

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Ray Vannoy
Dismiss Wynne Weathers

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Bill Thompson
Dismiss Alan Fisher

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Robert Conner Archie Lowry
Dwight Leek Allen Bobbitt
Lee Nail David Hanley
Wesley Price David Taylor

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

George Kester
Matt haws

Marc Lemons
Rodney Knight

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Lowell & Cecille Wiggains Roy & Chloe Clark
Bruce & Armita Raley Leon & Carolyn Welborn

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec.18 57,340.68
Dec.11 8,648.90
Year Ago 8,260.19

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec.18 380
Dec.11 385
Year Ago 364

WORSHIP

Dec.18 469
Dec.11 524
Weekly

Budget 8,187.27

Sympathy

Perry Hall spoke words of comfort on Thursday of last week at the graveside service of brother Charlie Shuford. He passed away on Wednesday about noon. We extend our sympathy to sister Shuford and to his two sisters, Blanche Shuford and Stella Buckner.

The Sick

Bernice Majors is suffering from a broken ankle and will be in a cast about six weeks.

Moselle White has been confined at home but is now improved.

Nettie Potts is in Community Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

It was good to have Buddy and Dorothy Bell in worship last Sunday after being absent with illness for several weeks.

Sermons For Sunday

By PERRY HALL
A.M. What Jesus Claimed for Himself
P.M. Instructing Grace

On Sunday, December 25, there will be no Children's Worship. Also, on Sunday evening the classes for Pre-school and Elementary grades will not meet.

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New Class

Moses came into this world under the death sentence of the Pharaoh, but lived to talk with God. Moses was laid to rest in an unmarked grave but yet enshrined in the hearts of millions.

If you think you'd like to study the life of this great man, then meet with us when we begin our study in room 304 on January 8.

Forest McFadden

Here and There (continued)

the Lord in other communities and to those who departed for their eternal home. We rejoice that God has blessed us far beyond measure and expectation. Let's look forward to a new year filled with hope and promise. Join me in resolving to do more in '84.

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The Church With A Heart

OUT OF THIS WORLD!



\$57,340.68
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION!

GOD BE PRAISED! West Erwin has been blessed with so many blessings. Among the many blessings is a membership that responds to a challenge in giving. Many here have been greatly blessed financially, but the greatest blessing of all is that these are a people dedicated to God and His wonderful truth. They want to personally live it, see that it is faithfully preached, thus giving all an opportunity to go to

heaven. What a curse this wealth would be if West Erwin did not love God and His revealed truth. Yes, we have so many blessings! We have so many things for which to be thankful. May God bless all!

Goal Was \$46,000.00

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from Staff and Families

THE BROWNING
THE HALLS
THE HUGHES
THE MCBEE
THE PRICES
THE TEAGUES
THE WILLIAMSONS

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Car-ruth, Bobbie Dozier (26) Susan Skipper (27) Floia Payne (28) Evelyn Hender-son (29) Ann Lambert, Margaret Talley (30) Jeff Jones, Nancy Johnson, Jane Johnson (31) Averyt Smith, Vera Beard
JANUARY (1) Terry Warren (3) Elaine Roberson, Scott Morris (4) Jonathan Lowrance, Pat McCarley (5) Julienne Butler, Hazel Morgan (6) Jan Knight, Nell Wright (7) James Beard, Lamern Bailey.

Lectureship

Brown Trail Church of Christ
Fort Worth, Texas

The Fort Worth Lectures are sched-uled for January 8 - 12, 1984 and the time is rapidly approaching. The churches of the Fort Worth area are providing this opportunity for the entire area, as well as interes-ted brethren from all over the country, to spend several days in concentrated study on the theme: "THE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH." This year's program gives indication of being one of the finest ever! Come and be with us for this lectureship January 8 - 12 at the Brown Trail church building in Bedford, greater Fort Worth.

Year End Singing

Remember the Year End Singing on Wednesday evening, December 28 at 7:30 at the Northwest building. This will be the 20th year of this com-bined meeting that was begun by the Glenwood church. Don't miss this special time when all churches of Christ in Tyler meet together for worship in song. There will be no service at the West Erwin building on that evening.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

And The Lord Added

We are happy to welcome Kristi Alcorn as a new Christ-ian. She put on Christ in bap-tism on Sunday, December 11. She was baptized by Wes Price. Kristi, a senior at Lee High School, lives with her parents at 4613 Inverness, telephone 561-4149. We welcome Kristi into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.



From Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Christian Friends,

We are so grateful for all the many useful items you have sent to the Chimala Mission Hos-pital during 1983. You have overwhelmed us with your generosity and concern for the work here. May God bless you continually with spiritual and physical health as you serve Him.

We have received a package from you which con-tained bandages and pillow slips. Everything ar-rived in real good shape due to your careful packaging.

All of us hee on the Mission wish you a Beau-tiful Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*In Christian love,
Ruth Geer (for)
All on the Mission*

Shower Invitation

*You are invited
To a miscellaneous wedding shower
at the home of Mrs. Ray Lott
9132 Elm Tree Circle
Honoring Dawn Mallory*

*January 7, 1984
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.*

*Selections:
The Christmas Store
Dillard's
Brosang's*

Potpourri

Because of our mailing permit regulations, we will not print "The Visitor" next week.

On Friday, December 23, poinsettias, cookies and fruit will be delivered to shutins and some of the elderly of the congregation. We appreci-ate John Porter for looking after this project.

We were happy to have a number of visitors last Sunday and look forward to others next Sun-day. It is a special joy to have our young peo-ple home from college for the holiday season.

Thank You

I want to express appreciation for the kindness shown at the time of the death of my husband. I'm especially grateful to brother Hall for the sweet service and to those who were there. Thank you for the lovely flowers and cards with words of comfort.

Mrs. Charlie (Gwen) Shuford

Thank you for the generous gift to the Preston Road School of Preach-ing in the name of my sister, Mrs. Lois Murph Williams. Thank you also for the lovely cards expressing your love and concern for me.

Marikate Davis

The flowers, visits and telephone calls during my stay in the hospital meant so much. Since being home, your words of encouragement are won-derful.

Pat Prichard

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Rhonda Haws in the loss of her grandfather. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon.

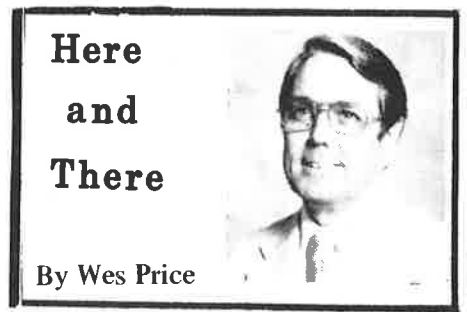
To The Congregation

Dear Christians at West Erwin,

What a joy to lead the flock of God here and have you respond in such a wonderful way to last Sunday's challenge. Our year end contribution was a huge success with over \$57,000 being contri-buted. We thank once again brother C. B. Hardin for an out-standing presentation made on behalf of this effort. We realize that this continues to be a mani-festation of a wonderful attitude and true dedication on your part. You make our calling and respon-sibilities easier to shoulder. May every area of our labors for the Lord truly flourish unto the glory of God and the salvation of many souls around the world.

The Elders

THE HIGHLIGHT OF this time of the year is the giving and receiving of gifts. And, when it comes as an un-expected gift, the more's the joy. The ladies of our Wed-nesday morning Bi-



ble class surprised me with such a gift this past week. It was "canned" money. There have been few times in my life when I have been left entirely speechless and this was one of those times. I cannot begin to tell all of these sweet ladies how very much I appreciate their kindness and thoughtfulness. Not only was it an unexpect-ed gift, it was also undeserved. Thank each of you for your generosity.

Speaking about generosity, that tremendous contribution this past Lord's Day was a joy to hear and tell about. What a lift to be able to end the year with a balanced budget, but more than that to be able to accomplish all the good works which were planned at the beginning of 1983. God be praised and thanked for such a day!

We wish to express our thanks to brother Homer Williamson for the nearly four years of service he has given this church as the building custod-ian. We welcomed him to this service in February of 1979 and he will be retiring at the end of this month. I know you will want to join me in expressing our thanks to him for those years of dedicated service and for a job well done.

We are happy to welcome as our new building custodians, John and Juanita Teague. They began their service with us the middle of November. Not only will they be taking care of the worship and education facilities, but the fellowship hall as well. In this regard, we want to say thank you to brother John Porter for the fine way he has cared for the fellowship hall. Let's join in supporting the Teagues as they begin this new "ministry."

This is the final column for the year 1983. All-in-all it has been a good year. We count many blessings as we think about the weeks which have passed. We are grateful for the opportunity God has granted us to be of service to you this year. We have had some happy times seeing new Christians enter the service of the Lord and some sad times when we have had to say goodbye both to those who moved away from us to serve

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MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Bob Willoughby
 Dismiss Glynn Starnes
EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Charles Bell
 Dismiss Jesse Kenner
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Mac McCall Charles Hickman
 Cooper Goodson W. S. Little
 Harold Browning Joe McBee
 Joe Carroll Marty Mallory

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The Sick

Maudie Brown continues to be a patient in Medical Center.
 Lonnie Taylor remains in Medical Center Hospital.
 Vannie Lee is in Community Hospital.
 Mrs. Clyde Lane's mother, Cora Boss, has returned to Community Hospital. *Resume Leave*
 Diann Leek's mother is very seriously ill and will undergo surgery Friday in Dyersburg, Tennessee.
 Ray Womack's sister is critically ill in Crandall, Texas.

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
 10:30 A.M. Axe At The Root
 6:00 P.M. When Faith Falters

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.

*"O for a faith that will not shrink,
 And pressed by many a foe,
 That will not tremble on the brink
 Of any earthly woe."*

Thank You

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

Clara Riley

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 18 and Wednesday, Dec. 21 - MIKE SAVAGE 581-4927.

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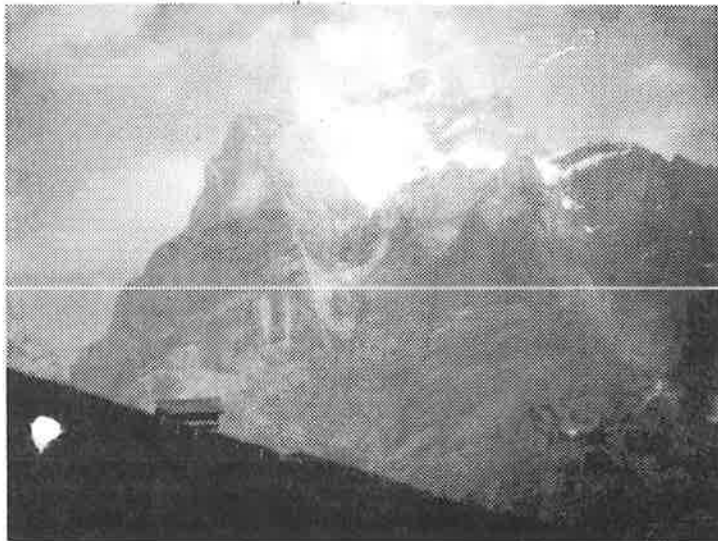
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REACHING FOR THE SUMMIT



AS WE STRETCH TO MEET

THE CHALLENGE OF A

\$46,000.00

CONTRIBUTION!

MAY WE HAVE A MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE THIS SUNDAY WHEN OUR LOVE, GUIDED BY THE WORD OF GOD, PEAKS TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S PURPOSE IN US. WE CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE! THIS WILL ENABLE US TO MEET OUR BUDGET FOR THE YEAR AND PUT US IN A GOOD POSITION TO ACCOMPLISH THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW YEAR - 1984!

READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

The following outline of Bible Reading is the first phase of a plan to read the Bible through in one year. It is our plan to print a schedule monthly. We want to encourage you to clip these out and put them in your Bible to use for your daily Bible reading.

JANUARY		
1 Genesis 1-3	10 Genesis 29-30	19 Exodus 4-6
2 Genesis 4-7	11 Genesis 31-32	20 Exodus 7-9
3 Genesis 8-11	12 Genesis 33-35	21 Exodus 10-12
4 Genesis 12-15	13 Genesis 36-38	22 Exodus 13-15
5 Genesis 16-18	14 Genesis 39-41	23 Exodus 16-18
6 Genesis 19-20	15 Genesis 42-44	24 Exodus 19-21
7 Genesis 21-23	16 Genesis 45-47	25 Exodus 22-24
8 Genesis 24-25	17 Genesis 48-50	26 Exodus 25-27
9 Genesis 26-28	18 Exodus 1-3	27 Exodus 28-29
		28 Exodus 30-32
		29 Exodus 33-35
		30 Exodus 36-38
		31 Exodus 39-40

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (18) Perry Hall, Lyska Adams (19) James Massey, Dorothy Snipes (20) Jack Beard, James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jim Howser (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Billie Morgan, Barbara Williams, Pat Ragsdale (22) W. V. Crossman, Erica Smith (23) Tom Williams, Matthew Hart, Adam Morris (24) Henry McRuiz, Kerry Hamblett.

I'm A Gambler

I'm a gambler. Oh, not the kind that frequents places behind doors in some secluded spot. Nor, do I "play the ponies" or bet on sporting games. You see, I gamble with my soul as the stake. I'm betting that I can live a life of indifference, a life of neglect of those things that are of the Lord, and still receive His blessings.

I'm gambling with the souls of my children as the stake. Although I neither live righteously nor influence them toward unrighteousness, I'm betting their souls on the hope that they will have wisdom to guide their own lives unto the Lord.

I'm betting that I can remain indifferent to Christ's teaching, that I can fail to give as prospered, and that God will still bless me eternally. I'm betting I can still have a nonchalant attitude toward the lost and still please God.

Yes, I'm a gambler - the most reckless type. I'm a **LUKEWARM CHRISTIAN!**

from bulletin-Crosstown Church of Christ
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls, visits and also for the beautiful plant sent to me at the passing of my sister.

Naomi Haden

Many thanks for all the remembrances of me for my birthday and also thanks for the visits and kindnesses shown to me in recent weeks. I love you all.

Lois Hoppers

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Dallas on Monday at the Preston Road Church of Christ for Lois Williams, sister of Marikate Davis and aunt of Carolyn Womack. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Potpourri

We had three classes that were 100% in attendance last Sunday. They were: The Ladies' Class taught by Sue Starnes, Bernice Majors and Laree Hall; the 1st Grade taught by Bennie Bynum and the 4 Year Old Class taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee.

There will be no Sunday morning Children's Worship on Sunday, December 25. Also, the evening Children's Bible Hour for pre-school children will not be held on that date.

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Class will not meet again until January 11, 1984.

Steve Higginbotham has received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of Texas in Dallas.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTU

Here
and
There



By Wes Price

Guest Editorial
by
J. D. Thomas,
Professor Emeritus
of
Abilene Christian
University

"You think you and your little bunch are the only ones..."

The above expression says much, but is what it says good or bad? Nobody likes to be excluded. We do not admire the Pharisee and "his setting all others at naught." We do not admire Jews who count non-Jews as "dogs and out casts." We did not admire Hitler's Aryan philosophy, nor can we feel kindly toward the "election" theology of Calvinist. So, it is quite understandable why non-members of the church of Christ do not appreciate our teaching of only one church.

Exclusiveness is justifiable in some cases. In Old Testament days, God required the Jews to be separate. The early Christians were required to be quite exclusive. They refused to worship the emperor or pagan gods. Young people today who refuse to walk the paths of sin with worldly friends are exclusive. A belief in monotheism is highly exclusive as it condemns all the world's present great religions except that of Jew and Moslems. To believe that Jesus Christ is Savior automatically condemns Jews and those who make a religion out of their lodge or groups which depend only on human merit. Yes, exclusiveness is both justifiable and necessary. If you take a stand for anything, you can't keep from excluding somebody.

When is exclusiveness justifiable? The answer to this is: "When the idea which is believed and which leads to this attitude is the truth." The Jews of the Old Testament were required by God to be exclusive; likewise, the early Christians. Their beliefs were true. People today who refuse to join their associates in sin must refuse in order to be well pleasing to God. We must believe in monotheism and in the person of Jesus Christ, even though these doctrines automatically exclude many people from the realm of salvation. Exclusiveness is not justifiable, however, if the doctrines that lead to it are not true. The real need, therefore is to examine beliefs for their truthfulness. If the Bible teaches "many churches," then we

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Mike & Diana Savage Don & Wanda Weathers
Cullen & Mary Ruth Gilliam

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Dec. 4 8,657.78
Nov. 27 6,610.96
Year Ago 7,788.40

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec. 4 403
Nov. 27 391
Year Ago 381

WORSHIP

Dec. 4 505
Nov. 27 475
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ly and numerically. For all of this, we are very grateful to our heavenly father as well as to each one of you.

Looking forward, we see a bright future for the Lord's church which gives us reason to be of good hope and optimistic expectations. We believe with our whole heart that with God's abiding blessings and with your continuous and faithful help, we will be able to take positive steps toward our goal of a firm and larger church here in Augsburg.

For the Holiday Season and the coming New Year we extend to each one of you our heartiest and best wishes.

With Christian love,
Rudolf & Christel Rischer
Andreas, Martina, Thoma

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. Not Good If Detached.
P.M. One Day I Shall Be What I am Becoming.

Here and There (continued)

Family and friends will be visiting during this holiday season and many of our church family will be going to visit. This is what makes the season such a joy. Being with family members reminds us of the heritage we have in this country and the freedoms which permit it. Let's enjoy it, but make additional special effort to show our love and respect to God for granting such a unique blessing. Where ever you are, don't forget to be in the house of worship on the Lord's Day.

From The Rischers

Augsburg, Germany

Dearest Friends,

It will not be long before the old year comes to its close. At a time like this, we feel the desire of expressing a few thoughts which move our hearts.

Looking back, we must admit that God has blessed us in many ways: he has blessed us through your deep love and your interest toward us and his work here in Augsburg; he has blessed us by giving you the willingness to help - in a most sacrificial way - saving lost souls here in this part of the world; and he has blessed us by letting his church here in Augsburg grow spiritual-

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The Church With A Heart

The Other Side of the Coin

(WE ARE DOING GOOD! CAN WE DO BETTER?)



Three weeks ago we wrote a commendation of our congregational giving. That commendation still stands, especially in light of last Sunday's contribution of \$8657.78. You always come through in a wonderful way in our End of the Year Special set this year for December 18.

But, because I love every individual in the congregation and I want to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, perhaps we need to "look at the other side of the coin". We would not want a single soul to go into judgment not having faced the question, "WILL A MAN ROB GOD?"

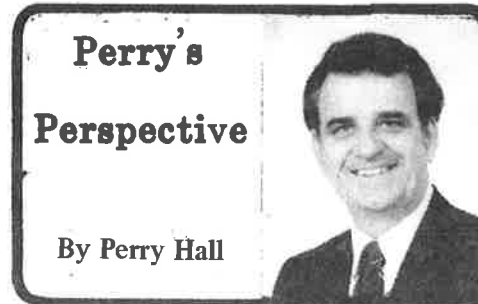
Yes, men will rob God! Men have in the past. Men are robbing God now and some will in the future. To God's people under the old covenant Malachi declared, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there

shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:8-10).

Those who rob God rob themselves. They rob themselves of God's approval and blessing and place themselves under a curse (Mal. 3:9; 2 Cor. 9:6-11). We become unfaithful stewards (1 Cor. 4:1, 2). God has given us everything and all that we have is His (1 Chron. 29:11-14; Psa. 50:10-12). If we are Christians, even our bodies and spirits belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

We hold all things in trust. God leases us this earth and all its blessings on very liberal terms. But some are not even willing to recognize God's ownership to pay the "rent". We should render to Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's (Matt. 22:21).

How can we rob God in the sense of which Malachi speaks? It would be well for us to think about this. Even though Malachi lived under a different covenant, I cannot see that God has changed His mind about our stealing from Him. To answer our question, let us reason further. We can refuse to give anything back to God. We can give only a part of what we should. We can make God pay for our weekend trips out of town, our vacations, etc., by not leaving our contributions when we are gone. We thus consume that which belongs to God upon our own pleasures. We can allow ourselves to become deeply in debt and rob God of that which is His by making the Lord pay our bills, cutting out our contributions altogether or cutting down on what we give Him. I have seen brethren hold back from God just to make a point with a brother. Some dissatisfaction has seized their heart and they stop giving to the Lord. This is



like trying to prove we can't fly by jumping off the Empire State Building without even a parachute. We can do all of these things and more, while we go on for a time receiving His blessings and prosperity, enjoying the highest standard of living in the history of the world, doing the things we really want to do and going where we really want to go. We would not dare treat openly our government in this way (Mal. 1:8). Our blind and lame sacrifices place us under God's curse. Meanwhile contributions fall, works are cut off or held back by this practice. Souls are robbed of salvation from eternal perdition and God is robbed of His rightful glory. Beloved, think about this! In addition to the economic problems we discussed in our commendation of three weeks ago, wonder and evaluate again why we are not meeting the challenge of our 1983 budget. A partial reason might be that some of us may be robbing God. Beloved, let us not do this. We are robbing God and ourselves.

This exhortation of love is sent forth only for those guilty. To those who love the Lord and prove their sincerity by their liberal giving among other things, we commend you to God, and are thankful of your truly giving as you have been prospered. May the Lord increase your capacity to do even more.

Honesty

The fact that emotion and thought can produce profound changes in the body's chemistry was known long before the lie detector was invented. The Orientals, before the time of Confucius, knew that fear shuts off the secretion or flow of saliva in most people.

Lying, especially where there is much at stake and where the penalty of discovery means loss of money, respect, love, or freedom, breeds fear or similar emotions that act in the same way.

That explains why the Orientals would give a suspected liar a handful of rice to chew. If he could spit it out, they declared him honest. But if he could not summon up enough saliva for this, they judged him afraid of discovery and therefore guilty.

The Old and New Testaments both give God's directions as to how to live honest lives.

Solomon said, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight." (Proverbs 12:22)

The Lord added His emphasis to the commands by saying, "You know the commandments, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother." (Mark 10:19)

— Ken Dye



YOU WON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE:

For telling the truth...For living a pure life...
 For your faith in Christ...For acknowledging your sins...For thinking before acting...For doing your best...For hearing before judging...For frankness and candor at the right time...For forgiving your enemies...For helping a fallen brother...For being honest in business...For thinking before speaking...For being true to the church...For harboring only pure thoughts...For bridling a slanderous tongue...For standing by your principles...For money given to the Lord's cause...

Take Time To Pray



PASS
THE
WORD.
LADIES

Ladies, remember the salad luncheon next Wednesday following the Ladies' Bible Class. We will have Mrs. Wayne Smalling as our guest speaker for the class. You will want to hear the report she has for us.

In The Hospital

Max Haws' uncle, Hartsell Haws, is very critically ill in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Clara Riley is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Matt (Rhonda) Haws and new baby were scheduled to go home Wednesday.

Lonnie Taylor is a patient in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Vannie Lee is a patient in Community Hospital.

Mrs. James Prichard has been in Community, but may be home by now.

Mrs. Hoyt Hughes has been in Community Hospital for tests.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday in Fort Worth for Mrs. Tillie Wharton, sister of Mrs. Naomi Haden. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (11) Kristy Roberson, Ann Ida Miller, Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett (13) Ben Freeman, Fleta Butler, Harold Denman (15) Rhonda Weathers (16) Robbie Tigert (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Grayson, Ethel Townsend.

New Baby

A baby girl, Brittany Ann, was born to Matt and Rhonda Haws last Friday in Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 7 lb and 14 oz. Max and Mary Haws are the happy grandparents and John and Ruby Brem are the proud great grandparents.

The *Amazing Grace*

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

Here
and
There



By Wes Price

The men's fellowship breakfast last week was a big success. We had forty men present to enjoy the good food and excellent fellowship. We are indebted to Mac McCarty for his generous efforts in supplying the home-made biscuits and sausage and to Mr. Joe Gilmer, manager of the Tyler Borden Milk Plant, for his donation of the eggs, butter and milk. This means that those who came enjoyed a free breakfast. Now I can't promise you that this will always be the case, but at least we can be grateful to these men for their generosity. We will plan another breakfast in the spring.

Each week, we try to mention those classes which meet the 100% goal in attendance. Now we would like to mention those individuals who have reached the 100% goal in their attendance for Sunday morning for the fall quarter. They are: Chad Montandon - 2 Year Old Class, Emily Montandon - 4 Year Old Class, Doug Johnson - 2nd Grade, Michelle Steffee - 5th Grade Class and Brad Johnson - Junior High Class. We congratulate these for their faithfulness. Keep up the good work!

Beginning Sunday, January 1, Forest McFadden will begin a new Adult Bible Class. It will meet in room 304, located over the South Foyer. The study will be about Moses and the history of the Old Testament surrounding his time. We feel sure that a number of folks will be interested in beginning this new study.

The Northwest church will host the year-end singing for Tyler churches on Wednesday evening, December 28, 7:30 p.m. This annual praise service is always an inspiration for everyone. We would like for all our church family to attend. Make your plans accordingly.

All the ladies of the congregation are reminded of the special speaker for the Wednesday Ladies' Class on December 14. Sister Wayne Smalling will be with us to tell us about the special work of Chimala Mission in Tanzania, East Africa. We will also be having a salad luncheon following the class. I mention this again so that you might be encouraged to come and bring a friend.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Fred Strait

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Louis E. Jones
Dismiss John Brem

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Michael Munn Paul Montandon
Ken Bennett Jim Franklin
Bob Sanford Aubrey Payne
Don Weathers Theron Pickle

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
Nov. 27 \$6,610.96
Nov. 20 6,975.75
Year Ago 6,534.97
BIBLE SCHOOL
Nov. 27 391
Nov. 20 413
Year Ago 420
WORSHIP
Nov. 27 475
Nov. 20 528
Weekly
Budget \$8,187.27

John Steffee Doug Shelton
Dannie Skipper Cooper Goodson

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Bob & Marie Threadgill Bill & Jo Butler
Mike & Diana Savage Don & Wanda Weathers
Cullen & Mary Ruth Gilliam

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, December 4 & Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

Here and There (continued)

It is easy to get caught up in the Holiday season and tend to let responsibilities to the church take a back seat. The mature Christian, however, will not let anything interfere with attendance at Bible study and worship and other related responsibilities. We rest assured in the knowledge that even when you visit away from home during these times, you will always find a congregation of God's people and worship with them. That can only add an extra dimension to your spiritual life. And too, we must not forget that the local work continues to need our financial support each week. Make sure your contribution finds its way into the treasury here.

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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And The Lord Added

We rejoice that Tommy Rozell, son of Billy and Judy Rozell, was baptized into Christ by Hillard Hughes last Sunday morning. Tommy is 12 years old and a 6th grade student.

In The Hospital

Mrs. James (Pat) Prichard is a patient in Community Hospital. David Grayson has been a patient in Community Hospital. Mrs. Cora Boss, mother of Mrs. Clyde Lane, continues to be very seriously ill in Community Hospital.

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.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

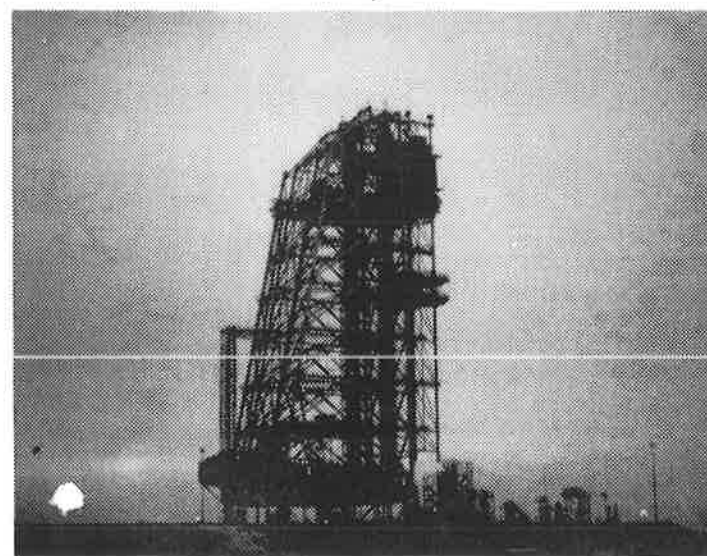
Christian Academy

Parents, Teachers and Friends of East Texas Christian Academy will meet December 8 at the Broadway Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. The 4th and 5th grade classes will present the program.

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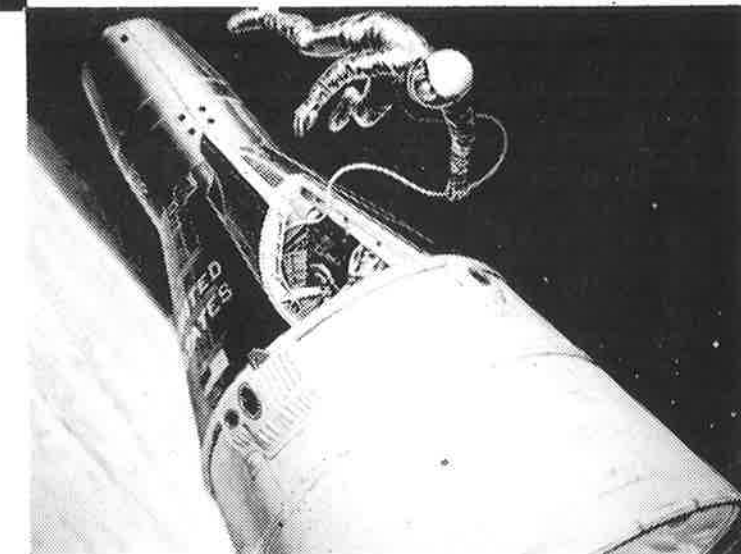
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The Church With A Heart



OUR LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM

A few years ago, when our children were all at home, we made a trip to Florida. Among the things we saw was the Space Center at Cape Kennedy. It was interesting to see the tall gantry towers and pads from which the rockets were launched. We visited the block houses built of very thick concrete to protect the scientist in case of an accident. This huge room was lined with all kinds of instruments, dials, and gadgets.

There are many parallels that can be made between man's journey toward the heavenlies and our journey toward heaven. Perhaps the most symbolic thing of the daring deeds of man's flights into outer space was the actual life-support system that was strapped to the back of the first astronaut to walk in space. Talk about someone being out of his environment—here is a real case! His life depended upon that



Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

support system, not only for oxygen, but also to keep him from drifting into space away from the capsule that was his only hope of getting back home. Truly the word of God stands as a vital part of our life-support system. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). Jesus alone has the words of eternal life
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PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

(John 6:68). Jesus is the source of life (John 5:26). His word is the embilical cord that brings that life to us, sustains us and keeps us from drifting. Faith is such a vital part and condition of that life being granted to us. Faith comes from the word of God (Romans 10:17). The word of God is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12) and is able to save our souls (James 1:21).

If the astronaut ceases to have regular intake of oxygen, he is dead. Beloved, we are dead without regular intake of God's word! May we meditate upon it day and night, study it regularly and be in every class provided by our elders. Let us keep from drifting away from the Lord and His church. We are warned in Hebrews 2:1ff, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest haply we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels proved stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?"

Our mission control is in heaven. All we need and need to know about our mission has been provided by the Captain of our salvation. Daily he desires to minister to us through the life line. Signals are given that allow us to make the minor adjustments necessary in our course.

Before we reach our final destination, we must be cut loose from this earthly life. If we have stored up the word in our hearts and have been obedient to it, we shall see God. If not, there is reserved for us the blackness of darkness forever.

Yours for a safe and successful journey home!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 1983 WELCOME...!				Men's Breakfast 7:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall 1	Father/Son Camp-out Powell Farm 2	3
4	5	6	Guest Speaker: Dale Randolph World Bible Trans. Center 7	YOUNG AT HEART Fellowship Hall 6:30 P.M. 8	Chapel Class Party Fellowship Hall 9	10
Party Adult Class 3 (Young Couples Luncheon) 11	12	13	Ladies' Bible Class Guest Speaker Mrs. Wayne Smalling Covered Dish Luncheon Following in Fellowship Hall 14	Party Adult Class 8 Fellowship Hall 15	16	17
Young People Party (Following Evening Worship) Fellowship Hall 18	Party Adult Class 2 Fellowship Hall 19	No Tuesday School 20	NO CLASSES Singing & Devotional in Auditorium 21	22	Happy Holidays	
25	26	No Tuesday School 27	No Ladies' Class CITY-WIDE SINGING Northwest Church Building 7:30 P.M. 28 No Service at W.Erwin	No 'Visitor' This Week. 29	30	YOUNG AT HEART New Year's Party Fellowship Hall 31

New Baby

Timothy Scott Holt, Jr. was born Friday in Mother Frances Hospital to Tim and Gayle Holt. He weighed 7 lb and 10½ oz. Darrell and Jean Holt are the proud grandparents.

Thank You

We thank you for the beautiful flowering plant, the cards and calls. We appreciate every expression of sympathy and concern.

Mildred and James Massey

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Mt.Pleasant, Texas on Sunday for Mrs. Grace Verner. She was a sister of brother Dean Brookshire. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The *Amazing Grace* Bible Class
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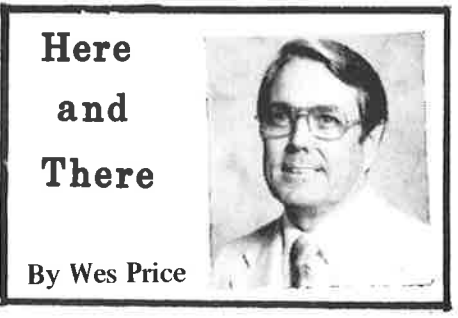
Sermons For Sunday

BY PERRY HALL
A.M. The Face of Jesus.
P.M. The Love of God.

Happy Birthday

December (1) Jim Canterbury (3) Bradley Joe Smith (6) Ann McCoy (7) Lee Roberson, W. S. Little, R. C. O'Bannon, Lois Hoppers, Denise Howser (9) Bart Lemons (10) Joni Smith, Pam Lott (11) Kristy Roberson, Ann Ida Miller, Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett (13) Ben Freeman, Fleta Butler, Harold Denman (15) Rhonda Weathers (16) Robbie Tigert (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Grayson, Ethel Townsend (18) Lyska Adams, Perry Hall (19) James Massey, Dorothy Snipes (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jack Beard, Jim Howser (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Williams, Billie Morgan, Pat Ragsdale (22) W. V. Crossman, Erica Smith (23) Tom Williams, Matthew Hart, Adam Morris (24) Henry McRuiz, Kerry Hamblett, Shelley Miles (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth, Bobbie Dozier (26) Susan Skipper (27) Floia Payne (28) Evelyn Henderson (29) Ann Lambert, Margaret Talley (30) Jeff Jones, Nancy Johnson, Jane Johnson (31) Averyt Smith, Vera Beard, Jeanene Thompson.

There certainly was a joyful and happy spirit among the worshippers who were present for the Wednesday evening Thanksgiving service and again on Sunday for both services. We were



By Wes Price

thankful to be among those present to participate in sharing the spirit of giving thanks to God for all His rich and wonderful gifts. I hope that you will join me in trying to let the spirit of thanksgiving be translated into the daily experience of "thanks-living." That would be the best expression of gratitude we could offer God.

Special recognition this week goes to Jean Oliver's Fourth Grade Class for reaching the 100% level on Sunday. It was also called to my attention that they have reached this goal on several occasions and we were unaware of it. My apologies to the class for the oversight. Keep up the good work.

Our Ladies' Class resumed the study in the book of Proverbs. We will continue our studies through Wednesday, December 21 and conclude the year's classes that day. We will have a special speaker on the 14th. Mrs. Wayne Smalling from the Chimala Mission will be present to tell us about the work at the Mission Hospital in Tanzania. We will also have a luncheon on that day, so make plans to attend. Bring a salad and invite a friend.

The Heart of The Fighter series will continue in the chapel each Wednesday night through December 14. Stan Mallory moderates the discussion after each film is shown.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer C. B. Burkham
Dismiss John Steffee

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss Gerald Durham

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Trey Hughes Jonathan Paul
Kevin Braly Marshall Phillips
Harley Turner Tommy Lowrance
Roy Clark Wayne Fears

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Les Carruth Dale Blackstone
Ted Snipes Tony Adams

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for November - Room 108

Ray & Gail Vannoy Brian & Brenda Boulter

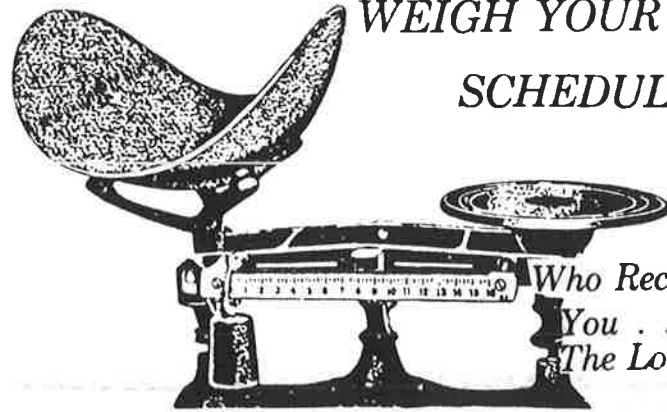
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Bud and Louise Caskey Roy and Chloe Clark
David & Virginia Demic Vern & Nancy Johnson

Bren & Lois Rothrock

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, November 27 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, VERN JOHNSON - 894-6876.

WEIGH YOUR TIME SCHEDULE



*Who Receives Most?
You!
The Lord!*

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In The Hospital

Walter Fuller remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Jim Willis is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ella Mae Grayson is in Mother Frances for tests.

New Granddaughter

Rebecca Leah Cauthen was born Monday in Nashville, Tennessee to Chuck and Charlotte Cauthen. She is the new granddaughter of Faber and Kathryn Cauthen. She weighed 7 lbs and 1 oz. Congratulations!

The Amazing Grace

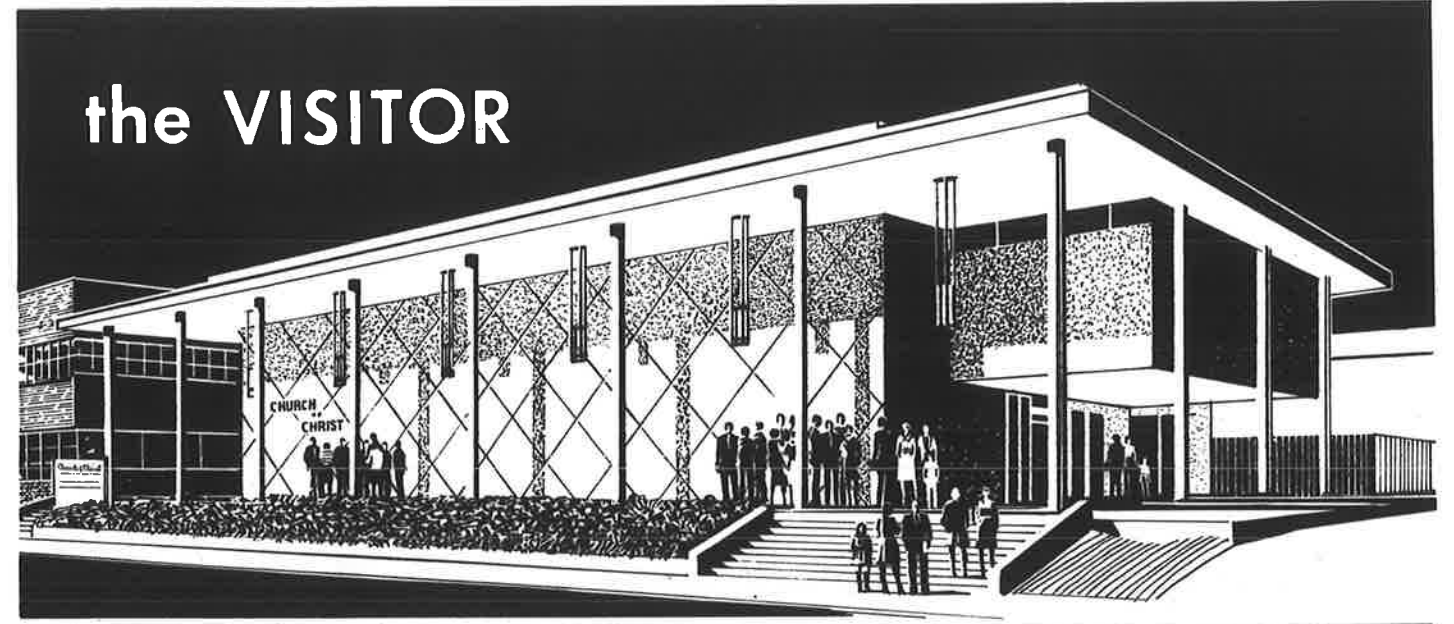
Bible Class
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Potpourri

The East Texas Christian Academy will be selling Christmas trees on the corner of South Broadway and Winchester beginning November 28.

The Ladies Bible Class will have a luncheon on December 14. Also, on that date Mrs. Wayne Smalling will speak to the class and tell of the work at the Chimala Mission Hospital. Her husband will speak for the Wednesday evening service that evening.

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Thanksgiving for GOD'S PROVIDENCE



"Let us thank God for His kind care and protection of the people of this country....for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have enjoyed."

*George Washington
The First Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation in Honor of the New Constitution, 1789.*



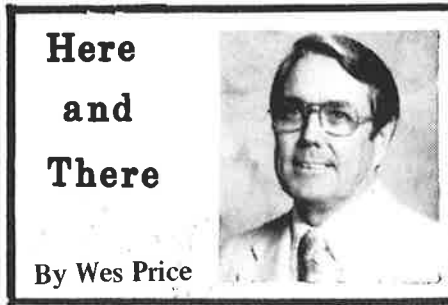
As Americans we have so much to be thankful for - not limited to one day a year but all the time. As Christians, in the midst of all our blessings, we should especially thank God for Jesus Christ.



"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD."



GUEST EDITORIAL...



"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"
Isaiah 5:20

Calling It Like It Is

A recent editorial by Joseph Sobran was, in my estimation, very perceptive. Mr. Sobran talked about what can and cannot be said on TV. The obscene, irreverent and vulgar is no longer taboo, as Mr. Sobran observes. The unspeakable on TV today is whatever might be critical of anyone or anything that is left of center on the social, economical, political and moral spectrum. For example, Mr. Sobran points out that rulers of totalitarian nations which are aligned with the west are called "dictators" on TV. If they are communist states, they are called "leaders." Liberal politicians are never branded "communist" or "socialist," but conservative politicians are regularly branded "racist" or "sexist," etc. Civil wars waged by the left are "liberation movements," those fought by the right wing are always "rebels."

Sobran also points out that there are no more fornicators on TV. They are just "sexually active" people. Unborn children have become "fetal tissue," and they are not killed, they simply "terminate pregnancies."

Sobran might have mentioned some other inconsistencies, it seems to me. When concerned parents seek to remove pornographic books from the public school libraries, they are practicing "censorship," but when well organized political action groups fight to remove any mention of Christian morals from textbooks or any mention of Creation as a possible explanation of human origins, they are "protecting our civil rights." Even our courts, it seems to me, practice a double standard. Parents who withhold medical treatment from their children for religious reasons are forced by court order to treat their

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Here and There (continued)

children. Most of us, I think, would applaud that decision. But when parents withhold medical treatment to newborn infants because they have a birth defect and "right to life" groups try to force treatment, the courts say no.

Obviously, conscientious Christians might hold contrasting views on some of these problem areas. If there is some lesson for us in all this, it is simply this: what we believe in and what we stand for must never be determined by what is popular. Certainly not by what is presented in a bad light by TV and other public media. Homosexuality may be just an "alternate lifestyle" for the 6:00 P.M. anchorman, but it is still sin for God and for God's people.

Keith Robinson
"The Encourager"
Garland, Texas



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (27) Norah Jones (28) Norma Holcomb, Laura Drummond, Wade McDonald, C. B. Burkham, Chloe Clark (30) Roy Layne Roberson, Cherrie Magee, Durwood Hendry DECEMBER (1) Jim Canterbury, (3) Bradley Joe Smith.

Blood Needed

The father of Kay Hanley, Kelsey O. Wynns, underwent surgery recently at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and needs to replace a large amount of blood. If you can give blood, please go to the Stewart Blood Center and give in the name of the West Erwin Church of Christ. After donations have been made the blood can be released from our account and transferred to Austin.



Men's Breakfast

All men of the congregation are invited to meet together on Thursday morning, December 1 at 7:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast. You should be ready to leave by 7:45 if you need to be at work by 8:00.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the kindness expressed in the death of my mother, Belle Cotten. The prayers, food, cards, visits, calls and flowers will always be remembered and gratefully appreciated.

Doris Terrell

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall

A.M. "Lest Satan Get An Advantage of Us."

P.M. "For We Are Not Ignorant of His Devices."

Friends of Children

The Women's Auxiliary to the Child Care Program will have a reorganization meeting Tuesday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m. following Ladies Bible Class in the Fellowship Building of the Glenwood Church of Christ. An Executive Committee will be recognized and goals for the next six months will be outlined. The Auxiliary exists to promote fellowship, inform others about Child Care, provide services to the program, assist foster parents and assist in fund raising. If you are a current member or desire to become a member, please attend this meeting or call 592-3850 for further information.

Father/Son Camp-out

A Father/Son Camp-out is being planned for Friday evening, December 2 to be held at Fred and Sara Powell's farm. You will need to bring your own camping equipment, but the food will be furnished. Call the office by Wednesday, November 30 to make your reservations. Fred and Sara plan to serve breakfast.

Make Today Count - Live Live For Christ

"Stop fussing about tomorrow's game, just win today's," baseball manager Casey Stengel used to tell his players. "Remember we plays 'em one at a time." It worked for Stengel - his teams won a lot of pennants. And it works everywhere. We make the most progress when we do our best each day without worrying about tomorrow. At the end of a week or a month, it's amazing how much one has accomplished.

Some of us get paralyzed when we face a big job. It seems so huge in comparison with what we can accomplish right now that it overwhelms us. We lose our steam completely. Yet, big accomplishments are nothing more than a lot of little accomplishments added together. The secret of getting there faster is to be sure we make each day count for as much as possible.

The famous sales consultant, Elmer Wheeler, was once heard telling the story of a clock that refused to run because it had to tick over 30 million times a year. But the job didn't seem anywhere near as big when the clock found it only had to tick once each second. It has been ticking steadily ever since. "Never worry about a big job," advised Wheeler, "Break it up into little jobs that you can do right now. That makes the big job easier."

After all, what other time do any of us have except right now? Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow isn't here yet. All we have to work with is today. If we don't use it, we lose it. What we do today, right now, is what really determines how much - or how little - we will accomplish by the end of next week or next month in living for Christ.

"Life is hard, by the yard;
By the inch, it's a cinch"

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Jeff Biggs
Dismiss George Kester

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Ray Lott
Dismiss Cole Bennett

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Ed Bullard Hoyt Hughes Nov.13 549
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Sam Bailey Billy Rozell Weekly
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

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Faber & Kathryn Cauthen Vern & Nancy Johnson



EVERY DAY IS A DAY
OF THANKSGIVING!

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. II Cor. 5:17.

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Year Ago 7,298.16

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov.13 386
Nov.6 350
Year Ago 407

WORSHIP

Nov.13 549
Nov. 6 439
Weekly

Budget 8,187.27

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

In The Hospital

Brother Walter Fuller continues to be a patient in Medical Center. He is suffering a reaction from medication.

Mrs. Jim Willis is a patient in Medical Center. She is undergoing tests and treatments for her back.

Sheila Morris' mother, Alice Stevens, is hospitalized in Mesquite for tests.

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. "Being Thankful"
P.M. "A Spiritual Home"

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Potpourri

There will be no Ladies' Class on Wednesday of next week. The class will resume, November 30.

Tuesday School will have a holiday next week.

Our best wishes to Maudie Brown who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on Wednesday afternoon with a party at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

We were honored to have a large number of guests with us Sunday. We hope you will return at every opportunity.



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The Church With A Heart

Assisting Antigua



Nelson Harbor where British Admiral Horatio Nelson found refuge and escaped the Spanish Armada in the 1780's. Columbus discovered the island in 1493. Several young American missionary families are now working here with great success. Brother Caskey has worked on this island.

Individual saints have responded in a marvelous way to help in the advancement of the gospel in Antigua, West Indies. Brother Steve Hurst gave an interesting and challenging report in a sound movie film of the work there to the Wednesday night auditorium class. One of the congregations on the island needs a meeting place. Brethren in the class dug down and gave the total of \$1,600.00 to this cause. Had we been able to include other

classes, no doubt the response given would have been even greater. May God bless such a wonderful and generous people!
The Caribbean is a very fertile field for the gospel. Brother Don Starks, supported by West Erwin, led a two week campaign on the island of St. Lucia last month. There were 45 baptisms. Brethren, we had fellowship in this harvest! God be praised!

Perry's Perspective
By Perry Hall

**CONTRIBUTION
COMMENDATION**

Brethren, I believe you deserve to be commended for your faithful giving. Yes, we are running approximately \$600.00 per week behind our projected budget of \$8187.27, but that also means that we are running approximately \$400.00 per week ahead of last year's budget of \$7117.50. Budgets at their best are only educated guesses. The acceptability of our giving before God is on the individual level. Prosperity fluctuates for some of us. A few of us have lost our jobs in recent months due to the economic situation. For the same reason some of us received no raises this year, but we dug deeper anyway in order to meet the new challenge. *You are to be commended! Keep up the good work! God will bless you!*

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COMMITMENT The Key To Marriage

In a society that has "throw-away" marriages, commitment is the only answer to sustaining a life-long relationship. I am committed to my marriage. Not my feelings about it. I commit myself to marriage. If I had a marriage that rested on feelings, I'd have broken it off years ago. My wife would have broken it off in the first year - and with good reason. This commitment must be made in the heart - for the heart is "the wellspring of life," Proverbs 4:23. The following commitments are necessary to build a marriage for life.

TO GROW THE REST OF MY LIFE. Marriage requires increasing maturity in character, responsibility and wisdom. Pride keeps some from the learnings, corrections, rebukes, and questions that bring growth. Only an open, teachable person can grow.

TO STAY COMMITTED FOR LIFE. When one enters marriage the parachute must be folded and put away. There is no bailing out! A commitment to stick and stay must be made by both partners. This is not enslavement or entrapment, but security and trouble!

TO BE FAITHFUL TO MY MATE IN MIND AND ACTION. I am committed not to engage in a fantasy world. I will think romantically only about my wife. To decide, "my mate is the only one I will allow

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Perry's Perspective Continued

Benevolent Outreach

Our work of benevolence continues to prosper. The elders are moving ahead in making plans for our new benevolent building. Freeman Morgan has presented some preliminary drawings for it that show a lot of good thought. We appreciate so much his efforts. The ladies and men who are engaged in this work are making it one of the highlights of our efforts.

Tuesday of this week, Faber Cauthen and John Porter drove two vehicles to Boles Home in order that our workers could deliver new quilts made by the ladies.

We have been trying to schedule Wayne Smalling from Chimala Mission Hospital in Africa to give a report. This request was made several months ago and renewed recently. However, Wayne is out of the state at this time giving reports, but we have been promised by his elders that he will be here. We will let you know when we learn the time.

Commitment (continued)

myself to think about in this way" will cut off a lot of problems before they begin.

TO COMMUNICATE - NO MATTER WHAT. Just as nothing can separate us from Christ's love, Romans 8:35-39, so nothing should stop us from communicating in marriage: silence, tears, explosions of anger, defiance, defensiveness, the children or lack of time. Reveal your thoughts and feelings to your mate.

TO BE A SERVANT. The husband assumes responsibility to be the leader in the marriage. Yet he leads because he loves the way Jesus loved the church - by serving. When a husband and wife enter into their marriage committed to serving one another, there will be mutual joy and appreciation.

TO ASSUME IN EVERYTHING MY MATE'S INTENTIONS ARE GOOD. My mate always receives the benefit of the doubt. There is never suspicion, only trust. There is never accusations or keeping score, but love and acceptance.

May God help us to stay on course or get back on course and be committed to our marriage.

...Douglas F. Parsons

Study the Bible!
Trust NO ONE
with your Soul



To read, tilt bulletin backwards

Sympathy

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Wilbern H. Stevens.

Your cards, calls, flowers, visits and prayers have helped to make the loss of my dad more bearable. We have been told that "the pain gets easier and the memories sweeter," and because of you this seems possible. We appreciate you all so much.

In Christian love,
Scott & Sheila Morris

You Are Invited

You are cordially invited to attend the Area Wide Singing Sunday afternoon at 2:30 (November 20) at the Bullard Church of Christ. Guests for the afternoon singing will be a group of singers from the Austin area known as THE SWEET EXPRESSIONS.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mildred and James Massey in the loss of her brother, Harry Clarkson, who was buried on Thursday of last week in Snyder, Texas.

Take Time To Pray

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

On Wednesday evening, November 23, everyone will meet together in the auditorium. There will be no classes on that evening.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (22) Clyde Waggoner, Susan Steffee (24) Evelyn Burkham (25) Freddie Jo Keener.



WE MIGHT AS WELL admit it! The holiday season is upon us. Every year we see merchants rushing to get their holiday trappings up early so they can get a head start on the selling of merchandise. Have you ever wished that the gift giving season would be banned? I'm sure you have, but let's not let materialism befoul an otherwise lovely season of the year and cause us not to want to share as we have opportunity with others. Instead, let's thank God that He has so blessed us that we have something we can share with others. Let's especially be mindful of those who are less fortunate than we are.

Here
and
There

By Wes Price



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The "Sewing Sisters" from our benevolent center will be making a trip this week to take some of their handiwork to Boles Home. We congratulate them for their weekly efforts. Let's encourage them to keep up the good work.

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We were blessed again yesterday in worship service with a great host of visitors. Some from here in Tyler and many from out of town. We always enjoy meeting these new folks. Some of them will certainly be interested in West Erwin as their church home. Let's make them feel welcome.

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Once again, we are proud to mention the Sunday morning First Grade Class for reaching the 100% attendance level. Bennie Bynum is their teacher. They are often mentioned in this column for that excellent record. Keep it up!

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Some unknown author penned the following:

The home is the lens through which we get our first look at marriage and all civic duties.

The home is the clinic where, by conversation and attitude, impressions are created with respect to sobriety and reverence.

The home is the school where either lessons of truth or falsehood, honesty or deceit are learned.

The home is the mold which ultimately determines the structure of society.

Home is the place where we are treated best and grumble most.

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 Announcements Stan Mallory
 Prayer Clyde Findlay
 Dismiss Robert Stokes

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 Dismiss David Demic

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BIBLE SCHOOL
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WORSHIP
 Nov. 6 439
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 Weekly

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Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
 A.M. Precious Promises P.M. Worthy Is The Lamb

In The Hospital

Clyde Lane underwent eye surgery (implant) on Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mrs. Bell Cotton, mother of Doris Terrell. Mrs. Cotton had been a member of the church in Chandler. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Terrell and her family in their loss.

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"A Good Old Age"

Today at a church luncheon I sat beside a lovely lady. Like Anna the prophetess, she was "of a great age." This 88-year-old beauty has a 72-year old child, and a 54-year-old grandchild! Like Job of old, she has been blessed to see "children and grandchildren for four generations."

She remarked that she didn't mind growing old herself, but seeing her children grow old was difficult! Then, more profoundly she stated, "Every birthday is a gift from God, especially after 80!" What a sweet spirit.

The pretense of youth is quite in keeping with the popular persuasion that there is no such thing as a "good old age." Yet in God's Word the first time the words "old age" are used, they are called "good." They are, in fact, part of a promise God made to Abraham (Genesis 15:15).

A thousand years later God was still keeping that promise to Abraham's family, Israel:

Even to your old age, I am he and even to grey hairs I will carry you; I have made and I will bear; I will carry and I will save (Isaiah 46:6).

What a prospect! The God who made us and saved us is bearing and carrying us. He is with us all the way - even to a "good old age."

By Shawn Jones
 20th Century Christian

Thank You

We want to thank you for the cards, calls, flowers and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization.

Archie Lowry

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The Church With A Heart


Self Destruction?

In 1835 a famous Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, visited this country to observe and learn. He was duly impressed with what he saw in the United States. He later wrote:

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests; it was not there. I sought for it in her free schools and her institutions of learning; it was not there. I sought for it in her matchless Constitution and democratic Congress, it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America and found the pulpits aflame for righteousness, did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

We wonder what assessment Tocqueville would make of America today if he was able to return. We know that he was right when he said, "When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." God revealed many centuries ago that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people," (Proverbs 14:34). The pulpits of America have slipped. This nation has slipped. The hope of any people

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

or nation is in God. The growing humanistic and hedonistic approach to life continues to gnaw away at our foundations.

Since 1960 there has been in America: 189 million serious crimes reported; 23 million users of illegal drugs; 366,000 murders; 550,000 deaths from drunk driving; 9.5 million illegitimate births and 47 million divorces. Our hearts break when we think of the innocent lives who have been made to suffer because of these things.

Each year an estimated \$87.2 billion in tax revenue is lost because of cheating, 95% of that from individual tax payers. Research shows that 60% of employees cheat their employers by theft of goods, falsely claiming sick days, etc. America spends over ten billion dollars each year on sex magazines and "X" and "R" rated movies. All of this helps contribute to the fact that 65% of all teenagers have sexual intercourse before marriage. There are an estimated 17 million practicing homo-

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estimated 17 million practicing homosexuals and about 10 million alcoholics.

In the last ten years, 15 million unborn babies have been put to death in this country, more being killed by abortion than all wars. God recognizes these unborn children as his. They are human beings even in the womb. The Bible recognizes these unborn beings as persons. We are putting Hitler in the shade when it comes to murder.

We know there are hypocrites in religion. There has always been and will always be, but the TV networks have become completely overbalanced in their anti-Christian bias. Christian values are often degraded. Just about all preachers are made out to be immoral, liars, thieves, extortioners and/or rapists. There seldom is a positive portrayal of Christianity. We still believe that most professed followers of Jesus are sincere and fairly consistent in the practice of their religion. It has been my observation over the years that the great majority of New Testament Christians are God-fearing, dedicated servants devoted to the principles of purity and righteousness. Where are the portrayals on TV of these realities? Since with most, money is the name of the game, they might say that such would not sell. But such would only be a deeper reflection upon our society.

Perhaps some will call this article negative, a pessimistic view. There is no pessimism with regard to God, truth or right. But I would gently remind the critic who does not want to face up to these facts, that 8 out of 10 civilizations have self-destructed before they reached our present age of debauchery.

Nothing is more relevant for our time than the Restoration Plea. As a people we must go back to God, Christ, the Bible and to the simple, pure practice of New Testament Christianity.

The Bible will not be a dry book if you know the Author.

THANKSGIVING

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
 Thanks for all Thou dost provide,
 Thanks for times now but a memory,
 Thanks for Jesus by my side,
 Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
 Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
 Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
 Thanks for peace within my soul,
 Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered.
 Thanks for what Thou dost deny,
 Thanks for storms that I have weathere'd,
 Thanks for all Thou dost supply,
 Thanks for pains, and thanks for pleasure,
 Thanks for comfort in despair,
 Thanks for grace that none can measure,
 Thanks for love beyond compare,
 Thanks for roses by the wayside,
 Thanks for thorns their stems contain,
 Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
 Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain,
 Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
 Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee,
 Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
 Thanks through all eternity.

Tuesday School

Our Tuesday School Program is in need of one additional worker to team teach with another teacher and two or three rotating workers to substitute teach. Please consider this carefully and call Elaine Roberson if you are willing to assist.



Bible Classes for Everyone

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.



Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and love to Sheila and Scott Morris in the unexpected death of her father, Welborn Stevens. He was fatally injured in an automobile accident last week in Mesquite, Texas.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (14) Morris Hallman, Pauline Fuller, George Kester (15) Ruby Teel Maria Crossman (16) Maudie Brown (17) Cathy Hallman, Brad Johnson (18) James Howser (19) Taylor Savage.

Year End Singing

The Churches of Christ in Tyler have met together the last Wednesday night of the year since 1963 to enjoy worshipping together in song. This year the Year End Singing will be Wednesday evening, December 28 at the Northwest Church of Christ. There will be no service here that evening.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Here and There (continued)

things are going well for them. Then a crisis comes and immediate help is needed. And, tragically, we do not know where to find it - in spite of the fact that we have at our fingertips a book with abundant help in it. We suffer for our ignorance. Think about it!

IT WAS A PLEASURE to visit with the University church in Shreveport this past Sunday. They received the lessons on the Brother's Keeper program with great interest and I hope they will be able to benefit by using it.

I am grateful to our elders for permitting me to be away. I would also like to thank Bob Willoughby for handling my teaching responsibilities in my Bible class. From the reports of many, he did an excellent job.

A great number of our families were out of town this past week end as is indicated by the low count in Bible study and worship. I hope all had a safe journey and I will be looking forward to seeing you this coming Sunday.

Our film series with Landon Saunders on Wednesday night will continue each Wednesday night with the exception of November 23 which will be set aside for our Thanksgiving service. All classes will be dismissed for that special time and all will assemble in the auditorium.

The number of ladies who work at our benevolent center seems to grow each week and consequently, the amount of good work that gets done increases as well. The effect of their good reaches around the world and includes dozens of families who are helped even here at home. I get the joy of having a coffee break with them each Tuesday and I look forward to it very much. If you need a lift, you ought to come by even if it is just for a coffee break. It will do your soul good.

From the bulletin of a friend of mine comes the essence of these words: "School administrators in an Ohio town refused to allow Bibles to be given to students by a local group of interested persons. Later, someone noted that prisoners in Ohio could be given Bibles and then remarked sarcastically, "Isn't it a shame that students must go to jail to receive the Bible?" The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalms 119:11. God's word is essential to the daily maintenance of our souls. That is what the psalmist was talking about. He laid up God's word in his heart to prevent himself from falling into sinful ways. Too many want to drift along, neglecting study of the scriptures while

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By Wes Price

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Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer Forest McFadden
Dismiss Artis Tate

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer Bob Threadgill
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Charles McCoy Alan Fisher
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Marc Lemons Pete Wallace

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Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall

A.M. My Desire for You

P.M. God the Almighty Reigns



We cannot always see the way
Where Thou, our gracious Lord, dost move;
But we can always surely say,
That God is love.
When clouds hang o'er our darkened path,
We'll check our dread, each doubt reprove;
For here each saint sweet comfort hath,
That God is love.

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Thank You

Mere words cannot express our sincere thanks to all of you - our brothers and sisters at West Erwin. You have done so many things to lighten our heavy burdens of stress and anxiety. We know we have a long road ahead of us but knowing the Good Lord cares and that you are there will lighten this burden. May the Lord bless each of you.

Love, Russell and Audrey O'Bannon

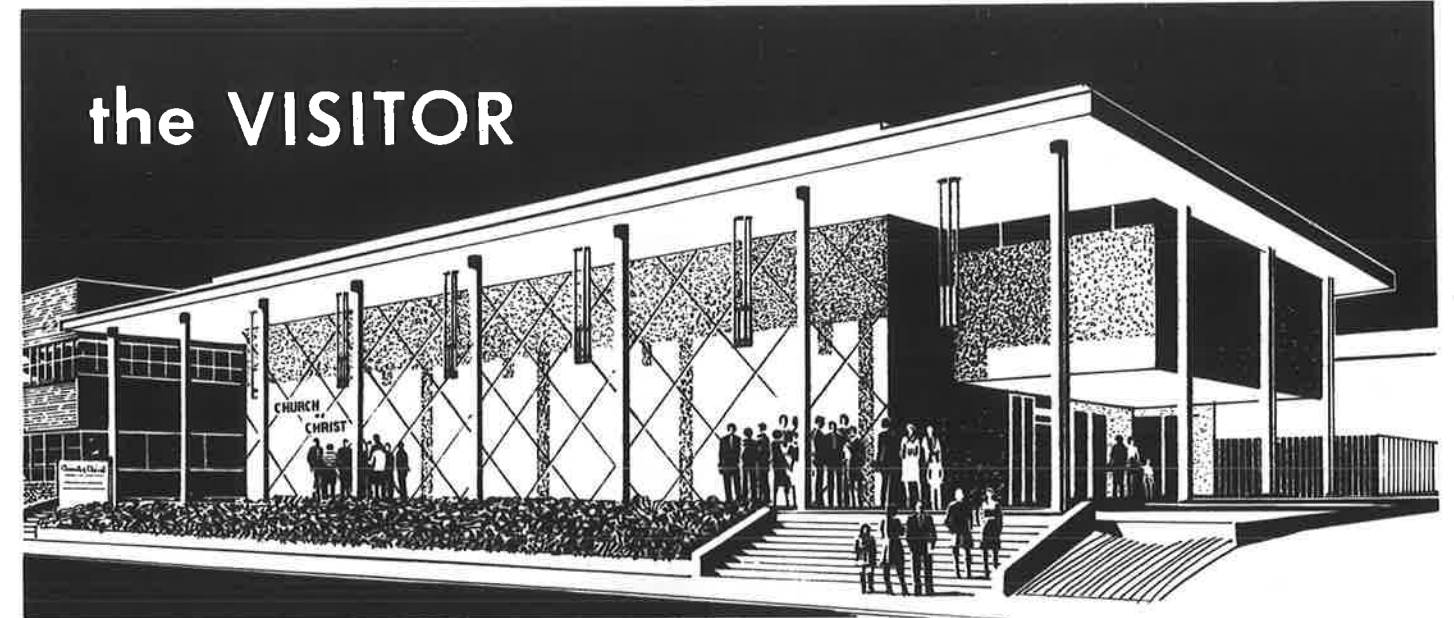
Kindness...

Put on therefore...mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering. Col. 3:12.

Kindness is love doing little things, things that seem scarcely worth doing, and yet which mean much to those for whom they are wrought. Kindness lends a hand when another is burdened. It speaks the cheerful word when a heart is discouraged. It gives a cup of cold water when one is thirsty. It is always doing good turns to somebody. It goes about performing little ministries with a touch of blessing. It scatters its favors everywhere. Few qualities do more to make a life bright and beautiful! Lord, make me kind today, full of love!

Scatter then your seeds of kindness, all enriching as you go - Leave them. Trust the Harvest Giver; He will make each seed to grow. So until the happy end, your life shall never lack a friend.

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The Church With A Heart



We pause this day to thank God for the freedoms that are ours. When we have never known anything else, perhaps it is difficult to be as grateful as we should. We also thank the men, women and their families who have given so much back through the years to make this possible. Coming from a family where

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Perspective**



By Perry Hall

the men were asked to serve their country in World Wars I and II, I know something of the high price of our freedoms.

We all hate war. We all yearn for peace for all men. We all look forward to that time when perfect peace is ours and evil men will be no more in our presence. But until that eternal day dawns, we thank God and those men and women who have made our present freedom possible.

May we use this blessing to help fill the earth with the knowledge of God. May we pray fervently for the leaders of the nations in these perilous times that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity for we know this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The scriptures teach us that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach. As light and salt, let us do our work. In this, we not only advance the kingdom of God, but we help our nation survive. Nations that forget God will eventually crumble or be destroyed. May the light of righteousness and freedom shine for generations to come.

Elders' Report

In case you were not present to hear our report two weeks ago on the work in Germany, we would like to share with you a few things.

First of all we are grateful to the other elders and to the congregation for this rich experience of visiting one of our mission fields. It certainly gives one a deeper insight into the difficulties and a greater appreciation for the labors of our mission team. Brother and sister Rudolf Rischer are doing an outstanding job in Augsburg. Rudi is involved in an amazing number of activities for the Lord. There are campaigns, gospel meetings, seminars, youth rallies, summer camp, etc. They distribute 80,000 pieces of literature each year. A weekly ad is being carried in the Augsburg newspaper. The church is sound, being well grounded in the truth. The membership now stands at 47.

We could name a great number of other things in which Rudi and the church are involved, but space does not allow. We are recommending to the other elders that we continue to support, encourage, and pray for this good work.

Faber Cauthen Ferman Carpenter

Herald Of Truth



The Herald of Truth informs us that the autobiography Batsell Barrett Baxter wrote during the last 15 months of his life, Every Life a Plan of God, is now off the press. A warm and wonderful book, this autobiography is like a personal visit, filled with anecdotes ranging from his childhood to his later years as a dedicated Christian preacher, teacher and Herald of Truth speaker. The book includes an introductory chapter by Mrs. Wanda Baxter, numerous photographs, a genealogy and some of Dr. Baxter's best-loved sermons. A large soft-cover edition, Every Life a Plan of God has 212 pages. TO SECURE A COPY -- Send your name and address, along with a gift of any amount to UpReach Magazine, P. O. Box 2001, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Your Help Is Valuable

The workers in the Christian Service Center are in need of clean sheets (white or colored) to be used in the making of bandages for the Chimala Mission Hospital. You will note in this week's bulletin a letter of thanks from Chimala. We commend all who are a part of this good work.

Potpourri

We recently received a note from Becky Young. She is now living in Boston, Mass. where she is Assistant Vice President of Suburban Mortgage company doing hospital consulting. She is also attending Boston University. Becky expressed a special love for West Erwin and the work here.

Remember the grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will arrive one day next week. We are collecting CANNED LUNCHEON MEATS (Spam, deviled ham, corned beef, etc.)

The East Texas Christian Academy continues to save Freshlike labels, aluminum cans, Fun'n Fitness seals from Post Cereals and labels from all Campbell products. Bring your labels to the office and they will be picked up. Your help is appreciated very much.

Parents, Teachers and Friends of the Academy will meet Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shiloh building for a Thanksgiving program by 2nd and 3rd grades.

A Craft and Bake sale for East Texas Christian Academy will be November 12th. Call the school office, 597-4911 if you are willing to donate something.

The School Board meeting of the Academy will be Sunday afternoon, November 13 at 3:00 o'clock at the Shiloh building.

On Sunday, November 6, Wes Price will speak at the University Church in Shreveport. The Brother's Keeper Program will be his topic.

YOUNG AT HEART will meet Thursday evening, Nov. 10 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a "Pot Luck Supper."

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (6) Amy Faulkner (7) Lisa Higginbotham (9) David Hanley (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer, Sommer Howser (11) Sam Bailey, Melinda O'Quinn, Jesse Keener (12) Stan Mallory.



Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Christian Friends:

Here it is October already - the beginning of Autumn where you are and Spring here.

We can finally report that the new doctor, Dr. Peterson and his family have arrived safely. They have moved into their house here on the mission and seem to be adjusting real well to our way of living in Tanzania. We are very happy they are here and we are doing our best to help them feel at home.

There have been 36 people baptized into Christ in the last few months. Bible classes are being conducted almost every day in various villages. Everyone is working very hard in all phases of the work.

We have received five packages from you which contained bandages, Ivory soap, eye glasses and pillow cases. You packaged them very neatly and everything arrived in good shape. We know it takes a lot of time and work to get packages, such as you send, ready to be mailed but without them the work would be hindered immensely. Please don't ever feel that the things you send aren't needed or appreciated. Believe me - they are. Again, thanks so very much for supporting the work here in Chimala and for remembering us in your prayers. May God bless you always.

Ruth Geer

for all on the Mission

Here and There (continued)

Along this same line, we need to remember that our Audio-Visual equipment is available for use in any of our classes. We do not, however have sufficient number of any of these pieces of equipment for them to be left in any classroom indefinitely. When you finish with it, please return it to its place in the Teachers' Aid Room. Thank you.

We congratulate Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and their Four Year Old class for reaching the 100% mark last Sunday.

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By Wes Price

Even with a number of our members at A.C.U. for homecoming and our teenagers at a retreat, we still had well over 200 present for our All-Church Fellowship after services Sunday night. No little thanks is due George and Esther Kester for the monumental effort they put forth in getting everything set up. And this time there was plenty of food for everyone. A little extra effort helped take care of that problem. Thanks to all who helped and who came.

I will be away this Sunday preaching for the University church in Shreveport, Louisiana. Roy Dean Verner is the minister there, and he is the nephew and namesake of Dean Brookshire who preached for West Erwin in years past. I will miss being here, but will look forward to meeting other Christians and share your greetings in Christ with them.

I hope everyone will remember the beginning of our film series with Landon Saunders. The next in the series will be entitled: "Heart Liberating", and will be in the Chapel on Wednesday evening, November 9. I sincerely believe you will profit by these.

Teachers, may I have your ear for a brief message? From time to time teachers mention that something is missing out of their classroom. It may be a teaching aid that they personally have constructed or even purchased themselves. At any rate, to have it taken without permission usually means that that teacher has to do some last minute improvising with less than the best results. We have three sets of teachers using many of our rooms, Sunday morning, Wednesday evening and our Tuesday School. This means that the best cooperation and communication be effected between each of these teachers. We sincerely request that before you take up something in any of the classrooms and you are not sure to whom it belongs, please, please ask someone before hand. I am sure no teacher wants to be selfish with her teaching aids, but neither is it proper for something to be used without asking first.

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Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Guy Potts

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Doug Shelton John Porter
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Stephanie & Bryan Leek Alan & Patsy Fisher
Ferman & Lucille Carpenter

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Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. Sin, Sour Grapes and Responsibility.
P.M. The Church's Foreign Policy.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Walter and Pauline Fuller on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, October 29. We extend our love and best wishes to them.

Grocery Truck

The Grocery Truck from Medina Children's Home is scheduled to be here sometime during the week of November 7 - 11. It has been suggested that we collect **CANNED LUNCHEON MEATS** (spam, deviled ham, coned beef, chicken spread, etc.)

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WORSHIP

Oct.23 583
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The Sick

Russell O'Bannon is now at home recovering from surgery. He and Audrey came home last Friday afternoon. At the present time he is experiencing much pain.

Mrs. Mary Squier is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Worknight

Teachers will have a work night next Thursday, November 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The nursery will be open for those who have small children.

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be terrible to you...but carefulness in holding true doctrine, and rectitude in life. Of these things not even the devil himself will be able to rob a man, if he who possesses them guards them with the needful carefulness."

"Christ taught us that nothing of true value can be "laid up" on earth.

Blessed is the man who starts each day with zest,
Who gives the world his best,
Who takes the time to pray,
Who knows the joy of play,
Who sees the best in others, and treats all men as brothers.

(The above article comes from Howard Mahle's column in the bulletin of the Bammell Road church in Houston.)

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The Church With A Heart


Thank You, Foy !

We pay tribute and say "thank you" to Foy Richey for his many years of service as a shepherd of God's flock at West Erwin. Foy and Mary mean so much to the family of God at this place. It was with sadness that we learned of Foy's decision to step down as an elder. Foy is a multitasking servant of God. As an elder, he has definitely provided leadership and vision. He is a man that has never been satisfied in "keeping house." He always pushed for an expansion of our efforts in every area. He wants West Erwin to do greater things for the Lord. His keen mind can see what needs to be done and his persuasion and encouragement along with his leadership could get the job done.

Our first contact with West Erwin was through Foy. He spoke highly and lovingly of God's people here when he, in behalf of the eldership, encouraged us to move here. We have not regretted that decision and do not expect to. Laree and I can easily see why he was so enthusiastic about the future and opportunities before us. Foy leaves a gap in our eldership that we pray God will lead us to fill.



Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Roger Knight expressed well Sunday morning our feeling of loss.

We are thankful that Foy and Mary will still get to be with us a part of the time. They have plans completed that will enable them to work with and assist some mission congregations several months out of the year. We pray that God will bless them with good health and faithful service in these efforts.

A Good Day Sunday

We rejoice in the good number present in Bible School and Worship morning and evening. We believe we had one of the best crowds we have had on a Sunday night.

Your reception of the sermons and encouragement were outstanding. You spur me on to do a better job in communicating God's revelation to us. May we all continue to grow in His grace and knowledge being more fruitful in every good work and increasing in the increase of God.

Our contribution was excellent. If we (continued on page 2)

Have You Met . . .



Mrs. Janie Hicks
Rt. 22, Box 338 (04)



Mrs. James (Bobbie) Dozier
P.O.Box 228
Winona, Tx 75792



Brad & Pat Kinnett
5105 Old Bullard Rd.
Apt. C-2 (03)

Perry's Perspective (continued)
could maintain this we could carry out some of the proposed new mission efforts in which we hoped to participate in 1983. Forward to the eternal glory of God!

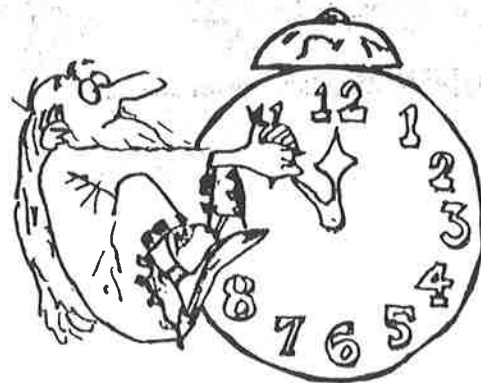


Fellowship - Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening following the worship, we will have an all church get-together in our fellowship hall.

Bring: Salads, vegetables and desserts.
Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished.

PLAN TO ATTEND!



Time Change

Our time changes again the last Sunday in October at 2:00 A.M. Turn your clock back one hour Saturday evening before going to bed and gain an hour of sleep.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!
9:30 A.M.

Chimala Mission Hospital

July 6, 1983

Dear Christian Friends,

We want to thank you so very much for the nice items you send us in order that the work here might be more efficient. May God bless you for your continued support for the Chimala Mission.

Everyone here is staying busy. The hospital is still going strong and the evangelistic work is really improving. Eight precious souls obeyed the gospel last weekend. That makes all the hard work worthwhile.

The Glens have arrived safely and are about settled in. The Smallings will be leaving for their vacation next week. We will miss them tremendously but we hope they have a nice trip and will be allowed to return to us safely.

The weather here is beautiful. We are having cool nights and warm days. As you know, this is the winter season here.

In this last shipment we received one box from you and it contained bandages. It got here in very good shape. Again we want to thank you for the many useful items and for your time and effort. May God bless you always.

In Christian love,
Ruth Geer
for all here on the Mission

Thank You

My heartfelt thanks to our many friends at West Erwin for their visits, cards, calls and especially their prayers during my recent hospital stay. Connie and I appreciate very much everything that was done for us.

David Thurman

New Baby

Jwill and Becky Sims are the happy parents of a baby girl, Amanda Page, born early Tuesday morning in Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb and 7 oz and is 18 inches long.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sally-Ann Pickle, Theresa Mackey (31) Alan Hamblett, Mac McCall NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler (4) Jeff Blackstone, Mack Bynum (5) Mary Evelyn Grier, O. E. Townsend.

Sympathy

Perry and Laree Hall were in Saginaw (near Ft.Worth) on Tuesday for the funeral of Perry's cousin.

Area Meeting

You are invited to a Spiritual Feast, October 30 through November 3 at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas. Thurman Self from Mansfield, Texas will be preaching. Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

The *Amazing Grace*

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

AS A PARENT AND father of three children, I certainly appreciated what Perry had to say about honoring parents and parents being honorable. I believe he touched a sensitive chord in many of us. The scripture is always right. Its counsel is always good even though, at times, it may seem a bit out of date or old fashioned. That's only because we don't want to be guided by it for some reason or other. It is still essential for us to submit to God's message if we want the best relationships out of life.

A tip of the hat and a big hand to Bennie Bynum's First Grade Class for reaching the 100% goal last Sunday. Thanks to parents who help get those youngsters there.

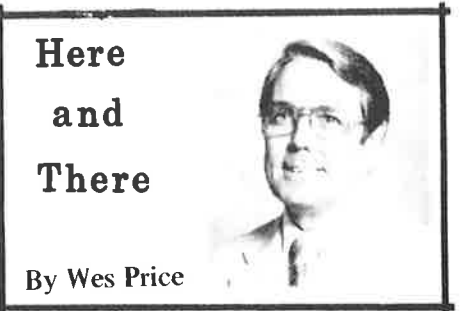
It was great to welcome so many visitors in our services on Sunday morning. Many of those were in Tyler for the annual Rose Festival. I was privileged to have a record of 72 in my class. And, among those many visitors, there were folks new to Tyler. Thank you for helping extend a warm and friendly hand to them. It will help them to look again at West Erwin as they look for a new church home.

Alma Faye and I visited the Turnpike Road congregation last Saturday where she was conducting a workshop for Primary Teachers. It was good to renew our acquaintance with old friends. I had the opportunity of getting in on some new ideas and equipment that are a part of one of the finest Education Buildings in the state.

We are constantly encouraged by the beauty of couples at West Erwin who have shared marriage together in excess of 50 years. Among those we congratulate for such years of beauty are Bud and Grace Walker who celebrated 57 years this week.

In 400 A.D. John Chrysostom wrote a wonderful treatise titled "None Can Harm Him Who Does Not Injure Himself." He wrote, "What then is the virtue of Man? Not riches, that you should fear poverty; nor health of body that you should dread sickness; nor public opinion that you should view an evil reputation with alarm; nor life simply for its own sake, that death should

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Here
and
There
By Wes Price

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Max Haws
Dismiss Dale Blackstone

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss J. B. Endsley

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Harold Browning Matt Haws
Wesley Price W. S. Little
Cooper Goodson Clyde Waggoner
Tim Holt Earl O'Quinn

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Odell Malone
Guy Potts

Henry McRuiz
Terry Warren

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER - Room 108

Stan & Ernestine Mallory
Ron & Pam Lott

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Dwight & Dianne Leek
Stephanie & Bryan Leek

Doug & Nancy Shelton
Alan & Patsy Fisher

F. C. & Lucille Carpenter

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In The Hospital

Russell O'Bannon is making good recovery from the surgery he underwent last week in Houston. He and Audrey are with her sister in Pearland and hope to return home in a week or two. You may send a card in care of David Smith, Box 291, Pearland, Texas 77581

Mrs. Vannie Lee is a patient in Community Hospital.

The Smith family (hospitalized in Medical Center for several weeks) has returned to Ft. Worth. The youngest son, Wade, continues to be in the hospital in Ft. Worth. His condition is still very serious. Dishes have been returned that were taken to the family. They have expressed appreciation to all who have been so kind and helpful during this time.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTU



We're getting together..

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Evening, October 30, Following the evening worship.

And The Lord Added . . .



We are happy to welcome Elvin and Bobbie Wilson into the fellowship of West Erwin. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 53 Chandler 75758, Telephone 849-3321. Formerly, they lived in Hereford, Texas and worshipped at the Central Church of Christ.

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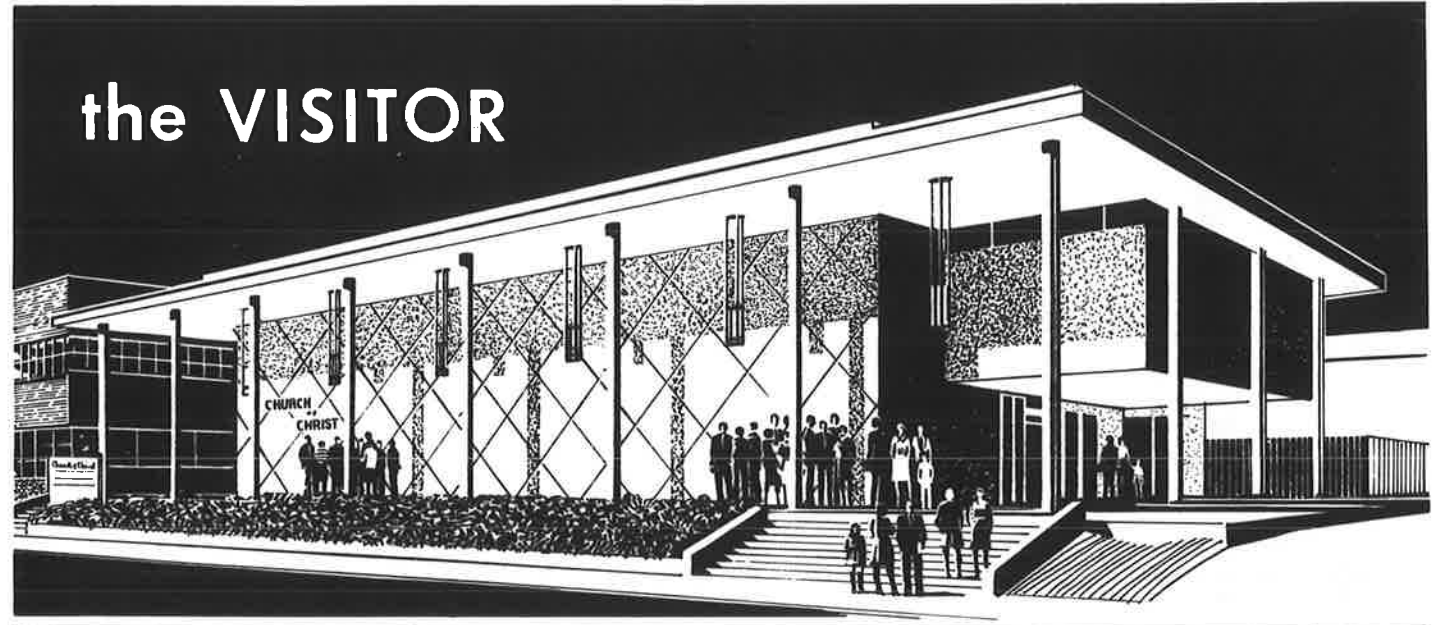
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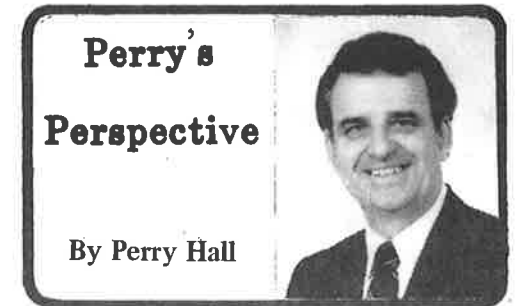
the VISITOR

(Editor's note: Brother John Waddey, director of East Tennessee School of Preaching, shares the dismay we feel at times concerning the present state of some preachers, preaching and churches that tolerate such rubbish. I fear for my grandchildren and their generation when men fail to "Preach the Word, be urgent in season and out of season" but rather become "Ticklers of itching ears.")

GOSPEL PREACHING OR GOSPEL POP?

Recently while in Texas, I heard a man preach to a large Wednesday evening gathering. He was well educated, a gifted speaker with at least some 15 years experience in the pulpit and classroom. A large audience had assembled to hear a message from God.

The sermon was based on Acts 2, a glorious section of Scripture that contains a multitude of great lessons for both Christians and sinners. After a few jokes the preacher moved on to his message. I awaited anxiously to hear those familiar sacred truths applied. To my dismay this man was able to speak 35 minutes without mention of (1) the church, (2) salvation, (3) repentance, (4) baptism, (5) the Holy Spirit, (6) Holy Spirit baptism, (7) miracles, (8) Old or New Covenants, (9) the gospel, (10) the Lord's death or resurrection, (11) worship or any other lesson



found in the context, (12) no instruction for obeying the gospel was given as he closed. Instead he told funny stories and numerous personal experiences. He found a faint analogy to modern social, emotional stress and decorated it with a few theatrical gestures. His sermon resembled the preaching of the Apostle about as much as the modern gospel-pop resembles the psalms of David. In fact, we should coin a new phrase to describe such entertainment -- "gospel-pop preaching."

I sat with churning emotions. I was disappointed that the gospel was not preached; that the Word was not handled aright. I was angry that sinners would walk away untaught and still lost. I was distressed that Christians who came for the grain of the gospel were receiving the husks and cobs. I was tempted to walk out in protest of this charade in God's assembly.

If we produce a generation of this type of preachers, the Lord's cause will be in great danger. Churches will wither and die under such pseudo-preaching. Conversions (continued on page 3)

Have You Met . . .



Walker & Rhonda Weathers
Rt. 2, Box 373 (04)



Mrs. Jimmy (Denise) Howser
Sommer and James
Rt. 4, Box 314 - Lindale 75771



Gussie Beaty
1330 Belmont, Dr. (01)



Mike & Theresa Mackey
and Jennifer
4215 Southpark Dr. #245 (03)

Here and There

By Wes Price



We are grateful to our elders for their generosity in granting us the privilege of having the annual Married Couples Retreat. We just concluded our fourth one and by the best estimates, we conclude that this one was the best yet. Some 17 couples shared lessons from brother Pat Stephenson of the Woodlawn congregation of Abilene. His concluding session on Saturday included a recommitment of the marriage vows for each couple present. We appreciate having the opportunity of hearing him. The encampment ended just before noon on Sunday following a moving worship service which included a sermon from Pat. We look forward to next year.

It would not be fair to conclude these notes on the retreat without commending the brethren of the South Washington congregation of Marshall who have built an excellent camping facility. We were impressed with the dining hall and assembly area, as well as the cabin sleeping accommodations. We greatly appreciate the opportunity of using their camp. We already have signed up to use it again next year.

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I inadvertently gave Fort Worth as the place where my wife, Alma Faye, is participating in an area-wide teacher training. It is actually being conducted at the Turnpike church in Grand Prairie. I will be attending with her and hoping to select some good teachers for our own teacher training session in March of this coming year. We will have more to say about this as plans are more complete.

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Stan Mallory's Wednesday night class will have the opportunity of viewing the first of a series of films entitled, "Heart of the Fighter" done by brother Landon Saunders on Wednesday night, November 2. The first film is entitled: "Heart Quickening." There are six films in the series and they will continue in sequence each week with the exception of the Wednesday night prior to Thanksgiving. That night is always reserved for our annual Thanksgiving Service. The series is due to conclude on December 14. If you have not been attending any of our Wednesday night

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Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area to collect food and any other items we have for them sometime during the week of November 7 - 11. If we prefer to collect one item Canned Luncheon Meats (spam, deviled ham, corned beef, chicken spread, etc.) has been suggested.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Perry's Perspective (continued from page 1)

will cease to occur. Denominational people will see no reason to leave their human organizations and come to a group with such sickly teaching. Our members will be doctrinally weak and unsure of their faith, and many will be led into error because of their lack of knowledge (Ho.4:6). This we cannot afford!

As I endured that ordeal, I was reminded just how important it is to train faithful men to be great gospel preachers in the mold of the Lord and his Apostles. Our work in our school of Preaching took on greater significance at that moment. We must press on. We cannot afford to be discouraged. We must find more good prospects and fill them full of Scripture and plant in their souls an unquenchable fire to preach the Word...both in season and out of season. The Lord's church needs men who will be "sober in all things, suffer hardship and do the work of an evangelist." II Tim. 4:2-5).

We need your prayers, encouragement and assistance to do the job needed. Together we can accomplish great things for our Master.

...John Waddey

Here and There (continued)

adult classes, we certainly recommend that you come join this class for this special series.

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I will begin a new study on the church in my Sunday morning Couples Class on this coming Sunday. It is a course designed to search the scriptures to discover what they have to say about the New Testament church and how to discover it in the present generation. Regardless of what men say about it, we must submit to the standard of God's word for every thing we teach and practice in the Faith of Jesus Christ. If you have not attended an adult class on Sunday, come join us for this study.

Thank You

The white carnations were beautiful. You were so thoughtful and we appreciate it so much. Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Lovey Cavender.

Words can only tell in part the thanks this brings you from the heart. The flowers and loving thoughts expressed to us meant so much.

The Prichard Family

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
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.

The family of
Clebert Kester

Please forward this big "thank you" to all who helped to make last Thursday a beautiful experience for all of the Quilter's Guild. Your facilities and work show the background work that all of you have done in Christ's name.

Bettye Goforth

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall

A.M. "Honor Mother and Father"

P.M. "Parents Should Be Honorable"

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (23) Carolyn Stitt, B. J. Tucker (24) Christi Cook, Kim Hughes (25) Bruce Raley, Walter Fuller (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, DeRay Bennett, Ed Stitt (27) Mary Alsbrook (28) Shawn Montandon, Ann Layton.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss John Teague

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Ben Young
Dismiss Leslie Carruth

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Harvey Grier Theron Pickle
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Denise Rogers Kristy Roberson
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, October 16 and Wednesday, Oct. 19 - BOB WILLOUGHBY, 581-1135.

Here and There (continued)

to help us move the heavy stuff. Thanks guys!

We will have work night regularly each month, scheduled on the first Thursday night of each month from 7:30 to 9:30. Put this on your calendar. The first worknight will be November 3rd. The nursery will be open for those who have small children.

Because most of our High School techers will be attending the Married Couples Retreat, all of our high school classes will meet together in room 305.

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall

A.M. Honor Your Mother and Father.
P.M. Parents Should Be Honorable.

In The Hospital

Russell O'Bannon was scheduled to undergo vascular surgery (bypass because of a blood clot in his leg) on Wednesday at noon. He is in room 406, Park Plaza Hospital in Houston.

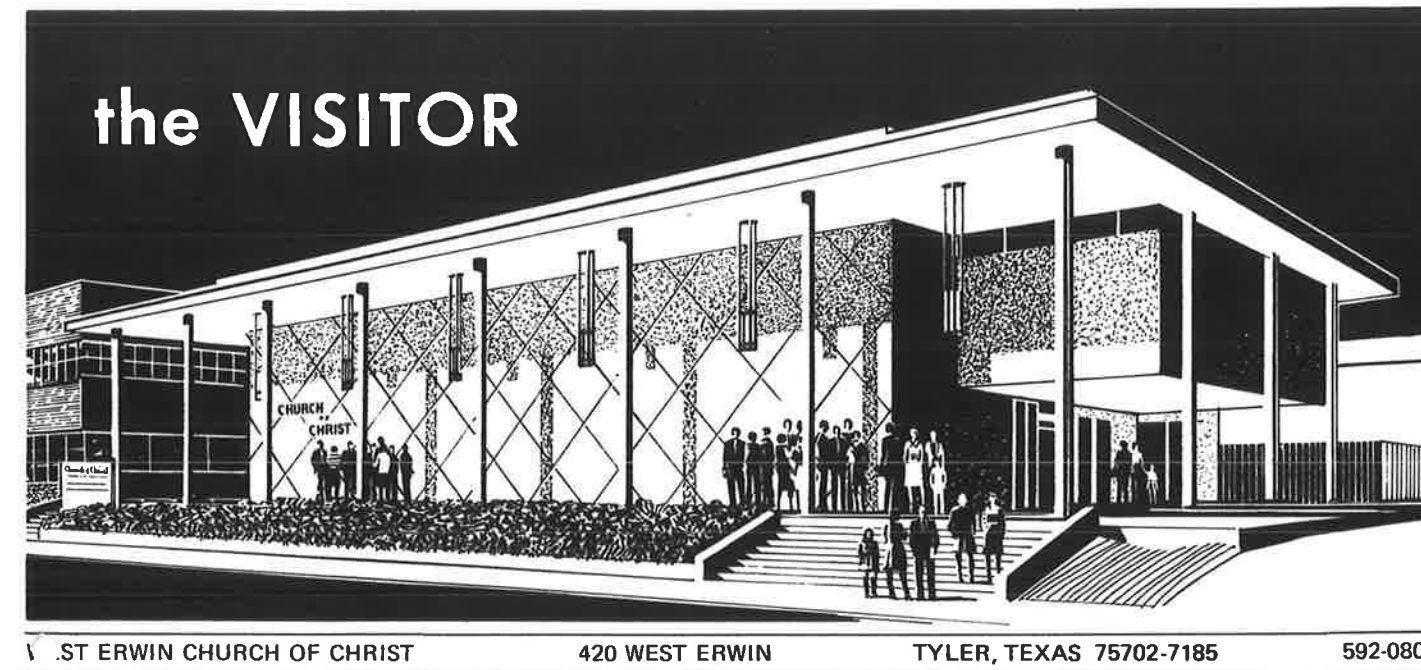
Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Irene Dykema from Chandler is a patient in Medical Center following surgery.

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

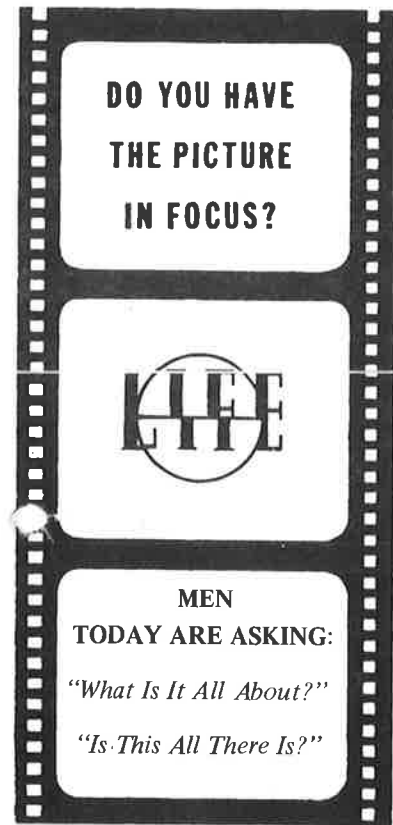
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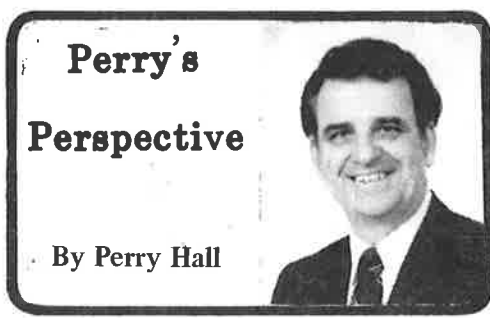


his path he leaves only disillusionment, death and destruction.

In the life Jesus gives, absolutely every need of man is met. Jesus Christ delivers us from the enslavement of sin. We are delivered from the bitter fruits of the lower nature: "sexual immorality, ...hatred, quarrelling, jealousy, bad temper, rivalry, party-spirit, envy, drunkenness, orgies and things like that..." (Gal. 5:19-21 Phillips). "Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its emotions and passions" (Gal. 5:24 Moffatt).

In the place of the above mentioned catalog of evil, fleshly dominated pursuits, man is offered the peace, joy, contentment and security of the life in the Spirit. The fruit of this abundant life is spelled out for us in Galatians 5:22, 23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (NAS).

The life in Christ Jesus lifts, purifies, and vitalizes us throughout the whole of being. Not only are emotions stabilized when Christ and His teaching are genuinely embraced, but even our physical bodies are benefited. Self-centeredness, envy, jealousy, resentment, hate, worry, oversensitivity, guilt feelings, fear, sorrow, excessive desire for approval, and frustration are some of the emotions that are killers. They can produce great stress in us. Jesus helps us to get the picture of life in focus. When we see reality and get our values right, life takes on new meaning. A great portion of the difficulties, diseases and sorrows of the human race could be alleviated if men would come into and abide in Jesus Christ. As our creator and the giver of abundant life, He knows what it is all about. Irrespective of future life and its rewards, it would be ex-



tremely profitable for any man or woman to live in the Christ-centered life just for the mental and moral rewards it affords here on this planet. But no individual who lives in true fellowship with Jesus Christ will be limited to the blessings of this life. It's all this and heaven, too. As Paul so stated in I Timothy 4:8, "but godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come" (KJV).

Jesus Christ is the way, truth and life from God.

A GREAT GOSPEL MEETING

We are deeply grateful for the good lessons brought by brother Joe Schubert during our gospel meeting. Each one was effective in causing us to think, evaluate our need and make the proper response. We thank brother Wes Price for his usual great job in getting us to sing. Excellent crowds were present each night. You are to be commended!

In John 10:10 Jesus says, "The thief comes to steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (NAS). There are many thieves in this world who would seek to rob man of that which Christ has given. They are all controlled by the god of this world. Satan's purpose is to deceive humanity and thus steal man's heart away from the life abundant in Christ. In

The Mistake of Misjudging

Poor childless Hannah was praying fervently that God would grant her a son - a joy which for years had been denied her. Eli the priest, without getting all of the facts, misjudged her and accused her of muttering in a drunken stupor. When Hannah told him that she had poured out her soul before the Lord, he immediately realized he had been mistaken. His insulting comments had been entirely out of order, for before him stood a devout woman, who should have been commended.

Often we are quick to condemn others, only to find that we have misinterpreted their actions. Since we cannot look into men's hearts, we are forbidden to express such hasty and arbitrary opinions, 1 Cor. 4:5.

The story is told of a Mr. Jones who picked up the wrong umbrella in the hotel lobby and was about to walk out when the rightful owner called attention to his mistake. Embarrassed, he offered apologies. Finding his own umbrella, he went on his way. The incident, however, reminded him that he had promised to buy both his wife and daughter an umbrella. To his delight, he found that a local store nearby had them on sale - so he bought two. Just as he was getting into his car with his unwrapped purchases, he saw the man he had encountered earlier. He was eyeing him suspiciously. Seeing the three umbrellas hooked over his arm, the stranger exclaimed sarcastically, "I see you had a good day after all!" Although Mr. Jones blushed, he was not guilty of any wrong doing.

Things are not always what they appear to be on the surface. Beware of misjudging others!

Think of these things: "The man who continually and suspiciously looks down his nose at others usually has the wrong slant."

Copied from
Bulletin - Stephens, Ark.



Bible Classes for Everyone

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

New Members



We are happy to welcome Lane and Kay Akin and their children to Tyler and to West Erwin. They formerly worshipped at the Pecan Grove Church in Greenville, Tex. Their address is 1614 Bowie Cir., telephone 592-1465. Their young son, Tyson, is three and Casey is a year old.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTU

Potpourri

Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and the young people will be going to Searcy, Ark. for High School Day at Harding University on Saturday.

R. L. Trentham's picture appeared in the Tyler paper last week as a contestant in the Senior Citizens Olympics in Austin. Brother Trentham is 91.

Alma Faye Price will teach in an area-wide Teacher Training in Fort Worth, October 22.

Wes Price will speak to the University Church in Shreveport concerning the Brother's Keeper Program on November 6. He spoke for the Ladies Bible Class this week at the Omen Road Church.

The Carpenters and Cauthens are expected home from Germany on Wednesday of this week.

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

Words cannot express my deep appreciation for the wonderful way you showered me with your love, concern and prayers during my recent illness. The many plants brighten my home and the many cards are still a source of joy. The food was delicious and very helpful. You have shown your thoughtfulness in countless ways that I shall never forget.

Signa Stanley

We want to express to each of you our gratitude for all the words spoken and the kind thoughtful deeds done for us during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother. The flowers were such a sweet expression of your love for us. Our grief will be tempered by many wonderful, happy memories of her.

The Weathers
Don & Wanda
Walker & Rhonda
Wade & Wynne

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Mac and Vivian McCall in the death of Vivian's sister, Lovey Cavendar. Funeral services were held Saturday in Pasadena, Texas.

Happy Birthday

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Meeting

Tom Holcomb from Snyder, Texas will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Shiloh Road Church, October 23-26. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our meeting with Joe Schubert got off to an excellent beginning Sunday morning. We had good attendance in both the Bible study hour and the worship assemblies. And his messages were great. We will be the better for his coming our way.

Our deacons are to be commended for the fine work they did in promoting this meeting. It has been their purpose to do everything they could to make it a success. The final touch in their preparations was the fine worship they conducted last Wednesday night. Stan Mallory's brief message was right on target. Our thanks to all the deacons who worked in promoting the meeting. You "done good."

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I am certainly looking forward to our Married Couples Retreat this coming weekend. At the present time, we have 18 couples signed up to attend. We will be traveling to Camp Bee near Marshall on Saturday and return on Sunday afternoon. Pat Stephenson, minister for the Woodlawn congregation in Abilene, will be the guest speaker.

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A new Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop has been formed especially for boys from the church of Christ. If there are boys, ages 8 through 10, interested in the Cub Scout Troop, please contact David Pearce at 597-4352. Young men interested in the Boy Scout Troop, call Don McClaugherty for information.

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What a great crew of teachers we had here last Saturday for our workday. A lot of good work was accomplished in many of the classrooms, but the greatest accomplishment was the relocation of the Teacher's Workroom. It is now in room 209 and the Four Year Olds are in room 208. If you have not had an opportunity to see the new workroom, you'll love it. We have lots of space for working. We still have a few things to do to make it complete, but it is already more useful than the old location. I'm indebted to John Teague, Rodney Knight, Brian Boulter and Cooper Goodson for giving us a Saturday morning

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Joe Carroll
Prayer Mack Bynum
Dismiss Carroll Magee

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Joe Carroll
Prayer Jay Bynum
Dismiss Morris Hallman

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Harold Denman Ray Vannoy
Mac McCall Aubrey Payne
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Mike Mackey W. V. Crossman

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Archie Lowry-Ted Wright-James Prichard-Ben Sutton
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER - Room 108
Stan & Ernestine Mallory Ron & Pam Lott

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Edgar & Delle Bullard Roy & Chloe Clark
Weldon & Mary Dawson John & Susan Steffee
Milburn & Jan Cook-Denise Rogers - Kristy Roberson
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, October 9 and Wednesday evening, Oct.12 - MIKE SAVAGE, 593-5796.

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Year Ago 7,394.35

BIBLE SCHOOL

Oct. 2 385
Sept. 25 370
Year Ago 372

WORSHIP

Oct. 2 471
Sept. 25 499
Weekly

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Quilters' Guild Demonstration

On Thursday of next week, October 13, the Quilters' Guild of Tyler will have a demonstration of remedial piecing of quilts in our fellowship hall. Our ladies will demonstrate how they tie-tack quilts in the benevolent work they do each Tuesday. They plan to also display some of their quilts at the demonstration.

The program will begin at ten o'clock and conclude at two in the afternoon. A covered dish luncheon will be enjoyed by all at noon. All ladies are invited to attend the demonstration. Bring a dish - come and enjoy the day together.

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Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to George and Esther Kester in the death of his father. They left early Tuesday morning to attend funeral services in Terre Haute, Indiana. It has only been a little more than two weeks since they were there for his mother's funeral.

Mrs. Sybil Thacker's sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorsey Martin was buried Wednesday in West Virginia. We express our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

When we arrived home exhausted, our neighbor brought your cheerful, golden yellow mums to us, then the love tucked inside the sympathy cards started arriving. It is impossible to describe how much strength and consolation it gave us to bear the loss of our mother.

George & Esther Kester

In The Hospital

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy is a patient in Medical Center Hospital following surgery for two fractured hips.

Meetings

The Alpine Church of Christ in Longview will have Doug Parsons in a Gospel Meeting, October 16-19. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited.

The Eastern Hill Church of Christ in Athens, Texas cordially invite you to attend their Dedication Service and Open House, Sunday at 2:00 o'clock, October 9.

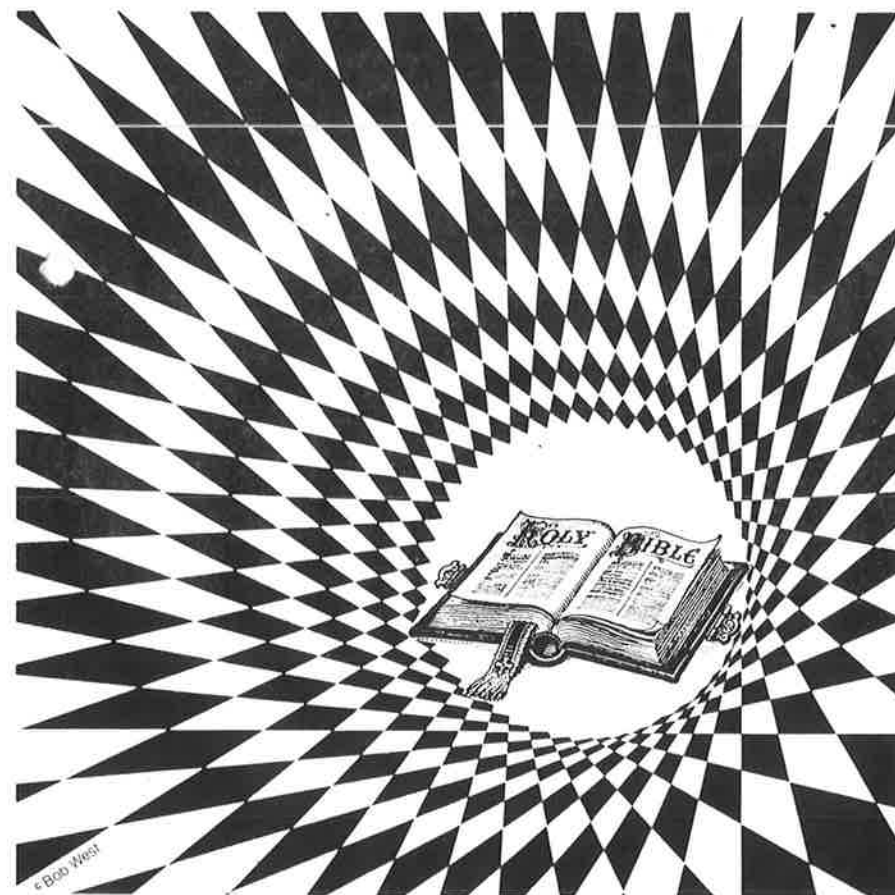
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The Church With A Heart

Let The Word of God
Come Alive in the Life of



Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Your Family!

Why should you and your family be in Bible Study Sunday morning? Why do you and your family need to support our gospel meeting next week with brother Joe Schubert of Houston, Texas? The answer to both of these questions in bound up in the word of God!

The living and energizing word of God lives and abides forever (John 6:63; Heb. 4:12; I Pet. 1:25). If we are to live and abide forever, we must in meekness receive the word into our hearts and allow it to energize our lives unto the obedience of faith (Jas. 1:21-25; Rom. 16:25, 26).

The entrance of God's word brings light and understanding to the heart (Psa. 119:130). It drives sin from the heart. The psalmist said, "Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psa. 119:11NAS). All of this should make it clear why you and your family should be in Bible Study this Sunday and every night during our gospel meeting!

Reflections

The booklet, "Reflections" prepared for Ladies' Inspiration Day was at each place on the tables in our fellowship hall on Saturday. Perhaps some ladies of West Erwin were unable to attend but would still like to have a copy of the booklet. We have some extra copies in the office. If you did not receive one, call the church office or come by. After we have made sure that all West Erwin ladies, who want the book, have received one - then we will provide as many as we can to those outside the church here.

Thank You

Dan Smith called last Friday to express appreciation for the visits, food and kindnesses shown to his family since they have been hospitalized in Medical Center.

He is the father of the family that was injured in an automobile accident on I-20 two weeks ago. They are from Fort Worth and worship at North Richland Hills church. His wife is the daughter of one of the elders in the South Washington congregation in Marshall. They ask that we continue to remember them in our prayers.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (9) Hulen Hulsey, Penny Hulsey (10) Leona Hardin, Dorothy Shaffer (11) Chris Hallman, Joe Carroll (12) Mary Dawson, Louise Hendry, Allen Bobbitt (13) Elva Lee Williams Brady Dawkins, Charles Bell (14) Ike Gaiser (15) Dawn Mallory, John Steffee.

For College Women

All College age young women are cordially invited to a brunch on Friday, October 15, at the Campus Christian Center. The time is 10:00 until 11:30 A.M. Judy Siburt will be the guest speaker.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Without a doubt this year's Ladies' Inspiration Day was the greatest in the five year history of this great event. Billie Bob Hickman and her dedicated workers certainly pulled out all the stops. What a blessing the ladies received who had the privilege of attending. Our thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make this event the generous success that it was.

A reminder to all our married couples who plan on attending our Married Couples Retreat on the weekend of October 15 and 16. We need to have your name on the list. Give the church office a call. We are asking also that our older couples who have served as substitute grandparents in the past assist us again by volunteering for baby sitting for that Saturday and Sunday. If you can help (even if you have not done so before) let me know.

We have an excellent speaker lined up for this annual event and we feel that our couples will profit greatly by it.

The Deacons have generated a lot of enthusiasm for our coming Gospel Meeting with Joe Schubert beginning next Sunday morning. Their efforts are to be commended and will certainly have their desired effect on our membership. Now, with the assurance that we have loyal support from our members, one additional phase needs to be emphasized and that is the inviting of friends, neighbors and family members, who are not saved, to join us in hearing the gospel message. Take time now to think of someone you know who needs to be here and give them a special invitation to come. Do it now!

The following poem surfaced from my archives recently. Thought maybe you might be interested in what it says:

NO TIME FOR GOD

You've time to build houses, and in them dwell,
And time to do business-to buy and to sell;
But none for repentance, or deep earnest prayer;
To seek your salvation you've no time to spare.

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Here and There (continued)

You've time for earth's pleasures, for frolic and fun,
For her glittering treasures, how quickly you run:

But care not to seek the fair mansion above,
The favor of God or the gift of His love.

You've time to take voyages over the sea,
And time to take in the world's jubilee;
But soon your bright hopes will be lost in the gloom
Of the cold, dark river of death and the tomb.

You've time to resort to the mountain and glen;
And time to gain knowledge from books and from men;

Yet no time to search for the wisdom of God,
But what of your soul when you're under the sod?

For time will not linger when helpless you lie,
Staring death in the face, you will take time to die.

Then, what of the judgment-pause, think, I implore!

For time will be lost on eternity's shore.
...Author Unknown

YOUNG AT HEART will meet Thursday evening, Oct. 13 at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. A "pot luck" supper is planned.



mark the date!

OCTOBER 9, 9:30 A.M.

BIBLE CLASS DRIVE

— OUR GOAL —

EACH MEMBER PRESENT

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss Bruce Raley

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss John Powell

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Tony Adams Vern Johnson
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Trey Hughes Ted Wright
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER - Room 108

Stan & Ernestine Mallory Ron & Pam Lott

Here and There (continued)

I don't know how a single member of this church can escape the responsibility of supporting our coming meeting with Joe Schubert. I'm afraid that some will. But let me encourage you to pledge to be present at every service. The Word of God will be preached and any time we can hear it, we will be blessed. And that's a good thing. James tells us that "to him who knows to do good and does it not to him it is sin." I hope you will think seriously about this matter. It is not just for the sake of this congregation that we want to have large crowds present, it is for your own spiritual survival. Oh, you may not be aware of how much you miss at the time, but there is the possibility that you may need the particular message being presented. Think about it!

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BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 25 370
Sept. 18 408
Year Ago 418

WORSHIP

Sept. 25 499
Sept. 18 545

Budget \$8,187.27

Sermons

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
A.M. "Why I Am What I Am."
P.M. "No More Sea."

In The Hospital

Mrs. Earl (Jyl) Ball entered Medical Center Hospital on Monday and underwent surgery Tuesday.

David Thurman, former member of West Erwin, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital for surgery this week.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Thursday in Bruceton, Tennessee for Fred Prichard, father of James Prichard. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Prichard family in their loss.

Benevolent Needs

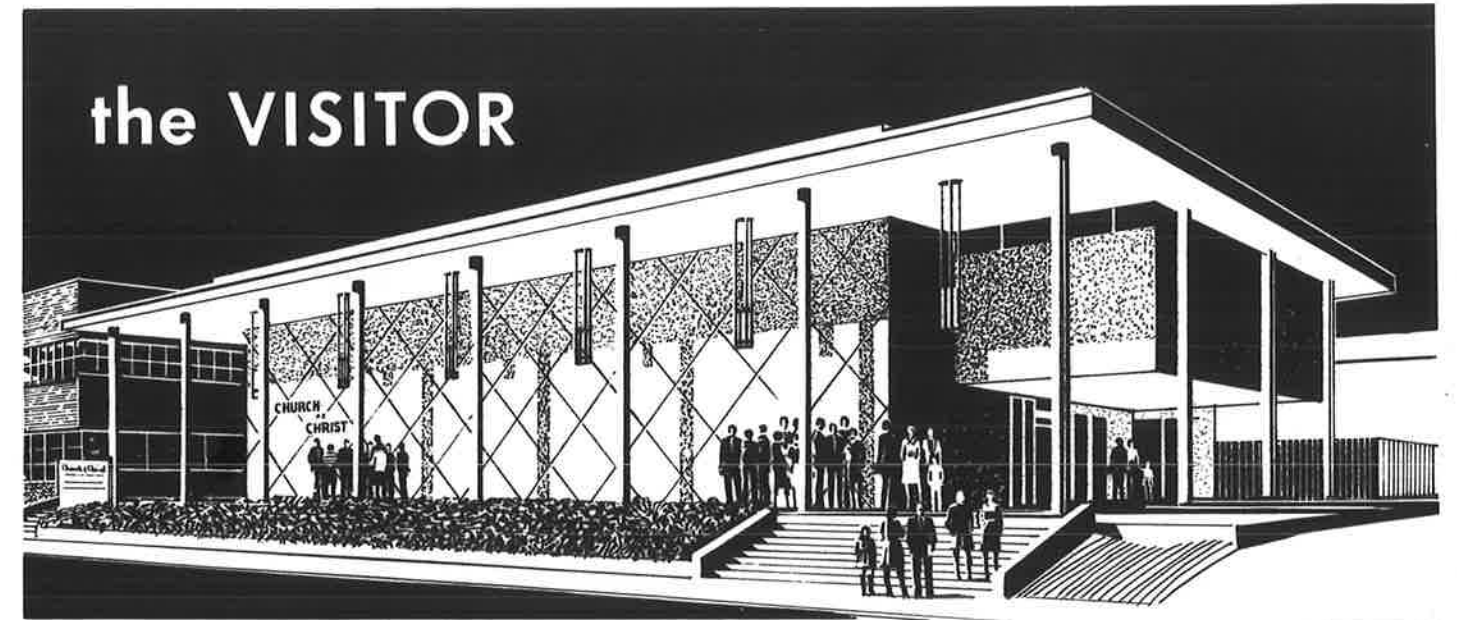
The following items are needed in our benevolent work: men's work clothes - jeans & jackets, boys and girls sweaters and jackets. Also, winter underwear is needed. All items should be clean and in good repair.

Ladies' Inspiration Day
October 1, 1983
Registration: 9:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 2 and Wednesday, Oct. 5, FRED POWELL, 593-5229

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The Church With A Heart



Evangelist Joe Schubert

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OCTOBER 9 - 12

7:30 PM NIGHTLY

in a series of

GOSPEL MEETINGS

with the

West Erwin church of Christ

Joe Schubert is the Executive Director of the **Center for Church Growth** in Houston, Texas - an organization helping churches of Christ grow. From 1973-1983 he served as pulpit minister of the Bammel Road church of Christ in Houston. In that length of time, the congregation grew from 200 to 1,200 members and was the first church ever to contribute one million dollars in a single Sunday collection.

Prior to coming to Bammel, Joe preached for the San Jose church of Christ in Jacksonville, Florida (1970-1973) and the Stillwater, Ok-

lahoma church of Christ (1964-1967). He also served as Dean of Campus Life at Oklahoma Christian College (1967-1970).

A native of Oklahoma, brother Schubert graduated from the high school in Muskogee, Oklahoma and attended Abilene Christian University where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Bible. While in college, he was active in intercollegiate debating, representing ACU at the national college debate tournament at West Point, New York, in 1957. He also served as president of Alpha Chi Scholastic Fraternity and Blue Key Men's Leadership Society. He

was listed in *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*.

As recipient of a Rockefeller Theological Fellowship, he studied one year in the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University. In 1967, he was awarded the Ed. D. degree from the University of Southern California.

He is married to the former Kathy Kelley. They have three sons; David (20), Kelley (16), and Philip (13).

We look forward to hearing our brother and hope you will accept this invitation to be present during this effort.

GUEST EDITORIAL: Bobby Dockery
Fayetteville, Ark.

"Cut It Down and Forget It!"

The Civil War left a tragic aftermath of bitterness, hatred, and resentment in America. The wounds inflicted by the war were deep and painful. Though the guns fell silent, the angry recriminations went on. Many could not forget or forgive what had been done. Exchanges between former enemies rarely rose above the level of angry accusations and scornful denunciations.

One man who refused to participate in or condone this terrible harvest of bitterness was General Robert E. Lee. In word and deed, Lee urged reconciliation between North and South. He knew that the war was over and that the future of the nation demanded a new attitude for a new day. To the day of his death, the "Gray Knight" was never heard to speak an unkind word about those who had formerly been his enemies. Lee even opposed the erection of Confederate monuments because he thought they would only serve to keep wartime passions alive. On one occasion a lady in Lexington, Virginia, where Lee lived after the war, showed him the scarred remains of a tree in her yard. All the limbs had been shot off by Federal artillery during a raid. Thinking the General would share her sense of outrage she waited expectantly for him to comment. Finally, Lee spoke: "Cut it down, my dear Madam, and forget it."

"Cut it down and forget it!" In many ways that is good advice for us as well! It could be applied to all the following:

- 1. Past Sights, Hurts and Wrongs.** Brooding over injuries and injustices received at the hands of others will poison life. It is much better to forget them. Jesus taught that the forgiveness of God is conditioned upon our willingness to forgive others. (Matthew 18:35; 6:12)
- 2. Past Losses, Defeats and Failures.** Regrets can chain us to the past. "If only things had been different," we complain. But no defeat needs to be final! No failure has to be permanent! Dwelling on past defeats can blind us to the opportunities for present victories.
- 3. Past Sorrows, Grievances and Heartaches.** David prayed that the bones that had been broken might rejoice again. (Psalms 51:8). It is true that there is a time to weep and a time to mourn. (Ecclesiastes 3:4). But we must not remain forever obsessed with our grief. The time comes when we must turn again to life . . . when we must see the hope and promise which the future days hold.
- 4. Past Mistakes, Transgressions, and Sins.** There is a power greater than that of sin. No one needs stumble under the weight of shame and guilt. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinner." (I Timothy 1:15). God is willing to wash us thoroughly from iniquity and cleanse us from sin. (Psalm 51:2). We can start all over! We can begin again! By obeying from the heart that form of doctrine delivered to us we can be made free from sin! (Romans 6:17-18). Remorse over sin can be turned to rejoicing over salvation!

The apostle Paul knew the importance of cutting down some things in the past and forgetting them. He wrote: "I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

Whatever stands between us and a greater service to God needs to be rooted out of our lives. There is no more appropriate time than now!

"Cut it down and forget it!"

Thank You

A note of thanks came to the office this week expressing appreciation to our ladies for preparation of food for the Wednesday evening dinner last week at the Campus Christian Center. We want to thank Sara Powell for taking the lead in this project.

Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of Don and Wanda Weathers in the death of his mother, Gladys Weathers. Funeral services were held for her on Saturday in Columbus, Miss. We express our sympathy to the family in their loss.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (2) Gwen Shuford, Joseph Smith, Bryan Leek (3) Kelly Womack, Bill Faulkner, Kevin Hanley (4) Foy Richey, Hillard Hughes, Beatrice Holland (5) Robbie Butler, Ted Snipes (7) Hunt Rowe, Arenia Clough, Le'Ann Braly (8) Patti Tate, Anne Hendry.

Gospel Meeting

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting, October 2 - 5 at the Pritchett Church of Christ. Paul Epps will be preaching and Holland Boring, Sr. will be the song leader. Evening services will be at 7:30.

Library News

We are so grateful to Patti Tate for volunteering to be the new librarian for our church library. When sister Tate was church secretary several years ago in Palestine, she had some experience in cataloging books for their library. We appreciate her interest and willingness to work in this area. In the past, brother and sister H. McCarty took care of our library and we want to express our special thanks to them for their good work. We also express thanks to David Demic who cares for the Children's Library.

Here and There

By Wes Price



An epidemic must have struck our membership Sunday. Attendance at Bible study dropped dramatically from the previous week. I hope there is a rapid recovery and those folks will be back with us next week.

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Our teachers will soon have a new and larger work room upstairs in the Education Building above our office complex. We have set a work day for all teachers on Saturday, October 8, to work in the classrooms and also move the work room from its present location to room 209. We will meet at 9:30 for coffee and donuts and then spend whatever time needed for work. We need to encourage husbands who can, to come with their wives to assist in moving the large storage shelves to the new workroom.

We also have designated a monthly work night for teachers. The first Thursday of each month will be set aside for an evening of working in our Bible school program. We encourage all teachers to put this on your calendar and strive to help us put new life into our teaching program.

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An air of excitement is apparent as the ladies look forward to the arrival of the annual event we call Ladies' Inspiration Day. By measure, this has all the makings of being the very best one yet. All the workers are to be commended for their diligent efforts and especially Billie Bob Hickman. No lady who has the physical energy and good health should miss this good opportunity to be filled with spiritual food. Come and bring a friend.

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As we have done in the past, we would like to ask for volunteer grandparents to be available for baby sitting for our young married couples so that they may be free to attend the annual couples retreat. This special event is scheduled for the weekend of October 15 and 16. We need several couples to keep children overnight on Saturday night, October 15. We will return from the retreat by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. We hope you will want to assist in this effort. If you can, please let the church office know and we will put you in contact with parents who need sitters.

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Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Robert Willoughby
Dismiss Wynne Weathers

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Dismiss Alan Fisher

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Lee Nail David Hanley
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER - Room 108

Doug & Nancy Shelton David & Kay Hanley

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 25 and Wednesday, Sept. 28 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

Congratulations

Mark Allen Giles, new grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe, was born to Cindy and Kenneth Giles on Thursday, September 15 in Nebraska. He weighed 7 lb and 12 oz.

And The Lord Added

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Anita) Absher, 1717 Shiloh Road, Apt. #156, telephone 581-2698. They recently moved to Tyler from Odessa, Texas where they worshipped with the 6th and Jackson Church of Christ. They have two pre-school boys, Blake and Clint.

We rejoice that Brian Shelton, son of Doug and Nancy, was baptized on Wednesday evening of last week by Hillard Hughes. Brian is a 6th grade student and a regular member of the Bible School.

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In The Hospitals

As a result of an accident on I-20 last Sunday evening, a young family named Smith has been hospitalized in Medical Center (ICU) this week with severe injuries. The mother is a daughter of one of the elders of the church in Marshall. Several here in the church are acquainted with the family.

Becky Sims' father, Vol Rowlette, is very seriously ill in a Little Rock, Ark. Hospital.

BROTHERS' KEEPER

Sunday Evening

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

All of our families are invited to a dinner meeting planned by the Madison church in Tennessee at Tyler's Wyatt's Cafeteria, 1221 So. Beckham. The time is 6:45 p.m. on September 27. The dinner (dutch treat) concerns the Amazing Grace Bible Class.

Let us remember the Cauthens and the Carpenters as they journey to Germany in behalf of the work there. They will appreciate our prayers for a safe trip. May God's name be glorified and his work advanced as they give encouragement to brother and sister Rudolf Rischer.



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The Church With A Heart


Great Things Ahead

We continue to move toward two very important events in the Lord's work. They are our Ladies' Inspiration Day on October 1 and our gospel meeting, October 9 - 12.

In an effort to get us to think and plan for this Ladies' activity, I preached Sunday on "Woman and Her Devotion." We all have been blessed by the devotion of one or more women in our lives. Our wives, mothers, sisters in the flesh and in Christ and friends have meant a great deal to us. Thank God for his blessing to all of us through the lives of devoted women. It is great to see the devotion of sister Billie Bob Hickman to this day. She does an outstanding job in organizing and getting a multitude of people involved to make it a great day.

Speaking of devotion, we are grateful to the deacons for their plans for our gospel meeting with brother Joe Schubert of Houston. This effort will be greatly publicized and we pray well attended. One of the suggestions made by the deacons was using the introduction format for the Amazing Grace TV Program to advertise our meeting. Brother Sam Bailey has brought all of his talents and resources to bear in meeting this challenge. Monday morning he brought his professional recording

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

equipment to the building and taped this new segment to be used over the next three weeks. We deeply appreciate his time and the use of some very expensive equipment. You will notice the use of printed advertising in the taped session that was printed here at our own printing facility. These advertisements have been sent to 50 congregations in the area and have been posted in our building by brother Bill Faulkner. We are grateful for this nice printing facility used, not only for our meeting, but also for the Ladies' Inspiration Day advertising and booklet.

Sister Modena Jones and all of our benevolent ladies continue to work very hard to meet the needs of the needy. We salute these women for their devotion and love for the Lord and the practice of pure religion. May God bless them.

As the elders and deacons lead us in all these activities, may we respond with joy, gladness and constant cooperation. God is being glorified.

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Ladies' Inspiration Day

Saturday, October 1, 1983

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

Guest Speakers



Floy Hodge



Martha Wharton



THEME: "Woman"

"...she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Genesis 2:23

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Nursery Provided for Children
(bring sack lunch)

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES.

Sympathy

George and Esther Kester received word late Sunday evening of the sudden death of his mother. Funeral services were held in Prairie Creek, Indiana. We extend sympathy to the family in their loss.

Thank You

The family of Audie Waller acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. The beautiful flowers, visits, cards and especially your prayers help to make our sorrow easier to bear.

Kathryn and Wayne Fears

Amazing Grace TV Program

A special dinner meeting is planned for Tuesday evening at Wyatt's Cafeteria, 1221 So. Beckham, to bring us up to date on the status of the Amazing Grace Bible Class. George Goldtrap, Executive Producer of the program, will be there. Invitations have been sent to area churches to attend this meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Reminder To Our Ladies

Ladies, since the calls were made early in the month, this is a reminder to remember to prepare your dish for Ladies' Inspiration Day on Saturday, October 1.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall

A.M. "Beauty For Ashes"

P.M. "The Righteous Shall Flourish
As The Palm Tree"

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (25) Dewey Frederick (26) Blanche Rountree, Marty Mallory, Dan Magee, Mary Squier (27) 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.

Here and There

By Wes Price



What a great beginning our Ladies' Class had last Wednesday with 61 present. Our feeling for that beginning is matched only by the response everyone had to being a part of such a good effort. We thank each of you for being present. The real test comes in seeing whether we can sustain that large attendance. We hope to do so and grow as well. It is an excellent opportunity for you to invite a neighbor or friend to enjoy this delightful study with us. Think about it!

I would like to tell all our high school students how much I enjoy being their teacher in a new study on Wednesday nights. We began an Old Testament Survey two weeks ago. It will be a big challenge for me to be with these young and energetic students. I hope I am equal to it. Parents, please help us by encouraging your teenager to be present each Wednesday evening. We feel that this is a long needed course of study.

Congratulations to Bennie Bynum's First Grade Class for being 100% in attendance Sunday.

All teachers, except for adult classes, are encouraged to be present for the meeting Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

From reports I have received, our deacons had a very good meeting last week. Among other important things discussed were plans for promoting our Gospel Meeting in October with brother Joe Schubert. We commend them for accepting and acting on this great challenge to see that we have a great meeting. Let's show our support by being present for EVERY service of the meeting. Wednesday night, October 5, will be set aside for a special worship service with high school and adult classes being dismissed. We want to enjoy a special time together.

There is always excitement when new folks place membership, and we had that feeling Sunday when Bobby and Anita Absher came to be identified as faithful members of the Lord's church. We welcome them and their two fine boys.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss Glynn Starnes

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Larry Henry
Dismiss Jesse Kenner

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Mac McCall Charles Hickman
Cooper Goodson W.S.Little
Harold Browning Joe McBee

Joe Carroll Marty Mallory
SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Ron Lott Jeff Biggs
Larry Henry Alan Fisher

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Doug & Nancy Shelton David & Kay Hanley

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Sept.18 and Wednesday evening, Sept.21 - VERN JOHNSON, 894-6876.

Here and There (continued)

ing is complete and last week workers were busy painting the fence. About the only thing lacking now is the wrought iron inserts which will complete the fence.

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We are happy to announce that Sue Starnes has agreed to assume the duties of supervisor for our Pre-school Department. We plan to introduce her to all teachers at our Teacher's Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25. We express our appreciation to Carolyn Welborn for the fine work she has done in this capacity for over five years.

Perry Hall, Minister
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Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

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In The Hospitals

Russell O'Bannon was able to go home this week from the hospital.

Mrs. Vannie Lee was able to leave the hospital and return to the Southview Nurshing Home.

O. E. Townsend is again in Community Hospital.

Jack Beard is in Community but hopes to go home in a day or two.

Mrs. Paul Stanley underwent surgery on Wednesday morning in Mother Frances. The doctors have given them a good report.

We were happy that Gladys Weathers was present for worship Sunday.

Faye Wallace will leave Saturday for Greece to undergo treatment.

She will be gone a month. During this time Pete will be in the VA Hospital in Dallas for treatment on his leg.

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. Woman and Her Devotion.
P.M. Church Discipline - How?

And The Lord Added

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Jim (Denise) Howser, Rt. 4, Box 314, Lindale, Phone 882-4469. She came to be restored to fellowship and place membership.

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The Church With A Heart

a Salute

To All West Erwin

Women And The Vital Role They Play

In The Work Of The Lord!

We Wish For You A Great





Church

IT IS HARD...

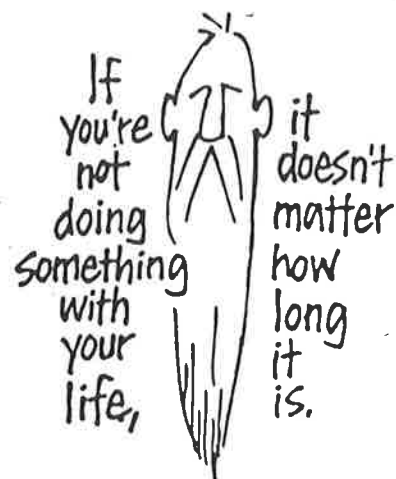
...To convince your children that the church is the most important thing in the world when you are negligent about attending its services and supporting its work.

...To convince your children that the church is the greatest institution in the world when you permit them to miss services to go elsewhere.

...To convince your children that the church is to be held higher than anything when you insist that they do their homework for public school but permit them to neglect their Bible study.

...To convince your children that they should respect the church when you continually criticize the leadership, belittle the teacher's work and appear a habitual fault-finder.

Author Unknown



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (18) Raquel Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic, Debbie Bynum (20) Mary Adams (21) Alma Faye Price, Becky Sims (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, G. C. Wright, Rhonda Haws (23) Martha Powell, Courtney Russell.

Thank You

Thank you for all the many kindnesses, cards, visits and the beautiful flowers.

Russell & Audrey O'Bannon

*The rolling stone of time
Grinds to dust and leaves behind,
Broken hearts. We're kinfolk
everyone.*

*But amongst the rubble a light does
shine,
The truth that says Christ is alive.
He is alive! AMEN And He will always
live,
And the greatest proof of this great
truth,
Is in how His children give.*

*We thank you for the Christ in
graces that have come to us from
you to bless and comfort us during
our mother's illness and death. May
God continue to be praised through
your good works.*

*Remembering you with great af-
fection,*

Forest & Mary McFadden

*Thank you so much for all the calls,
visits and prayers. We especially
thank Perry and Wes for their sup-
port and help. May God richly bless
all of you.*

Walter & Pauline Fuller

*We are so humbly grateful for all
the love and concern shown to us
during Tommie's long illness. For
every word and every prayer - for
flowers, food, calls, visits and
all the lovely cards, please accept
our thanks and appreciation. We love
you all.*

Tommie & Moselle White

*Thank you for the cards and re-
membrances of me.*

O. E. Townsend

*(Brother Townsend has returned to
Community Hospital.)*

*We wish to express appreciation
for the beautiful yellow mums, calls,
cards, kind expressions of sympathy
and the thoughtful visit from the
Guy Potts at the time of our sorrow.*

Homer & Lerah Williamson

Amazing Grace TV Program

The West Erwin Church has provided the Tyler area with the Amazing Grace Bible Class since 1975. The program is seen on KLTU at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday. The elders would like to see the program continue. To that end, a special dinner meeting is planned for Tuesday evening, September 27, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, located at 1221 So. Beckham in Tyler. You are encouraged to attend. George Goldtrap, Executive Producer of Amazing Grace, will be there to bring us up to date on brother North and the status of the Amazing Grace Bible Class in Tyler and nationwide.

ACU Dinner

This year the ACU Alumni Dinner will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening, September 18, following the evening worship. Alumni and friends of Abilene Christian University are invited to bring a covered dish and attend the dinner.

Funerals

Funeral services were held Monday in Sulphur Springs for Ann Combs, aunt of brother Foy Richey. We extend our sympathy to the family.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Jathryn and Wayne Fears in the death of her father, Audie Waller. Funeral services were held for him in Gilmer on Thursday of last week.

Gospel Meetings

The Canton Church of Christ will have a Homecoming, September 18 and a Revival to continue through the 21st. W. T. Hamilton of Houston will be the guest preacher.

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall will conduct a Gospel Meeting, September 25th through 28th with Tom Hooten from Atlanta, Texas preaching.

Here and There

By Wes Price



It certainly is a joy to see the increase in our Sunday morning Bible study attendance. September usually means an increase since families are more likely to stay at home for the weekend. Two of our classes made the 100% honor roll this week: Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and their Four Year Old Class and the First Grade taught by Bennie Bynum. Let's try to match their example.

From time to time there is a need to remind our folks what the upstairs nursery room is to be used for. We would appreciate it if all who do not have children refrain from using this room. It is especially designed and set aside for parents of small children as a training room. Some with toddlers have been discouraged from using it when teenagers and other adults are there visiting. Please help us reserve it for this special purpose.

Family Night for teenagers and their parents was excellent. Hillard and Jeanine did a super job in hosting this annual dinner. The response was also excellent. Nearly all of our teenagers and their parents were present. We have a fine bunch of youngsters and they are supportive of the youth activities. Hillard outlined plans for the coming year which includes several trips to Christian colleges and our anticipated campaign trip to Meeker, Colorado next summer to conduct another Vacation Bible School. We have a great year before us with Hillard and Jeanine at the helm. Let's encourage them and if we have young people, let's see that they participate in these excellent spiritual opportunities.

By the grapevine I hear that the Young at Heart group has elected a new leader and it is none other than Archie Lowry. We are sure that good things will continue to be accomplished by this fine program. So many good comments come from those who are members of this group.

Mike Savage is to be commended for getting behind the work with our new parking lot. The pav-

(Continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Jack Paul
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Jwill Sims

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Jack Paul
Prayer Paul Stanley
Dismiss Tom Williams

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Cullen Gilliam James Phillips
John Teague Rodney Knight
Wally Dawkins Tim Holt
Leslie Carruth Vern Johnson

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 11 and Wednesday evening, Sept.14, TONY ADAMS - 566-1598.

In The Hospitals

Russell O'Bannon underwent tests this week in Medical Center. He will not have surgery.
Mrs. Gladys Weathers, Don's mother, is now at Don and Wanda's home.
Vannie Lee continues to be in Mother Frances.

The Amazing Grace

Bible Class

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with the happy sound of children playing and learning. If you would like to know more about this excellent service for parents and children, please call the church office. We bid all who have enrolled a special welcome.

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My Sunday morning class will enjoy a party on Saturday night, Sept.10 at the home of Ray and Gail Vannoy. In case you missed class Sunday, we want you to come. Bring a dessert and come to 3323 Teakwood.

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Teenagers and their parents will enjoy one of Hillard and Jeanine's special family nights on Sunday following the evening worship. This is always a special treat. Words seem inadequate to express appreciation to this good couple for their tireless efforts in behalf of our young people.

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The Sunday morning First Grade taught by Bennie Bynum had 100% attendance Sunday. Congratulations!

Sympathy

Funeral services for Mrs. Thanie Anderson, mother of Mary McFadden, were held Thursday afternoon in Center, Texas. We express our sympathy to Mary and her family.

Sermons For Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. "Expecting the Impossible."
P.M. "Church Discipline - Why?"

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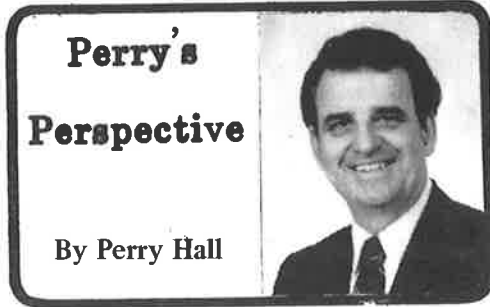


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The Church With A Heart

THE WONDER OF IT ALL!

You know, you and I have something about which we can really be excited! God in his infinite grace, love and mercy has made free men and women of us. The chains of sin have been broken. Praise God! We can now yield ourselves as servants that are alive from the dead. Having obeyed from the heart the gospel of Christ, we have been made free from sin to become servants of righteousness. The wonder of God's love is so great! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only be-



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall

gotten son...". Delivered from the curse and bondage of the law and the law system, he has provided through his grace a savior and the grace system of justification. Sin shall not have dominion over us for we are not under the law, but under the grace of Jesus Christ. Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. Having such a savior, let us serve him in obedience unto righteousness by yielding ourselves his servants to obey. Our fruit will be holiness and in the end, everlasting life. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

When I consider the condition of the world in the past and its present ungodliness, reviewing the love of God for lost men, I am amazed by the wonder of it all!



THE TREADMILL TRAGEDY

Life can become a terrible treadmill without Jesus and His word alive within our hearts. But as they work mightily within us, we are empowered within our inner man unto the praise and glory of our heavenly father. Since we have chosen to be of the chosen and elected to be of the elected, life has full meaning and purpose. It was absolutely wonderful to see 435 in Bible Study Sunday morning, even though we had many away for the holiday. It shows we are on the move. Get aboard, be filled with the word and let's beat the treadmill tragedy!



"But he was angry, and would not go in: and his father came out, and entreated him."

Luke 15:28

DON'T DRINK THE BITTER BROTH

The elder brother of the "prodigal son" resented the treatment his father was lavishing upon his younger brother. Even though his brother had been gone long enough to waste his wealth, his return proved to be a source of personal anguish to him. He was drinking a bitter broth of...

1. ENVY. Because he was not getting what his brother got, he was resentful and angry. Envy can cloud one's sense of compassion toward others.
2. COVETOUSNESS. Paul calls covetousness idolatry in Eph. 5:5. Of all things that can serve to destroy a person's happiness is the materialistic sin of covetousness.
3. SELFISHNESS. Nothing makes a man as small as selfishness. This sort of reaction could possibly be expected from a child, and that is exactly what selfishness produces in an adult- childishness.

The return of a "brother" who has been lost in sin should produce the thrill and happiness of the prodigal's father. Those of us who resent the attention and love showered upon such a penitent soul need to be careful that we do not unwittingly drink the bitter broth of envy, covetousness and selfishness!

Eddie Whitten
Brown Trail Church of Christ, Bedford, Tx.

Men's Fellowship And Fish Fry

August 27 - A time of "refreshing" for men of the congregation.



Planning Session



The fish were fried!

Singles Seminer

"Loving and Serving" will be the theme of the Second Annual Singles Seminar on September 16 - 18 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. This will be a great time of fellowship and edification.

Campus Christian Center

Tuesday, September 13, begins our weekly twelve o'clock "Soup & Bread" lunch for our college students at the Tri-C. If you are interested in preparing soup or home made bread for them, please call the Tri-C at 593-3331.

Please come and share this time with us.

Potpourri

The ACU Alumni Dinner will be at our Fellowship Hall September 18 following worship. It is a covered dish supper.

The workers in the Christian Service Center will begin with new zeal on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Perhaps you would like to join in this effort.

Tuesday School will begin again on the 13th also. We look forward to the sweet times with pre-school boys and girls.

Ladies, the Wednesday Bible Class will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10:00 o'clock in the Chapel. Wes will be teaching. Arrange your schedule to include this study.

Recent New Members



Jane Johnson
Rt.6, Box 226 (04)



Clyde & Lettie Findlay
1316 Ridgeview

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Lerah and Homer Williamson in the death of Lerah's sister, Marie Colvin, on Sunday evening. The funeral was in Conroe, Texas.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (11) Tommie Alice Egbert, Jeff Munn (12) Lola Wright, Clyde Lane (13) Archie Lowry (16) Neil Vannoy.

Have you... HEARD?

Ladies
Inspiration
Day

Saturday,
October 1,
1983

Here and There

By Wes Price



And finally, the summer is behind us. With the passing of Labor Day, we can look forward to really settling into the school year. I hope all of you had as nice a day as my wife and I had visiting with dear friends and enjoying a little out door recreation.

We are having a number of new families visiting us who are new to our community. We look forward to having some of these place membership with us. It is always a joy to hear these folks comment about their visit at West Erwin. They are so gracious in their praise of our friendliness. We are encouraged by it and never want to take it for granted, but it is always nice to hear. Let's don't ever let it slip. One additional comment with regard to our friendliness that needs to be noted. Our older couples, senior citizens if you will, are among those who make visitors welcome. I take special delight in mentioning this for I have seen it to the contrary in other congregations where I have served. The Lord has blessed this church with such sweet-spirited and gentle senior citizens. Join me in thanking Him for such a rich gift.

In speaking of these older saints, we are reminded of the recent additions to the fifty plus anniversary years of so many of them. This past Sunday, the children and grandchildren of Ike and Mary Gaiser surprised them with a Golden Wedding Anniversary reception following our worship on Sunday night. In addition, we congratulated the Buck Fredericks on their 64th anniversary this past week and we see another of that date coming up for Doc and Nell Wright.

In a world that seems bent on destroying the home we take special delight in remembering that there are some couples whose commitment was in deed and in fact for life. They serve as an ever present reminder that it can be done. Let's thank God for them!

It's time for Elaine's Elite to pick up the ball and run with it for the beginning of a new year for Tuesday School. It will have its fall debut next Tuesday. That means that our building will be useful an additional day of the week

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer C. B. Burkham
Dismiss Fred Strait

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Louis E. Jones
Dismiss John Brem

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Michael Munn Paul Montandon
Ken Bennett Bryan Leek
Bob Sanford Aubrey Payne
Don Weathers Theron Pickle

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Aug.28 \$7,556.15
Aug.21 8,312.18
Year Ago 6,156.78

BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug.28 418
Aug.21 386
Year Ago 402

WORSHIP

Aug.28 517
Aug.21 526
Weekly

Budget \$8,187.27

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tommy & Donna Lowrance Ben & Patsy Young
Roy & Elaine Roberson Tom & Barbara Williams

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Doug & Nancy Shelton David & Kay Hanley
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 4 and Wednesday evening, Sept. 7, ROY ROBERSON - 597-5627.

And The Lord Added

Sunday morning we welcomed Mrs. Harold (Mary) Alsobrook. She and her husband live at 1211 Woodlark, telephone 592-6498. They have a 2 year old daughter, Julie. Formerly, Mary worshipped at Saturn Rd. in Garland, Texas.



Mary Alsobrook & Julie

Sunday evening Jane Johnson was baptized into Christ by Wes Price. We are happy to welcome her into the fellowship of West Erwin. Her address is Rt. 6, Box 226, telephone 882-6231.

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Walter Fuller had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center and is recovering without complications.

Tommy White went home from Medical Center on Tuesday.

Mrs. Thanie Anderson continues to be a patient in ICU in Medical Center.

Vannie Lee remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

O. E. Townsend is in Community Hospital.

Kalhryn Fears' father, Audie Waller, underwent surgery Wednesday in the Gilmer Hospital. His condition is very serious.

Recently, Melba Moore suffered burns from a hot liquid and has not been able to be out.

Sermons For Sunday

BY PERRY HALL

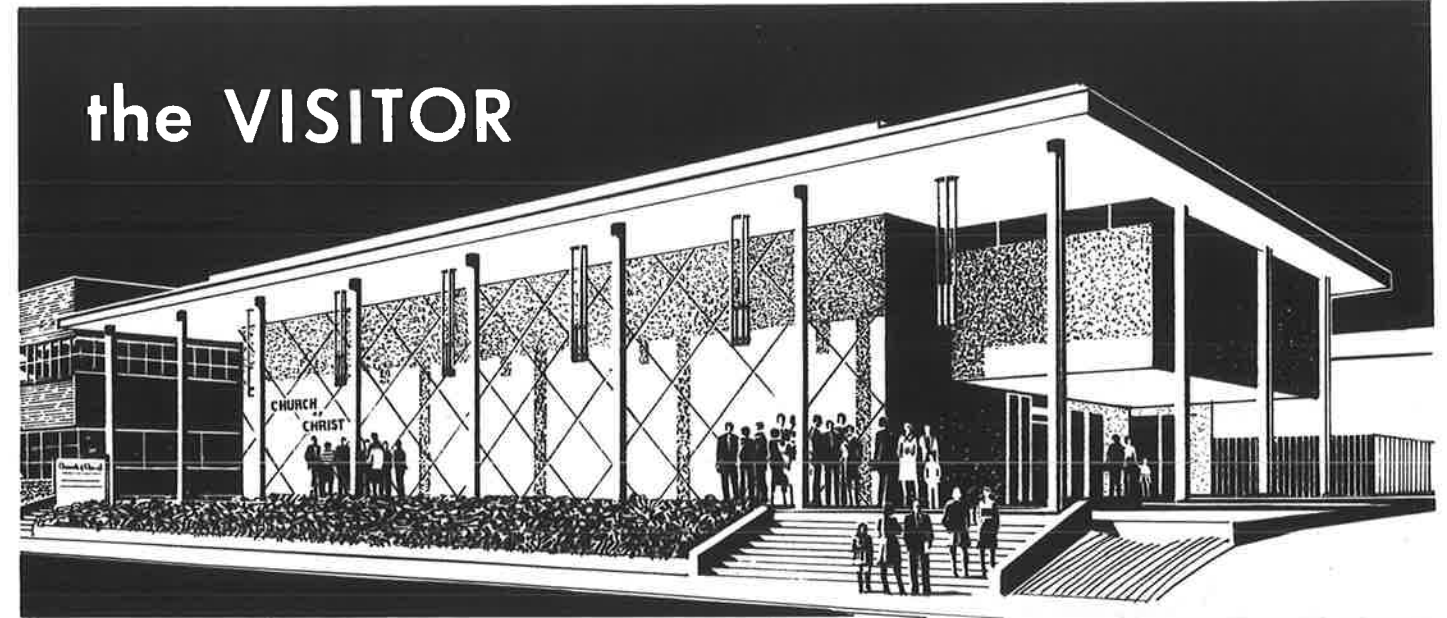
10:30 A.M. "Christ and Your Vocation."

6:00 P.M. "The Voice of The Son of God."

Here and There (continued)

join him in thanking all those who had a part in its success. Jack Paul challenged us to the limit and rightly so. We can and should be doing more, especially in the area of soul winning. After all, isn't that the only way the church can grow? I realize that congregations can grow when members move, but that's not real growth. What have you done lately about those you know who are lost? Think about it!

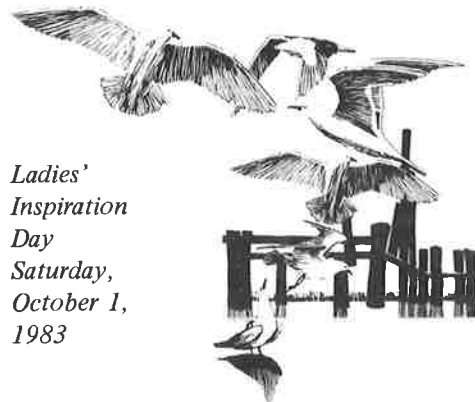
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The Church With A Heart

OFF AND SOARING!



Ladies' Inspiration Day Saturday, October 1, 1983

Another Faber Cauthen well expressed Sunday morning the good feeling left in the hearts of those who were able to be present for the planning session and fellowship Saturday. He thanked all who had made the day possible. Our work program was evaluated, commended and the men responsible for heading these up were rightly given a pat on the back. We are determined to do even more as a congregation in the future.

Speaking of the future, we need to strengthen our hearts and hands with regard to a number of upcoming events. Our Ladies' Inspiration Day is Saturday, October 1. Sister Billie Bob Hickman is doing her usual diligent preparation for the day. Nelda and Frances are deeply involved. All the sisters are to be commended for their articles on what the Christian life means to them. A first class booklet has been produced from these articles and will be given to those present on that day.

The booklet may also be used in hospital work. A slate of outstanding speakers has been put together for that day. We know that you will want to be present for the great event.

Our gospel meeting with brother Joe Schubert of Houston, Texas will be October 9-12. Brother Schubert is well known throughout the brotherhood for his great concern for church growth. This fall's activity should stimulate us all for service in the coming days and we pray will be instrumental in leading souls to Christ!

Another event that West Erwin will be sponsoring is our East Texas Elders and Deacons Workshop planned for March 1984. A number of men from across the brotherhood will be here to challenge hundreds of elders and deacons that we believe will want to be present for this two day event.

In the present, the soaring attitude was seen in our activities last Sunday. We had a good day with a great spirit of true devotion and genuine enthusiasm. This spirit will help defeat worldliness that constantly seeks to attack the foundation of our relationship to God. We are encouraged by your presence in Bible Class and Worship. With 418 in class we are headed in the right direction. How refreshing Sunday evening to see Jane Johnson obey her Lord. It is rare that a person on their own seeks out the truth and presents oneself for obedience. Jane relates, however, that the godly influence of some of her friends helped. Let all of us remember this in our daily activities.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall

We had a good visitation reorganizational meeting Monday night. Visitation is very important to our numerical growth. We commend Wes for his continued leadership in this work. May we all soar together toward the heavens.

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS

Dick Higginbotham and the East Texas Cancer Center received recognition in the paper this week. From every walk of life we have been blessed with so many talented people. See also the article on Ira Wright.

Congratulations to Faber and Kathryn Cauthen on their retirement. We know that Kraft Food and Entex Gas will greatly miss them. Let us remember that they, along with Ferman and Lucille Carpenter, plan to leave on mission evaluation and encouragement efforts to Germany very soon. May God grant them a successful and safe journey.

Stan, Ernestine, Marty and Angela Mallory will be moving into Tyler in a short time. We know they will be glad to not make that drive from Mineola. Ray Lott is building them a new home.

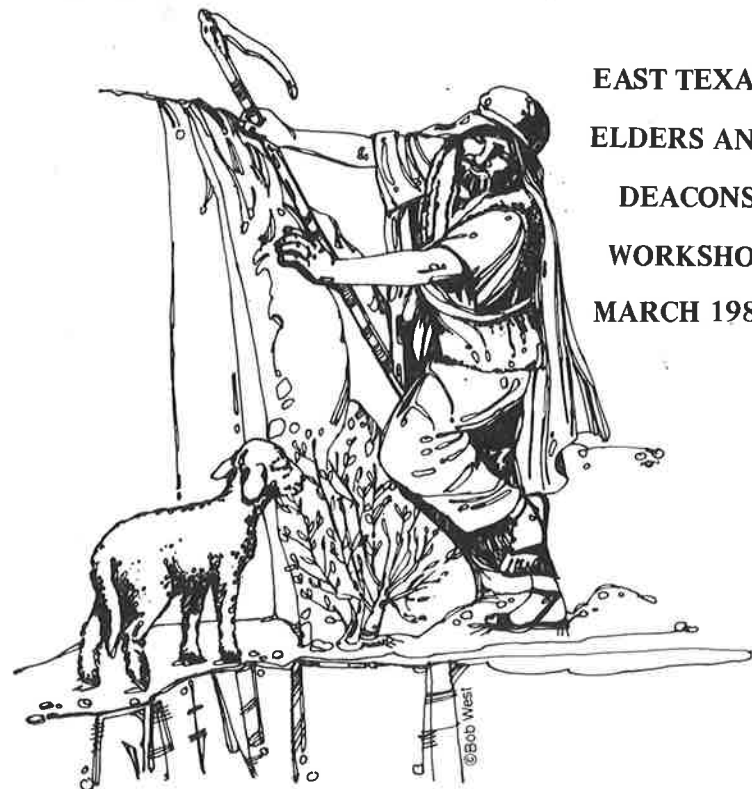
"Honor

To Whom Honor"



Ira Wright, faithful soldier of the Cross, was born in Indian Territory near McAllester, Okla. in 1904. He spent four years in the navy during the years of 1923 - 1927. He married Lola Bell Traw in 1927. She has been his devoted wife for 56 years. Three sons were born to this union. Brother Wright served as an elder at New London for three years beginning in 1941. He served as an elder in the Armstrong Ave. congregation in Denison for 32 years.

For over five years Ira has taught a Bible class at Leisure Lodge here in Tyler. This weekly class meets at 3:00 P.M. each Wednesday afternoon. He has been assisted in a fine way by brother Robert Trentham who is 87 years young. These labors have resulted in six precious souls being baptized into Christ. Of those who attend this class, 90% are not members of the church. Over the years a number of other souls have obeyed the Lord under the teaching of this man. We salute this man of God for the wonderful way in which he presents His Lord and the West Erwin congregation.



EAST TEXAS
ELDERS AND
DEACONS
WORKSHOP
MARCH 1984

College Students

We are listing below the young people and the college they are attending. If we have overlooked someone, please let us know.

Tyler Junior College

John Powell
Lee Roberson
Marshall Phillips
Dottie Nail

University of Texas at Tyler

Martha Powell
Lisa Higginbotham

University of Texas at Arlington

Ann Bailey

University of Texas

Shayne Bennett

Abilene Christian University

Christi Cook

Stan Denman

Jeffrey Jones

Amanda Munn

Rebecca Price

Leslie Mallory

Dan Magee

Kelly Womack

Wade Weathers

Texas A & M

Clark Lemons

Roy Roberson

Julie Higginbotham

Harding University

Shannon Hughes

Lubbock Christian

Marisa Butler

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

(4) Leona McElroy, Modena Jones
(5) Homer Williamson, Chris Starnes,
Frances Atkins (6) Dollie Sutton,
Clara Sims (7) Dick Higginbotham,
Moselle White (8) Charles Graf, Faye
Wallace, Lucille Carpenter (9) Blanche
Shuford (10) Gloria Thigpen, Juanita
Teague, Betty Strait, Glynn Starnes.

New Plateau

Faber and Kathryn Cauthen have reached a new plateau in their lives. On September 1, Faber retired from Kraft Foods and Kathryn retired from Entex. Our congratulations to them for reaching this significant milestone in their lives.

Thank You

The family of Emma Psencik acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Our sincere thanks to all of you with your expressions of sympathy. Your visits, cards, food and prayers have been of great comfort during our time of sorrow.
Penny McDonald and family

Gospel Meeting

Robert Bankes will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Northwest Church of Christ, September 11 - 14. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend.



SEPTEMBER 11
Family Night
Young People and Parents

SEPTEMBER 13
Fall Schedule of
Benevolent Work Begins
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Tuesday School Begins
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 14
Ladies' Bible Class Begins
10:00 A.M. in the Chapel

OCTOBER 1
Ladies' Inspiration Day
9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Among the highest joys that I have is that of being privileged to baptize a precious soul into Christ. And such was the case on Sunday night at the coming of Jane Johnson. I met her here just a few weeks ago when she came by the church office to inquire about the church of Christ. We had a lengthy study that day and she began coming to Bible study and worship in the following weeks. Although she is lacking in a broad knowledge about the church, she learned the necessity of being baptized in order to become a Christian. And that is the fruit that was born from God's word being planted in her heart. We thank God for her and want to encourage and help her grow. She is the school nurse at Robert E. Lee High School and is known by many of our members, both adult and teenage. We welcome her into the fellowship of Christians at West Erwin.

We are happy to announce the following new teachers in our Bible School Program.

Sunday Morning

2 Year Olds - Velma Lemons - Sherryl Miles

5 Year Olds - Nancy Wiggains

3rd grade - Fran Starnes

9th & 10th Grades - Dannie Skipper

Wednesday Evening

1st Grade - Nancy Shelton

2nd & 3rd Grades - Doug Shelton

4th & 5th Grades - Phil Marts

Junior High - Hillard Hughes

Senior High - Wes Price

We look forward to getting our families back to a routine as the school year begins. We hope that you will take seriously the challenge to be in Bible study at both the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes. Let's get a good habit established at the very beginning so that we won't be tempted to be haphazard in attendance. Our children need the consistency of regular attendance as well as adults. It is so simple as to not need to be mentioned, but I will anyway, let's put the Lord first in this basic responsibility.

The Men's Fellowship and Business Meeting last Saturday was excellent. And, it was well-attended. We say a hearty amen to Faber Cauthen's comments from the pulpit last Sunday morning and

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Jeff Biggs
Dismiss John Steffee

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss Gerald Durham

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Trey Hughes Jonathan Paul
Kevin Braly Marshall Phillips
Harley Turner Tommy Lowrance
Roy Clark Wayne Fears

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Milburn Cook Carroll Magee Harold Denman

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tommy & Donna Lowrance Ben & Patsy Young
Roy & Elaine Roberson Tom & Barbara Williams
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Room 108
Jwill & Becky Sims Scott & Sheila Morris
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 28 & Wednesday evening, August 31 - MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.

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Year Ago 7,669.32

BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug. 21 386
Aug. 14 397
Year Ago 372

WORSHIP

Aug. 21 526
Aug. 14 475

Weekly Budget 8,187.27

In The Hospitals

Brother Tommy White is a patient in Medical Center.

Sister Vannie Lee continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Mary McFadden's mother, Thanie Anderson, continues to be in ICU in Medical Center. Her condition has improved some.

Thank You

Our deepest thanks to all of you with your expressions of sympathy. Your visits, cards and telephone calls have helped so much during our time of sorrow.
O'neal & Mildred Tuel

Moving

This week Ronny and Eddie Dunn will be moving to the Houston area. The move is brought about by a promotion for Eddie with the Sherwin Williams Co. We extend congratulations on the promotion, but they will be missed from the West Erwin family. We hope they will be very happy in their new home. Their address is 18314 Ella Blvd., Spring, Texas 77388.

Supplies

We want to express appreciation to George and Esther Kester for purchasing three dozen serving spoons for use in the fellowship building.

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for 6 units and these need to be replaced immediately. Second, remember that when a need arises for blood donations, call the church office and we will see that those in need have access to our account. We want to keep our transactions going through the account so that we will always have an active account. I believe that we can handle any request that arises by this method. Please help us keep our account active. It goes without saying that we cannot give blood from this account if none is there, so we need members to go by on a regular basis and make a donation. Who knows, maybe the blood you give may that which you need for yourself or your family.

Perry Hall, Minister
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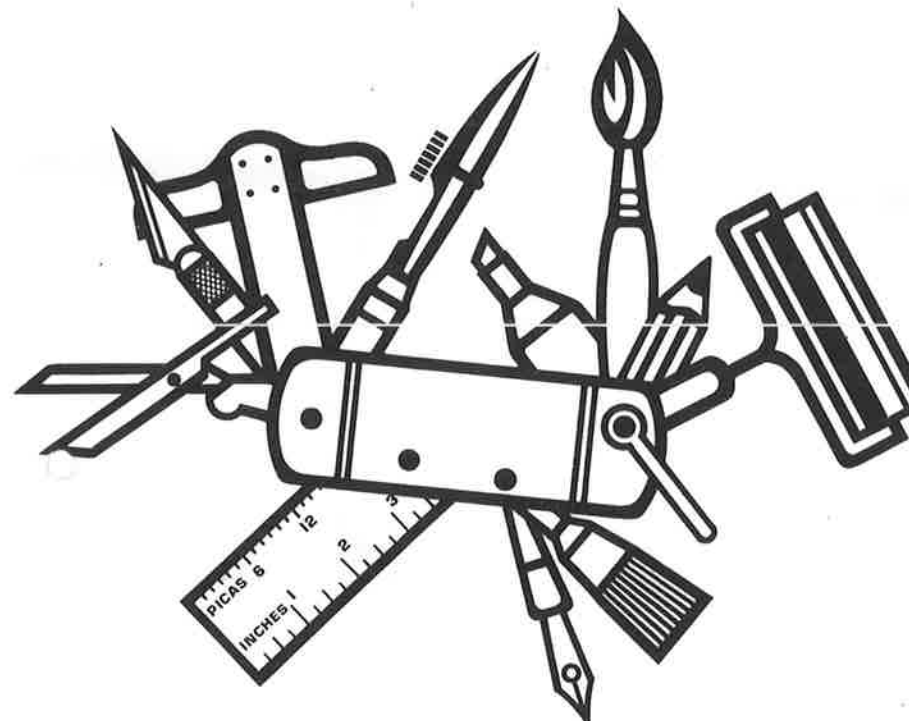
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The Church With A Heart

PLANNING SESSION - FISH FRY



Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

'ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE FORCES OF EVIL TO WIN IN THE WORLD

IS FOR ENOUGH

GOOD MEN

TO DO

NOTHING"

-Edmund Burke

Dear brothers,

We are looking forward to seeing you this Saturday afternoon at two. This is one of our very important events of the year when we put our heads and hearts together to make new plans for the work of the Lord and have fellowship together. No

man has the right to criticize who does not personally involve himself in the planning and struggle to help make things what the Lord wants them to be. If you want God to be glorified, your soul to be saved and the Lord's work to go forward, get involved NOW!

Congratulations

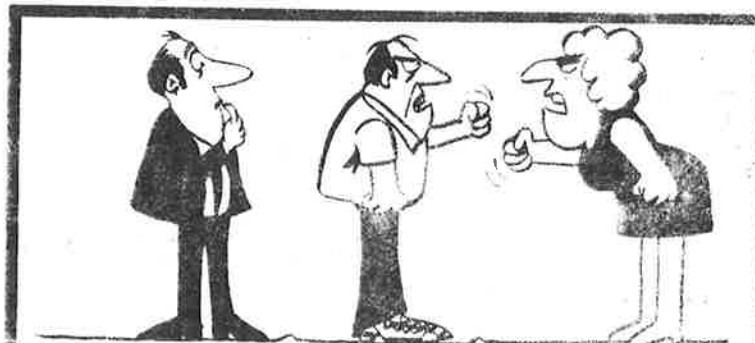
We extend best wishes and congratulations to those from West Erwin who have recently married. Jennie Hendry and Roger McMahan were married at the West Erwin building on Saturday. They will be living in Abilene and attending ACU. Virginia Graf and David Wicks were also married at West Erwin on Saturday, August 13. They will live at College Station. David is a student at Texas A & M. On August 6, Walker Weathers and Rhonda Sylvester were married in Plainview, Texas. They are now living in Tyler.

Campus Christian Center

The Campus Christian Center is hosting a Get-Acquainted evening for all incoming freshmen and sophomores at Tyler Junior College, August 30th. Ice cream, popcorn, volley ball and a movie will be featured. The event will begin at 6:30 and conclude at 10:00. Friends of the Tri-C are also invited.

A Special
INVITATION

BIBLE CLASSES
For everyone!
Sunday Morning 9:30



WISDOM:
knowing when to speak your mind
and when to mind your speech.

IMPORTANT EVENTS



Dates to Remember

August 27

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND FISH FRY
Fellowship Hall

October 1

LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY

October 9-12

GOSPEL MEETING
Joe Schubert, Preacher

SERMON topics

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. Revival, O Lord!
6:00 P.M. By The Waters That Go Softly.



Thanks

A "special thanks" to the ladies who baked cakes and cookies last week for the children at Boles Home (our supply was not as generous as last year's). We are also indebted again this year to Ann and B. B. Lambert for delivering the treats to the home in Quinlan.

In Appreciation

Many thanks for the visits, cards and gifts that made my 95th birthday so exciting. Growing old has advantages. May God bless each of you.

Ivah Miller

The Ernest Taylor Family of Dallas, friends of Carolyn and Ray Womack and Mrs. Bob Davis, placed flowers in the auditorium Sunday morning in memory of brother Bob Davis' birthday, which was August 23. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Taylor family.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Penny McDonald, Wade and Jency and all members of the family at the death of Penny's mother, Emma Psencik. She died on Friday and funeral services were held in Temple on Saturday.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (28) Marikate Davis (29) Penny McDonald (30) Kerri Hallman, Bob Sanford (31) Jan Cook
SEPTEMBER (1) Duane Hendrix (2) Denton Phillips, John Teague, Audrey O'Bannon (3) Kenny McRuiz.



Here and There

By Wes Price



You can't tell by the weather, but the end of summer is at hand. Schools are already receiving students and soon all will be back to the usual fall routine. We said goodbye to our college students this past week and we will miss them. I had to make a quick trip to Abilene to take Rebecca and I am aware of other parents doing or having done the same. You will find a listing of our college students at a later date in our bulletin.

I had the opportunity to visit two other congregations while away last Sunday. I worshipped at the Southern Hills church in Abilene Sunday morning where Rick Atchley is the minister. By evening I reached Dallas, so it was good to worship at Highland Oaks where Gary Beauchamp preaches. To say the least, I was impressed with many of the things I saw and heard. In both congregations there was an abundance of love expressed, but I can also say that in neither place were there more warmth and friendliness than that which exists at West Erwin. I missed being with you.

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The end of summer also means the time for promotion in our Bible classes. We will promote our graded classes on Sunday morning, September 4th and the Wednesday evening classes on September 7th. For the Sunday morning classes you might want to prepare the children on the Sunday before and help the children learn where their new class room will be. We will have other announcements to make about our Bible School classes in next week's bulletin.

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I'm excited about the beginning of our Ladies' Class on Wednesday mornings. We will resume our studies together in the book of Proverbs on September 14. We would like to encourage all of our ladies to make the class a regular part of your week. I think you will find it to be a beneficial study, and you will certainly enjoy being with the lovely ladies who attend.

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Once more, I would like to call your attention to the blood bank account that our congregation has with the Stewart Blood Center. First, we need you to go by the Center and make a donation. We have been called on in the past week

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer Clyde Findlay
Dismiss George Kester

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer Ray Lott
Dismiss Cole Bennett

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Edgar Bullard Hoyt Hughes August 14 475
Joe Clark Eldon Scott August 7 488
Shayne Bennett Billy Rozell Weekly
DeRay Bennett Scott Morris Budget 8,187.27

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August 7 488
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Thank You

We thank you for every expression of sympathy shown us at the loss of one so dear. Your phone calls, cards, flowers and especially your prayers are appreciated.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Delle and Edgar Bullard

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Vannie Lee continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Forest McFadden's mother, Mrs. Thanie Anderson, is in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTU

SERMON
topics

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. Deacons—Men of High Standing

6:00 P.M. How I Want To Be Found of Christ

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we will benefit by his coming. Make plans to invite your friends.

The finishing touches are being put on our new parking area. We are happy to have an improved view to the west of our building. Now, let's get busy and fill the new parking spaces with cars bringing folks to work and worship here at West Erwin.

Someone lost an expensive ballpoint pen at the wedding on Saturday. If you are that person, call the church office. We have your pen.

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The Church With A Heart

"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE...."



THEY FOLLOW ME AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE"

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Fall Round-Up September 11th!

We are fast moving toward the fall season. I look forward to this time of the year. During the summer the flock of God is scattered so that it is difficult to know when people are away on vacation, visiting out of town for a week-end or they are physically or spiritually ill. When fall arrives and children are back in school, we can begin to take stock and find out where we are.

In the word the church is often pictured as a flock of spiritual sheep. Christ is the chief shepherd

and elders are undershepherds. God has given them the oversight of the flock (Acts 20:28). They are to tend and feed, protect and care for the sheep. We are to help and assist them in every way possible as we watch out for one another.

Sheep sometime go astray. If they are not carefully cared for, they may pasture in dangerous fields. Wolves are always lurking seeking whom they may devour. If we escape the dangers everywhere present we must all heed the voice of the shepherd. Only then will we

find green pastures, still waters, have our souls restored and it be safe to walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Only then can we dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

By September 11 most vacations and holidays will be over. Let us now begin to prepare our hearts for a big fall round-up. We should be having over 500 in Bible Study if every sheep was feeding on the word as our Shepherd desires. LET US HEAR HIS VOICE AND FOLLOW HIM!

MATURITY

MATURITY is the ability to control anger, and settle differences without violence or destruction.

MATURITY is patience, the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of the long-term gain.

MATURITY is perseverance, sweating out a project in spite of opposition and discouraging setbacks.

MATURITY is unselfishness, responding to the needs of others.

MATURITY is the capacity to face unpleasantness and disappointment without becoming bitter.

MATURITY is humility. A mature person is able to say, "I was wrong." He is able to say, "I am sorry." And when he is proved right, he does not have to say, "I told you so."

MATURITY means dependability, integrity, keeping one's word. The immature have excuses for everything. They are chronically tardy, the no-shows, the ones who fold in a crisis. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, unfinished business and former friends...AND

MATURITY is the ability to live in peace with that which we cannot change.

New Members



Gerald and Felicia Durham
Rt.19, Box 302, telephone 592-1963



Barbara Rogers and daughter Denise
2903 Crestview, telephone 592-8374

New Granddaughter

Naomi McKeever is the happy great grandmother of Kristi Rane McKeever. She was born Wednesday, August 10 to Mark and Kathy McKeever at Community Hospital.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

(21) Walker Weathers (22) Beulah Bedford, Prissy Potts, Cliff Clough (23) Joelle Butler, Freeman Morgan (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker (26) R. L. Trentham, Lucille Stone (27) Pauline Aven, Thomas White, Michelle Steffee, Pauline Smith

Ladies' Class

Ladies' Bible Class will begin on Wednesday, September 14. The class will meet at 10:00 A.M. in the Chapel.



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.

LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE

Boy Scout Troop

Boy Scout Troop 354 was organized in May, 1983, and is now functioning. It is sponsored by Christian Fellowship, a group of members of the churches of Christ in Tyler. The scoutmaster is Dr. Don McClagherty, a member at Shiloh Road. The first fall meeting of the troop will be Monday, August 29, at 7:30 P.M. in the Shiloh Road Church of Christ building. We welcome your interest and support of this program. Boys who are 10 1/2 years old and have completed the fifth grade or who are 11 years old but less than 18 are eligible to join the Boy Scouts.

Here and There

By Wes Price



There is a special ministry that a small number of our members engage in that I feel a larger number could take part in. We have an active blood bank number with Stewart Blood Center and we are called on frequently for blood replacements for our members and their families. I received a call from the center this past week indicating that there is a pressing need for immediate donations. Could I possibly prevail upon you to assist in this good work, if you can give blood? It takes only a few minutes of your time and it might well be worth it since you may have need of this service yourself. If you don't know whether or not you can give blood, give the center a call at 595-4481 and ask them to explain the qualifications of donors for you. Don't put off. Do it now lest you forget.

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It was good to have Perry back in the pulpit this past Sunday since his illness. He did so well, you could hardly notice any difference from the old Perry. He will be back as good as new before we know it. We thank the Lord for answering our prayers.

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We will be losing our college students this week as they return to college. It has been enjoyable having them with us for the summer. This also means that return to the school routine is just around the corner for all our busy families. It has been a busy summer with lots of good work done at West Erwin, but now it is time to get down to the long term. We will be sharing plans about our work as they develop.

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Three dates we ask members at West Erwin to remember. First, men are reminded to reserve Saturday, August 27, for the Men's Fellowship and Fish Fry. We want all men of the congregation to be present. Exciting plans about West Erwin's future will be discussed and all will be brought up to date on our present status. Come and enjoy the session.

Saturday, October 1 is the date set for Ladies' Inspiration Day. This is a very special day with guest speakers and activities especially designed to edify ladies. Don't miss it!

October 9-12 we will have Joe Schubert for our gospel meeting. He is an excellent speaker and

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Men's Fellowship And Fish Fry

August 27th will be a special day for West Erwin. All men of the congregation will have an opportunity to meet together for a period of fellowship and a planning session. Give some thought to what you would like to see the church do in the future and come prepared to discuss it.

Agenda For the Afternoon

Date: Saturday, August 27, 1983

Place: Fellowship Building
West Erwin Church of Christ

Time: 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
Business Meeting and Planning Session

4:00 P.M. Begin Cooking (should begin about 5:00 P.M. eating fried catfish will all the trimmings.)

At close of meal we will be encouraged and challenged by brother Jack Paul.

Serving Sunday

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Prayer Forest McFadden
Dismiss Larry Henry

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Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss David Demic

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bill Butler Fred Powell
Bren Rothrock James Prichard
Bart Lemons Lee Roberson
Terry Warren Dan Sexton

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Tony Adams Earl Ball Gary Colston

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Thank You, Jack

Please allow me to thank brother Jack Paul for two great sermons Sunday. We were all edified and challenged to make our marriages better. It was good to hear first principles emphasized Sunday night. I look forward, God willing, to preaching next Sunday. Perry

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Delle and Edgar Bullard at the death of Delle's mother, Mrs. Maggie Burgess, on Tuesday evening. The funeral service was Thursday afternoon in Hartsville, Tennessee.



Why not cut out your excuses and come to Bible class this Sunday?



Responses

We are happy to welcome Gerald and Felicia Durham to Tyler and to West Erwin. Their address is Rt. 19, Box 302 - Northgate Trailer Park, telephone 592-1963. They formerly worshipped at Northridge Church of Christ in Mt.Pleasant.

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The Sick

Sister Vannie Lee is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. She is suffering from a fractured hip.

Lois May Hoppers is now a resident of the Southview Nursing Home.



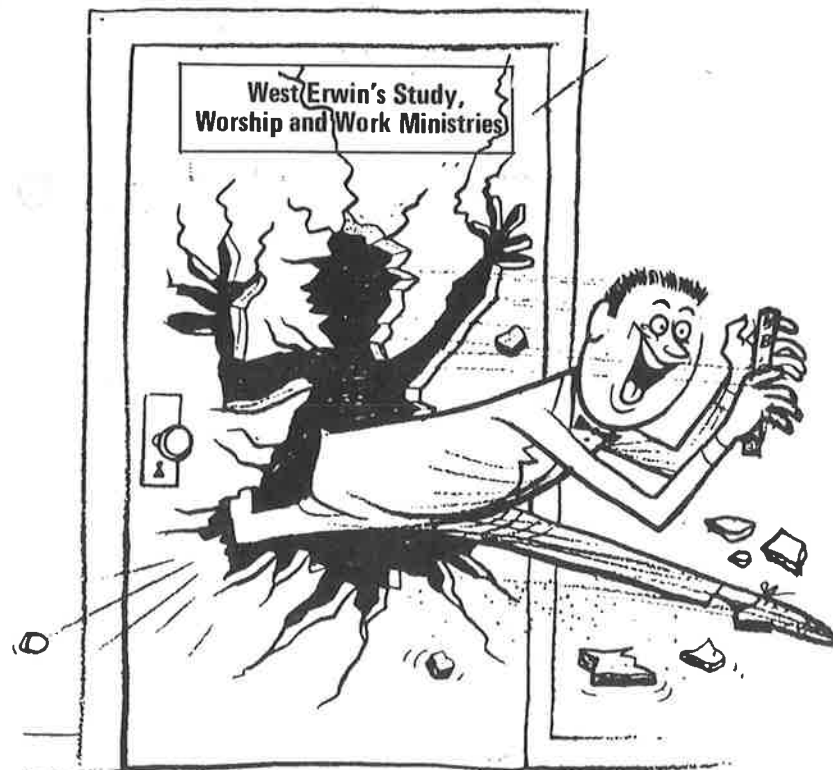
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GOD DOESN'T
expect us to break down any doors,
BUT He does expect us to:

Perry's
Perspective

By Perry Hall



1. Seek first His kingdom and righteousness (Matt. 6:33).
2. Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord (Rom. 12:11).
3. Be always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).
4. Search daily His word (Acts 17:11).
5. Be ready to every good work (Tit. 3:1).
6. Not forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25).
7. Be doers of the word (Jas. 1:22).
8. Bridle the tongue (Jas. 3:2ff).
9. Worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
10. Live pure, godly lives (Tit. 2:11ff).
11. Disciple the nations (Matt. 28:19f).
12. Give as we have been prospered (2 Cor. 9:7).
13. Love one another with a pure heart fervently (1 Pet. 1:22).

Beloved, these are only a few passages that remind us that we must throw all of our soul, mind and strength into the love and service of our blessed God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Now is the time for West Erwin to move forward in obedience unto God, giving diligence to making our calling and election sure, so that we may never fall (2 Pet. 1:10).

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Durwood Hendry
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jennifer Lee

to
Mr. Roger Mathis Mc Mahan
son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat C. Mc Mahan
on Saturday, the twentieth of August
nineteen hundred and eighty-three
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

Tri-C

"The Life and Teachings of Jesus" will be taught each Thursday evening from 7:00-9:30 at the Campus Christian Center. You do not have to be an enrolled student at TJC to take the course. The class will be taught by the recently appointed Campus minister, Dr. Charles Stelding. For more information call 593-8181.

Address Change

Pete and Faye Wallace have moved back into Tyler from the lake. They are at their home, 1619 Montrose. They were able to get their old telephone number again, 597-6888.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful Bible that was given to me for graduation. I know it will really be useful. Thanks again.

John Powell

Your Help Is Valuable

We would not wish for any to experience the trauma of answering the church office telephone or talking with the many people who come to our door seeking help. However, perhaps you need to be aware that a number of people in the congregation are involved almost daily in trying to help in sad situations. Of course, there are some people who seek help regularly, but there are some who only come or call out of desperation. There are women and children in Tyler who suffer abuse and have been forced to leave their homes with nothing but the clothes they have on. Because of your donations of clothing, this church is able to give assistance to such people, in the name of the Lord.

There is a need for school clothing for teen age boys and girls, for elementary age children and clothing for babies. Please bring the items you have (usable and clean) to the church building as soon as possible.

September 13 is the date for the first scheduled work day for the benevolent workers.

DON'T FORGET!



Cakes For Boles Home

We have been reminded that next week is our time to furnish cakes and cookies for the children at Boles Home. We are grateful to B. B. and Ann Lambert who consider it "their job" to deliver the baked items to the home. They have done this for a number of years. Thursday, the 18th is the day for delivery. Please plan to have your cake here by 8:30 Thursday morning or bring it anytime Wednesday afternoon or evening.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 12-16. Items they are especially in need of are: hand lotion, Shampoo, conditioners, glycerin, jelly, chili, trash bags. Of course they are happy to receive any items that are supplied.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY By PERRY HALL
10:30 A.M. First Things First
6:00 P.M. Amos of Tekoa

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1983

In honour of the
Fifty-fourth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Williamson
their daughter and her family
request the pleasure of your company
at a Reception
on Sunday, the fourteenth of August
Nineteen hundred and eighty-three
from two-thirty until four-thirty in the afternoon
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (14) Patsy Young (16) Jean Holt, June Walker, Angela Mallory, Betty Knight (17) Caysi Bynum, Lonnie Taylor (18) Misty Lemons (19) Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts, Bob Butler (20) Bertha Byrd, Odell Malone, Earl O'Quinn, Pete Wallace, Robert Conner.

New Grandbaby

Jana and Ken Gode are the happy grandparents of a baby boy, Robert Steven, born July 30 to Kendra and Dan Fultz in Commerce, Texas.

Sympathy

We were very sorry to learn on Monday that the son-in-law of O'Neal and Mildred Tuel, Mike Tate, died suddenly of a heart attack last Friday in Garland, Texas. Funeral services were conducted Monday morning. We extend our sincere sympathy to Jane Ann, their children and all members of the family.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Saturday, Aug. 27

Here and There

By Wes Price



I failed to mention last week how impressed I was with the all church fellowship in honor of our new members. The Fellowship Committee did a super job of organizing and planning so that the facility and the food would be more than adequate (although I underestimated the meat for which I humbly apologize). But, one individual that I must mention, added cream to the event. Stan Mallory's emcee job really made the event sparkle. He helped introduce the newest members of our family and did it in a quiet and unassuming manner. I have thought a number of times about the different individuals who were asked to get up and tell something about themselves and how that has increased my knowledge of them. To all who had a part, thanks for a job well done.

I appreciated Jack Paul's preaching last Sunday. I especially liked the evening sermon because I feel that many Christians do not fully appreciate the need for sticking with the scripture when it comes to helping others obey the gospel. His thoughts will arm many to teach others about the plan of salvation. Now by mentioning the evening service, I do not discredit the lesson on Sunday morning. I simply must confess that all the good advice he gave to help make marriages better, I have carefully observed for many years. I agree that that is the way it should be done. My wife was not able to be present for the morning worship, so please don't mention it to her.

We received word on Friday evening from our daughter Kathy, that she and her husband Ken, arrived safely at their new home in New Haven, Conn. They departed here on Monday morning of last week to make their journey to their new home away from home. Ken will begin work on his doctorate in New Testament Studies at Yale University in September. They will be living there for the next five years. We are thankful to all of you who encouraged them and wished them well in their new adventure. Continue to remember them in your prayers.

We are happy to report that brother Perry continues to improve and he will be preaching to us this Sunday. I know he is anxious to resume his role as pulpit minister. Let's all be here Sunday to hear him. Why not be here for Bible study as well at 9:30 A.M.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Artis Tate

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Brian Boulter

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Lowell Wiggains Henry McRuiz July 31 523
Alan Fisher Charles McCoy July 24 540
Charles Lemons David Taylor Weekly
Pete Wallace Marc Lemons Budget 8,187.27

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Tony Adams Earl Ball Gary Colston
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Harley & Myra Turner Cooper & Mary June Goodson
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Stan Denman Marisa Butler

CHILDRENS WORSHIP FOR AUGUST - Room 108

Ron & Pam Lott Scott & Sheila Morris
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 7 and Wednesday, August 10 - BOB WILLOUGHBY, 581-1135.

Dates To Remember

Men's Fellowship - Saturday, August 27 in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday School begins - Tuesday, September 13
Christian Service Center - Regular workdays begin, Tuesday, September 13
Ladies Inspiration Day - Saturday, October 1
Gospel Meeting - Joe Schubert Preaching, October 9 - 12.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

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July 24 384
Year Ago 366

WORSHIP

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July 24 540

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Whatever Happened To "Yes, Please"?

It went the way of "Thank you," "Excuse me," "Yes, Sir."

Do you know who just about killed all those phrases? All of us. We did not use them enough.

We now get "Huh?" "What?" "Gimme more."

Mannerly responses are learned at home.

Rude, barbaric responses also are learned at home.

William of Wykeham, who was born in 1324, said, "Manners maketh man." If we're so smart in the 20th century, how come we're not as civilized as William was in the 14th century?

To the child who says, "Huh?" pass along this page.

--WALL STREET JOURNAL

Tuesday School

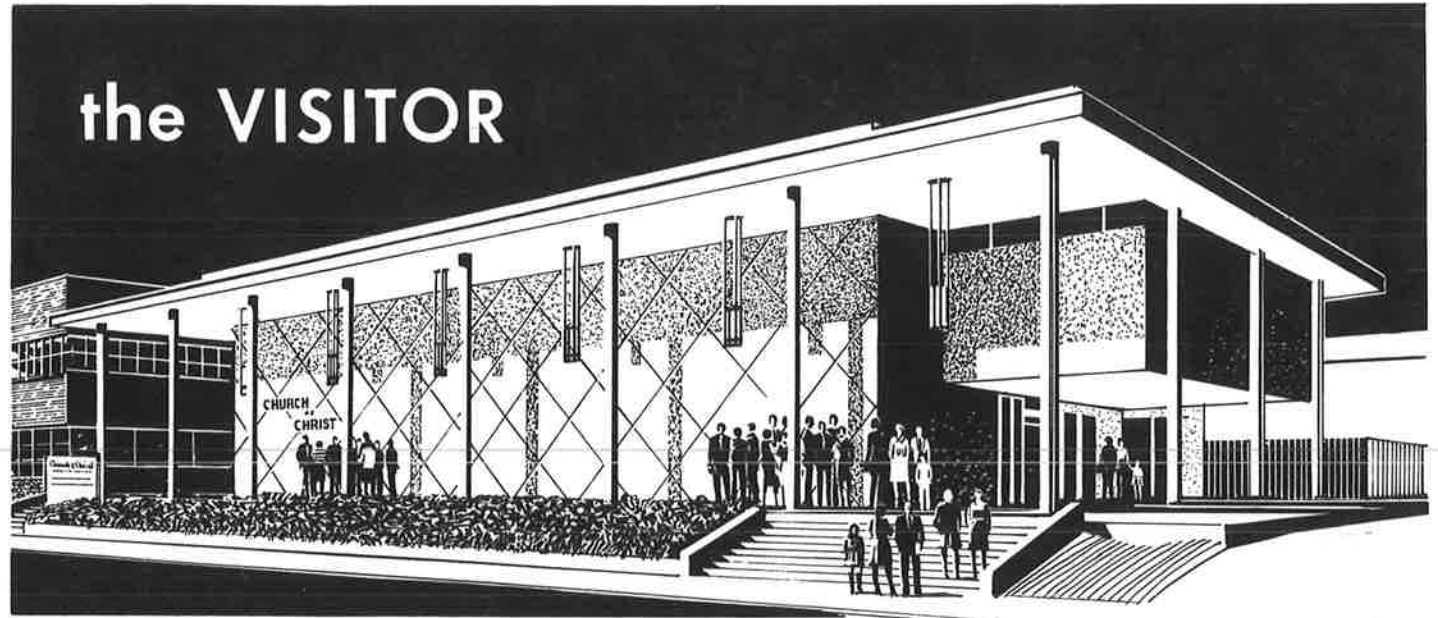
If you have children between two and five and plan for them to be in Tuesday School, please call or come by the office to register them as soon as possible.

Also, we are still in need of workers to help in the school. Please call Elaine Roberson or the church office if you are able to participate in this good endeavor.

The Sick

Sister Audrey O'Bannon will undergo eye surgery (an implant) August 10.

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The Church With A Heart

A GREAT DAY SUNDAY!

What a joy to assemble with the saints on the Lord's Day. To be in the spirit in worship is a great blessing, indeed. The song service was great. The communion of the body and the blood was exhilarating. The sermons presented by brother Mike Biggs were powerful and challenging. The fellowship for the new members was a huge success with an overflow crowd, one of the best I have ever attended. All in all, we had a great day with the Lord and each other. Praise be unto Him!



Christ in our midst


Late in the 1st century, when John had been banished to the island of Patmos, the church of that time needed a message of hope and encouragement. They needed a vision of the Christ in the midst of the church. What a glorious vision they received. We here at West Erwin need that same vision, that same understanding! Theirs was a much bloodier struggle than ours, but it is the same struggle. Worldly forces motivated by that old red dragon, Satan, continue to make war with the Lamb and his followers.

John turns to see the voice that had uttered the loud, clear sound. One like unto the son of man stood before him in the midst of seven golden candlesticks.

These light dispensers represented the church, made up of the various congregations. Christ was in their midst. **Christ is in our midst!**

Bound together by a common faith and Head, we are designed to support and provide light to a world in spiritual darkness. If we fail in our mission, our candlestick, our light will be removed. He moves among us as our king and high priest, beholding and knowing everything about us. He gives counsel and leadership in time of need and comfort in affliction. He is the controlling force and sustaining power in and among us. **He is the Divine**

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Presence that gives us our Divine Purpose and Power. Let not a single member of the body at West Erwin forget these wonderful and sacred truths!

We must be faithful to Him who has washed us from our sins in His own blood. We must not give an inch to the beast or false prophet. Absolute fidelity to our Commander is called for in doctrine and life. *Forward into the battle and victory!*

MAY GOD BLESS EVERYONE

All of you have been so kind and encouraging in the midst of my illness. Your outpouring of love and concern has been tremendous. The visits, calls and cards have been so helpful. The food has been delicious. All of this with good medical care is making me better. *May God bless everyone of you!*

Our parents and grandparents, Homer and Lerah Williamson, will celebrate their Fifty Fourth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 14 from 2:30 until 4:00 P.M. You are cordially invited to be our guests at a reception in their honor.

Mr. & Mrs. David Ingram
and children

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fisher
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sliter
David Jr., Tim, Liliane

Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ

You are invited to Open House at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephenson in Collinsville, Texas on Saturday afternoon, August 13, from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock to honor Alice's mother, Ivah Miller, who will be 95 on August 10.



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, August 9, at the Northwest church of Christ here in Tyler. This is the last meeting for the summer.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (8) Elizabeth Hughes, Marian Rowe, Fran Starnes (9) Angie Hendrix, Jonathan Paul, Jared Metcalf (10) Shannon Starnes, Ivah Miller (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes (12) George Seagler.

Cakes For Boles Home

Every year we are asked to provide cakes and cookies for the children of Boles Home. The week of August 14 is the date for us to supply baked goods this year. We want to send a generous supply.

Here and There

By Wes Price



The Madison church of Christ outdid themselves at the ACU Teachers Workshop this year. They still have the same outgoing, warm, friendly and enthusiastic spirit. And the wonderful part was that Ira North was able to be present and preach three nights. There has been some improvement in his condition and he feels much better. He expressed his gratitude for all of the prayers in his behalf and requests that they be continued. As usual, all those who attended the workshop have to resist the urge to smother you with the exuberance we feel for the pleasure of having attended. You ought to try to go next year.

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Congratulations to Carolyn Welborn's Kindergarten class for 100% attendance on Sunday.

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I appreciate your response to my sermon on Sunday, July 24. I hope you will take seriously the challenge to do more Bible studying by being present with more regularity in Bible classes, studying privately at some quiet time at home and by taking advantage of special study opportunities. Bible knowledge as such is not the goal, but you can be sure that your faith will not grow properly without learning more and more from God's Word. It will help equip you for dealing with victorious living.

In addition to Bible study we also mentioned the need for more service in the Lord's Kingdom. The following article by Howard Norton will stimulate your thinking about your role as a servant.

What Is The Lord's Work

If done in the name of the Lord and for His glory, the Lord's work is a cup of cold water, a genuine compliment, listening to a child talk, showing friendliness to a new person on the job, stopping to render aid, overlooking a slight, developing the mind through study and discipline, practicing sportsmanship, waiting on the Lord's Table.

It is preparing a good meal for your family, building shelves for your wife, being kind to a new student at school, visiting someone who is ill, giving a hand to the person carrying a load, aiding a blind man across the street,

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Graf

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Virginia Ann Graf

to

James David Wicks, II

son of

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wicks

on Saturday, the thirteenth of August

Nineteen hundred and eighty-three

at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Fellowship Hall

College Students

Attention all college students and college age young people.

An important meeting for all college age students is scheduled Wednesday, August 10 at 9:00 P.M. at the Campus Christian Center, 1415 So. Baxter in Tyler. This meeting is to get better acquainted with the new campus minister and to talk about up-coming events this fall. Your input is very much desired.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Charles Stelding

Jack Paul To Preach

Jack Paul will be preaching Sunday at the morning and evening services. We look forward to meeting together on the Lord's Day.

New Grandbaby

Jim and Virginia Canterbury are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Sabrina, born to Jim and Tammy Canterbury August 1 in Dayton, Texas.

Potpourri

The East Texas Christian Academy will be in need of Day Care Attendants when school starts August 24th. People are needed to work from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. If you are interested in this part time work, call the Academy or go by for an interview.

The Visual Aids Workshop and Training Session will be at the Carthage Church of Christ on Saturday, August 6th. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. The last session will close at 2:00 P.M.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola will have Earl Williams from Conroe preach in a Gospel Meeting, August 5 through 7. Services on Friday and Saturday evenings will be at 7:30.

Young At Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday evening, August 11 in the fellowship hall.

Here and There (continued)

writing a letter to your Congressman, teaching a Bible class, visiting a prisoner.

The Lord's work is visiting the sick room, giving a stalled car a push, fishing with your dad, shopping with an aged aunt, baking a cake for shut-ins, writing to a friend, thinking about God.

It is giving financial aid to needy relatives, attending P.T.A., taking an orphan to a football game, calling to say hello to an old-time friend, handing someone a tract, checking a widow's needs.

The Lord's work is performing everyday jobs well, thanking your wife for her devotion, rejoicing over your children's progress, stopping to explain "why" to a teenager, working with your daughter to solve a school problem, taking an evening to be with your wife, visiting an absentee from worship, building a better neighborhood, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

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We are now in the closing weeks of a busy summer. We again look forward to getting all the out-of-town trips, vacations, etc. over and having all our church family back to a regular routine of attendance. We miss you when you are away. Sometimes we are not as quick to mention your absence as we ought to be, but we do miss you. We look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Wes

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Mack Bynum
Dismiss Guy Potts

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Ron Lott
Dismiss Archie Kennard

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Doug Shelton Shannon Hughes
Marty Mallory Averyt Smith
Tom Parsons Odell Malone
Clyde Lane John Porter

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Jeff Jones DeRay Bennett
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 31 and Wednesday Evening, July 27 - MIKE SAVAGE, 581-4927.



Welcome

Sunday morning Kim Hughes came to ask for the prayers of the church.

Sunday evening Barbara Rogers and her teenage daughter Denise came to place membership. Their address is 2903 Crestview, telephone 592-8374. Formerly they worshipped with the Shiloh Road church.

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July 17 354
Year Ago 433

WORSHIP

July 24 540
July 17 509
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Tuesday School

Would you like to share the love of God with precious little ones? Our TUESDAY SCHOOL program, which begins September 13, is an outreach program to the Tyler community for children ages two through five. We study about God's love, Bible stories and include some basic pre-school skills.

The school meets each Tuesday during the school year from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. Elaine Roberson does an outstanding work in planning and directing the activities. If you are interested in working in this program or if you want to enroll your child, please contact the church office. Please register your child soon, by calling the office, since enrollment of each age group is limited.

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Forest and Mary McFadden who are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born Monday in Fort Worth to Keston and Colleen McFadden.

The Sick

Mrs. Zorado Sherman is recuperating at the home of her sister, Myra Chandler.

We understand that the mother of Mrs. W. V. (Marie) Crossman is very seriously ill in Augsburg, Germany.

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PREACHER'S POTPOURRI

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Due to such a busy summer I have had very little opportunity to make personal comments in the bulletin about our local labors. I see many good and positive signs.

I am thankful also for the many personal opportunities of service thus far afforded. The congregation in the West Indies was an outstanding experience. It is something that Laree and I will talk about for years to come. We are receiving letters from those whom we taught and are hopeful yet that others will obey the gospel. A youth camp and a gospel meeting have also, as you know, been accomplished. With feelings of great accomplishment, we give thanks.

In our local sphere of labor we can all be thankful for a great V.B.S. Wes and all of our teachers are to be greatly commended for a job well done. The night V.B.S. was a new experience for us. It cut down on the number of children present, but it did give our adults a wonderful opportunity to sit at the feet of brother Hulen Jackson in an interesting discussion of Bible history and geography.

Our contributions have been climbing, for which we are grateful. Several have been baptized this year and a good number

continue to place membership with us. The dedication of the people that we have been getting is outstanding. Genuine truth lovers are always welcome, especially when we face the fact that there are many who want to turn back into the bondage of error and denominationalism or perish in the wilderness of subjective feelings.

Our elders and deacons continue to strive for a more glorious effort for God. It is good to hear them discuss better ways to serve the Lord in carrying out His will and to see the implementation.

We are, for a period, changing our newspaper format. It will be used for teaching and preaching the gospel. We hope good and honest hearts can be challenged to accept truths.

Additional parking lot space is now being provided and we hope in time to come to have a better facility for our benevolent program.

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FELLOWSHIP

We Are Getting Together



SUNDAY EVENING - Following Worship
In The Fellowship Hall

Bring: salad, vegetable or dessert
Meat, bread and drinks will be provided

Those who have become a part of the West Erwin Family within the last year will be especially honored.

More New Members



Jeff and Alma Biggs
926 West 6th



Charles and Ann McCoy
1317 Woodland Hills



Charles and Dorothy Bell
Rt. 2, Box 43A-1



EVERY MEMBER PRESENT!

SUNDAY
in Bible Class!

Guest Speaker Sunday

We are very pleased that we will have Mike Biggs as our guest speaker on Sunday morning. Brother Biggs is the son of Jeff and Alma Biggs. He is the preacher for the Woodland church of Christ in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. We look forward to having Mike and his wife and two children with us on Sunday.

Thank You

The kindness you have shown with cards, calls, visits and prayers during the time of my surgery and recovery are greatly appreciated by my family and me.

Paul Montandon

I want to say "thank you" to those who called and sent cards, especially the class of couples taught by brother Wes Price. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Zorado Sherman

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe (2) Edith Porter (3) Dale Blackstone, Michelle Colston (4) Virginia Conner, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette (5) Becky Blackstone (6) Chad Montandon.



Summer Youth Series

THE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES will meet on Tuesday, August 2, at the Queen and DeBard Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas. Our bus will leave the parking lot at 6:00 o'clock.

An Invitation

You are invited to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Miss Jennie Hendry
Bride elect of Roger McMahon
At the home of Mrs. K. Max Haws
732 Bentley Court

Thursday evening
August 4
7:00 - 8:30

Selections
Sanger/Harris
Brosang's

Here and There

By Wes Price



GUEST EDITORIAL

TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY

The "Music Man," Robert Preston sang his impassioned plea to the citizens of River City with the lyrics, "We got trouble in River City." His real interest was not in the citizenry, but in selling them band uniforms.

But in a real way we've got trouble in America with what's happening to the family. The outlook for families in America is grim unless we realize we've got trouble, and return to doing things God's way. In his book, Strengthening Your Grip, Dr. Charles Swindoll lists these figures he has compiled:

38 percent of all first marriages fail.

79 percent of these people will remarry and 44 percent of the second marriages will fail.

15 percent of all births today are illegitimate and 50 percent of the out-of-wedlock babies are born to teenagers.

The No. 1 killer of children under 5 years of age is child abuse.

30 percent of all American Couples experience some form of domestic violence during their lifetime. Two million have used a lethal weapon on each other during their marriage.

20 percent of all police officers who die in the line of duty are killed while answering calls involving family conflicts. Wife battering is now reaching an epidemic level in our nation. In the opinion of one Los Angeles police official "This is probably the highest unreported crime in the country. Approximately 12 to 15 million women are battered each year."

Is there any hope? Many years ago Solomon wrote, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain," (Psalm 127:1) If ever we need to return to God's principles of living for the family it is now. It's time for us to take seriously what God said about the family and obey it.

Dick Marcear
Via Amarillo, Texas

Perry's Perspective Continued

We must mention our door greeters again. This has been a wonderful addition to the fine job already being done. Friendliness of a genuine nature is always a positive influence for good.

Several times the congregation has responded generously to special needs in the areas of evangelism and benevolence. It has not been our privilege to work with a more concerned or compassionate people. You continue to respond to every genuine need put before you.

This past week brought a shock to us in the paralysis of the right side of my face. I had never heard of Bell's Palsy, but I have it and have learned of many others that have had this illness. I am happy to report there has been some improvement already and we look forward to a rapid recovery. I am grateful to Wes, Hillard, C. B. Burkham and to Roger Knight who have, in my absence and illness, taken care of my responsibilities. There will continue to be guest speakers for a little time until I can use my mouth again. I am grateful for all the love, concern and care that has been manifested. May God richly bless you. Let us all look forward to a glorious eternal future together.

Serving Sunday

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Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Dale Blackstone

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Marshall Phillips

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Brent & Lois Rothrock Freeman & Billie Morgan
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The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

Here and There (continued)

you read this bulletin. He has been in his home town of Chico holding a gospel meeting. I certainly enjoyed the opportunity of preaching for you last Sunday. It is always an additional challenge to my work and I don't always feel that I rise high enough to the occasion, but I appreciate your encouragement for my efforts.

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Reflections

"A prophet," Jesus observed, "is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house," (Matthew 13:57). The insight is so true to life that it appears in all four gospels.

But why? Why do we reserve our sharpest criticisms, our most stringent judgments, for those who are nearest us? Must familiarity always breed a kind of contempt?

Perhaps it is due to pride. Our jealousy. Or feelings of inferiority. Perhaps our passion for the new is to blame, our impatience with the commonplace. Perhaps it rises out of our childish suspicion that life's exciting and meaningful things always take place elsewhere.

"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Of course it can and often has. In work and play. In marriage and friendship. In church. But we should have learned this by now: the more familiar the experience, the more difficult our task. Which is all the more reason to keep friendships and faith in good repair. . . .Lanny Heninger

Potpourri

Ladies, there are many dishes in the back foyer that need to be picked up.

Remember to save clean nylon hose for a new project the benevolent workers will begin in the fall. They plan to make pressure pads, filled with nylon hose, for cancer patients.

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The Church With A Heart

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)

SPURRING ONE ANOTHER ON

During one period of bitter fighting in War II, General Dwight Eisenhower paid a visit to a division headquarters to talk to troops who had just come back from the front for a brief rest.

It had been raining and the mud was at shoe-top level. General Eisenhower stepped on to a makeshift platform and spoke a few sentences of encouragement.

As he stepped down, he slipped in the mud and landed on the seat of his pants. The GI's howled. As the division commander helped Ike to his feet he apologized for the behavior of his men.

"Forget it," Eisenhower grinned. "The fall probably helped their morale more than the speech."

At times we fail to realize that it is not just words that spur people on. It could be a pat on the back, a note of encouragement, a public commendation, or your example of service to other people.

Our work is to find ways of spurring each other on. Have you been trying to find ways to bring out the best in others? To do this it means we have got to quit thinking about ourselves so much and put our minds on others. You'll find that when you have helped someone else, you will be blessed too.

Dick Marcear

Via Central Church of Christ
Amarillo, Texas

From Midland, Mi.

On behalf of our church family, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for sending the Tyler Vacation Bible School Team to Midland. In every way measurable, the program was a success. God's book was exalted through dedicated teaching efforts and fellowship was established between sister congregations which was very edifying for us. Several contacts were made as a result of V.B.S.

We could have had a good V.B.S. without "Team Tyler," but not with the same kind of impact. Your young people made an excellent impression on the whole church here. They were certainly good ambassadors for West Erwin.

Especially, would I like to mention Hillard and Jeanine, and Wes and Alma Faye. Their preparation and efforts were well-evident. We appreciated so much their presence and the respective roles they played.

We are indebted to all of you for allowing this team to come into our lives. We pray you will continue to send ambassadors out in the name of the Lord. People are being blessed.

Again thank you. Our petitions and sincere thoughts attend you and your flock.

James E. Chilton
For the Congregation

Boles Home

We believe that child care in the name of the Lord is a ministry in its own right. The Lord throughout His word values highly the fatherless child and shows his continuing interest in their welfare. WE AT PRESENT ARE IN NEED OF WILLING, CAPABLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO WILL ENTER INTO THIS MINISTRY WITH US.

We need couples with a secure marriage and a compassionate nature who can commit themselves to several years of helping to nurture and train young people to become capable Christian adults. This ministry is not for the fainthearted nor for those seeking a place for early retirement. The hours are long and the task is often difficult, but the rewards here and hereafter can't be beat.

Interested couples or singles who would be interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Ed Evans, Campus Director at Rt. 3, Box 40, Quinlan, Texas 75474 or call 214-883-2204 during working hours or 214-883-3418 in the evening.

There is a special need for those who are willing to work with teenage boys and girls.

Invitations

*You are invited to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Miss Jennie Hendry
Bride elect of Roger McMahon
At the home of Mrs. K. Max Haws
732 Bentley Court
Thursday evening Selections
August 4 Sanger/Harris
7:00 - 8:30 Brosang's*

*You are invited to Open House at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. George
Stephenson in Collinsville, Texas
on Saturday afternoon, August 13,
1983 from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock
to honor Alice's mother, Mrs. Irvah
Miller, who will be 95 on August
10.*

Workshop

The Church of Christ in Carthage is planning a Visual Aids Workshop and Training Session on Saturday, August 6th. Karen Coleman of Euless will be the instructor. A representative from the Christian Supply Center in Bedford will be with Karen and will have most of the supplies that you would need in making your visual aids. Registration will be from 8:00 until 8:30. A luncheon will be served at 11:30.



By Perry Hall
A.M. "The Future of the Church."
P.M. "The Church of the Future."



Young People

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 here in Tyler at the Broadway Church of Christ. We will meet there.

Thank You

I wish to thank my Christian family for the prayers, cards, flowers and especially the love that was shown to me when I went to the hospital for surgery.

Louise Caskey

Happy Birthday

JULY (24) Andy Butler, Ben Sutton, Chris Shelton (25) Pam Lemons (28) Ken Bennett, Harley Turner, Melody Parsons (29) Bryan Chambless (31) Julie Higginbotham

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Monday at Burks Walker Funeral Home for Mr. Thomas Martin Murphee, brother of Mrs. Audie Grier. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

THE WEAVER

*My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me,
I cannot choose the colors
He worketh steadily.*

*Oftimes he weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride
Forget he sees the upper
And I, the underside.*

*Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.*

- Author unknown

Here and There

By Wes Price



The first word of praise for the success of our Vacation Bible School belongs to our fine staff of teachers. Working under the shorter time period and brief refreshment break called for an extra amount of patience. They all performed beautifully. We averaged well over 200 each evening and that figure represents the lowest count at our beginning session on Monday night. Our adults certainly responded by being present each evening to hear brother Hulen Jackson's lessons on Bible geography.

Our thanks as well to our refreshment crew, Carolyn Welborn, Carolyn Blackstone and Sherryl Miles.

We climaxed the week with 218 in all classes on Friday night and then enjoyed a good time of fellowship with cookies and home-made ice cream in our fellowship hall. Thank you to all who helped by bringing these delicious refreshments.

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Thirteen people will be leaving on Sunday afternoon for the Abilene Christian University Teachers Workshop. We are looking forward to some great classes and visits with old friends.

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All West Erwin church members are invited to the Brother's Keeper Unit meeting on Sunday night, July 31. All Units will be meeting together for a combined fellowship in our fellowship hall. The Fellowship Committee is hosting this great event and they will be paying special tribute to our new members. Families are invited to bring their choice of a salad, vegetable or dessert. The meat, bread and drinks will be provided. We hope all of you will make plans to attend. Let's show our new members how warmly we can welcome them.

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Looking forward, we want to mention that brother Joe Schubert will be coming in October to hold our fall meeting. This far in advance every one should be able to make adequate preparation to be in town to attend every service. The dates are October 9 through 12. You will like Joe's preaching. He is a very talented speaker and he will preach the Word. Don't make any other plans for those days. Be here!

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Brother Perry Hall will be back by the time

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Dick Higginbotham	July 10	7,721.54
Prayer	Faber Cauthen	July 3	8,134.32
Dismiss	John Teague	Year Ago	7,228.27
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Dick Higginbotham	July 10	379
Prayer	Ben Young	July 3	359
Dismiss	Leslie Carruth	Year Ago	413
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Jack Beard	Charles Graf	July 10	520
Wally Dawkins	Ron Lott	July 3	589
Harvey Grier	Theron Pickle	Weekly	
O'Neal Tuel	B. J. Tucker	Budget	8,187.27
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Mac & Vivian McCall	Mac & Eveline McCarty		
Bren & Lois Rothrock	Freeman & Billie Morgan		
Cole Bennett	Tracy Starnes		
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR JULY - Room 108			
Bill & Jan Faulkner	Earl & Jyl Ball		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 17 and Wednesday Evening, July 20 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.			

Our Records

Responses

On Sunday, July 3, James and Pat Prichard and daughter, Amy, came to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Gastonia, North Carolina. Their address is 1505 Lake Placid.

We are happy to welcome each family into the fellowship of the West Erwin congregation.

Young People meet Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at the building to go to Gladewater for the Summer Youth Series.

New Baby

Tuesday evening, a baby boy was born to David and Sheila Taylor at Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 8 lb and 7 oz and has been named Bradley Stephen. Fred & Betty Strait are the proud grandparents.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Zorado Sherman is a patient in Community.

Mrs. Russell O'Bannon is in Medical Center Hospital, room 280.

Mrs. C. E. Caskey is now at home. She had surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Cone Birdwell is a patient in Mother Frances and cannot have visitors at this time.

Here and There (continued)

worship and be sure that your contribution finds its way into the treasury here so the work will not suffer. WP

Responses

Sunday, Jeff and Alma Biggs, 926 West Sixth, telephone 597-5690, came to place membership.

Also, Sunday Charles and Ann McCoy, 1317 Woodland Hills Dr., telephone 561-7500 came to place membership. Both couples formerly worshipped with the Glenwood congregation.

Clyde and Lettie Findlay, 1316 Crestview, came Sunday to place membership. They have visited with us for several weeks. They formerly worshipped with the Candlelight congregation in Houston.

Mrs. Ella Mae Grayson and David L. Grayson, 314 Kathy Circle, telephone 592-5460, came Sunday to be identified. Mrs. Grayson formerly worshipped at West Erwin. (Continued next column)

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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C. E. Caskey	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Foy Richey

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FAMILY DEVOTIONS



Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

The West Erwin family can be no stronger than our individual homes. We are striving to strengthen the home this week with our family type VBS. The home in this nation certainly needs help. The decline of the family should be apparent to all of us. The home is being wrecked! The home has become a mere stopping place and filling station. Dad as the head of the house and mom as the queen of the home seems to be a thing of the past. They are so busy (the children, too, if they are older) in other activities they do

not seem to have time to be part of the family. Because there is no close relationship, children turn to the TV, the sitter, the movie or some other activity. Dad and mom are busy with business, clubs, trips, etc., etc. It is "Hi" and "good-bye". On those rare occasions when all are home, they don't know how to spend the evening together for they are strangers. One of the most neglected areas in the modern home is spiritual training. Few children have Dad and Mom read the Bible to them. In

fact, in most homes it is not read at all by anyone. Prayer is a thing of the "superstitious" past for most. Children have never heard their parents pray nor have they been taught to do so.

It is very easy, even in Christian homes, to allow these things to be pushed aside in the hustle and bustle of everyday activities. **Stop! Wait!** Before the day is over, gather the family around. Study God's word together everyday. Sing a song of praise and pray a prayer of thanksgiving. Give yourself and the children the daily spiritual food that all of us so desperately need.

If you need a daily devotional guide, subscribe to: **POWER FOR TODAY**, 2814 Granny White Pike, P.O. Box 40526, Nashville, Tenn. 37204. The cost is only \$5.25 per year.

But whatever you do, don't neglect this important spiritual activity in your home.

Campus Christian Center

Charles Stelling, who has been serving for the past eight years as Campus Minister in Durango, Colorado, moved to Tyler last week to serve as the new Minister at the Campus Christian Center on the Tyler Junior College Campus. The newly formed Campus Ministry Advisory Board extended the invitation to brother Stelling. Bill Faulkner and Roy Roberson serve on the board from West Erwin.

Brother Stelling received his education at Oklahoma Christian College, Abilene Christian University (B.A. and Master of Divinity) and Vanderbilt University (Doctor of Ministry). He has served as youth minister, editor of Teenage Christian, counseling, mission work in Basel, Switzerland, preaching and campus ministry. He is 43 years old.

Charles and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Michelle (16) and Michael (14). Barbara has experience as a public school teacher, secretary, Bible class teacher and evangelistic Bible talk leader.

We are pleased to welcome the Stelling family to Tyler.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

"MADISON RETURNS"

JULY 24 - 27

Are you a teacher? Do you have the desire to be a teacher, work with puppets, art, bulletin boards? Make your plans to attend.

Happy Birthday

JULY (17) Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts (18) Delle Bullard, Dana Gode, Tracy Starnes (19) Roger Knight, Lera Bennett, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggins, Nathan Morris (20) Jim Paul, Jack Paul, Laurie Dawkins (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (23) Austin Faulkner, Greg Hendry, Kimberly Holt.

New Members to West Erwin

We are endeavoring to print pictures of our new members who are not pictured in the church directory at the present time. An update of the directory will be printed soon. Are you acquainted with the families pictured below?



Archie and Juanita Lowry



Henry and Sue Starnes



James and Patricia Prichard
Amy Dianne



Clyde and Merle Lane

You are invited to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Miss Virginia Ann Graf
Bride elect of David Wicks
At the home of Mrs. Ralph Rowe
1925 Courtney

Sunday Afternoon
July 17
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

Selections:
Sanger-Harris
Leewright's
True Value Hardware

Thank You

Tom and I want to truly express to our many friends in our West Erwin church family our love and sincere thanks for all the prayers and sympathy shown us in the long hospital stay and death of our loved one. Your kindness will long be remembered.

The family of T. J. Parsons

Thank you to all the members of our Brother's Keeper Group for the pretty brass candlesticks you gave us at the last meeting. We'll display them in our new home and always remember you when we see them. We love you all and will miss you.

Bob and Karen Zadina

New Baby Boy

Congratulations to Le'Ann and Kevin Braly who are the parents of a baby boy born Friday evening, July 8 at Mother Frances Hospital. He has been named Spencer Ross.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday of last week at the church for our brother T. J. Parsons. We share in the sorrow and express sincere sympathy to the family.

On Saturday, funeral services were held in Henderson for Sammy Hendrix, great-grandson of Jim and Bessie Willis. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Can You Help?

A volley ball and two nets have been misplaced. This equipment belongs to our young people. If you can help us locate them, please call the church office.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our annual Vacation Bible School had a great beginning Monday evening with a total of 200 in attendance. We are especially pleased that so many adults came to enjoy the class taught by brother Hulén Jackson. We are looking forward to an increasing number of people each evening. We are grateful to all who had a part in putting together such a successful effort.

Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, July 31, for a special all-church fellowship. We will honor all our new members and extend them a warm welcome by getting better acquainted. Each family will be asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. The meat will be furnished.

We will depart on Sunday afternoon, July 24 for the ACU Teacher's Workshop and return on Thursday morning. If you would like to travel with us, please let me know immediately so that I can confirm reservations in one of the dorms for you. The workshop will be hosted by the Madison church again this year.

It is nearly impossible to mention the Madison church without thinking of its preacher, Ira North. Most recent reports on his condition are not good. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

I'll never forget the first opportunity I had to meet Ira personally. My wife and I went to Madison to spend a week observing the various ministries of that great church. We arrived on Wednesday evening and following the worship service Ira took us out for coffee in his pickup truck. I had heard a lot about his lovely farm and somehow it just seemed natural to see him driving a pickup. Of course, our last visit with him was when he was the guest speaker for our city-wide campaign. That visit also gave me a special memory in that he visited our home and enjoyed a fish-fry. I sincerely hope his health will permit him to be a part of the group at Abilene. It would be a privilege to see him again.

Bob and Karen Zadina and their children will be moving to Dallas by the end of July. Bob has been transferred to Arco's Dallas office. They will be living in Plano. We will surely miss them, but wish them well in their new home.

Don't forget to keep the Lord and His work at its highest priority as we continue into the summer. If you are away, attend Bible study and

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Serving Sunday Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Phil Marts June 26	\$6,656.84	
Prayer	Foy Richey June 19	6,861.24	
Dismiss	Bruce Raley Year Ago	6,772.68	
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Phil Marts June 26	359	
Prayer	Roy Roberson June 19	358	
Dismiss	Jeff Jones Year Ago	396	
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP			
Tony Adams	Vern Johnson June 26	490	
Robert Sanford	Eddie Dunn June 19	498	
Trey Hughes	Ted Wright Weekly		
David Hanley	Jack Bennett Budget	\$8,187.27	
SERVING IN BACK FOYER			
Cooper Goodson	Fred Powell		
Ben Young	George Seagler		

Here and There (continued)

All the ladies might like to mark the calendar for October 1. Billie Bob Hickman has confirmed this as the day for the annual Ladies' Inspiration Day at West Erwin. You will be hearing more about this in future weeks. Don't forget to circle that date!

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In recent weeks, we have been called upon to provide a number of units of blood from the church's account at the Stewart Blood Bank. It is a special privilege that we enjoy. But we do need to remind you that we can maintain a good balance in that account only if you respond occasionally by going by and donating a unit in the church's name. If you have gone more than eight weeks, and are eligible in other regards, you can go by and donate. If you have never donated, you might like to go by and check out the qualifications. Thanks to all of you who regularly add to our account.

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Guy and Nettie Potts
Ron and Pam Lott
Forest and Mary McFadden
Leon and Carolyn Welborn
CHILDRENS WORSHIP FOR JULY, Room 108
Bill and Jan Faulkner
Earl and Jyl Ball
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, July 3 & Wednesday evening, July 6 - VERN JOHNSON, 894-6876.

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4TH



In The Hospitals

T. J. Parsons continues to be very ill in community Hospital.
Mrs. Vannie Lee is a patient in Community Hospital.
Mrs. Ben Young is in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Thanie Anderson, mother of Mrs. Forest McFadden, is in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. C. E. Caskey will enter Medical Center Hospital Sunday week for surgery July 11.
Joe Degge, brother of Louise Caskey is recovering in St. Joseph Hospital in Houston from open heart surgery.

Address Change

Due to Post Office Route number changes, the correct address for Floia and Aubrey Payne is now Rt. 13, Box 320 (75703).

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
By Perry Hall
A.M. "We Are Not Being Challenged."
P.M. "The Challenge of Christ."

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**GROWING
GOD'S WAY**
in the
Sonshine Patch

July 11 - 15
7:15 - 8:45 P.M.

You'll Want to Join in the Excitement at
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

In a day when respect for authority is lacking in the home, in the school, and in the nation, is it surprising to any of us that lack of respect for authority in the church of the New Testament is also finding expression? Lack of due regard for constituted authority in any realm is deplorable, but when God-ordained authority in the church is disrespected, it is most unconscionable. Spiritual anarchy is anarchy of the deepest dye!

Many factors contribute to the tragic attitude. Ignorance is one. Many, like the Jews of Paul's day, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (Romans 10:3) Like the bottom part of a double boiler, such folk are all steamed up but they don't know what's cooking. Increasingly, as the penalty of lack of study, that is happening among those supposed to be informed. Another more frequent cause is self-will. The tempo of the times promotes "doing your own thing." That becomes easy for those who are disposed to think of themselves more highly than they ought to think. Motivated by the superior wisdom which they think they possess, they are always ready and eager to lead the church "out of the wilderness" even though it requires circumventing the elders whom the congregation, as a whole, sought out on the basis of the third chapter of I Timothy and first chapter of Titus. A third factor might be called, for want of better expression, an aversion to elders. That tragic attitude might have been induced by incompetency seen or supposed in elders, or it could be a subtle rebellion against any form of inhibition. After all, though they occupy an awesome office, elders, like the rest of us, have "feet of clay."

Whatever may be the attitude of people toward elders, God has spoken! He has made it crystal clear that they are to rule in the church in which salvation is found. (I Timothy 5:17) How are they to rule? Not as Lords over God's heritage, but rather as examples to the flock (I Peter 5:3). As Edgar Guest would put it, "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day: I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way." What is the extent of their rule? "They ordained them elders in every church" (Acts 14:23). So there is nothing bigger organizationally than the local church under its elders. Further, the elders share the oversight of the local church. No one of them is to have a predominate voice over the rest of them. All of them, recognizing the consequences otherwise, should see to it that such is respected.

What should be the attitude of the congregation toward such oversight? "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:7). Such a tie binds and will prevent apostacy.

Joe Malone

Thank You

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits and concern during my recovery from surgery. It is great to know that others care also.

Bill Endsley

Thanks to you our beloved friends for the many, many expressions of love and concern while I was in the hospital. Your prayers along with ours were answered and we are so thankful. We appreciate the visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and words of encouragement.

Becky & Henry McRuiz

New Grandson

Harold and Nelda Browning are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born Sunday in Houston to Kenneth and Carlotta Browning. He weighed 7 lb and 4 oz and is 22 inches long. He has been named Kenneth Ross.

Happy Birthday

JULY (3) Alma Bennett, Cathy Krewall, Vivian McCall, Larry Henry (6) Les Carruth, Charlie Cook, Michelle Parsons (7) Jo Northcutt (8) Billie Bob Hickman, Louise Caskey, Virginia Canterbury (9) Charlie Hickman, Bren Rothrock, Rebecca Center.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Monday in Wills Point, Texas for Mrs. Ed (Vernon) Naul. The Nauls formerly worshipped at West Erwin. We express our sincere sympathy to brother Naul and the family.



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening at the South Main Church in Henderson. Our bus will leave the church at 6:30 P.M.

No Bulletin Next Week

Because of the postal regulations with our second class permit, "The Visitor" will not be published next week (the week of July 4th).

Here and There

by Wes Price



How can we begin to describe the tremendous joy we feel over the success of our efforts with the Vacation Bible School in Midland, Michigan. All the parents can be justifiably proud of their teenagers and the whole congregation can enjoy that pride because of their interest and prayers. I don't believe I have ever enjoyed a trip with young people more, nor seen more good accomplished. We are glad to be a part of a congregation that has such an interest in the development of teenage talent.

We are thankful to our elders for permitting us the opportunity to go and to join with the Hughes in this vital effort. In visiting with the preacher of the church in Midland, we received word that the elders of that congregation expressed their gratitude to the congregation there for our having been with them.

Our teenagers will never be the same! And, it will be the kind of change that will bless the church in generations to come.

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It certainly was a joy to be back in time Sunday night to hear George Stephenson preach and to have the opportunity to visit with him and with Alice. I know the whole congregation rejoiced to have them back for a visit.

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Our Vacation Bible School is just a little over a week away and our teachers are busy putting the finishing touches on their class preparations. I sincerely hope you have reserved five nights, July 11 - 15, for this special annual effort. I can't think of anything that you could do that would be as needful or beneficial as to spend five nights in Bible study. It is important that each family be present, but it is also important that you consider inviting special guests to come with you. For our children, we will again award a Bible to the boy and girl in each department who brings the most visitors. Parents can be of help in this by encouraging their children to invite their friends and also by providing transportation for them. Let's make this the best Vacation Bible School ever!

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Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements F.C. Carpenter
Prayer Bill Thompson
Dismiss Cullen Gilliam

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 19 \$6,861.24
June 12 \$6,304.58
Year Ago \$7,739.34

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements F.C. Carpenter
Prayer Vern Johnson
Dismiss Alan Fisher

June 19 358
June 12 355
Year Ago 357

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Artis Tate Allan Bobbitt
Stan Mallory W. S. Little

June 19 498
June 12 480

Marc Lemons Bob Threadgill
Dick Higginbotham Matt Haws

Weekly Budget \$8,187.27

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Paul Montandon Leon Welborn
C. B. Burkham David Taylor

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jack & Johnnie Stringer Dannie & Sue Skipper
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman Glynn & Fran Starnes

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR JUNE - Room 108

Ray & Gail Vannoy Brian & Brenda Boulter

MINIBUS DRIVER for SUNDAY, June 26 and Wednesday
Evening, June 29, TONY ADAMS - 566-1598.

Response

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Clyde & Connie) Wilkinson into the fellowship of West Erwin and to Tyler. They recently moved to Tyler from Midland, Texas. Their address is 1115 Powers Dr., telephone 592-3623. Clyde is retired. Several in the congregation will know Connie. She is the daughter of sister Ola Dunwoody.

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New Baby

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In The Hospitals

Sister Sybil Thacker remains in the Community Hospital.
Brother T. J. Parsons continues to be very ill in Community Hospital.

About Our Travelers

We have had reports from our young people who are in Midland, Michigan teaching in a Vacation Bible School at the Isabella Road church of Christ. Traveling in two vans with Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and Wes and Alma Faye Price are the following young people: Angela and Marty Mallory, Tracy Starnes, Joelle, Marisa and Julienne Butler, Shannon and Trey Hughes, Kimberly Steffee, Bryan and Stephanie Leek, Cole Bennett, Wesley and Rebecca Price, Lee and Kristi Roberson, Katie Powell, Mary Keith, Kelly Womack and Amy Knight. Lucy Leard from the Glenwood congregation is also with the group. They left here last Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock and arrived in Midland about 8:00 p.m. Saturday. They plan to leave Friday afternoon and arrive here sometime Sunday afternoon. Hillard reports that all are dedicated teachers and that the school has grown each day.

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SAINTS IN ST. KITTS



BASSETERRE -- WHERE THE SAINTS LIVE



CUNNINGHAM STREET -- WHERE THE SAINTS MEET

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

HOW GOOD IT IS!

How good it was to get back home last Saturday night and to see all of you Sunday. Laree and I appreciate your love, prayers and encouragement so very much. We only hope we can do half as much for you as you do for us.

It was good to learn of the safe journey of our young people to Midland, Michigan. I know they will have a great VBS there and will return refreshed in the spirit.

We mentioned Sunday those who had preached and taught our classes while gone. We also want to express our love and appreciation for Nelda and Frances who are always so dependable and carry on whether we are here or not.

Laree and I will be working at Texoma Boles Home Youth Camp this next week. I will be directing the camp for the Springtown congregation.

We have enclosed a couple of photographs we made on St. Kitts. Hope you enjoy them. We look forward to seeing you after camp. May God richly bless and keep you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 1983
July 11 through 15 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Room	Class	Teachers
109	Nursery	Pam Lott
104	Nursery	Traci O'Quinn Velma Lemons
102	2 Year	Shelly Miles Brenda Boulter
107	3 Year	Cheryl Welborn Marisa Butler
105	4 year	Nettie Potts Maxine Freeman
202	5 Year	Sheila Morris Elaine Roberson
215	First Grade	Gail Vannoy
209	Second Grade	Betty Knight Julienne Butler
204	Third Grade	Fran Starnes Gussie Beaty
214	Fourth Grade	Jean Oliver
Annex	Fifth & Sixth	Sue Starnes
301	Teenage	Naomi McKeever Greg Parham
Auditorium	Adult	Hulen Jackson

Refreshments: Carolyn Welborn, Linda Marts

SCHEDULE

7:15 - 7:25 Assembly
7:30 - 8:10 First Session
8:10 - 8:20 Refreshments
8:20 - 8:45 Last Session



In the sweetness of love
let there be laughter
and in all our tomorrows
the freshness of today
Karen and Rick

A life of sharing, caring
A love of endless giving together
In the spirit of Christian joy we and
our parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Porter
and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tuggle request the
honour of your presence at our marriage
on Sunday, the twenty-sixth day of June,
nineteen hundred and eighty-three at three
o'clock in the afternoon in the Tyler Rose
Garden, Tyler, Texas.

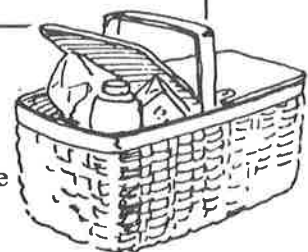
You are invited to join in worship and
witness our vows. If you are unable to
attend, we ask your presence in thought
and prayer.

Reception following
Fountain Room



Young at Heart Picnic

Reservations have been made in a sheltered screened-in building at the Tyler State Park for the Young at Heart Picnic on Thursday, June 30. The bus will leave the church building at 9:00 A.M. Bring a picnic lunch. Beverages will be furnished. If you need other information, call Bob and Virginia Conner (592-4164). You are welcome to invite friends.



Directory Update

Our Church Directory was brought up to date the first of this year. If you are a new member since January or if you have never had your picture made for the Directory, please call James Phillips. He is in the process of taking pictures of new members. He is assisted by Paul Montandon and Dick Higginbotham.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

George Stephenson
to Preach Sunday

Brother Perry Hall will be directing a camp for young people next week and Laree will be teaching. The camp is sponsored by the Springtown Church of Christ. They plan to leave on Saturday.

We are pleased that brother and sister George Stephenson will be with us Sunday and Brother Stephenson will preach for both morning and evening services.

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation to you for the Bible given to me at Baccalaureate. I appreciate it and will try to use it as my guide through life.

Marisa Butler

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

Bessie Willis

Thank you for the cards, calls and especially the remembrance from the Couples Class taught by brother Price at the death of my nephew, S. L. Shores.

Pauline Kennedy

Happy Birthday

JUNE (26) Amy O'Quinn, (27) Vern Johnson (28) Christine Parsons (29) B. B. Lambert, Kyle McRuiz JULY (1) Wes Price, Earnesene Shuford, Bob Zadina



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, June 28 at the Big Sandy Church of Christ. Plan to be at the building ready to leave together on the bus at 7:00 o'clock.

Brother's Keeper

Sunday Evening following the worship, Brother's Keeper Units will meet. Nursery facilities will be available at the building. Plan to meet with your unit and enjoy the fellowship.

New Members to West Erwin



JOE AND AMY CLARK
7126 GATEWOOD - Telephone 581-0457



DWIGHT AND DIANN LEEK
BRYAN AND STEPHANIE
810 Shannon Dr., Telephone 581-2114



ALAN AND PATSY FISHER
AMY
Rt. 8, Box 654, Telephone 561-3848

Serving Sunday

Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements	Freeman Morgan	June 12	6,304.58
Prayer	Roger Knight	Harbin Fund	2,145.00
Dismiss	Ray Lott	June 5	7,831.39
EVENING WORSHIP		Year Ago	8,488.83

CONTRIBUTIONS

Announcements	Freeman Morgan	BIBLE SCHOOL	
Prayer	Foy Richey	June 12	355
Dismiss	Clyde Lane	June 5	385
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		Year Ago	386

Aubrey Payne	K. Max Haws	WORSHIP	
Larry Henry	Tom Williams	June 12	480
Jwill Sims	Jim Franklin	June 5	523
Tom Parsons	Ben Young	BUDGET	8,187.27

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Paul Montandon	Leon Welborn
C. B. Burkham	David Taylor

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jack & Johnnie Stringer	Dannie & Sue Skipper
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman	Glynn & Fran Starnes

CHILDRENS WORSHIP FOR JUNE - Room 108

Ray & Gail Vannoy	Brian & Brenda Boulter
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MINIBUS DRIVER for SUNDAY, June 19 and Wednesday evening, June 22 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

Lectureship

The Lakeside Church of Christ (Hwy. 155, 2661 & 344 - Lake Palestine) will host a Lectureship June 20 - 24, 8:00 P.M. on the theme, Jerusalem, The Model Church. Speakers will be: J. C. Tate, O. R. Perkins, Chris White, O. J. Russell and Johnny Anders. You are invited to attend.

Gift of Love

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck came Wednesday to pick up the supplies we had for them. You contributed cereal in the amount of \$225.00.

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

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

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Sympathy

Graveside services for Truman "Buddy" Langham of Dallas were held Tuesday at Memorial Park Cemetery here in Tyler. He was a relative of the late Truman and Julia Langham and was reared as their son. We extend our sympathy to Corrie Langham Holland and her family in their loss.

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Sybil Thacker is a patient in Community Hospital following surgery on Tuesday.

T. J. Parsons continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Henry McRuiz has returned home from the hospital in Dallas. We are happy to report that she will not be having surgery.

Sermons for Sunday

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. Why Don't We Hurry?
6:00 P.M. The "Foolishness" of God!



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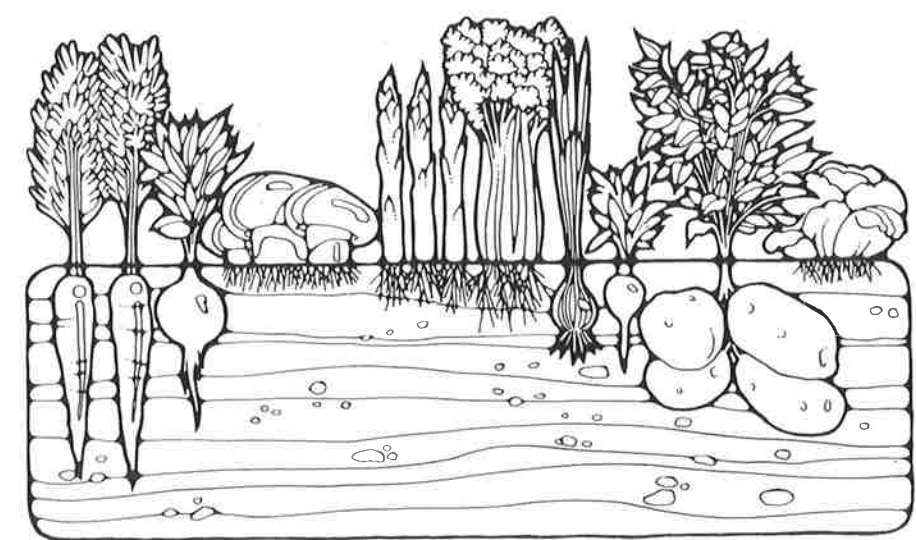
Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



How Does Your Spiritual Garden Grow?

Learn God's Way in the Sunshine Patch at West Erwin in an all Family VBS July 11 - 15 7:15 - 8:45 PM



SUDDEN PAIN AND SLOW DEATH

The ocean, like the earth and sky, contains many spiritual illustrations. The sinister sounding reef dweller, *Synanceja Horrida*, or stone fish, is as ugly as his name. When he stings an unwary swimmer with his poisonous spines, the result is the highest pain level known to man. The victim has no doubt that some immediate calamity has happened to him. He may cry out pitifully and lose consciousness or even die.

By contrast, certain sea snakes can injure or kill you very slowly and subtly. After being bitten by one of these, the victim begins to feel sluggish as every part of his body system slows down. Eventually he goes into what apparently is a kind of sleep. He is not sleeping, however, he is simply unable to move. Often he does not wake up.

Either way these two ocean predators affect you (with immediate pain or subtle sleep), you can be equally dead.

Some sin is on the surface ugly and is immediately horribly painful, consequential, destructive, and deadly like the sting of the stone fish (cf. I Tim. 5:24). Other sin is like that of the sea snake's bite. The perpetrator thinks he has gotten away with his deeds scot free, while the slow poison is working inexorably in his system.

If sin were always as ugly as the stone fish much of it would be avoided. Of course, no swimmer sets out looking for a stone fish to sting him or searches for a sea snake to bite him, but the wise swimmer stays out of areas where such killers are known to hunt.

Some of us live too close to sin and stay too often in places where sin is likely to occur. If we do this, sooner or later we're going to get bitten. Perhaps this was our subconscious intent. (I Cor. 15:33).

Either way we can very quickly become spiritually dead (Rom. 6:23).

Bert Mercer

New Project

Ladies, please begin now to save all nylon hose. You will be asked to bring clean nylon hose for our workers of benevolence to use to fill pressure pads for cancer patients. This is a good work and your co-operation will be needed.

Also, in connection with the benevolent work, a dryer has been donated. A washing machine (in good working order) is also needed. If you have a machine, let us know.

Thank You

Each card, flower, call, dish and donation has carried its own measure of individual love and comfort. We cherish them all and want each of you to know it.

Marikate Davis
Ray & Carolyn Womack

Happy Birthday

JUNE (19) Stella Buckner (20) Lowell Wiggains, Vivie Wright (21) Faye Kennard, Sherry Bobbitt (23) Maurice Henderson, Bob Threadgill, Doug and Drew Johnson (24) Amie Roberts.

Potpourri

On Saturday, June 11, brother and sister Russell O'Bannon celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were in Houston for the weekend to attend a family reunion. We congratulate Russell and Audrey for their many years together and for their service to the Cause of Christ.

A note of appreciation was received this week from Jeff Jones for the Bible he received at Baccalaureate.

The next planned Brother's Keeper meeting is Sunday, June 26. Each unit will make their own plans for July and August.

Our young people, Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and Wes and Alma Faye Price will leave at 6:00 A.M. on Friday for Michigan.

We look forward to the return on Saturday of Perry and Laree Hall and Bud Caskey.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Thank you for your generous comments about my sermons on Sunday. I appreciate your encouragement very much. I do not make a habit of preaching negative sermons, but it is sometimes necessary in order to remind us that there are still some things about religion that should cause us to stop and make sure that we are not drifting away from the solid footing of truth. Polite, respectable worldliness is used by the Devil to lull us into a false sense of security. Let's make sure we don't provide the Devil an opportunity to take advantage of us by his skillful scheming.

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Our young people have really been working on their materials for the Vacation Bible School they will be teaching in Midland, Michigan. By the time you read this we will already be several states away from you. We plan to arrive there early evening on Saturday. Please continue to remember us in your prayers until we are safely returned to you.

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Contractors have begun the work of completing the new parking lot on the west side of our present lot. Our elders announced the plans to purchase the property just across Bonner Street from this parking lot. Its primary purpose will be to provide larger housing for an expanded Benevolent Ministry. This will make it possible to remove the present red brick house being used for that purpose. More will be shared with you on this new project as details are available. To say the least, it will provide new incentive and zeal in this very active ministry.

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May we mention again the need to have names turned in as soon as possible for those planning to attend the ACU Teacher's Workshop during the week of July 24 through 27. We need to reserve housing for you. As usual, the church will provide the minibus for transportation, your tuition and housing on campus. The Madison church will provide the minibus for transportation, your tuition confident that they will present challenging classes. Join us and go!

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss John Brem

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Bill Thompson
Dismiss Milburn Cook

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Paul Montandon Allen Bobbitt
David Hanley Wayne Fears
Jim Paul Roy Clark
Robert Sanford Les Carruth

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Robert Willoughby
Lowell Wiggains

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 5 \$7,831.39
May 29 \$6,998.03
Year Ago \$6,091.56

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5 385
May 29 372
Year Ago 372

WORSHIP

June 5 523
May 29 497

WEEKLY

BUDGET \$8,187.27

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Terry Warren
W. V. Crossman

Milburn & Jan Cook

Jim & Vicki Franklin

Harold & Nelda Browning

Phil & Linda Marts

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for June, Room 108

Ray & Gail Vannoy

Brian & Brenda Boulter

SERMON
topics

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

BY WES PRICE
10:30 A.M. "How To Overcome Sin."
6:00 P.M. "The Devil Says It's So!"

In Appreciation

Thank you for your visits, calls, food and prayers during my hospitalization. A special thanks to Wes, Perry and Naomi McKeever.
Henry Starnes

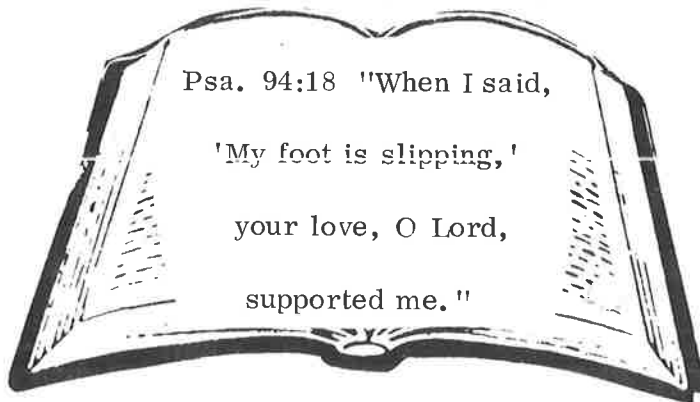
In The Hospitals

Brother T. J. Parsons continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

Brother Bill Endsley underwent surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Henry (Becky)McRuiz remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Maurice Henderson has been hospitalized but went home this week.



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The Church With A Heart

And The Lord Added . . .

On Friday morning of last week, after a period of study, Joe Clark was baptized by Perry Hall. We rejoice with Joe in his obedience to Christ. Joe and his wife, Amy, were introduced Sunday as new members of the West Erwin family. Their address is 7126 Gatewood, telephone 581-0457.

Sympathy

On May 27th sister Pauline Kennedy attended the funeral of a nephew in Shreveport, La. We extend our sympathy to Pauline and her family.

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Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Brethren,

a VBS for the entire family!

GROWING GOD'S WAY
in The Sunshine Patch

WEST ERWIN: JULY 11 - 15
7:15 PM



Summer Youth Series

FIRST MEETING OF SUMMER

Co-Hosted By
West Erwin & Glenwood

at the West Erwin Building

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 14, 1983

Time - 7:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker - John Paul Blankenship

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED

in the NEWS

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Cleburne for our brother R. H. (Bob) Davis. He passed away suddenly last Sunday while he and Marikate were visiting their son in St. Louis. We share in the sorrow of this family and extend our deepest sympathy to sister Marikate Davis, the Womack family and other members of the Davis family.

An Invitation

You are invited to a Baby Shower
Honoring Lee Ann Braly
On Tuesday, June 14
At the home of Mrs. Matt Haws
612 David

7:00 o'clock



BE
AN
EARLY
BIRD!

ARISE EARLY ENOUGH
ON SUNDAY MORNING
TO BE IN BIBLE CLASS.

Remember, it takes several
minutes to take the children
to their classes and to be on
time for starting your own
class at

9:30 am

Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Vernon Skipper

have the honour of announcing

the marriage of their daughter

Patricia Ann

to

Douglas Bradley Kinnett

on Saturday, the fourth of June

nineteen hundred and eighty-three

at half after two o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ Chapel

Tyler, Texas



REMEMBER, we are collecting
CEREAL for the Medina Home
grocery truck to be here
one day next week.

Moved Away

Mrs. L.L. (Jewell) Gann has
moved to Midland, Texas. She
has been a member of West
Erwin for many years and
will be missed. Her address
is 4209 Andrews (79707).

Happy Birthday

JUNE (12) Ralph Old (13)
Juanita Graf, Harold Brown-
ing (14) Kevin Womack (15)
T.J. Parsons, J.N. Metcalf,
Shelly Campbell, Kevin Braly
(16) Ann Nail, R.E. Frederick
(17) Fred Strait, Grace Wal-
ker, Zeffie Beard (18) Shelly
Henry.

Here and There

by Wes Price



With the departure of Perry and Laree Hall and Bud Caskey, we begin the first part of a very busy summer schedule. Just one day before they return, the Hughes', Prices and our teenage young people will be off to Midland, Mich. on an outreach effort with the church there. By all safe estimates, it will be about a month before Perry and I will cross paths again, since he will be leaving again just about the time we return from Michigan.

I will be having the opportunity of preaching to you again this coming Sunday in brother Hall's absence and then you will have the joy of hearing George Stephenson preach on Sunday, June 26th.

Our own Vacation Bible School will be July 11 through 15, and following that we will be making our annual trip to Abilene Christian University for the Summer Teachers Workshop, July 24th through 26th. If you plan on attending this year, please let the church office know so we can make reservations for you at the university.

All in all, we will be exceedingly busy through these next two months. Many of you will be away on vacation trips and we will miss you. Don't forget to take the time to find a place to worship while you are away.

Remember Perry, Laree and Bud in your prayers, not only for a safe journey, but above all, a bountiful harvest of souls. Keep all of God's workers in your prayers.

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It was a joy to see Joe Clark put his Lord on in baptism this past week. Good seed was planted in an honest heart and God blessed it with growth. We are grateful to have this fine couple now a part of this church family. Get to know them.

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The church has suffered many losses over these past months. None was more sudden and more difficult to receive than the news concerning brother Bob Davis. We received the word from a grandson on Sunday night. Bob was a great worker in the Kingdom. I never heard him utter a word of discouragement. If you asked him how he was, he always answered: "If I was any better, I

Thank You

It was a real pleasure for me to be able to attend services at West Erwin on Sunday, the 22nd of May. It was good to see everyone. I want to express my appreciation for all the kind things you and many in the congregation are doing for mother. I thank you sincerely.

Billy H. Frazier
(daughter of Wyche Harris)

We would like to thank all of our Christian friends for the visits, food, flowers, cards and prayers at the time of the death of our loved one.

The Family of O.M. Hughes

The family of E. V. Rushing acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy

Here and There

couldn't stand it!" That is the kind of attitude we could use more of. Bob and Marikate have blessed our church family in so many ways. Our hearts go out to Marikate and to the Womack family in their deep loss.

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A visitor was heard to comment about what he saw in one of our worship services recently. A lot of folks spend more time talking to each other, playing with babies and generally looking less than involved in the acts of worship than they should. The visitor was sincerely looking for a place to become a part of the church family. So far as I know he never came back. Surely he was mistaken about our members. We wouldn't be guilty of not engaging in the worship. The visitor most certainly must have observed a lot of other visitors doing those things. What do you think?

All the members of my Sunday morning Bible class are reminded of the family picnic we will be having at Golden Park this coming Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Come and bring a picnic lunch. We will have a great time!

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer Brian Boulter
Dismiss Dick Higginbotham

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer Fred Powell
Dismiss Jonathan Paul

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Charles Hickman Mac McCall
Eldon Scott Scott Morris
Dwight Leek Cooper Goodson
Kevin Braly Roy Clark

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 5 and Wednesday evening, June 8 - LES CARRUTH, 561-9684.

CHILDRENS WORSHIP for June - Room 108

Ray & Gail Vannoy Brian & Brenda Boulter

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

May 29 \$6,998.03
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Year Ago \$7,514.81

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WEEKLY

BUDGET \$8,187.27

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Henry (Becky) McRuiz is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

T. J. Parsons continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Jim (Bessie) Willis was in Community over the weekend.

Henry Starnes remains in Medical Center.

Chester Williams may be at home by the time you receive this.

Jim Canterbury is at home and has made improvement.

The R.L.Trentham's son, James Trentham, is a patient in the VA Hospital in Dallas. His address is 4500 Lancaster, Room 415-4A, (75216).



The ladies of West Erwin have been asked to write a short composition on the subject, "What It Means To Me To Be A Christian." A booklet is being made from the articles to be used in the fall for LADIES INSPIRATION DAY. We want to invite and encourage all women of West Erwin to contribute to this project. Please don't feel that your thoughts must be profound or written in a professional manner. Each Christian lady is unique and special. Give your article to Billie Bob Hickman or leave it in the church office no later than Sunday, June 12.

**Clouds in our lives
are sent many times
to bring showers of blessings.**

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Responses

We are happy to welcome Alan and Patsy Fisher and their daughter Amy. Alan teaches Shop at Stewart and Patsy is a Counselor at John Tyler High School. Amy will be in the 8th grade in the fall. They formerly worshipped at the Bullard Church of Christ. Their address is Rt. 8, Box 654 (75703) - telephone 561-3848.

Workshop

The Church of Christ in Troup will present an Ideas Workshop - Teaching With Visuals on Saturday, June 11. Mary Lou Mereness will be featured. There will be a nursery for pre-schoolers (bring a sack lunch). Also, bring tape recorders for songs. The hours will be 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Luncheon, 12:30 - 'til. The workshop is for teachers, assistants, workers and anyone interested in teaching Bible School.

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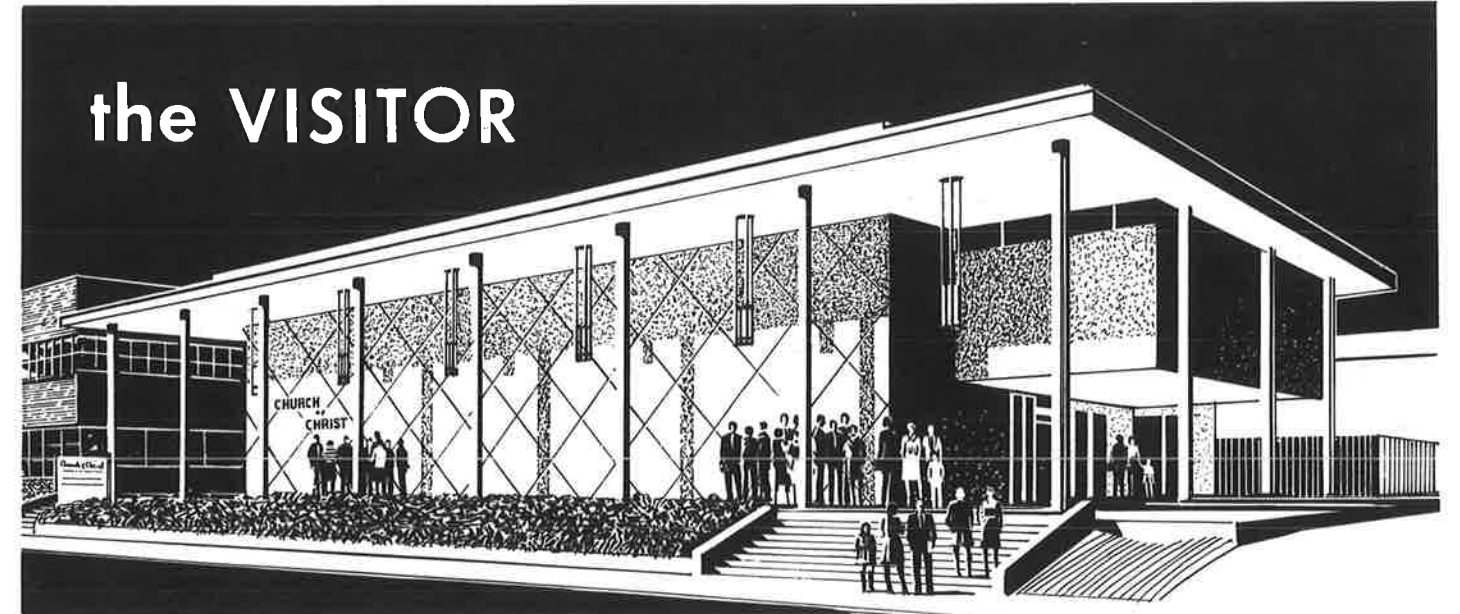
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The Church With A Heart

**Looking Toward
Saint Kitts**



The time for our evangelistic effort in Saint Kitts is almost here. Bud, Laree and I will be leaving next Monday morning for two weeks of planting the seed and, we trust, harvesting souls for the Kingdom of Heaven. We covet your fervent prayers for this effort. We will spend every day, with the exception of one, teaching Christ from house to house. Every night will see us engaged in a gospel meeting with brother Paul Hall of Midland, Texas doing the preaching. We leave June 6 and will return June 18. Because you are making it possible for us to go you will have fruit put down to your account (Phil.4:17). Twenty-four workers will be involved in this effort.

Perry's Perspective



By Perry Hall

Saint Kitts is located in the Leeward Islands of the West Indies about 250 miles southeast of Puerto Rico. It was discovered by Columbus in 1493. It was inhabited by the Carib Indians until 1620 when they were driven out by the English and French. France and Britain fought over the island for a century and a half with Spain getting into the act on occasion. The British finally received title through the Treaty of Versailles. Today it is inhabited by about 40,000 people of predominantly African descent, some British.

God has opened a door for us in these islands in recent years with good response to the gospel of Christ. With the encroachment of Communism in the hemisphere, we do not know how much time we have. I thank God I am associated with a congregation that wants to seize this and other opportunities to spread the Kingdom of God.

A medical mission team has just completed a five day out-patient clinic on the island. Three Christian doctors were accompanied by nurses and a lab technician.

(Continued on Page 2)

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will again be held each Tuesday evening during the summer. The first of the meetings will be co-hosted by West Erwin and Glenwood and held at the West Erwin building. John Paul Blankenship will be the guest speaker. Each meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Listed below is the schedule:

June 14	West Erwin & Glenwood	Tyler
June 21	Crockett Raod Church	Palestine
June 28	Big Sandy Church	Big Sandy
July 5	South Main Church	Henderson
July 12	Pine Tree Church	Longivew
July 19	Quitman & Center Church	Gladewater
July 26	Broadway Church	Tyler
August 2	Queen & Debard Church	Palestine
August 9	Northwest	Tyler

Happy Birthday

JUNE
(5) Carolyn Womack (6) C. B. Hardin, Stephanie Miles (7) Amanda Munn (9) Charlie Shuford, David Hanley (10) Sheila Taylor, Carolyn Carruth (11) Tanya Wiggains, B. E. Walker, Elizabeth Endsley.

Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Hughes Springs, Texas will hold a Gospel Meeting, June 5 through 8. Jerry McCaghren will preach. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.



By PERRY HALL
10:30 A.M. Into All The World
6:00 P.M. The Way of Cain

Perry's Perspective Continued

These members of the Lord's church use their medical skills, not only for the physical benefit of those to whom they ministered, but also to help create interest in the gospel. Dr. A. J. Thompson, their leader said, "We must not forget that preaching the gospel is our real mission in life." Governmental, health officials and the local business community were greatly impressed by this type of effort. In addition to all the good done medically, above all, eleven souls were baptized into Christ!

Brethren, please pray for us as we go to labor in this vineyard.

Thank You

I would like to thank all of my Christian friends for the visits, calls, cards and prayers while in the hospital and at home.
Mrs. C. N. Strait

Thank you for remembering me in your prayers, visits, calls and cards.
Bertha Byrd

We want to thank each and every one for the prayers, cards, visits and food. We do appreciate all of you so very much. We just couldn't have made it without you. Your interest is so comforting. Please continue to pray for us. God bless you all.

Jim Canterbury and Family

Please let this note express for my family and me the heartfelt thanks of each of us to each of you for the visits, cards and expressions of concern during my recent hospitalization. Thank you especially for your prayers.

Darrell Holt

W. O. Rushing and family expresses their appreciation and love for the prayers, flowers, cards and food at the time of our sorrow. Your kindness will always be remembered.

W. O. Rushing

Grocery Truck

REMEMBER, we are collecting CEREAL for the Medina Home Grocey Truck to be here the week of June 13-17.

Potpourri

The beautiful floral arrangement in the auditorium Sunday was given by Gail and Joe Ford in honor of Gail's parents' 46th Wedding Anniversary. We congratulate Bruce and Armita Raley.

On Tuesday of next week Bud Caskey and Perry and Laree Hall will leave for St. Kitt in the Caribbean.

Our young people will leave as a group on June 17 to teach VBS in Midland, Michigan. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and Wes and Alma Faye Price will go with them.

Here and There

by Wes Price



The trip to Midland, Michigan is almost upon us. At the present time, we have 21 young people signed up to make the trip where we will be teaching in a Vacation Bible School with the Isabella Road church. These teenagers will be doing all the teaching in all the classes. Hillard has been preparing them in their work during the Wednesday night study period. My wife and I will join Hillard and Jeanine on the trip. We will be traveling by minibus, taking ours and renting one. If you would like to have a part in this good effort, contributions can be made to the West Erwin youth fund.

Our own Vacation Bible School is set for July 11 thru 15 with classes for all ages. Our adult class will be taught by brother Hulen Jackson of Duncanville. The teenage class will be taught by Greg Parham. We are looking forward to an exciting week. Time schedule is set for evening classes, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Please try to plan any trips you need to take so that you can be with us for this concentrated effort for Bible study.

My Sunday morning class will have a family picnic on Saturday, June 11 at the Golden Road Park. Plan to arrive around 10:00 and bring a picnic lunch and drinks. We will have ice for the drinks. The park has an excellent play area for small children, so bring them all.

A famous artist was once asked which of his own great works he thought was best. He thought for a moment and answered, "My next one." Here was a man who was young in heart, fervent in spirit and optimistic in outlook. He was not looking back to the "good old days," nor was he living in dreams.

Two words, which spell defeat if uttered often are "if only." If only I hadn't said that word; if only I had taken that job when it was offered to me; if only I had tried harder; if only I had said, "no." True, all of us have regrets. This is as it should be. A person who has no regrets must be hard-hearted indeed. But standing still and accepting defeat while mournfully saying, "if only" is a futile way to meet life's challenges. It is to beat (continued next column)

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At the home of Mrs. Glen Warner
4505 Greta Green
Honoring Miss Karen Porter*
June 4
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
*Selections:
Dillard's
Sanger/Harris*

*You are invited to a Baby Shower
Honoring Lee Ann Braly
On Tuesday, June 14
At the home of Mrs. Matt Haws
612 David*
7:00 o'clock

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 11 - 15
7:15 to 8:45 P.M.

Here and There

upon closed doors that are shut tight. In the end, the only result will be to turn away from those doors with bruised and bleeding fists and broken hearts.

Two words which spell victory are "next time." Rather than sitting down in resignation while saying, "if only," if we will regret our failure and then, with determination say, "next time;" we'll find ourselves making progress. Next time I'll be slow to speak; next time I'll accept the job; next time I'll remember to say, "thank you;" next time I'll stand up and say what ought to be said; next time I won't cheat on an examination even if it means failing the course.

The greatest sermon ever preached by an uninspired man has not yet been preached; the greatest poem has not yet been written; the most beautiful building has not yet been built; the best job of being a father or mother hasn't yet been done; the greatest discovery has not yet been made. Paul, great as he was, at a great level of Christian maturity said, "I press toward the mark." Phil.3:14 (Article by Dr. Raymond Kelcy of Oklahoma Christian College)

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Louis E. Jones
Dismiss Larry Henry

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Prayer Roy Clark
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Responses

Sunday morning, Paul Montandon asked for the prayers of the church.

Vacation Bible School

July 11 - 15, 7:15 until 8:45 P.M.

A Special INVITATION

BIBLE CLASSES
For everyone!
Sunday Morning 9:30

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Mrs. Ron (Pam) Lott had surgery on Monday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Ed (Vernon) Naul, formerly of West Erwin, is now in Jackson Square Nursing Home, 814 Weiler Blvd. in Fort Worth (76112).

Mrs. Terry (Linda) Stephenson had surgery last week in Medical City in Dallas. We have learned that she is making a good recovery and will probably return home this week. Linda and Terry live in Bullard. You may send a card to Rt. 1, Box 38 (75757).

SERMON TOPICS

By Wes Price
A.M. "Sacrifice and the Lord's Supper."
P.M. "What Do Attitudes Have To Do With Salvation?"

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The Church With A Heart

FOR BROTHERS

AND SISTERS . . .



For brothers and sisters we give thanks. Laree and I were so happy to have all of you to our house Sunday night. It was such a good attendance. What joy it is to be in one another's presence and share in all the good things of this wonderful family in which we have been born by the power of the blood of the Son of Almighty God! Four families were present who are considering West Erwin as their spiritual home. We were so glad they could be with us. Of course, we do hope these will join with us. We missed those who were not there. One cannot help but miss beloved brothers and sisters on such an occasion, just as we would miss our own children in a family gathering when they cannot be present. We wish we could find a time that would provide no conflicts with the schedules of others, but in a family of 600 this is just not possible.

We appreciate all who helped following the gathering. I don't know all who helped but I must mention Tony and Mark Adams.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



They worked so hard in helping to pick up the chairs, set them up on our lawn and then return them to the building with the help of Freeman Morgan. Laree and I worked every minute after lunch to make final preparations before time for worship services. We don't know what we would have done without Tony and Mark.

We look now toward a very busy summer. In addition to our regular responsibilities with you, we will also be involved in gospel meeting work, a Youth Bible encampment which we shall direct on the shores of Lake Texoma and a two week evangelistic campaign on the island of Saint Kitt in the Caribbean. Our own Vacation Bible School will soon be upon us - July 11 - 15. Our young people will also be working in a mission effort in Michigan. Our Bible class teachers will be off to the ACU Teacher's Workshop in July. "There is much to do, there is work on every hand." We pray that all of these activities will

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New Babies

Karen and Bob Zadina are the parents of a baby girl, Kristin Noelle, born in Dallas on May 25.

A baby girl was born on Tuesday, May 17 in Mother Frances Hospital to Wynelle and Dan Sexton. The baby has been named Megan.

Amy Kathleen Higginbotham was born in Dallas on May 11 to Steve and Kathy Higginbotham. The proud grandparents are Dick and Sue Higginbotham.

East Texas Christian Academy

We are now enrolling for our fall semester. We are adding two year olds and sixth grade. We are enrolling twos through sixth grade at this time. Also, we are accepting applications for teaching positions, and we are in need of workers to help with our day care from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. A custodian for the Omen Road building is needed (someone who would be able to drive the bus to and from the Omen Road building from the Shiloh building.)

We will continue to save labels during the summer months. The response has been wonderful.

Gospel Meeting

The Oakdale Church of Christ invites you to hear Don Kleppe from Vernon, Texas in a series of Gospel sermons, May 29 through June 1. Week-night services will be at 7:30 o'clock.



Grocery Truck

Remember, the MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK to collect food and other items we might have for them will be here the week of June 13 - 17. They have suggested we concentrate on one item, CEREAL (Raisin Bran, Shredded Wheat, Fruit Loops, Grape Nuts, etc.) They also appreciate cash as it allows them to purchase perishable foods.

Perry's Perspective Continued

be to the glory of God and will contribute to the salvation of many souls.

With all of the activities of the summer it is hard to find time to catch your breath, but all of us need that too. So Laree and I are planning to spend a week just resting and camping at Tyler State Park and Caddo Lake, beginning today (Monday). We appreciate Wes, C. B. Burkham and

Thank You

Just saying "thank you" doesn't seem enough. Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Thanks so much to Wes's Sunday morning class for the beautiful flower arrangement. It was so thoughtful of you all. Also, I would like to thank our Brother's Keeper group for all the food and prayers.

J. N. & Ginger Metcalf

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and visits that my dad, O. E. Townsend, received when he was in the hospital recently. Also, thanks to the young couples class for the card and prayers. He is at home now and doing better.

(Note: sister Townsend has also been hospitalized recently.)

Thank you so much for all of the cards and visits that I received during my stay in the hospital. Thanks for thinking of me.

Freddie Keener

Congratulations

Virginia Graf graduated with honors from Tyler Junior College with an Associate degree in Applied Science - Dental Hygiene.

Ray Magee has received his masters degree from Abilene Christian University.

Happy Birthday

MAY (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Mildred Tuel, Ola Dunwoody (31) David Fears
JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Paul Miller, Justin Wiggains (2) Valerie Sexton (3) Gena Henry (4) Cheryl Welborn, Ken Gode, Carroll Magee.

Roger Knight for stepping into some of our responsibilities while we are gone. We give God thanks for these beloved sons of His.

Let us be praying and preparing our minds for our VBS and the young people's mission trip. Laree and I covet your prayers for the labors that will carry us away from our brothers and sisters here.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We owe a big thanks to Perry and Laree for hosting the all-church ice cream party at their home after church last Sunday evening. The weather cooperated beautifully and the crowd responded by showing up. It was a big success.

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The graduating seniors were treated to a special breakfast in their honor last Sunday morning at the home of Milburn and Jan Cook. Joining them as hosts were Hillard and Jeanine Hules. It was a very pleasant experience and Hillard had some choice words to share with these fine young men and ladies as they make their way toward the end of their first real level of educational achievement. Our prayers go with them. Commencement exercises will be held on Tuesday night for John Tyler graduates and on Wednesday night for those graduating from Robert E. Lee.

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Many hearts were saddened this past week at the passing of brother E.V. Rushing of Pritchett. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon by his son, James. To say the least it would be a difficult assignment for a son to deliver the eulogy at the service of a father, but James did his father proud by the sweet words he spoke about a loving father. Brother Rushing was loved and respected by many who have been long time members of the West Erwin family.

We never cease to be grateful to those singers who give so unselfishly of their time to sing for funerals. We are also grateful to all those who take the time to express their thanks and appreciation for a job well done. I'm afraid that some take this service for granted and the only time you hear from them is when the singing is not good. It is a privilege to work with a large number of singers who rarely hesitate to serve when called upon.

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In a gun factory, an elongated bar of steel, weighing several hundred pounds, was suspended vertically by a chain. Near it an average size cork was suspended by a silk thread. "You will see something shortly which is seemingly impossible," said an attendant to a group of sight-

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Our Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in Pritchett for brother E. V. Rushing. In years past brother Rushing served as one of the elders of the West Erwin congregation and is well known by many in this area. He passed away suddenly Friday morning. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Bertha Rushing, their sons James and Bob and their families. Our heartfelt sympathy is also extended to our brother W. O. Rushing, a brother, who also suffered the loss of his wife, Rose, last week.

Shower

There will be a Diaper Shower for Wynelle Sexton at the home of Susan Steffee on Jeff Davis Drive, Tuesday evening, May 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Elders/Deacons Meeting

There will be an Elders-Deacons meeting on Tuesday evening, May 31 at 7:00 o'clock.

Here and There (continued)

seers. "This cork is going to set this steel bar in motion!"

The cork was swinging gently against the steel bar, which remained motionless. For ten minutes the cork, with pendulum-like regularity, struck the iron bar. Then the bar vibrated slightly. At the end of an hour the great bar was swinging like the pendulum of a clock!

We may consider our efforts, at times, providing only a feather's weight of influence toward really growing a church, but small beginnings can accomplish the seemingly impossible. When we can create small growth in all of our ministries (involvement, education, youth, care for the aging, etc.) we proliferate that growth potential from the base upward. May we never consider our contribution, however small, to be insignificant.

(Our thanks to Freeman Morgan for the above article selected from the Memorial church bulletin of Houston.)

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Guy Potts

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In Appreciation

"Thank You" seems very inadequate for the honor, the lovely plaque and all the kind words. What a surprise for a substitute teacher! I feel I speak for all our teachers in saying, "Thank You" for the wonderful banquet and the words of praise bestowed on all.

In Christian love,
Nettie Potts

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Maudie Brown is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ron (Pam) Lott will enter Mother Frances Hospital Sunday for surgery.

Jim Canterbury continues to be a patient in Mother Frances following surgery.

Mrs. Vivie Wright is in Community Hospital suffering from pneumonia

Mrs. Beatrice Hawk is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Homer Williamson's nephew, Roger Clements, underwent open heart surgery Wednesday in Fort Smith, Ark. She has asked for your prayers in his behalf.

Mrs. C. N. Strait had eye surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 22

BY PERRY HALL

A.M. "The Friend of God"

P.M. "How To Search The Scriptures"

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Thank You

Many thanks for the spray of pink carnations, the words of comfort, the food prepared and the telephone calls when our mother passed away. Especially, we thank all who befriended Wilma Jones and who showed sweet Christian love by preparing her food and visiting with her.

Frances Jones Phillips & Family
Jeanie Lou Jones Smith & Family

I am grateful for your visits, flowers and calls during my illness and stay in the hospital. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Lera Bennett

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The Church With A Heart

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 22 at 6:00 P.M.,
Baccalaureate services for all High School graduates of the churches of Christ in Tyler will be held at the Sunday evening worship of the Glenwood church of Christ. The guest speaker will be Art McNeese, minister of the South McArthur Church of Christ in Irving, Texas.

Immediately following the service a reception in the Fellowship Center of the church will be held to honor the graduates.

1983

**Teacher
Appreciation Banquet**

Bible Class Teachers of West Erwin were honored last Friday evening with a banquet in our Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Guy (Nettie) Potts received special honor as Teacher of the Year.



Nettie Potts receiving Teacher of the Year award from Wes Price.

Congratulations Grads



Marisa Butler



Shelly Campbell



Christi Cook



Not Pictured
Stephanie Griffith



Shannon Hughes



Jeffrey Jones



John Powell



Kelly Womack

A John Tyler High School graduate, MARISA BUTLER plans to enter Lubbock Christian College in the fall to major in business or education. Marisa graduated 6th in her class with a 4.0 average. She received the Smith County DAR Good Citizenship award. Marisa was nominated for Homecoming Queen, was a member of the Drill Team, Future Business Leaders of America and Teen Jury. She was inducted into the National Honor Society as a Sophomore and served as the treasurer her senior year. Marisa is the daughter of Bill and Jo Butler.

SHELLY CAMPBELL is a graduate of Robert E. Lee and plans to enter Tyler Junior College majoring in English. She was a member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America and served as Reporter as a senior. Shelly is the daughter of Ronny and Eddie Dunn.

CHRISTI COOK was on the A,B Honor Roll her senior year. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee where she was a member of the Psychology Club, Young Life and the Latin Club. She plans to enter either Abilene Christian University or Texas Tech. Christi is the daughter of Milburn and Jan Cook.

SHANNON HUGHES, a Robert E. Lee graduate, has received a Basketball Scholarship to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. He plans to major in Banking & Finance. His senior year Shannon was Captain of the Varsity Basketball Team, Senior Class Handsome and on the A,B Honor Roll. He was selected as a member of the All District 1st Team in Basketball, All East Texas 1st Team and All Region 3rd Team. Shannon is the son of Jeanine and Hillard Hughes.

A graduate of Robert E. Lee, JEFFREY JONES will enter Abilene Christian University in the fall and major in Accounting. He has received an ACU College of Business Academic Scholarship. Jeffrey lettered in Varsity Basketball. He was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Lee Varsity Basketball Team. He is the son of Louis and Jane Jones.

JOHN WALKER POWELL plans to enter Abilene Christian University in the fall. His major will be Psychology. He is a graduate of Robert E. Lee where he was a member of the Psychology club, the Chemistry Club and the German Club. John is the son of Fred and Sara Powell.

A graduate of Robert E. Lee, KELLY WOMACK plans to major in Psychology and minor in voice. She will enter Abilene Christian University in the fall. Kelly was a member of the Red Raider Chorale and REL Good Vibrations (vocal ensemble). Her senior year she was a member of the All Region Choir, 2nd Chair and All Area Choir, 1st Chair. Kelly is the daughter of Carolyn and Ray Womack.

Congratulations

Congratulations to DAWN MALLORY who graduated from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor's degree and to GAIL EGBERT who graduated with an associate arts degree from Tyler Junior College.

Benevolent Work

Next Tuesday, May 24, will be the last meeting of the benevolent workers until fall. Very soon a report of the year's activities will be published for your information. Much good work has been done this year.

Sympathy

Sister W. O. (Rose) Rushing passed away unexpectedly early Tuesday morning. Her funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home. We express our sincere sympathy to brother Rushing, their daughter and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Max A. Tallant request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Lana Lynne

to
Richard Greer Higginbotham, Jr.
son of

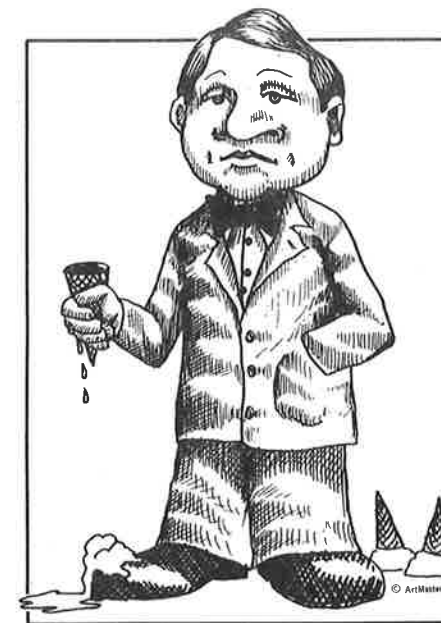
Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Higginbotham, Sr.
on Friday, May twenty-seventh
Nineteen hundred and eighty-three
seven o'clock in the evening
Colonial Hills Baptist Church
(formerly Calvary Baptist South)
7330 South Broadway
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday

MAY (23) Jonnie Steffee, Bennie Bynum, Tony Adams (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis E. Jones (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight.

Ice Cream Supper



PUT A GREAT BIG SMILE ON YOUR FACE BY BEING AT THE CHURCH-WIDE ICE CREAM SUPPER AFTER WORSHIP SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 22. THIS WILL BE AT THE HALL HOME ON BETTY DRIVE, 13TH HOUSE ON THE LEFT, CHAPEL HILL AREA. GO FOUR MILES EAST ON 64 FROM LOOP 323. TURN LEFT ON BETTY DRIVE. GO 1/2 MILE. BRING A FREEZER OF CREAM OR CAKE OR COOKIES. OH, YES! PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE SMILE!!! CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED.

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Attention Seniors

Sunday immediately following the morning worship service is the scheduled time for our graduating seniors to have their pictures made. Be sure to bring your information sheets with you.

Response

We are happy that Mike Mackey, 4215 Southpark Drive, phone 581-1459, came Sunday to be restored. He formerly worshipped at West Erwin but recently has been living in Longview.

In The Hospitals

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Chester Williams is in Medical Center Hospital. He is scheduled for vascular surgery today (Wednesday).

Mrs. Jesse (Freddie) Keener is a patient in Community Hospital. She is suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Jack (Lera) Bennett remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

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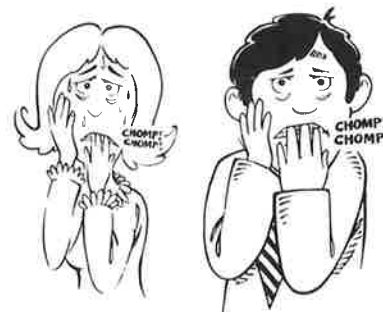
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The Church With A Heart

The Home Front

(Continued from last week.)

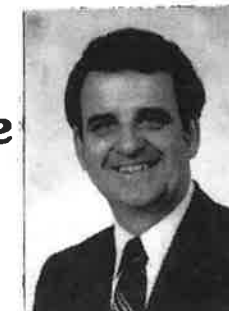
The decade of the 70's was called "The Age of Depression" for the much-attacked and troubled Home Front. Perhaps there has been some improvement in the 80's, but there is room for much more. The institution of marriage has often been found to be an institution of anxiety and unhappiness, broken spirits and broken homes. Why



are these things happening? There is no simple answer or pat solution. It goes without saying that a living, loving, vital relationship with God through Jesus Christ is the greatest antidote to the depression of any decade. Still we are human

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



and from time to time we all become discouraged. Through a practical application of Biblical principle and good common sense, we will be able to overcome.

Psychologists tell us that one of the leading causes of depression or discouragement is low self-esteem. Low self-esteem is a constant threat to the family of man. We must never forget we are made in God's image, and therefore of eternal and intrinsic worth. People of all ages, all socio-economic levels of society and every race and ethnic culture are infected with this emotional disease. The more the realization is blurred in our minds with regard to the fact we are divine, as well as human, the more we are infected.

Many men feel very insecure and worthless, but the "disease" of inferiority has taken on epidemic proportions among women today. God-given responsibilities have fallen into disrespect and ridicule with many in today's society. Maintaining a home and rearing children have come under

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attack by "liberated" women and thus many wives and mothers, being affected by social pressures, have come to look upon themselves with unconcealed disenchantment. Christian women must remember the highest call from God for women has always been in this role. We must not allow Satan to delude us. Please read Proverbs 31:10ff.

What does a person feel when struggling with deep-seated feelings of inadequacy? What form does it take as it attacks our emotions? So varied is its invasion of our lives that time or space would not permit an exhaustive treatment here. One psychologist has attempted through his experience to relate the troubling thoughts and anxieties of the insecure mind. He says, "It is sitting alone in a house during the quiet afternoon hours, wondering why the phone doesn't ring, wondering why you have no 'real' friends. It is longing for someone to talk to - soul to soul, but knowing there is no such person worthy of your trust. It is feeling that 'they wouldn't like me if they knew the real me.' It is wondering why other people have so much more talent and ability than you do.

"It is feeling ugly and sexually unattractive. It is admitting that you have become a failure as a wife and mother. It is disliking everything about yourself and wishing, constantly wishing, you could be someone else. It is feeling unloved and unloveable and lonely and sad. It is lying in bed after the family is asleep, pondering the vast emptiness inside and longing for unconditional love. It is reaching up in the darkness to remove a tear from the corner of your eye. It is depression."

Perhaps most of us will recognize many of these feelings, especially if you are a woman. We must never forget who we are or the promises of God. His love is unconditional and He has accepted us in the Beloved Christ.

Low self-esteem can be traced to dozens of causes, many of them linked with early



home life. The adult who felt unloved or unwanted as a child will never forget the

experience, but by renewing the mind through God's powerful word, the love of brothers and sisters in God's family and the love and help of one's mate, we can be more than conquerors through Him who loves us!



How can we help one another! Poor communication and poor marriages go hand in hand. We must learn to listen. We must be aware of the troubled soul. We must reach out with a hand of love, understanding help and forgiveness. We must keep the romantic aspects of love and genuine appreciation for each other alive. We must be thoughtful of each other's needs and never take each other for granted.



A man's concern for his wife's total welfare is so important that it even influences his own relationship with God. The paraphrase of the Living New Testament expresses it this way, "You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs and honoring them as the weaker sex. Remember that you and your wife are partners in receiving God's blessings, and if you don't treat her as you should your prayers will not get ready answers." (I Pet.3:7) Portions of this version are unreliable; but here, it expresses well in paraphrase some of the things involved in our ministry to each other.

How important is the home front in our battle for God, righteousness and the living of victorious, fruitful Christian lives that will finally bring us home to heaven!

Perry



For Sunday A.M. "How Do You View Life?" by Perry Hall P.M. "The Pillars of Unity."

Thank You

Please accept our love and gratitude for your thoughtful and helpful acts of kindness during our stay in the hospital and recuperating at home. We are most grateful for your prayers. We thank you for the cards, food, flowers and transportation to and from the hospital. You are great and we love you.

Aubrey and Floia Payne

Thanks to all who called, sent cards and brought food to me while I was sick. At times like this it is nice to have so many Christian friends.

Leona McElroy

Words cannot express every kindness that was shown to me while I was in the hospital. My love for West Erwin is very deep. May God continue to bless you.

Florene Adams

Happy Birthday

MAY (15) Jessie Smith (16) K. Max Haws (17) Christopher Bobbitt (18) D. C. Jones, Barbara Montandon (20) Mike Munn (21) Sherryl Miles, Doris Gregory.

Congratulations

Angel Carpenter is graduating from the University of Texas in Tyler with a bachelors degree in Education.

Ben Rothrock will receive an associate degree in Petroleum Technology from Tyler Junior College.

Ray Magee has received his masters degree from ACU.

Ken Berry, son-in-law to Wes and Alma Faye Price, has received his masters degree from ACU.

David Ingram, grandson of Homer and Lerah Williamson has received a bachelors degree from ACU.

Ladies' Class & Luncheon

Ladies, Wednesday the 18th will be the last week for Ladies Bible Class until fall. We will have a "Covered Dish Luncheon" following the class period. Plan to come, bring a dish and invite your husband.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We are extremely proud of the Teaching Staff at the West Erwin church. It includes a host of loyal and dedicated Christians who give so unselfishly of their time and energy. It is our joy and privilege to praise and honor them this week at the annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet. We have chosen as our special honoree this year a teacher who has given above and beyond the call of duty in responding to every type of emergency. She is my number One substitute in pre-school, primary and junior departments. We appreciate her and want you to join us in congratulating her as our Teacher of the Year. She is Nettie Potts.

Nettie is representative of the quality that all of our teachers possess and in bestowing honor on her, we are equally bestowing honor on all our teachers. We sing your praises and ask God to grant you years of continued service in your teaching ministry.

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We just today received work via Chuck Cauthen that brother Ira North's health has taken a turn for the worse. His doctors have given him a very grave picture concerning the future. Won't you join me in a prayer in his behalf and his family's behalf.

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IT IS HARD. . .

...to convince children that the church is the most important thing in the world when you are negligent about attending its services and supporting its work.

...to convince children that the church is to be held higher than any thing when you insist that they do their homework for public school but permit them to neglect their Bible study.

...to convince children that the church is the world's most important institution when you give little to help finance its work and encourage them to do likewise.

...to convince children that they should respect the church when you continually criticize the leadership, belittle the teacher's work and appear as a habitual faultfinder.

(Courtesy Corinth Road bulletin, Jacksonville)

Take Time To Pray

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Shannon Hughes
Dismiss Shayne Bennett

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Jeff Jones
Dismiss Wesley Price

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Jim Franklin
DeRay Bennett

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K. Max Haws

Larry Henry

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Jwill & Becky Sims Paul & Signa Stanley
Earl & Melinda O'Quinn Jay & Debbie Bynum

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 8 and Wednesday
Evening, May 11 - **GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.**

In The Hospitals

Tommy White is in Medical Center Hospital.

Lera Bennett is in the Intensive Care Unit of Medical Center.

Bertha Byrd is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for eye surgery.

Darrell Holt underwent surgery this week in Medical Center.

O. E. Townsend is a patient in Community Hospital.

Jim Canterbury will enter Medical Center Sunday for surgery next week.

Floia Payne has gone home from Mother Frances Hospital.



By Perry Hall

A.M. "Woman, Behold Thy Son"

P.M. "Worthy Is The Lamb"

Staying calm is the best way to take the wind out of an angry man's sails.



Young At Heart

Young At Heart will meet Thursday evening, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. for "Pot Luck Supper" in the Fellowship Hall.

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Here and There (continued)

Man from his throne has hurled
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

and

So long as we have homes, to which men turn
at the close of day

So long as we have homes, where children are
and women stay,

If love and loyalty and faith be found, across
these sills

A stricken nation can recover from its gravest
ills!

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The Church With A Heart

THE HOME FRONT



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



supplies the warriors that will fight the good fight of faith. The weapons that the young soldier, Timothy, used to the glory of God were first found in the home and hearts of his mother and grandmother.

Satan is well aware of the strength and power of the "Divine Duo," the home and the church. Both are under constant attack by Satan, but he will not be successful. We are assured by the God of heaven that His kingdom will stand forever. Since the church will be presented to Christ at the end of time and the home is absolutely necessary to its survival, we can safely conclude that the home will be around until the kingdom is delivered up to God.

A home consists of husband and wife, male and female, who may produce children. Any other arrangement is doomed to failure and disaster. Only a depraved and reprobate mind would contend for the unnatural. Lesbian and homosexual "marriages" frustrate the design and plan of God for the good of the human race. They cannot reproduce themselves. They can only destroy and undermine. They can only pervert the legitimate fruit of God's order, children. Lesbians, in recent

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Last week we looked at God's great vision of the church as the Army of Christ. As Mother's Day approaches we want to look at "The Home Front" in the struggle against the evil one.

As a young lad I can remember the importance given to the home front during World War II. Truly the home front is at least as important as the battle field in any conflict. If the home front is not solidly behind the effort, providing moral support and necessary supplies, no army can succeed.

Nothing could be truer in the battle for God, righteousness and truth. The church, the kingdom of God, can never be stronger than its homes. It must provide the church with leaders and laborers. The Christian home, an integral part of the church,

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

years, have been striving to pressure government into introducing courses into our public school system that uphold a comprehensive and positive way "the joy of women loving women" and the establishment of lesbian clubs in schools. Such can only corrupt society.

The home will be a righteous leaven in society only as long as it remains righteous. It will be righteous only if it walks with God. Those of us who are committed to God's righteousness must be constantly strengthening and unifying our homes. Jesus

said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand," Matt.12:25. When the home is turned into a battlefield it will fall.

It is our hope, God willing, to write at least one more article in the near future on "The Home Front" that will be designed to help each of us to make a more vital contribution of love and righteousness in our homes. We hope they will benefit you and yours. PH



I GOTTA READ THAT AGIN!

In the sixth chapter of Joshua, we have a record of the historical account of Israel's capture of Jericho, after they had followed God's marching orders. But if they had acted like many of God's people today, the story might have been like this:

FIRST DAY: All the people (603,000) joyously marched around the city. They knew God was with them and that the city would be theirs.

SECOND DAY: There was still the feeling of great anticipation, but Joshua noticed that not all the warriors marched. He concluded that they were sick and did not worry about their absence from the march.

THIRD DAY: Instead of 603,000 there were only 400,000. Now Joshua was worried, and he called a meeting to determine a course of action, but several of those called failed to meet.

FOURTH DAY: Only 300,000 marched and another meeting was called. "If we do not do something soon, we will not be able to capture Jericho," said Joshua. One of the men suggested that each of them visit those in their tribe and ask them why they were not marching. All agreed that his was a good idea. The meeting adjourned with each man promising to do all he could to get the people back to marching.

FIFTH DAY: Only 200,000 marched, because a great number who would have marched were visiting those who were forsaking the march; and because many had become discouraged at the lack of involvement in the vital task.

SIXTH DAY: Joshua made a quick survey of the camp to determine first hand why so many had refused to march. He assured them that tomorrow, the Sabbath Day, is the day of promised victory. A great host answered, "I keep the Sabbath, and I don't think I should have to march today." Others said "Where in the Law does it say I have to march? You show me the verse that says I have to march and I will." More than half answered, "I know I should be marching; some day I plan to start again, but..." Some pious souls said, "Marching is a good work - a work I wish I could do, but I am not qualified; I would do more harm than good." So, it was only 100,000 marchers today.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for sister Marvin (Wilma) Jones. She passed away early Saturday morning. We express our sincere sympathy to Frances and James Phillips, to the grandchildren and other members of the family.

We extend sympathy to M. B. Beard and his family in the loss of his brother-in-law, Houston Hoffman, last week. Funeral services were held in Frankston.

New Granddaughter

A baby girl, Jennifer Ann, was born Thursday, April 28 in Denver, Colorado to Leanne and Grant Knight. The happy grandparents are Roger and Jan Knight.

Thank You

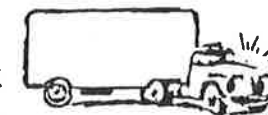
A few short words
But they express
A million thanks

For your thoughtfulness!

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and visits. Most of all, thank you for your Christian love,

Pat McCarley & Family

Grocery Truck



The Medina Home Grocery truck will be here sometime during the week of June 13-17 to collect items we have for them. They have suggested that we that we collect CEREAL. A six months supply is 360 boxes (Fruit Loops, Grape-nuts, Rice-Krispies, etc.).

Happy Birthday

MAY (8) Jason O'Quinn (9) M.B. Beard, Ford Egbert, Laree Hall (11) Lea Hendry, Aubrey Payne (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic.

Here and There

by Wes Price



For some time now, we have not had a children's worship on Sunday morning. Beginning next Sunday morning, our work with this program will resume. Fred Powell has secured the assistance of a number of parents to help in this good work. We ask that parents of children, ages two through kindergarten, take your children to room 108 immediately following the Sunday morning Bible class. If you have not been contacted to assist in this work, and you would like to even if you do not have children in this age range, please contact Fred Powell and tell him of your desire to help.

We are glad that there has been such a good, positive response from parents who want their children to benefit from this work. And, we are thankful for the capable leadership of Fred Powell to see that this program goes forward. Let's give him our support.

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Invitations will be placed in the mail to all our teaching staff for the Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet. Please save Friday night, May 13 for this event.

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It is always possible to overlook someone who may be visiting our services or one of our Bible classes. I became aware during the song service Sunday of a lovely young lady sitting in the assembly who had visited my Bible class that morning. I beg her forgiveness. It is not our intention to ever overlook one who may be visiting among us, but it can happen. It just makes me all the more aware of the tremendous responsibility we have to be aware of those around us and to strive with greater diligence to acknowledge their presence.

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Sunday will be a very special day to remember. We will be honoring our mothers. Be sure and do something special to show your love for her. It is always great to show honor to whom honor is due. What a joy it is to live in a society where women have such a special place among us. Good mothers are worthy, beautiful and precious. To mother, God extended the privilege of being the pillar of society; for the home is truly the

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Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss Jack Stringer

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Charles Graf
Dismiss John Teague

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Doug Shelton Lowell Wiggains
Cooper Goodson Wally Dawkins

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Tim Holt Benjamin Sutton

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New Members

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Merle) Lane, 303 N. Virginia, came to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. They formerly worshipped with the Omen Road church. We extend a cordial welcome to them.

In The Hospitals

Aubrey Payne underwent eye surgery (an implant) Wednesday morning in Mother Frances.

Sister Aubrey (Floia) Payne also entered Mother Frances on Tuesday afternoon.

Brother Jim Canterbury is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Ken Bennett is in Dallas in the V.A. Hospital for tests.

Sister Wyche Harris has returned to the Heritage Nursing Home, room 407.

Sister Florene Adams, Tommy Lowrance's mother, is in Medical Center.

Darryl Hendrix was in an automobile accident last Friday but was not seriously injured.

A granddaughter of Monroe and Cleo Sublette, daughter of James and Connie, underwent surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



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mittee. Brother Charles Hodge of the Duncanville congregation in Duncanville will be our guest speaker.

It was my privilege to be guest speaker at the Teacher Appreciation Banquet this past Sunday evening at the Omen Road church here in Tyler.

Due to a number of scheduling conflicts among our members, the trip planned to visit the Richland Hills congregation in Fort Worth has been postponed until this fall. We will determine the dates and let you know as soon as possible.

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**A GREAT VISION OF THE
CHURCH AS CHRIST'S ARMY**

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Wars and rumors of wars, said Jesus, would precede the destruction of Jerusalem (Matt. 24:6, 7). This statement pretty well sums up the history of this planet. The concept and reality of war is no stranger to modern man. So accustomed are men to war that God sought to convey the great struggle against evil in the terms of war. We are indeed fighting the arch enemy, Satan. We are seeking to liberate the minds of men. We are invading his kingdom with the Spirit's sword, the word of God. As a militant, aggressive, army of God, the church is seeking to overthrow every stronghold that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:4-7), and thus make great inroads of spiritual advancement and conquest. The church should always be concerned about moving forward in this battle. But we must never be disorderly in our efforts to advance (2 Thess. 3:6). To be disorderly, or out of step, is to be in disobedience to the Captain of our salvation, and thus in reality to be defeated and destroyed (2 John 9-11).

Enemies of God, who appear as messengers of light, are not the ones with whom we should be consulting in our efforts to learn the art of warfare. They teach for their doctrines the commandments of men. We want to grow, but it

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PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

has never been great numbers with which God has won His victories or ever assured the approval of our Commander-in-Chief. It is possible that worldly methods, plans and schemes can be substituted for the genuine power of God (Rom. 1:16). There are many who can amass great numbers and we must liberate every soul we can. Great numbers, however, do not assure God-given Biblical mission or methods. Weapons of worldly wisdom: the pep talk, cheerleader philosophy of a so-called positive mental attitude can actually undermine genuine, conquering Biblically based faith that gives us the victory over the world.

We must not shun the "blood, sweat and tears" of hardship in this greatest of all wars. The person who shuns the struggle, the controversy, the difficulties in order to maintain a certain reputation is pursuing the wrong reputation. The man or woman who refuses to lay his or her total self and life on the line cannot be a soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 2:3, 4).

We must stand under attack and press the battle to the foe. Our armor is the truth of God, righteousness, faith, salvation in possession and proclamation. The word of God is the weapon in our arsenal that will truly convert the enemy and destroy the adversary. Together they

make the spiritual weaponry that are mighty through God to the invasion, conquest, and destruction of Satan's domain and the establishment of God's kingdom throughout this earth (Eph. 6:10-18).

Human plans, motivations, movements and schemes must ever share the scrap heap of eternal ruin and lie in sharp contrast to the wisdom of God. When we see the church and her weaponry as Christ's army and arsenal, we catch a great vision of the might of the Almighty. Let us fight the good fight, finish our course, keep the faith, and as fellow-soldiers present a united front against our common foe!

Sheets for Bandages

Sheets to be used in making bandages are needed by the workers in the benevolent work of the church. If possible, bring clean sheets (any color) to the church before Tuesday.

Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacon's meeting Thursday evening, May 5 at 7:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.



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



Baccalaureate for graduating seniors will be Sunday, May 22 at the Glenwood Church of Christ.

Sermon Rating

- "G" Generally acceptable to everyone. Full of inoffensive, puerile platitudes such as, "Go ye into all the world and smile," and "What this world needs is peace and motherhood." This sermon is usually described as "Wonderful" or "Marvelous."
- "PG" For the more mature congregations. At times this sermon even makes the Gospel relevant to today's issues in subtle ways, of course. It may even contain mild suggestions of change. This sermon is often described as "Challenging" or "Thought-provoking" even though no one intends to take any action or change any attitude.
- "R" Definitely restricted to those who are not upset by truth. This sermon tells it like it is. It is very threatening to the comfortable. It is most often described as "Disturbing" or "Controversial" and usually indicates that the preacher has an outside source of income.
- "X" Positively limited to those who can handle explosive ideas. This kind of sermon really "socks it to 'em." It is the kind of sermon that landed Jeremiah in the well, got Amos run out of town, and set things up for the stoning of Stephen. It is always described as "Shocking" or "In Poor Taste." The preacher who preaches this sermon had better have his suitcase packed and his life insurance paid up.

Via The Word Of Life, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Thank You

Where else in all the world, except West Erwin church, would there be so much love and caring? We are so grateful to everyone for every kindness. Thank you for the many cards, calls, visits, flowers, the food and especially for your prayers. A special thanks also to the couples class. We are forever grateful.

Tommie & Moselle White

Happy Birthday

MAY (1) Aline Beard, Wesley Price (2) Lerah Williamson (3) Lula Cunningham (4) Ken Gode (5) Maxine Freeman, Nelda Browning, Valerie Shelton (6) W. A. Chandler, Bessie Willis (7) Jc Porter, Wade Weathers.



SERMONS BY PERRY HALL
A.M. "The Paradox of Contentment"
P.M. "The Banks of the Jordan"

Gospel Meeting

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ in Tyler, May 1 - 4 to hear Lowell Worthington proclaim the Word of God. Week night meetings at 7:30 o'clock.

National Secretaries Week

We have learned over the years that one of the most vital members of any organization is the secretary. Others may get the glory, but anyone with knowledge knows that the secretary deserves much of the credit for a smooth flow of work in any organization. Such is true here at West Erwin. We are deeply blessed to have two such wonderful Christian women to serve as our secretaries. Nelda and Frances would be a blessing to the secular business world, but we are thankful they have chosen to bless us with their ability and dedication. We honor them on this National Secretaries Week!

Wes and Perry

Here and There

by Wes Price



Our Tuesday School Director, Elaine Roberson has announced the final day of school on May 3rd. Our hats off to her and the dedicated crew of women who have been so faithful in carrying out this fine school this year. All of the parents of the children have been invited to be our special guests on that day for the morning chapel period. It will be my privilege to speak to them on behalf of the West Erwin family.

The good will this school creates in our community is immeasurable. Many of the families whose children attend are not members of the church of Christ, so we have this great opportunity to teach their children as well as impress them with our desire to be of service in our community.

We congratulate Elaine and the Tuesday School staff for an excellent school.

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Excitement is beginning to build for the youth trip to Midland, Michigan in June. Hillard has been preparing the young people with special classes on Wednesday night. I visited by phone with brother Jim Chilton with the congregation in Michigan and he tells me that they are getting just as excited about our coming. Our plans presently call for us to depart Tyler on Friday morning, June 17th and return on Sunday night, June 26th. Our young people will be teaching in a Vacation Bible School for the Isabella Road church of Christ in Midland. Brother Chilton is planning special evening activities for the combined youth groups.

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All members of my Sunday morning Bible class are invited to a party at the home of Dannie and Sue Skipper, 617 Purdue, Friday evening, April 29. We are looking forward to a great turn-out and a great time.

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A formal invitation will be sent later, but we want all Bible class teachers who presently teach in our program and all who have taught during the course of the last year to reserve Friday night, May 13 for our special Teacher Appreciation Banquet. You and your mate will be the guests of the Elders and the Education Com-

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MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcer Dick Higginbotham
 Prayer Ray Lott
 Dismiss Bob Zadina

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 Prayer Milburn Cook
 Dismiss Charles Hickman

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And The Lord Added . . .

On Wednesday evening of last week and Sunday evening following worship several young people were baptized into Christ. We rejoice with them and their families. They are:

- Traci O'Quinn & Stephanie Leek
- Bryan Leek
- Joelle Butler
- Clint Johnson
- Jeff Blackstone
- Chris Hallman
- Cheryl Welborn

Sermons for Sunday by PERRY HALL

A.M. "An Everyday Religion"
 P.M. "How To Handle Temptation"

BROTHERS' KEEPER
Sunday Evening

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 Honoring Marisa Lauren Butler
 Sunday, April 24, 1983
 1408 Larkspur 2:00-4:00 P.M.
 Hostesses
 Pam Lemons Sherryl Miles
 Velma Lemons Cindy Lemons

Happy Birthday

APRIL (24) Edna Tucker, Tony Tigert
 (26) A.Z.Aven, Shannon Hughes, Cullen
 Gilliam (27) Holly Henderson (29)
 Cone Birdwell (30) Dell Lott, Ray
 Vannoy.

In The Hospitals

Brother Tommy White is expecting to go home from Medical Center this week.

Sister Wyche Harris is in Medical Center suffering from a fractured ankle.

Sister Elvie Paul has been moved to the Southview Nursing Home, room 10B.

Sister Bell Cotton from Chandler, Doris Terrell's mother, is in the Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Pat McCarley entered Mother Frances Hospital last Saturday.

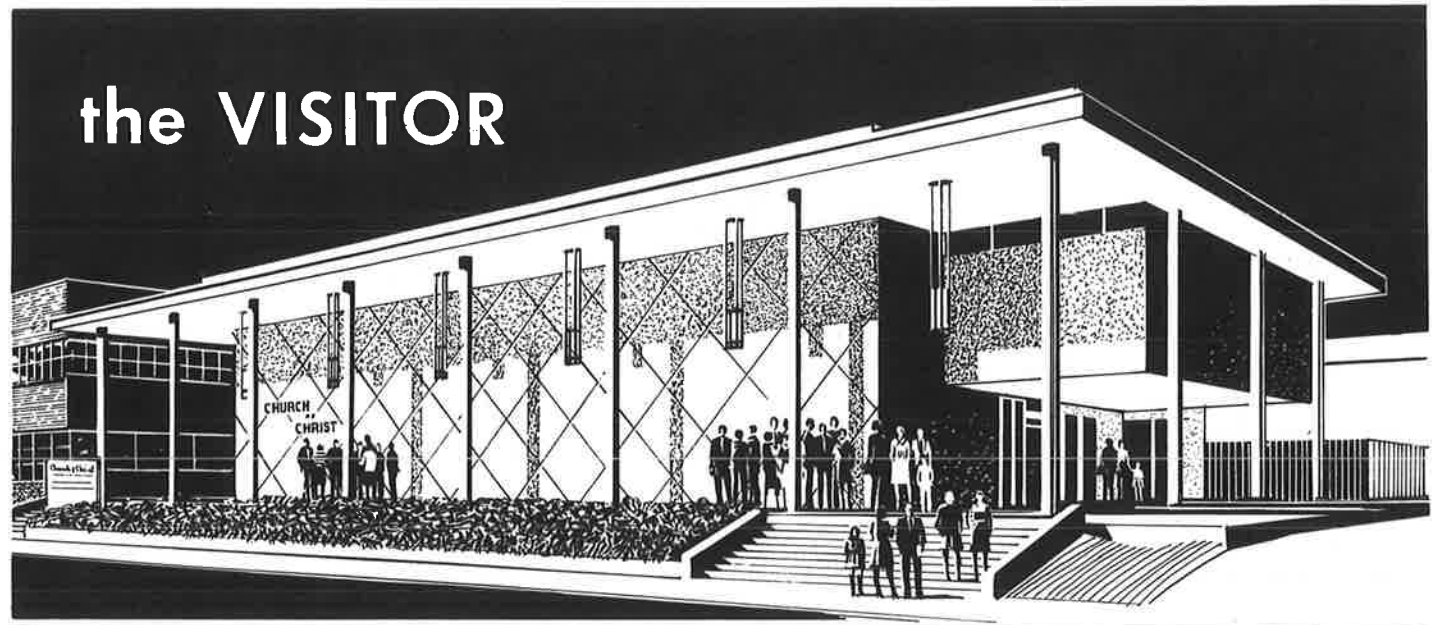
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Time Change

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The Church With A Heart

Joy in Christ!!!

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



dience to his gospel! In the past few days eight precious souls have been baptized into Jesus Christ. What joy comes to the heart of the obedient soul. When the Ethiopian came up out of the burial of baptism, he went on his way rejoicing. What joy is brought to the heart of Christian parents when their children obey the Lord. What joy it is for all of us to be associated with Wes and Hillard who wield such a positive influence over those under their tutelage. God be praised! What joy there is in Jesus Christ!

GHANA REPORT

We have received word that 90 tons of food and other essential supplies are on their way by ship to the brethren. Additional food will also be purchased in neighboring countries where it is available in sufficient quantity. Prayers need to be sent to the throne that an open door will be provided by the government of Ghana. Those that distribute the food also need a great deal of wisdom and patience during the rush to get food into the hands of the people. May also a greater door be opened for the gospel.

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake . . . and there was great joy in that city. . . . When they believed Philip preaching the

things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women (Acts 8:5ff).
 What joy is brought to our hearts when souls come into Christ through obe-



Here and There

by Wes Price



The following article is the last of eight in a series of articles written by Stephen Hogner for the Houston Chronicle. He visited various churches, unannounced, to report on the variety of church choirs and music programs in Houston.

WESTBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST DEFINES A HYMNAL

Westbury Church of Christ, 10424 Hillcroft, destroyed a number of misconceptions I had about what had always been that mysterious congregation around the corner.

To explain, I grew up down the street from a Church of Christ out in Odessa where it was said they didn't have an organ, and music of any kind was forbidden. My friends and I thought this particularly weird since we could not fathom a church service without music. Most of us attended the largest church in town, which housed a big organ and one of the strongest music programs in West Texas. For years, that small Church of Christ remained entrenched in my mind as a religious enigma, which - for some reason I cannot explain - I feared.

I had carried this misperception with me until last Sunday's 10:15 a.m. service at Westbury when I attended the Church of Christ for the first time. Odd, but this service shot me back to my West Texas roots as nothing in Houston has ever done.

Indeed, this particular service at Westbury was filled with a pioneer spirit reminiscent of an old John Ford western. Visions of simply dressed pioneer folk singing their simple songs of praise against a backdrop as epic as Monument Valley sprang to mind. This seemed a service of the West, calling to mind those Georgia O'Keeffe paintings of the big West Texas-New Mexico skies.

Westbury has a basically informal approach to almost everything in its service. Like all Churches of Christ, it has no choir. And here, there was no formal opening. Rather, Tom Chapan, Westbury's song leader, rose after certificates had been handed out to a group of children for good attendance and merely said, "Let's turn to Hymn 20, "Again the Lord of Light and Life" - thus, the service began. No organ prelude, since there was no organ. Nor any choir procession, since there was no choir.

Because of that and initial prejudice, I had

expected the six hymns on the day's program to have a rather dreary monotony. I was not prepared for the richness - a word I have overused in these reviews but here particularly apt-of the musical harmony. As the congregation glided into the opening hymn, there was four-part harmony like you wouldn't believe with hundreds of voices singing loud and clear. It seemed as if the congregation, denied the musical trappings of other denominations, had found its own unique vehicle to truly praise the Lord through the wonders of the human voice. The collective human voice here took on all the possibilities of the piano with the sustaining strong harmony of a pipe organ.

I am used to congregations where the people principally sing the main melody and little else in a hymn's musical notation. The Westbury service wonderfully brought the hymnal to life as no other congregation in my experience. I heard musical runs rising from the bass line in counterpoint to the descending notes of the altos. I heard true pianissimo where the notation called for pianissimo, and I heard a rising crescendo along the lines as outlined on the score.

In my notes, I have jotted down after "Sing on Ye Joyful Pilgrims," "The hymnal finally comes into focus with its rich notes and music. It's interesting to hear how these songs are supposed to sound" - and I add now, after all these years. On this particular hymn, the musical sophistication of the congregation really emerged. On the chorus, a number of musical bars called solely for the women to sing and then to be joined by the men. This produced first a prayer-like effect that flowed immediately into a husky anthem.

Not used to such congregation embellishments, I thought at times the Church of Christ must have different versions of old familiar songs such as "He Keeps Me Singing." In the church camps of my youth, if

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Westbury Church... (continued)

the girls sang the high notes and the boys the low notes in counterpoint on the chorus of "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know." we thought we were hot stuff. But as the man said, I hadn't heard nothin' yet. The many directions both melody and harmony took on this same chorus at Westbury merged to form a giant barbershop quartet.

Indeed, each of the six songs was rendered not at all like the rest. "For the Beauty of the Earth" set the mood for the main prayer, and "'Tis Set, the Feast Divine" was a glad tiding as an invitation to join in Holy Communion.

During the Lord's Supper, there was no singing, no music whatsoever. The true value of silence was exhilaratingly understated, providing a wonderful time for meditation, a time to be alone with God yet, paradoxically, in the company of friends.

At one point quoting Nietzsche, the Rev. Stanley Lockhart this day based his sermon, Attitudes Determine Outlook on part of Acts 16, in which St. Paul was imprisoned in the deepest cell and yet rejoiced and sang, causing an earthquake which freed him and a companion from their shackles. Lockhart discussed the importance Paul's singing had on his attitude in the face of adversity - essentially a positive approach toward life.

And that's what the singing at Westbury reflected - a positive, life-loving attitude embraced by this congregation from the man who ushered me through Westbury's hallways to the main sanctuary to the woman in the pew beside me who helped guide me through the service. I think I owe that small Church of Christ in Odessa an apology.

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3/5/1983

New Granddaughter

Guy and Nettie Potts are happy grandparents of a new 9 lb - 1 oz baby girl born to Brad and Debbie Spradlin April 18 in community Hospital. They have named her Sarah.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday for Greg Little, nephew of W. S. Little. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Singing

You are invited to attend the 4th Sunday Singing Sunday, April 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bullard Church of Christ.

Fruits Of Repentance

In one of his campaigns, brother Don Starks contacted a man who was owner of a liquor store. He had a large sign over the door saying, "Liquor, Beer and Rum." After a few Bible studies the man began attending services. One night he went forward requesting to be baptized for remission of his sins. Brother Starks took him in his car and started to the ocean, but the man asked brother Starks to first take him by his store. Brother Starks had no idea why he wanted to go by the store, but when they arrived the man got out of the car and pulled the sign off and threw it in the trash. Then he went inside and got every bottle of rum, beer and liquor, carried it outside and destroyed it. He said he could return it to the wholesale house for a refund but if he did, someone else would buy it and drink it. He told brother Starks, "Now I have cleaned up my store so I am ready to clean up my soul." After the baptism brother Starks passed the hat and took up a collection to restock his store with groceries. We now have a brother in Christ running a grocery store rather than a sinful man running a liquor store.

C. E. (Bud) Caskey

Thank You

To Young at Heart. . .

Thank you so much for the lovely pot plant, prayers, cards and thoughts during my recovery from surgery. It is great to know that others care also.

In Christian love,
Bill Endsley

Thanks so much for the flowers. They are beautiful. Our thanks to brother Price and brother Hall for bringing them out to us. We hope to see you soon.

J. B. & Pauline Smith

Thank you so very much for your beautiful expression of kindness.

In Christ,
Alberta Morris
(We extend our sympathy to Alberta and family in the recent loss of her husband.)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Joe Carroll
 Prayer Weldon Dawson
 Dismiss Bob Davis

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Joe Carroll
 Prayer Robert Conner
 Dismiss Jay Bynum

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Jim Franklin Harold Browning
 Dwight Leek Jack Beard
 Ken Bennett Marc Lemons
 Rodney Knight Jasper Dobbs

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 April 10 \$7,205.16
 April 3 7,432.12
 Year Ago 6,516.18

BIBLE SCHOOL
 April 10 409
 April 3 430
 Year Ago 429

WORSHIP
 April 10 535
 April 3 560
 Weekly

Budget \$8,187.27

Bob Zadina Don Weathers
 Ray Womack Tom Williams
 MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 20 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Thank You

There is no greater blessing
 Than a friend who always cares,
 One who will remember us
 In daily thoughts and prayers.
 One who shares our happy times
 And gives them added worth.
 Who adds a touch of heaven
 To all our days on earth.

Your visits to see Mr. Bynum while in the hospital, your prayers and support to our family during this period is greatly appreciated.
 Bennie & Mack Bynum

Lost Table

A round card table was left in our fellowship hall several months ago after a get-to-gether. It belongs to an individual from another congregation. If you have borrowed it, please return it so that it may be given to its rightful owner.

In The Hospitals

Brother Tommy White remains in Medical Center. His condition has improved.

Sister Myrtle Walling from Grape-land and former member of West Erwin, entered Medical Center on Thursday.

Involvement

a must for Christians

SERMON TOPICS

By Perry Hall
 A.M. "Let Us"
 P.M. "Inclusion & Exclusion"

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Here and There (continued)

From someone else's bulletin came the following poem. I thought you might appreciate a little humor:

He wasn't much for stirrin' out,
 It wasn't his desire,
 No matter what the others did,
 He was sittin' by the fire.
 Same old habit, day by day
 He never seemed to tire,
 While others worked to build the church,
 He was sittin' by the fire.
 And when he died, as all must do,
 They said, "He went up higher."
 But if he's doing what he use to do...
 He's still sittin by the fire.

Perry Hall, Minister
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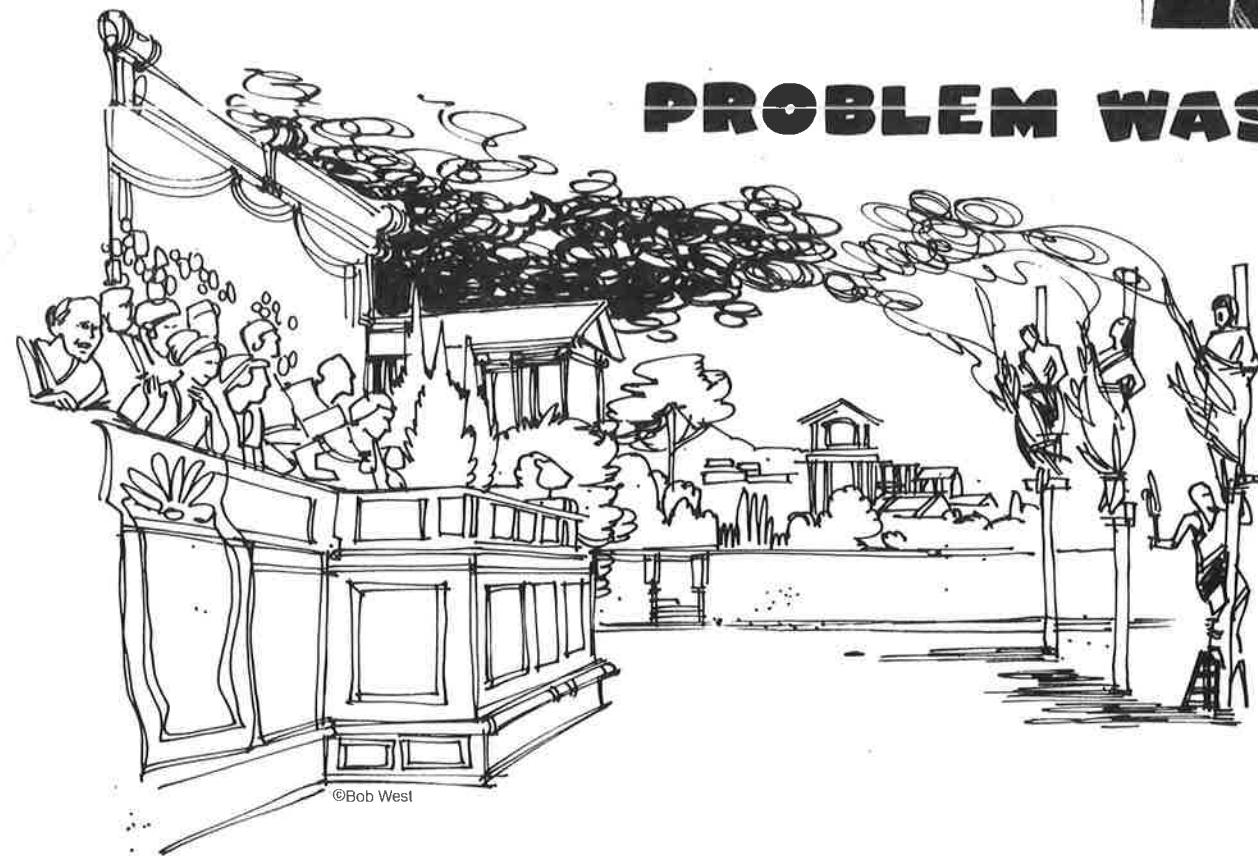
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 YOU SAY YOUR**

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



PROBLEM WAS?





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April 17 Selections
2:30 - 4:00 P.M. Leewright's
Dillard's
Sanger-Harris

Ladies, please consider this invitation as personally yours. Phone calls are not being made.

The East Texas Christian Academy
Board of Trustees
Invites you to the
"2nd Annual Victory Dinner"
celebrating the continuing
success of Christian Education.

Saturday, April 30, 1983
6:30 P.M.

Glenwood Fellowship Center
807 W. Glenwood

RSVP \$25 per person
E.T.C.A. 561-8642

In Appreciation

Thanks so much for the Mexican Dinner. Your congregation is so giving and we really appreciate it.

Yours in Christ,
Lynn Fox
Tri-C Correspondent

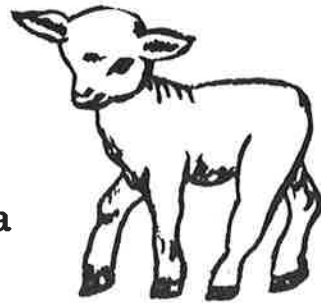
Men's Breakfast

Thursday, April 21 is the third Thursday in April and the date for the Men's Breakfast. Meet at 7:00 A.M. in the fellowship hall.

100% Class

On Wednesday evening of last week the 4th and 5th grade class taught by Dale Blackstone had 100% attendance plus 2 visitors.

'Twas a
"Sheep"
and Not a
"Lamb"



'Twas a sheep and not a lamb, that strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told,
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out in the meadow, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the good Shepherd sought-
And back in the flock, safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long
And as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there's danger if they go wrong
They will lead the young lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know
Wherever the sheep may stray;
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.
Author Unknown

Singing

The 4th Annual Gospel Sing Song, sponsored by the Hughes Springs Church of Christ will be Friday evening, April 29 from 7:00 until midnight. You are invited to attend.

A Special INVITATION

BIBLE CLASSES
For everyone!
Sunday Morning 9:30



You are invited to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
At the home of
Mrs. Charles Hickman
714 Hampton Hills
Honoring Miss Pat Skipper
Bride elect of Brad Kinnett

April 23 Selections
10 - 11:00 A.M. Brosangs
Sanger-Harris

Happy Birthday

APRIL (17) Marie Threadgill (19)
Laneva Russell (20) Reagan Phillips
(21) Mary Keith, Leslie Mallory (22)
Marie Skeeters, Annie McDonald (23)
Annie Lee Drummond.

Sympathy

Graveside services were held Friday afternoon of last week near Farmersville, Texas for Mrs. Nora Langston, mother of sister J. B. (Pauline) Smith. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

In Nursing Homes

As you visit, the following nursing home residents would enjoy a visit.

- Leisure Lodge
Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Trentham
Mrs. Elvie Paul (mother of Jack and Jim Paul)
Mrs. Suda Beard (mother of Jack Beard)
Glenview Nursing Home
Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy
Southview Nursing Home
Mrs. Vannie Lee
Heritage Nursing Home
Mrs. Wyche Harris
Colonial Mannor
Mrs. Maudie Brown
Mrs. Gladys Holcomb
The Hearthstone
Lonnie Taylor
O. M. Hughes (husband of Susie Hughes)

Here and There
by Wes Price



Attendance was good for both Bible study and worship on Sunday even though we were down from the previous week. It is always encouraging to see our members present each week for all the services of the church. I hope you don't ever take this responsibility lightly. It has been the case where some have treated it as an unimportant matter and eventually became uninvolved in the work of the church. Consistency is the key. Make up your mind that being with the saints on Sunday has first and highest priority and don't let anything get in the way. It certainly takes precedent over our employment and yet some have missed on Sunday that would never think of missing work on Monday. Think about it! You are the one who will be blessed by faithfulness and you will be the one who will be hurt by unfaithfulness. And then a final thought, the example you set for your children and other loved ones is unmistakable. They read you like a book.

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Let me mention our Vacation Bible School dates. They are July 11 through 15. We will be having a night school this year with a special speaker for our adults. Hulen Jackson of the Duncanville church in Dallas will be with us for a special series of lessons on the Bible. Mark your calendars now and reserve those dates to be with us.

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Another important date to remember is May 13. This will be the date for our Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet. We will honor all our teaching staff and their mates with this banquet. Charles Hodge will be with us as guest speaker. All those who have taught in any of our classes during the past 12 months will be our special guests.

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Plans are in the process of being completed to reinstate our Children's Worship on Sunday morning under the direction of Fred Powell. You will be hearing more about this soon.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Mack Bynum
Dismiss Lee Roberson

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Ron Lott
Dismiss Doug Shelton

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Robert Sanford David Hanley
Trey Hughes Wynne Weathers
Jack Bennett Ted Wright

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SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Mike Munn Odell Malone
Roy Roberson Paul Stanley

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday evening, April 13 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.



By Perry Hall

A.M. "A Little Child Shall Lead Them."
P.M. "A Little Child. . . (conclusion)"

Responses

We rejoice with Chester and Elva Lee Williams. It was announced Sunday morning that Chester was baptized Saturday by Perry Hall. Their address is 1606 Sterling.

Sunday evening, Mrs. J. H. (Gussie) Beaty, 1330 Belmont Dr., telephone 592-7720, placed membership. We are happy to welcome her to West Erwin. She formerly worshipped with the Omen Rd. congregation.

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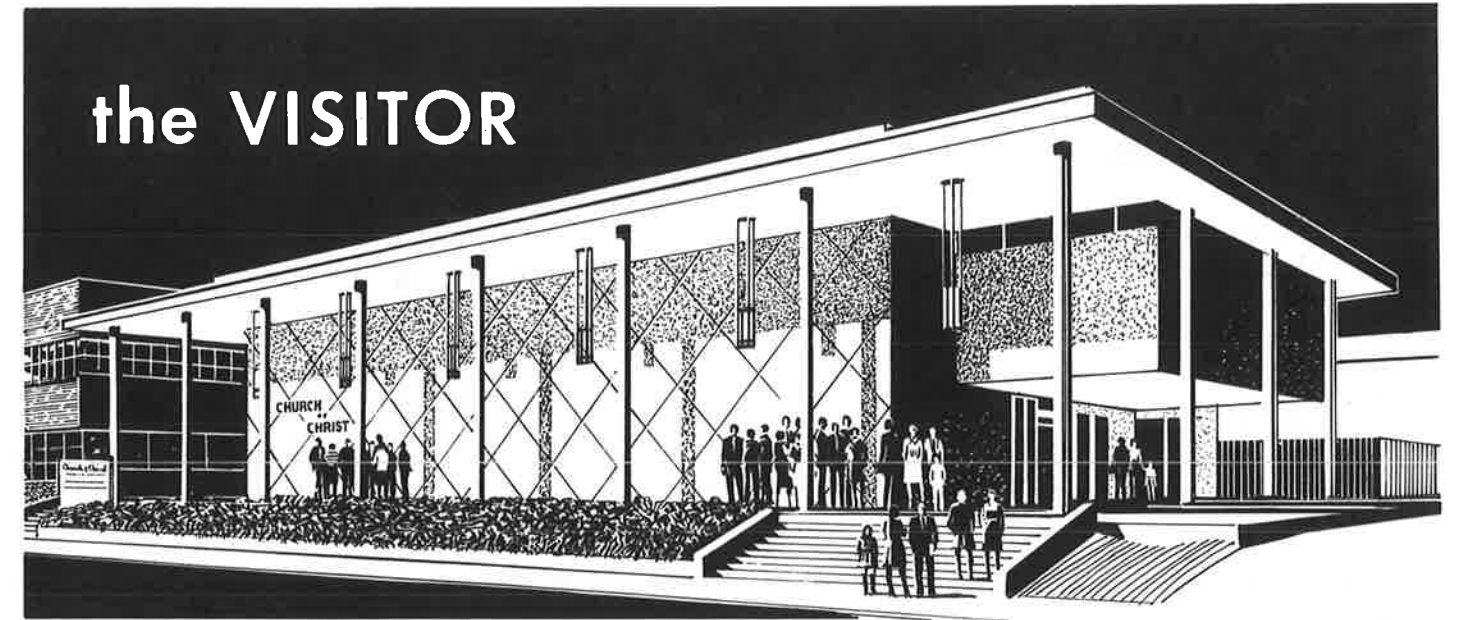
Junior/Senior Banquet

For more than twenty years, Christians of Tyler have provided an annual event to honor the juniors and seniors from the local congregations. A banquet and special entertainment is scheduled for May 14. Your financial support and interest in young people make this program possible. Please give your contribution to Hillard or Jeanine Hughes by May 1. Make your check to "Youth Fund."

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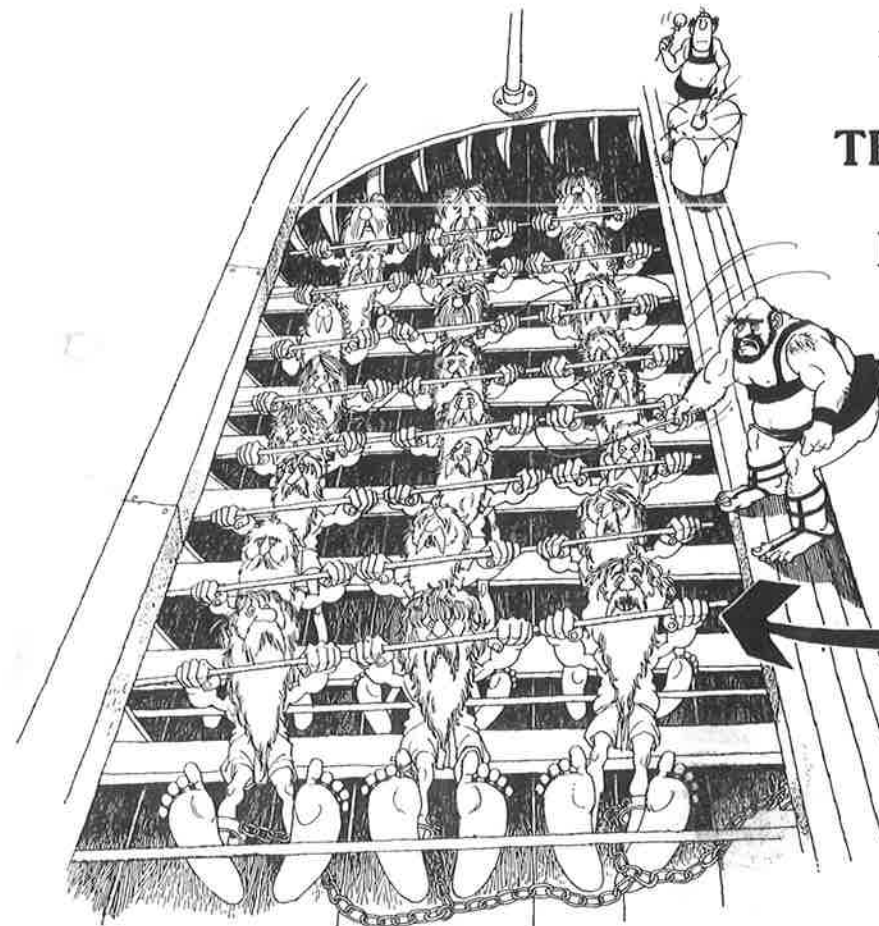
By Perry Hall

THE REAL MOTIVATOR

FOR MEETING LIFE'S

LITTLE OR LARGE

DIFFICULTIES!



I find my work so much easier since Paul wrote and said, "Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality" (Col. 3:22-25 NAS).

Day Old Child

My day old child lay in my arms,
My lips against his ear.
I whispered strongly, How I wish -
I wish that you could hear.

I've a hundred wonderful things to say,
(A tiny cough and a nod)
Hurry, hurry, hurry and grow,
So I can tell you about God.

My day old baby's mouth was still,
And my words only tickled his ear.
But a kind of light passed through his eyes,
And I saw this thought appear.

How I wish I had a voice and words,
I've a hundred things to say.
Before I forget, I'd tell you of God -
I left him yesterday.

...Carol Lynn Pearson

REMEMBER TO USE OUR CHURCH LIBRARY



Good Things

We rejoice that so many good things continue to happen. What a good day we had this last Sunday! Over the past few weeks several wonderful families and individuals have identified with us.

We rejoice too, in those who are obeying the gospel. How we rejoice with Elva Williams in the obedience of her husband, Chester. What a blessing to them and to us.

We appreciate our good ladies who continue to meet on Tuesday doing the work of the Lord and in the spirit of Dorcas.

We anticipate so many more good things. Thank you, Lord!
Perry

Gospel Meetings

NORMAN GIPSON, from Denver, Colo. will preach in a Gospel Meeting, April 10 - 14 at the Broad Street church of Christ in Mineola, Texas. The evening services will be at 7:30 each evening.

The Corinth Road church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas will have MAC DEEVER from Cookeville, Tenn. in a meeting beginning April 10 to continue through the 13th. Evening services Monday thru Wednesday will be at 7:30.

The Chandler St. church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas will have DR. JIMMY ALLEN, from Harding University in a series of Gospel Meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 8-10. The Friday and Saturday evening services will be at 7:30 p.m.

JIM BILL MCINTEER will preach, April 10 - 13 at the Glenwood church of Christ here in Tyler. Weekday services will be at 12:10 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

The Big Sandy church of Christ invite you to hear RONNIE WIGGINS, April 10-13. He is minister for the Maypearl church and instructor at the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas. Evening services will be at 7:30.

Ladies, you are reminded of the seventh annual JUST FOR WOMEN at the Alpine church of Christ in Ingview on Saturday from 9:30 until 2:30 p.m.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



LADIES
BIBLE
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MEETS

10:00 A.M.

EACH WEDNESDAY

IN THE CHAPEL

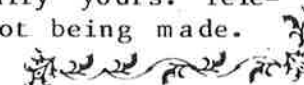


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Happy Birthday

APRIL (10) Mary Lynn Stitt (11) Melissa Rothrock (12) A. E. Bedford, Foy Bellows (13) Sledge Clinkscales, Mary Drummond (14) Jack Bennett (15) Doug Shelton (16) Zorado Sherman, Myra Turner, Michael Rhodes.

The
*Amazing
Grace*

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Wednesday Evening

We are beginning to have better attendance on Wednesday nights since the weather is improving. We hope you will get back into the habit of coming. It will be a blessing for your life in the middle of the week. WP



Young At Heart

Young at Heart will meet Thursday evening, April 14 for their monthly covered dish supper. Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Sunday was a great day. We enjoyed the presence of a great host of visitors from many out-of-town places. Bible classes were full to overflowing and the auditorium was as filled as it has been in quite some time. The singing is always much better when a large crowd is present. It is always good to enjoy visitors in our services.

Two of our children's classes were blessed with 100% attendance. They were: Beginners II taught by Velma Lemons and Sherryl Miles, Four Year Olds taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee. Congratulations to these two classes!

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From the bulletin of a friend comes the following article entitled, "Me Third?...But Not Last!" The slogan was catchy: "Jesus First! Others Second! Me Third!" It seemed to fit the "challenge" of being committed to faithful Christian living by becoming "self-less." It also seemed to fit the all-too-often-and-too-successful "challenge" the world puts to our teens... to be "last" is to be a "loser!" The bottom line for life's pages of success seem to be one word summaries: first or last? A's or F's? Quarterback or water boy? Rich or poor? Beauty or beast? Winner or loser?

Junior High students are heavily burdened with some very sudden changes in their lives. They experience rapid changes in their physical bodies, and they often don't like the results! They are too big or too small, too tall or too short, too skinny or too plump. Too, they experience sudden pressures from being "object" oriented to more "value" oriented...they are being forced to go from "things" to "relationships"...and that is tough to handle if "being third" is being "last" on the "peer list." So, the temptation to "go-with-the-crowd" and "be-like-the-winners" is incredibly strong!

A LOSER thinks there are rules for winning and losing...

A WINNER knows that every rule in the book can be broken...except one...

Be who you are, and become all you were meant to be...which is the only winning game in the world.

Me third? Yes!...But not last! I am a winner!
written by Bobby Hise



Serving Sunday

Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Phil Marts	March 27	\$6,085.04
Prayer	Bill Butler	March 20	8,593.48
Dismiss	Archie Lowry	Year Ago	7,505.31
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Phil Marts	March 27	370
Prayer	Foy Richey	March 20	387
Dismiss	Paul Montandon	Year Ago	406
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Tony Adams	Harold Denman	March 27	497
Charles Bell	Mac McCall	March 20	534
Aubrey Payne	Forest McFadden	Weekly	
Les Carruth	Eddie Dunn	Budget	\$8,187.27

By Perry Hall
 A.M. The Incomparable Christ.
 P.M. The Resurrection.

Deacons Meeting

Thursday evening, 7:00 o'clock is the day and time for the Deacon's Meeting for April. Meet in the fellowship hall.

In The Hospitals

Brother Tommy White continues to be a patient in Medical Center. Sister Maudie Brown, mother of Chloe Clark, remains in Medical Center Hospital. Sister O. M. Hughes' husband has been moved to the Hearthstone nursing home. Brother Mack Bynum's father remains in Medical Center Hospital. Sister Dorothy Davis' sister, Hazel Fagan underwent surgery Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Gospel Meeting

Jim Bill McInteer will speak in a special series of lessons, April 10 - 13 at the Glenwood Church of Christ. "Christ and Human Relationships" will be the theme. Weekday services will be at 12:10 Noon and 7:30 p.m. You are invited.

Responses

We rejoice that Dwight Leek was baptized on Thursday evening of last week by Wes Price. We are happy to welcome him into the fellowship of West Erwin. Sunday morning, Michelle Parsons, daughter of Tom Parsons, was baptized into Christ. She is a 5th grade student.

Act Now!

GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



BIBLE CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

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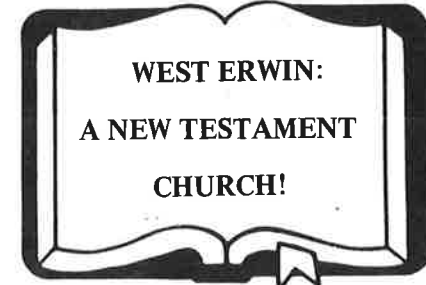
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The Church With A Heart

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



A New Testament church is made up of those in fellowship with Jesus Christ! They are in fellowship with Him because they have come to know Him as Lord and Savior, have answered the call of His gospel and thus have been born again of water and the Spirit. They continue to sustain that fellowship because they continue to hear the voice of their chief Shepherd and continue to walk in the light. As they grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ they continue to repent, confess, and forsake those sins that are found in their lives from time to time that they might continue to be cleansed in the blood of Jesus. Growing in grace and in knowledge serves to bring gratitude which in turn motivates them to serve the Lord by striving to carry out His will in all things.

A New Testament congregation is not made up of perfect people, but they do sincerely subscribe to that holiness without which no man will see the Lord and are earnestly seeking to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. They will be constantly found before the throne of grace seeking to find mercy to help in their need. Constant compassion and forgiveness are extended to all who stumble or stray. Restoration and reclamation of them is the hope and aim of under shepherds who guide, feed and tend the flock. With lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, they forbear with one another in love as they do all within their power to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Being a New Testament church, they recognize that there is only one body (church), one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father. Since this is so, they are always deeply concerned with contending for the faith that has been delivered once for all time. They are therefore concerned with scriptural organization, worship, designations and practices given by God. Committed to following Christ, they reach out in their community and around the world to spread the good news of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus. Preaching the truth in love, they desire to disciple all nations with the discipline of the Lord. That discipline is both instructive and corrective. It instructs men concerning God's plan of salvation and also teaches all men who are won to observe all things their Lord has commanded. This includes living the Christian life in compassion for the lost, the erring, the hungry, ill-clad, blind and homeless. In observing the will of Christ, they continue to walk in the light as they practice self discipline as disciples of Jesus. They abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul, realizing their citizenship is in heaven. They are constantly seeking those things above. When any member of this spiritual body grows weary of well doing, every effort is made to correct that soul and return that straying sheep to the fold. When all the concern, love and instructive discipline fails, and the individual is no longer concerned about maintaining true fellowship with God, the New Testament church must strive to awaken that soul through corrective discipline which is a marking, a turning over to Satan, a withdrawing of fellowship of the local body. This is God's effort to awaken that soul to its peril in hopes of restoring of fellowship with Him.

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Campaign Plans

Brother C. E. Caskey, one of our shepherds, will be leaving next Monday morning on another evangelistic campaign in the West Indies. Antigua is in the Leeward Islands. Here the mission team will seek to establish an entirely new work. A young couple will remain there to live and continue the work.

Our prayers, best wishes and hopeful anticipation are sent with Bud and we look for a fruitful harvest.

Appreciation to Bus Drivers

Please allow the elders this opportunity to express their deepest appreciation to brother Glynn Starnes and all the bus and van drivers for a job well done. Brother Starnes is very dependable and this work moves very smoothly and efficiently. A great need is being met by the unselfish dedication of these men. May God richly bless them.

The Elders

Potpourri

Hear the Harmony Four Monday evening at 7:30 in the Glenwood Church of Christ.

Ladies, make plans to attend the Seventh Annual JUST FOR WOMEN, Saturday, April 23 at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. The hours will be 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Keynote speakers will be Imogene Siburt, Portales, New Mexico and Callie Faye Milliken, Abilene, Texas.

Remember the wedding on Saturday, April 2 of Miss Sherri Lea Bray and Don Reed at seven-thirty in the evening at the Woman's Building.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

Thus a New Testament congregation walks within the revealed will of God in all things, bringing glory to God. A New Testament congregation is that congregation designed by God to be the church through which He receives glory throughout all ages, world without end!

The elders of the West Erwin congregation are committed to our being such a New Testament church. Let us give them our wholehearted cooperation and encouragement.



THERE IS A
BIBLE CLASS
FOR YOU!

Love-A Variation On a Theme

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper -- not a home-maker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn of cleanliness -- not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.

Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window.

Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk.

Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.

Love is present through the trials.

Love reprimands, reproves and is responsive.

Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood.

Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart.

Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection in my child.

As a mother there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love.

The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Rom. 8:16.

"Everlasting arms of love
Are beneath, around, above;
He who left His throne of light,
And unnumbered angels bright."

Sympathy

Brother Perry Hall conducted the graveside services Monday for Harry Knight, Jr. Many years ago he was a member of the West Erwin church. He recently lived in LaPorte, Texas.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright, Gail Vannoy, Brianne Boulter (4) Esther Kester, Shirley McRuiz, Paul Montandon, Brandon Sims (6) Sharen Chambless, Melissa Marts, Myra Chandler, Diana Savage (8) Eveline McCarty (9) Helen Wright.



Honor To Whom Honor

Lee Roberson, son of Roy & Elaine Roberson, has been named to Phi Theta Kappa at Tyler Junior College, a national junior college scholastic fraternity. Membership is restricted to 10 percent of students enrolled at TJC based on scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Marisa Butler, student at John Tyler High School, was selected DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen for Smith County. Students selected for the honor must exhibit dependability, patriotism, service and leadership in the home, church and community. Marisa is the daughter of Bill and Jo Butler.

Shannon Hughes, a Robert E. Lee senior, has been named to the All-East Texas First Team in Basketball selected by the *Courier-Times-Telegraph*. Shannon has a 20 point scoring average. He is the son of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes.

Here and There

by Wes Price



For those who enjoy gospel singing, you will be interested in hearing a special singing group, The Harmony Four. They will present a program on Monday, April 4 at the Glenwood church here in Tyler and on Thursday evening, April 7 at the South Main Church in Henderson at 7:30. This quartet consists of two husband and wife teams. They are from Belle, West Virginia and are active members of the Belle church of Christ. They travel throughout the country singing for various gatherings. You are sure to enjoy hearing them. A poster with their picture is in the south foyer.

It is a special joy to welcome Dwight Leek into the fellowship of saints at West Erwin. He was baptized last thursday night. Now husband and wife are one in the Lord and a great victory has been claimed through faith in Him. This fine couple have already won their way into the hearts of many since coming to us several weeks ago.

We received confirmation on the invitation to take our young people on a campaign trip this summer to Midland, Michigan. Hillard announced to them last week that a training class will begin on Wednesday night, April 6 to prepare them and qualify them for this exciting trip. We especially solicit the parents co-operation to encourage your teenagers to be present for every class. Tentative dates have been set for departure on June 3. The itinerary will include two full days of travel going and returning and a week of Vacation Bible School there. Young people, begin now to make your summer plans around this schedule.

We were down in nearly all of our classes on Sunday. No doubt, many were out of town visiting with children being out of school for spring break. We will be looking forward to a larger than usual increase next Sunday, a holiday weekend and the final weekend of the Azalea Trail. Join me in making our visitors feel a warm welcome.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Jack Paul
 Prayer Robert Willoughby
 Dismiss Marc Lemons
EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Jack Paul
 Prayer Robert Threadgill
 Dismiss Jesse Keener
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Trey Hughes Lee Roberson
 Foy Richey Tom Parsons
 W.S.Little Bob Threadgill
 W.V.Crossman Jesse Keener

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 March 20 \$8,593.48
 (Special) 7,312.34
 March 13 7,704.85
 Year Ago 5,890.70
BIBLE SCHOOL
 March 20 387
 March 13 396
 Year Ago 399
WORSHIP
 March 20 534
 March 13 501
 Budget \$8,187.27

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Edgar Bullard Bob Clemmons Dale Blackstone
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 27 & Wednesday
 Evening, March 30—BOB WILLOUGHBY, Phone 581-1135.

Responses

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Buddy and Dorothy) Bell into the fellowship of the West Erwin congregation. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 43 A-1, Chandler, Texas 75758, phone 849-3687. They formerly worshipped with the Northwest church.

Bo Smith, 420 So. Bois D'Arc, Apt. #4, came Sunday evening to place membership. He formerly lived in Mississippi.

Here and There (continued)

ones who have fallen into a pattern of absenteeism. You are missing something when you miss Bible study with the saints. Try to break that bad habit soon before it turns into a life long habit of neglect. You have only your soul to lose.

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In The Hospitals

Stephanie Leek, daughter of Diann and Dwight Leek underwent knee surgery in Mother Frances Hospital on Monday. She is now at home.

Tommy White is suffering from pneumonia. He is in room 373, Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Maudie Brown continues to be a patient in Medical Center, room 509.

Mrs. Pat McCarley is in Johnson County Memorial Hospital, 1600 N. Main, Cleburne, Texas. She recently underwent surgery and will recuperate at her daughter's home, 1701 Stonelake in Cleburne 76031.

Mack Bynum's father is now in Medical Center Hospital, room 313.

Ray Womack's sister is seriously ill in Medical Arts Hospital in Dallas.

We learned this week that Mrs. Ed (Vernon) Naul, formerly of this congregation, underwent surgery on March 16 for a fractured hip. Their address is 4317 Panola St., Fort Worth, Texas 76103.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Azalea Trail Visitors

The 25th Annual Azalea & Spring Flower Trail begins in Tyler, March 26 to continue through April 3. We hope the weather co-operates and we are privileged to welcome many visitors to our worship services.

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A TROPHY OF THANKS

If God authorized the giving of a trophy for a job well done, West Erwin would receive a "trophy of thanks."

Your response to the need of starving brethren in Ghana was outstanding. As of the time of writing, the special contribution had risen to \$7,312.34. The brethren at White's Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, Louisiana are responsible for raising the money for the food and they were in hopes of finding 500 congregations who would give at least a \$1,000 each for a total of \$50,000. They figured this would buy 200 tons of food. We give God the glory and thanks to the brethren here for giving in excess of seven times that congregational amount. May God richly bless you.

In addition, we exceeded the budget with a regular contribution of \$8,593.48. God be praised who has put this kind of concern in your hearts!



The Closed Mind

A part of education is the process of closing the mind.

There are some people who are open-minded on how to use the English language, and courses in English are designed to close their minds so that they will not believe that one usage and one spelling is as good as another.

A firm does not want an accountant who has an open mind concerning the arithmetic table.

A bank does not want an employee who has an open mind to whom the deposits belong.

We do not want a policeman who has an open mind concerning crime, injustice, human life, etc.

We do not want society to be filled with people who have an open mind on whether or not your life is of any value.

We do not want plane pilots who have an open mind on which course to follow, where to land, or whether to land upside down, on one side, etc.

We do not want a driver who has an open mind as to which side of the road he shall drive on.

There is, of course, another aspect of this matter and that is the mind which is open in that it loves the truth and furnishes a good and honest soil in which seeds of truth can take root and grow.

—Anon.

Retired

Jim Canterbury retired February 28 from the Cotton Belt Railroad after 30 years of service. He was honored last Saturday evening with a retirement party. We extend our best wishes to Jim and Virginia.

BROTHERS' KEEPER Groups Meet Sunday Evening



Sermons for Sunday

Sermons by Perry Hall
A.M. Forgiving Others
P.M. Such As I Have Give I Thee

*The most joyous of occasions
is the union of man and woman
in the celebration of life. . .*
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bray
and
Mr. and Mrs. Burl N. Reed
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Sherri Lea
and
Don Alan
on Saturday, the second of April
Nineteen hundred and eighty-three
at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening
Woman's Building
911 South Broadway
Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Happy Birthday

MARCH (27) Pat Skipper (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda Hendrix (29) Bill Endsley (30) Michael Lowrance, Susie Higgins, Henry Starnes (31) Matt Haws, Ray Magee, Mark Adams APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn.

In Appreciation

We want to thank all of you who helped us celebrate on our 50th Wedding Anniversary with your presence at our Open House and the many other ways you said, "Happy 50th." We love all of you.

Pauline and Jelly Jones

Singing

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be held at Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville on March 27th at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Here and There by Wes Price



It is a tremendous joy to be a part of a congregation that responds to a special request as this one does. In excess of \$7,000 was given last Sunday for the needy Christians in Ghana. Included in that generous gift was over 800 pennies given by some of our children. Bud Caskey and Foy Richey made a special trip to the Whites Ferry Road church in Louisiana to deliver the gift to the sponsoring congregation on Monday. So by the time you read this, your gift will be well on its way to assist our needy brothers and sisters in Ghana.

You will also notice in the statistical section of our bulletin that our regular contribution exceeded our budget by a considerable amount as well. Thank God for generous Christians.

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Attention all teachers of pre-school, primary, junior and high school departments. There will be a very important Teachers' Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the chapel. This includes both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening teachers. Please join us for that meeting.

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With the coming of spring, comes also the annual Azalea Trails for which Tyler has become so famous. That also means a host of visitors for the next couple of weeks. Let's be especially mindful of their being in our services and make them feel warm and welcome. Be especially alert to strangers in our classes and worship services so that you can meet them and help serve as West Erwin's friendly ambassadors. This job belongs to each of us. Adults, teenagers and children.

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All the members of my Sunday morning Bible class are reminded that they are invited to a family skating party on Monday night, March 28 at the Rosedale Skating Rink. We look forward to a large turnout and great fun for the family.

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Do me a favor, will you? Check your attendance record for Sunday morning Bible study and Wednesday evening Bible study for the past 6 months. You have cause for concern if you are one of the

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Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss Jwill Sims

EVENING WORSHIP

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Evening, March 23 - MIKE SAVAGE, 581-4927.

Gospel Meetings

The Church of Christ in Winnsboro will have a seminar with John Clayton, "Does God Exist?" on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The Saturday sessions are: 2:00 p.m. - How to Instill Religious Belief in Your Child; 7:00 p.m. The Source - Design or Chance; 8:00 p.m. The Nature of God.

Harold McRay from Lawton, Okla. will preach in a meeting with the Church of Christ in Canton on March 27 - 30. Services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Deer Run

Brochures from Camp Deer Run arrived this week. They are available in the foyer. Applications are printed in each brochure. This year is the 25th Anniversary for Camp Deer Run.

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Newsflash

Since the inside page, carrying the continuation of brother Hall's article went to press, the elders have met concerning this tragic situation. They have decided that we will help in the alleviation of this human suffering. Please read brother Hall's article and be ready Sunday to do your part when a special contribution will be taken for the saints in Ghana.

The Sick

Mrs. Elvie Paul, mother of Jack and Jim Paul, is a resident in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home. She would enjoy your visit.

Mrs. Wayne Fears' father, Audie Waller, has been very seriously ill in the hospital in Gilmer. He is some improved this week.

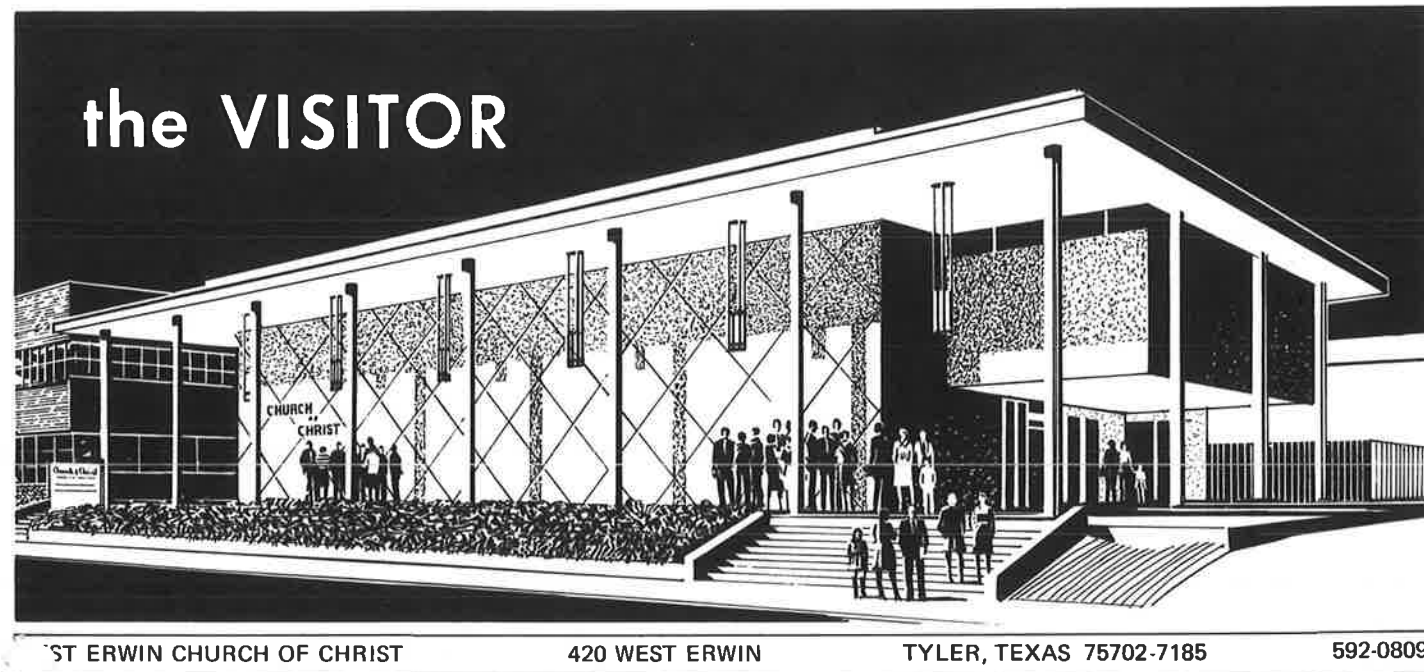
Jonathan Lowrance, 5 year old son of Tommy and Donna, was hospitalized last week and is at home now recovering from surgery.

Sermons for Sunday

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P.M. Christ, Our Passover Lamb.

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The Church With A Heart

"Come You Blessed

...For

I Was Hungry and You Fed Me."

We will recognize the above words as those of Jesus that will be spoken in the day of judgment. Those on the right shall enter into the eternal phase of the kingdom, for they faithfully served the king by serving others, (Matt. 25:31-40).

Beloved, we have just received news that New Testament Christians are starving in Ghana. The White's Ferry Road church of Christ in West Monroe, Louisiana has informed us that they are going to raise funds, as was raised recently for brethren in Poland, to buy food to be shipped to our hungry brethren in Ghana.

News reports have informed us of the fact that one and a half million people from Ghana were deported from Nigeria and sent home to an already critical situation. The longest march in modern history by such a great number carried people on a 250 mile walk. Many dozens of people died on the journey. Among that number

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



caught up in the consequences of that deportation is our own missionary, brother S. S. Amponsah. We are in contact with him by mail and he has had one check forwarded to him in Ghana by the church in Nigeria, but there is little food to buy. He was in Nigeria working in fields white unto harvest. Many souls in Ghana and Nigeria have been won to Christ. The recent upheaval causes us great concern. Even as I write this, the elders here are planning an emergency meeting concerning this crisis. They will inform the congregation by Sunday what we plan to do.

There are congregations of the Lord's people now in 125 cities and villages in Ghana totaling approximately 12,000 members. World Bible School reports that about 100,000 people in Ghana are currently taking Bible correspondence courses. People have been obeying the gospel at a rate of ten per day for the past several years.

Our brethren who live in villages have always had very little to eat, but those who live in the cities are in worse con-

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Perry's Perspective Continued

dition. This emergency has been long in coming but now has grown desperate with the exulsion of the 1.5 million Ghananian people from Nigeria. The church across the brotherhood will respond to this critical situation just as they did to famine in the first century. God, Christ and His church will be glorified by our supply of their need. People will see the reality of New Testament Christianity. The hungry will be fed. Souls will be saved. For \$1,000, 20 families can be fed for a month. For \$500,000, we can sustain most of our brethren for a year giving them time to return to farming for their daily food. West Monroe is looking for 500 churches that will give at least \$1,000 each. The Communist government in Poland gave the church in Poland official recognition as a result of the compassion shown. We can now own property and erect buildings as a result.

Food will be bought and shipped by boat. Several small loads have been sent in the past, but 200 tons of food are needed now. Another large shipment will be sent as soon as the funds are available. Volunteer workers from America will drive the food into Ghana as they did recently in Poland.

Be alert brethren for further instructions from our shepherds on this matter.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. 8:1.



"Hard Travelers" from Lubbock Christian College will be singing Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Fellowship Center of the Greenwood church here in Tyler. All young people of the area are invited to attend. Our young people are encouraged to go immediately following the evening worship.

Thank You Deacons

We, the elders at West Erwin have been looking closely at the work here and we feel compelled to express our deepest appreciation to the deacons. They are doing an outstanding job. In recent meetings they have been working on goals for each committee. They bring reports of their activities to the meetings and challenge each other to even greater service.

There are a multitude of jobs done each week that most of us might not be aware of. Let us all express our love and thanks to these servants of the Lord for their work of faith and labor of love.

The Elders

Listening To Announcements

Hearing announcements made during the assembly is something that we have come to expect. Many have come to accept them as a necessity to be endured, and consequently pay little or no attention to them.

But, have you ever thought of the announcements as the means whereby doors are opened to us? Paul wrote to the Philippians about the illness of Epaphroditus. If he had been present at Philippi and had told an assembled church about this illness, it might be viewed as Paul making an announcement. There would have been some purpose behind it. Something was to be achieved by this announcement.

When we hear announcements of needs for groceries and clothing, we should view this as the opening of a door for service. Let us take note and respond by bringing clothing and groceries.

When we hear announcements of those who have lost loved ones, let us make note of it and see if there is something we can do to lift up a broken heart. Perhaps there is a word to be said, a note to be written or a visit to be made.

When we hear of those who are ill, again there is an open door. Perhaps a card or a visit. We should watch for opportunities of helping others.

Announcements need not be dry and meaningless to those who are watching for open doors.

Raymond Kelcy

New Granddaughter

Pauline and A. Z. Aven are the happy grandparents of a baby girl, Erin Danielle, born March 11 in Seguin, Texas to Gary and Mimi Aven.

In Appreciation

Thank you for your visits, cards, flowers, telephone calls and most of all, your prayers in my behalf during my recent illness.

In Christian love,
Maudie Brown

It is so rewarding to have such a loving church family to help a person through a hospital confinement with flowers, visits, phone calls and most of all prayers. Thanks so much.

Love ya'll
George Kester

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

MARCH (20) David Taylor (21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory, Bryan Pickle (22) Vicki Warren (23) Ben Young, Charlotte Sanford (24) Myrtle Ginn (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser.

You Are Invited

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Here and There

by Wes Price



What a joy to welcome the return of spring! It's my favorite time of year. There just seems to be something about it that invigorates life. It's a time of renewal. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. I can hardly wait for the azaleas and dogwoods to bloom. No place on earth is as beautiful as East Texas when the homes are ablaze with blossoms.

With the increasing predictability of the weather, our attendance is increasing in both Sunday morning Bible study and Wednesday night devotionals and Bible study. The only other thing that interferes now seems to be the number among us who are ill with various assortments of virus. We hope all of these are well soon. Our prayers are with you.

Permit me a little fatherly pride. Our son, Wesley, was installed in the National Honor Society on Tuesday night. His mother and I are proud of him. Of course, all the credit goes to his mother for his good learning ability. I didn't have any to spare.

Although we have not yet set our dates for Vacation Bible School this year, we do want to mention that it will be held at night, Monday through Friday. We want to have a special adult class so that all the family can come together and enjoy a special series of Bible lessons. We will be looking forward to a great week. We did have a gospel meeting scheduled for this spring but our speaker cancelled, so this special adult Bible study will be good for us. We will announce the date as soon as it can be set. We are waiting to set the date until it is determined when we can plan a summer mission trip for our young people.

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Year Ago 7,171.63

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Year Ago 380

WORSHIP

March 6 508
Feb. 27 516

Weekly Budget \$8,187.27

Sermons for Sunday

By Perry Hall

A.M. Diagnosing, Doctoring and Delivering the Disabled Disciple From the Devil's Deadliest Disease.

P.M. You Were, You Obeyed, You Became.

Responses

We rejoice that on Monday evening Scott Campbell was baptized by Perry Hall. Scott is the son of Ronny and Eddie Dunn. His address is Rt. 23, Box 963. We are happy to welcome him into the fellowship of West Erwin.

Sunday morning Mrs. Dwight (Diann) Leek came to place membership and be restored. She and her husband and children live at 810 Shannon Drive, phone 581-2114. They recently moved to Tyler from Ripley, Tennessee.

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Our Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to the J. D. Majors Family. Funeral services were held Saturday for a brother of Mr. Majors and on Sunday services were conducted for his sister. Both services were held in Athens, Texas.

The Sick

Mrs. Mac (Vivian) McCall is in Temple, Texas undergoing tests in Scott and White Hospital.

The father of Pam Lemons, Mr. Floyd Sokoloski, suffered a heart attack on Monday and is in ICU at Medical Center. Pam has asked that we remember him in prayer.

Mrs. Bell Cotton, a member of the church from Chandler is in Medical Center suffering from a fractured hip. She is Doris Terrell's mother.

We rejoice that T. J. Parsons was able to be in worship Sunday.

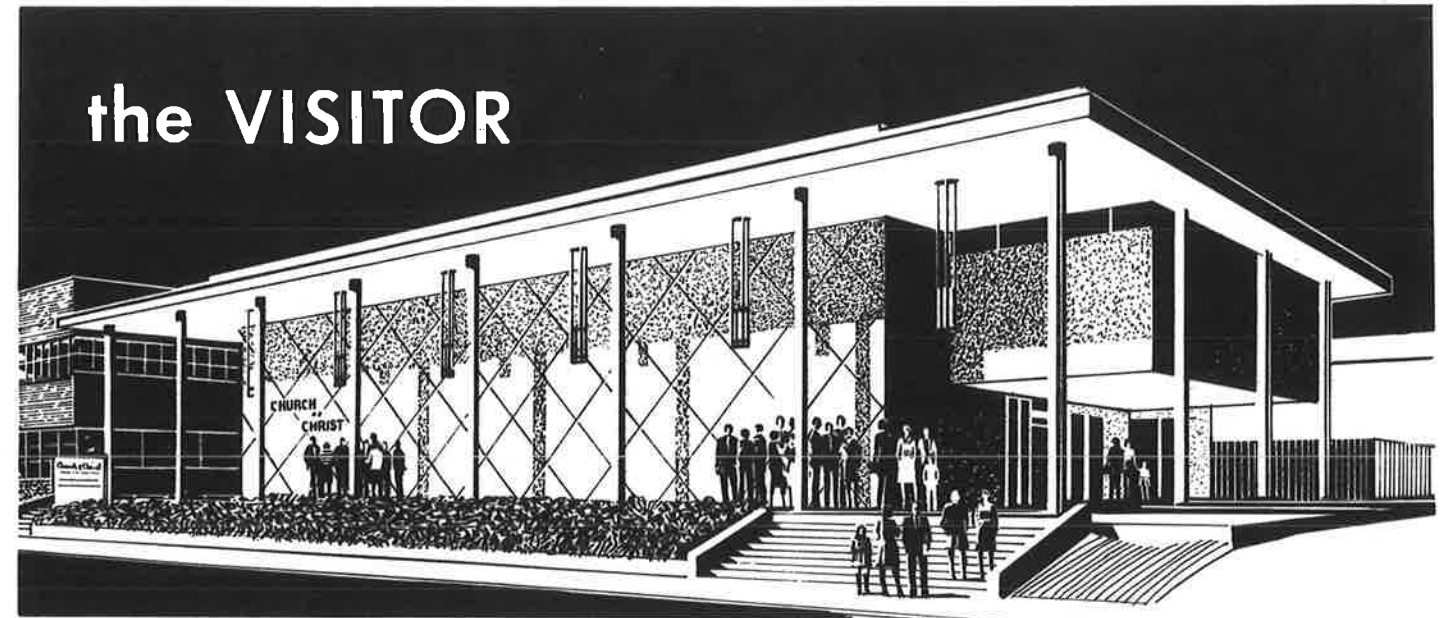
We were happy to have James Massey in the office for a brief visit on Tuesday of this week.

Maudie Brown is recovering at the home of Roy and Chloe Clark.

Happy Birthday

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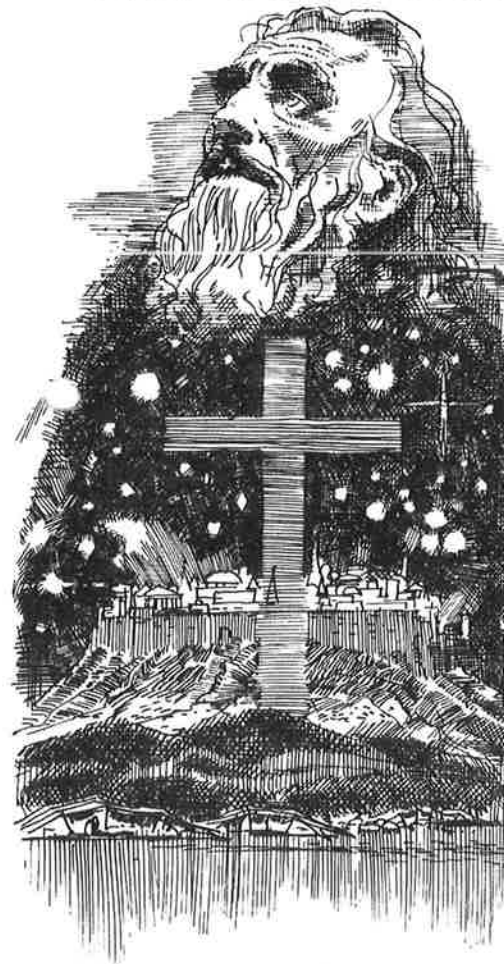
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HEAVEN



WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD

Perry's Perspective



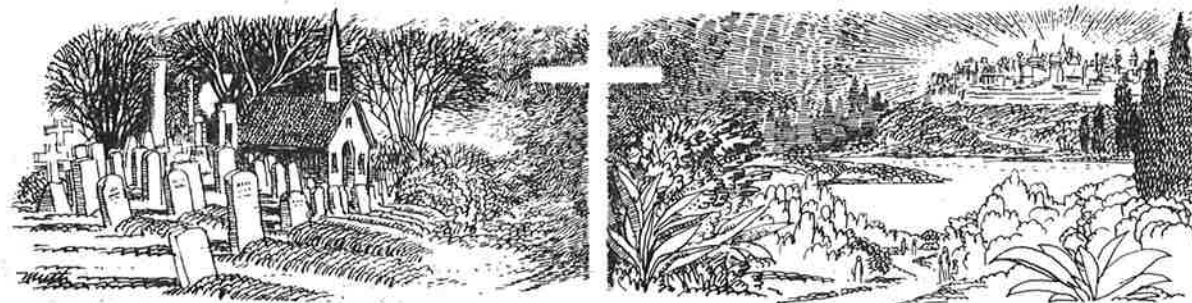
By Perry Hall

"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." What sublime thought! In the words of Jesus in Matt. 25:14ff, we see God's plan for His faithful ones. "Well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things." Here and in a great many other places Jesus spoke of the eternal destiny of the righteous. With sharp contrast to that of the wicked, the righteous are spoken of as being with God, or in a relationship of blessedness and fellowship of God.

The Greek noun *ouranos* is used to describe this abode of God and is translated by the English word so well known to all of us, that word being "Heaven". It is the Greek word equivalent to the Hebrew *shamayim*, which means "the upper regions" or "the heights above."

This does not tell us much, but information found in the New Testament does roll back the curtain of mystery and allow us to see enough of life beyond to cause every right thinking person to earnestly "lay hold on to eternal life" by fighting "the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12).

Men, since time began, have so longed for some glimpse beyond the grave. In God's plan Jesus was destined to abolish death and bring life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:10). From the celestial regions the Son of God descended to become Incarnate (Jno. 3:13). In His ascension He "sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1); and today He is "on the right hand of" (continued on page two)



Christ brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

God", having gone into Heaven (1 Pet. 3:22), now glorified with the glory He had with the Father before the world was (Jno. 17:5).

The experience of the righteous there is emphasized in the concept of "life". This "life" is of a quality that far transcends that which has been known here. It is far more than just eternal existence. Hell is indeed that much! It is life in the complete, absolute and infinite reality. Finite minds cannot grasp the infinite, but words of human accommodation tell us that the final abode is pictured as a rest (Heb. 3:11, 18; 4:1, 3, 8, 9). Those who die in the Lord are said to be the ones that are "Blessed" and are able to "rest from their labors" (Rev. 14:13). To enter into that eternal state does not mean to come to idleness. It means that we obtain renewed strength and refreshment after the toil of this life that

we might joyfully "serve Him day and night" (Rev. 7:15) forever and ever!

"Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:3, 4). Here we see God will dwell immediately and in intimate fellowship with His people! He will not allow any of the distressing and heartbreaking experiences connected with this life and its sin, for neither can sin enter therein (Rev. 21:27).

That holy city, new Jerusalem, will provide perfect protection for His people with its high walls four-square. In beautiful imagery too

great for human imagination, it is described in Rev. 21:10-22:5. It is as a garden, a paradise growing the tree of life. In the beginning of the word of God, we see Paradise lost! At the close, by virtue of the victorious Lamb, those made righteous by Him enter again into the immediate fellowship and eternal presence of God. **Paradise is regained!** There is much more we would like to know, but this much we do. In the words of John, we state: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 Jno. 3:1-3). PNH

Sheer delight and pure joy are good descriptions of how we feel about the obedience of faith that we saw Monday night in the life of **Scott Campbell**, son of **Ronnie Dunn**. Scott put his Lord on in baptism. He is such a fine young man and will make a great soldier of the cross! Let us encourage him with all our might!

Laree and I are a little late due to our illness, but we want to thank the **elders** for the time off to attend the ACU Lectureship. We enjoyed it very much.

How can we express enough gratitude for all the cards, calls, food,

prayers and visits we received when we were ill. I mentioned a long list of individuals Sunday to whom I am so deeply indebted for taking care of my responsibilities during my protracted absence. I would like to add the name of **Nelda Browning** who took care of my page of the bulletin.

Wasn't the contribution great last Sunday! We pray that we will have many more like this. It was thrilling to hear **Faber Cauthen** announce that we were going to have fellowship in the booth for the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans. We thank the elders again for com-

mitting this \$5,000.00 to the effort there.

We are sorry to report that our brother **Wayne Smalling** will not be able to report to us on the Chimala work for sometime to come. **Foy Lowe**, Springtown elder, reports that one of the replacements for the Smallings fell and broke a hip after arriving in Tanzania and had to be brought back to the states. We are so sorry to hear this and pray for a speedy recovery. We look forward to a later report from Wayne.

Onward and upward, brothers and sisters! — Love, Perry

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Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers, visits and prayers. I feel very blessed to be a part of the West Erwin Church and to have fellowship with such wonderful people. May God bless you always. Gloria Thigpen

Thanks to everyone for the visits and food during my recent illness. Also, thank you for remembering my birthday. Love to all, Mary Lou Frasier

The many cards, calls, beautiful flowers and visits were appreciated so much. We are also truly thankful for your prayers and concern and Christian love. James and Mildred Massey

Baby Shower

You are invited To a Baby Shower Honoring Betty Knight and Baby son, Forres Lee Sunday, March 13 at the home of Mrs. Charles Hickman 714 Hampton Hills Tyler, Texas Hours 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mary June and Cooper Goodson who are the parents of a 7 lb 12 oz baby girl. She was born Friday, March 4 in Mother Frances Hospital. They have named her Melanie Leigh. Harvey and Mary Evelyn Grier are the happy grandparents.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Guest Editorial

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

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

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

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

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

-Jim Bill McInteer

Moved Away

We are sorry that two of our families have moved away. Kenneth and Lisa Cummings recently moved to the Houston area and Robert and Rebecca Castro moved to Brenham. We hope each couple will be very happy in their new home.

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Prayer Brian Boulter
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Year Ago 376

WORSHIP

New Members

Mrs. James (Bobbie) Dozier, P. O. Box 228, Winona, Texas 75792 - Phone 877-3632, placed membership Sunday. We are happy to welcome her to West Erwin.

Here and There (continued)

other people in a very special way, even to be able to kneel down and wash their feet in a servant ministry. But we have got to position ourselves to receive the power. Blessed are we when we trust enough to see all others not as objects to be manipulated and dominated and controlled for our purposes, but as brothers and sisters to be served and loved for God's purposes."

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The Sick

Mack Bynum's father, W.P. Bynum, has been moved into a private room in Baylor Hospital. His physical condition has improved, although he has not regained awareness. (Johnson Wing, Room 5426, Dallas)

Maudie Brown, Chloe Clark's mother, was admitted to Medical Center Monday.

Gloria Thigpen is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

George Kester is in Medical Center for tests.

Dr. Ralph Rowe's mother is a patient in Mother Frances.

Many in the congregation have flu or other related illnesses. Perry and Laree Hall are ill at home this week.

Address Changes

Address changes for your Church Directory:

Wallie & Laurie Dawkins, 400 Thigpen #703 - Tyler 75703.

Mrs. Glenn (Jonnie) Steffee, 420 Top Hill - Tyler 75703 - Phone 561-1748.

Bren and Lois Rothrock, 4207 Suel, Tyler 75702 - Phone 597-4811.

Additions

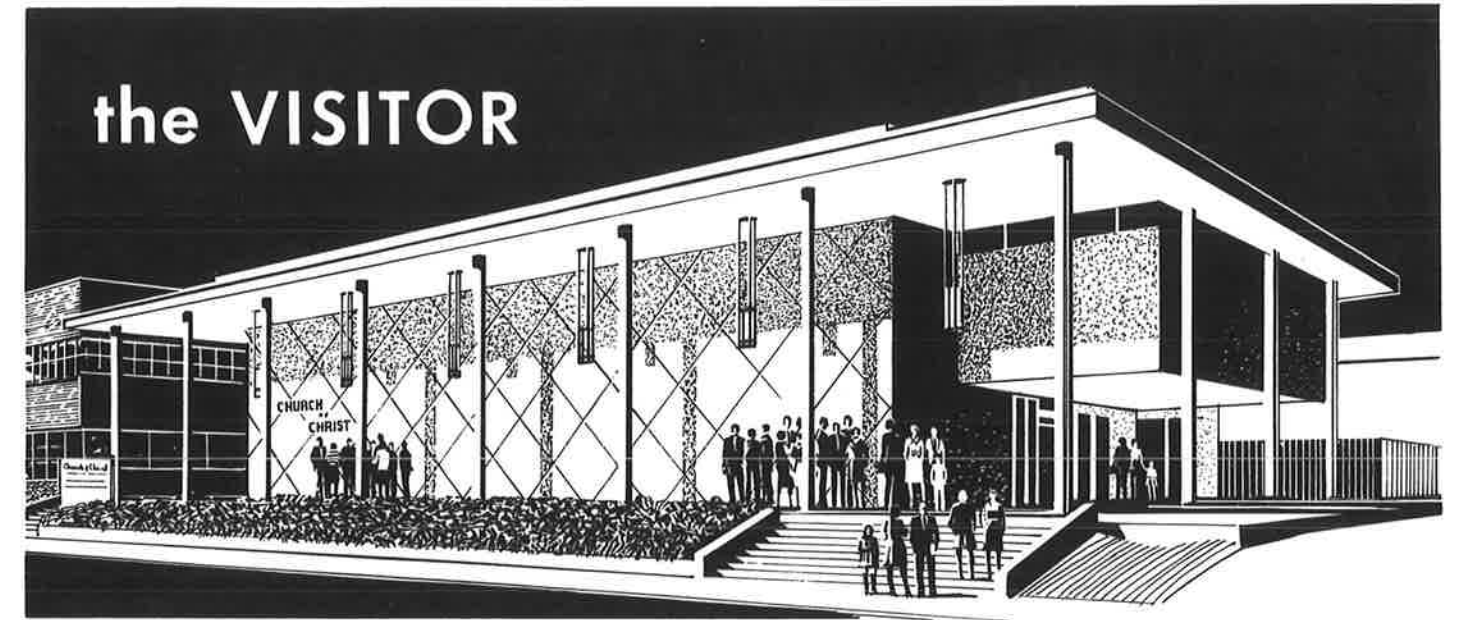
Archie and Juanita Lowry, Rt. 2, Box 164 (75704) Phone 597-1851.

Eldon & Barbara Scott, 2823 Bateman (75701) Phone 597-0662.

Mrs. Janie Hicks, Rt. 22, Box 339 (75704) phone 592-1258.

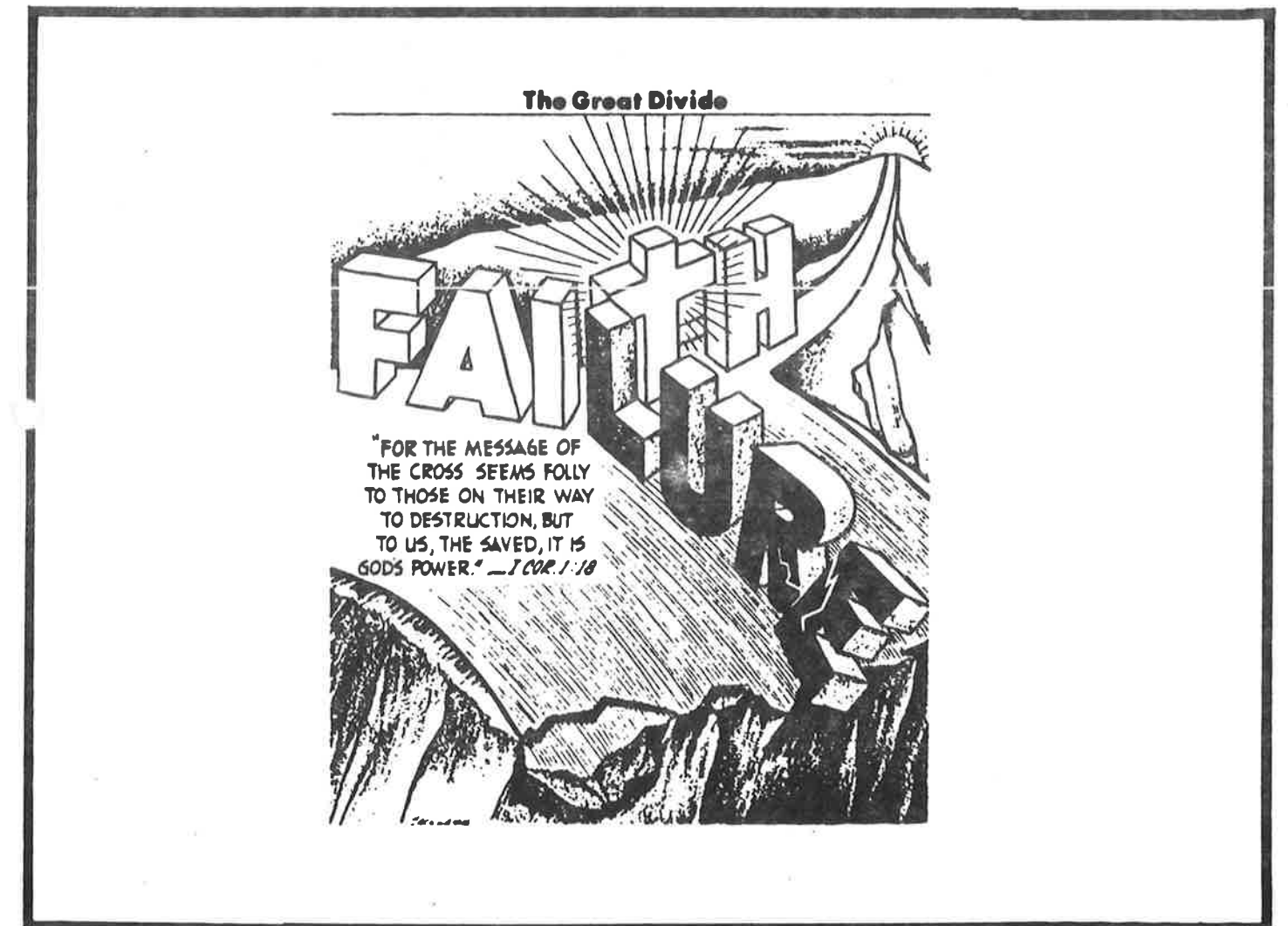
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The Great Divide

FAITH

"FOR THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS SEEMS FOLLY TO THOSE ON THEIR WAY TO DESTRUCTION, BUT TO US, THE SAVED, IT IS GODS POWER." - I COR. 1:18

IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE GROWING ?

In spite of the inspired admonition to "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18), many do not grow. Believers often remain spiritually immature, even after years of being in Christ. For too many, a surface treatment of God's word is as far as study goes. Deeper insights into great Bible doctrines are out of the question.

This absence of progress is somewhat like the man who worked 25 years for one company. He kept the same job and was paid the same salary. When he finally approached his employer to complain, he said, "After all, I've had a quarter of a century of experience." The boss sighed, "You haven't had a quarter of a century of experience. You've had one experience for a quarter of a century."

It is a tragedy for Christians to fail to grow. But, in order to progress in Bible knowledge, several essential elements must be present. When combined, they will help assure growth. They are:

DISSATISFACTION with your present level of knowledge. As long as you are satisfied with what you know, or are unconcerned about what you do not know, you will not learn. How many classes on Acts or Romans have you had since you became a member of the church? Can you say you are really familiar with these letters? Are you content just to sit in a class and let others feed you all the time? You must "... long for the spiritual milk, that ye may grow..." (I Peter 2:2).

DISCIPLINE There is never going to be a good time to start an intense program of Bible study. There will always be some obstacle in your path. So - discipline yourself to start - now. Lock in a study time and adamantly stick to it. It is not true that we are too ignorant to learn - just too lazy!

DILIGENCE Once you start, don't stop! Make Bible study a life-long goal. Realize that there will always be new concepts to grasp and new truths to learn. Parents of old were commanded to teach the commands of God "diligently" (Deut. 6:7) unto their children. Paul calls for such effort from Timothy (I Tim. 4:13-15, II Tim. 2:15).

You CAN be a good Bible student! Make it your goal to grow!

... Allen Hahn

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We're searching for everybody who will come to our Bible classes!

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of March 14-18. The following is a list of needs: Mayonnaise & Salad Dressing, Kool Aid, Tea Bags, Canned Pineapple (sliced, diced, crushed, etc.) Canned Meat.

Thank You

The family of Percy Tate acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so very much for the beautiful spray of red carnations. It was such a comfort to us in our hour of need.

"A Child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. They are going to sit where you are sitting when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important... the fate of humanity is in their hand."

Abraham Lincoln

Young



At Heart

Thursday, March 10 is the date for the regular monthly meeting of Young At Heart. A "Pot Luck" Supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (6) Ray Lott (7) Becky McRuiz, Sue Paul (8) Kathryn Fears (10) Katie Heath, John Powell, Eleanor Smith, Myron Weston (11) Donna Weston (12) David Grier, Jr., Eleanor Birdwell, Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



As was expected, the annual lectureship at ACU was great. "Lights In A World of Darkness" was the theme and major addresses spoke directly to it. Juan Monroy of Madrid, Spain opened the lectureship on Sunday night with his message entitled, "Moral Leadership For A Modern World." If you are acquainted with the Herald of Truth in foreign countries, you know of this man's conversion and the great work he has done for the church in his country. His initial contact with the church was through the World's Fair in New York City several years ago. He is a man of great ability and influence in Spain. It was a joy to hear him speak. I wish all could have enjoyed this spiritual feast with us. Our deepest thanks to our elders for permitting us to be away.

Honor classes for Sunday are: The Four Year Olds taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and the Five Year Olds taught by Carolyn Welborn.

We have received good reports about attendance and interest in our Brother's Keeper meetings this past Sunday night. Our thanks to Jean Oliver for taking care of the older children here at the building.

All In The Family as a TV program is not one of my favorite programs but in one of the episodes, Edith and Archie are attending Edith's high school class reunion. Edith encounters an old classmate named Buck who has allowed himself to become extremely obese. Edith and Buck have a delightful conversation about old times and things they did together. But remarkably, Edith doesn't seem to even notice how extremely heavy Buck had become. Later, Edith and Archie are talking. She says, "Archie, ain't Buck a beautiful person?" Archie replies, "Edith, I'll never figure you out. You and I can look at the same guy and you see a beautiful person, and I see a blimp." Edith replies simply, "Yeah! Ain't that too bad!"

In the Richland Hills bulletin, Jon Jones' remarks about that episode gives us "cause to pause." "God wants to give us the power to see

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Sunday, it was announced that Mrs. Janie Hicks, Rt. 22, Box 339 wishes to be identified as a member of West Erwin. We extend a cordial welcome to her also. She is a sister to Modena Jones.

WHAT IS TRUE SPIRITUALITY? (Continued)

wouldn't we go all out to restore any who would help bring others to the Lord!

Are you truly spiritual? Does your spirituality stop with worship, or does it extend throughout the week? Are you manifesting spirituality through your involvement in the Lord's work and service?
...George W. Bailey

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Maurice Henderson

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The Church With A Heart

Guest Editorial

WHAT WE NEED

There are certain things that we all need within the Lord's Church.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



We need more CO-OPERATION and less COMPETITION.

Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose (Philippians 2:2).

We need more COMPASSION and less CRITICISM.

And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Col.3:12).

We need more APPRECIATION and less JEALOUSY.

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant (I Cor.13:4). Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:26).

We need more POSITIVE THINKERS and less DOUBTERS.

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us (Eph. 3:20). I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Phil.4:13).

We need more WORKERS and less TALKERS.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10).

Don't wait for someone else to start supplying these needs. Determine to start supplying them yourself!

...Mike Vanderburg

How To Walk, But Not Where To Walk!

I read the other day where a welfare worker found a crippled boy in a poverty stricken section of the city. She took great interest in the boy and longed to see him walk and be a boy among boys.

She decided to consult a famous orthopedic surgeon, who agreed to help. Examination was made and an operation was performed. Slow and tedious days of recovery proved the operation a success. Gradually the child could walk, then run, then play. He was a boy among boys.

In telling her story, the welfare worker paused to say, he is now a grown man and I want you to guess where he is and what he is doing. There were several guesses: he is now a doctor; he is a great humanitarian; he is a minister, he is a welfare worker?

No! You are all wrong. He is in prison serving a life sentence for murder. She continued, we spent all of our time teaching him how to walk, but failed to teach him where to walk.

This story points up one of our greater challenges in this life - that of teaching our younger people where to walk and how to build their lives. The basis must be taught at home, but the Sunday School program augments this in a remarkable way. Those lessons learned in Bible classes have far reaching effects in the life of a child. Let us as teachers be diligent to teach God's truth. And let us as parents bring the children to sit at the feet of a devoted Bible teacher. Where will your family be next Sunday morning when the saints meet for Bible study?

...Bill Pratt
from Open Door bulletin - Houston

REMEMBER TO USE
OUR CHURCH LIBRARY



BROTHERS' KEEPER Groups Meet Sunday Evening

FEBRUARY 27
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

TEENAGE YOUNG PEOPLE
ARE INVITED

(Members in each Unit
who have teenage young
people are encouraged
to invite them to this
February meeting.)

NURSERY WILL BE OPEN
AT THE BUILDING.

An activity for children under the direction of two adult couples will be in the Annex.

Plan To Attend
Your Meeting

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As grateful as I am for all you have contributed to the support of me and my family for the past eleven years, your greatest contribution to the New York work is making possible the work of Pablo and Maya Molina to work with us.

With deep appreciation,
Kieth A. Mitchell

Thank you for the cards, flowers, calls and visits during my surgery and recovery. Most of all I appreciate your prayers.

Sue Starnes

Thank you so much for the terrific spaghetti dinner provided by Edgar and Delle Bullard's Brother's Keeper Group. Everyone really enjoyed it. Thank you for your support of the Campus Christian Center.

Lynn Fox
Tri-C Correspondent

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (27) Jane Jones, Matt Goodson (28) Tom Parsons, Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall, Sue Starnes. MARCH (2) Cindy Lemons (3) George Stephenson (4) Sheila Morris (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell, Mary Lou Frasier.

Potpourri

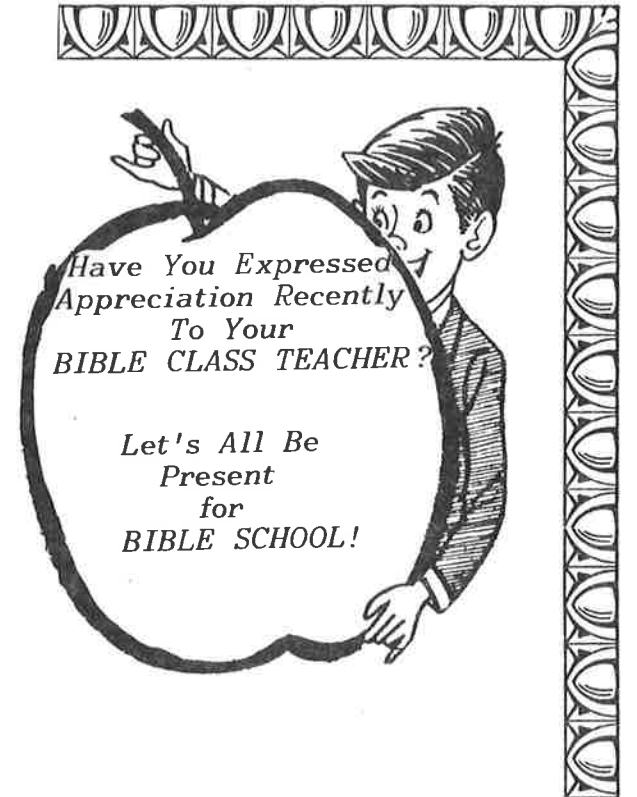
There will be a Deacon's meeting Tuesday evening, March 1 at 7:00 o'clock in the fellowship hall.

The Elders will meet Monday evening, February 28.

Several in the congregation have been in Abilene for the ACU Lecture-ship.

From Northwest Church

You are invited to share a weekend of spiritual enrichment with the Northwest Church of Christ here in Tyler. The theme for the weekend study is "Becoming God's Servant." A brochure of the scheduled activities is on the bulletin board. Larry Calvin will be the guest speaker March 5 and 6.



Have You Expressed
Appreciation Recently
To Your
BIBLE CLASS TEACHER?

Let's All Be
Present
for
BIBLE SCHOOL!

What Is True Spirituality?

Often people mention a need for more spirituality. This is usually said with reference to worship. Worship must be spiritual. I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day, said John. Paul spoke of praying and singing with the spirit, as well as with the understanding. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

But is spirituality limited to one day or one occasion? Doesn't it extend throughout the week, exercising itself in one's every act and thought? Aren't we told to be spiritually-minded? Aren't we to be led by the Spirit? Aren't we admonished to walk after the Spirit? Aren't we likewise expected to bear fruit of the Spirit?

Spirituality, then, must affect not only one's worship, but his work as well. True spirituality is found not only in one's praise, but also in one's practice.

True spirituality results in a complete surrender of heart and life to spiritual things. When one has the mind of the Spirit and is led by the Spirit, this person becomes interested in and engages in anything and everything that would mean advancement to the Cause of Christ.

As an example of such involvement, notice what the Lord said relative to one who has been overtaken in a fault...Ye who are spiritual, restore such a one. If we consider ourselves spiritual,

(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Guy Potts

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Prayer C. B. Burkham
Dismiss Archie Kennard

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Robert Conner James Phillips
J.N.Metcalf Charles Lemons
Kenneth Cummings Eddie Dunn
David Taylor Pete Wallace

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Feb. 13 \$6,747.04
Feb. 6 7,158.81
Year Ago 7,170.90

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 13 411
Feb. 6 364
Year Ago 387

WORSHIP

Feb. 13 515
Feb. 6 471

Weekly

Budget 8,187.27

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

Joe McBee Dannie Skipper
Bren Rothrock Robert Stokes

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 20 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 23 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Congratulations

Rodney and Betty Knight are the happy parents of a new son, Forrest Lee, born at 8:15 Wednesday morning in Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 8 lb and 6 oz. Jean Oliver is the proud grandmother.

The Sick

Charles Graf is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Wilma Jones is in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Maudie Brown is scheduled to enter Medical Center Hospital.

Amanda Munn, daughter of Sherry and Mike Munn, was injured in an automobile accident Monday evening in Abilene. She was treated in emergency and released.

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Isn't It Funny?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how big twenty dollars looks when you take it to church, but how small when you take it to the grocery store?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how much effort it takes to read a chapter or two from the Bible every day, but how easy it is to read the newspaper?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how much of a sacrifice it seems to spend an hour worshipping God, but so easy to spend an hour watching TV?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how easy it is to talk to your friends about your views on politics, but how hard to speak about your faith in Christ?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how difficult it is to work a special meeting at church into your schedule, but how easy it is to work in a social function?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how easy it is to teach your children how to play ball, but how difficult to teach them to pray, grow spiritually, or obey the gospel?

ISN'T IT FUNNY how easy it is to talk with a friend on the phone for "hours," but how difficult it is to have anything to say after 2 minutes to God in prayer?

I wonder what these things say about us? Do you think God thinks these things are funny?

Jesus said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given you as well." (Matt. 6:33).

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SUNDAY - A BELL

411 in Bible Study!

515 in Worship!

We Thank God!

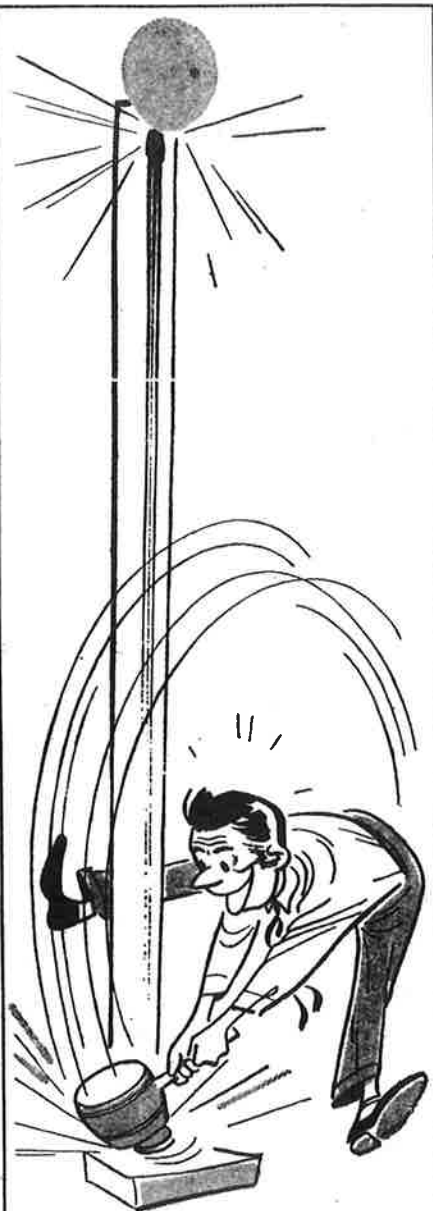
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500-600!

Let's Try For It!

**A Bright Eternal Future!
SHOW YOUR FAITH!!!**

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GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION

TO BIBLE STUDY
ON WEDNESDAY

NIGHTS!

&

DON'T LET UP,
THE DEVIL HASN'T!



In Appreciation

The following note was received this week from a parent of one of our TUESDAY SCHOOL children.

"Thank you for everything your program has done for Jennifer. She looks forward to Tuesday School all week... We appreciate all of the extra work and care you take in planning the kid's day. Your staff is composed of really extra special, loving individuals."

TUESDAY SCHOOL is very special. We appreciate Elaine Roberson for her leadership and the group of teachers and helpers who give of their time each week: Ann Nail, Rebecca Castro, Rhonda Haws, Sandra Henry, Sheila Taylor, Rhonda Hendrix, Sue Starnes, Maxine Freeman, Zeffie Beard, Karen Zadina, Rebecca Center and Barbara Montandon. Also, Betty Knight and Mary June Goodson worked the first semester of the year. Because they are moving to Houston, this Tuesday was the last one for Lisa Cummings. We are going to miss Lisa and Kenneth and their sweet children. Wes Price is in Chapel with the children and John Porter drives the bus for field trips.

Living Carefully

"...be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise." Eph. 5:15 NAS

All of us need to have a good "philosophy" of life. Here are a few suggestions that can help us to live carefully and wisely.

1. Pray for guidance each day and Divine help will come in some way.
2. Drink deeply from good books. One book alone would actually suffice - The Bible.
3. Try to make each day your "masterpiece."
4. Live each day as it should be lived. Never leave until tomorrow what can be done today.
5. To thine own self be true. It will then follow, as the night follows the day, that thou wilt not be false to any man.
6. Help others. In helping others a joyful, fulfilling life is lived.
7. Live for Christ and then all that is said and done will be to the glory of God.

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

—Henrichs

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday in Jamestown for Mrs. Curtis Sparks, sister-in-law to Floia and Aubrey Payne. We express our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

Your calls, cards and visits gave me comfort during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Vivie Wright

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (20) Brandon Chambless (21) The Janet King (22) M. H. Shaffer, Mike Savage (23) Sherri Bray, Jean Thompson (24) Vannie Lee (25) Bren Rothrock.

Guest Speaker

Brother Kieth Mitchell from New York City will be our guest speaker on Sunday morning. He is supported by West Erwin as director of the International Mission located in the World Trade Center. He is also the minister for the Manhattan congregation in New York City.

Brother Hillard Hughes will speak on Sunday evening.

THE EVANGELIST



"Attending services doesn't depend on how FAR you live from the church building, but how CLOSE you live to God!"

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



The 65th Annual Bible Lectureship begins this coming Sunday at Abilene Christian University. The theme for the series is "Lights In A World of Darkness." It would be great if all could attend.

The elders have graciously granted me the opportunity to attend and I am looking forward to it. Others from West Erwin will be attending.

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We were blessed with a large increase in Bible class attendance this past Sunday for which we are thankful. The weather cooperated and we could have had more except for the large number of our congregation suffering from various illnesses. We are glad to report that many who were ill and could not attend on Sunday are improving and will be able to be back in worship and Bible study soon.

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Only one class reached the 100% attendance level this past Sunday and we are happy to extend congratulations to them. Congratulations to Carolyn Welborn and her Five Year Old Class.

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Dannie Skipper has graciously consented to teach my Married Couples Class in my absence this coming Sunday. I know all of my class members will want to be present and hear that lesson.

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Each week, a large number of our ladies (and some kind old men) meet to do work in our benevolent center. There is no end to the good work they accomplish and at the same time, they enjoy being together. They begin around 9:00 a.m. and stay until 11:00. If you are wanting something to do, come join these ladies in a very worthwhile project. Incidentally, the part the kind old men play is that they prepare the coffee and set tables for their coffee break around 10:00 o'clock each Tuesday morning. They do an excellent job.

The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

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Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Don Weathers

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Dismiss Artis Tate

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 13 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 16 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

New Members

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Archie (Juanita) Lowry into our fellowship. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 164 (75704), phone 597-1851. They come to us from the Northwest church.

The Sick

Vivie Wright is in Community Hospital recovering from surgery.

Maurice Henderson remains in Medical Center but hopes to go home in a day or two.

James Massey continues to be in Medical Center but is improved.

Mrs. Henry Starnes underwent eye surgery (implant). She hopes to go home Thursday.

Fred Powell's mother, Mrs. Clive Powell, is in Medical Center.

Mack Bynum's father is very seriously ill in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Open Letter From Ira North

My Beloved Brethren:

My heart overflows in gratitude for the prayers and moral support our brethren have given me since my major surgery last November. Unfortunately, when my right kidney was removed, a malignancy was discovered. I am told that the prognosis in the long run is good, and after a few weeks rest, the Lord willing, we hope to be back in the pulpit.

We have always known that the divine side of the church was perfect - namely our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. However, during my illness I have learned how wonderful also is the human side of the church - my beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord. If I could speak a thousand languages, I would not be able to express the gratitude of my heart for the great outpouring of moral support and prayers we have received from the brethren.

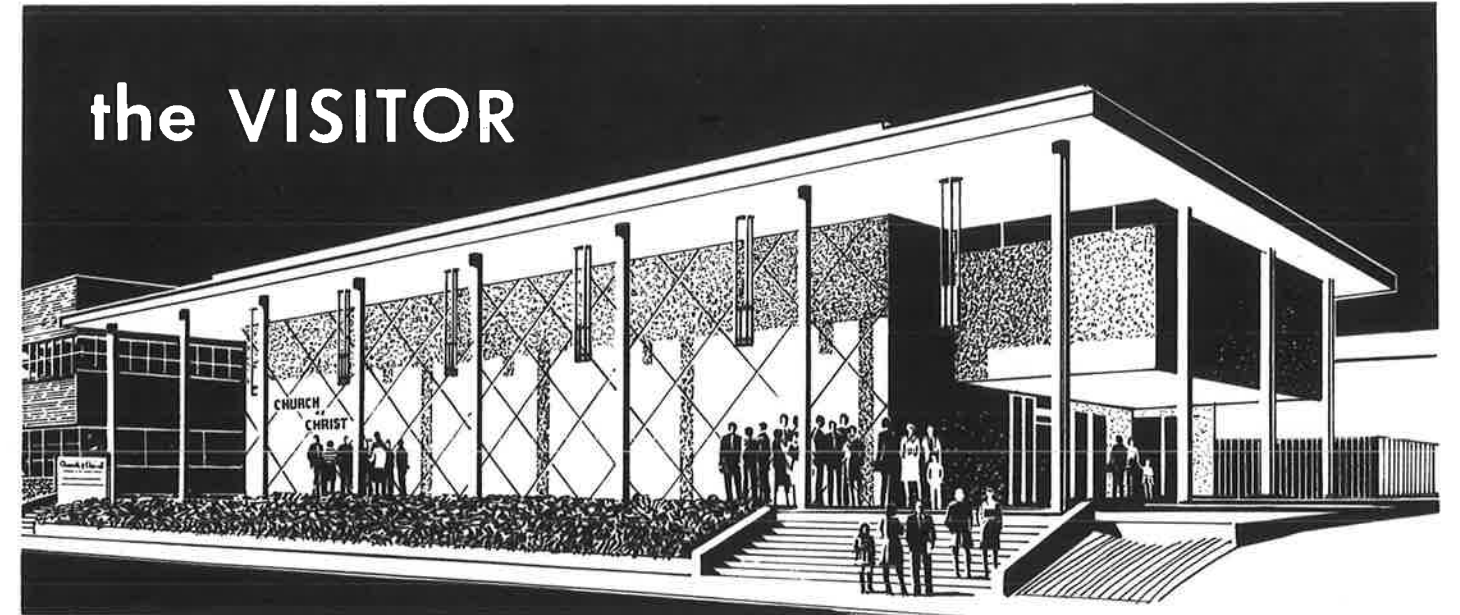
Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Also, please remember my beloved associate, Jim Mankin, who is taking my place in the Amazing Grace Bible Class while I am ill. He is doing an excellent job and is such a fine man. My thanks to you for your continued confidence and trust.

May the Lord bless you with the finest year in His work at your local congregation in its entire history.

*In brotherly love,
Ira North*

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The Church With A Heart



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



There is nothing common about my brother and sister in Christ. But we do have so much in common. For this reason I have such great love for them. We share in the same hopes and aspirations. These hopes and aspirations are based upon a common salvation. Here are people who feel the same needs. They believe there is more to this life than material existence. They look at the same evidences and come to the same conclusion that God is! Since God is, they have taken hold of His love, mercy and grace extended in Jesus Christ the Lord. Having become penitent believers, they, too, were baptized into spiritual union with Jesus Christ.

Being like-minded, we all have resolved to battle fleshly lusts that war against the soul. Together we are seeking that holiness

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MOSTLY RICHLY BLESSED

In 1968, Max Cleland had both his legs and one arm blown off by a grenade in Viet Nam. When his mangled body was being taken by helicopter to the nearest field hospital, the medics were certain he would not survive, but the iron-willed Max Cleland never gave up hope in his ability to survive and to live a full life again. His book, *Strong at the Broken Places*, is a personal account of his fight to recover. It tells of an inner struggle that drained the last ounce of his will and it tells of his key discovery that when all human effort is spent, another source of power and strength is available. Max Cleland, who in 1977, became the youngest person ever to head the United States Veteran Administration, ends his story with these words.

"In a slow way, my life has come together, physically, mentally and spiritually. The putting together of the crushed parts took years and the strengthening process still continues, but through my crisis and defeat, I have learned that it is possible to become strong at the broken places. I have also learned that ultimate strength comes from letting go and letting God have His way with my life. And when I fall, when I get broken by life, by seeking Him again, I can become even stronger than I was before. There is a prayer that expresses this beautifully. It is allegedly the prayer of an unknown Confederate soldier. It expresses better than anything else how I now feel about my life.

Here is that prayer:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve,
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy,
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all men most richly blessed."

Perry's Perspective

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without which no man shall see the Lord. Though not of the world, we are still in the world. Common woes beset us, sickness, heartbreak, temptations, trials and persecutions upon the right hand and the left. But together, we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

My brothers and sisters long to meet together with their Lord on the Lord's day. We share a common table. It is a table where we commune with the body and blood of our Lord. My spiritual family wants to give along with me, praise, thanksgiving, adoration and as they have been prospered materially. All of this is because they love our Father and want to be reunited with Him in His presence. They want to serve Him forever and ever.

With one heart and one mind they work together with me in the furtherance of the gospel. They want to share in spreading His word. They are ready to every good work.

My brother and sister are patient with me as I try to be with them. Loving, forgiving, they help so beautifully in the bearing of my burdens. They laugh with me. They cry with me. They encourage me and when needed they rebuke me.

Because of them, I never feel lonely, I know as long as I live in this world, there will always be those that love me. Is it any wonder that I love my brothers and sister so much? We have so much in common.

Perry



LADIES BIBLE CLASS MEETS

10:00 A.M.

EACH WEDNESDAY

IN THE CHAPEL

You are invited
To a miscellaneous wedding shower
At the home of Mrs. Theron Pickle
8225 Columbia

Honoring Sherri Bray
Bride elect of Don Reed

February 14
7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Selections:
Leewright's
Brosang's

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



Saturday, May 7 will be a very important day to set aside for a special event. On that day, we will be going to visit the Richland Hills congregation in Fort Worth to attend a church growth workshop. This is not just for church leaders. It is for every member of this congregation who would like to see how they may improve their effectiveness as a working member of the Lord's church. We would like to fill up both of our buses and have a large number of automobiles full as well. I especially urge all elders, deacons, preachers, Bible class teachers to mark this date and make every effort to attend. We will be reminding you again well in advance of the date, but why not mark your calendars now!

Congratulations to Juanita Teague and Frances McBee's Four Year Old Class and Carolyn Welborn's Five Year Old Class for achieving the 100% attendance level this past Sunday. Let's follow their example!

Many of our congregation have been ill in recent days with the usual winter's ailments. Our Bible class attendance on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening have reflected that fact. Our prayers continue to be with those who are ill and we will be looking forward to seeing you again in Bible study.

Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy Chili Supper is scheduled for 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday, February 11 at the Glenwood Fellowship Center. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. The Chili Supper is an annual event to aid the school.

The Parents, Teachers and Friends of the Academy will meet February 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shiloh building. The 4th and 5th grade classes will have the program.

The Board meeting for the school is open to everyone. It will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at the Shiloh building.

Thank You

All the cards, flowers and visits were greatly appreciated during the time of the loss of our father and grandfather. Thank you for being such loving Christian friends.

Betty & Fred Strait
Sheila & David Taylor

With deep humility, Monroe and I thank each of you for your expressions of love and thoughtfulness. The calls, the abundance of food were so great. We have to call on you so often. God bless and keep you.

The Sublette Family

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (13) Lottie Gilstrap (14)
Laverne Keith, Lois Rothrock (15)
Mayme Waggoner (17) Lisa Cummings
(18) Amy Knight.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services for Percy Tate were held Wednesday afternoon at Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home. Brother Tate was found dead Monday morning at his home. We express our sincere sympathy to his family.

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

By Perry Hall

A.M. "Joy!"

P.M. "The Confidence Of A Conqueror."

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

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EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Leon Welborn	Jan. 30	388
Prayer	Ron Lott	Jan. 23	367
Dismiss	Cole Bennett	Year Ago	368
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Henry McRuiz	Shannon Hughes	Jan. 30	505
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In The Hospitals

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Maurice Henderson underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.
James Massey continues to be in Medical Center.
Mrs. A. Z. Aven is in Mother Frances for knee surgery.

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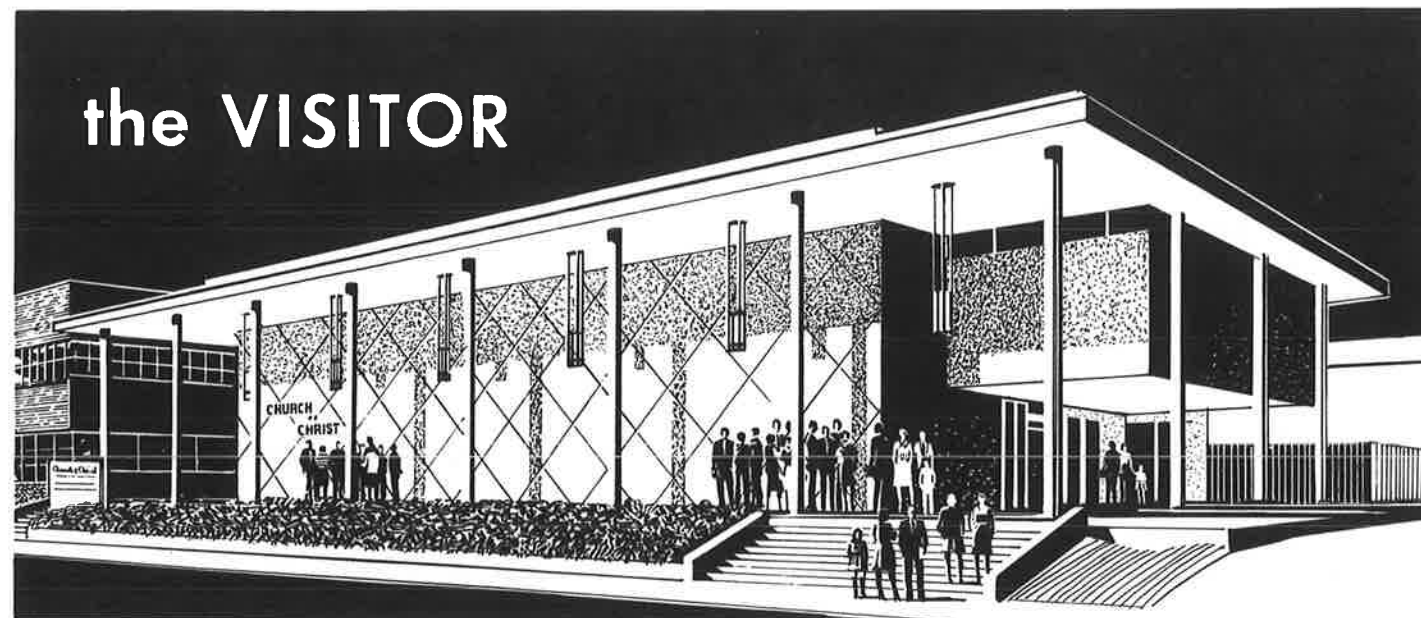
Here and There (continued)

two to it. Sometimes one seems so pressed with the problems, heartaches, and perplexities of life that it is difficult to keep cheerful. One old gentleman amazed his friends by his cheerfulness, since he obviously had an excess of trouble. Asked how he kept such a pleasant disposition, he replied, "Well, it's like this: the Bible says often, 'And It came to pass,' but it never says, 'It came to stay.'" Learn to develop a positive attitude about problems. If there is a solution even if it is difficult, seek to apply it. If there is no solution, resolve to take it to the Lord and leave it there. The following story will suffice: A little boy was having difficulty lifting a heavystone. His father came along just then. Noting the boy's failure, he asked, "Are you using all your strength?" "Yes, I am," the boy said impatiently. "No, you're not," the father answered. "I'm right here waiting, and you haven't asked me to help you." When we are faced with a problem that seems unsolvable or a burden that is too heavy, we might ask ourselves, "Are we using all our strength?" Our Father, too, is waiting to help.

Sermons for Sunday

By PERRY HALL
A.M. "The Grandeur and The Glory"
(Continued)
P.M. "A Cry For Mercy"

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The crowd still persists. Stand fast!



SOUND DOCTRINE

Archimedes said, "Give me a place to stand and I will move the earth." He understood the power of the fulcrum.

Many in our day have relinquished their stand. Preaching today has fallen on hard times. Preaching is now in the doldrums - if not in the

(EDITOR'S NOTE: WE APPRECIATE THIS FINE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY BROTHER HAROLD G. TAYLOR WHO IS THE PULPIT EVANGELIST FOR THE SUNSET CONGREGATION IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS. HE HAS BEEN A CO-LABORER WITH BROTHER WES AND IS HIGHLY SPOKEN OF BY HIM. WE BELIEVE HAROLD WRITES ON A MUCH NEEDED SUBJECT.)

doghouse. Our day has become the day of dialogue rather than declaration.

Young men today are often discouraged from preaching as they witness disciples' disdain for the pulpit. Many members with an eye on the clock and a foot in the aisle are saying to the messenger, "Son, don't preach past noontime. We must beat our denominational friends to the cafeteria. Just hold us a service and don't be so serious in heralding a Saviour." So, old time oratory is passe. Many feel the church can do without a coarse voiced, Bible-thumping preacher in the pulpit making a lot of dogmatic statements to a captive audience.

Brethren, a church cannot grow on chaff! Only "back to the Bible preaching" will grow an evangelistic church. We must return to distinctive preaching that rings with Biblical clarity; once again we must give the "sense of the scripture". A

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GUEST EDITORIAL CONTINUED

church conservative in doctrine, Biblical preaching, militant in action, evangelistic in spirit, strict in morals and undenominational in posture will grow. Stake the word out in the hearts of men and watch the church catch fire!

We must preach the fundamentals of the faith (2 Tim. 4:2). Philosophic or socially oriented preaching will kill a church. Liberalism is the gospel of the empty church building. Bible preaching appeals to intellectuals; youth, aged and middle-America. However, we are to preach the word whether it appeals or not! But, it has been proven that that such grand themes as the Virgin Birth, the Cross, the Resurrec-

tion the Lordship of Jesus, the Second Coming and Undenominational Christianity attract and convert men.

If we dilute the message, what do we have when we go to the lost? The first century Christians recognized the need for proper teaching. Early disciples perserved in the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42) and resolved doctrinal problems at the home base (Acts 15). God's ambassadors fitted their message to men's need rather than their fickle curiosities (Acts 17:18). They never winked at heresy, but took courageous stands against immorality (I Cor. 5), sectarianism (I Cor. 3:3, 4), modernism (I Cor. 15:12),

fake doctrine (2 John 9-11), and apathy. (Rev. 3:14-20). The results? Fantastic! Such bold actions turned the world upside down (Acts 2:47; 6:7; 11:24). The divine strategy: win with the word or die with a lie! The early church gave the world a live option and multitudes stormed to the cross.

As then - so now! A religion that is definitive, lovingly tough, separate, evangelistic and fundamental will win. Liberalism has nothing to offer. Social discourse and a rose-water gospel are the burial garments for liberal churches. Only the gospel of Blood can live! (I Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14)

Harold G. Tayler



THE DANGER OF PRIDE

One of the greatest threats to the Christian is not adultery, stealing or turning to agnosticism, but PRIDE. Pride can destroy one even before he is aware of its presence. About the time one thinks that he has pride licked, it has only retreated to advance again with a greater force. Pride blinds one to his dependence on God. It causes one to think of his success as being from within rather than God being the source of all that he has: cf. James 1:17, Daniel 4:28-33. As a result, pride destroys one's dependence and trust in God. One of the devil's greatest tools to destroy church growth is pride. He uses

it to cause people to be satisfied with the status quo so that all initiative for growth or change are stifled. Pride causes one to be self satisfied to the point where one will change for the sake of "that's the way it has always been."

Pride will destroy friendship. It will prevent people from admitting their wrongs and saying I'm sorry.

God considers pride to be ungodly and something to be repented of: Romans 1:30 (29-32). Remember God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)

Richard Williams

via bulletin - Littleton, Colo.

Thank You

Christine and I appreciate your many prayers in my behalf. Thanks for the visits, flowers, cards and food. We ask for your continued prayers. We appreciate and love our Christian family at West Erwin.

In Christian love,
T. J. Parsons

West Erwin Brethren,

Thank you for the delicious chicken dinner. Everyone really enjoyed it and it helped to get the semester off to a great start.

Lynn Fox
Secretary, Campus Christian Center

Congratulations

Sam and Sher Sevier of Sulphur Springs, formerly of this congregation, are the happy parents of a baby girl, Allison Ferrell, 7 lb, 8 oz, born Friday, January 28 in Dallas.

A baby girl, Martha Alexis, 5 lb, 5½ oz, was born January 19 in San Angelo, Texas to Bill and Leslie Johnson (Leslie Lauden). Art and Martha Jo Rowland are the proud grandparents. Bill and Leslie live in Sonora, Texas.

Our Sympathy

Funeral services were held this week for Mrs. Eugenia Willis, sister of Monroe Sublette. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley, Nola Seagler (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Meeta Clucas (8) Roy Roberson, Jan Faulkner (9) Darrell Holt, Jeremy Wiggins (10) John Freeman, Clara Riley, Kathryn Cauthen, Bernice Andrews, Mae Bell Harwell, Gladys Prater (11) Marisa Butler, Pauline Jones, Carolyn Welborn (12) Sean Cummings, Alice Stephenson.

HERE and THERE
by Wes Price



Our Brother's Keeper Units began a fresh start with the fellowship meetings this past Sunday evening following the worship. Most of the units enjoyed meeting in the various homes, but some units did not fare so well. I hope you will not be discouraged about the lack of attendance. It can always happen that plans for other things may conflict with these meetings. Don't give up! Try, try again! Reports from those who did meet indicate a warm and good feeling at being together in one another's homes. It has a wonderful effect of bringing us closer together.

It may be that some have a mistaken understanding about these meetings that needs to be corrected. No one is being forced to take part in anything that they cannot feel comfortable with. The direct and most responsible purpose of the program is an effort to keep up with each other so that, in such a large family, needs will not be overlooked. The fellowship meeting is just an additional benefit to encourage members to become better acquainted with each other. We do care, but without a way of expressing it, sometimes it may be overlooked. If you have any questions concerning our efforts in this good work, please let us know. We are deeply indebted to the unit leaders for the fine work they do on a weekly basis. They are volunteer workers just like the majority of our church workers. Let's get behind them and encourage them. After all, before the program was put into effect, no such effort was afoot to get people to encourage and practice Christian hospitality.

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Honor classes this past week for 100% attendance was Juanita Teague and Frances McBee's Four Year Old Class.

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Many parents were able to attend the Brother's Keeper meetings this past Sunday evening because we had the help of Vern and Nancy Johnson and two of our teenage girls, Shannon Starnes and Terri Hallman. Join me in expressing thanks to them.

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Since I mentioned discouragement in the article above, let me add an additional note or (continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Les Carruth

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss John Teague

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Lowell Wiggains Doug Shelton
Wally Dawkins Wesley Price
Harvey Grier Cooper Goodson
O'Neal Tuel Tim Holt

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

W.V. Crossman David Taylor Archie Kennard

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 30 & Wednesday, February 2 - LES CARRUTH, 561-9684.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 23 \$7,379.63
Jan. 16 7,111.05
Year Ago 7,364.50

BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 23 367
Jan. 16 388
Year Ago 414

WORSHIP

Jan. 23 461
Jan. 16 540

Weekly Budget \$8,187.27

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

budget and the new works they have proposed. I have often wondered if a group of elders would ever actually challenge a congregation to give beyond its real prosperity and ability. We have fallen over \$2,000.00 behind our budget for the first four Sundays. Will we be able to put another man into the field and more than double our benevolent work, not to mention the new roof on our building? Only we can answer that question. Beloved, we must realize God does not hold us accountable for what we do not have. But the unanswered question is, "Have we been challenged by the elders beyond our prosperity and ability?" Only time and eternity will tell. May God richly bless you and yours!

Funeral

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday for Holt Cook, uncle of Mrs. Harvey Grier. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The Sick

Mrs. Ella Mae Grayson is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

James Massey was admitted to ICU in Medical Center Hospital on Tuesday afternoon. He is suffering from a stroke.

Mrs. Bill (Jean) Thompson has been a patient in Medical Center Hospital but is now at home.

W. P. Bynum, father of Mack Bynum, underwent open heart surgery Monday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Here and There (continued)

important thing a man must do to become a champion. He replied, "Fight one more round." The Duke of Wellington said that the British soldiers at the Battle of Waterloo were not any braver than Napoleon's soldiers - but they were brave for five minutes longer. These speak to us about perseverance don't they? Don't give up the work! Don't give in to discouragement! Don't let the devil get an advantage. But the scripture speaks to us concerning this, doesn't it? Hebrews 12:3 says, "Consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart." And the Apostle Paul instructs us to "not grow weary in well-doing, for we shall reap if we faint not."

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

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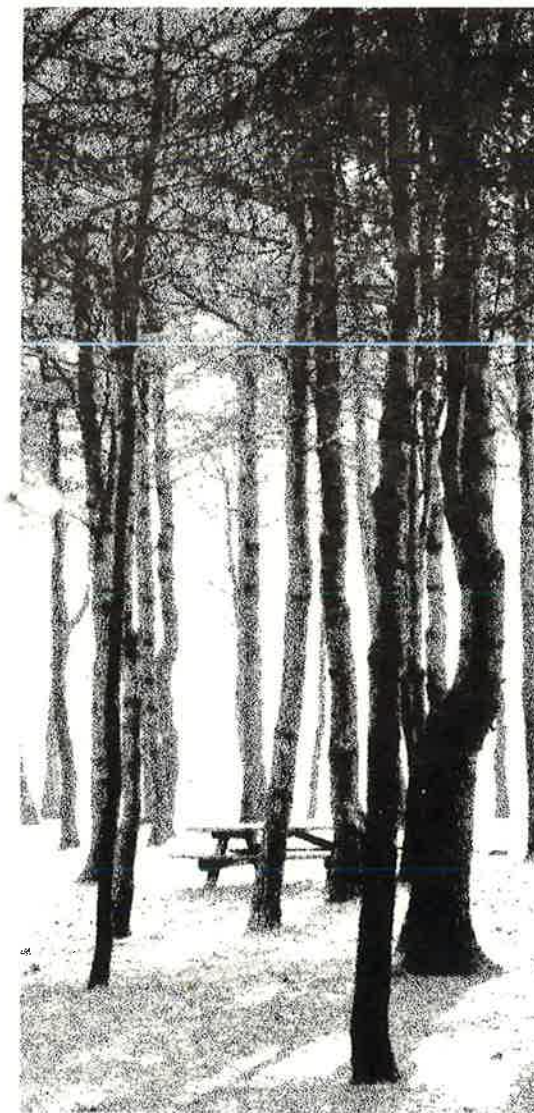
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The Church With A Heart



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



JANUARY FADES INTO ETERNITY

We must tell January 1983 good-bye forever. It has held many blessings for all of us, not the least, being a part of the family at West Erwin. One of the real warm spots during the month was the banquet given by our young people for those over sixty-five. It is so apparent that we are truly blessed by a wonderful group of young people. It is a tremendous joy to behold their love as they reach across the years to another generation. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes are to be commended for their leadership in this area. Parents present Sunday night are to be commended and appreciated for their part in this fellowship of brotherly love. They were Bill and Jo Butler, Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, Stan and Ernestine Mallory, Fred and Sarah Powell, and Leon and Carolyn Welborn. We thank God for these parents and all our parents who have given us these caring young Christians!

The numerical record we will make will have been made forever this Sunday. We are thankful to the Father for every soul who was in Bible Study and Worship in this first month of a new year. But as long as there is one precious soul who is not involved as he or she should be, we cannot be satisfied. As the elders continue to interview another missionary to send into the field, there must be questions in their minds about our new

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Handling Hostility

A woman was bitten by a dog suspected of having rabies. She was rushed to the hospital, treated, and left in a room to wait for an autopsy on the dog. Only then would she know whether or not she had been infected. An intern on duty thought he should explain the seriousness of the situation to her. She asked him a lot of questions, and by the end of the interview, he realized he had told her more than he had intended. She was visibly shaken.

Later he came by to look in on her. She was sitting on the side of the treatment table, writing. She would pause occasionally and stare into space, then resume writing. The doctor was sure he had upset her so much she was writing her will, or funeral instructions. He went in to try to comfort her.

He asked if she were writing her will. "Oh, no," she said, "Just in case I have been infected, I'm making a list of the people I want to bite before I die."

Hostility is one of the most basic and serious problems in life. The abrasive forces and frictions of everyday living generate negative feelings in each of us. If these feelings are not immediately discharged or otherwise dealt with, they accumulate. This accumulation makes us subject to untimely and inexplicable explosions of anger.

To be angry is human. To allow anger to foster and deteriorate into hostility is to endanger both soul and body. You may check your emotional health - and normalcy - by making a list of the people you would "like to bite before you die." Then check to see if they are the same people who were on the list last year. Check to see if the reasons are the same. If the persons and reasons are the same year in and year out, you are in danger. If the people and reasons change frequently, you are relatively normal. If the list is short, and frequently without names, you are growing in grace.

No human emotion is more common, or more combustible than anger. Anger is like fire, which can be used either to cook a meal or to burn down a house. Don't let your anger see the sun set. When you are angry, ask God to guide you He will.

...Doug Parsons
from "20th Century Christian"

Address Changes

If you are making an effort to keep your directory up to date, we will try to publish address changes regularly. The following are recent changes.

M/M Ben Sutton, Rt.7, Box 1001 (07)
M/M Jasper Dobbs, Rt.7, Box 1003 (07)
M/M Earl Ball, Rt.19, Box 345-76 (06)
M/M C. E. Caskey, Rt.17 Box 150 (04)

M/M Rodney Knight, Rt.11, Box 48 (09)
M/M Ralph Old, 3507 Silverwood (01)
M/M Eddie Dunn, Rt. 23, Box 963 (03)
M/M Mike Savage, 422 Boyd Lane (03)
M/M John Miller, Rt. 12, Box 325 (08)
M/M Ray Vannoy, 3323 Teakwood (01)
Mrs. C.N.Strait, 601 Golden Rd.E-1(01)
M/M Glynn Starnes, Rt.23, Box 254 (03)
Mrs. J.D.Taylor, Rt. 25, Box 755 (07)

BROTHERS' KEEPER

Groups

Meet

Sunday Evening

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the prayers that were offered for my recovery. I am grateful for the food, cards, calls and every act of interest and love that has been shown to me. I love you all.
Leona McElroy

Congratulations

Jessica Ann Sliter, great granddaughter of Homer and Lera Williamson, was born Friday, January 21 in Mother Frances Hospital to Bob and Pattie Sliter. The David Ingrams are the happy grandparents.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Fred Strait in the death of her father, Fred Jobson, last week in Anniston, Alabama.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (1) Louise Malone, C. E. Caskey (2) Rozener Strait (3) Lilla Tigert (4) Cindy Carruth, Jonathan Burkholder, Loyd Nail (5) Ruby Brem, Ruth Bell.

Potpourri

The deacons will meet Tuesday evening, Feb. 1 at 7:30 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall for their regularly scheduled meeting.

The "Golden Age" banquet last Sunday evening was a great event for everyone involved. Our young people are to be commended for their work and spirit of love.

The Ladies' Bible Class meets every Wednesday morning in the Chapel at 10:00 o'clock.

You are invited to be a part of the work each Tuesday morning in the Christian Service Center from 9:00 until noon.

Be in BIBLE CLASS Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



I am deeply grateful to our elders for permission to attend the annual Education Ministers Conference in Arlington this past week. It was one of the best I have ever attended. I hope that I will be able to pass on to you some of the things I gained and let you share in those good things. I appreciate Billie Bob Hickman teaching the Ladies' Class in my absence. I heard several good comments about her lesson.

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We are proud to mention two of our Bible classes who reached the 100% attendance level on Sunday: the Four Year Old class taught by Juanita Teague and Frances McBee and the First Grade taught by Bennie Bynum. For Sunday morning, January 23, the Four Year Olds again reached that level. Good work!

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For those who may be interested, there will be an Ivan Stewart Personal Evangelism Improvement Course taught by brother Bob Grigg of the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas. The course will be conducted at the church in Hallsville, Texas on February 10, 11, 12 and 13. We have brochures available in the office.

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The winter months certainly take their toll on our Bible class attendance. That is not totally unexpected, but I hope that we keep our absenteeism to a minimum. It's easy to find an excuse if we really want one. We have such a little in our weekly routine that firmly demonstrates how we "put the Lord first" that missing Bible study and the worship assembly really might be telling off on our priorities. Would you redouble your efforts to do your part in being present at every service? I am confident that you will, but like me you probably need a little encouragement on occasion.

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Dag Hammarskjold once wrote: "When the morning's freshness has been replaced by the weariness of midday, when the leg muscles quiver under the strain, the climb seems endless, and suddenly nothing will go quite as you wish - it is then that you must not hesitate." Someone once asked James J. Corbett, at that time heavyweight champion of the world, what was the most

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Our Records

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Dick Higginbotham	Jan. 16	\$7,111.05
Prayer	Ray Lott	Jan. 9	7,325.99
Dismiss	Dale Blackstone	Year Ago	8,385.34
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Dick Higginbotham	Jan. 16	388
Prayer	Roy Roberson	Jan. 9	400
Dismiss	Carroll Magee	Year Ago	380
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Matt Haws	Charles Graf	Jan. 16	540
Bren Rothrock	Marty Mallory	Jan. 9	519
Earl O'Quinn	Tom Parsons	Weekly	
Marshall Phillips	Ben Sutton	Budget	\$8,187.27
ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER			
W. V. Crossman	David Taylor		
Cooper Goodson	Archie Kennard		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 23 and Wednesday evening, January 26, MIKE SAVAGE 581-4927			

- the Perfection of Love

(Read Romans 12:9-21)

THINK just for a minute of Christian friends. Our hearts quickly swell with precious memories and emotions of joy.

It is so exciting to know the joys of Christian fellowship. Whether far or near, alive or "on-ahead," the fellowship of Christian friends lives on and on.

Christian friends make our way brighter; sharing our loads, helping us accept our failures, and rejoicing in our common hopes and aims. It is in Christian fellowship that we taste the sweet love of God.

Two of the most touching and meaningful scenes in the New Testament are the displays of Christ's love for his friends at the grave of Lazarus (John 11:35), and the love between Paul and the elders as they wept on the sea shore, embracing each other (Acts 20). To weep with one another, and rejoice with one another is food for our souls and a light to the world.

Singing, listening, working, serving, sharing, caring, confessing, understanding, weeping, hoping...all of these are a part of the great fellowship that we have when we love each other in Christ.

-Jerry Swanson
from Power for Today

Thank You

Pete and I appreciate the phone calls, food, flowers, cards, visits and especially your prayers in my behalf. We are blessed to be members of the West Erwin family and ask your continued prayers.
Faye Wallace

The Sick

Archie Kennard entered Medical Center Monday. He had surgery on Thursday.
Maurice Henderson is now at home.
Mrs. Leona McElroy is at home following eye surgery.
T. J. Parsons will continue treatment as an out patient of Community Hospital.
Remember Faye Wallace and each of these when you pray.

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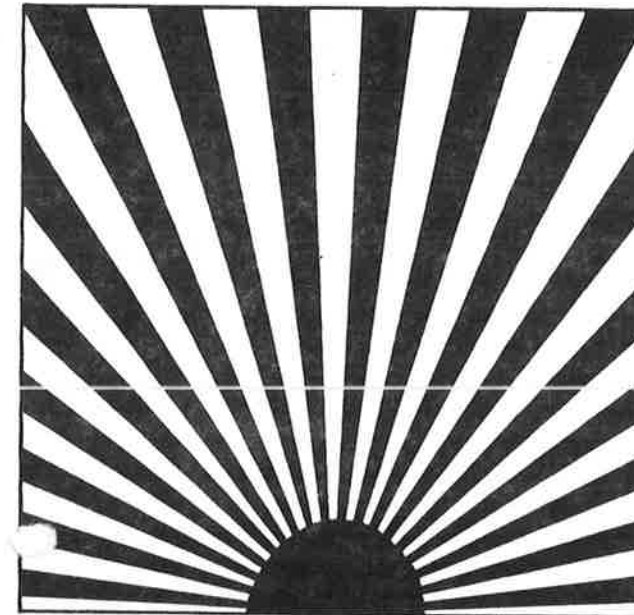
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The Church With A Heart



TOMORROW?

With every fleeting day we are more deeply impressed with the temporary nature of our existence here on this earth! When we stop to realize that with a single touch of a button this old world could be thrown into a war such as man has never seen before, and with the nations of the world always at one another's throats, things seem very unstable. But these are not the things that really impress us of the fact of our feeble existence. The Lord said that there would be wars and rumors

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



of wars as long as this world stood. Death is the thing that so continually reminds us that the things of this earth are but "vanity and vexation of spirit." More clearly do we hear the voice of God as it thunders, "Behold, NOW is the day of salvation." In all reality, there is no such thing as tomorrow. God does not deal with us upon the basis of "tomorrow." James tells us in the fourth chapter and the fourteenth verse of his epistle. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." A few years ago this lesson was so forcibly impressed upon my heart as I preached the funeral of a young man of twenty-five years. He was violently torn from this life by an explosion. His death came only two weeks after the birth of his little daughter. A few months later I preached the funeral of his little daughter. At five and one-half months of age she was the perfect picture of health. Her little arms and legs were so fat and chub-

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Happy Birthday

JANUARY (23) Naomi Haden, Ronny Dunn, Emily Keener (26) Carolyn Blackstone (28) Emily Montandon, Jimmie Estelle Brown (29) Mary Ruth Gilliam, Cheryl Murphy (30) Johnnie Stringer, Kay Hanley (31) O'Neal Tuel, Nancy Shelton, Pat Stokes.

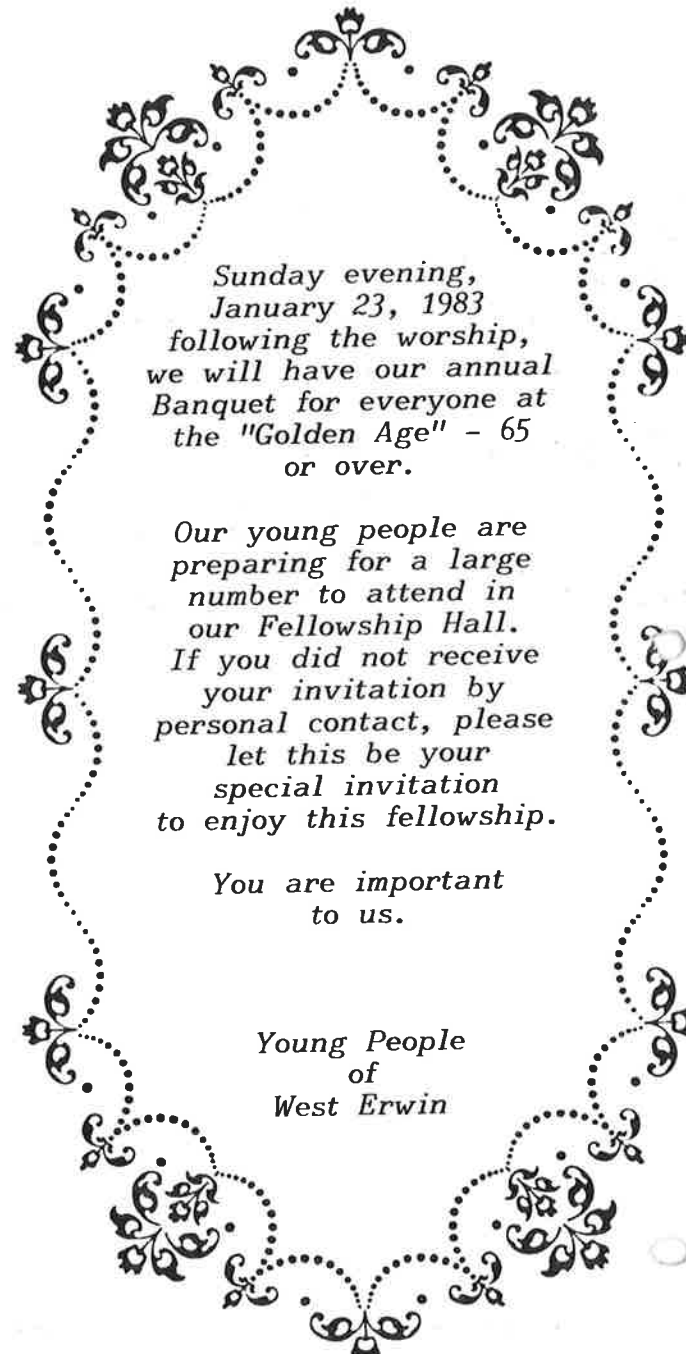
New Great Granddaughter

Congratulations to Henry and Sue Starnes. They are the proud great grandparents of a baby girl, Brandi Nicole, born last Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital to their grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Starnes.

*Today is all I have
all I need and
all I can handle.*

Perry's Perspective Continued

by. Her cheeks were flushed with radiance. And yet, there she lay, dead from a brain tumor. Already she had gone out to meet God! Her sinless little soul had flown away to the bosom of the Father. Certainly she would feel at home there for "of such" is the kingdom of heaven. She was prepared! What about us? Are we NOW prepared for death? Are we prepared for the Lord's coming? Fall is already gone, and the season of winter is upon us. Already the abundant beauty of nature has perished. "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away." (I Pet. 1:24) It is almost impossible to go through life without making some plans for the future. But let us make sure that all our plans for the future center around God, for with Him is the only real future. Today is not the day to become indifferent in our service to Him, nor is it the day to turn away from the mercy He offers us in His Son through the gospel. In fact, there is never a time for these things. TODAY is the DAY of SALVATION! Whatever we are going to do, do NOW!
PH



*Sunday evening,
January 23, 1983
following the worship,
we will have our annual
Banquet for everyone at
the "Golden Age" - 65
or over.*

*Our young people are
preparing for a large
number to attend in
our Fellowship Hall.
If you did not receive
your invitation by
personal contact, please
let this be your
special invitation
to enjoy this fellowship.*

*You are important
to us.*

*Young People
of
West Erwin*

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



**ATTEND
LADIES BIBLE CLASS
EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE CHAPEL**

Sermons for Sunday

By Perry Hall
10:30 A.M. What Every Child Needs
6:00 P.M. The Hand of God

Singing

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be held Sunday, January 23 at the church building in Whitehouse. You are invited to attend.

Directory

If you have never had a directory of the congregation, please feel free to get one from the table in the south foyer (sign the sheet on the table). Also, for those who already have a directory, two up-dates are also on the table.

**We will be looking
for You
In Bible School
Sunday**



A FAMILY AFFAIR!

**HERE and THERE
by Wes Price**



GUEST EDITORIAL:

I'm Glad I Am A Teacher

Have you ever come from church services, saying to yourself, "Where are these great spiritual blessings they tell us Christ gives? Why don't I feel more uplifted and filled when I come home from church?" There may be reasons, and our prayer to God must be that he helps us find the things we need through the scriptures. One of the reasons, possibly, is our failure to grasp the opportunity - even the responsibility - that each of us is given to be a teacher of the word and of divine things.

How many times have I heard a fellow Christian say, "Oh you mean you teach a class of little kids? Oh, you poor thing, you're a glutton for punishment!" My mental reaction to such a statement is, "You poor thing, if you have not ever tried it, you don't know the wealth of blessings you are missing!"

Poor thing indeed! There are few moments so precious as to see the dancing eyes of a little child as he sees the big fish (made of a bleach bottle) literally swallow up Jonah (a puppet) and then to see relief come and his whole body relax and settle against the chair when he sees that "God took care of Jonah and he will take care of me, too, if I obey him." - Or the excited voice of a little one tugging at mother or daddy to "come see the ten lepers Jesus made well!"

Me a poor thing? When I hear from three rows back the loud whisper, "Mommy, that's my teacher ...or when I receive the most moving, most enjoyable, most bless-filled hour of the week? No, I wouldn't trade all that for a comfortable chair in a quiet adult classroom; and who knows, that Bible class you teach may lead someone to heaven who otherwise might not have seen the way. Sorry, friend, that poor thing isn't me!

-Wanda Owen

Via Bulletin, Central Church, Amarillo

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Joe Carroll
 Prayer Brian Boulter
 Dismiss Bob Davis

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Joe Carroll
 Prayer Jay Bynum
 Dismiss George Kester

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Jack Beard Harold Browning
 Ken Bennett Myron Weston
 Marc Lemmons Jim Franklin
 Rodney Knight Jasper Dobbs

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 16 and Wednesday Evening, January 19, **FRED POWELL** 593-5229,

Our Records

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 Jan. 9 \$7,325.99
 Jan. 2 8,918.87
 Year Ago 6,775.48

BIBLE SCHOOL
 Jan. 9 400
 Jan. 2 363
 Year Ago 416

WORSHIP
 Jan. 9 519
 Jan. 2 419
 Weekly

Budget \$8,187.27

New Classes

Two new high school classes will begin on Wednesday evening, Jan. 19. Girls, grades 9 through 12 will meet in room 303 with Billie Morgan and Billie Bob Hickman. Boys, grades 9 through 12 will meet in room 301 with Hillard Hughes and Wes Price. The subject matter and purpose will be explained at the first session.

Thank You

The Family of Stella Temple would like to express appreciation for the lovely carnations sent by the church and for all the warm expressions of love and comfort from our church family in the illness and loss of our dear mother.
 Mildred Parris & June Walker

The Sick

T. J. Parsons is a patient in Community Hospital.
 Maurice Henderson entered Medical Center on Tuesday for surgery on Thursday.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTU

Sermons for Sunday

By Perry Hall
 A.M. BARNABAS - "A GOOD MAN."
 P.M. JUDAS - "HIS OWN PLACE."

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Here and There (continued)

like Andrew, strive to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ
 like John, lean upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe of His Spirit
 like Stephen, manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt
 like Timothy, study the Word of God
 like the heavenly host, proclaim the message of peace on earth and good will toward all men and like my Lord himself, overcome all earthly allurements by refusing to succumb to their enticements.

Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve these objectives by my own strength, I will rely upon Christ, for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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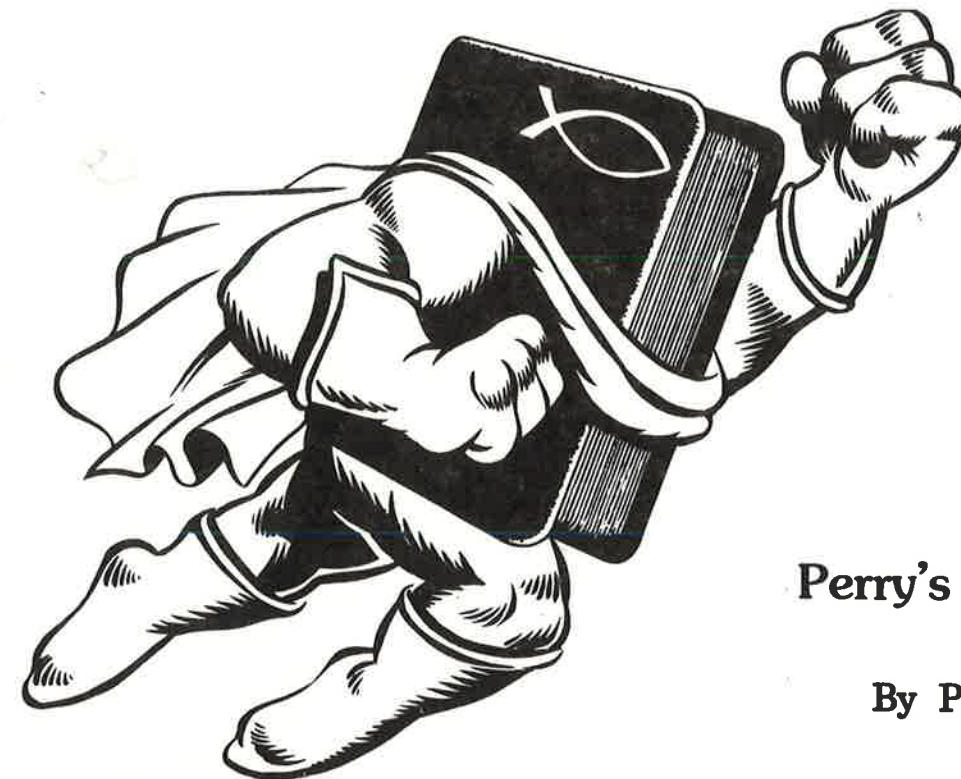
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The Church With A Heart

POWER



Beloved, the Holy Spirit, in conjunction with the word of God, is at work in us to produce **POWER** in our inner man! Some of us are merely playing with this dynamic energy. We should be having far more than 400 in Bible School **EVERY SUNDAY!**

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Shiloh Road Contact Program

The year 1982 has been a very difficult year for many of our brethren. The economic conditions have caused many of our number to be without a job to support their families; this condition continues to exist. Our Shiloh Contact Program prayerfully requests your help by notifying the church office at 561-7992 if you are aware of any job opportunities, either part-time or career. Additionally, any members who have need of employment are encouraged to contact the office.

Parking Spaces for Visitors

This week steps have been taken to assure our visitors that they will have a parking space on one of our parking lots. Five spaces on the Elm Street lot have been marked for visitors along with two spaces marked for handicapped. Three visitor spaces and one handicap space are designated on the West Erwin Street lot. You are encouraged to leave these spaces for visitors and handicapped.

He Missed One Service

Paul Harvey recently reported on his noon news of a 73 year old man who was pinned beneath his farm tractor for four days and nights in driving rain and a terrible storm. Concerned friends went to see about him just in time. It seems that he is going to live after his ordeal, but he will lose a leg below the knee.

Several newspapers have picked up on this little story and have centered upon the amazing fact that a 73 year old man could live after being pinned beneath a tractor for four days. Yes, all of that is amazing, but a more amazing fact is what caused his friends to go see about him. One friend gave as the reason for this visit that "he missed prayer meeting Wednesday night." That's all? Yes. He just missed one service and his friends went to check on him.

Bob Buchanan
...Via the Chandler St. Church Bulletin
Kilgore, Texas.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (16) Jim Willis (17) Lauree Hale, Pauline Daughtry, Clifford Grier (18) Bernice Majors (19) Bob Center, Jwill Sims (20) Frances McBee (21) Donna Lowrance, Mary Paul (22) Katie Powell, Mac McCarty, Nicholas Goodson.

Potpourri

The ACU Bible Lectureship will be February 20 - 23. The theme is "Lights In A World of Darkness."

We look forward to having as visitors on Sunday, February 20, brother Kieth Mitchell and brother and sister Pablo Molina. Kieth will preach that Sunday morning.

Our Brother's Keeper Unit meetings will be the last Sunday evening of this month (January 30).

Continue to save labels for the East Texas Christian Academy. They can redeem labels from the following products: Swanson canned and frozen foods, Franco American Spaghetti, Campbell's Soups, Beans, Tomato Juice, etc. Also, Freshlike vegetable labels. Bring them to the office and we will give them to someone from the school.

MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY

Mary had a little boy,
His soul was white as snow
He never went to Bible class,
'cause Mary wouldn't go.

He never heard the tales of Christ
That thrill the childish mind;
While other children went to class,
This child was left behind.

And, as he grew from babe to youth,
She saw to her dismay;
A soul that once was snowy white,
Became a dingy gray.

Realizing he was lost,
She tried to win him back,
But, now the soul that once was white,
Had turned an ugly black.

She even started back to church
And Bible study too,
She begged the preacher: "Isn't there
A thing that YOU can do?"

The preacher tried, and failed, and said,
"We're just too far behind,
I tried to tell you years ago,
But you would pay no mind."

And so, another soul is lost
That once was white as snow,
Bible study would have helped--
But, Mary wouldn't go.

--Blake Martin

Thank You

To all my Brother's Keeper and other Christian friends I want to say, may you always be as happy as you make others. All of you have been so wonderful. I appreciate you and love you all.

Leona McElroy

I want to thank each of you who visited me while I was hospitalized. Also, thank you for the lovely cards, calls and gifts. I am especially grateful for your prayers. They are helping me to recover quickly. Your kindnesses are a source of strength and comfort to me.

Love,
Naomi McKeever

A very special "Thank You" to the members of our Brother's Keeper group for the preparation of the dinner after the birth of Adam. It was all very much enjoyed and appreciated. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

In Christian love,
Scott & Sheila Morris



C. E. Caskey

Beginning January 1 and continuing for six months, brother C. E. Caskey will serve as Chairman of the elders. If you have a need or desire to meet with the elders, please contact brother Caskey.

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



While you are considering your next move for the new year, consider the following:

"If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you like to win, but you think you can't
It's almost certain you won't.

"If you think you'll lose, you're lost
For out of the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's will--
It's all in the state of mind.

"If you think you are outclassed you are,
You've got to think high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

"Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can."

And the following list was compiled by George Burger in the Pasadena Exhorter from the Watters Road Church in Pasadena.

THIS YEAR, 1983, I WILL...

like Paul, forget those things which are behind and press forward

like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help

like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God
like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father

like Jehospaphat, prepare my heart to seek God
like Moses, choose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season

like Daniel, commune with my God at all times
like Job, be patient under all circumstances
like Caleb and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers

like Joseph, turn my back to all seductive advances.

like Gideon, advance even though my friends be few

like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of my spiritual leaders

like Isaiah, consecrate myself to do God's work
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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Bill Butler
Dismiss Jeff Jones

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer C. E. Caskey
Dismiss Bruce Raley

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ray Vannoy Vern Johnson
Eddie Dunn Mac McCall
Ted Wright Les Carruth
Jack Bennett Wynne Weathers

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
Jan. 2 \$8,918.87
Dec. 26 5,602.16
Year Ago 7,291.59
BIBLE SCHOOL
Jan. 2 363
Dec. 26 326
Year Ago 357
WORSHIP
Jan. 2 419
Dec. 26 475
Weekly
Budget \$8,187.27

ASSISTANTS IN BACK FOYER

C. B. Burkham Leon Welborn
T. J. Parsons Paul Montandon
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 9 and Wednesday Evening, January 12 - EARL O'QUINN, 561-0671.

Responses

We welcome to West Erwin Henry and Sue Starnes, Rt. 17, Box 215 (75704), telephone 592-6012. They formerly worshipped with the Omen Road church. They are the parents of Glynn Starnes.

FOR PRAYER - Teresa Holland

The Sick

Sister Naomi McKeever is in Community Hospital suffering from pneumonia. Also, Jack Beard's mother, Suda Beard, has been in Community, but is now in Leisure Lodge Nursing Home.

Sermons for Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. "The Bored Congregation"
P.M. "As Obedient Children"

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

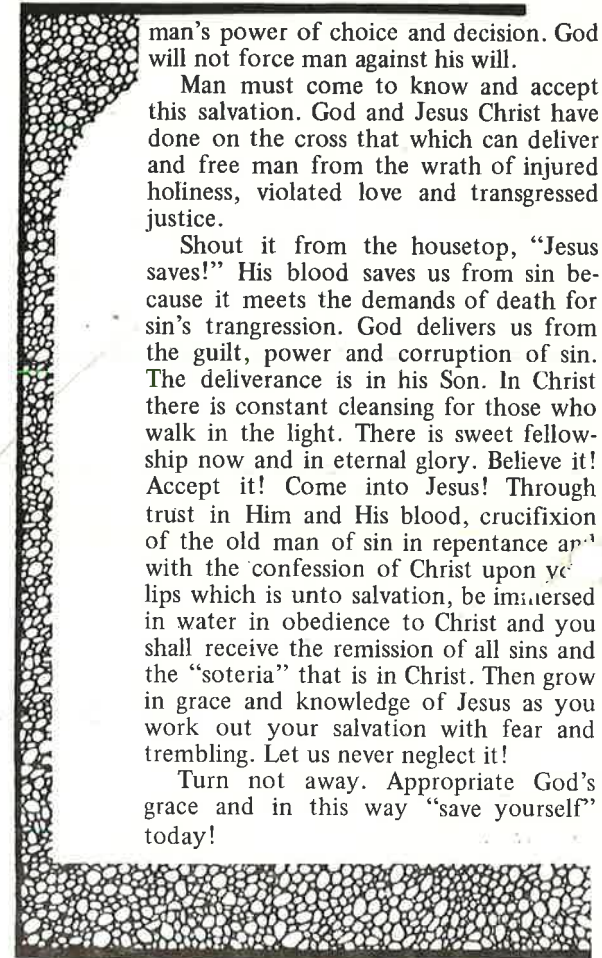
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PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED



man's power of choice and decision. God will not force man against his will.

Man must come to know and accept this salvation. God and Jesus Christ have done on the cross that which can deliver and free man from the wrath of injured holiness, violated love and transgressed justice.

Shout it from the housetop, "Jesus saves!" His blood saves us from sin because it meets the demands of death for sin's transgression. God delivers us from the guilt, power and corruption of sin. The deliverance is in his Son. In Christ there is constant cleansing for those who walk in the light. There is sweet fellowship now and in eternal glory. Believe it! Accept it! Come into Jesus! Through trust in Him and His blood, crucifixion of the old man of sin in repentance and with the confession of Christ upon your lips which is unto salvation, be immersed in water in obedience to Christ and you shall receive the remission of all sins and the "soteria" that is in Christ. Then grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus as you work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Let us never neglect it!

Turn not away. Appropriate God's grace and in this way "save yourself" today!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Audrey and Russell O'Bannon in the death of Audrey's brother-in-law, Re Sullins. He died early Wednesday in Baton Rouge, La.

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PURELY PERSONAL



Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall



Yes, we extend the right hand of fellowship joyfully to Henry and Sue Starnes. I know the good brethren at Omen Road will greatly miss this fine couple. They will be a real blessing to us!

Let us continue to pray for and encourage Teresa Holland who responded to the invitation Sunday night. Also continue to pray for Faye Wallace who returned to M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston last Wednesday. I know Faye will deeply appreciate our prayers as she battles the disease that continues to attack her. In fact, remember all our ill listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

We are off and running in a new year. Let us keep our eyes on our Lord Jesus and never look back!

GREAT CONTRIBUTION SUNDAY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

The above word may be Greek to you. That is exactly what it is. It is the Greek word for "salvation". It is a word that denotes deliverance and preservation.

It is used in the New Testament of deliverance from enemies or any danger a person might face. It signifies in some cases the preservation of bodily health and safety. But, by far, the most important and significant useage is with reference to the eternal purpose of God. Through Christ, God seeks to deliver man from the consequences of man's sin and rebellion. This sin and rebellion is against a personal, holy, just and benevolent God. God, because of his loving kindness toward his creation, has taken the initiative to meet the demands of his broken

law, and through overtures of mercy win man from the service of sin. God will have all men to be saved. He has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation - "soteria". It is the longsuffering love and grace of God that makes salvation possible.

The place of his only begotten Son is central in the salvation of man. In no one else in the universe is there salvation! There is no other name in heaven or earth by which mankind can be saved. Jesus Christ is the Captain, Author, Pioneer and Trailblazer of our salvation.

The Christian message or gospel then becomes the "word" and "way" of salvation. It is designated by God as his power "unto salvation". It brings to man the power to convict and convert. It shows man the way to walk and gives him the power to do it!

God first put this message in inspired men and they, in turn, guided by the Spirit, put it in an inspired book. This inspired book commits this gospel of salvation unto men who are to deliver it to every creature in all the world. That message is designed to appeal to man's reason, intellect, emotions and conscience. It is not designed to overwhelm or override

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Recently, at a holiday party for the Chapel class the above picture was taken of couples who have been married fifty years or longer. Buck and Dewey Frederick received a poinsettia for being married the most years, 63 years last September. Doc and Nell Wright were married 63 years in December. Left to right, the couples are: Homer and Lerah Williamson, Tommy White (Moselle was ill), Vera and M.B. Beard, Dolly and Ben Sutton, Lera and Jack Bennett, John and Ruby Brem, Doc and Nell Wright, Bob and Marikate Davis and Dewey and Buck Frederick. Isn't this a beautiful group of Christian couples.



Each Tuesday morning men and women meet together to plan and work in the benevolent work of the church. Freeman Morgan and John Porter are co-chairmen of this committee. Ask them about this work! Perhaps, you would like to join them in this good effort.

The Ladies' Bible Class meets each Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in the Chapel with Wes Price teaching. If you do not work away from home, plan to be here Wednesday. You may encourage someone else. Bible study is profitable for all ages.



CONTENTMENT

Benjamin Franklin said: "Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor." Inspiration urges; "...Be content with such things as ye have," (Hebrews 13:5). That's a rough recommendation! How do we translate this advice into action? Try these guidelines.

1. Don't over-estimate material possessions! Many conclude that material abundance is the abundant life. That's a false conclusion. Jesus said: "...a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," (Luke 12:15). Our affluent age is prime proof of this truth. Perhaps no similar amount of space in the world can claim more combined wealth than Beverly Hills. Has prosperity provided contentment for its residents? Well, Beverly Hills claims 193 psychiatrists. That's one for every 179 citizens!

2. Don't fret over what you DON'T have! One day Ahab pouted into his palace. Flinging himself across his bed, he turned his face to the wall and refused to eat. What was wrong? He wanted to buy a certain vineyard and the owner wouldn't sell. Ahab was a wealthy man! But, all he could think a-

bout was this vineyard he didn't have. Many are content with their property until they focus envious eyes on a choice possession of another. A child is happy with his bicycle until the neighbor kid pedals by on his new "two speed Sting-ray." An adult is satisfied with his Ford until an acquaintance motors by in a shiny new Lincoln. Some can't go window-shopping without returning home miserable. They see so many things they can't have. So, they allow their disposition to be ruled by self-pity and discontent.

3. Don't overlook what you Do have! Contrast what you are with what you might have been, but for the grace of God. Stop looking at the things you don't have long enough to focus on the things you do have! Do you have a regular job? Reasonable health? Loving family? Plenty to eat? Sufficient clothing? The majority of earth's citizens can't claim such an impressive inventory! Ponder these points until you can sing with Paul: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content," (Philippians 4:11).

Joe R. Barnett

Thank You

The family of Leo Prater acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. The red carnations were beautiful.

Thank you for all the flowers, phone calls and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. We appreciate and love our family here at West Erwin.

In Christian love,
Debbie Bynum

My family joins me in thanking you for the cards, calls and most of all your prayers. You are such a caring congregation and I will be looking forward to attending church when I return to Tyler.

Gladys Weathers

We appreciate your many prayers, flowers, cards and kindnesses during my stay in the hospital. And your continued concern makes us grateful for the wonderful Christians at West Erwin. May God bless you all.

Russell and Audrey O'Bannon

Sympathy

Mrs. Stella Temple, mother of June Walker and Mildred Parris, passed away Sunday evening. Funeral services for her were held Tuesday at the Clearview Church of Christ in Kings, Tennessee. We express our sincere sympathy to all members of the family.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (9) Wayne Fears (11) Tim Holt, Jwill Sims, III, Angel Carpenter (12) Earl Clucas, Naomi McKeever, Kimberly Steffee (13) Jay Bynum, Rebecca Castro (14) Roy Clark (15) T.J. Parsons

The
Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. KLTV

HERE and THERE

by Wes Price



It is always good to make a new beginning. Although the holidays were most enjoyable, there is something about getting back to the usual routine. And at the start of a new year, we have both a new beginning and a getting back to the routine. We have many good memories to warm ourselves as we get the new year started, but we certainly don't want to use the past for anything more than remembering where we have been, so that we can use it for a point of reference. It is still good to make some resolutions about our spiritual lives. I suggest a look at your personal attendance record at all the services of the church. If you have been among the number in 1982 who didn't fair too well in attendance, you should make a new commitment in 1983. It is, after all, for your good and as a by-product the church is made stronger. It is for no other reason than for your own personal good that we ask you to consider being more faithful in your attendance at all services of this church. You certainly will be the better for it.

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A great big hand and a tip of the hat is given to those of this church family who rolled up their sleeves in 1982 and contributed their time and energy (and money as well) in the various programs of work that our elders have undertaken. To the men and women in our Bible classes who served as teachers, co-teachers, substitutes and attendance keepers, Teacher's Aid room workers, bulletin board artist; to the deacons, visitation team members and leaders, benevolent program workers, bus drivers, men who serve during worship, our song leaders, those who open their homes to practice hospitality, those who sat up with the ill and provided transportation for the handicapped, thank you. To all these and any others who made this church what it is today - may your tribe increase! Thank you and may God grant you the energy to continue to serve in such a great way. If you have ever grown discouraged with your work, then I commend you to read the great message found in Hebrews 6:10. It will cheer you up.