your plans now to be at every session of this workshop. We are blessed with a host of willing workers in this church, but they cannot do your work for you. It may be that you have been inactive as far as real work (this does not include attendance since it is not to be considered a "work") is concerned since you did not know how to get involved. Now is the opportunity for you to find a way. Make plans to attend.

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE WEST ERWIN FAMILY.

Attention Parents

There will be a very important meeting for all parents who have children ages 3 years through 5th grade this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:30 in the Chapel. We need your advice on solving a problem that has continued to plague one of our vital programs of work.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (5) Homer Williamson, Chris Starnes, Frances Atkins (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.

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 29 and Wednesday, September 1, ROY ROBERSON-597-5627.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMON TOPICS BY PERRY HALL

10:30 A.M. Building Up The Body, #1
6:00 P.M. Building Up The Body, #2

Here and There (continued)

morning, September 5. Next Sunday, August 29, teachers of pre-school classes will promote their children to the next class at the end of the class period so that they and their parents will know where their new rooms are located. Teachers of our graded classes are asked to remind pupils about the promotion and locate their new rooms for them.

The Sick

Mrs. Allen (Sherry) Bobbitt underwent back surgery on Tuesday afternoon in Medical Center. Her condition is good.

Mrs. Sybil Thacker is recovering from a fall in Community Hospital. She is suffering from fractured ribs.

Mack Bynum has been in Baylor Hospital in Dallas this week undergoing tests. He is scheduled to come home by the end of the week.

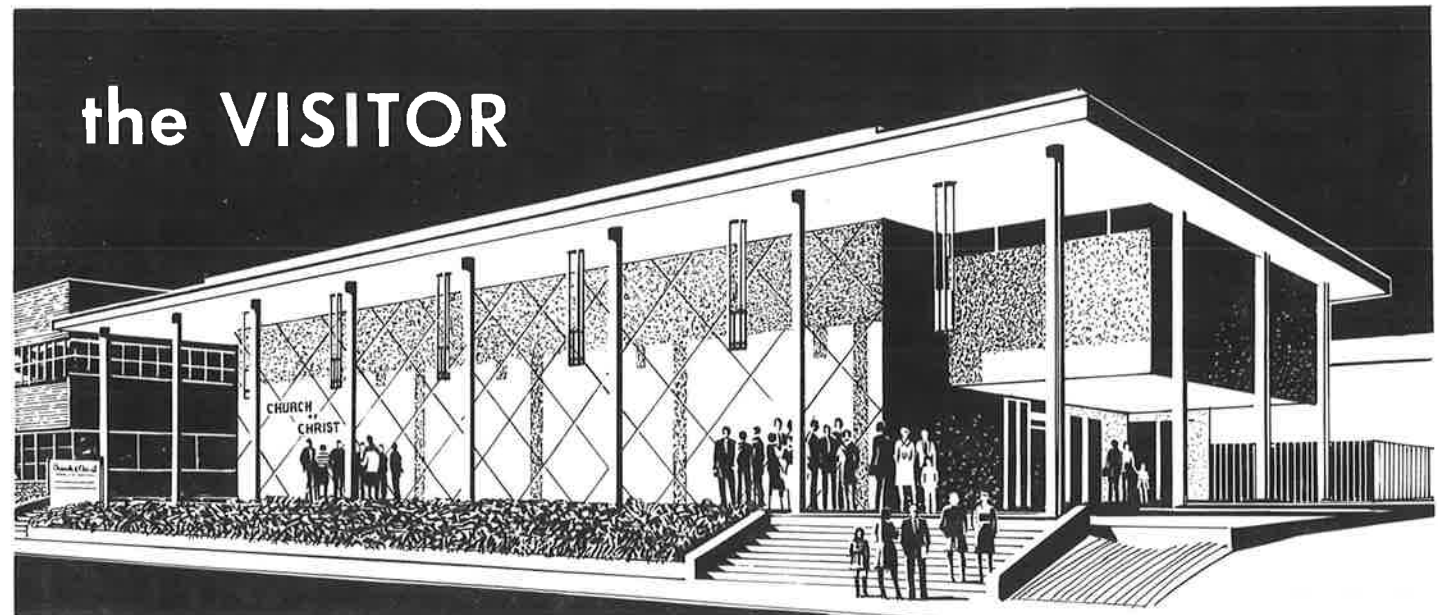
M. M. Grayson, father of Mrs. Bill (Jo) Butler continues to be hospitalized in Community Hospital.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will come sometime during the week of November 8 - 12. If we prefer to collect one item SALAD OIL (for cooking) is suggested.

Potpourri

Our Church Growth Seminar with Flavil Yeakley as speaker is scheduled for September 18 and 19... Pablo Molina will speak on Wednesday evening, Sept. 8... Promotion for Bible School is August 29... Last Sunday Wes Price preached for the Northwest church... Tuesday School begins September 14... Beginning the first Tuesday in September, workers in our Christian Service Center will work each Tuesday morning... Ladies Inspiration Day is Saturday, October 2... We miss our young men and women who have gone away to college.



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Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Further Fellowship

Last week we wrote of our new ties with the work in Nigeria through the influence of Jelly and Pauline Jones. This week we want to bring you up to date on the activities of two of our local missionaries, Bud, Joe and their supporters. Bud Caskey and Joe Carroll, as most of you know, returned a few weeks ago from the island of Tobago off the coast of South America. Five were baptized during their campaign there, attendance has doubled and eight have been baptized since the campaign. The Cause is definitely on the march there. We praise God for this fruit.

Joe and Bud are to be on the island of St. Vincent, September 27 - October 8. Brother Ross Walker is having fellowship with them in the gospel, paying for all their expenses for this evangelistic campaign. We pray that many souls may be gathered into the fold of

God. Men and women, like brother Ross, are to be greatly commended who over the years have given so freely for furtherance of the gospel. West Erwin has a number of such individuals. We praise God for this also.

Pablo Molina To Report

On September 8, during the Wednesday night activities, brother Pablo Molina will bring us a report on our mission activities in New York. The Molinas became fellow workers this year. We are glad to have fellowship with them in their good work.

The elders hope in the next year or so to bring the Rudolf Rischers over from Germany to report on this good work and to be with us for awhile. God has opened many doors of opportunity to us. We humbly thank Him for granting us the privilege to work together with Him.

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REUNION of Young People

Response to the invitations for a "Home-coming of Young People" has been good. All young people who have participated in the Youth Program at West Erwin during the twelve years that Hillard and Jeanine Hughes have been here are invited to be here on Sunday, September 5. Following the morning worship, a meal for this group is planned in our fellowship hall. We hope to have a large group of young people, along with their wives/husbands and children, returning to enjoy this special time together.

Sympathy

We were saddened Tuesday morning at the death of Mrs. M. M. (Naomi) Haws. Funeral services were held on Thursday. We extend sympathy to her children and other members of the family.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

How Do You Rate?

"Well, I'm not the greatest Christian, but I'm sure not as bad as some!" It is easy to think this way, isn't it? All of us want to think good about ourselves. We all want to feel that God looks down on us and smiles.

If we were to rate ourselves as Christians, to whom would we compare ourselves? "I may drink a little, but I'm no drunk like he is," or "I may repeat something I hear, but I would never deliberately try to hurt someone." Who do we claim as Savior and Lord? To claim to be a Christian is to claim Christ likeness. Christ, who is the word, (John 1:1) is our example. He is our measure of greatness. —Selected

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Sunday evening (the last Sunday in the month) is the time for our Brother's Keeper Unit meetings. Plan to meet with your unit and enjoy the fellowship. This month, units 5, 11, 12 and 14 will meet together in the fellowship hall. The nursery will be open in the church building.

College Students

We have attempted to list where our young people will be attending college this fall. If we have missed anyone or made errors, please let us know.

Tyler Junior College

Ann Bailey	Norma Nail
Eric Gambrel	Dottie Nail
Virginia Graf	Marshall Phillips
Kerry Hamblett	Lee Roberson
Julie Higginbotham	

University of Texas at Tyler

DeRay Bennett	Angel Carpenter
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Texas A & M

Shayne Bennett	Clark Lemons
Charlie Cook	Roy Roberson
Terri Hallman	

Abilene Christian University

Stan Denman	Amanda Munn
Jennie Hendry	Martha Powell
Dan Magee	Rebecca Price
Ray Magee	Pat Skipper
Dawn Mallory	Wade Weathers
Leslie Mallory	

Harding University

Susan Skipper

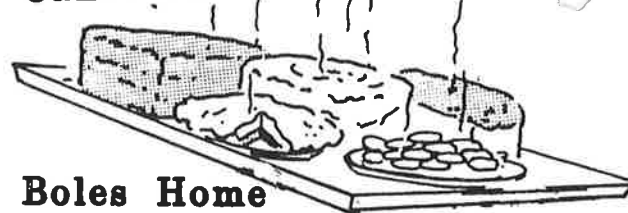
Stephen F. Austin University

Lisa Higginbotham

Baylor Law School

Walker Weathers

Cakes for



Boles Home

On Thursday, September 2, we plan to send cakes and cookies to Boles Home. The B. B. Lamberts have volunteered to take them to the home again this year. Please bring your cakes on Wednesday during the day or Wednesday evening when you come to worship. We want to send a generous supply. The ladies of West Erwin have participated in this project for many years.

Shower

Ladies, you are invited to a Diaper Shower (Brunch) for Mrs. J. N. (Ginger) Metcalf on Saturday, August 28, at 10:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. Earl O'Quinn.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (29) Penny McDonald (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.

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 Emsley Walker.

The spray of pink carnations was beautiful and comforting.

Roberta Forbes
Jack Walker

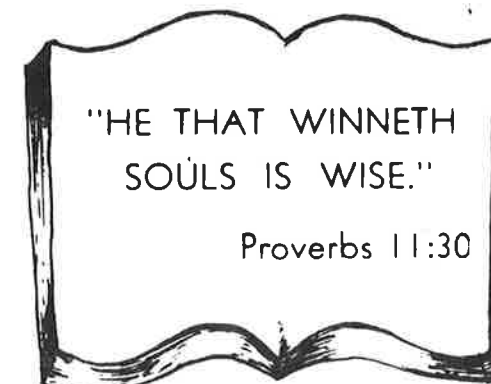
Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Roy Driggers.

Thank you so much for the food prepared for our family. It really meant a lot to know that such great Christians would come to the aid of ones in sorrow.

Debbie Driggers Smith

Baby Girl

Sister J. D. (Bernice) Majors has a new granddaughter born August 20 in DeSoto, Texas to Jerry and Anita Brockell. They have named her Laura Elizabeth.



HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



School bells have called students and teachers back to the classroom and that usually marks the settling of a family's routine for the long school year. Oh, there will be a hurried week-end trip on the Labor Day week-end, but by and large it's time to get back to usual routine. We welcome it. It's not that the change of pace of summer is not an enjoyable one, but it seems that life runs smoother when there is a settled routine. We can stand constant change only so long and then we long for what otherwise might be called monotonous.

For many of our families, there won't be a difference as far as their attendance at Bible study and worship opportunities. They have always attended regularly and they will continue to do so. By far, most of our families at West Erwin fall into this category. But there are some of you who have yet to establish that good pattern. Your habit pattern seems to be to miss rather than to attend. I wish something could be said that would make a difference in the way you evaluate things. Coming to Bible study on Sunday morning and Wednesday night and worship on Sunday morning and Sunday night require so little time out of your schedule that you would hardly miss it. I am praying that you will let these thoughts expressed challenge you to evaluate your priorities and do something about it. Lukewarmness is still out of fashion with the Lord. "Out of fashion" hardly states it. I believe the original text in the book Revelation indicates that it makes the Lord sick. And all the time you miss coming, you are the worse for it. Nothing good can come into your life as a blessing for the life to come unless you really take the things of the Kingdom of God seriously.

"This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice in it and be glad."

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Along with the beginning of school comes our own promotion time for the Sunday and Wednesday classes. All students will begin meeting with their new classes on Sunday (continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer C. E. Caskey
Dismiss Marty Mallory

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer George Kester
Dismiss Wesley Price

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Kevin Braly David Hanley

Cooper Goodson Bren Rothrock

Milburn Cook

Bob Clemmons

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 22 and Wednesday evening, August 25 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Aug. 15 6,524.34
Aug. 8 6,732.25
Year Ago 7,164.40

BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug. 15 394
Aug. 8 440
Year Ago 397

WORSHIP

Aug. 15 470
Aug. 8 581
Weekly

Budget 7,117.50

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Theron Pickle

Doug Shelton

Response

Mrs. James (Ellen) Burnett, 102 East Third, came Sunday to place membership. She and her husband have two young children. Their telephone number is 592-0337.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR AUGUST 22, 1982

By Perry Hall
A.M. Through Christ - We Can!
P.M. The Greatness of Hezekiah

In Appreciation

We are grateful for your loving care for the family of Roy Driggers. Thank you for the food, the flowers and especially for your prayers.

Mary Jo Driggers & Family

The Sick

Mack Bynum entered Medical Center on Wednesday. He will be moved to Baylor in Dallas the first of next week.

Wyndal Miller is scheduled to go home this week from Mother Frances.

Edwin Murrell, brother of Jean Oliver, is seriously ill in Medical Center - room 218.

Mrs. T. O. Wright, mother of Mary Adams, is recovering from surgery in Medical Center.

M. M. Grayson, father of Jo Butler, is a patient in Community Hospital.

Sherry Bobbitt is a patient in room 432 in Medical Center.

The Cone Birdwells visited with Myrtle Ginn in Gunter last week. She is very seriously ill in the hospital ward of Hilltop Haven.

Sympathy

Brother R.M. Mayo died this A.M. (Wednesday) in the U.T. Health Center. Arrangements are pending at this writing. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Here and There (continued from page 3)

day, August 8, Renea Burkholder and Frances McBee's 4 year olds reached that commendable level again. Our thanks to these teachers for their fine accomplishments.

We now have possession of the properties to the West of our west parking lot. It will be great when we can see those old buildings removed and the lots converted into additional parking spaces. It will afford a much better view of our building to those approaching from the west. A word of commendation is certainly in order for the diligent work of C. B. Hardin who took care of the negotiations. We couldn't have done it without him.

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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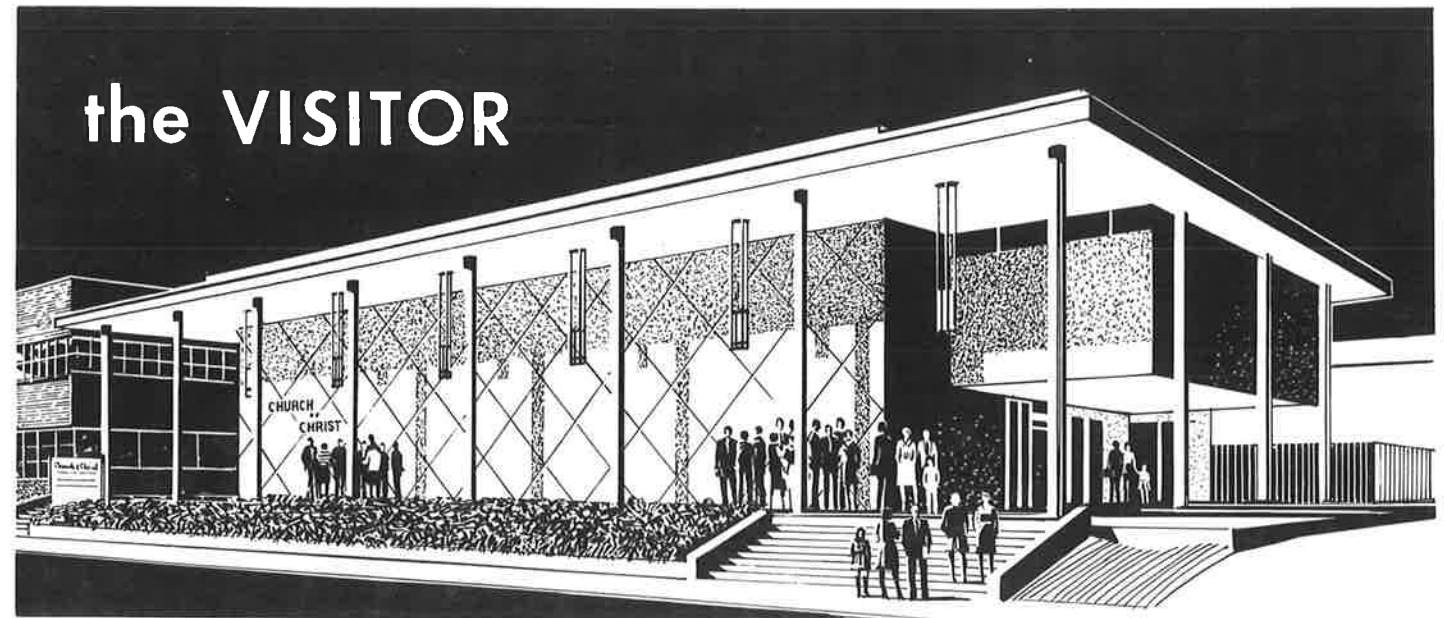
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The Church With A Heart

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL Perry's Perspective IN NIGERIA

By Perry Hall



Evangelists Sundery Inyang and S. S. Amponsah go forth to evangelize the lost of Nigeria.



The church of our Lord that meets in Ilorin, Nigeria.

The elders are thrilled to inform the congregation that due to the opportunity and the ability to have fellowship in the gospel in Nigeria that we are beginning this new mission now. Our contributions have been going well and we have been able to pay completely for our new addition and the adjoining west property. This enables us to seize the opportunity for helping in the furthering of the gospel on the continent of Africa. Brother and sister D. C. (Jelly and Pauline) Jones have been helping in the work in Nigeria for some time. We will be sending \$100.00 a month to evangelist S. S. Amponsah who labors in Ilorin, Kwarastate, Nigeria, West Africa. He is 38 years old with a family of six. He graduated from the Ghana Bible College in 1973. We look forward to this fellowship in the gospel and a growing knowledge of and love for brother Amponsah. Praise be to our God and Father for his unspeakable gift!

REUNION of Young People

SEPTEMBER 5, 1982 is the date. . .

THE WEST ERWIN CHURCH is the place. . .

A "REUNION" is the event . . .

WE ARE LOOKING FOR all former young people who have participated in the Youth Program with Hillard and Jeanine Hughes since they came to work with the youth of West Erwin twelve years ago.

We have made an effort to send invitations to all young people who have been at West Erwin during this time. If we missed anyone, we need your help in contacting them. Everyone is asked to return your information sheet to us even if you are unable to attend.

Special recognition is planned at the Sunday morning worship service and a luncheon and fellowship time is also planned in our fellowship hall following worship.

We anticipate a day filled with the joy of renewing friendships and enjoying a special time together.

...Important!

Cakes for Boles Home

Ladies, the week of August 29 is the time for us to furnish cakes & cookies for the children of Boles Home. We will plan to collect our goodies on Thursday of that week, September 2. Also, we are in need of a volunteer to take the cakes and cookies to the home on Thursday morning.

Friends of Children

Friends of Children Child Care Auxiliary has scheduled a meeting for August 22, 1982 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood Church of Christ. The primary purpose of this meeting is to plan for a September foster parent appreciation banquet. Interested women who are not Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend, find out more of what the Auxiliary is doing and join in this worthwhile effort on behalf of needy children and their families.

Bill Moore, Administrator

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (21) Walker Weathers (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, Pauline Smith (28) Marikate Davis

Tri-C

The Campus Christian Center will have their "Kick-off" Dinner for new students on August 31. West Erwin has been asked to furnish food and Elaine Roberson is coordinating it. If you can furnish food or if you can contribute money, please call Elaine - 597-5627.

Singing

The 4th Sunday Area-wide Gospel Singing will be Sunday, August 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the Troup Church of Christ. Everyone is invited.

Thank You

We want to express appreciation to our West Erwin family for your thoughtfulness of my sister, Gladys Caudle. Thank you for the food, flowers and the blood that has been donated for her. We are especially grateful for your prayers in her behalf.

Also, a special thanks to the Christian Singles for the food and special prayer meeting. Your loving care means so much.

In Christian love,
Juanita Graf & Family

Your expressions of concern and your thoughtfulness during Pete's stay in the hospital and recovery at home have encouraged and cheered us. Thank you.

Faye and Pete Wallace

Laree and I are very grateful to the congregation and our shepherds for a week off for vacation. We spent the time with our three children and their families in Sulphur Springs, Austin and Wichita Falls.

We thank Wes Price, Freeman Morgan and John Teague for taking care of our responsibilities.

Perry

Funerals

Funeral services at the graveside were conducted by Hillard Hughes on Monday morning at ten o'clock in Whitehouse for Roy Driggers. He died on Saturday afternoon. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Services for Mrs. Emsley Walker were conducted Tuesday morning at the Lloyd James Funeral Home by Wes Price. She was a former member of West Erwin. We express our sympathy to the family.

Take Time To Pray

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



It is always a joy to worship with the saints at West Erwin. The Christians here have a way of lifting up the soul and making joy spring up in the heart. I am grateful for your many words of encouragement and for keeping on keeping on. The Lord has indeed poured many blessings on our head and we can keep on showing our gratitude to Him by giving attention to those spiritual matters that keep the individual strong and that keep the congregation strong.

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Folks will be completing their vacations and returning ready for the more settled routine of closing months of the year. The constant change certainly keeps our lives from becoming monotonous and dull, even if some changes may not be exactly as we would like. I hope your plans include a greater commitment to the church, not just in attendance, though with some even that would be an improvement, but in the deepest meaning of the word "commitment." Our association with each other in the weekly worship and Bible study opportunities should give us strength to live a more courageous life each day in overcoming temptation and evil. But there is another matter that is vitally important to the growth of the body of Christ at West Erwin and that is that we should seek every opportunity to invite others to come hear Christ preached and see if we can teach them about Him. Would you dare consider yourself as an ambassador for Christ. Would you dare be courageous enough to approach someone about Christ. If there is anything the Lord's church needs NOW, it is personal messengers with the gospel. I believe firmly that your own faith would be stronger for the trying and I know that the Lord would bless your efforts.

We need to up-date our congratulations for those classes reaching the 100% level: On July 25, the following classes had 100% or more: Nettie Potts teaching the 3 year olds; Renea Burkholder and Frances McBee teaching the Four Year Olds and Laree Hall's Ladies class. On Sun-

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Aug. 1 11,087.06
Year Ago 6,473.12

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Year Ago 371

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Aug. 1 490

Weekly Budget \$7,117.50

New Baby

A baby boy, 8 lb, 1 oz was born Monday at 4:00 p.m. to Ginger and J.N.Metcalf in Mother Frances Hospital.

E.T.C.A. Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting of the East Texas Christian Academy at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon at the Shiloh Road church building. Guests are invited to attend.

The school continues to collect labels for Campbell Soup products and aluminum cans. Your help will be appreciated.

Response

Wednesday evening of last week Rick Higginbotham came asking for prayers and to be restored. We commend Rick for his courage.

The Sick

Wyndal Miller is in Mother Frances Hospital. He was injured Tuesday evening and robbed by two young men. He is suffering from fractured ribs and multiple bruises.

Roy Driggers remains in very serious condition in the U.T. Health Center.

Mrs. Homer Williamson had foot surgery Wednesday in Community Hospital. She is an outpatient.

Rhonda Haws mother, Mrs. Moore, had surgery last week in Mother Frances Hospital.

Here and There (continued from page 3) teaching program.

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I had the opportunity on our trip to visit the Hillsboro church in Nashville, Tenn. and to visit with the minister, Larry Van Steenberg. That church has a great heritage and for many years was served by brother Batsell Baxter as pulpit minister. Larry and I worked together at Trinity Oaks church in Dallas. Larry told me of the work that their Brother's Keeper Program is doing and the good that is being accomplished in nurturing brotherly love and concern.

I am glad we have the program here and I'm especially grateful for the dedicated work that Weldon Dawson does in directing this valuable work.

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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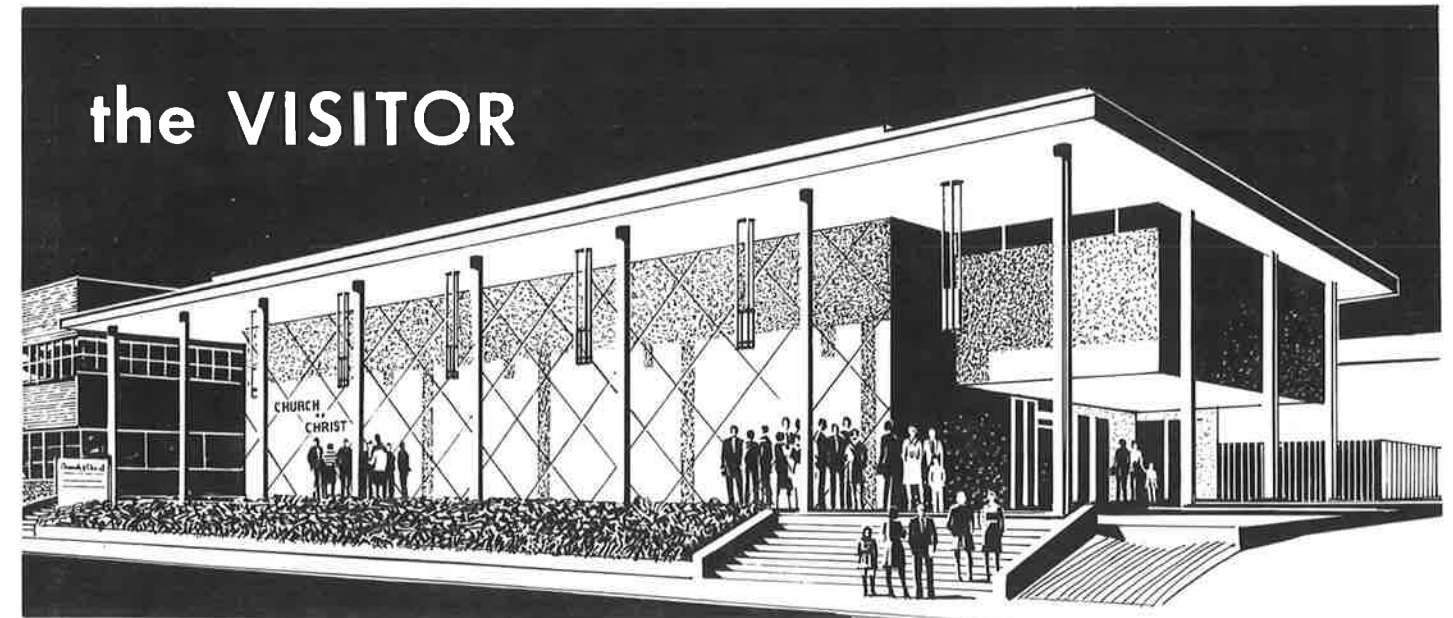
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The Church With A Heart

THE CHURCH

Guest Editorial

The church is not made of people who believe they are better than others, but rather is made of those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better always.

The church is not made of perfect people, but people who realize they are following a perfect Lord and a perfect law and therefore must do the very best they can.

The church is not made of people who never make mistakes, but those who often acknowledge their mistakes and forsake them. Never must we seek to justify them or continually make the same mistakes over and over again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone, but rather to draw everyone into its fellowship and love those who are willing to walk in the light where God the Father and the Christ are found.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone but rather show the rule of Christ which helps everyone.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of your life, but rather is trying to put real joy in every life it touches.

The church is not trying to separate you from your money but rather is trying to keep your money from separating you from God.

The church is not trying to rob your life of priorities, but rather trying to get you to put priorities in your life.

The church may not be everything, but until it is your something it will remain nothing...to you.

...Via Bulletin-Ashdown, Ark.

Did You Know

Twelve years ago this month, Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and their family moved to Tyler to be a part of the West Erwin congregation. Since that time Hillard has worked with over 200 young people in the youth program.

Invitations have been mailed to as many of these young people as we could find addresses for, to return for a special time together. This "Reunion" will be Sunday, September 5. All of the former young people, their husbands or wives and children are invited to be at West Erwin for worship. Special recognition at the morning worship and a luncheon at noon in our fellowship hall is being planned.

We are excited at the prospect of seeing familiar faces and renewing old friendships again. We hope many will be able to come for this special time together.

It may be that we have missed someone. If you know of someone, call the church office.

THE EVANGELIST



"Blowing out the other fellow's candle won't make yours shine any brighter."

Act Now!

GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



Bible School - 9:30 A.M., Sunday

Benevolent Work

The workers in the Christian Service Center will begin working full time the first Tuesday in September. They are in need of a washing machine. If you have an old one or know of one, please call Foy Richey or John Porter. Also, a couple of electric fans are needed. Perhaps someone has one for loan.

Happy Birthday

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

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through.
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think God will say:
You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?

In Appreciation

Thank you for the lovely plant, food, cards and especially your prayers during the illness and death of my father, Erbie Williams. Your kindness and love will always be remembered.

Cliff and Arenia Clough

Funeral

Graveside services were conducted by Edwin Rasco for David Thompson, a former member of the West Erwin church, on Tuesday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery. David had not lived in Tyler in recent years, but many here will remember his parents, the Luther Thompsons. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Moving

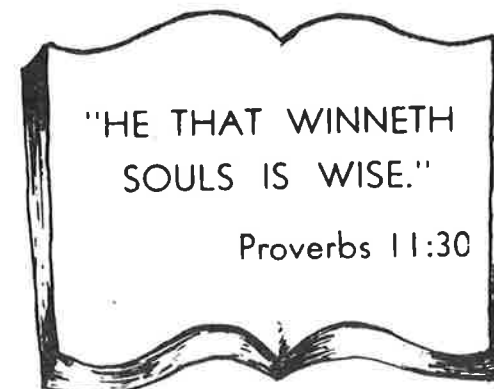
Recently Julie and Bob Carlson and their baby son moved to Mesquite, Texas.

Bret and Jeana Tarpley and their young son will soon be moving to Lubbock. They plan to enroll in Texas Tech.

Both couples will be greatly missed from the congregation here.

New Grandson

The George Daughertys have a new grandson born to Bruce and Robin Daugherty in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. where he is now a practicing surgeon. The baby has been named Ryan.



HERE and THERE by Wes Price



"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." Now I don't use that to introduce my first bulletin article since returning from vacation or suggest that we had a disappointing trip. Sometime when you have two or three hours to spare, I'll bore you with the details. I don't believe I have ever enjoyed a trip more. But still, you grow weary of being away from home port, so it is always nice to return and get back to normal routines. We are grateful to the elders for the time away from our work and to all those who stood in the gap to take up the slack. I am especially indebted to Ray Vannoy for teaching my Sunday morning class and I have already heard so many good things about his teaching.

Every family ought to take a trip to our nation's capitol. It will give you a better appreciation for the heritage which our founding fathers passed down to us. I wish we could see a return to early years of morality which our ancestors in this country thought important.

Anyway, it's great to be back with you!

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Quite a number of our members are involved in the World Bible School here at West Erwin. From time to time, we receive information about the extent of world involvement in this marvelous outreach effort. We recently received the following statistics which I believe you will find to be interesting.

The total number of students with which contact has been made exceeds 2,000,000.

The estimated number of baptisms is exceeding 40,000 per year or 109 baptisms per day.

I believe you will find this encouraging to your efforts to reach the lost with the gospel of Christ.

If you are not involved in this effort and would like to be, drop by my office some time and I will show you how easy it is to become a teacher in the World Bible School

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Announcements	Joe McBee	Aug. 1	\$11,087.06
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EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Joe McBee	Aug. 1	366
Prayer	Freeman Morgan	July 25	433
Dismiss	Tom Parsons	Year Ago	371
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Glynn Starnes	Harold Denman	Aug. 1	490
Tom Parsons	Doug Shelton	July 25	568
Tom Lowrance	Ron Lott	Weekly	
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Morris Hallman	Edgar Bullard		
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 8 and Wednesday evening, Aug. 11 - MIKE SAVAGE, 566-1460.			

Amazing Grace

In our last bundle of mail from Amazing Grace Bible Class, it was interesting to note the communities represented that view the program over KLTU, Channel 7, Tyler. Letters have been received from the following places: Naples, Arp, Canton, Gladewater, Mt. Pleasant, Longview, Lindale, Jacksonville, Canadian, Granger, Sulphur Springs and Tyler.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will meet Thursday at 6:30 in the fellowship hall for a covered dish supper.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by Perry Hall
 A.M. "What We Owe Our Elders."
 P.M. "Is Denominationalism Necessary?"

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In Appreciation

Thank you so much for all the kindnesses during my accident and convalescent period. I really appreciate the visits, cards, calls and prayers. Christian friends are the greatest!

Guy Potts

The Sick

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Sister Gladys Caudle, sister of Juanita Graf is very seriously ill in Medical Center Hospital.

The baby daughter of Tim and Gayle Holt continues to be hospitalized in Shreveport.

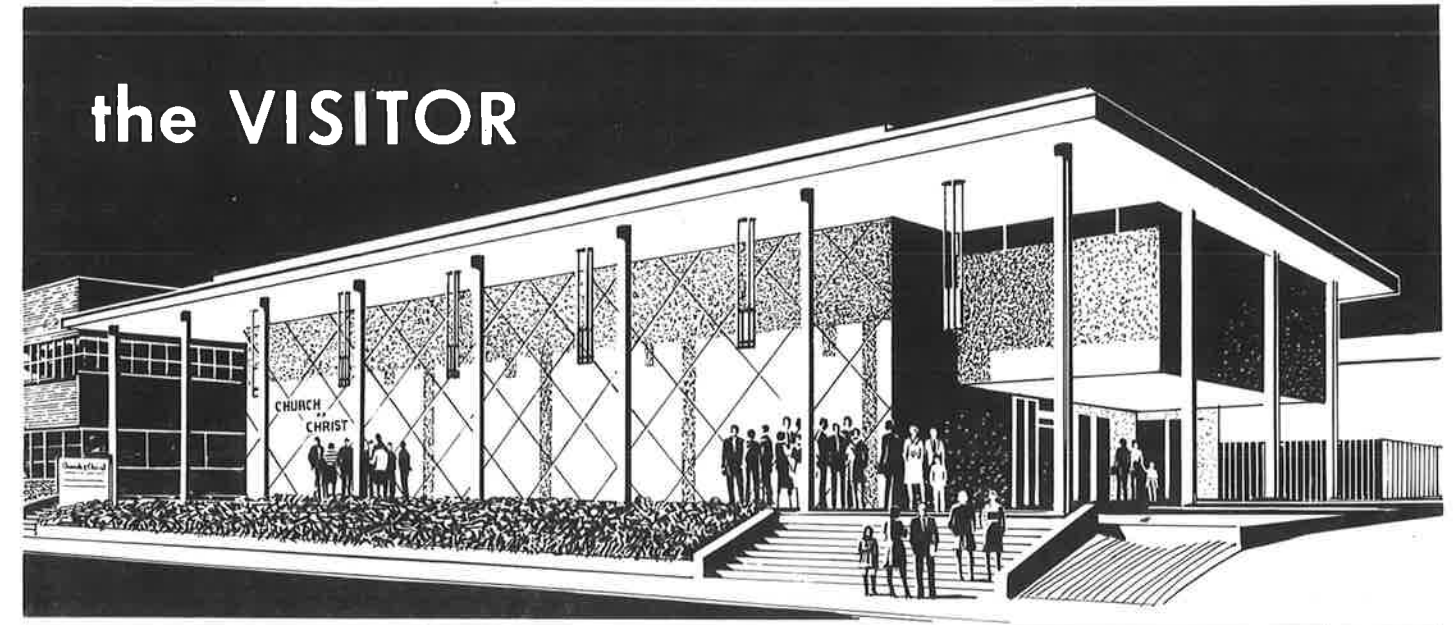
Missing Slides

We are still looking for the Old Testament Slides, Vol.2, numbers 421 through 848. If you have them or know where they are, please call the office. We need to locate them.

Potpourri

Remember the Wedding Saturday afternoon of Jill Rowe and Doug Stickler... Wes Price will be back from vacation and in the office on Monday... Tuesday School will begin September 14... Our Church Growth Seminar will be September 18 and 19 with Flavil Yeakley... The workers in our benevolent center will begin working on a weekly basis the first week in September.

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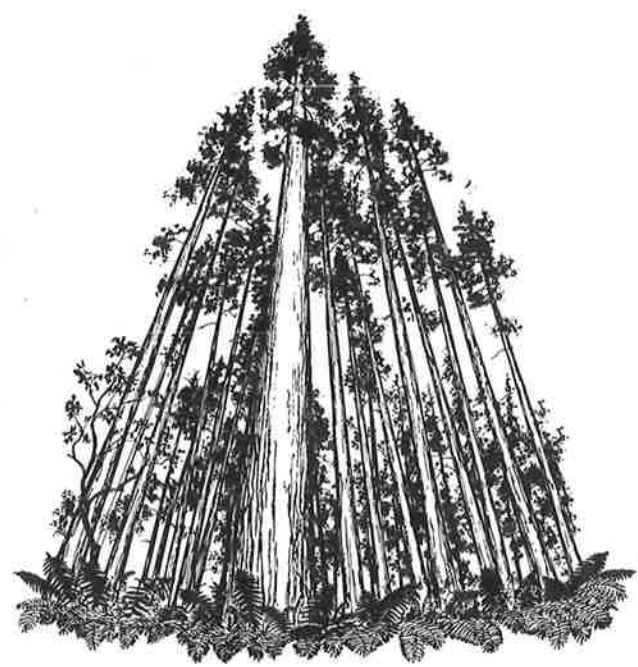
Church Growth

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Seminar



East Texas pine trees stand tall. Designed by God they grow to great heights. God has provided for all their needs. We want to stand tall here at

West Erwin. We want to grow to great heights for God. God has designed the church and provided all it needs for growth.

Plans have been in the making for several months for a "Church Growth Seminar" to be directed by brother Flavil R. Yeakley, Jr., PhD. Brother Yeakley has done a great deal of research in the area of church growth in recent years. He has written a number of books on this subject and in the area of church leadership and organization. His expertise has led him to be in demand for workshops all over the brotherhood. He has been secured for a weekend in September to hold such a workshop at West Erwin. The elders want everyone of us to be involved in this lecture and training session. We will be giving more and more information as the time draws near. Be thinking and praying about this opportunity, making your plans to be present for all the sessions.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD doesn't have any more time for church attendance than anyone else. In fact, some of this number are among the busiest folks around. But when they are in town they are a part of our worship assembly.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD doesn't ride in more comfortable automobiles to get to church. In fact, last week one brother rode his motorcycle 10 miles to get here.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD doesn't live closer to the church building. In fact, one regular attender drives 80 miles round trip to work, gets home, and drives 9 or 10 miles in a different direction to get to church.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD isn't younger and more energetic than other folks. In fact, a couple who are almost always present are in their 80's.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD doesn't have fewer children to get ready. In fact, last week, as usual, one sister all by herself brought all three of her children under six years of age.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD has the same work responsibilities, the same number of out-of-town visitors dropping in unexpectedly, the same number of flat tires, the same family problems, the same number of headaches, and the same amount of children's homework (during the school year) as other folks. The difference, though, is that the Wednesday night crowd feels the need and has made the commitment to be a part of the mid-week worship assembly every week. They feel blessed for having done so. How about you?

Jim Howard-Via Northwest Bulletin

Growth Through The Sunday School Comes In Several Areas and Through Many Approaches . . .

Help Build Sunday School Attendance. . .

Rake Up. . . .	By. . . .
★ Members	★ Visiting
★ Absentees	★ Telephoning
★ Prospects	★ Writing
★ Visitors	★ Praying
★ Neighbors	★ Witnessing
★ Relatives	★ Ministering



Did You Enjoy The Sermon?

The Detroit Free Press recently offered \$500 to each of 120 families in their reading area if they would turn their television sets off for one month. Would you agree to that? Well, 93 of the 120 families turned them down cold!

The average American family watches TV 44 hours per week. That is a hard habit to break. We learn a lot from that many hours of involvement.

In the January 19, 1981 U.S. News & World Report, Neil Postman, professor of Communications at N. Y. University, gave some interesting insights about what TV is doing to us.

- 1) TV shortens attention span. The pictures move rapidly and dramatically. The average camera shot on regular programming is 3 seconds. On a commercial it is 2½ seconds. No wonder people get bored during a 30 minute sermon viewed from the same position. No breaks for commercials and snacks.
- 2) The "visual" aspects of TV contain the message. Even though words are used, the picture is what conveys the message. And it is easy to learn. The world's "strong meat" is boiled down to "milk" and presented so that no hard work or diligent study are needed. Then the preacher proposes hours of study, prayer and thinking about God's Word. Which do you suppose most people choose?
- 3) Commercials teach morality. Even though commercials are to sell products they actually teach a "way of life." Postman says TV commercials are about products "only in the sense that the story of Jonah is about the anatomy of whales." Commercials are really miniature parables which teach that:
 - a) all problems can be solved;
 - b) all problems can be solved quickly; and
 - c) all problems can be solved quickly by means of some technology. Maybe that is why Christians seem to expect preachers and/or elders to be able to wrap up a problem with the proper answer in a matter of minutes and everyone go away happy. Thirty minutes of talk about long-term solutions to life's problems is not popular - especially when involvement is required.

Are you a TV addict? Try turning the set

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Thank You

Thank you for the Bible given to me during the Baccalaureate service. I appreciate having been honored in this way.

Kerry Hamblett

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (8) Marian Rowe, Florene Adams, Fran Starnes, Elizabeth Hughes (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.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series comes to a close for 1982 with the final meeting at the Northwest church of Christ on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Our young people are asked to meet at the Northwest building.

Funeral

Brother L. L. Paul, father of Jack and Jim Paul, passed away Sunday and was buried Tuesday. Funeral services were held at the Jefferson Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Paul family.

Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy is in need of Day Care help. The hours are from 2:45 until 5:30 P.M. five days a week. The pay is \$3.35 per hour. School starts August 25. Day care helpers will have all school holidays.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

DID YOU ENJOY...(continued) off for a month - even a week - and observe the results. It may change your life...If you can do it!

...Adapted from Pulpit Helps Ray Hooper

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Roy Roberson
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Dale Blackstone

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Roy Roberson
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Robert Castro

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Glynn Starnes Harold Denman
Tom Parsons Doug Shelton
Tom Lowrance Ron Lott

Jwill Sims Bret Tarpley

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER
David Taylor David Hanley Mike Savage

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 1, 1982 and
Wednesday, Aug. 4, FRED POWELL - 593-5229.

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July 25 \$8,003.57
July 18 7,403.92
Year Ago 6,503.63

BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25 433
July 18 394
Year Ago 420

WORSHIP

July 25 568
July 18 519
Weekly

Budget \$7,117.50

The Sick

Pete Wallace had surgery Tuesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Robinson underwent surgery last week in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Myrtle Ginn is hospitalized in McKinney but should be back in the nursing home within a week. She was not able to have surgery for the fractured hip. You may write or send a card to her at Hill Top Haven, Room 417, P.O.Box 38, Gunter, Texas 75058.

R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in the U.T. Health Center.

Roy Driggers is in the U.T. Health Center.

Marvin Williamson from Gladewater is a patient in Medical Center. He is a brother to Homer Williamson.

Soul Winning Workshop

The Third Annual Hot Springs Soul Winning Workshop is set for Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. This year's program will carry a theme "THE RESTORATION, A MOVEMENT AND OUR MOMENT." The following speakers are scheduled to be on the program: Gary Beauchamp, Deanne Beauchamp, Flavel Yeakley, David Caskey, Jule Miller, Judy Miller, Marvin Phillips, Neale Pryor, Don House, Doyle Maynard, Jack Evans, Willodine Williams, and Nokomis Yell-dell. For more information write Church of Christ, 700 Richard St., Hot Springs, Ark. 71913 or call 624-4132.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMON TOPICS FOR AUGUST 1, 1982

By Perry Hall

A.M. A Day of Good & Glad Tidings

P.M. Christ, The Miracle Man

Here and There (continued from page 3)

making last minute trips to get away from the regular routine. Our Education Committee has been busy designing a new slate of classes and teachers for our Sunday and Wednesday night studies.

Go now and enjoy the beauty of nature for the summer and be prepared for getting back into the school year routine. When you are away from us, don't forget to attend Bible study and worship wherever you are.

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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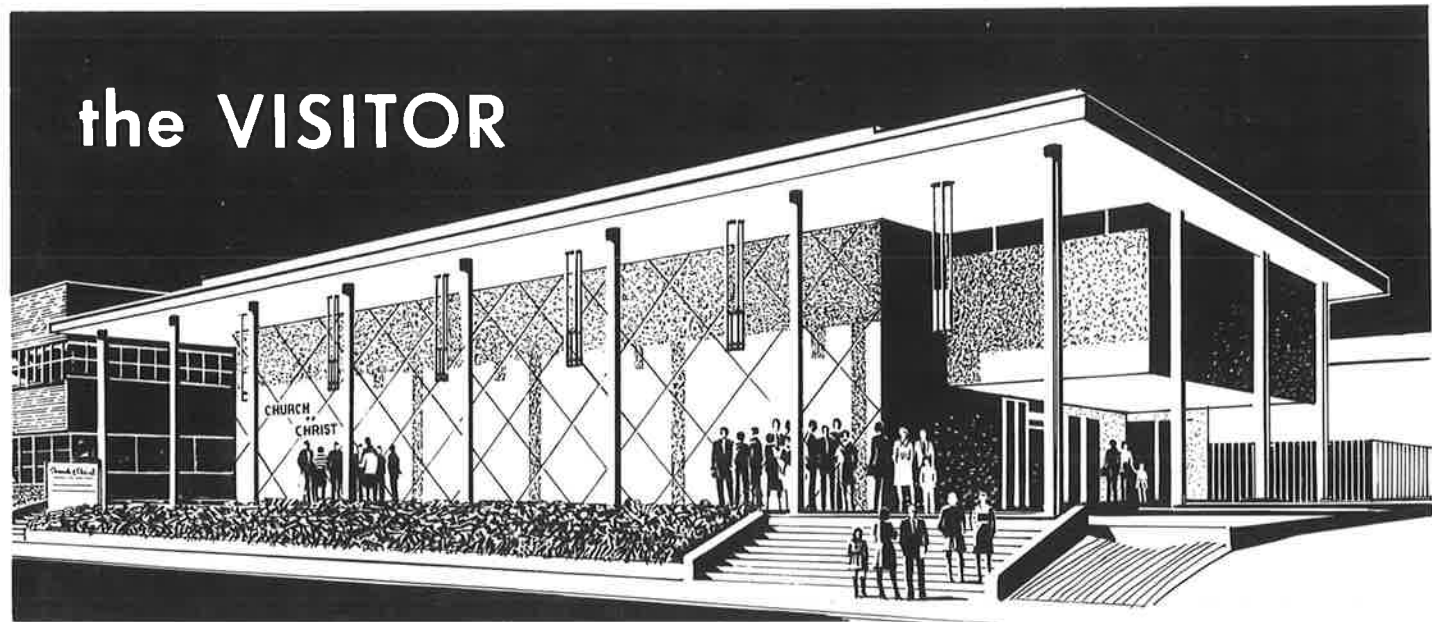
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The Church With A Heart

**MAN'S
GREATEST PROBLEM**

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Four years ago, on the return flight from Memphis, Tennessee, where I had spoken on The Spiritual Sword Lectureship, I sat by a bright, young 28 year old business executive. He was already the head of a small but thriving plastics plant. He had several men in his employment. In the our conversation came to his business and then to mine.

As we flew high above the solid deck of clouds, he began to lament the struggle of keeping men on the job. Absenteeism was high. Production could not be kept up. Several of his men had alcoholic problems. Others were on other types of drugs. He had to post bond for one of his men in order to get him out of jail on charges of theft. Others lacked real initiative and seemed to be bored with a life that had no apparent meaning or purpose. He discussed problem after problem as I patiently listened. His conversation allowed me to point out what is really man's greatest problem--SIN! Every problem he had discussed went back to the problem of sin

and man's alienation from the life in God and Christ. If that man had had dedicated Christians in his employ, most of his problems would not have existed.

As the plane flew on above God's world and in view of a magnificent reddish, golden glow of the setting sun, my mind turned back to one of the lectures I had heard in Memphis. With the deepest of conviction and with enlightened heart, brother Eldred Stevens, who has since departed to be with the Lord, had said to the preachers gathered there, "The basic problem of mankind is sin, rebellion against the laws of God. We tend to become preoccupied with human frustrations, maladjusted personalities, social injustices, unhappiness--all of which are fruits of sin--and ignore the taproot. A great warfare of varying intensity is raging within every human heart. Every man has within the conflict between the physical and the spiritual, a conflict that has been with us since Adam, and that Paul described well

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Perry's Perspective Continued

in Romans 7:14-25. Men are allowing sin to reign in their mortal bodies, are obeying the lusts thereof (Rom.6:12), and are bondservants of sin... Never forget that our primary objective is to expose the deceitfulness of sin, to remove its guilt from the souls of men, and to strengthen them for the ultimate victory through Jesus Christ. Sin is the parent of every other malady of man."

Without doubt, I thought, Jesus Christ is the answer and the only hope of mankind. I was shaken from my meditation as I heard the thump of wheels hitting pavement, reversal of powerful engines and the application of brakes. My friend and I would go our separate ways, perhaps never to meet again until Judgment. Oh, for the time and opportunity to talk further, to explain the grand design and plan of a holy, loving God, but time and opportunity had ended. Two fellow travelers into eternity, lives briefly crossing, passing conversation and then separated, perhaps forever! Holy Father, may someone talk further with this young man about the only remedy for man's greatest problem!

Workshop

Several West Erwin members are attending the Bible Teachers Workshop in Abilene this week. Ray Womack drove the Minibus for those who planned to go together on the bus.



Unfailing courtesy, kindness, tenderness and consideration for others are some of the greatest ornaments of the character of the child of God.

New Baby

Tim and Gayle Holt's baby girl, Kimberly Gayle, was born on Friday, July 23. She was taken that afternoon to Shumpart Hospital in Shreveport. She weighed 3 lbs 1 oz and because of her premature birth she is suffering from breathing difficulties. They expect her to be in intensive care there in Shreveport for several weeks and then here in Mother Frances. Remember them when you pray.

Funerals

Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Burks-Walker Chapel for Mr. Erbie Williams. He was the father of Mrs. Cliff Clough and the grandfather of Mrs. Earl Ball.

On Friday of last week, services were held for Mrs. Minnie Bell Shamburger. She was a sister of Mrs. W.D. Metcalf.

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

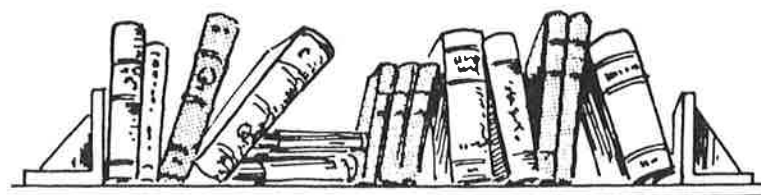
The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

Summer Youth Series

On Tuesday evening, August 3, the Summer Youth Series will be at the Shiloh Road church of Christ here in Tyler. Our young people are asked to meet at the Shiloh building.

REMEMBER TO USE
OUR CHURCH LIBRARY



Thank You

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

100% Classes

Sunday the following classes were 100% in attendance: 4 year olds taught by Renea Burkholder and Frances McBee, 3 year olds taught by Nettie Potts. We also want to congratulate the Ladies Class for being 100%. They have three ladies who alternate teaching. They are Bernice Majors, Naomi McKeever and Laree Hall.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe (2) Edith Porter (3) Dale Blackstone, Michelle Colston, Jeremy Burkholder (4) Virginia Conner, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette (5) Becky Blackstone, Robert Castro.

Potpourri

Teachers, the series of Old Testament slides, Vol. 2, Numbers 421 through 848 have been missing from the supply room for several weeks. If you have them or know where they are, please let us know. We need to locate them... Ladies, there are a number of dishes in the back foyer that need to be picked up... Thanks to Bud Caskey for caring for our building during the absence of Homer Williamson who is on vacation... In addition to our Fellowship Hall and Benevolent building, we now own all of the property on Bonner Street... Remember to enroll your pre-school children immediately for Tuesday School. If you can help in the program, call Elaine Roberson. We are pleased to have many guests at every worship service. We hope that you will return and worship with us at every opportunity.

Be patient with children—
You are dealing with soul stuff.

HERE and THERE by Wes Price



By the time you will be reading this brief message, my family and I will be enjoying viewing the sights in Washington, D. C. We have been looking forward to this trip now for over a year and the time has finally arrived for our departure. I have asked several of you what you wanted me to say to our president concerning the state of our nation and have gotten a wide variety of answers. All kidding aside, I wish it were possible for me to make some impression on our government that would promote righteousness. The scripture comes to mind: "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." More serious than the economic crisis we are facing is the moral decline that is engulfing our people. My prayer is that God will begin to be given His proper place in the affairs of our congressmen and senators, the president and his cabinet. The Bible teaches us to pray for them and the trip to Washington seems to be an appropriate way to call it to our attention. As important as this is, there is something that is needful in the lives of every one of you. That is that you will begin to take the affairs of your spiritual life more seriously and begin to do those things that benefit spiritual maturity.

May we solicit your prayers for a safe journey?

What an absolute joy it was this past week to enjoy being with young people at the Texhoma Youth Camp for the first time in over four years. Marty Mallory joined me in working with the camp for Junior and Junior High young people from all over the North Texas area. I had the privilege of teaching a Bible class each morning and preaching to the youngsters each evening. It was also a joy to be working with friends that I had made when working with the church in the Dallas area. Thanks to our elders for permitting me the opportunity to be away from you for this work.

The time is approaching for us to return our thoughts to be beginning of school. With summer nearly two-thirds gone, families will be
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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Milburn Cook
Prayer Tony Adams
Dismiss Matt Haws

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Milburn Cook
Prayer Vern Johnson
Dismiss Tom Parsons

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Morris Hallman Lowell Wiggins
Jack Paul Jim Paul

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David Taylor David Hanley Mike Savage
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 25 and Wednesday evening, July 28 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - July 25, 1982

By Perry Hall
A.M. "The Lord's Supper."
P.M. "Sound Doctrine For The Church."

Responses

Sunday Ken Parker, 208 Phillips, telephone 592-9460, placed membership. He is college age and formerly worshipped at Shiloh Road.

Wednesday evening, Ruth Robinson, 1600 Hubbard, came to ask for the prayers of the church.

After a series of lessons, Wes Price baptized Earl Ball on Friday, July 16. He is the husband of Jyl Ball and the son-in-law of Cliff and Arenia Clough.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
July 18 \$7,403.92
July 11 7,228.27
Year Ago 6,295.30

BIBLE SCHOOL
July 18 394
July 11 413
Year Ago 374

WORSHIP
July 18 519
July 11 501
Weekly

The Sick

Mrs. Myrtle Ginn was scheduled for surgery on Monday in the hospital in McKinney for a fractured hip. She lives at Hill Top Haven in Gunter, Texas.

Mrs. Marvin Jones is in Community Hospital.

R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in the U.T. Health Center.

Mrs. Cliff Clough's father, Mr. Erbie Williams, is critically ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Potpourri

Wes Price is working this week in Lake Texoma Youth Camp... Mrs. W. D. Metcalf made a brief visit to the office on Monday before moving to Arlington... Perry Hall was in Bridgeport on Tuesday to conduct a funeral... Brother's Keeper Units 1, 3, 17 and 19 will meet together Sunday evening in the fellowship hall following the worship period... A Church Growth Seminar has been scheduled for September 18 & 19... Plans are being made for Ladies' Inspiration Day. Tentatively, the date has been set for October 2... Perry Hall will speak at Holly Lake church of Christ on Monday evening for a Lectureship.

Study the Bible
Be in a Bible class Sunday

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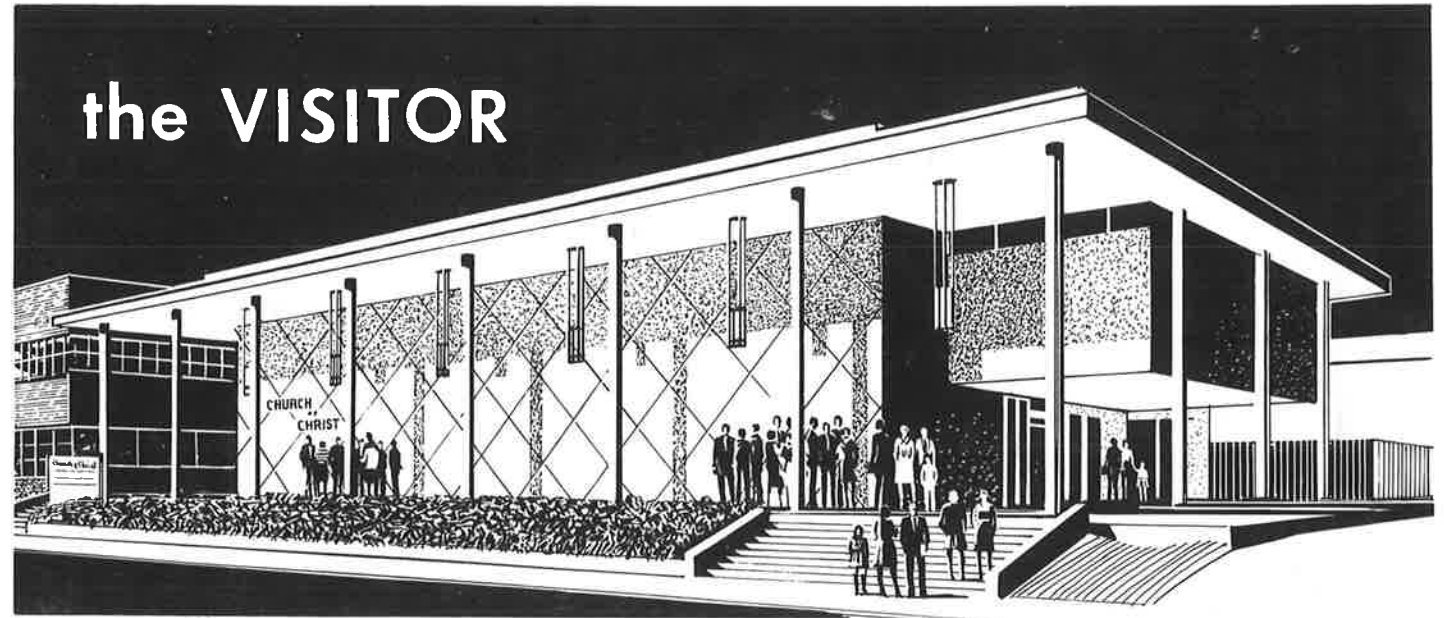
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The Church With A Heart

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



A Great Blessing

Our church library continues to grow. What a tremendous potential blessing for God's people at West Erwin! I personally use it all the time as it contains books I do not have in my own library. We cannot overestimate the value of a good religious book. If it is a good book it contains more real wealth than a good bank. We cannot build or buy a structure that will outlive a good book. It has upon its pages the prospect of eternity. Richard DeBury said, "The library of wisdom is more precious than all riches, and nothing that can be wished for is worthy to be compared with it. Whosoever, therefore, acknowledges himself to be a zealous follower of truth, of happiness, of wisdom, of science, or even of the faith must of necessity make himself a lover of books."

Superior minds, the scholarship of

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We are building a great library here at West Erwin, but books that are not used are worth nothing. He who will not read is no better off than he who cannot read!

*Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe
and
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slickler
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Jill Jeannine*

*and
Douglas Eugene
on Saturday, the seventh of August
nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at half after three o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas*

*Reception following ceremony
Fellowship Hall*

Perry's Perspective Continued

the ages, the wisdom of eternity, is at our fingertips. When we purchase a book we are not just buying a few ounces of paper, glue and printers ink, we may be buying a whole new life for ourselves or someone else. We may have purchased that which will even open the portals of heaven. Beloved, it is a shame to let dust and decay claim our library. It is there for our use, our betterment, the glorification of our God. Let us use it!



West Erwin Library off South Foyer

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Units Will Meet Sunday

After The Evening Worship.

Expect A Great Blessing!

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Aubrey and Floia Payne in the loss of his uncle, Marvin Wade. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning.

Singing

The Area Singing will be held Sunday after, Jon at 2:00 o'clock at the Lakeside Church of Christ. Their building is located on hwy. 155, 13 miles south of Loop 323 at the blinking light.

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

We are indebted to all those individuals that have given money in loving memory of departed loved ones. Books are purchased and the individuals name for whom the memorial has been established is entered into the book.

We thank Mac and Eveline McCarty who have given so much time and energy over a number of years in serving as librarians. We are grateful to Margaret Montgomery, who is now a member at Shiloh Road, for setting up the original library.

We do not want to forget our children's library and the fine work of David Demic in making this rich resource available.

Thanks be to God and all of these individuals for such a precious treasure. If you wish to use these books to your own betterment and that of others, see Nelda Browning and she will be glad to assist you in checking them out.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Thank You

Thank you for being my spiritual family. Your prayers made my recovery possible; your cards are still encouraging me. The food was delicious, and the flowers are still giving pleasure.

Love you all,
Vivian McCall

We wish to say thanks for the many kind words and deeds through Cecil's illness and for all the calls, cards and food at his death. The lovely words spoken by brother Price and brother Hall and the beautiful songs by the singers were appreciated. We love you all.

The family of Cecil T. Beard

TAKE NOTE!

Fay and Pete Wallace now live on Lake Palestine. Their phone number is through Frankston - 876-2471. Their address is Box 3-3, Highsaw Addition, Frankston, Texas 75762.

Russell and Audrey O'Bannon do not receive mail at their home. They continue to use their Post Office Box 6335 - Tyler 75711.

Perry and Laree Hall's address is Rt. 14, Box 372 (75707). Their telephone number is 566-0111.

Happy Birthday

JULY (25) Pam Lemons (28) Ken Bennett, Harley Turner, Melody Parsons (29) Bryan Chambless (31) Julie Higginbotham.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quitman & Center Church of Christ in Gladewater. Young people, plan to meet at 6:45 on the church parking lot to go together on the bus.

*"Prayer cheers the heart and
clears the brain."*

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



GUEST EDITORIAL by Stanley Lockhart

Malpractice is a dereliction of professional duty which results in injury or damage.

We know doctors can be sued for dereliction of professional duty. If a surgical instrument or sponge is left inside the patient, a malpractice suit may follow.

Sometimes even when the doctor does a good job he is sued.

But what about preachers and Bible teachers? Whoever heard of malpractice in this area?

Yet, bad exegesis or a twisting of the scriptures can be even more damaging than that which a doctor may do to a patient.

Our Lord once warned that we need not fear the person who can destroy the body but not the soul. We are rightly concerned about the physical body, but what about the soul? The advice of a religious teacher may determine the destiny of a soul. That is the reason James declared that teachers have such great responsibilities.

Jesus is the good physician and can be totally trusted. He is the perfect doctor for the soul and his prescription is always correct.

But how many in the day of judgement will be penalized by God for malpractice in religious matters?

Tuesday School

Attention parents of pre-school children! If you want your child to attend Tuesday School, it is enrollment time. Please call or come by the office as soon as possible. We already have a large number of children pre-enrolled who attended last year. Tuesday School will begin, September 14. Elaine Roberson directs the program.

Helpers are needed to work in the school. If you are willing to give of your time and talents to work in this program, please contact Elaine.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Lowell Wiggains
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Jeff Jones

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About The Sick

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R. M. Mayo continues to be in the U.T.Health Center.

W. A. Chandler has gone home following a pacemaker implant in Community Hospital.

Roy Driggers is ill and is at home. They now live at Lake Tyler.

Thank You

Mike, Amanda and I would like to thank our Christian friends for all the love and concern that was shown me during my recent hospitalization and convalescence. The visits, food, cards and calls were most welcome.

Sherry Munn

Moving

Mrs. W. D. Metcalf will be moving in the near future to Arlington, Texas to live near her daughter. We will miss her and regret that circumstances bring about such changes. However, we understand that it will be better and of comfort to her to be near her immediate family. The Metcalfs have meant so much to the church in Tyler and this area. The congregation here will always be indebted to brother Metcalf and others like him for their good work in past years.

Responses

We welcome Betty and Rodney Knight as they return to Tyler from Oklahoma. They are now living in Frankston - Rt. 1, Box 14 OK-1.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 18,1982

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. "The Crisis of the Christless Life."
6:00 P.M. "They Took Knowledge That They Had Been With Jesus."

The Christian's life is the world's Bible.

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The Church With A Heart



As we work together I have only one goal - that we run with patience the race set before us and win the prize. This is why we studied Sunday the necessity that the New Testament lays upon us in not forsaking the assembly. We need to reap all the benefits of our classes and assemblies that God intends we receive. This is one of the most elementary truths of Christianity - the beginning point. We need to lay aside every weight that might keep us from being a winner in the race for the crown.

In I Cor. 9:24, Paul says, "Run in such a way that you may win." The Corinthians would be quite familiar with Paul's illustration. Paul, on his way to Corinth from Athens, would have passed the stadium where the biennial Isthmian Games competition were conducted. The following year in April or May of A.D. 51 they would have been held. The competitors came mainly from

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Corinth, Aegina, Thebes, Athens and some of the islands of the Aegean Sea. Joggers and runners must have been out and running in the area as they prepared themselves with rigorous training. The events included foot races of 200 and 800 yards, races in armor, throwing the discus and javelin, two horse chariot racing, the Pentathlon, which included running, jumping, discus, javelin throwing and wrestling; and the Pankration, which was a combination of boxing and wrestling. The present Olympic Games had their beginning in Greece.

Paul further stated, "and everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore, I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified," (I Cor. 9:25-27 NASB).

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Perry's Perspective Continued

Paul says there is a certain way we must run. Not all athletes of the day were willing to pay the price to be a winner. Many had become degraded. Professionalism had taken over; there was plenty of quackery in training and dieting. Instead of producing healthy, useful citizens the gymnasia had become schools of idleness and immorality. From a spiritual, physical and military point of view the whole nation had degenerated. But there were a few willing to pay the price to be a winner. The perishable victor's crown of the first century A.D. seems to have been withered wild celery. All of this for the praise of man and a little piece of withered wild celery!

Beloved, if they could train every muscle and strain every nerve and sinew to win so fragile a crown, how much more should we be willing to train and strain to win an imperishable one! Let us run in such a way that we may win.

Here and There (continued)

the home where the husband recognizes his God-given role as the spiritual leader.

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Since we did not have a bulletin last week, we did not have the opportunity to express our thanks to the teachers and workers who made the VBS a great success. We averaged 160 in attendance and had a large number of visitors in our classes. Thanks to all for a tremendous effort.

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Congratulations to the following classes for their 100% attendance in recent weeks - The 4 Year OLds taught by Renea Burkholder and Frances McBee for both Sunday mornings, July 4 and July 11.

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Those who have registered to attend the Abilene Christian University Summer Teacher's Workshop are reminded that the church minibus will depart at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, July 25. Ray Womack will be driving and you may contact him for other details.

*A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
honoring Jill Rowe*

*Bride Elect of Doug Stickler
At the home of Mrs. Jack Paul
412 Heritage - Tyler, Texas*

*Saturday Morning July 17, 1982
10:00 - 11:30 A.M. "Come & Go"*

Selections:

Johnson Jewelers Dillard's Cardale

Funerals

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 7, for brother C.T. Beard. We extend our sincere sympathy to sister Beard and the family.

New Baby

Bren and Lois Rothrock are the parents of a baby boy, David Bren, born Friday, July 9, at Mother Frances Hospital.

Happy Birthday

JULY (18) Delle Bullard, Dana Gode, Tracy Starnes (19) Roger Knight, Lera Bennett, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggains, Nathaniel Morris (20) Jim Paul, Jack Paul (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (23) Austin Faulkner, Greg Hendry (24) Andy Butler, Benjamin Sutton, Chris Shelton.

From The Elders

We wish to thank all our Vacation Bible School teachers and Wes for unselfishly sharing their time and talents to make this year's Vacation Bible School so effective and successful.

"God is at work in you," (Phil.2:13).

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 20, at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson at 7:30 P.M. Our bus will leave the parking lot at 6:00 o'clock.

Take Time To Pray

In Appreciation

Thank you for the love and kindness during my recent hospital stay. Thank you especially for the prayers.

In Christian love,
Evelyn Henderson

Thank you so much for the Bible you gave me. And thank you for remembering me at this time in my life.

Jennie Hendry

Thank you for all the cards, visits, prayers and many other kindnesses extended to me during my recent stay in the hospital. It reminds me once again of the Christian fellowship I am privileged to share at West Erwin. Thanks again.

Robert Stokes

Thank you for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown me since I have been ill. I am most grateful for your prayers. I appreciate the cards; they meant a lot to me, as did the flowers and other kind deeds. Thanks to the Brother's Keeper Unit for the delicious food.

Floia Payne

Chairman of The Elders



F. C. Carpenter

Beginning July 1 and continuing for six months, Ferman C. Carpenter will be serving as the Chairman of our Elders. If you have a desire to meet with our elders, please contact Ferman.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



In one of his books, Vance Havner wrote the following:

"There are religious grasshoppers and church gypsies who never can find a preacher or church good enough for them; who chase favorite preachers and live on samples brought back from Canaan instead of crossing Jordan and living in the Promised Land themselves, packing their notebooks with epigrams, but not hiding the Word in their hearts. Some of them have the impression that one is not living the Christian life unless he is in a state of ecstasy at a high pressure meeting. They want to fly all the time and have found no grace for running without weariness or walking without fainting. They go up like rockets and come down like rocks."

Preachers and elders wonder why once faithful Christians are now back in the world. Much of the blame can be placed on the individual's value scale with the use of his time. Brother Hall's sermon was right on target Sunday and unless those who were there to hear it and who are in the category of being a Sunday morning only attender begin to give some heed to it, they will find themselves among the non-attenders. I don't know of a preacher who likes to preach on the subject of attendance, but as long as there are Christians who are being distracted from their duty and obligation to be present at all the services, there will be the need for frequent lessons on attendance. Of course I believe that as long as attendance remains in the "duty" or "obligation" category it will be difficult to get them to grow stronger as Christians. My prayer is that the lesson will stimulate some thought about the matter. Husbands and fathers, I charge you to be the spiritual head of your household and set the example in these very important considerations. Blessed is (continued on page two)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Stan Mallory
Dismiss Wayne Fears

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Harley Turner

SERVING COMMUNION

Hoyt Hughes Hillard Hughes June 27 506
Milburn Cook George Kester June 20 492
David Demic Tim Holt Weekly
Marc Lemons Ken Cummings Budget \$7,117.50

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER
Bill Butler Wayne Fears
Odell Malone Harley Turner
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 4 and Wednesday Evening, July 7 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 27 \$6,772.68
June 20 7,739.34
Year Ago 6,426.18

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27 396
June 20 357
Year Ago 420

WORSHIP

June 27 506
June 20 492
Weekly

Responses

Stan Denman came on Wednesday evening to ask for prayers of the church. On Sunday, Carroll Magee came forward to be restored and ask for prayers.

In Appreciation

Thanks to all of you who sent cards, made visits, and especially for your prayers in my behalf during my recent stay in the hospital. I also appreciated the food from our Brother's Keeper group. All of this meant so much to me.
Love,
Sallyann Pickle

Funeral

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mrs. T. B. (Myrtle) Thompson at the Walnut Hills church of Christ in Dallas. Brother T. B. Thompson served as the minister for the West Erwin church for seven years during the 1940's. We extend our sincere sympathy to members of the family and share in their loss.

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. "The Relevance of The Restoration Principle #2"
6:00 P.M. "The God of The Fifth Sparrow."

In The Hospital

Brother R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in the Chest Hospital. His condition has improved. Sister Aubrey Payne continues to be a patient in Medical Center. Sister Mike Munn went home on Wednesday. Brother Robert Stokes was scheduled to have back surgery Thursday in Medical Center. Nancy Draughon, mother of Mrs. Jay Bynum, had surgery Monday in Medical Center.

Great trials prepare for great service.

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The Church With A Heart

Mercy's Motivation



I know we all rejoice in a very successful and highly motivated Vacation Bible School. We thank Wes, all the teachers and the refreshment ladies for their labor of love. It was a joy to teach the adult class in the Chapel. We probed our great mission with the Great Physician. A look at the motivational factors invol-

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



ved in serving God, especially in the area of soul winning, was the challenge that faced us. When we consider God's grand plan for man's redemption in and through Jesus Christ, the depth of God's love, wisdom, knowledge and resources become apparent to us. But such consideration overwhelms the mind. The inexhaustible profundness of that Divine mind causes us to cry out with Paul, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him; and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen" (Rom. 11:33-36). One thing that becomes crystal clear in the study of God's eternal purpose is His desire to have mercy upon all. (Continued on Page 2)

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. England
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Denman
 invite you to share in the joy of
 the marriage uniting their children
 Elizabeth Diane
 and
 Steven Harold
 This celebration of love will be
 on Friday, the sixteenth of July
 Nineteen hundred and eighty-two
 at seven o'clock in the evening
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 420 West Erwin
 Tyler, Texas

Reception following

THE EVANGELIST



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

Happy Birthday

JULY (6) Charlie Cook, Michelle Parsons, Les Carruth (7) Jo North-Cutt (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 (14) Jasper Dobbs, (15) Lorene Venable (16) Ginger Metcalf, Artis Tate, Joanna Vannoy (17) Naomi Haws, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister O. E. Townsend in the loss of a sister-in-law. She was buried last Sunday.

Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Thursday evening at 6:30 for their monthly "Pot Luck Supper" and get-together.

Perry's Perspective Continued

He does not desire that a single soul perish (2 Pet. 3:9). He wishes that all be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). In the face of God's goodness, how can it be that so many are still lost and on their way to perdition? The only possible answer that I can see is the hardness of man's heart. Let us all beware of this grave danger. Sin hardens the heart. Unbelief causes us to perish in the wilderness of rebellion.

Mercy motivates! It motivates if it is comprehended and embraced. After

his magnificent doxology in Romans 11, Paul follows with these words, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1,2).

May we accept God's mercy and be fervently motivated thereby.

A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
 honoring Jill Rowe
 Bride Elect of Doug Stickler
 At the home of Mrs. Jack Paul
 412 Heritage
 Tyler, Texas
 Saturday Morning July 17, 1982
 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. "Come & Go"
 Selections:
 Johnson Jewelers
 Cardale
 Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation. Telephone calls are not being made.

Thank You

Words can never express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for all of the prayers, food, cards, flowers, calls, visits and love displayed during the illness and death of our loved one.

It is truly a blessing to be a child of God and to be a part of and associated with the Christian family at West Erwin.

In Christian love,
 The Roland Roberts Family

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Queen and DeBard Streets church of Christ in Palestine. The bus will leave our parking lot at 6:00 o'clock. The following week the meeting will be in Jacksonville Corinth Road church.

No Bulletin Next Week

In order to comply with the regulations of our 2nd class mailing permit, The Visitor will not be published next week.

HERE and THERE
 by Wes Price



Hardeman Nichols writes in his bulletin the following article that I thought you might be interested in:

The habits of neglect are most damaging. If a farmer neglects his fields, he will lose his profitable yield. If a person neglects the Lord and His church, the loss is far greater. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?" Hebrews 2:3

To "neglect" suggests that we are defaulting and disregarding our responsibility. Children of God are expected to worship Him faithfully. Not forsaking our own assembling together," warns Hebrews 10:25. We know it is good for us and for the church. Now when we admit that fact, we are held accountable; for James 4:17 teaches, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." This is conclusive in showing that it is a sin to neglect the assemblies of the church.

Those who are not attending faithfully are encouraged to begin to give more earnest heed. You are missed when your place is empty. No one else can fill it for you. Christ is counting on you. We shall be looking for you.

* * * * *

By the time you will be reading this, our 1982 Vacation Bible School will nearly be history. The success belongs to our teachers. They have done a super job in preparing for their classes and the response of the children shows it. We are extremely grateful to them for their special effort in teaching. We are also grateful to all of you who have gone to extra effort to have your children and many of your neighbor's children here each day for class. Thanks to all for the marvelous job of seeing that the concentrated effort of a week's Bible study paid off.

INDEPENDENCE DAY ★ JULY 4 ★

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Bill Faulkner
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer George Kester
Dismiss Tim Holt

SERVING COMMUNION

Stan Mallory K. Max Haws
John Steffee Matt Haws
Leon Welborn Earl O'Quinn
Dick Higginbotham Phil Marts

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DeRay Bennett Ron Lott Jay Bynum

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 27 and Wednesday Evening, June 30 - MACK BYNUM - 839-2792.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 20 \$7,739.34
June 13 8,488.83
Year Ago 5,953.76

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20 357
June 13 386
Year Ago 344

WORSHIP

June 20 492
June 13 511

Weekly Budget \$7,117.50

In The Hospital

Brother C. T. Beard is very ill in the Glenview Nursing Home.

Sister Aubrey (Floia) Payne continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Mike (Sherry) Munn will have surgery on Friday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Robert Stokes was scheduled to go home on Wednesday. He will re-enter Medical Center next week for back surgery on Thursday.

Sister Norah Jones has gone home from Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Sledge Clinkscales has been in Mother Frances but was planning to go home Wednesday.

Brother R. M. Mayo entered the Chest Hospital on Tuesday.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Jesse and Theo Janet King in the loss of his sister. Funeral services were conducted for Sara Cowan on Thursday in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Friends of Children

There will be a meeting of Friends of Children on Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00 P.M. at the Glenwood church of Christ. The meeting is a planning session for the Foster Appreciation Dinner.

Teachers

Class room teachers are asked to clear bulletin boards for use of Vacation Bible School teachers.



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The Church With A Heart

Here and There (continued)

newcomers helps eliminate that barrier. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Congratulations this week to Carolyn Welborn's Five Year Old class for having 100% in attendance.

We will be referring to our new classroom on the east enclosure as our Annex. We are grateful to have this new facility. One word of caution to those who use this as an exit from the east foyer. There are two steps going down to the next level in this room. They are difficult to see because of the design of the carpet. Please be careful!

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The Bible

God's Guide For My Life

VBS IS COMING!

June 28 - July 2

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

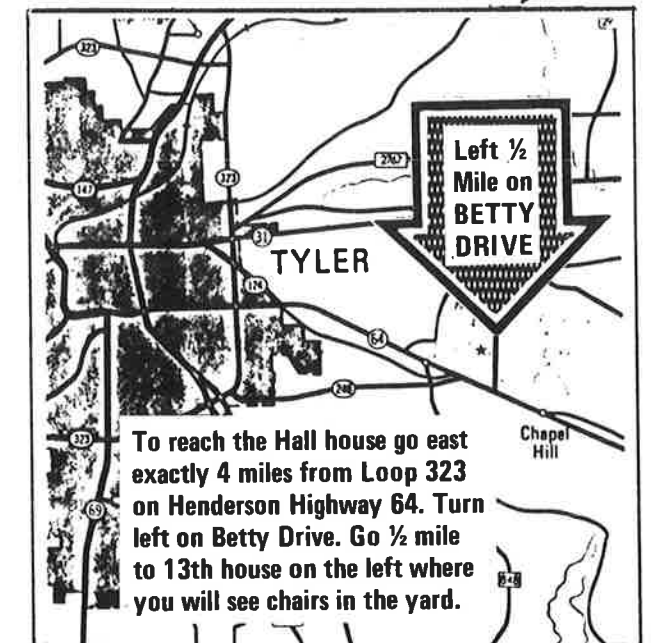
Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



BROTHER'S KEEPER

A Big Scoop



Potpourri

Brother's Keeper Meeting

All Brother's Keeper Units will meet Sunday evening following the worship service at the home of Perry and Laree Hall (see the map on the front page for directions). Bring a freezer of your favorite ice cream or a cake or cookies. To avoid a parking problem, please plan to car pool or ride the church bus from the parking lot.

Area Singing

Sunday afternoon, June 27 at 2:00 o'clock, the Area Singing will be held at the Lake-side church of Christ. This is a new congregation meeting in a small "A Frame" building on Highway 155 near Lake Palestine. You are invited to attend.

Campus Christian Center

The Campus Christian Center Devotionals have been changed to 7:30 each Monday evening to avoid conflicting with the East Texas Summer Youth Series. All college age young people are welcome.

Summer Youth Series

The East Texas Summer Youth Series meets Tuesday evening, June 29 at the Crockett Rd. church of Christ in Palestine. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. Young people - plan to go!

Happy Birthday

JUNE (27) Vern Johnson (28) Christine Parsons (29) B.B.Lambert, Kyle McRuiz JULY (1) Bob Zadina, Wes Price, Earnesene Shuford (3) Alma Bennett, Cathy Hallman, Vivian McCall, Larry Henry

THE EVANGELIST



"Many people who plan to be saved from their sins the eleventh hour, die at 10:30."

H O R R O R S !

There is considerable attention focused upon the protestors to nuclear energy by the news media. Personally, I believe most of their fears are unfounded. I have a few questions every American would do well to consider on this subject.

WHAT IF 40 - 50 people were killed every day by a malfunctioning nuclear plant?

WHAT IF that malfunctioning plant seriously injured 1,500 others every day?

WHAT IF the presence of nuclear plants drove 8 - 20 people to commit suicide every day?

WHAT IF nuclear energy caused 200 broken homes each day?

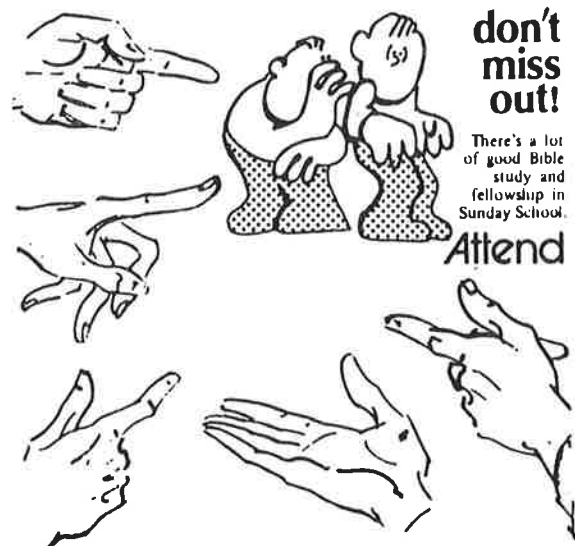
WHAT IF it caused 250 people to suffer permanent brain damage every day, besides the other injuries already described?

WHAT IF it caused 125 parents to abuse their children or to assault other loved ones every day?

WHAT IF it caused 5 - 6 billion dollars direct damages and inestimable indirect damage each year?

Now, if you will just double every figure I have quoted, you will have a partial picture of the effects of beverage alcohol! Where are the protestors???

...From Southeast Bulletin
Oklahoma City, Okla.



Funeral

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon for our brother Roland R. Roberts. He died early on Sunday morning. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Amie, to Cherrie and Carroll Magee, and to all members of the family.

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall

10:20 A.M. "The Relevance of The Restoration Principle, #1."

6:00 P.M. "What Are You Doing Here? or Dealing With Discouragement and Depression."

In Appreciation

We appreciate Ann Ida Miller for her thoughtfulness in providing the lovely arrangement of flowers for the auditorium last Sunday.

The

Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

A WORD TO THE LIVING

It isn't enough to say in our hearts
That we like a man for his ways;
It isn't enough that we fill our minds
With thoughts of silent praise:
Nor is it enough that we honor a man
As our confidence upward mounts
It's going right up to the man himself
And telling him so that counts.

If a man does a work that you really
admire,
Don't leave a kind word unsaid.
In fear to do so might make him vain,
And cause him to lose his head.
But reach out your hand and tell him,
"Well done,"
And see how his gratitude swells.
It isn't the flowers that we strew on
the grave-
It's the word to the living that tells.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Vacation Bible School time is upon us. We are looking forward to a great time with all the children. And, we have not overlooked the adults in their need for Bible study. Brother Perry Hall will be teaching all the adults in the chapel.

Time schedule calls for each day's session to begin at 9:30 a.m. with an assembly in the auditorium. Activities will conclude with reassembly in the auditorium.

For some unknown reason, I overlooked one of our teachers in last week's bulletin. Angela Mallory will be teaching with Maxine Freeman in the Four Year Old Class. Also assisting in this class will be Julienne Butler.

All of our families can be of great help to our efforts by bringing friends and neighbors to enjoy this special effort. You can rest assured that our teaching will be of excellent quality. This will be an excellent opportunity for outreach.

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In recent weeks, with the beginning of summer vacation time, we have enjoyed a host of visitors at our Sunday morning services. We are always delighted to welcome such. There also has been a number of newcomers to Tyler and have visited our services to "look us over." We have hopes that many of these will find this to be the place where they want to worship and serve the Lord. When you see someone in our services that you don't recognize, make special effort to introduce yourself and don't take it for granted that others have already met them. The more of our family to make them feel welcome, the greater our chances of seeing them select our congregation as their home.

While I am on the subject, let me express my gratitude to those of our older members who are always warm and friendly to strangers. In so many congregations, younger couples see a large number of older folks and automatically decide against placing membership with that church. But here, the friendliness of our older members toward

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements	Phil Marts	June 13	\$8,488.83
Prayer	Ray Womack	June 6	6,091.56
Dismiss	Wynne Weathers	Year Ago	6,150.42

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements	Phil Marts	June 13	386
Prayer	Bob Zadina	June 6	382
Dismiss	John Powell	Year Ago	377

SERVING COMMUNION

Stan Mallory	K. Max Haws	June 13	511
John Steffee	Matt Haws	June 6	471
Leon Welborn	Earl O'Quinn	Weekly	
Dick Higginbotham	Phil Marts	Budget	\$7,117.50

Our Records

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BIBLE SCHOOL

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

DeRay Bennett	Ron Lott	Jay Bynum
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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 20 and Wednesday evening, June 23 - LES CARRUTH, 561-9684

The Amazing Grace Bible Class
Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTv

Here and There (continued)

Children cannot come to Bible study if parents won't come (some try to take the easy way out by bringing their children and not staying themselves) so we want to encourage all adults in the West Erwin family to assume the personal responsibility of being present each week in Bible study.

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In The Hospital

Brother Roland Roberts is in Medical Center Hospital.

Robert Stokes is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sermons For Sunday

10:30 A.M. "Prepared An Ark To The Saving of His House."
6:00 P.M. "Overcoming Our Problems."

Resolve

- Resolve to call Him Master, and obey His will. . .
- Resolve to call Him Light, and seek His Guidance. . .
- Resolve to call Him the Way, and walk in His steps. . .
- Resolve to call Him Life, and let Him live in you. . .
- Resolve to call Him Wise, and seek his counsel. . .
- Resolve to call Him Rich, and partake of His Wealth. . .
- Resolve to call Him Fair, and seek to share His Love. . .
- Resolve to call Him Mighty, and trust His Power. . .
- Resolve to call Him Just, and be content to serve. . .

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HALLS TO HOST

Brother's Keepers

MEETING

On Sunday evening, June 27, immediately after worship all of the Brother's Keeper groups will meet at the home of the Perry Halls for an Ice Cream Supper. The Halls live in the Chapel Hill area on Betty Drive. Betty Drive is a little over 4 miles from Loop 323 on Henderson Highway 64. Turn left on to Betty Drive and it is the 13th house on the left. Our name is on the mailbox. We will have table and chairs set up on our front lawn and the welcome mat will be out. We will run the buses and we will need to car pool if at all possible due to what will develop into a shortage of parking, if everybody goes in separate cars.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Those who have ice cream freezers, please bring them full of your favorite ice cream. Those who do not have freezers, please bring a cake or cookies. Although cups and spoons will be provided, those bringing ice cream will need to bring a large serving spoon or ice cream scoop.

We hope we will have a good turn out of our Brother's Keeper groups. We look forward to a great evening with you.

Don't miss it!

Vacation Bible School

June 28 - July 2 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

TEACHERS	AGE	ROOM
Pam Lott	Sheila Morris Nursery	109
Renea Burkholder	Barbara Montandon 2 Years	102
Sue Skipper	Martha Powell 3 Years	107
Maxine Freeman	4 Years	104
Elaine Roberson	Kristi Roberson Kindergarten	202
Carolyn Carruth	Becky Sims 1st Grade	215
Debbie Bynum	Fran Starnes 2nd Grade	209
Laree Hall	Ernestine Mallory 3rd Grade	204
Velma Lemons	4th Grade	214
Wes Price	5th & 6th Grade Boys	105
Billie Bob Hickman	5th & 6th Grade Girls	Annex
Billie Morgan		
Perry Hall	Adults	Chapel

REFRESHMENTS Carolyn Welborn & Diana Savage

Sound Of Shuffling Feet

I've heard it often. Maybe more than most. I live with it. It's part of my work. I'm a preacher.

It's not the shuffling feet of age, though that I also hear. It's not the sliding feet of those that creep away from baby's bed quietly lest they wake the sleeping infant. Rather it's the sound of men - carrying a casket. Shuffling feet, burying the dead.

Six men - eight men - active pallbearers. They carry the remains of a special friend. Families wish they could name more but even eight find their steps quite confined.

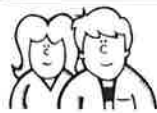
Did you ever notice how they do it? None can take a long step - his fellow pallbearer limits him. He scrapes along. The leather sole slides over the concrete and the shuffling sound blends in with the sobs. It's all there. Death has claimed its prey.

Reverently men walk to pew, to hearse, to grave. It's the painful moment of sorrow. The steps await us all. None know of the time of their coming. One does know its certainty. It's the end lot of earthly man.

How foolish to put off. How risky to be out of Christ. How tragic to once have been with Him no longer to attend, worship, work.

Man will be judged. While shuffling feet carry a folded tent to its burial, a soul of eternal dimension comes before his God.

(Continued next Column)



Youth

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet on Tuesday evening, June 22, at the the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. Meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 P.M. We will go together on the bus.

100 Years

The Troup Church of Christ, 412 West Duval requests your presence as they observe their 100th Anniversary on June 20, 1982 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The program, "The Troup Church Remembers" will include honoring the oldest member, history of the church, singing and introduction of past preachers, leaders and other guest.

Following the program they will have a reception in the fellowship hall.

They will begin a gospel meeting June 20 to continue through June 25. Week night services will be at 7:30. L. R. Sparks from Marshall will preach. Also, this week from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M., they will conduct Vacation Bible School with classes for all ages.

Perry Kerr is the minister for the Troup church.

A commitment to Christ eliminates Sunday indecision.

SOUND OF. . . (Continued)

I can't stop the shuffle of the feet. I dare not try to avoid "after death, the judgement."

Wayward Christian, come home. Your faithlessness will damn you. Unimmersed attendant, be baptized into Jesus - now. Knowing the certainty of the shuffle of the feet and the justice of God, prepare to meet Him.

. . . Jim Bill McInteer

An Invitation

A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Diane England
Bride Elect of Steve Denman
At the home of Mrs. Stan Mallory
102 East Third
Tyler, Texas

Monday evening, June 21, 1982
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Come & Go

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation. Telephone calls are not being made.

In Appreciation

Dear Christian Friends,

I want to express my thanks to you again for the many cards that I am still receiving. I love you all.

Leona McElroy

Thanks to our Brother's Keeper Unit for the nice cards I received during my recent illness.

Charlie Shuford

Thank you for the lovely cards, visits and offers of assistance. Your kindness is appreciated so much.

Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Townsend

Happy Birthday

JUNE (20) Lowell Wiggains, Vivie Wright (21) Faye Kennard, Sherry Babbitt (23) Maurice Henderson, Bob Threadgill (24) Amie Roberts (26) Amy O'Quinn.

ONLY A DAD

Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame,
To show how well he played the game,
Glad in his heart his own rejoice
To see him come and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small
Doing with courage set and grim
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is a line for him I pen,
"Only a dad-but the best of men!"

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Each summer our elders support and encourage those of our Bible school teaching staff to take advantage of the Summer Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian University. The dates are July 25-28. We will be taking our mini-bus and we still have room for several others to attend. If you would be interested in attending, please let me know soon. We will need to send in advance reservations so room space in the dorm can be reserved for you. I have a limited number of brochures with detailed information in my office. If you would like to have one, just give us a call and we will mail one to you.

It may be that you would like to go but are unsure of whether you qualify since you may not be teaching at the present time. Just give me a call and I'll try to help you decide.

Honors classes to be congratulated for 100% attendance in the recent past include the Four Year Old Class taught by Renea Burkholder and Frances McBee.

Vacation time is a wonderful opportunity for us to visit other congregations of the Lord's church in other cities. While away, please don't forget to attend Bible study and worship service wherever you go. I still don't believe it is possible to take a vacation away from the Lord. Too, you may want to make arrangements to leave your contribution behind with a friend so that your financial support of the work can go on.

Some recent changes in our scheduled use of Bible class rooms include the moving of our Ladies Class from room 104 to room 108. This room also serves as the location for our children's worship and training class. It is necessary to remove the adult chairs from the room before it can be used for the training class. We would appreciate the parents of small children who attend this class to assist in the change and being understanding of the time that it takes to make this re-arrangement. Fred Powell does an outstanding job of directing this work and we commend him for his patience in this arrangement.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announce Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss George Daugherty

EVENING WORSHIP

Announce Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Cliff Clough

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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 13 and Wednesday
Evening, June 16 - MIKE SAVAGE - 593-6587.

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

DeRay Bennett Ron Lott Jay Bynum

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1982
By Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. "The Hidden Treasure"
6:00 P.M. "Christians On Vacation"

Here and There (continued)

things keep them from coming. Just a Sunday or two measured against all eternity isn't all that much. But what if the day you chose to miss, the lesson was on something that you desperately needed for a particular spiritual problem that you have. Think of all who are disappointed when you miss, your classmates, the teacher and don't forget the Lord. We need every member of this congregation and every child of every member to be present for Bible study as often as we meet. Join us!

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 6 \$6,091.56
May 30 \$7,514.81
Year Ago \$6,772.84

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6 372
May 30 424
Year Ago 440

WORSHIP

June 6 471
May 30 505

Weekly Budget \$7,117.50

New Members

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Gail) Vannoy to West Erwin and to Tyler. They formerly lived in Terrell, Texas. They are the parents of two children - Neil, who is six years old, and Joanna, who is three years old. Their address is 1601 Milam, telephone 597-6447.

We are also very happy to welcome Gary Wallace, 211 Ridgecrest Dr. He formerly worshipped with the Newark church of Christ in Ohio. Gary is the grandson of Mary and Ike Gaiser.

The Sick

Tommy White is a patient in Medical Center.

C. B. Burkham hopes to go home this week from Medical Center.

Guy Potts remains in Community Hospital.

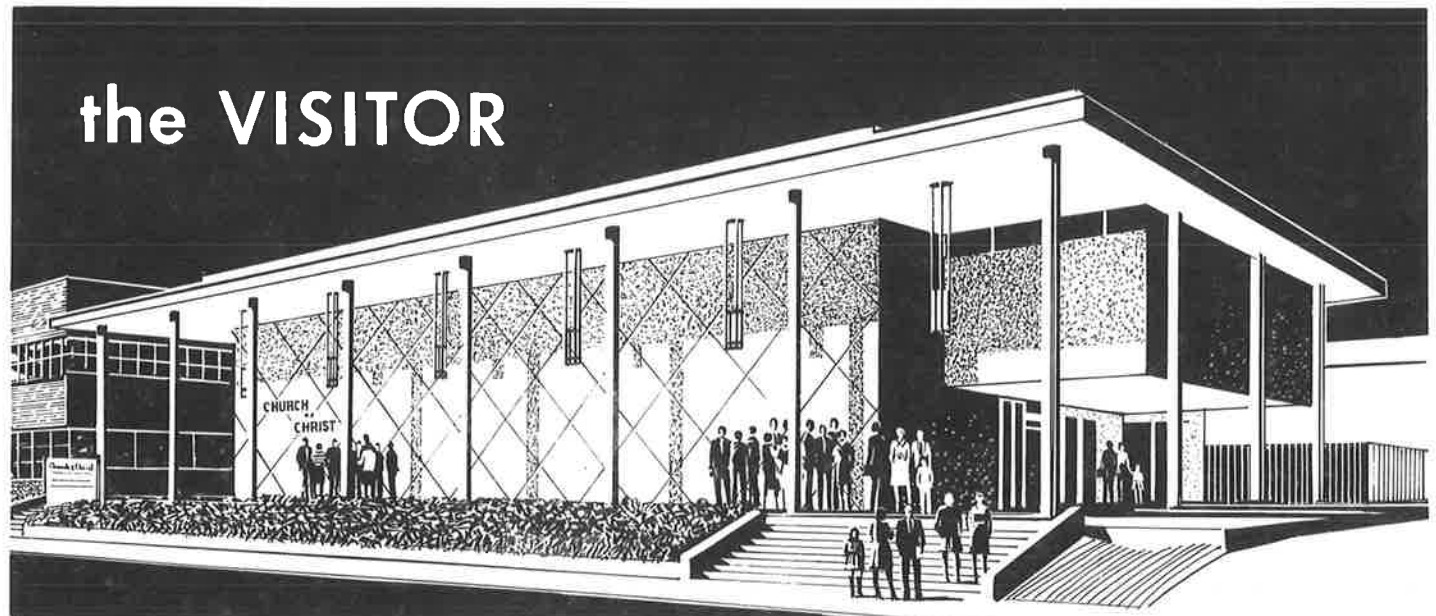
Mrs. Zorado Sherman is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Fred Strait has been in Medical Center, but is now at home.

Mrs. Theron Pickle is much improved and is now at home.

Mrs. Vera Green, mother of Lyska Adams, is very seriously ill. She lives in Big Sandy and is a member of the church there.

Bud Ray, a brother of Mrs. Monroe Sublette, is a patient in Medical Center following surgery. He is from Pittsburg, Texas.



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The Church With A Heart

VBS Fast Approaching



GOD'S GUIDE FOR MY LIFE

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Let every member of the congregation get behind this effort. Let us pray about it. Let us meditate upon it. Let us encourage our friends to attend. Our only hope in this life and the life of the world to come is found in the Holy Scriptures.

The time is June 28 - July 2. We will have much to say in this and coming issues of the bulletin. Let us heed his encouragement and admonition. Together, let us glorify and serve our heavenly Father.

Week's Vacation

Laree and I are very grateful to the elders for a week off to get some work done around home. I appreciate so much that Wes and Freeman were willing to take care of my preaching and teaching responsibilities. I know they did a superb job!

Perry Hall, Minister
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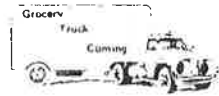
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Grocery Trucks



Next week, June 14-18, trucks from BOLES HOME and MEDINA HOME are scheduled to be here. We have been asked to concentrate on Applesauce for the Medina Home. A supply for six months is 175 16oz cans.

The following items are especially needed at this time for Boles Home: toilet tissue, canned fruit, paper towels, trash bags, canned meat and catsup. Of course, they will be glad to use any items we furnish them.

Family Pictures for Directory

Sunday, June 13, is the day to have family pictures made for our church directory. If your family picture is not in the directory, plan to have it made immediately following the worship service (morning or evening).

That's Entertainment

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT?

A Christian looks
at today's TV, movies and music

Date: June 21

Time: 6:30-9:00 P.M.

Place: Church of Christ
3914 North St., Nacogdoches

E.T.C.A.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is seeking applications for the position of School Administrator. If you possess Administrative Certification and experienced background, if you are a faithful member of the church of Christ, and if you are interested, please submit your resume to: East Texas Christian Academy, 1801 Shiloh Rd., Tyler, Texas 75703.

In Appreciation

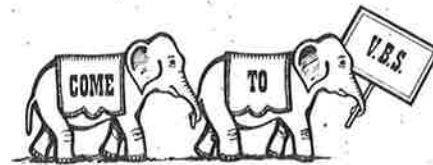
The family of Vivian Slaughter acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

The flowers and other kind expressions of sympathy were appreciated so much by the family of Odes C. Taylor.

Thank you for the lovely Bible. I will treasure it forever. It was so sweet of you to remember me at such a special time in my life. Julie Higginbotham

The children and I wish to thank you for remembering us in the loss of our loved one. We wish to thank you for visits, calls, food, cards and the flowers. It means so much to know that we have such lovely Christian friends. Leona McElroy & Children

5-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 28 - July 2

I Wish...

I wish I were big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings;
Broad enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant;
Tall enough to tower above deceit;
Strong enough to treasure love;
Brave enough to welcome criticism;
Compassionate enough to understand human frailties;
Wise enough to stand by my friends;
Human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor;
And righteous enough to be devoted to the laws of God.

Funeral

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the church building for brother G. W. McElroy. We extend our sincere sympathy to Leona, the children and all members of the family.

Baby Girls

We are very pleased to announce that Gary and Louise Weaver are the parents of twin girls born Monday, May 31 in Mesquite, Texas. Gary was reared in Tyler and was a member of West Erwin. Louise is the niece of George and Alice Stephenson. The girls are Jana Marie, 6 lb 3 oz, 19 inches long and Joy Michelle, 6 lb 8½ oz, 20 inches long. They also have a son, Randall, who is three.

Dan and Wynelle Sexton are the parents of a baby girl, 6 lb 1 oz born Wednesday, June 2, at Mother Frances Hospital.

Bible Class
9:30 A.M.
Every Sunday



WE'RE
Looking For You!

Happy Birthday

JUNE (12) Ralph Old (13) Juanita
of, Harold Browning (14) Kevin
Womack (15) Mildred Parris, T. J.
Parsons, J. N. Metcalf, Shelly Camp-
bell (16) Ann Nail, R. E. Frederick
(17) Fred Strait, Grace Walker,
Zeffie Beard (19) Stella Buckner



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet next Tuesday, June 15, at the Chandler Street Church in Kilgore. Young people, meet on the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. and we will go together on the bus.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Vacation Bible School for 1982 is now only three weeks away. I hope all our families with children are making preparation to be present for a week of excellent Bible study and fun. Our teaching staff is busy getting materials together and preparing lessons. Don't forget the dates - June 28 through July 2. In addition to classes for our children, we will be having a class for adults which will be taught by Perry Hall. This will be a good opportunity for you to invite your neighbors and friends to come and hear Perry teach.

I appreciate all the kind remarks about the sermons Sunday. I always enjoy preaching when the opportunity presents itself. I don't know of a congregation that I have enjoyed preaching to more than this one. I feel that I'm speaking to an audience that is eager to hear messages from God's word. I especially appreciate those who trust me so much that they can go to sleep (little humor there, very little).

The vacation season is now upon us and many folks will be away from home. Our prayers will go with you for a safe and happy trip and we will be anxious to have you back. If you are responsible for some church duty, please be sure you leave word when you are to be away so a substitute can be provided. This is especially true if you are one of our Bible class teachers. Please let us know as far in advance as possible.

The announcement about our most recent property purchase was a welcome bit of good news. We now are owners of the corner lot on West Erwin and Bonner. In just a few days we will also have the two lots south of the corner. Immediate plans call for the removal of the existing buildings and the property will be paved for additional parking.

Missing Bible study seems to be such an innocent little thing. I know there are times when folks are simply not able to attend because of physical problems, but I am also sure that some just take the easy way out and let unimportant

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Serving Sunday

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Announce Dannie Skipper
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss David Demic

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Year Ago 6,538.29

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 30 424
May 23 426
Year Ago 368

WORSHIP

May 30 505
May 23 495
Weekly

The Sick

Guy Potts fell on Monday and is suffering from a fractured vertebra. He will be in Community Hospital for two or three weeks.

Kathy Krewall has been in Community Hospital, but is now at home.

C. B. Burkham underwent surgery Tuesday morning. He is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sallyann Pickle in in Mother Frances Hospital ill with pneumonia. She is unable to have visitors at this time.

Jean Fuller entered Medical Center Sunday evening. It is likely that she will undergo surgery.

G. W. McElroy is hospitalized in Medical Center.

Sunday morning, Joe Carroll was taken to the emergency room following an accident at home. However, he was not seriously injured and was able to be in worship Sunday evening.

The announcement was made Sunday morning that men from the congregation are needed to sit with Walter Fuller for an afternoon or a few hours each week in order for Pauline to have opportunity to take care of business or personal matters. Call Wes Price if you are able to help.

Gospel Meeting

The Pritchett Church of Christ invite you to hear Lynn Mathney in a gospel meeting, June 6 - 9. Wednesday services will be at 7:30 p.m.

Responses

On Wednesday evening, May 26, after a series of Bible lessons with brother Wes Price, Mrs. Tim (Gayle) Holt was baptized into Christ. We rejoice with Gayle in her obedience.

Larry and Judy Ballard, 539 Williams Ct., telephone 595-1372, came Wednesday to place membership. They are the parents of a baby boy, Brendan. The Ballards are returning to Tyler and West Erwin from Natchitoches, La.

Summer Youth Series

THE EAST TEXAS SUMMER YOUTH SERIES will meet for the first meeting of the summer at the West Erwin building at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8. This meeting is hosted by the West Erwin and Glenwood churches. This series of meetings for young people will continue throughout East Texas each Tuesday through August 10.

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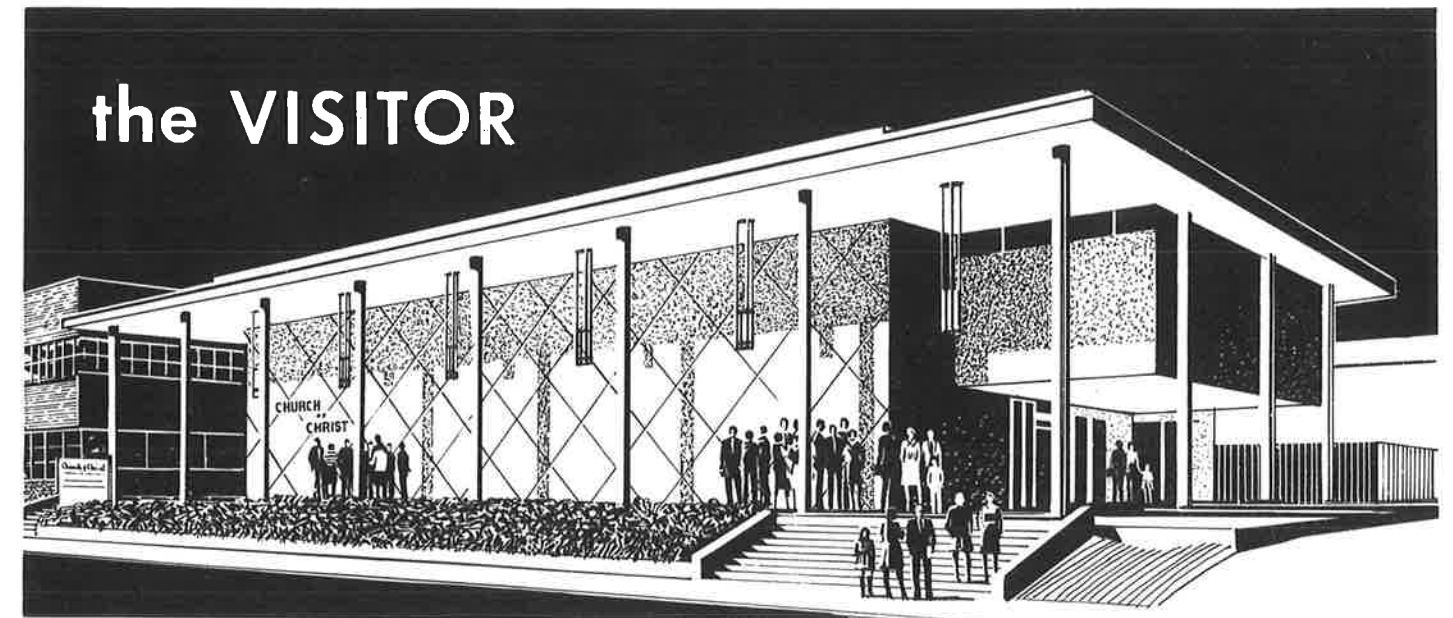
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The Church With A Heart

**Reach Out,
Knock, Unlock!**



"Ask, and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there a man among you who will offer his son a stone when he asks for bread, or a snake when he asks for fish? If you, then, bad as you are, know how to give your children what is good for them, how much more will

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him!" (Matt. 7:7-11 NEB).

The above are the words of Jesus during what we commonly call "The Sermon on the Mount." Do they have any meaning for us? Are these statements expressed by Jesus still true? If they are not true, we must show that God has changed since that time? It must be shown that He wishes no longer to bless man, or that He has become evil where once He was good.

Our Father, by His very nature, cannot change in those things that are essential to His Divine Nature. James wrote, "Do not deceive yourselves, my friends. All good giving and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of the lights of heaven. With him there is no variation, no play of passing shadows. Of his set purpose, he declaring the truth, he gave us birth to be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures" (Jas.1:16-18 NEB).

Perry's Perspective Continued

Of this steadfast purpose of God to bless us, the Hebrew writer declared, "...and so God, desiring to show even more clearly to the heirs of his promise how unchanging was his purpose, guaranteed it by oath. Here, then, are two irrevocable acts in which God could not possibly play us false, to give powerful encouragement to us, who have claimed his protection by grasping the hope set before us. That hope we hold. It is like an anchor for our lives, an anchor safe and sure" (Heb. 6:17-19 NEB).

Yes, Jesus wants to encourage us to seek those blessings God desires to give upon our request. There is no good thing that He will withhold from them who walk with Him.

Earnest prayer is encouraged. Ritualistic or formalistic prayers are "out,"

while only the fervent expression of the dependent child is "In."

God's love and care are far greater for those who serve Him than any physical father could have for his children. He is more willing than the best of earthly fathers to bestow good things on those who seek His blessings. He requires us to ask, seek, knock for the good where it is to be found, on the conditions He proposes to give.

"My God will supply all that you need from his glorious resources in Christ Jesus. And may glory be to our God and our Father for ever and ever, amen!" (Phi;. 4:19, 20 - Phillips).

Perry Hall

(Brother Perry Hall is taking a week of vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 8.)

"Set A Guard And Keep Watch"

Guards are a familiar part of our lives today. We see them standing in the lobby of the bank; they are on the armored cars; they are around the President and other important persons; they are at our school crossings to protect our children. Simply put, the work of a guard is to protect something precious and to restrain those who are evil.

David wrote a long time ago that everyone should put a guard over the mouth. He said, "Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips." (Psalm 141:3)

Both the Old and New Testaments have so very much to say about the use of the tongue, and yet, how very little attention we give to this personally. I have yet to hear a Christian say, "I am working on my speech to make it Christian."

Solomon wrote, "The tongue has the power of life and death..." (Prov. 18:21) James wrote in the same vein, "The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell." (James 3:6)

No other part of our spiritual and physical make-up can do so much damage by way of sinning. The tongue can gossip, talebear, give false witness, whisper and slander, make false accusations, vain talk, defame, tattle, lie, deceive, backbite, utter oaths, be profane, and blaspheme God.

But like any other thing in life that has a great potential for evil, it has a great potential for good. Paul said, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Col. 4:6) Solomon wrote, "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Prov. 25:11)

The Christian cannot drift along with the crowd and say the things the world says. Our language cannot be the speech of movies and television shows that take God's name in vain and use profanity so easily. We are different and our speech is the clearest way to show that we are not of the world, but are of God.

Let us all be conscious of watching our speech and using the kind of speech which would please God. It is not an option; it is a command. We must "keep watch over the door of our lips." ... Harvey Porter

Funerals

Graveside services were held on Sunday afternoon in Lindale City Cemetery for Odes C. Taylor. He was the brother of Lonnie Taylor. We express our sympathy to his family.

Tuesday morning, graveside services were held in Rose Hill Cemetery for Mrs. M. A. (Vivian) Slaughter. We extend sympathy to her husband and loved ones. Brother Slaughter is a patient in Leisure Lodge Nursing Home.

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

You will never know how much your prayers, visits and calls have meant to us. We appreciate your love and concern for us. We are thankful for Walter's continued improvement.

In Christian love,

Pauline and Walter Fuller

From The Elders

Perhaps no greater compliment could have been paid to Christ than is found in Matthew. 22:16, "Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God truth."

We the elders feel that Pauline Jones, Eleanor Birdwell and Delle Bullard measure up to this high standard. They have volunteered their abilities and energies to others in the many years of service to the Lord, the church and to those many students who have been tutored by them. We praise and adore their undaunted attitudes and efforts, and we recognize that the fruits of their labors will be greatly blessed by the Lord.

In Appreciation

Thank you for the personalized Bible. I did not have this version and I appreciate it very much.

Leslie Mallory

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



WHAT MAKES A BIBLE CLASS GROW?

Guest Editorial from
Crosstown Church Bulletin, Tulsa, Oklahoma

In the church today there are many plans offered by those who are labeled "specialists" that will "guarantee" immediate growth for the Bible School. Some of their suggestions are very good, some are not. I suppose that it is impossible to make a list of suggested methods that would insure growth for every Bible class program in the brotherhood.

Because each congregation has its own special "personality," some methods will work at a given place and some will not. I do believe, however, that there are some basic principles that are adaptable to most all situations.

Here are three of the basics which WILL INSURE Bible class growth if practiced.

1. A Bible Class Must Be Open To New-comers: Those of us who have been members of a particular Bible class must be willing to make new people feel welcome and needed. Long-established groups easily become closed to outsiders. The longer any group has been in existence (including Bible classes) the more difficult it is for an outsider to break in.

2. Class Members Must Have A Plan That Produces Growth: If properly motivated each class member can list numerous prospects for the Bible class. If an adult class has thirty members it should be no problem at all for the class to have an average of ten visitors per week. Remember, the class must want to grow. Just stop and think about how many friends, neighbors and relatives you have.

3. God's Help Must Be Sought: Many times we are open to newcomers and we have a plan and still fall short of our goal. Make it a practice to pray fervently, collectively and individually, for growth. God wants His church to grow. We, as Bible class members, are the key to that growth. Pray about it and do your best to make it happen. You will be glad you did!

Serving Sunday

Our Records

<u>MORNING WORSHIP</u>		<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	May 23	\$7,130.50
Prayer	Jack Paul	May 16	7,821.35
Dismiss	Jonathan Paul	Year Ago	5,374.43
<u>EVENING WORSHIP</u>		<u>BIBLE SCHOOL</u>	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	May 23	426
Prayer	Fred Powell	May 16	429
Dismiss	Trey Hughes	Year Ago	385
<u>SERVING COMMUNION</u>		<u>WORSHIP</u>	
Freeman Morgan	Dannie Skipper	May 23	495
Bill Thompson	Don Weathers	May 16	571
Roy Roberson	Wyndal Miller	Weekly	
Guy Potts	Henry McRuiz	Budget	\$7,117.50
<u>ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER</u>			
Gus Krewall	Morris Hallman	Earl O'Quinn	

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, May 30 and Wednesday evening, June 2 - GLYNN STARNES - 561-0736.

Responses

Sunday morning we were happy to see Bryan and Brad Chambless put on Christ in baptism. They are the sons of Sharen Chambless and Rocky Chambless. Bryan is in the 8th grade and Brad is a 6th grade student.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTW

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In The Hospital

Mrs. Mac (Vivian) McCall is recovering from surgery in Mother Frances Hospital.

O. E. Townsend continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

The infant daughter of Brian and Brenda Boulter has been in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by Perry Hall

A.M. "God's Will Regarding Divorce and Remarriage."

P.M. "Living Under or Acting By Divine Authority."

Directory Update

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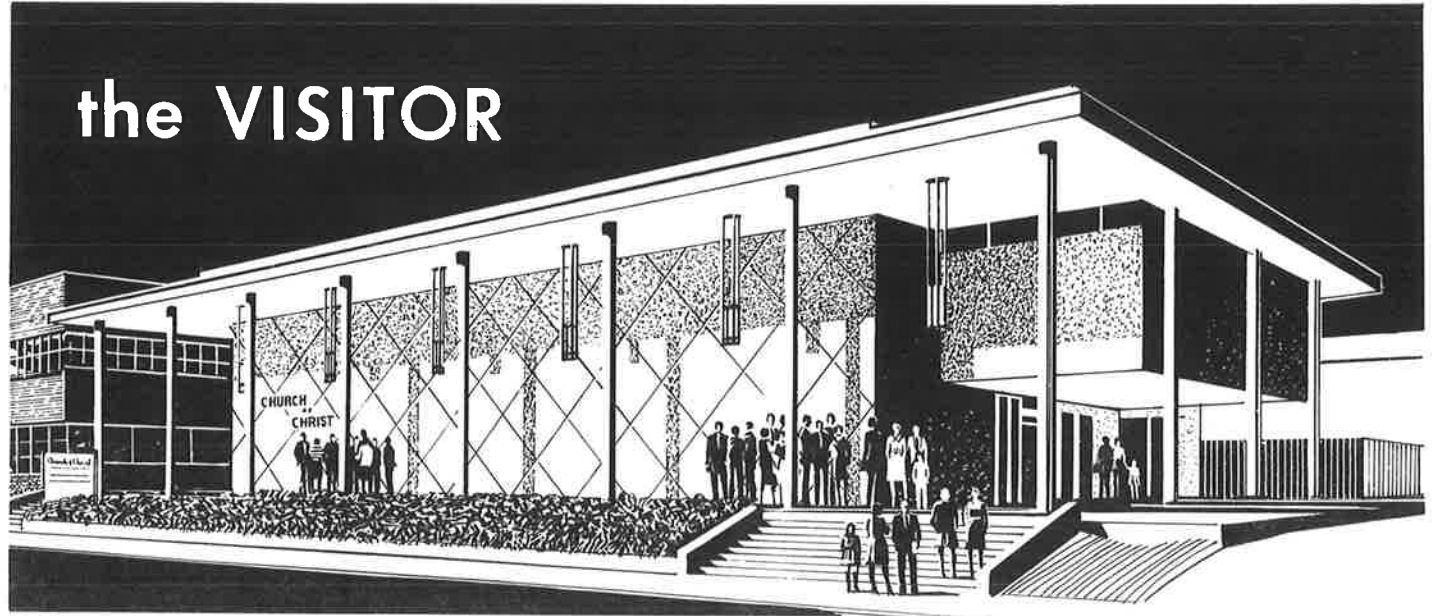


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The Church With A Heart

Honor To Whom Honor



We honor our Benevolence and Evangelism Committees this week. The elder assigned to both of these committees is Foy Richey. Chairman of the Benevolence work force is Freeman Morgan. Pictured left to right, front row is Ira Wright, John Porter, Bruce Raley, Foy Richey and Glynn Starnes. Back row, James Massey, Freeman Morgan and Harold Browning. These men direct our Christian Service Center of food and clothing, Senior Citizens Program (Young at Heart), Transient aid, Disaster Relief, Foster Homes, Home Helper, Childrens Homes, Home for Aged and our Minibus service.

Our Evangelistic Committee is Chaired by Joe McBee. Pictured left to right, both rows is Wel-don Dawson, Joe McBee, Foy Richey and Phil Marts. Assigned to them are our Gospel Meetings,

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Tape Ministry, Local and Foreign Mission efforts and TV Program.

We salute all of these men and love and honor them for their works sake. May God richly bless them and us as we labor together with Him for His glory and the salvation of the lost.



*Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Vernon Skipper
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Michelle Lynn

to

Mr. Gary Neil Colston

on Saturday, the fifth of June

One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two

at half after seven o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

"Who Changed

The Truth Of God Into A Lie"



Paul, in Romans 1, discusses the dreadful descent of man into the depths of depravity and doom. When man rebels against God, the Almighty hands him over or gives him up to the consequences of his own rebellion. Our first parents were deceived as to the consequences of their rebellion. They accepted and allowed Satan to "change the truth of God into a lie." The door was opened to what has happened over the centuries to the human race. Billions have and will die without hope because they have "changed the truth of God into a lie." Each generation has made its choice since that time and only the minority have and will escape the wrath of God that "is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness."

God in His infinite mercy and love for man has allowed his only begotten Son to

pay the penalty for sin by his death on the cross. Jesus Christ is calling out of a doomed world, through his gospel, a people for himself. They have fully embraced the truth of God. They, by continuing in God's word, have come to know the truth and through that knowledge have been set free from the deception, depravity and destruction connected with man's arch-enemy Satan and his lie - sin. The grace of God has created in Christ Jesus the Church, the "called-out" of God. If history has taught us anything, surely it has taught us the most elementary principle that God and truth are inseparable. God is the ultimate source of truth. He that embraces God must embrace the truth of God. He that rejects the truth of God ultimately rejects God. Beginning with the angels of God that "kept not their first estate down to this very moment, those who have willed to let go of God's truth have willed to let go of God.

The church of our Lord today must make quickly a recommitment to her Saviour and Head. He is the embodiment of truth and the Word Incarnate. He is the Way, Truth and Life. Opposed to Him is the one who was a murderer from the beginning and the father of all lies.

We are Christians because we have come to know, believe, love and obey truth. We must walk in it, support it, rightly handle and contend for it. There is no other way but Christ's way. There is no other name but His name. There is no other foundation

but the one He laid. There is no other doctrine and no other gospel but His gospel. We must never follow those "who change the truth of God into a lie." Surely we can see the extreme value of truth on any and every Divinely revealed subject. As lovers of God, the lovers of truth, we must come to realize that the only justifiable reason before God for believing any religious doctrine is because it is of God and therefore true. If it is not of God it is therefore, not true. We thank God and praise Him for committing his truth to written form that we might know it, believe it, love and obey it. Thus we are promised by the God of truth, the God who cannot lie, that we will have the eternal bliss of heaven and escape the consequences of those "who changed the truth of God into a lie."

Perry Hall

*Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Morris
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Janice La Well

to

Mr. Paul Rutledge Knight

on Saturday, the fifth of June

nineteen hundred and eighty-two

at seven o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church

Paradise, Texas

Reception following

Thank You

Thank you so much for your visits, cards, flowers and most of all your prayers in my behalf during my illness. Thanks again.

Mrs. Homer Williamson

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so very much for all of your cards of good wishes and especially for your prayers. The food has been delicious. You have expressed your love in so many ways and please know it has been appreciated. May God richly bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Signa Stanley

Happy Birthday

MAY (30) Mildred Tuel, Ola Dunwoody
(31) David Fears JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Paul Miller, Justin Wiggains
(4) Cheryl Welborn, Robert Gode, Carroll Magee (5) Carolyn Womack

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



The special service for our graduating seniors was a fitting climax to their years of hard work to earn their high school diploma. I'm sure I speak as a biased father when I comment on how proud I was of my daughter Rebecca. They were all dressed alike, but somehow she seemed to stand out in the crowd. I don't feel so bad in saying that when I realize that each father felt the same way about his graduate. It was a great tribute to their accomplishments.

Our high school (junior and senior high) will be ending their present Wednesday night studies this week and we have a special treat for their study on Wednesday nights during the summer months. Beginning on Wednesday night, June 9, we will begin a series of films by John Clayton, a well known science teacher and Bible teacher. The first film will be entitled, "Biological Design." These will be shown in the chapel.

On Wednesday night, June 2, we will have all classes meeting in the auditorium for a special worship service. All adult classes that are presently in progress will continue through the summer.

In the past, we have accumulated names for a membership drive for the Firm Foundation so we could take advantage of their club rate. If you are interested in subscribing for this paper, please let the church office know and we will add you to the list.

Honors go to the following classes for 100% attendance for the past two weeks: Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler's Beginners class on Sunday, May 16; Kim Hughes 2 Year Old Class on May 16; Joe McBee and Bill Faulkner's High School Class on Sunday, May 16 and May 23. Congratulations!

Our teaching staff is presently working diligently in preparation for our Annual Vacation Bible School to be held on June 28 through July 2. Don't make any plans on being out of town on those dates. We need all our children present for a great VBS!

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements	George Kester	May 16	\$7,821.35
Prayer	Roy Roberson	May 9	7,230.77
Dismiss	Doug Shelton	Year Ago	6,664.63

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements	Hillard Hughes	May 16	429
Prayer	Stan Denman	May 9	400
Dismiss	Allen Henderson	Year Ago	410

SERVING COMMUNION

Freeman Morgan	Dannie Skipper	May 16	571
Bill Thompson	Don Weathers	May 9	567
Roy Roberson	Wyndal Miller	Weekly	
Guy Potts	Henry McRuiz	Budget	\$7,117.50

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Gus Krewall Morris Hallman Earl O'Quinn
 MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, May 23 and Wednesday evening, May 26 - VERN JOHNSON - 894-6876.

Sermons For Sunday

A.M. Why Marriages Fail - Perry Hall
 P.M. Baccalaureate - Dale Smith

Graduates (continued)

KERRY HAMBLETT
 Kerry plans to attend Tyler Junior College and possibly Texas A & M. and major in Petroleum Technology. He is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. He is a member of Future Farmers of America and was President 1982-'82. He was Reporter of FFA 1980 & '81 and received Leadership and Scholarship Award from the National FFA Foundation.

ERIC AVEN GAMBREL
 Eric is a John Tyler graduate. He will attend Tyler Junior College and UT at Austin where he plans to major in Engineering and Science. He has been a member of the Science Club and Industrial Arts Club.

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Responses

We rejoice that after a series of Bible lessons, Larry Henry was baptized into Christ by Wes Price. Larry's wife, Sandra, placed membership. Their address is 3925 Suel Dr., phone 597-0112.

In The Hospital

O. E. Townsend is a patient in Community Hospital.
 Mrs. Mac McCall underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances.
 Charlie Shuford has been hospitalized but is now at home.

New Granddaughters

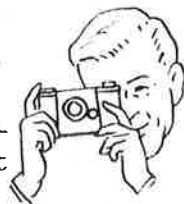
Perry and Laree Hall have a new granddaughter, Heather Ann, born Tuesday in Wichita Falls to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hall.
 Stacy Lee Dobbs was born on May 10 in Houston to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Dobbs. Freeman and Billie Morgan are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations

Mrs. Ron (Pam) Lott graduated May 2 from Abilene Christian University. She received a B. S. degree in Education.

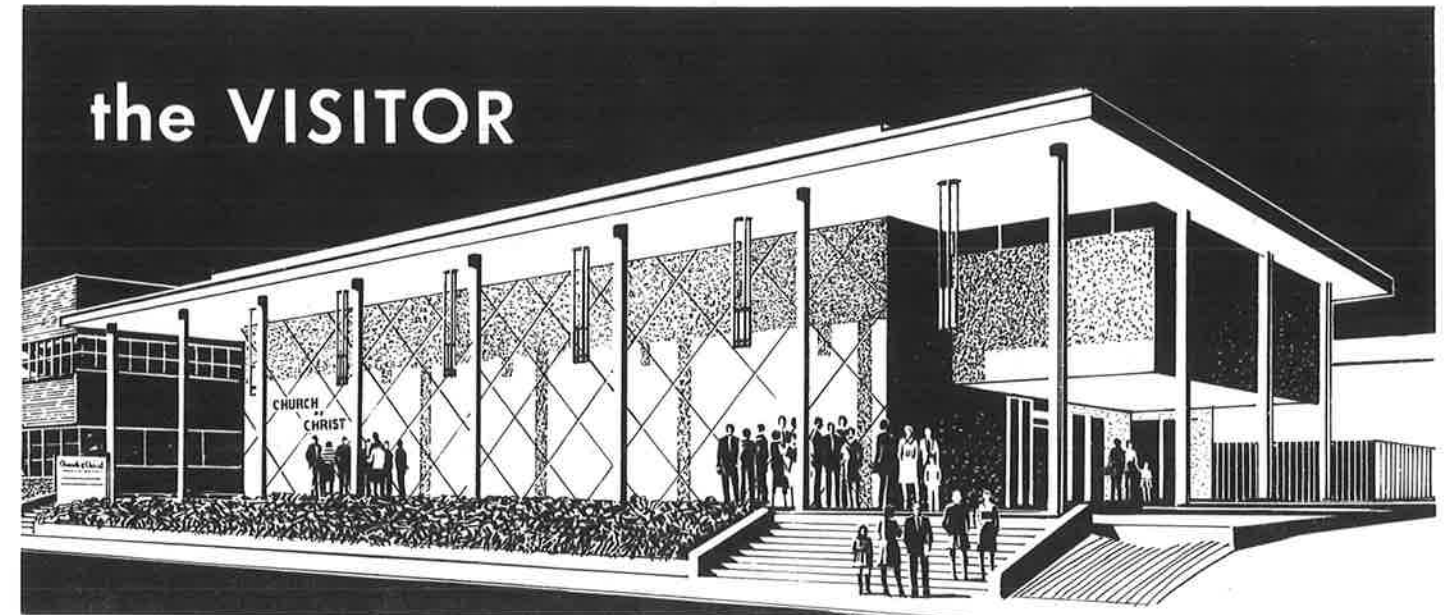
Potpourri

Pictures of individuals will be made Sunday following worship. Family groups will be photographed later. This is an effort to update our directory.



Roy and Johnnie Sue Dayton will not be here after Sunday. They are moving to Hawaii. We shall miss them.

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The Church With A Heart

Congratulations Seniors 1982

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate for all graduates in churches of Christ in Tyler will be held this year at West Erwin church of Christ. Dale Smith will be the guest speaker.

*Sunday Evening
 May 23, 1982 6:00 O'clock*

TEACHER APPRECIATION

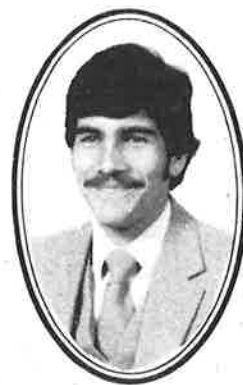
We are proud to recognize these dedicated teachers for their more than three-fourths of a century of Bible class teaching. Pauline Jones, Delle Bullard and Eleanor Birdwell are shown receiving plaques noting our loving appreciation.



Congratulations Seniors



Ann Bailey
Robert E. Lee



Stan Denman
Lindale



Terri Hallman
John Tyler



Julie Higginbotham
Robert E. Lee



Leslie Mallory
Mineola



Amanda Munn
Robert E. Lee



Norma Nail
Brownsboro



Marshall Phillips
Robert E. Lee



Becky Price
Robert E. Lee

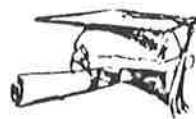


Lee Roberson
Robert E. Lee



Pat Skipper
John Tyler

Not Pictured
Eric Gambrel
John Tyler
Kerry Hamblett
Robert E. Lee
Jennie Hendry
Robert E. Lee



ANN BAILEY

Ann is a graduate of Robert E. Lee where she was a member of the Southern Belles, Latin Club and Chemistry Club. She will attend Tyler Junior College and University of Texas at Arlington and major in Business and Law. Ann has been a member of Civil Air Patrol 4 years. She is the present cadet commander of Tyler and Chairperson of the Cadet Advisory Council for Texas. She will be a summer participant in the International Air Cadet Exchange to the Netherlands.

STAN DENMAN

A graduate of Lindale High School, Stan is President of the student body, President of the National Honor Society, President of the Speech & Forensics Club and also of the Drama Club. He received the Rotary Club's Young Citizen Award, Lindale High School Drama Award and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. He was selected as Senior Most Likely to Succeed. Stan plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Drama.

TERRI MICHELLE HALLMAN

Terri is a graduate of John Tyler. She participated in Basketball and Track in '78/'79, Lake Highland Track '79/'80 and Junior Varsity Tennis in '80/'81. Terry was nominated Most Beautiful at John Tyler 1980/'81 and 1981/'82. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College one year and then Texas A & M. She will major in Business.

JULIE BETH HIGGINBOTHAM

Julie is a Robert E. Lee graduate and plans to attend Tyler Junior College in the fall. She was a member of Southern Belle Pep Squad 1979/'80; Southern Belle Drill Team 1980/'81 and a Southern Belle Officer 1981/'82. She was the Vocational Office Education Reporter for 1981/'82 and a member of the Latin Club.

KENDALL LEE ROBERSON

Lee is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. He was a Rotary Exchange Student to Japan. He returned home May 18. He was a member of the English Club, Swim Club, Student Council, Kendo Club (sword fighting-Japan) and Civil Air Patrol. He is a member of National Honor Society, University of Texas Science Symposium and UIL Science Team. Lee will enter Tyler Junior College and study Aerospace Engineering and Computer Science.

AMANDA MUNN

Amanda is a graduate of Robert E. Lee and was inducted into the National Honor Society for maintaining an "A" average over 4 years of high school. She plans to enter ACU in the fall and major in Fashion Marketing/Merchandising. She is a member of the Latin Club, Psychology Club, Chemistry Club, Key Club and Teenage Republicans.

NORMA NAIL

Norma is a graduate of Brownsboro High School. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and major in Graphic Communications. She is an Honor Graduate, Brownsboro High School Queen of Hearts, Member of National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Norma was FFA Sweetheart 1979-'80, Varsity Cheerleader, member of FHA and Annual Staff Photographer.

MARSHALL PHILLIPS

Marshall plans to attend Tyler Junior College and major in Computer Math. He is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. He served as Vice President of the Geology Club and Green Hand and Chapter Farmer of Future Farmers of America.

REBECCA PRICE

Rebecca is a Robert E. Lee graduate. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was named Best German Student. She plans to enter ACU and major in Foreign Language. She was a member of the German Club 2 years and the Chemistry Club 1 year.

LESLIE MALLORY

A graduate of Mineola High School, Leslie was a Band member for 4 years, Athletics for 1 year, FFA 4 years and FHA 1 year. He is also a member of the Library Club, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Tennis Team. Leslie placed High Individual at Texas A & M Dairy Judging Contest. He will enter ACU and major in Law Enforcement.

PAT SKIPPER

Pat is a graduate of John Tyler. She was on the "A" Honor Roll and a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to enter ACU in the fall. While attending Robert E. Lee she was a sophomore Southern Belle, Southern Belle Manager her Junior year and a two year member of Red Raider Chorale.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Glynn Starnes
Dismiss Cole Bennett

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer John Steffee
Dismiss John Porter

SERVING COMMUNION

Freeman Morgan Dannie Skipper
Bill Thompson Don Weathers
Roy Roberson Wyndal Miller
Guy Potts Henry McRuiz

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, May 16 and Wednesday evening, May 19 - **TONY ADAMS** - 566-1598.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

May 9 \$7,230.77
May 2 7,990.11
Year Ago 6,509.99

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 9 400
May 2 384
Year Ago 426

WORSHIP

May 9 567
May 2 542
Weekly

Budget \$7,117.50

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTW

Moving

We are sorry that Guy and Sallie Blakeley will soon be moving to Grand Rapids, Mich. (May 17th) They will be living close to their children.

Happy Birthday

MAY (16) K. Max Haws (18) D. C. Jones, Barbara Montandon (20) Mike Munn (21) Johnnie Sue Dayton Doris Gregory

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Thank You

We appreciate more than words can express the many acts of kindness shown us in our recent bereavement. We are thankful for the food, flowers, cards, memorial gifts and everything that you have said and done to show your love and sympathy.

Norah, Phil and Bruce Jones

Sympathy

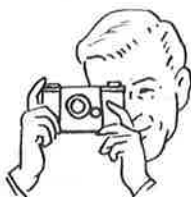
We express our sincere sympathy to Jasper Dobbs in the loss of his sister, Mary Frances Dobbs. Her funeral was in Corsicana.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1982

By Perry Hall

A.M. "Harmony and Happiness In The Home."
P.M. "Prayer in Public Worship."



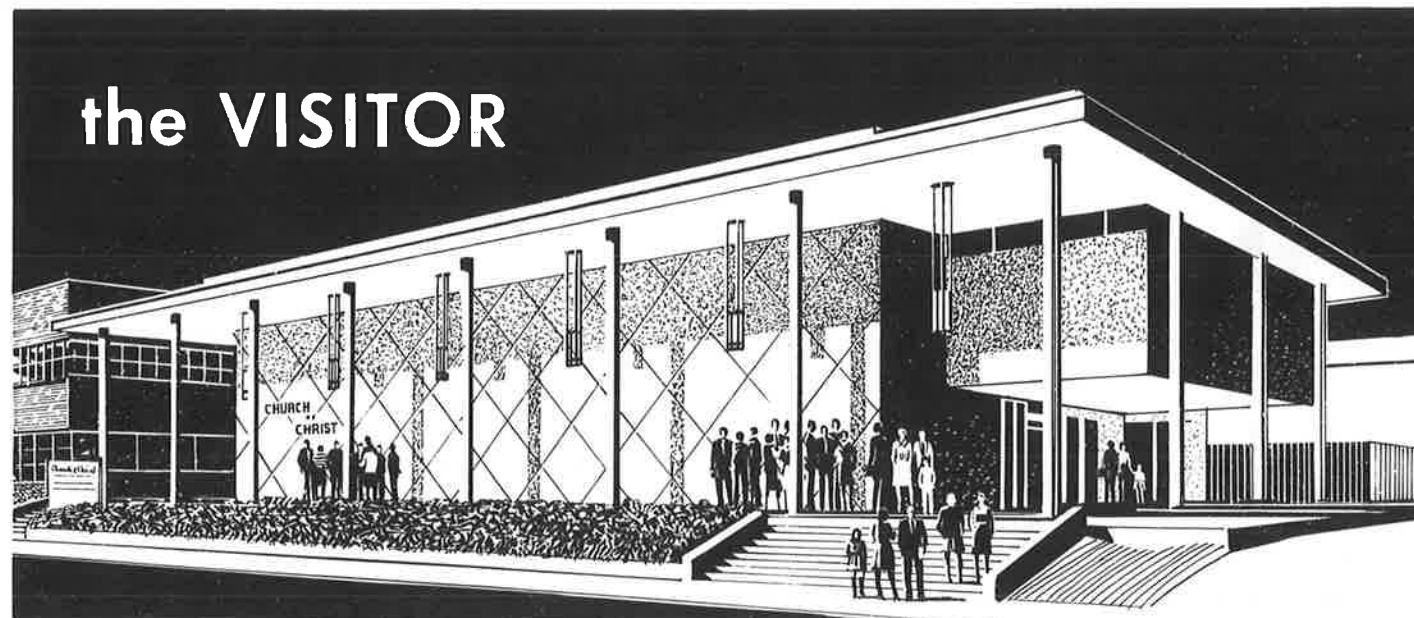
Directory Update

On Sunday, May 23, following both services, we will make pictures for updating our pictorial directory. We would like to begin with all individuals on this day. Family groups will be photographed on following Lord's Days. If your picture is not in the directory, we hope you will co-operate and help us make our directory one of the best.

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The Church With A Heart



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



THE IMPORTANCE OF REAL PARENTING

A number of recent articles appearing in magazines and newspapers decry the present problems of the children of our society. Some programs on TV are also dealing with these problems. The suggested solutions sound very much like Bible teaching. These articles say that parents must spend more time with their children. They are even beginning to say that mothers need to be there when their children come home from school. It is gratifying to hear someone other than religious leaders beginning to recognize the cause of some of our problems.

Robert Coles, professor of psychiatry and medical humanities at Harvard Medical School, has authored a five-volume series entitled "Children of Crisis." By the late 1960's and through the 1970's he began to notice troublesome developments even in homes he

had come to know and judge as solid, stable and untouched by serious problems. All of a sudden he was hearing about marijuana, pill, cocaine and even heroin—drug highs, drug accidents and drug addiction. At the same time he was noticing a rapid increase of divorce; children often home alone or coming home from school many times to an empty house. Soon he began to hear the expression "day care center." He looked into these institutions. He found some first-rate centers, but many that were woefully inadequate. Of all, he said, "But my observations, alas, coincide with what survey after survey has told us: Far too many children pay the price in neglect for the obligations the parents either must hear or voluntarily choose to assume."

Coles points out that one does not (continued on page 2)

Perry's Perspective Continued

have to be one of America's multitude of "experts" to conclude that a child turned over to inadequate nursery schools or given, at best, custodial care, is a child in potential jeopardy—prey to sadness, loneliness, a growing self-doubt. No expert is needed to comprehend that a child's emotional future is clouded indeed when parents divorce; a child is left to the mercy of the street; a child is dragged from one place to another by adults who are themselves suffering the consequences of aimless or confused or harassed lives.

But Coles points out that as much as children need understanding, attentive, loving care; they also need discipline, a sense of purpose and a notion of what is right and what is wrong. There were other times when people were hard pressed financially or even extremely poor, but their children managed to do quite well—even without pediatricians and child psychiatrists, even without a flood of child-rearing manuals, and even with severe adversity and sometimes constant danger as facts of daily life. They were part of a frontier family or a family in turn-of-the-century urban, immigrant America. We wonder with so many better off materially than families of yesterday, why we must struggle in quite different and dismaying ways with drug abuse, alcoholism among our children, teen-age pregnancies, delinquency and the run-away child? Coles asks, "Why do so many children who are so lucky, incredibly lucky by the standards of the past and the standards of the present in much of the world—end up being perplexed, unsure of themselves, and discouraged about their prospects in life?"

We have spent so much time trying to get ahead (often, as Coles points out, justified as improving things for our children), but have not spent enough time considering what really matters to us in this life, what is utterly right and needs to be done, what is utterly wrong and requires our refusal, and our resistance.

To put it differently, Coles says, "We are eager to 'express' ourselves, gain possessions for ourselves—but we don't quite know how to live: What is the purpose of life, what is the meaning?" Coles points out that many parents today have forgotten about moral requirements children have. He says, "Children need more than good food, a nice physical environment and psychological understanding; they need to learn ethical principles—a firm notion of what they ought to do, and what they ought not to do, and why... They need to believe in something beyond themselves: in principles and purposes that transcend their own personal lives. They need to know how to give as well as take, how to defer, how to obey as well as speak their minds and 'express' themselves...that life ought to be regarded by the young—by all of us—not as one big 'treat,' but as a moral challenge, a journey whose purposes and destination must be examined carefully so that each individual knows what he lives for, what he believes in, what he will stand by through thick and thin."

Dear friend, isn't this what God has been saying all along in the Bible? After all He is the only real expert, and His word will never be improved on as a guide to real parenting and child rearing.

PH

Grocery Truck



The week of JUNE 14 - 18, the trucks from Boles Home and Medina Home are scheduled to be here. We have been asked to concentrate on APPLESAUCE for the Medina Home. A six month supply is 175 16-oz cans.

The following items are especially needed at this time for Boles Home: toilet tissue, canned fruit, paper towels, trash bags, canned meat and catsup. Of course, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

In Appreciation

To all of you who supported our Junior/Senior Banquet may we express our sincerest appreciation. So many of you always support our youth activities and without your help we could not have such good programs. Jeanine and I also continue to give thanks for your great support. Thank you!

Hillard Hughes

Congratulations

David Taylor graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler on May 14 with a Bachelor of Business degree in Accounting. He is now employed by Howe-Baker Inc.

Susan Skipper graduated May 9 from Harding University magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Math.

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to each of you for your many expressions of love and concern for me during my illness. God bless each of you.

Floia Payne

The family of A. D. White acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

*A Bridal Gift Tea
Honoring Janice Morris
Bride elect of Paul Knight
At the home of Mrs. Ross Walker
536 Park Heights Circle
Tyler, Texas
Saturday afternoon, May 15, 1982
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.*

*Selections:
Sanger-Harris Johnson Jewelers
Brosang's Young Jewelry*

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

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



The following classes are to be congratulated for their excellence in attendance for the dates indicated: 4/25, Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell's First Grade; 5/2, Carolyn Blackstone's Five Year Olds; 5/2 and 5/9, Nancy Johnson and Frances McBee's Four Year Olds and 5/9 Bill Faulkner and Joe McBee's High School Class. Keep up the good work.

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Attention all High School class teachers. There will be an important meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in my office. Please try to arrange your schedule so that you will be able to meet with us.

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We are happy to announce the following changes in two of our Sunday morning Adult Classes: Beginning Sunday morning, May 16, Joe Carroll will begin teaching the Chapel class and Perry Hall will begin teaching a series in Freeman Morgan's Adult #8 class which meets in room 301.

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Judging by the favorable comments we received from everyone, the annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet was a great success. Some 65 of our teaching staff and their mates were assembled for the banquet. Brother Curtis Ramey did an excellent job in challenging our teachers and commending them for a job well done. We will have a later announcement about those selected as our outstanding teachers for the occasion.

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So that we don't forget, mark your calendars for our annual Vacation Bible School - June 28 July 2. We hope all of you will postpone vacations until after this date.

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We are looking forward to honoring our graduating seniors. We have the privilege of hosting the Baccalaureate service this year. Our speaker will be Dale Smith of the Shannon Oaks congregation of Sulphur Springs. He will have a great message for all of us.

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Sunday and Wednesday Bible study is for your benefit. How can anyone say he loves God and try to find a way to get out of coming to study?

Serving Sunday

Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	F.C.Carpenter	May 2	\$7,990.11
Prayer	Hoyt Hughes	April 25	7,499.34
Dismiss	John Brem	Year Ago	6,254.03
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	F.C.Carpenter	May 2	384
Prayer	Foy Richey	April 25	368
Dismiss	John Porter	Year Ago	394
SERVING COMMUNION		WORSHIP	
Edgar Bullard	Mac McCall	May 2	542
Tom Williams	Chas Hickman	April 25	484
Harold Browning	Joe Carroll	Weekly	
Wesley Price	Cole Bennett	Budget	\$7,117.50

Here and There (continued)

pause frequently and pay special tribute to them for their service. We could not grow or even survive without them. May their tribe increase.

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Three teachers merit special recognition. They are Pauline Jones, Delle Bullard and Eleanor Birdwell. These three will be retiring from a total of 103 years of Bible class teaching, with a total of 80 years of that time here at West Erwin. Pauline Jones has taught 56 years, with 33 years here; Eleanor Birdwell has taught 23 years here and Delle Bullard has taught 24 years here at West Erwin. Isn't that an amazing record! We are grateful for such an example of continuity in service. Words seem inadequate to use as a means of expressing thanks, but I sure that they learned a long time ago whence cometh their reward. God bless them as they take their leave from the Bible classroom. I commend them to you for an example. Who will follow them in such uninterrupted service?

Responses

Shelly Campbell, 4606 Dundee Dr., placed membership Sunday evening. She is a junior in High School and the daughter of the Eddie Dunns.

Tammy Sheetz, daughter of Myron and Donna Weston, also placed membership Sunday evening. Her address is 5105 Old Bullard Road. She is a junior in High School.

In The Hospital

Mrs. Homer Williamson is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Mac McCall entered Mother Frances Hospital Wednesday for tests. She hopes to go home Thursday.

H. McCarty is scheduled to go home on Wednesday.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 9

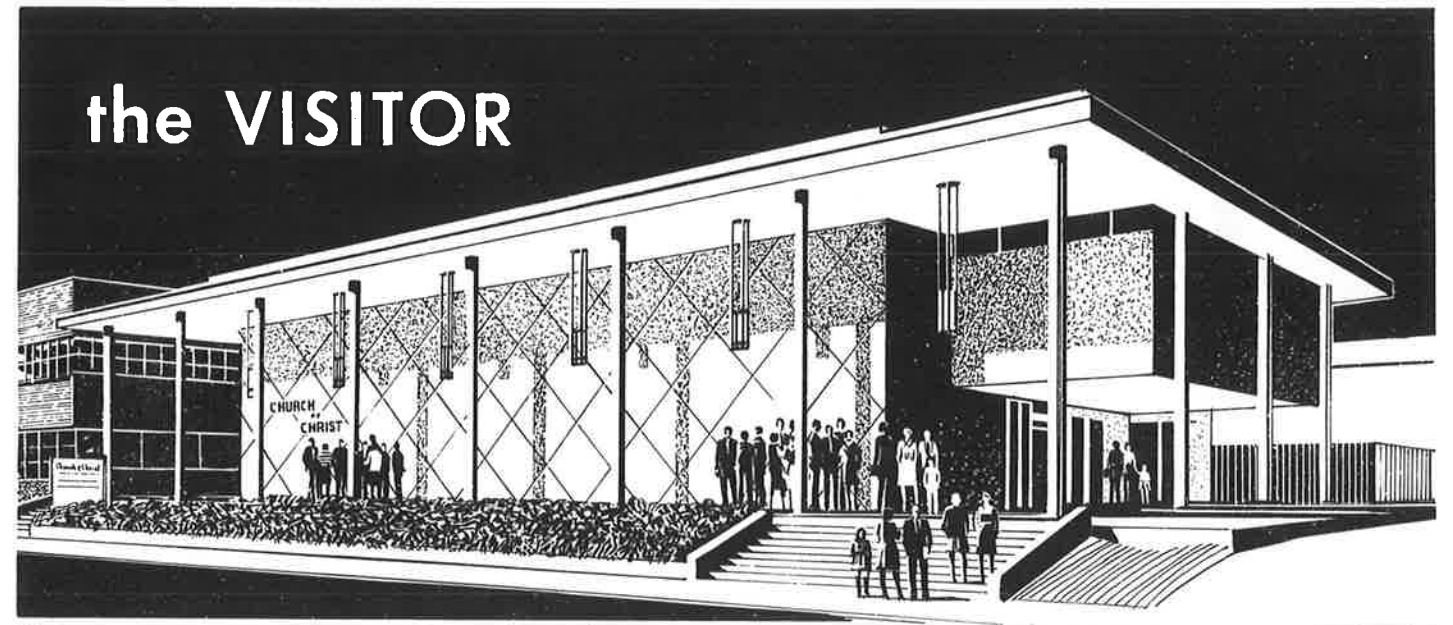
- By Perry Hall
- A.M. "The Nuclear Family, II"
- P.M. "Hindrances To Prayer"

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalm 32:8.

Around Here

Last Sunday evening following worship Perry Hall spoke for the Visitation Program of the Glenwood church of Christ.

This week Wes Price has been in Bullard each evening to lead singi for their gospel meeting.



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The Church With A Heart

Preacher's Potpourri

As was noted in last week's bulletin, Foy and Mary Richey have worked for two weeks in Paris, Texas helping to relieve the needs of storm damaged victims. Foy and Mary deserve to be commended for their labor of love. Speaking of commendations deserved, Bud Caskey and Joe Carroll returned from a mission trip to Tobago off the coast of Venezuela, South America last week. They reported a very successful trip with five souls being baptized and several more taught who will likely respond later. Bud was in the office with some pictures on Monday. It was great to see one of our shepherds immersing souls in the Atlantic ocean. The congregation is to be commended for having prayerful and financial fellowship in this missionary journey.

Another successful Tuesday School year came to a close today (Tuesday). Elaine Roberson and all her staff of teachers and workers have labored diligently for another very successful year. They have been able to maintain very kind and sweet dispositions while teaching and training several children, as we pictured in the bulletin two weeks ago. Thanks, ladies.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Three of our Bible School teachers will be honored Friday night at our annual Teacher's Appreciation Banquet. They have given many years in the teaching of the word. They are Eleanor Birdwell, Delle Bullard and Pauline Jones. These sisters in Christ are to be thanked and greatly commended.

With Laree and me buying our own home, the elders have decided to sell the preachers home. Roy and Chloe Clark are buying it. It has really worked out well for all concerned. The additional money will be used to pay completely for the new land being purchased west of the building. This will greatly enlarge our parking area on the west, and help beautify the city block which we will own entirely. Thanks to C. B. Hardin, Ross Walker and others for working on the project.

The special contributions will pay for our addition on the east side of the building. This addition will be a great asset to the work here, providing two

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more classrooms or one large one as needed. There will be a work room that will house a printing press, graphic arts camera, paper cutters, slide making equipment, dark room equipment and supplies which I own and have stored at this time. It will be a great blessing to have these things at my disposal again.

We have just completed a photographic studio or room in the former money counting room. This equipment will be left set up. We will use this to update our picture directory and provide photos of our work in the bulletin.

Paul Montandon and Company are installing this week an auditorium size projector in a projection booth or cabinet outside the auditorium at the back. This will eliminate setting up a projector every time we have a visual sermon or missionary report. A thirteen foot screen has been ordered and will be installed in about a month. This also will be a great addition to the work here.

Please read the note of appreciation from Chimala Mission Hospital to our hard working ladies. God be praised for them.

These are a few of the things that are happening. We give God glory and thanks for every person here and their involvement in the many areas of labor. May God richly bless you!

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart group will meet on Thursday evening, May 13, in the fellowship hall for a "Pot Luck Super." Meet at 6:30.



We're searching for everybody who will come to our Bible classes!

Camp Deer Run

Camp Deer Run is offering Day Camping as well as Resident Camping. Day Camping is for ages 6 - 9 and Resident Camping is for ages 10 - 18. Write for details, prices and dates to: Camp Deer Run, Inc. - P. O. 401, Winnsboro, Texas 75494.

In Appreciation

A note of thanks to everyone at West Erwin for remembering me during my stay in the hospital. Our thanks for your prayers, visits and cards. God's love and brotherly love works wonders toward healing the spiritual and physical body. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christian love,
Gaither and Leona McElroy

Happy Birthday

MAY (9) M.B. Beard, Ford Egbert, Laree Hall (10) George Daugherty (11) Lea Hendry, Aubrey Payne (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic (15) Jessie Smith, Julie Carlson.

It's right to be contented with what you have but never with what you are.

Ladies

Wednesday, May 12, is the last meeting for Ladies' Bible Class. There will be a covered dish luncheon following the class. Hostesses for the luncheon will be Laree Hall, Barbara Williams, June Walker and Mary Dawson. Ladies, you are urged to attend this last meeting until fall.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate for all graduates in churches of Christ in Tyler will be held this year at the West Erwin building. The service will be Sunday evening, May 23, at 6:00 o'clock. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dale Smith.

A Bridal Gift Tea
Honoring Janice Morris
Bride elect of Paul Knight
At the home of Mrs. Ross Walker
536 Park Heights Circle
Tyler, Texas
Saturday afternoon, May 15, 1982
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Selections:

Sanger-Harris Johnson Jewelers
Brosang's Young Jewelry

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

Thank You

Dear Friends,
We have received your 11 boxes of medical supplies, soap, band aids, vitamins, tape, aspirin and alcohol. Thank you very much for all of these good things and for your love and interest in the hospital. May God bless you for that.

In Christian love,
Wayne and Flo Smalling

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlie Cook and Ray Magee who graduated Sunday, May 2, from Abilene Christian University. Ray received a B. A. degree in Business Administration and will attend graduate school this summer at ACU. Charlie graduated with a B. S. degree.

New Baby

Lisa and Kenneth Cummings are the happy parents of a baby boy, Kyle Bret, born Monday in Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 6 lb and 3 oz.



Medina Home Grocery Truck

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of June 14-18. They have suggested that we concentrate on apple sauce.

HERE and THERE by Wes Price



Our current study in the Wednesday Ladies' Class will conclude on Wednesday, May 12th. We would like to encourage all of you who have been active in attending this year to join us on that date for the final study in this series and also enjoy a luncheon to follow. We have certainly enjoyed the study in the book of I John during this series. We will be looking forward to seeing you for the final study.

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The past two years, we have been promoting our children to the next higher class at the beginning of the summer instead of waiting until time for school to resume in the fall. We feel that this is adequate time for us to see that it is more convenient to promote in the fall. Promotion will take place on the first Sunday in September (the 5th). Please make note of this so that you can help our teachers by postponing the promotion until that time. We especially need your help this time since some of our children will be expecting to be promoted at the end of May. So that our older children in the Junior classes will not be too disappointed, the 5th grade will be able to participate with the youth activities.

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We are deeply indebted to Fred and Sara Powell for hosting our Adult #3 Class party this past week at their new home. And a hearty thanks to Fran and Glyn Starnes for co-hosting the party. In spite of the slick mud and sliding ride on the bus, we had a great time.

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By the time many of you receive this newsletter, we will have had the opportunity to pay special tribute to our wonderful staff of Bible Class teachers at our annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet. We can never say enough good things about these dedicated people. We have so many of them who spend hours each week in classroom preparation and even they know that their real reward will be in the hereafter. Even so, we must

Our Records

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Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Paul Stanley
Dismiss Tom Williams

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Forest McFadden
Dismiss Ron Lott

SERVING COMMUNION

Edgar Bullard Mac McCall
Tom Williams Chas. Hickman
Harold Browning Joe Carroll
Wesley Price Cole Bennett

Dale Blackstone
Roy Dayton

Serving Sunday

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 25 \$7,499.34
April 18 7,667.66
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BIBLE SCHOOL

April 25 368
April 18 399
Year Ago 411

WORSHIP

April 25 484
April 18 411
Weekly

Budget \$7,117.50

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Leslie Carruth
Mike Munn

About The Sick

H. McCarty remains in Medical Center Hospital where he underwent surgery on Friday of last week.

G. W. McElroy was able to return home from Medical Center on Tuesday.

Mrs. Paul Stanley is recovering from surgery for a pacemaker implant. She is scheduled to return home this week.

O. E. Townsend has been a patient in the Community Hospital.

At home - Floia Payne, Clara Riley, Walter Fuller, Roland Roberts, Evelyn and Maurice Henderson.

Minibus Driver

For Sunday, May 2 and Wednesday evening, May 5, EARL O'QUINN, phone 561-0671.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Tommy White in the loss of his brother in Van. Funeral services were held Thursday.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMON TOPICS FOR MAY 2, 1982

By Perry Hall
A.M. "The Nuclear Family"
P.M. "Lord, Teach Us How To Pray"

New Grandson

Dana and Ken Gode are the happy grandparents of a baby boy, Daniel, Jr., born March 31 to Kendra and Dan Fultz in Commerce, Texas.



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The Church With A Heart

Here and There (continued)

choose to come faithfully to every service of your own free will, than when you have severe difficulties in life and then turn to the Lord for help. Even from a human viewpoint, we can see that we would have greater assurance of His help at such times, when we are faithful in pleasant times.

We have adult classes that will make you feel at home and will help you grow spiritually. Also, you will find that these classes build a warm fellowship for times other than class time. We are especially interested in appealing to young couples about developing consistent habits of attending. Whether life is long or short, the habit of being a casual attender could be disastrous. We all want to please the Lord, but we must do it by doing more than talking about it. We must put it into action. Think about it!



Guest Editorial By Foy Richey

It was a privilege for my wife and me to spend the past two weeks in Paris, Texas working with the disaster program relative to the devastation the tornado had upon that community on April 2, 1982. There are so many agencies at work to supply the needs of those who were affected by this catastrophe. Our contact with the effort was in conjunction with the Lamar Avenue church of Christ acting as a distribution center for some thirteen churches in the area where damage was done. A very competent eldership of this church took the leadership in distributing emergency food supplies to victims, the National Guard and all security personnel on April 3. The next action of the emergency was to sup-

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By Perry Hall



ply clothing and pantry food on a sustaining basis until the victims could be relocated. This being the area that we were involved with we supplied not only food and clothing, but many items of bedding, kitchen utensils and furniture. As of April 25 the churches of Christ have assisted a total of 902 families or a total of 3,401 individuals. Assistance was given to 52 families or a total of 170 who were destitute and not tornado victims.

I must say that we were very tired at the end of each day, but the efforts of sharing ourselves and a few worldly goods with those who had nothing caused us to forget our weariness at times and thank the Lord for our blessings. It is sad indeed to see the many persons without a home, food or clothing. Surely, as God promised us, "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Perhaps we at the West Erwin church of Christ should become more alert with our energies to provide an organized plan of action should we ever be faced with a similar situation.

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Committee Series

We plan from time to time to introduce and report to the congregation on our various work committees. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for all the men and women of the congregation who serve in so many ways. Pictured above is our Worship Committee. They are left

to right, beginning in the first row: Dick Higginbotham, Jack Stringer, Jack Beard. Second row: Faber Cauthen, elder; Stan Mallory and Louis Jones, Chairman. These men assign men to serve at the Lord's Table, make announcements, lead in prayers, select song leaders, take care of the PA system, ushers and greeters and the men who count the contributions. You can see these men have a big job. We really appreciate what they are doing.

Defensive Driving Course

A Defensive Driving Course will meet in our fellowship hall on May 4 and 5 for an eight hour daytime course. On Tuesday, May 4th, the hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; the hours on the 5th will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The cost is \$4.00 for members of the American Association of Retired People and \$6.00 for all others. If you have not signed up, please do so immediately.



Tuesday School Staff

Our TUESDAY SCHOOL staff is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Ginger Metcalf, Lisa Cummings, Rhonda Hendrix, Mrs. Nora Chambless, Nursery, Elaine Roberson, Director. Second row: Sheila Morris, Betty Knight, Fran Starnes, Ann Nail, Maxine Freeman and Mary June Goodson. Also pictured are Wes Price and Perry Hall. Rebecca Center, who serves refreshments, was not present for the picture. This very dedicated group of teachers give of their time every Tuesday from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. This is an enrolled school presented as a community service.

Wedding Announcement

Leslie Laudan McCain and Bill Johnson of Sonora, Texas will be married Saturday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Art Rowland. They will be living in Sonora, Texas

HERE and THERE
by Wes Price



Funerals

F. A. Jones passed away suddenly on Monday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted for him on Wednesday afternoon. We express our sympathy to Norah and all members of the family.

Foy and Mary Richey went to Dallas on Tuesday for the funeral of Mr. William Fleming, brother-in-law to Foy. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Area Meetings

Burt Groves, minister for the Pleasant Grove Church of Christ in Dallas, will preach in a Gospel Meeting in Bullard, May 2 - 7. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

The North Tenneha Church of Christ will be in a meeting, May 2-7 with Reginald B. Dulin. On Saturday at 5:00 o'clock their Male Chorus will celebrate their 9th Anniversary in concert.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and concern during my recent stay in the hospital. Because of your prayers I am doing fine. Thank you again.

In Christian love,
Jean Carpenter

Thank you for your love, prayers and your visits. We love and need you.

Roy & Mary Jo Driggers

Happy Birthday

MAY (2) Lerah Williamson (4) Ken Gode (5) Nelda Browning, Maxine Freeman, Dot Hardin, Jeana Tarpley, Valerie Shelton (6) W. A. Chandler, Bessie Willis (7) John Porter, Wade Weathers (8) Jason O'Quinn.

Well, I could have guessed that the time change would have its adverse effect on our Bible class attendance. We dropped considerably from our average. Perhaps this is as good an introduction to what I want to say about Bible class attendance as any. Now, some of you will say that since I am a preacher I must make these comments, but I want you to know that I am saying them as sincerely as I know how even if I "must say them."

I heard from one of our members that a radio station sponsored a bass fishermen's contest Sunday. That kind of thing only encourages the lack of attendance. Let's be honest with one another. When you are looking for an excuse to miss Bible study and worship, the devil will be quick to provide you with one. When we are absent on the strength of an excuse, we are living on dangerous ground. The list of excuses is endless and depending upon the gullibility of the individual, a person can always justify what he wants to do. Now, in case you have not heard me mention it before, let me repeat it again. When I speak of attendance, I'm not just speaking as if being present were the all important thing. I'm talking about the basic reason for our coming together and that is to please the Lord and to gain as much spiritual strength as possible. I wish you would consider carefully the things that you let keep you from coming. Do you spend more time in sports activities and recreational pursuits as you do coming to the Lord's house for Bible study and worship? If you do, then how are you going to answer if the Lord questions you about it. And more than that, what if you miss receiving the spiritual strength that you otherwise could have gained by being present. Right now, you have the full right to evaluate your own circumstances and make up your own mind about such matters, but the time will come when you will not have that choice. Look how much better it appears to the Lord when you

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Edgar Bullard
Dismiss Archie Kennard

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Roy Clark
Dismiss Wyndal Miller

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James Phillips Bruce Raley

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BIBLE SCHOOL

April 18 399
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Year Ago 462

WORSHIP

April 18 501
April 11 536
Weekly
Budget \$7,117.50

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, April 25 and Wednesday evening, April 28 - Les Carruth - 561-9684.

Responses

We are happy that Michael Lowrance, son of Tommy and Donna Lowrance, was baptized on Saturday by Fred Powell. Michael is a 5th grade student.

Bud and Louise Caskey's granddaughter, Melissa Brookshire, was baptized on Friday evening of last week during the meeting in Oakdale conducted by Dean Brookshire.

Moving

This week Rodney and Betty Knight and their son, Michael, will move to Oklahoma. Betty has been a faithful Tuesday School worker. We shall miss them very much.

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for the evening worship, but also for your unit meeting. It is a great time to get to know other members of this church family better. If you don't attend, you will be depriving someone of getting to know you better.

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About The Sick

Mrs. Ben Young entered Mother Frances Hospital Tuesday, but hoped to go home Thursday or Friday.

G. W. McElroy continues to be in Medical Center.

Mrs. Paul Stanley is in Mother Frances and improving.

Mrs. Kenneth Bennett is in Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Charles Graf was hospitalized last week but is now at home.

Roland Roberts is now at home.

Fred Powell's mother is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

BROTHERS' KEEPER

Sunday Evening

Nursery available in church building

Sermons For Sunday

BY PERRY HALL

A.M. "The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit." (conclusion)

P.M. "Eis"

Time Change

It's time again to "spring forward" and move the clock ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening. Even though we lose an hour, be on time for Bible Class Sunday morning.

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The Church With A Heart

Our Preaching and Teaching

Must Be Balanced

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



All about us on this planet we see the most amazing balance. Long before it became a national concern, the need for maintaining the balance of our ecology was pointed out to me in a stroll through one of our national parks. Laree and I were working in Wisconsin when a brother in the Lord, who was the superintendent of this park, stressed that the wisdom of God was everywhere seen in the interrelationships and balance of his creation. This is evident throughout the whole universe.

Most of us are aware that good physical health cannot be achieved without a balanced, nutritious diet. Too much or too little even of a good thing can be disastrous. An imbalance in physical food, while it might strengthen some parts of the body, can leave other parts vulnerable, weak and subject to disease. The same is true in the spiritual realm.

Behind all of this designed balance stands the infinitely balanced nature of our divine Creator. Infinite in love, mercy, justice and wrath, we are able to "behold therefore the goodness and the severity of God" (Rom. 11:22) in perfect balance. We should not then be surprised in the necessity of balance in our preaching and teaching. The immediate and ultimate aim of Christianity, and all preaching, is presented by Paul in the first chapter of Colossians. Here he says that Christ in us is our hope of glory, "whom we preach, warning every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). In all teaching and preaching, yea, in all our labors which He mightily empowers us to do, we must have this goal in mind--to help bring men into Christ and Christ into men. There is no other road to perfection.

If we are to present every person perfect in Christ we must preach and teach the whole counsel of God, keeping back nothing that is profitable to this end (Acts 20:20,27). We

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must contend in our preaching and teaching for the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-6), and equally stress the need for producing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Contending for the one Lord, one faith and one baptism can never be an end in itself. These fulfill their purpose only if they provide the foundation and guidelines to bring men and women to perfection, to maturity, "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). Only then will they not be "tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine" (Eph. 4:14).

A balanced message will be taught only by balanced, mature, properly motivated messengers. The messengers have truly been crucified with Christ, and continue to take heed unto themselves and unto their doctrine (Gal. 2:20; I Tim. 4:16). They uncompromisingly contend for the faith, reproof, rebuking and exhorting where necessary, but always in genuine love, with longsuffering and teaching. Though there are times a man must be

severe, there must be no doubt about his love and gentleness, his genuineness of humility, and his own personal example and behavior before all men. We exhort, comfort and charge as a father does his children. "We are bold in our God to speak" and are "gentle even as a nurse cherisheth her children" (I Thess. 2). In helping different people we often find different hurts. In the balanced message there is spiritual healing for all hurts.

The mature messenger does not swing from one extreme to another. He is able to discern between matters of faith and human judgment. He realizes that all men love not the truth. He knows that some in the brotherhood are intent on apostasy. He must do all he can to help stop them. But at the same time he knows he must, from the experiences over a lifetime, not allow himself to become paranoid or radicalized in dealing with these problems. For in his imbalance he drives the weak into the awaiting arms of the wolves.

Yes, balance in all things spiritual is crucial to finally presenting as many as possible perfect in Christ Jesus.

--Perry Hall



TUESDAY SCHOOL

The beautiful group of boys and girls in the above picture attend Tuesday School every Tuesday morning from 9:00 until 11:30 here in our building. They are two years through five years in age. Tuesday School will close May 4 with a graduation in the Chapel. We plan to print a picture of the teachers and helpers next week.

A Bridal Gift Tea
Honoring Michelle Skipper
Bride elect of Gary Colston
At the home of Mrs. Don Weathers
3401 Heines
Tyler, Texas

April 24, 1982 Selections:
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sanger-Harris

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

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR



Frances McBee & Nelda Browning

NATIONAL SECRETARIES WEEK is here and we have two of the best. In any organization you will soon learn that your key personnel will always include dedicated secretaries. We honor two wonderful people, Nelda Browning and Frances McBee, and give God thanks for them.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (26) A. Z. Aven, Cullen Gilliam, Shannon Hughes (27) Holly Henderson (29) Cone Birdwell (30) Dell Lott MAY 1 Aline Beard, Wesley Price.

Potpourri

Early Monday morning Wes Price drove Bud Caskey and Joe Carroll to DFW airport to begin their journey to the Caribbean where they will be working in a Campaign with Don Starks.

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be in Troup, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School has been set for set for June 28 - July 2.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Two of our classes deserve honorable mention for achieving 100% in attendance last Sunday. They are Carolyn Blackstone and Frances McBee's Four Year Olds and the High School class taught by Louis Jones and Milburn Cook.

It won't be long before we can begin to use the new class room space that is being provided on our east porch. The contractors have about three more weeks until completion. As soon as it is finished, we will move Adult #2 Class into that room. At that time, the adult class taught by Hillard Hughes will move to room 105/106. The room it now occupies will be returned to the pre-school department. Plans have not yet been completed but are in progress for increasing the size of our nursery facility. This is not a bit too soon since we have several new babies born into our family at West Erwin. More about this later.

Remember to keep Bud Caskey and Joe Carroll in your prayers for a safe and successful missionary journey. We will be looking forward to receiving them back.

Graduation day for our High School Seniors is fast approaching. We will be hosting the Baccalaureate service this year on Sunday evening, May 23. We have the largest senior class that we have had in several years. We look forward to hosting this inspiring service for graduates among churches of Christ in Tyler.

With the approach of May, we will also see our Ladies' Wednesday Bible study come to a close. Wednesday, May 12 has been selected for the final class session. It will also be the day of our luncheon. We hope all of you will make plans to attend every session from now until the close of the study in the book of I John. Come join us for the remaining sessions.

Our Brother's Keeper units will be having the monthly fellowships Sunday evening following the worship. I hope you will be present, not only

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Serving Sunday

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Prayer James Canterbury
Dismiss Charles Hickman

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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, April 18 and Wednesday evening, April 21 - MIKE SAVAGE, phone 593-6587.

Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee. Psalm 63:3.

Here and There (continued from page 3)

I thank God for the many times you remember me in your prayers. I am grateful for those of you who lead us in the public prayers who speak to God in my behalf. Not only does it inspire me to greater diligence in God's service, but it also assures me of a greater reservoir of strength for that work. I am most grateful for the opportunity to work with such wonderful people as you and to share that work with Perry Hall and Hillard Hughes. I pray that I can continue to increase my ministry in every avenue that will help the kingdom grow at West Erwin. Our elders support us in such a fine way and I am thankful for their spiritual wisdom and oversight.

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Continue to pray for each one and their families.

Teachers Workshop

The Hillcrest Outreach Team from Abilene, Texas will conduct a TEACHERS WORKSHOP on Saturday from 9 - 4:30 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. There will be classes on teaching all ages. In addition, there will be classes to teach ways to decorate classrooms, ideas for using games, songs, puppets, how to use black-light, ways to involve the student in sharing the Bible story, and a Men's Leadership class. ALL teachers plan to come!

"KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD..." Jude 21

Beautiful Flowers

The very lovely arrangement of flowers in the auditorium last Sunday were placed there by Ann Ida Miller. She is very thoughtful to do this and we appreciate her.

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The Church With A Heart

Teacher

Appreciation Banquet



CURTIS RAMEY
Guest Speaker

Friday night May 7, at 7:00 p.m., the teachers at West Erwin will be honored by a banquet organized by brother Wes Price and the elders. Those present will include all who have taught in the past year and their immediate families.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



We owe a great debt of appreciation to these men and women who have given so unselfishly of themselves in the teaching of God's Word. Wes is to be greatly thanked for his excellent expertise in directing our educational program.

All present will be blessed by the message that will be brought to us by brother Curtis Ramey of Fort Worth. Brother Ramey is a multitalented servant of the Lord. He is a preacher of the gospel, an attorney of law, and has served his fellowman as a judge in our judicial system. Part of his service has been as a juvenile court judge; and he is quite familiar with the need for the strengthening the family and the proper training of our children.

Curtis was president of Fort Worth Christian College from 1965 to 1969. He has served also in many civic positions for the betterment of mankind such as the Mayor's Commission on Juvenile Delinquency; Board of Trustees, Madison Academy, Huntsville, Alabama; Advisory Board, Texas Girl's Choir. He travels all over the Uni-

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From Nassau

Report From C. E. Caskey

I have just returned from Nassau. I was there for the purpose of teaching God's Word, and this I certainly did. There were to have been eight or ten from Colorado, but only brother Harold Poland, the preacher at Arvada, and brother Joe Antwin, an elder at Arvada, were able to go. Because of a meeting in Tennessee, brother Poland didn't arrive in Nassau until Tuesday evening. Brother Joe Antwin and I got to Nassau about 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The local preacher met us at the airport, and told us that he had 86 home Bible studies already set up. They knew we were coming and were ready for us. They are starving for someone to teach them the truth. This was certainly no vacation. We were there to work - and this, we did. We began about 9:30 each morning, and it was after 9:00 most every night when we returned to our room. Some did not get home from work until after 7:00 p.m., and we studied with them after they came in. They will study with you as long as you will teach. They enjoyed it all. What bothers me is that there is every religious body that you can think of on the island and has been for years. The church of Christ should have been there first, but we came dragging up last. They are familiar with the scriptures, but have been mistaught. The Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Lord also said, "Thou shall not kill and thou shall not steal." These commandments we do not seem to have much trouble keeping, but when we read, "go teach," we seem to want to mark that one out. "Faith without works is dead." Abraham showed his faith by his works. I know that many of us cannot go teach, and some have no desire to teach; but we should be willing to send those that will go. We feel much good was accomplished. I appreciate your prayers, and I feel that they were answered. Joe Carroll and I will be leaving Monday, April 19, with brother Don Starks to go to Tobago to sow more seed for the Lord. Continue to remember us in your prayers.

Yesterday's unfinished task is a mortgage on today.

*A Bridal Gift Tea
Honoring Michelle Skipper
Bride elect of Gary Colston
At the home of Mrs. Don Weathers
3401 Heines
Tyler, Texas*

*April 24, 1982
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.*

*Selections:
Sanger-Harris*

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

Thank You

Thank you so much for the visits and food after the birth of our daughter, Carla. Also, a very special thanks to our Brother's Keeper Group for the lovely Diaper Shower. Your love and kindness is truly appreciated. In Christian love,
Marc & Pam Lemons

Potpourri

You are invited to attend a series of EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS, May 2-7, 7:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday at the Bul-lard Church of Christ. Burt Groves, minister for the Pleasant Grove Church of Christ in Dallas will preach.

Congratulations to Elaine Roberson for her successful race for School Board Member. We appreciate Elaine for her good work.

On Friday evening of last week, Wes conducted a class for the church in Van to launch the Brother's Keeper program there.

Brochures for Camp Deer-Run are now in the office.

Perry's Perspective (Continued)

ted States as a speaker on Patriotism and American Democracy. He was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn. He has received other honors too numerous to mention. He served in the United States Army from 1948 - 1951.

Brother Ramey is a dynamic speaker. He will be a great blessing to our great teachers as they are honored by the elders and Wes on May 7.

Richeys in Paris, Texas

Foy and Mary Richey are in Paris, Texas helping in the distribution of needed supplies to the tornado victims there. They may be there several days in this work. We deeply appreciate their love and desire to help in this situation of human suffering. PH

Caskey and Carroll to Tobago

Bud Caskey has just returned from a mission trip that he described briefly in the bulletin this week. He and brother Joe Carroll will be leaving Monday for another evangelistic effort at Tobago. We commend these brethren for their love and devotion to the Lord and the lost souls of the world. PH

Happy Birthday

APRIL (20) Reagan Phillips (21) Mary Keith, Jill Rowe, Leslie Mallory (22) Marie Skeeters, Annie McDonald (23) Annie Lee Drummond (24) Edna Tucker, Tony Tigert

Funeral

Funeral services were held last week in Winnsboro, Texas for Birdie Raley, sister-in-law to Bruce Raley. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The East Texas Christian Academy

Board of Trustees

Invites you to a "Victory Dinner" celebrating the successful completion of Phase I of Christian Education for Tyler Youth

Friday, April 23, 1982

6:30 p. m.

The Woman's Building

911 S. Broadway

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\$25 per person

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



"On the morning of April 2, a cloudy, blustry day, a huge audience assembled in the Hillsboro building in Nashville, Tennessee to honor the memory of a great man of God. Batsell Barrett Baxter had served the congregation as minister for many years and more recently as one of its elders. His long, successful career was marked with becoming humility. In keeping with brother Baxter's request, Eddie Montgomery led the congregation in singing and Willard Collins, Harold Hazelip, Larry Van Steenberg and Dan Harless spoke the words of comfort and hope.

Brother Baxter's influence for good was felt throughout the nation and in many foreign lands.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world 'This was a man!'

And so the report began from the April 11, 1982 copy of the Hillsboro Herald - weekly bulletin of the Hillsboro church - in Nashville, Tennessee.

A great man of God has gone to be with his savior. He accomplished the mission that all faithful Christians strive for. We will miss him, but his work will continue well into future generations. We are grateful to have lived in the generation to have had the privilege to know him and hear him preach. We pray that God will send us more men of his stature.

If you are fortunate enough to receive this bulletin on Friday, there will still be opportunity for you to go and hear Dean Brookshire on the closing night of his meeting at the Oakdale Church. We are happy to have them visiting again in East Texas. We also want to congratulate them on the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary on April 9. There was a beautiful write-up in both the Tyler Courier-Times and the Dallas Morning News.

Attention all teachers, pre-school through 5th grade. There will be a very important Teacher's Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the Chapel. We hope all of you can be present. (continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Tony Adams
Dismiss Jack Beard

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Averyt Smith Forest McFadden Budget \$7,117.50

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, April 11 and Wednesday evening, April 14 - FRED POWELL, phone 593-5229.

Sermons For Sunday BY PERRY HALL

10:30 A.M. "I Believe In Immortality"
6:00 P.M. "Restoring The New Testament Church."

Here and There (continued from page 3)

Your friends will see you are not "set in your ways," unable to change. Come to Bible class this week and may you grow in the favor and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your warm response to Sunday morning's sermon. I truly hope those for whom the message was intended will not be offended since that clearly was not my intention. That hope includes a sincere wish that all who were present who are not presently attending Bible study on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening will begin the practice. It is because we love you that we urge you to consider these things.

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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March 28 7,505.31
Year Ago 7,076.38

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 4 423
March 28 406
Year Ago 397

WORSHIP

April 4 552
March 28 577
Weekly

100% Classes

Honor roll classes for Sunday include: Four Year Olds taught by Nancy Johnson and Frances McBee; Kindergarten taught by Susan Skipper and two High School classes, "Other Religions" taught by Joe McBee and Bill Faulkner and "Christian Living" taught by Vern Johnson and George Kester. Congratulations for achieving 100% attendance.

About The Sick

Walter Fuller continues to improve in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Maurice Henderson is a patient in Medical Center, room 222.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne was taken to the hospital emergency room Monday morning, but is now at home. She is suffering from inner ear problems.

John Wright from Gladewater, brother of Doc and Ira Wright, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Relief Fund

The Northwest Church took the oversight of collecting clothing and food for relief of those who are suffering from losses during the Paris, Texas tornado. From our benevolent center we collected items of approximate value of \$1,000.00. This does not include cash donations. We are still interested in collecting children's clothing. If you have any donations, bring them to the church building.

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The Church With A Heart

Currently 43 million Americans, roughly 30% of the adult population, are known to have tried marijuana at least once. Of those regular users, there are 4 million under age 17.



In a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, it was pointed out that a number of physicians and medical researchers are beginning to agree that marijuana represents a health hazard in various ways. This comes as no surprise to me. A number of noted researchers have for a long time sounded the warning against the use of "grass."

I am confident that in the years to come scientists will show the grave danger to the sixteen million Americans who use regularly what is called America's favorite recreational drug. Currently 43 million Americans, roughly 30% of the adult population, are known to have tried marijuana at least once. Of those regular users, there are 4 million under age 17.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



After watching the effects of smoking tobacco on a number of friends and relatives over the years, it seems astonishing that people would want to take into their systems that which contains a wide range of hydrocarbons, and apparently more carcinogens than tobacco smoke. In the light of the fact that smoking tobacco can increase problems of heart disease, bronchitis and emphysema, why would one want to add possible effects on the brain and reproductive systems? When one is "stoned" it is known that there is an impairment of memory and intellectual capabilities. Lethargy is a resulting problem, also.

While many studies on marijuana use are still inconclusive, there is sufficient evidence of damage to say that one should "keep off the grass." A clear mind and a healthy body will be the desire of right thinking people. Why risk danger to developing minds and bodies? Research on marijuana is today where research on tobacco smoking was forty years ago. But for those who appreciate the divine dignity

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Perry's Perspective (Continued)

of the human being and the potential of our minds and bodies being the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, we will want to do nothing to deliberately hurt either one. Time will prove out to be very damaging just as is alcohol and the abuse of other drugs taken into the human system.

Nothing is more exciting and fulfilling in this life than to be filled with the Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit is to produce the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. To produce the fruit of the Spirit is to know God and His Son, Jesus Christ. To know God and His Son is eternal life. Let us get on with God and keep off the grass.

You are invited to a Baby Shower
Honoring Becky Sims
and baby boy Brandon Rowlett
Thursday Evening, April 15 7 until 8:30
(Come & Go) Fellowship Hall

Let us be less concerned what men
think we are than what God knows
we are.

Potpourri

Have you noticed the flower bed in front of the church building on West Erwin Street? Recently, the elders commissioned Dale Blackstone to re-plant the bed. It is now very attractive and adds to the appearance of our building.

Last Saturday Alma Faye Price spoke for the Ladies' Inspiration Day held at the Trinity Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas.

Perry Hall is speaking for a Gospel Meeting this week in Denison, Texas. He will return Saturday.

There will be a meeting of Elders, Deacons and Preachers on Tuesday evening, April 13 at 7:00 o'clock. Committee Chairmen will give reports.

Area Meetings

The following is from a letter from Dudley Brookshire and the congregation of the Oakdale Church of Christ.

"We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the contribution you gave us toward the rebuilding of our building. With the help of insurance and gifts from friends, we have been able to rebuild and purchase teaching materials. Thank you so much for your help."

April 11, the Oakdale Church of Christ will have OPEN HOUSE/SINGING at 2:30 p.m. They will also begin a series of Gospel sermons to continue through April 16 with Dean Brookshire from Plainview, Texas preaching. Services will be at 7:30 each week night. You are cordially invited to attend.

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, April 11 - 14. Monday and Tuesday evening services will be at 7:30 p.m. Their Wednesday evening service is at 7:00 o'clock. V. E. Howard will be the speaker for this series.

Under the oversight of the Shiloh Road Church of Christ elders, the singles at Shiloh are hosting a Singles Seminar the weekend of May 1 - 2. This seminar will cover topics pertinent to all Christian singles, including widows and divorcees. More information is on the bulletin board.

The Northeast Texas Teacher's Workshop will be conducted April 17 at the Daingerfield Church of Christ in Daingerfield, Texas. Jack Paul will be the Keynote Speaker. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. In order to provide for everyone, they would like to be informed of those who plan to attend the Workshop.

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ will be hosting the Hillcrest Outreach Team for a Teacher's Workshop on Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. There will be classes on teaching all ages from cradle roll to adults. In conjunction with the workshop, you are invited to attend a class Friday, April 16, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. on handling crises in your life and the lives of others.

Congratulations

On Saturday of last week, Brian and Brenda Boulter became the proud parents of a baby girl born at Mother Frances Hospital. Although the baby was eight weeks premature and weighed 4 lbs and 3 oz., she and the mother are doing well.

Jwill and Becky Sims are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday in Community Hospital. He has been named Brandon Rowlett.

Early Tuesday morning a baby boy, 7 lbs. and 9 oz., was born to Bret and Jena Tarpley in Mother Frances Hospital. They have named him Brian Paul. Jack and Mary Paul are the happy grandparents.

Thank You

We want to express our thanks for the pink geranium sent to us at the time of the death of Averyt's sister, Effie Harp. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Eleanor and Averyt Smith

I want to thank you for the many cards, visits and prayers during my recent illness. Thank you for being so nice to me.

Annie McDonald

Happy Birthday

APRIL (12) A. E. Bedford, Foy Bellows (13) Sledge Clinkscales, Mary Dr. Bond (14) Jack Bennett (15) Doug Shelton (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman, Michael Rhodes (17) Marie Threadgill, Dorothy Daugherty

"Just For Women"

The sixth annual "Just For Women" will be held Saturday, April 24, 1982 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. The theme will be God's Unchanging Hand. A nursery will be provided for preschool children.

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

Vivie Wright's new telephone number is 597-0009.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



The following article is designed to supplement the thoughts of my sermon on Sunday morning. It was written by Jerry Thompson and printed in the Holmes Road Herald of Memphis, Tennessee.

Concerning Bible Study

What do you think? Some have remarked that a preacher can preach his heart out but people will remain of the same opinion, that they will keep on doing the same old things. We talked about attending Bible classes last Sunday. Will the same people continue to ignore Bible classes? A number of people believe they will. What do you think? Did you attend Bible class last week? I hope you did. Will you attend this week?

I believe that any person who is a Christian wants to improve. He wants to know and understand God and His instructions to please Christ, to have the mind of Christ, to be more useful to God. This sort of person is not going to ignore any truth he learns no matter who introduced him to it. He will examine it, evaluate his heart and conduct, and then adjust his life until it is in harmony with that truth. Yes, I believe that people will change. The Lord believes they will. They change when they see they should and can muster the self-control to do it.

If you failed to attend Bible classes last week, was it because of resentment or embarrassment that someone had to say you should? Did you temporarily harden your heart? If so, humble yourself as Jesus commanded (Matt.18:3,4) and be tenderhearted (Eph.4:32). Come to Bible class. If you didn't come, didn't you put something else above your dedication to Christ? Not only good will and intentions, but also our time is required in dedication.

We need more exposure to God's light and wisdom than a few minutes reading and a 35 minute sermon can give; we need to be in Bible classes. Resist the devil. Resist your old habits. Resist your old way of thinking. Strengthen the muscles of your body that are required in Bible Study. Bible classes will improve your reading, your thinking and bless your life.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Mack Bynum	March 28	\$7,505.31
Prayer	Harold Denman	March 21	7,240.79
Dismiss	Stan Denman	Year Ago	6,581.76
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Mack Bynum	March 28	406
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Averyt Smith	Forest McFadden	Budget	\$7,117.50
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Our Records

When Visiting . . .

In addition to those listed in the hospitals, the following members of West Erwin are either homebound or unable to attend the worship services regularly. C. T. Beard, Glenview Nursing Home; Mrs. R.L.Trentham, Leisure Lodge; Mr. & Mrs. M.A.Slaughter, Leisure Lodge Nursing Home; Wyche Harris, Pine Village; Naomi Haws, Hearthstone Nursing Home; Gladys Holcomb, Colonial Manor; Mrs. and Mrs. A.E.Bedford, 3404 Cloverdale; Ruby Teel, 1503 N. Fannin; Evelyn Denton, 2713 So. Broadway, #105; Ola Dunwoody, 522 W. Sixth; Vannie Lee, 1028 E. Earle; Margaret Ratcliff, Rt. 12, Box 366 (Julia Dr.); Rose Rushing, 2222 Glenbrook; Maurice Henderson, 1002 Hundnall, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Blakeley, 2713 So. Broadway, #204; Tommie Alice Egbert, Rt. 11, Box 228; O.E. Townsend, 903 Mockingbird.



BY WES PRICE
A.M. You And The Bible School
P.M. Essential Christianity

Here and There

I hope all of you avail yourselves of the opportunity to vote on Saturday. Voting is a sacred trust that we have been granted as citizen of this country. Let's exercise it.

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In The Hospital

Mrs. Jack Stringer underwent surgery on Monday in Medical Center Hospital. Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy remains in Community Hospital. Walter Fuller continues to be in Medical Center Hospital and is improving. G. W. McElroy entered Medical Center through Emergency on Tuesday morning. He is now a patient on the 6th floor. R. M. Mayo hopes to leave the Chest Hospital Friday or Saturday and return to the Nursing Home (Glenview). Mrs. Annie McDonald and Mrs. Vannie Lee have both gone home from Community Hospital.

Azalea Trail Visitors

The Azalea Trails have brought many visitors to Tyler and we look forward to numerous guests in worship again on Sunday.

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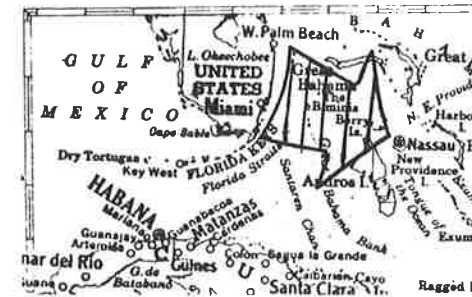
The Church With A Heart



Bud Caskey, Elder

GOSPEL AND CASKEY TO NASSAU!

BROTHER BUD CASKEY, ONE OF OUR SHEPHERDS, WILL BE TAKEN TO DFW AIRPORT BY BROTHER WES PRICE NEXT SUNDAY. BUD WILL FLY TO NASSAU IN THE BAHAMAS TO TEACH HOME BIBLE STUDIES



DURING A CAMPAIGN APRIL 4-12. BROTHER HAROLD POLAND WILL DIRECT THIS CAMPAIGN.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



THERE WILL BE EVANGELISTIC SERVICES EACH EVENING AFTER A DAY OF TEACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. BROTHER BUD WILL BE ON THIS MISSION AT HIS OWN EXPENSE. WHEN BUD RETURNS, HE AND BROTHER JOE CARROLL WILL GO TO TABAGO FOR ANOTHER EVANGELISTIC EFFORT. WE WILL HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH THESE BRETH-

REN IN THIS LATER ENDEAVOR. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS BUD IN THIS EFFORT IN NASSAU AND LATER BOTH OF THEM IN TABAGO. WHAT A JOY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A CONGREGATION, ELDERSHIP AND EVANGELISTIC SERVANTS. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!! SOULS WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN HEAVEN BECAUSE OF THIS. □

Learning from Laodicea

We appreciate the many fine comments we received from you Sunday regarding the lessons. You are so encouraging and receptive to the word of God. It was a good day in many ways in its encouragement! We had a spirit of warmth and brotherly love accompanying a good attendance in Bible school and worship. The contribution was also a very good one. Beloved, I am persuaded we can keep from making the same mistakes Laodicea did in the first century. Let us reason some on this subject that we might gain insight into their difficulties.

Laodicea lay 43 miles southeast of Philadelphia in Asia Minor. It was near Hierapolis and Colossae. Paul mentions the congregation (continued on page two)

Perry's Perspective (Continued)

that served there in his letter to saints at Colossae (Col.4:13-16). Laodicea was named by Antiochus II in honor of his wife, who later poisoned him. It was a city of great wealth. It controlled the trade which flowed down the river valley where it was located. It was the center of banking in Asia Minor. It had a cloth and clothing industry that was second to none due to a breed of black-wooled sheep abundantly found in the surrounding countryside. Laodicea had a famous medical school and was also famous for two kinds of medicine it manufactured. They produced a certain kind of ointment and powder which was good for ailing eyes and ears. They were a people who put their trust in material prosperity, outward luxury, and in physical health.

The church of our Lord had come to imitate the spirit of her surroundings. She was being destroyed by the creeping paralysis of materialism and worldliness. Her light was fast going out.

The Great Physician, the Amen, the Faithful and True witness, the beginning of the creation of God had a prescription for her, and it would take radical surgery in order to save her from death. But would this congregation open her eyes and ears?

This spiritual disease had caused a severe disorder of lukewarmness. The symptoms were listlessness and indifference. There was no longer enthusiasm, emotional urgency and compassion for the lost. She probably still had a general conviction of the truth and importance of Christianity, but no zeal was found in her. She was like the water brought into the city from a nearby hot springs. By the time it got to the city it was lukewarm and very nauseating.

Thank You

A special thanks to everyone for the lovely flowers, prayers and cards at the time of the death of our Daddy. May God bless each one of you.

In Christian love,
Gus & Cathy Krewall
Irene Taylor

Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

The city of Laodicea, with its wealth and natural beauty, was a self-satisfied city. How like that the church had become. It is likely that the members regarded their prosperity as proof of divine approval and evidence of their spirituality. The congregation was self-sufficient, self-satisfied, and self-confident. Each was saying, "I have need of nothing." Spiritual pride had her in its deadly grip.

This deteriorating and destroying condition had deceived them. It had caused them to feel "in need of nothing," when actually they were on the very verge of eternal ruin. They were "poor" in treasures laid up in heaven; "blind" to the dangers before them—blind to their own blindness; "naked" of the garments of righteousness which should clothe the children of God. As someone has said, "The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self. All sin is easy after that." It had driven out Christ (Rev.3:20), and was about to cause Christ to totally reject them (3:16).

Yet, even in their poor and pitiable condition the Lord had the remedy needed. Divine wisdom counselled them. Christ offered them "gold" tried in the fire for their spiritual poverty, the "white raiment" of true righteousness of the regenerate soul that the shame of their nakedness might be covered, and spiritual "eye-salve" that they might truly see. He gave loving rebukes and chastening to produce zeal and repentance. Christ offered them sweet communion and the powerful incentive of occupancy with him in his throne if only they would overcome.

He that has an ear, may he hear what the Spirit said to Laodicea. May we today learn from the letter to the Laodiceans!

Thank you again for your encouragement. I want to deeply encourage you by the Word.

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart group will meet on Thursday evening, April 8 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall for a "Pot Luck" Supper.

Read The Bible Through In '82
For the week of April 4 thru April 10,
read Deuteronomy 33 thru Joshua 12 and Acts 5 thru Acts 11.



Ladies

Ladies, you are invited to attend Ladies Bible Class at the Shiloh Road Church on Tuesday, April 6 at 10:00 o'clock and the luncheon following. Nelda Stewart from the Alpine Church in Longview will speak on the subject, "The Better Way." There will be an attended nursery.

Sympathy

We are sorry that in The Visitor last week we failed to extend sympathy to Irene Taylor and her family along with Cathy Krewall and her family in the death of their father, Mr. Wheeler Pitt. Funeral services were held for him in Carnegie, Okla.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Gainesville, Texas for the sister of Averyt Smith. We express our sincere sympathy to the Smiths and their family.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (4) Esther Kester, Shirley McRuiz, Paul Montandon, Jonathan Burkholder (6) Sharen Chambless, Melissa Marts, Myra Chandler, Diana Savage (8) Eveline McCarty (9) Helen Wright (10) Mary Lynn Stitt

Medina Home Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 14-18. They have suggested that we concentrate on APPLESAUCE.



HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



A number of visitors blessed our worship Sunday. Stan Mallory certainly hit the nail on the head when he complimented you for being so warm and friendly to those who visit us. We don't ever want to lose that good spirit because it is invaluable in encouraging others to consider making West Erwin their church home. That same hospitable feeling is true in our Adult Bible Classes also. If you have not been attending one on a regular basis, then you ought to. I have never been able to figure out why my brethren have to be reminded so often that Bible study is an important and necessary part of their spiritual existence. Not because Bible study is our savior, but because we can't know what we are to do and how we are to act unless we are acquainted with God's Word.

We are proud to mention the 3 Year Old Class taught by Cathy Hallman and Diana Savage for achieving 100% attendance Sunday morning.

Our new building addition is coming along nicely. We are certainly going to be gaining a useful addition to our Bible School. The north end of this new addition will be for a printing room and we will be able to do so many things when we have our own printing equipment in place. There will also be a dark room for developing pictures that we make for our bulletin and for keeping our pictorial directory up to date.

Good reports have been received from our Brother's Keeper unit meeting on this past Sunday night. We have seen improvements since brother Dawson changed several of the units after our last meeting. If you did not attend, you surely missed a good time.

Our Young At Hearts Club is a lively and active group under the direction of Paul Stanley. I'm sure they enjoyed the planned outing this week. We recently received the official scribing of the charter members. It will be framed and hung in our fellowship hall.

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Weekly

Report of Our Sick

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Mrs. Annie McDonald is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Dovie Norsworthy is in Community Hospital.

Vannie Lee is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. B. B. Lambert entered St. Lukes Hospital in Houston on Monday for tests.

Mrs. Jack Stringer will enter the Medical Center Hospital Sunday evening for eye surgery on Monday.



SUNDAY, March 28, 1982

By Perry Hall
A.M. Heaven: God's Home for the Saved
P.M. Hell: Its Repulsive Population

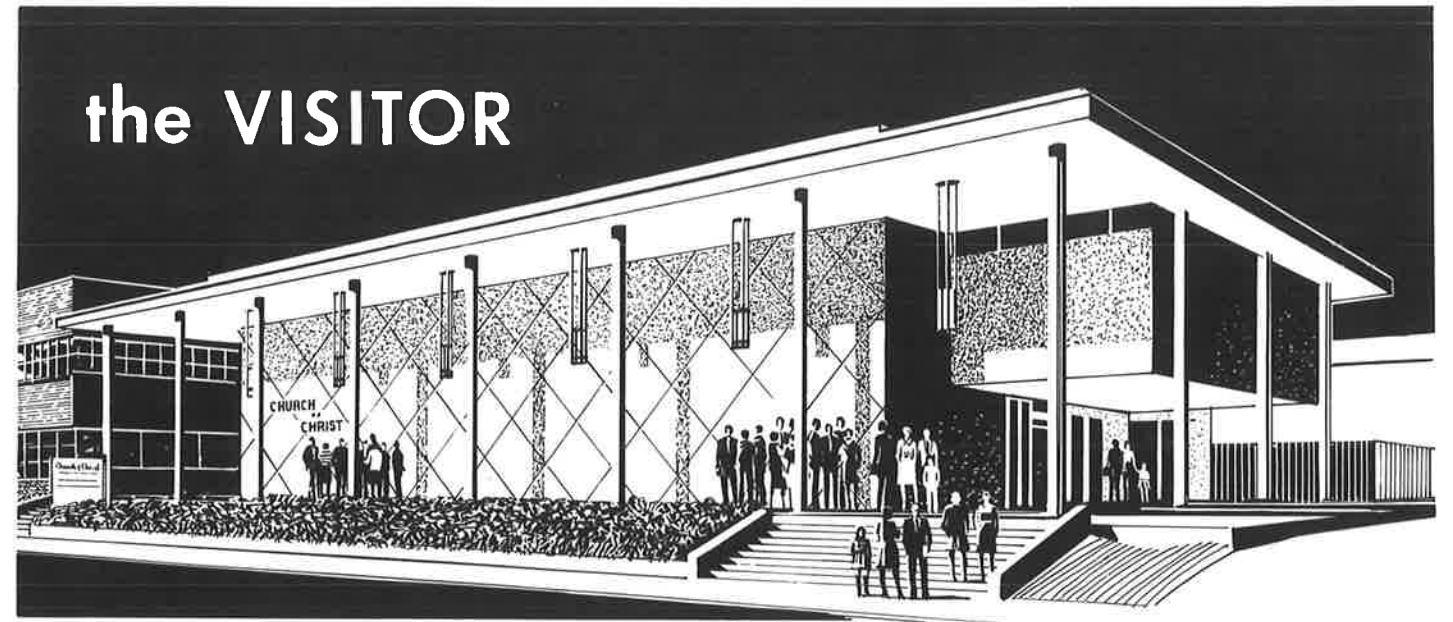
Thank You

I appreciate the cards, visits, phone calls and gifts while I was in the hospital and the food after I came home. Thanks to everyone.

Amy Faulkner

Read the Bible Through in '82
For the week of March 28 thru April 3, read Deuteronomy 19 thru 32 and John 19 thru Acts 4.

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The Church With A Heart

Here and There (Continued)

sold enough to sell anyone else. If you discuss the church with someone and they discover your negligence and indifference, our chance of ever reaching that person is practically nil. If you'll just keep mum, some faithful Christian may have an opportunity someday to reach that person.

Boy, it's going to be embarrassing if the Lord comes on Sunday morning during the Bible Class time. I think I've heard all the excuses for not attending, and they're not even logical to me... they'll surely sound shallow to an infinite God!

"...I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love. Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." (Revelation 2: 4-5).
-Joe R. Barnett

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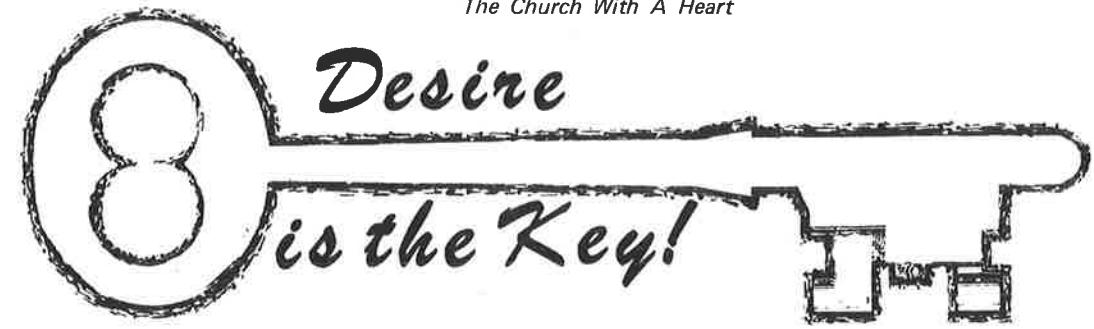
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It is said that a young man came to the wise man Socrates years ago and proclaimed, "I have come 1,500 miles to gain wisdom and learning; I want learning, so I have come to you." Socrates said, "Come follow me." The young man followed Socrates to the seashore and on out into the water until they were waist deep. Then, Socrates seized the young man, held his head under water, in spite of his struggles, until most all of his resistance was gone. The old man dragged the limp visitor to shore, stretched him out on the beach and without a word went back to the market place. The young man finally regained his strength and went again to Socrates to discover the reason for such seemingly strange behavior.

The wise old man asked him, "When you were under water, what was the one thing you wanted more than anything else?" The young man replied, "I wanted air!"

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



Then came the declaration, "When you want knowledge and understanding as badly as you wanted air, you won't have to ask anyone to give it to you."

This kind of desire led Paul to state, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

As many of us as would be perfect, let us be likeminded (Phil. 3:13-15).

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Perry's Perspective (continued)

As a part of this same overwhelming desire, one of the greatest challenges of my life is to help see the West Erwin congregation continue to prepare itself for heaven. I consider this the greatest opportunity, privilege, and challenge of my life thus far. I thank God every day for the fine co-laborers I have in striving for the ultimate goal of our going home to be with God. My appreciation, love and thanksgiving unto God for such co-workers as Wes, Nelda and Frances is realized every day. What a blessing it is to have those who are so experienced in the local scene. Wes has been so helpful and encouraging in these months of transition. His personal warmth and genuine way with people is something to behold. I am so glad that he is here and is so helpful and patient. Nelda and Frances could not be better in their helpful ways. They are so congenial and easy to get along with in our daily work together.

The elders, deacons and every member have gone out of their way to

make Laree and me feel welcome, loved, and accepted. Together we can all serve our Lord and be together finally in heaven. No doubt there will be the difficult times along with the good, for us all. The road is often rugged, narrow and difficult, but it leads to life eternal! The way of Christ has never been easy. The Christian life is described as a fight that must be fought; a race that must be run; a life of denial and self-discipline. But at the end of the struggle there is glorious victory. Any goal worth gaining has always demanded much.

Beloved, I want to go to heaven. I want you to go to heaven. We must realize that in following Christ we have our only hope in fulfilling our dreams and desires. It is my fervent prayer that you share this dream and desire with me. May we all be consumed in the desire of the glorification of God and the salvation of man. God's wondrous grace and love is the sphere in which we move. His power dwells in us and we are more than conquerors through Him!

Honoring Hulen L. Jackson

Hulen L. Jackson has announced his retirement from fifty years of actively preaching the gospel of Christ. Forty years of this preaching has been in the Dallas area.

The Duncanville Church will be honoring Hulen and Guille with a reception on May 8, 2 to 4 p.m. at the church building. There will be a planned program beginning at 2 p.m. with a fellowship and refreshments following, and you are invited.

We request your help in compiling a book which recalls loving memories or events shared with Hulen and Guille during these past fifty years. We ask that you write a letter about a memory or an event that you shared with them and perhaps include a snapshot.

An appreciation gift is to be presented to the Jacksons at the program and you may desire to contribute to this.

Send your letter and/or contribution to us by April 24, 1982 so that we'll have time to assemble them. Send to: Hulen Jackson Fund, 3332 Old Colony Road - Dallas, Texas 75233.

Dr. & Mrs. A. M. Mansur
Chairman: Retirement/Reception

**BROTHERS'
KEEPER
Groups
Meet
Sunday
Evening**

Thanks to John and You

We are deeply grateful to brother John Davis for the powerful lessons he brought during our gospel meeting. The lessons were clear and powerful and we all benefited.

We are also deeply grateful to every member who enthusiastically supported this effort. We give thanks to Bill Faulkner for preparing and taking care of our newspaper advertising. Special thanks to Wes for directing the singing and to all the ladies who prepared such delicious food for the preacher and his wife Genia.

Last, but by no means least, we thank Weldon and Mary Dawson for housing and caring for the needs of the Davis' while here.

PH

Thank You

Thank you all for the flowers, cards, calls and prayers when my grandfather died. Most of all, we thank you for your Christian love.

The Paul Montandon Family

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Kathy and Gus Krewall in the death of her father, Mr. Wheeler Pitt. Funeral services were held for him Sunday in Carnegie, Okla.

Congratulations

A baby girl, Carla Elizabeth, was born Wednesday, March 17 to Marc and Pam Lemons. Velma and Charles Lemons are the proud grandparents.

Lucille and Ferman Carpenter have a new granddaughter born Thursday, March 18 in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth to Jean and Ferman Carpenter. Mother and baby are improved following difficulties.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda Hendrix (29) Bill Endsley (30) Michael Lowrance, Susie Hughes (31) Roland Roberts, Matt Haws, Ray Magee APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn (3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



John Davis has certainly given us plenty of food for thought in his preaching this week. We are indebted to him for sharing those good messages from God's Word with us and we are the better off for this.

The following article written by Joe Barnett is especially for those of you who do not attend Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible Study and who could attend if you had the proper motivation.

IF YOU DON'T ATTEND BIBLE STUDY

It is ironic that the redeemed have to be encouraged to attend Bible study. Let me tell you some things I know for sure about you who do not choose to attend Bible study.

1. It isn't your superior knowledge that keeps you from attending! I have been preaching long enough to know that you are usually the ones who come running to the preacher for "ammunition" every time you get into a Bible discussion. You need the knowledge you would gain from regular attendance.

2. It isn't your superior spiritual strength that keeps you away! You are the ones who usually arrive late for Sunday morning worship. You very seldom attend on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. It isn't spirituality which keeps you from these services.

3. If all members were like you our total program would collapse! By your actions you have cast your vote to abandon the Bible School program. You enjoy the pious feeling received from "playing church" one hour on Sunday mornings... (and your \$1 just about pays for the electricity for that service). You cannot be counted on to attend special classes, do personal work, visit the sick, or give encouragement. In fact, you feel that your rights have been infringed upon if you are asked to do anything.

4. You are a poor example! It is really best if you don't mention the church to anyone. You see, if you are not sold enough on the church to become involved in her program, you are not

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Serving Sunday

Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Perry Hall
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss C. E. Caskey

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Perry Hall
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SERVING COMMUNION

Shannon Hughes Jeff Jones
Trey Hughes Wynne Weathers
DeRay Bennett Shayne Bennett

Leslie Mallory John Powell Budget \$7,117.50

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, March 21 and Wednesday

Evening, March 24 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627

CONTRIBUTIONS

March 14 \$5,890.70
March 7 7,171.63
Year Ago 5,928/11

BIBLE SCHOOL

March 14 399
March 7 380
Year Ago 378

WORSHIP

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March 7 445
Weekly

New Members

On Friday morning of last week, Mrs. Gary (Irma) Kelly was baptized by Wes Price. She and her husband are the parents of a two year old son, Nicholas. They live at 2430 Boldt, phone 593-1233. We are happy to welcome Irma as a new member of the West Erwin family.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Myron (Donna) Weston, 5105 Old Bullard Rd.- A 21, phone 561-6929, came to identify themselves as members of the church. They recently moved to Tyler from Indiana where they worshipped with the Lindberg Church of Christ in Anderson, Indiana. We are so happy to welcome Myron and Donna into the fellowship of West Erwin.

Report of Our Sick

Walter Fuller 's condition remains very serious. He underwent surgery for the third time on Thursday of last week.

R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in UT Health Center.

Mrs. Jasper Dobbs underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center.

Foy Richey was in Community this week for tests.



WATCH FOR DETAILS

COMING SOON !

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Christian as she was baptized into Christ. Our gratitude should also be expressed to Ginger Metcalf for her help in instructing Irma. It's this kind of involvement that helps us find those who are hungering for the truth. I am sure there are hundreds of such friends, if we would just set our sights on looking for them. There is no telling how far-reaching the impact of Irma's baptism will be. "Lift up your eyes unto the fields that are white unto the harvest."

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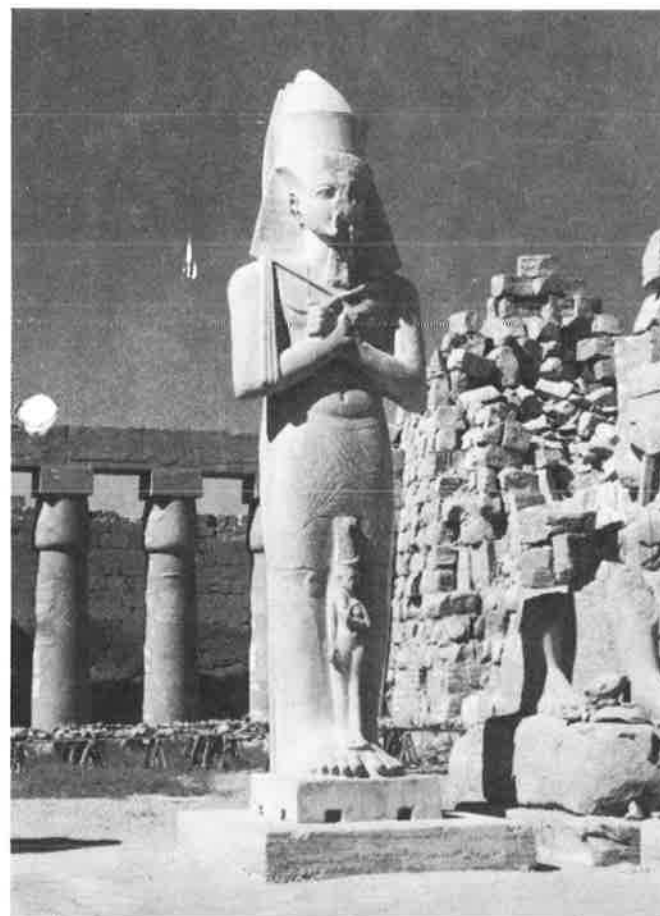
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The Church With A Heart

Gospel Cry: "LET MY PEOPLE GO!"



Statue of pharaoh Ramses II with his chief wife, Nefertari, standing in the shadow of his legs.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



ACTS 18

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision. Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:
10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

The time has come for our evangelistic effort with brother **John Davis** of Beaumont, Texas. He will help us call the captives from spiritual captivity!

When Moses and Aaron stood in the presence of the pharaoh of Egypt and said, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go....'", they typified the struggle of man against the bondage of Satan and sin. God has in every nation those that will hear His voice when it is extended in the gospel. God has here in **Tyler**, as in Corinth, those that will hear His voice and become His children. We must find them!

That man is in the bondage of sin cannot be gained. All we have to do to know this is just stop, look and listen to the world around us. Satan, indeed, is "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that

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Sympathy

Funeral services were held this week for the grandfather of Paul Montandon who died in Lubbock. We express our sympathy to Paul and the family.



GOSPEL MEETING - 7:30 each evening (including Sunday, March 21).

SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

now works in the children of disobedience." Caught in the net of "corruption that is in the world through lust", man is being drowned "in destruction and perdition." Jesus can free man from the tyranny, guilt and bondage of sin. He said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free... If the Son therefore make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

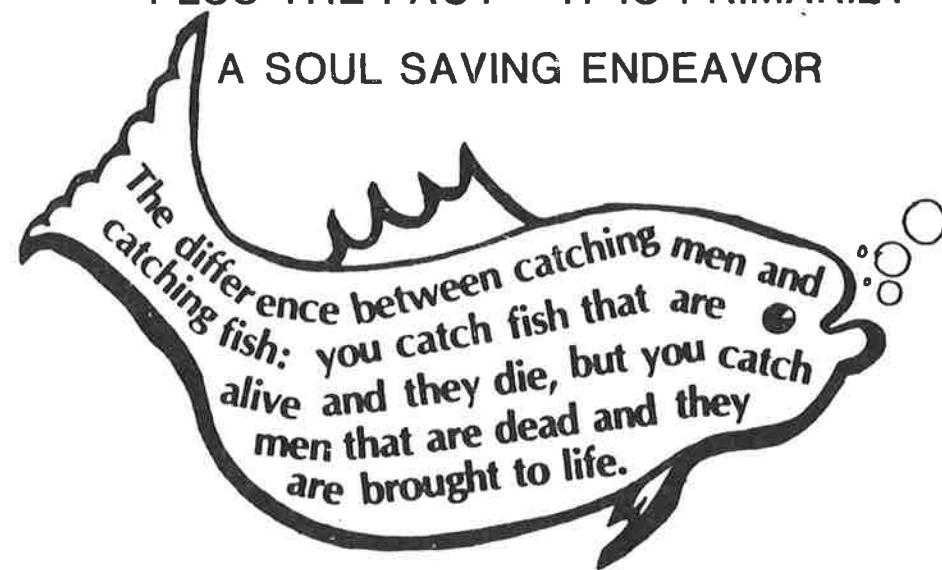
Let us continue to pray for this effort and look for those who will allow themselves to be freed from the slavery of this present evil world!

Thank you for your great response to meals for the preacher. Remember that all night services in our gospel effort of March 21-25 will be at 7:30, including Sunday. Let this be a labor of love. "Thus says the God of Israel, 'Let my people go!'"

WHAT A GOSPEL MEETING CAN DO FOR YOU AS A CHRISTIAN

- (1) REVIVE YOU SPIRITUALLY----
- (2) RESTORE YOUR ENTHUSIASM----
- (3) INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE----
- (4) STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH----
- (5) HELP YOU IN YOUR FIGHT AGAINST SATAN----

PLUS THE FACT---IT IS PRIMARILY
A SOUL SAVING ENDEAVOR



Hear John Davis March 21 - 25!

Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation for your love and concern in the death of our loved one, George Squier. Thanks for the flowers, cards, phone calls, delicious food and especially prayers in our behalf. Friends mean so much at a time like this.

In Christian love,
Mary Squier and Family
Laura & Annie Lee Drummond

Thank you for sending the beautiful spray of pink carnations at my mother's death. Your expressions of love, the many cards and kind words have touched our hearts. You are a beautiful group of caring Christians.

In Christian love,
Paul & Signa Stanley

On behalf of all the students at the Tri-C, I would like to thank you for all the food you brought Tuesday night.

We enjoy having a meal together and it means a lot to know there are people in Tyler that care about us.

Thank you again - we loved it!

Gloria Daughtry
Tri-C Correspondent

Happy Birthday

MARCH (21) Ernestine Mallory, Harvey Grier, Bryan Pickle (22) Vicki Warren (23) Ben Young, Charlotte Sanford (24) Myrtle Ginn (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (27) Pat Skipper.



BENEVOLENT WORK

Old, clean sheets and pillow cases (white or colored) are needed for bandages. Also, clothing for children - especially for those under 12 - is needed.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



I sincerely hope you have reserved every worship service time of this next week for our Gospel meeting. That means you will be present at every service and it also means that you will help make it better by inviting someone else to come with you. We will be looking forward to having a large attendance in Bible study at 9:30 as well as the first worship of the meeting at 10:30. Come and bring a friend.

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Won't you join me in expressing congratulations to two of our seniors at Robert E. Lee High School for a notable honor bestowed upon them this week. Rebecca Price and Amanda Munn were initiated into the National Honor Society at ceremonies last Monday. This honor is bestowed on students who achieve high scholastic standards as well as a recommendation from a faculty member.

Of course my wife and I are especially proud that our daughter has received this honor and no more so, I'm sure, than the Michael Munns.

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My Sunday morning Bible class, Adult No. 2, has taken the responsibility to call all the members of this congregation to extend a special invitation to each of you to be present for every service of the meeting. Expect their call.

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I have the privilege this week of teaching in a Teacher Training Workshop for congregations in the Canton area. I will miss being with you on Wednesday night, but I'm sure that you will have an excellent worship service in my absence. I also will be with Sam and Sher Sevier at the Shannon Oaks church in Sulphur Springs on Thursday night to help them launch a Visitation Program.

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It was a great joy this past week to assist Irma Kelly become a New Testament

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Serving Sunday

Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer C. B. Burkham
Dismiss Bruce Raley

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer John Teague
Dismiss Harold Browning

SERVING COMMUNION

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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, March 14 and Wednesday

Evening, March 17, TONY ADAMS, 566-1598

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

A gospel meeting is all of this and more. It is the wondrous confession of lost men "that Jesus is the Christ," and it is the bitter-sweet penitence and tears of erring brethren as they are restored.

Isn't a gospel meeting a wonderful thing? Now, don't look around and see who you can apply this to, just take it personally and do your part and we can't help but have a great meeting.

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MARCH 14, 1982

By Perry Hall

A.M. "The Borderland of The Kingdom."

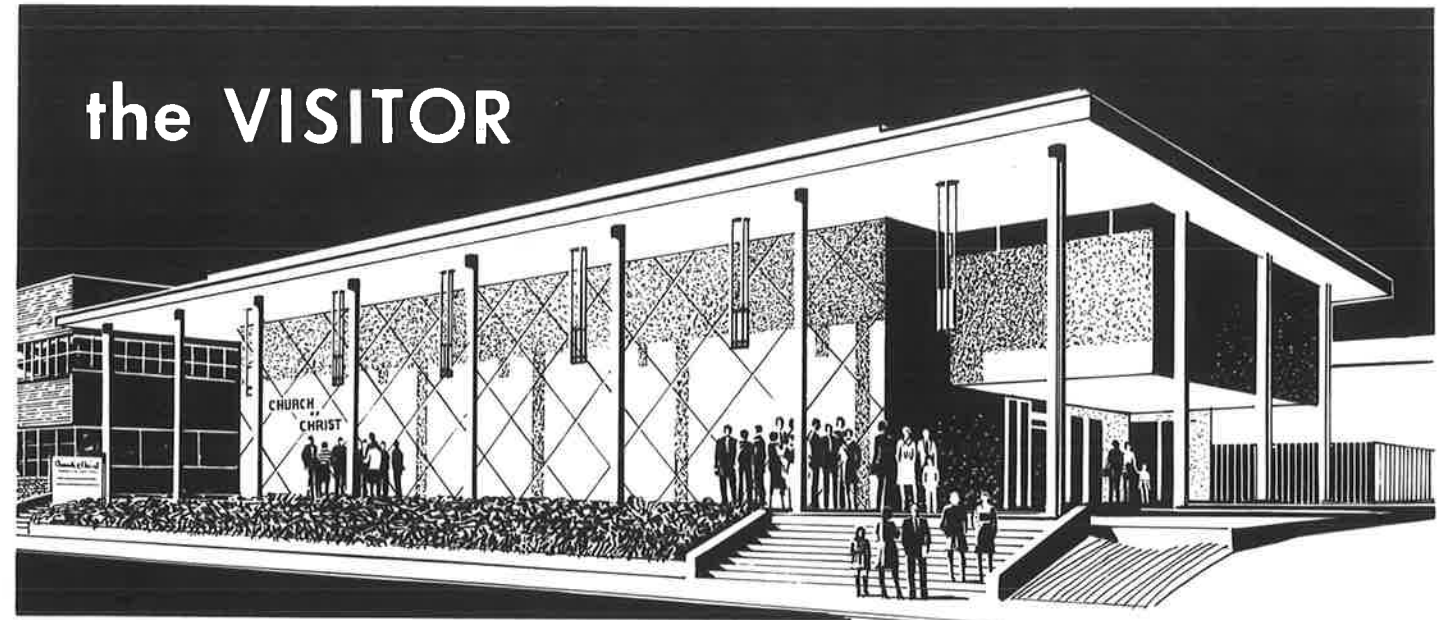
P.M. "The Octave of Christian Graces."

Take Time To Pray

Responses

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of the West Erwin family brother and sister Marion (Martha) Reed. They formerly worshipped at the Turnpike Church of Grand Prairie. Their address is 3217 Lynnwood Dr., phone 595-6015.

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The Church With A Heart

MEET JOHN M. DAVIS



The elders have invited and we are looking forward to working with brother John M. Davis in our March 21-25 Gospel Meeting.

Brother Davis has labored with the Ridgewood congregation in Beaumont, Texas for the past 23 years.

He was born in Clanton, Alabama on January 26, 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis. He was baptized into Christ in 1942. He married Gena Dell Chesshir December 24, 1950. They have two children, Mark, age 26 and Melinda Davis Barnett, age 23. His training was received in Harding University where he majored in Psychology. He attended Harding Graduate School where he majored in Bible.

John has served with the following churches: Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, La.; New Boston, Texas; Rose

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



Hill, Texarkana, Texas and Ridgewood in Beaumont, Texas. He has done evangelistic work in several states and foreign countries.

Our brother served five years as a board member of the Bowie County Child Welfare Unit, Texas Department of Public Welfare. Board Member, Camp Red Oak Springs since 1959, President since 1963; Member of Executive Board of Beaumont Mental Health Association, Chairman of Help-Line program; Member of Advisory Board of Suicide Rescue, Inc.; Member of Home Economics Advisory Board, French High School, Beaumont Independent School District; President Beaumont Kiwanis Club 1971-1972. Teacher of Bible History, French High School.

We look forward to our labors together.

TEACHERS THAT PARENTS LIKE

Teachers who stick primarily to the Bible and spiritual things.

Teachers who apply Bible principles and strive for character development in pupils.

Teachers with good personality, disposition, poise, manner, balance, exemplifying true faith and character.

Teachers who strive for good order, courtesy and respect on the part of the pupil.

Teachers who really study their lessons adapting them to the needs of the students.

Teachers who are genuine in faith, trying sincerely to live what they teach.

Teachers who are in the classroom before the time the first student arrives.

Teachers who are constantly looking for new and better methods of teaching Bible truths.

Teachers who keep the Bible, the Word of God, before the pupil at all times.

Teachers who take an interest in "my child" in helping to guide him and discipline him in spiritual things.

PARENTS THAT TEACHERS LIKE

Parents attending Bible school regularly.

Parents who help each child attend regularly.

Parents who help children to be in class on time.

Parents who speak well of Bible classes, pointing to the good.

BOOSTERS — not KNOCKERS!

Parents who are fair minded, agreeable and helpful with classroom problems.

Parents who are partners with class teachers in causing pupils to choose, think, act and do as God wishes.

Parents who set a time to **HELP THEIR CHILDREN** get their Bible lessons.

Parents who teach their children the proper attitude and reverence toward worship and Bible study.

Parents who appreciate the efforts others make to help their children express that appreciation!

Area Meeting

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ beginning Sunday, March 14 and ending Wednesday, March 17. Evening services for the week nights will be 7:30. Mike Hammonds of Hatfield, Mass. will be preaching.

LADIES, you are invited to attend the Bible Class at Shiloh Rd. church on Tuesday morning, March 16 at 10:00 A.M. Mike Hammonds will teach the class. You are also invited to be their guests for a luncheon to follow.

Landmarks For Living

Radio Program - KRLD Dallas
1080 on the dial

Johnny Ramsey, Speaker

Sunday Evenings at 10:30
presented by:

Rowlett, Texas Church of Christ

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday in Stamford, Texas for Mrs. Bessie Young, mother of Mrs. Paul Stanley.

Tuesday morning, funeral services were conducted at Lloyd James Funeral Home for brother George Squier.

We express our deepest sympathy to each family in their loss.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (14) Chris Hallman, Rodney Knight (16) Teena Roberson (17) Ann Bailey, Jim Franklin (18) Matthew Reynolds (20) David Taylor

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HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



I'd like to share some thoughts with you about our coming Gospel Meeting in addition to the challenging sermon brother Hall preached Sunday morning. May I suggest that you put other thoughts out of your mind as you read the following so that it may have its fullest impact on your conscience.

A gospel meeting is every member praying individually and in groups - in homes, offices, factories and shops. The secret of every successful meeting is the faithful presentation of the Word and the power of God moving in answer to the prayers of God's people. Such an effort is doomed to fruitlessness without prayer and support.

A gospel meeting is every member participating in individual and church-wide visitation effort. The gospel cannot be preached to those who do not attend. People attend only as they are invited and encouraged.

A gospel meeting is every Christian searching for and discovering new and deeper truths in the realm of the spiritual. It is a matter of happy fellowship as we assemble from night to night. It is a matter of stern discipline as the Word of God is laid on our hearts and we are enabled to see our sins and correct them. It is sweet and beautiful singing as voices blend together in praise of Christ.

A gospel meeting is "people at work," doing what they can to save lost souls. Won't you select several people (non-Christians or erring brethren) and: **PRAY** for them daily between now and the meeting; **CONTACT** them and cultivate them before the meeting; **TEACH THEM** as much as you can; **BRING THEM** to services with you; **ENCOURAGE THEM** to obey the gospel or return to Christ.

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Serving Sunday Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Mike Savage	Feb. 28	\$7,766.16
Prayer	Phil Marts	Feb. 21	6,483.04
Dismiss	Earl O'Quinn	Year Ago	6,187.89
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Mike Savage	Feb. 28	376
Prayer	Leon Welborn	Feb. 21	379
Dismiss	Kevin Braly	Year Ago	368
SERVING COMMUNION		WORSHIP	
Glynn Starnes	Harold Denman	Feb. 28	506
Tom Parsons	Doug Shelton	Feb. 21	496
Tom Lowrance	Ron Lott	Weekly	
Jwill Sims	Bret Tarpley	Budget	\$7,117.50

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 John Porter Don Weathers
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MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, March 7 and Wednesday Evening, March 10 -EARL O'QUINN, 561-0671.

Response

Ted Wright came Sunday to be restored.

Sermons

SUNDAY SERMON SUBJECTS by Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. "The Ideal Audience in a Great Gospel Meeting."

6:00 P.M. "Valley of Dry Bones."

Read The Bible Through in '82- For the week of March 7-13, read Leviticus 25 through Numbers 26 & Luke 14 through John 4. (This includes the scripture that was not printed in last week's bulletin).

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News of the Sick

Walter Fuller is recovering in Medical Center from surgery on Monday morning.

R. M. Mayo is a patient in the Chest Hospital.

Amy Faulkner, daughter of Jan and Bill Faulkner has been undergoing tests in Medical Center Hospital. On Thursday Amy is scheduled to enter Children's Hospital in Dallas for further tests.

Doug Shelton is ill at home. He was hospitalized briefly in the Emergency Room early Monday.

Mrs. Fay Wallace, a member of the church in Mineola and a cousin Stan Mallory, is in Medical Center, room 411, suffering from a fractured hip.

Ray Womack, Bob Davis and Ken Bennett are all recovering at their homes from recent surgery.

Vivian McCall is at home following foot surgery last Friday.

IN THE NURSING HOMES

Glenview - C. T. Beard, Dovie Nor-sworthy

Hearthstone - Naomi Haws

Colonial Manor - Gladys Holcomb

Pine Village - Wyche Harris, George Squier

Leisure Lodge - R. L. & Edythe Trentham, M. A. & Vivian Slaughter

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The Church With A Heart

GREAT GOSPEL MEETING AHEAD



John Davis

If you have looked at our new church calendar for March, you already know of our fast approaching gospel meeting. The date is March 21 through 25. The reason we have not mentioned it before now is that we have been trying to get everyone's schedule, who is involved, rearranged so that we could have the meeting in the lat-

ter part of April. Since this could not be arranged, we are pulling out all stops and going ahead with a great gospel meeting in March.

Brother John M. Davis, evangelist with the Ridgewood congregation in Beaumont, Texas will be the preacher. He has been with the same congregation for twenty-three years. This says a great deal about John and Ridgewood. John is a close friend of Weldon and Mary Dawson and will be staying in their home during this endeavor. We will tell you more about this effort next week. Let's throw ourselves into this great opportunity.



Jack Paul
 in Longview

We rejoice to see that brother Jack Paul will be in a gospel campaign, March 21 through 26 with the Alpine congregation in Longview. We are sorry to note the conflict with our own gospel endeavor, but

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Jack Paul (contd.)

we did not know of his effort when we scheduled our own. Though we will be unable to support this labor with our presence as we would like, let each of us remember Jack in our prayers.

Jack has already spoken on several occasions to the Alpine brethren in recent weeks seeking to help plan and motivate for this meeting. Jack is very busy throughout the brotherhood thus often being away from us, but we do thank God that he can be with us as much as he is. We seldom see one as talented as our brother. We are thankful for his companion, Mary, and his children who are willing to share this man of dedication with others as they seek to serve God.

Jack, we will be praying for you and this great work.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

An Elders and Deacons Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday evening, March 11 at 7:00 o'clock in the Chapel. Committee Chairmen will bring a report of their committee. All elders and deacons are urged to be present.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (7) Becky McRuiz, Sue Paul, Renea Burkholder, Rocky Chambless (8) Kathryn Fears (10) Katie Heath, John Powell, Eleanor Smith (12) David Grier, Jr., Eleanor Birdwell, Darryl Hendrix, Pam Wiggains (13) Tennille Beard

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

Do Nothing And Sin

...John Gibson

The neglect of positive duty is just as surely wrong as the commission of overt evil. It is not sufficient to say, "So long as I don't drink and swear, lie and steal, fight and kill, I am all right." Take a soldier in the army. He doesn't have to fix his bayonet and run his colonel through to be guilty of wrong doing. He can just refuse to carry out the orders his colonel gives him. When commanded to stand guard he can just remain in the barracks. When the battle rages he can just lay down his arms and refuse to fight. What army would tolerate such conduct? Omission is as vicious as commission.

Remember that the King said to those on his left hand, "I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink." He did not say to them, "You were common drunkards, you were dishonest, you were profane."

I can almost hear the words of John the Baptist, "Now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." The tree that is bad deserves to be cut down. But the tree that is unproductive also deserves the fire.

In the marriage-feast of which we read in the gospels, there were many who would not come, and they perished because they would not come. You will not find one single statement made concerning them committing sins. They were shut out for not coming.

I fear for those who omit the primary commands of repentance and baptism; for those who neglect the worship of God; for those who fail to observe the Lord's Supper; for those who are too busy to pray; for those who leave the Bible lying about unread; for young people who have failed to honor their parents; and for older children who have neglected their parents in their twilight years; for those who have no out-going concern for their neighbors; for those who are ready with an excuse for every good deed which they have not performed; for all who have simply neglected.

Maybe we should preach loud and long, "You can do nothing and sin."

Young At Heart

The next meeting of Young At Heart is March 11 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. "Pot Luck Supper" is planned.

On April 1, the Young At Heart group will be touring the Brookshire's Wild Life Exhibit.

Ladies...

Wednesday, March 10, following the Ladies' Bible Class, there will be a Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Laree Hall, June Walker and Sara Powell. All women are encouraged to attend the class and stay for the luncheon. Invite your husbands.

Thank You

Thank you for sharing your love and sympathy with us in the death of our brother with flowers, cards and kind words. They have meant so much to us. In Christian love,
Russell & Audrey O'Bannon

Thank you to all of our Christian friends for your visits and calls and loving care during the time Clarence was hospitalized and at the time of his death.

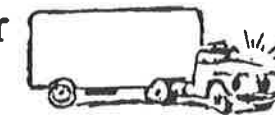
Mrs. C. N. Strait and Family

The family of Velma Maberry acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of your sympathy.

Thank you for the pink carnations, food and most of all, your love and concern.

Elizabeth Hughes & Vivie Wright

Remember



The truck from Boles home will be here one day next week. Bring jelly, peanut butter, laundry soap, salad dressing and toilet paper.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Winter illnesses have certainly taken their toll on our attendance the past couple of weeks. Nearly all of our adult classes have been down due to the various and sundry flu bugs. We hope that as spring approaches we will have all of our members well and about their normal activities again.

Only one class reported 100% attendance and that was Susan Steffee's 5 Year Old Class on Sunday, February 21. We also want to extend congratulations to Shawn Montandon who was present every Sunday during this past quarter. We are always glad to congratulate those who achieve worthy attendance goals.

The lectureship at ACU was excellent. I wish all of you could have been with us for the series. Our sincere hope is that we will be able to use a lot of the material that we gathered to help this congregation grow. Of course, it is impossible to pass on the inspiration of being there, but we are certainly going to try.

I also had the opportunity to visit with my father in Brownfield. Many of you have asked about his health and I'm happy to report that he is doing very well. We enjoyed reminiscing about the past. Isn't it amazing that as one gets older, only the fond memories remain the sharpest.

Wasn't the news about Pablo Molina, our newest missionary, great! I had the privilege of hearing him speak while at the lectureship, and I was tremendously impressed with his spiritual growth and maturity. His work will now give us two that are associated with the Manhattan church. We are confident that our leaders made a wise decision to support him. I hope many of you got to meet him and his wife on Sunday morning.

Don't forget the Teacher's Workshop at the Northwest church on Saturday, March 12. We ought to have a large number attend.

To stay youthful stay useful.

Serving Sunday

Our Records

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Announcements	Bill Faulkner Feb. 21	\$6,483.04	
Prayer	Mac McCall Feb. 14	7,170.90	
Dismiss	Morris Hallman Year Ago	4,814.36	
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Bill Faulkner Feb. 21	379	
Prayer	Bill Thompson Feb. 14	387	
Dismiss	Allen Bobbitt Year Ago	356	
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Dale Blackstone	Paul Montandon Feb. 21	496	
Kevin Braly	Allen Bobbitt Feb. 14	467	
Brian Boulter	Jay Bynum Weekly		
Cooper Goodson	Leslie Carruth Budget	\$7,117.50	
ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER			
Roy Roberson	Ron Lott		
Ricky Gambrel	Carroll Magee		
MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, February 28 and Wednesday Evening, March 3 - MACK BYNUM, 839-2792.			

OUR SICK

Amy Faulkner, daughter of Bill and Jan Faulkner will enter Medical Center Sunday for tests.

Mrs. Mac McCall had foot surgery Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

Ray Womack underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital. He had additional surgery on Wednesday morning and is recovering nicely. He hopes to go home on Saturday.

Michael Dunn, son of Eddie and Ronny Dunn was injured last week in an accident and was hospitalized several days. He was able to be dismissed from the hospital on Monday.

Ken Bennett underwent surgery on his shoulder on Friday of last week in Medical Center.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
February 28, 1982
By PERRY HALL

A.M. The Amazing Grace of God
P.M. If Any Man Be In Christ



BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK

Remember, the grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of March 8 - 12. The following list of items are needed at this time. However, they will be happy to use whatever can be supplied.

- JELLY**
PEANUT BUTTER SALAD DRESSING
LAUNDRY SOAP TOILET PAPER

RESPONSE

Shannon Hughes came Sunday morning for the prayers of the church.

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CHANGING OUR HABITS OF LOVING

Since Laree and I are at ACU this week, I thought this very powerful article would be good for a guest editorial. We commend it to you for your careful consideration.
Perry

We often miss the real force of a biblical passage by applying it immediately to our own lives without first understanding its meaning for those to whom it was originally addressed. In John 13:35, for example, we read the familiar words, "All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." To sit for a moment with the first hearers of these words can give them added meaning for our lives.

What Did It Mean To Them?

If we were to be given the task of selecting a group of people to carry out a mission of eternal significance, what individual qualities might we look for in the members of this group? Major consideration, no doubt, would be given to their ability to get along with each other. We know that in-fighting consumes energy needed for progress. Yet, one could hardly imagine a more diverse group than the one Jesus chose and delegated to take the Gospel to the whole world. Among them were Simon the Zealot, who had rebelliously opposed anything associated with the Roman government, and Matthew, who had collected taxes for that government. There were James and John, whom Jesus called the Sons of Thunder (leaving us to wonder what such a name might indicate about their personalities), and impetuous Peter. The possibilities for competition seem great when four of the same profession were put together, especially when the family rivalry possible in groups of brothers was added. Truly, the questions of who would be greatest, most important, or most favored plagued the group throughout Jesus' earthly ministry. Even their parents got involved at times.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



At first one might wonder why there appears to have been no thought given to disposing of the apostles when Jesus and His movement were being stamped out by the jealous Jews. Perhaps, however, this motley crew appeared to pose no threat. Without their leader, they would certainly scatter. In fact, scattering was their initial response to the arrest of their Master.

It is in the context of this rivalry and dissimilarity of background and perspective that Jesus' words take on new force. "If you twelve men, in spite of your differences and competitiveness, can stay together, work through your conflicts, and keep on loving each other, then the world is going to know there is something special about you — that you are my disciples."

For approximately twenty years (except for short trips), these apostles worked together in Jerusalem with thousands of new converts. One of the greatest sermons ever preached on the power of the Gospel was preached by the lives of these men as they continued to love each other and to lead an ever-growing and diverse church toward unity, in spite of immense conflict and difficulty.

Learning A New Love

How can love distinguish the disciples of Jesus that they might be easily identified? People had been taught to love

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Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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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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Perry's Perspective (continued from page 1)

long before Jesus ever had any disciples. History is full of moving examples of love between people. Our society values the loving person, and examples of even sacrificial acts of love can occur in numerous settings within our experience. Did Jesus mean that wherever we find a group of people who love each other, we have found His disciples? Certainly not!

Jesus spoke of a new commandment to love each other — a new love qualified by his statement, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34). What is this change Jesus wants us to implement in our lives? We must note carefully the love of God as it is seen in Jesus. God loves because of who He is — not because of who we are. "God is love" (I John 4:16). He loves, because by nature He is loving. His love does not depend upon the nature of those being loved. As disciples, the focus of our development should be upon a love which flows freely out of the kind of people that we are — people who are by nature loving.

Since the Gospel is intended to call together groups of people from widely varying economic levels, viewpoints, and personalities, a love that is based upon our reactions to the attractions of others will not suffice. Such love cannot weather the differences and conflicts inherent in such groups. But to love others, simply because we are loving, allows us to embrace the unlovely, the different, and the beastly in each other and to keep right on loving. It is this environment of loving acceptance that can transform the Beast within each one of us into Beauty. Since God loves us in our ugliness, we don't have to stay ugly. To love others in their ugliness gives them the chance to be beautiful. Loving natures, however, do not develop accidentally.

To develop such love requires a careful examination of our habits of loving. John tells us, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (I John 3:18). Likely the reverse is also true; loving with actions but without words would be inadequate as well. Some of us express love best with words. Others of us find actions to be our expressions of love. Our ways of expressing love become habitual since, for us, they are comfortable. Expressions of love, however, are of little value unless they are received and properly interpreted.

I once read of a girl whose mother never kissed her good-night or tucked her into bed with words of love. So, when the girl would visit her friends and hear their mother's expressions

of love and watch their good-night kisses, she would feel cheated. Surely her mother did not love her as their mothers loved them. After years of pain, she confronted her mother with hurt oozing from every pore, angry that she had not been loved as others had. Her mother broke into tears. "When I was a child," she sobbed, "I never had a clean dress to wear to school. I suffered the stares and pity of others because of my shabbiness. I vowed that never would my children suffer as I had. Every morning when I brought a clean, ironed dress into your room for you to wear to school, I was telling you how much I loved you."

Our hearts cry out at such unnecessary pain. And yet we rarely ask, "How can I love you so that you will truly feel loved?" We continue to love out of our own needs, forgetting that others' needs may be different. To have a loving nature, I must begin seeing the uniqueness of each individual and risk changing the habits of my loving that my love may truly be of value to them.

Love's Essential Gift

John Powell, in his book *The Secret of Staying Love*, notes that the essential gift of love is to enable the loved one truly to love himself. We ought not judge how loving we are by the number of those who love and admire us. Instead, we should judge our ability to love by the number of people who have seen their own value in our eyes, who can feel more competent, and who joy in their own existence because we love them. Surely this is the love of God — a love that reaches us as we are and tells us we are new people; a love that recognizes our inadequacies yet gives us the courage to cope with our imperfections; a love that lets us grow toward completeness because it accepts our incompleteness. As we work with the Lord to develop this nature of love within ourselves, we will begin to be able to act out of who we are rather than react to what others are. Then the world will take note of us — not simply because of what we believe or don't believe. They will recognize a different quality of people, people who are loving by nature, and say, "Surely they must be the disciples of Jesus!"

Becky Nicks Gross
Lecturer in Christian Education for Women

Sympathy

Graveside services were conducted Friday of last week by Perry Hall and Wes Price for Mrs. Velma Mayberry, sister of Elizabeth Hughes and Vivie Wright.

On Wednesday morning Hillard Hughes spoke words of comfort to the family and friends of brother Clarence Strait, who died on Monday.

Monday, Guy and Nettie Potts were out of town for the funeral of Guy's aunt who had made her home with them.

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



SUNDAY EVENING following the worship service we will meet in the fellowship hall for a meal together. Bring sandwiches, chips and dips and desserts. Bring food for your family and guests.

THANK YOU...

To My West Erwin Family

Your prayers, visits, cards, calls and your every expression of love and concern while I was in the hospital will be cherished forever. I love all of you.

Bob Davis

Thank you for your prayers which helped Bud through his recent surgery. Thank you also for your visits, calls, cards, flowers and food sent to our home after his return from the hospital. We love you -- our "church family."

Bud and Grace Walker

I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness. Thank you for the calls, cards, food and every kindness shown to me.

Lois Hoppers

The Womack family wants to express appreciation for the flowers and other expressions of sympathy at the death of Ray's brother, R. N. Womack, recently.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL Teachers Workshop at Canton, Texas will be March 15-17, 1982. Classes will be held each evening from 7:30 until 9:15 at the Canton Church of Christ, Hwy. 243 at Ridge Road. There will be classes for teachers of all departments. Wes Price will be teaching a class for High School teachers.

THE NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST will welcome their new preacher and his wife, Daryl and Lynn Bowdre, on Sunday, March 7. Beginning at 2:30 they plan a special program of singing, preaching and fellowship. You are invited.

THE SHILOH ROAD congregation invites everyone to attend the dedication and open house of their new building on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be a brief service followed by open house in their new facility.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



By the time you read this, Perry and I will have completed a week of enjoying the Abilene Christian University Lectureship. We wish all of you could have the same joy. We are grateful to our elders for granting us this privilege to be away from our work at West Erwin to spend some time "getting our buckets refilled" so we can bring fresh new ideas about doing the work of the Lord and feeling inspired anew to do more and better things for the kingdom.

There has been some misunderstanding that needs to be corrected about our Brother's Keeper units. Some have thought that a part of the work of the units was to provide food to families where a death has occurred. Although they are not restricted from assisting in such times, we still have the structure which was a part of the old zone program that looks after providing food on such occasions. We will continue to use this as our primary means for this purpose. Those who serve on these zones will call on other members to assist in this good work. We feel that the responsibility for getting food at such times would be greater than our smaller Brother's Keeper Units could handle.

The Northwest Church of Christ is pleased to announce a special Teacher's Workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 13 entitled "Make Me A Channel of Blessing." The workshop is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 2:15 p.m. Classes for every department are available. Classes for teachers of the various departments are: PRE-SCHOOL, Becky Anderson of the Jefferson St. church in Sulphur Springs; PRIMARY, Alma Faye Price of West Erwin in Tyler; JUNIORS, Nancy McCoy of the Northwest church in Tyler; TEENS, Barry Sanford of the Van church and ADULTS, Robert Oglesby of the Waterview church in Richardson. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (3) David Burkholder, George Stephenson (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell, Mary Lou Frasier (6) Ray Lott

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Bill Butler	Feb. 14	\$7,170.90
Prayer	Faber Cauthen	Feb. 7	7,299.59
Dismiss	J.B. Endsley	Year Ago	6,084.93
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Bill Butler	Feb. 14	387
Prayer	Robert Conner	Feb. 7	378
Dismiss	Cullen Gilliam	Year Ago	352
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Dale Blackstone	Paul Montandon	Feb. 14	467
Kevin Braly	Allen Bobbitt	Feb. 7	466
Brian Boulter	Jay Bynum	Weekly	
Cooper Goodson	Leslie Carruth	Budget	7,117.50
ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER			
Roy Roberson		Ron Lott	
Ricky Gambrel		Carroll Magee	
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Our Records

In The Hospital

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Brother Clarence Strait remains a patient in Medical Center.

Sister Dovie Norsworthy is now a patient in the Glenview Nursing Home.

Sunday, brother Ray Womack is scheduled to enter Medical Center for surgery.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 21, '82
A.M. Guest Speaker, Kieth Mitchell
P.M. Sermon by Wes Price

Dates To Remember

FEBRUARY 19 - Third Annual Chili Supper to benefit the East Texas Christian Academy to be held in the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood church of Christ from 6 until 8 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 28 - All Church Fellowship following the evening worship.

FEBRUARY 21 - 24, Abilene Christian University Lectureship.

MARCH 10 - Ladies Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall (covered dish) following Ladies Bible Class.

MARCH 11 - Young At Heart "Luck Dinner," 6:30 P.M.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Thursday in Huntsville, Texas for the brother of R. C. O'Bannon. We extend our sincere sympathy to Russell and Audrey in their loss.



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

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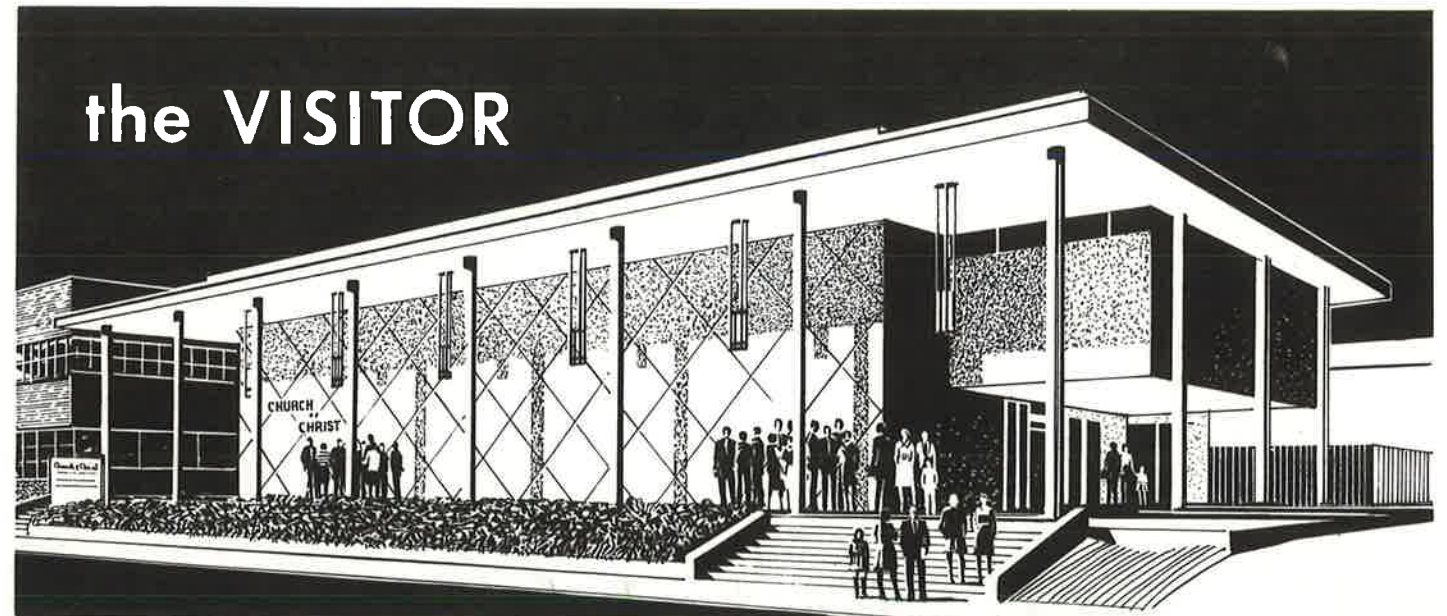
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The Church With A Heart

New Construction To Begin Very Soon!

The contract has been let for our new classrooms and work room on the east porch of the building. The elders were pleased that Mr. Matthews, who did such a fine job on the fellowship hall, was low bidder on this new addition. Our shepherds were also pleased with the reasonable \$44,700 price tag. Construction is to begin right away. This new addition will allow us to relieve the present nursery and classroom crunch and will give room for a printing facility.

PLEASE SIGN THOSE CARDS!

The elders and evangelists at West Erwin are deeply interested in helping the congregation to minister to each others' spiritual needs. We must consider one another to encourage unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembly as the manner of some is. When a person begins to forsake the assembly we need to be aware of it as soon as possible. It will really help

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



us if each member who is present will be diligent to sign a card. It is apparent that some of us who are present are forgetting to do this. The secretaries work up a list of those not signing cards and lay it on my desk every week. Though we know that many of these are visiting away and are worshipping somewhere else or are sick, we cannot help but agonize over the length of this list. It runs between 100 and 200 every week. This is bound to greatly affect our spiritual and numerical strength and the extra power of our contributions and influence for good.

If each one of us will be sure to sign when we are present it will help us to know better where we actually are in the things we are discussing. Thank you for your co-operation. Love,
Perry

A life of sharing, caring
A love of endless giving together
Mrs. Donald L. Preecs
requests the honour of your presence

when her daughter
Tami Caye
and

James F. Canterbury, Jr.
become united through marriage
on Saturday, the sixth of March
Nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at five o'clock in the evening

First Christian Church
805 West Baldrige

Ennis, Texas

reception immediately following
Fellowship Hall

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN '82

For the week of February 21 - 27, read
Leviticus, chapters 13 through 24 & Luke,
chapters 7 through 13.



KIETH MITCHELL

We want to welcome Kieth Mitchell as our guest speaker on Sunday morning. The West Erwin church has had fellowship with Kieth in his work as Director of the International Mission of churches of Christ in New York City since its beginning in 1972. Brother Mitchell is also the preacher for the Manhattan church of Christ and serves as one of its elders.

"Don't Fence Me In"

The drivers of our Minibus are sometimes left stranded without a parking space when they arrive at the building for worship services. A parallel space is marked for the Minibus by the west door of the Education building. Please do not park your car in this space or at either end of it. Your thoughtfulness will allow the bus riders to get out and board the bus from the porch. Also, please be careful to park between the yellow lines on our lots. Some have been forced to pull out into West Erwin Street into traffic in order to circle the lot. Remember, the lot across Elm Street is also available for our use at each service.



Congratulations

Penny McDonald is the happy grandmother of a baby girl, Melissa Michelle, born Thursday, February 11, in Irving, Texas to Jensy and Mike Gregory. Sister Annie McDonald is the great grandmother.

Thank You

Thank you for your expressions of love and concern during my confinement in the hospital and while recuperating at home.

In Christian love,
Aubrey Payne

Thank you for the cards, flowers, visits and most of all for the prayers in my behalf.

In Christian love,
Homer & Lerah Williamson

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (22) M. H. Shaffer, Mike Savage (23) Sherri Bray, Jean Thompson (24) Vannie Lee (26) G.W. McElroy (27) Jane Jones, Matt Goodson (28) Tom Parsons, Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

POTPOURRI

An all church fellowship has been planned for Sunday evening, February 28, following the evening worship service. Because of this get-together, the Brother's Keeper fellowships will not meet in February. The next Brother's Keeper meeting will be March 28.

A very interesting letter from Lee Roberson is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer. If you would like to write a note to Lee, his address is:

Kendall Lee Roberson
253-4 Shinmachi
Miyahara-Cho
Arita City, Wakayama Pref.
Japan

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



Adult Couples Class No.2 was hosted for a great party this past week at the Tyler home of Stan and Ernestine Mallory. Co-hosts for the party were Dan and Wynelle Sexton. We are greatly appreciative of their efforts in providing the place and "fixins" for the party. A great time was had by all.

These kind of get-togethers provide the atmosphere for stronger ties among members of a Bible class and especially among members of the Lord's church. We commend such affairs to other classes. We hope your class is planning a party soon.

I will be enjoying the Abilene Christian University Lectureship next week. We hope to be seeing many of the children from our West Erwin families while there as well as enjoying the feast of good things from the various lectures. I wish we could encourage more of you who have the opportunity to attend to go with us. It would be a rich experience.

The Young at Hearts Club had a great meeting this past week. Around 50 people enjoyed a "pot luck supper" and then had fun playing games and getting better acquainted. If you have not joined this group and you are eligible, you are missing a good thing!

Our hat's off this week to members of Milburn Cook and Louis Jones' High School class for those members who have had perfect attendance during the past quarter. They are: Julienne Butler, Trey Hughes, Wynne Weathers, Wes Price and Cole Bennett. Help me encourage these young folks by congratulating them for their good attendance.

We also want to call attention to the decorations on the door of the 4th grade class. Our thanks to Brad Johnson for his creative talent in preparing the door poster for their classroom.

WE WANT YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Jay Bynum
Dismiss	Leslie Carruth
EVENING WORSHIP	
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Prayer	Joe Carroll
Dismiss	C. E. Caskey
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY	
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 MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 14 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 17 - FRED POWELL, 593-5229.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

Our Brother's Keeper fellowship meetings, held Sunday night a week ago, were well attended judging from reports from most of the units. Weldon Dawson is working diligently to re-align the units so that there will be enough in each unit to enjoy a good number in attendance at the fellowship meetings. If you did not attend in your unit, you missed a treat. Why not make a point of finding out when your unit meets during the month of February and reserving that night to attend. One must remember that attendance must be viewed from two sides, not only from what one may receive as good for himself, but also how his presence might be of value to some other member. No matter how you view it, you must admit that the Lord made us our "brother's keeper."

New Members

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jesse (Freddie) Keener and their daughter, Emily Keener, into the fellowship of West Erwin. Their address is 2222 Belvedere, telephone 593-9071.

Also coming Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Townsend, 903 Mockingbird, telephone 597-4459. They are the parents of Mrs. Keener. Both families come to us from the Glenwood church.

Directory Change

MARK WATSON is now worshipping with the Shiloh Road congregation.



By PERRY HALL
 A.M. "Keeping The Church Pure"
 P.M. "The Righteous Shall Flourish As The Palm Tree"

Sympathy

Perry and Laree Hall were in Wise County on Wednesday for the funeral of his uncle. We extend our sympathy to the family.

In The Hospital

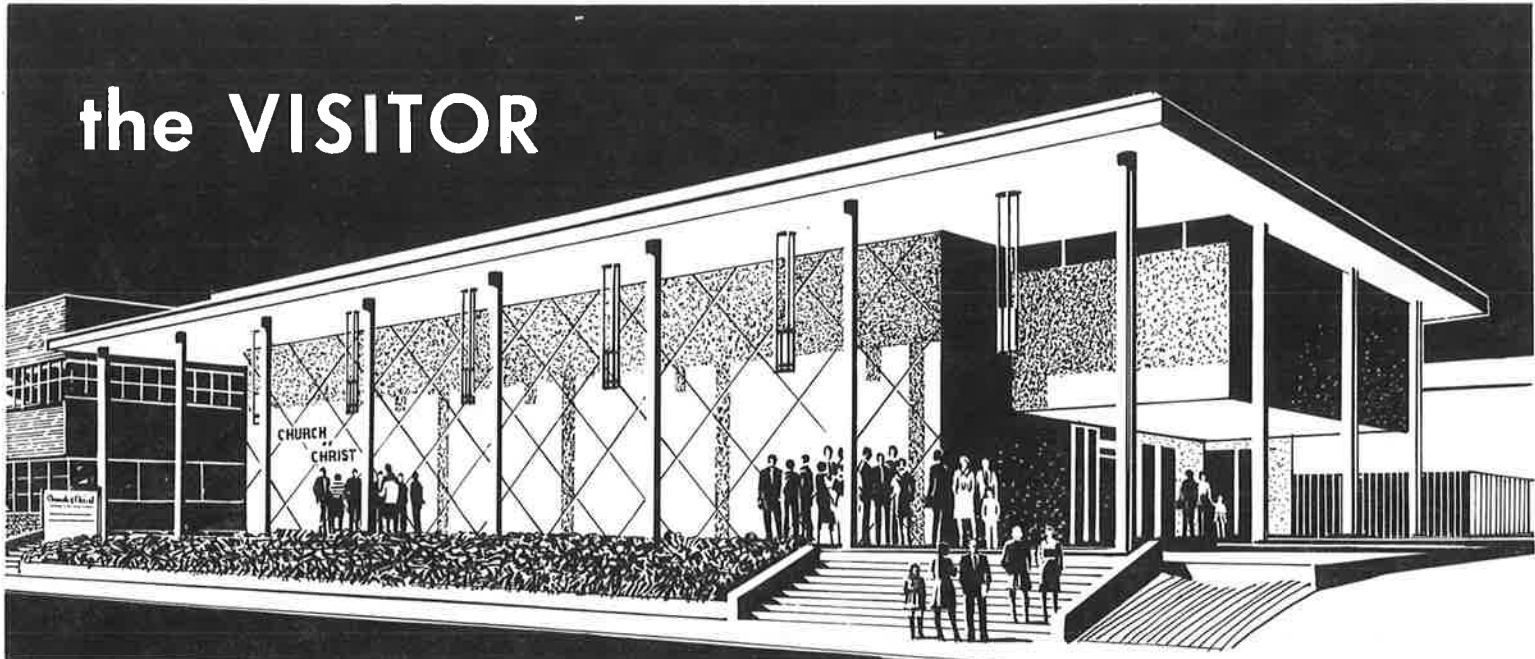
Lois Hoppers is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Velma Mayberry, sister to Elizabeth Hughes and Vivie Wright is now a patient in Pine Village Nursing Home.

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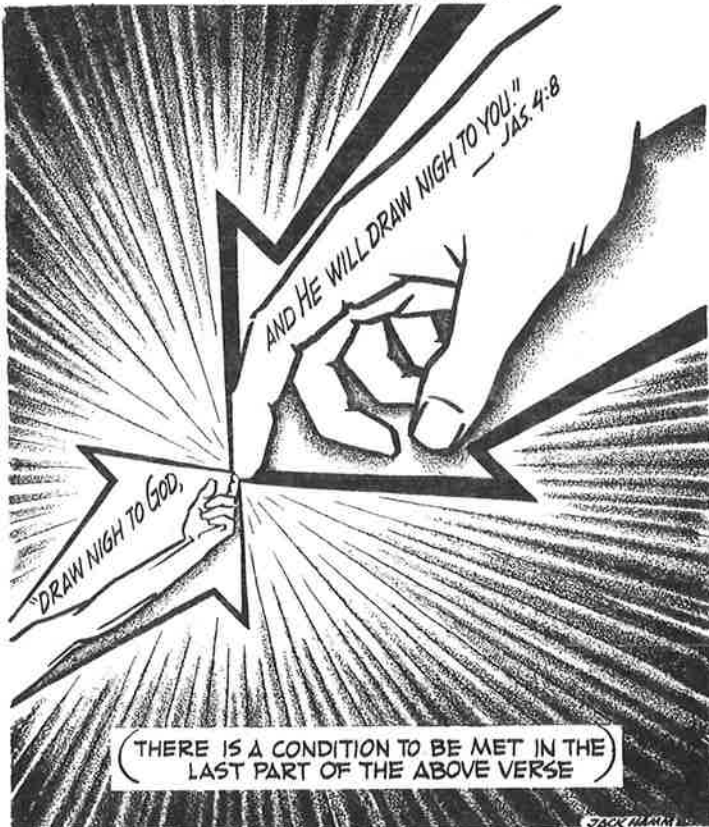


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THE GREAT DYNAMIC *The Church With A Heart*



PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



accepting individually the invitation of James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."

Here is a mighty invitation! Here is the dynamic of the Christian life-drawing near to God. This is an invitation to draw near in the spiritual sense. We can get no closer in the physical realm for "in Him we live, move, and have our being." But we can grow much closer to our Father spiritually.

We can use the avenue of prayer to draw closer. Through His Son He has told us to ask, seek and knock and what we ask would be given to us if it was really for our good. We may draw near in study and meditation on His divine will and character. Through this, faith and trust are begotten in our hearts with obedience forthcoming in our lives. We are told to not lean upon our own human understanding or reason for guidance, but to acknowledge Him in all our ways and He promises to direct our paths.

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Beloved, I am deeply impressed with the dynamic nature of West Erwin as a congregation of God's people. We want to take this divine power that is in us and channel it always to the glory of God. We want to increase that power and the good that is forthcoming. We can accomplish this by

Perry Hall, Minister
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Perry's Perspective (continued)

Approaching God is also done in worship of Him. We express our love, devotion and dedication in worship. For this reason He has expressed His will that we worship Him regularly on the first day of each week in assemblies and during the week in our private devotions and meditations. We become like that to which we are devoted.

The one out of Christ draws near with a true heart of faith and repentance and has his sins washed away by the blood in the bath of baptism. The spirit then comes to live within.

Submitting ourselves to God enables us to resist the devil so that he will flee from us. When we have cleansed our hands and hearts of sins, we may be assured that we have drawn near to God. There is power in the blood!

God, the Spirit, Christ and His gospel are the dynamo, dynamite and dynamic of our lives. We are more than conquerors through them. It is in their power that we arise above and defeat all the difficulties of life. Their POWER in the inner man gives us the victory! Draw near, beloved. Unbelievable DYNAMIC POWER awaits us!

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
CHILI SUPPER - FEBRUARY 19

The East Texas Christian Academy will have the 3rd Annual Chili Supper on Friday evening, February 19, in the new Fellowship Center at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Proceeds are used to support Christian Education in Tyler. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. They are available from any Board member. Also, contributions may be made the evening of the Chili Supper from 6 until 8 P. M.

BOLES HOME TRUCK



The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here one day during the week of March 8th - 12th. The following list of items are needed by the Home. If other items are brought, however, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

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| JELLY | SALAD DRESSING |
| PEANUT BUTTER | TOILET PAPER |
| LAUNDRY SOAP | |

IDEAS IN ACTION

A lady brought to the preacher's attention some things that she felt should be done. He gratefully acknowledged the wisdom of her ideas and said, "This is wonderful that you are so concerned and interested in this program. Will you take the job?" Her answer was immediate, "Oh, no. I don't want to get too involved. With my club work and the hours that I put in on other things, I don't have time, but I will be glad to advise you anytime."

The preacher's answer was classic. "Gracious lady, that's the entire problem now. I already have 300 advisors. I need someone who will work." Every Christian needs to get involved in working for the Lord.

Are YOU fully involved? Genuine Christians do not want to go to heaven alone!

...Selected

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Your life may be all some folk know about Christ . . . Are you letting it count for Him? Does the light of Christ's love shine through you? Your answer determines your relationship to God.

DEACONS MEETING

There will be a Deacon's Meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 15 at 7 o'clock in the Chapel. All Committee Chairmen will report on the activities of their committee.



GUEST SPEAKER

Brother Perry Hall was invited to be the guest speaker for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner in Marshall for the South Washington Church of Christ on Friday evening.

THANK YOU...

Your concern and prayers were deeply appreciated during my shoulder surgery. The flowers, cards and visits helped to brighten my days in the hospital and recuperation at home. Roy and I especially thank you for the food that was brought. You are a very special group of loving Christians and you mean so much to us.

Chloe Clark

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, flowers, food and cards. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Our love to all.

Roland Roberts Family

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (15) Mayme Waggoner (17)
Lisa Cummings (18) Amy Knight (20)
Brandon Chambless (21) Theo Janet King.



we need you!



in Bible School!

ACU LECTURESHIP

The 64th Annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian University will be February 21 - 24. "A New Era in World Evangelism" is the theme.

Read The Bible Through In '82

February 14 through February 20, read Exodus, chapter 30 through Leviticus, chapter 12, and Mark, chapter 16 through Luke, chapter 6.

**HERE
and THERE
by wes price**



It has been a couple of weeks since we have listed our 100% attendance classes, so let me bring you up to date. On Sunday, January 10, the Four Year Old's taught by Carolyn Blackstone and Frances McBee were 100% plus two. On that same date George Kester and Dick Higginbotham's High School Class, "Christian Living," were 100%. On January 31, Carolyn Welborn's Five Year Old Class had all present and this past Sunday the "Christian Living" study of the High School group scored another 100%. We congratulate these classes and encourage them to keep up the good work.

One other mention of note, Michael Rhodes, Betty Knight's six year old son has missed only one time on Sunday morning in the past three months and has been here every Wednesday evening for class. I am sure that others qualify with perfect attendance and as we become aware of them we will publish their names in this column. We want their good example to carry forth and influence others to follow their lead.

Perry has preached good lessons on the past two Sunday nights on the importance and necessity of personal soul-winning. Plans are on the drawing board to help folks learn more about how to engage in this vital work. I realize that not every Christian considers himself to be qualified to serve in this ministry, yet I would not want you to immediately discount the possibility. Many times individuals have discovered that, with a little training and encouragement, they found themselves actively engaged in this good work.

We will share more with you about this effort as plans develop.

Our Bible School attendance was down considerably last Sunday, probably due to the large number in our congregation who are ill. The largest loss in the total count was in the Adult Department. Nearly every Adult class was down. Our sincerest hope is that the current rash of illness will soon be behind us and we can look forward to our attendance being over 400 again.

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Mrs. Homer Williamson continues to be a patient in Medical Center. Roland Roberts is now at home.

Clarence Strait is now in Glenview Nursing Home.

Kay Plumb of Daingerfield, daughter of Bill Rozell and sister to Ginger Metcalf, will have surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

THE EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is planning the third Annual Chili Supper on February 19 at the Glenwood Church Fellowship Center. The hours will be from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M.

Take Time To Pray

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

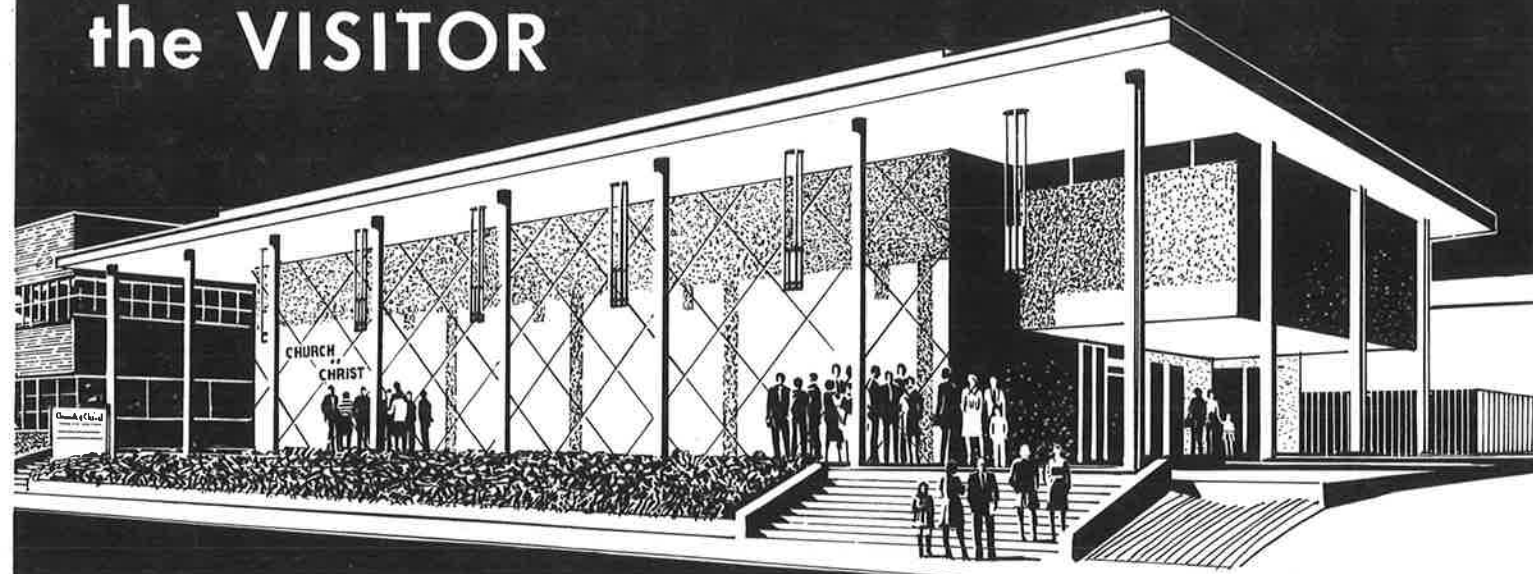


YOUNG AT HEART

The next meeting of the Young At Heart will be Thursday evening, February 11, at 6:30 P.M. A "Pot Luck" Supper is planned for the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1982

By Perry Hall

A.M. "Hereditary Total Depravity"

P.M. "Wanted: Salesmen For The Savior" (Contd.)

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) Sean Cummings (13) Lottie Gilstrap (14) Laverne Keith, Carolyn Welborn.

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MY WAY? YOUR WAY? OUR WAY? THEIR WAY?

GOD'S WAY

IS THE ONLY WAY!



"THUS SAITH THE LORD, STAND YE IN THE WAYS, AND SEE, AND ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, WHERE IS THE GOOD WAY, AND WALK THEREIN, AND YE SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."
— JER. 6:16

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



Man is slow to learn. Some never do. He imagines that he is self sufficient--that he can go it alone. The truth is, it is not in man that walks to direct his own steps (Jer.10:23).When man tries to strike out on his own he is forever destined to fail. Emptiness, loneliness, lack of purpose and perversion of his God-given self in sin are always what follow. We cannot find true fulfillment in this world nor the one to come while we deny our designer, our creator, and his claim upon us. We need to acknowledge that truth spoken by the Psalmist, "Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves," (Psa. 100:3a).

We have long recognized that a machine cannot best function in a role for which it was not designed. Why do men have such difficulty in recognizing this about themselves? The human body, mind and spirit are the creation of God. They will function correctly only when they work in harmony with the plan and will of the

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Perry's Perspective (continued)

Designer. Fish were not made to live in the air nor birds to live in the sea. Man was not made for himself but for God. When he truly realizes this, then and only then, will he experience that joy and happiness that comes from seeking and knowing God.

Crime fills our land. Violence feeds on violence. Children who are denied the basics of genuine family love and divine direction are programmed by this neglect to function in unlawful ways. So much of man's need goes back to the family. When a society denies the God-given roles, perverts them or turns them around completely, it cannot survive. It should not survive! It is a reproach to God and poison to humanity. God has made the husband and father the loving head of the home. If he is faithful to God he will of necessity be faithful in the discharge of his responsibilities in this area of his life. Wives and mothers have also a special calling from God. They cannot be faithful to God and pass on their responsibilities to others. Many modern men and women deny God's design and are helping to create chaos in society. The god of materialism has robbed many a home of father and mother. Yesterday's luxuries have become today's necessities. We have become addicted to the point that we deny some of the most basic natural tenets of Creation's purpose.

Divorce continues to rip and destroy this generation. Children are alienated and lonely. Many husbands and wives have forgotten the mutual ministry of love to which they have been called of God. Real concern and redemptive compassion are unknown in many hearts, hearts that should be fellow-heirs of eternal life. Society revels in its rebellion and so-called "freedom" all the while it becomes more enslaved to its corruption. Unbelievable darkness has settled upon the souls of many.

The blazing light of Jesus beckons to us. We cannot walk in darkness and follow him.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN '82
February 7 through February 13: Read Exodus 25 through 38 and Mark 9 through 15.

A LETTER FROM GOD



Have you ever received a letter from someone who loved you, someone you appreciated, too? Remember when you saw the letter was from that special someone? Did you hurry to open it? And I can imagine you anxiously read every line, every word of that precious message. Maybe you were so elated by that particular letter you read it not once, not twice, but several times; just so you could absorb all the meaning and concern. Everybody needs to get a love letter at least once.

WHY DOES IT HAPPEN? Why do love letters make us act a little differently?

First, those love letters make us feel like the writer loves us and is genuinely concerned. Second, those letters help us feel a little more self worth. Third, through the letter, you have someone to identify with - a friend. Fourth, because someone who loves and cares for us as an individual and has communicated with us helps us know that we are not alone with our problems. **SOMEONE UNDERSTANDS!**

You know, God has written us a love letter. Let's read it over and over again. WHY? Because God's message is one of love and concern for each of us, because His love letter helps us understand and know Him better and because our Father sent His son to confirm His words of love with a deed of love.

This morning I read part of a letter from my Father. I think I will go home and read it again.

---Selected

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Womack
and
Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Burke
invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage uniting their children
Meredith
and
William Francis

This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the thirteenth of February
Nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at eleven o'clock in the morning
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 W. Erwin
Tyler, Texas

THANK YOU...

Your kindness and concern has meant so very much and will always be remembered.

The Robert Pettey Family
Tommie White
A. D. White

Thank you for the many kindnesses shown to me during my illness and stay in the hospital. I especially thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, cards and food.

In Christian love,
Tommie Alice Egbert

Congratulations

We extend congratulations and our very best wishes for happiness to Elva Lee Mackey and Chester A. Williams. They were united in marriage Saturday, January 30. The ceremony was said by Jack Paul.

Funeral

Graveside services were held Wednesday in Hitchcock, Texas for R. N. Womack who died Monday in Dallas. He was a brother to Ray Womack. We express our sympathy to Ray and his family.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



GROWING A BIBLE SCHOOL

FINDING TIME TO READ THE BIBLE

Faith only comes as we hear God's Word (Rom. 10:17). Yet, so many seemingly cannot find time each day to spend a few minutes in God's Book. How can we who preach and teach you help? Maybe a few suggestions as to how you can find time to read the Bible daily.

Here are a few that have helped me:

- 1) Carry a Bible in your attache case, purse or coat pocket. No telling when you might have a few minutes and could read if a Bible were available.
- 2) Put a Bible under your pillow or by your bed. If you cannot sleep, then you can turn the light on and read awhile.
- 3) Have a Bible with you while waiting for unpunctual people, or for a meeting to start. Each minute of our time is important.
- 4) Keep a Bible in your glove box. You may be in a traffic jam or be stuck waiting for someone.
- 5) Never go on a trip by plane, bus or train without a Bible. Reading is worth more to you than just staring out a window.
- 6) Take a Bible along with you to a doctor's or dentist's office. Why be stuck with what the office has to read?
- 7) Never forget that reading is a command of God (Col. 4:16).

Time is precious. Don't waste it when reading daily from God's book is so important. If you can read just 30 minutes each day at the end of the year you will have spent the equivalent of 22 8 hour days in reading. You will be on your way to being an "expert".

One magazine article I read recently told of a man who read Gibbon's immortal "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in intervals while waiting on his wife to dress to go out for dinner.

Don't waste time. Find a way to read God's Word each day. The time is there if our desire is great enough.

Dick Marcear

Serving Sunday

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In The Hospitals

Mrs. Ford Egbert is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 608.

Mrs. Roy Clark underwent surgery on her shoulder on Monday. She is in room 409, but hopes to go home in a day or two.

R. M. Mayo is now a resident of the Glenview Nursing Home.

Aubrey Payne is a patient in Medical Center, room 201. At this writing his difficulty has not been diagnosed.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 31, 1982

By Perry Hall,
A.M. "A Better World Begins With Me."
P.M. "Wanted: Salesmen For The Savior."

I Wish...

I wish I were big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings;
Broad enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant;
Tall enough to tower above deceit;
Strong enough to treasure love;
Brave enough to welcome criticism;
Compassionate enough to understand human frailties;
Wise enough to stand by my friends;
Human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor;
And righteous enough to be devoted to the laws of God.

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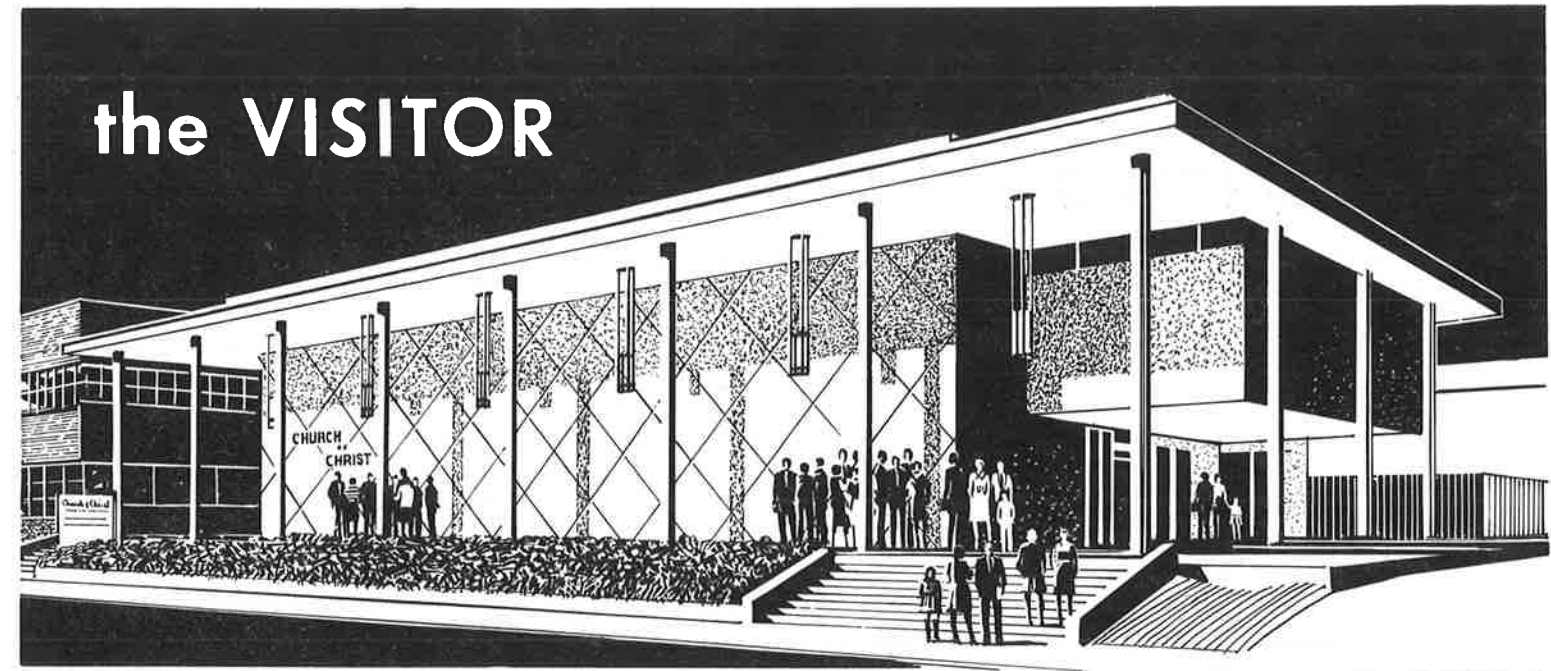
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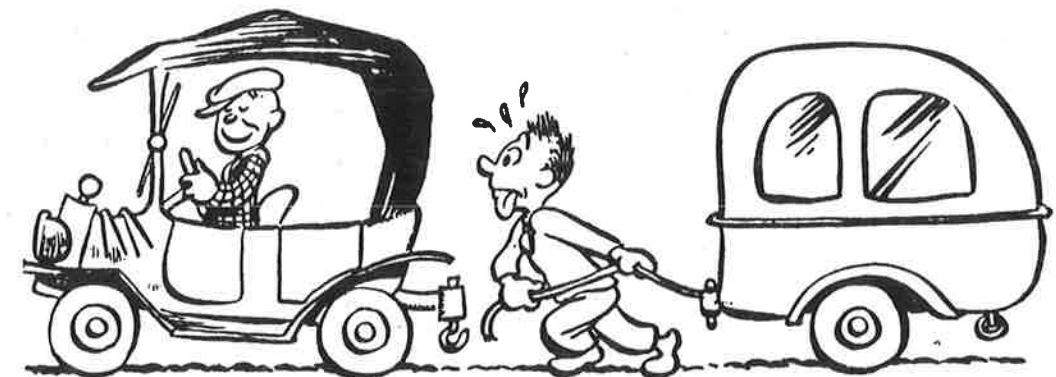
GETTING IT ALL TOGETHER!

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

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THEY WOULD BE WISE TO LINK THEM



(We too would be wise to Link)

1. Hearts of deep devotion to a God who is at work in us and is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we may ask or think according to the power working in us, (Phil. 2:13; Eph. 3:20).
2. A raging hunger and thirst after righteousness to a life that is consistent to such.
3. A burning desire to know God to a careful, thorough continuing study of God's word.

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BROTHERS' KEEPER

Groups Meet

Sunday Evening

A short time after Cain killed his brother the Lord asked Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain replied, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 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.

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 be a Christian would love his brother in Christ, what a fellowship the church would be. Get to know your brother better. Attend the monthly fellowship Sunday, January 31st. The nursery will be available for children under two.

The *Amazing Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Perry's Perspective (continued)

4. Our Bible classes to our worship services and cut down on the attendance gap that is a fluctuating difference between 100 and 125.

5. Encouragement and gratitude to our teachers and their efforts as they strive to be workers together with God to make our educational program vital and challenging.

6. A continual increasing of our love for each other to what is already a wonderful demonstration of such.

7. A spontaneous, genuine warmth and friendliness to all visitors who at-

tend our worship and study periods from time to time.

8. Every single soul singing out tied to our true priesthood of the believer and our offering of genuine spiritual sacrifice to God in praise.

9. Our pulpit preacher to greater brevity in his lessons because, a sermon to be immortal need not be eternal.

Beloved, pulling together will enable us to transport great loads for God, bear each others burdens and bring tremendous glory to our Father.

Love, Perry

Is Bible Study Old Fashioned?

Have we succumbed to the Devil's tale that Bible study is old fashioned?

The Lord said, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." If God told Israel that they should speak of his ways upon arising, at midday and when they lay down, are we to suppose that in the New Testament age we have no need of learning?

How sad when we stand in judgment and try to plead ignorance!

We are starving ourselves to death at the expense of the Lord's time and our unused opportunities.

Surely, out of one hundred sixty eight hours of the week, you could devote at least three of them to formal Bible study. If we ever needed the clarion call it is now, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Eph. 5:14)

-via bulletin
Ramona, Okla.



Spiritual Gems

Work for the Lord. The pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

New Baby

George and Esther Kester are the happy grandparents of a new granddaughter, Lindsey Megan Reeves, born to Dr. & Mrs. Robert Reeves in McMinnville, Tenn. She was born on Monday, Jan. 25.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Dallas on Thursday of last week for an uncle of Jwill Sims.

Tommy White's sister, Mrs. Robert Pettey of Hillsboro passed away Sunday night. The funeral was held in Hillsboro Thursday.

Happy Birthday

(10) Louise Malone, C. E. Caskey (2) Rozener Strait (3) Lilla Tigert (4) Loyd Nail, Cindy Caruth, Jonathan Burkholder (5) Ruby Brem (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley, Nola Seagler.



To read, tilt bulletin backwards

Read The Bible Through In '82
January 31 through February 6:
Read Exodus 11 through 24 and
Mark 2 through 8.

An Invitation

The So. Main Church of Christ in Henderson has scheduled Open House to celebrate the completion of a new auditorium and classroom addition. You are invited to attend. They will have a worship service at 2:00 p.m., acknowledgements at 3:00 o'clock and "Open House" from 3:30 until 4:00.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



What a joy it is to hear of Christians returning to their first love. Such is the case with Lynn Jones' mother, Mrs. C. L. Davis, who was restored last week at the Shiloh church. I could tell by looking at them last Sunday that something special had happened and I was more than happy to hear of sister Davis' response. I know you will want to join me in sharing the joy with this fine couple.

Congratulations are in order this week for the following classes for achieving 100% attendance in last Sunday morning Bible classes. The Three Year Old Class taught by Cathy Hallman and Diane Savage; the four Year Old Class taught by Carolyn Blackstone and Frances McBee and the High School Class taught by George Kester.

We are always proud to mention these classes and to commend them for reaching their goal. That is not to say that we are not equally proud of all our Bible classes and of their teachers who do a great work each week.

Our Wednesday Ladies' Class is a special joy to me. It is such a privilege to be together with them each week to study from God's word. This past week we began a new study in the epistle of I John. May I encourage all of you ladies, who have time, to join us in this interesting and vital study.

Our World Bible School teachers continue to do a work that rarely ever gets noticed. Of course, we realize that they are not serving just to call attention to themselves, but from time to time it is good to say "thank you" to a host of workers for their labor of love. Bible students all over the world are studying the Bible with their help and many are being baptized into Christ. If you would like to join this corps of dedicated teachers, just let me know. It is not difficult nor excessively time consuming and does not take an experienced Bible teacher. We provide all the materials and would be glad to help you get started.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Freeman Morgan
 Dismiss Fred Powell
EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Brian Boulter
 Dismiss Jack Beard
SERVING COMMUNION

James Phillips K. Max Haws
 Dale Blackstone Paul Montandon
 John Steffee Matt Haws
 Cole Bennett Trey Hughes

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER
 Bill Thompson Averyt Smith
 Roy Dayton B. J. Tucker

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 Jan. 17 \$8,385.34
 Jan. 10 \$6,775.48
 Year Ago \$6,712.00
BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 17 380
 Jan. 10 416
 Year Ago 392
WORSHIP

Jan. 17 503
 Jan. 10 575
 Weekly
 Budget \$7,117.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan 24 and Wednesday evening, Jan.27 -DALE BLACKSTONE, 595-0130.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
 A.M. "A Better World Begins With Me."
 P.M. "Blessed Is The Man Whose Sin Is Covered."

**Each one of us has got a niche;
 Lord, help me to discover which,
 That when Thou comest and dost ask:
 "Child, where didst thou perform thy task?"
 My answer may be:
 "By Thy grace I filled my God-appointed place."**

Perry Hall, Minister
 Wes Price, Associate Minister

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

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Thank You

Buck and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful outpouring of love and help in our darkest hour. Our children, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters join us in thanking you. Our spirits have been lifted by your love and kindness and beautiful flowers for the funeral.

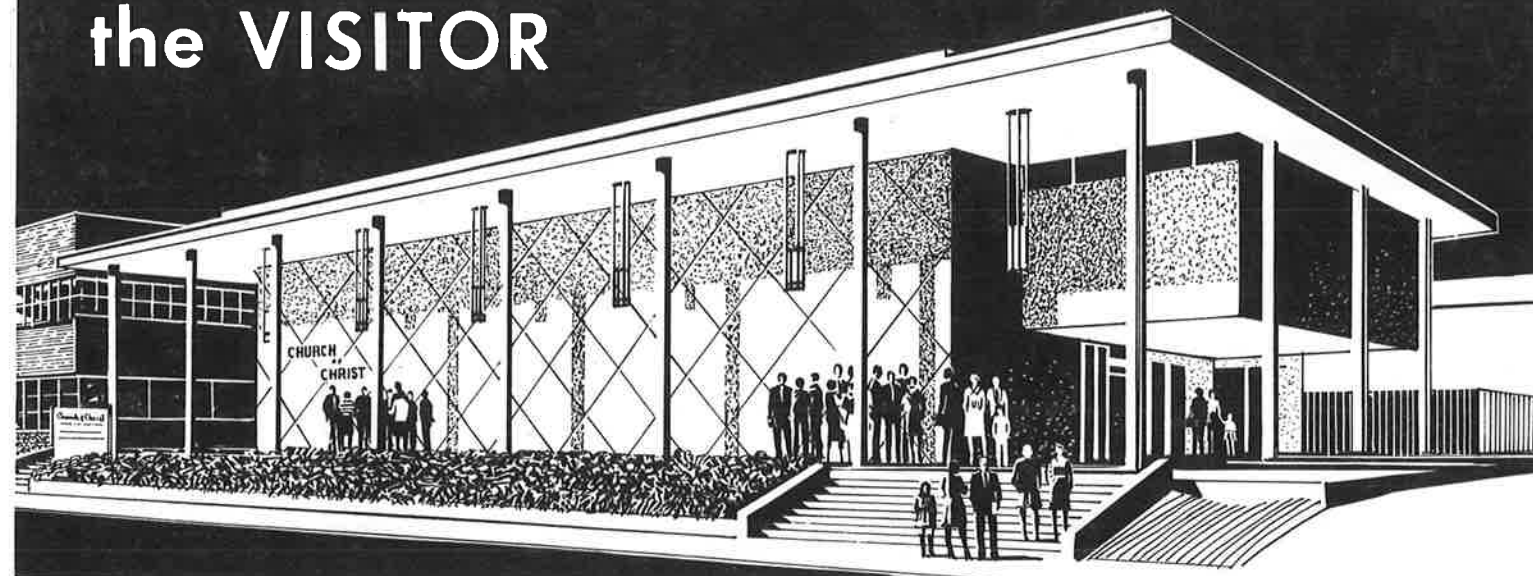
May the Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. This is our prayer for you.
 In Christian love,
 The Frederick Family

In The Hospitals

Jonathan Paul, son of Jack and Mary Paul, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 302.
 Mrs. Roy Clark will enter Medical Center Hospital Sunday in preparation for surgery on her shoulder.
 Mrs. Vannie Lee is a patient in the Community Hospital.
 R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in the UT Health Center.

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The Church With A Heart

THE WELL BALANCED LIFE



PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



life was tilted toward evil. Weighed against righteousness, he was found wanting. It is not that our lives should be balanced between good and evil, for that would be also to be found wanting. But we do need to have balance in our lives with regard to all aspects of the righteous life to which we have been called. We must not willfully neglect any portion thereof.

Many times those who have found themselves at variance with the teaching of Jesus do so simply because they are living an unbalanced life. The Pharisees were good examples of this error. While they

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Belshazzar was told by the God of Heaven, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting," (Dan. 5:27). Belshazzar's whole

Perry's Perspective (continued)

did many good, religious things they omitted from their lives the weightier matters. They kept clean the outward while they neglected the inward.

There are many extremes to which we can go. In observing religious people, while constantly striving for self-improvement, I have noticed two common extremes. They are moral life to exclusion of doctrinal purity and doctrinal purity to the exclusion of Christ-like morality. Paul gave some excellent advice to the young preacher, Timothy that he might not become unbalanced. He said, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," (I Tim.4:16). These words contain a good lesson for us all.

There is always that need for us to "take heed." Over and over in the word we see there is no room for neglect or indifference. We are often concerned with what others are doing, and do not give enough personal thought. Paul was concerned that Timothy always take heed to how he behaved himself in the house or family of God. He was to be concerned about his example, (I Tim.3:15; 4:12-15).

Paul was also deeply concerned that Timothy preach and uphold only the word, the pattern of sound words or sound doctrine, (2 Tim.1:13; 4:1-4). The entire third chapter of second Timothy explains why this is necessary. By faithful living and faithful teaching, Timothy would not only save himself but those who fell under his influence. He was to continue in the things that he had learned and had been assured of, knowing that the Holy Scriptures were inspired of God, had made him wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, and would equip him for every good work.

To not continue in this course would cause his own destruction and the destruction of those whom he influenced.

Beloved, how wonderful it is to be here with you at West Erwin working together with God. May we all help each other to realize how urgent it is that we live that balanced life to which we have been called!

Perry

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

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

You are invited to a Miscellaneous
Wedding Shower Honoring
Gayle McMillan Holt
Saturday, January 23, 1982
Come & Go Selections:
10 - 11:30 A.M. Sanger-Harris
2510 Pollard Dillard's

You are invited to a Miscellaneous
Bridal Shower Honoring
Meredith Womack
Bride Elect of Bill Burke
Sunday, January 24, 1982
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ
Come & Go 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Selections: Leewrights
Sanger-Harris Dillard's
(Please note: This is a change in
the location of the shower.)

Ladies, please consider these
invitations as personally yours.
Phone calls will not be made.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Gayle McMillan and Tim
Holt were married on Friday, Jan-
uary 15. The ceremony was said
by Wes Price.

On Saturday, January 16 Perry
Hall said the wedding ceremony
for Miss Leanna Sanford and Jerry
Miller.

We express our best wishes for
a happy life together for each
couple.

I sought the Lord and He heard me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Psalm 34:4.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following
classes for their 100% attendance
this past Sunday: The Four Year Old
class taught by Carolyn Blackstone
and Frances McBee. Two of our High
School Classes, Joe McBee and Bill
Faulkner and their class on Other
Religions and George Kester's Class
on Christian Living.

Happy Birthday

(26) Carolyn Blackstone (28) Emily
Montandon, Jimmie Brown (29) Ricky
Gambrel, Mary Ruth Gilliam, Cheryl
Murphy (30) Johnnie Stringer, Kay
Hanley (31) O'Neal Tuel, Nancy Shel-
ton, Pat Stokes.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN '82
January 24th - 30th: Read Genesis,
chapters 47 through Exodus 10 and
Matthew, chapters 23 through Mark
1.

THANK YOU...

The family of Grace Santos ack-
nowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy.

we need
you!



in
Bible School!

A WISE ORIENTAL once said, "A
journey of a thousand miles be-
gins with one step," and that is
how it is traveled, one step at
a time.

It is not the cares and bur-
dens of one day that break us.
It is when we add to today's
responsibilities the remorse for
yesterday and the fear of tomor-
row that we fall beneath the
load. "Sufficient for the day is
the evil thereof."

"Give us this day our daily
bread." That is all you need or
will ever need. Grace for today,
strength for today. Today is too
late for the cares of yesterday
too early for the responsibilities
of tomorrow.

Make the most of today - for
God has given it to you - only
for today.

HERE
and THERE
by wes price



On our way to increasing our attendance in Bi-
ble School in 1982, it occurs to me that every
Christian should be regular and faithful in at-
tendance. Every Christian should insist that
every member of his family should be in a Bible
Class!

BIBLE STUDY CREATES ATTITUDES. One of two at-
titudes prevail: "that won't work" or "count on
me to help!" Attitudes are set in Bible study
and spiritual growth. Your ATTITUDE concerning
the church, Bible study and growth is revealed
by how regularly you attend Bible classes and
worship.

BIBLE STUDY SETS THE SPIRITUAL TONES OF THE
CHURCH. A church will be only as spiritually
stable as the spiritual growth that is coming
through Bible study. Therefore, the vividness,
alertness, and spiritual enthusiasm of our
church family is in direct proportion to how
many study God's Word weekly.

BIBLE STUDY SETS THE PACE OF THE CHURCH. Had
you rather run and be out of breath or poke
along and be bored to death? The will of God can
be discovered and progress made when involved
in regular Bible study.

BIBLE STUDY PROVIDES LEADERSHIP FOR THE CHURCH.
Those who attend Bible class provide teaching,
concern, and visitation leadership. Where can you
better prepare for spiritual leadership than in
a class with fellow-Christians studying the
Bible.

BIBLE STUDY INFLUENCES CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOP-
LE. God says, "Train up a child in the way he
should go..." "Thou shalt teach them diligently
unto thy children." Parents, how better can you
train your child than in faithful Bible study?

BIBLE STUDY CHARTS THE DESTINY OF THE CHURCH.
It's time for this church to leap forward. We
must pray for the wisdom to chart the proper
course for the West Erwin church. Regular Bible
study is a good way to find the right direction

WILL YOU BE IN BIBLE CLASS AT WEST ERWIN NEXT
SUNDAY MORNING?

Adapted - Douglas F. Parsons
Midland, Texas

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Charles Hickman
Dismiss Ronny Jones

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Paul Montandon
Dismiss John Steffee

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

James Phillips K. Max Haws Jan. 10 575
Dale Blackstone P. Montandon Jan. 3 480
John Steffee Matt Haws Weekly
Cole Bennett Trey Hughes Budget \$7,232.00

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Bill Thompson Averyt Smith
Roy Dayton B. J. Tucker

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 17 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 20 -TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 10 \$6,775.48
Jan. 3 \$7,291.59
Year Ago \$5,201.21

BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 10 416
Jan. 3 357
Year Ago 355

In The Hospitals

R. M. Mayo continues to be a patient in the University of Texas Health Center.

Robert Frederick, son of the R. E. Fredericks, continues to be very ill in the UT Health Center.

Mrs. Tommy (Moselle) White is ill. She is at home.

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

There will be a combined meeting of elders, deacons and preachers on Monday evening, January 18, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel.

True service is love for Christ
in working clothes.



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The Church With A Heart

Response

Donna and Tommy Lowrance came to be restored to fellowship last Wednesday evening. We commend them for their courage and their love for the church.

God may have counted out the years each of us lives,
And yet just one day at a time is all He ever gives.
It's all that anyone may have - the humble or sublime,
The rich or poor, the young and old, live one day at a time.
So, may you be contented with the one day that is here,
Enjoying good - accepting bad, with fortitude and cheer.

Unknown

**1982 Budget Set
At \$370,000.00**

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



SATURDAY & SUNDAY WITH ACU HERE

Sunday morning we were informed and challenged by one of our shepherds, brother Ray Lott. With the assistance of brother Wes Price, Ray went over every item of our new budget which will require a weekly contribution of \$7,117.50 The most notable increases were in mission work. Meeker, Colorado and brother Don Starks and the Caribbean field of labor have been added to our outreach. A whole new mission field with a fully supported missionary is still to be selected as soon as possible.

New class and work rooms are to be added to our facility here in 1982.

We are deeply grateful to our elders and deacons for all the time and careful planning that went into this new budget.

Brethren, we gladly accept this new challenge and look to victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Alumni, Parents, Friends of Abilene Christian, High School and College students are in for a treat this weekend. On Saturday night, January 16, at 7:00 P.M. there will be a covered dish dinner at the fellowship room of the Glenwood Church of Christ. It is our annual "Evening With Abilene Christian University." We will have the opportunity to meet the new president of Abilene Christian University, Dr. William J. Teague.

A large host of guest speakers will be speaking to area churches on Sunday morning, January 17, 1982. Brother Teague will preach here at West Erwin that morning. We look forward to a great and edifying weekend of fellowship and preaching.

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Wes Price, Associate Minister

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HERE and THERE by wes price



Attention teachers in pre-school through high school. Our first Teacher's Meeting of 1982 is scheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We will be privileged to view a film on Discipline in the Christian Classroom. You will find it most rewarding and beneficial as you continue your role as a Bible class teacher.

We are happy to announce the beginning of two new Wednesday night studies even though they will have already begun this week. Stan Mallory will be teaching from the book of I Corinthians in the Chapel. Forest McFadden will be studying from the book of Hebrews and his class will meet in Room 105/106. Perry Hall will continue his study in the auditorium and Billie Bob Hickman will continue the ladies class in Room 104. We encourage those who have been in Stan's class to look forward to this new study. Forest will be taking the class which I have been teaching, and I feel sure they will enjoy this new study.

One other change needs to be mentioned to keep all the classroom locations in order. The high school class taught by Hillard Hughes will move upstairs to room 301.

We are happy to announce our first 100 per-cent classes for the new year. They are: Four Year Old Class taught by Carolyn Blackstone and Frances McBee and the High School Class taught by Dick Higginbotham and George Kester. Congratulations to these teachers and their classes.

We will also strive to keep up with the individuals who achieve perfect attendance in each of the classes. Our teachers are encouraged to provide quarterly reports of students who achieve this note-worthy goal. Let's keep up the good work.

We are indebted to Ray Lott for the fine job he did last Sunday in presenting our 1982 Budget. The elders have set a great challenge before us with plenty of room for us to stretch our faith. We are confident that with God's help we will certainly be

HERE AND THERE (continued)

able to accomplish the goal. As Perry mentioned in his sermon, every family needs to sit down together and evaluate their anticipated income for the year and "purpose" in advance what they will contribute each week. I don't believe we can fulfill the meaning of the scripture when we just scrape off a little bit and offer it to the Lord. Even though our elders don't ask us to sign a pledge card doesn't mean that we are relieved from the obligation to do so. This advance planned giving is certainly implied in Paul's writings to the Christians at Corinth in II Corinthians, Ch. 8 and 9.

If you will prayerfully plan to purpose, there is every reason to believe God will keep His promise about supplying our needs. With His help we will do in 1982 just as we did in 1981 - that is, give more than our budget calls for.

It is a joy to serve with such generous and encouraging saints. Thank you for supplying the means and opportunity for me to do so.



Shiloh Road

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

On Saturday, February 6, the Shiloh Road congregation will be hosting the Hillcrest Outreach Team for a Teacher's Workshop. Classes will be offered for teachers of all ages with some special classes in individual areas. Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the day will be over by 4:30 P.M.

Information is posted on the bulletin board in the South foyer.

You are invited to a Miscellaneous Wedding Shower Honoring
Gayle McMillan
Bride Elect of Tim Holt
Saturday, January 23, 1982
Come & Go
10 - 11:30 A.M.
2510 Pollard
Selections:
Sanger-Harris
Dillard's

You are invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower Honoring
Meredith Womack
Bride Elect of Bill Burke
Sunday, January 24, 1982
Come & Go
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.
412 Heritage
Selections:
Sanger-Harris
Leewrights
Dillard's

Ladies, please consider these invitations as personally yours. Phone calls will not be made.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Sulphur Springs on thursday, January 7 for Mrs. Ophie Norris. She was an aunt to Phil Marts.

Sunday afternoon, funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Leon Santos, sister to Lonnie Taylor.

We express our sympathy to each family in their loss.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 17, 1982

A.M. Guest Speaker - Dr. William J. Teague, President of ACU.

P.M. "Principles That Make Beautiful Epistles."

By Perry Hall

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

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



LADIES BIBLE CLASS MEETS

10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

LADIES LUNCHEON

There will be a Covered Dish Luncheon next Wednesday following the Ladies Bible Class. All ladies are invited to attend the class, taught by Wes Price, and remain for the luncheon in the

Fellowship Hall. Invite your husbands to have lunch also. Hostesses for the luncheon will be Elizabeth Hughes, Signa Stanley, Dana Gode and Renea Burkholder.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (17) Lauree Hale, Pauline Daughtry, Clifford Grier (18) Bernice Majors (19) Bob Center, J will Sims (20) Frances McBee (21) Donna Lowrance, Mary Paul (22) Katie Powell, Mac McCarty, Nicholas Goodson, (23) Naomi Haden.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN '82

Jan. 17-23, Read Genesis, chapters 33 thru 46 and Matthew, chapters 15 through 22.

(The chapters in Matthew were not given the first two weeks. You will need to catch up.)

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

Many of us use words and expressions every day without stopping to think what they really mean. Some of them are idle words; some are slang words and phrases; some are modified curse words; some are used to express strong feeling or surprise but have no place in the Christian's vocabulary.

I am here calling attention to some common euphemisms. A "euphemism" is "the use of a word or phrase that is less expressive or direct but considered less distasteful, less offensive, etc., than another."

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary lists the following that I want you to notice:

- GOSH - "euphemism for God."
- GOLLY - "euphemism for God."
- GEE - "euphemistic contraction for Jesus."
- DARN OR DERN - "damn: a euphemism for the curse."
- DOGGONE - "an imprecation, or perhaps euphemistic remodeling of God damn."
- HECK - "an exclamation used as euphemism for HELL."
- CONFOUNDED - "damned: a mild oath."

Now think about some of those expressions we hear so often and note what they really mean. When someone says, "Gee, isn't it hot!" that really means, "Jesus, isn't it hot!" "My Gosh" actually means "My God." "Oh dern it" means "Oh, damn it." To say that "the weather is too confounded hot" is to say "the weather is too damned hot."

-Copied

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Joe Carroll
Dismiss Matt Haws

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Vern Johnson

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Leslie Mallory Wynne Weathers Budget 7,232.00

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Bob Clemmons Jay Bymun
Leslie Carruth David Taylor

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 10 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 13 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

Our Records

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Jan. 3 7,291.59
Dec. 27 6,402.59
Year Ago 5,500.57

BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 3 357
Dec. 27 404
Year Ago 372

WORSHIP

Jan. 3 480
Dec. 27 613

In The Hospitals

Roland Roberts has returned home from the hospital.

G. W. McElroy is a patient in room 383, Medical Center Hospital.

R. M. Mayo is hospitalized in the University of Texas Health Center (Chest Hospital).

We have learned that Nancy Owings formerly of this congregation, underwent Neurosurgery on Monday in the Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston. Nancy lives and works in College Station, Texas.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Monday in Nacogdoches for Mrs. Pinky Burk, aunt of Mrs. Jack Bennett. We extend our sympathy to the family.

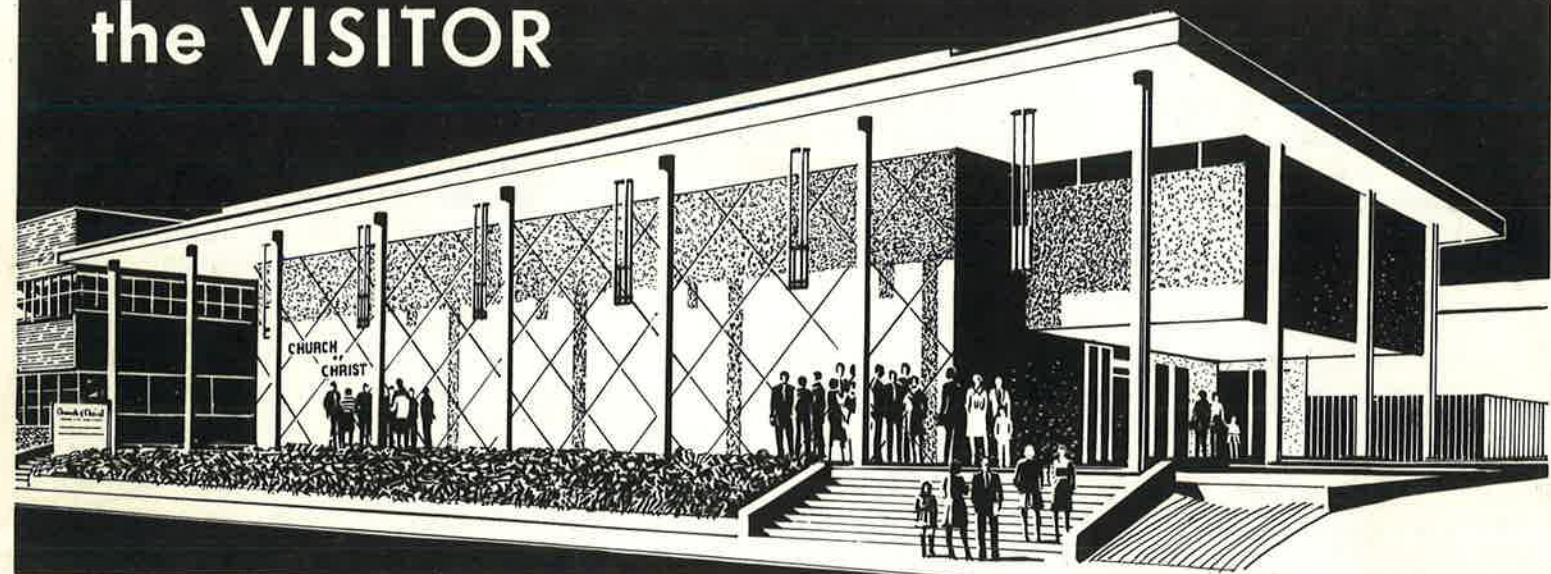
If we are faithful, God will look after our success.



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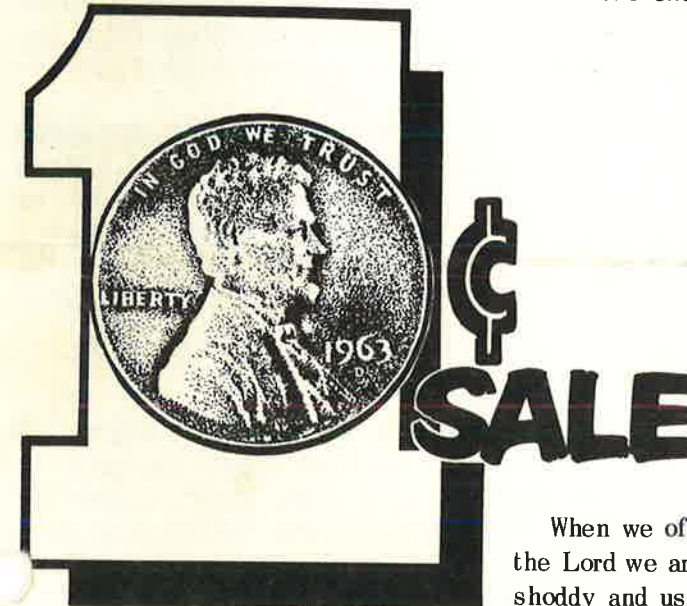
The Church With A Heart

WELCOME

Sunday evening Brian and Brenda Boulter came to place membership. They formerly worshipped with the First Street Church of Christ in Dumas, Texas. Their address is 820 Meadow Creek Dr., phone 581-1996. They have a small son, Blaine who is two. Brian is employed by Texas Oil and Gas. We welcome them to Tyler and to the West Erwin family.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PERRY HALL



When we offer only lip service to the Lord we are giving that which is shoddy and useless to Him in return for heaven's most priceless gift. It is also true that we strive to make the religion of our Lord a bargain basement affair when we accept the traditions and substitutes of men. Do we give our energies to the building up of that which is human by being a member of a religious group

"Only that which is ordained by God shall live on in eternity."

There are no bargains or sales when it comes to the salvation of your soul. There is nothing cheap about Christianity. It cost the life of the Son of God. It took from heaven the supreme object of God's love. Many have died through the ages that we might have the scriptures of God. Hundreds of thousands have given their lives that we might take advantage of the religious freedom this nation offers.

that we can read nothing about in the Bible? We cannot find its name, baptism, church government or organization, method of work, items of worship, its social gospel and a host of other things. In many instances, we may be supporting an institution that denies many of the basic and fundamental truths of the Christian faith. Many religious bodies are dying today and rightly so. They have become so weak and watered down that they stand for very little.

Only that which is ordained by God shall live on in eternity. Jesus stated that every plant which his heavenly Father had not planted would be rooted up. May we accept only the genuine and may we offer only the genuine. It does make a difference. We only cheat ourselves when we accept a marked down type of "Christianity".

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Brother's Keeper

Brother's Keeper fellowships will be held Sunday night, January 31, following the worship service. All new members have been assigned to their neighborhood group and will be contacted by their unit leader in the near future. The program will be explained and you will be informed where the fellowship will be.

To those of you who have not attended the fellowship we urge you to do so. Your life will be enriched and blessed by getting to know your fellow Christians better.

In Appreciation

Expressions of appreciation have been received from the shut-ins or elderly of the congregation who received poinsettias or fruit baskets during the holidays. Remembrances were delivered to: Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Beard, Cora Hughes, Wilma Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Shuford, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Strait, Lonnie Taylor, R. M. Mayo, Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Bedford, Lillie Knight, Ruby Teel, Dovie Norsworthy, Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Trentham, Katie Heath, Vannie Lee, Lilla Tigert, Ola Dunwoody, Ella Mae Hibbard, Wyche Harris, Annie McDonald, Naomi Haden, Josie Metcalf, Naomi Haws, Clara Riley, Audie Grier, Gladys Holcomb, Evelyn Denton, Zorado Sherman, Margaret Ratcliff, Mable Massey, Frances Atkins, Maudie Brown, Mr. & Mrs. George Squier, Rose Rushing and Laura Drummond.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF THE SOUTHWEST Adoption Orientation Meeting L I F E T I M E O F F E R ! !

Your choice of any of thousands of youngsters who would rather be someone's son or daughter than a foster child. If you have any interest in adopting a non-infant, Christian Services of the Southwest will have an adoption orientation meeting just for you. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., January 14, 1982, at the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood Church of Christ, 807 W. Glenwood, Tyler, Tx.

Call 214/592-3850, or write to Bill Moore at the above address, in order to register for the meeting or, if you cannot attend, to obtain more information. Attend this meeting and, not only get all your questions answered, but get assistance in fulfilling your desires for a new family member.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

The alumni of Abilene Christian University would like to invite you to a covered dish "Purple and White" party on Saturday evening, January 16, 1982 at 7:00 P.M. at the Glenwood Church of Christ fellowship room. This will be an opportunity to meet ACU's new president, Dr. William J. Teague, and other members of the faculty and administration who will be preaching in a number of pulpits in the Tyler area.

On Sunday morning, January 17, our speaker will be Dr. William J. Teague, President of Abilene Christian University.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (11) Tim Holt, Angel Carpenter (12) Earl Clucas, Naomi McKeever, Kimberly Steffee (13) Jay Bynum, Rebecca Castro (15) T.J. Parsons (16) Jim Willis
(If your birthday was not included among those printed last year, please call the office and give it to us or write it on your attendance card on Sunday. We would like to print everyone's birthday - not your age.)

Young At Heart

The monthly meeting of YOUNG AT HEART will be Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 P.M. A "Pot Luck" supper is planned. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

THE BROWN TRAIL CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1801 Brown Trail, Bedford, (Ft. Worth) Texas will present THE FORT WORTH LECTURES, January 10 - 14, 1982. The theme of the Lectureship is "Difficult Texts of the Old Testament Explained."

A poster listing speakers and meeting times is posted in the south foyer.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN '82
Jan. 10 - Jan. 16, Genesis 19 - 32

THANK YOU...

We wish to express our appreciation for your love and concern for us in the loss of our brother. We thank all of you for the telephone calls, cards and flowers but especially for your prayers. We love all of you.

Elizabeth Hughes & Vivie Wright

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 W. D. Metcalf.

Thanks for the pretty cards. Would love to see all of you.

Love,
Marie Skeeters

For the many beautiful cards expressing love and sympathy in the passing of my sister, especially that each one indicated that I had been missed and would be glad when I could return to Tyler, I am especially thankful.

Margaret Talley

Thank you for your visits and especially for your prayers during my recent illness.

George F. Daugherty

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

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

SERMON Topics

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall

10:30 A.M. "Are You Aware?"

6:00 P.M. "An Open Case of Conversion."

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Welcome to 1982! Our New Year is off and running and with the Lord's help it will be even a better year than the one just past. I bet you thought I wouldn't mention New Year's Resolutions, didn't you? Wrong! There is never anything wrong about setting goals for one's self even if we have tried and failed in the past. In fact, goal setting should be a way of life for each individual. Without it, no real growth would occur in a person's life. It does not matter the age, old or young, there still needs to be encouragement for each individual to project a worthy goal ahead. The ultimate goal, of course, is the Christian's final rewards Paul spoke of in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." But even this can be more easily accomplished when we set intermediate goals. I'm sure you can do a good job of selecting your own, but there are a couple of seemingly insignificant ones that I would call to your attention: Attendance at EVERY service of the congregation and an effective weekly giving schedule that genuinely reflects how God has blessed you. I'm sure I don't need to explain why these are important. You already know why. All I ask of those of you who don't think they are worthy goals is to take a moment and look at the past year. If you have been absent a lot from services, you cannot possibly be as well off as you would otherwise be, and there is no doubt that you have not found opportunity to complete your giving to the Lord as you should have. Failure in these two areas, though they are not the only criteria for testing one's spirituality, will lead to more serious negligence in your spiritual life.

Why not give it some thought. You have only your eternal destiny to affect. It is for your benefit.

One more time, let me express thanks to all for your cooperation and work in the various programs of work of the West Erwin congregation. You have helped make us what we are today. Let's continue to cooperate with our Elders for every good program and find opportunity to encourage each other in the work of the Lord.