

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Wesley Price

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Forest McFadden
Dismiss Charles McCoy

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Jamon Kirby Leon Welborn
Hoyt Hughes Ben Young
James Phillips Archie Kennard
Cole Bennett Todd Stewart

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Stan & Ernestine Mallory Archie & Juanita Lowry
Carroll & Cherrie Magee Ron & Pam Lott
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 23 & Wednesday evening, December 26 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018. Driver for Sunday, December 30 - MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 16 \$8,788.37
Dec. 9 29,719.84
Year Ago 57,340.68

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec. 16 327
Dec. 9 312
Year Ago 380

WORSHIP

Dec. 16 404
Dec. 9 431
Year Ago 469

BUDGET \$8,631.00

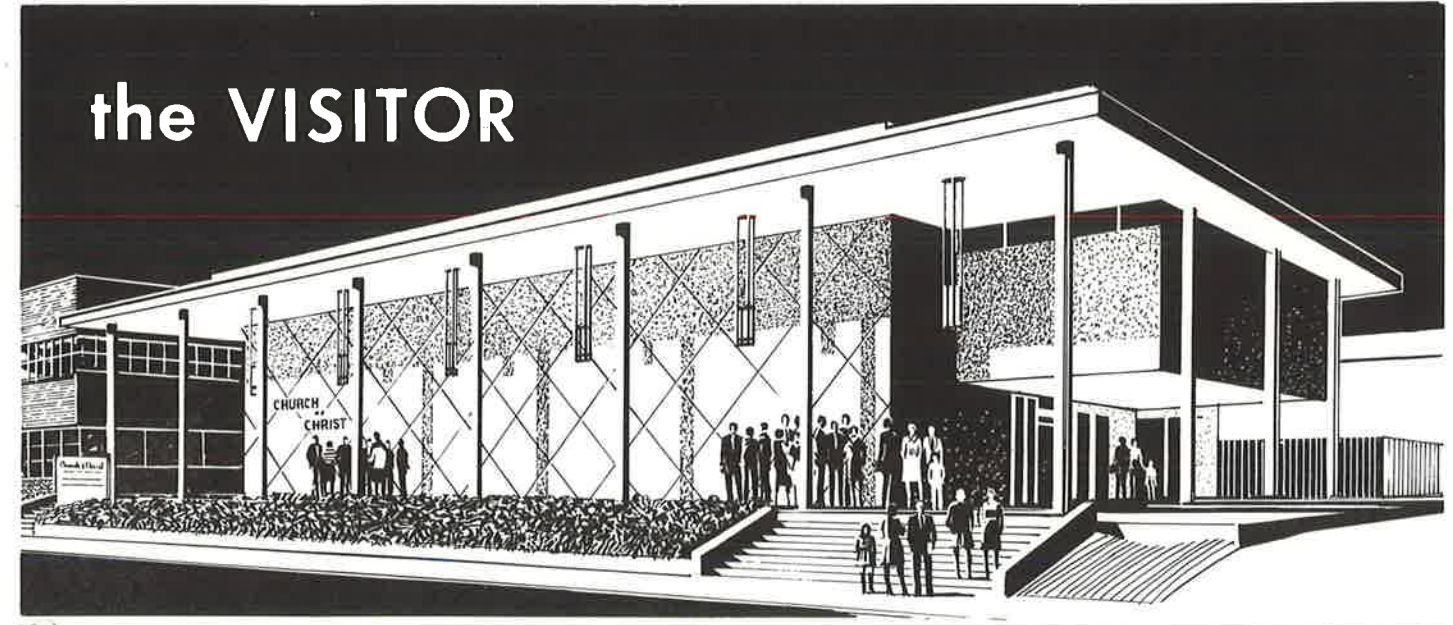
And The Lord Added . . .

We welcome Bill and Reba Hensley, Rt.8, Box 833 (75703), telephone 561-1492. They have two children, Michael—a 10th grade student at Lee High School and Lori—a 6th grader at Stewart. Formerly they worshipped in Eufaula, Ala.

The Sick

Tommy White is recovering from surgery last Monday in Medical Center Hospital. He is scheduled for further treatment.

Virginia Conner had surgery on Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

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

Thank You

Every expression of sympathy shown during our time of sorrow helps us to bear the loss of our dear brother, A. H. Mackey.

Janie Hicks and Modena Jones



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
By Wes Price

10:30 A.M. Worthy Is The Lamb
6:00 P.M. Giving Versus Getting

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Here and There (continued)

their observations, we serve as gracious hosts. Many of them have commented to me about the warmth and friendliness of this church family.

Only two more Sundays remain in this year. It has been a long year filled with many things, some good, some painful. However, above it all, we rejoice in the great way God has blessed us toward its conclusion. Among those monumental blessings was the coming of Jay Lockhart to fill our pulpit. He has been good for us and helped us gain a new strength and confidence to assume our individual roles in Christian service. Thank God for all these things. Let's show our gratitude by our actions. Faith works!

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**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart




I want to thank you for the interest shown and encouragement given in regard to our TV special, THE SEARCH. From the first mention of the possibility of this program you have been very supportive and your response to last Sunday evening's sermon concerning going to the marketplace via television was most gratifying. Let's pray that a great deal of good will be the result and that other doors will be opened to use the media for Christ.

My family plans to spend the holidays in Tennessee and West Virginia visiting parents and grandparents. We will be away from Friday through Friday, December 21 - 28. In my absence Wes Price will be preaching at both services Sunday. Wes has to be unequalled as a co-worker. I appreciate him, as I know you do. Hear him if you can.

The SON is shining...even on a cloudy day.

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



The Jay Lockharts
The Wes Prices
The Ken Edwards
The Harold Cauthens
The Joe Knight
The Harold Taylor



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our Christmas party Sunday night was just terrific. We had over 55 teens and sponsors who participated in our activity. A good time was had by all as we experienced a unique gift exchange. Thanks to the Denmans and Pauls for the wonderful meal and giving of their time and effort.

On January 4, we will be having a progressive dinner for our teens. We will be going to several homes for different courses of our meal. Please put this on your calendar. Also, parents, many of you will be contacted to help with the different parts of the meal. We will be going to four homes and we will need lots of help. If you would like to help, let me know soon. If I don't hear from you, you can expect a call from me, but it would help if you volunteer.

Because of the holidays and many will be traveling, we will not plan an activity after worship on Sunday evening, December 23.

It is great to see all of the activity that is going on here at West Erwin. So many visitors attending services and activities is so encouraging. New families, such as the Hensleys and others are going to keep this congregation on the move.

"...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your heart, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

Glorify God in all you do!

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 3:18

From Chimala Mission Hospital

December 3, 1984

Dear Christian Friends,

There just aren't words to express our appreciation to you for all the many lovely and useful items that you have sent to make the hospital work more efficient and pleasant; also, for all the lovely items that have been sent to make our personal lives more luxurious. For all the things that you have sent throughout the year, we are most grateful.

The hospital continues to be busy. Pneumonia and respiratory diseases are taking their toll of the very old and very young. This is due to the change from the dry season to the wet.

There have been 94 baptisms so far this year. The work in that area is increasing all the time. It is a great challenge to work with these people.

We have received two packages from you recently which contained liquid soap, Iron tablets and capsules, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, and bandages. Thanks so much for all your packages, love and concern.

We really do appreciate you who have been faithful mission minded friends. Your support in 1984 has really been a blessing to the work here.

We wish for you a joyful and peaceful holiday season. We pray that 1985 will be a year of peace, health and happiness for all of you.

In Christian love,
Ruth Geer for
All on the Mission

Potpourri

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

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume at ten o'clock on January 2nd.

For those of you who receive The Visitor on Friday, let this serve as a reminder to watch THE SEARCH, a television special that will be aired on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock over KLTU, Channel 7. Jay Lockhart will be teaching. Help to advertise this program, and pray for its success.

Fran Starnes Third Grade Class had 100% attendance last Sunday. Congratulations.

The Year End Singing of all congregations in Tyler will be Wednesday evening, December 26 at the Broadway Church of Christ. No service will be held in our building on that evening. This is always an enjoyable time together.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Lusk
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Kelley Renae

to

Mr. Edwin Walter Pickle

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Theron L. Pickle

Saturday, the fifth of January

Nineteen hundred and eighty-five

at two o'clock in the afternoon

North Street Church of Christ

Nacogdoches, Texas

Reception immediately following

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, visits, telephone calls, and other expressions of love since I have been ill.

Theo Janet King

Congratulations

Dee and Laurie Lott are the happy parents of a baby girl born Thursday, December 13 in Lubbock, Texas. The baby weighed 8 lb and 1 oz and has been named Jordan Paige. Ralph and Marian Rowe are the proud grandparents.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (23) Tom Williams (24) Henry McRuiz, Shelley Miles (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth (26) Susan Skipper (29) Margaret Talley (30) Jeff Jones, Jane Johnson (31) Vera Beard.

HERE AND THERE



BY WES PRICE

THE SEARCH will be shown on Friday night, December 21, on KLTU, Channel 7, here in Tyler. I believe brother Lockhart was being modest when he spoke of it on Sunday. I am confident that it will be a great success and that we will have additional opportunities to do other segments. It is imperative that we get the message out where the people are, and this is one way that it can be done. Pray for its success.

The Benevolent Committee, under the direction of brother James Massey provided an unexpected surprise to the ladies who work on Tuesday in the Benevolent Center. They were given a token of our affection, a lovely plant to remind them of how grateful we are for their service. We also were able to turn the tables on brother Massey and surprise him at the same time since it was his birthday. It was a joy to behold the response of the ladies and brother Massey. We love and appreciate those ladies for the great work they do and brother Massey for his constant attention to the program and, more recently, the supervision he has given the new building. May their tribe increase. We thank God for them.

We are delighted to welcome the Hensley family into our church family. They come to us from Alabama and Bill works for Carrier. They have two fine children, Michael, who is 16 and Lori, who is 12. They live in the High Meadows addition off Hwy. 155 and CR 196.

Brother Lockhart will be continuing his teaching tour through our adult classes as we enter the new year, completing his series in Adult II on January 6. His next assignment will take him to Adult 8 on January 13. This class is presently taught by Freeman Morgan.

It has been my privilege to teach the Young Married Couples while Jay has been in my class. Our present plans call for Jay to return to this class as its regular teacher when he has visited all our adult classes. Enjoy him as he passes your way!

We are privileged to enjoy the presence of our college young people during this holiday season. We are happy to have them home and they contribute to the beauty of our worship services, especially the singing. We also have a large number of visitors each Sunday and judging by

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Ken Edwards

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Dismiss Leslie Carruth

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Jamon Kirby Leon Welborn
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Dec. 9 \$29,719.84
Dec. 2 8,544.19
Year Ago 8,648.90

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec. 9 312
Dec. 2 364
Year Ago 385

WORSHIP

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Dec. 2 445
Year Ago 524
Budget \$8,631.00

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And The Lord Added . . .

We are happy to welcome Alan T. Pickett, 1706 Kensington - telephone 561-2002, into the fellowship of this congregation. Alan is a junior in high school. He was baptized by Ken Edwards.

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Science and Religion (Continued)

science has all the answers, which it doesn't, and that no scientists of stature hold to religious beliefs, which is untrue. I was also reminded of the Biblical passages which still ring through the centuries: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1); and "In the beginning God" (Genesis 1:1).

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The Sick

Kevin Hanley will have a tonsillectomy Friday morning in Mother Frances Hospital...Fay Wallace has been unable to attend worship recently...Leona McElroy is recovering at home from surgery on her hand...Evelyn Denton is unable to be out. She would appreciate being remembered with visits and cards...Jewell Leath is recovering from surgery. Her family has expressed thanks for the blood from West Erwin. She will return to the Clairmont Nursing home this week.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 3:18




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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Your response to our special contribution was outstanding and with other gifts yet to be received, the final sum will truly be magnificent... As you know the special contribution will go to paying for the new benevolent building which we are seeing take shape on the west side of our property...Surely we have one of the finest benevolent programs to be found anywhere among our brethren, and some very special people are working diligently in it. You know who you are and so does He who sees all...Twenty spots will be seen on KLTV from Tuesday, December 18 through Friday, December 21, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. advertising our television special, THE SEARCH, scheduled Friday, December 21 at 7:00 P.M. ...I hope to see you Sunday for Bible classes and worship...Pray that the SON will be seen to shine through THE SEARCH as He does in the HEART OF TYLER.

"In the beginning God..."
Genesis 1:1

Science And Religion

In a recent issue of U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORT, there was "A Conversation With Sir John Eccles," a Nobel laureate in medicine and physiology and a pioneer in brain research. A neurobiologist, Eccles has taught at universities in Great Britain, Australia, and the United States. He is co-author of the recently published book, The Wonder of Being Human: Our Brain and Our Mind.

I found the article to be interesting because this noted man of medicine and research said, "We need to discredit the belief held by many scientists that science will ultimately deliver the final truth about everything. Science doesn't deliver the truth; what it provides are hypotheses in an attempt to get nearer the truth. But scientists must never claim to know more than that... Science cannot explain: Who am I? Why am I here? How did I come to be at a certain place and time? What happens after death? These are mysteries that are beyond science."

Eccles went on to say that science has gone too far in suggesting that man is merely an insignificant animal who has arisen by chance and necessity on an insignificant planet lost in the great cosmic immensity and that science and religion are at odds. He then noted great physicists, including Albert Einstein, who believed in "a God of the cosmos."

As I read the article I was reminded of those foolish folk who would have us believe that

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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our Sunday afternoon Bible study is still meeting at 5:00 o'clock. Please try to put this into your schedule. We need each teen and we all need the study time. It only takes a little effort on your part to come and join with us in looking into God's word. This, and our Sunday night activities create a good atmosphere to learn and to share with each other.

This Sunday night is our Christmas party. Remember to bring your gift and if you want, bring a friend. Make sure they bring a gift also. We will have a unique exchange system that I know you will enjoy.

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win, (I Cor. 9:24). Don't be a Christian that runs aimlessly and without purpose. Set goals and make plans as a Christian that are going to enable you to receive the imperishable prize.

Attention Young People

The country/rock band "Lariat," from ACU, will be in Tyler on December 16th and will perform at the Glenwood Church of Christ activity center at 4:00 p.m. You may have heard "Lariat" play at ACU High School Day. They're a very talented band whose style compares to popular groups like "Alabama."

Youth groups from all the congregations in Tyler are invited, so come join us for an afternoon of music!

(Ken will have our bus at Glenwood to bring our children back to the West Erwin building. College young people are also welcome to attend.)

KLTV - 8:00 A.M.
Each Sunday
Jim Mankin, Teacher

The **Amazing Grace**



Pictured is the TUESDAY SCHOOL CLASS taught by Kay Akin and Ernie Edwards. For their Halloween party this year, TUESDAY SCHOOL carried fruit to the Southview Nursing Home to give to the residents there. We appreciate the good work done by the teachers, who give of their time, and Mary June Goodson, who directs the school.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Grayson (19) James Massey, Dorothy Snipes (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Jim Howser (21) Dorothy Hulsey Barbara Williams, Billie Morgan (22) Erica Smith.



December 16, 1984
by Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "Five Dimensions of Grace"
6:00 P.M. "The Marketplace"

Potpourri

Billie Bob Hickman spoke to the Ladies Class at the Northwest Church of Christ on Wednesday evening, December 12.

Flowers and cookies will be given to shutins of the congregation on the weekend before Christmas.

The City-wide singing will be at the Broadway building the last Wednesday night of the year. We will not meet at West Erwin on that evening - Dec. 26th.

THE SEARCH, a television special will be aired over KLTV Tyler on Friday evening, December 21 at 7:00 o'clock with Jay Lockhart teaching. Pray for the success of this program.

Thank You

The family of Elizabeth Lemons acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy through calls, cards, and food.
The Charles Lemons Family

The family of Verna Hoffman acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.
(sister to brother M.B. Beard)

We want to thank all of you so much for the poinsettia, cards and your prayers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness so much. You have all been so good to us.

Virginia Canterbury
Fran Starnes & Family

Congratulations

The Four Year Old Class taught by Ginger Metcalf and Frances McBee and the Fifth Grade Class taught by Tony and Mary Adams for achieving 100% attendance on Sunday, December 2. We are proud of these students and these classes. Let's follow their example.

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Girls Devotional & Project

The city wide church of Christ girls devotional was held at West Erwin on Sunday, December 2 with 45 girls attending. They decided to do a project for needy children, and they need your help.

They will be accepting contributions of new or good used sweaters, jackets, coats and under garments.

They will be distributed to Tyler school children (primarily for elementary age children) who are in need. Please help by bringing your gifts and placing them in the box near the office. It is labeled Girls Project.

Leaders of the group from West Erwin are Melinda O'Quinn, Carolyn Blackstone and Elaine Roberson.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



With the additional contribution on Sunday evening, the special contribution was \$29,719.84. What a way to show our gratitude to the Lord for his generosity toward us. As our elders indicated, this will be applied to the new Benevolent Building (that is all above our normal budget needs). The Lord continues to bless us in so many ways. Let us continue to show our gratitude by returning a generous portion to Him, time as well as money.

The Brother's Keeper Program is under the direction of brother Joe McBee, and he has been busy reorganizing and revamping the units. A meeting of unit leaders was held last week with brother Harold Taylor as guest speaker. We are confident of Joe's leadership of this vital program. You will be hearing more as we prepare for a renewed effort in caring for each other in the family of God at West Erwin.

This is the season of the year when weekend trips are frequent and a lot of our folks travel out of town to be with family and friends. We are also blessed with a good number of folks who visit with us at each worship service. We are happy to realize that a lot of visitors in our services are new folks to Tyler and are considering West Erwin as their church home. We have had our usual good comments from these visitors as to the friendliness of this church and we know that your warm and friendly manner will have its effect of encouraging newcomers to place membership with us. We look forward to a growing family of God's people again.

While active folks have no trouble getting to and from church or holiday events at this time of the year, let's remember those who are ill and shutin. We will be remembering these in a special way from the congregation, but there is an important way you may help. If you have time available and want to do some special visiting, let me know. I can give you the name of someone who would profit by your special attention at this time of the year. You might consider taking a small gift, a flower, or a box of candy. I believe this would do more good than you might realize and it might even do you good.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Trey Hughes

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Ira Wilson
Dismiss Todd Stewart

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
Bill Butler Lowell Wiggains
Dwight Leek Gary Colston
Rodney Knight Kevin Braly

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Roger & Jan Knight Marc & Pam Lemons
Dwight & Diann Leek Charles & Velma Lemons

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 9 & Wednesday evening, December 12 - Larry Henry 597-0112.

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Jamon Kirby Gus Krewall Archie Lowry

Welcome

Mrs. Hulen (Mary) Terry, 1523 West Sixth, telephone 597-5762, came Sunday morning to place membership with this congregation. We are happy to welcome her to the West Erwin family.

Here & There (continued from page 1)

for the Special TV program that Jay Lockhart will be doing on KLTV, Channel 7, Friday night at 7:00 o'clock, December 21st. More importantly, help us promote the program by telling your friends about it. Advertising will be placed in the newspaper. Pray that this program will have a great impact on the viewing audience.

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The Sick

Marshall Phillips was hospitalized last week in Community Hospital. He is recuperating at home.

Among those who are shutins at home are: Evelyn Denton, Theo Janet King, Ted Snipes and Bessie Willis. Each would appreciate your remembrance by a visit or cards.

500

New Grandsons

Guy and Nettie Potts have a new grandson born Tuesday evening, Dec. 4th in Community Hospital to Debbie and Brad Spradlin. They have named the new baby Scott Abram. He weighed 8 lb 9 oz and is 21" long.

Roger and Jan Knight have a new grandson born to Grant and Leanne Knight in Denver, Colorado on Friday, November 30. He is 20½ inches long and weighed 8 lb 1 oz. He has been named Jeffrey Thompson.

500


Sympathy

Funeral services for A. H. "Hoss" Mackey, brother of Modena Jones and Janie Hicks was held Thursday morning at the Trinity Lutheran Church. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.



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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"Let your light ... shine"
Matthew 5:16*

The Powerful Impact Of Example

Recently I visited with a young man who works for a large company and whose supervisor is a Christian. When the supervisor's name came up the young man spoke of him in glowing terms. He told me his supervisor was a dedicated Christian who lived everyday by his beliefs. As I went on my way I recalled the words of Jesus when he said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," and I thanked God for this brother whose example is so powerful for good.

No doubt all of us have been powerfully influenced by those who lived Christianity every day. It might have been a parent, a teacher, a fellow worker, or a friend. Having felt the influence of godly people, we are now to be powerful influences for good ourselves.

Someone has said that the most powerful testimony for the truth of the Christian religion is not well worded arguments presented with human logic, but rather the teachings of Christ lived before a watching world by those who claim to be His followers.

In a discussion of Bible translations a young man was heard to say, "I like Grandma's translation of the Bible: She lived it." When it is translated into life, the message cannot be missed. You and I will never speak so eloquently as when we are living The Truth...or failing to do so.

...Jay Lockhart

There was an extra measure of excitement in the "Heart of Tyler" last Sunday. We had more people in worship than we have had without a special attendance drive since I have been with you, and the joyful, optimistic enthusiasm of the worshipper was encouraging. The fact that Harold and Betty Taylor were with us added to the richness of the day. And, wasn't that introductory lesson to "Finding Your Place In The Body" presented by Harold during the Bible class hour tremendous in every way? As you know, Harold will be teaching the other lessons in the series on Wednesday nights during December and January... If all of our members were present this Sunday we would have over 500 in worship. Obviously, it is impossible for everyone to be present on any given Sunday, but let's set the goal and reach it soon: 500 in worship every Sunday!...The SON is always shining in the "Heart of Tyler."



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our Christmas party for the teens will be December 16th. Please bring a gift that costs less than \$5.00. Boys bring a boy's gift and girls bring a girl's gift. This will be our Sunday night activity. Also, on the 16th, a band will be here from ACU. They are called Lariat and will be playing for the teens of Tyler. I will have more about this later. They will probably be performing about 4:00 p.m.

1985 is already looking like a fantastic year. Many things are in the planning stages to help each of us grow as Christians and numerically. A special camp session is being planned that I know will be enjoyable for all. I am going to need some special help from many of you. I will be telling you more about this in the future.

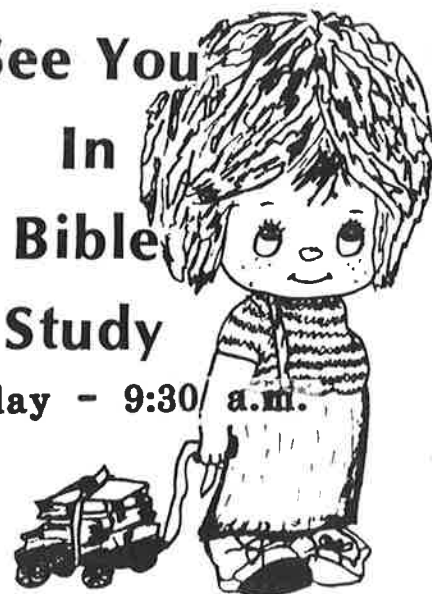
Remember our 5:00 p.m. Bible Class this Sunday and our activity after our Sunday evening worship.

Be God's Teen in every way every day.

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See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

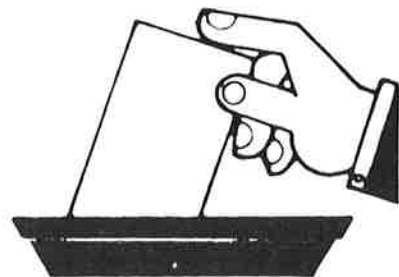


SERMON topics

December 9
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "How To Establish New Testament Authority"
6:00 P.M. "Misunderstanding God's Revealed Will"

Special Contribution



REMEMBER your gift for the special contribution on Sunday morning.

Wednesday Night

Remember the new format for Wednesday evening. Everyone meets in the auditorium for a brief devotional before going to classes.

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1984

*The Children and Grandchildren of the
L. L. Giegers*

*Invite you to share in the celebration of an
Occasion of joy and thanksgiving
The Fiftieth Anniversary of Marriage
Friday, the twenty-first of December
Seven to Ten in the evening
At the Gieger's home
2137 Northwest 25th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

*It is to be a time of remembrance of friendships
and experiences shared with those Luther and Ida
love.*

*Your friendship is a special gift. They respectfully
request no other.*

*Loren & Iola Gieger
Leland
Gayland
Shawn*

*Terry & Gayla Pope
Abby
Adam
Anna*

*Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fred Powell
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Kathia Gayle*

to

*Mr. Stephen Martin Waggoner
on Saturday, the fifteenth of December
Nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Ewin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas*

*and afterward at the reception
Fellowship Hall*

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in Little Rock, Arkansas for Calvin Percy, brother of our Virginia Canterbury. Fran and Glynn Starnes and Virginia planned to go to Little Rock on Tuesday and return on Wednesday. We share in the sorrow of this family.

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Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- December (9) Bart Jemons (10) Joni Smith, Pam Lott (11) Kristy Roberson, Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett (13) Fleta Butler, Harold Denman, Ben Freeman, Doris Terrell (15) Rhonda Weathers.

500

Grocery Truck

THE BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK will be here the week of December 10 - 14. They will be happy to use any items we furnish, but their special needs are: disposable razors, dish-washing liquid (not for dishwasher), applesauce, tea bags, plastic wrap (Glad or Saran wrap).

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Sunday was a great day! Attendance was up at both the Bible study hour and both worship services. We had a tremendous lesson in the auditorium from Harold Taylor at the Bible study hour, and Jay's preaching couldn't have been better. In a word, we were blessed by the Lord. My own personal opinion is that such days will become more and more the norm rather than the exception. I believe Harold's remark about "hohum Sundays" is right. We don't want any of those. More and more we will see the feeling grow about our worship services where members will not want to miss for fear they will be left out of something great.

This church has a great challenge before it in the giving next Sunday on the annual special contribution. This year's gift will be applied against the cost of our new Benevolent Center. I hope you have already considered your gift and will be prepared with a check when the opportunity to give is presented next Sunday morning in worship. Following worship yesterday morning, a young Christian came up to me and asked me to do her a favor. She told me that she had some money to contribute to the building fund for our new building. Now, mind you, this young lady is not a wage earner. Her income is probably limited to the weekly allowance her parents give her. At any rate, she wanted to give me a sum of money she had saved for this special purpose. It was not a large gift, as we would measure size, but for her, it was a sacrifice. I hope her example will serve a greater purpose in that it will help each member to recall the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We had a good attendance at our Ladies' Class last week, and I think the new study will be very beneficial. I do feel however, that there are enough other ladies in the congregation who could be attending to double the size of the class. Why not make a special effort to come. You will no doubt profit by coming, and your presence will be a blessing to someone else.

I hope you have already marked your calendar
(continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	F.C. Carpenter	Nov. 25	\$8,316.89
Prayer	Harold Taylor	Nov. 18	8,784.87
Dismiss	Steve Ward	Year Ago	6,610.96
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	F.C. Carpenter	Nov. 25	328
Prayer	Lane Akin	Nov. 18	288
Dismiss	Wally Dawkins	Year Ago	391
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Faber Cauthen	Fred Powell	Nov. 25	420
Bill Butler	Lowell Wiggains	Nov. 18	373
Dwight Leek	Gary Colston	Weekly	
Rodney Knight	Kevin Braly	Budget	\$8,631.00
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Roger & Jan Knight	Marc & Pam Lemons		
Dwight & Diann Leek	Charles & Velma Lemons		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 2 & Wednesday evening, Dec. 5 - Roy Roberson, 597-5627.			

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 3:18



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The Church With A Heart

And The Lord Added . . .

Sunday morning, following the dismissal of the worship service, Wanda (Beck) Thomas asked to be baptized by Hillard Hughes. A few years ago, before moving from Tyler, Wanda attended Bible school and worship at West Erwin. She now lives at 224 So. Bruck. We are happy that she has obeyed the gospel and we welcome her into the West Erwin family.

Gospel Meetings

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Lakeside Church of Christ, December 2 - 5 each evening at 7:00 o'clock. Dan Fredman of Maud, Texas will be preaching.

Sympathy


Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Frankston for Verna Hoffman, sister of our brother M. B. Beard. We extend our sincere sympathy to brother Beard and his family.

Benevolent Work

Please continue to bring old, clean sheets to be used for bandages. When the new building is completed, a washing machine - in good working order - will be needed. The workers continue to meet each Tuesday morning from 9:00 until noon.

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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

There are some exciting happenings in "The heart of Tyler!" Large, enthusiastic, warm, participating, receptive audiences assemble in our auditorium each week. The number of visitors to our worship services seems to be on the increase. People are being baptized and placing membership with us. Doors of opportunity continue to open to us (see the article on this page). These are exciting days. Let us thank God for them and let us be fully involved for Christ in them... I want to express appreciation to Wes Price for putting together that inspiring, helpful Thanksgiving service. Thanks, Wes, for a job well done... We want to welcome Harold Taylor to West Erwin this Sunday. He will be speaking to all adults and young people in our auditorium during the Bible study hour... The SON is shining in "The heart of Tyler."

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1

"Preach the gospel..."
Mark 16:15

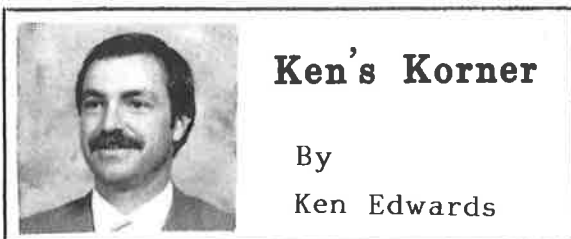
A Television Special

"This is THE SEARCH, a program designed to seek for and find answers to man's most penetrating questions..."

These words will be the "lead-in" to our television special to be aired on KLTU Friday evening, December 21, at 7:00 o'clock.

We must use every means available to us to get the message of Christ to all the people. This includes the printed page and radio as well as TV. I am convinced that if the apostle Paul was on earth today he would use the media for advancing The Cause of Christ.

In one way television is expensive--it costs a lot of money to produce and televise a thirty minute program. In another way television is inexpensive--especially when we consider the number of people who will watch that one program. On December 21, I will probably speak to more people than I will speak to in our building in most all of 1985! And, most of the people we reach by television would never be in any of our buildings! We must reach them by the media, or not at all. That's why THE SEARCH is so important. We hope this program will soon be a weekly happening, but for now it is a one time, prime time special. Pray for a tremendous impact by THE SEARCH upon our community.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

With Thanksgiving behind us and the Christmas season upon us, we see a very busy time for everyone. Our Teen Party scheduled for December 14 needs to be changed because of some activities that are already on the calendar. The date for the party will be announced Sunday night at our activity.

Now that basketball season is here we have at least two people involved at the high school level. Trey Hughes is a starter on the REL team and in a game against Chapel Hill was the high point man. Wally Dawkins, one of our Middle School Bible class teachers is the head coach of that same Chapel Hill team. Keep up the outstanding work, guys. We need to remember to support both of these men's efforts as they show Christianity to their communities through sports.

This Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. West Erwin is hosting the Area-wide girls devotional. I know an uplifting time will be experienced by all. Teen girls, you need to remember to support this with your attendance.

Because of this girls devotional, our Sunday afternoon Bible study will be canceled. We will meet again on December 9th.

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Charles and Velma Lemons and their family in the loss of Charles' mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lemons. Funeral services were held for her Wednesday at Burks/Walker Chapel.

Mrs. Dorris Humble's brother-in-law was buried this week in San Antonio. We extend our sympathy to the family.

We also want to remember Jim McCoy and his family at the Northwest church. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning for Jim's father, Barnie McCoy.

Year End Singing

The congregations of the church in Tyler have participated in a year end singing since 1963. This year will be the 22nd Singing on the last Wednesday night of the year. This year it is scheduled at the Broadway church of Christ on Wednesday, December 26. This is always a very enjoyable time together. There will be no service at the West Erwin building on that evening.

Thank You

Thank you for your concern for me. I am very grateful for your prayers, the flowers, cards and visits.
Henry McRuiz

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

Grow In The Lord Attend Bible Study!

Sunday - 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday - 7:30 P.M.

THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER
AT THE EVENING HOUR

The Amazing Grace

KLTV - 8:00 A.M.
Each Sunday
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Shower Invitation

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Honoring Pam Lott
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A STEPPING STONE BETWEEN SUNDAYS
The Mid Week Service
Attend And Participate In This Inspirational Meeting



December 2

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. God Has Spoken

6:00 P.M. By What Authority?

Potpourri

There will be twenty ten-second spots on KLTU from Tuesday, December 18 through Friday, December 21 to advertise our TV Special on the 21st of December at 7:00 P.M.

Children's Worship Training will not meet the first Sunday of each month. It will meet as usual on all other Sundays. Doug and Nancy Shelton are in charge of this program.

West Erwin Girls (6th - 12th grades) will meet Saturday, 9:30 until 2:30 in the fellowship hall for a BAKE DAY. They plan a work of love among shutins.

Remember the Boles Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of Dec. 10-14. Special needs are: Disposable razors, dishwashing liquid (not for dishwasher), applesauce, tea bags, plastic wrap (Glad or Saran wrap). They will be happy to use whatever we provide for them.

Happy Birthday Dec. (2) Brittany Haws (3) Bradley Joe Smith (6) Ann McCoy (7) Lee Roberson, Lois Hoppers R. C. O'Bannon, Denise Howser.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Thanksgiving is an everyday event with Christians, but the annual event not only affords us an opportunity to emphasize our gratitude, but makes it possible for families to be together. We especially enjoyed having two of our children with us.

Let's not forget that though we express thanks with our lips as the scripture directs, we show the greatest amount of gratitude by our lives. Let's concentrate on "thanks-living" every day until the Lord comes.

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We encourage you to consider being a part of Harold Taylor's new Wednesday night study to begin on December 5th. For those who feel they will be missing Jay's present study in Isaiah, we are taping that series and you will be able to use the tapes to continue that study.

Everyone (all adults and teenagers) will have an opportunity to hear Harold this coming Sunday in the auditorium for a combined session. This will serve as the introduction to his study on the theme, Building Up the Body In Love.

This series could not be more timely. We are at the close of 100 years of service, a new beginning with Jay Lockhart and an unlimited opportunity for the future. If we are lacking in any area, I feel it is that not enough individual members are being challenged to discover and use their talent. I sincerely believe that a church will grow faster and in the best way when all feel a participating part of it.

And while we are challenging your thinking, let us encourage those who for whatever reasons have become inactive in service, to reconsider and resume your active participation. If you want a place to serve, let me know and I will help you. A growing church needs willing volunteers. You not only will be helping the church, but helping your own spiritual life as well.

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According to our attendance records in the office, we want to congratulate the following for perfect attendance for the past quarter: Andy Butler, 3rd grade; Michael Rhoades, 4th grade; Angie Hendrix, 5th grade; Amy Prichard, Middle School; Joelle Butler, Penny Hulsey, and Katie Powell, High School. These boys and girls could well serve as a positive example to many adults.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Jack Paul
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss Kevin Braly

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Jack Paul
Prayer Harold Browning
Dismiss Carroll Magee

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

F.C. Carpenter Roger Knight
Louis E. Jones Jim Franklin
Matt Haws Dick Higginbotham
Roy Roberson Alan Fisher

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Louis & Jane Jones Archie & Faye Kennard
Jane Johnson George & Esther Kester
Modena Jones

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 25 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 28 - MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 18 \$8,784.87
Nov. 11 10,761.25
Year Ago 6,975.75

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov. 18 288
Nov. 11 320
Year Ago 413

WORSHIP

Nov. 18 373
Nov. 11 436
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

And The Lord Added . . .

Sunday evening, Ira and Esther Wilson, Rt. 15, Box 421 (75707), telephone 561-0750, came to place membership. We are very pleased to welcome them into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

The Sick

Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson had surgery last week but is now at home.

Henry McRuiz underwent surgery Tuesday morning on his foot. He is a patient in Community Hospital.

Stan Mallory's mother, Mrs. A. O. Mallory is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday at Medical City in Dallas.

Reminder

This is a reminder to all West Erwin girls (6th thru 12th grade) to be present Saturday, Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for the GIRLS BAKE DAY. Bring \$4 to help buy supplies and lunch. Meet in the fellowship hall.

From The Heart (continued)

using Jack in this way... One of our goals at West Erwin is to involve every member (Ephesians 4:16). A group of our men are working on a plan to make that happen. You will be hearing more about it soon and I'm excited about happenings in "The Heart of Tyler." See you Sunday!

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Growing A Church (continued)

self, it will hold the people and will reach out to help others. An excited church is an evangelistic, serving church and when you put correct theology with enthusiasm and couple that with outreach, you have the basis for growth.

3. An Enlightened Leadership. An enlightened leader knows the principles of leading others, knows how to involve others, and cares deeply about those he leads...and they know he cares.

With an exact theology, an excited membership, and an enlightened leadership, a church will be blessed by God and it will grow. We have the opportunity...I hope we have the will. JL

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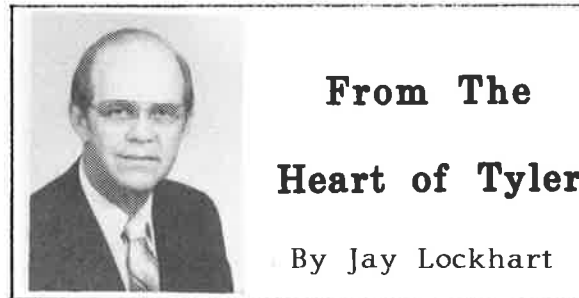
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The Church With A Heart



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

At the invitation of Steve Yates, Minister of Education at the Shiloh church, I was privileged to speak to Shiloh's Bible Class Teachers last Sunday afternoon. Shiloh's teachers make up a large, joyful, enthusiastic, receptive group and I enjoyed meeting with them... Our Evolution Building is progressing very well and Stan Mallory's announcement and appeal last Sunday for us to pay off the cost of the building upon its completion was well done and well timed. Let's do it!... Jack Paul is a multi-talented man and, in addition to being a successful business man, is involved in about ten meetings a year with the church in various parts of the country. Last week Jack was with the church in Moore, Oklahoma and there were over forty responses with nine baptisms. That is a remarkable harvest in a day when there generally are few responses in Gospel Meetings. We are grateful that God is (continued on back page)

*"Growing into a holy temple in the Lord"
Ephesians 2:21*

Growing A Church

Most churches want to grow. Most churches do not desire to lose ground, or even to stay where they are. The desire to grow is usually there, but the big question is, how do you go about growing a church? I have observed that growing churches have at least three qualities in common, three stepping stones in their growth. I am convinced that one or even two of these characteristics will not suffice, but that all three must be present. What are they?

1. An Exact Theology. Growing churches believe something, know what they believe, and insist that it matters. For a hundred and fifty years we have been saying, "Where the Scriptures speak, we want to speak." How sad that as many denominational churches lie in death because they believed little and taught little, some of our brethren are giving up the biblical position of our heritage as though what is believed is unimportant. When we insist on a "Thus says the Lord," we are not saying we should act as though we know all there is to know, or that we have arrived, or that we should take a hard line approach that makes issues where the Bible does not and builds walls over preferences and opinions. However, what we believe matters, and matters very much. Without settling this issue, a church will not grow.

2. An Excited Membership. When a church believes in, supports, and gets excited about it- (continued on back page)



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

The High School retreat was definitely a wonderful experience. Twenty-eight teens and sponsors received a blessing from the sharing and fellowship with each other. Robert Parham taught some great lessons with the theme Face Value. He shared with us the reasons we wear "masks" in our lives and how we can remove them and be ourselves. Some "masks" are healthy for us to wear but if the mask begins to control our lives, we can fool even ourselves. Beware of the "masks" that you wear. Several of our teens were unable to be with us. We missed them, but they missed more.

Our Sunday afternoon Bible Studies have been doing well. We are currently about half way through I Corinthians. Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, we will not have our class Sunday. Also, because of the holiday time and many people being out of town, we will not have our Sunday evening activity.

Have a nice, safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Invitation

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7:00 - 8:30 P.M.



November 25, 1984

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "Take Up Your Bed And Walk"

6:00 P.M. "The Will of God"

New Baby Boy

On November 16, a baby son, Brandon Allan, came to live with Ron and Pam Lott. He weighed 6lb and 10 oz. We extend our congratulations to the Lotts. Ray and Dell Lott are the proud grandparents.

Harding Chorus

The acappella chorus from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, will present a program on Thursday evening, November 29th at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. You are invited to attend at 7:00 o'clock.

The *Amazing Grace*

KLTV - 8:00 A.M.
Each Sunday
Jim Mankin, Teacher

Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Christian Friends,

You have overwhelmed us with your generosity and concern for the work at Chimala. So many of you have written us such interesting and encouraging letters. Thank you so much for the time you sacrifice from your busy schedules to write.

There were 84 babies born at the hospital last month. So you see they have been busy. There were three sets of twins born in one week. Twins are very common here. Triplets are born occasionally. Every child that is born in the hospital here goes home with one of the baby shirts that you make and send to us. They are so cute and the mothers are always so happy to receive them.

There is a lot of enthusiasm among churches in this area right now. They are being taught daily and that encourages them to go out and teach others. Several of the smaller churches are having to build larger buildings to accommodate their attendance. This is very encouraging to us that work with these people.

We received some packages a few days ago. They have been opened, sorted, and put on the shelves in the storeroom. We received four packages from you which contained plastic bags, pillow slips, lots of eye glasses, bandages, baby sleepwear, adult sleepwear and swatches. Thanks so much for all of the many items and for your time, effort and expense in sending them.

May God bless you continually with spiritual and physical health as you serve Him.

In Christian love,

Ruth Geer

for All on the Mission

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We are delighted to welcome Ira and Esther Wilson into the fellowship of Christians here at West Erwin. They come to us from the Whitehouse congregation. They are fine folk and I'm confident that they will fit into the family in an excellent way. We look forward to many more like them joining us for the work of the kingdom as time goes on.

On Wednesday evening, November 28, we will have the opportunity to hear a report on the Child Care work that we help support here in the Tyler area. Bill Moore, director of Christian Services will be our guest speaker. This report will be given after our usual devotional period. All high school and adults will remain in the auditorium and the usual classes for them will not meet.

It was my privilege yesterday (Sunday) to meet with the Young Married Couples Class for the first time while Jay Lockhart spends the next few weeks teaching my class. I want to encourage all the members of the Young Couples Class to join us each Sunday for study. Next Sunday we will be studying the topic "More Than Conquerors" taken from Romans 8:31-39. We look forward to being with you through the end of December.

This may be a good time to remind our adults that brother Lockhart will be rotating through all the classes for six week periods so that all may have an opportunity to be in his class. Following his stay in Adult Class II, he will move to the class taught by Freeman Morgan.

Jay's sermons Sunday were great! I look forward each week to that kind of preaching. And that's not just my observation, it is so with everyone. I hear so many good comments about his lessons. We thank God for answering our prayers and sending Jay our way.

We anticipate a great work together as Ken and I join hands with Jay in the work of the Lord here. We will need and expect the cooperation of every member, not only in the various programs of work but faithfulness in attendance and giving each week. Our expectations for the future are high and our expectations for each of you is that you will more and more feel the per-

HERE AND THERE (continued)

sonal responsibility to do more for this church and be present more often than you ever have before. No matter how hard the elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, ministers and others work, it cannot succeed without YOU.

I had a great time with the ladies and men who work each week in the benevolent center. We had breakfast together on Tuesday. This is a little special time that has become sort of a tradition for us and I appreciate the opportunity of doing it. Of course, I had a lot of help from men such as Ray Womack and Archie Lowry. A good time was had by all!

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (28) Norma Holcomb, Wade McDonald, Chloe Clark (30) Roy Layne Roberson, Cherrie Magee, Ernie Edwards

Potpourri

There will be no Children's Bible Hour on Sunday evening for the older children. The pre-school group will meet as usual in room 108.

December 1st has been set for the Christmas Bazaar for the East Texas Christian Academy. It will be held at the Tri-C building on the TJC Campus. Due to the regulations of the Health Department, baked items cannot be sold. Your donations of craft items, etc. would be appreciated.

The Boles Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of December 10-14. They will be happy to use whatever we can supply them, however, this is a list of special needs: Disposable razors, Dishwashing liquid (not dishwasher), Applesauce, Tea bags, Plastic wrap (Glad or Saran wrap).

When you shop for your household items, remember to buy an item or two for the fellowship hall. There is a need for paper towels, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher detergent and handi wipes.

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Prayer	C. B. Hardin	Nov. 4	8,246.28
Dismiss	Ron Lott	Year Ago	7,262.02
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Forest McFadden	Nov. 11	320
Prayer	Lane Akin	Nov. 4	272
Dismiss	Steve Ward	Year Ago	386
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP			
F.C. Carpenter	Roger Knight	Nov. 11	436
Louis E. Jones	Jim Franklin	Nov. 4	362
Matt Haws	Dick Higginbotham	Weekly	
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Louis & Jane Jones	Archie & Faye Kennard		
Jane Johnson	George & Esther Kester		
Modena Jones			
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 18 & Wednesday evening, Nov. 21 - GEORGE KESTER, 561-0974.			

And The Lord Added

On Wednesday evening of last week, Paul Gerald Sanders, 421 W. Woldert, Apt. 8, was baptized by Ken Edwards.

Clay Smith, 1720 Rickety Lane, telephone 561-6114, came Sunday evening to be baptized. Eric Gambrel baptized him.

Sunday morning we were pleased to have Todd Stewart, a TJC student from the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder, Texas, place membership with us. Todd has been a frequent visitor. His address is 2611 S. SE. Loop 323, #233.

We welcome each of these young men into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

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SERMON TOPICS November 18
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "My Commitment To Christ"
6:00 P.M. "The Spirit of the Second Mile"

Sympathy

Funeral services for B. M. Wells were conducted on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock at Lloyd James Funeral Home. He died early Wednesday morning. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.



Remember These

We have several who are shutins in their homes:

Theo Janet King, Ted Snipes, Bessie Willis, and Evelyn Denton.


Also, the following are residents of nursing homes. Lois Hoppers in Southview; Vannie Lee and Dovie Norsworthy in Glenview; Robert & Edythe Trentham in Leisure Lodge; Wyche Harris in Heritage and Gladys Holcomb and Maudie Brown in Colonial Manor. Also, Jewell (Andress) Leath is in Clairmont Nursing Home. She is a former member of this congregation.

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The Church With A Heart



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

I enjoyed a very good meeting with the Northwest church in Phoenix, Arizona last week. Tom Riley is in his second year as Minister of Evangelism and is a most impressive young man who is doing a fine work. The church is served by five capable and spiritually sensitive elders who are currently interviewing a few good men in an effort to fill the position of Pulpit Minister. This church of about 750 members has the prospects of a great future in this city in "The Valley of the Sun" which is growing at a rate of 10,000 per month. It was good to be in Phoenix for my second meeting there, but I missed you and it is very good to be home.

I hope to see you Sunday for all services at West Erwin in the Heart of Tyler!

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:21

*"He looked for a city...whose builder and maker is God."
Hebrews 11:10*

Strangers and Pilgrims

Recently, while traveling back from Houston, I asked my wife if she would be glad to get home. She replied, "Well, I hardly know where home is since we have a house in Houston, are building a house in Tyler, and are staying in a rented house!"

I rephrased my question and asked, "Will you be glad to get where your 'stuff' is?" Since moving to our rent house we have left most of our "stuff" boxed up setting around the walls, and have been impressed by how much "stuff" one accumulates over twenty-five years. But both of us agreed that we would be glad to get where our "stuff" is, and that with or without a house, we feel very much at home with the West Erwin family. You folks have really been wonderful to us and we love you for making us feel at home.

Being at "home" or where our "stuff" is reminds me that in one sense all that we possess in this life is "stuff" or "baggage" and that we are never really at home. We are just passing through; we are strangers and pilgrims in the earth; we are looking for a city whose builder and maker is God; and one day we will forever lay aside the "stuff" and reach our journey's end and we will really be at home. We must never become so attached to this home and so encumbered by the "stuff" of this life that we fail to long for the "home over there" and the "stuff" that is eternal.

JL



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

The Father/Son Campout last Friday night and Saturday morning was wonderful. We had 32 fathers and sons that enjoyed the time together and the fellowship with others. The older sons spent a great deal of their time chasing and being chased through the woods and orchards. The weather couldn't have co-operated any better. The evening was short sleeve time and then a cold front moved in about 2:30 a.m., so when we woke up we had the feeling of some real camping. The short rainfall that accompanied the front made me realize just how fast boys can scatter. Thanks to Fred and all the fathers who made the evening more than a success.

Sunday night's activities will be at the home of Dwight and Diane Leek. As soon as the Sunday evening service is over, please load up the bus and let's get going.

The 5 P.M. Sunday Bible Study for teens will continue as usual this Sunday. I would like to encourage you to attend and bring a friend and your Bible.

Hasn't this been a tremendous week with two baptisms and one placing membership with us. It is times like this that make it all worthwhile.

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

NOW IS GOD'S TIME

So many youth are lost because:
In YOUTH they are "too young."
In MANHOOD they are "too busy."
In MATURITY they are "too worried."
When AGED they are "too old."
When SICK they are "too ill."
When DEAD they are "too late."

Just An Ordinary Member

"Just an ordinary member of the church," I heard him say;
But you always found him present even on a rainy day.
He had a hearty handshake for the stranger in the aisle. And a friend who was in trouble found sunshine in his smile.

When the sermon helped him, he told the preacher so.

And when he needed comfort, he would let the preacher know.

He always gave so freely and tried to do his share.

In all the ordinary tasks for which some have no care.

His talents were not many, but his love for God was true;

His prayers were not in public, but he prayed for me and you.

"An ordinary member?" I think that I would say,
He was an extraordinary member in a humble sort of way.

Thanksgiving



Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6,7

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a Gift Tea
Honoring Kelly Lusk
Bride Elect of Edwin Pickle
Saturday, November 17, 1984
West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Selections
Sanger/Harris The Christmas Store

Potpourri

Remember, there will be no Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday, November 21st. The class will resume on the 28th with a new study, "The Mark Of Christian" from II Corinthians.

The Medina Children's Home truck came last week. We had collected approximately 100 cans of pie filling for them.

The Boles Home grocery truck will be here the week of December 10 - 14. The following is a list of special needs. They will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Needs: Disposable Razors, Dishwashing Liquid (not dishwasher), Applesauce, Tea Bags, Plastic Wrap such as Glad or Saran Wrap.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - November (18)
James Howser (19) Taylor Savage (20)
Terry Lockhart, Tammy Lockhart (22)
Susan Steffee.

Take Time To Pray



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL
9:30 A.M.
Bring a Friend

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We are glad to announce the final plans for the new class to be taught by brother Harold Taylor. The title of the series will be "Building Up The Body In Love." Although the class will be conducted principally on Wednesday evenings in the chapel, it will begin with a combined meeting of all high school, college and adults on Sunday morning, December 2nd. This lesson will be entitled, "Where Do You Fit In The Body?" The series of lessons will be a valuable assist in motivating us in the work of this congregation as we gear up for the 100th year.

Although we hope that many will want to be a part of this two month study, it will not mean that the auditorium class will be suspended. Jay Lockhart's study in the book of Isaiah will continue as usual.

Our elders have directed that our Wednesday night schedule be revised so that all of our folks will be in the auditorium prior to the beginning of classes. We want to set the first Wednesday night in December as the beginning date for this change. All teachers are asked to take special note of this change. We will be striving to limit our devotional time so that we will be on the way to classes by 7:45.

On Wednesday night, December 5, all adults and children will meet in the auditorium for the devotional before being dismissed for classes.

Next Wednesday evening, November 21, we will not have Bible classes. All will meet in the auditorium for our annual Thanksgiving worship service. We want all our families and their guests to join us in expressing thanks to God, in a special way, for His bountiful blessings.

We had a great attendance and a most generous contribution on Sunday. It is an inspiring thing when Christians rise to the support of the Lord's work in such a fine way. All who join in making the gift meet the challenge are to be commended, and it will surely be returned by the Lord, not only for the growth of this congregation, but to the increase of the giver.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer Jack Paul
Dismiss Earl O'Quinn

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer Tony Adams
Dismiss Jack Stringer

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Morris & Cathy Hallman Charles & Billie Bob Hickman

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, November 11 & Wednesday, Nov. 14, RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.

Sympathy

Sunday afternoon, funeral services were held in Lindale for Mrs. Essie Jones. She was a sister to Roy Clark.

Last week funeral services were held in Dallas for the sister-in-law of Margaret Talley.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Prichett Church of Christ for Truman Cowan. He was a cousin of Homer Williamson.

Our sympathy and love is extended to each family in their loss.

In The Hospital

B. M. Wells remains in Mother Frances Hospital and has returned to ICU. He will probably have surgery (heart) this week. Remember the Wells in your prayers.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 4 \$8,246.28
Oct. 28 9,683.51
Year Ago 8,169.44

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov. 4 272
Oct. 28 312
Year Ago 350

WORSHIP

Nov. 4 362
Oct. 28 411
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

Hands

On my father-in-law's hundredth birthday, I knelt by the side of his chair and took his pale hands in mine. He had not spoken much during the day. His fading senses, dim eyesight and faint hearing had made it hard to reach him.

Now he bent forward and said in his wavering, treble voice. "You have lovely hands." It seemed an extravagant compliment. I'd always been a bit ashamed of my misshapen knuckles, my twisted thumb and, in later years, the arthritic lump in my left index finger. Touched, I could only murmur, "Thank you, Dad."

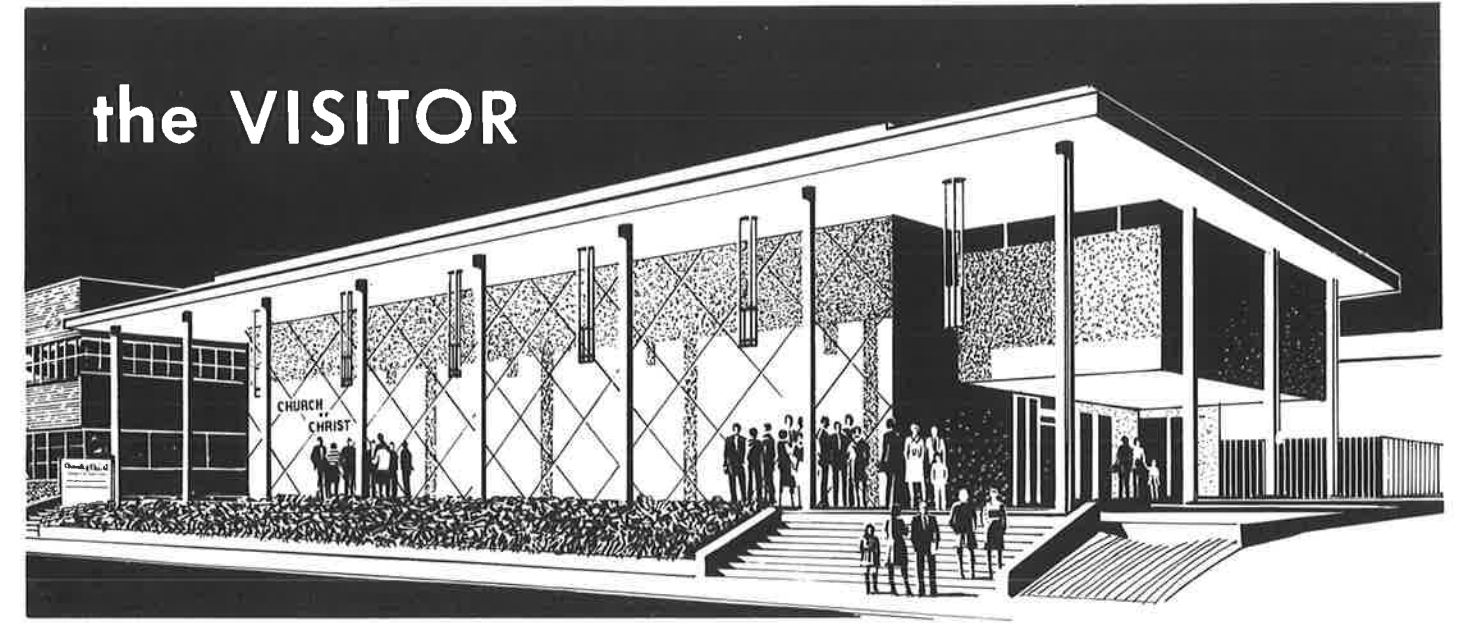
The moment remained with me. I looked at my hands from time to time, thinking how kind Dad had been. A how wrong. But then, gradually, I began to examine my hands more closely. I began to notice what they were doing. They were holding pencils and needles, brooms and trowels, books and tennis rackets. Kneading bread and lighting birthday candles. Flitting over typewriter and piano keys. Wielding paintbrushes and irons. Brushing a child's hair, wiping away tears, bandaging a hurt finger, patting a back. Clasp my husband's face for a good-night kiss.

And one day I looked down at my hands and they were lovely. Dad had helped me see my hands as God intended me to see them: Holy gifts from Him, given character - and made beautiful - by serving.

Sylvia Sunderlin

...from Edgefield Echo - Dallas

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The Church With A Heart



The Needed Revolution

Jay Lockhart

Much is being said in our times about revolution. Did you know that Christianity is a revolutionary movement? That's right! And a revolutionary movement that our world needs desperately. Webster defines "revolution" as the rotation of a body (such as the earth revolving about the sun), a political overthrow (such as the American revolution), and a total or radical change (such as the Industrial Revolution which began in England in the 18th century). Christianity fits into the third of these definitions: "a total and radical change."

So radical is the change that takes place in the life of the man who becomes a Christian that the prophet Daniel speaks of it as a stone cut out of a mountain (the man in the kingdom has been cut out of the mountain of humanity and set apart for God), (Daniel 2:34,44). Jesus says it is a birth, (John 3:3,5); Paul suggests it is a translation, (Colossians 1:15); Paul also says it is a new creation, (2 Corinthians 5:17 RSV). Christianity is a revolutionary movement.

*"Ye must be born again."
...John 3:17*

In Philippians 2:5, the apostle challenges men who have experienced the radical change of New Testament conversion to "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The Christian is to make a real effort to think, speak, and act like Jesus. The Christian is different - not for difference's sake but for Jesus' sake. This fact helps us to appreciate Christ's statement in the sermon on the mount, "Ye are the salt of the earth...ye are the light of the world," (Matthew 5:13,14). Salt and light have at least one thing in common - penetration. Salt penetrates the meat to preserve or save. Light penetrates the darkness to dispel it. The Christian, as a personal representative of Jesus is, as salt, to save the world and, as light, to dispel the darkness of sin, ignorance, and spiritual death.

To be successful as Jesus' representative we must be real! We must be true to our commitment to the Christ. My words and my actions must demonstrate a real relationship with my Lord. When I give myself

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Ken's Korner

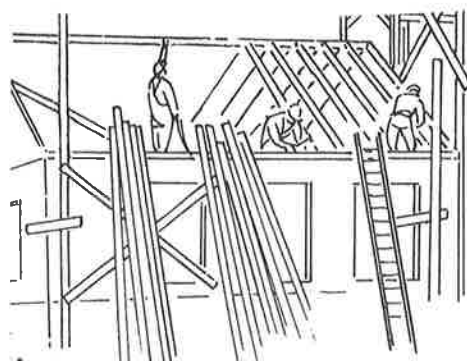
By
Ken Edwards

A special thanks to the Fishers and Osborns for the food that was prepared for our last devotional. Without our parents and their participation in these activities and other activities of the future, very little could be accomplished.

High School Retreat, November 16-18 at Sky Ranch. Last Sunday in class, everyone was given an opportunity to sign up. If you weren't in class for some reason and couldn't sign up, please let me know if you can go. A great time is being planned with no dull moments involved. Make your plans to come with us.

Remember our Bible study at 5:00 p.m. Sundays. We meet in room 301. We are currently studying in I Corinthians. It never ceases to amaze me how many of their problems are current problems of the church today and society as a whole. I would like to encourage each teen to make this a regular part of your weekly schedule.

Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, (I John 4:7).



Funds For Benevolent Building	\$211,000 NEEDED
	\$130,000 PLEDGED
	\$116,720 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (Nov. 4, '84)
	[Bar chart showing progress]

*Terri Dawn Worden
and
Clark Donald Lemons
together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Worden
and
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Lemons
invite you to share in their joy
when they exchange marriage vows
on Saturday, the seventeenth of November
nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at seven-thirty in the evening
Pollard United Methodist Church
3030 New Copeland Road
Tyler, Texas*

*If you are unable to attend
we ask your presence in thought and prayer*

*Reception following
Fellowship Hall*

Workshop

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Corsicana invite you to attend a Teacher's Workshop on Saturday, November 10 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. This is primarily for teachers of pre-school through 6th grade. Elaine Story, Betty Wiesepape, and Lohoma Cox from the Waterview congregation in Richardson will teach. Topics will include: (1) Bible stories presentation, (2) Bible application (3) Proper use of visual aids.



November 11, 1984

By JAY LOCKHART

10:30 A.M. You Are My Disciples Indeed

6:00 P.M. The Glory of Christ

The Needed Revolution (Continued)

to him without reserve, when I will allow him to live through me, (Galatians 2:20), then, and only then, will he use me to be a blessing to the world. I am not speaking of perfection but of an attitude of genuine dedication to Jesus.

The best advertisement of truth in a lost world is the Christian who sincerely portrays the Christ. When this happens in your life and mine, we will be making a real contribution to the needed revolution.

Thank You

Your kindness and sympathy
will always be held
in grateful remembrance
by the family of
Tony Ray Stegemoller

Ray, Scot, and I want to thank the church for the prayers and love that has been shown to us through one of the saddest times in our lives. Tony knew more love than many do in fifty years.

Thanks,
Ray, Karen & Scot Stegemoller

Thank you for your visits, cards, God and most of all your prayers during my recent hospitalization and convalescing. Our little girl has brought much joy to our family. Your acts of kindness are appreciated.

In Christian love,
Sherry Bobbitt

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

Happy Birthday

November (11) Sam Bailey, Melinda Quinn (12) Stan Mallory (14) Kay Akin, Morris Hallman, George Kester (15) Ruby Teel (16) Maudie Brown (17) Cathy Hallman

Christian Academy

The Board Meeting for East Texas Christian Academy will be Monday night, November 12 at 7:00 o'clock at the Broadway building.

December 1 has been set for the Christmas Bazaar to be held at the Tri-C on the TJC Campus. Due to the regulations of the Health Department we will be unable to sell baked items. Your donation of craft items, etc. would be appreciated.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Dick Marcear, minister with the Central church in Amarillo penned the following, and I think it is worthy of our consideration.

"It's easy to lose sight of your objective.

1. Our prime business is saving souls and growing disciples. That's what Jesus said we are to be about. When we get off target then we are headed for trouble.

2. We are here to serve people and glorify God. There are many ways to do that. Your approach may be different from mine but if you are reaching the lost in a way that is scriptural, go after it. What grieves me is when people who are not winning or training people, sit back and criticize those who are.

3. Let's encourage one another in love. People do their best when what they are doing good is praised. More change will take place when those who are doing good are praised and lifted up than by running down those who are not. We have a world to change. Let's get with it!"

We had a larger than usual attendance at our Ladies Class last Wednesday, and I hope that you were a part of that group. We will continue our study through the book of Proverbs during the month of November and be ready to begin a new study after Thanksgiving. This new study will be from the book of II Corinthians and will be entitled "The Mark of A Christian." We also want to mention that the class will not meet on Wednesday, November 21st, the day before our Thanksgiving holiday. Come join us each Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. You will be blessed and will prove to be a blessing to someone else.

Ken Edwards will be heading up the Father/Son Campout on Friday of this week. If you receive this in time and have not heard about it, get your camping gear out and join us for an evening of fun at Fred Powell's lake. If you don't know how to get there, give us a call.

George Stephenson was up to his usual good preaching in Jay's absence on Sunday. You can always expect a good message when George is present. We look forward to Jay's return later this week and his return to the pulpit on Sunday. It's great to have a man of Jay's ability with us and we miss him when he is away.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Harold Denman
Dismiss Robert Conner

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

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Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Oct. 28 \$9,683.51
Oct. 21 6,961.80
Year Ago 6,735.11

BIBLE SCHOOL

Oct. 28 312
Oct. 21 274
Year Ago 376

WORSHIP

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Hillard & Jeanine Hughes Dannie & Sue Skipper
Morris & Cathy Hallman Charles & Billie Bob Hickman
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 4 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

You Are Invited

*To a Bridal Brunch Honoring Martha Powell
Bride Elect of Mark Waggoner
At the home of Mrs. Roy Roberson
1429 Sunset*

*Saturday Morning Selections:
November 3, 1984 Brosang's, Sanger/Harris
10:30 - 12:00 Noon Christmas Store*

Here and There (continued)

gratitude for what He has done. You are the one who will receive the blessing for coming. Do you remember the last time you received a large and unexpected gift from a friend? Do you remember how you sought for a means to say thank you? Let that guide you in looking for a way to say thank you to God for His unspeakable gift.

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Gospel Meetings (continued)

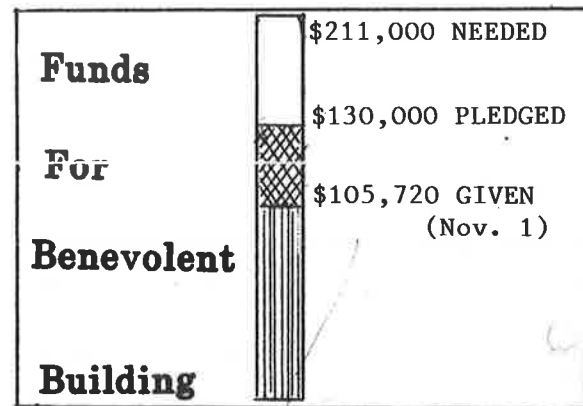
to ponder some questions relative to Gospel meetings:

1. Do we believe the gospel is powerful to change people's lives?
2. Will people benefit from a concentrated series of gospel messages?
3. If man's number one need is obedience to the gospel (and it is), and if the number one need of Christians is to mature spiritually (and it is), can the preaching of the gospel meet those needs?
4. If we answer the above questions affirmatively, then why would we question the validity of the Gospel Meeting? The fact is, we won't, and that's why I still do this work.

In The Hospitals

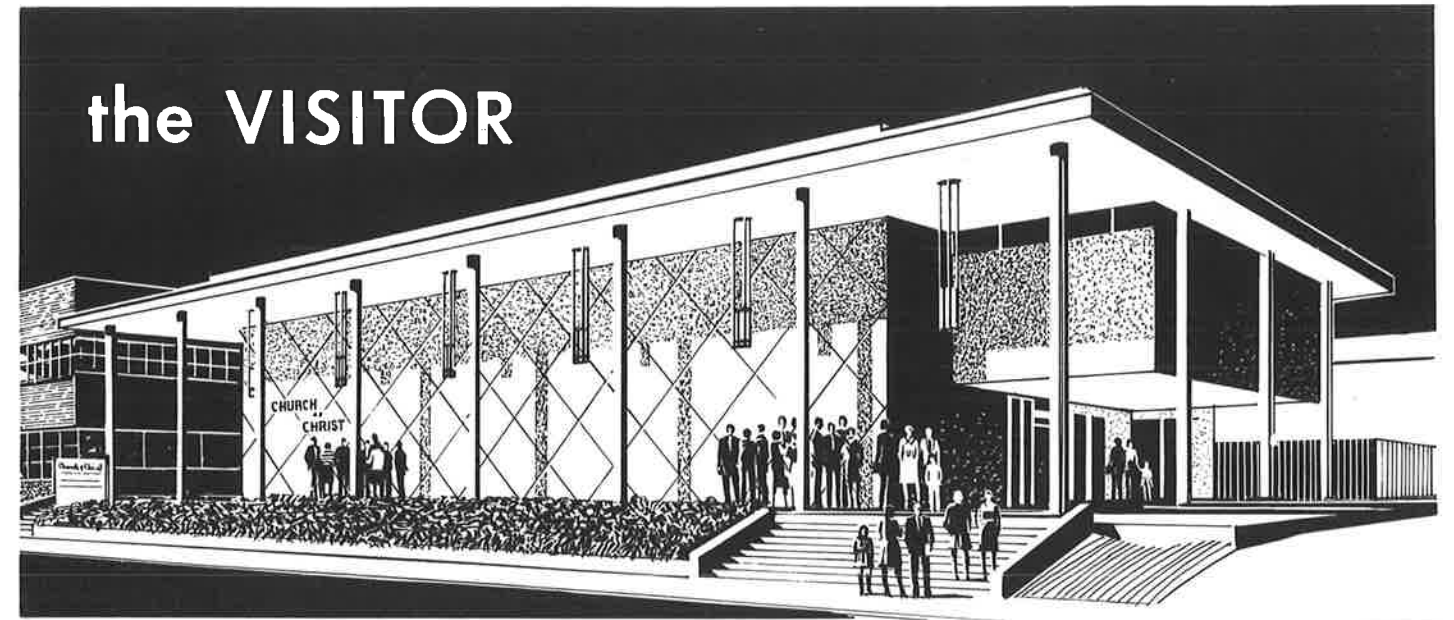
Mrs. Stan Mallory's mother, Mrs. Ernest Holland, had surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

B. M. & Sadie Wells are both patients in Mother Frances.



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The Church With A Heart



This Sunday I begin a meeting with the Northwest church in Phoenix, Ariz., and I want to share some thoughts with you about the Gospel Meetings in general and my feelings about them in particular.

*"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."
1 Corinthians 1:21*

Gospel Meetings

By JAY LOCKHART

Since I was a child I have been familiar with the phrase "Gospel Meetings" which through the years has referred to a series of consecutive meetings, of long or short duration, conducted by a congregation to give special attention to preaching the gospel in order to reach the lost and "revive" the saved.

When I was a boy our meetings were conducted in the spring and fall and they lasted two weeks over three Sundays. As the years have passed meetings have been shortened to ten days, then eight days, and now four days. Sometimes we have week-end meetings of two or three days.

There was a time when the event of the year in the local church was the "Big Meetin'" when the non air conditioned buildings were hot, the preaching was long, and the audiences were large. People came from far and wide, non members attended, and many were baptized.

However, times have changed. Although our buildings are more comfortable, our meetings are short, outsiders are not present in any large numbers, and neither are the brethren.

No doubt the reasons for the differences

between now and then are legion, but the fact is that many brethren are now questioning the validity of the whole issue of Gospel Meetings. Some churches do not have them at all while others seem to have them because they always have or it's the thing to do.

In the final analysis, elders in local churches will have to decide what they will do about the Gospel Meeting, but I believe there is a place and a very significant place for this type of meeting. True, not many outsiders are present anymore and brethren do not attend as they once did, but the local church needs times when special emphasis is placed upon preaching, when brethren can meet together on consecutive days for spiritual refreshment with opportunities for renewal, outreach, and growth.

If a congregation is properly prepared for a meeting, if we clearly define what we wish to accomplish, if the speaker is selected so as to complement our purpose, a congregation will benefit greatly by the preaching of the gospel and souls will be won to Christ.

I think we need (continued on back page)



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

This past week at the Youth Minister's Seminar in Lubbock, a special appeal was made to help Wally Wilkerson. Wally has been a Minister since 1961 with special emphasis in the youth area. He is in his mid 50's and in April, 1983 came down with Multiple Sclerosis. His physical condition has been deteriorating to the point of disabling him. Wally is having to retire under these adverse circumstances. His retirement, however, is geared in such a way as to free him and his expertise to be used throughout the brotherhood. The elders of Southside in Fort Worth are asking congregations to help them set up a trust fund for the Wilkersons. Southside has already committed \$180,000, but more help is needed. After the deaths of Wally and his wife, the funds will be given to Christian Colleges as permanent endowed scholarship funds for aspiring Youth Minister majors. If you can help with this very worthwhile effort, please give your gift to Ken, Nelda or Frances. Wally is one of the premier youth ministers in our brotherhood.

Our retreat for the High School age is November 16-18. This Sunday, in your classes, you will have an opportunity to let me know if you are going and if you are bringing someone.

Father/Son Cookout

Friday, November 10th is the Father/Son Cookout at Fred Powell's. Sunday, at our services we will announce the starting time for this. This activity is for all ages. If you are a father, bring your son. If you haven't got a son, then bring someone's son whose father can't come.

The One Who Chose To Be Lost

John 17 is known to us as the Lord's great intercessory prayer. It was prayed by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of His betrayal. The American Standard renders verse 12 as, "While I was with them, I kept them in thy name which thou hast given me: and I guarded them. And not one of them perished but the son of perdition;..."

"The son of perdition" is Judas. Perdition is utter loss or waste. It means that his whole life came to nothing. He was destined to be cast into hell or perdition with the Devil.

It is most interesting that the Jerusalem Bible translated this passage in this fashion, "I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost."

There are several great biblical truths vested in this translation here.

First, God has not unconditionally assigned some to hell and some to heaven. Calvin was wrong in his interpretation of Divine election and predestination.

Second, the Devil cannot make us be lost. He can only tempt and teach. He is active, teaching half-truths which any good student of the Lord can recognize. It is absolutely necessary that we all study to be approved before God and to know the truth that can make us free.

Third, it should be remembered emphatically that God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit do not want anyone lost. They are not in the condemnation business, but in the salvation business. All of heaven works in that direction.

Fourth, the great truth here is that mankind has a choice, and what a choice that is. We determine where we will spend eternity. Joshua was right on target when he said, "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve." "Know ye not to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servant ye are." We choose what kind of life we will live. Therefore, we must inform ourselves. We must "love the good and hate the evil." It is just that simple. We will not be able to blame the elders, the preacher, the church, our family, our job, nor the world if we are lost eternally. Each of us will be judged for our own life. (read Ezek.19)

What a tragedy to be lost, and yet Judas was the one "who chose to be lost!" Are you now in company with Judas? What is your choice?

--Harvey Porter

Grow In The Lord Attend Bible Study!

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Fiftieth Anniversary

*Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Miller
request the pleasure of your company
at an Open House in their home
celebrating their
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
on Sunday, the fourth of November
Nineteen hundred and eighty-four
from two until four o'clock
1805 South Chilton
1934 Tyler, Texas 1984*

Potpourri

George H. Stephenson will preach Sunday, November 4th in the absence of Jay Lockhart, who will be in a meeting next week in Phoenix, Ar.

We are happy to report that sister Mable Massey has moved back to Tyler and is living at the same address, 2720 So. Broadway, Apt. 115.

Remember to bring PIE FILLINGS for the Medina Home Grocery Truck which will be here one day next week. In addition to pie fillings (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.,) they have a special need for: fruit & nuts for holiday baking, candy for Christmas stockings and gifts for children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY November (4) Jeff Blackstone (5) Mary Evelyn Grier (7) Lisa Higginbotham (9) David Hanley (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer Sommer Howser.

Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART is scheduled to meet Thursday evening, November 8th at 6:30 for a Covered Dish Supper in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food for a Thanksgiving Dinner (Turkey and Ham will be furnished).

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Words seem so inadequate to express our deepest thanks to you for the warm love and sympathy you extended to us in our time of sorrow. We are deeply indebted to you for the many ways you expressed your love. The floral offerings, food, and many cards you sent have been so strengthening. It has only served to reinforce the feeling of love we have always felt from this church family. In as simple, yet profound way as I can, may I say a genuine thank you from all of my family.

Although our giving was down two weeks ago, it was abundantly clear that the many who were out of town for the ACU homecoming more than made up in the excellent contribution this past Sunday. Your generosity has been inspiring and I know that our elders are grateful for the way you have responded to the financial needs of this church.

May we encourage you to remember to honor your commitment on the new Benevolent Building. This will help us stay current with the construction costs and save interest money. We are glad to see new progress now being made as construction materials have become available.

It is great to have so many visitors in our services each week, and it is not unusual to have them remark how friendly our folks are. And that is a genuine friendliness too. That kind of attitude will go a long way in encouraging folks to consider West Erwin as a church home. Don't ever think that by going out of your way to show kindness to strangers in our midst, will ever result in anything but good.

There is little doubt that a look at the decreased attendance on Sunday nights and Wednesday night will lead you to the conclusion that some do not take these worship and study opportunities as seriously as they should. I wonder why. Perhaps Jay's passing comment in his sermon Sunday night ought to be emphasized. It is not that we HAVE TO come to these services, but that we GET TO come. If you value your free gift of life in Christ, why not reconsider the use of your time to use it as a means to show the real

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Edgar Bullard

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Phil Marts
Prayer Bill Butler
Dismiss Les Carruth

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bob Threadgill C. B. Hardin
Glynn Starnes Archie Lowry
Marc Lemons Bart Lemons
Alan Fisher Henry McRuiz

Kevin Braly
Harold Browning

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

October 21 \$6,961.80
October 14 7,618.48
Year Ago 8,368.96

BIBLE SCHOOL

October 21 274
October 14 307
Year Ago 425

WORSHIP

October 21 345
October 14 389
Budget 8,631.00
Bldg. Fund 25,250.00

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Gary Colston
Milburn Cook

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tom & Barbara Williams Matt & Rhonda Haws
David & Kay Hanley Dick & Sue Higginbotham

MINIBUS DRIVER Sunday, October 28 and Wednesday evening, October 31, MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.

**Grow In The Lord
Attend Bible Study!**



Sundays - 9:30 A.M. ** Wednesdays - 7:30 P.M.
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Pray For



Mary Alice Martin has returned home from the Galveston Hospital. She is waiting for the results of tests and will return to the hospital, November 8th.

Lois Hoppers has returned to Southview Nursing Home after being hospitalized a few days.

We have several members who are at home and would enjoy your visits. Among these are: Theo Janet King, Evelyn Denton, Henry Starnes, Ted Snipes, Tommy and Moselle White, Bessie and Jim Willis.

In your visits to Nursing Homes remember Vannie Lee and Dovie Norsworthy, Glenview; Robert & Edythe Trentham, Leisure Lodge; Wyche Harris, Heritage; Gladys Holcomb and Maudie Brown, Colonial Manor.

Continue to pray for these and others you know of.

Welcome Visitors



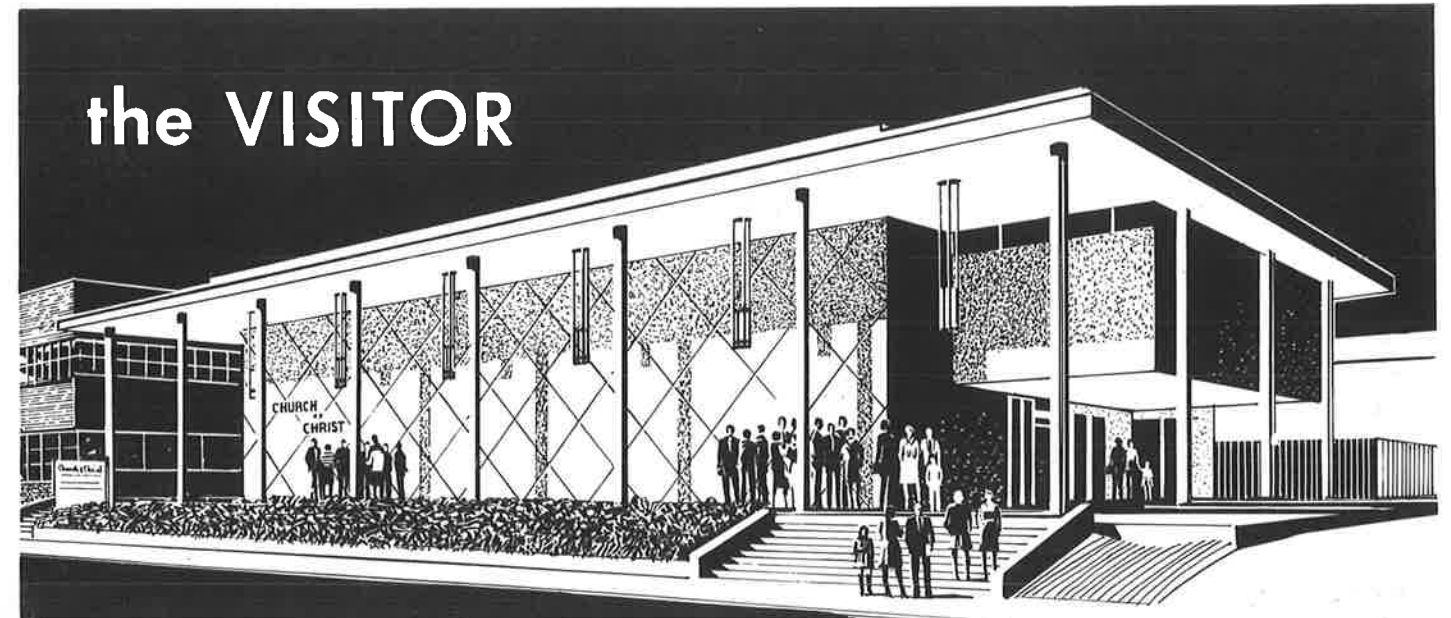
We were pleased to have many visitors among us Sunday. Visitors are our honored guests, and we hope you will return at every opportunity. Many of our members were out of town Sunday - some attending ACU Homecoming in Abilene.

Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

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The Church With A Heart

Nameless Pioneers

By JAY LOCKHART

*"In quietness...is your strength."
Isaiah 30:15*



In Acts 11:19-26, the gospel was for the first time preached deliberately to the Gentiles. Earlier Philip had preached to the Samaritans (Acts 8), but they were half Jew. Peter had preached to Cornelius (Acts 10), but Cornelius had taken the initiative. It was not until Acts 11 that with plan and purpose men of Cyprus and Cyrene came to Antioch and "began speaking to the Greeks (Gentiles) also, preaching the Lord Jesus" (Acts 11:20). Ten years earlier Jesus had given the commission to teach all nations, but it was not until Antioch that the church finally launched its world-wide mission.

Here was one of the most important steps the church would take, yet there was no fanfare, no headlines, no special emphasis (the fact is stated in one verse and only 26 words); and we are not even given the names of the people who took the step. As William Barclay observes, "They go down in history as the nameless pioneers of Christ." Further, Barclay says, "What the church has always needed is people who will do the work and never care who gains

the credit for it, so be it that the work is done. These men may never have written their names in men's books of history, but they wrote them forever in the Book of Life."

The strength of the church is demonstrated, and always has been, as much by the many who quietly work behind the scenes and who are often unnamed, as by the few who are out in front, visible and named. Isaiah said, "In quietness is your strength."

Over the last two weeks I have seen a lot of evidence of this quiet strength around West Erwin. A few examples include:

1. Those bulletin boards with such powerful messages which were prepared by someone.
2. That happy group of women which invests its time and energies in acts of benevolence each Tuesday morning and the men who help them.
3. Those people who helped a young couple bear the loss of a newborn child with acts of concern and kindness (the couple spoke to Wes Price and me about the impact those acts had upon them.)
4. Those who make certain a visitor never leaves our worship services without receiving a warm Christian welcome.

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Nameless Pioneers (continued)

5. Those who quietly manifest the love of Christ to one another...and to strangers who come our way.

6. That staff of lovely women which works patiently with Tuesday School.

7. Those parents of little children who make the effort to have them in class and worship when it would sometimes be easier to stay at home.

8. Those countless others who quietly are giving, serving, studying, praying, encouraging, and growing into the image of Christ.

Here are the people who are making their lives count. Here are the people whose names may be unknown to most of us, but who are known to Him who keeps a record of all. Here is the church's strength for "In quietness is your strength."

Haunted House

The Haunted House at the Tri-C this year will be open on Monday and Tuesday nights, October 29 & 30, from 6:30 to 9:00. People of all ages are invited to come. Admission will be 50¢ for children 12 and under, and \$1 for those over 12. This annual event will raise funds that will help pay for activities such as the Austin and Athens retreats.

Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Christian Friends,

This is the beginning of the spring season and we are having dry, hot and windy (and I do mean windy) weather. They call this suicidal weather in Tanzania. So many people commit suicide or attempt it this time of the year. There have been four brought to the hospital just recently that have taken poison. The hospital staff saved one of them, but the other three died soon after arriving. There's no telling how many didn't make it to the hospital.

The little congregation at Usalimwani has been meeting out under trees since the church was reestablished there several months ago. They have started a building this week which they are building themselves so they will have a dry place to

Shower Invitations

*You Are Invited
To a Baby Shower honoring
Sherry Bobbitt and new daughter, Whitney
Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 P.M.
At the home of Mrs. Matt Haws
612 David*

*You Are Invited
To a Bridal Brunch Honoring Martha Powell
Bride Elect of Mark Waggoner
At the home of Mrs. Roy Roberson
1429 Sunset*

*Saturday Morning Selections:
November 3, 1984 Brosang's, Sanger/Harris
10:30 - 12:00 Noon Christmas Store*



October 28, 1984

By JAY LOCKHART

10:30 A.M. Standing by the Cross

6:00 P.M. What Is Your Goal?

worship during the rainy season. The church in that area is growing and right now they have a lot of zeal and enthusiasm. Please remember these Christians in your prayers.

We received five packages from you recently. They contained beautiful baby sleepwear, children's clothes, adult sleepwear, popsicle sticks, slings, bandages, uniforms, material, salt and pepper. We appreciate so very much you sending so many lovely and useful items, and also for the personal items you included. It is always a pleasure to receive your packages.

We love you for the work you are doing to help us in our work over here. May God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Ruth Geer for All on the Mission

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Wes Price and his family in the sudden death of his father, Jack Price, last Saturday. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon in Brownfield at the Tahoka Road Church of Christ. Wes and Alma Faye returned home Tuesday.

Funeral services were held in Odessa on Friday of last week for Claude Gipson, step-father of Mrs. Jim Paul. We extend our sympathy to Sue and Jim and the family.

Thank You

We appreciate the food you provided for us at the Tri-C on October 4. Your kind assistance in serving this Thursday evening meal allows us to provide the loving Christian atmosphere so many college students need. College life can be trying at times, and it sure does help for us to know that Christians will always be there.

Lee Roberson
for students at the
Campus Christian Center

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (28) Ann Layton, Elizabeth Ann McKeown (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sally Ann Pickle (31) Alan Hamblett
NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler

Grocery Truck

CONTINUE to bring Pie Fillings (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.). We are a long way from having a six month supply (384 cans). The truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of November 5 - 9.

Time Change

Saturday, the 28th, is the last Sunday in October which makes it the date for the time change. Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening before retiring and be on time for Bible School and Worship on Sunday.

A Positive Self-Image

Nobody really wants to admit to possessing a failure instinct. However, most would admit having a mediocrity image. In reality, a mediocrity image is nothing more than a masked failure image. You either have a success image or a failure image.

Let's be plain about the matter. If you stare into the mirror each morning having no meaningful goals for the day, not even expecting to accomplish anything except routine things, you have a failure image! You may rise in indignation to protest that you are a Bible-believing Christian, but the truth stands you have a failure image.

It might help at the outset to admit that you didn't get your failure image from God. What God does is never mediocre - but wonderfully successful! At the conclusion of creation God looked over all He had made and said, "It is very good!"

For man to be content with mediocrity is not pleasing to God. Though the end result of achievement is different with different individuals, no man must be content to be less than God's best. Success is not measured by what we are. It is measured by what we are compared to what we could be. God preceded man with success, challenged man by success, prepared man for success, and then presented man his own image. Success was not man's doing, but God's!

Man was created in God's own image. So you must think of yourself as something that belongs to God. Because of the new birth we are born into the kingdom or family of God. We are God's children. How pathetic is a person who would think of himself as less than he really is. We are not to treat an eagle like a chicken. Eagles must be treated as eagles. Not to treat an eagle like an eagle would be the ultimate sin against eagledom.

In large measure, you become what you think you are - even if your perceptions are distorted. If you think you have no value, then for all practical purposes - you're probably right. It's a vicious circle, if I'm treated like junk, I feel like junk. If I feel like junk, I act like junk, I'm treated like junk...and so it goes.

God loves you. God cares about you. You are important to God. When those concepts become a part of your thinking then, my very valuable friend, you will think more of yourself and people will think more of you!

-Douglas F. Parsons
Golf Course Road Church - Midland, Tx.

Serving Sunday

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Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss Lane Akin

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K. Max & Mary Haws Matt & Rhonda Haws

MINIBUS DRIVER Sunday, October 21 and Wednesday
Evening, October 24 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

BUILDING FUND

To Date: \$25,250.00

Teamwork (continued)

and both individually and collectively, we win. Unlike the football team, we do not have eleven people on the field, substitutes on the bench, and fans in the stands, and we are not seeking to score seven points. We are all in a life and death struggle in a spiritual warfare. So let's get off the bench, let's come out of the stands, and let's be on the field of action. That's where the team is! That's where the winners are!

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In The Hospital

Brother Henry Starnes is a patient in Medical Center Hospital undergoing tests.

Brother David Hanley's grandmother, Maggie Rizzlelea, is a patient in Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Sister Mary Alice Martin will enter a Galveston Hospital Wednesday for treatment.

Boy Scout Activity

Boy Scout Troop 354 will hold its annual "Pancake Breakfast" at the Glenwood Church of Christ fellowship hall, 807 Glenwood, October 27, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Profits will be used to purchase Troop camping equipment.

Ft. Worth Lectureship

The eighth annual Fort Worth Lectures are scheduled for January 13-17, at the Brown Trail Church building, 1801 Brown Trail, Bedford, Tex. The theme of the Lectureship is, "Morals in an Immoral Age." The quality of the lectures promises to be among the best of the great history of the program.

The Lectureship is supported each year by many of the churches in the North Texas area. There is a full schedule of lectures each day. The evening lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. Again, singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. for all who want to attend.

Mark your calendars now and plan on being present at every service of this great spiritual feast.

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The Church With A Heart

TEAMWORK

By JAY LOCKHART

*"But now there are many members but one body."
(1 Corinthians 12:20)*



Last Saturday in Dallas the University of Texas Longhorns and the University of Oklahoma Sooners played one of the year's most publicized football games as they resumed one of college football's most celebrated rivalries. After sixty minutes of playing time, the game ended in a 15-15 tie, a less than satisfying score to either team, but a score that kept two very equal teams undefeated. However, if one team had lost, both would still have been winners because a single loss does not a loser make.

As I watched the last few minutes of that game, I was impressed by the fact that football is a game of teamwork. One player, or a few players, can make a difference in a game, but neither one player nor a few can win the game alone (I have never seen one team line up with eleven players and the other team with five no matter how good the five may be)! Teamwork is essential because football is a team sport.

Similarly, success in the work of the

church is dependent upon teamwork. One person, or a few people, can make a difference, but in the final analysis it's the team that wins...or loses.

I am convinced that we have a winning team at West Erwin. I am excited about the opportunity to work with a team that includes talented, dedicated and caring men like Wes Price and Ken Edwards. I am gratified to see a concerned eldership that really wants to shepherd and lead us to greater heights in the service of Christ. I am encouraged by what I am seeing in our deacons, our Bible class teachers, and in a warm, loving, and involved membership. It's a team (a body) of believers made up of many members, all of whom are important and all of whom have talents which can and will be used by God for His glory.

If we are used by God to our full potential, each one of us must see himself as a vital part of the team and give himself without reserve to the full extent of his abilities and opportunities to this Cause in which we are involved. It takes teamwork and when each one dedicates himself to use his talents, whether few or many, as a member of the team, we are winners, (continued on back page)



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

HIGH SCHOOLERS, November 16-18 is our Fall Retreat. We will be going to Sky Ranch and Robert Parham of Golf Course Road Church in Midland, Texas is our speaker. We will again be going with Glenwood. Put these dates on your calendar and don't make any plans that will keep you from attending. I have done some things with Robert in the past. He is an excellent communicator and a very personable man.

The annual Youth Minister's Seminar at Broadway Church in Lubbock is next week, October 22-25. I will be out of town most of the week. Please remember me in your prayers as I will be doing a lot of traveling.

Fred Powell and I are looking for a time to have the Father/Son Cook-out. Be watching and listening for the date of this activity.

There will be no Sunday night activity for Teens, since I will be out of town.

Have the attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.

Sympathy

Brother Chester Williams passed away late Thursday evening and his funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon. We share in the sorrow and loss with Elva Lee and other members of the family.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (21) Jean Fuller (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Edythe Trentham (23) Carolyn Stitt (24) Christi Cook Kim Hughes (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, DeRay Bennett, Ed Stitt

Harold Taylor Moves To Dallas

Betty and I want to inform the West Erwin Church we have recently moved to Dallas. Our new address is: 2809 Lakeside Lane, Carrollton, Tex. 75006. Our telephone is (214) 323-1800.

I have been engaged in meetings since the first of August. My preaching has taken me to Hamilton, Alabama; Nashville, Tennessee; Memphis, Tennessee; Greenville, Texas and Houston, Texas. The month of October will be filled with meetings in Jeffersonville, Indiana; Mitchell, Indiana and Round Rock, Texas. November will also be a very busy month.

Christian Family Magazine is being moved to Dallas for printing. We apologize for the delay of sending you "Christian Family." The magazine is in transition in ownership, management and printing. Your subscriptions will begin in November. Thanks for your patience.

Betty and I look forward to worshipping with you at West Erwin on Wednesday evenings in December and January. I will be teaching a class on involvement entitled, "Where do you Fit in the Body."

We are excited about the coming of your new minister, brother Jay Lockhart. We look forward to working again with brother Wes Price.

We are happy to be West Erwin's stateside missionary. We deeply appreciate your oversight and support. May God be glorified in all that we do.

Take Time To Pray



October 21, 1984

By JAY LOCKHART

10:30 A.M. "The New Creation"

6:00 P.M. "The Kingdom - A Priceless Possession"

Invitation

*You are invited to a miscellaneous
Wedding Shower honoring Terri Worden
Bride Elect of Clark Lemons
At the home of Mrs. Ray Womack
1608 Yosemite*

Sunday Afternoon
October 21, 1984
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Selections
Dillard's
Sanger/Harris

In Appreciation

There are many members of the West Erwin church family who desire to encourage and support every effort for growth at this place. One such dedicated worker is Wes Price, who serves as Associate Minister. We appreciate Wes for his loyalty to the Truth and dedication to his work in the Kingdom. He has filled a special place during the summer months as his duties were multiplied. Wes has a sincere love for people. He is respected and loved by the congregation, and we feel it is right and appropriate to express our thanks and appreciation for his talent and ability and commend him for the efforts he puts forth daily for the good of this church.

The Elders

Thank You

Words cannot express to you our thanks for the kindness shown to us at this time. We appreciate the food, flowers, calls and visits.

In Christian love,
Elva Lee, Sandra &
Ray Williams

Potpourri

Congratulations to brother Robert Trentham, who at age 93, competed Saturday in the 3rd Annual Senior Olympics in Lindale. He placed 2nd in the "Slow Walk." Robert & Edythe Trentham are residents in Leisure Lodge Nursing Home.

On Tuesday of last week brother R. C. O'Bannon was presented with a Life Membership in the Lion's Club. He has been a member for 43 years.

We continue our collection of PIE FILLINGS for the Medina Children's Home. The truck will be here the week of November 5-9. A six month supply is 384 cans.

Remember to bring toys that are safe and in good condition for Tuesday School.

Sheets (white or colored) are also needed by the ladies who are doing benevolent work. They must be clean.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We had a good number of visitors in our services last Sunday so even with a large number of our folks out of town, we still had a large number for Bible study and worship service. From the visitors I met, we certainly made a good impression on them and they will be back to worship with us again. That is an important point to remember. It may only be a first impression, but it is a valuable one. We urge all to keep up the good impressions you make by being warm and friendly with folks who visit us.

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Didn't you receive a blessing from Jay's sermons Sunday? We appreciate his faithfulness to the word and the conviction with which he preaches it. Let's see that we continue to invite friends and neighbors to hear him proclaim the word. Judging from the multitude of comments heard after Wednesday, he is also going to have a good number attend the auditorium class for his series of lessons on Isaiah. If you have not been in the habit of coming on Wednesday night, now is the time for you to begin.

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Work on our new Benevolent Center is moving rather slowly at the present time due to lack of structural steel from the steel fabricators. We will just have to be patient as the manufacturer catches up with the orders. It will be all the more useful as time goes on.

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So far, we have eighteen couples signed up for our Annual Married Couples Retreat. If you have been absent from Bible class when we registered to attend, please let me know so we can add you to the list. Plans call for us to leave here on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and travel by bus to Camp Bee, located just west of Marshall. Saturday's activities will conclude with a devotional around 9:00 p.m. Those who want to return home will have the opportunity to do so. A number plan on remaining over Saturday night and have worship service there on Sunday morning and return home in the early afternoon. Which ever plan fits your schedule, you may feel free to follow. There is no age limit, old or young. We only ask that you make sure we have you on our list so we can have adequate food for those who go. It will be a profitable and enjoyable time.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Mike Savage
Dismiss Lane Akin

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Lowell Wiggains
Dismiss Steve Ward

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Dannie Skipper Tony Adams
Trey Hughes Bryan Leek
Michael Munn Matt Haws
Wally Dawkins Joe Clark

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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

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Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes Roy & Chloe Clark

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 14 and Wednesday Evening, Oct. 17 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598

Records

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Oct. 7 \$10,317.03
Sept. 30 7,843.81
Year Ago 7,842.51

BIBLE SCHOOL

Oct. 7 408
Sept. 30 295
Year Ago 426

WORSHIP

Oct. 7 565
Sept. 30 346
Weekly
Budget \$8,631.00

The Sick

Chester Williams entered Medical Center Hospital this week. He is undergoing tests and treatment and is now in ICU.

Mrs. Allan Bobbitt continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Norah Jones is a patient in Medical Center.



October 14, 1984

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "In The Image of God"

6:00 P.M. "They That Are Called Christians"



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And The Lord Added . . .

We are happy to welcome Dan and Jan Magee into the West Erwin family. Their address is 5105 Old Bullard Rd., Apt. V-23, telephone 561-7405.

Monday afternoon, Mary Alice Martin, 1602 Lawrence, Apt. A, came to the building with her daughter. After a period of discussion, she was baptized by Wes Price. We welcome Mary Alice into the fellowship here.

TAKE TIME

Take Time TO THINK . . .

It is the source of power.

Take Time TO PLAY . . .

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take Time TO READ . . .

It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time TO PRAY . . .

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take Time TO LOVE and BE LOVED . . .

It is a God-given privilege.

Take Time TO BE FRIENDLY . . .

It is the road to happiness.

Take Time TO LAUGH . . .

It is the music of the soul.

Take Time TO GIVE . . .

It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take Time TO WORK . . .

It is the price of success.



Jay Lockhart

The New Beginning

The opening verse of the Bible makes one of the greatest statements of all time and eternity: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," (Genesis 1:1).

Here is the only reliable information available to man as to the origin of the universe. It was a beginning and it was new.

When the apostle John began his gospel record he said, "In the beginning was the word... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," (John 1:1,14). When the Eternal Word became a human being, he was born as no man was ever born, and in that little child lay all the hopes and dreams of a lost world. It was a beginning and it was new.

Nearly one hundred years ago, a small group of faithful men and women joined hands and hearts to form what was to become the West Erwin church. They brought to this city New Testament Christianity and the plea for believers in Christ to

be Christians only. Thus, they laid the groundwork for the rich heritage that is now ours. It was a beginning and it was new.

When you and I became Christians we were baptized into Christ where old things passed away and all things became new. We were new creatures (2 Cor.5:17). We were forgiven, redeemed, reconciled to God and made heir of heaven. It was a beginning and it was new.

In recent days we have begun our work together as "laborers together with God" (I Cor.3:9) with a single goal: to build upon the heritage of one hundred years as we seek to become and be all that God intends. To succeed we must be loyal to His word, we must commit ourselves without reserve to our task of reaching the lost and promoting the growth of the Saved, we must pray for God's help and rely upon His strength and we must continue to develop into the image of Christ. Now is the time for self-examination as we discover where we are spiritually. Now is the time for the renewal of our commitment to Christ. Now is the time to move forward in our work. It is a beginning and it is new. May God use it and bless it for His glory.

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Ken's Korner

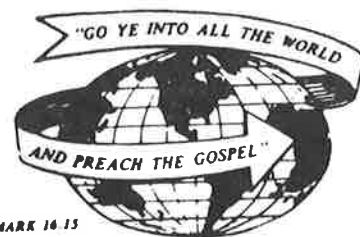
By
Ken Edwards

I WANT TO THANK Stan Mallory for the encouraging words Sunday night during the announcements. All the glory should go to our fine college and single adults. Without their efforts and hard work my efforts would be futile. Three TJC students who deserve special recognition are our members who have been selected as Tri-C Council officers. Eric Gambrel, President, Marshall Phillips, Religious Co-ordinator, and Lee Roberson, Correspondent. Also, we can't forget Roy and Elaine Roberson for their work and Tammy Quakenbush, who attends our services and activities regularly, is the Treasurer. The students at the Tri-C have set up weekly Bible studies in the dorms and twice a week they have a free meal and devotional at the Tri-C. The 37 (not including the TJC Women's Basketball team) in class is a good indicator of the efforts of everyone involved. But there are still many TJC students and single adults floating around who need a church home. Keep up the good work.

Our Teen Bible Study had another good attendance. We had 19 eager minds, willing to give up some of their free time on Sunday. If you haven't come, try to make a special effort this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in room 301.

What a joy to hear two fine lessons from Jay. I can see many outstanding things for the future of West Erwin with Jay and Arlene working with us.

Be ready in season and out of season!



Potpourri

Tuesday School is in need of additional toys. If you can contribute toys that are in good condition and safe, they are needed to be used with groups or individually. Needs include: wooden puzzles, riding toys, dolls, building toys blocks, etc.) pull toys. You may leave your contributions in the office or in the church library.

The ladies who work in the benevolent work each Tuesday are very busy. They have an immediate need for sheets to be used for bandages. Please bring old sheets that are clean. They may be white or colored.

Thank You Again

Jeanine and I seem to be able to express again our appreciation to all of you here at West Erwin. The "Surprise gift" Sunday night was just another reason for us to know why it is so great to be a part of this congregation. The relationships that have been ours to enjoy over the fourteen years that we have been here are unforgettable. The young people here made every effort most enjoyable, but without the support of you, as parents, the programs would never have been successful. With a great deal of love, we again express our thanks.

Hillard and Jeanine Hughes

Happy Birthday



OCTOBER (14) Ike Gaiser (15) John Steffee (16) Audie Grier, Sandra Henry (17) Charles Lemons, Dannie Skipper (19) J. D. Brem, Mary Haws (20) Fred Powell, Theron Pickle, Dorothy Bell.

You don't have to explain something you have not said.



9:30 A.M.

In Appreciation

We feel that Joe Carroll is a very special Christian. He is a willing worker always ready to do what is needed most. We are especially grateful to him for teaching the Wednesday night auditorium class during the summer months and also for teaching the class that meets in the auditorium on Sunday morning. Joe's knowledge and skill as a teacher of God's word is an example to all. We commend him for his dedication and willingness to serve.

The Elders

100% Classes

Attendance was excellent Sunday in both our Bible Classes and in worship. A special thank you to all for the extra effort exerted to invite and bring guests. The Four Year Old Class taught by Ginger Metcalf and Frances McBee and the Fifth Grade Class taught by Tony and Mary Adams were 100% in attendance. Now, let's sustain that high attendance level by each member assuming responsibility for being present at every service.

New Baby Girl

Whitney Michelle Bobbitt was born early Thursday, October 4, at Mother Frances Hospital. The happy parents are Allen and Sherry Bobbitt. Proud grandparents are Roy and Chloe Clark.

Thank You

Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered with deep appreciation.

It is good to get flowers.
It is better to be hugged.
It is best to be loved.

Jean Oliver

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Sunday exceeded our expectations in every way! We were blessed with such a large number of visitors, both from the Tyler community and from out of town. We are thankful to all of you who worked so diligently in helping make this a special day in the history of West Erwin. May God's blessings be upon you.

The worship service was inspiring and Jay's messages were clearly well received and will be heeded as we proceed into the future.

I want to express a special word of thanks to those who helped me prepare and serve the Sunday morning breakfast for the College young people and both the young married couples classes. Those who helped were: Dale Blackstone, Hillard Hughes, John Steffee and Ken Edwards. Fleta Butler and her children helped set up and decorate the tables. We had nearly 100 adults and children. This gave Jay and Arlene an opportunity to be with our classes for the first time.

We are preparing the final details for the Married Couples Retreat scheduled for the weekend of October 27 and 28. We are in need of volunteer grandparents to take care of some children on Saturday and some through Saturday night. If you can help us, please let the office know. We want as many of our married couples to attend as possible. If you have not been contacted about attending and you would like to, just give me a call.

Mike Savage has been busy getting several areas spruced up around our building in advance of the big day last Sunday. The preacher's office, room 105/106 and the nursery addition have been carpeted. A new fence is being constructed around the cooling tower at the office entrance to our building. We appreciate his work in getting these things going.

We have had good attendance in the Wednesday morning Ladies Class since beginning in September, but we feel that others would come with just a bit more encouragement. We would like to invite the class to offer that extra encouragement and increase the number who come together to study God's Word.

LET'S PULL TOGETHER

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Hillard Hughes
Dismiss Lowell Wiggains

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss Larry Henry

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Dannie Skipper Tony Adams
Trey Hughes Bryan Leek
Michael Munn Matt Haws
Wally Dawkins Joe Clark

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

David Hanley Charles Lemons Bart Lemons

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes Roy & Chloe Clark
Mike & Dianna Savage Faber & Kathryn Cauthen

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 7 and Wednesday evening, Oct. 10 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sept. 30 \$7,843.81
Sept. 23 7,717.91
Year Ago 7,874.37

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 30 295
Sept. 23 313
Year Ago 385

WORSHIP

Sept. 30 346
Sept. 23 366
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

The Sick

Mrs. Jesse King remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Grocery Truck

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of November 5 - 9. We are collecting PIE FILLINGS (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.) A six month supply is 384 cans.

They also appreciate cash as it allows them to purchase perishable foods such as fresh fruit, milk, vegetables, meat and eggs.

Not To Be Ministered. . .

activity. In fact, this is the pathway to misery. We would do better by an examination of self to determine if we have neglected anyone. Instead of asking what others can do for me, I should be looking for open doors that will lead to service for others.

Occasionally a person quits the church because he feels he has been neglected. It may be true that we in the churches have neglected him. We have so many shortcomings and this is often one of them. However, Jesus did not look at life with an attitude that would quit if he should be neglected. He seemed never to think of quitting, even with a Judas in his midst. He could have this attitude because he felt he was here to serve, not to be served.

...Raymond C. Kelcy

And The Lord Added . . .

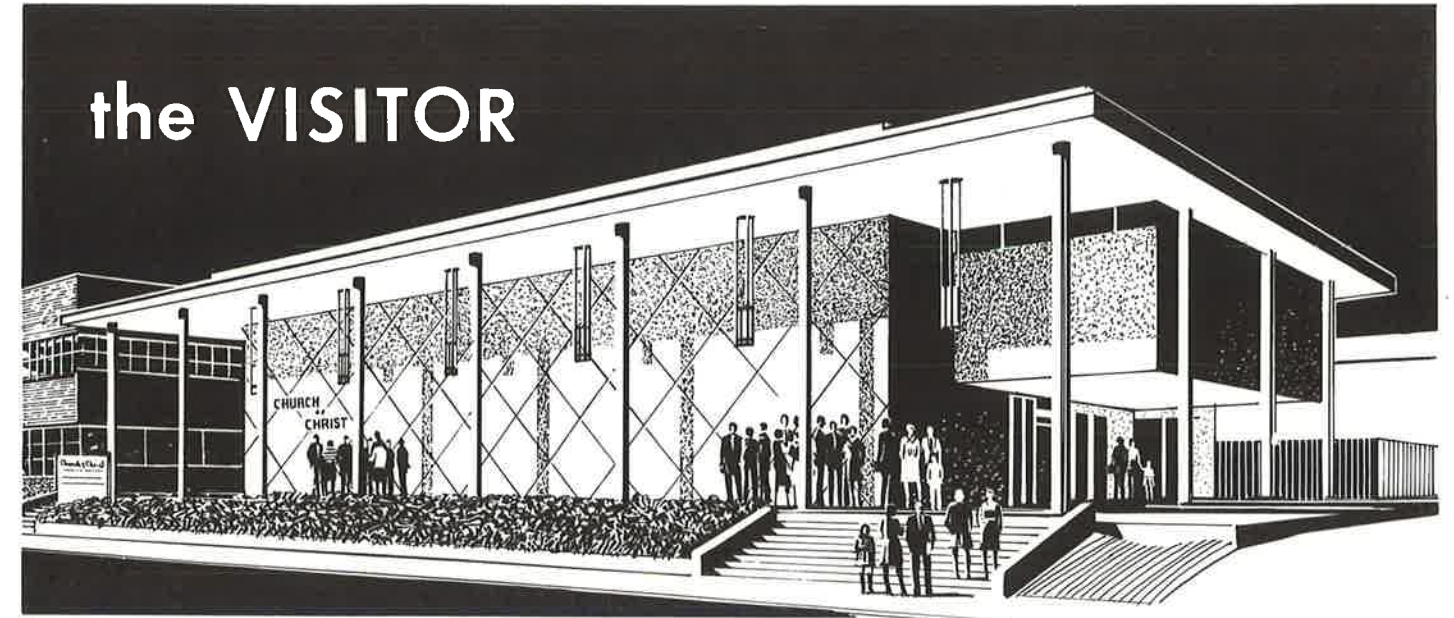
We are happy to welcome Steve and Kathie Ward into the West Erwin family. They are the parents of two small children, Seth and Kerri. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 20, Whitehouse 75791 - telephone 839-4837. Steve is a veterinarian. They recently moved to Tyler from Arkansas.

Lectureship at Tenneha

The Tenneha Church of Christ here in Tyler announces a Leadership Workshop and Church Revival October 10 - 14 with Grover C. Washington from Dallas as speaker. On Saturday, October 13, the ladies will sponsor a one day lectureship-"Women Living by the Rules." You are cordially invited.

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The Church With A Heart

What I Owe My Home Congregation

By Frank L. Cox

Unto the Church of my Lord in every locality, I am under solemn obligation to the extent of my ability; but unto my home congregation, I am under special obligation.

1. I want my home congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community. Therefore, I owe it the example of a good life. For it I must "live soberly, righteously and godly." Matthew 5:13, 16

2. I want the strangers who enter the door of the meeting house to feel at home, to learn to love us, to return from time to time. They are our guests; I must entertain them. I owe it to them, and to the church to show myself friendly. I must not stand back and wait for others to greet them; this I must do. Hebrews 13:2

3. No congregation can make progress without faithful and efficient leaders. To a certain extent, the members of the church make or break their leaders. To the end that our leaders may be stronger and more efficient, I must give them my support. I must pray for them. As long as they are true men, I must not embarrass them in the work. I Timothy 5:19

4. My home congregation has financial obligations which are due at regular intervals. Whether I give or do not give, these obligations must be paid. If it is right for my congregation to pay its obligations each week, it is right for me to give each week. Though circumstances may force me to be absent at times, my contributions should find their way to the treasury of the church. I Corinthians 16:1 - 2

5. I know that the very existence of my congregation depends upon the attendance of its members. In fact, the attendance is the life of the church. For this reason, I must attend the services---all services I can. For all that I have, I would not have it said that my congregation perished because I would not attend the meetings. Hebrews 10:25

6. I want my home congregation to grow, to multiply in members. Therefore, I must set to the noble work of winning souls for christ. This I can do by preaching and persuading; this I can do by persistent effort; this I can do by bringing them to our meeting.

7. My home congregation cannot thrive in a frigid atmosphere. I must not by my carelessness allow the church to become a place where hearts are chilled. I must make it a place where hearts are warmed. Therefore, I owe it my heart, the warmth of my life, I must forgive and forget.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

A special thanks to Mary and Tony Adams who opened up their home to us for our Sunday night devotional. Also, thanks goes to Bill and Jo Butler and Dorothy Hulsey for hosting along with the Adams. It is parents like you that help make the whole effort worthwhile. We had 34 in attendance, and that can fill a living room fast.

Our Sunday afternoon Bible study at 5:00 o'clock was also well attended. We had 14 teens that can be commended for their participation and effort. I know it is extremely difficult to give up a portion of your free time on Sunday afternoon. We will continue to meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. We are meeting in room 301 and studying I Corinthians. Let's make a special effort to remember this and come next week. Also, the first prerequisite to Bible study is your Bible. Please try to get into the habit of bringing it with you.

Remember to bring a friend Sunday. Let's show Jay that we are behind him 150%

Let your light shine so it can be seen by men.

"Not To Be Ministered Unto"

When Jesus thought of himself and of his mission he did not think of his being in the world for people to serve. He envisioned the possibility of doing as much as possible for the good of others. He said, "Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many," (Matt. 20:28).

Many are self-centered, spending much of their thinking upon themselves. They spend most of their time on themselves. By thus seeking their life, they lose it. And they also lose many other things which are valuable and which are indispensable

East Texas Christian Academy

Meetings and events are as follows:

ETCA Board Meeting - Monday night, October 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the Broadway Church building.

Parents, Teachers & Friends Meeting, Thursday night, October 11th at 7:30 p.m. for Open House. Refreshments will be served after visiting the classrooms.

The date of Saturday, December 1 has been set for the 3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar, our annual fund raiser. We would love to have baked goods, craft items, decorations, etc. donated for this project. If you can help us in any way, please let the school office know.



Be
In Bible School
Sunday
9:30 A.M.

to true happiness. It has been said that the person who has no time for his friends will soon find that he has no friends. Someone has well remarked that "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

The one who spends much time thinking of how others have mistreated or neglected him will make himself very miserable indeed. To sit around and think of someone's failure to speak to you is a fruitless

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Happy Birthday



OCTOBER (8) Patti Tate (9) Penny Hulsey, Hulen Hulsey (10) Leona Hardin (11) Chris Hallman, Joe Carroll, Jackie McKeown (12) Mary Dawson, Allen Bobbitt (13) Elva Lee Williams Brady Dawkins, Charles Bell.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Cameron for Irene Cole, sister to Jean Oliver. She passed away on Saturday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Detroit, Texas for Joe Gibbs, uncle of Foy Richey.

We express our sympathy to each family in their loss.



October 7, 1984

By Jay Lockhart

- A.M. "For What Can We Hope?"
(Phil. 1:20-21)
- P.M. "Why I Came To You."
(Romans 1:1-18)



We're Getting Together October 7

Following the evening worship on Sunday evening, we will meet in the fellowship hall for a meal together.

Bring "finger food" for your family and your guests. Coffee and tea will be furnished.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



October 7th will be a great day in the history of this church. You don't want to miss it. I realize that on any given date there will be folks who have a genuine need to be away from their home congregation, but if you miss this one you will be missing something special. We make this one final plea, be here and bring all your family and as many guests as you can.

As a special part of this day, all members and guests will be invited to enjoy the all-church get-together following the evening worship. Members are asked to bring "finger food." Coffee and tea will be furnished. This will be a fine way to get better acquainted with the Lockharts.

The elders have asked that we begin a follow-up class immediately on the Personal Evangelism class that ended a few weeks ago. This class will begin on Wednesday evening, October 10 and will meet in the chapel. The topic to be discussed will be the Scheme of Redemption. Stan Mallory will be the teacher.

Our congratulations this week go to the Two Year Class taught by Velma Lemons and Sherryl Miles for 100% attendance on Sept. 23.

Mary June Goodson and her crew of dedicated workers are enjoying another good year with the Tuesday School children. We have a number of new workers this year and it is a joy to see them working with these delightful children.

Brother Joe McBee has been selected to direct the Brother's Keeper Program. The announcement was made in the men's business meeting on Sunday. He replaces brother Weldon Dawson who has served so well since the beginning of this program three years ago. We commend brother Dawson for the fine way in which he served. Brother McBee reported that he is now in the process of revising the units and set a tentative date of our first meeting sometime around the first of November. We appreciate his willingness to assume the leadership in such a vital program as this. We urge all members to be co-operative with him and our elders as we experience another "New Beginning."

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements F.C. Carpenter
 Prayer Forest McFadden
 Dismiss Tony Adams

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements F.C. Carpenter
 Prayer Matt Haws
 Dismiss Dwight Leek

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Ben Young Mike Savage
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 Les Carruth Archie Kennard
 Harley Turner Charles Hickman

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 Sept. 23 \$9,421.44
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BIBLE SCHOOL
 Sept. 23 316
 Sept. 16 313
 Year Ago 370

WORSHIP
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 Sept. 16 406
 Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

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Here and There (continued)

to make this decision that may well be a significant factor in his or her spiritual survival. Encourage them to make this a part of their activities.

We owe a debt of thanks to the many preachers who have visited our pulpit in these intervening weeks. They have helped us more than we can know, not only by supplying excellent spiritual food, but by their willingness to help us sustain the good work that this congregation is noted for. We thank all of them and pray God's richest blessings upon them as they continue to work. Our final speaker will be George Stephenson and that is fitting and appropriate. He has had such a good association with this church. We are looking forward to his concluding our interim preaching and stirring us up. Let's be here Sunday to "encourage one another and so much the more as we see the day approaching."

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The Sick

Jason O'Quinn, young son of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn, is a patient in Mother Frances. He has been very ill and continues to undergo tests. Mrs. Jim Willis is now at home after being hospitalized several days in Community Hospital. Mrs. Jesse King continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Men's Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting of all men of the church on Sunday afternoon in the Chapel at 4:00 p.m. All men are urged to be present.

Tuesday School

Tuesday School Teachers have a meeting scheduled at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon in room 105/106.

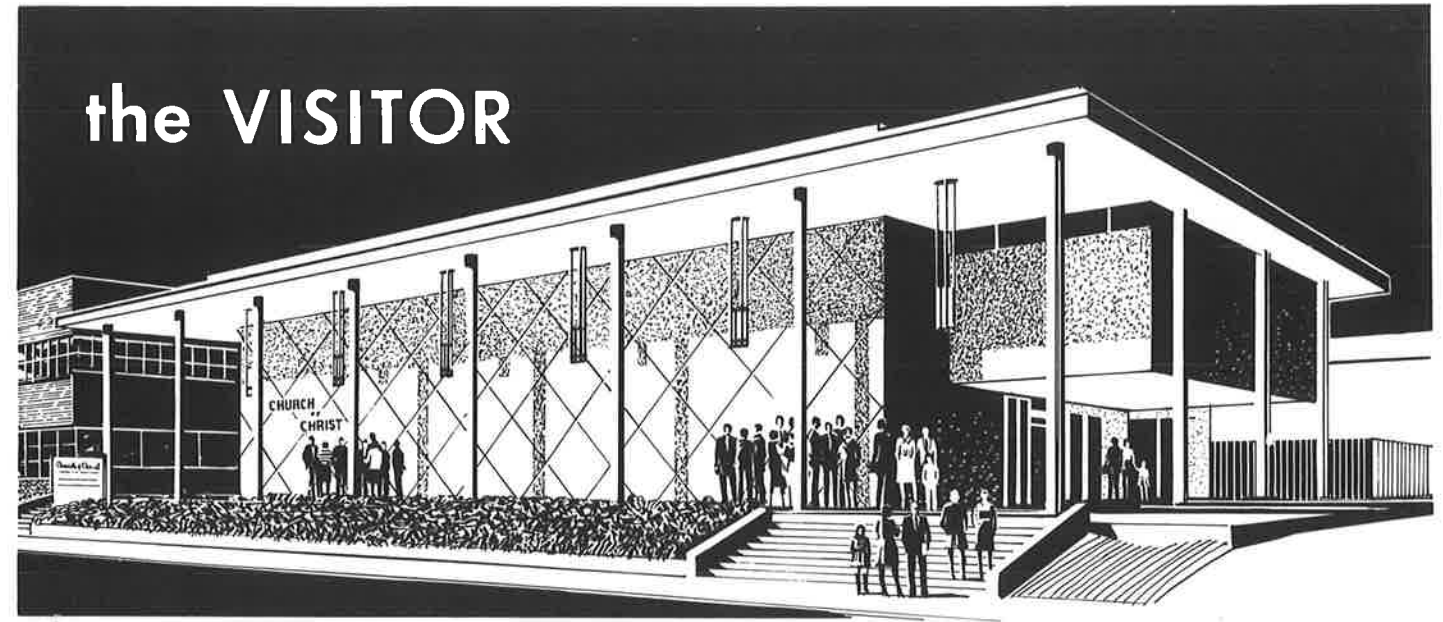
And The Lord Added . . .

Mr. E. H. Friend was baptized on Sunday evening, September 16. He does not expect to be in Tyler more than a few weeks before returning to Mississippi. He is studying the Scriptures regularly with brother Ira Wright.

Minibus

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 30 and Wednesday night, October 3 Roy Roberson - 597-5627.

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The Church With A Heart

Fire From Heaven

Early in their careers James and John were called "the sons of thunder." They were willing to destroy anybody that was not willing to receive Jesus. Luke tells us about the time that Jesus was going to Jerusalem and sought to enter a village of the Samaritans along the way. The Master had already sent messengers ahead of him to prepare everything, but the people would not receive him. James and John saw what was going on and said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" How shocked they must have been when Jesus turned and rebuked them for wanting to fry these Samaritans to a crisp (Luke 9:51-56).

These brothers thought they had the perfect right to be angry. Who did these Samaritans think they were? They were a mongrel race having sprung from the heathen Assyrians. It was a shame even to have them in this land where they had married degenerate Israelites unworthy of the name. They were blasphemous heretics who only accepted the first five books of

the Old Testament. They worshipped at Gerizim instead of Jerusalem. Why not launch all of the thunder and fire one could get from heaven against such unworthy people?

But no! Jesus would not have it. He lost little time in rebuking this monstrous proposal. The mission of Jesus was not to destroy men but to save them. The zeal of James and John was not pure. It was mixed up with bitter carnal passions, anger, pride and self-will. They had been chosen to preach a message of mercy to every creature, but they were perfectly willing to destroy.

What a world of difference there was between Jesus and his disciples on this occasion.

It's an old story, you say. Well, maybe not. I wonder how many times those of us who call ourselves disciples, and under the guise of a zeal for God, have acted more like James and John than Jesus?

JOHN GIPSON
 Little Rock, Arkansas

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law," (Gal. 5:22,23).



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

I am so excited about the work here. Last Sunday night we had 50 teens and adults at our devotional. Several of our bunch brought friends to our fellowship and that always makes it special. We also had a good number of college age young people with us and that is encouraging. Continue to bring your friends and let's reach out to others.

This Sunday night we will be going to the Adams home for our fellowship and devotional. As soon as the closing prayer is over, load on the bus and we will have plenty of time for our activities.

This weekend, Sept. 28-30, the Tri-C will be taking most of our college students on a canoe trip. Let's remember them in our prayers this week.

As the school year progresses, don't forget to tell me about your activities. If at all possible I will do my best to attend as many of these as possible. I've already attended volleyball games of Amy Knight and Tracy Starnes and football games of Jeff Blackstone & Chris Hallman. This Saturday, I plan to attend Missy Marts soccer game. Please let me know when you are having any kind of activity. I would like to support you in what you do.

Remember to invite a friend for our services on October 7th. Let's make a good concentrated effort to bring someone that day.

"Go...and make disciples..."
Be God's Teen!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY * 5:00 P.M.
ROOM 301

When Does It Become Sin?

If one member can abandon Bible study and worship for just one Sunday, could not all members do so that same Sunday? Since God is no respecter of persons, the answer must be in the affirmative. In that case, it would be all right for the whole church to skip one Sunday and not even open up the doors for services. But who would believe that God would be pleased?

If it is not wrong for a Christian to willfully neglect the worship of God one Sunday, how many weeks would he have to stay away before it would be sinful? Would it be wrong after a month? or three months? six months? a whole year?

The reason it is wrong to willfully forsake the worship for 52 weeks is because it is wrong to deliberately and willfully abandon one service. The reason it is wrong to steal \$52,000 is that it is sinful to steal the first dollar.

With this conviction, your conscience will not allow you to make a football of the Lord's services, to kick them aside when something else appeals to you. Resolve now to not miss another service of the Lord's church. ...Copied

Thank You

We appreciate the food, visits, calls, cards and especially your prayers. We are encouraged by the acts of Christian love. May God bless each of you.

Faye & Pete Wallace

Thank you for your visits and prayers during my illness.

Bessie Willis

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated. The spray of carnations were beautiful.

Ray & Dell Lott

We thank everyone so very much for all the cards, calls and visits, and for the prayers and encouragement. A special thanks to Wes and Ken for their cheerful visits. God bless you all.

Tommie & Moselle White

Guest Speaker



We are happy that brother George Stephenson will be preaching at both services on Sunday, September 30.

Happy Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY (1) Cooper Goodson, Jr. (2) Gwen Shuford, Bryan Leek, J. B. Smith (3) Kelly Womack, Kevin Hanley, Bobbie Wilson (4) Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey (5) Robbie Butler Ted Snipes (7) Hunt Rowe, Le'Ann Braly.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



We're getting together..

There will be an all church fellowship following the evening worship on Sunday evening, October 7th. Plan to bring finger foods. Coffee and tea will be furnished.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Just a little more than a week after you read this, Jay Lockhart will begin his work with us. I must tell you again how excited I am about that fact. No, he won't be able to do our work for us and that is not why he will be coming. As I mentioned in the devotional message on Wednesday night, it will take all of us doing our part to make the kind of success that will be pleasing to the Lord.

If you are wondering what you can do in this new thrust to build up the work of the church, then let me suggest a few. In the first place, you need to take a good look at your priorities. Can you really say that the things of the kingdom take first place? If the kingdom is first, you will be at every service of the church; you will not let unnecessary activities cause you to reschedule your weekly activities so that the church comes in second or perish the thought, last. Other activities that will help you prove your love for the church include: inviting friends and neighbors to come (not only on Oct. 7, but other times as well); letting the good influence of your Christian personality show through by doing good deeds for others; visiting the sick and shut-ins; finding a work at the building and volunteering to help (helping Bible class teachers, working at the benevolent center, being greeters for our worship services); looking for an opportunity to share the gospel of Christ with someone else. These are only a few of the ways that we can remain a "lively stone" and a part of the living organism that we call the body of Christ. Let me encourage you to pray about these matters. Now, as never before, the kingdom needs willing volunteers and dedicated workers. You and your talents are needed. Use them to glorify God.

Again, I urge that you re-evaluate your plans and make sure that you are here to join a great host of people to welcome Jay Lockhart to join us in the work here!

Parents of our young people, let me have your ear for a moment. I want to mention the beginning of a new class for your teens on this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. taught by Ken Edwards. We can't just leave it up to the teens

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IMPORTANT

Every Member
in Bible School

October 7
9:30 a.m.



Invite Visitors

Serving Sunday

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Prayer George Kester
Dismiss Ike Gaiser

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Earl O'Quinn

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 26 - MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.

Here and There (continued)

Elaine Roberson is making plans to move the older nursery children from upstairs to the room across from the Annex. This is in response to the request of some of our young mothers who feel that stairs are too difficult to negotiate while carrying a baby and all the essentials. We feel that this new location will help solve this problem. Elaine will inform the mothers who have been using this facility when to bring the children there. Upstairs will still be available to those who want to take their small children there as a training room.

The Beginners Class taught by Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler and the Third Grade taught by Fran Starnes were 100% in attendance last Sunday. Congratulations!

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Attention Girls

A sharing and devotional time for all girls from the 6th through 12th grades in the Tyler congregations is being planned. All interested girls are invited to the Northwest Church of Christ on October 7th at 4:30 P.M. If you are able to attend, please contact Elaine Roberson 597-5627.

Pray For



Tommy White has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Jesse King is in Medical Center for tests.

Because of health problems and being unable to attend worship, Tom and Bessie Willis have asked that we remember them in prayer.

Dr. Ralph Rowe's father, who lives in Texas City, is undergoing radiation therapy. They would appreciate your prayers at this time.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (23) Martha Powell, Courtney Russell (24) Lane Akin (25) Dewey Frederick (26) Blanche Rountree, Marty Mallory, Dan Magee (27) Nettie Potts (28) Shayne Bennett, Ryan Savage, Abby Adams (29) Adela Scogins, Jess King, Justin Metcalf (30) Mary Butler

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The Church With A Heart

THE FAMILY



A short time before his death, Batsell Barrett Baxter wrote an article entitled "Keeping the Family Close." He presented several major factors he saw as presenting problems to the modern family and concluded with some basic recommendations to help overcome these troublesome areas. The following is a short resume of this article.

What are the primary enemies of the American families of today? Dr. Baxter believed there were seven major factors in the disintegration of the modern family.

- (1) Dissolution of the traditional extended family or clan. In earlier years most young people grew up in a community surrounded by grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. These close relatives provided security and direction to the younger generation.
- (2) Preoccupied fathers. Surveys indicate a very brief amount of time spent by parents, especially fathers, in nurturing and training their children.
- (3) Working mothers. More and more mothers are being forced to leave the home for economic reasons. Wherever possible, however, it is a great advantage if the mother can remain at home, especially during the formative years.
- (4) The invasion of the privacy of the home. TV is a constant companion from morning until night with family members in close proximity of each other, yet never saying anything in conversation.
- (5) The climate of thinking of our times. We live in a rush, rush era with a great deal of materialism involved. The pleasure principle seems to be the primary motivation in the lives of many people.
- (6) A deluge of outside-the-home activities. Basically, the home becomes only a place to sleep, eat, and little more.
- (7) A disregard of the traditional Judaeo-Christian ethic for the family. The old biblical standards by which families have been traditionally established and maintained are in a decline.

- * Some basic recommendations from Dr. Baxter are:
- (1) Let's keep our priorities constantly in mind.
 - (2) Let's make a real effort to eat together.
 - (3) Let's listen to each other.
 - (4) Let's love each other more.
 - (5) Let's allow the principles of God's inspired word to direct.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Sunday evening, for our teen devotional, the O'Quinns and the Goodsons will be our hosts. I want to thank the Robersons and the Marts for the fine food and for their participation last Sunday. I am so thankful for the willingness to work that the parents have shown to me.

Our Wednesday night teen classes are looking good. In the teen girls class, Melinda O'Quinn and Ernie Edwards are the teachers. They are studying about the woman's role in church among other related topics. The boys are working up a five to ten minute sermonette. In a couple of weeks each boy will present his talk to the class. I've told the boys that we will try to video tape each one so they can see themselves after they have spoken. I think this will be helpful for their improvement.

May God bless you and guide you through each day.

Be God's teen...

Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of Ray Lott and his family in the death of his mother on Thursday. Her funeral service was held Saturday afternoon in Muchison, Texas.

Of Interest

In the September issue of 20th Century Christian, there is a short article "Light in a Dark Corner," by Shirley R. Noakes. It tells of a prison Bible study conducted by Leonard Woltman. Brother Woltman served as an elder here at West Erwin several years ago. The article would be of interest to many in the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Opie H. Haralson

and

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll L. Magee

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Cindy Dee Fields

and

Roland Ray Magee

on Saturday, the twenty-second of September

Nineteen hundred and eighty-four

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Smyrna Church of Christ

770 Church Street

Smyrna, Georgia

Reception immediately following

Guest Speaker

Hardeman Nichols from the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas will preach Sunday.

Potpourri

In previous years, Ladies' Inspiration Day has been held at the West Erwin Church around the first of October. This year, because of the addition to our fellowship hall, we are not able to use the entire building; therefore, it has been decided to wait until the building is completed to have Ladies' Inspiration Day. This has been a very successful program in the past.

The Shiloh Road Church is looking for a paid nursery attendant to work on Tuesday mornings, beginning at 9:30. If you are interested, call Deleana Fuller, 566-1284 or Ruth York, 592-8678.

When you shop, continue to remember that we are collecting PIE FILLINGS (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.) for the Medina Children's Home. The truck will be here the week of November 5 - 9. A six month supply is 384 cans.

October 7th is a special date for many reasons. The fellowship will be following the evening worship. Remember. . .

Christian Billboards

Have you ever given thought to the fact that as a Christian, you are a walking "billboard?" Paul was approaching this idea when he wrote the Corinthians, "Ye are our epistle ...known and read of all men" (2 Cor. 3:2). Jesus spoke of this in the Sermon on the Mount: "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Mt.5:16).

The function of a billboard is to advertise a product or a service. The Christian advertises both. The product is the gospel and the beautiful life it produces. The service is the helpfulness he extends to his fellowmen and the careful obedience he expresses toward God.

Is it possible that some of us forget this function we are to fulfill faithfully? Sometimes I fear we are advertising for the competition instead of for the Lord! For example, I can't understand why a Christian would want to wear a cap that advertises a brand of beer. Nor can I understand a Christian parent who would allow a child to wear such. It is understandable that those who think drinking and drunkenness are smart would delight in parading their foolishness before the world, but how can a Christian do it and be innocent? The T-shirt and sweatshirt slogans need to be carefully considered also. . .

We advertise in other ways also. I've often thought it might encourage some of us (young and old) to drive more sanely and more courteously if we had a bumper sticker that read, "follow me to the church of Christ." Is it really a good advertisement for Christ if we drive as if we're possessed of the devil? You can make additional applications. Remember, we are to live in such a way that our lives "adorn the doctrine of God" (Titus 2:10).

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WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO
WELCOME VISITORS!

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



It was a joy to have George and Alice visiting with us last Sunday and to have George preach for us. It was almost like the good old days. We will have the privilege of having them with us one more time prior to the coming of Jay Lockhart. This coming Sunday we will have another preacher favorite of mine, Hardeman Nichols from the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas. He and his wife, Virginia, were with the Sunset church in Lubbock when my wife and I were married. He is an excellent student of the Word of God and is a capable pulpit minister.

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We are presently engaged in final preparation of the Brother's Keeper Program revision. We will have more to share about this later. At the present time, we encourage units to continue their good work as before. Since we are anticipating a big all-church fellowship on Sunday night, October 7th, we will not plan the monthly fellowship for the various units. We hope to have revisions completed by the end of October and resume the monthly fellowships then. We commend our unit leaders for the good work that they have done and ask you to join us in cooperating with them as we look for changes that will improve the effectiveness of this program.

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Ken Edwards' Sunday morning Young Singles Class has certainly gotten off to a good start. Attendance has been excellent since its beginning and we have had a good number of visitors who are new students to Tyler to visit with us. Let's help him make this class a growing success.

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October 7th is drawing closer and closer. Don't let anything get in your way. Cancel all out-of-town plans. Stay at home on that weekend and be a part of a large and excited crowd as we enjoy the "New Beginnings."

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Mary June Goodson and her staff of dedicated teachers got the Tuesday School off to a great start last week with 50 plus children in attendance. We are grateful to her and these dedicated teachers for the fine work they do with the children. Ken is doing the devotional with them and doing a good job learning the children's songs.

(Continued on back page)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss John Steffee

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Leon Welborn
Dismiss Eric Gambrel

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ben Young Mike Savage
Cooper Goodson Roy Clark
Les Carruth Archie Kennard
Harley Turner Charles Hickman

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Milburn & Jan Cook Weldon & Mary Dawson
Tom & Barbara Williams Wally & Laurie Dawkins

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Cole Bennett Dale Blackstone
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 16 and Wednesday evening, Sept. 19—GEORGE KESTER, 561-0974.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sept. 9 \$8,637.24
Sept. 2 8,776.43
Year Ago 7,284.57

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 9 283
Sept. 2 311
Year Ago 409

WORSHIP

Sept. 2 406
Sept. 9 419
Weekly

Budget

\$8,631.00

Thank You

Please accept our sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers, food, visits, cards and calls, but most of all, your prayers.

In Christian love,
Elva Lee & Chester Williams

Pray For



Tommy White is very seriously ill in Medical Center, room 342.

Frances McBee's father is recovering from surgery Sunday in Wichita Falls for a fractured hip.

When you pray continue to remember Ray Lott's mother who is critically ill and hospitalized in Athens, Ted Snipes, Chester Williams, Faye and Pete Wallace and Jasper Dobbs.



mark the date!

October 7 - 9:30 A.M.

Amazing Grace

Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

BIBLE CLASS DRIVE

— OUR GOAL —

EACH MEMBER PRESENT

MINISTERS

Wes Price - Ken Edwards

ELDERS

Mack Bynum Dr. Roger Knight
F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Fred Powell

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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(Sept. thru May)

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The Church With A Heart

Meet Jay Lockhart



Near the first of October, Jay and Arlene Lockhart will be moving to Tyler to become a part of the West Erwin church. We are so happy that brother Lockhart is to be the pulpit minister for this congregation. He has preached in the Houston area since 1976, most recently for the Central church of Christ, Pasadena, Texas since 1981.

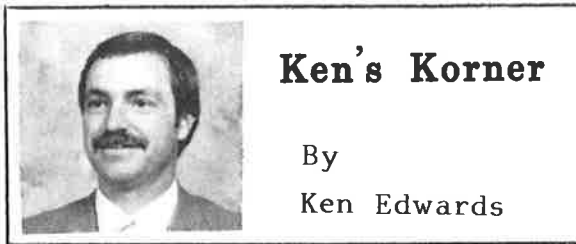
Born February 3, 1938, Jay Lockhart is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman College, 1958; David Lipscomb College, 1961; M.A. degree, Harding Graduate School of Religion, 1969. He began preaching in Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1956.

Jay Lockhart and Arlene Carter were married, September 9, 1958. They are the parents of three children: twin daughters, Terry and Tammy and Jay, Jr. All three are students at Harding University.

The Lockharts will be moving to Tyler from Sugar Land, Texas where he served on the Board of Education, Fort Bend County, Texas, Independent School District, 1978-81; member of civic clubs and Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Brother Lockhart has had speaking engagements for numerous civic, school, and state organizations in several states; various college lectureships; campaigns in England and Canada; preached in Italy and Israel; held gospel meetings in twenty states. Also, he has done extensive radio preaching in Kentucky; a weekly open line radio program and a weekly thirty-minute television program in Texas and Oklahoma.

We look forward to their coming and anticipate a fruitful work together.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Last Sunday was a great day. To begin with, the Young Single Adult's Class had 16 present. This is an increase over the week before and things are looking tremendous for that age group. Then, for our Sunday evening activities, we had 42 mouths to feed. This group ranged from Middle School to College age. It is very encouraging to see the young people in the group respond and grow. In addition to our regular activities, we honored Hillard and Jeanine Hughes for their love, concern and undying efforts working with teens. We gave them a notebook with notes of appreciation and fond memories. It is our hope that they will be able to look at these notes and review some of the wonderful memories they have.

This coming Sunday evening, hosts for the young people's activities are Phil and Linda Marts and Roy and Elaine Roberson. We are looking forward to another exciting evening of fellowship and devotion to God. Teens, try to bring a friend to help us share this time together.

Our High School Retreat is set up for November 16, 17 and 18. Our speaker will be Robert Parham of Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, Texas. We were unable to bring John Paul Blankenship back this year, but the quality of the Retreat will definitely not suffer with Robert Parham. Again, we will be combining efforts with the Glenwood congregation.

Have the attitude of Christ in all you do! Be God's teen...

Workshop

You are invited to a
TEACHER'S WORKSHOP
at the Broad St. Church of Christ
Mineola, Texas

Saturday, September 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. KAREN COLEMAN will cover such subjects as: pre-session, applications, new ways to tell stories, review activities & bulletin board ideas. Lunch will be provided and time for "pattern making" will follow lunch. Please come and spend the day.

Guest Speakers



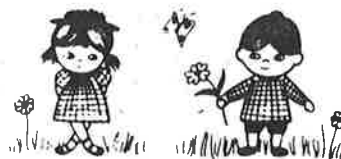
Sunday, we will be privileged to have George Stephenson to preach for the morning and evening services. George Bailey was scheduled to return on this date, but will be unable to come. On the 23rd, Hardeman Nichols will be with us and on the last Sunday of September, brother Stephenson will be back with us again. We are grateful for the many fine gospel preachers we have had the opportunity to hear during the summer months. We look forward to October 7th, when Jay Lockhart begins his ministry here.



Congratulations to Michelle and Gary Colston on the birth of their baby son, Brandon Neal. He was born Wednesday, Sept. 5th and weighed 7lb 13 oz. Dannie and Sue Skipper are the happy grandparents.

Study the Bible!

Trust **NO ONE** with your Soul



Tuesday School

Approximately 50 pre-school children were in attendance for the first day of Tuesday School. We appreciate so much the teachers who volunteer for this program. Teachers and helpers are: Ann Nail, Cherrie Magee, Pam Lott, Patti Sliter, Ernestine Mallory, Sara Powell, Kay Akin, Ernie Edwards, Betty Knight, Mary Evelyn Grier, Dorris Humble and Maxine Freeman. Mary June Goodson is the director of the school.

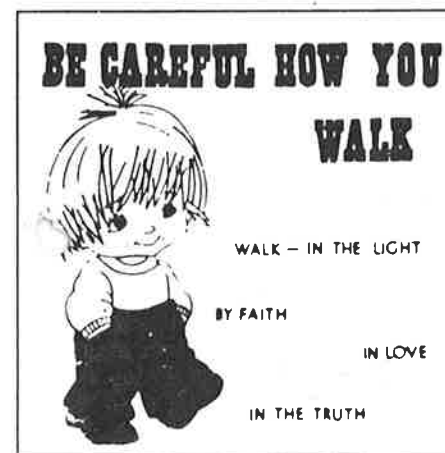
Benevolent Workers

Twenty two workers came Tuesday morning ready to organize the benevolent work for another year. They are to be commended for their enthusiasm and willingness to assist.

Happy Birthday



SEPTEMBER (16) Neil Vannoy, Dorris Humble (18) Raquel Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic (20) Mary Adams (21) Alma Faye Price (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, G. C. Wright, Rhonda Haws.



Grocery Truck

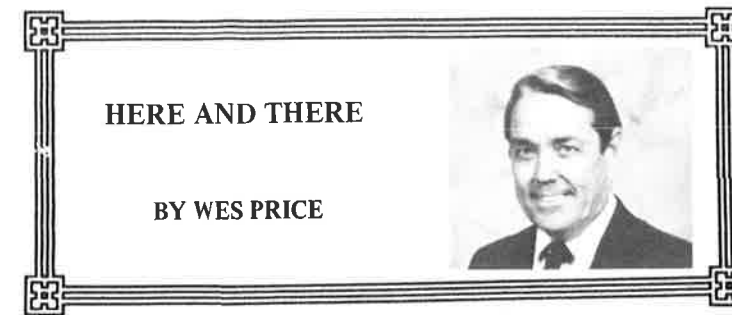
Remember, we are collecting PIE FILLINGS (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.) for the Medina Children's Home. Their truck will be here sometime during the week of November 5 - 9. A six month supply is 384 cans. Special needs at that time will be: fruit & nuts for holiday baking, candy for Christmas stockings and gifts for the children.



OCTOBER 7th - We are getting together in the fellowship hall following the evening worship hour.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Cathy and Morris Hallman in the death of Cathy's grandfather, Dave Welch. The funeral service was held in Bogata, Texas on Saturday.



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:

- 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)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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." (1 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!"

College Students

We know of two names that were not included on our list of college students. We are sorry they were left out. John Powell is a student at Tyler Junior College and Martha Powell is attending the University of Texas at Tyler.

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer J. D. Osborn
Dismiss Elvin Wilson

CONTRIBUTIONS
Sept. 2 \$8,776.43
Aug. 26 9,267.37
Year Ago 8,014.28

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer Ben Young
Dismiss Homer Williamson

BIBLE SCHOOL
Sept. 2 311
Aug. 26 301
Year Ago 435

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Lee Roberson Ken Edwards
Archie Lowry Larry Henry
Gary Colston Bart Lemons
Lee Osborn Ike Gaiser

WORSHIP
Sept. 2 419
Aug. 26 379
Weekly
Budget \$8,631.00

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Milburn & Jan Cook Weldon & Mary Dawson
Tom & Barbara Williams Wally & Laurie Dawkins

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Cole Bennett Dale Blackstone
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 9 and Wednesday evening, Sept. 12 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.

Pray For

We continue to solicit prayers on behalf of Phil Maddox, a brother-in-law of Kathryn Cauthen missing in Houston. No word on his whereabouts has been received.

Our prayers are still needed for Ray Lott's mother who is critically ill in Athens.

Ted Snipes, Jasper Dobbs and Chester Williams are all at home and would enjoy your visits.

Scout Troop

Boys, ages 11, 12 & 13 will be interested to know of a Boy Scout Troop meeting, Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Glenwood church fellowship center. This Troop is sponsored by members of Tyler churches of Christ. For more information, call Don McClaugherty at 566-1471, Ext. 208B or 566-3583.

Curing With Compliments

"So encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing." (1 Thess. 5:11)

One of the most basic needs we all have is for "praise." Not only do we need it, we crave it. One of the best places to develop the "complimentary complex" is at home. The family that gets into the habit of seeing good, noticing the praiseworthy, and letting that be known is a family that's heading for a great future together.

1. Don't Take Each Other For Granted. It's so easy to slip into a lifestyle of taking from those you love and saying nothing. It breeds anger. The wife wonders, "Does he not appreciate all that I'm doing?" The husband who has knocked himself out to provide a living asks, "Is all she can say, 'why don't you make more'?" Let each other know you care about and appreciate the other.

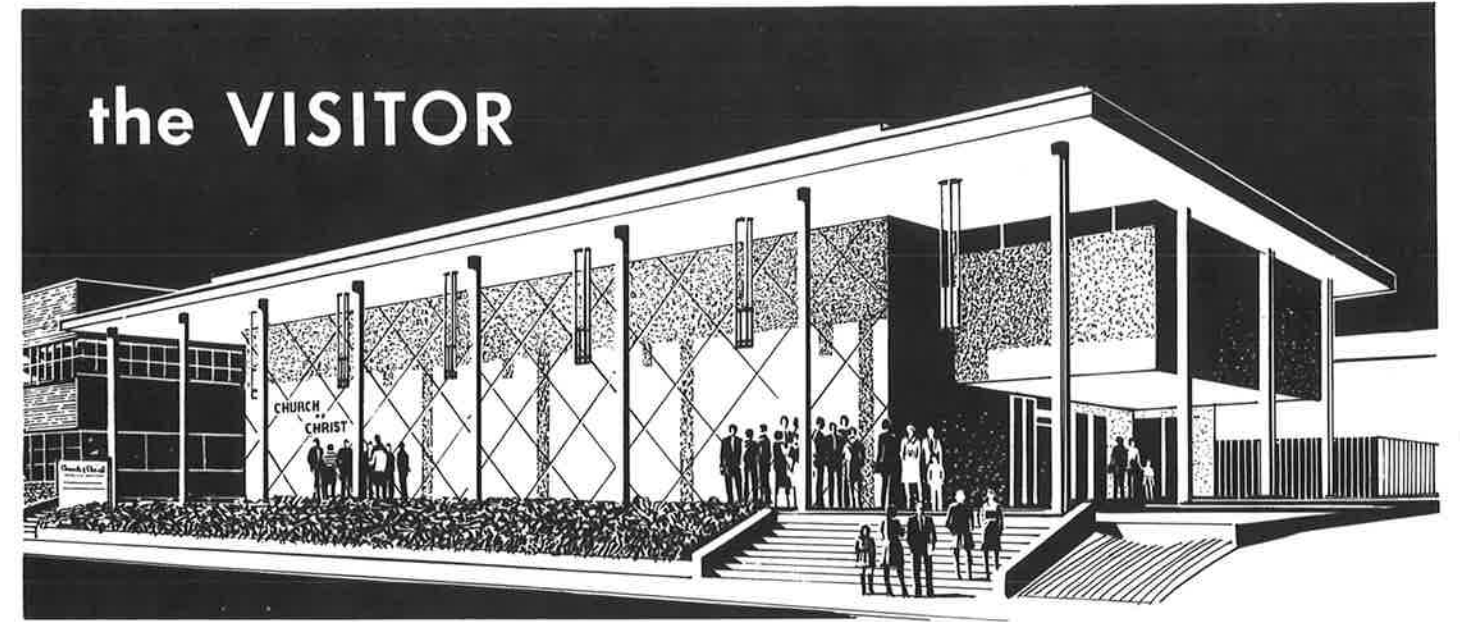
2. DON'T JUST THINK IT, SAY IT. Sometimes we do appreciate our mates and tell other people, but don't tell them. It means so much for a woman to be told, "Honey, you are the greatest." Or for a man, "Darling, I am so proud of you."

I don't know of any problem in a home that could not be cured or at least made significantly better if we had a "complimentary complex."

...Dick Marcear

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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The Church With A Heart

Middle Class Values

Francis A. Schaffer, who died on May 15 was a keen observer of contemporary life. While he gained international attention for his attacks on humanism, liberalism, and other forms of unbelief, he also had some critical things to say about middle class values and especially Christians who adopt middle class values.

Maybe he over simplified it, but Schaeffer claimed that only two goals govern the lives of most middle class Americans—peace and affluence. Peace, as Dr. Schaeffer used the term, doesn't refer to international peace and it doesn't have anything to do with peace of mind. The person who wants the middle class version of peace just wants to be left alone. He's not interested in the problems of a sick world. He probably even resents having to deal with problems in his own family. He may be willing to attend church services and even contribute funds, but if he's asked for his time, he becomes resentful. After all, he just wants to be left alone.

His other goal is affluence. That's why he wants peace. He doesn't want anything to get in the way of his goal to own a better car, a nicer house, a newer set of

golf clubs and a bigger boat. Any demand from family, from society, from church, even from God which stands in the way of achieving those goals threatens his entire way of life.

The Bible clearly teaches that the twin goals of the "just-leave-me-alone" brand of peace and material affluence just don't measure up to the standards of Christianity. At least they must never become our primary objectives. With respect to peace, Jesus said, "I did not come to bring peace, but a sword," (Matthew 10:34). With respect to affluence he noted, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the son of Man has no place to lay his head," (Matthew 8:20).

If Schaeffer is on target in his assessment of middle class values, then maybe he's helped us to realize what we're up against in trying to mobilize the church into action. Christians may be resisting involvement because it goes against the grain of their real values. If makes you stop and think, doesn't it?

...Norman L. Bales

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Thoughts on Integrity at the Start of a New School Year

The father of a young man working on his doctoral program was asked what his son was going to be when he finished his education. The father replied morosely, "An octogenarian." An exaggeration of course but, as we are well-aware, getting an education is a long and challenging process.

Now, once again, the time has come for young people to bid farewell to summer and ready themselves to hit the books. Students these days are aided by many advanced methods, including the ubiquitous computer on which parents sometimes look askance. The speech of young people is filled with jargon confusing to those whose lives have never been directly touched by these modern marvels. Yet some things in the field of education are not subject to change. One of these in integrity.

Integrity is a state or quality of moral soundness unimpaired by corrupting influences or practices. Some may question the worth of integrity in the face of widespread cheating and the seeming success of the cheaters. Many share a feeling voiced by David when he said, "I was envious at the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." But he also said, "Surely thou settest them in slippery places: Thou castest them down to destruction." (Ps. 73:3,18) That's the

Potpourri

Jack Paul will speak at the Midtown Church of Christ Visitation Dinner (Fort Worth) on September 10.

The Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas invite area ladies to hear Lana Wisenbaker speak on "Making Life Count," Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A brochure is on the bulletin board.

Remember to bring PIE FILLINGS (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.) for the Medina Home Grocery Truck. A six month supply is 384 cans. The truck will be here the week of November 5-9.

A fellowship is planned for Sunday evening, October 7th following the evening worship to express our joy at the coming of Jay and Arlene Lockhart and their family. More will be said about this later.

way it works, "the way of the transgressor is hard." (Pr. 4:23)

Genuine success apart from integrity is impossible. The cheater may receive good grades but the fact remains that he must live with himself, a severely unpleasant prospect. The young man or woman who cheats in school is destined to cheat in every other area of life.

When a young person cheats he fails his parents as well as himself. Above all, he fails his God. Polonius gave a fine bit of advice to Laertes, "To thine own self be true..." Unfortunately, the giver failed to live up to the excellent advice he had given. Solomon put it this way: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Pr.4:23)

One of the outstanding compliments in all the Bible is found in Jehovah's description of Job as a man who "holdeth fast his integrity." (Job 2:3) There is no way to overestimate the importance of integrity.

Young people today are faced with herculean trials and temptations. That's the bad part. The good part is that they are meeting the challenges; they are continuing to maintain their integrity.

...Don Harless

*The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop—
At late or early hour.
NOW is the only time you own;
Live, love, toil with a will—
Place no faith in TOMORROW for
The clock may then be still.*

Speaker For Sunday

Jack Paul will preach Sunday, September 9, at the morning and evening services.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Sunday was a great day! Even with a large host of our own members out of town, we exceeded the 300 mark in Bible classes and the contribution was nearly \$9,000. Perhaps we are really laying the ground work for the coming of Jay Lockhart by responding to the present challenges of all the programs of work here at West Erwin. Let's keep up the good work.

This time I'm really going to put a schedule of our new teaching staff in the bulletin. We have several new teachers and supervisors, and we are thankful for all who make up the fine teaching program here.

AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHERS (Sunday)
<u>Nursery</u>		<u>Coordinator: Jeanine Hughes</u>
Beginners	109	Jeanine Hughes Jo Butler
<u>Early Childhood</u>		<u>Coordinator: Ernie Edwards</u>
2 Years	102	Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles
3 Years	107	Rhonda Haws
4 Years	208	Ginger Metcalf Frances McBee
5 Years	202	Diann Leek
<u>Primary</u>		<u>Coordinator: Gussie Beaty</u>
1st Grade	215	Kay Akin
2nd Grade	206	Wanda Weathers Marian Rowe
3rd Grade	204	Fran Starnes
<u>Junior</u>		<u>Coordinator: Jan Knight</u>
4th Grade	214	Jean Oliver
5th Grade	201	Tony Adams Mary Adams

<u>Young Single Adults</u>		
<u>Junior High & Sr. High Coordinator: Ken Edwards</u>		
6th, 7th, 8th	302	Leon Welborn
9th & 10th	307	Dannie Skipper
11th & 12th	305	Mike Savage
Young Singles	301	Ken Edwards

<u>Adult</u>		
<u>Coordinator: Wes Price</u>		
1	Aud.	Faber Cauthen
2 (23-30)		Annex Wes Price
3 (Young Married)	104	Hillard Hughes
5 (Chapel)		Chapel
6 (Ladies)	108	Sue Starnes Bernice Majors
8 (Couples)	105	Freeman Morgan
9 (Nimrod)	304	Forest McFadden

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Here and There (continued)

Age/Grade	Room	Teachers (Wednesday)
Beginners	109	Pam Lott
2 Years	102	Julienne Butler Tracy Starnes
3 Years	107	Sue Skipper
4 & 5 Years	202	Denise Howser
1st Grade	215	Doug & Nancy Shelton
2nd & 3rd	204	Laurie Dawkins Kim Hughes
4th & 5th	214	Billie Bob Hickman
6th - 12th (Boys)	303	Ken Edwards
6th - 12th (Girls)	305	Billie Morgan Melinda O'Quinn Ernie Edwards
Young Singles	301	Hillard Hughes
Adults	Aud.	Jay Lockhart
Adults		Annex Roy Roberson

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (9) Blanche Shuford (10) Gloria Thigpen, Betty Strait, Glynn Starnes (11) Tommie Alice Egbert, Jeff Munn (12) Lola Wright, Clyde Lane (13) Archie Lowry (14) Kay Akin

Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Dates To Remember

Tuesday School begins Tuesday, September 11. The hours are 9:00 until 11:30 A.M.

Those who work in the Benevolent work of the church will meet Tuesday September 11 for an organizational meeting at 9:00 A.M. in the fellowship hall.

Ladies Bible Class will begin Wednesday morning, September 12 in the Chapel at 10:00 o'clock. Wes Price will be teaching.

Young At Heart will meet Thursday evening, September 13 in the fellowship hall for a "Pot Luck" Supper.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Fred Powell
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Dismiss John Powell

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Fred Powell
Prayer Ray Womack
Dismiss Cole Bennett

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Lee Roberson Ken Edwards
Archie Lowry Larry Henry
Gary Colston Bart Lemons
Lee Osborn Ike Gaiser

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

August 26 \$9,267.37
August 19 7,860.64
Year Ago 7,556.15

BIBLE SCHOOL

August 26 301
August 19 291
Year Ago 418

WORSHIP

August 26 379
August 19 367
Weekly
Budget \$8,631.00

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Virginia Canterbury Dorris Humble
Les & Carolyn Carruth Robert & Virginia Conner
Ferman and Lucille Carpenter

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 2 and Wednesday evening, Sept.5-COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Here and There (continued)

This year closes the 99th year in the history of the West Erwin Church. We will be celebrating the 100th year in 1985. We will be developing plans for a banner year with several special activities in store. We will climax the 100th birthday by a very special week of activities in the fall. Several ideas have been suggested and if you would care to add to the list, please do so. We want to capitalize on this significant event and publicize it as much as possible in the community. If you have any special bulletins or pictures or memorabilia, please let us know. We want to do everything we can to bring praise and honor to God for the blessings He has showered upon us during this one hundred years.

MINISTERS

Wes Price - Ken Edwards

ELDERS

Mack Bynum Dr. Roger Knight
F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Fred Powell

ASSEMBLIES

Sunday

Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Christian Service Center Work Day 9:00-12:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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In The Hospital

Chester Williams continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Jasper Dobbs entered Parkland Hospital in Dallas on Monday for an arteriogram.

Faye and Pete Wallace are in Houston where she is to undergo tests in M. D. Anderson Hospital.

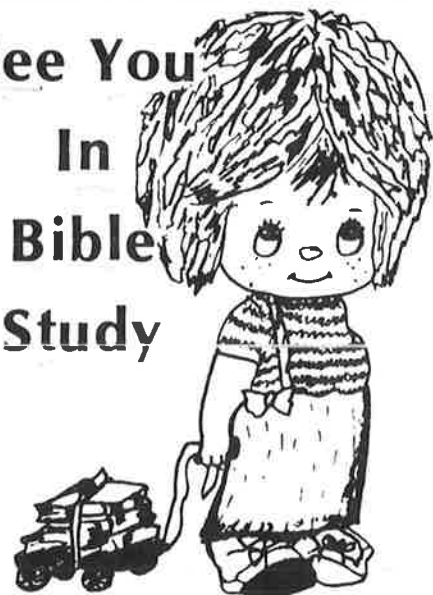
Response

Eric Gambrel, Rt.19, Box 604, was restored Wednesday evening. We commend Eric for his courage and love for the truth.

Gospel Meeting

Brother Harold Taylor will conduct a four day meeting in Greenville, Texas at the Johnson St. Church of Christ, beginning September 9. The weeknight services will be at 7:30.

**See You
In
Bible
Study**



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The Church With A Heart

To: West Erwin Church of Christ

Dear Brethren:

I want to thank you for the very warm reception you gave to my family and me during our recent visit with you. The entire day was a rich and overwhelming experience.

I want you to know that we are looking forward to our work with you, beginning about October 1, with great anticipation. However, I think you can appreciate the difficulty we face in pulling up the roots and severing the ties of nine years in Houston. We will need your prayers, understanding, and patience during the transition period.

I know that over the past few months you have been through some deep waters and some of you may be hurting and discouraged. Our ministry with you will seek to heal those hurts, to build upon the nearly one hundred year heritage of the West Erwin church, to reach out to the lost, to build up the saved, to serve the needs of the poor, the broken-hearted, the downcast, to present a united, loving and dedicated church to a watching world, and to reaffirm our commitment to the Bible as the final, complete and authoritative revelation from God to man.

I believe that there are times when God brings people together to serve his purposes. This must be one of those times. Let's make the very most of this opportunity. This is a new beginning for you and for us. Perhaps that is an appropriate theme for our work together -- "A New Beginning." If we will faithfully place ourselves into the hands of God, who "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we think or ask" that which He will accomplish through us as we experience a new beginning will be thrilling indeed!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

We love you,
Jay Lockhart
Jay Lockhart



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

I am really looking forward to working with the college age and young single adults. The new class begins this Sunday, Sept. 2. The potential of this class is mind boggling. Everyone in this age group is ready to do something for the Lord. Monday night was the Get Acquainted Party at the Campus Christian Center. We had six or seven of our members in attendance. I made an appearance to introduce West Erwin to the ones there and encourage all to give us a visit. I feel the class is on the verge of growing.

For the teens, on Wednesday night, Sept. 5, we begin some new classes. All middle school and high school girls will be in one class to begin with, and the teachers will be Billie Morgan, Melinda O'Quinn and Ernie Edwards. The boys will be in a class with me teaching. I feel this set-up has a lot to offer and will be a good learning experience for all concerned.

A special thanks to the Hallmans and the Blackstones for their efforts this past Sunday night in preparing the meal for our teens.

Always put God first in your life.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (1) Duane Hendrix (2) Denton Phillips, Audrey O'Bannon (3) Kenny McRuiz (4) Modena Jones, Leona McElroy (5) Homer Williamson, Chris Starnes, Frances Atkins (6) Clara Sims (7) Moselle White, Dick Higginbotham (8) Lucille Carpenter, Faye Wallace.

Thank You

We want to thank the members of West Erwin for the calls, visits and cards sent to Ted while he was in the hospital. We appreciated them all for it meant so much. Much love to Wes for being there when we needed him.
Ted & Dorothy Snipes

College Students

We miss our college students who are away from home. We are printing the names of all that we know of who are attending college. If you know of others, please let us know.

<u>University of Texas-Austin</u> Shayne Bennett	<u>Abilene Christian</u> (continued)
<u>University of Texas-Tyler</u> DeRay Bennett	Suzanne Kirby Angela Mallory Marty Mallory Rebecca Price Wesley Price Wynne Weathers
<u>Harding University</u> Shannon Hughes	
<u>Baylor University</u> Wade Weathers	<u>Tyler Jr. College</u> Julienne Butler Marisa Butler Eric Gambrel Mary Keith Stephanie Leek Kelly Womack
<u>Texas A & M</u> Julie Higginbotham	
<u>Abilene Christian</u> Kristi Alcorn Christi Cook Stan Denman Jeffrey Jones	

Bible School Promotion

Sunday and Wednesday night is promotion time for our graded classes. Three new classes will begin on Wednesday evening. Boys, grades 6-12 will be taught by Ken Edwards in room 301. Girls, grades 6-12, will meet in room 305 with Billie Morgan, Ernie Edwards and Melinda O'Quinn. The Young Singles will be taught by Hillard Hughes on Wednesday nights in room 105/106.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

2 Yr. Old	Room 102	3rd Grade	Room 204
3 Yr. Old	Room 107	4th Grade	Room 214
4 Yr. Old	Room 208	5th Grade	Room 201
5 Yr. Old	Room 202	Middle School	Room 202
1st Grade	Room 215	Grades 9 & 10	Room 307
2nd Grade	Room 206	Grades 11&12	Room 305
Young Singles & College - Room 303			

Potpourri

Sue Starnes was the guest speaker last Thursday for the Dixie community Home Demonstration Club. Her subject was "Worry."

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here, Nov. 5-9. We have been asked to collect PIE FILLINGS (cherry, apple, peach, strawberry, etc.)

Guest Speakers For September

Sept. 2	George Bailey	Sept. 23	Hardeman Nichols
Sept. 9	Jack Paul	Sept. 30	George Stephenson
Sept. 16	George Bailey		

From The Elders

The elders express their deep appreciation for your response to their appeal for each family to increase your weekly giving so that we could continue to go forward with the many good programs of work specified in our budget. We are especially grateful for this manifestation of your support for the work here. As we look forward to the coming of brother Jay Lockhart, we will continue to need your prayers, efforts and financial support. We thank God for the generosity of the saints that belong to His family at West Erwin.

The Elders

Benevolent Work

The following is a list of needs for the benevolent work that will soon begin on a regular basis. School clothing for children is very badly needed. Also, children's shoes and baby clothing is needed. Blue Jeans of any size can be used along with men's work pants and shirts. Please do not bring men's suits. Clothing should be clean and in good repair. All practical, useable clothing will be beneficial to someone. Also, clean sheets (white or colored) are needed for bandages.

We are grateful to Brad and Debbie Spradlin for a generous donation of new, children's clothing. Last week, Modena Jones and James Massey met with two families on an emergency basis to help provide their clothing needs.

The first work day will be Tuesday morning, Sept. 11 at 9:00 o'clock in the fellowship hall. At present, our working area is limited, but we look forward to the new building which will be completed soon after the first of the year. It will be a useful tool for this good work. If you are interested in this area of the Lord's work, come on Sept. 11. You may bring your articles to the building any time during the week.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



I am just as excited about the coming of Jay Lockhart as every member of this congregation seems to be. I have heard so many fine compliments and comments about the announcement a week ago. We are confident that he will serve well with us in the work of building up the body of Christ at West Erwin. Let's keep him and his family in our prayers as the day of his arrival approaches.

It would be well for us to keep in mind the admonition that brother Ferman Carpenter gave us on Sunday evening. Now that the search for a pulpit minister is over, it does not mean that we can let down or decide that the work is ended. It really is only the beginning. We must all do our own individual part in supporting and building the work here. He cannot do our work for us and we are not expecting him to do so. He will certainly motivate us and encourage us to more effective work, but God has granted each of us a part to play and we must accomplish that for ourselves to His glory. I believe you will be inspired by the letter from Jay, found elsewhere in The Visitor.

There will be a very important teacher's meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the Chapel. All present teachers in our Bible School program are urged to be present. We need to get started off on the right foot as we enter the fall season. We have several new teachers in our program and three new supervisors. A complete list of supervisors and teachers is provided in this copy of the bulletin.

We also are looking forward to our new term of Tuesday School. I will have the privilege of being with the children each time in their devotional. If you have not registered your child, please call the church office.

It is time for us to set the date for the beginning of our Ladies' Bible Class. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 12. The usual time is 10:00 o'clock. We will resume our studies in Proverbs, chapter 21. Come and bring a friend.

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Serving Sunday Records

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SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP	
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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 26 and Wednesday evening, August 27- MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR JULY - Room 108
 Doug & Nancy Shelton



Welcome New Members

Frances and Jean Walters (sisters) placed membership Sunday. We are happy to welcome them to the West Erwin family. Their address is 306 Calahan (75701), telephone 597-7586.

HOLY BIBLE

A Special INVITATION

BIBLE CLASSES
 For everyone!
 Sunday Morning 9:30

Study to show thyself approved...
 II Tim. 2:15

MINISTERS
 Wes Price - Ken Edwards

ELDERS

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F. C. Carpenter	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Fred Powell

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In The Hospitals

Mrs. Audie Grier went home Tuesday from Community Hospital.

Chester Williams entered Medical Center this week.

Ted Snipes was able to go home Wednesday from the hospital to continue his recuperation from surgery.

Mrs. Edythe Trentham has been dismissed from Medical Center.

Ray Lott's mother is seriously ill in the hospital in Athens following surgery on Monday.

Mrs. Audrey O'Bannon has been in Medical Center but may be home by now.

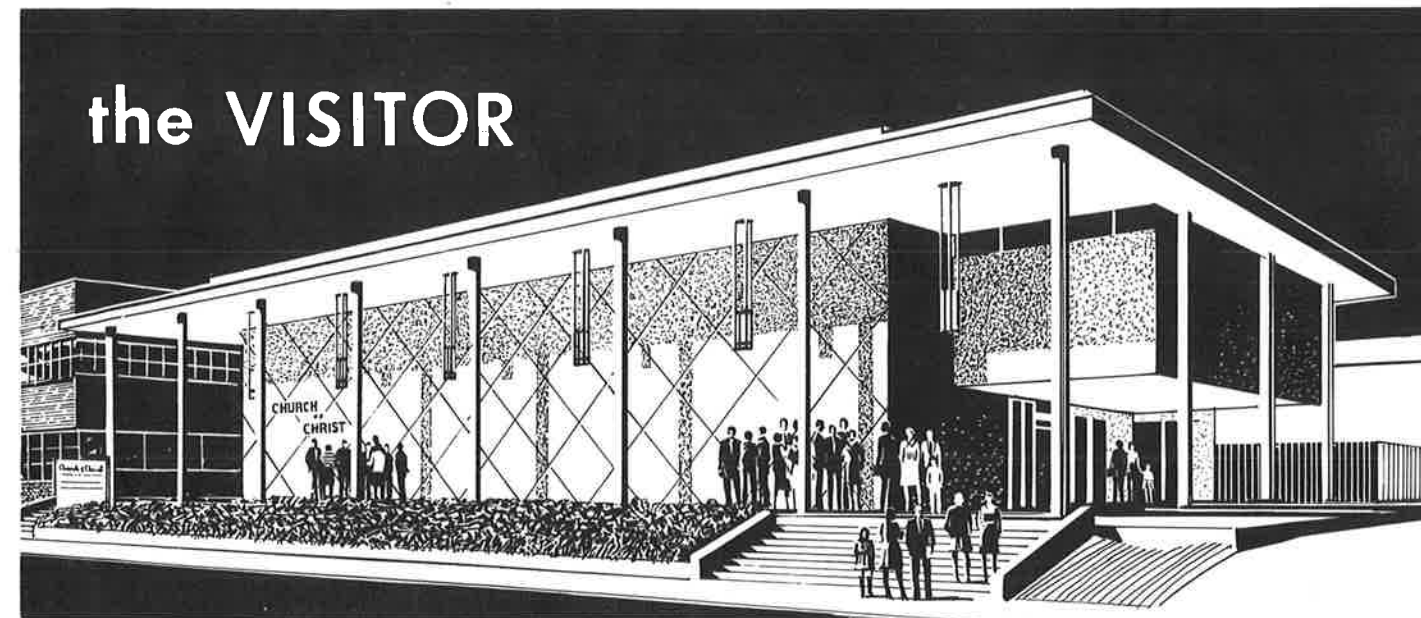
SOMEONE HAS WELL SAID,

"Sow a thought, reap an act;
 Sow an act, reap a habit;
 Sow a habit, reap a character;
 Sow a Character, reap a destiny."

There are good results and bad results that can be accrued as we think about this saying. There are good acts and bad acts; good habits and bad habits which result in good character and bad character. Therefore, we must discipline ourselves to the good because we want our eternal destiny to be good.

If we think positive and good thoughts, then we will make our actions good and therefore good character will be the result. Remember - "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."
 ...Copied

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The Church With A Heart

"...we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception. Nor do we distort the word of God."
 II Cor. 4:2

WELL - MEANING IS JUST NOT ENOUGH !

Mason Locke Weems was a Protestant preacher who lived during the American Revolutionary period. He wrote biographies of several notable Americans including a biography of George Washington. Weems wanted his writings to extol moral virtues, so he emphasized these traits in the subjects of his biographies. It was Weems who first told the story of George Washington and the cherry tree, for the purpose of stressing the importance of honesty. Too bad the story isn't true! Weems fabricated a lie to promote honesty.

When we think of "the end justifying the means," we usually think of Machiavelli, but the notion was around long before the Prince popularized it. Some accused the apostle Paul of operating on that principal (Rom. 3:8). The idea has an attractiveness about it that easily deceives. If we are engaged in the pursuit of a noble goal, the means used to achieve the goal somehow seems to be sanctified by the goal itself.

I heard of a preacher who, in an effort to get some of the church members to give up snuff dipping and tobacco chewing, convinced them that the word "concupiscence," in fact, meant dipping and chewing tobacco. Good goal - sorry method! I sometimes find myself at odds with the "moral majority" types, not over their goals, but over the illogical, and sometimes false, statements made in an effort to achieve the goals.

We debilitate the cause we hope to enhance when we try to uphold or promote the cause with unsound reasoning and/or a distorting of truth. It is not enough just to be "well meaning." We need to get our facts straight, and make sure our reasoning is sound. Otherwise, by our dubious methods, we destroy our credibility and ultimately damage what we seek to preserve and uphold. Let us be as scrupulous about the WAY we promote truth, as we are about truth itself.

...KEITH ROBINSON



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our Young Singles Class party was a good beginning for a new effort that is being made to provide for growth in this vital area. Twelve of us had supper at the Monterrey House and then returned to the fellowship hall for fellowship and fun. I feel that everyone had a great time.

On September 2nd, I will begin teaching the Young Single Adults. This class will be geared to young single adults of college age and young unmarried professionals. If you fit into either of these categories, this is the class you need. The class will not only be beneficial to you, but also the association with Christians your age and with similar life situations will benefit you. On the Wednesday evening following, September 5th, the class will be taught by Hillard Hughes. I hope you will make these classes a regular part of your schedule on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. During the month we will also have a class fellowship. This is a good time in life to get involved and form life-long patterns of service.

Be God's servant everywhere you go. Build up the body by the life you lead and the words you say. Put Christ as your number one priority.

For the teens, Sunday, September 26th will begin our rotation of parents serving the meals. This first Sunday will be Morris and Cathy Hallman and Dale and Carolyn Blackstone. Let's make this devotional the best one attended all summer and kick off the new school year right!

Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

Jay Lockhart - New Pulpit Minister

Jay Lockhart will be preaching at West Erwin on Sunday, October 7, 1984. He called our elders on Saturday to relate the good news that he has accepted the invitation to move to Tyler to become the pulpit minister for the West Erwin church. Brother Lockhart is highly recommended and his character is above reproach. We know that his talent and energy will motivate us to greater works in the Kingdom. Pray for Jay and give thanks to God for answering many prayers. H.H.

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a Gift Tea
Honoring Cindy Dee Fields
Bride-Elect of Ray Magee
at the home of Mrs. Dannie Skipper
617 Purdue

August 25, 1984
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Selections
Dillard's, Sanger/Harris
The Christmas Store

Potpourri

Our guest speaker for Sunday will be brother Jimmy Wood, Director of the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Shiloh Road Church for placing the beautiful flowers in the auditorium Sunday as an expression of thanks for the loan of our Vacation Bible School costumes.

The 61st Annual Harding University Bible Lectureship in Searcy, Arkansas will be September 30 - October 3, 1984. Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound will be the theme.

COLLEGE BIBLE COURSES
at the Campus Christian Center
1415 S. Baxter
Tyler, Texas 75701

Great Men of Church History Tuesday.. 9:50 A.M.

Isaiah Thursday 7:00 P.M.

New Testament Greek Monday/Wednesday/Friday
for Beginners 12:00 Noon

Classes are open to all ages
For more information call 593-8181 or 593-3331

Thank You

Dear Ones in our beloved West Erwin,
Thank you for your many cards, calls and notes on the occasion of my 96th birthday. I have used my magnifying glass to read them over and over. We remember fondly the bus load from Tyler who helped us celebrate my 95th birthday last year. I am not quite as well as I was then, but I am full of gratitude and am happy now.

Thank you for your love and kindness through the years. May God richly bless you.

Tender love,
Ivah Miller
George & Alice

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our VBS is now over, but we all still feel a great deal of gratitude to you. Your fine job with the twelve tribes inspired us early in the summer, and your generosity in sharing your costumes made our preparations tremendously easier. They were beautifully made and certainly added a feeling of authenticity to our efforts to accurately portray the life and times of Paul.

We look forward to more Vacation Bible Schools and desire to continue to work together to teach children more about God. If we can ever assist your efforts in any way, we would want to do so. Thank you again for loaning us your costumes.

In Him,
Your Brothers and Sisters at
Shiloh Road Church of Christ

We appreciate the delicious cakes and cookies you made for the children at Boles Home. We love each of you for your goodness and kindness. I know a lot of love went into each cookie and cake and you have warmed our hearts with your efforts... I am so sorry I missed Mary and Weldon Dawson. I would have enjoyed visiting with them so much.

Larrie Cantrell
Administrative Assistant

Tuesday School News



Mary June Goodson is in need of one classroom teacher for TUESDAY SCHOOL and several assistants. She has scheduled a meeting of all TUESDAY SCHOOL Teachers and Helpers on Sunday afternoon, August 26, at 4:00 o'clock in room 105/106. Please plan to be present for this important meeting. Also, openings are available for a few more children in the school.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (26) R.L.Trentham, Pat Prichard, Brad Kinnett (27) Michelle Steffee, Thomas White, Pauline Aven, Pauline Smith (28) Marikate Davis (29) Penny McDonald (31) Jan Cook

Remembering Mistakes

All of us make many mistakes; otherwise, we would be perfect. Our sins are always mistakes, even though some of them may have been planned. Although some mistakes do happen accidentally the guilt of being wrong is still there. We are always guilty even though we may not realize our transgressions.

A tragedy of any mistake is not being able to admit it was wrong, or not trying to correct the problem. We must admit wrong in order to be able to do better; otherwise, there is no basis for improvement. When we become Christians, repentance is necessary; without it we are not even ready for baptism. God always does His part in cleansing us of sins, but we have to give Him a willing heart with which to work. His plan is perfect, but cleansing our sins depends on us. We are still in the same situation when we pray for forgiveness; we must repent in order for God to forget our sins.

It is a great comfort to know that God will forgive all our wrongs; this is one blessing we should count often. Without God's forgiveness there would be no hope. God is so different from man in forgiveness of sins, but wouldn't it be great if we were more like God and forgot the mistakes of others? The Hebrew writer says, "I will remember them no more." What a great comfort we could be to each other by forgiving! Remember Christ's example of prayer, "Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors."

...Kenneth C. Frank vis The Encourager

Serving Sunday

Records

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Announcements	Faber Cauthen	Aug. 12	323
Prayer	Clyde Lane	Aug. 5	294
Dismiss	John Powell	Year Ago	397
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Leon Welborn	Jamon Kirby	Aug. 12	432
Earl O'Quinn	Cooper Goodson	Aug. 5	421
Don Weathers	James Prichard	Weekly	
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Bill & Jo Butler Edgar & Delle Bullard
 Dale & Carolyn Blackstone Lane & Kay Akin
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 19 and Wednesday evening, August 22, MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

Here and There (continued)

Jay's sermon Sunday morning on forgiveness was such a beautiful lesson. We never outgrow our need to have our minds consider what God has to say about the subject. I commend you to consider this important subject. We also never outgrow the need to practice these instructions to develop that kind of spirit. If we practice forgiveness, then we keep the door open for God to continue his forgiveness of us. It goes without saying that we can quit forgiving others when we no longer need God to forgive us. I think it is also important to act like we have forgiven someone if we have, don't you?



**BIBLE CLASSES
 FOR
 ALL AGES
 SUNDAY
 9:30 A.M.**

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

Thank You

We want to express our appreciation and thanks for the many calls, cards and visits while Edgar was in the hospital and at home. The Lord has blessed us greatly.
 Delle and Edgar Bullard



In The Hospitals

Mrs. Audie Grier returned to Community Hospital on Tuesday.
 Ted Snipes is recovering from surgery. He is in Medical Center.



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The Church With A Heart



Chimala Mission Hospital

Mbeya, Tanzania

Dear Christian Friends:

We appreciate so very much your generosity and concern for the work in Chimala. You continue to send so many nice and useful items to help make the work at the hospital more efficient. Also, many of you are sending some very lovely items along that makes our personal lives more pleasant. For every thing that you have sent, we are most grateful.

Donna Steinke left to go back to the States the latter part of June. We miss her very much. She was a good nurse and worked very hard while she was here. We appreciate her willingness to come and help for a year and a half. We wish her well as she adjusts to being back in the States.

The church in Ingala has outgrown its building so they are in the process

of building another one. They are making their own bricks out of mud which will be burned so they can weather the rainy season. They are real excited about this and we are excited for them. They are a working group.

We have received four packages from you recently which contained Foley Catheter sets, baby sleepwear, bandages, alcohol, vaseline, adult sleepwear and material. Everything arrived in good shape due to your careful packaging.

Again, thanks so much for supporting the work here and for remembering us in your prayers. May God bless you always.

In Christian love,
 Ruth Geer
 for All on the Mission

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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Tuesday night was the end of our Summer Youth Series. Each session was an experience in fellowship, singing, praying and worshipping God. I feel that everyone who attended any of these sessions received rich blessings.

For the session at Alpine in Longview, each congregation brought canned food for Boles Home. More than 2,500 cans were collected for the Home. What a tremendous showing of love and care for those less fortunate than us.

I'm glad each time school begins. This means that routines are started and a good portion of traveling is ending. I feel that nothing but great things are in the future for West Erwin and the youth group. I would like to say to the parents, teens, and any concerned members that I would appreciate any input concerning the youth program and their activities. Also, I would like to extend an open invitation to those that aren't parents of teens to let me know if you would like to help with any of our activities.

Teens as you begin school, remember that you are "Ambassadors for Christ." Make Christ proud of you in your school.

Musing On Church Buildings

Church buildings. We take them for granted. When we go on vacation, or move to another city, we expect to find them wherever we go. But how did they get there? What is the story behind this little country meeting house? Or the beautiful edifice on Main Street? Somehow, I wish that church buildings could talk. I am persuaded they would have some wonderful stories to tell.

Does not a church building speak to us of a vision? Somewhere back in the past, before the building became a reality, someone had a dream — a dream of people meeting and worshipping God together. It was a vision, and a dream, and a hope before it ever became a reality. Perhaps it was the thought of a single person who shared his dream with a few supporters until all caught the vision.

The church building in which we worship speaks to us also of sacrifice. A vision by itself is worthless. Beyond that must come the willingness to pay the price of making the dream a reality. Every church building in the world stands as a monument to human generosity in money and labor. We may pass through its doors, criticize the architecture, call it old-fashioned or ugly with out giving a thought to those who planned and built it and paid the price for it. I hope at some time in your life you have been privileged to share in the building of a church house. You have missed something if all of your life you have worshipped in a building which was built and paid for by the sacrifices of others. We who worship each Lord's Day are the debtors of countless men and women who gave gifts, large and small, to provide such a meeting place.

Our church building speaks to us of a stewardship. It is our responsibility to maintain that building, to keep the place clean and in good repair. Anything else indicates our ingratitude to the past, and our lack of faithfulness in stewardship.

...John Gipson

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a Gift Tea
Honoring Cindy Dee Fields
Bride-Elect of Ray Magee
at the home of Mrs. Dannie Skipper
617 Purdue

August 25, 1984
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Selections
Dillard's, Sanger/Harris
The Christmas Store

Benevolent Workers

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 11, of all the workers in the benevolent area of the church. The first meeting, in the fellowship hall, will be an assembly for planning purposes. If you want to work in this area, plan to meet with the group on the 11th of Sept.

Guest Speaker Sunday

We will have as our guest speaker Sunday morning and evening brother George Bailey. He is one of the ministers of the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas. We look forward to hearing him.

It has been our privilege over the past weeks to welcome many guests to our services. We have had the privilege also of hearing many sermons from some of the outstanding preachers in the brotherhood.

Our thanks and appreciation goes to our visiting preachers: George Stephenson, Jim Chilton, Harold Taylor, Jack Paul, Don Edwards and Jay Lockhart. We have been blessed with powerful preaching that has stirred our hearts and made us to feel we are a chosen people in the Lord's Kingdom. We look forward to other sound gospel sermons in the weeks to come.

Potpourri

We have received an invitation from the North Tenneha Church of Christ here in Tyler to attend a special concert Saturday, August 18th. The Messingers from Houston, Texas will be the featured group for the evening.

We received a note this week from B.B. and Ann Lambert in which they state, "We are now members of the Sunset Ridge Church where our son goes. They are a very warm and friendly group, but no one is like West Erwin."

New Baby

Dan and Wynelle Sexton are the proud parents of a baby girl, 6 lb. 12 oz., born Sunday, August 12. They have named her Meredith.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (19) Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts (20) Earl O'Quinn, Pete Wallace, Robert Conner (21) Walker Weathers (22) Beulah Bedford, Cris Potts (23) Joelle Butler, Freeman Morgan (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Our anticipation of good things in Jay Lockhart preaching was not disappointing. What a joy it was to hear him preach. We hope that he will accept the challenge to join us in the Lord's work here. We anticipate hearing from him soon. Keep him and our elders in your prayers as the possibility is open.

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We had a great business meeting Sunday before last. There were 60 to 65 men present to discuss the present status and future possibilities of the congregation. One of the refreshing discussions revolved around the present level of giving. The majority of those present responded by expressing the desire to raise their weekly giving. I believe last Sunday's contribution is a result of that decision. All present agreed that we should do all we can to continue the good works that our elders have set before us and limit cut-backs as much as possible. This would be a good time for every family to decide to increase their weekly giving. It certainly will be put to good use.

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We still have quite a number of families getting in their last minute vacations and trips out of town before the beginning of school. We are sorry that many were not here last Sunday to hear brother Lockhart. We look forward to getting settled down into our fall schedule. Our prayers go with you on these journeys for a safe and refreshing trip and return. We want you to return with a strong desire to get back into the busy schedule of church activities.

Among those things on our future schedule is our annual Married Couples Retreat scheduled for October 27th and 28th. Bruce White of Joelton, Tennessee will be our guest speaker for this retreat. He is pulpit minister for the congregation there, but in recent years has been active in the counseling ministry. I am convinced that he will have some great things to say to us concerning the maturing of Christian homes and families. This retreat is open to any and all of our married couples who would like to attend. Begin now making your plans. We will ask for reservations at a later date.

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Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss Robert Stokes

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Ray Lott
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Jack Stringer

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Hoyt Hughes Hillard Hughes
Tim Holt Artis Tate
Ed Stitt H. McCarty

Bill Thompson Tom Williams

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone Lane & Kay Akin
Bill & Jo Butler Edgar & Delle Bullard

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 12 and Wednesday evening, August 15 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

CONTRIBUTIONS

August 5 \$7,776.05
July 29 \$6,662.75
Year Ago \$10,264.31

BIBLE SCHOOL
August 5 294
July 29 312
Year Ago 366

WORSHIP

August 5 421
July 29 412
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

In The Hospitals

Mrs. Audie Grier underwent surgery last week in Community Hospital. She is recovering and enjoys visitors.

Ted Snipes entered Medical Center on Wednesday in preparation for surgery on Friday afternoon. He expects to be hospitalized for about two weeks and then have a recovery time of about four months at home.

Fred Strait had surgery last week in Mother Frances and was able to go home on Tuesday.


Harold Denman is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

Ray Lott's mother remains very seriously ill in an Athens hospital.



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The Church With A Heart



UNCHANGING
"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."
—Hebrews 13:8

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING meets in room 108. Doug and Nancy Shelton work in this program.

Welcome Visitors

We are always pleased to have visitors join us for the worship services. We had a number of visitors last Sunday and some remained for the fellowship following the evening worship. We hope every visitor will return at every opportunity.



Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Guest Speaker Sunday

Jay Lockhart from Pasadena, Texas will preach Sunday for the morning and evening worship. Plan to be here to hear him.



Take Time To Pray

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5:17,18.

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The Second Coming Is Good News!

By Ray Hawk

Most people do not look upon the Second Coming of Christ and the final Judgment as Good News! When preachers speak on either subject, we hear passages which tell us the day of judgment will be one when there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth," (Matthew 25:30). It will be a day when Christ will say to some, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity," (Matthew 7:23). It will be a day in which God will take "vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ," (2 Thess. 1:7). Most folks look upon the day of judgment as a terrifying day and see little GOOD NEWS in this Bible subject. Therefore, the day of judgment is not Good News!

Although Matthew 3:12 speaks of "burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire," the other side of the coin states, "he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner." Matthew 13:49,50 does say, "so shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever

the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth," but just before this he said, "THEN shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matthew 25:33 says, "He shall set the sheep on his right hand." Matthew 25:46 states, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment," but the rest of the passage brightens with, "but the righteous into life eternal!"

The day of judgment is Good News for the faithful child of God. Peter says, "God...hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," (1 Peter 1:3,4). The faithful child of God has so much to look forward to. The spiritual blessings we enjoy now (Ephesians 1:3) will be amplified then. That day will bring us "a crown of righteousness," (2 Timothy 4:8). ISN'T THAT GOOD NEWS?

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Harold and Betty Taylor are now our "Stateside Missionaries." They recently moved from Lubbock to Carrollton, Texas. Their address is 2809 Lakeside Lane (75006). We are happy to have them as a part of the West Erwin family working under the oversight of our elders.

VBS At Shiloh Road Church

Everyone is invited to attend a special VBS, "Adventures in the Life of Paul," August 12-15 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Sunday through Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 there will be dramatizations of major events in Paul's life for ages 3 - 6th grade.

Tuesday School

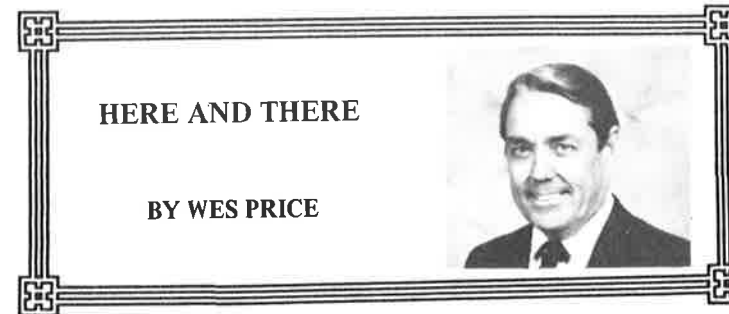
September 11 is the beginning date for Tuesday School. This year will be our 13th year for the program. Mary June Goodson, who will direct the school this year, is a very dedicated worker who loves children. We commend her and all teachers who are willing workers. Elaine Roberson, who has directed Tuesday School for a number of years will not be present each Tuesday, but we know that her heart is here. If you are willing to teach a class or work in any capacity in the school this year, please call Mary June or the church office. Also, if you have not enrolled your pre-school child, ages two through five, please do so as soon as possible. Classes are being arranged.

Cakes For Boles Home

Ladies, remember next week is our time to provide cakes and cookies for the children of Boles Home. Bring your baked goodies on Wednesday evening (the 15th) or early Thursday morning (by 8:30) and they will be delivered to the home on Thursday. Let's have an abundance of cakes and cookies for these children. We are grateful to Weldon and Mary Dawson for volunteering to take them to the Home.

Summer Youth Series

Tuesday evening, August 14th, is the final meeting for the Summer Youth Series. Young people are asked to meet on the parking lot, ready to go together on the bus, at 6:50 p.m. The meeting is in Big Sandy.



What a joy it was to have Harold and Betty Taylor with us Sunday. He preached two great sermons and really challenged our thinking. We are grateful to have them counted as members at West Erwin. Harold will be working under the oversight of our elders as he begins his new ministry of gospel meetings around the world, church growth seminars and writing of the new "Family" magazine. We will have the benefit of their presence on a continuing basis during the month of December and January when he will be teaching a class on Wednesday nights on Christians and Their Ministry To The Church. We certainly look forward to that series. You will find their picture elsewhere in the bulletin.

Many of our teachers, no doubt, have noticed the changes taking place in the Teacher's Workroom upstairs. We are still in the process of consolidating all teaching materials, supplies, and audio visual resources and equipment in the same room. The room previously used will become the new office for Ken Edwards. We will appreciate your patience with us as we work to complete this project. Mary June Goodson has contributed an enormous amount of time already in arranging the workroom. We appreciate her more than we can express.

For the first time in many years, the Tuesday School of West Erwin will not have the directorship of Elaine Roberson. She has asked to be replaced, due to other pressing commitments. We cannot express how much she has meant to this great program and to the several hundred children who have profited by Tuesday School. You can help me say a special thanks for her service when you see her. We hope she will be able to return to assist in the future.

We are happy to announce that Mary June Goodson has agreed to assume the role of Director of the Tuesday School. She is beginning work immediately to prepare for the 1984 fall beginning. We hope all those who have taught in the past will be ready to join her in this new term. If you are interested in helping in any way with the school, please let her know. Also, if you

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have pre-school children who are not already enrolled, you need to come by the church office and fill out an enrollment form. We look forward to another great year with these precious children.

Don't forget that Jay Lockhart will be preaching for us this coming Sunday. We want all of our church family to be present to hear him. We are confident that you will like him.

George and Esther Kester, Guy and Nettie Potts, Louis and Jane Jones and others did a great job in setting up our fellowship hall for the church get-together after worship Sunday night. We thank them for a job well done. We had a great time and super attendance.

Thank You

Thanks for your love shown to me through cards, visits, calls and food. A special thanks for the ones who have been driving me places while I am unable to drive. I will always love you.

Aline Beard

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (13) Suzanne Kiby (14) Grant Knight, Jasper Dobbs (16) Ginger Metcalf, Artis Tate, Joanna Vannoy (17) Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts (18) Delle Bullard, Dana Gode, Tracy Starnes.

Potpourri


B. B. and Ann Lambert's address in San Antonio is 8011 N. New Braunsfels, Village Oak Apts., #211 (78209) We understand they have both been ill since moving.

If you picked up the wrong glass tray Sunday evening, there is an extra one in the fellowship hall and someone is missing a large round glass tray.

Alan and Patsy Fisher have a new telephone number. Please make a note that their number is now 561-0152.

The children of
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Denman
request the pleasure of your company
at a reception to celebrate the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
of their parents
on Saturday, the eighteenth of August
nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at two until five o'clock in the afternoon
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II Tim. 2:15

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BIBLE SCHOOL

July 29 312
July 22 282
Year Ago 387

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Sister Myrtle Ginn's Will

You will be pleased to know about the probation of a recent will. Sister Myrtle Ginn, a long time faithful member of this congregation, left the proceeds from her estate to the Lord. What a tribute of thanks to the Lord, whom she served, to return what remained of her earthly possessions when she went on to be with Him. We commend this Godly example to all as a worthy means of expressing eternal thanks to our Heavenly Father. The money will be used, as she requested, for mission work.

Men's Business Meeting

A Business Meeting for the men of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Chapel. All men are invited to come and participate.

The Sick

Brother Edgar Bullard continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Fred Strait is in Mother Frances Hospital and will have surgery on Friday.

Mrs. Ruby Pittman, a sister to Pattie Tate, is recovering from bypass surgery for her heart. She is also in Mother Frances Hospital.



Michelle Steffee is another one of our young ladies who recently put on Christ in baptism. She was baptized July 4 by her dad.

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The Church With A Heart

"...but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

I Tim. 4:8

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

During his personal ministry, Jesus mentioned something about having come into the world to provide for mankind the "abundant" life. Those who have surrendered themselves to Jesus, in fact, affirm that their life really is a life of peace and joy, of direction and meaning, of fulfillment and hope. But the ordinary 20th century American is much too pragmatic to be duped by what he condescendingly refers to as the "pie in the sky by and by" cop out. "What's in it for me?" Or, if we happen to be an altruistic pragmatist: "What's in it for the people in the ghettos?" "How will it help the hungry, or the single parent trying to cope?"

Well, I personally do not find anything in Christ's message which sanctifies poverty and wretchedness as some misguidedly, or perhaps maliciously, claim. The "abundant" life in Jesus' message is rooted in the God-created spirit of man, and from there grows into every nook and cranny of man's existence. Consider, if you will, the rather astonishing realities which result when just a few of us sort of "play" at the "abundant" life described by Jesus.

For example, an exhaustive 1983 study by the National Bureau of Economic Research predicted a very gloomy future of crime, drug addiction and unemployment for the inner-city minority youth of our nation. But, said the study, those who "attend Church regularly" are about 25% less likely to become involved with drugs and alcohol and have a 50% greater income potential. Do you know of any program of any sort that has proven to have so much potential for helping beleaguered ghetto youth escape their environment?

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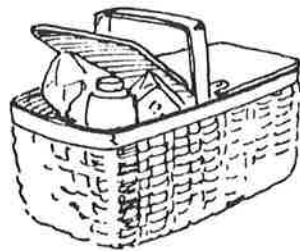
The Best of . . . (continued)

Alcohol and drug abuse in our society in general cost us enough each year to pay off our national debt. Yet only one in 50 abusers is a regular church goer, and only one in 500 is a regular family worship.

Broken homes with the accompanying pain are a national tragedy. Our entire society pays the price both in sociological and economical consequences. If our present trend continues, of those who are marrying today, 55% will be divorced in 7 years. But for those who attend church services regularly, less than 10% will call it quits, and only 0.5% of those who attend church services regularly and participate in regular family worship.

What ought we to do to help people make a decent living, live a satisfying personal life, and build stable families? More low income housing, more community subsidized child care facilities, more job training, more modern prison facilities, is that the answer? Think what we want, do what we will, the one thing that is proven effective in lifting people from the hopeless prospect of a future of crime, drugs and poverty is to plant within them the principles of the "abundant" life heralded by the Master teacher. Just the simple act of "going to church" has an amazing salutary effect on the quality of life of the individual. What our world might be if an appreciable number of us really became serious about Jesus' "abundant" life principles staggers the very imagination!

...Keith Robinson, Via The Encourager



Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 9, at 6:30 P.M. for a "Pot Luck" Supper in the Fellowship Hall. If you are in this age group, come and enjoy the fellowship and meal together.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, August 7, at 7:30 at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. Our young people will go together on the bus. Be ready to leave at 6:20 P.M.

Potpourri

Billie Bob Hickman was the guest speaker last Saturday, July 28, at a luncheon in Dallas for the wives of students of the Preston Road School of Preaching.

We have received a reminder that the week of August 15th is the date for West Erwin to take cookies and cakes, etc. to Boles Home. We usually take the baked goodies on Thursday of the week assigned. Also, we will need a volunteer to take them to the Home. We miss B.B. and Ann Lambert, who recently moved to San Antonio. They always considered this "their job," and were happy to deliver the baked items to Boles Home.

The Children's Worship Training will not meet again this Sunday, August 5. This is the morning class only.

We appreciated the two very fine lessons last Sunday by brother Don Edwards. He is one of the ministers at the Westbury Church of Christ in Houston.

Plan to attend the fellowship Sunday evening following the worship. Bring food that can be served as "finger food." Drinks will be provided.



Philippians 1:27 (NIV)

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel. . .

Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



A number of West Erwin members certainly enjoyed the Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian University. Our thanks to the elders for permitting us to attend.

Preceding the workshop, beginning on Sunday night, my wife and I enjoyed being away for the weekend to visit in Dallas. We attended Bible study and worship at the Prestoncrest congregation where Mike Peters preaches. We also enjoyed attending George Bailey's Bible class and visiting with friends we have not seen in many years. Mike Peters is a fine young preacher and that congregation is doing well. They are now in a new auditorium that is beautiful.

We had hoped to see Bob and Karen Zadina and their children, but missed them. I later learned that they were present, and we just failed to find them.

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We will have the privilege of hearing Harold Taylor this coming Sunday. As we mentioned in previous bulletins, beginning the first of September, we will be the sponsoring congregation and provide financial support for Harold's new preaching and writing ministry.

The following Sunday, Jay Lockhart will be present to preach for us. He is certainly no stranger to Tyler having preached for the Glenwood congregation a number of years ago. His coming is because of his interest in the work here, so let's be present to welcome him.

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The Fellowship Committee has scheduled an all-church fellowship this coming Sunday night following the worship service. We want all to plan on coming. This will be the first such event in the fellowship hall since we moved the materials and equipment from the old benevolent building, so we will be limited on space. I don't mention this to discourage your attending, rather the contrary. There will be all the room we need, we will just do a better job of using it. We are asking each family to bring "finger foods." This includes small sandwiches, chips, dips and relish dishes. Coffee and tea will be furnished. Come, join us for an evening of good fellowship.

Here and There (continued)

DON'T PRETEND by Bob Wear

Most of us are probably tempted to make false or hypocritical professions occasionally. There may be instances when this seems the thing to do, but whatever advantage it may gain for us is only temporary. We should remember that the use of pretense creates a bad situation for all persons concerned. This is the result from the standpoint of what it does in weakening our character, and from the standpoint of the eventual attitude of those we may have deceived.

There is another way in which pretense is commonly used. When there is a strong desire to make a certain impression upon the minds of others, persons often make unfounded claims. They make claims of having done things they haven't done; claims, without basis, for the functional ability of products they are trying to sell, and false claims for their abilities in certain areas. All such conduct is pretense, and "it is a thin disguise."

Although it seems that some folk get by with their pretense, a more careful examination reveals that they are overestimating themselves and underestimating their fellowmen. In most instances, pretense is soon recognized. Someone said, "No matter what we say we are, what we really are is probably going to become apparent very shortly."

Pretending to be what we are not, will prevent our being what we would like to become.



Happy Birthday

AUGUST (5) Becky Blackstone, Keith Wommack (8) Marian Rowe, Elizabeth Hughes, Fran Starnes (9) Jonathan Paul, Angie Hendrix, Jarred Metcalf (10) Ivah Miller, Shannon Starnes (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes

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The Sick

Several in the congregation are ill at home. Brother Tommy White is not feeling well at this time.

Sister Doc Wright injured an ankle and was unable to be in worship Sunday.

Sister Dell Lott has been ill for over two weeks and unable to be in worship.

Brother Bill Rozell continues to be a patient in Dallas at the VA Hospital.

"Praise for what people do well causes them to do better what they do not do well."

"A friend is one who knows all about you and likes you just the same."

Parents

There will be no Children's Worship Training on Sunday morning, July 29. Doug and Nancy Shelton are in charge of this program.

Guest Speaker

Don Edwards, one of the Ministers at the Westbury Church of Christ in Houston, will be our speaker Sunday. He will speak at the morning and evening services.



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The Church With A Heart

STRAIGHT TALK

By Danny Cline

Jesus was in Jerusalem early in His ministry and was working miracles. Many believed in His name when they saw the supernatural feats. "But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men," (John 2:24).

Surely, this young preacher needs a great following to be successful. Surely, He can't discourage anybody from coming after Him. Doesn't He know people will judge Him by the number of His disciples? And Jesus refuses to allow Himself to be their leader. He knows human nature. He knows our fickleness. He knows if I follow in the wake of miraculous excitement that I'll quit following just as soon as the excitement wears off.

You'll need more than mere excitement and sweet-talking, or even coercion, to motivate you to be a Christian when the going gets tough.

You'll need more than excitement to give the first fruits of your income when the refrigerator needs repairing, and the only "contingency" funds you have are tentatively earmarked for the Lord.

It takes more than attraction to an organization of human failures to worship God regularly when many others don't

either, making it seem less offensive.

It will not only be unexciting, it'll be downright scary to say to some folks, "Let me study about Jesus with you;" to pick up your cross and follow Christ when all around people are lusting, telling filthy jokes, cheating, gossiping, envying, intoxicating. . .

Jesus had only 12 close followers. He risked having even that small number diminish when on occasion He spoke very pointedly to them.

He doesn't sweet talk. He loves genuinely. He won't trick you into following just so He can say He has more followers. Anything less than attraction to Him for what He has done for us already isn't worthy motivation.

Jesus was no great sports hero. Not a great soldier. Not a political leader. Not physically attractive. Not physically wealthy. Not physically powerful. Not socially prominent. In fact, so far as men's ideals go, He was despised.

But Jesus loved and loves us like nobody had or has, and I want to love him back. It's that simple.

*...Via The Communicator
Dallas, Texas*

Mother/Daughter Appreciation Dinner

Ladies, remember the City-wide Mother/Daughter Appreciation Dinner (daughters entering 7th grade through 12th) on Friday evening, August 17, 1984 at 6:30 in the Glenwood Church of Christ Fellowship Center, 807 West Glenwood. The activities are planned by Betty McKinney and Barbara Warner will be the guest speaker. Those attending from West Erwin should call Elaine Roberson by August 1.

Fellowship



Our Fellowship Committee has set August 5th as the date for an all church fellowship. We will plan to bring "finger food" and enjoy a meal together following the evening worship. Brother Harold Taylor will be preaching on that date.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 31, 7:30 at the Quitman and Center Church of Christ in Gladewater. Our young people are asked to meet on the church parking lot, ready to leave together on the bus at 6:45 P.M.



And The Lord Added . . .

These young ladies have recently put on Christ in baptism, and each one was baptized by her father.



Cheryl Murphy
March 16, 1984



Melissa Marts
July 5, 1984



Teena Roberson
July 15, 1984

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bailey
have the honour of announcing
the marriage of their daughter

Ann Margaret

to

Mr. Raymond Lee Boss

on Saturday, the twenty-first of July

Nineteen hundred and eighty-four

Tyler, Texas

At Home

after the first of August
1623 South Cooper #159
Arlington, Texas 76010



Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Thank You

Thank you for your love and concern shown to me with the cards, calls and visits while I was in the hospital recently and at home.

Fred Strait

The family of R. E. Aven acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Happy Birthday

JULY (29) Bryan Chambless, Charles McCoy (31) Julie Higginbotham, Vicki Franklin. AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe, (3) Jeanie Denman, Dale Blackstone, Michelle Colston (4) Virginia Commer, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette.

TAKE TIME

Take Time TO THINK . . .

It is the source of power.

Take Time TO PLAY . . .

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take Time TO READ . . .

It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time TO PRAY . . .

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take Time TO LOVE and BE LOVED . . .

It is a God-given privilege.

Take Time TO BE FRIENDLY . . .

It is the road to happiness.

Take Time TO LAUGH . . .

It is the music of the soul.

Take Time TO GIVE . . .

It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take Time TO WORK . . .

It is the price of success.

Ladies, You Are Invited

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Michelle Colston
Sunday Afternoon, July 29, 1984
Fellowship Hall
2:00 Until 3:30 p.m.

Wilson, North Carolina

Again as we report on our trip to North Carolina, it is really easy to say how good things were. Our young people did another excellent job with their responsibilities.

The Wilson church has a membership of about seventy in a town of 40,000. The church is about twenty years old and has been larger, but because of economics and other reasons is down in number. Robert Hall from Alabama is the preacher there with about seven years experience.

As you might expect, our kids left several people in tears because of the love that had developed. You can be proud of our young people.

We had about 50 young people in our VBS each day, which completely filled the class rooms and even the preacher's office.

Also, Jeanine and I cannot say enough good about Ken and Ernie Edwards. This couple will be a great asset to West Erwin and our Youth Program. They have built an excellent relationship with our young people. Ken conducted a high school class each night in Wilson, N.C. with several of the local young people in attendance. Not only did they receive much good from his lessons, but our young people also came away with a better understanding of what the Christian life is all about.

This will probably be the last of these trips in which Jeanine and I will be involved, so we wish to express our sincerest appreciation to the elders and all of you who have supported our Youth Program during our fourteen years at West Erwin. Now, love and support Ken and Ernie.

Hillard Hughes



Each Sunday

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Teach with simplicity the truths found in the Holy Bible.

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, July 22 & Wednesday
Evening, July 25 - Mike Munn, 597-1028.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent to our mother's service, and for all the cards and calls we have received from so many of you. We really appreciate your love and friendship.

Jack & Mary Paul
Jim & Sue Paul

The Sick

Mrs. Ben Young is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Bill Rozell continues to be a patient in the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Singing

"DALLAS SUMMER SING-SONG 84"
WITH RAY WALKER, JULY 28th

Prestoncrest Church of Christ in North Dallas will host an area-wide singing, Saturday evening, July 28th starting at 7:30 p.m. Ray Walker, bass for the Jordanaires, will be the guest song leader. All are invited to attend this special event. For more information call (214) 233-2392.

And The Lord Added . . .

Sunday morning, Teena Roberson put on Christ in baptism. She is the daughter of Roy & Elaine Roberson. Teena, who was baptized by her dad, will enter the 7th grade in the fall. We rejoice with the Roberson family.

**Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the day
and too tired to lie awake at night.**

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The Church With A Heart

Outrageously Happy

In the Gospels, there is evidence of a power play among the twelve disciples, each wanting to rise to the top, each wanting special position and special privilege. In Mark 10, James and John ask for special positions, the top spots, among the group. Jesus responds saying, "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest. Whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Son of man has not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:43-45.

Still they don't understand. So He came to the last night of His life, knelt and taking a towel and a basin, washed the disciples' feet. On this last night with His disciples, His last opportunity to teach them, He knelt and performed an act of servanthood.

Jesus said, "You shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth." The God who calls us, sends us. One of the things we do as His witnesses is to speak about Jesus, but there is another form of witness without which our ministry cannot succeed. It is the simple act of love in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is giving the cup of cold water. It is being present to a person in need. That is the servant ministry to which we are called. What we discover when we get into this is that a tremendous power is released — the power of self-fulfillment.

The world today is filled with anguished cries of people who are longing to be fulfilled. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent each year on self-realization programs and self-help literature. For the most part, the purpose of the growing self-help industry is good, namely, to bring the person to fulfillment. The problem is that they will all ultimately fail because they have missed the secret of Jesus who said that you will be fulfilled only when you give yourself to others.

Someone asked Charlie Brown what he wanted to be when he grew up. He said, "I want to be outrageously happy!" We are all with Charlie in that respect. We would like to be outrageously happy. We want to be fulfilled, but the mistake we make is concentrating on ourselves. Jesus said that the more a servant you become, the more outrageously happy, the more fulfilled you will be.

— Jon E. Jones



If you want a long and satisfying life
closely follow my instructions
Never forget to be truthful and kind.
Hold these virtues tightly.
Write them deep within your heart.

If you want favor with both
God and man
And a reputation for good judgment
and common sense,
Do not trust in yourself...
Trust the Lord completely.

In everything you do
put God first,
And He will direct you
And crown your efforts with success.

Proverbs 3

Moving

Sunday will be the last day for B.B. and Ann Lambert to be with us. They have sold their home and will move to San Antonio the first part of next week. We will miss them so very much, but we hope they will be happy in their new home. B. B. and Ann have meant much to the work here at West Erwin.

DON'T FORGET!



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet on Tuesday evening, July 24 at the Corinth Road Church of Christ. The bus will leave here at 6:45.

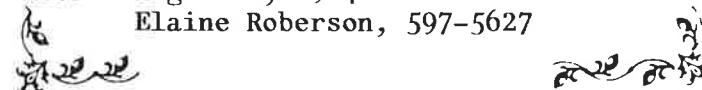
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Potts
and
Dr. and Mrs. Harold Smith
invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage uniting their children
Cristen Ann
and
Mark Calvert
on Friday, July twenty-seventh
nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at seven-thirty in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
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Reception following
Fellowship Building



You are cordially invited to attend our City-wide Mother/Daughter Appreciation Dinner (daughters entering 7th grade through 12th) Friday, August 17, 1984 at 6:30 P.M. in the Glenwood church of Christ Fellowship Center, 807 West Glenwood. Activities under the leadership of Betty McKinney are planned, and our guest speaker will be Barbara Warner from the Shiloh Road church of Christ.

RSVP - August 1, 1984
Elaine Roberson, 597-5627

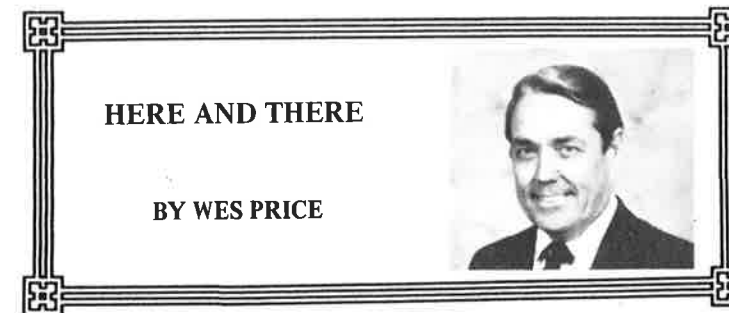


Happy Birthday

JULY (22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (23) Kimberly Holt (24) Andy Butler, Chris Shelton (25) Pam Lemons (28) Harley Turner, Melody Parsons.

Bible Teachers Workshop

Teaching in the Church and Home will be the theme of the 30th Annual Bible Teachers Workshop to be conducted, July 22-25 at Abilene Christian University. Several of our members plan to leave Sunday afternoon and return on Thursday.



As evidenced by the attendance record, a great host of our folks were out of town for the weekend. We hope all had a safe trip and we will be looking forward to seeing you here at the next worship service. We are thankful for a good contribution which means that many of those who were out of town had enough thoughtfulness to leave their contribution so that it could be put in the collection Sunday. That is a good practice. Either leave your contribution with a friend or make it up the following Sunday. That way the work at home does not suffer.

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Those who were present Sunday heard two good sermons from Jack Paul. The thing that will help this congregation grow in the future is a proper emphasis upon outreach and personal evangelism. We ought to leave the past and get busy with the future. Only good can come out of the things which have taken place if we seek God's wisdom and follow His Word.

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On this coming Sunday morning, we will have the privilege of hearing brother Jimmy Wood, Director of the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas. We enjoyed him the previous time he visited.

As we have the opportunity to hear visiting preachers, it is tempting to think that we are not needed here at our home congregation. It will be easy for some to develop the "visiting" habit, and as habits go, that one, too, can be hard to break. I believe you will hear good messages from these men who come to visit us. We need everyone doing their best - relaxing and taking it easy.

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We will be looking forward to having our young people back on Wednesday night. I'm sure the parents are anxious to have them return. It is impossible to evaluate how much they contribute to the song service, but we can tell a difference when they are away from us. I feel sure Hillard and Ken will want to share a report with us on the success

Here and There (continued)

of the trip. We will give them a day or so to rest up and then it's back to the business at hand. Our thanks to these adult couples for contributing to the spiritual growth of our young.

It seems that many folks hold the view that everybody and everything has a price. This, of course, is part of the extreme materialism which is so much in evidence. This influence is so strong that many folks try to evaluate everything by monetary standards; they even measure the worth of their fellowmen by such standards. This practice reduces life to the very low level of meaningless existence.

In the midst of this atmosphere another self-evident principle continues to hold a relatively important position. Most folks know, though they may not admit it, that there are some things which are without price. These priceless things cannot even be measured or appraised in terms of material worth. They are of such nature that their value transcends the realm of materialism.

There are many things important to our daily living which are without price. When we consider loyal friendship, devoted love, a happy home, opportunities for altruistic action, and daily blessings from a benevolent Creator, we know that they are priceless. There are some things that we could not buy if we had all of the money in the world, because they are without price.

Take Time To Pray

Amazing Grace
Bible Class

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR JULY - Room 108
Doug and Nancy Shelton

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, July 15 and Wednesday evening, July 18 - GEORGE KESTER, 561-0974.

And Lord Added

Following the Wednesday evening service last week, Michelle Steffee was baptized into Christ by her dad. She is the daughter of John and Susan Steffee.

On Thursday afternoon of last week Melissa Marts and several members of her family came to the building and she was baptized by her dad also. Phil and Linda Marts are her parents.

We rejoice with these two young ladies and their families. They will both enter middle school in the fall.

The Sick

Fred Strait will have surgery Friday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Leona McElroy fell at her home Sunday morning, but fortunately did not suffer any broken bones. She was treated in emergency and is at home.

Mrs. Ike Gaiser has been in Community Hospital for tests but should be at home by now.

Fred Powell's mother, Mrs. Clive Powell, had a pacemaker implanted on Tuesday afternoon. She is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Bill Rozell continues to be a patient in the VA Hospital in Dallas.



Welcome Visitors

We were pleased to have many visitors last Sunday. We hope that you will return and worship with us at every opportunity.

God never calls an idle man.

Love's Climate

If you have a pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith, then you can have real love.

...Harvey Porter

Via The Christian Exhorter
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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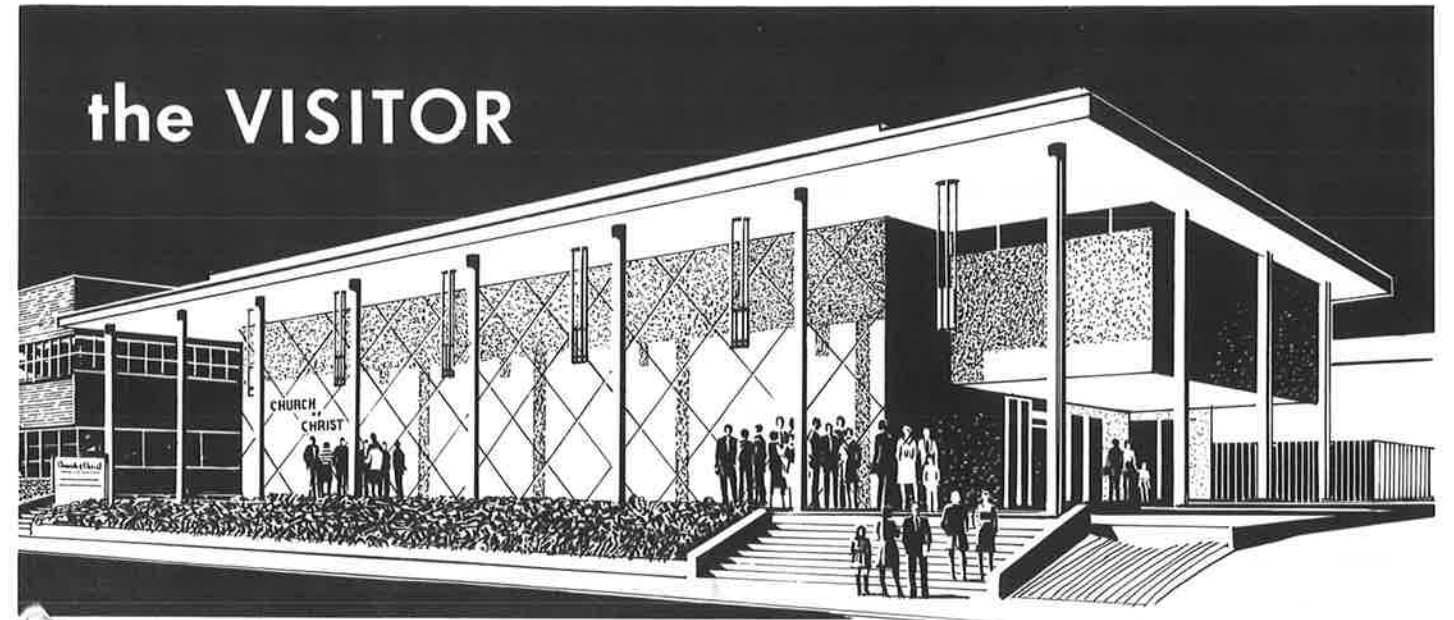
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The Church With A Heart

LOVE'S CLIMATE

Paul reminds Timothy in his first letter to him that he left him in Ephesus to straighten out certain doctrinal differences, then adds, "Whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith." (I Tim. 1:5).

There are trees and flowers that will not grow at certain elevations. Some will not grow where it is too damp, and some where it is too dry. Love is that way too. There are home atmospheres where love cannot grow and thrive. There are hearts that are too dark and cold for love to grow. It is finally snuffed out.

Paul says that love "comes out of" a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith. Isn't that interesting? He seems to be saying that you must have the right "soil" in which to produce love.

Let's look at each one of them.

We know what a pure heart is. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." All of us recognize the need of a pure heart. Our happiness and success in life depends upon this. The Greek word is katharos here; meaning "pure, as having been cleansed," That is exactly what has happened to us in hearing the

gospel and in obeying it. Peter wrote, "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth..." (I Peter 1:22). For a pure life, one must possess a pure heart. For love to grow, or even exist, the heart must be pure.

Paul writes more about a "good conscience" than any other Bible writer. It would be closely related to a pure heart. You could not have one without the other. The Greek word is suneidasis, which means "knowledge along with, joint-knowledge." It means man's knowledge along with God's knowledge. Some say it is man's own inner voice in the act of repeating God's voice, his own judgment endorsing God's judgment. (Hendriksen) We are taught the will of God by His word and when we choose to follow it our conscience approves. If we hold His word as truth and respect it, then conscience hurts us when we violate it. It approves or rejects only what the pure heart considers right or wrong.

We are not surprised that love must have a sincere faith in which to grow. "The righteous live by faith." This is present in married love, in friendship, in every good relationship of life. We have to believe in people. We have to trust them.

So it is with God. "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart."

(Continued on back page)

Are You Acquainted



Paul Joy
537½ Buford Street

Mrs. Doris Humble
5101 Sweetbriar Lane
Apt. 811
Telephone 561-0419

DON'T FORGET!



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 17, at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson at 7:30.

Happy Birthday

JULY (15) Lorene Venable (16) Ginger Metcalf, Artis Tate, Joanna Vannoy (17) Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts (18) Delle Bullard, Dana Gode, Tracy Starnes (19) Roger Knight, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggains (20) Jack Paul, Laurie Dawkins (21) Jeanine Hughes.

East Texas Christian Academy

ETCA Day Care: The day care program of ETCA is now at Broadway Church of Christ for the summer and for the fall of 1984-85. We are now hiring day care attendants. If interested, please call 561-8813 for further details.

Drop-In Day Care: ETCA Day Care will now offer drop-in care between the hours of 7:30 to 6:00, Monday through Friday to children two years old through 5th grade. If interested, please call 561-8813 for more information.

The School Board meets the second Monday night of each month at 7:00 o'clock at the Broadway building.

Thank You

We appreciate your thoughtfulness of us and our daughter at the death of our son-in-law. Your love and concern for us through your prayers, cards, calls and words of sympathy made our burden easier to bear.

Artis & Pattie Tate

Thank you for your concern during my recent illness. Your cards, visits and calls were deeply appreciated.

Bill Endsley

Thank you for flowers, visits, and cards while I was in the hospital. A special "thank you" to the Chapel Class and to Young At Heart.

Averyt Smith

We appreciate the flowers, cards, and many expressions of sympathy shown to us by our Christian friends. The love of our West Erwin family is very special to us.

Joe & Frances McBee

A note of thanks was received this week from John Freeman for the Bible he received for graduation at the Baccalaureate service.

Guest Speaker

Jack Paul will preach at the morning and evening service on Sunday.



SEE YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M.

THE BIBLE IS. . .

- B - Beautiful in its language, Psa.23.
- I - Incorruptible in its nature, I Pet.1:23.
- B - Blessed in its bestowments, Psa.32.
- L - Loving in its message, John 3:16.
- E - Enlightening in its guidance, Psa.119:105.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



It is always a joy to see fathers baptize their children. We were privileged to see that happen twice this past week. On Wednesday night, John Steffee baptized his daughter, Michelle. On Thursday afternoon, Phil Marts baptized his daughter, Melissa. We are proud of these two fine young ladies who have decided to begin their Christian journey early in life. Let's encourage them and watch them grow.

By now you are fully aware that plans for our new benevolent center are proceeding on schedule. We expect the builder to begin ground work this week and by the first of the year we should have the building ready for use. We are grateful to brother James Massey for his tireless efforts in overseeing this work.

The Chilton family certainly blessed our lives this past week. We enjoyed having them in our home and especially enjoyed his preaching for us last Lord's Day. They were so complimentary of our beautiful East Texas and especially of the folks here at West Erwin. They complimented you for your warmth and friendliness.

How thankful we are for the safe journey of our adults and teenagers who are in Wilson, North Carolina this week working in a Vacation Bible School. We pray God's richest blessings upon them for a successful effort. They will be returning late on Sunday night. Keep them in your prayers this week.

We had a fine attendance in both our Bible study and worship services this past Sunday. A large number of visitors made up for the group who are away from us in North Carolina. Let's be in Bible study and worship every week. We need you here and you need the spiritual nourishment. If you must be away on weekends, find a place of worship and don't leave the Lord out of your plans.

PURPOSE: Where life has a purpose it can face tomorrow with confidence and courage. A purpose helps steer life along a course of meaning and fulfillment. A purpose keeps life from getting

Continued next column

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to brother A. Z. Aven in the death of his brother, R. E. Aven. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning in Orange, Texas.

Funeral services were held last week in Sulphur Springs, Texas for the mother of Jack and Jim Paul. We extend sympathy to the family in their loss.

Gospel Meeting

You are invited to attend a meeting with the church in Rusk, Texas, July 13, 14, and 15. Earl Williams will be preaching. Friday evening service is at 7:30. On Saturday, the lessons will be presented at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

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sidetracked by the unessential and unnecessary. The life that has no purpose throbbing in its heart is prey for all the causes that come along, be they good or bad. The tragedy is, with no great purpose, life gravitates to the questionable and the nonessential. Life needs a purpose to guide its dreams, channel its hopes, direct its enthusiasm and harness its energies. Read Phil. 3:7-14.

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Leon & Carolyn Welborn Faber & Kathryn Cauthen
Kimberly Steffee

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR JULY - Room 108
Doug and Nancy Shelton

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Wayne Fears K. Max Haws
Gary Colston Wesley Price

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, July 1 and Wednesday Evening, July 4, COOPER GOODSON - 561-4875.

Youth Group To Teach VBS In North Carolina

Plans are made for seventeen of our young people, Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, and Ken and Ernie Edwards to leave at 6:00 A.M. on Friday, July 6 for Wilson, N. C. where they will teach in a Vacation Bible School. They will be traveling in our new bus. Wilson is a city of about 40,000 located about 45 miles east of Raleigh. The church there has about 90 members. Our young people who have made preparation for this effort are: Cole Bennett, Julienne, Marisa, and Joelle Butler, Trey Hughes, Penny Hulsey, Amy Knight,

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 24 \$6,638.24
June 17 7,107.71
Year Ago 6,656.84

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24 305
June 17 370
Year Ago 359

WORSHIP

June 24 395
June 17 481

WEEKLY

BUDGET \$8,631.00

The Sick

Ben Young had surgery on his hand Monday in Day Surgery and returned home the same day.

Becky Young will be here next week with her parents. She will have surgery on her arm.

Mrs. Jack Bennett entered Mother Frances early Monday morning.

Mrs. Elvie Paul, mother of Jack Paul, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Marc Lemons is schedule to go home from the hospital this week.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Lindale for the son-in-law of Artis and Pattie Tate. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family in their loss.

Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV



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The Church With A Heart

SEVEN WORDS TO LIVE BY --Douglas F. Parsons

I saw a short article in Reader's Digest entitled "Seven Words To Live By" by John W. Gardner, former secretary of HEW. I found it to be a stimulating little article. He begins by asking, "Suppose that you could offer one word of advice to a person living in the year 2000 - one word! What would it be?"

Seven words to live by... I began thinking about these seven words. I asked myself: "From the vantage point of our Christian faith, what seven words would I select?" Here are my seven:

BELIEVE. Here is where it all begins. Right where living begins - right where the Bible begins. "In the beginning God..." That takes care of all the rest of the questions. At the heart of life must be belief.

LOVE. Love of God and love of man (Mark 12:30). Do you see everyone through the eyes of love? Do you identify with them? Do you share life with them?

GIVE. When you love, you give. Giving of one's self and possessions is an important part of successful living. If you were to name the happiest people you know, who would you name? I am quite sure it would not be a selfish, self-centered person - but it would be an open handed, generous person.

LEARN We need to learn from our mistakes and failures as well as from our successes. People are like Mark Twain's cat. His cat sat down on a hot stone. "It would have been wonderful," said Mark Twain, "if the cat had just learned something from the experience, which is, 'do not sit down on a hot stone', but the cat learned too much. He never sat down on any stone at all again." He over-reacted. Just because one stone is hot doesn't mean all stones are hot. People today need to learn from crisis, not just react.

FORGIVE. No happiness is possible unless you forgive. Having been forgiven of our sins, saved by grace through faith, we then should forgive others when they sin against us. "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

WORK. The world is divided into two basic groups. Those who have initiative, drive, purpose, dedication and those who are lazy, lethargic and indolent. In which group are you. We have been given the greatest privilege in the world: living in a land of opportunity for education and achievement.

HOPE. Jesus said to eleven ordinary men, "Go ye into all the world..." (Matthew 28:19). What if they had said, "THIS IS HOPELESS?" Hope - dream. We need to see stars.

Here are seven words to live by: **Believe, Love, Give, Learn, Forgive, Work, and Hope.**

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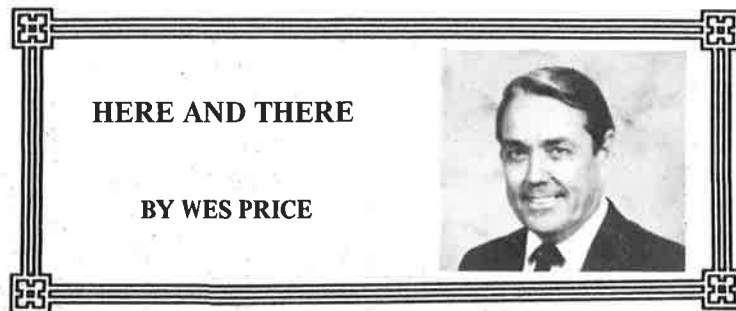
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After nearly 20 annual Vacation Bible Schools, I believe the one we just finished last Friday is without doubt the finest I have ever been associated with. We had a great attendance, a marvelous participation from our membership and the finest touch of all was that I believe the children were happier and profited more by the instruction in our learning centers. Now that's not to fault our previous efforts, but to show that the advantage of the added dimension this type of program brings to our efforts.

Let me share with you the names of those I would like for you to help me say thanks to: The costumes were designed and made by Ann Nail and she also donated the cost of the material. Departmental Directors were Billie Bob Hickman and Elaine Roberson. They were assisted by Carolyn Womack and my wife, Alma Faye. Our story scripts were written by Forest McFadden. Helping me in the acting for story time were Ray Womack, who played the part of Moses and Paul Stanley, who was Aaron. Behind the scene, assistance was provided by Robert Conner, Mark Adams, and Tony Adams, who also did a super job of driving our bus each day. The puppet show, emphasizing various parts of the life of Moses was done by Wesley Price and Lee Roberson. They also wrote their own scripts, made their own props and created their own sound effects. Refreshments were directed by Carolyn Welborn. She was assisted by Signa Stanley and Leona McElroy. We also received great support from our two church secretaries, Nelda Browning and Frances McBee and from Homer Williamson.

Doing a most important job of guiding the groups of children to the learning centers were our Tribal leaders. In Pre-school we had: Cheryl Welborn, Rebecca Center, Matt Goodson, Stephanie Leek, Melinda O'Quinn, Judy Malcolm, Virginia Conner and here two grandchildren, Mike and Lisa Mazingo, Dottie Nail, Teena Roberson, Dana Gode, Abbey Adams, Mary Adams and Lauree Shepherd. In the Children's division we had: Debbie Bynum, Dell Lott, Dorris Humble, Wanda Weathers, Carolyn Carruth, Ann McCoy and her daughter, Ellen McCollum, Linda Marts, Traci O'Quinn, Juanita Lowry, Guy Grogan, Amy Fisher, and Mary Evelyn

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Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Clakley

and

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Magee

invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their children

Janis Kay

and

Dan Adrian

This celebration of love will be on Saturday, the seventh of July

Nineteen hundred and eighty-four

at seven o'clock in the evening

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following ceremony

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful carnation spray that was sent to my grandmother's funeral. I know that a lot of love and fond memories came with it. She loved you all very much. West Erwin held a dear place in both the hearts of her and my grandfather. Also, thanks for all the visits, cards and offers of help to us during the time that she was sick. You have been true friends.

Sandie Schwab

for the family of Bertha Rushing

Take Time To Pray

Guest Speaker

Brother George Stephenson will preach Sunday morning and evening. On July 8th, Jim Chilton from Midland, Mich. will be our guest speaker.

Here and There (continued)

Grier. The Learning Centers were directed by Becky Sims, Amy Faulkner, Juanita Teague, Katie Powell, Rhonda Hendrix, Duane Hendrix, Mary McFadden, Joni Smith, Kay Akin, Denise Howser, Lorene Venable, Barbara Montandon, Mary June Goodson, Tracy Starnes, Rhonda Haws, Sue Starnes, Jean Oliver and her grandson Trace Howard, Patsy Fisher, Gail Vannoy, Laurie Dawkins, Mary Haws, Ken Edwards, Billie Morgan, Ernie Edwards and Ann Nail. The large Two Year Old Class was directed by Velma Lemons. Assisting her were Maxine Freeman, Joelle Butler, Jeff Blackstone and Shelley Miles. Fleta Butler provided nursery care for babies of our workers.

We are indebted to Pauline Aven who arranged for all of her children from the Day School she directs to be present each day. Our thanks to the teachers who came to help. We also welcomed the Day Care at the Broadway church. They came every day along with their teachers.

We want to express appreciation to Dannie Skipper who made a contribution to the Luncheon on Friday for teachers and workers in the school.

We were grateful to everyone who were able to stay and work Friday afternoon to put our buildings back in order for Sunday.

As you can see, putting together a program of this magnitude is no small undertaking and requires the assistance of a great host of dedicated workers. There were others who added their little bit each day because they were here and saw a need. We extend our warmest thanks to all who made this school a great success. May it all be to the glory of God.

One small footnote, our neighbor, the Tyler newspaper, called on Friday morning and asked to come and visit. As a result of that visit, we received city-wide attention with the printing of a picture of one of our learning centers. We appreciate the interest.

You Are Invited To A
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower Honoring
Cris Potts, Bride elect of Mark Smith
Sunday, July 8, 1984 at the home of
Mrs. Roy Roberson
1429 Sunset

Hours
2:30 until 4:00 O'clock

Selections
Dillards
Sanger/Harris

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

DON'T FORGET!

Summer Youth Series

Young people will meet at 6:45, Tuesday, July 3rd to go to Athens for the meeting of the Summer Youth Series at the Eastern Hill Church of Christ.

Happy Birthday

JULY (1) Wes Price, Earnesene Shuford (3) Alma Bennett, Cathy Krewall Vivian McCall, Larry Henry (5) Edwin Pickle (6) Charlie Cook, Michelle Parsons, Les Carruth (7) Jo Northcutt (8) Louise Caskey, Billie Bob Hickman, Virginia Canterbury, Ross Braly (9) Rebecca Center, Charlie Hickman, Bren Rothrock, (10) Terri Hallman, Diann Leek (11) Dottie Nail Velma Lemons, Paul Stanley (14) Jasper Dobbs.

Sympathy

Funeral services were Wednesday in Nampa, Idaho for the mother of brother Joe McBee. Joe flew to Idaho on Tuesday and will return Friday. We extend our sincere sympathy to Joe and Frances and their family in their loss.

New Granddaughter

We are happy that George and Alice Stephenson have a new granddaughter, Amber, born June 20 to Terry and Linda Stephenson at Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 6 lb and 11 oz and is now at home in Bullard, Texas.



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

No Visitor

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

Serving Sunday

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 Announcements Fred Powell
 Prayer Roger Knight
 Dismiss Charles Hickman
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Here and There (continued)

to some of our active and faithful members. Sunday will be the final time for Vern and Nancy Johnson and their boys to worship with us. They are moving to Warsaw, Indiana.

Jwill and Becky Sims and family will be moving to Eldorado, Arkansas sometime after the first of July. Jwill is to begin a new work there on the first.

It would be next to impossible to estimate the value of these two couples to the work of this church. They have been active in visitation, youth work, teaching and children's worship. They are talented and they have never been stingy with that talent when it came to any good work which they were called on to do. No doubt about it, our loss will be someone else's gain. Help me wish them Godspeed as they leave us.

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Welcome New Member

Mrs. Dorris Humble, 5101 Sweetbriar Lane, Apt. 811, telephone 561-0419, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Ayers St. Church of Christ in Corpus Christi, Texas. We are happy to welcome her to Tyler and to West Erwin. She is the mother of Ann Nail.

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 24th and Wednesday evening, June 27th, MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

The Sick

Bill Endsley entered Medical Center Hospital on Tuesday and underwent surgery on Wednesday morning.

Bessie Willis has been in Community Hospital.

Bill Rozell remains in the VA Hospital in Dallas and is scheduled for surgery this week to replace a valve in his heart.

Pete Wallace was home over the weekend, but has returned to the VA Hospital in Dallas for therapy.

Campaign For Christ

June 24 - 19
 7:45 Nightly * Buckeye Stadium
 Gilmer, Texas

Jimmy Allen, Preaching

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The Church With A Heart

ANTIDOTE FOR SPIRITUAL VIRUS

A father had just punished his small boy. Towering over the youngster, he demanded, "Now, will you be good?"

"Yes and no" was the provocative answer.

"Well said, son, for that is exactly the way it will be. We all understand how you feel. Everyone of us seems to sprout the horns of a devil and the halo of an angel at the same time." Apparently, it has always been so. Strickland Gilligan's brief poem, "On the Antiquity of Microbes" explains the problem:

Adam Had'em

Sin started the same way. It's not a matter of original sin - no sin is original anymore, some wag has quipped. But all realize there is a spiritual virus in the bloodstream that makes the whole race sick with a disease that must be diagnosed "meanselfish-itis."

Many sophisticated folk do not believe in sin. They just do it without bothering to name it. What do we mean by the term? How about this definition? "Sin is the assertion of self to the hurt of other selves without regard for the Supreme Self." Or as a prominent theologian phrased it, "all human life is involved in the sin of seeking security at the expense of other life."

The human predicament, according to the Bible, is that every person, as a result of sin, is self-centered when he or she ought to be God-centered. There is no way for self-centered persons to become un-self centered by trying harder.

In one of Dorothy Sayers' plays, Judas speaks to the high priest after the great betrayal:

Do you know what hellfire is? It is the light of God's unbearable innocence that sears and shrivels you like flame. It shows you what you are... Priest, it is a fearful thing to see oneself for a moment as one really is! I tell you, there is no escape from God's innocence.

Yes, there is, Judas! When the prodigal decided to come home it was because "he came to himself" and came confessing simply. "I have sinned," (Luke 15:18). He discovered that even when he was unacceptable to himself, he was still acceptable to his parent. It's called "Amazing Grace."

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.

---Douglas F. Parsons

THE MISSING INGREDIENT

CONTENTMENT is missing from our lives. Recently, I asked an octogenerian why. Her response- "people are confused." I think she's right. Confusion causes us to lash out - at anything and everybody. Our unwholeness causes perplexity and so we play pin-the-tail on-the-donkey in an effort to put the blame outside of self. And so we lose heart with our mates, our jobs, tell our employer off (or maybe our employees). If all fails we can put the blame on Washington. This confusion leads us to change mates, jobs, move to the country if we are in the city (while we meet those going in the other direction!)... Anything goes in our search for CONTENTMENT.

Stanley Lockhart shared a survey asking people what they wanted most today. A simpler life led the list. Isn't that Paul's point? "There is great gain in godliness with CONTENTMENT; for we brought nothing into the world; and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be CONTENT, (I Tim. 6: 6-8). Ah! What What beauty!

Paul had been literally scarred by life, (Gal. 6:17). Yet his commitment to the Lord Jesus enabled him to say: "I am CONTENT with weakness," (II Cor. 12:10)... "I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content," (Phil. 4:11). This last line was poured out in jail.

Amidst all the problems and dissatisfaction of today we need an anchor; some kind of truth to which we can cling. I've found one in a favorite text and poem: "...be CONTENT with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you.' Hence we can confidently say, 'the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can men do to me?'" (Heb. 13: 5-6).

"Yet in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings:
I know that God is good."

Via Prestoncrest Family News
Dallas, Texas

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DON'T FORGET!



Summer Youth Series

Young people, please meet at the church building on Tuesday evening, June 26, at 6:15 to go together on the bus to the Crockett Road Church in Palestine to attend the Summer Youth Series.

Brother's Keeper

SUNDAY EVENING FOLLOWING WORSHIP
June 24, 1984
Plan to meet with your unit.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (24) Amie Roberts (26) Amy O'Quinn (27) Vern Johnson (28) Christine Parsons, Stephanie Miles (29) B. B. Lambert, Kyle McRuiz.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Pritchett for Mrs. E. V. (Bertha) Rushing. We express our deepest sympathy to her family. Brother and sister Rushing worshipped for many years with the West Erwin congregation and meant much to the Cause of Christ in this area.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers during my recovery in the hospital and at home. Also, we appreciate the cards and visits during this time.

Archie Lowry

We appreciate the food, flowers, cards, calls, and every act of kindness during our time of sorrow.

Naomi Haden & Family

We want to thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and every kindness while we were in the hospital and at home. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Guy Potts
Cris Potts

The family of Suda Beard acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

The family and relatives of Lila Allen thank you for the spray of pink carnations that the church sent for the funeral.

Thomas and I want to add our thanks for the flowers. We appreciate all the love you have shown us through the years.

Barbara & Thomas Holland

We want to thank you for your support the last few months. Thanks to your prayers, Rodney has completed his treatment in record time with no serious side effects. Your cards and visits have kept up our morale and your financial support lifted a heavy burden from our shoulders. Thanks to God, you, and the doctors in Houston, we have beaten this disease. We praise God that we are members of such a wonderful family and pray that He will continue to bless this congregation.

Rodney & Betty Knight

Sweet Things

In the pre-school Learning Center of Unleavened Bread, Becky Sims overheard one student comment about the unleaded bread.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



To say that we had a great beginning to our annual Vacation Bible School would be a drastic understatement. It was grrrrreat!!! With only a few minor adjustments, we were able to have a great day with a near record attendance of around 300. We cannot say thank you enough to the host of people who worked to make this fine school a success. We will share more with you in next week's bulletin about this exciting work.

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We enjoyed having George and Alice with us again for worship services Sunday and will be looking forward to having them on Sundays through the month of June and the first Sunday in July. Brother Jim Chilton of the Midland, Michigan church will be our guest speaker for Sunday, July 8.

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We rejoice in our elders decision to move forward on the building of our new benevolent center. Construction will begin immediately after we finish our VBS. We prevailed upon brother James Massey, who has been designated by our elders to oversee this building project, to delay destruction of the old house until our VBS was completed. We are using the house for part of our story time and James was gracious enough to let us continue our plans.

It was also good to hear of the plans for this congregation to sponsor brother Harold Taylor in his new ministry. As soon as we have completed information about the multifaceted ministry, we will pass it on to you. Although he and his wife, Betty, will be living in the Dallas area, they will be able to visit with us frequently and we plan on using Harold's many talents in special classes here at West Erwin. We welcome them to the fellowship here. They will be completing their work at the Sunset church in Lubbock the end of July.

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May we make a special appeal to any men who may have Saturday morning available to help us return our classrooms to normal after VBS. We will meet here at 9:30 Saturday morning. With enough help, we should be finished by noon.

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Again, the time has come for us to say goodbye

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Dismiss Elvin Wilson

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 17 and Wednesday
Evening, June 20, TONY ADAMS - 566-1598.

Response

On Wednesday evening, May 30, Kenny Bailey came to be restored. We commend Kenny for his love and courage. His address is 309 E. Erwin.

Guest Speaker Sunday

We are pleased that brother George Stephenson will preach for us again Sunday. In keeping with our VBS Theme, we will have a lesson on Moses.

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

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Youth Minister

My family and I are so pleased to be here at West Erwin. Many of you have made us feel very comfortable and a part of the family of Christians that meet here. We are thankful that we have Hillard, Wes, the elders and their families to work with. We feel very fortunate indeed to have been selected for the work here. We are looking forward to making West Erwin and Tyler our home for many years to come.

Thank you for your past, present and future co-operation.

Kenneth Edwards

The Sick

Bill Rozell remains seriously ill in the VA Hospital in Dallas. He is scheduled to undergo surgery on Thursday of next week.

Micah Howser, young son of the Jim Howsers was hospitalized for day surgery on Wednesday.

Jack Stringer was injured in an accident at work last week. Three of his fingers were injured.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Lindale on Saturday of last week for Clyde Haden, son of our sister Naomi Haden.

Sunday afternoon, services for Mrs. Suda Beard were held in the church of Christ in Chandler. She was the mother of Jack Beard.

We share in the sorrow of each family in their loss.

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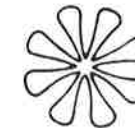
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 18 - 22

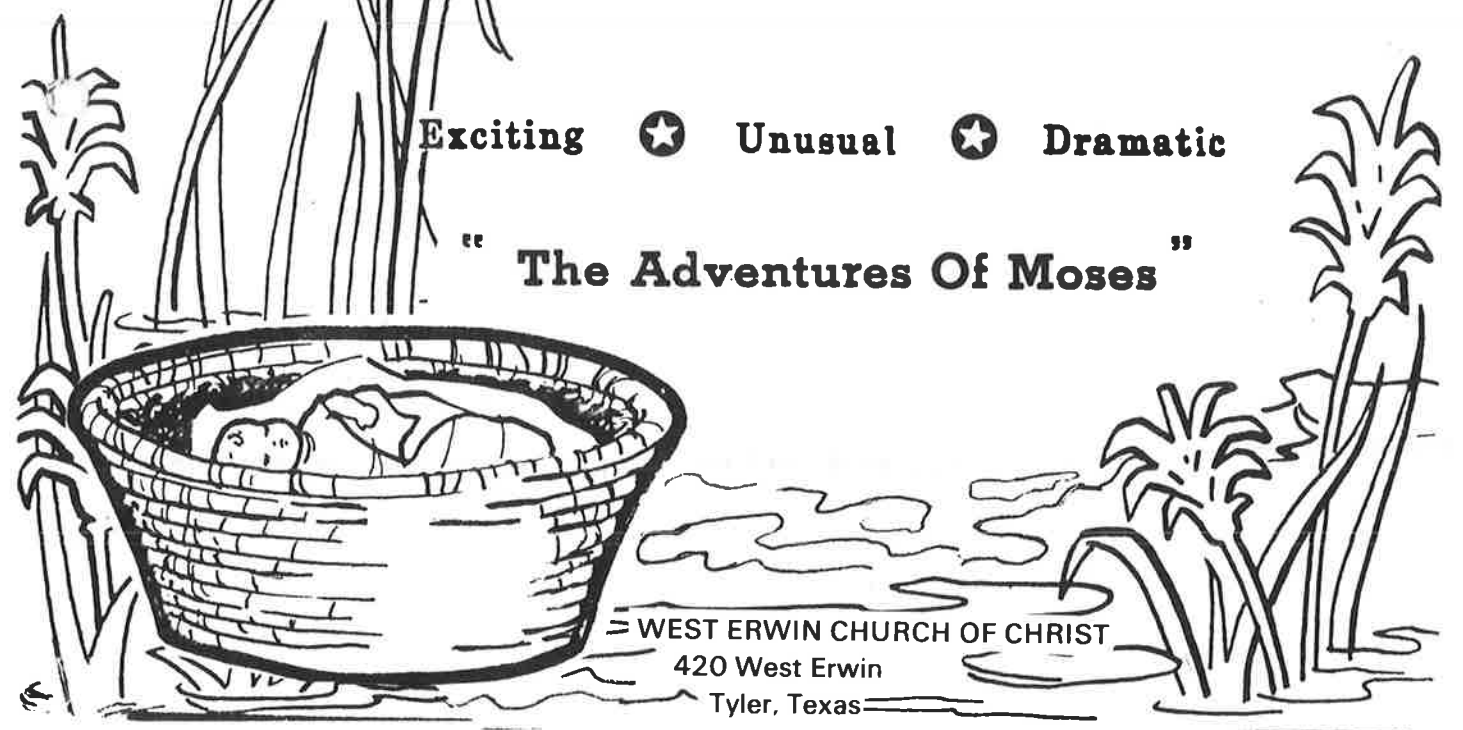


9:30 - 12:00 Noon

Two Years Through Sixth Grade

Exciting ☆ Unusual ☆ Dramatic

"The Adventures Of Moses"



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Vacation Bible School Teaching Staff

ADVENTURES WITH MOSES
June 18 - 22, 1984
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

ROOM	CLASS	TEACHERS
102/108	Two Year Olds	Velma Lemons Shelley Miles Maxine Freeman Joelle Butler

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PRE-SCHOOL	Supervisor: ELAINE ROBERSON	
ROOM	LEARNING CENTER	TEACHERS
104	Unleavened Bread	Becky Sims Amy Faulkner
105	Manna	Juanita Teague Katie Powell
215	Games No.1	Rhonda Hendrix Duane Hendrix
107	Games No. 2	Joni Smith Kay Akin
Fellowship Hall	Family Center 1	Denise Howser
Fellowship Hall	Family Center 2	Lorene Venable
208	Bible Customs	Barbara Montandon
202	Art	Mary June Goodson
Chapel	Films	Rhonda Haws
301	Tabernacle	Sue Starnes Jean Oliver

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CHILDREN	Supervisor: BILLIE BOB HICKMAN	
ROOM	LEARNING CENTER	TEACHERS
303	Unleavened Bread	Patsy Fisher
Annex	Listening Post	Gail Vannoy
214	Bible Research	Laurie Dawkins
302	Games	Mary Haws Carolyn Blackstone
Chapel	Films	Rhonda Haws
Auditorium	Bible Geography	Ken Edwards
204	Clay Tablets	Billie Morgan
206	Art	Ernie Edwards
Back Foyer	Films	Ann Nail
	Alternate Teacher	Carolyn Womack
	Puppets	Wes Price Lee Roberson
	Story Time	Ray Womack Wes Price
	(Script Writer: Forest McFadden)	
	Refreshments	Carolyn Welborn Signa Stanley Leona McElroy

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We appreciate every teacher. We also have other adults and teens serving as Tribal Leaders and helpers who are essential to this program. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET!

Summer Youth Series

Next Tuesday evening, June 19, The Summer Youth Series will meet at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ here in Tyler. The time is 7:30.

100% Class

We commend Jean Oliver's 4th Grade Class for their 100% attendance, June 3, in spite of the fact that we had a large number of our folks out of town. Congratulations class!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Brothers & Sisters,
Please allow Laree and me, once again, the privilege of thanking you for your many expressions of love for the truth of God, and for us, during the time we have worked with you at West Erwin. You will always have a special place in our hearts. The "going away get-together" last Friday night was truly wonderful. We thank all of those who planned and worked so hard to make this such a memorable evening. Your very abundant gift of money truly reveals the warmth and love of generous hearts. May God forever bless you and yours now and throughout eternity.

In Christian love,
Perry and Laree Hall

Thank you so much for all the calls, prayers, flowers and food you so graciously gave to Walter and me during my stay in the hospital. I love all of you.

Pauline Fuller

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the years you made my life so happy. Especially now I thank you for all the wonderful cards and letters since the loss of my beloved little sister. Buck joins me in sending love and best wishes to each one of you.

Dewey Frederick

I want to thank you so much for the Bible that I received at Baccalaureate services. It is really nice and there is no doubt I can truly use it. Thank you so much.

Stephanie Leek

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

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HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Our hearts were saddened this week as we helped two families say goodbye to dear loved ones. Our sympathy and comfort go out to Naomi Haden in the loss of her son, Clyde, and to Jack Beard and his family in the passing of his mother, Suda Beard. Let's extend a warm and comforting hand to them in this time of need.

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We had a great meeting with all the VBS workers on Sunday afternoon and we will be having another one at 4:00 P.M. again this coming Sunday. At this meeting, we will run through all the classes to make sure that we have the schedules down correctly. This means that all learning center teachers and tribal leaders, puppeteers, and story time characters need to be present. Bring any materials that have already been passed out to you. Those who have not received your materials will get it at the meeting. I cannot stress too strongly the importance of this meeting for a successful beginning on Monday morning.

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: Jeanine Hughes will be teaching the Nursery Class in Room 109 as usual. Also, Velma Lemons will conduct her Two Year Old Class as usual in Room 102. All other pre-school and primary children through the 5th grade will meet for class in the Chapel. The room we originally set for pre-school will not be available. All others will be meeting together in the auditorium.

All Sunday morning Bible Classes will resume their regular places, June 24. Wednesday night classes will resume their regular schedules on June 27.

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A large number of West Erwin members were present Friday evening for the farewell fellowship for Perry and Laree Hall. A large money gift was given as a token of love. We pray God's blessings upon them as they seek a new ministry. We commend them for the years of service and the ministry to the saints here.

Let's continue to pray for our elders as they seek a minister for our pulpit. We still have the Lord's work to do and we must get on with it. Let's don't let the work suffer for lack of our time or our money or our prayers.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer Ray Lott
Dismiss Ron Lott

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer Paul Stanley
Dismiss Mike Munn

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Louis Jones Mike Savage June 3 475
Bob Clemmons David Demic May 27 402
Alan Fisher Joe Clark Weekly

Lee Nail Jonathan Paul Budget \$8,631.00

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR JUNE - Room 108
Jwill and Becky Sims - Carolyn Blackstone and Cheryl Murphy.

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, June 10 and Wednesday Evening, June 13, LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

Here and There

It is time to make reservations for the Summer Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian University. It is scheduled for the week of July 22 - 25. The church will provide for the registration fee and room accommodations. Several have already signed up. We can take as many as 26 on our new bus, so let's fill it up! We need to know by June 25.

Change of Address

Aubrey and Floia Payne have a new address, 795 Cambridge Rd. (75703). Also, Glynn & Fran Starnes address is Rt. 23, Box 254 (75703). This is a change by the Post Office.

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June 3 \$7,836.29
May 27 5,607.83
Year Ago 7,831.39

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3 390
May 27 315
Year Ago 385

WORSHIP

Grocery Truck

The truck from the Medina Home will be here one day next week. We are collecting SUGAR for them. In addition they have a special need for a STEAM IRON, a HAND MIXER, and DISH TOWELS. If we have anyone who can supply any one of these items, they will be most appreciative.

Nursery Helpers

The response of the ladies to our need for helpers in our nursery was very good. A schedule is being made and you will be called in advance for the Sundays that you are scheduled to help, either in the infant or toddler nursery. Your help is appreciated very much. You may still volunteer by calling Paul Montandon, 595-2745.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST
June 24 - 29
7:45 Nightly * Buckeye Stadium
Gilmer, Texas
JIMMY ALLEN, Preaching

The Sick

Bill Rozell remains very seriously ill in the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Chester (Elva Lee) Williams is a patient in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Mrs. A. E. Bedford had eye surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances.

Pete Wallace continues to be a patient in the VA Hospital in Dallas. He would enjoy hearing from you. His address is Room A-614, 4500 Lancaster, Dallas 75216.

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The Church With A Heart



BEARING THE MARKS

"From henceforth, let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Gal. 6:17).

There was a time when the Armenians were cruelly tortured by the Turks. Then the Armenians came and set up relief camps for refugees. One who wandered into camp was a young girl. Her dark eyes were full of pain, and her body hardly seemed able to stand the strain of waiting for the doctor. Someone said to her, "Have you been hurt?" And she answered, "I am bearing the cross. I bear in my body the cross of Jesus Christ. Now I know how He suffered." They didn't seem to know exactly what she meant by all that. But then, as she slipped her loose fitting and soiled dress from her shoulders, they understood her meaning. There was a cross that had literally been branded on her shoulder with a hot iron. The wound was burning with fever, swollen and infected. The girl then explained, "Every day they would say to me 'Mohammed or Christ?' When I said, 'Christ,' they brought the iron and branded a cross on my shoulder. I thought I would die before relief came. Now as long as I live, I will bear the cross."

Paul could point to welts, scars and disfigurement on his own physical frame and remark, "I bear in my body the marks

of the Lord Jesus." A painful description of the apostle's ordeals is detailed in the eleventh chapter of II Corinthians. It causes me to look soberly at my own record of endurance when I read those pitiful words.

I take off my hat and extend my heart to every Christian who feels the wounds that faithfulness often demands. Many wives have known the loneliness of trying to serve God without the support and encouragement of a godly husband. Many young men and women have rejected the enticements and allurements of sin in spite of the taunts and jeers of their youthful associates. And so many loyal preachers, elders, deacons, teachers... have refused to compromise sound doctrine to appease a multitude who had rather hear a more palatable message.

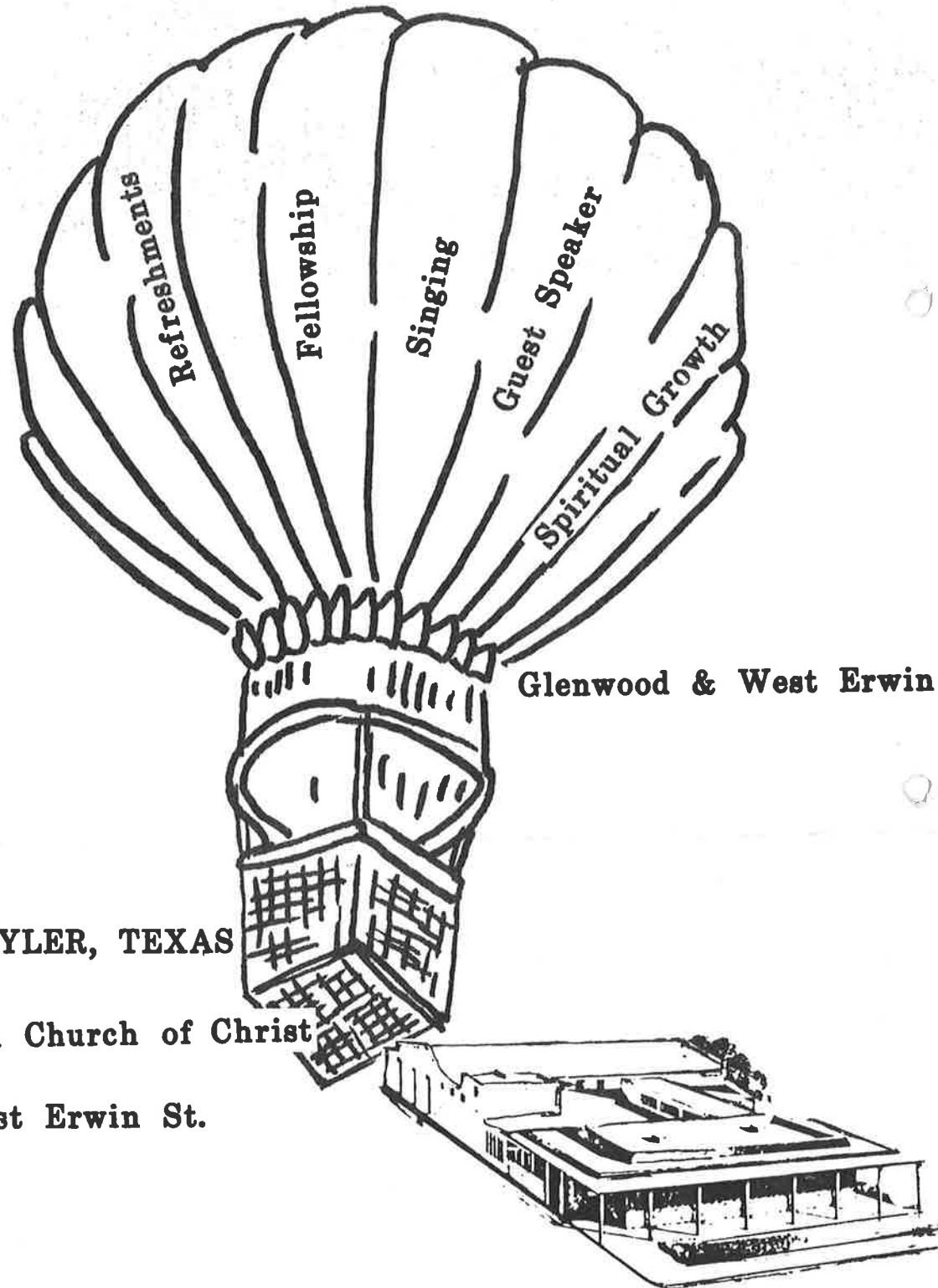
There are still crosses to carry and marks to bear. They are often emotional instead of physical, but they are still just as real. To those who carry on under that struggle, we say with the apostle: *"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus be with your spirit. Amen"* (Gal.6:18).

Kerry Knight
Houston, Texas

1st Meeting 1984

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

June 12 7:30 P.M.



COME to TYLER, TEXAS

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin St.

In Appreciation

Our family wishes to thank you for your loving thoughts and deeds during the past few weeks. The food that was brought over was greatly appreciated and all the visits helped to ease the loss. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Brother Wes, Thank you so much for your visits and prayers.

The A. E. Bedford Family

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

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Clayton Browning.

The family of James Canterbury will hold in grateful remembrance your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you for your prayers and the many other expressions of Christian love and concern during my recent stay in the hospital. Each act of kindness strengthened and encouraged me.

Floia Payne

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Youth Director



We welcome Ken and Ernie Edwards and their two daughters, Kami and Kenli, to Tyler and West Erwin. Ken has already begun his work with our young people.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



It was a joy to have George and Alice Stephenson with us for worship on Sunday. It is hard to imagine that just a few years ago his health was failing and now he can preach with such strength. We will be looking forward to having him again in a couple of weeks.

Please continue to pray for our elders as they look for a minister for our pulpit.

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Our Vacation Bible School workers are continuing their diligent work in preparation for the most complicated and elaborate Vacation Bible School that West Erwin has ever had. We will have a complete schedule of classes and teachers in next week's Visitor. By the time that week is over we will have used about three times as many workers as in a normal VBS and consumed about four times as much preparation time. We are confident that it will be well worth the extra workers and time since the children will have some very permanent learning experiences.

Although a great host of workers are preparing for the school, we cannot be completely successful unless we have a large number of children present for the classes. That is where the members of West Erwin come into the picture. I am sure in your neighborhood you can find a car load of children to bring. We encourage every member to invite those children and bring them. If you have too many for your own vehicle, then let us know and we will dispatch one of our buses to bring them. Don't let our teaching staff down. Do your part and we will see a completely successful week of Bible study and learning.

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A special word of congratulations to one of our Bible school students for being present at every Sunday morning Bible class for the past quarter. Chris Starnes is to be commended for that excellent achievement. He is a student in Tony and Mary Adams Sunday morning Fifth Grade Class.

The 2 year old class of Velma Lemons and Sherryl Miles was 100% in attendance Sunday. We congratulate this group.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Dismiss Harley Turner

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Bob Clemmons David Demic
Alan Fisher Joe Clark
Lee Nail Jonathan Paul

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Year Ago 372

WORSHIP

May 27 402
May 20 481
Weekly

Budget 8,631.00



New Members

Kenneth and Ernestine Edwards, our newest members, live at 3922 Jan. Their telephone number is 581-4449. They have two daughters, Kami, age five and Kenli, eighteen months.

Here and There

I received a note from Mable Massey this past week. Her address is P.O.Box 23, Loving, Texas 76062. She is well and hopes to visit us in the near future. She would enjoy hearing from you.

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Thank you for your response to my sermons on Sunday. I hope you realize the love that I have for each one in this congregation and appreciate you for the strength you lend in supporting the work of the Lord in Tyler.

Perry Hall, Minister
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The Sick

Cone Birdwell was scheduled to enter Medical Center Hospital for surgery on Thursday.

Bill Rozell is very ill. He is a heart patient at the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Pete Wallace is recovering from surgery last week at the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Suda Beard, mother of Jack Beard, continues to be very ill in Community Hospital.

Archie Lowry remains in Mother Frances Hospital recovering from injuries suffered in a fall.

Several have asked for the address of the VA Hospital. It is 4500 Lancaster, Dallas 75216.

Gospel Meetings

Richard Rogers will speak in a Gospel Meeting, June 3 - 6 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (3) Gena Henry (4) Cheryl Welborn, Ken Gode, Carroll Magee (5) Carolyn Womack (6) Stephanie Miles, C. B. Hardin (9) Rebecca Price, David Hanley.

Congratulations

David Tuel, son of O'Neal and Mildred Tuel, will graduate on June 2 from Texas A & M University, College of Medicine. On June 28 he will enter the University of South Alabama Medical Hospital for 3 years of Internship and Residency. He will specialize in Pediatrics.

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The Church With A Heart



George Stephenson to Preach Sunday

George and Alice Stephenson are lovely people and we are looking forward to having them with us for Sunday worship services. George will teach the Chapel Class and preach for the morning and evening worship services.

As brother Carpenter mentioned, the elders are looking for a pulpit minister and they solicit not only your prayers, but your suggestions as well.

Let's enjoy having George and Alice Stephenson with us again and show them the kindness they so richly deserve.

Youth Director . . .

The Edwards Have Arrived

We want to welcome Ken, Ernestine, Kami and Kenli Edwards to the West Erwin family. Ken will begin his work as Youth Director, June 1st. He and his family come highly recommended. Ken and Ernie are graduates of Abilene Christian University. Ken has a Marketing degree and Ernie has an Education degree. They worked in Abilene for two years and in Hobbs, New Mexico for two years.

The young people are looking forward to being with Ken. Jeanine and I are excited about working with them as they begin what we hope will be a long and fruitful work here. Make them welcome!

...Hillard Hughes

EDITORIAL:

TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

The call of Jesus was to be a servant (Luke 22:26). But the lifestyle of a servant goes against our grain. Being a servant does not mean doing a few good things for a few people, but trying to emulate Jesus in living a life of compassion, gentleness and perseverance. "I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27).

What are the characteristics of a servant?

- 1. PUTS OTHERS FIRST. This was the command of Phil. 2:3-4. It must be genuine. A servant does not serve for what he can get out of it. We sometimes are guilty of telling God when, where, whom and how we will serve. But as Jesus in the garden submitted to God's will, so must we.
2. YIELDS HIS/HER RIGHTS. Christ had done this (Phil. 2:6-7). Much of what God wants done involves unsung effort. Each of us will be called on to do something for which we will get no credit. To serve others I must be willing to suffer discomfort so that others will feel comfortable. In the 19th century a group of missionaries wanted to teach the inhabitants of an island off the coast of South America. Most of these islanders were slaves on the large plantation that covered the island. The owners feared the missionaries & would not let them come. So, the missionaries sold themselves into slavery in order to take the Gospel to the islanders.
3. PREPARED TO BE INCONVENIENCED. This is almost always a part of service. A servant does things you could not pay him to do. Because he/she knows they are owned by God and they stand ready to serve at His disposal. Your car, house, college diploma — all are worth nothing eternally unless they are placed at God's disposal for the salvation of men.

God wants us to surrender and submit to Christ. But we get caught up in the world's preoccupation with selfish interests. When we get serious about being servants, we will turn our world upside down.

Dick Marcear

In Appreciation

We want to thank each and everyone who brought food and sent cards. We appreciate so much the calls of concern, your words of encouragement and prayers. We love you and we will always remember the kindness and love you have shown us.

The James Canterbury Family

Sympathy

Services were held at Lloyd James Funeral Home on Friday for Clayton Browning, brother of Harold Browning.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home for brother A. E. Bedford. He died Thursday afternoon.

express our sympathy to each family in their loss.

College Graduates

We are sorry that Dan Magee's name was not listed last week among the college graduates. He is a graduate of Abilene Christian University.

We also understand that Sherry Munn has completed all work on her doctorate from East Texas State in Commerce, Texas. She will receive the degree in August.

Grocery Truck

Remember the grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 11-15 to pick up what we have for them. It was suggested that we collect SUGAR. A six months supply is 280 10lb bags.

Dinner for the Halls

Remember the dinner for Perry and Laree Hall at the Rose Garden Building, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please give your donation to Mack Bynum or Bud Caskey by Wednesday night, June 6, so it can be presented to the Halls in one sum Friday at the Dinner.

Plan to attend. Bring your food to be shared together. Enjoy the fellowship and express your love and good wishes to the Halls.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The holiday season had a profound effect on our attendance last Sunday. We had an exceptionally large number of visitors present for worship service, but attendance was down considerably in our Bible classes. We hope all had an enjoyable holiday weekend and a safe return home.

I'm sure the holiday weekend was the reason our attendance was low at the Sunday afternoon showing of the Ten Commandments. We will be showing the final half of that film this coming Sunday afternoon at 3:45 in the chapel. We want all VBS teachers and workers to be present for this session. Make a note of it as you read this bulletin.

Most of the work that has been accomplished so far in preparation for our Vacation Bible School has been done outside the building by our teachers. It will soon be time for us to begin preparing the rooms for use. We would like to request all our regular Sunday morning and Wednesday evening teachers to help us by removing all bulletin boards from the following rooms: 104, 105/106, 215, 208, 206, 301, 303, 302, 204, and 202. At the present time other rooms not mentioned will not be used.

Because of the extensive preparations in the rooms, the elders have approved the following schedule for the week immediately preceding our VBS. On Wednesday night, June 13, there will be no classes. All will meet in the auditorium for a worship service. Sunday morning, June 17, we will not have our regular classes. All adults, teenagers, and middle school children (grades 6, 7 & 8) will meet in the auditorium for a special class. Grades 1 - 5 will meet in the Chapel. Pre-School children, ages 2 through 5 will meet in the annex. Each of these classes will have a special lesson for that day. We hope you will co-operate with us in these matters. Our teachers are doing an outstanding work in getting ready for this special type VBS.

We will repeat this schedule in a later bulletin so that it won't be overlooked.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Dismiss Shannon Hughes

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Ray Wommack
Dismiss John Powell

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

K. Max Haws Dick Higginbotham May 20 481
Larry Henry Archie Kennard May 13 544
Hoyt Hughes Rick Higginbotham Weekly
Jeff Biggs Charles Bell Budget \$8,631.00

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Doug & Nancy Shelton Jack & Johnnie Stringer
Roy & Elaine Roberson Roy & Chloe Clark
Lee Roberson Kristy Roberson

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Charles Lemons Tommy Lowrance
Bill Thompson Tom Williams

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR MAY - Room 108

Doug & Nancy Shelton, Larry and Sandra Henry and Mary June Goodson.

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, May 27 and Wednesday evening, May 30 - MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.

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May 20 \$6,762.78
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Year Ago 6,931.67

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 20 389
May 13 446
Year Ago 419

WORSHIP

Responses

Paul Joy, 537½ Buford, came Sunday evening to place membership. He formerly attended the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. Paul is the nephew of Marian Rowe.

On Sunday morning, May 6, at the close of the service, a statement was read from Mack Bynum. We are sorry that his name was not listed in the bulletin among the responses for that day.

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Guy Potts is in Community Hospital. Also, Chris Potts has been in Community, but is now at home.

Mrs. Suda Beard, mother of Jack Beard, is critically ill in Community Hospital.

Pete Wallace had surgery Monday in the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Archie Lowry is in Mother Frances suffering injuries from a fall. He has been in ICU, but is now in a room.

Pauline Fuller and Ken Bennett have both gone home from the hospital.

Sympathy

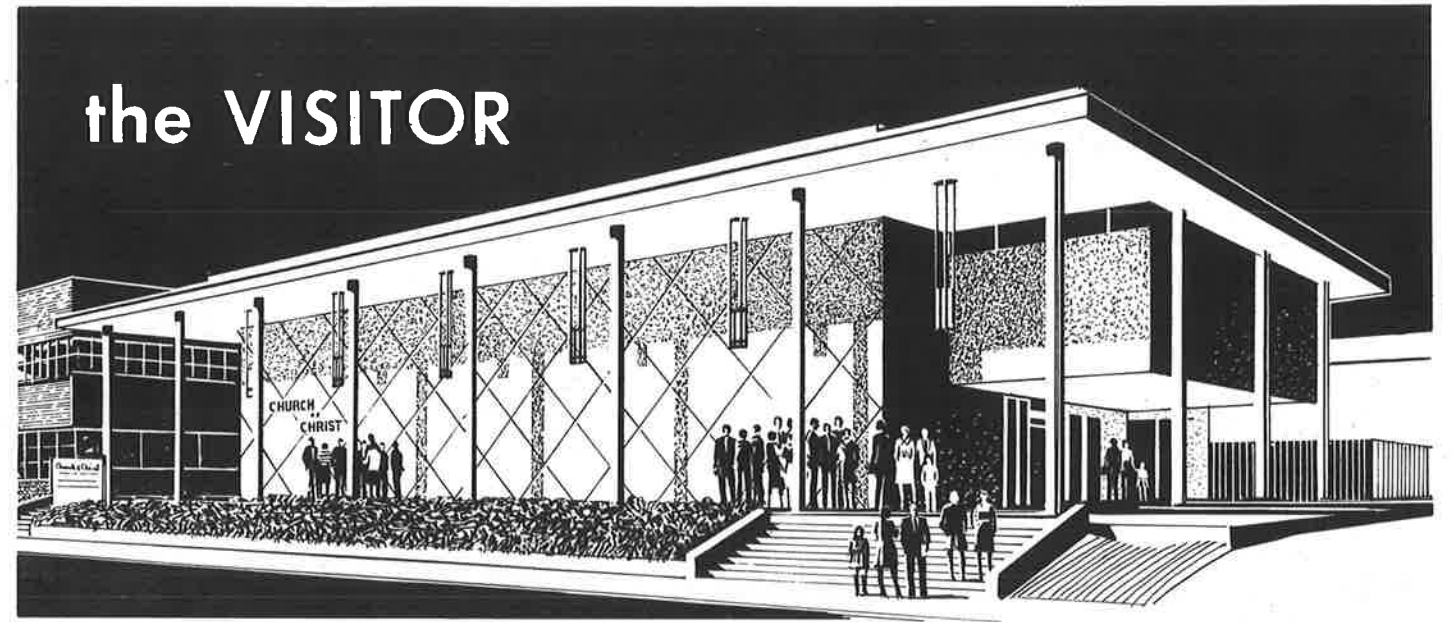
We express our deepest sympathy to Evelyn Henderson and her family. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Poynor for Mrs. Sara Evelyn Costlow, grandmother of Evelyn.

Graveside services were held Wednesday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery for Aline Kendrick. She formerly lived in Tyler, but in recent years her home was in Dallas. Many from West Erwin will remember her. We express our sympathy to her family.

Brother's Keeper Units

*Meet Sunday Evening
Following Worship*

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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 World 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 Chimala

Dear Christian Friends,

We are having beautiful weather in Chimala. We have no complaints about the weather here. It is just lovely.

The staff at the hospital has really been busy these days. They have been having 80 patients in the hospital with only 59 beds. Too, they see from 100 to 200 out patients most every day. The changing of the seasons always brings on a rash of diseases.

Carter, Lincos (a native preacher that goes with us) and I have been attending church services in Mbeya recently to encourage them in the work there. On the way back to Chimala last Sunday the leaders of the church in a small village just this side of Mbeya stopped us. They said they had eleven that wanted to be baptized. They wanted Carter and Lincos to assist them. We all went down to the river and witnessed the baptizing of these eleven. On the way to their Bible Class that afternoon, some young men were riding to class with them. One of the men told them he'd like to be baptized. So they stopped at the nearest river and baptized him. The same thing happened the next Sunday afternoon. There have been 28 baptized in the last few weeks.

We appreciate so much the nice items we received from you in this last shipment. We received 12 boxes from you containing bandages, band aids, iodine, tape, vitamins, aspirin, flexible gauze, soap, Q-tips, first aid ointment and hydrogen peroxide. Thank you so much for all these very useful things. We do appreciate you thinking of our needs.

Also, we want to thank you for your effort, time and expenses in preparing and sending these packages. May God bless and care for you.

In Christian love,
Ruth Geer
For All On The Mission

Happy Birthday

MAY (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Mildred Tuel, Ola Dunwoody JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Paul Miller, Justin Wiggains (2) Valerie Sexton.

Teacher of The Year



We are happy to present to you Jean Oliver as our selection as Teacher of the Year. She was honored last week at our Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner and presented with an appropriate plaque. We are grateful to her for the years of dedicated service spanning more than three decades at West Erwin. We are proud of her and the time and energy which she has devoted to her role as Bible Class Teacher. We hope that her example will encourage and inspire others to want to dedicate their lives to the unselfish role as a teacher of God's Word. Join in expressing thanks and congratulations to her for this honor. WP

College Graduates

We know of the following college graduates. We extend congratulations to each one on their achievements.

Abilene Christian University

Wade Weathers

Doug and Jill Stickler

Texas A & M

Roy Lane Roberson

Clark Lemons

Texas Tech

Bret Tarpley

Dinner for the Halls

There will be a dinner to honor Perry and Laree Hall, June 8, at the Rose Garden Building at 7:00 p.m. A gift of money will be presented to them at this time. If you would like to express your appreciation and love to them, please give your donation to Mack Bynum or Bud Caskey.

This will be a "pot luck" dinner. Make plans now to attend and bring your food to be shared together in Christian fellowship (drinks and bread will be furnished).

In Appreciation

Thanks for your many calls and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. Your kindness was very much appreciated. In Christian love,
Jesse Keener

We just wanted to send a note of thanks for all your kindness. The food that was brought over has been a big help to feed all the visiting relatives. Your visits and calls are greatly appreciated also. Please continue to pray for us at this time.

The A.E. Bedford Family

(The above note was intended especially for the Brother's Keeper Unit.)

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at Memorial Funeral Home for brother James Canterbury. We share in the sorrow and loss of Virginia and the children and grandchildren.

Funeral services were held last week in Mount Sylvan for Julia Smith, aunt of Roy Clark. We extend sympathy to the family.

Where Did Your Sheets Go?

The workers, who so diligently serve the needs of others through our benevolent program, have completed another year. They will meet again in the fall on a scheduled day. This dedicated group has prepared and shipped to the Chimala Mission Hospital in Tanzania 3,097 bandages since October, 1983. In addition, they have sent 711 swatch bandages, 149 diaper shirts and 38 hospital shirts. The work done for the Chimala Hospital is only a part of our Benevolent Program, but as you can read from the letter written this week from Chimala, it is a very important effort.

Ladies, continue to save your old sheets!

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Since our bulletin last week was dedicated to our graduating seniors, we were limited in our space. The Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet was a great success with an excellent turn-out of teachers. Elsewhere in our bulletin you will be introduced to our "Teacher of the Year." We are certainly proud of her. We are also grateful to Sue Starnes for the fine work she did in decorating our fellowship hall for the occasion. She used the theme, "An Apple For The Teacher," and carried it out with touches of the old-time school room atmosphere. We also gave each teacher an apple as a small token of our appreciation for their dedication to the teaching ministry.

Our Adventures With Moses Vacation Bible School is drawing ever closer. Teachers and other workers are busy putting together what we believe to be one of the very best Bible Schools that West Erwin has ever had. Since the theme is on the life of Moses, we have scheduled a showing of the film The Ten Commandments for two consecutive Sunday afternoons to help set the stage for VBS. The film is four hours in length, so we have set two Sundays to see it. The first half will be shown Sunday afternoon, May 27, beginning at 3:45. The second half will be shown the following Sunday, June 3, at the same time. Two purposes are in mind as we show this film. First, we want to develop a particular atmosphere for the life and times of Moses. The other is to see how Moses' life and the events surrounding the departure from Egypt has been dramatized. Of course, we encourage all our teaching staff to reserve these two Sundays for this showing, and we invite all others - men, women, and children who would care to see it - to be our guests.

Elsewhere in our bulletin you will find the amazing statistics concerning the work of our ladies in the Benevolent Center. We congratulate them for their work's sake as they come to the end of a very successful year of service. Untold hundreds of ill folk have been aided by their efforts.

It seems altogether appropriate that we mention the Fourth Grade Class for having 100% attendance last Sunday since the teacher is Jean Oliver. Our congratulations to the class.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Forest McFadden
Prayer Phil Marts
Dismiss Wesley Price

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Announcements Forest McFadden
Prayer J. D. Osborn
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Doug & Nancy Shelton Jack & Jonnie Stringer
Roy & Elaine Roberson Roy & Chloe Clark
Lee Roberson Kristy Roberson

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Charles Lemons Tommy Lowrance
Bill Thompson Tom Williams

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR MAY - Room 108

Doug & Nancy Shelton, Larry & Sandra Henry and
Mary June Goodson.

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, May 20 and Wednesday Evening, May 23 - GEORGE KESTER, 561-0974.

Responses

Sunday morning Ted Wright and Faber Cauthen asked for the prayers of the congregation.

Guest Speaker

ANDREW M. BURTON from Germantown, Tenn. will be guest speaker Sunday morning and evening.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate services for graduating seniors will be Sunday evening at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ at 6:00 o'clock. Graduates are reminded to be at the Shiloh building with their caps and gowns by 5:15 p.m.

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

May 13 \$8,603.47
May 6 7,841.50
Year Ago 8,277.14

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 13 446
May 6 428
Year Ago 373

WORSHIP

May 13 544
May 6 533
Weekly
Budget 8,631.00

The Sick

Mrs. Walter Fuller had surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne was able to go home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Ken Bennett has made some improvement, but remains in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

A. E. Bedford continues to be very ill in Medical Center.

Jim Canterbury is very ill at his home.

Sympathy

Brother Clyde Findlay's funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at the church building. Perry Hall spoke words of comfort to the family. We express our sympathy to sister Findlay and all members of the family.

Funeral services were held at the College church of Christ in Paris, Texas on Tuesday for Mrs. Lila Allen. She was the mother of Mrs. Tom Holland, a former West Erwin member and a sister to Mrs. R. E. Frederick, Mrs. O. C. Becker, Laura Sparks, all former members here. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Monday in Pearland, Texas for Ben Anthony, brother-in-law of Mrs. R. C. O'Bannon. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

MAY (20) Mike Munn (21) Doris Gregory (23) Jonnie Steffee, Bennie Innum, Tony Adams (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis E. Jones (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight, Casey Akin.



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The Church With A Heart

**SOME CAMELS SWALLOWED;
SOME GNATS STRAINED**

We human beings sometimes give inordinate attention to small things and completely neglect more important things. Consider the following:

- (1) **Young people and their parents sometimes spend lavish time and money and give anxious detail to the preparation of a very grand wedding and reception.** But if none of the principals give much thinking to the quality of the marriage itself, it all reminds me of an expensive and elaborately wrapped and be-ribboned empty box.
- (2) **Parents usually want the very best of secular education for their children which takes many years and many dollars to complete.** Sometimes during the pursuit of this goal, the young person loses his faith, his soul and his future by the bad alliances and worldly beliefs acquired.
- (3) **Families sometimes spend a great deal of time in the pursuit of social advantages for their children while neglecting to teach kindness, love, honor and integrity.** Popularity is no substitute for character.
- (4) **Christians often spend a lot of time and money for recreation and recreational equipment in the pursuit of pleasure while neglecting the real human needs of family members, friends, neighbors, and all others of their fellow-man.**
- (5) **People sometimes spend great, important amounts of their time in the preparation of their appearance: clothes, hair, eyes, dress, and give not their immortal spirits a single thought.**
- (6) **Many people spend large amounts of time and concern in the pursuit of physical health (medical care, nutrition, exercise, sleep) and neglect the worship which will nourish their spiritual health.**
- (7) **We pursue with inordinate vigor our secular careers, sometimes eventually achieving success and gaining a great deal of this world's acclaim or affluence. We use up the life and face the Judgment Day miserable, poor, blind, wretched and naked. We gain some of the earth for awhile and lose heaven eternally.**

—Bert Mercer

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Congratulations Grads



Julienne Butler



John Freeman



Mary Keith



Stephanie Leek



Angela Mallory



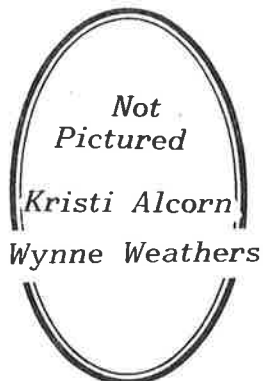
Marty Mallory



Wesley Price



Shannon Starnes



Not Pictured

Kristi Alcorn
Wynne Weathers



KRISTI ALCORN will attend Abilene Christian University this fall and major in Business. A graduate of Robert E. Lee, she was on the A, B Honor Roll four years. She is listed in Who's Who Among High School Students of America, the Spanish Club, Cheerleading, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Young Life. Kristi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Alcorn.

SHANNON STARNES is the daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. She received an Accounting Contest Award and is on the A, B Honor Roll. She is a member of the Office Education Association, Accounting Club, Spanish Club, and Business Communications Organization. She works as a secretary at Trane.

STEPHANIE LEEK, daughter of Dwight and Diann Leek is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. She is Vice President of Future Homemakers of America, Two year letterman for the Lady Raider Basketball Team and a member of the

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Robert E. Lee Art Club. Stephanie plans to attend Tyler Junior College and major in Fashion Merchandising.

JULIENNE BUTLER will attend Tyler Junior College in the fall and major in Physical Therapy. She is a graduate of John Tyler. Her honors include Academic All American (Science), U.S. Achievement Academy (Leadership and National English Merit Award), Rotary Student of Month (Nov. 1983), Homecoming Queen nominee, National Honor Society (three years) and served as President, TJC Presidential Scholarship. She is a member of Health Occupations Students of America, Student Senate and Drill Team. Julienne is the daughter of Bill and Jo Butler.

A Robert E. Lee graduate, JOHN FREEMAN is a member of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He has been a member of the Industrial Co-op Training Program and employed by Evans Appliances. He worked on the ICT Notebook which won first place in District and first place superior rating at State. John qualified at District for State Technical Information Test and won second place at State in the Technical Information Contest for Small Electrical Appliances Repair. In the Project Contest he won first place at District and placed second at State. He received an ICT Achievement Award at the Lee Awards assembly. John is the son of Ben and Maxine Freeman.

MARY KEITH, a graduate of Robert E. Lee, was a member of the National Honor Society her senior year. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College for two years and then complete her Accounting major at Abilene Christian University. Mary was a member of Future Homemakers of America her freshman year, the REL marching band as a freshman and sophomore and a member of the Chorale and Good Vibrations as a junior and senior. Also, she served as president of the Chorale her senior year. Mary is the daughter of Weldon and Laverne Keith.

MARTY MALLORY, a graduate of Robert E. Lee, transferred to Lee from Mineola High School in February. He plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Business. While in Mineola High School he was a member of the Tennis Team, the Junior and Varsity Football Team, the Golf Team, and a member of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Marty is the son of Stan and Ernestine Mallory.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Vernon Skipper

Mrs. Dorothy Pratt

invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage of their children

Susan Rochelle

and

Rick Pratt

Saturday, the twenty-sixth of May

Nineteen hundred and eighty-four

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Side Church of Christ

709 West Arch

Searcy, Arkansas

Reception following

ANGELA MALLORY, daughter of Stan and Ernestine Mallory, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. She moved to Tyler from Mineola in February. While living in Mineola, Angela was a Duchess to the Autumn Trails Festival in Winnsboro, 1982 Christmas Queen in Mineola, member of the Photography Club, Future Homemakers, and secretary of the Spanish club. She was the Assistant Editor of the school newspaper, "Yellow Jacket Buzz." Angela plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Interior Design.

A Robert E. Lee graduate, WESLEY PRICE will attend Abilene Christian University in the fall and major in Computer Science. He is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, listed in Who's Who Among High School Students of America, A member of the High School Honors Band of ACU, the All Region Band, 1979 through 1984. He was awarded Academic Scholarship for Abilene Christian University and the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. His junior and senior years Wesley was a member of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the Quiz Bowl Team, Computer Math Club, German Club, Tyler Youth Symphony, and Lee Red Raider Band. He is the son of Wes and Alma Faye Price.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Freeman Morgan
 Prayer Phil Marts
 Dismiss Wesley Price

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Freeman Morgan
 Prayer Foy Richey
 Dismiss Keith Wommack

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 Bryan Leek

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 May 6 428
 April 29 351
 Year Ago 403

WORSHIP
 May 6 533
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 Weekly
 Budget 8,631.00

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 Dwight & Diann Leek
 Ferman & Lucille Carpenter
 Stephanie Leek

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 Rick Higginbotham
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 Doug & Nancy Shelton, Larry & Sandra Henry and Mary June Goodson.

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, May 13 and Wednesday evening, May 16 - LES CARRUTH, 561-9684.

Responses



HOLLY HENDERSON was baptized into Christ on Sunday, April 22. She is the daughter of Maurice and Evelyn Henderson. Holly is a 10th grade student.

Sunday morning the following came to ask for prayer and to be restored: Ken Bennett, Bud & Louise Caskey, Bren Rothrock, Fred Powell, Jwill & Becky Sims, Foy Richey, David & Kay Hanley, Stephanie Leek, Rick Higginbotham, Dick & Sue Higginbotham, Paul & Barbara Montandon.

Sunday evening Pat Kinnett was restored.

The Sick

A. E. Bedford is critically ill in Medical Center Hospital.

Jesse Keener underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne is a patient in Medical Center.

Mrs. T. O. Wright, mother of Mary Adams, underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center.

The new grandson of the A. Z. Avens is still hospitalized in San Antonio. His condition is stable.

Jim Canterbury is now at home.



Wedding

Denton Phillips and Dianne Jowers were married on Tuesday of this week. We extend congratulations and best wishes for their life together.

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The Church With A Heart

THE POWER OF WORDS

Someone suggested that many words are undergoing remarkable changes. For example, by the changing of a word they can elevate the price of an article. "Footwear" is higher priced than shoes. A "Journal" is more expensive than a magazine. An establishment that has a "clientele" can be expected to charge more than one who has plain customers. A trip to a men's "hair salon" can set you back twice what a jaunt to the barber will.

Words have elevated job titles to new heights of haughtiness. Prison guards are now "security officers." Hair dressers are "tonsorial artists." Undertakers are "morticians." Garbage men are "Sanitation engineers." But Christians are still Christians - there's no need to improve on that title!

I recall the power of words when a friend told of being initiated into a fraternity. Of all the foolish things that were done, the last night was the worst. He was brought into a room and told that he would be branded on the stomach with a red-hot iron. The poker was placed on the heater. He was blindfolded. Members of the fraternity kept the words going. "Get it hotter" they would say. Another said, "It won't hurt much." As the poker was being heated in the stove, words kept on rolling and my friend listened to them. His midsection was bared. The boy with the poker pressed it against a piece of beef steak held near his stomach. This gave a sizzling sound and smell. At the same time that the poker was pressed against the beef steak, an ordinary piece of ice was placed against the bare skin! I think that you can see the power of words.

POWER OF WORDS TO HURT. Someone put it down like this:

*A careless word may kindle strife, A cruel word may wreck a life
 A brutal word may smite and kill, A gracious word may smooth the way
 A joyous word may light the day.
 A timely word may lessen stress, A healing word may heal and bless.*

How true it is that careless, cruel and brutal words have the power to hurt.

POWER OF WORDS TO HEAL. A lot of good sense is in the following statement. "Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or the lips. Though they do not cost much, they accomplish much. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image in other men's souls, and a beautiful image it is."

Everyone of us should determine to speak the words that would help others. A few words can have such power that the course of a man's life can be changes.

...Douglas F. Parsons

Expletives Deleted

The Watergate tapes made popular the phrase "expletives deleted." The official transcript of the tapes were often interrupted by this phrase. "Expletives deleted" has become a popular term to refer to words or terms that are best left unreported. It's strange that these expletives, though unacceptable as a part of the presidential language, are acceptable in the entertainment business. Movies, novels, and even TV shows are often filled with this type language.

But what was God forbidding when we were told not to use His name "in vain?" Keil & Deiltzsh's commentary said: Taking God's name in vain literally means to use it for that which is "waste and in disorder, hence that which is empty, vain... for which there is no occasion." Or, to state it simply, to use God's name as if it had no value or worth.

Moses added, "...the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name" (Ex.20:7). This is the only one of the Ten Commandments that has this stern warning. The darker the world becomes the brighter our lights should shine. Paul said, "Let your speech always be with grace...that you know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:6).

Dick Marcear

You are invited to a Bridal Coffee
Honoring Jan Clakley
Bride elect of Dan Magee
Saturday, May 19, 1984 at the home of
Mrs. Jack Paul
412 Heritage

Hours Selections
10:00 until 11:30 P.M. Leewright's, Dillard's
Sanger/Harris

Happy Birthday

MAY (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic (15)
Jessie Smith, Brent Osborn (16) K. Max Haws
Joe Clark (17) Christopher Bobbitt, Megan
Sexton, Jamon Kirby (18) D. C. Jones, Barbara Montandon.

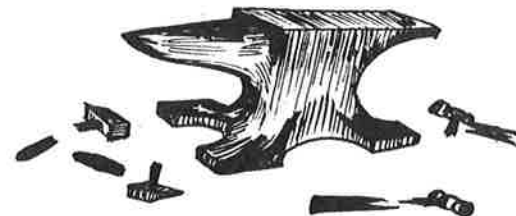
Tuesday School Workers

We want to express our deepest appreciation to all of the Tuesday School teachers who have contributed their time and energy to make an excellent school year for pre-school boys and girls. Elaine Roberson has done a beautiful work in directing the activities for the year. In addition to Elaine, the following teachers have worked in Tuesday School this past year: Laurie Dawkins, Pam Lott, Le'Ann Braly, Sheila Taylor, Denise Howser, Sue Starnes, Rhonda Hendrix, Mary June Goodson, Maxine Freeman, Betty Hubbard, Zeffie Beard, Martha Powell, Betty Knight, Nancy Johnson, Rebecca Center, Becky Sims, and Lorene Venable. Mrs. Nora Chambless has worked in the nursery and John Porter has been our very dependable bus driver. Many of these children have already registered for our Vacation Bible School.

THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

Last eve I paused beside the blacksmith's door
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
"And so," I thought, "the anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon.
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away,
but my words shall not pass away."



Gospel Meeting

The church in Gilmer announces a Back To The Bible Campaign for Christ to be held, June 24 through 29th at the Buckeye Stadium in Gilmer, Texas. It is a joint effort of the Upshur County churches. Brother Jimmy Allen of Searcy, Arkansas will be doing the preaching. Let's encourage them by attending.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday in Frankston for Mike Smith. He was the husband of sister Jo Northcutt's granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in McKenzie, Tennessee for Wendell Richardson. He was the brother-in-law of sister Edgar Bullard.

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

Young At Heart

Please remember the picnic on Thursday, May 17, at State Park. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. For anyone planning to come for breakfast, please contact Virginia Conner at 592-4164. Bring a picnic lunch and games. Drinks, dishes, etc. will be furnished.

ETCA

Parents, Teachers and Friends of East Texas Christian Academy meet Tuesday evening, May 10 at 7:30 at the Shiloh building.

The Board Meeting will be Monday night, May 14th at 7:00 o'clock at the Omen Road building. Open to everyone.

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

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We welcome our college students home for the summer. It was a joy to have them blend their voices with ours in Sunday morning worship service. I especially appreciated their singing before the scheduled worship began. It helped set the tone for an extra blessing.

Hillard is moving ahead nicely with preparation of the plans for the young people to travel to North Carolina in July for a summer Vacation Bible School with the church in the community of Wilson. It is especially important for parents to encourage their youngster to be present for every session of the Wednesday night study group. This is where they will be making initial preparation for their work.

While Hillard is studying with the older teens, I have been enjoying meeting with the Junior High teens on Wednesday night where we are studying a Survey of the Old Testament. We have already had some great sessions, but I would like to encourage you parents to be sure your youngster is present. I sincerely believe that these sessions will help lay the ground for a good understanding of the Old Testament that will remain useful to them for the remainder of their lives. Help me to encourage them to come.

The congregation received a written invitation from the elders of the Crowder Boulevard church in New Orleans, La. to visit them at the Church of Christ exhibit at the 1984 World's Fair which opens June 1. From all indications they have provided not only the near perfect location for the exhibit, but have provided some of the most attractive exhibits that will be helpful in inviting visitors to come in. I know you will enjoy going if you have an opportunity.

Our Ladies' Class will continue its studies in the book of Proverbs through Wednesday, May 23 and then we will dismiss our study sessions for the summer months. We have profited greatly by our study and I hope that we will see an increase in those who want to study with us when we resume in the fall.

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W.V. Crossman Bill Faulkner
Jim Franklin Morris Hallman
Matt Haws Charles Hickman

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Milburn Cook Bren Rothrock
Rick Higginbotham Trey Hughes

Here and There (continued)

From the reports I have received, the Brother's Keeper Unit meetings were well attended this past Sunday night. I still am amazed at those who don't want to enjoy visiting in the homes of their Christian brothers and sisters. I still recommend it. You might be missing something you would enjoy. Announcements will be made soon about changes to the program that are being planned as a result of the recent questionnaire. We hope all will accept them with a spirit of cooperation.

A round of applause is in order for the workers of our weekly Tuesday School and to the director, Elaine Roberson. We have one more week for this good school and then it will close for the summer months. It is a joy to have these lovely children in our building each week.

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The Sick

Jim Canterbury continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 254.

A. E. Bedford went home Saturday from Medical Center Hospital.

It was good to see Mary Ruth Gilliam present for worship on Sunday evening.

We learned today (Thursday) that the baby boy born Monday to Gary and Mimi Aven is having respiratory problems and is in Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

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

Remember all who are ill when you pray.

Thank You

We want to express our appreciation for the kindness shown to us during my stay in the hospital.

A. E. Bedford

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 6 and Wednesday Evening, May 9, COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

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LIVING LIKE WE PLEASE

There is too much difference in the Christianity which is demanded by the Bible and that liberal brand of religion which demands nothing of us today. How many of us are really willing to look at our jobs, our friends, our recreations and say, "I will give up anything that keeps me from the Lord." Someone has well said, "Too much religion today is a spiritual cosmetic - adding just a touch of color to a countenance not radically changed." Christ doesn't offer comfort - but the cross. He doesn't offer an excursion - but an execution. Paul reminds us, "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24). Our theme should ever be:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

A crucified Christ demands a crucified life of His followers. Yet self-control, discipline, and crucifixion have not been characteristic of our generation. All too often our lives relate the fact that we have been undedicated and uncontrolled. The result?

"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:13,14).

Throwing off all restraints and living like we please have never solved our problems. The prodigal son tried it and ended up in the hog pen. If we follow in his footsteps we will surely arrive at the same destination. It is strange that we should even talk of doing as we please in a world where modern science has come. No scientist thinks in his special realm that he can do as he pleases. He knows there are countless ways of "missing the mark, finding nothing and coming out nowhere." And when it comes to heaven, Jesus says:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13,14).

...John Gipson
Little Rock, Arkansas

CHANGE BEGINS WITHIN

Years ago the Barber's Supply Association held a convention. As a publicity stunt, they went into the ghetto section of the city and found the worst drunk, the most unpromising man they could find. He was unshaven, emaciated, sad. He was taken to a hotel, given a bath, a shave, a haircut, a new suit, overcoat, shoes, and even a pocket watch and chain. When they finished, he was a marvelous example of the barber's art. The story appeared in the daily papers. A local businessman was impressed. He told the man he would give him a job and back him and make a successful man of him. He was told to report to work at 8 o'clock the next day. The hour came and went and the man didn't show. So the businessman went to look for him. He went back where they had discovered this man. There he was, sleeping on some newspapers in an alley, drunk, new clothes gone, barefooted, unshaven.

The moral to that story ought to be plain: it is never enough to clean a man up on the outside. You'll never make anything of him until there is a change in the inside - in his heart. Jesus said, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man 'unclean'" (Matthew 15:19-20).

The New Testament is very plain about this matter of the heart. If you want a changed life you must be changed from within. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "You must be born again." That is, change the whole direction of your life. We begin to live when Christ begins to live in us. Our lives are not just improved or altered a little bit. It requires more than just new resolutions or an outside paint job. The change is so radical that a man is called "a new creature."

You don't have to remain the way you are. Change your attitude and you change your life, and your attitudes are changed when you yield your life to Jesus Christ and begin to follow Him.

—Douglas F. Parsons

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

New Grandbaby

Gary and Mimi Aven of Sequin, Tex. are the happy parents of a baby boy born Monday, April 30. A. Z. and Pauline Aven are the proud grandparents.



May 10 - Teacher Appreciation Banquet in the Fellowship Hall.

May 12 - Jr/Sr Banquet - Hollytree Country Club.

May 17 - Young At Heart, Fellowship Hall.

May 20 - Baccalaureate Service at the Shiloh Church of Christ.

Graduates

All graduating seniors are reminded to have their picture made Sunday morning immediately following the worship service. It is important also that you bring the information sheet with you or have it in the office by Monday.

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is JUNE 18 through 22. The time is 9:30 until 12:00 noon. Classes are planned for 2 years through 6th grade.



We Need YOU
in Bible School

You are invited to a
Graduation Tea
Honoring
Julienne Alyssa Butler
Sunday, May 6, 1948
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
804 Watkins

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a Bridal Brunch
Honoring Susan Skipper
Bride elect of Rick Pratt
Saturday, May 5, 1984 at the home of
Mrs. Stan Mallory
7208 Pinetree Place
"Hollytree"

Hours 10:00 until 11:30 p.m. Selections
Brosang's
Dillard's & Sanger/Harris

Thank You

What a joy it was to receive the many notes and cards from long time friends on my birthday. They brought many memories back. Many of you I have known since the beginning of the church on West Erwin Street. You will always be in my thoughts and dear to my heart.

Marie Skeeters

Happy Birthday

MAY (6) Bessie Willis, W.A. Chandler
(7) John Porter, Wade Weathers (8)
Jason O'Quinn (9) M. B. Beard, Ford
Egbert, Laree Hall (10) Amy Clark
(11) Lea Hendry, Aubrey Payne, Amy
Fisher

New Address

The new address of the Fredericks is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Frederick
32 Old Sterlington Rd., #143
Monroe, La. 71203

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Virtually all our teachers for this year's VBS were present for our work session on Sunday afternoon. We had a very profitable meeting, getting down to the nitty gritty about what kind of activities will be going on in the learning centers. There was a high degree of excitement and all seemed enthused about our progress so far. Although most of our staff of teachers is complete, we will be asking other teenagers and adults to be part of the staff as well. We hope you will be willing to respond when we call.

As we have said before, this will be a giant undertaking, but one that will bring us rich and long lasting results in the teaching of God's Word.

In connection with the VBS we will be showing the film, "The Ten Commandments" on two consecutive Sundays. The first half of the film will be shown on Sunday afternoon, May 27, at 3:45 p.m. in the chapel. The second half will be shown the following Sunday at the same time on June 3. All our VBS staff will want to attend, but we also want to invite any others in the congregation who would like to come, to enjoy it with us.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: All present Bible School teachers at West Erwin and all those who have taught during the past 12 months, you will be receiving an invitation by mail, but we want you to have advance notice so that you can reserve Thursday night, May 10. This is the evening for our annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet. We want to be sure that all of our teachers are present.

The sadness of parting came to us again this week in the announcement of the moving of Buck and Dewey Frederick who are moving to Louisiana this week to be near their son. No two people have made a deeper impression on my heart than these two lovely Christians. Although I have known them less than six years, I know enough about them from our visits that I feel I have known them for fifty. If ever acquaintances blessed another's life, these have mine and I thank God for them.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Harold Denman
Prayer Paul Montandon
Dismiss Gerald Durham

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Harold Denman
Prayer Fred Powell
Dismiss Lane Akin

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Weldon Dawson Harold Denman
W. V. Crossman Bill Faulkner
Jim Franklin Morris Hallman
Matt Haws Charles Hickman

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 22 \$7,481.18
April 15 8,717.47
Year Ago 7,412.70

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 22 443
April 15 428
Year Ago 383

WORSHIP

April 22 637
April 15 583

Weekly

Budget 8,631.00

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Larry & Sandra Henry Kevin & Lee Ann Braly
Mike & Sherry Munn Matt & Rhonda Haws
Wesley Price Cole Bennett

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR APRIL - Room 108
David & Kay Hanley J. N. & Ginger Metcalf
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 29 & WEDNESDAY
Evening, May 2 - MIKE SAVAGE, 593-5796.

And The Lord Added . . .

We rejoice that Holly Henderson was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. She is the daughter of Maurice and Evelyn Henderson. Her address is 1002 Hudnall. Holly is in the 10th grade.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

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C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
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The Sick

Jim Canterbury entered Medical Center Hospital Monday.

Mary Ruth Gilliam is recovering from surgery and was in Medical Center this week to begin treatment.

A.E. Bedford continues to be in Medical Center, room 373.

Mrs. Bill Rozell (mother of Billy Rozell and Ginger Metcalf) is in Community Hospital.

Mable Massey was hospitalized last week in Graham, Texas following a heart attack. You may send her a card to P.O.Box 23, Loving, Texas 76062.

Gospel Meeting

You are invited to hear Andrew Connally preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas, April 29 through May 2. The weeknight evening services will be at 7:30.

In Appreciation

The lovely flowers that were in the auditorium last Sunday were arranged and given by Mrs. Paul (Ann Ida) Miller.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
A.M. "The Gospel Paul Preached"
P.M. "Our Last Enemy"

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The Church With A Heart

OUR HAT'S OFF TO YOU!

What a pleasure it is to write two weeks in a row about outstanding accomplishments. What a great rut

this would make! It has been some time since we have had 637 in worship and 443 in Bible school. At least it hasn't been in the last 2½ years. In addition to our regular members, many of you brought friends and relatives with you. This made for another great day! Onward and upward to Christ!



NEW BIRTH!



It was a joy to witness the new birth of a beautiful young lady Sunday morning. Our love and congratulations to Holly Henderson and to her mother and dad, Evelyn and Maurice. We are so happy for them. Let us all resolve to be the kind of brothers and sisters Holly needs to help bring her to spiritual maturity, power and service in the Lord.

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE



BY PERRY HALL

THE BLOOD-BOUGHT BODY, THE ONE TRUE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE HAD ITS ORIGIN IN A. D. 33 AT JERUSALEM

After hades tried but failed to hold its builder, Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:31
While Apostles lived, Mk. 9:1
When the Holy Spirit and power came, Mk. 9:1; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4
When the "word of the Lord" went "forth from Jerusalem," Isa. 2:2,3; Lk. 24:49

DID YOUR CHURCH BEGIN AT JERUSALEM ON PENTECOST, A. D. 33?

ITS FOUNDATION - THE SON OF ALMIGHTY GOD

"This rock - the Christ of God," Matt. 16:18
The "laid foundation", I Cor. 3:11
The "tried" foundation, Isa. 28:16
The apostolic foundation, Eph. 2:20

IS CHRIST OR MAN THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR CHURCH?

Shower Invitation

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Honoring Susan Skipper
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Potpourri

Did you know that you can help support the American Olympic effort by saving labels from all Hy-Top products and turning them in to the specially marked container at your Brookshire's store. This opportunity continues through mid-June.

We are collecting SUGAR for the Medina Home Grocery Truck that will be in our area, June 11-15. A six month supply is 280 10 lb bags.

The Eighth Annual Just For Women will be Saturday, April 28 at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. The time is 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Elaine VanSteenberg from Dallas is the featured speaker.

The Quitman & Center Church of Christ, Glade-water, Texas, invite you to attend THREE UNUSUAL DAYS, May 4, 5, & 6. Earl Williams is the speaker for this Seminar.

The East Texas Christian Academy Board of Directors invite you to the 3rd Annual Victory Dinner, Saturday, April 28 - 6:30 p.m. in the Glenwood Fellowship Center.
RSVP 597-4911 \$25.00 per person

Happy Birthday

APRIL (29) Cone Birdwell, Felicia Durham (30) Dell Lott, Ray Vannoy, Shirley Denman MAY (1) Aline Beard, Wesley Price (2) Lerah Williamson (3) Lula Cunningham (4) Ken Gode (5) Dot Hardin, Maxine Freeman, Nelda Browning, Valerie Shelton, Henry Dunn.

Daily Bible Reading For May

(1) 2 Kings 8,9	(9) I Chronicles 2-4	(17) I Chronicles 27-29	(25) 2 Chronicles 26-28
(2) 2 Kings 10-12	(10) I Chronicles 5,6	(18) 2 Chronicles 1-4	(26) 2 Chronicles 29-30
(3) 2 Kings 13,14	(11) I Chronicles 7-9	(19) 2 Chronicles 5-7	(27) 2 Chronicles 31-33
(4) 2 Kings 15,16	(12) I Chronicles 10-12	(20) 2 Chronicles 8-10	(28) 2 Chronicles 34-35
(5) 2 Kings 17,18	(13) I Chronicles 13-16	(21) 2 Chronicles 11-14	(29) 2 Chronicles 36
(6) 2 Kings 19,21	(14) I Chronicles 17-19	(22) 2 Chronicles 15-18	Ezra 1,2
(7) 2 Kings 22-24	(15) I Chronicles 20-23	(23) 2 Chronicles 19-22	(30) Ezra 3-5
(8) I Chronicles 1	(16) I Chronicles 24-26	(24) 2 Chronicles 23-25	(31) Ezra 6-8

Teacher's Meeting

All teachers, learning center directors and all others who would like to join us in the exciting work of this year's Vacation Bible School, please join us for a work session this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in room 105/106. This includes all who have been designated to serve and any others who would like to help. We are in need of all kinds of talent to make this a big success. Come join us and see how you may serve. WP

Time Change



Saturday evening, remember to set your clocks ahead one hour. We will begin Daylight Saving Time Sunday morning at 2:00 A.M. Be on time for Bible class and worship.

New Grandbaby

Guy and Nettie Potts are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born April 19 in Methodist Hospital in Dallas to Pam and Terry Tindel. He weighed 9 lb and 4 oz and has been named John Robert. The Tindels live in Waxahachie, Texas.

Thank You

We are thankful for your continuing support for our family. Rodney is presently in Houston. His treatment is very successful. He should be released June 1st, if all goes well. Because of the severity of the treatment, he is not allowed to be in crowds. He can have visitors when he is at home if the visitor is well and healthy. We sincerely appreciate your love and care.

Betty and Rodney Knight

Thanks so much for the many kind remembrances at this time. Thank you for the cards, telephone calls, and especially your prayers.

In Christian love,
Mary Ruth Gilliam

Thanks to you our beloved Christian friends for the many expressions of love and concern during the illness and death of my grandfather, J. B. Sanford. We greatly appreciate all your prayers, visits, calls, cards, food and words of love.

Bob & Charlotte Sanford

Funeral

Graveside services were held Tuesday morning at the City Cemetary in Athens, Texas for Mrs. Troy (Myrtle) Ginn. Mrs. Ginn died in Gunter, Texas. She had been a resident of Hilltop Haven for several years and was a former member of this congregation. Wes Price held the service. Cone and Eleanor Birdwell had looked after sister Ginn for many years.

Moved

We are so sorry that Steve and Colleen DeLoach and little daughter, Brooke, have moved to West Monroe, La. They will be missed.

**BROTHERS
KEEPER
Sunday Evening**

Here and There

By Wes Price



Guest Editorial

"The ultimate aim of the Christian ministry, after all, is to produce the love which springs from a pure heart, a good conscience and a genuine faith." (1 Timothy 1:5, Phillips)

Some time ago I read about a man who has written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of a man he really was, the biographer was up a stump. Then he discovered that the surest way to get the truth was to look at the stubs of old check books. What a man gives his money for - that tells the tale.

Why not stop before you read any further and get out your checkbook for the year? What does it say about you? Are you ashamed to hear it gossip? You see, it just might say:

1. "This man cares more about entertainment - football, hunting, fishing, golf and movies than he does the Lord."
2. "This man cares more about his personal appearance - clothes, grooming, hair-cuts, etc. than he does the church."
3. "This man cares more about civic interest - clubs, community projects and the Red Cross than he does about the lost."
4. "This man cares more about vacations and travelling (just look at those gas bills) than he does about the kingdom of God."
5. "This man cares more about temporal security - bonds, stocks, and investments than he does about treasures in heaven."

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your check book began to blab the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors?

...John Gibson

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer J. D. Osborn
Dismiss Tony Adams

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Artis Tate

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CONTRIBUTIONS

April 15 \$8,717.47
April 8 8,252.62
Year Ago 7,608.58

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 15 428
April 8 373
Year Ago 366

WORSHIP

April 15 583
April 8 496
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

J. N. & Ginger Metcalf

Cole Bennett

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Averyt Smith Wesley Price Louis Jones

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 22 & WEDNESDAY

Evening, April 25 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome Douglas & Judy Malcolm into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped at the Fleetwood Church of Christ near Katy, Texas. Their address is Rt. 14, Box 386 - Telephone 566-9570. Their little boy, a toddler, is named Cole.

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The Sick

Brother A. E. Bedford continues to be a patient in Medical Center, room 373.

Sister Vannie Lee is now a resident of the Glenview Nursing Home.



SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
A.M. Things That Help Us To Live Better Every Day.
P.M. In Your Faith Supply Excellence.

Act Now!

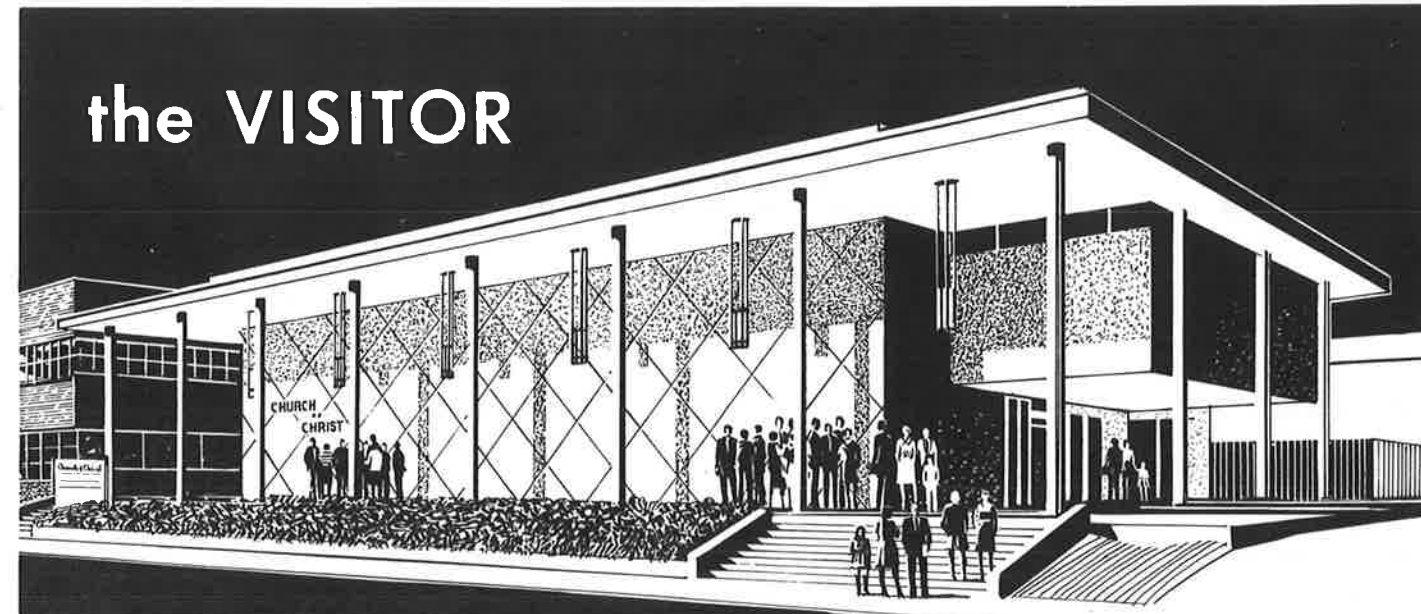
GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



Bible Classes for Everyone

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Great Week at West Erwin



© Bob West

We are indeed grateful to God for this week in our journey into eternity. We are thankful to brother Harold Taylor for his very challenging lessons on evangelism. He has reminded us in a fine way of the only God-given mission of the family of God - the saving of souls for

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heaven. We are thankful and excited about those present Sunday morning. It was so good to have 428 in Bible School and 579 in worship. This is close to that 600 mark. You are to be commended for the fact that a number of times lately we have surpassed our budget. It will be to the glory of God for us to keep up the good work. Only God knows what we can accomplish for Him if each one of us will do his or her part in advancing the glorious kingdom of our great God and Savior Jesus.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

It came to our attention recently that our own beloved brother Clyde Findlay was the principal speaker at the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Central church of Christ in Topeka, Kansas. He also showed slides of the members there that he had taken twenty-five years ago when he and Lettie worked with this fine congregation.

We welcome and extend the right hand of fellowship to Douglas and Judy Malcolm who live right down the street from Laree and me. While we rejoice greatly with the coming of the Malcolms, it is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss for all of us that we note that Buck and

Perry's Perspective
By Perry Hall

Dewey Frederick will soon be moving to West Monroe, Louisiana to be near their son, Bill and his wife, Kitty. This will be a great loss for all of us. Though most of you have known the Fredericks much longer, Laree and I have known and loved this family since the early sixties. One of the great joys of heaven will be to never be separated again from such as these.



THE BLOOD BOUGHT BODY, THE ONE TRUE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE HAS CHRIST AS ITS FOUNDER

He is purchaser, Acts 20:28
He is builder, Matt. 16:18
He is head, Eph. 5:23
He is lawgiver, Acts 2:36
He is savior, Eph. 5:23

DID JESUS CHRIST ESTABLISH YOUR CHURCH?

When Does It Become Sin?

If one member can abandon Bible study and worship for just one Sunday, could not all members do so that same Sunday? Since God is no respecter of persons, the answer must be in the affirmative. In that case, it would be all right for the whole church to skip one Sunday and not even open up the doors for services. But who would believe that God would be pleased?

If it is not wrong for a Christian to willfully neglect the worship of God one Sunday, how many weeks would he have to stay away before it would be sinful? Would it be wrong after a month? or three months? six months? a whole year?

The reason it is wrong to willfully forsake the worship for 52 weeks is because it is wrong to deliberately and willfully abandon one service. The reason it is wrong to steal \$52,000 is that it is sinful to steal the first dollar.

With this conviction, your conscience will not allow you to make a football of the Lord's services, to kick them aside when something else appeals to you. Resolve not to not miss another service of the Lord's church. ...Copied

Funeral

We express our deepest sympathy to Carolyn and Les Carruth in the death of Carolyn's mother on Sunday. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon in Glasgow, Kentucky. Les and the children will probably return Friday, but Carolyn will remain with her dad a few days.

Harmony Four

The Harmony Four, which sings A Cappella, was originally formed in 1971. In 1975 it became two husband and wife teams with Ron and Lill Miller and Allen and Pat Smith. They reside in Belle, West Virginia, ten miles east of Charleston. Both couples are active members of the Belle Church of Christ.

You are cordially invited to hear this group Monday evening, April 23 at 7:30 at the Northwest Church of Christ here in Tyler.

Thank You

Thank you so much for remembering me with the cards, flowers, the beautiful gifts and prayers. I especially appreciated the visits and prayers of brother Hall and brother Price.

Lilla Tigert

Thank you so much for your love and concern during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. Your cards and visits meant so much to our family.

Melinda O'Quinn & Family

Our thanks and love to all who sent cards and visited mother while she was in the hospital. We especially appreciate the prayers in her behalf. Your thoughtfulness and concern made it easier for us.

Bennie Bynum

Just For Women

The eighth annual Just For Women will be conducted at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas on Saturday, April 28, 1984 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The theme of the program is "Bloom Where You Are." Elaine VanSteenberg will be the featured speaker. All women and teenage girls are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided for preschool children. For more information, call 214-759-3375.

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTU

Happy Birthday

APRIL (22) Marie Skeeters, Annie McDonald (23) Annie Lee Drummond (24) Tony Tigert (26) A. Z. Aven, Cullen Gilliam, Shannon Hughes (27) Holly Henderson (28) Sherry Osborn.

Here and There

By Wes Price



The meeting with Harold Taylor will be history by the time you receive this, but from the comments I have received, it has been a good one. Brother Taylor has certainly fulfilled his part in this meeting. We will continue to reap benefits from his efforts with us. It has been a personal joy to have him and his wife, Betty, here this week since we had the pleasure of working with them in times past. I hope we will have the opportunity of having brother Taylor back again in the future.

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The meeting with our Brother's Keeper Unit Leaders on Sunday night was a good one. We discussed the many suggestions and comments that were made on the recent questionnaire that all adult members completed. The unit leaders are to be commended for their willingness to serve in such a vital capacity in assisting the elders in providing a link with members.

Brother Weldon Dawson provides the leadership for this good work and Stan Mallory and I work with him in carrying out the purpose of the program. We will have more to share with you in coming weeks as we seek to implement some of the suggestions that were made to improve the effectiveness of the program. We appreciate all who co-operate in the monthly fellowships as well as the weekly contacts that help contribute to the feeling of mutual support and love.

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All Vacation Bible School teachers and workers are requested to reserve Sunday afternoon, April 29 for a special work session. We will meet at 4:30 in room 105/106. A special invitation is extended to all who have an interest in helping us with this monumental effort.

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Buck and Dewey Frederick are two of my favorite people and I think they probably are favorites of all of you who know them. They have lived together for 65 years, a part of which has been spent here among those who love them. They are soon to be moving to West Monroe, La to live near their son, Bill. In recent weeks we have had to say goodbye to several of our fine families, but none will be more difficult than these. We shall surely miss them. Our prayers and best wishes attend them in this move.

APRIL IS GREAT!

DON'T MISS A MINUTE

prove your Love

FOR CHRIST

FOR THE BIBLE

FOR THE CHURCH

APRIL DEDICATION

We hope and pray that each member of the congregation will help us to make April a time of special emphasis and encouragement concerning Bible study. In our homes and in all our classes, we want to again and again "Prove Our Love" for God and His word. May others be encouraged and exhorted by your example!

How Big Is The Church In Your Heart?

Serving Sunday

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Prayer John Steffee
Dismiss Doug Shelton

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Perry Hall
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Dismiss Glynn Starnes

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Our Records

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April 8 \$8,751.24
April 1 8,252.62
Year Ago 7,205.16

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 8 373
April 1 420
Year Ago 409

WORSHIP

April 8 496
April 1 556
Weekly

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The Sick

Mrs. Cullen (Mary Ruth) Gilliam is in Medical Center Hospital recovering from surgery.

A. E. Bedford is a patient in ICU of Medical Center Hospital.

Beatrice Hawk, mother of Bennie Bynum, is now in Southview Nursing Home.

Vannie Lee has been dismissed from Community Hospital.

Area Youth Meeting

THE HARD TRAVELERS from Lubbock will be here for an area wide youth meeting in our Fellowship Hall following the evening worship. This will be the fourth consecutive year the Hard Travelers have performed in Tyler. Young people from the area are encouraged to attend our evening worship service and stay for the fellowship. Food and drinks will be furnished.

Ladies' Class & Luncheon

Brother Harold Taylor will teach the Ladies' Bible Class next Wednesday morning. Everyone (men and women) are encouraged to be present. A luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow the class. Ladies are asked to bring a covered dish, but do not bring a dessert. Desserts will be furnished by Leona McElroy. Hostesses for the luncheon will be Becky Sims, Billie Bob Hickman and Billie Morgan. Men are invited to the luncheon.



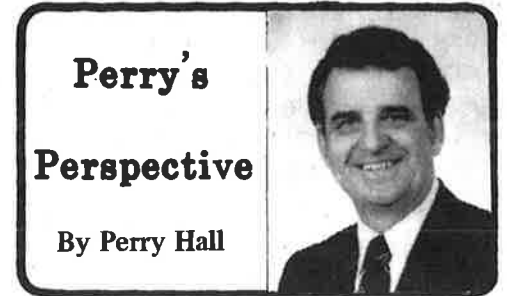
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**GOSPEL MEETING
BEGINS SUNDAY**

Our personal evangelism class will soon be involved in the eighth of thirteen lessons designed to equip the saints for serving the Savior in soul winning. The timing of our gospel meeting will give a boost to our awareness and knowledge of soul winning and to our class. The entire congregation, as well as our friends, neighbors and relatives, will greatly benefit from this effort. We have heard many good things of brother Harold G. Taylor. I personally have never had the privilege of sitting at his feet, but from what brother Wes tells me, it will be a memorable and profitable experience for all of us.

Time of our assemblies on Sunday will be the regular hours and we will meet at 7:30 each week night. We are looking forward to seeing and participating with all of you in this series of lessons, April 15 - 18.



2,500 To

Collinsville Church

The elders at West Erwin are to be commended for their decision this last Sunday to send \$2,500 to help assist our Oklahoma brethren in their appeal to the Oklahoma Supreme Court in the suit brought against them by our erring and misled sister in Christ. These funds will come from the emergency contingency fund of our 1984 budget.

Though this suit greatly disappoints us in that this sister continues to sin instead of repenting, it is very encouraging to see the brotherhood rise up in support of the eldership of the Collinsville congregation. They have sought diligently not only to help her materially over a long period of time (in-

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The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Happy Birthday

APRIL (15) Doug Shelton (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman, Michael Rhodes (17) Marie Threadgill (19) Laneva Russell (20) Reagan Phillips (21) Mary Keith, Leslie Mallory, Jennifer Mackey.

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Potpourri

Brochures are in the south foyer for Camp Deer Run.

A meeting of Parents, Teachers and Friends of East Texas Christian Academy will be Thursday night, April 12 at the Shiloh building. The 4 year olds will present a program entitled, "The Giving Tree."

The East Texas Christian Academy Victory Dinner will be April 28 at 6:30 P.M. at the Glenwood Fellowship Hall. \$25.00 per person.

The school is in need of a bus driver for morning and afternoon. \$10.00 a day. Call Jerry Konozak at 597-4911 if interested.

A Christian Narcotics Officer Talks to Parents & Teenagers, April 28 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Northwest Church of Christ. Mr. Stacey Mooring is a former undercover vice squad officer from the Houston area. He is a fine Christian gentleman, concerned about today's young people and their parents.

You are cordially invited to hear The Harmony Four, Monday evening, April 23, 7:30 o'clock at the Northwest church in Tyler. The two couples are active members of the Belle Church of Christ in West Virginia.

Collinsville (continued)

cluding two cars), but now seek to save her from eternal destruction. For these acts of true spiritual love and concern they are repaid with a law suit. God will richly reward them for their faithfulness as shepherds of souls.

Thank God our shepherds desire to help uphold the teaching of scripture concerning the responsibility of elders toward those walking impenitently out of step with our great Commander in Chief. We pray our beloved sister in Christ will yet repent of her sins so she can be received back into the fellowship of God and His people and dwell eternally with all those saved by grace.

GOSPEL MEETING



Extended your invitation yet?

Harold Taylor, Evangelist

APRIL 15 - 18

Here and There

By Wes Price



We had an excellent response this past Sunday to our questionnaire on the Brother's Keeper Program. We appreciate all who took the time to patiently answer the questions. It will be a valuable tool for us as we determine where we may make adjustments to make the program work better for us. Thank you for your co-operation.

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I am sure you will love Harold Taylor. Those who have been here for more than seven years can remember how much they enjoyed his previous gospel meeting. He will challenge your hearts and minds from the word of God.

We sincerely hope you have made your plans to be present for Bible study on Sunday morning and for every worship service of the meeting. You would do well to invite friends to join you and let them enjoy hearing the messages preached.

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Elaine Roberson will be directing the new section of our nursery. This will be for toddlers too old to remain in the Infant Nursery. The upstairs nursery located over the rear of the auditorium has been selected for this special use during the morning and evening worship period. Brother Paul Montandon, our deacon in charge of the nursery facilities, made the announcement last Sunday. I know that mothers of infants will welcome this change since the nursery was becoming too crowded. I know he would like to express appreciation to all mothers who met with him to help solve this difficult problem.

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Work continues on preparation for our Vacation Bible School in June. We want to remind all teachers that May 1 has been selected as a target date for outlines of lessons for your learning center to be completed and turned in.

We have been receiving new materials on the Life and Times of Moses that may be useful to some of the teachers. It is in the church office. If you think some of this material will be helpful to you, please drop by and take a look.

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All Unit Leaders of Our Brother's Keeper Program are reminded of their meeting after evening worship services this coming Sunday. The meeting

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Here and There (continued)

will be held at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Beckham. Come to the private dining room after selecting your food and join us for a discussion of the results of our questionnaire. Brother Harold Taylor will be with us and share his experiences concerning this good work.

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All Bible class teachers for our Sunday morning classes are asked to contact every class member and encourage them to be present for classes Sunday morning, the beginning of our meeting. I hope you will find time to do this and provide just that one extra effort to get our meeting off to a good beginning.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, telephone calls, visits, food, flowers and especially for the prayers during my recent illness.

Nola Seagler

Knowing that you care was a comfort and blessing for us. The spray of white carnations was also greatly appreciated.

Doris Humble

Ann Nail and Family

Grocery Truck

The MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK will be in our area to collect food and other items we have collected for them. If we prefer to collect one item, as in the past, they have suggested SUGAR. A six month supply of sugar is 280 10lb bags. The truck will be here the week of June 11-15.

Ninetieth Birthday

Marie Skeeters will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on April 22. We have received a note from her daughter, Peggy Garner, inviting us to help sister Skeeters celebrate this special birthday. You are invited to send a card or note with a special memory or picture if possible. Nothing would thrill sister Skeeters more than hearing from friends on this occasion. Send to: Rt. 17, Box 636 - Tyler, Texas 75704.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Phil Marts
 Prayer Freeman Morgan
 Dismiss Earl O'Quinn
EVENING WORSHIP
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Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 April 1 \$8,252.62
 March 25 7,530.78
 Year Ago 7,432.12
BIBLE SCHOOL
 April 1 420
 March 25 400
 Year Ago 430
WORSHIP
 April 1 556
 March 25 518
 Weekly
 Budget 8,631.00

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Robert Stokes Clyde Lane
 Clyde Wilkinson Earl O'Quinn
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Don & Wanda Weathers Roy & Chloe Clark
 Jamon & Clay Kirby Edgar & Delle Bullard
 Kim Hughes and Tracy Starnes
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TRAINING FOR APRIL - Room 108
 David & Kay Hanley J. N. & Ginger Metcalf
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 8 and Wednesday evening, April 11 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

And The Lord Added . . .

Mark Waggoner was baptized last Thursday evening by Perry Hall after a series of studies together. We are happy to welcome Mark into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. His address is 704 Watkins, telephone 593-0889.

**The world crowns success,
 but God crowns faithfulness.**

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The Sick

Mrs. Earl (Melinda) O'Quinn underwent surgery on Tuesday afternoon in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. Lilla Tigert had surgery on Friday of last week. She is in Medical Center Hospital.
 Mrs. Lillie Knight's daughter-in-law, Faye Knight, had surgery on Thursday in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Denton Phillips is in Medical Center for tests.
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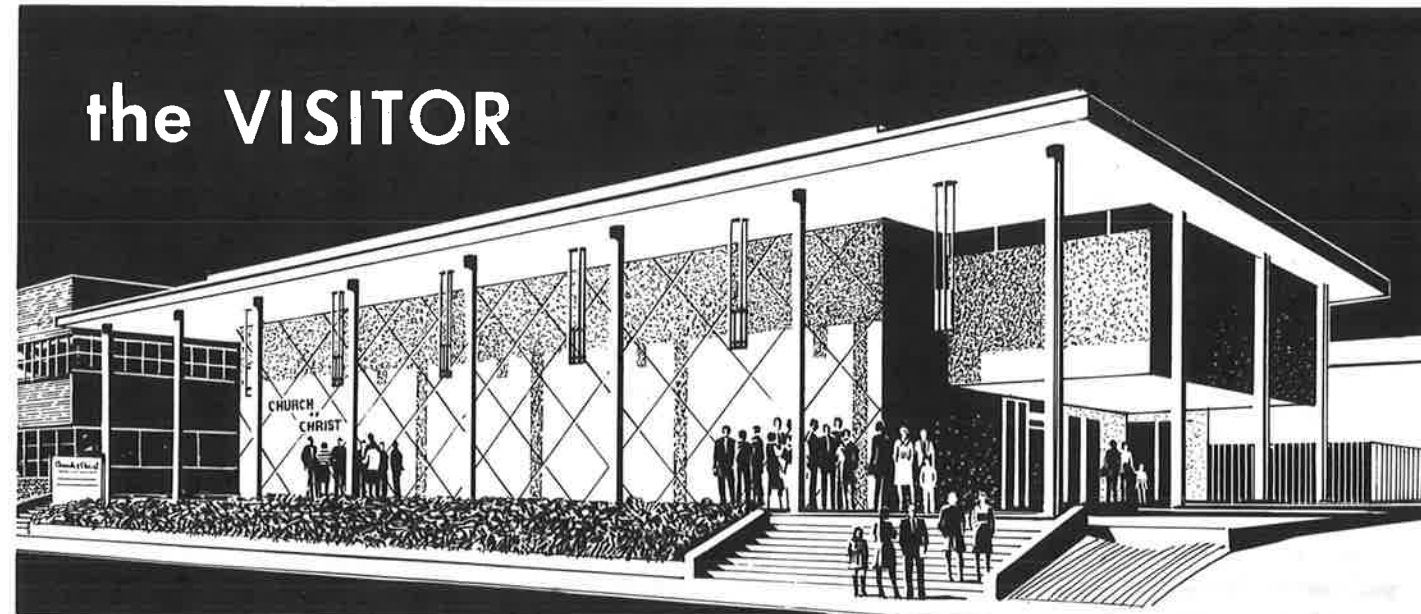
Young At Heart

The Young At Heart group will meet on Thursday evening, April 12 at 6:30 for their regularly scheduled "Pot Luck" Supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
 By Perry Hall
 A.M. Ephesians - The Doctrinal
 P.M. Ephesians - The Practical

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EVANGELIST HAROLD G. TAYLOR

Brother Harold G. Taylor of the Sunset congregation in Lubbock, Texas will be with us April 15-18 in a series of gospel meetings. He will be emphasizing soul winning in this endeavor. He will not only be showing the need of soul winning, but the "how".

Harold has been engaged in local work for nearly thirty years. He has served the Lord in Indiana, Ohio and Texas. He has taught Personal Evangelism in the Sunset School of Preaching for a number of years. He has led campaigns in the states and in Europe.

Brother Taylor is the editor of Christian Family Magazine and a staff writer

The Church With A Heart for New Life Magazine. He is a frequent contributor to the Gospel Advocate Quarterly. He has also authored a book on personal work which is now in its fourth printing.
 We look forward to this series!



Beautiful Bouquets

Never before have we heard so many express such deep appreciation for a workshop as our Elders/Deacons' Workshop! I truly believe that it was one of the most beneficial workshops that I have attended. Each one of the speakers did an outstanding job. But what else would you expect from such outstanding men? The names Bailey, Baird, Connally, Deaver and Nichols are synonymous with talent, scholarship and devotion to truth. We are truly thankful to God and these fine men for such a wonderful experience last weekend. We thank once again all the individuals that were involved in this effort. We would like to give a beautiful bouquet of "THANKS" to each one. God will not forget your labor of love!

Man Born Again!

We rejoice with brother Mark Waggoner in his obedience to the gospel of Christ. We all look forward to knowing this new brother

Perry's

Perspective

By Perry Hall

in the Lord. Already our love is growing and abounding toward him as we travel toward heaven together in the Lord's service.

Belated Bouquets



We are indeed sorry that we have failed to acknowledge in this publication the many years of faithful service given to the Lord by Milburn Cook, Stan Mallory and Freeman Morgan. Over the past year, for various reasons, these three brethren have resigned their roles as deacons, Stan doing so in recent days. We did not have a photo of Freeman, but this editor and preacher, along with all others, wishes to express our love and appreciation to them. I wish personally to thank them for their love, warmth and words of encouragement to me. We thank God that we have these men as beloved brothers and that their fellowship in the gospel brings us such great joy!

Potpourri

The Hard Travelers, from Lubbock Christian College, will be here Sunday evening, April 15 for the City-wide Youth Meeting following the worship service. The meeting will be in our Fellowship Hall. This will be the fourth consecutive year the Hard Travelers have performed in Tyler.

It was announced last Sunday that Vern Johnson and family are moving from Tyler. Vern left this week, but the family will remain until school is out.

Also, Betty and Bob Willoughby will be moving Friday to the Dallas area.

We will miss these good families so much.

We received many orders for tapes of the Workshop last weekend. We will fill them as rapidly as possible. If you want to have a set, they are \$6.00 for four tapes.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (8) Eveline McCarty (9) Helen Wright (10) Mary Lynn Stitt, Gerald Durham (11) Melisa Rothrock (12) A. E. Bedford, Foy Bellows, Lee Osborn (13) Sledge Clinkscales (14) Jack Bennett.

From The Elders

We, the elders of the West Erwin Church of Christ, want to commend brother Perry Hall for a job well done in planning and organizing the excellent Elders' and Deacon' Workshop last weekend. We thank him for the hours he spent in securing speakers, printing and making necessary arrangements. We want to express appreciation to brother Wes Price for his song selections and his good assistance to brother Hall; to the deacons for their diligent work in preparing for this event; to the ladies who registered our guests and to those who brought cookies; to brother and sister George Kester for their expert leadership in serving the refreshments; to Nelda and Frances for their tireless efforts in preparing brochures for mailing, typing and many other tasks connected with the workshop. We are also very grateful to brother and sister John Teague for having our building so clean and nicely set up for the occasion.

Here and There

By Wes Price



I believe Mike Savage was right Sunday morning when he told the congregation that if they missed the Elders And Deacons Workshop, they missed a real spiritual blessing. The messages were great and those who attended will not soon forget the impact of such fine preaching. We owe a debt to those speakers since they provided rich spiritual food for our consideration. But we are also indebted to our own members who did such a vine work in serving as hosts and hostesses for the many visitors who came to be with us. Especially noticeable was the fine way everyone was served during the morning and afternoon break times in our Fellowship Hall. George and Esther filled their usual excellent role in making that break time work so smoothly.

And, you will join me won't you in expressing thanks to our elders for providing the backing for this stimulating event! I am confident that it will bring blessings far into the future.

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This coming Sunday morning each of the adult classes will be given the opportunity to help us evaluate the work of our Brother's Keeper Program. A few minutes will be taken to let each adult member complete an evaluation questionnaire. These will be used to assist the Program Director, Weldon Dawson, make the program work more effectively. When you have the opportunity, please take the time to fill out the questionnaire so that we may have the most complete expression of the membership in helping us to make this program work more effectively.

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Harold Taylor will be with us for our spring gospel meeting beginning on Sunday morning, April 15. Long time members of West Erwin will remember with pleasure his having been with us before, and new members will be encouraged to know that he will do his part in providing the very best in gospel meeting efforts. He is a fine gospel preacher and will preach the truth to us and motivate us to greater service in the kingdom. We look forward to his coming.

And what part do you intend to play in this gospel effort? Have you considered that you have a part to perform? Let me assure you that no meeting will be successful in the most complete sense unless EVERY MEMBER assumes the responsi-

Here and There (continued)

bility to be present for every service. I have never understood why genuine Christians, who are committed to loyally following Christ, can take a gospel meeting lightly and not want to be present for every service. Make up your mind that this meeting is not just for others - it is for you.

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We are happy to announce the re-opening of Section II of our Cradle Roll this coming Sunday morning with Jan Faulkner as the teacher. Before placing your child in this class, please be sure to check with Jeanine Hughes. Her class will meet as usual in room 104.

Thank You

Your visits, cards, calls and especially your prayers were appreciated during my stay in the hospital.

Clara Sims

I send my love and appreciation for your visits, cards and calls during and after my surgery. Thank you brother Hall for sitting with Bob during the surgery.

Jane Clemmons

Gospel Meetings

The Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, Texas will begin a Spring Revival on April 8 to continue through the 11th. Wayne and Kevin Kilpatrick from Birmingham, Alabama will speak and lead singing. All congregations south of I-30 will be honored on Monday, 7:00 P.M.

Burt Groves will be preaching in a Spring Gospel Meeting, April 8-13 at the Bullard Church of Christ. Monday - Friday, 7:30 P.M.

Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy Board of Directors invites you to the 3rd Annual Victory Dinner, Saturday, April 28, 1984 - 6:00 p.m. Glenwood Fellowship Center
RSVP 597-4911 \$25.00 per person

Gospel Meeting

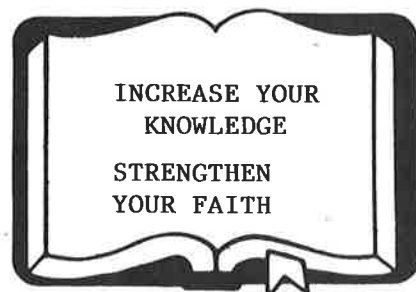
HAROLD TAYLOR

April 15 - 18

BROTHER TAYLOR WILL PREACH PRIMARILY ON THE "NEED" and "HOW" of SOUL SAVING.

Sunday, April 15
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
and
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.

"He that winneth souls is wise."
Proverbs 11:30



JESUS can make us FISHERS of MEN!

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss Archie Lowry

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Mike Savage
Prayer Henry McRuiz
Dismiss Mike Munn

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Our Records

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March 25 \$7,530.78
March 18 7,423.00
Year Ago 6,085.04

BIBLE SCHOOL

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March 18 374
Year Ago 370

WORSHIP

March 25 518
March 18 493

Weekly Budget \$8,631.00

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. We appreciate all the calls, cards and concern shown for us during the past month. It is a comfort to know we have Christian friends who care.

Milburn and Jan Cook

The Sick

Mrs. Beatrice Hawk remains in the Community Hospital. She is Bennie Bynum's mother.

Mrs. George (Nola) Seagler is in Mother Frances Hospital. She had surgery on Monday.

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Clara Sims remains in the U.T. Health Center.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Thursday in Corpus Christi for Louis Humble, father of Mrs. Lloyd (Ann) Nail. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Greeters For Sunday

Charles and Ann McCoy
Bren and Lois Rothrock
Artis and Patti Tate
Jim and Vicki Franklin

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY by Perry Hall
A.M. "On Eagle's Wings"
P.M. "Family Resemblances"

Daily Bible Reading For April

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| (1) I Samuel 11-13 | (16) 2 Samuel 23-24 |
| (2) I Samuel 14-15 | (17) I Kings 1 |
| (3) I Samuel 16-17 | (18) I Kings 2-3 |
| (4) I Samuel 18-20 | (19) I Kings 4-6 |
| (5) I Samuel 21-24 | (20) I Kings 7 |
| (6) I Samuel 25-27 | (21) I Kings 8 |
| (7) I Samuel 28-31 | (22) I Kings 9-10 |
| (8) 2 Samuel 1-3 | (23) I Kings 11-12 |
| (9) 2 Samuel 4-7 | (24) I Kings 13-14 |
| (10) 2 Samuel 8-11 | (25) I Kings 15-17 |
| (11) 2 Samuel 12-13 | (26) I Kings 18-19 |
| (12) 2 Samuel 14-15 | (27) I Kings 20-21 |
| (13) 2 Samuel 16-17 | (28) I Kings 22 - |
| (14) 2 Samuel 18,19 | 2 Kings 1 |
| (15) 2 Samuel 20-22 | (29) 2 Kings 2-4 |
| | (30) 2 Kings 5-7 |

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The Time Is Here

We are very blessed to be having with us this weekend some of the finest preachers in our brotherhood today. These men are known for their faithful service and stand for Jesus.

Some of these men are traveling long distances and investing precious time in preparation and travel. Let us not fail to do our part in this effort by being present to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find the schedule of activities for our workshop. You should have received another schedule through the mail earlier this week.

We trust that this workshop will be a memorable experience in your life. We hope you have arranged your schedule to take advantage of every moment. We know that there are other subjects that would probably personally benefit you more, but for this time we hope the whole church over a large area will be benefited through this effort.

Perry's Perspective
By Perry Hall

See you Friday night and Saturday.

EAST TEXAS ELDERS' AND DEACONS' WORKSHOP

MARCH 30 - 31, 1984

This lectureship will be beneficial for both men and women and will be without charge

FRIDAY NIGHT

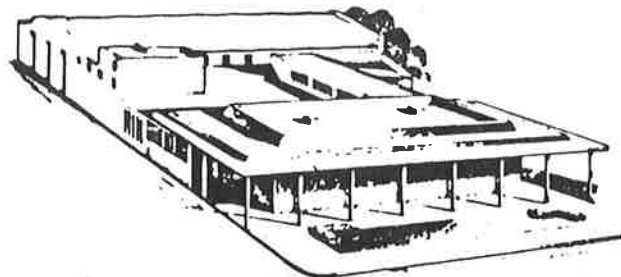
- 7:30-8:15 "Biblical Principles That Assure Great Leadership"—Andrew M. Connally
8:20-9:00 "Deacons And Their Ministries"—Hardeman Nichols

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:00-9:50 "Elders - Leaders of God's People"—Roy C. Deaver
10:00-10:50 "The Pattern For Great Leadership"—James O. Baird
11:00-11:50 "Shepherds, Teachers And Counsellors of Souls"—George W. Bailey

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00-1:50 "Present Doctrines That Are Drawing Away Disciples"—Roy C. Deaver
2:00-2:50 "Serving Well As Deacons"—Andrew M. Connally
3:00-3:50 Panel: Open Forum Of Questions And Answers



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Children's Worship

Volunteers are needed to teach children's worship on Sunday morning, if we are to continue the program. If you are willing to give of your time to teach one or two weeks every few months, please call Jay Sims (839-7187). Lesson plans and handwork are available if you want to use them. Your participation is vital in teaching the young children what worship is and how to participate.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Happy Birthday

APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn (3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright, Gail Vannoy (4) Esther Kester, Shirley McRuiz, Paul Montandon, Brandon Sims (6) Sharen Chambless, Melissa Marts, Myra Chandler, Diana Savage.

Thank You

We appreciate all the cards, food, flowers and calls received since we have been shut in with illness. The love and concern shown in this manner by our fellow Christians means so very much to us.

Jim and Bessie Willis

Thank you for the food, cards, visits and expressions of concern and sympathy during the recent illness and death of Willie Chamness Todd, my mother.

Sincerely,
Pauline Aven and Family

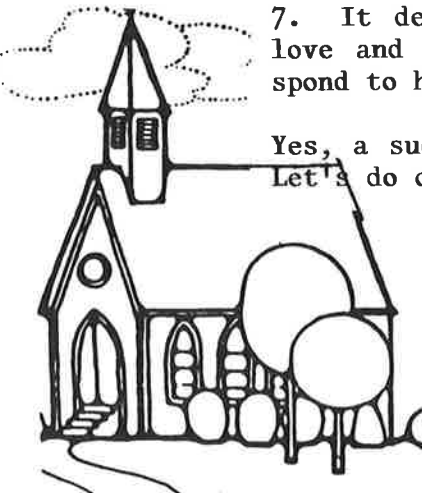
Gospel Meeting

You are cordially invited to a gospel meeting, April 1-6 at the Sheppard Street church of Christ in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Evening services will be at 7:30 p.m. Andrew Dulan will be the speaker.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Chandler church of Christ for Gene Terrell. He was the father-in-law of Doris Terrell. We extend our sympathy to the family in their loss.

**"People don't miss
church services
because they live
too far from the
building; it's because
they live too far
from God!"**



Here and There

By Wes Price



SUCCESSFUL GOSPEL MEETING???

With Harold Taylor

April 15 - 18

1. It depends on our attitude. Are we looking forward to it? Do we realize its potential for good? Are we excited about the cause of Christ?
2. It depends on our attendance. Some meetings fail because 50% of the members do not attend any service except Sunday and Wednesday. Will you clear your schedule so you can be present at every service?
3. It depends on our invitations. Regardless of all the advertising done through printed announcements, newspapers, etc., visitors will usually attend only if personally invited by a Christian friend. How many do you plan to invite?
4. It depends on our friendliness. Do your friends feel welcome and wanted in our services. How many of us make a special effort to greet visitors and invite them back?
5. It depends on our participation. Nothing "kills" a service so effectively as a combination of back-seat sitting, inattention during the services and poor singing. How simple these problems are to solve! Will we?
6. It depends on our prayers. Are we praying for the preacher, the song leader, those who need to respond?
7. It depends on our encouragement. A word of love and encouragement to one who needs to respond to heaven's invitation means so much.

Yes, a successful gospel meeting depends on us.
Let's do our part! REMEMBER APRIL 15 - 18.

**Many people believe in
God, but not many believe
God.**

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer John Porter
 Dismiss Jamon Kirby

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Sam Bailey
 Dismiss Wally Dawkins

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 Steve DeLoach Harley Turner
 O'Neal Tuel Cooper Goodson
 John Powell Bren Rothrock

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 Year Ago 387

WORSHIP
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 March 11 510

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Funeral

Mrs. Willie Todd, mother of Pauline Aven and grandmother of Elaine Roberson, passed away Tuesday afternoon. At this writing, funeral services are being planned in Sulphur Springs. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

The Sick

Mrs. Beatrice Hawk continues to be a patient in Community Hospital. She is the mother of Bennie Bynum.

Mrs. Clara Sims is a patient in the U. T. Health Center.

Mrs. George (Nola) Seagler is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mr. W. L. Thedford from Graham, Texas (father of Sue Higginbotham) is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ed (Carolyn) Stitt is now in Houston for further tests.

Welcome New Members

We rejoice that Cheryl Murphy, daughter of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone was baptized into Christ on Friday evening. She was baptized by Dale. Cheryl is a faithful member of the Bible school in the fifth grade.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Pat J. Schreinert, 421 Woldert, into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. She came Sunday morning to place membership and to be restored. She formerly worshipped with the Shiloh Road congregation.

Nursery Facilities

Paul Montandon wants to meet with all young mothers on Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock concerning improvements to our nursery facilities.

Thank You

I want to express appreciation for the cards, calls and visits while I was ill.

Ella Mae Grayson

Thank you for your kindness during my recent stay in the hospital. I am grateful for the visits, flowers and especially the prayers.

Henry McRuiz



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**The Workshop,
 Gospel Meeting and Trial**

The past few weeks we have been introducing the Elders' and Deacons' Workshop speakers to you. We believe that this will be a profitable investment of our time and the Lord's money. We already know of individuals coming from other states and are hopeful that a good number will be present from East Texas.

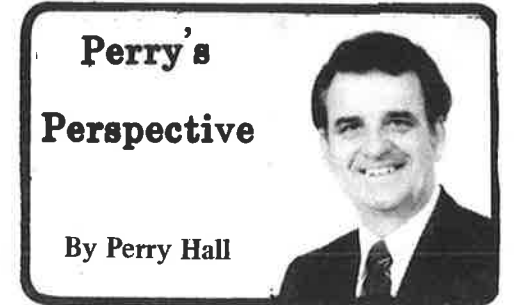
We appreciate very much the way the deacons have arisen to the challenge of planning certain phases of this event. Especially do we appreciate the leadership brother Stan Mallory has brought through his being chairman during this period of time. In addition to our deacons, their wives and our elders and their wives will be involved in the success of this program.

While we are deeply interested in the success of this workshop, we are equally interested in the success of our gospel meeting April 15-18 with brother Harold G. Taylor. Brother Taylor is the pulpit preacher for the Sunset congregation in Lubbock, Texas. This congregation has, for a number of years, been deeply involved

in world evangelism. The Sunset School of Preaching is the work of this church. Brother Harold is known for his evangelistic emphasis. Wes has worked with him in years past and has a deep affection and appreciation for this dedicated Christian.

We will be filling you in on the background of brother Taylor in another week or so.

Speaking of Wes, be sure and note what he says about the Oklahoma church lawsuit. He has had personal contact with individuals in Oklahoma who have good knowledge of this sad situation. Having lived and worked in the Lord's vineyard in Oklahoma, he has some good contacts who were at the trial. We appreciate what Wes says in the article. Every faithful child of God will be deeply interested in the final outcome. Our obedience to God is involved. Our American coins carry the motto, "In God We Trust." Are the forces of unbelief gradually controlling this country? What does the future hold for the church in America? Pray about this my brother and sister.



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The Alpine Church of Christ in Longview will have a seminar, "Improve Your Marriage," April 6 - 8. Lynn McMillon will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost. Brother McMillon is Professor of Bible and Counseling at Oklahoma Christian College. He has conducted numerous marriage enrichment seminars nation wide since 1975.

We are sorry that brother and sister Clyde (Mayme) Waggoner have moved to Henderson. They will be missed here, but we hope they will be happy in their new home.

Because of the proposed new benevolent building, the ladies will not be working on Tuesdays after May 15. You are asked NOT TO BRING ANY ITEMS OF CLOTHING since arrangements must be made for the items remaining. You are encouraged however to continue to bring clean sheets to be used for bandages.

Again this year the churches of Christ in the Tyler area will host a banquet for our juniors and seniors. You are asked to give your contribution for this event to Hillard or Jeanine Hughes by May 1.



MARCH 30-31

Elders' & Deacon's Workshop

This series of lessons is for everyone. Plan to attend.

APRIL 15 - 18

Gospel Meeting

Harold Taylor from Sunset Church in Lubbock, Texas will be preaching.

BROTHERS' KEEPER

Sunday Evening

MARCH 25

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Plan To Attend Your Meeting

Welcome New Members



We welcome Jamon and Clay Kirby and their daughter, Suzanne back to West Erwin. Their address is 813 Dolores, telephone 561-9442. Jamon is a Coach at Tyler Junior College and Clay is a Kindergarten teacher at Andy Woods School. Suzanne attends Abilene Christian University.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe and Amy Clark on the birth of their baby son, Justin Wade, born last week in Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 8 lb 10 oz.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (27) Pat Kinnett (28) Joe McBe (Rhonda Hendrix, Mike Mackey (29) Bill Endsley (30) Michael Lowrance, Susie Hughes, Henry Starnes (31) Matt Haws, Ray Magee, Mark Adams.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Burks/Walker Funeral Home for Mrs. Herman Browning. She was a sister-in-law to Harold Browning and a member of the Northwest congregation.

Funeral services were held Saturday for the father of Milburn Cook. He died in Junction, Texas.

We extend our sympathy to each family in their loss.

Here and There

By Wes Price



I must confess that I'm looking forward to the Elders' & Deacons' Workshop with a great deal of personal anticipation. I have known four of these men personally who will be guest speakers, and I have attended where two of them were the pulpit ministers. I have great respect for their scholarship, ability and experience, and I have every confidence that they will have challenging messages to share with us.

Members who are not elders and deacons are still asking if it is alright for them to come. My answer is YES! Even though some may never serve in either capacity, it will be inspiring to learn from others how we may improve our service to these men who work in leadership capacities. I hope you will plan on being present. Ladies are invited to be present also. Come and enjoy the spiritual feast.

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Exciting news was shared with the men of the congregation following the worship on Sunday evening. Plans for the expanded fellowship hall and benevolent center were discussed. The general consensus of those present was positive and the elders were encouraged to get on with the project. If you have any questions regarding the proposal or suggestions to make regarding the building, please pass them on to one of the elders or to brother James Massey.

We are glad that brother Massey has consented to oversee this building project as he has so ably done with other building projects in the past. Let's encourage him when this one gets under way.

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Morris Hallman reports that our new large bus should be in our possession by the end of this month. This vehicle will be a great asset to large numbers of our folk both young and old. A compliment is in order to those who originated the idea and to brother Ross Walker who so generously contributed toward its purchase. Let's not forget to thank Morris for his work in locating the right bus to purchase.

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The lawsuit by a church member in Collinsville, Oklahoma is a painful thing to evaluate. It is hard to believe that a person calling themselves any kind of Christian could see fit to file a

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HERE AND THERE (continued)

suit against the church. But it was inevitable. The personal freedoms that this society keeps pushing have invaded the church and that over personal sins. It was not hard to believe that the jury could decide in favor of the woman with the present attitude in the world of each individual having the right to do their own thing. We could not expect the world to understand what those God-fearing elders were trying to accomplish for the benefit of that dear sister's soul, nor why. A part of the reason why has to do with the failure of the denominational world to understand what the scripture teaches about the nature of the church. In case you are wondering about how those elders went about handling the discipline of that sister, let me assure you that they went more than the second mile and followed the scripture in doing so.

Their intention is to carry this case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. This case vitally affects the sanctity of the church and its mission in the world. If human courts are not attempting to restrict the leadership from carrying out the Lord's instruction in this matter, how much further will they go in restricting our freedoms? If they have decided that individual freedoms are more important than the practice of New Testament Christianity, what else will they try to restrict?

There is a positive side to this matter and that is that the brotherhood will awaken to the gravity of the situation and realize how important it is to stress the unity of the faith in the face of worldly opposition. The question might well be, "Shall we obey God rather than men?"



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall

A.M. Swimming Iron

P.M. First Century Success For Today

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Ron Lott	March 11	\$7,989.22
Prayer	Lowell Wiggains	March 4	\$7,817.85
Dismiss	Harold Browning	Year Ago	\$7,704.85
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Ron Lott	March 11	389
Prayer	Ben Young	March 4	400
Dismiss	Charles Graf	Year Ago	396
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Clyde Lane	Edgar Bullard	March 11	510
Steve DeLoach	Harley Turner	March 4	511
O'Neal Tuel	Cooper Goodson	Weekly	\$8,631.00
David Taylor	Bren Rothrock	Budget	
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY - Room 108			
Ray & Gail Vannoy	Earl & Jyl Ball		
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Morris & Cathy Hallman	Henry & Becky McRuiz		
Wally & Laurie Dawkins	Paul & Signa Stanley		
Lee Roberson	Cole Bennett		

Our Records

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Archie Lowry Cole Bennett DeRay Bennett
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 18 and WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 21 MACK BYNUM, 839-2792.

The Sick

Leslie Mallory is now at home following hospitalization for injuries in a motorcycle accident. Mrs. Bob (Jane) Clemmons underwent surgery in Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday. A. E. Bedford had surgery on Monday in Medical Center Hospital. Mrs. Willie Todd, Pauline Aven's mother, had surgery Tuesday afternoon in Medical Center. Mrs. Ella Mae Grayson is now at home after being hospitalized last week.

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The Sick (continued)

Rodney Knight has been at home for a few days but has returned to Houston for treatment.

Carolyn Carruth's mother is hospitalized in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Henry McRuiz was hospitalized briefly this week.

Debra Haul 4/3 M.F. 3/2 A-



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
 A.M. Is Your Name Written In Heaven?
 P.M. A Well Balanced Life.

Here and There (continued)

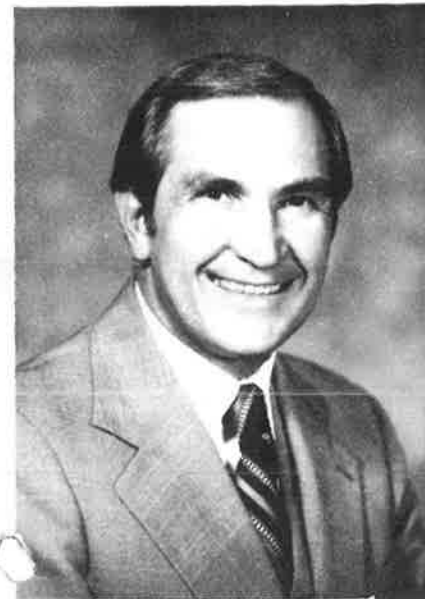
But for the sake of our spiritual exercise, just take a moment as you read this and try to evaluate those things that are strictly related to your spiritual exercise. How often in a day do you pray? How much of God's word do you read each day? How often do you mention Christianity to those around you? How much time do you spend teaching your children the Bible? I think you get the point. Most of us would be ashamed to have others know how little we do in a day that is specifically related to our spiritual welfare, not to mention weeks, months and years. And these are the things that really count. Nothing we get in this life in the material realm is durable by comparison. Perhaps it is time we begin to give more attention to things eternal. Think about it!

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Hardeman Nichols

The final one of our outstanding speakers for our Workshop is brother Hardeman Nichols.

Hardeman is a native of Alabama. He was born in Millport March 16, 1928. From the age of four, he lived in Jasper where his renowned father, the late beloved Gus Nichols was minister of the Sixth Ave. Church of Christ for forty-three years. Hardeman received his education in the

public schools of Jasper and at Freed Hardeman College and West Virginia University.

In 1948 he was married to Virginia Montgomery of Moundsville, West Virginia. They met while both were students at Freed Hardeman College. They have two daughters, Mrs. David (Judy) Caporaletti of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mrs. Zack (Beth) Ballard of Dallas, Texas.

Brother Nichols has been actively interested in Christian education. He participated in the establishment of Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock, Texas, and he has served on its Board of Development since its beginning. He helped to establish Midland Christian School in Midland, Texas. He also has served on the Board of Development of Oklahoma Christian College and is on the Advisory Board of Harding College's Christian Communication Program.

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall

Among his other activities, he is a partner in Nichols Brothers Publishing Company and is on the Editorial Staff of both 20th Century Christian and Power For Today. His articles appear in many papers and magazines and his lectures are in many books. Brother Nichols is also active in civic affairs.

He is a frequent speaker on numerous college lectureships and special congregational programs and he has conducted meetings in thirty-four states and several foreign countries, including an extensive training program of preachers and church leaders in the nation of India in 1973. In recognition of his work, he

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How Is Your Standard Of Living?

In case you didn't know it, your standard of living is going down. At least that's what the media and the government are saying. Many folks are discovering that it costs too much to run their air-conditioners this summer, it costs too much to go on vacation, it costs too much to buy gasoline. The price of everything from clothing to food is up, up, up. We have become discouraged and now are finally convinced that our standard of living is on the way down.

Sorry, folks, I can't agree with that assumption. The problem is that we have equated our "standard of living" with the dollar bill. Jesus said, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Lk.12:15)

The Christian has nothing to worry about when inflation hits. He continues to maintain the highest standard of living in the world. The devaluation of the dollar doesn't ruin him and certainly has no effect on his "standard of living."

But Beware!!! It is possible for his living standard to drop. When a father works so hard that he is too tired at the end of the day to play catch with his son, his standard of living is dropping. When a mother is so caught up in "her soap" that she just doesn't take time to teach her daughter about the beautiful life of a Christian woman, her standard of living is falling. When the family is so caught up in "outside" activities that there is no time left for each other, their standard of living is almost on bottom.

Fathers, your family's well being does not depend on a bigger house or more toys or a recreation vehicle or a bigger paycheck. Mothers, your family's well being does not depend on you taking them to the movies or buying them ice-cream or taking a part-time job so as to provide some spending money. Your family's standard of living is completely dependent upon what you do with what God has given you. What's wrong with having to stay home? Is home such a bad place? What's wrong with having "nothing" to do? Must we constantly be engaged in outside activities? What's wrong with a quiet, peaceful evening at home together? Have you tried it lately?

If you allow your standard of living to be regulated by the All-Mighty Dollar you may just find that when inflation hits, and the prices rise and the wants increase and beat against your home, it will fall, and great will be the crash of it. (Mt.7:27)

Roy C. Banning - Haven, Kansas

Welcome New Members



Keith and Kerry Wommack
Zachary

The Wommacks' address is 2802 Meadowlark, phone number 566-2835. Keith is employed by Scurlock Oil Company, and Kerry cares for their new son, Zachary.



Henry and Jerry Dunn

The Dunns live at Rt. 17, Box 414, phone number 593-4451. Henry and Jerry are in the nursery landscaping and maintenance business.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (20) David Taylor, Janie Hicks (21) Ernestine Mallory, Harvey Grier, Bryan Pickle (22) Vicki Warren (23) Ben Young, Charlotte Sanford, Elvin Wison (24) Myrtle Ginn, Harold Al-sbrook.

THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for the love and kindness expressed at the time of the death of my mother, Mary Lane. The prayers, food, cards, visits, calls and flowers were greatly appreciated.

Clyde and Merle Lane

new
ARRIVAL

Terry and Vicki Warren are the parents of Blake Andrew who was born March 9 at Mother Frances Hospital. Travis and Janelle Fletcher, former members of West Erwin, are the proud grandparents.

Dates To Remember



May 10 . . .
Teacher Appreciation Banquet - to honor all of our teaching staff.

April 15 through April 18 . . .
Gospel meeting at West Erwin with brother Harold Taylor from Lubbock.

March 30-31 . . .
Elders'-Deacons' Workshop at West Erwin for anyone interested.

Perry's Perspective (cont'd)

has appeared in every volume of Who's Who in Religion.

He has engaged in effective local works in Cordova, Alabama, and in Texas for the past quarter century with Sunset in Lubbock, the North "A" and Tennessee Street church in Midland, Walnut Hill in Dallas, Southside in Fort Worth, and Seventh Street in Columbus, Mississippi.

Presently, he is a Bible instructor in the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas, Texas under the supervision of the elders of the Preston Road Church of Christ. He also speaks on numerous lecture-ships and conducts about thirty meetings a year.

Here and There

By Wes Price



The installation of our new elders and the introduction of the other elders and all our deacons was a beautiful and impressive service. It added the dignity and solemnity that was just the right touch to make everyone aware of the role these good men play in the direction and work of this congregation. And it had the added advantage of permitting each member to express his own "amen" to their work.

Our personal thanks to Perry Hall for putting it all together.

We have numerous calls at the church office by folks who are looking for food, travel, and lodging expenses. We try to assist in as many cases as we can. We would like to express our gratitude to one individual who is always ready to go the second mile to take care of the many calls that come in. John Porter is always willing to find the time to come and take care of these benevolent calls. Help me express thanks to him for a job well done.

Response to the coming Elders' and Deacons' Workshop continues to come in. We have heard from a lot of different places where groups will be coming from, and we anticipate a large crowd. I even had a call from R.V. Threadgill in Tulsa, Oklahoma last week, and he will be coming with the preacher from the congregation where he attends. I hope you have already made your schedule to be present. These speakers will have some great messages.

We had a good turnout for our V.B.S. meeting on Sunday afternoon and spent some time discussing the various phases of this year's effort. We are still in need of some additional talent to fill our needs. If you would like to serve, please let me know.

Have you ever been asked to evaluate a day's activities to see how much time you actually devote to the Lord? If you were asked to do so, would you actually do it? If not, why not? Now I realize that everything we do in any given day ought to be done with the approval of the Lord, and if we can't sincerely ask His blessing on a particular thing we ought to leave it off.

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Paul Stanley
 Prayer Robert Willoughby
 Dismiss Leslie Carruth

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Paul Stanley
 Prayer Milburn Cook
 Dismiss Jack Beard

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Leon Welborn Dale Blackstone
 Odell Malone Allen Bobbitt
 Jesse Keener Clyde Waggoner
 Clint Johnson Tim Holt

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY - Room 108

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DAY EVENING, March 14 LES CARRUTH, 561-9684.

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March 4 \$7,817.85
 Feb. 26 7,804.56
 Year Ago 8,454.08

BIBLE SCHOOL

March 4 400
 Feb. 26 334
 Year Ago 385

WORSHIP

March 4 511
 Feb. 26 393
 Weekly

Budget 8,631.00

Welcome New Members

We are very happy to welcome Jamon and Clay Kirby back to West Erwin. They are former members and have been worshipping with the Shiloh Road church in recent years. They have one daughter, Suzanne, a student in ACU. Their address is 813 Dolores, telephone 561-9442.

The Sick

Carolyn Carruth's mother, Zada Edwards is very seriously ill in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Carolyn is with her mother. The address is 604 Magnolia, Bowling Green, Ky.

Milburn Cook's father is hospitalized in Junction, Texas.

SERMON TOPICS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
 A.M. ORDINATION OF ELDERS
 P.M. THE GREAT PROVIDER

Act Now!

GOOD STUDY HABITS START EARLY



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calendar of activities. We are still having folks ask: "Can anyone except elders and deacons attend?" The answer is a resounding, "YES." It will be a valuable learning experience for every member of the Lord's church. Make your plans now to attend. We anticipate a large crowd and you won't want to miss being inspired with that large number, not to mention the joy of worshipping together.

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with his scholarship, his humility has earned him the love and appreciation of most.



ROY DEAVER

**East Texas Elders' - Deacons' Workshop
 March 30-31, 1984**

Few men over the years have earned more respect for Biblical scholarship and devotion than Roy C. Deaver. He has been a personal friend for thirty years. During this time we have heard him called "The walking Bible" many times. Over the years this man has helped many a young preacher struggle for great knowledge of the Book. Along

ROY DEAVER was born in Caddo, Texas, December 22, 1922. He graduated from Longview Senior High School. In 1940 he married Wilma Ruth Gibson, who has remained through the years a faithful and devoted companion. They have three sons: Roy, Mac and Dan.

He attended Freed-Hardeman College, beginning in 1940. While there he was awarded the "Faculty Scholarship Medal." He entered Abilene Christian College in 1943, majored in Greek and graduated summa cum laud in 1945.

He was the founding President of Fort Worth Christian College and has maintained a faculty connection with the college since 1958. He holds a LL.D., Ph.D. and

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall

Th.D. He has written many tracts, articles and books. He is on the staff of the Gospel Advocate and Power for Today. He writes for the Spiritual Sword and is editor of Biblical Notes.

He has preached for 43 years, mostly in Texas. He holds six to ten meetings per year and has engaged in numerous debates.

Brother Deaver was an elder of the Brown Trail church of Christ in Hurst, Texas and the director of the Brown Trail Preacher Training School before moving to Tennessee. He is now on the faculty of Tennessee Bible College.

We are looking forward to hearing Roy in our Elders'-Deacons' Workshop.

Daily Bible Reading For March

(1) Deuteronomy 5-7	(17) Joshua	18-20
(2) Deuteronomy 8-10	(18) Joshua	21-22
(3) Deuteronomy 11-13	(19) Joshua	23-24
(4) Deuteronomy 14-17	(20) Judges	1-3
(5) Deuteronomy 18-20	(21) Judges	4-6
(6) Deuteronomy 21-23	(22) Judges	7-8
(7) Deuteronomy 24-26	(23) Judges	9-10
(8) Deuteronomy 27-28	(24) Judges	11-13
(9) Deuteronomy 29-31	(25) Judges	14-16
(10) Deuteronomy 32-34	(26) Judges	17-19
(11) Joshua 1-4	(27) Judges	20-21
(12) Joshua 5-7	(28) Ruth	1-4
(13) Joshua 8-9	(29) I Samuel	1-3
(14) Joshua 10-11	(30) I Samuel	4-7
(15) Joshua 12-14	(31) I Samuel	8-10
(16) Joshua 15-17		

TEACHER APPRECIATION BANQUET

All of our teachers are asked to make a special note of May 10. This is the date set aside to honor all of our teaching staff. We will have more to say about this later.

East Texas Christian Academy

The Board Meeting (open to everyone) for East Texas Christian Academy will be Monday evening, March 12th at 7:00 o'clock.

You are also reminded to please continue to save all of Campbell products labels. The school has been able to receive some nice things through this program. You may turn your labels in to the church office.

Parent Teen Seminar

On April 28, 1984, the Youth Ministry of the Northwest Church of Christ will be hosting a Parent-Teen Seminar dealing with drug abuse, its causes, prevention and treatment. The seminar will be led by W. Stacey Mooring. Mr. Mooring is a former undercover vice squad officer from the Houston area. Because of his special knowledge he is very active in seminar work, along with the work he does at one of Houston's largest churches of Christ. He is a fine Christian gentleman, concerned about today's young people and their parents. The seminar will be at the Northwest building from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Gospel Meetings

You are invited to attend Gospel Meetings next week at local churches.

Jack Paul will be preaching Sunday through Tuesday at the Northwest church. The weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Dr. LeMoine Lewis of Abilene Christian University will be with the Glenwood church Sunday through Wednesday. Services will be at 12:10 Noon and 7:30 p.m. Lunch will be served after the 12:10 p.m. services.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (12) Eleanor Birdwell, Pamela Wiggains, Darryl Hendrix, David Grier, Jr. (13) Archie Lowry, Tennille Beard (14) Rodney Knight, Chris Hallman, Melba Moore (16) Teena Roberson (17) Ann Bailey, Jim Franklin, Carla Lemons.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

"The blood of Christ, shed on Calvary's cross, provided reconciliation, atonement, and remission for our sins."

Gospel Meeting

We are looking forward to our Gospel Meeting with brother Harold Taylor from the Sunset Church in Lubbock, Texas. April 15 thru 18 is the date to remember. Make your plans to attend.

New Granddaughter

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Courtney Ruth, born Friday evening, March 2 to Mark and Lee North in Fort Worth. The baby weighed 7 lb and 6 oz.

Funeral

Funeral services were conducted last week in Winona for Mrs. Inez Lee, grandmother of J.N.Metcalf. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and every remembrance of me during my hospitalization and after returning home.

Carolyn Stitt

I want to express my appreciation for the cards and telephone calls when I was ill.

B. P. Sutton

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

Potpourri

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here next week to pick up items we have collected for them. The following is a list of needs: Fruit Cocktail, laundry detergent, shortening, sugar and catsup. They will be glad to use whatever we have for them.

Please make the following corrections in your church directory:

Bob and Charlotte Sanford's home telephone, 595-4102.

Henry and Sue Starnes' home telephone, 592-6012.

Here and There

By Wes Price



All teachers and workers who are planning on helping with this year's VBS are reminded of our meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in room 105/106. We are still in need of talent in several areas including teaching, design and set construction for learning centers, group leaders and costume design. If you have talent in one of these areas, please join us. We can use all available talent. Join us for this work session.

Congratulations to the following classes for 100% attendance: 4th Grade on February 19; Four Year Olds on March 4; First Grade on March 4. Jean Oliver's Fourth Grade class also is due recognition for 100% on January 29. We inadvertently overlooked this. We are proud of these classes and of each individual for making this goal possible.

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Were you overheard to say. . .

"I'm not going to work as hard in the church this year as I did last year." Then read Rev. 2:10, especially the last sentence.

"I'm not qualified for the job - not educated - I can't talk before people." Read II Cor. 12:9.

"I have too many other commitments." Read Matt. 6:23.

"I've been working hard, I want to rest awhile." Read Luke 9:23-24.

"Someone criticized me." Read Eph. 6:6-7.

"I don't feel like it. I have to rest when I get home from work." Read Luke 22:44.

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Many in the congregation continue to suffer the effects of flu and other winter type illnesses. We will be happy to see the winter season pass and spring arrive so that we can see all our folks well and happy and back in their usual place of attendance and service. Our prayers continue for those who are still ill. We especially want to remember those with more severe illnesses, Carolyn Stitt and Rodney Knight. We also want to keep Carolyn Carruth's mother and Milburn Cook's father in our prayers.

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The Elders' and Deacons' Workshop is just around the corner on our (continued on back)

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements D.Higginbotham
 Prayer Jack Paul
 Dismiss Matt Haws

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements D.Higginbotham
 Prayer C. E. Caskey
 Dismiss Tom Williams

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Leon Welborn Dale Blackstone
 Odell Malone Allen Bobbitt
 Jesse Keener Clyde Waggoner

Clint Johnson Tim Holt
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOR MARCH - Room 108
 Ray & Gail Vannoy Earl & Jyl Ball

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jeff & Alma Biggs Alan & Patsy Fisher
 George & Esther Kester Vern & Nancy Johnson
 Katie Powell John Powell
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, March 4 and Wednesday
 Evening, March 7, BOB WILLOUGHBY, 581-1135.



Welcome New Members

Sunday morning Keith and Kerry Wommack, 2802 Meadowlark Lane, phone 566-2835, came to place membership. They formerly worshipped with the Westbury Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. They have an infant son, Zachary.

Sunday evening we welcomed Henry and Jerry Dunn, Rt. 17, Box 414, phone 593-4451. They came to be identified and to ask for the prayers of the church. They formerly worshipped in Troup.

Sister Vivie Wright came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the congregation. We commend sister Wright for her love and courage.

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The Sick

Brother Milburn Cook's father is ill in Junction, Texas.

Sister Bertha Rushing is now in Heritage Nursing Home.

George and Esther Kester have gone to Tennessee. Their daughter and son-in-law are both hospitalized.



SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, March 4

By Perry Hall

A.M. The Christian Life In Three Acts

P.M. The Marks of The Lord Jesus



Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

Perry's Perspective (contd.)

these being 29 baptisms, 178 for prayer and to be restored and 71 placing membership. The attendance has increased about 100 per service and the giving has increased an average of \$2,400 per Sunday.

Brother Connally is now a staff writer for the Firm Foundation.

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The Church With A Heart



Andrew M. Connally
 Evangelist

**East Texas Elders' - Deacons' Workshop
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Another one of our outstanding speakers for our Elders and Deacons Workshop is brother Andrew M. Connally. Andrew was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He married Claudene Franklin who has been a devoted wife and missionary along with Andrew. They have four children: Chuck, Marri- anne, Carol and Holly, who are twins.

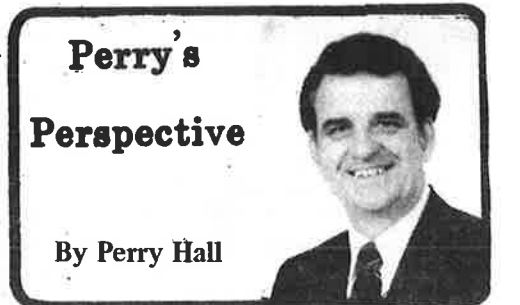
Andrew attended Abilene Christian and Florida Christian Colleges, the College of the Bible and National Christian University. He holds BA, MA PhD degrees.

He has worked as a missionary to and for Africa for twenty years. He and Claudene built the first hospital for the church anywhere in the world in Tanzania. He established three new works in Africa. He has authored and printed six hardback books in Swahili for Bible students and preachers, the first in East Africa.

He is the author of numerous tracts in Swahili and English and has published several books in English. He holds some eight meetings a year and writes regularly for the Spiritual Sword. He also taught in the Brown Trail School of Preaching for 11½ years.

He now lives at Seagoville, Texas and is the local preacher for the church there.

In the year and ten months he has been with the Seago- ville church there have been 288 responses to the invita- tion, (continued - page 4)



**Perry's
 Perspective**

By Perry Hall

PERSONAL NOTE

It has been a good while since I can recall so much sickness in a local work. In looking over the list of those not signing cards Sun- day, the number of individu- als affected, the largest I can remember, reaches close to the number of 250. All of these, of course, are not ill. Some were gone because of illness of family else- where, some were away for other reasons, but we know that the number ill with flu and other ailments is great. We miss every single indivi- dual and hope and pray for a quick return to health and to the assembly of Christ.



You are invited to a Baby Shower
Honoring Mrs. Terry (Vicki) Warren
Sunday afternoon
Fellowship Hall
Come and Go 2:00 until 3:30 p.m.

(Ladies, please consider this invitation personally yours. We will not make phone calls.)



Recent New Members



J. D. and Sherry Osborn
Lee and Brent



Steve and Colleen DeLoach
Brooke

These two families are in business together. They are the owners of the K.O.A. Campground located on I-20. Their address is Rt.5, Box 298 (75706), telephone 882-6481.

Song Fest

You are invited to be the guests of the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, Texas for an evening of fellowship, singing and praise together in an old time gospel "Song Fest." Many well known singing groups such as the Gospelairs and True Life Singers will perform. Also, a number of song leaders from several states will direct the singing throughout the evening. The time is Friday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.

The Eastern Hills Church (formerly Robbins Rd. Church) is located at 1200 E. Corsicana in Athens.

Workshop

You are reminded of the Teacher's Workshop on March 10 at the Shiloh Road Church. Staff teachers from the Richland Hills congregation in Fort Worth will be guiding the classes. There is a registration fee and if you plan on attending, you will need to pay that fee when you arrive at their building.

Young at Heart

YOUNG AT HEART will meet Thursday evening, March 8 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a Covered Dish Supper.

Perfect Attendance

Chris Starnes had perfect attendance in Bible School for the last quarter.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck will be here the week of March 12-16 to pick up what we have collected for them. They will be glad to use whatever we have for them. The following is a list of needs: Fruit Cocktail, laundry detergent, shortening, sugar and catsup.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (4) Sheila Morris (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell (6) Ray Lott, Jeff Biggs (7) Becky McRuiz (8) Kathryn Fears, Casey Haws, Barbara Graves (9) Merle Lane (10) Katie Heath, John Powell, Eleanor Smith.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike and Teresa Mackey who are the parents of a baby girl, 8 lb. 10 oz., born Friday in Mother Frances Hospital. John and Patsy Mackey are the grandparents and Elva Lee Williams is the great grandmother.

Bill and Myra Chandler have a new grandson, Stephen Ryan, born February 11 to Billy and Beverly Chandler in Magnolia, Texas.

We have learned that a former member of West Erwin, Steve Smith and his wife are the parents of a baby boy, Christopher William, born in Bryan, Texas.

Funerals

Funeral services were held Monday at Burks/Walker Chapel for Mrs. Carrie E. Burt, aunt of Mrs. Jack Bennett.

On Tuesday morning, funeral services were conducted for Mr. J. B. Sanford, grandfather of Bob Sanford. His service was at Memorial funeral home. Brother Hall assisted.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lane, mother of Clyde Lane, were held Saturday afternoon at Burks/Walker Chapel.

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

Thank You

We have been beautifully cared for by our family in the Lord during the time of the death of our dad, Lonnie Taylor. The abundance of your love has been shown by your thoughtfulness. We are grateful for every act of kindness you have shown to us.

Nelda & Harold Browning
Pat & Lonnie Taylor

Thank you very much for providing the food for our Wednesday night devotional. Everything you do for us is greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,
The Tri-C

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



Here and There

By Wes Price



By the comments of many after services on Sunday, most were aware of a change in our sound system in the auditorium. There was a considerable difference, but I want to assure you that there are still adjustments to be made before the new system is perfected. The sound engineers are here again this week continuing their work. I believe that you will hear a noticeable improvement by next Sunday morning. We are hoping that the best part of this new system will be the improvement in the song service. I could tell a great improvement had been achieved Sunday and we still do not have everything in place. What I think you will be able to feel is that you can hear others singing with you instead of feeling that you and just a few around you are the only ones singing. At any rate, we hope you will be able to tell a great improvement as we change over to this new system. One thing I would point out as you consider this is that no doubt it is different, but the difference is one of improvement. We will have to get used to the difference. Thanks for being patient while all the adjustments are being made.

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The visit to the Abilene Christian University campus for the Lectureship was a great joy. The theme of Service and Servants was stressed by excellent speakers.

A special word of thanks to those who stepped in the gap while I was away; to Joe McBee for teaching my Wednesday night class, to Hillard Hughes for his devotional message and to Sue Starnes for teaching the Wednesday Ladies' Class. It makes it easier to be away when competent folks like these are available. I'm indebted to the elders for permitting me to go. I hope that I will be able to make use of the messages by applying them to my own life and encouraging them in others.

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I still am in need of teaching staff for our VBS. If you have not indicated your desire to help in this new adventure, please let me know. Those who have volunteered will be receiving information in the mail concerning the areas to which they have been assigned. We are looking forward to a great Vacation Bible School.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Matt Haws
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Roy Roberson
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Our Records

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Feb. 19 \$8,316.73
Feb. 12 \$6,936.71
Year Ago \$6,177.23

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 19 356
Feb. 12 387
Year Ago 377

WORSHIP

Feb. 19 471
Feb. 12 452
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY - February 26 and for
WEDNESDAY - February 29 - Mike Savage, 593-5796

The Sick

Mrs. Ed (Carolyn) Stitt remains a patient in Community Hospital.

Ben Sutton is recovering from pneumonia. He is at home after being hospitalized last week.

Mrs. Jack (Mary) Paul is now recovering at home after being hospitalized last week.

Mrs. Lane (Kay) Akin is in Mother Frances following surgery. Her mother is here caring for the children.

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Sunday

Evening

FEBRUARY 26
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

TEENAGE YOUNG PEOPLE
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100 YEARS IN TYLER

WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

From early records we know that the membership of the Tyler church of Christ was about seventy-five in 1910 increasing to approximately 200 in 1920. One lot of our present property was purchased in 1922 and the first permanent building was erected in 1927. It was dedicated the first Sunday in November of 1927.

During the years of the depression the financial situation of the church became extremely difficult. The membership in 1930 was about 325 with possibly 40 or 50 additional classified as "inactive". Because of the severe financial problems, it was recorded that from September 1, 1929 through September 1, 1930 nothing was paid on the principal of the loan. Our hearts are touched to read in minutes of the regular meeting of Elders and Deacons that the motion was made and seconded, "That we favor sale of our church property to any prospective purchaser, provided our price is met. No publicity to be given this action because of its effect in retarding the work - motion carried - no opposition. Motion was made and seconded

that we quote a price of \$75,000 as a minimum price on our property - motion carried - no opposition."

We are grateful that the sale never took place, and our emotions are stirred to consider the stress endured during these trying years. It was interesting to note that it was recorded in the minutes of September 1930 that E. C. McKenzie, who was the preacher for the congregation, requested that his salary be reduced \$50.00 per month for two months. The minutes state, "This step was greatly appreciated by the Elders and Deacons as well as the membership of the congregation for this liberal donation."

In December of 1931 after the budget for 1932 was presented, an amendment was offered "that we eliminate the amount of \$240.00 covering janitor services from our budget and that janitor work and care of grounds be divided among certain members of the congregation."

Later, after brother McKenzie moved from Tyler, brother W.D. Metcalf, who was employed at the Cotton Belt General Offices here in Tyler, preached regularly for a year or possibly longer and took no remuneration from the church for his work.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to these faithful, dedicated Christians. Many in the congregation today are their descendents.



The Insidious Killers

The most common cause of death in mountaineering is not falling off a cliff, being swept away by an avalanche, being struck by lightning, or even being attacked by wild animals. The most common cause of death in the mountains is Hypothermia, better known as death by freezing!

The symptoms of this subtle and insidious killer are mild depression, fatigue, shivering, inability to perform simple tasks, staggering and falling. If an individual did not recognize the symptoms of Hypothermia, he might think he was just really cold and tired, and he might decide to lie down and go to sleep for a little while. If proper treatment were not available, the person would die.

The most common cause of spiritual death is not a sudden rebellion to God and the Christian life. Usually, an individual allows Satan to slowly enter his life until eventually, the person is lulled into a spiritual sleep. This also is a deadly killer! Some obvious symptoms are a dwindling prayer life, a lack of Bible study, frequent absence from Bible school and/or worship, insensitivity to personal sin, and a dependence on self rather than God.

If these symptoms are present in your life...WAKE UP!...Now, before it is forever too late! Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour, I Peter 5:8. The Hebrew writer tells us that we must exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin, Hebrews 3:13.

Don't allow Satan to slowly deceive you into going to sleep spiritually..You just might not ever wake up!

Kurt Picker

Kieth Mitchell to Preach

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.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Lonnie Taylor, the father of Nelda Browning. Brother Taylor had been a member of the West Erwin congregation for many years. We extend our sympathy to Nelda, Lonnie Jr., and other members of the family.

Grocery Truck

Remember to bring items for Boles Home. The grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 12th - 16th. They have asked that we bring fruit cocktail, laundry detergent, shortening, sugar, and catsup. All items are appreciated.

Attention Deacons

A group picture of the Deacons is scheduled to be made on Sunday, February 26, immediately following the morning worship service. Please plan to meet in the back foyer.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (27) Jane Jones, Matthew Go (28) Tom Parsons, Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall, Sue Starnes MARCH (1) Casey Haws (2) Cindy Lemons (3) George Stephenson, Patsy Fisher

Dates To Remember

MARCH 10, 1984
Teacher's Workshop - Shiloh Road Church of Christ
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APRIL 15 - 18
Gospel Meeting - West Erwin Church of Christ, Harold Taylor - Preacher.

Guest Editorial

"The ultimate aim of the Christian ministry, after all, is to produce the love which springs from a pure heart, a good conscience and a genuine faith." (I Timothy 1:5, Phillips)

"... everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"
(II Tim. 3:12)

DOES IT COST TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

In Paul's charge to Timothy he is writing to a young man who knew him intimately. Paul said, "You . . . know all about my teaching, my way of life . . . persecutions, sufferings - what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured" (II Tim. 3:10-11). No doubt it cost Paul something to be a servant of Christ.

A few months ago a Gallup Poll of 1,059 Americans was conducted for Robert H. Schuller Ministries. Less than half of the general population (42%) agreed with the statement: "Jesus was divine in the sense that He was in fact God living among men." But the most disturbing thing was that "one half of those who do not believe Jesus is truly divine still consider themselves to be Christians. Even of those who say religion is 'not very important in their lives.'"

Writing many years before Paul warned about those who would have "a form of godliness . . . but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:1,5).

Observations:

1. **Is There a Difference?** Are our lives so much like the world that one cannot tell by our lives that Christ is dear to us? Is our devotion to Christ so shallow that people think being a Christian is like being a Rotarian?
2. **Calling Oneself a Christian is Not Difficult. Being a Christian is Another Matter.** What does it mean to be a Christian? It means a love for and a commitment to Christ. The NT confession was "Jesus is Lord" (Rom. 10:9). Not just calling Him Lord, but living as He's commanded (Matt. 7:21). My question is, "Are we really living like Christians, or are we just talking?"

Jesus said, "... anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:38)

Dick Marcear

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POWELL, 593-5229.

Nacogdoches - "Ladies' Day"

Plans are being made for the fifth annual Ladies Day Seminar in Nacogdoches at the North Street Church of Christ on March 31st. The theme will be "Spirit of Service." Judy Miller, the wife of Jule Miller, will be the speaker.

Everyone is invited to come and learn together that a "Spirit of Service" is the key to a fulfilling life!

Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1984

10:30 A.M. God's Authority & Your Attitude

By Perry Hall

6:00 P.M. Guest Speaker

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Year Ago 6,747.04

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 12 387
Feb. 5 362
Year Ago 411

WORSHIP

Feb. 12 452
Feb. 5 467
Weekly

Budget \$8,631.00

The Sick

Mrs. Ed (Carolyn) Stitt suffered a heart attack last Friday night and is in ICU in Community Hospital. Her condition is stable at this time.

Harold Denman was hospitalized Sunday evening but was released Monday and was able to return to his work.

Mrs. Clyde (Lettie) Findlay was scheduled to undergo eye surgery this week.

Mrs. Vannie Lee has been hospitalized in Community Hospital, but is now with her son in Palestine.

Mrs. Clara Riley has been hospitalized but is now at home. She has been ill with the flu.

Rodney Knight is hospitalized in Houston. His address is elsewhere in the bulletin.

Mrs. Bertha Rushing entered Medical Center Hospital again on Wednesday.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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Dr. James O. Baird - Elder, Evangelist

East Texas Elders' - Deacons' Workshop
March 30-31, 1984

We look forward with increasing joy and anticipation to a very fine Elders'/Deacons' Workshop on March 30-31. Another of our outstanding speakers will be brother James O. Baird, a native of Lebanon, Tennessee. He received his training at Freed-Hardeman College, Rutgers University, George Peabody College, where he earned the Ph.D degree and did additional work at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Perry's
Perspective
By Perry Hall

Brother Baird served in the Bible Department at David Lipscomb College before coming to Oklahoma as founding Dean of Oklahoma Christian College in 1950. Dr. Baird became President of Oklahoma Christian College in 1954 and continued in that role until 1974, at which time he became Chancellor. In addition to his duties as Chancellor he serves as a member of the Bible faculty.

He has been preaching the gospel since 1938, working with churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Kansas. Brother Baird also works with the College church of Christ as an elder. He and his family spend many of their summer months abroad in the mission field conducting meetings, preacher-training classes and women's and children's classes. Their labors have led them to Japan, Australia, Rhodesia, Kenya, Cameroon, South Africa, England, Brazil and Korea.

Dr. Baird married Avenelle Elliot from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, May 31, 1946. She

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Perry's Perspective (continued)

is a graduate of Harding College. They have four daughters, all married, and a son presently attending Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee.

In addition to his teaching and preaching responsibilities, Dr. Baird serves on the editorial council of Alternative; is a member of the executive committee of Christian Chronicle; and a member of the board of Voice of Freedom. He writes for the Gospel Advocate, Firm Foundation, Restoration Quarterly and 20th Century Christian.

Above all, brother Baird is known far and wide for his faithfulness to Jesus Christ and His Word. In our workshop he will speak on the subject, "The Pattern For Great Leadership."

Bole's Home Truck

The grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 12th - 16th. The following is a list of items needed, however, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Fruit Cocktail	Shortening
Laundry Detergent	Sugar
	Catsup

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (20) Brandon Chambless, Alma Biggs (21) Theo Janet King (22) M. H. Shaffer, Mike Savage, Lettie Findlay (23) Jean Thompson (24) Vannie Lee (25) Bren Rothrock.

On The Way To The Barn

There is an old story about a farmer who one morning decided to plow the south forty acres. His tractor needed oil, so he started for the barn to get it, but on the way he noticed that the pigs hadn't been fed. Near the corncrib was a pile of sacks reminding him that the potatoes were sprouting. But on the way to the potato pit, he passed the woodpile and remembered that the kitchen stove was burning low. While picking up wood, he saw that one of his chickens was ailing, so he dropped the wood to doctor the chicken...and so it went till the end of the day, and he still hadn't oiled the tractor or plowed the south field.

Is your Christian life like this trip to the barn? Do you have grand visions of great service that never get done? Have you found too many "other things" to do that interfere with your goal of being a productive servant in God's Kingdom?

The only way you and I will ever "get to the barn" of Christian service is to get our priorities in order. The farmer in the story didn't have any priorities. He just followed with the tide of events around him.

Our life contains plenty of "pigs to feed," "wood to cut," and "chickens to doctor." But we can't allow them to get in our way of serving God. If we will make the commitment and expend our effort, God will make a way for us to "get to the barn."
...George Miller

"TOO MANY CHRISTIANS
WORSHIP THEIR WORK,
WORK AT THEIR PLAY,
AND PLAY WITH THEIR
WORSHIP!"

Thank You

The family of Lang Johns acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Dear Christian Friends,

Words cannot express our gratitude for every act of kindness shown to us while Cone was in the hospital and his recuperation at home. Especially do we appreciate your prayers.

In Christian love,
Eleanor & Cone Birdwell

Achievement Award

Clark Lemons has been recognized with a Distinguished Student Award from Texas A & M University College of Engineering for Outstanding Academic Achievement for the Fall semester, 1983. Clark is a Senior majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He is the son of Charles and Velma Lemons.

Potpourri

Frequently, following a shower, gifts are left in the office to be picked up. If you need to leave a gift for someone, please let that person know about it. Also, occasionally a gift is left with no name on it. Please help us with this matter.

Stan and Ernestine Mallory moved into their new home here in Tyler on Saturday. Their new address is 7208 Pinetree Place (75703), telephone 581-5809. Please change your directory.

Rodney Knight was scheduled to begin his treatment on Tuesday at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. You may send him a card to the following address.

Rodney Knight #185427
M. D. Anderson Hospital
6723 Bertner Ave.
Houston, Texas 77030

PLANS FOR our Vacation Bible School are continuing in a fine way. We had a good turn out for the meeting this past Sunday afternoon and distributed the material needed for teachers and workers. If you could not make the meeting and would like to join us in this new endeavor, please let me know. The dates are June 18 - 22.

Here
and
There



By Wes Price

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As if I needed anything else to demonstrate that I am as prone to error as every one else, I pulled a colossal blunder Sunday night. My most sincere and humble apologies to those who were disturbed by my interruption into the Sunday night communion service in the Chapel. What I did was inexcusable, but I ask the favor of your forgiveness for trying to take a short-cut to my office without realizing what was going on in the Chapel. It will certainly help me be more forgiving.

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Have you seen our new minibus? The old blue ford was traded in this past week for a new Dodge. In addition, a new larger passenger bus has been ordered to be used by our Young At Heart folks and summer campaign trips by our teenagers. We are indebted to generous hearts among our members who made these purchases possible. They will be put to great use in our work here.

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A great big round of applause is due Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and all the teenagers who put together a wonderful banquet for our senior members. If you have not heard about it by now, just wait a little while and you will. We are blessed with a large number of senior citizens and it is wonderful to take a few minutes and express our joy for their lives.

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The plans for a new benevolent center were discussed at the Deacons' Meeting on Tuesday night. I feel sure that we will begin to see some action toward that new building project in the near future. James Massey has been asked by the elders to supervise this great work. We are grateful for signs of new growth, both in numbers and tools with which we can do a better job of serving the Lord.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Our Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Louis E. Jones
Dismiss Jim Franklin

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer J.D.Osborn
Dismiss Dwight Leek

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Earl O'Quinn Durwood Hendry
Harvey Grier Wayne Fears
Joe Clark Gerald Durham
Lee Nail Jonathan Paul

Wally Dawkins
Brian Boulter

Serving Sunday

CONTRIBUTIONS

Feb. 5 \$42,845.00
Jan.29 \$ 7,909.07
Year Ago \$ 7,158.81

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 5 362
Jan.29 420
Year Ago 364

WORSHIP

Feb. 5 467
Jan.29 558
Weekly
Budget \$8,631.00

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Morris Hallman
Ike Gaiser

Lectureship

Called to Be Servants is the theme for the 66th Annual Bible Lectureship at ACU, February 19 - 22. On Monday, February 20, at 5:00 p.m. the free International Mission Banquet will be at the Sheraton Inn in Abilene. This is an annual gathering of supporters and friends of the Lord's work in New York City.

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, KIETH MITCHELL will speak at West Erwin for the morning worship service.

The Sick

Cone Birdwell continues to improve in Medical Center Hospital.

Rodney Knight will be receiving treatment over a period of about four months in M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. He will be home one week out of four.

Many adults and children in the congregation have influenza and like diseases.

Sermons for Sunday

BY PERRY HALL
10:30 A.M. Teaching All Nations"
6:00 P.M. The Legacy of Peace

Minibus

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, February 12 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman
Dannie & Sue Skipper
Ray & Gail Vannoy
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone

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Recent New Members

Restored: Mrs. Ernesean Shuford came Sunday to be restored to fellowship. We commend sister Shuford for her courage and her desire to be faithful.

Membership: We are very happy to welcome two new families into the fellowship of West Erwin. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Sherry) Osborn and their two sons, Lee and Brent, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly worshipped in Longview at the Mobberly Ave. congregation. Lee will be 15 next month and is in the 9th grade. Brent is 11 and in the 5th grade. They attend school in Lindale.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Colleen) DeLoach also came Sunday to place membership. They have a baby daughter, Brooke, 3 years old. They moved to Tyler from Longview where they also worshipped at the Mobberly Ave. Church.

These two families are in business together. They own the K.O.A. Campground on I-20. Their address is Rt. 5, Box 298, telephone 882-6481.

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The Church With A Heart



GEORGE BAILEY, Elder-evangelist


East Texas Elders' - Deacons' Workshop
March 30-31, 1984

Brother George Bailey, who for over fourteen years was minister of the University Church in Abilene, Texas, will speak in our workshop on the subject, "Shepherds, Teachers and Counsellors of Souls". He did evangelistic meeting work for four years and then in 1972 became the preacher for the Prestoncrest congregation in Dallas. He now serves this congregation as an elder and preacher. He has preached in mission efforts on six continents and has visited 90 countries. He has conducted several tours on a chartered ship to the Mediterranean and Bible Lands. For three years he

was regular speaker on Herald of Truth Radio and TV. George recently returned from a three week tour of People's Republic of China.

Brother Bailey's wide experience as a gospel preacher and an elder will bring a blessing to our workshop theme: *Seeking Scriptural Shepherds and Servants.*

**Perry's
Perspective**



By Perry Hall

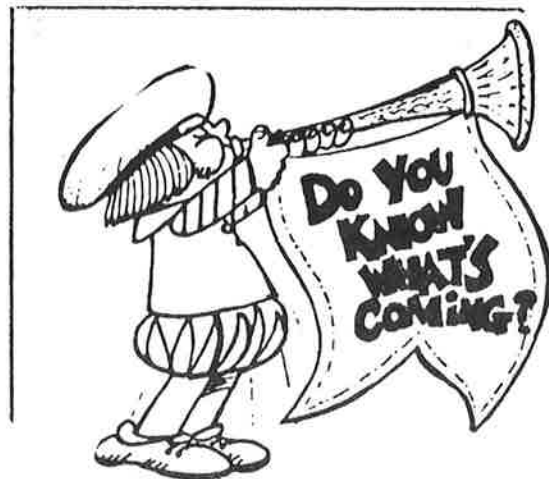


**THE SHEPHERD
AND HIS SHEEP**

As we select additional elders and prepare for our workshop, it is only fitting as the flock of God that we reason together about some related things. Our Lord brings to our hearts blessed comfort, hope and assurances in the tenth chapter of John. He is the *Good Shepherd*. He has given his life for the sheep. Calling his sheep, there is now one fold and one shepherd. He knows His sheep. He is not an hireling. When He sees the wolf coming He will not leave the sheep and allow them to be scattered. To His sheep our Lord gives eternal life. They shall never perish nor is any man able to pluck them out of the Father's hand. How much under-shepherds can learn from the Chief-Shepherd.

We praise God for these precious truths and promises. As the flock, we, too, can learn and grow from them. Unfortunately many people reach the conclusion that these promises given to the child of God are unconditional: i.e., that once we have come into His fold that there is no way we can so stray as to be lost. If this is the case, so be it. But is this in harmony with the whole of New Testament teaching? No, nor is it in harmony with the immediate context. Let us investigate.

We must not fail to see what Jesus is saying in verse twenty-seven. He says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow" (continued on page two)



"Golden Age" Banquet

Each year Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and the young people they teach and work with plan and conduct a banquet especially for our members who are sixty five or more. Many parents of the young people are involved in the preparation also.

Sunday evening, February 12, is the day; the time is immediately following the evening worship, and our fellowship hall is the place. We have tried to contact everyone, but if inadvertently, you have been missed, please plan to stay Sunday evening and enjoy the fellowship with other senior members and with our young people. This event is especially for you.

Christian Service Center

Each Tuesday morning between 9:00 A.M. and Noon, our benevolent center is like a beehive - a very busy place. This week 22 ladies and 6 men came to work. Hospital shirts and diaper shirts were prepared to send to the Chimala Hospital in East Africa, as well as help given to local people. Some of the needs at the present are size 20 or larger in ladies' clothing (dresses and underwear). You are invited to come by on Tuesday morning and visit - you might find a job for you!

PERRY'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

me: and I give unto them eternal life..." Upon investigation, we find that all the verbs in this statement denote continuous action. "My sheep are listening to my voice, and I know them and they are following me, and I am giving them eternal life" would be the literal rendering of this passage. Wuest, in his Expanded Translation, emphasizes in a fine way the durative quality of the first three of the four verbs. "The sheep which are mine are in the habit of listening to my voice, and I know them by experience, and they take the same road that I take with me, and I give to them eternal life." Thus we see that this passage is in harmony with the overall context of scriptural teaching on this subject. Christ gives eternal life to His sheep conditioned upon and commensurate with their habitual listening and following. Those sheep at West Erwin that continue to hear and follow cannot be touched by any power so as to be misled or snatched away from



"the hireling ... leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep" (John 10:12).

the Father's hand. So far as the follower of Christ continues with Christ, he is invincible. It is not in keeping with man's liberty of choice to say he can never fall or so sin as to be lost. We must understand that through neglect and complacency we can let God's blessings slip from our grasp (Heb. 2:1-3).

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



The *Amazing Grace*
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A.M. - KLTV

For the above reason, we, from time to time give our undivided attention to stirring up all the Lord's disciples at this place to their responsibility of continuing to listen to and follow Jesus. We must rededicate our lives to the study and practice of His word. Home Bible study, Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes must find a vital place in the lives of all at West Erwin. We must reach out to the wounded, straying sheep of our Lord and work with the Good Shepherd and His local shepherds in seeking those sheep that are going astray. Let no man seek this momentous task of shepherding if he does not plan to follow the footsteps of that great Shepherd of the sheep in seeking and saving lost sheep. The flock must be fed and tended. The sheep must cooperate by hearing and following the Shepherd if they are to have eternal life as their eternal possession.

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a Baby Shower
Honoring Mrs. Joe (Amy) Clark
On Sunday afternoon, February 12,
At 2:00 o'clock
At the home of Mrs. Roy Clark
300 Ridgecrest Drive

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent eye surgery and recovery. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Archie Lowry

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (14) Laverne Keith, Lois Rothrock (15) Mayme Waggoner (16) Forrest Lee Knight (17) Denise Rogers Alan Fisher, Tyson Akin (18) Amy Knight.

Funerals

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon in Jacksonville for Lang Johns, step-father of brother Archie Kennard. We express our sincere sympathy to the family in their loss.

Attention Deacons

A group picture of the Deacons is scheduled to be made on Sunday, February 26, immediately following the morning worship service. Please plan to meet in the back foyer.

Ladies' Class

The Night Time Ladies Bible Class will meet Tuesday night, February 14, in the home of Gene Ann Masters, 2737 So. Donnybrook. The time is 7:00 o'clock. At 8:00 p.m., Dr. Charles Siburt from the Glenwood congregation will speak regarding the Hospice volunteer ministry. This class meets the second Tuesday night of each month and is open to all ladies in all congregations city-wide. We meet in different homes each month and all ladies are cordially invited to attend and share in this special fellowship.

Here
and
There



By Wes Price

THE DATES FOR OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL have been set for June 18 through 22. We had an excellent response to our workshop and all those present signed up for various assignments, but we still will be

needing a large number of other workers. This coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 P.M., we will be meeting with all V.B.S. workers and this will be an excellent opportunity for those who could not make the workshop to come and join in the work force. This invitation is extended to all men, women and teenagers who want to be a part of one of the most dramatic Vacation Bible Schools this congregation has ever hosted. We hope you will want to join us in this good effort.

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This coming Sunday has also been selected by our teachers as the first of our 2nd Sunday Teacher's work day. The building will be open at 3:00 p.m. for all teachers who want to come and spend time working on your regular Bible school classrooms and material. We hope you will join us at 3:00 o'clock.

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Our spring Gospel Meeting has now been set for April 15 through 18 with Harold Taylor of the Sunset church in Lubbock doing the preaching. We hope you will begin now to think of some family that you could invite to be your guests during this meeting. Brother Taylor will be presenting great lessons from God's Word and you won't want to miss such an opportunity for your friends and neighbors to hear them. Sit down now and mark those dates on your calendar and don't let other things interfere.

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If you have not already done so, I hope you will take seriously the challenge the elders placed before you this past Sunday by asking that you submit names of men who are qualified to serve as additional elders. Being a leader of a congregation of God's people is a grave responsibility and men should not be considered just because they are popular. The informative brochure which Perry prepared should be used as a guide to help you decide on one or more individuals to be considered. Read it carefully and prayerfully and then place the names of men you sincerely believe meet the scriptural qualifications.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements F.C. Carpenter
 Prayer Clyde Findlay
 Dismiss Elvin Wilson
EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements F.C. Carpenter
 Prayer Larry Henry
 Dismiss Alan Fisher
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY
 Earl O'Quinn Durwood Hendry
 Harvey Grier Wayne Fears
 Joe Clark Gerald Durham
 Lee Nail Jonathan Paul

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 Jan. 29 \$7,845.93
 Jan. 22 7,960.43
 Year Ago 6,573.28
BIBLE SCHOOL
 Jan. 29 420
 Jan. 22 387
 Year Ago 388
WORSHIP
 Jan. 29 558
 Jan. 22 481
 Weekly
 Budget \$8,631.00

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Wally Dawkins Ike Gaiser
 Brian Boulter Morris Hallman

Here and There (continued)

church. I see many men and women hiding behind a defense of "criticism" or "excuse-ism." The critic justifies his lack of involvement by finding fault with what others are doing and thus feels excused from getting involved. The devil must enjoy getting folks to be critics. Not only does it keep the critic un-involved, he usually results in getting others to join in putting others down. And the one who would always make excuses, just excuses - how long will it take for them to see what a terrible trap this is? I'm not speaking of those who have legitimate reasons for not getting involved, but those who don't want to get involved and so resort to a handy excuse. It seems to me that the Lord didn't have much use for those who offered excuses in His well-known parable.

Examine yourself and see if your fruitlessness may be due to these two diseases!

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Sermons for Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, February 5
 By Perry Hall
 A.M. Elders, Their Qualifications
 And Work
 P.M. God's Greatest Need

Minibus

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 5 and Wednesday evening, February 8 - VERN JOHNSON, 894-6876.

Greeters

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Forest & Mary McFadden
 Guy & Nettie Potts
 Mac & Vivian McCall
 Mac & Eveline McCarty

The Sick

Cone Birdwell continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital but is much improved.

Archie Lowry underwent eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital. He was able to go home that afternoon.

Mrs. Homer (Lerah) Williamson is now at home following surgery on her hand on Monday.

Rodney Knight will be returning to Houston on Monday for treatment at M.D.Anderson Hospital.

John Paul Sutton, son of Ben and Dollie, received a good report from the surgery he had Monday in Dallas.

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**East Texas
 Elders' & Deacons' Workshop
 March 30-31, 1984**

WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST ☆ TYLER, TEXAS

**Perry's
 Perspective**

By Perry Hall



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GREAT WORKSHOP AHEAD!

Great things are in store for Tyler and East Texas. We will be sponsoring the East Texas Elders' and Deacons' Workshop here at our building March 30-31. All elders and deacons, plus any other interested individuals, will be urged to take advantage of this opportunity. We would like to help strengthen the leadership of God's people in this area. Our slate of speakers will be outstanding!

They have served as preachers, elders, deacons, college presidents and in other responsibilities in the kingdom. Brethren George Bailey, James O. Baird, Andrew Connally, Roy Deaver and Hardeman Nichols will be with us Friday night and all day Saturday for this workshop. Topics of discussion will be: "Biblical Principles That Assure Great Leadership", "Deacons And Their Ministries", "Elders-

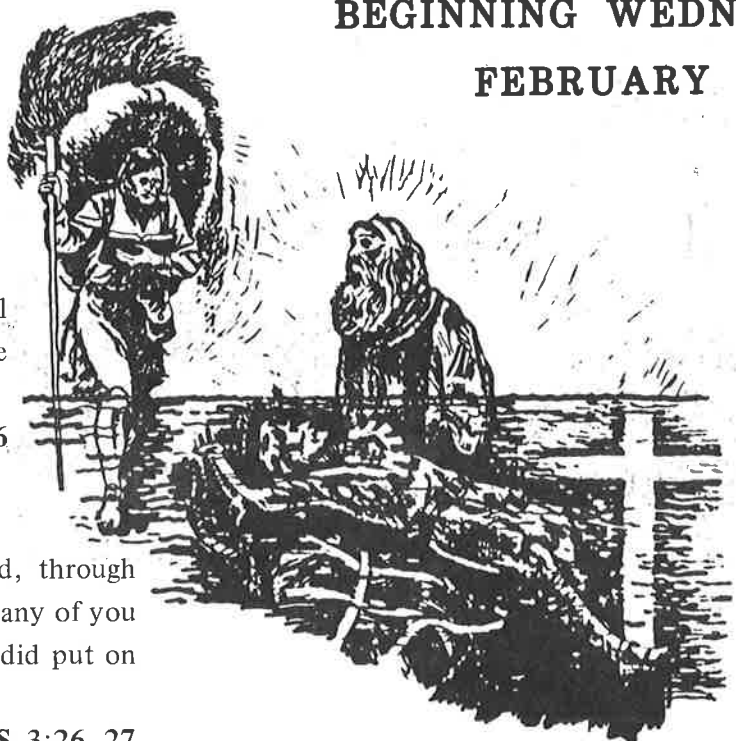
Leaders of God's People", "The Pattern for Great Leadership", "Shepherds, Teachers and Counsellors of Souls", "Present Doctrines That Are Drawing Away Disciples", "Serving Well As Deacons" and a panel and open forum of questions and answers.

We urge all, male and female, to hear these instructive and powerful messages. □



"If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

JOHN 8:36



"For ye are all sons of God, through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ."

GALATIANS 3:26, 27



"Having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

ROMANS 6:18

Soul Winning Class

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 29, 1984

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (5) Ruby Brem, Ruth Bell (6) Signa Stanley, Nola Seagler, Jill Hughes (7) Frances Phillips, Meeta Clucas, Ray Womack, Ted Wright (8) Jan Faulkner, Roy Roberson (9) Darrell Holt, Jeremy Wiggains (10) Kathryn Cauthen, Bernice Andrews, Clara Riley, Mae Bell Harwell, John Freeman (11) Marisa Butler, Carolyn Welborn, Pauline Jones (12) Alice Stephenson

Memorial Fund

The South Washington Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas has set up a fund in memory of IRA NORTH to help children who are financially unable to attend Camp Bee. Ira North had long believed in the need for training young people and the value of a Christian camping program to accomplish this. The North family will be notified of the names who contribute to this fund. The address is 1804 South Washington, Marshall, Texas 75670.

Potpourri

The "Golden Age Banquet" is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 12, following the worship service. The 66th Annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian University will be, February 19 through 22. The theme will be "Called to Be Servants."

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



Christian Academy

The Board meeting for East Texas Christian Academy has been changed to the second Monday night of each month. The next meeting will be held Monday night, February 13 at 7:00 o'clock at the Shiloh Road building. The meeting is open to everyone.

Funerals

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Nacogdoches for Cooper Bert, uncle of Mrs. Jack Bennett. Services were held in Dallas Monday for a niece of Mrs. Jo Northcutt. We want to extend sympathy to each family.

In Appreciation

I would like to thank each one of you for every act of kindness shown me while in the hospital and afterwards at home. The abundance of cards, calls and visits were so greatly appreciated. Your prayers and love sustains me always.
Cleo Sublette
We thank you for the kindness and sympathy expressed to us at the time of the death of my mother, Cora Boss. Thank you for the telephone calls, visits, food, beautiful flowers and cards. We love you for making our time of sorrow easier.
Clyde & Merle Lane

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Young at Heart

Young at Heart is scheduled to meet for their monthly "potluck" supper and fellowship on Thursday evening, February 9th at 6:30.

FORTY-EIGHT PEOPLE were present for our Vacation Bible School workshop this past Saturday. The visiting ladies from Houston did an outstanding job of presenting the material and nearly all of those present signed up for a place of service with this year's VBS. We sincerely want to thank the ladies from the Memorial church in Houston for coming and we are truly grateful to all of you for taking time to be present.

A number of others interested in the program would have been there except for conflicts in their schedules. We will be planning another VBS teachers meeting in the near future to bring everyone up-to-date on our plans. The dates for this year's VBS have been set for the week of June 18-22. With this new approach, we will need all this time remaining from now until then to prepare our material. That sounds like a lot of work - and it is, but we believe that this new approach will more than compensate us for the extra time and labor in the joy of preparation and in the results of teaching our children.

Thanks again to all who had a part in making this a success in the planning stages. A big round of applause goes to Billie Bob Hickman and Billie Morgan for their work.

Quite often our congregation is called upon to make blood donations to our account at the Stewart Blood Center. We are in need of some now. Why don't you help us by finding the time to go by and donate a unit. It will only take an hour or less.

We received a note of thanks from Kay Handley's father this past week for blood that we transferred for his use following recent surgery. This is just one of the many ways we reach out and help others.

On Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the Shiloh Road church is sponsoring a Teacher Workshop conducted by personnel from the Richland Hills church in Ft. Worth. Sessions will be conducted in the Nursery/Cradle Roll, Pre-School, Primary, Middler, Youth and Adult Departments. I feel sure you would profit by attending.

The longer I serve in the ministry, the more I see a difficulty that often bumps other-wise productive Christians off the work force of the

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By Wes Price

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Homer Williamson A.O. Rowland

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Mac & Eveline McCarty H. G. & Nettie Potts

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for January - Room 108

Jwill & Becky Sims Scott & Sheila Morris

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 29 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 1 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Sermons for Sunday

10:30 A.M. Guest Speaker, John C. Stevens
Chancellor of Abilene Christian University

6:00 P.M. Sermon by Perry Hall
"The Happy Man"



Attention!

Workshop - January 28

Teach God's Word Through Drama

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 Saturday morning. We plan to be dismissed by noon. Nursery facilities will be available.

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Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Leslie Carruth and his family in the loss of his grandmother. Funeral services were conducted on Monday.

In The Hospital

Mrs. Monroe (Cleo) Sublette was able to go home this week from the hospital.

Cone Birdwell is out of ICU and in a room now in Medical Center. He is making good recovery from surgery.

B. B. Lambert is a patient in the Community Hospital.

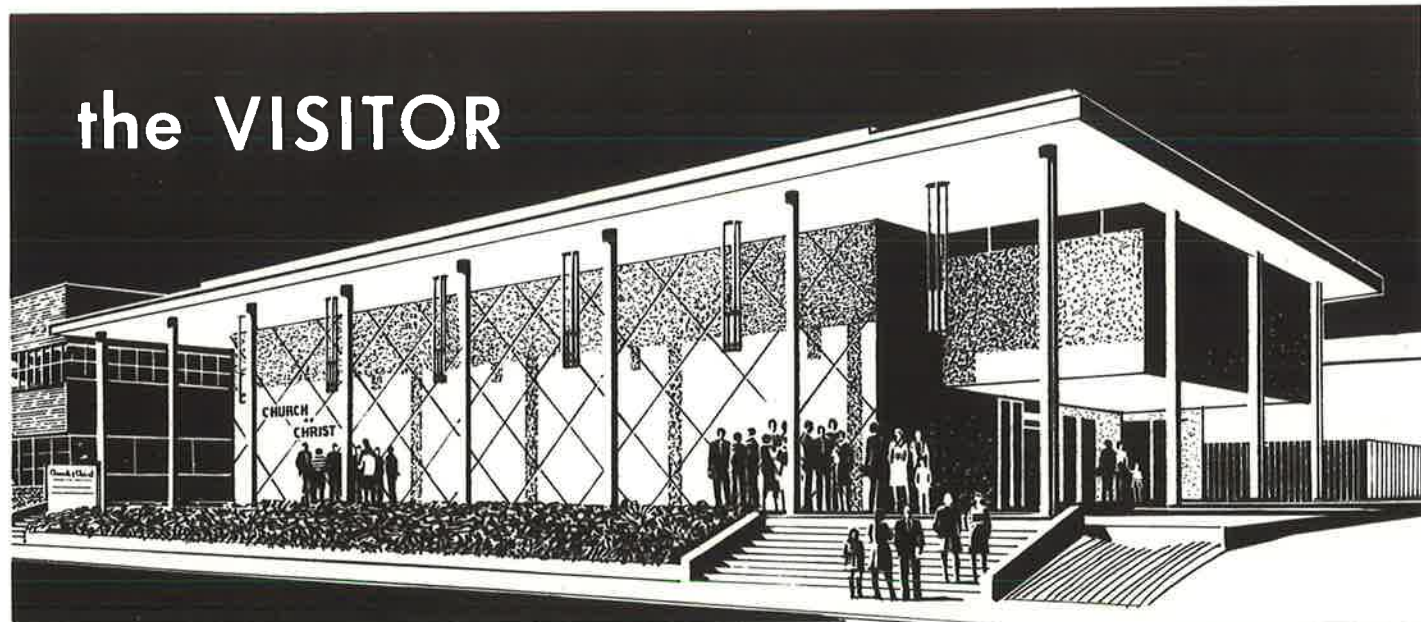
Rodney and Betty Knight went to Houston on Tuesday. His tests began at M. D. Anderson Hospital on Wednesday.

Thank You

How blessed we feel to belong to such a loving family as West Erwin. Thank you for every kindness while I have been ill.

Nettie Potts

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The Church With A Heart



Dr. John C. Stevens

We will be blessed to have Dr. John C. Stevens with us Sunday morning to speak at the hour of worship. Brother Stevens is Chancellor of Abilene Christian University. In 1948 he joined the faculty of Abilene Christian as Assistant Professor of History. He became Dean of Men in 1950 and Dean of Students in 1952. From 1956 to 1969, he was Assistant President and then served as President from

1969 until 1981. He has been Chancellor since 1981.

Dr. Stevens is a director of the Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation of Texas. He was president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, 1974-1975. He was for ten years secretary of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas.

His wife is the former Ruth Rambo. Their son, Clark, is president of Chaparral Airlines of Abilene, and their daughter, Joyce Cole, teaches in the Abilene school system. There are three grandsons.

Brother Stevens has been a gospel preacher since 1938. We are very pleased that he will be with us Sunday morning.

NEW MISSION IN NEW MEXICO

Beginning with this year we are privileged to help with the support of Charles and Brenda Lindsey in the fields of northern New Mexico. They are there to help evangelize the "hidden people" of the tri-culture, Anglo, Indian and Spanish. They will be working closely with the Harold Padens in the area of Taos, Questa, Red River, Idlewild, Eagle Nest, Cimarron and Angel

Perry's Perspective

By Perry Hall

Fire. In addition to the above, they will also be working the inhabitants of Indian pueblos along the Rio Grande who are without a single church of Christ among them. The entire area, including 50 Spanish villages all the way from Santa Fe into southern Colorado has been completely ignored by the church and is just as alien to the pure gospel of Christ as many foreign countries. Charles and Brenda are well prepared for this work. Charles is a graduate of Texas A&M and was among the top students when he graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching. They have two children, Jeremy and Kim.

NEW CLASS ON SOUL-WINNING

Please watch for announcements concerning a new Wednesday night class on personal evangelism. The class is scheduled to begin Feb. 29. Brothers Phil Marts and Perry Hall will be working with this effort.

Thank You

Thank you for remembering us at the time of the death of my brother, Fred Cauthen. For the calls, cards, food and flowers we are sincerely grateful.

Faber & Kathryn Cauthen

The H. C. Spear Family of Crandall, Texas would like to thank you for remembering us at this sad time. As you are aware, Ruth was the sister of Ray Womack. It is very touching that total strangers will try to comfort others in need. Thank you again for your gift of love.

The Spear Family

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of T. O. Wright, Jr.

No words can express how deeply we appreciate the love shown us through cards, visits, calls, food and flowers during the time of my brother's death.

Mary Adams

We want to thank you for all the food, good wishes, money, and most of all, the prayers that you have offered on our behalf. You have made it possible for us to concentrate all our energies on getting well. We are humbled by your generous gifts and know that with so much love around us, nothing but good can come from our trip to Houston. Truly, this congregation knows how to love. What a joy to be a part of it. May God bless each of you as He has surely blessed us.

Rodney & Betty Knight

The family of O. E. Townsend acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you for all of your cards, phone calls, flowers and food that was sent when my father, O. E. Townsend passed away recently. They were greatly appreciated.

Jesse, Freddie & Emily Keener

Carve your name on hearts, not on marble.

Here
and
There

By Wes Price



If you are sitting at the table sipping your first cup of coffee on Saturday morning reading this column and it is past 9:30 a.m., then you are late for our Vacation Bible School Planning Workshop at the Fellowship Hall. Don't panic, but don't just sit there. Get dressed as fast as you can and dash on down - you can still make it! We don't want anyone to miss this special session. THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCED TEACHERS, IT IS FOR ALL WHO WANT TO HELP US HAVE THE BEST AND MOST UNUSUAL VBS IN THE HISTORY OF WEST ERWIN. If you have a willing heart, then we can find a place to use you in this most noble effort. Oh, by the way, don't worry about that cup of coffee. If you come on down, we will have a fresh pot of coffee ready and will even throw in a donut to boot. See you at the Fellowship Hall Saturday morning.

I failed to make mention of two of our classes that reached the 100% attendance level a couple of weeks ago. They are: Velma Lemons and Sherryl Miles Two Year Old Class and Juanita Teague and Frances McBee's Four Year Old Class. The Two Year Old Class was 100% again last Sunday.

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We had an excellent turnout for our Teacher's Meeting on Sunday afternoon. Among other good accomplishments, those present were treated to a video film of some excellent new ways to use room displays, bulletin boards and picture displays. We have the video film in our library and if you would like to borrow it, please ask for it.

We also set the date for our Vacation Bible School for the week of June 18. Mark your calendar now for those dates and plan your out-of-town trips so they will not conflict. We want ALL of the West Erwin children to be present for this special VBS.

The teachers present also selected the second Sunday afternoon of each month as a work time. We will have the building open on that Sunday beginning at 3:30 p.m. for all to come and use that time for classroom work and materials preparation. Put a red mark around each second Sunday of the month. We will have a sitter on hand for the nursery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mallory
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Cynthia Dawn

to

Mr. John W. Tesseyman III

Saturday, the fourth of February
nineteen hundred and eighty-four

at one-thirty in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception
Petroleum Club

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (29) Mary Ruth Gilliam, Cheryl Murphy (30) Johnnie Stringer, Kay Hanley, Dwight Leek (31) O'Neal Tuel, Nancy Shelton, Pat Stokes FEBRUARY (1) Louise Malone, C. E. Caske, (2) Rozener Strait (3) Lilla Tigert (4) Loyd Nail, Cindy Carruth, Amy Prichard.

Brother's Keeper

Groups Meet

Sunday Evening

Nursery will be
open at building.

DAILY BIBLE READING FOR FEBRUARY

(1) Leviticus 1-4	(15) Numbers 7
(2) Leviticus 5-7	(16) Numbers 8-10
(3) Leviticus 8-9	(17) Numbers 11-13
(4) Leviticus 10-12	(18) Numbers 14-15
(5) Leviticus 13	(19) Numbers 16-18
(6) Leviticus 14-15	(20) Numbers 19-21
(7) Leviticus 16-18	(21) Numbers 22-24
(8) Leviticus 19-21	(22) Numbers 25-26
(9) Leviticus 22-23	(23) Numbers 27-29
(10) Leviticus 24-25	(24) Numbers 30-31
(11) Leviticus 26-27	(25) Numbers 32-33
(12) Numbers 1-2	(26) Numbers 34-36
(13) Numbers 3-4	(27) Deuteronomy 1-2
(14) Numbers 5-6	(28) Deuteronomy 3-4

Attention Young People

All High School students and their parents are invited to a luncheon at the Northwest Church of Christ at 12:30 Noon on Sunday. It will be an informal affair and ACU will supply the food.

High School students are encouraged to remain for the City-wide Youth Rally at 2:30 p.m. at the Northwest building.

Here & There (continued)

Christian hospitality is a characteristic that every Christian home should work to acquire. I am convinced that New Testament Christians were more closely involved in one another's lives by practicing hospitality. Being in one another's home is by far the best way for Christians to become closer both physically and spiritually. That is why the Brother's Keeper units plan a monthly fellowship in homes of our members. Since we do this to help promote a closer bond between members, it is difficult to understand why some folks do not want to participate in this warm and beneficial practice. To be sure, the practice is a two way street. If you go to others homes, then there is the reciprocal favor to invite others to yours. If for some reason you feel that you cannot do that, let me assure you that no one will be pressuring you. But I do pray that you will give it thought and see if you can find a way to open your home for one of these fellowship meetings. I believe you will be more than repaid by the response of inviting other members into your home.

In our society, there are thousands of people in our community around us who would love to have the kind of close relationship that Christians enjoy. Let's at least enjoy what we do have.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Fred Strait

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Faulkner
Prayer George Kester
Dismiss Clyde Lane

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Bill Butler Cullen Gilliam
Archie Lowry David Demic
Fred Powell Henry McRuiz
Homer Williamson A.O. Rowland

Our Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 15 7,278.25
Jan. 8 7,790.05
Year Ago 7,111.05

BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 15 343
Jan. 8 397
Year Ago 388

WORSHIP

Jan. 15 488
Jan. 8 505
Weekly

Budget 8,631.00

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Artis Tate-Ray Vannoy-Charles McCoy-James Prichard
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for January - Room 108

Jwill & Becky Sims Scott & Sheila Morris

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 22 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 25 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

"Thanks Be To God"

How we are reminded of the early church and how it responded to emergencies in its midst! One of our families is being faced with serious illness and financial emergency. In just a few days several individuals have donated several hundred dollars to aid this young family. Here is truly Christianity in action, "Your abundance being a supply for their need" (2 Cor. 8:14). "For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God...they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Cor. 9:12-15).

Perry

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The Sick

Cone Birdwell entered Medical Center on Tuesday. At the present time he is in isolation and cannot have visitors.

Mrs. Monroe (Cleo) Sublette is in Medical Center in ICU.

Rodney Knight will enter M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston next week for additional tests.

Jwill Sims, Nettie Potts, Pam Lemons and Bertha Rushing have all been released from the hospital this week.

Sermons for Sunday

By Perry Hall
A.M. "That Liberated Lady, Lydia"
P.M. "Abounding In The Work of The Lord"

Greeters For Sunday

Larry & Sandra Henry
Morris & Cathy Hallman
Earl & Melinda O'Quinn
Paul & Barbara Montandon

The Story of Hands

All little hands will one day be big hands
And of course big hands do what little hands have been trained to do.
Hands can perform delicate surgery and save a life...
Or they can pull a trigger that destroys it.
They can make a fist gesturing hate...
Or they can gently grant a soft touch to a shoulder of one sorrowing.
Hands can be moved by love to lift the fallen.
Or they can be driven by wrath to push one down.
Of course, hands only do what hearts instruct.
That is why you and your family must be in Bible Study - This Sunday!

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The Church With A Heart

Workshop - January 28

Teach God's Word Through Drama



Vacation Bible School

We are planning a special VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP on Saturday, January 28. Two ladies from the Memorial Church of Christ in Houston will be with us to show us how they conducted a completely new format for VBS. Meet in our Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. We will conclude at noon. Nursery facilities will be available.



100 YEARS IN TYLER

WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Did you know that the West Erwin congregation will be one hundred years old next year. Although the congregation has not met at 420 W. Erwin for that many years, it has continued uninterrupted since its beginning in 1895.

During the 1940's brother T. B. Thompson was the minister and sometime during those years he began a weekly bulletin for the congregation, which he named THE VISITOR. Did you know THE VISITOR has continued weekly for over forty years?

It seems, because people are the same, we are continually concerned about some of the same situations. Consider the following article written in 1944 by brother Thompson for THE VISITOR.

"Members of the Service Committee are tearing their hair over the failure of Ushers and Communion personnel to report for duty. If you have been appointed on one of these services you should notify a member of the committee in the event you cannot serve. These public services in the congregation are important and become a matter of grave concern upon the part of those who are responsible for the proper procedure of the service. This practice has been responsible for much shoddy procedure and caused the church to be the object of just criticism. Let us do our best to correct all such. Read I Cor. 14:40."

In the same issue of THE VISITOR (December 10, 1944) subject matter was given for Sunday evening classes - the hour prior to the evening worship. A class for parents was taught in the auditorium. "The Life and Work of Paul" was the college age study. "The Church" was being taught to the High School group and Junior High was studying "The Life of Christ."

Teacher Workshop at Shiloh

There will be a Teacher Workshop at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ, MARCH 10. There will be classes for Nursery/Cradle Roll, Pre-School, Primary, Middler, Youth and Adult Teachers. Personnel from the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Ft. Worth will be teaching. The hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Funerals

Funeral services were held Monday morning for brother O. E. Townsend. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Townsend and other members of the family.

We also express sympathy to Kay Hanley in the recent loss of her grandfather.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in Montgomery, Ala. for Fred Cauthen, brother of Faber Cauthen. He died Monday. Faber and Kathryn went to Montgomery early Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Ira North

We were saddened to learn Monday that brother Ira North of Madison, Tennessee died Sunday evening. Brother North was the preacher for the Madison church of Christ and also the speaker for the Amazing Grace Bible Class television program. He had been ill for a little over a year. Funeral services for him were conducted at the Madison church in Madison, Tenn. on Tuesday evening. We join with Christians throughout the world in expressing our sympathy to his family and to the Madison congregation in their great loss.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

"Having got all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time to get your faith lifted."

"The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

In Appreciation

My family and I want to express our deepest gratitude for the prayers, kindness, concern and sympathy conveyed to us. Thank you for the cards, flowers and generous labor of love in preparing and serving food. We also thank the singers for their part in making our time of sorrow easier.

Barbara Graves & Denise Rogers

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (22) Katie Powell, Mac McCarty, Nicholas Goodson (23) Naomi Haden, Emily Keener (26) Carolyn Blackstone (28) Emily Montandon, Dimmie Estelle Brown.

Teacher's Meeting

All teachers of classes through the 5th grade are urged to attend a TEACHER'S MEETING on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Chapel. We will share our plans for 1984 and also have a video tape about bulletin boards and displays. Please be present. WP

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTV

**GET in
STEP
with
JESUS**

1 Peter 2:21

Here
and
There



By Wes Price

GUEST

EDITORIAL

Luke's statement about Jesus is considered the ultimate compliment to parents for taking care of all the areas of a child's life that need developing. "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). He grew intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially.

But a serious challenge to developing our children in these areas is presented by TV according to Dr. Robert W. Conroy, M.D. Psychiatrist of the Menninger Foundation. He said, "I'm concerned that children spend so much time in passive pursuits, such as watching TV... Teachers will tell you that they can spot children who spend most of their free time in front of the TV set. These kids are less enthusiastic and are generally poorer students... This is why it is important for parents to set the example: if Mother and Dad enjoy life, try new things and engage in interesting hobbies, children will follow in suit. Participation and involvement regenerate people, no matter what their age." (US NEWS, July 1981).

Some suggestions:

1. Don't just turn your kids over to the TV-encourage them to be active in playing with others, helping you work, or in reading.
2. Remember your job, given by God (Eph.6:1) is to guide them into the right paths-so don't be afraid to say, "Turn the TV off-that's enough for today."
3. Make sure they are at all the services and activities of the church. There are lots of things today for young people that help them grow-camps; retreats; youth rallies; Bible study groups; service opportunities and, of course, family outings.

Dick Marcear
Central Herald, Amarillo, Texas

**If you are a stranger to prayer,
you are a stranger to power.**

Serving Sunday

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 Prayer C. B. Burkham
 Dismiss Dale Blackstone

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 Morris & Cathy Hallman Larry & Sandra Henry



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

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In The Hospital

O. E. Townsend continues to be a patient in ICU in Community Hospital.

Rodney Knight is scheduled to have surgery today (Wednesday) in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Guy (Nettie) Potts is in Community Hospital.

Pete Wallace has been in the VA Hospital in Dallas but is now at home. He will return to Dallas soon for additional tests.

We learned today that Mrs. E. V. (Bertha) Rushing is a patient in Medical Center.

Mary Terrell, mother-in-law of Doris Terrell, is very ill in Medical Center Hospital. She is a member of the Brownsboro congregation.

SERMON
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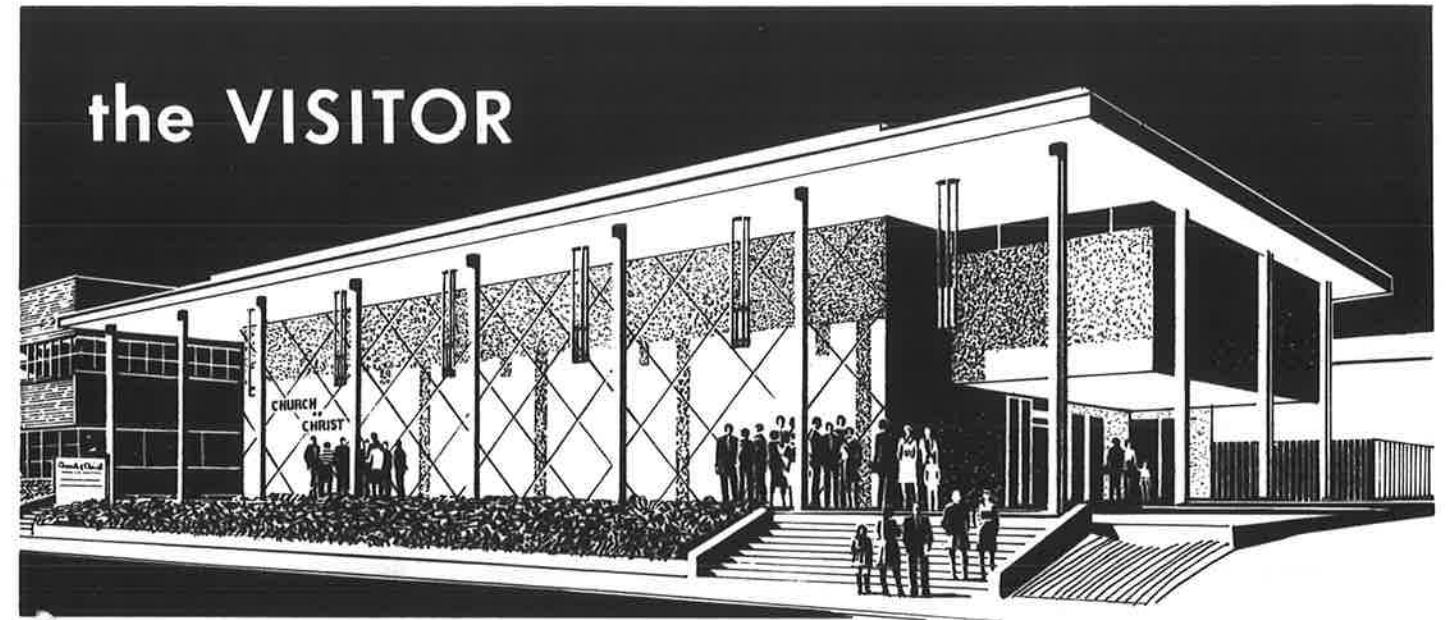
SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Perry Hall
 10:30 A.M. Youth in The Valley
 6:00 P.M. The Royal Law

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Our business in prayer is, not to prescribe but to subscribe to the wisdom and will of God; to refer our case to Him, and then leave it with Him.

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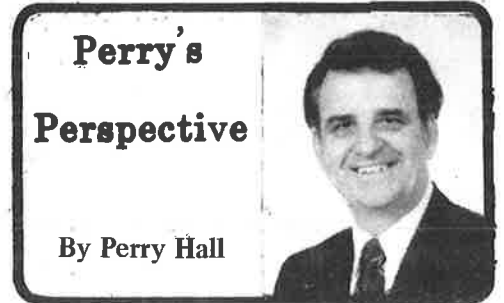


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The Church With A Heart

Guyana - Just Wonderful

(Editor's Note: The following is part of an article that appeared in the last issue of the "Caribbean Campaigns for Christ Newsletter." It will introduce you to one of our very dedicated missionary families, the Don Starks. Don and Marian will be with us next Wednesday night, January 18, to give a report. We look forward to seeing them again.) PH



The Guyana Campaign was to be a 12 day effort but 4 days were used in travel to and from. Only 8 days were available for the work to be done. There was no house to house canvassing, no evening services. World Bible School students had been contacted by letter and ads were put in the newspaper stating we would be in the Park Hotel and those wishing to study the Bible, please come. They came!

Travel in Guyana is difficult for most but they came. Some came down the river by boat, others by airplane; many walked long distances. Heavy rains made travel even more difficult but they came. Men and women, young and old, came from regions both near and far to study the Bible with those who had come from the U.S. When this 8-day effort had ended, 51 precious souls had been born again.

I have seen people who were searching for the truth, I have seen areas that would be considered "white unto harvest,"

but I have never seen anything to compare with the country of Guyana, unless it would be Trinidad in the early '70's. Trinidad was "ripe" when I moved there to serve as a resident missionary in 1973. Guyana is just that ripe today. The people are basically good; ready to be taught and ready to respond.

Trinidad was blessed with 8 missionaries from the USA while I was there. During the first 5 years of missionary activity on that island, we baptized more than 4,000 people and established about 30 congregations. In Guyana today there is an urgent need for resident missionaries. If several capable, experienced, mature men would move to Guyana right now, there is no telling the souls that could be saved there in the next few years. The possibilities stagger the imagination. Missionaries would not have to look for people to teach, they would find enough accidental-

(Continued on page 2)

New Building

The Collinsville church of Christ plans to have a "formal opening" of our beautiful new church building on Sunday, January 15. There will be a special service and an "open house" at 2:30 that afternoon.

We plan also to have a series of Bible lectures each evening at 7:00 o'clock from Sunday, January 15 through Wednesday, January 18. The following men will speak: Paul Carter, Sunday; Billy Smith, Monday; H. L. Cody, Tuesday and Luther Savage, Wednesday.

The women of your congregation are invited to hear Mrs. Luther Savage on Wednesday at ten o'clock. A luncheon will be held following the class.

We hope that a number from your congregation may visit us and join with us in thanksgiving for our new facilities.

Brotherly,
George H. Stephenson

Potpourri

On Tuesday morning at the Christian Service Center, (the red brick cottage) aid was given to sixteen families with forty-five children involved. The combination of the clothing you give and the time given by the workers provides a valuable service in the name of the Lord for many in our community.

We appreciate Ben Freeman for his contribution to pay for Tuesday School children's pictures during the holidays.

The Golden Age Banquet has been rescheduled for Sunday evening, February 5. This is an annual event given by the young people to honor our senior members.

Perry's Perspective

ly to keep them more than busy. Actually, we could win so many souls in campaigns to that country that the missionaries would stay busy just following through on the new converts and helping them to grow in faith and knowledge.

Who are these people who came from all parts of the land to study with us? A bunch of poor people just looking for a handout from these rich Americans? No! Most were real quality people. About half of the converts were men, several capable of being real leaders in the Lord's church. Some were couples, men with their wives, who came to learn the truth that makes men free. Others were women who currently teach Bible classes to other ladies and/or children in denominational churches, knowledgeable of the Word of God and ready to teach now in the Lord's church.

Thank You

Lerah joins me in thanking all who were so kind to me when I retired on January 1. Thank you so very much for the money tree. A special thanks to Nelda and Frances for the reception. We appreciate it all so much.

*In Christian love,
Homer Williamson*

Dear Ladies,

We are so grateful for the quilts you made and brought to Boles Home children. We can surely use them and are so grateful for your goodness and kindness. We love you for caring.

Thank you again and we hope for all of you a wonderful Holiday season.

*Larrie Cantrell
Administrative Assistant
Boles Home*

Thank you once again for making my Christmas season enjoyable. The money was used this year for a TRS-80 color computer that will be both educating and amusing. Thank you very much! May the Lord continue to bless you in your work and lives.

*Jon Cooper
Boles Home*

The Amazing Grace
Bible Class

Each Sunday 8:00 A. M. - KLTv

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary Adams in the death of her brother, Mr. T. O. Wright, Jr. His funeral service was Wednesday afternoon at the Lloyd James Chapel.

Funeral services are pending at this writing for Mr. A. L. Weatherman, father of Barbara Graves. He died late Monday evening. We express our sympathy to the family.

Family togetherness with regard to the Lord's church cannot be emphasized enough. Parents need to show their children their faith by what they do as well as show their love for the Lord by what they do.

Here
and
There

By Wes Price



It is impossible to impart a lasting impression of how much we love the Lord and the church without demonstrating this in our lives. Now I'm not saying that we can live without making mistakes in front of our children, but when we do, they need to see how we handle them according to the Lord's way.

The following article from the pen of my good friend Charles Hodge has a powerful message for West Erwin families.

FAMILY STYLE FAITH

The Bible talks repeatedly about "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Family faith... read Hebrews 11...not only is Joseph in on it, Esau is too! Read familiar scripture more closely! Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, then Joseph. What can we learn?

(1) Isaac blessed both Jacob and Esau. This is faith from father to sons. It is true that God has "sons" but not "grandsons." It is true faith cannot be inherited. But it is equally true that faith can be taught, lived, modeled. God was seen/loved at home! What a power this family had! Jacob accepted it; Esau "blew" it. But both had privilege/opportunity. You might observe--Abraham built an altar then dug wells. Isaac dug wells first!

(2) Jacob blessed Joseph then his sons. This is faith from grandfather to grandsons. Most think Isaac aged then died quickly. Isaac lived "on and on." Joseph knew him before being sold! The power of godly grandparents! Can you imagine the power Isaac had upon Joseph? The power Jacob had upon his family!

(3) Joseph remembered God with his brothers. This is faith from brother to brother. Joseph could have been filled with hate and bitterness with his brethren. They sold him; they would have killed him. Upon Jacob's death they feared their lives in Egypt. Joseph quieted their fears! Theirs was evil but God was good! This is the faith among brethren.

FAMILY STYLE FAITH

(Continued next column)

Christian Academy

Parents, Teachers and Friends of East Texas Christian Academy will meet January 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Omen Road Building. The 6th grade will present a program entitled "Winter Olympics." Everyone is invited to attend.

East Texas Christian Academy is in need of non-fiction books for all ages to be donated to our library.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - January (14) Roy Clark, Clyde Findlay (16) Jim Willis (17) Lauree Hale, Pauline Daughtry (18) Bernice Majors (19) Bob Center, Jwill Sims, Juanita Lowry, Gussie Beaty (20) Frances McBee, James Pritchard (21) Donna Lowrance, Chester Williams.

Here & There (continued)

All teachers and teenagers who are interested in the unusual plans which will be discussed at the Vacation Bible School workshop on Saturday, January 28, are reminded to keep this date open. I believe you will be keenly interested in what you hear from our visiting instructors. It will be the most unusual Vacation Bible School West Erwin has ever had. Don't miss being a part of it from the very beginning stages. Time for the meeting will be announced later.

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Don't forget our regularly scheduled Bible classes each week: Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible study at 10 o'clock. We will not be judged upon how much Bible knowledge we possess at the day of judgement, but what we fail to learn at any given opportunity may spell the difference between being a victor over a particular problem or giving in to temptation. Think about it!

Serving Sunday

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Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss Jay Bynum

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Year Ago 363

WORSHIP

Jan. 1 458
Dec.25 374

Love and Appreciation

Fruit, flowers and cookies were taken to members in nursing homes and to many of the elderly Christians in the congregation. The following received expressions of love and appreciation: Dovie Norsworthy, Lois Hoppers, Robert & Edythe Trentham, Wyche Harris, Gladys Holcomb, Maudie Brown, Lonnie Taylor, Elvie Paul, Suda Beard, Cora Hughes, Ruby Teel, Zorado Sherman, Gwen Shuford, Walter & Pauline Fuller, Rozener Strait, A. E. & Beulah Bedford, Lillie Knight, Katie Heath, Lilla Tigert, Ola Dunwoody, Ella Mae Grayson, Annie McDonald, Vannie Lee and Naomi Haden.

New Class

A new adult class with Forest McFadden teaching will begin Sunday in room 304. The subject matter will be, "The Life of Moses."

Sympathy

Funeral services were held this past week in Fort Worth for Hartsell Haws, uncle of K. Max Haws.

The week before Christmas funeral services were conducted in Mesquite for the grandfather of Jwill Sims.

Funeral services were held on Thursday for Ruth Spier, sister of Ray Womack, in Crandall, Texas.

We extend sincere sympathy to each family in their loss.

Directory Correction

Please correct the address of Tommy and Moselle White in your directory. It is Rt. 19, Box 396 (75706).

And The Lord Added

Julie Higginbotham came Sunday morning to be restored to fellowship. We commend Julie for her love and courage.

Sheets - Sheets - Sheets

Clean sheets (any color) are needed by ladies who work in the benevolent work of the church. They have rolled over 1700 bandages for Chimala Mission Hospital since September. Also, if you can knit bandages, call Modena Jones for information.

In The Hospital

Brother O. E. Townsend continues to be a patient in Community Hospital.

Sermons For Sunday

A.M. The Terrible Sin of Complacency

P.M. A Faithful Saying

Perry Hall, Minister
Wes Price, Associate Minister

ELDERS

F. C. Carpenter Dr. Roger Knight
C. E. Caskey Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Foy Richey

ASSEMBLIES

Sunday

Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Christian Service Center Work Day 9:00-12:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
(Sept. thru May)
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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REAL HAPPINESS IN 1984

As we begin a new week and a new year, please allow Laree and me to thank you for all the blessings you brought into our lives in 1983. You have made a real contribution to our spiritual well-being! May we wish each member of the body a truly happy new year. Our wish for you is not one of superficial, surface happiness, but that peace of mind that comes as a result of the realization of a right relationship with God through His mercy and grace. The new year may bring difficulties into the lives of us all, but when we are right with God we have the strength to overcome anything. May this be the year when each one of us attains the greatest spiritual growth thus far. This, indeed, will surely bring the greatest happiness—to us and to our Father.

The psalmist gives the only right principle for true happiness. He said, "Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." Any happiness that comes from any other

source than God cannot be the real thing. James tells us that whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God Who is the Creator of all light and that He shines forever without change or shadow. Apart from God all is darkness. Darkness drives true happiness from the soul. Men, in darkness, may booze it up, make a lot of noise and try other things to get away from their unhappiness, emptiness, and insecurity as they face a new year, but we walk in the light of God's fellowship, love and concern. God will work out all things to our good according to His great and marvelous plan for our eternal welfare. He can even make sorrow and tragedy work out for our salvation. But since He so freely gave us Christ, how much more will He give us those spiritual blessings we need in the new year in order that we might have deep, abiding, and genuine happiness now and in the world to come. Our prayer for you in the new year is expressed by Paul in Ephesians 3:14-21. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Perry's
Perspective
By Perry Hall




"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR"

We honor brother Homer Williamson for his many years of faithful service as our main custodian. Individuals gave a money tree to Homer last week of over \$440.00. Homer and Lerah mean so much to all of us. We are so glad they will continue to be with us in the work and worship of the kingdom as they enter the years of retirement.

TV PROGRAM CHANGE JANUARY 1, 1984

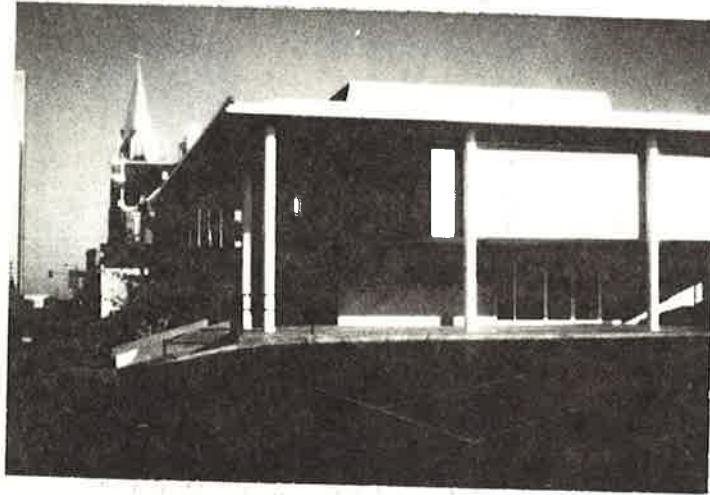
New Sponsorship and Format

For the past several months we have been working for the survival of the *Amazing Grace Bible Class* on channel 7. Our elders met with brother George Goldtrap and interested congregational representatives. It was determined that there would be three congregations that would assist us, enabling us to be active in some other mission fields. For the past few weeks we have been involved in taping of the new format for the lead and close of these programs. Brother Sam Bailey deserves a great big "THANKS" for his assistance in making this change. We have had free use of his time, expertise and equipment on more than one occasion.

In addition to the above congregations, we have just learned that Glenwood desires also to help with this program. We are grateful to all these congregations in helping us to keep this TV program going. *To God be the glory; great things He hath done!*



Sam Bailey



West Erwin in Tyler



Canton



Frankston



Rusk

Wedding

*Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Gibson
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Cheri Ann*

to

*Mr. Jerry Dwain Strait
son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Strait
on Saturday, the seventh of January
nineteen hundred and eighty-four
at half after seven o'clock
5301 44th Street
Lubbock, Texas*

New Baby

Bart and Cindy Lemons are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, December 28 in Mother Frances Hospital. She has been named Jennifer Ann and weighed 7 lb and 9 oz. The proud grandparents are Charles and Velma Lemons.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and box of goodies while I was in the hospital. Thanks to each of you for the lovely cards, calls, visits, food and especially being kept in your thoughts and prayers.

Nettie Potts

This is to say "Thank you" and thank God for all who remembered me with calls, gifts, visits, cards and prayers after my recent injury.

Bernice Majors

Thank you so much for the love and concern that has been shown to us during my mother's illness. Thank you for the prayers, visits and calls. They have meant so much to us. We love and appreciate all of you.

Clyde & Merle Lane

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 from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m.

Selections: The Christmas Store, Dillard's and Brosang's.

I'm glad the holidays are behind us. Now don't get me wrong. I thoroughly enjoyed all the festivities and food (especially the food). But now I'm ready to get back to the usual

Here
and
There



By Wes Price

routine of daily activities with everyone back in their usual places. I am indebted to all who make the work of being a minister a joy and blessing. All the folks at West Erwin have become special family and I love and appreciate all of you. Let's work together to make this year the best ever for each individual as well as a congregation. If we put our minds to it, we really can do more in '84. Let's give our best.

Attention all Bible class teachers. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 28, for a special workshop for Vacation Bible School. We have secured the services of two ladies from the Memorial congregation in Houston to be our guests. They will be sharing with us the plans we will be using for this year's VBS. It is an altogether new approach to Vacation Bible School and these ladies have been responsible for putting it together for their congregation. I sincerely believe it will be an exciting change to our usual pace and will be very appealing to children. All teachers are urged to be present so you can help us set the pace for our 1984 VBS.

Our New Year's resolution that I always want to recommend is that of daily Bible reading. We will be publishing a schedule in the bulletin that will make it easy for you to follow and keep track, so why not begin now. Using this schedule, you will be able to read through the entire Bible during the course of the year. Give it a try!

It is always in order to re-commit oneself to regular attendance at Bible study each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Many of you could do well to take a look at your track record in this regard and resolve to do better in 1984. It can only be of benefit to you if you are present. We strive to have classes for all ages staffed with dedicated teachers who want very much to educate you and your children in God's Word. They cannot teach those who do not attend. Give this a try too!

Be A Wednesday Nighter!