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Welcome to West Erwin Church of Christ

*Members, please fill out an attendance card. Visitors, fill out the other side.
Pass them to the end of your pew or leave them and they will be picked up later.*

Order of Worship

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Various Activities

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Bible Class

Ways to Give

- Put your contribution in the plate after communion or in the box provided in the foyer when we assemble on Sunday mornings.
- **WE APP:** Click the **GIVING** tab.
- **WE WEBSITE:** www.WestErwin.com/give/
- Mail or bring your contribution to church office.

West Erwin Records

4/21/24 Attendance

Worship 305
Class 180
Online 40

Communion Servers

Gaylan Seagler Jim Soop
John Stevens Jonathan Stone
Logan Stone Nathan Turner
Randy Turner Cal Wilkinson

Sound

Eric Moseley
Steven Freeman

Toddler Nursery

Cathy Culpepper
Wendy McAuley

Contributions

4/07/24 \$31,199.14
4/14/24 \$21,012.50
4/21/24 \$16,223.50

Our Elders

Ken Culpepper Matt Haws
Grant Knight *John Shaw
Wade Weathers David Wicks

* Chairman of the Elders

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Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:30 pm and
Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Song	How Great is Our God	Davy Carter
Song #538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1 & 3)	
Welcome		Tucker Sullivan
Shepherd's Prayer		Wade Weathers
Song #328	Wounded for Me (v. 1)	
Communion—the bread		Kelly Monahan
Song #328	Wounded for Me (v. 2)	
Communion—the cup		
Song #328	Wounded for Me (v. 3)	
Contribution		
Song #123	The Steadfast Love of the Lord (sung during passing trays)	
Song	Had it Not Been the Lord	
Sermon	"Don't Give Up. Don't Ever Give Up." Eric Thornton	
Song #213	He is Able	
Song #490	It is Well with My Soul (v. 1)	
Prayer		Will Christian

“Don’t Give Up. Don’t Ever Give Up.”

Jesus didn’t quit – understands deeply the desire to want to quit – but _____ instead.

- Mark 14:36

Jesus reminded _____ that there was still some _____ left in him.

We are forming INTO a rock, but it’s a process.

- Mark 14:37-38

Jesus didn’t quit. He endured.

- Extreme sense of loss... didn’t quit.
- Abandonment (apostles scattered and ran)... didn’t quit.
- Unbearable, physical pain... didn’t quit.
- Humiliation, stripped naked as the created mocked the Creator... didn’t quit.
- Ultimately giving His life on the cross to save us... didn’t quit.

From _____ to _____. Jesus even brought Peter back.

- John 21:17

Jesus tells us, in quite certain terms, that the journey is going to be hard, but HE has been there. HE understands. And HE will be with us.

On the other side of pain, there is _____.



Senior Sunday
Sunday, May 5th

* Jolee Alvey * Jordan Hill * Caleb Pippin
* Carter Pippin * Logan Stone * Tyson Tapley

Join us next Sunday for a special presentation during the service, and an all-church luncheon in the FLC following the conclusion of our morning service.

Highlight your favorite verse and leave a note for each of them in their Bibles on the tables in the foyer!

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT
WEST ERWIN

THANK YOU FOR THE CARDS, PRAYERS,
AND WELL WISHES BOTH BEFORE AND
AFTER MY KNEE SURGERY.
I AM THANKFUL THAT I'M DOING
VERY WELL.

SINCERELY,
KEITH CHANDLER

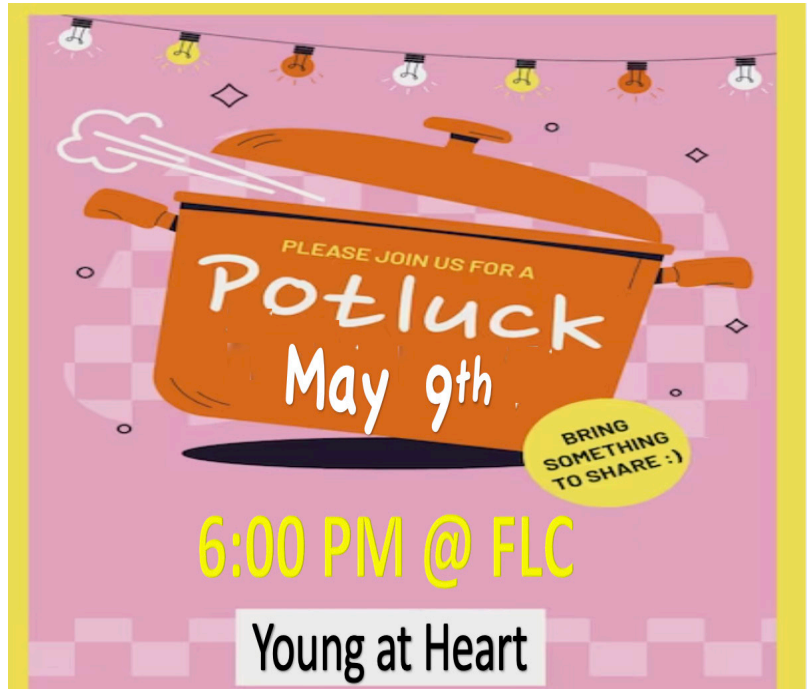


West Erwin Men's Fish Fry

When: Sunday May 5th, 5:30 PM– 7:00 PM

Where: Family Life Center

Sign-up in the back or call the church office to attend



West Erwin Family,

Sunday was absolutely incredible to see everyone come out to celebrate our upcoming marriage! In true West Erwin fashion, there was an abundance of love and support shown for us. We want everyone to know how truly blessed we feel to have brothers and sisters in Christ come out and show us we have a wonderful support system behind us. A special thanks to Carolyn Philpot, Sharon Beaver, Kim Frick, Kathy Culpepper, Evelyn Muncy, Meredith Oliver, Suzie Carnathan, and Linda Marts for hosting an amazing shower for us. We wanted everyone in the Church to know how grateful we are of you.

Love,

The Montgomery's

BIBLES FOR KIDS 2024 MARCH 1 - JUNE 30

EEM's Bibles for Kids (BFK) matching campaign will provide 570,000 Children's and Teen Bibles in 2024! All donations during this campaign are **doubled** and will place a Bible in the hands of 570,000 kids this year.

Scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate, watch our BFK video, or see our campaign progress at eem.org/bfk.



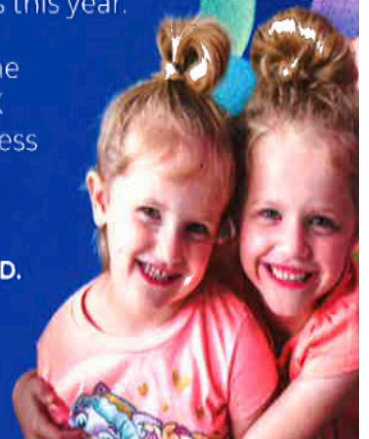
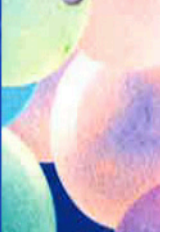
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BIBLES FOR KIDS



Prayer and Care...

Updated Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Ruby Cliver has been moved to East Texas Hospice she is in room 306.

Kalli Huff was admitted to the hospital in Dallas Saturday evening with a respiratory virus and fluid around her lungs. Prayers are appreciated.

Jonathan Ramirez had a laminectomy on the 23rd. He currently is in ICU at UT Health while he recovers.

Church Family: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Charles & Gayle Payne | Holly Parish | Allene & Tom Clark | Rex Power | Willa Wicks | Janice Hardaway | Jim Gipson | Betty Boles | Shirley Chandler | Millie (Mink) Quinonez | Suzanne Transier | John & Terry Shaw | Stan & Judy Clark | Juawiece Campbell | Will Christian | Tommy & Kelly Brown | Mary June Goodson | Barbara Henderson | Patsy Bullard | Cathy Hallman | Misti Ford | Jan Cook | Jane Jones | Geri Moore | Phil Marts | Lynda Terrell | Marcus Turner | Keith Harris | Nita Kennedy | Nina Crow | Glynn Cobb | Keith Chandler | Tommy & Jenny Price

Friends and Family (with member's name): Michael Sharritt, Karen Roberts (Cawyer) | Wesley Boles (Hamm) | Arlene Lockhart (Shaw) | Charles Etheridge (Lee) | Ronnie Brown (Delivaudais) | Billy Williams (Transier) | Nina Colter (Transier) | Jeff & Michelle Ingram (Posey) | Lenora Hart (Cobb) | Jan White (White) | Nina Colter (Transier) | Monty Smith (Shaw) | Kenneth Gentry (Kennedy) | Stephanie Oelze (Wilkinson) | Michael Willis, Jr. (Willis)

Baptism...

Wednesday, April 24th, Kacee Alvey accepted Jesus Christ as her savior.



David wrote Psalm 27 in a time of fear and anxiety. In that moment, he chose to praise the Lord. He chose to focus on God's greatness instead of obsessing over his sources of stress. David's fearlessness was possible because David's focus was to dwell in the house of God forever. He didn't mean literally, because no one could live in the tabernacle (The temple wasn't built in David's lifetime). He meant that his central focus in life was God, and so his goal was to be in God's presence as often as possible. David is saying, "I have all sorts of things to worry about. But none of them defeat me, because even if all of them come true, I still have God. So, when I am afraid, I go to the tabernacle of God and worship Him. When the storm hits, I praise Him all the more." Do you see what I mean? When we are stressed, anxious or terrified, worship is the last thing on our minds. But for David, it was the key to making sure his faith always won out over his fear.

To clarify, when I say God must be the one, main singular focus of our lives, some people think that means we need to care less about everything else. So, someone might say, "I'm terrified that one of my kids might get hurt, so I just need to care less about my kids." Someone else might say, "I'm scared to death that I might lose my job, so I need to care less about my career." No. It's not about decreasing how much you care about those other things; it's about increasing how much we care about God. I believe that when our relationship with the Lord becomes our deepest desire, we actually love our family more, because the Holy Spirit is teaching us to love them with the love of Christ. We become better at our job, because now it's not about personal ambition, but representing God well. We work hard because we're really serving Him.

When we get tired of letting fear rule our life, David shows us a lifestyle change worth considering: Start taking worship seriously. Prioritize being in His house, among His people. Prepare your heart ahead of time by praying for God to enable you to truly worship. Sing with all your heart. Participate in the prayers. Commune with Him through the breaking of bread and the blood poured out for us. Listen to the preached Word with an anticipation that God will use His word to shine a light onto something in your life that needs His attention on it. And if it feels awkward at first, stick with it. Soon, you'll grow to love it. You (and everyone who loves you) will love the way it changes you.