

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Ray Lott
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Scripture John Bragg
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Dec. 8 28,485.69
Year Ago 8,788.37

BIBLE SCHOOL

Dec. 15 327
Dec. 8 329
Year Ago 327

WORSHIP

Dec. 15 390
Dec. 8 419
Wed.Eve. 12/11 150
Year Ago 404

Budget \$9,014.18

The Sick

Brother M. B. Beard continues to be a patient in Medical Center.
Brother James Massey is at home.
Brother John Brem is now at home after being hospitalized.
Brother B. E. Walker is not feeling well. He is at home.
Sister Elizabeth Endsley may be able to go home this week.



Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

10:30 A.M. "According To His Purpose" (Romans 8:28-31)
6:00 P.M. "More Than Conquerors" (Romans 8:31-39)

And The Lord Added

We are happy to welcome Jay and Debbie Graham to the West Erwin family. They came Sunday morning to place membership. Their address is 1630 Susan Drive, telephone 581-6152.

On Tuesday evening Charlie Russell was baptized by Wes Price following a series of Bible studies. We want to welcome Charlie. He is married to Laneva Turner Russell, who grew up in the West Erwin church. They have a small daughter, Courtney.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

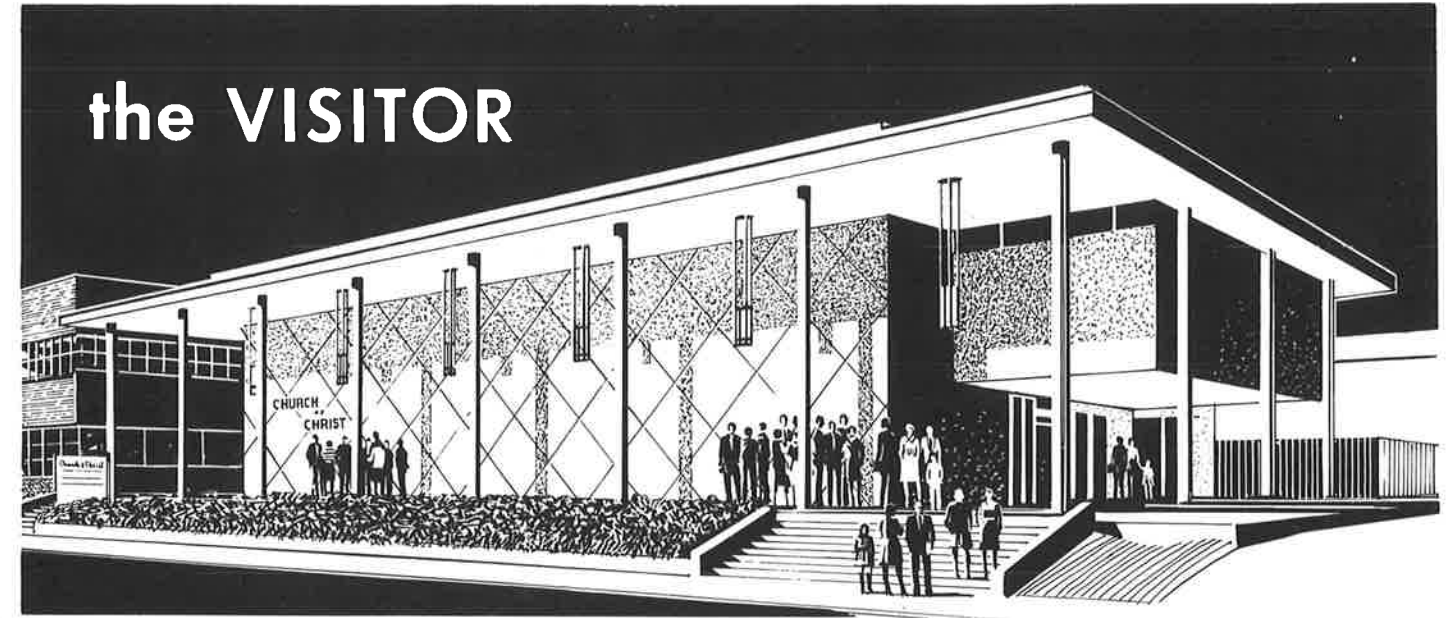
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

We need YOU in Bible School!

The Holiday Season brings a host of visitors to our church meetings, for which we are so grateful. And the next two weeks will bring some additional blessings. On the Wednesday evenings of December 25 and January 1 we will have devotional services at our building with two guest speakers.


On December 25, Ferman Lynn Carpenter, one of the ministers of the Weber Road Church in Corpus Christi and the son of Ferman and Lucille Carpenter, will speak, and on January 1, Ken Berry, a Ph.D. candidate at Yale University and son-in-law of Wes and Alma Faye Price, will speak.

These services will be brief, but meaningful, and are designed especially for our folks and their guests. Come if you can and let the SON SHINE through you from the HEART of TYLER.

Season's Greetings

Best Wishes

For Happiness throughout the New Year



- The Jay Lockharts
- The Wes Prices
- The Hillard Hughes
- The Harold Brownings
- The Joe McBees
- The Homer Williamsons

Dear Brethren:

Traditionally December is a month of joy, greeting cards, gifts, and many other nice things. For us Christians, the holiday season began with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus (Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:6, John 20:17, Acts 7:9, 11) and lasts until he comes back.

The rejoicing continues all year round and last month was a very clear example of it: GUIDO MOREIA, 214 14th St., Brooklyn, New York 11215. Guido is a medical doctor from Bolivia who came to the Mission as a student about 18 months ago and has been attending services at the Manhattan Church of Christ. He was baptized by James Langford on November 12, 1985. MARILU BALTODANE, 45-22 53rd Ave. Maspeth, New York 11378, was baptized by me on November 19, 1985. Marilu is a native of Nicaragua and about a month after her arrival in New York she decided to commit herself to Jesus. IVAN GOMEZ, 414 E. 74th Street, New York, New York 10021, the son of one of the members of the Spanish congregation came to be baptized by Alan Phillips on November 25, 1985. He had been considering a change in his life for 6 months before his baptism. JUANITA BLANTON V. de CASTRO, 181 Clay Ave., Bronx, New York 10451, like the Philippian Jailer in the book of Acts did not want to wait until the next day and asked to be baptized at once, because she said: "My Lord could come before midnight or he may call me." Brother Omar Soto, who placed membership with us last Sunday, baptized her at 11:15 the night of December 3, 1985. As you can see, our Lord presented us, and you too, with wonderful gifts even in the month of November.

Because of His will and your missionary efforts, the cause of Jesus in the Northeast is growing at an accelerated pace. We, at the Mission, are very thankful for your support.

Maya and I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, a wonderful 1986 and also to thank you for a year of continued support. We are thankful too for your spiritual strength and prayers. GOD BLESS YOU!

Pablo Molina

Let's Emphasize

Wednesday Night!

Classes For All Ages

7:30 P.M.



*Mr. and Mrs. Jay P Lockhart
and Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Tubbs*

*request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

Tammy Leigh

and

Scott Allen

Saturday, the fourth day of January

Nineteen hundred and eighty-six

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin Street

Tyler, Texas

Reception following



ARE YOUR CHILDREN IN BIBLE SCHOOL?

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY

Potpourri

Because of our Postal regulations we will not publish THE VISITOR next week.

Be sure to watch the "Special" of THE SEARCH on December 24th at 10:00 p.m. over KLTU, Channel 7 with Jay Lockhart.

A Bitter/Sweet Season
A Christmas Eve Special

The Year-end Singing will be Thursday evening, December 26 at 7:30 o'clock at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Plan to be present for this most enjoyable event.

Thank You

Dear Ladies,

We would like to express thanks for the good food that was brought to the Tri-C on December 10th.

These are special times for us to get together and enjoy fellowship. You are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Tri-C Gang
Marey Shrode, Correspondent

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for the food, cards, flowers, visits, but most of all, for your prayers during my illness. West Erwin is very special to Max, my family and to me. May the Lord's blessings be with you now and in the coming years. I love you.

Mary Haws

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (22) Erica Smith (23) Tom Williams (24) Henry McRuiz, Kerry Hamblett, Shelley Miles (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth (28) Jennifer Lemons.

The children of

Mr. & Mrs. Glen B. Warner

request the pleasure of your company

at a reception in honor of the

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

of their parents' marriage

Sunday, the 29th of December

nineteen hundred eighty-five

between two and four o'clock

Foyer

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Your presence is your gift to us.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The holidays do bring their bounty of joy and excitement. The Price family is especially excited this holiday season because we will have the special joy of having all our children here. Our daughter Kathy and husband Ken will be here from New Haven, Conn., and our college children will be home from ACU. As I think of the blessing it will bring to 203 Alpine here in Tyler, I must pause and wish the same for all our families at West Erwin. We pray God's richest blessings upon each member and each family that the best may be yours in Christ Jesus.

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With the coming of the new year, our adult classes will begin a new series as we previously announced. The subject will be The Church. On Sunday morning, January 5th, all adult, college and high school (9th-12th grades) will meet in the auditorium for the introductory lesson to this series with Jay Lockhart doing the teaching. The following weeks, each class will meet as usual with the regular teacher. All of these teachers will be meeting on Wednesday night with Jay to study for the following Sunday's lesson. I must say that not only am I excited about this particular study, but also the way in which we are approaching it with Jay preparing our teachers in advance. It goes without saying (and you ask then why am I saying it?) that we urge all members of these classes to set the highest priority in being present each week for this series. The study will continue through the first quarter of 1986. Be Here!

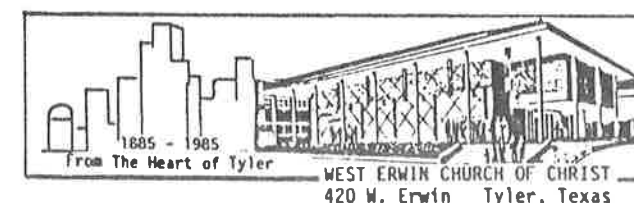
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Another announcement that our adults will be excited about is that Harold Taylor will be teaching a series of lessons on Wednesday night in the auditorium on selected chapters from the book of Psalms. We are glad that his busy schedule will permit him to be with us during the first of this new year.

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Wednesday evenings, December 25 and January 1, we will all meet in the auditorium for special holiday services. Guest speakers will be announced later. We hope all of you will join us for these special times.

We are aware that the closing Wednesday night of each year has traditionally been reserved for the annual year-end singing, but the host congregation, Shiloh Road, has invited all to be with them on Thursday night, so that leaves us free to have our services on the last Wednesday night. We hope you will be with us.



Records

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Prayer Leon Welborn
Scripture K. Max Haws
Dismiss Harold Browning

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BIBLE SCHOOL

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WORSHIP

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Dec. 8 P.M. 270
Dec. 1 A.M. 431
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Weekly

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In The Hospital

Brother James Massey is now at home.

Brother M. B. Beard is in Medical Center Hospital. He is seriously ill.

Correction

On the inside of this bulletin it is stated that the Ladies' Bible Class will meet for the last time this year on the 18th, however, this morning the ladies decided not to meet on the 18th. The class will resume on January 8th.

The Search

Be sure to watch... THE SEARCH
A "special" on December 17, 7:30 p.m.
"Celebration"
A Holiday Season Special
with
Jay Lockhart
KLTv, Channel 7
Tyler, Texas

BIBLE BE'S

"Be ye therefore perfect." Matt. 5:48
"Be patient." James 5:7
"Be at peace." Job 22:21
"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." Matt. 14:27
"Be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless." II Peter 3:14
"Be subject one to another." I Peter 5:5
"Be clothed with humility." I Peter 5:8
"Be sober, be vigilant." I Peter 5:8
"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." Eph. 4:32
"Be strong and of good courage." Josh. 1:6

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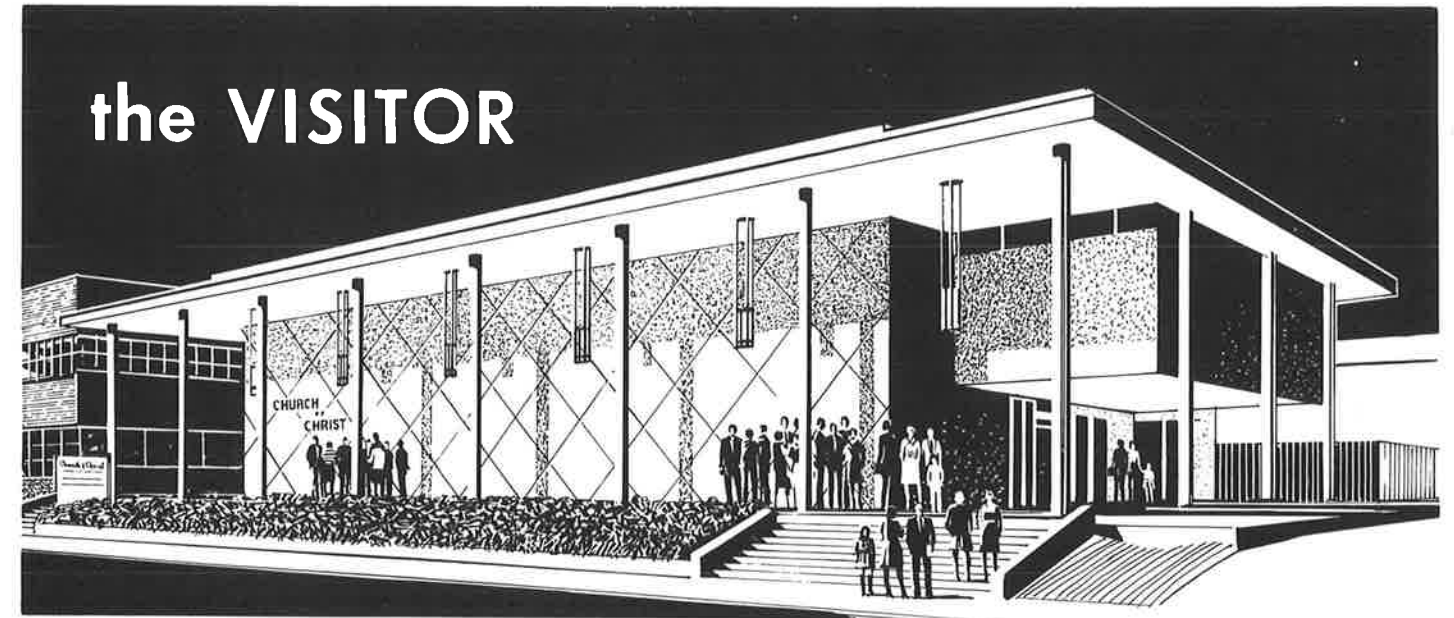
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10:30 A.M. "Hope In Christ"
(Romans 8:18-25)

6:00 P.M. "Intercession of the Spirit"
(Romans 8:26-27)

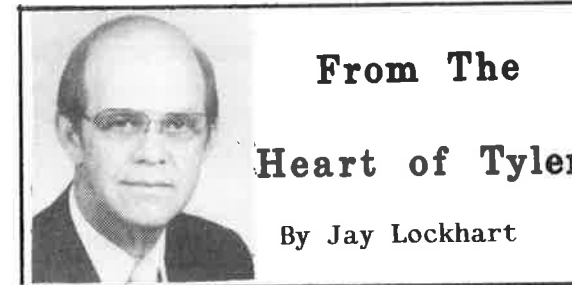


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"And they received... all the contributions which the sons of Israel had brought to perform the work..." Exodus 36:3

Gifts

Have you read the comic strip Pogo? Walt Kelly, originator of Pogo, pictured a duck coming by and sitting down by Pogo with the following conversation ensuing:
Duck: "Have you seen my cousin?"
Pogo: "Your cousin?"
Duck: "Yes, my cousin. He's migrating north by kiddie car."
Pogo: "By kiddie car?"
Duck: "Yes, he's afraid to fly because he thinks he will fall."
Pogo: "Then why doesn't he swim?"
Duck: "He doesn't like to swim 'cuz he gets seasick."
Pogo: "When your cousin decided to be a duck, he chose the wrong business."
Someone wrote a beautiful beatitude about that little comic strip. "Blessed is the duck who, when he decides to be a duck, does what a duck is supposed to do." The application is clear: "Blessed is the Christian who, when he decides to be a Christian, does what a Christian is supposed to do." "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" What about it? What about speech, actions, and priorities? What about worship, participation, and growth?
From the HEART of TYLER do what a Christian is supposed to do!

Last Sunday was a significant day for us. The Lord's Day is always significant, but last week we had one of those special, special days. The second Sunday of December has been traditionally designated as a time when we make a contribution above and beyond our regular giving to accomplish some needed project. This year our special contribution totaled \$28,485.69 with additional monies purposed by those who were unable to be present last Sunday. Your generosity is to be commended. Not only did you give throughout the year so that we exceeded our budget, but you almost tripled your regular giving last Sunday. Add to this the fact that several of you contributed more than \$23,000 extra through the year to cover unbudgeted television expenses. That means that this year you gave an average of over \$1,000.00 a week as special contributions. Because of that generous spirit we were able to schedule five prime-time television specials and to move forward on the work of refurbishing our place of worship. I thank God that you "gave of" your "own accord," and as you "purposed in" your "heart; not grudgingly or of necessity" knowing that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 8:3; 9:7). I am confident now that "you will be enriched in everything for all liberally" (2 Corinthians 9:11).

AUGSBURG

NEWS 2,000 years Augsburg

Dear Brethren:

To you and to your loved ones we express much love, heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for everything, which you have done for us during the past. You have been an inspiration to us, and your love and care have been a fountain of strength to us personally and to our brethren here.

As we approach the end of another year, we look back and are being made grateful for all the many blessings, which God has bestowed upon us - also through your help.

We had ups and downs in our work, disappointments and success. For both we are thankful, because they have strengthened our faith.

As for the future, we put ourselves into the hands of our great Master, hoping and praying that you, too, will continue to have a vital part in our work here. We wish you a happy Holiday Season and a blessed New Year.

With love,
The Rischers

Attitudes

"What's the use?" and "Why should I?" are the two most fatal phrases in the English language. They mark the dividing line between success and failure for hundreds of thousands of human beings, according to the late Chauncey M. Depew. "What's the use?" is the philosophy of the chap who throws in the sponge when the battle has just started... "Why should I?" is the cry of the work-dodger... How much more vibrant and dynamic are the phrases, "It can be done!" and "You can count on me!" These phrases sparkle with the spirit of success.

--"Attitudes," In A Nutshell.



TELL ME AGAIN
WHY YOU CAN'T ATTEND
SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Parable of the Audience

On the pages of the Bible,
Where the soul of mankind feeds,
There's the story of a sower
Who went out to sow his seed.

How he loved the grand old story,
And just as the mournful sinner heard,
Satan came with his deception,
And he snatched away the Word.

Others fell on stony places
And sprang up so strong and right.
But when trouble's waves o'erflowed it,
It was engulfed in sin's dark night.

Some seeds fell in thorny places
And took root and grew apace.
But the glitter of earth's treasures
Dulled the luster of God's grace.

But the hearts of some were ready;
They were fertile soil, we're told.
And the lessons they were tendered
Yielded up an hundred fold.

So the eloquence of the sower
Or the greatness of his deed
Is not the thing that's here in question,
But what happens to the seed.

Once the lesson has been given,
Once the gospel has been heard,
Then responsibility passes
To the hearer of the Word.

... Marion E. Lobaugh

Potpourri

This year, the Year End Singing will be at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th at 7:30 P.M. There will be a Prayer Meeting service here at West Erwin on Wednesday evening, December 25 and also on January 1.

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Class will meet on December 18 and then be dismissed until January 8.

It was good to have Harold and Betty Taylor among our visitors last Sunday.

Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my many friends at West Erwin who were so kind and thoughtful in their visits to me while I was in the hospital. Also, the many cards and telephone calls were appreciated so very much. I shall always have a special warm spot in my heart for you.

In Christian love,
Mary Drummond

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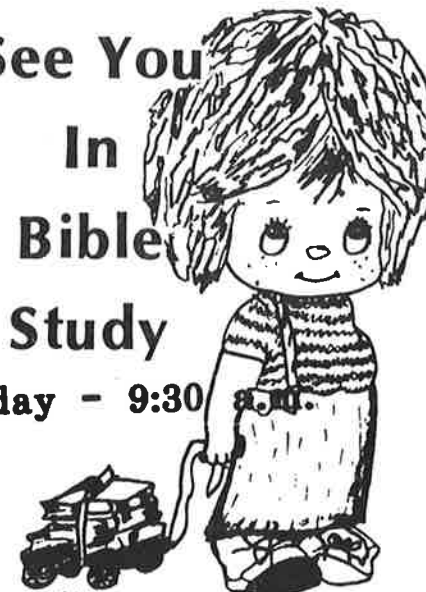
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Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (15) Rhonda Weathers (17)
Mary Richey, Ella Mae Grayson (19)
James Massey, Dorothy Snipes (20)
James Phillips, Marshall Phillips
(21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Williams, Billie Morgan, Pat Ragsdale.

See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday - 9:30



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Many compliments were expressed by West Erwin members for the excellent report given last week on the mission work in Mexico. There remains a great open door in the country for the proclamation of the gospel. Dannie Skipper mentioned to me that some might like to know of some special needs of that work. One congregation is in need of \$2,500 to buy a lot to build on and another needs a four wheel drive pickup truck to travel in the back roads to reach remote villages. If you would like to make any contributions to these special needs, let us know and we will provide details.

Attendance was excellent at both services and Bible study on Sunday. Even though many of our own members were away, a host of visitors was present. We had a large number of teenagers on Sunday evening. We were grateful for their presence at a gathering of young people to enjoy and profit by the drama group, Seekers of The Word, from Abilene Christian University. The program was very good and some very positive impressions were made on the teens about the Christian life.

Our honor class of the week is Velma Lemons' Two Year Olds, who had 100% in attendance last Sunday. Congratulations!

Both Wednesday nights, December 25 and January 1 are holidays. We will be having special services those nights. Make your plans to be present for both of them.

We have a large number of older members at West Erwin, especially those who are apt to be overlooked or forgotten during the enjoyment of these special holidays. I think it would be a splendid idea if our more mobile members took on a special challenge of paying a visit to those of our number who are disabled or confined to homes or nursing homes. If you would like to do something special during this holiday season and feel especially good about it, why not call the church office and ask for a name or two to visit. I realize how busy your schedule is, but there is no way to tell you what a blessing you would be to someone else if you would try this little suggestion. And, there is no telling what a blessing it would be to you. Try it, you'll like it!

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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Adela Scogins Virginia Canterbury
 Glynn and Fran Starnes Ben and Patsy Young

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Hoyt Hughes-Roy Clark-Angel Cabrera-Dannie Skipper

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 8 and Wednesday evening, Dec. 11 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5267.

New Members

We are very happy that Grant and Leanne Knight placed membership with us on Sunday. They formerly worshipped at the Lakewood Church of Christ in Lakewood, Colorado. They have two young children, Jennifer and Jeffrey. Grant is the son of Roger and Jan Knight. Their address is 903 Creekside Dr., telephone 534-1713.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
 December 8



By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "Liberation In Christ"(Romans 8:1-11)
 6:00 P.M. "Sonship In Christ"(Romans 8:12-17)

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In The Hospital

Brother James Massey is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. He has been undergoing tests and treatment.

Brother M. B. Beard entered Medical Center on Tuesday for tests. He is in room 2259.

Sister Elizabeth Endsley needs your encouragement. Send her a card to University Hospital, 4101 University Blvd. (75701).

Sister Fay Kennard's mother, Mrs. Ruth Pierce, is recovering from surgery in a Jacksonville Hospital.

Brother David Hanley has two uncles that are hospitalized. Boyd Hanley is a patient in ICU in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. He is very seriously ill. Charles Denson is Scott and White in Temple for treatment.

Dorothy Coker, mother of Sherry Munn, had surgery Thursday in Paris, Texas at St. Joseph Hospital.

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

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As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12.

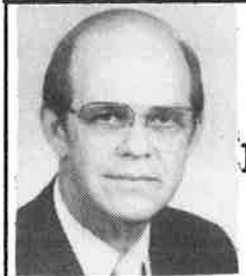
"Lord, I thank Thee for salvation,
 Grace so mighty and so free;
 Take my all in consecration,
 Glorify Thyself in me."

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By Jay Lockhart

*"Think on these things"
 --Philippians 4:8*

'Tis The Season

Please remember that this Sunday has been designated as the time for our special contribution for 1985. Each year on the second Sunday of December we have a special contribution which is used for a specific project. This year's contribution will be used to refurbish our auditorium as some much needed redecorating is done. Everything we give this Sunday, which is over and above our regular budget, will go to this project. If you can contribute a large lump sum, do that. If you can only double your contribution, do that. If you can just increase your contribution some, do that. Just do what you can freely and cheerfully do this Sunday.

I am looking forward to Sunday and the opportunity to continue our studies in Romans, and this week we begin the incomparable 8th chapter, a real mountain peak in this magnificent letter. I look forward to seeing you in the Heart of Tyler.

I like the holiday season that comes at the end of the year. It's a time to reflect upon the year that is past. It's a time to be with family. It's a time of giving and receiving. It's a time when more people are thinking about our Saviour. It's a time to make plans for a brand new year. It's a happy time of the year! The holiday season can be a positive time for the church. We can reflect upon the blessings of the past year and we can make significant plans for the new year. (By the way our new church budget is in its final stages of preparation and will be presented to the congregation on December 15). We can remember that the good will of December should be a quality in our lives all year long. We can recall that throughout a year it is "more blessed to give than to receive." We can keep in mind as families are together, that our place in the gatherings of the Spiritual family should be filled regularly and with enthusiastic participation. And, as many think of the Saviour, we should be conscious of His presence in our lives each day of the year. This is an enjoyable time of the year. We would do well to keep the good parts of the season in our thoughts and lives each day in 1986!

Hey! Didja Hear?



Does the term "Sunday Christian" ring a bell? Does it apply to you? Do you find yourself "acting" the Christian role? We, as young people, face this problem quite often. However, it is really just a matter of attitude. We appear to be "perfect" Christians with the right attitude on Sundays, but as the week progresses our prime "Christian attitude" tends to fade. It can become so bad that people would believe it never existed. We should be dedicated to Christ, not just on Sundays, but throughout the week. We need to set a Christian example all the time and not just put up a front around our Christian friends. School is a good place to start with our example. Someone needs to make the first move to try and better the corruptness that has developed in our schools. Why can't we make that first move? The young people at West Erwin are perfectly capable of setting the pattern for others. You may not think your example can influence anyone, but you would be surprised. Everyone, no matter who he or she may be, is being watched by someone. Your good example could make a difference. So don't get caught "acting the Christian role." Let's live it!!

DEVOTIONAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The devotional will be Sunday afternoon instead of Sunday evening. All middle school and high school students and their parents are invited to meet at 4:30 Sunday afternoon for a presentation by "Seekers of the Word," a drama group from Abilene Christian University. HH

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure



From The Mail

From Scroggins, Texas
Dear Brother Jay,

Thank you so much for sending us the tapes each week. In October I asked you to send the tapes of the Church and the Beatitudes to... in Port Charlotte, Fla., which you did. I had a letter from there which said they (The Ladies' Bible Class) were playing them for their lesson. I thought you would like to know that THE SEARCH is reaching out. Thanks a lot, we love it.

FROM THE MAIL (continued)

From Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Lockhart,

Wish we could help more with THE SEARCH. If we could use television with more programs like THE SEARCH, more people would have a chance to learn the Gospel, and what better way to improve television than with the Word of God. We are thankful for Jay Lockhart and others who teach the Gospel. May God bless you.

Benevolent Needs

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here one day next week. Their needs are: Peaches, 30 gal. garbage bags, fruit cocktail and toilet tissue.

The special need at our Benevolent Center is clean winter clothing for children.

Holiday Party

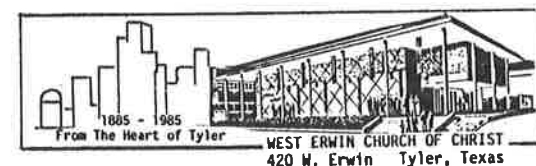
Young at Heart and Chapel Class will have a combined holiday party on Thursday evening, December 12th in the Fellowship Hall. The time is 6:30 p.m.

Seminar

Marvin Phillips will speak for a Church Growth Seminar, December 6th and 7th at the Daingerfield Church of Christ.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (9) Bart Lemons (10) Joni Smith, Pam Lott (11) Kristy Roberson, Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett (13) Doris Terrell, Harold Denman, Fleta Butler, Ben Freeman.



Invitation

You Are Cordially Invited To A Gift Tea For Tammy Lockhart Bride Elect of Scott Tubbs At The Home of Mrs. Ross Walker

Saturday Afternoon, December 7
Hours: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

536 Park Heights

Selections:
Dillard's
Leewright's

Ladies, Please Consider This Your Personal Invitation.

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We are so grateful for the kindness of love shown us during Sam's illness. Your visits, flowers, cards and calls, and most of all your prayers are appreciated. We thank you and ask for your continuing remembrance.

Lamern and Sam Bailey

Dear West Erwin Church,

I want to thank my class for the beautiful mums sent to me. Also, I want to thank all who have sent the nice cards. I am feeling better and hope to be able to go back home soon. Thanks to the church for the prayers for me. My love to all.

Mrs. Beulah Bedford



We need YOU
in Bible School!

Funerals

We express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ruby Teel in the loss of her brother, Fred Maxfield, who was buried last Saturday here in Tyler. Also, sister Teel's sister, Lawrence Teel, was buried about 2 months ago in Huntsville, Texas.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



For those of you who were not here last Sunday, let me make a suggestion. If you love the series of sermons that Jay is doing in Romans, you will do yourself a big favor by asking for a tape of last Sunday's sermons on Romans, chapter 7. They were superb. A great number of questions about the struggle of the Christian life will be answered by a proper understanding of that great chapter. Make every effort not to miss any of these sermons. If you are absent a tape is available by request.

Apparently we have some children roaming about through our class rooms before and after classes disturbing some of the teaching materials in the rooms. Parents, may we request your assistance in this matter.

It was great to have our college young people home for Thanksgiving, and most of them were able to be with us for the Wednesday night service. We hope you profited by being here. We will have another such special service on December 25. Make your plans to join us even though it is a holiday.

A fortune cookie message read:

"If man too busy making fortune, somebody may steal his cookie."

Even for the Christian it is possible to get so involved in the affairs of making a living that we forget to make a life. A Christian has an obligation to get the most out of life and that includes providing for himself and his own. But, he is not obligated to get caught in the increasing pressure of making more and more when it gets in the way of more important and lasting things. The statement of Jesus, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" is still just as needed today as when it was spoken nearly two thousand years ago. Making money is one of Satan's most subtle devices. It is necessary to earn a living, but it is awfully hard to know when we cross the line in an endeavor, to the detriment of our spiritual being. It may be that we will wind up striving for the food that perishes and not for that which endures to eternal life, (John. 6:27). Work hard, make as much as you can, but be sure to keep it all in perspective. We are working for eternity.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Milburn Cook
Scripture Ray Womack
Dismiss Cole Bennett

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Dick Higginbotham
Scripture Bill Hensley
Dismiss Dan Magee

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Ray Vannoy Jim Usrey
Don Weathers Ted Wright
Bryan Leek Allen Pickett
Todd Stewart Jim Hartt

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 24 \$9,268.46
Nov. 17 8,080.98
Year Ago 8,316.89

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov. 24 295
Nov. 17 334
Year Ago 328

WORSHIP

Nov. 24/A.M. 363
/P.M. 258
Nov. 17 382
Year Ago 420
Weekly
Budget \$9,014.18

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Adela Scogins Virginia Canterbury
Glenn and Fran Starnes Ben and Patsy Young
Les and Carolyn Carruth

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 1 and Wednesday evening, Dec. 4; IRA WILSON - 561-0750.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sermon Subjects



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1985

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "The Difference That Christ Makes."
(Romans 7:1-6)

6:00 P.M. "Children of Bondage or Freedom?"
(Romans 7:22-25)

MINISTERS	
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	
Wes Price - Associate	Harold Taylor - Mission
ELDERS	
F. C. Carpenter	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight	
ASSEMBLIES	
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(September through May)	
Wednesday	
Ladies' Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
(September through May)	
Bible Classes	7:30 p.m.
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The Sick

Brother M. B. Beard is a patient in Medical Center for tests.

Sister K. Max Haws had surgery on Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother James Massey is now at home.

For Sunday Evening Only

There will be no Bible Hour on Sunday evening, Dec. 1. This is the class for children grades 1 through 5.

Benevolent Need

Clean winter clothing in good condition is especially need at this time in the benevolent work.


*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.*

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might."
---Ecclesiastes 9:10*

Special Contribution - December 8

What can be more important than the training of our children? And God places that responsibility directly on the shoulders of parents (Ephesians 6:4). As we seek to train them, there must be teaching through instruction in what is expected, rules to govern, and example to show the way (echos from last Sunday). Then, there must be discipline, the absence of which causes a parent to fail as a parent. Finally, there is enveloping teaching and discipline with love which is constant and deep. The successful parent realizes he needs all the help available to successfully bring a child from infancy to adulthood. The wise parent will take advantage of the Bible school and will see that his child is present, is prepared, and is having his Bible school learning experience fortified at home. May I encourage all parents, especially parents of children from the fifth grade downward, to use the information being mailed to you concerning your child's Bible school lessons to the fullest, and to insure that the most possible good will come from our classes. It will be a real aid to successful parenthood and the SON will SHINE through us, and our children, from the HEART OF TYLER.

Each year on the second Sunday of December the West Erwin church has an opportunity to make a special contribution for some special project. In the past these contributions have gone toward needed additions to our building, a fellowship building, and last year to our Benevolent Center. This year our special contribution on December 8 will be used to make some much needed improvements in our auditorium. Last Sunday one of our elders, Faber Cauthen, announced this decision to overwhelming acceptance and support. The early church had no buildings of its own. Biblical authority for buildings comes from the command to meet, which necessitates a place. What kind of place is a matter of expediency. No doubt, the part of wisdom would say that a church would do well to avoid encumbering itself with a building that prevents it from doing little more than making building payments. However, for too long the brethren met in "cracker-box" buildings on the "wrong side of the tracks." Our buildings say something about us to the communities in which we exist. It seems to me that, within responsible reason, we should provide buildings in keeping with who we are, what we are trying to accomplish, and what our abilities are. The West Erwin church has very little construction debt, and with our special contribution we can refurbish our auditorium without additional debt. Then our 1986 budget, which will be about \$500,000, can be used to accomplish the work to which God has called us. Be generous on December 8!

A Famine In The Land . . .

How Often Do You Read Your Bible?

The time would come to ancient Israel that the people would crave a Bible lesson, but it would not be available. Bible classes are available today for all ages. May they be so appreciated and attended that the all-knowing Lord will never take them away. but that He was forced to do in the 8th Century B.C: "I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Jehovah, and shall not find it," (Amos 8:11-12).

Prisoner-of-war Howard Rutledge, dying from starvation, thankful for a "bowl of sewer greens," found that "my hunger for spiritual food soon outdid my hunger for a steak," (Christianity Today). "Now I wanted to know about that part of me that will never die... I had completely neglected the spiritual dimension of my life. Now I wanted to talk about God and Christ and the church, but in solitary confinement there was no minister, no Sunday school teacher, no Bible, no hymnbook, no community of believers to guide and sustain me."

"I tried desperately to recall snatches of scriptures, sermons, hymns. I had not seen the importance of memorizing verses from the Bible or learning gospel songs. Now, when I needed them, it was too late!"

"Just to think about one memorized verse could have made a whole day bearable. One portion of a verse I did remember was 'Thy word I hid in my heart.' How often I wished I had really worked to hide God's word in my heart...All this talk of Scripture and hymns may seem boring to some, but it was the way we conquered our enemy and overcame the power of death around us."

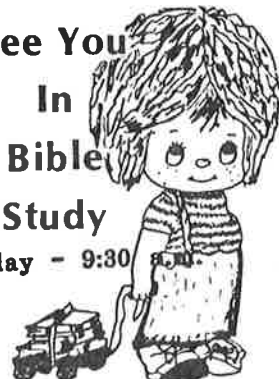
What can we learn from Howard Rutledge?

...Hugo McCord

Taken from News and Views - 1974

See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.



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Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (2) Brittany Haws (3) Br
ley Smith (6) Ann McCoy (7) Lee
Roberson, Lois Hoppers.



Thanksgiving

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

...Copied

"Then shall the earth yield her increase;
and God, even our own God, shall bless us."

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning
KLTW - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jean
Oliver in the death of her nephew
and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie
Henley. At this writing the funeral
service is pending.

Ladies Class

Although our Ladies Class on Wed-
nesday morning was dismissed for
Thanksgiving week, we will resume
our studies in Ecclesiastes on Wed-
nesday, December 3. Our next break
in the schedule will be later in
December. We will not meet for class
on December 18, 25, and January 1.
The first class in 1986 will be on
Wednesday, January 8. WP

Potpourri

Remember the grocery truck from
Boles Home will be here the week of
December 9 - 13. Their needs are:
Peaches, 30 gal. Garbage Bags, Fruit
Cocktail, and Toilet Tissue (a large
supply is needed).

Singing practice on Wednesdays
will not be scheduled again until
after the holiday season.

It was good to have George and
Esther Kester visiting with us two
weeks ago from Tennessee.

The Year End Singing is scheduled
to be at the Shiloh Road Church. It
will be on Thursday evening, Decem-
ber 26th at 7:30 p.m.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Christian education certainly received a great
encouragement with Jay's good sermon. It was
excellent in every way and exactly what our Edu-
cation Committee ordered. This will serve to en-
courage parents to be more involved in the work
that we are trying to accomplish in the work of
teaching the Bible. Our Bible class teachers are
not trying to minimize the work that they do in
our Bible classes, but we definitely feel that
we can accomplish more when we work together.

Parents, you should have received a copy of
the scriptures your child will be studying by
the time you receive this bulletin. Our teachers
have been preparing them this week. If for some
reason you don't receive one, ask the teacher
of your child's class.

In addition to these efforts to enhance the
work of the Education Ministry, we have also im-
plemented a new teacher rotation system that we
feel will be a great asset to our work. Our
teachers will be rotating on a four month system
with three teachers assigned to each class. Two
of the three will be working together in class,
so that your child will have a familiar face
each time he comes. We have asked for a generous
portion of these folks time, so I would encour-
age you to join me in thanking them for wanting
to contribute to such a worthy cause.

Let's work together to make ours the best ever
in Christian education, both through the Bible
school and through the home.

Don't forget to promote viewing of the special
programs of THE SEARCH coming up during the
holiday season.

Thanksgiving is a special time of year. Not
because (but it does include) the special time
set aside for a national holiday. It is the be-
ginning really of a Thanksgiving season that
lasts through New Year's Day. It is a time for
family togetherness and of gift giving and re-
ceiving - reminding us of the greatest giver of
all, Jesus Christ. Christians do not give thanks
just at a single time of year, but we can join
with the citizens of this nation and lift our
voices in united praise for richness of God's
blessings. "Pray without ceasing; in everything
give thanks; for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus," I Thess. 5:17-18.

Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Paul Stanley
Prayer Joe Carroll
Scripture Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Roy Roberson

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Paul Stanley
Prayer Leon Welborn
Scripture Harold Denman
Dismiss Hoyt Hughes

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ed Bullard Weldon Dawson
J.D.Brem Charles Hickman
Dale Blackstone Archie Lowry
Earl O'Quinn Wally Dawkins

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jack & Johnnie Stringer Foy & Mary Richey
Bob & Marie Threadgill Harold & Nelda Browning
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 24 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, COOPER GOODSON-561-4875.

Serving

CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 17 8,080.98
Nov. 10 10,170.36
Year Ago 10,761.25

BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov. 17 334
Nov. 10 323
Year Ago 320

WORSHIP

Nov. 17/A.M. 382
/P.M. 284
Nov. 10/A.M. 460
Wed.Eve. 188
Weekly
Budget \$9,014.18

The Sick

Larry Henry's father, Eugene Henry is a patient in Medical Center. He underwent surgery Wednesday.

Carolyn Welborn's mother had surgery Wednesday in Mesquite, Texas.

Sympathy

Sister Leona McElroy went to Garland on Wednesday for the funeral of her niece. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

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

Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome Jim and Allyson Hartt and their baby daughter, Megan.. They come to us from the North Street Church of Christ in Nacogdoches. Their address is 5917 Holleytree Drive, telephone 581-8214.

Sunday evening Mrs. Richard (Barbara) Valentine came to place membership. She formerly lived in Plainview, Texas. Her address is Rt. 23, Box 1302 (75703). We are pleased to welcome Barbara.

See You Sunday

In Bible Class



MINISTERS
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

ELDEPS
F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight

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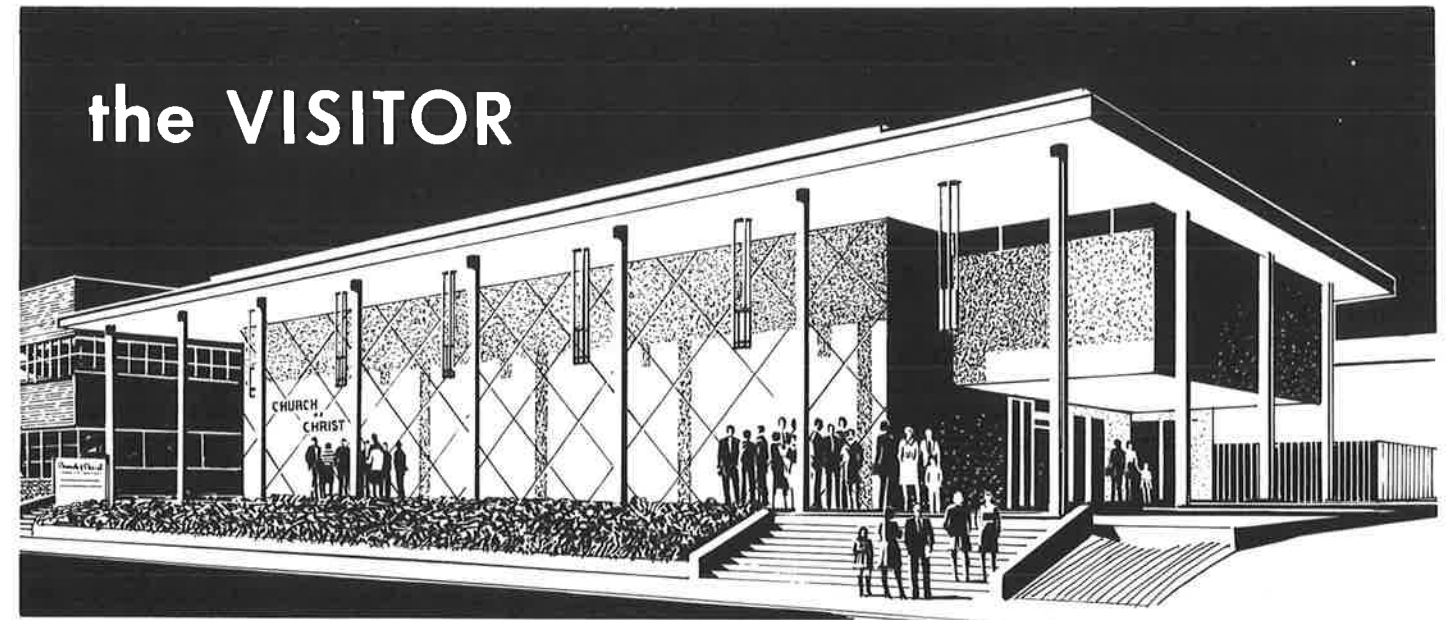


"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"

(Philippians 4: 6, 7)



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"To every creature" -Mark 16:15

From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

It is so good to welcome Jim and Allyson Hartt and Barbara Valentine into our fellowship. These folks placed membership with us last Sunday and bring added strength to our growing family. We are having a host of visitors in our services and hopefully others will soon be added to our number.

Wes Price chaired an important meeting of our Educational Committee on Monday night, and a fine committee it is! We began work on a three year curriculum for our adults and the consensus of the group was that it was a significant meeting indeed. A special thanks to each one who participated. You will be hearing much more about the plans that were made.

We will interrupt our studies in Romans Sunday morning to place emphasis upon the co-operation between the church and the home in the training of children. On Sunday evening we return to Romans 6 as we study the question, What Makes The Difference? I look forward to seeing you!

The Media

The Apostle Paul gave his life to preaching the gospel to the Roman world. I believe it is correct to say that he used every means at his disposal to get the gospel to the people of his day. He went to the major population centers of the New Testament world and planted the gospel there, trusting that the message then would go out like the ripples in a pond when a stone is cast into the water. He wrote letters. He recruited workers. The result was that within about thirty-five years of the beginning of the church, "every creature under heaven" had heard the message (Colossians 1:23). If Paul lived today he, no doubt, would take advantage of modern technology in spreading the Word. He would use the printed page. He would use radio. He would use television. I am thankful for the efforts of faithful brethren in all of these areas. But, I am thinking now of our efforts here at West Erwin in preaching the gospel. One of our major areas of works is television. We must take advantage of these opportunities. I am grateful to our members who make our weekly program, The Search, possible as well as several prime-time specials each year.

We have three special programs to be seen on Channel 7 before the end of the year.

Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24, at 10:00 p.m.

Pray for these opportunities and help us advertise each one so that as many people as possible will view the programs. It's another way of getting the word out.

AUGSBURG

NEWS 2,000 years Augsburg

Dear Brethren:

for October, 1985

There can be no doubt that winter is just around the corner in our country. Yesterday morning we had our first snow, and even though it did not stay on the ground, this is the beginning of our cold season.

The past several weeks were filled with work—manual and spiritual. According to the season, our garden and yard had to be cleaned and brought into order for the winter. Our church building also had to be cleaned and prepared for our coming Gospel meeting (November 5-10).

... Neuss, a town of nearly 200,000 inhabitants, located near Dusseldorf in the Ruhr-Valley (Germany's industrial center with millions of people), celebrated its 2000 year foundation last year (it was founded by the same emperor as was Augsburg). The church there is made up of about 40 members, of which most of them come from out of town as far as 50 miles. Each night of the meeting (Oct.23-27) they were present, and the number of visitors (non-members) climbed from 11 to 15 during the week.

On Monday, October 28, I left Neuss by train (I had stayed in the home of the preacher and his wife; Manfred and Sigi Schulz) to go back home. It was a most beautiful train ride, which went along the Rhine river down to Bavaria, where I arrived six hours later. ...

The next day I had to travel to Munich where my second Gospel meeting started that night (October 30-November 3). Munich, the capitol of Bavaria (southern Germany) is a town where I grew up and where I first came in contact with the Lord's church. It is a town of nearly two million inhabitants and lies about 40 miles southeast of Augsburg. The churches in Munich and Augsburg work together very closely, which also was shown by the fact that on the last night of the meeting 29 brothers and sisters from Augsburg came to Munich to support this effort with their presence. Clyde Antwine and his wife Gwen have been the missionaries there for the past seven years. There is a special bond of love between the members of these two congregations, and to me it is always a great pleasure to visit them and preach for them. My mother (she is 75 years old) is a faithful member of that congregation. Each night we not only had visitors from Augsburg, but also guests from Munich. Several of them showed great interest and promised to come back to the regular services. Please pray for all of those who have heard the Gospel - in Neuss and in Munich.

During October several new Bible classes for teenagers and young men have been installed in our congregation. This was necessary because several of our young people are so eager to learn God's word even better... This spiritual growth makes me very happy and strengthens my faith. Several of our brethren and I will take turns in teaching.

Tomorrow, our Fall Gospel meeting with Jim Springer from Bremen will start and all of us are looking forward to this great event.

To each one of you we send our heartiest greetings and best wishes. May God watch over you and keep you in His grace.

With Christian love,
Rudolf Rischer Family



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

By Jay Lockhart

- A.M. "Christian Education: What?, Where?, Why?" (Eph.6:1-4)
- P.M. "What Makes The Difference?"

A FATHER'S EXAMPLE

There are little eyes upon you,
And they are watching night and day
There are little ears that listen
To every word you say.

There are little hands all eager
To do the things you do,
And a little by who is dreaming
Of the day he will be like you.

You are the little fellow's idol,
You are the wisest of the wise,
In his little mind, about you
No suspicions ever rise.

He believes in you devoutly,
Holds that all you say and do
He will say and do in your way
When he is grown up just like you.

There is a wide-eyed little fellow
Who believes you are always right,
And his ears are always open
As he watches day and night.

You are setting an example
Every day in all you do,
For the little boy who is waiting
To grow up to be like you.
Edgar A. Guest

Thanksgiving Special

On Tuesday evening of next week, November 26 you are encouraged to watch the special program of THE SEARCH and invite your friends and neighbors to also watch. The program is entitled, "The American Dream, A Thanksgiving Special." It will be seen at 7:30. Jay Lockhart is the speaker.

Pray for this effort and an impact for good in the surrounding communities.

Gospel Meeting

Charles Hodge will be with the Shiloh Road Church, November 22-24. On Friday and Saturday nights the meeting time will be 7:30. You are invited to attend.

Year End Singing

This year the Year End Singing is scheduled to be at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. It will be on Thursday evening, December 26th at 7:30 P.M.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives.

When the devil was asked what type of human is the most difficult to tempt, he replied, "Well, I never have much luck with a grateful man."

Parking Lots

It is a hard thing to admit, but we must ask all members to be sure you lock your car when you park on our lot for any of the services. One member's car was broken into this past Sunday morning during worship and property was taken. One of our deacons has indicated that beginning immediately, he would try to have someone surveying the parking lots during each of our services. Let's co-operate with them by doing our part.

HERE AND THERE



BY WES PRICE

One of the most important weekly efforts of this congregation is our Tuesday School. Each Tuesday morning fifty to sixty preschool children arrive at our building to engage in Bible story time, Chapel, play time, etc. It has been my privilege, during my seven plus years here, to host the Chapel time. I enjoy watching these little ones learn the children's songs, Bible verses and answers to Bible questions. It is almost possible to see learning growth from week to week.

Many of these children come from homes of parents that are not members of our fellowship. This gives us additional opportunities to reach out in our community. The value of this good work is inestimable. We are in need of additional workers for this valuable work. Teachers and helpers are needed to keep this work going. We are appealing to any of you ladies who may have the time to assist us in carrying on this ministry. If you can serve, please call Mary June Goodson or call the church office. Let's not let a good thing go begging for lack of workers. We cannot over value the present and long range effect of the Tuesday School.

Ray Womack and the others who made the trip to Waurika, Oklahoma report a very good visit with the church there. I'm sure we will hear of good ideas in the work of our Benevolent Center.

I don't believe anything could be clearer than Jay's summary in his Sunday morning sermon. Whether you belong to the race of Adam or of Christ is clearly seen in how you live. If you honor Christ in all that you do, your sonship comes shining through. If you live like those of the world around you, then what you do speaks so loudly that one cannot hear what you say. Let's strive to live up to the blessings which we have received in Christ, sowing to the Spirit and not the flesh!

We had a host of visitors with us for worship on Sunday morning, but a large number of our own were away, so the net result was that we were down considerably from the previous week. We miss you when you are gone!

Records

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 Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Phil Marts
 Scripture Joe McBee
 Dismiss John Steffee

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SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Ed Bullard Weldon Dawson
 J.D. Brem Charles Hickman
 D. Blackstone A. Lowry
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Serving

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 Nov. 10 \$10,170.36
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 Year Ago 8,637.24

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 Nov. 3 344
 Year Ago 283

WORSHIP
 Nov. 10 460
 Nov. 3 422
 Year Ago 406
 Budget \$9,014.18

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Foy & Mary Richey Bob & Marie Threadgill
 Harold & Nelda Browning Jack & Johnnie Stringer
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 17 and Wednesday night, Nov. 20, MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.

In The Hospitals

Sam Bailey continues to be in Medical Center Hospital. He underwent surgery last Friday.

Charles Harris had foot surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Beulah Bedford has been dismissed from the hospital.

I have lived a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth; that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, it is probable that an empire cannot rise without His aid.

-Benjamin Franklin

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Harding University

Searcy, Arkansas 72143-5576

From Harding University

Several Shreveport people will host a Harding Day on Sunday, December 8 at 3 P.M. in the new Sheraton Tierremont. Dr. Clifton Ganus will be the speaker and the Time Of Day will perform. Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone in the area is welcomed to attend.



We are happy to welcome visitors. Please come again soon.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Jane and Louis Jones in the death of Jane's sister-in-law, Sue Copeland, in Corsicana, Texas. Funeral arrangements are scheduled for 2:00 o'clock Friday in Corsicana at Corley Funeral Home.

Sermons For Sunday



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The Issue: Who Reigns?
 6:00 P.M. Three Keys To Life

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" - Matthew 6:20

Prosperity

When God speaks in the New Testament of the rich, He is talking about us. We are the rich of the world. Our standard of living rivals the kings and queens of the ancient world. To the rich--to us--God gives some sobering warnings:

"A rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven" - Matthew 19:23.

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" - Matthew 19:24.

"They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, ...the love of money is the root of all evil" - I Timothy 6:9-10.

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded nor trust in uncertain riches" - I Timothy 6:17.

God can use our wealth, surrendered to Him, for His glory. He can use a rich man as well as a poor man in His service. It depends on our attitude toward wealth. We can be so self-confident that we may feel we do not need God. We can use our wealth for pleasure and forget our obligation to Christ and His church. We can be spiritually consumed by our trips, gadgets, and playthings. Better to "be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for 'ourselves' a good foundation," that we "may lay hold on eternal life" (I Timothy 6:18,19).

Our church-wide men's communication meeting last Sunday was well attended and informative. We are grateful to each one who attended and for the input of many. This kind of meeting can only accomplish good, and we are glad that other meetings are already scheduled.

We have made the tape (Thursday) for our upcoming television prime-time special on KLTU, Channel 7. The program will be seen at 7:30 on Tuesday evening, November 26. Advertising is in place and we now need for you to spread the word and be much in prayer that this program may have a great impact upon East Texas.

Your response to the series of sermons on the book of Romans is most encouraging. This inspired information will be life-changing if we take it to heart. This Sunday we will continue the series with: The Issue: Who Reigns? (Romans 5:12-21); and Three Keys To Life (Romans 6:6,11,13). I hope to see you Sunday, rested and expectant, and with an open Bible in your hand. The son will shine through us from the HEART OF TYLER.

Hey! Didja Hear?



We would like to remind each and every high school young person of our annual retreat this weekend, (November 15 and 16). There are many special activities planned along with John Paul Blankenship as our special guest. John Paul has a remarkable reputation as a speaker, especially with young people, and we would all benefit in going to this retreat. We will be leaving Friday evening from the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. We will return to the church building Saturday night around 9:00 p.m. Also, a bus will leave from the Glenwood Church of Christ on Saturday morning for those who cannot leave Friday night. Please try to attend! The more that go, the bigger success the retreat will be.

If you have ever been to a retreat, you know that during this time, when our group is together, our unity becomes stronger. This is one of the goals we hope to achieve this weekend. However, unification should not be limited to retreats or special occasions only. Unity within our group should be present constantly. Everyone plays an important role in our group regardless of their age. For example, middle school students have just as much influence on the youth group as the high school students. This is an opportune time for us to begin a strong unity within our group, so let's all work to keep us together with a special bond.

NAMES in the NEWS

West Erwin Youth Exchange

A big "thank you" is extended to all the parents of our young people, who prepare food for our Sunday evening activities. We know the food is good when everything is gone after the 30-40 young people attack the serving counter. Parents, you are appreciated.

It's great to see that most of our High School young people are planning to attend the retreat this weekend. One or two have some important school responsibilities which they must fulfill. The rest of us however, expect to return Saturday evening with a stronger "commitment" to the Lord and to each other. We will conclude the retreat Sunday morning with the High School classes combined and John Paul will lead the discussion. Be present and grow! HH



The Search

KLTV - Channel 7
Each Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Jay Lockhart, Teacher

MARRIAGE AND THE MOVIES

"The sanctity of the institution of marriage and the home shall be upheld. Pictures shall not infer that low forms of sex relations are the accepted or common thing." - Motion Picture Code, March 31, 1930.

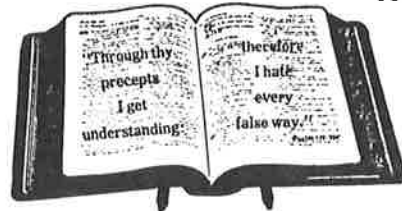
Well, that was over 50 years ago, and Hollywood is singing a different song. I notice that over the next few months the major picture producers will release four movies dealing with homosexuality. Some of them have even developed two sets of advertising. One will be sent to the homosexual communities which will expose the true content of the picture, and another to the general public which will not be quite so offensive, and will downplay the homosexual story. I noted with interest that the industry was so concerned about offending the homosexuals that they have already had private showings for them, have not been as concerned about the general public.

There is something we can do about this. We can stay away from the box office, forbid our children to attend, and urge others to do the same thing. If movie producers were forced to recoup their millions of dollars spent from the homosexual community alone, it would be a long, long time before they tried anything like this again. On the other hand, if we blissfully go to see whatever they turn out, you can rest assured that more and more of this kind of product will be produced. We have it in our power to do something -- if we want to.

Paul tells us that Gentiles did not honor God, and therefore "God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving their own person the due penalty for their error." (Romans 1:26-27)

Will we never learn?

--John Gipson



Funeral

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home for Brenda George. She was the daughter of Carl Sims and the niece of Earnesene Shuford. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the food you sent on Thursday, November 7th. These times of fun, food and fellowship mean a lot to us. We appreciate your part in them.

Campus Christian Center
Angus Pool
Vice-President

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (17) Cathy Hallman (19)
Taylor Savage (20) Kelly Jo Womack (21)
Terry Lockhart, Tammy Lockhart (22) Susan Steffee

Moved

Jim and Denise Howser have moved to Longview. He is working for Tom Thumb Page Grocery Co. They will be in Longview about six months before moving to Dallas. We shall miss them.

ETCA Bazaar

The East Texas Christian Academy will have a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 16th at the Campus Christian Center on TJC Campus from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Potpourri

REMEMBER the TV Special on November 26th at 7:30 P.M. over Channel 7, KLTV - Tyler. Help advertise the program by telling your friends about it.

SINGING, Friday night at the Broadway Church of Christ. In addition to congregational singing several groups will be featured.

BIBLE CLASSES are for everyone.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Attendance was good in both our Bible classes and the morning worship last Sunday. In addition to the presence of the greater part of our own members, we were blessed with a good number of visitors.

We are always grateful for a meaningful worship gathering when folks manifest a spirit of joy and reverence. And our joy was made complete by the excellent lesson that Jay preached from Romans.

To those of you who have occasion to be out of town on some of these weekends while Jay is preaching from this great New Testament book, you would be doing yourself a great favor if you would obtain a copy of that Sunday's lesson on Romans. It will keep you up with the series, but greater than that, it will add to your understanding as he preaches this series. I have heard a lot of lessons preached from this book, but none excels these we are hearing. Don't miss any of them!

A number of our folks who work in the Benevolent Center made an overnight trip this week to visit a congregation in Waurika, Oklahoma who is doing an outstanding work in benevolence. Their purpose is to seek new ways to improve in our own work in this area. That's the way it is with good works. Those who apply themselves are always looking for new ways to make that work better. I'm sure we will be seeing new things in this area soon.

Attention all members of the Education Committee: We will be meeting this coming Monday night, November 18, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 o'clock. Please reserve this time for an extended work session.

Bible class teachers, if you have any suggestions or needs for your particular classroom, please let me know. Our committee members are anxious to help keep your class rooms in first class working order.

Sometimes we make jokes about a seemingly innocent evil among us with the expression, "I don't know and I don't care." But, the real truth of the matter is that this is not as innocent as it appears to be. The mature in Christ have a calling to be responsive to needs that arise both of a personal nature and from the reality of belonging to a family of God's people. Being ignorant is bad enough, but not caring is lethal. There has never been a more dangerous tool in the devil's bag of tricks than these. If you are a faithful member of God's family, then you must work to be aware of what your responsibilities are and then work to take them seriously. Not only is your own soul at stake, but the work of God's church is jeopardized.

"Behavior is a mirror in which we show our image."

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Mike Savage
Scripture Freeman Morgan
Dismiss Wally Dawkins

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Louis Jones
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October 27 7,415.12
Year Ago 8,246.28

BIBLE SCHOOL

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October 27 325
Year Ago 272

WORSHIP

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Wed.Eve.10/30 163

October 27/A.M. 383
Year Ago 362
Budget \$9,014.18

John & Diana Morris
Jeff & Alma Biggs

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, November 10 and Wednesday Evening, Nov. 13, TOMY ADAMS, 566-1598.

And The Lord Added

On Wednesday evening of last week Jeremy Wiggins and Luke Carpenter were baptized by their uncle, Ferman Lynn Carpenter. Jeremy is the son of Lowell and Cecille Wiggains and Luke is the son of Sylvia Carpenter. Both boys are grandsons of Ferman and Lucille Carpenter.



SINGING PRACTICE - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Thank You

We want to thank publicly the wonderful Christian men, and also Fleta Butler, who helped us in such a big way last Saturday. It was a difficult time for us, and they made it easier. We are eternally grateful.

Sincerely,
Tommie & Moselle White

The Sick

Mrs. Beulah Bedford underwent major surgery last Friday in Mother Frances Hospital. She is able to have company now.

Sam Bailey entered Medical Center Hospital Wednesday afternoon for surgery on Friday.

Benevolence

The Medina Children's Home truck came to the building on Wednesday and picked up Fruit Cocktail valued in the amount of \$290.00.

The Boles Home truck comes by in March and December. We have received a letter that they will be here the week of December 9 - 13. Their needs are: Toilet Tissue, 30 gal. Garbage Bags, Fruit Cocktail, and Peaches.

Sermons For Sunday



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "The Meaning of Faith"
6:00 P.M. "The Meaning of Salvation"

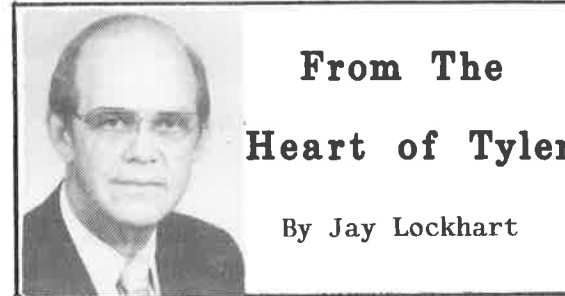
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"Seek first the kingdom of God"
Matthew 6:33



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

My fifth meeting with the Calvert City, Kentucky church was most enjoyable. Ralph and Dorothy Steury, who have worked with this church for twenty years, are most gracious people and it was delightful to be with them again. One of the blessings which comes from returning to West Kentucky, where I have preached in more than sixty meetings over the past thirty years, is the opportunity to see so many people I have known through the years. Many came from a number of churches and it was good.

My thanks to Jim Usrey and Jack Paul for teaching my classes while I was away and to Wes Price for preaching. Good reports were received on the work of each one.

This Sunday we will continue our studies in Paul's letter to the Romans. We will be studying Romans 4, an Illustration of Justification By Faith, Sunday morning, and Romans 5:1-10, The Meaning of Salvation, Sunday evening. Why not read these passages before Sunday?

Is It Well With You? . . . Is

It Well With The Child?

When the Shunammite woman came to Elisha for help, the prophet sent his servant, Gehazi, to meet her with the questions: "Is it well with you?" and, "Is it well with the child?" When applied to one's spiritual life, these are big questions; important questions; questions with eternal consequences! What about you and your children? How are you doing? Is it well with you? In Colossians 2-3, Paul presents at least five principles which will assure you that all is well, and when your children see these qualities in you, they are likely to imitate you and all will be well with them too. What are these principles?

1. "As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him" (2:6) - The Christian has received Jesus as Lord -- that's not optional, but what a Christian has done. Now he is to live under the rule of Christ. Are you?
2. "And in him ye are made full, who is the head of all" (2:10). We are to be dominated by Christ - body, mind, and spirit. Are you?
3. "Putting off the body of flesh" (2:11). - We are to be renewed in the spirit of our minds (Ephesians 4:23) as we become more and more what the new man in Christ is to be. Are you?
4. "Increases with the increase of God" (2:19). We are to be growing spiritually. Are you?
5. "Set your affection on things above" (3:2). We are to be thinking of heaven. Are you?

Is it well with you? Is it well with the child?

I SAW THE JONQUILS BEND

The day was bright, warm, and sunny. It was preceded by days of similar loveliness. It surely must be the early call of Spring -- and flowers answered. Awaking from a long nap the jonquils brought their brilliant yellow to the delight of every eye. Borders, fence rows, roadsides, hills, valleys -- all ablaze.

Then came the freeze. As though drawn by a shivering magnet, the mercury left its early eighties and plunged to its trembling twenties. Scarfs, top coats, sweaters were suddenly seized again. Then came the skift of snow and it brought its icy cold to the tender plants of Spring. The jonquils felt it. Their burdens were heavy--low to the ground they bent. Their sunny faces turned to earth in disbelief. The symmetry of their living bouquet shattered as they were bent all out of erectness--the burden of cold was so very heavy!

Ah! But the sun -- it came. It warmed a bit and the jonquils welcomed the call. They lifted their heads, turned their yellow faces and looked heavenward again. Burdens were lifted--beauty appeared once more.

So is life. Burdens come, freeze falls, and snow presses. It's more than one can bear. There is only one place to go it seems -- and sadly that's lower.

But you feel something -- warm, tender, reassuring and right! It's the warmth of God's love, it's the gentle hand of a friend around your shoulder, it's the visit of a brother or sister in Christ. They are genuine, friendly, inviting. They telegraph by rays of love -- "I care." And we all respond. Our burdens are melted, our cast-down spirits are revived, and our heads are erect again. We blossom and we give our best--we've been warmed by the love of something bigger than ourselves. Needs were met -- and the warmth of another -- both of heaven and earth --drew high the heart. Someone cared -- someone warmed -- and the fields were pretty again. So be it.

--Jim Bill McInter



The Search

KLTV - Channel 7
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Jay Lockhart, Teacher

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

In Appreciation

October 21, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you and yours from all here at Chimala Mision. All is going well with the work here. We thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf. Also, we send our appreciation for the boxes sent by you recently. We received your shipment Sept. 15th.

We especially appreciated the vitamins and bandages. The hospital supplies will be of great help with the patients at the hospital. We know there was a lot of work involved and we thank you greatly.

At the present time there are 17 Americans here at the mission. We also expect Pam Martin, a nurse from London, England the first part of November. We covet your prayers as we work together in the Lord.

In Christian love,
Nancy Hickerson

Business Meeting

A Business Meeting for all men of the church will be held Sunday afternoon, November 10th at 1:30 in the Chapel.

See You In Bible Class  Sunday

Singing

There will be an Area Wide Singing on Friday night, November 15, at 7:00 o'clock at the Broadway Church of Christ here in Tyler. True Life Singers, Christian Brothers Quartet, and Gospel Hour Chorus will be featured. There will also be congregational singing.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father, we thank Thee:
For peace within our favored land,
For plenty from Thy bounteous hand,
For means to give to those in need,
For grace to help in thought and deed,
For faith to walk, our hands in Thine,
For truth to know Thy law divine,
For strength to work with voice and pen,
For love to serve our fellow men,
For light the goal ahead to see,
For life to use alone for Thee,
Father, we thank Thee.

---Grenville Kleiser.

Best Wishes

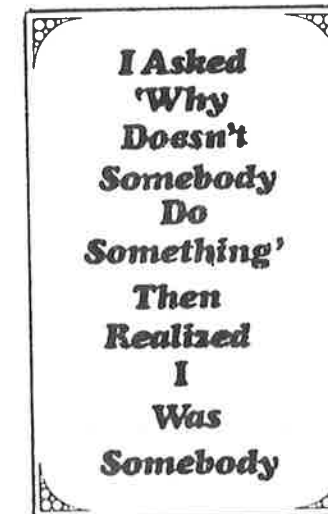
We want to express our best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Bell and Mr. J. T. Jones who were married October 17. They are making their home in Mesquite, Texas. The address is 1116 Lakeview (75149).

Funeral

Funeral services were held this week in Mt. Pleasant for Zelma Bragg, aunt of John Bragg. We express our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (10) Milburn Cook, Jack St. Ager, Sommer Howser (11) Sam Bailey, Melinda O'Quinn (12) Stan Mallory (14) Morris Hallman, Kay Akin (15) Ruby Teel (16) Maudie Brown.



Meetings

The Pittsburg Church of Christ (Hwy. 271 & Macedonia Rd.) will have George Tipps in a Gospel Meeting, November 10 - 13th. Weeknight services will be at 7:30 P.M. You are invited.

Jeff Walling will preach in a meeting November 10-13 at the Kaufman Church of Christ (Hwy. 175 By-pass). Weeknight services at 7:00 o'clock. You are invited.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Tommy and Moselle White are now at their new home, 1102 Edinburgh. We are happy that they are relocated and it will be easier for us to visit them. A big hand and a hearty thanks to Dwight and Bryan Leek, Les Carruth and Ken Edwards for their hard work in getting the Whites moved.

I think we now have a new method to get rain in East Texas. This is the 3rd time a group from West Erwin has helped folks move on a Saturday when it rained. At any rate, we didn't let it deter us from our appointed round and we managed to get it all in without getting soggy.

Go by and see the Whites sometime after a week or so.

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The Education Committee is hard at work in planning for new things in our Bible School program. Among other things, we are working on plans for a specialized course of study, to be announced later, for all of our High School and Adult Sunday morning Bible classes. Also, plans are underway for a new emphasis on regular attendance in all of our classes. We are grateful for the work of this committee and for the individual efforts they have given in improving our Education Program. Those serving with me on this committee are: Joe McBee, Ray Vannoy, Stan Mallory, Freeman Morgan, Lane Akin, Jamon Kirby, John Steffee, Roy Roberson, Lowell Wiggains, Paul Stanley, and Ira Wilson.

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One of the highlights of each week continues to be the opportunity I have to be with the children who are enrolled in our Tuesday School. Those bright, shining faces begin to show up at our building early for their sessions with our dedicated staff. We are grateful to all of those who work so hard in keeping this good work going so well.

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If we work upon marble, it will perish
If we work upon brass, time will efface it.
If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust.
But if we work upon men's immortal minds,
If we imbue them with high principles,
With the just fear of God and love of their fellow man,
We engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface,
And which will brighten and brighten to all eternity.

Daniel Webster

Serving	Records
MORNING WORSHIP	CONTRIBUTIONS
Welcome Fred Powell	October 27 \$7,415.12
Prayer Ray Vannoy	October 20 7,675.12
Scripture Todd Stewart	Year Ago 9,683.51
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Prayer Joe McBee	Year Ago 312
Scripture Joe Carroll	WORSHIP
Dismiss Artis Tate	October 27 383
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

John & Diana Morris Jeff & Alma Biggs
 Guy & Nettie Potts Dan & Jan Magee

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 3 and Wednesday Evening, Nov. 6, Morris Hallman, 595-0018.

Response

Sunday, sister Ella Mae Grayson came forward requesting the prayers of the church.

Campout

The Father/Son Campout is scheduled for Friday night, November 8th at Fred Powell's. Contact Mike Savage for details.



See You In Bible School

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Great Grandson

A baby boy was born October 11 to Cheryl and Ronnie Fitzgerald in Baton Rouge, La. He is the great grandson of Tommie and Moselle White.

Moved

Tommie and Moselle White moved on Saturday to 5000 Edinburgh Drive, #1102 - Telephone 581-8522.

Remember To Bring . . .

Fruit Cocktail for the Medina Children's Home truck that will be here sometime next week.

Small bars of Ivory Soap to be sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital.

The Sick

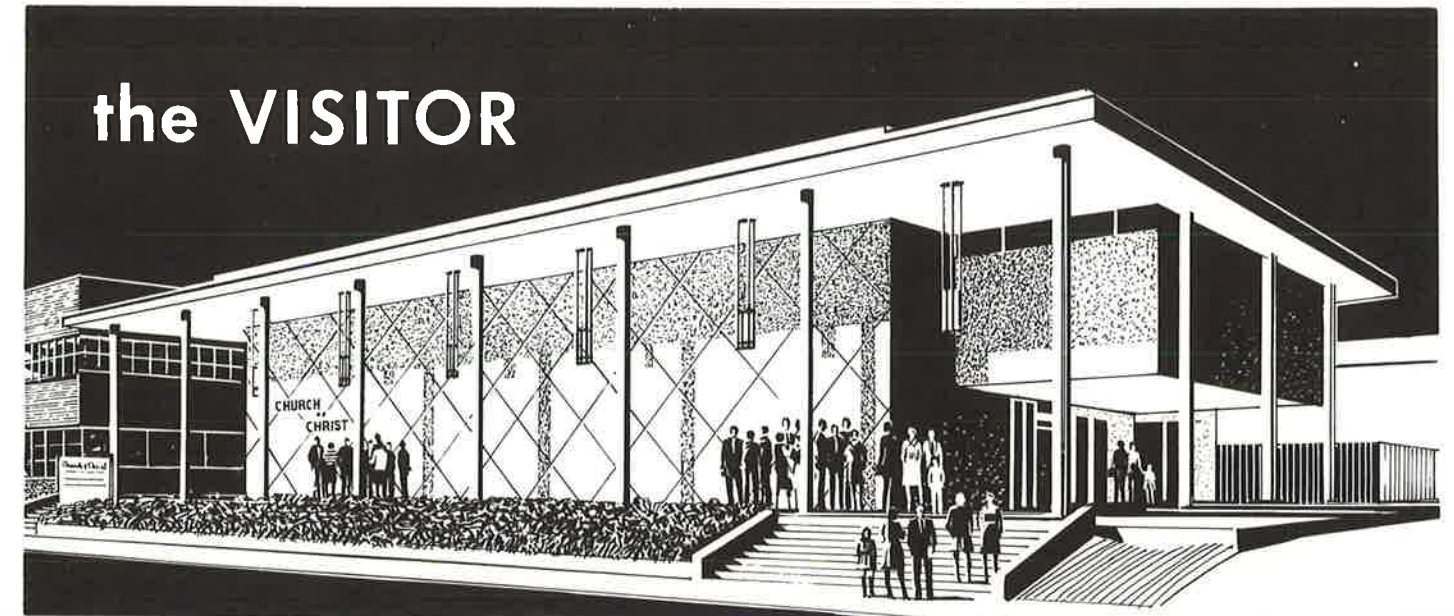
Robert Stokes is at home recovering from surgery.

A grateful mind
 is
 both great and a happy mind.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (4) Jeff Blackstone (5) Mary Evelyn Grier (7) Lisa Higginbotham (9) David Hanley

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"If your eye is sound, your whole body is full of light" (Matthew 5:22)



LET'S PRETEND

Jay Lockhart

When I was a child a highlight of Saturday morning was the radio program (that's right; television wasn't around), Let's Pretend. It was a program in which a popular fairy tale was dramatized, and kids loved it. We "played like" the happening was true. Also, as children, we played church as we pretended to have a church service either in the living room or the back porch, or out under a tree. We children would take a cracker and a glass of water, pretended it was the Lord's Supper, and played church. I don't suppose too much harm came from pretending and playing church as children. But something that is harmful, yes, destructive, is growing to

adulthood and continuing to pretend and to play church. Pretending stands opposed to reality and playing means we don't mean it. Is our religion real? Do we mean what we say we believe? How does playing church manifest itself? The answer is very simple. Playing church may have a lot of symptoms, but in the final analysis, it's this: "Don't count on me. When I want to and feel like it, I will go through the motions, but don't count on me. Don't expect my help. Don't depend on my influence, my attendance, my growing, my participation. Don't count on me." At sometime, at some place, someone may say to the pretender, "Don't count on me."

Hey! Didja Hear?



Have you heard about "three" being a crowd? As you develop your friendships in life, you always have a "special" friend, and that is important! It is important to be a friend and to have friends, but have you ever been left out?

Think of the times that you were disappointed because others were doing something and you were left out. For us to have our youth group continually growing with a mature "love for each other" attitude, we must love everyone. Don't leave someone out just because they are a little different than you want them to be.

Are we going to make sure that everyone we know is feeling good? We can by just making sure that we include all of our friends in activities when ever possible. Remember, those that you love will love you back. Treat someone special this week - especially those that are not your "special" friends.

West Erwin Youth Exchange

NAMES in the NEWS

We continue to find out about our talented young people here at West Erwin. Amy Fisher and Traci O'Quinn are members of the Robert E. Lee Varsity Band and Amy performs with the Flag Corps. Also, Cheryl Welborn and Shelley Miles are members of the Southern Belles at REL. We are very talented young people and we are proud of them and their accomplishments.

I believe you will enjoy our November 10th fellowship. Lane Akin will have a program that will do a lot for all of us. I hope you will bring a friend that night. We want as many as possible here. More later!

Our High School Retreat will be Nov. 15, 16 at Sky Ranch with John Paul Blankenship. We need to have your reservation soon. Let's have a good turnout.
HH

Sermons For Sunday



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "The Righteousness of God"
6:00 P.M. "Ruth"

Chimala Mission

Chimala Mission Hospital enables us to treat the bodies of 45,000 patients a year: (56 bed hospital and 150 out-patients a day). Without the hospital, we could not have missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa.

There are 19 congregations in the area of the hospital. There were 129 baptisms in the last 18 months. Some of the churches have native preachers and their own elders. Brother Dayton Hickerson has just arrived to start a preacher's training school on the hospital grounds.

When we read Matthew 25:31-46, the scales of God's judgment are going to make a difference for each of us if we have found ourselves serving others. "I was hungry...I was thirsty....I was a stranger...I was naked...I was sick and I was in prison." The Lord said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren even the least, ye did it unto me. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

...from The African Challenge published monthly by the Springtown Church of Christ

For Ladies

"LORD CHANGE ME" will be the theme for the Eastern Hills Church of Christ Ladies Fall Retreat at the Christian Youth Foundation in Athens on Friday and Saturday, November 15-16. Mary Oler, author, composer and lecturer of Dallas, will be the speaker.

A letter concerning the cost and schedule is in the south foyer. Deadline for signing us is November 8.

Seminar

Life After Drugs - A Life-Changing Seminar by Richard Taylor will be conducted November 3, 4, & 5, 1985 at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas. Richard Taylor, now a devout Christian and minister, was once himself a drug addict. He will speak at the 10:00 A.M. Worship, Nov. 3 and the 4th and 5th from 7:00 until 9:00 P.M.

In Appreciation

The family of F. O. Beard acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

My family so much appreciate your congregation's expression of love in the beautiful peach glads and white carnation arrangement you sent for our loved one's service.

Songfest at N. Tenneha

On Saturday evening, November 2, the Church of Christ at North Tenneha will host a Harvest Songfest. Four singing groups will appear: Cliffview Chorus (Dallas), Cedar Crest Gospel Hour (Dallas), Palm Center Chorus (Houston), and Shady Acres Chorus (Houston). The program will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. You are invited to attend.

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart plan a trip to Greenville, Texas on November 7th. They will be visiting Mary Puddin' Hill. Arrangements for lunch are incomplete at this time. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 A.M. For further details you may call Virginia Conner or Modena Jones.

Business Meeting

A business meeting is planned for all men of the church on November 10th at 1:30 P.M. in the Chapel.



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HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



I enjoyed the privilege of preaching to the congregation last Sunday. Your expressions of encouragement were gratefully received. As you must surely know, I did not choose to preach on Christian maturity and holiness because I think I have arrived, but just realizing my own needs in spiritual matters. I believe all of us can be helped to see the need for continuing growth. Unlike some of our modern TV preachers, being mature in Christ and practicing a life of holiness will not mean that all of one's problems will suddenly vanish. It does mean that one can have a growing reservoir of strength for use in times of difficulties that will surely come. Praise God for the economy of His grace!

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Jay will be returning the last of the week to be back in the pulpit this coming Sunday morning. He is enjoying a gospel meeting in Calvert City, Kentucky. An addition that makes this particular meeting a special one is that his parents are there with him. I believe they will be returning with Jay and Arlene to spend some time here. We'll be looking forward to having them visit. Maybe we can get Jay's mom to help us with him! Reckon?

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At our Teacher's Meeting Sunday afternoon we introduced a new plan to call on our families to help our teachers accomplish more in their teaching efforts. Beginning with the quarter which starts in December, we will be supplying each family with a list of the Bible passages and topics that their children will be studying each week in that quarter. We will be stressing the need for parents to be active with us in promoting Bible study. This is to say that we feel a definite need for parents to be more active in the role of instructing their children in a knowledge of the Bible. It is the task of the Bible school to supplement what the home does in this regard, not the other way around. Parents, when you receive your letter from the teacher or teachers of your children, it will be to your children's advantage if you will seek a special time each week to use this information to help them study their Bible lesson.

We will be monitoring this process so that it may be adjusted to become as useful a tool as possible. We sincerely solicit your constructive suggestions.

Les Carruth and I had a great time last Saturday evening taking our Junior High and Middle School youngsters on a picnic out at Lake Palestine. My thanks to him for helping and a special word of thanks to Robert and Pat Stokes for the use of their lake house for the party.

Congratulations to Velma Lemons' 2 Year Old Class and Marisa Butler's Kindergarten class for perfect attendance last Sunday.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Ray Womack
Prayer K.Max Haws
Scripture Stan Mallory
Dismiss Matt Haws

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Ray Womack
Prayer Milburn Cook
Scripture David Demic
Dismiss Archie Lowry

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Charles McCoy Tony Adams
Charles Harris Bill Hensley
David Hanley Ken Edwards
Jeff Blackstone J.N.Metcalf

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BIBLE SCHOOL

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SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Tom Williams Jamon Kirby
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jim and Billye Usrey Don and Wanda Weathers
John and Susan Steffee Fred and Sara Powell
MINIBUS DRIVER For Sunday, October 27 and Wednesday Evening, October 30, LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

Response

Kimberley Bailey, granddaughter of Sam and Lamern Bailey, was baptized Sunday morning by Jay Lockhart. Kimberley, daughter of Layton and Happy Bailey, is a student at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. Her home is in Austin. We rejoice with Kimberley and her family.

Greeters

Perhaps you have served as a greeter and forgot to leave the greeters tag in the Library. We only have one "Greeters Badge" left. If you have one or more at your house, please return it Sunday so that others who serve may have one to wear.

MINISTERS
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

ELDEPS
F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight

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.
(September through May)

Wednesday
Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
(September through May)

Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Tri-C Activities

The Haunted House at the Tri-C this year will be open on Tuesday & Thursday nights, October 29 & 31 from 6:00 to 10:00. People of all ages are invited to come. Admission will be 50¢ for children under 12 and \$1 for all over 12.

The girls' One to One group from the Tri-C is having a Bake Sale. The girls will be taking orders through the first weekend of November with deliveries to be made Saturday, November 9. They will be making small loaves of Banana Bread, Pumpkin Bread and Cheese Rolls. All items will be \$2.50. Contact Tri-C girls to place your order.

The Sick

Robert Stokes underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital. He will be hospitalized several days. His condition is good.

Harry Hickman, son of Charles and Billie Bob Hickman, entered Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday for tests.

Singers From LCC

The Meistersingers from Lubbock Christian College will be in concert, October 31 at 7:30 P.M. at the Glenwood Church of Christ. You are invited to attend.


Brother's Keepers SUNDAY!

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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

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

A Watching World

Mike Biggs presented some very helpful lessons to us this week as he developed the theme: What The Church Needs Now. We are indebted to Mike for those lessons which we now must put into action.

This Sunday I am to begin a meeting in calvert City, Kentucky, in the heart of some of Kentucky's most beautiful areas. I have been with this church three times over a period of eighteen years and for the last two meetings, and this one, the church has had the same preacher, Ralph Steury. That longevity speaks well for both the church and Ralph. The meeting will continue through next Wednesday. Then we will come back through Searcy, Arkansas for a brief visit with the children, and home on Saturday. I will look forward to being in the pulpit, God willing, on November 3. Remember us when you pray.

In my absence, Wes Price will be preaching at both services Sunday, and John Bragg will be leading the singing. I appreciate Wes as a cooperative, faithful co-worker, and John, during his brief time with us has proven himself a capable song-leader. You will enjoy worshipping with them.

Someone has said, "I am convinced that the most powerful evidence for the validity of the Christian religion is not well-worDED arguments presented by logicians, but the teaching of Christ lived out in the humble lives of his followers." There are, of course, logical arguments that can be presented as evidence for the truth of the religion of Christ. But, the ever watching world is not so impressed by those arguments as it is by the lives of Christians who are trying to be real. The world watches and rejoices when we fail in living right. It is obvious to those who know the Bible that no one is to be saved on the basis of the sin of others. However, it is a tragedy when the life style of the professed believer is more like the world than it is like Christ. The Christian does not claim to be perfect, but Christ, and the watching world, expects us to be genuine. Our lives in word and deed, speak eloquently of who we really are, and what a shame if we are not saying what Christ wants us to say. Those who claim to be Christians, but live like the world, are not Christians at all, and they sure make the task of presenting the gospel to a watching world more difficult. The solution is simple: either be genuine and help us or get out of the way. "Let your light so shine..."

Potpourri

Some of our members fail to sign an attendance card each Sunday. These cards are the source of attendance records in the church office. Please help us be accurate and sign an attendance card.

We continue to be grateful to brother Forest McFadden for his help each week. He takes the reel to reel audio tape of THE SEARCH and makes us a master cassette tape that we may use to reproduce in order to fill the many requests we receive each week. His help is very valuable and we appreciate it so much.

The Glenwood Church Fellowship Hall will be the place for the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 26 from 6:30 a.m. until 10:00 A.M. You can support Christian scouting while enjoying good food and fellowship.

Here is a project that all of our children's classes can participate in. Ivory soap is sent regularly to the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa along with other items from our Benevolent workers. You may bring Ivory soap (small bars only) to your classrooms and it will be included in the next shipment. This is a very needed item for the people there. Also, cans of Johnson's Baby Powder will be sent.

We need to bring Fruit Cocktail for the Medina Children's Home. The truck will be here sometime during the week of November 4-8 to pick up what we have for them. A six month supply for the Home is 800 cans.

Brother Jay Lockhart will have the opportunity to speak to many thousands of people on THE SEARCH when the program is seen on prime time, November 26 and December 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tell your friends and neighbors about the program.

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure



Time Change

Are you ready to "fall back" and turn your clocks back one hour this weekend? This is the last weekend of October, and Sunday is the time we return to Central Standard Time. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening. Be on time for Bible class Sunday morning.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (28) Ann Layton, Brandon Lott (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sallyann Pickle (1) Alan Hamblett NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler.

The Challenge

How are you coming along with your commitment to The Challenge?

We are committing ourselves for one year to deeper dedication to Christ, to the church, and to this local congregation through:

1. Presence - Special emphasis to being present for every service.
2. Giving - Giving a minimum of 10% of our incomes back to God according to our prosperity believing it is "more blessed to give than to receive."
3. Growth - Seek to become mature Christians, responding to each other and to circumstances as growing Christians should.

Singing

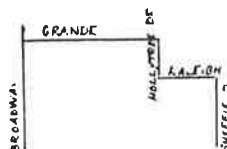
Singing practice will resume on Wednesday evening, October 30th. Plan to be here by 7:00 o'clock for 30 minutes of singing together. You will enjoy it.

An Invitation

*The Women for ACU
request your presence at a
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*Sunday, October 27, 1985
at 2:00 p.m.
at the home of
Cathy Howell
5805 Sheffield*

*Come make new friends and
renew old friendships -
Annual dues \$12.00*



Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

We want to thank each of you for your good wishes, cards and gifts on behalf of our wedding vows. We are very happy enjoying the cool weather and the beautiful fall colors. Sorry to miss the great day with you on the 13th.

Chester & Vivie Canter

Soup Labels

The East Texas Christian Academy is again participating in the Campbell Soup Labels for Education Program. They would appreciate the support of everyone by saving soup labels and all other Campbell product labels. At this time they are in need of Prego Spaghetti Sauce labels for a special bonus certificate. You may leave labels in the office.

Cornerstone

At our homecoming a couple of weeks ago, some folks asked if I knew about the contents of the cornerstone of the old building. Being a relative newcomer, I did not know but a little research has revealed that those items along with some additional ones were placed in the wall of the present auditorium and is now enclosed in the classroom we refer to as the Annex. A marble plaque is inscribed "Church of Christ, 1955." W.P.



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There is a gentleman in our congregation who knows loyalty to service. When time comes for his post he rarely, if ever, is absent. He fulfills his mission in a dignified and quiet manner, offering assistance to all who pass his way. His faithfulness to that service is an example to all, regardless of the role. You will find him an early arriver at our building on Sunday morning. Not many are ever here before him. He has had the longest tenure on a single ministry of anyone I know of in this church. He is the kind gentleman that members and visitors alike meet as they enter our south foyer. It would be impossible to guess the number of folks he has opened the door for and greeted quietly with a warm handshake. Because he is so quiet and easy going, many of you may not have really come to know him. Take a little extra time this Sunday morning and greet him in a special way to show your thanks for his dedicated service. He is a deserving gentleman. He is a retired civil engineer and a proud Aggie. His name is Ford Egbert. His wife, Tommie, is always with him as an early arriver at the building. You will enjoy visiting with her. You will find her in her usual pew on the row next to the back one in the southeast section of the auditorium.

Mike Biggs has presented some challenging lessons in his meeting with us. We are glad that he could come our way. I know his mom and dad are proud of his being a minister of the gospel. You may not know that Mike was once a college professor and has a PhD in business. He gave up a very promising career in teaching to preach.

Attention all Middle and Junior High young people. Our class will be having a picnic on Saturday (Oct. 26). Meet us at the parking lot at 4:30 and we will go by bus to the Robert Stokes' place on Emerald Bay. We will be returning at 9:00 p.m. Bring a friend and come.

Interest in our Wednesday Ladies' Class continues to increase as does our attendance. We encourage all who can to join us in our continuing study of the book of Ecclesiastes. If you would like, we can supply you with the series of questions that are being prepared on each chapter.

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 Prayer Ed Bullard
 Dismiss Alan Fisher

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 Tom Williams Jamon Kirby

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MINIBUS Driver for Sunday, October 20 and Wednesday Evening, Oct.23, ROY ROBERSON - 597-5627.

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

New Members

Brother and sister Loyd (Carrie) Rutledge, 431 Towne Oaks Apts.(75701), want to be identified with this congregation. They have attended with us faithfully since moving to Tyler from New York City. Brother Rutledge is the father of Jan Knight. We are happy to welcome them as part of the West Erwin church family.

Sunday evening Michael Rhoades, son of Rodney and Betty Knight was baptized into Christ by Jay Lockhart. Michael is faithful in Bible school and is in the 5th grade.

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Funeral

We express sincere sympathy to M. B. and Vera Beard in the death of his brother, Floyd Opal Beard, on Tuesday evening. Funeral services are pending at this writing, but will probably be on Thursday.

In The Hospital

Sister Lillie Knight's son, John Knight, is in Mother Frances Hospital in ICU.

From The Mail

Brethren:

We want to thank you for a most enjoyable day in observance of the 100th anniversary of the West Erwin Church. The services were good, the food delicious. I'm sure it took a lot of planning to feed such a large crowd. And seeing old friends and relatives was such a treat. The collection of pictures and the fact sheets were so interesting. May the 200th be as nice!

Sincerely,
 Helen & Jake Massey
 Troup, Texas



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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

*"I press toward the mark"
 Philippians 2:14*

The 101st

Phil Marts, Chairman of our Fellowship Committee, and his competent folks have done it again. Following our morning service, about 500 people were fed quickly and efficiently, and we are indebted to the Fellowship Committee for a job well done. While many were involved in making that fellowship meal successful, we need to single out some who made a special contribution. Robert and Virginia Connors cooked all of the beans; June Walker and Delle Bullard planned the meal; the deacons and their wives served; and many of our people brought food. Our thanks to all of you.

It was so good to have so many visitors and former members with us last Sunday. Our auditorium was full for the morning worship hour, and all of the sessions of the day were inspirational. It was good.

Next week brings Mike Biggs for four exciting days of gospel preaching. The brochure in the foyer contains the sermon topics and they promise that the lessons will be helpful. Make your plans!

Last Sunday was inspirational in every way. The excitement of our members, former members, and visitors was abundantly evident. Having L. L. Gieger, Dean Brookshire, George Stephenson, and Gary Thompson with us as our speakers was wonderful. Reflecting upon the 100 years of service rendered by the West Erwin Church was satisfying. Our heritage is great and our past is glorious. However, we live in the present, and we look to the future. What does the future hold? We are not really sure, but our confidence is in our God who holds that future. Using the past 100 years as the solid foundation which is built upon Christ (I Corinthians 3:11), let us "press toward the mark" of making our 101st year the very best yet. Those who worked so hard to bring us this far will best be remembered, and God, who blessed those efforts so abundantly, will best be glorified by our commitment to making this the finest year in our illustrious history. You and I, with God's help, can make it so. We must not be satisfied with less.



Hey! Didja Hear?

Is the phrase "attitude adjustment" a familiar saying to you? It has become apparent that we, as young people, need to "adjust our attitudes" concerning our youth activities and our group as a whole. A negative attitude about our program gets us nowhere. A common complaint is, "our activities and devotionals are not as much fun as they used to be." However, those that make the remarks are not putting forth any effort to change that. Instead of attending the functions and trying to make them better, some 10% of us deliberately miss the times of fellowship.

The absence of these people is discouraging to the 90% who attend regularly. We all need to develop a positive attitude. A positive attitude will get things accomplished. Remember, the programs are only as good as you make them. The only way the situation will be better is for all of us to help in all of the activities. Let's all "adjust" and develop a positive attitude!

West Erwin Youth Exchange

NAMES in the NEWS

Good things happen to our young people at West Erwin. Kim Steffee is a member of the Robert E. Lee Varsity Tennis Team and I understand she is an outstanding player. Amy Knight continues to play well for the REL Volleyball team. Amy has also been nominated for Homecoming Queen. Cheryl Murphy is a member of the Stewart 7th grade Volleyball Team. Bryan Leek was credited for helping the Robert E. Lee football team win last week by intercepting a pass with only seconds left in the game. Julienne Butler is one of the nominees for Homecoming Queen at TJC.

Todd Stewart - Do you know Todd? He is one of the finest young men you'll ever know. He is a TJC student from Snyder, Texas and has been a member at West Erwin for about a year. Todd has had a great influence on many of our young college students. At a time when he could have left "church activities" out of his life, he became a leader. His parents can be proud to have a son that is faithful to God while away from home. Get to know Todd!

HH

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure

From The Elders

We want to express our appreciation to all of the West Erwin members who worked diligently to make our 100th anniversary celebration so successful. Thank you for helping make the day special in every way. Now, let us move into our Gospel Meeting next week with full participation and eager anticipation.

The Elders

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (20) Fred Powell, Dorothy Bell (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Edythe Trentham (23) Carolyn Stitt (24) Christi Cook, Kim Lemons (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, Ed Stitt, DeRay Bennett.

Thank You

Last week a note was received in the office from Jess and Theo King. They are both feeling some stronger, although Theo continues to use a walker most of the time. They said, in part, "We want to thank all of you for your prayers and the cards and letters we have received. The Visitor is like a letter from home and we hope you have a wonderful Anniversary Day."

The Kings sent a very generous contribution to the church. Their address is 549 Summer, Apt. A, Hot Springs, Ark. 71913.

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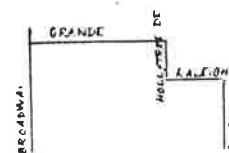
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Gospel Meeting

October 20-23

Hear Mike Biggs

7:30 each week night

From India

The following letter is from Mrs. E.K.V. Prasada Rao. She is the wife of the minister of a Church of Christ in South India. Sue Starnes has corresponded with her for some time, and recently several boxes of used clothing from our clothing room have been sent to them. Also, some extra Bible school material has been shipped to them.

"Cordial greetings to you from this part of the world. We received 5 parcels of clothing on the 16th September. Tell our gratitude to the West Erwin Church of Christ Tyler. They did very needed help for the little ones here. All the little ones are in ecstasy to have nice blouses, skirts and other dresses. They enjoy having latest and fashionable garments. They look very nice. It is a new experience to them to wear these costly pieces. We used every piece in a good way.

Arranged night Gospel meeting and asked little ones to come together. My husband told things concerning the compassion of you and the Christians there. Then clothes distributed. Little ones here asked me to write their thanks and kisses to Christians there.

We are debtors to the Christians at Tyler for their marvelous help. They are always trying to help others. It is a thrilling experience for us to have their love. We have been thinking of these dear people and their compassion.

Dear Sister, you love people of the other Nation. It is exactly what our Lord Christ did. "God so loved the world." We saw Christ's love in you. We are growing in the faith by studying Bible school material.

Brother Charles Garrison and his son of U.S.A. visited our congregation on 29th July 1985.

Tell our thanks to Saints there."

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The Lord poured out a great blessing on this church last Sunday. Those who were present were certainly aware of that! So many visitors came to be with us as we celebrated 100 years of service in The Heart of Tyler. Speakers, George Stephenson, L. L. Gieger, Dean Brookshire, and Dr. Gary Thompson contributed to the success of the day and we are indebted to them for blessing us with their talents.

So many folks assisted us in preparing and carrying out the day's schedule that it would be impossible to mention them all. There are some however, that need to be mentioned beginning with those who served on the Centennial Committee: Dell Bullard, Leona Hardin, Adela Scogins, Nelda Browning, Modena Jones and Ross Walker. Phil Marts, deacon responsible for church fellowships and a host of other deacons and workers are to be commended for their diligent work in arranging for the delicious meal and the way in which it was served. We simply could not have had such a day without the unselfish assistance of these fine folks.

By way of a footnote, I would like to bind the thoughts that characterized that day with the suggestion that brother Gieger made in his sermon. They are important to remember: (1) Do not become discouraged (2) Do not become satisfied (3) Do not be afraid (4) Be mindful of our purpose, and (5) When you are in a storm, trust your instruments, they are all you have. This last one, of course, refers to God's Word by which our course is to be charted. If ever we find ourselves letting down, let's refer to these to get us going again.

The next 100 years will be the greatest by reason of the excellent foundation that was laid by those who preceded us. Let's build on it using the finest of ingredients, gold and silver.

Now we are at the second of this month's great events. Our gospel meeting with Mike Biggs begins Sunday. Let's bring the same enthusiasm that we had for being together to reminisce and to celebrate our 100th birthday and support the preaching of the gospel. It is more important to be diligent in this event because of the eternal nature of its purpose. God will be concerned that we lay aside any hindrances and come together for the preaching of His Word. YOU be here!

All the good works, purposes and goals of this congregation plus the desires of its spiritual leaders are praiseworthy, but will be of little good in accomplishing future growth without the support and involvement of its members. The coming of Jay Lockhart certainly was a unique blessing to close out the final year of the one hundred. And his being with us to begin the second hundred is no little thing. Let's join together with him in this second century and become what God planned for each of His children from the foundation of the world - that is to live purposeful and fruitful lives in the kingdom.

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MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Jay Lockhart
 Prayer Hillard Hughes
 Dismiss K. Max Haws

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Jay Lockhart
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SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Jamon Kirby Ed Bullard Lee Roberson
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 13 and Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

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 Sept. 29 8,149.46
 Year Ago 10,317.03

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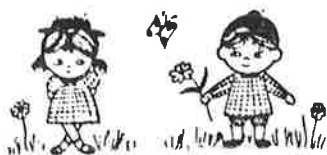
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WORSHIP

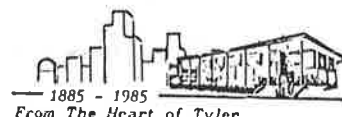
New Members

Jimmy and Ruth Harris and their sons have visited with us several times in recent weeks and on Sunday we were happy to have them place membership and become a part of the West Erwin family. Their sons are Jason and Keven, high school students and Rahn, a college student.

The Harris address is 2314 McKenzie, telephone 592-9870.



See You In Bible School



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The Sick

Mrs. Scottie (Jackie) Smith is recovering from major surgery on Tuesday. She is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Singing Practice

Remember the Singing Practice on Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. This is a very enjoyable time together.



Watch

THE SEARCH

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

This Sunday promises to be an unusually great day for the West Erwin family. We have planned for this day for almost a year, and the day for our 100th year of service from The HEART of Tyler has arrived. The day will be full and exciting and it will be so good to see a host of former members of West Erwin return for this special event. We are especially looking forward to seeing the former preachers of West Erwin who will participate in the day: L. L. Gieger, Dean Brookshire, and George Stephenson.

As you look around our building you will see pictures, announcements, brochures, etc. from the past and present. A lot of folks have been responsible for supplying much of that, but the work of gathering, assimilating, typing, framing, hanging, etc. has been done by Nelda Browning, church secretary par excellent. This work was far beyond her job of church secretary, and much of it was done at night and on Saturdays. This material is a great addition to our 100th year celebration and we appreciate Nelda for doing that which otherwise would not have been done. Thanks, Nelda.

From the HEART of TYLER, the SON SHINES through His people!

"The greatest of these" I Corinthians 13:13

The Greatest Commandment

Man's responsibility to God and fellowman is summarized in the word LOVE. "Love God and your neighbor," was the teaching of Jesus (Matthew 22:37-39). "Love your brother," was the emphasis of John (I John 4:21). If one thinks of love as soft or a "pushover," he has never studied love in the New Testament. Love is the greatest thing in the world, and to be loved brings a sense of security, peace, and self-esteem. But love has its demand. Think again about what Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Look again at Paul's description of love in I Corinthians 13: "Love is patient...kind...not jealous...does not boast...is not proud...is not rude...not self-seeking...not touchy...it keeps no record of wrongs...takes no pleasure in other people's sin but delights in the truth...knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust...always expects the best...endures all things." * What a demand! When you love somebody you stop thinking so much of self and start thinking of them. Like Jesus, you become selfless. Love does not make demands of others, but places demands on self! As Barclay observes, "Any love which drags a person down is a false love. Any love which coarsens instead of refining the character, any love which necessitates deceit, any love which weakens the moral fiber, any love from which a person emerges a worse person, is not love." Think about it.

*Various Translations



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I enjoy THE SEARCH program very much. So happy it is on the air. Please send me the last two lesson on tape.
Mineola, Texas

I listen to your lesson every Lord's Day morning and I really like the way you bring forth the lesson. It has been a great help to me.
Gilmer, Texas

I listen to your inspiring program each Sunday. I would like to receive 2 copies each of What is the Church? and The New Testament Church. I want to share with a friend who is also interested.
Palestine, Texas

Please send me the series on The Church plus the booklet you mentioned. I will be grateful. I am also interested in taking your 8 lesson course.
Palestine, Texas

I would appreciate a tape of the lesson on the restoration.
Quitman, Texas

I had the opportunity for the first time to watch your program Sunday and I enjoyed it very much. Please send me the free material you talked about.
Beckville, Texas

Please send me the tape of Sunday's lesson. We look forward to the lesson each week. I tell people about it and encourage them to listen - also the young children.
Henderson, Texas

Please send me the tape of the lesson, Sept. 22. Pray for me and I will always remember you in my prayers.
Longview, Texas

Please send the entire series on What Is the Church... Please accept this contribution to be used in your work in memory of my parents.
Arp, Texas

It is just wonderful to have the chance to listen to someone who explains the Scriptures so completely.
Arp, Texas

Greetings in Jesus name. My family and I watch your program and enjoy the blessing from it every Lord's Day... It was our decision to become a New Testament Christian in June, 1984... Thank you so very much for your program and we thank God for you.
Gilmer, Texas

West Erwin Church of Christ

Will Celebrate One Hundred Years
Of Service From The
Heart of Tyler
October 13, 1985

Our Schedule For The Day Is:
Combined Classes - 9:30 A.M.

Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Lunch Together At Noon
(Fellowship Hall)

Dedication - 1:00 P.M.

Afternoon Message - 1:30 P.M.

Evening Worship - 6:00 P.M.

Our Speakers For The Day:

George H. Stephenson

L. L. Gieger

Gary Thompson

Dean Brookshire

Jay Lockhart

You are invited to be present
and worship with us as we give
thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (13) Elva Lee Williams, Brady Dawkins, Charles Bell (15) John Steffee (16) Audie Grier, Sandra Henry (17) Charles Lemons, Dannie Skipper (19) Mary Haws, J. D. Brem.

A Welcome Call

Brenda Boulter called this week to give us their new mailing address. She said they had planned to be with us on Sunday, but they have recently moved to Monahans, Texas and won't be able to come. It was good to hear that she and Brian and the children are well and happy.



HEAR MIKE BIGGS

PREACH

October 20 - 23

GOSPEL MEETING

Thank You

We want to thank you for the flowers and cards you sent to comfort us in the loss of Rodney's father. It really helps to have the support of our Christian family. You've stood by us in all our troubles. May God bless each of you.

Rodney & Betty Knight

You have given B. B. and me so much through our fifteen years with you. Only God knew how humble I felt when I saw the group from West Erwin come in for the service. You have always been there when I needed you. The carnations were beautiful. I thank you and I love you.

Ann Lambert

Thank you for the spray of red carnations sent to Austin's funeral. He would have been pleased.

Have a nice centennial. Sorry I can't come. Sincerely,

Imogene Siburt & Family

The faculty and staff of East Texas Christian Academy wish to thank the West Erwin Church for allowing us to use your beautiful fellowship hall on Saturday evening, September 21. Thanks to you we were able to share a wonderful meal and get to know each other better. We appreciate your support of Christian education here in Tyler.

In Christ,
John Bragg
for ETCA

Potpourri

We need to mention that all middle school, high school, and adult classes will be meeting together in the auditorium for a special combined assemble on Sunday morning at 9:30.

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of November 4-8. We are collecting Fruit Cocktail. A six month supply for the Home is 800 cans.

Pray for the TV Specials of The Search on November 26th and December 17th. They will both be prime time programs with Jay Lockhart teaching. They are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Excitement fills the air! We are approaching the celebration of this church's 100th birthday. Countless hours have been spent in planning and preparing for this significant day. The committee has accomplished its mission in an excellent way, but not without just a bit of worry that we may have overlooked something in the process. We want to thank all who have worked so hard for this event, and a special word of praise is due Nelda Browning for the special time she has spent in doing all the little extras that have added the special touch. She has probably doubled the number of hours she normally spends at this building, at least in these last two weeks. Why don't you join me in telling her how grateful we are for her in addition to the extra work she has done.

All of the special guests who have been invited to join us in this joyous occasion will be able to be with us. They include our speakers, L. L. Gieger, Dean Brookshire, George Stephenson, and our special State Representative, Gary Thompson. It appeared for a time that brother Stephenson and brother Thompson would not be able to attend due to critical illnesses, but at last report, both have recovered enough to be with us. We thank God for their improvement.

I'm sorry that so many of you were not able to attend the East Texas Training For Service Series at the Glenwood church this past week. It was an excellent workshop.

As I visited with various ones from the East Texas area, a member of the church in Troup shared a thrilling story with me about his father. He told me that his father was not a Christian and had never been in the church building until recently. It began with the viewing of one of the specials last year on THE SEARCH. His father was very impressed with Jay's lesson on that program and began watching each Sunday morning. Two weeks ago the father, for the first time, attended worship with his son. Needless to say, the son was overjoyed and was deeply grateful for that television outreach. I would to God that we could know all of just such happenings as this, that come as a result of our program. We praise God for the good that is being done by this outreach and continue to pray that such things will be multiplied.

We had a significant increase in the number of ladies attending the Wednesday Bible study and we appreciate the efforts of some special angels who did some recruiting to help increase the number coming. I'm sorry that others do not have time or perhaps do not see the value of such an opportunity to study the Bible. I know of a hundred ladies who would love to come if it were not necessary for them to work outside the home. They would love to have just such an opportunity. We will continue to encourage others to join us as opportunity permits.

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MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Welcome	Stan Mallory	Sept. 29	\$8,149.46
Prayer	Dick Higginbotham	Sept. 22	8,087.25
Dismiss	Wally Dawkins	Year Ago	9,421.44
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Welcome	Stan Mallory	Sept. 29	295
Prayer	Don Slaughter	Sept. 22	360
Dismiss	Dan Magee	year Ago	316
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Mike Munn	Les Carruth	Sept. 29/A.M.	376
Bill Endsley	Archie Kennard	Sept. 29/P.M.	266
Henry McRuiz	Guy Potts	Sept. 22/A.M.	457
Cooper Goodson	Harvey Grier	Wed.Eve. 9/25	186
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Don & Patsy Slaughter	Tom & Barbara Williams		
James & Frances Phillips	Earl & Melinda O'Quinn		

Modena Jones Featured in Article

The August, 1985 issue of Tyler Life has an interesting article on quilting written by Marilyn Green Hardy. Modena Jones is featured in the article along with her prize-winning designs: "dogwood" and "brick streets." Sister Jones is a lady of many talents, and we congratulate her for being recognized in Tyler Life.

Meal Planned For 13th

Letters, concerning food for the noon meal on October 13, were mailed Tuesday by the Food Committee. Part of the food will be prepared at the Fellowship Hall and part will be brought on that day by members. An effort was made to include everyone, however, if you do not receive an assignment, please plan to come for the meal and bring your guests. A meal for a large crowd is planned. A menu has been planned and will be served buffet.

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About The Sick

Charles and Billie Bob Hickman's son, Harry Hickman, continues to be hospitalized in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview.

Mrs. Opal Dunagan, sister of Bernice Majors is a patient in Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Scottie (Jackie) Smith will enter Mother Frances Hospital Monday in preparation for surgery on Tuesday.

We were happy to have Tommy and Moselle White in the church office for a brief visit on Tuesday afternoon.

New Grandson

Paul and Signa Stanley are the happy grandparents of a baby boy, Stanley Garner, who was born Tuesday, October 1 to Royce and Mary Beth Lewis in Brady, Texas. He weighed 7 lb.



We are collecting Fruit Cocktail to be picked up the week of November 4-8 by the Medina Home Grocery Truck.


The Singing Practice continues each Wednesday evening at 7:00.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"Accept one another"
--Romans 15:7*

We missed seeing a large number of you people Sunday, as many were out of town. However, the atmosphere for worship was warm and joyful, and the presence of many visitors the day most encouraging.

October brings some momentous occasions to West Erwin. In just a few days, October 13, we will celebrate the 100th year of the service of this church in the Heart of Tyler. We look forward to the coming of L. L. Gieger, Dean Brookshire, and George Stephenson, and many past members of this church on that day.

Then, October 20 brings Mike Biggs and our Fall Gospel Meeting. Mike has announced his theme and subjects for the meeting (see the brochure), and both look challenging.

Put these special dates on your calendar and let's allow the SON to SHINE through us from the HEART of TYLER.

How can people who come from different backgrounds, who live on different social levels, who have different educational attainments, who have different likes and dislikes, and who are different ages, ever be expected or ever hope to get along with each other? Is it possible? Yes, since Jesus asked that we be one (John 17:20,21), and since Paul said there should be no divisions among us (I Corinthians 1:10), and that we should keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6). Is it practical? Again, the answer is affirmative. How? First, let us accept each other. Paul said to the Romans, "Accept one another, just as Christ has accepted us," and, "Accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions," (Romans 15:7; 14:1). Let us accept another where he is, and as he is. Second, let us seek to change. It is not enough to say, "Well, that's the way I am, and you will have to accept me as I am!" Do not expect others to always acquiesce to you. Change! Be more lovable and likeable. Be "conformed into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). A. A. Arnold said in my presence many times, "If we stay close to the Lord, we will never be very far from each other." Acceptance and change. That's it! Christians can get along.

GOSPEL MEETING

October 20 - 23

You Are Invited To Hear

Jeff Biggs

Jeff Michael Biggs was born March 16, 1943 in Tyler. He is the son of Jeff and Alma Biggs of this congregation. Mike and Carol Biggs have two children, Brett (age 16) and Kaye Lynn (age 13).

Brother Biggs is the Pulpit Minister for the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ in Arlington, Texas. Mike has participated in numerous Campaigns for Christ. He has conducted personal work seminars and taught Bible classes of various types for 15 years.

Mike Biggs has received many awards, one being Outstanding Young Man of America, 1977. He speaks frequently in meetings, lectureships and youth rallies. He is a frequent speaker at the Tulsa Soulwinning Workshop and other soulwinning workshops.



"So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan valley... and moved his tent as far as Sodom." (Genesis 13:11,12).

Choices

Lot had a choice to make. Much depended upon that choice. He chose poorly, and eventually lost his family because of it.

Those acquainted with geography know of the continental divides. At the top of these high places a matter of inches decides which direction the water will flow.

I've read of a house in the state of New York, between Westfield and Mayville. When it rains the water which falls on one side of the roof flows into the Great Lakes, while that which falls on the other side finds its way into the Gulf of Mexico.

When we face a choice in life we often stand at a "continental divide." And our whole future depends upon the decision we make. The matter may not seem so important at the time, but a choice between right and wrong is always important.

When Lot chose to live near the city of Sodom he made a fatal choice. He lost Abraham's good influence. He met with many personal temptations, and he put his family in a wicked environment. He gained financially - but he lost his family.

Choices are important. When facing them we should seek God's direction - and be willing to accept it. It isn't enough to determine what immediate rewards may come. We must try to see the ultimate end of the choice. Putting ourselves or our families in an environment of dangerous temptations is a poor choice.

...Joe R. Barnett

Potpourri

Sunday, October 6th, marks the beginning of the second year with Jay Lockhart as the pulpit minister for this congregation. Each week we receive a blessing from his good lessons.

Our "100 Year" badges handed out Sunday in our Bible Classes are being noticed. Brother James Massey tells of interest shown in his at the cafeteria on Sunday evening. Through this interest he was able to invite someone to visit and to watch THE SEARCH.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Rodney and Betty Knight and the family in the death of Rodney's dad on Saturday afternoon. Graveside services were held for him Tuesday in Dallas.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (7) Jim Rowe, Le'Ann Braly (8) Pattie Tate (9) Penny Hulsey, Hulen Hulsey (10) Leona Hardin (11) Joe Carroll, Chris Hallman (12) Mary Dawson, Allen Bobbitt.



Taylor's Visit

It was good to have Harold and Betty Taylor in worship Sunday. Harold continues his busy schedule of meetings and workshops around the country. His church growth workshops continue to be well received and of great benefit to the growth of the churches where he visits.

WP

Gospel Meeting

The Big Sandy Church of Christ will have Willie Hamblen in a Gospel Meeting, "Revive Us Again" October 13 - 16. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sermons For Sunday

By Jay Lockhart



10:20 A.M. On Being Real
6:00 P.M. The World On Trial

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Excitement is building for our Centennial celebration! We continue to learn of more and more who plan to be present on October 13. Let's continue to invite folks so that the building will be full and running over. It will be a great day to celebrate but more than that it will be a day to bring praise and glory to God!

It was a special privilege this past Saturday for me to have the opportunity of speaking at a Deacon's Workshop hosted by the Waterview church in Richardson. I had been invited to be a part of a workshop on church ministries where deacons from the Metroplex and surrounding areas had been invited to attend. Not only was I able to help promote the work of the Brother's Keeper ministry, but also to learn from those in other congregations where this work is being promoted.

From the reports I have received, a large number of our Brother's Keeper Units had excellent meetings this past Sunday night. Good things can happen when we get together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's keep it up! If you haven't been attending, then start - it will do you good.

All Bible Class teachers and workers are reminded of the East Texas Training Series set for this coming Saturday morning at the Glenwood congregation. We hope all will take advantage of this opportunity to increase your effectiveness in your service to the Cause of Christ. An excellent staff of teachers has been selected.

All Bible Class teachers are urged to help make preparation for October 13. We especially urge you to do two things: (1) promote attendance in your class and make sure your room is neat and orderly with well designed bulletin boards in place. This will help us make a good impression on our visitors and will serve to encourage them to return for additional visits.

We have a large number of members actively engaged in preparation, but everyone has a job to do to make October 13th a great success. If you have not been appointed to a special task, then you can serve by writing cards and letters to those you know and then be prepared to greet guests when they arrive on that day. We won't have the success we can otherwise have unless all work for it. Do your part!

SOMETHING
BIG
IS COMING UP

October 13

100 YEARS SERVICE

FROM THE
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Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer Ray Lott
Scripture Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Ron Lott

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
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Scripture Ira Wilson
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SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ed Bullard Bob Threadgill
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Bill & Carolyn Paschall Mike & Sherry Munn
Lane & Kay Akin Modena Jones Jonnie Steffee
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 29 and Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, Ira Wilson, 561-0750.

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CONTRIBUTION

Sept. 22 \$8,087.25
Sept. 15 8,101.75
Year Ago 6,503.66

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 22 360
Sept. 15 307
Year Ago 313

WORSHIP

Sept. 22/A.M. 457
Sept. 22/P.M. 300

Sept. 15/A.M. 418

Wed. Eve. 9/18 190

Weekly Budget 9,014.18

The Sick

The Roy Clark's grandson, Brent Crocker has had surgery again on his arm. He is in Medical Center.

Gospel Meeting

The Lakeside Church of Christ, located on Hwy 155 at 344 and 2661 will have Eugene Greer in a meeting, October 2 through 6th. The weeknight services will be at 7:00 o'clock each evening. You are invited to attend.

More New Members

Kevin and Kelly Womack, 522 W. Rusk, telephone 597-2726, came Sunday to place membership and ask for the prayers of the church. They have a daughter, Leslie - 3 years. We are happy to have this fine young couple. Kevin is the son of Ray and Carolyn Womack.



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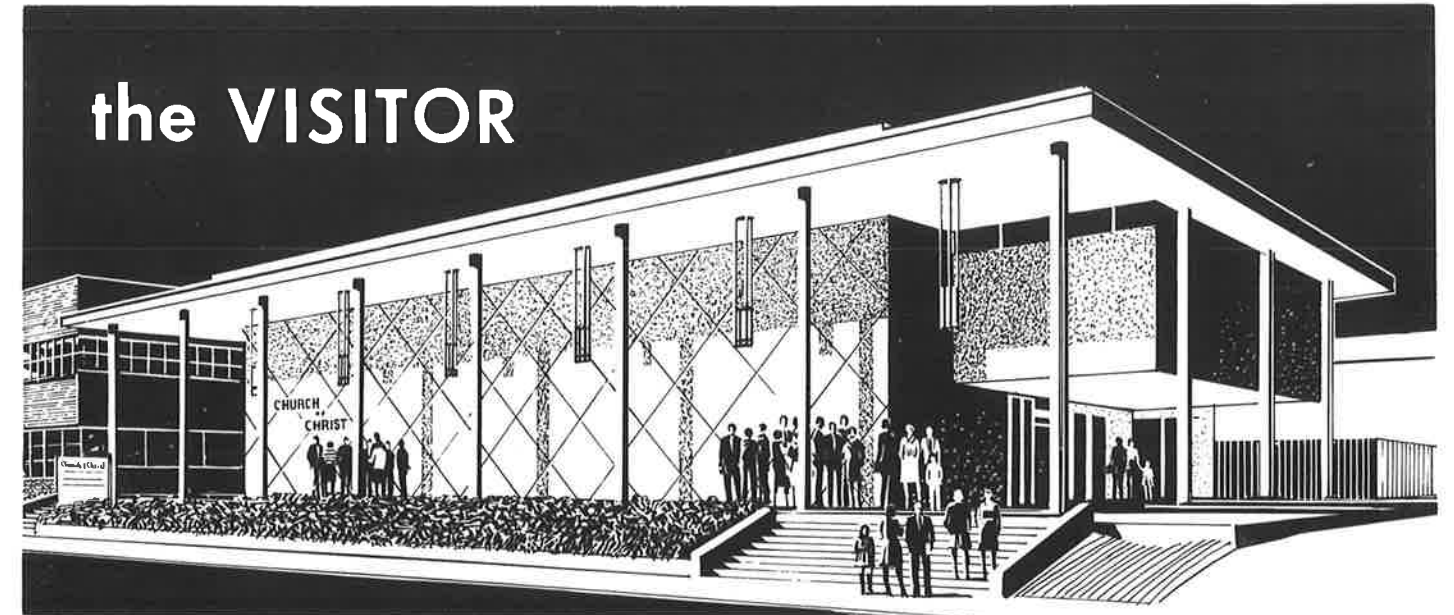
Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Potpourri

We appreciate the help of Leona Hardin, Adela Scogins, Leona McElroy and Jo Butler in addressing envelopes for our 100 year invitations. We also appreciate Dale Blackstone who also helped with this work.

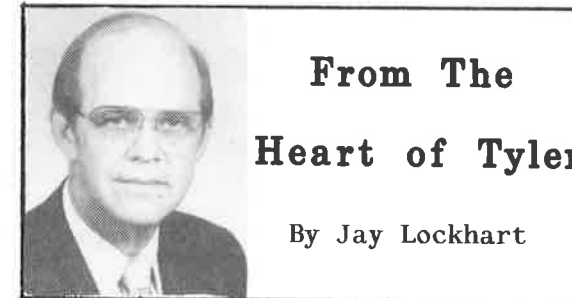
We had an unusual response this week to THE SEARCH. The interest in this series on The Church is very good.

It was good to see Doc and Nell Wright and their host of relatives at worship Sunday. They were all here to help brother Wright celebrate his 86th birthday.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

*"To stir you up by way of remembrance"
2 Peter 1:13*

By Way Of Remembrance

Two things have taken place in the last few weeks which we must not forget with the passing of time.

The first is THE CHALLENGE of September 8. It is not the 8th that is so important or the fact that a challenge was given, but what is important is what The Challenge represents. If The Challenge is accepted by great numbers of people, then we can be assured of individual and congregational growth. The Challenge places emphasis upon three things: Presence, Sacrifice, and Maturity. Do you remember? Do you accept?

The second is the Rational Man of Romans 1:18-32. Here is the man who wishes to put God out of his thoughts and life. Some deny God's existence and live in the vilest way. Others are "good" folks who are "practical atheists" because they claim belief in God and live as though He did not exist. The key in this: Do we take God into account in every aspect of life? Do we seek His help and guidance? Does God rule in our lives on Sunday and then all week? Don't forget!

Christians are happy people and, therefore, experience "the joy of salvation" and they know what it means to "rejoice in the Lord." A portion of the Christian joy comes from his participation (fellowship) with other Christians in public worship. I sensed that joy last Sunday in our worship services. The audience was expectant and involved, the singing was inspirational, and those who led did so with enthusiasm and dignity. It was a good day.

Your response to our studies in Paul's letter to the Romans is encouraging. This letter deals with some of the greatest issues of life and speaks to where we all are, so the practical application of these truths will change our lives. To get the most from these studies you need the text before you and a pen for underlining and writing in the margins. Be present and prepared for these studies. They will help us SHINE for the SON from the HEART of TYLER.

Hey! Didja Hear?



"Knowledge is power," said Hobbes, but "imagination is more powerful even than knowledge," said Einstein.

Each and every one of us is blessed with an imagination - so let's use it to the fullest. This week's article is an appeal to you. We would like to hear any ideas or thoughts that you have for "Hey! Didja Hear?" This article is for the youth and your opinions are important. So, let's all make "our" article great by contributing our thoughts and ideas.

We have had really good turnouts for the past two get-togethers on Sunday nights. We appreciate those of you who are participating, however, we still want more young people involved. Let's all commit ourselves and make a point to be at every Sunday night devotional and more important, bring others.

Let's also make it a priority to sit at the front of the building with the youth group for each service. Your presence down front helps everyone - the young people - the preacher and the congregation with the singing. Don't forget your importance in every service. We, young people, are important. Be counted everywhere there is a place for service. Your influence on the other young people helps each one of us to be better as we worship and have our fellowships.

West Erwin Youth Exchange

NAMES in the NEWS

Amy Knight has been named "Captain" of the Robert E. Lee Varsity Volleyball Team. This is Amy's senior year and she has helped this team win for three years. Also, Michelle Steffee is a "first team" member of Hubbard Middle School 7th grade Volleyball Squad. Amy O'Quinn is the manager. Bryan Leek is a fine defensive player for the REL football team - a team that has started out better than they have in a long time.

We continue to be proud of our excellent young people. HH



Spiritual Gems

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



Our Centennial Year

1885 1985

October 13, 1985 is the date for our "Homecoming" and celebration of 100 Years of this congregation serving from the heart of Tyler. We hope to have many visitors and past members as our guests on that Sunday.

We will have a combined class in the auditorium (high school and adults). L.L.Gieger will preach at the morning worship and a noon meal will be served in the fellowship hall. A dedication service will be held immediately following lunch with a plaque being placed in the south foyer. At 1:30 p.m. a message will be brought by Dean Brookshire. The lesson at 6:00 p.m. will be by Jay Lockhart.

Displays of information concerning West Erwin (past and present) are being planned. We have a great heritage and a great responsibility to please God in our lives today. We want to preach the Gospel of Christ even more powerfully in the future.

Brother's Keepers

THIS IS THE

SUNDAY!

Enjoy your unit meeting Sunday evening following worship

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure

Best Wishes

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Vivie Wright and Mr. Chester Canter who were married on Tuesday afternoon, September 17 in Mayfield, Kentucky. Mr. Canter is an uncle of Virginia Conner. We shall miss Vivie from the church here, but we extend our best wishes and love. The address is, Apt. #2075, Davis Apts., Mayfield, Kentucky 42066.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, food and visits during my stay in the hospital and after coming home. My love to all.

Amie Roberts

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Mittie Wood.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn Sunday of the death of brother B.B.Lambert. The Lamberts moved to San Antonio in July of last year. His funeral was held Monday afternoon in Nacogdoches. Ray Womack drove the minibus and several from here were able to attend. We extend our sympathy to Ann and other members of the family.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (29) Adela Scogins, Justin Metcalf (30) Mary Butler, Gary Colston OCTOBER (1) Cooper Goodson, Gwen Shuford, Joseph B. Smith, Bryan Leek (3) Kelly Womack, Kevin Hanley, Bobbie Wilson.

Sermons For Sunday

By Jay Lockhart



10:20 A.M. On Being Good

6:00 P.M. On Being Real

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We had a good beginning in our Ladies Class last Wednesday, but there is still room for improvement in the attendance area. I sincerely believe you will enjoy studying with us each week and I want to extend a cordial invitation to all who did not come to give it a try. I believe that even if you have to rearrange your schedule, you will find the time well spent - not to mention the good influence you can have over others.

We distributed the bumper stickers this past Sunday to help our members get involved in advertising our coming 100th Anniversary. This Sunday, we will have lapel stickers to be distributed in our classes. We want to continue to mount a successful drive to have all our members and a host of guests present for that great day. We want you to be part of that day. Invite your friends to be our guests as well.

Our Fellowship Committee will be working again to have food available for all in our fellowship hall. Be ready to cooperate with them in the request they make for each family to participate.

We were sorry to hear this past week of the serious surgery of Gary Thompson in a Dallas hospital. He is scheduled to be our guest at the dedication service on Sunday afternoon of the 13th. He had open heart surgery, but all reports are that he is doing great and will probably be at home in Abilene by the time you receive this bulletin. We are praying that his recovery will be speedy and that he will still be able to be with us on the 13th.

I'm not like the fellow who complimented the preacher's sermon by saying, "Every sermon you preach is better than the next one." I want to commend the series that Jay is preaching on Romans and especially compliment the one on Sunday morning. I believe because of what I know about Romans and Jay's ability to preach, that each sermon will be better than the one before. This is an ideal opportunity for you to invite friends o visit us and learn the message of God's plan of making men right with Himself.

My wife will be away from West Erwin this weekend attending a lectureship at the Florence Bible College in Florence, Alabama. She will be speaking to a ladies class. Along with other speakers on the program, she will be joining brother Harold Taylor.

I'll be looking for you in Bible Class Sunday!

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome C. B. Hardin
Prayer Weldon Dawson
Scripture Hillard Hughes
Dismiss Glynn Starnes

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome C. B. Hardin
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Scripture Roy Roberson
Dismiss Lee Roberson

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ed Bullard Bob Threadgill
Roy Clark Milburn Cook
David Demic Harold Denman
Alan Fisher Morris Hallman

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Bill & Carolyn Paschall Mike & Sherry Munn
Lane & Kay Akin Modena Jones Jonnie Steffee
BUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 22 and Wednesday
eve., Sept. 25 - COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sept. 15 \$8,101.74
Sept. 8 9,962.44
Year Ago 7,717.91

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 15 307
Sept. 8 354
Year Ago 313

WORSHIP

Sept. 15/A.M. 418
Sept. 15/P.M. 286
Sept. 8/A.M. 441
Wed.Eve. 9/11 219

Weekly
Budget \$9,014.18

Thank You

Thank all of you at West Erwin for every act of kindness extended to us in the recent death of our brother, Lee Clark. The beautiful floral spray, your cards, telephone calls, and prayers made our time of sorrow much easier. We love you and are proud to be a part of the West Erwin Church family.

May God bless you,
Roy & Chloe Clark

I want to express thanks for all the attention I have had since I had my foot surgery. Your prayers, visits, calls, and all the good food has been a blessing to me. A special thanks to Wes for being there during the surgery and for the beautiful card signed by his class members. Again, I realize what the West Erwin Church family means to me.

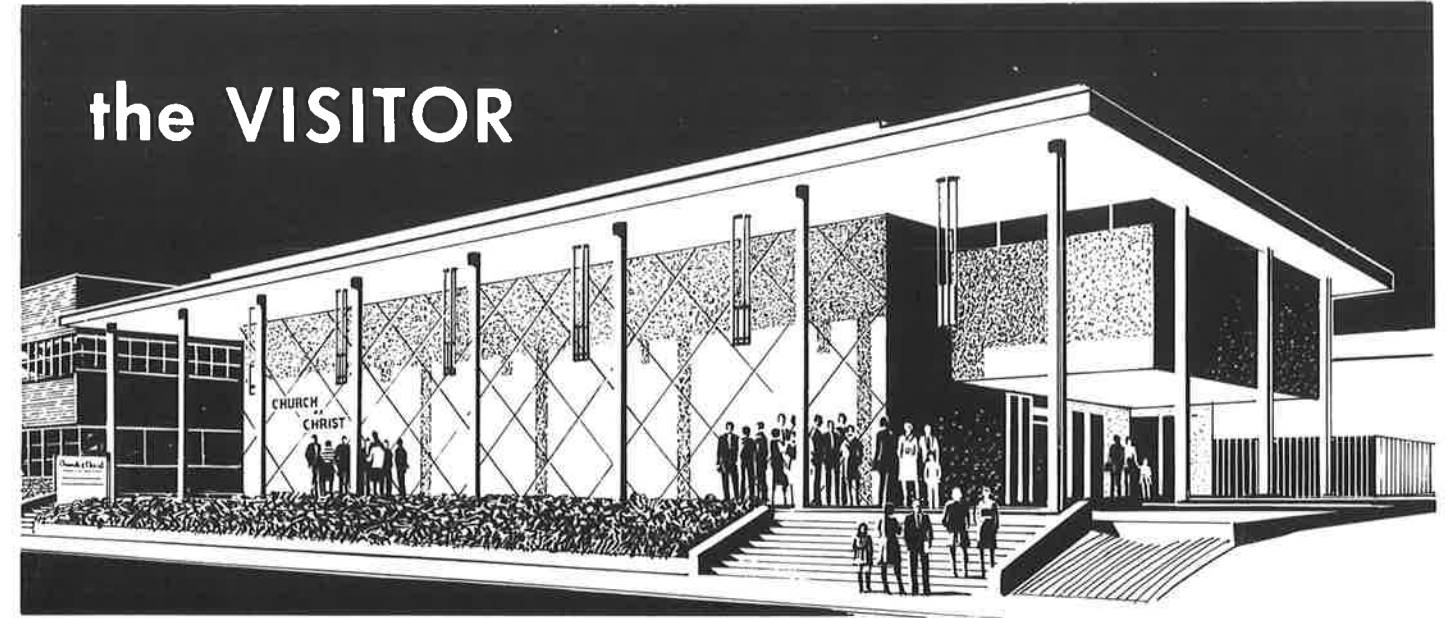
In Christian love,
Adela Scogins

The Sick

Sister Amie Roberts became quite ill in the Ladies Class Sunday morning. Quick action by Wally Dawkins revived her before the ambulance came. Sister Roberts hopes to be able to go home from Mother Frances this week.

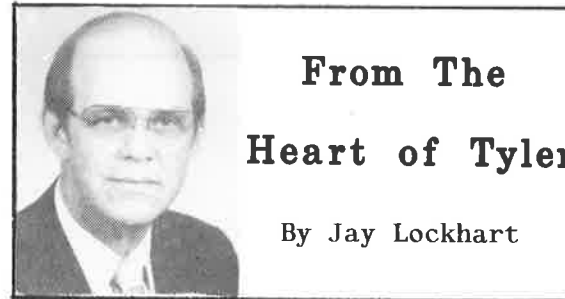
Sister Bernice Majors' sister, Mrs. Opal Dunagan is a patient in Medical Center. She has been in ICU. Also, Bernice's husband is not doing well. Continue to remember them.

Brother Robert Trentham was able to be in worship Sunday morning after five weeks of illness.



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Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"I press toward the mark"
--Philippians 3:14*

A Thrust Forward

I want to thank Wes Price for preaching in my absence last Sunday evening. Wes is a multi-talented man who serves effectively in many areas, and I am so pleased to have him as a co-worker at West Erwin. Thanks, Wes, for your dedicated service.

I also want to express my appreciation to Jack Paul for teaching the Wednesday evening auditorium class. Jack continues to make an impact for good by his service in The Kingdom in so many places. I know you enjoyed hearing him. Thank you, Jack!

I enjoyed a short meeting with the church in Grapeland the first part of this week. On my first trip to this East Texas town I found a church with a warm, friendly, dedicated membership. Jay Witt, one of the top teams in their division in Texas, effectively led the singing, and James Mosley, a modern day Barnabas (Encourager), has been preaching at Grapeland for over 25 years. It was a good week. And what a wonderful surprise when over a dozen folks from West Erwin came on Tuesday evening! Thank you for that.

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. The summer heat with its long dry spells is past and the cooler days bring gentle rains and the changing of the leaves to multi-colored grandeur. Fall also brings our church family back together for our periods of worship and service and there is renewed excitement in the air. Also, this fall has brought The Challenge which we must accept and not forget as the months pass.

Very soon we will be reminded to turn our clocks back one hour as we return to Central Standard Time. We sometimes have difficulty remembering whether our clocks go forward or backwards at the end of October. However, it is easy if we recall that in the Spring we "spring forward" and in the Fall we "fall backwards."

Fall may be a time to turn our clocks backwards, but for the church fall is a time for a mighty thrust forward as we "press toward the mark" of becoming more what we are to be and doing what we are to do in the service of Christ. So, all together now for a mighty thrust forward!

And The Lord Added

Monday morning Monroe and Cleo Sublette came to the building with Cleo's aunt, Mrs. Bertha Reid from Kaufman, Texas. Mrs. Reid came to be baptized by Wes Price. Many members of the family came for the service. Sister Reid recently celebrated her 85th birthday.

Sermons For Sunday

BY JAY LOCKHART



A.M. Living Without God
P.M. The Man Who Wrote Romans

MINISTERS
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

ELDERS
F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight

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.
(September through May)

Wednesday
Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
(September through May)

Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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EAST TEXAS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

PROGRAM	1:30 - 2:00	2:00 - 3:00	3:00 - 3:30	3:30 - 4:30
October 5, 1985	Keynote: "Great Bible Teachers I Have Known..." Charles Hodge	Session III: General Electives	Fellowship Break (Book Stores open)	Session IV: Workshop Electives, continued (Same schedule as Sessions I and II)
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Reception (Coffee and Donuts)	---"Visuals: Unlocking the Magic"---Karen Coleman ---"Planning Extra-Curricular Activities for Your Bible Class"---Jane Cramer ---"Parent-Teen Relationships"---Bill Ehlig ---"How To Do A Textual Study and Teach It with Interest and Excitement"---Les Gleaves ---"Co-Ordinators - The Heart Of A Great Bible School"---Jean Himes ---"Leadership and Church Growth"---Charles Hodge ---"So You're A New Teacher..."---Jackie Pyeatt	---"Teaching Cradle Roll/ Nursery"---Lois Whitaker ---Teaching Toddlers - Jean Himes ---Teaching Pre-Schoolers--Karen Coleman ---Teaching Primary (1-3)--Jackie Pyeatt ---Teaching Juniors (4-6)--Jane Cramer ---Teaching Youth---Bill Ehlig ---Teaching Adults---Les Gleaves	Workshop Sessions Scheduled for Bible Class Teachers, Church Leaders, and all who are interested in teaching the Bible	
9:30 - 10:00 Opening Session: "Growing Teachers--From Coal to Diamonds!" Charles Hodge				
10:00 - 11:00 Session I: Workshop Electives ---Teaching Cradle Roll/ Nursery---Lois Whitaker ---Teaching Toddlers - Jean Himes ---Teaching Pre-Schoolers--Karen Coleman ---Teaching Primary (1-3)--Jackie Pyeatt ---Teaching Juniors (4-6)--Jane Cramer ---Teaching Youth---Bill Ehlig ---Teaching Adults---Les Gleaves	Keynote Speaker: Charles Hodge Duncanville, Texas			
11:00 - 11:30 Fellowship Break (Book Stores Open)				
11:30 - 12:30 Session II: Workshop Electives, continued (Same schedule as Session I)				
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch (Brown Bag with drinks available)				

Saturday, October 5, 1985
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Workshop Location:
Glenwood Church of Christ
807 West Glenwood
Tyler, Texas



First Annual East Texas Teacher Training Workshop
Sponsored by East Texas Churches of Christ

See You In Bible Class  Sunday

Sowing and Reaping

Making a garden is a marvelous hobby and a very rewarding one. It is also much like living life.

1. **WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.** Nobody ever planted peas and gathered beans; or sowed onions and reaped carrots. So in life, if we sow bad deeds, we reap bad experiences; if we sow good deeds, we reap happiness and good friendships.

2. **WE REAP MORE THAN WE SOW.** If you only get your seeds back at harvest time, you have not made much of a garden. Evil deeds reap harsh revenge from others; right conduct wins friends and brings its own rewards in abundance. Evil begets evil; love begets love.

3. **WE REAP AFTER WE SOW.** You don't sow one day and expect to go out the next and gather your crop. Likewise, we are not always rewarded immediately for the good we do; nor do we always receive immediate punishment for the evil we do. Our greatest reward is eternal life when this life is over.
(Gal.6:7-10)

...Glenn Sargent
Marion, Ala. Bulletin

Medina Home

Medina Children's Home is in need of applications for husband and wife teams to serve as houseparents to eight boys or eight girls in a cottage. Both will be employed to work on campus. Cash salary plus hospitalization and retirement plan, housing, food, utilities and cottage related transportation are some of the benefits. We are also looking for a Commissary Manager and someone to drive the Medina Home grocery truck for regularly scheduled pick up of groceries and other items.

This note came from Dempsey Simpson, Executive Director of Public Relations & Development.



We are happy to welcome visitors. Please come again soon.

Potpourri

Edgar and Dell Bullard are in Tennessee this week-end to help Ed's mother celebrate her 96th birthday.

Jay Lockhart began a meeting on Sunday in Grapeland, Texas. It continued through Wednesday night. He will be preaching here Sunday.

We are collecting **Fruit Cocktail** for the Medina Children's Home. The truck will be here in November.

Remember the Wednesday night singing practice thirty minutes prior to the Worship service. If possible, come at 7:00 o'clock and enjoy the practice.

"Take Time To Be Holy" is the theme of the Ladies Day Program at the Pritchett Church of Christ, October 5 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Mary Minick will be the guest speaker. A salad luncheon will be served at noon, and a nursery will be provided for children under 3.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



This will be an exciting week around the West Erwin building as we get into our fall schedule. Tuesday School will begin this week as will our Ladies Class on Wednesday. Both of these add to the fullness of our schedule and provide additional opportunities for Christian service. We are glad to see them begin.

Mary June Goodson planned Open House for parents of our Tuesday School children on Sunday afternoon, and I had the opportunity to greet them and tell them how grateful we are to be entrusted with the responsibility of helping them train their children. Not only do we have a unique opportunity with teaching the children from the Bible, but we also have opportunity to reach their parents as well with a good impression about the church. Quite often we have some of the parents visit with us about other things and it gives us a chance to extend our service to them.

I'm especially excited about getting our Ladies Class started this week. We are to begin our weekly study in the book of Ecclesiastes. I want to repeat my appeal to all of you ladies to think about setting this time aside to join us in a most important use of your time - that of studying God's word with others. If you did not make it this week, don't put it off another week, join us at 10:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning. God will most surely bless those who study His Word.

The month of October is fast coming upon us. It is going to be a busy month with activities that will bless our lives immeasurably.

October 5 - East Texas Teacher Training Workshop - hosted by all congregations in the East Texas area to be held in the Glenwood church building. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the opening session at 9:30 with Charles Hodge speaking. Classes for teachers of all ages will follow during the day and the workshop will end at 4:30 p.m. All West Erwin teachers are urged to be present.

October 13 - The 100th Anniversary of the West Erwin church with a special program of speakers from the past: L. L. Gieger, Dean Brookshire, and George Stephenson. We are extending an invitation to all past members of West Erwin to

HERE AND THERE (continued)

be our guests on that day. We will have dinner for all in our fellowship hall. The Fellowship committee will be giving us instruction on this as the time approaches. Dr. Gary Thompson, Professor of History at Abilene Christian University and State Representative from the Abilene district will be with us for the afternoon dedication of a Centennial Plaque to be permanently displayed in our foyer.

October 20 - Gospel meeting to begin with Mike Biggs preaching. He is the son of Jeff and Alma Biggs, and is the minister for the Pleasant Ridge congregation in Arlington, Texas. The meeting will continue through Wednesday night, October 23rd.

October will be a busy month, but it will also be challenging and helpful as we pick up the tempo of church activities. WP

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Gospel Meeting

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas will begin a Fall Gospel Meeting Sunday, September 22 to continue through the 25th. Weeknight services will be at 7:30 each evening. Wyatt Sawyer of Fort Worth will be preaching. You are invited to attend.



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (22) Edgar Bullard, Doc Wright, Rhonda Haws, Courtney Russell (23) Martha Waggoner (24) Lane Akin (25) Dewey Frederick (26) Marty Mallory, Dan Magee, Blanche Rountree (27) Nettie Potts (28) Ryan Savage, Abby Adams, Shayne Bennett.

Serving		Records	
MORNING WORSHIP			
Welcome	Phil Marts	CONTRIBUTIONS	
Prayer	Leon Welborn	Sept. 8	\$9,962.44
Scripture	Tony Adams	Sept. 1	7,544.19
Dismiss	Lowell Wiggains	Year Ago	8,627.34
EVENING WORSHIP			
Welcome	Phil Marts	BIBLE SCHOOL	
Prayer	Stan Mallory	Sept. 8	354
Scripture	Roy Roberson	Sept. 1	462
Dismiss	Jack Stringer	Year Ago	283
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY			
Mike Savage	Louis E. Jones	Sept. 8 A.M.	441
Harold Browning	James Phillips	Sept. 8 P.M.	316
Glynn Starnes	Dick Higginbotham	Year Ago	406
Roy Roberson	Joe McBee	Wed.Eve.9/4	190
		Weekly	
		Budget	\$9,014.18
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Tony & Mary Adams	Stan & Ernestine Mallory		
Hillard & Jeanine Hughes	Ray & Dell Lott		
MINIBUS DRIVER SUNDAY, September 15 and Wednesday Eve., September 18 - MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.			

Responses

Sunday morning the following came forward asking for the prayers of the church: Todd Hancock, Wally Dawkins, Phil Marts, Dale Blackstone, Sue Starnes, and Fran Starnes.



SINGING PRACTICE - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.



IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO BE CHRISTIANS, YOU MUST SET THE EXAMPLE!

We need YOU in Bible School!

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The Sick

Dottie Nail underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sidney Davis, father of Shirley Denman, is hospitalized in a Shreveport hospital following surgery. His home is in Carthage, Texas. His condition is very serious.

"YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE"

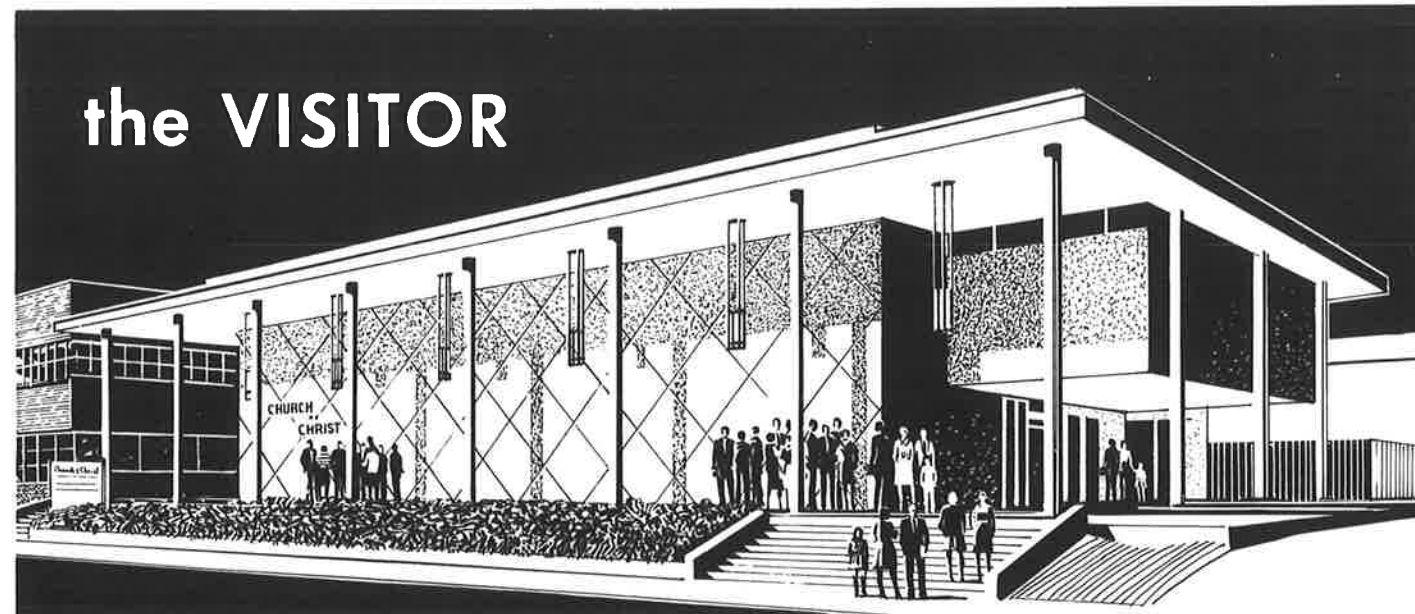
DECISIONS

DON'T WAIT:

Do not wait until the hearse hauls you to church. If you do:


1. You will go regardless of the weather.
2. You will go regardless of the condition of your body.
3. You will go regardless of how your family feels.
4. You will have beautiful flowers, but you will not enjoy them.
5. Regardless of how good the singing, you will not enjoy it.
6. Regardless of what the minister says, it will do you no good.
7. You will not hear any prayers.
8. You may have a great need, but no one will be able to help you.
9. You will never be able to attend worship there again.
10. There will be relatives and friends there, but you will not worship with them.
11. You will go regardless of how many hypocrites are there.
12. You will go regardless of how many are needed at home or on your joy.

ATTEND WORSHIP REGULARLY



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"I charge you"
2 Tim.4:1

The Challenge

Last fall we reached a new plateau in unity, love, and involvement which carried us through the winter and spring. With the coming of summer there were vacations, more free time, and general activities which come with the "good 'ole summertime." Now with the coming of another fall and The Challenge we have moved on to higher spiritual levels with renewed commitment. So many of our people have responded positively to The Challenge, i.e., a year of personal commitment to involvement in our local church family, sacrificial giving of our wealth to the Cause of Christ, and dedication to individual spiritual growth! We are moving! Don't allow yourself to be caught sitting on the sidelines!

This Sunday I will begin a series of sermons that I have wanted to preach for some time. For the next few months we will study Paul's letter to the Romans. Bring your Bibles and pens and let's get with it. These studies will change your life forever!

The positive response you have given to The Challenge is most gratifying. In addition to several of our folks who responded at the invitation many of you came to me after service to affirm your positive response to The Challenge. We are committing ourselves for one year--the next twelve months to deeper dedication to Christ, to the church, and to this local church. There are three levels of commitment about which we are especially concerned:

1. Presence - We will give special emphasis to our church meetings. These meetings are designed to praise, edification and fellowship, and we will minimize our away time so we can be present.
2. Giving - We will give a minimum of 10% of our incomes back to God according to our prosperity believing it is "more blessed to give than to receive."
3. Growth - We will begin now to act like the people we are to become. We will seek to live as mature Christians. We will respond to each other and to circumstances as growing Christians should. With this commitment, evangelistic outreach, our God-given work, will become inevitable. Let's go!

Thank You

Dear Loved Ones at West Erwin,

Your many cards and expressions of concern and love during my illness have meant more to me and also to Alice than you could ever know. We are especially grateful for your prayers and ask that you please continue to pray that my health and strength may continue to improve.

May the Lord continue to bless you richly as individuals and as a congregation.

We love you,
George and Alice Stephenson

For Heaven's Sake

*"Never flag in zeal...serve the Lord...
Contribute to the needs of the saints..."
(Romans 12:11,13)*

I'll never forget the man who offered me a job at what I then thought was a fabulous salary, with promised opportunities to multiply it. I was grateful; even flattered. But told him I had no interest. In exasperation he said, "I can't understand why you choose to waste your life in such a tasteless occupation. You could do so much better."

Some occupations are greeted with a yawn. No opportunity for advancement. No excitement. The real challenge is out in the rough-and-tumble world. Where you can build something. And accumulate something.

Ah, but when the final form is filled is it really the "net worth" that counts? Several well-known persons have died in the past few years. The names are familiar: Hughes, Onassis, Getty, etc. They played the game better than most—and won. Or did they? Do you now consider them successful?

I don't want to live in such a way that it's all over when it's all over, if you know what I mean. I want to do something which will outlast my physical life. That's the investment that counts.

Somewhere I read of a preacher who developed his sermon around the statement, "What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?" He said that every Christian should respond to the question five times, emphasizing progressively a different portion of the statement as follows:

What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?
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What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?
What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?

Good questions.

---Joe Barnett

Funerals

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home for Mrs. Mittie Wood. She was a sister to Myra Chandler, Zorado Sherman and Rozener Strait.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Burks/Walker Funeral Home for Lee Clark, brother of Roy Clark.

We extend our deepest sympathy to each of these families in their loss.

Last week funeral services were conducted for Dick Ferguson, former member of West Erwin. We express our sincere sympathy to Molly and the children.

We learned Sunday evening of the death of Austin Siburt. In the late 1940's brother Siburt served as the minister for the West Erwin Church. He was the father of Charles Siburt, present minister for the Glenwood Church here in Tyler. The funeral was Tuesday morning in Portales, New Mexico with burial in Lubbock. We express our sympathy to sister Siburt and all members of the family.

Hand Outs

Beginning this Sunday, we hope to have young people at the doors to hand out our announcement sheets and any other printed reports you might need to give to the congregation. This will be done following the worship service as you are leaving.

Ladies' Bible Class

Ladies, you are encouraged to be present for Ladies' Bible Class on Wednesday morning of next week at 10:00 a.m. Wes Price will be teaching the class in the Chapel. If you do not work away from home, plan to be present.

TUESDAY SCHOOL begins SEPTEMBER 17.

Pritchett Church

Mary Minick of Arlington, Texas will be guest speaker on October 5th at the Ladies Day Program in Pritchett, Texas.

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be at 12:00 noon. They would like to know by Sept. 28 if you plan to attend. A nursery will be provided for children under 3.

On the following Sunday, Oct. 6, Paul Epps will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Pritchett Church of Christ. Holland Boring will lead the singing. The evening services will be at 7:30 (Sunday through Wednesday).

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Sermons

Sunday, September 15

10:30 A.M. "Not Ashamed of The Gospel"

By Jay Lockhart

6:00 P.M. Wes Price Preaching

Grocery Truck

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of November 4th thru 8th. If we want to collect one item, it was suggested that we collect Fruit Cocktail. A six month supply is 800 cans.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (15) Connie Wilkinson (16) Neil Vannoy, Dorris Humble (18) Rockie Hughes, Kathleen Carroll, Virginia Demic, Clay Smith (20) Mary Adams, Billy Rozell (21) Alma Faye Price, Kami Edwards, Nettie Potts.

WEST ERWIN BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

Fall, 1985

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES			WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Age/Grade	Room	Teachers	Teachers
NURSERY Co-ordinator: Jeanine Hughes			
Beginners	109	Jeanine Hughes Jo Butler	Pam Lott
PRESCHOOL Co-ordinator: Ernie Edwards			
2 Years	102	Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles	Julienne Butler Joelle Butler
3 Years	107	Rhonda Haws	Sue Skipper
4 Years	208	Ann Nail Diana Savage Frances McBee	Mary June Goodson (4's & 5's)
5 Years	202	Marissa Butler	
PRIMARY Co-ordinator: Gussie Beaty			
1st Grade	215	Kay Akin	Billye Usrey
2nd Grade	206	Wanda Weathers	Laurie Dawkins Kim Hughes (2nd & 3rd)
3rd Grade	204	Fran Starnes.	
JUNIOR Co-ordinator: Jan Knight			
4th & 5th	214	Tony & Mary Adams	Billie Bob Hickman
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL Co-ordinator: Ken Edwards			
6th, 7th, & 8th Grades	302	Jamon Kirby	Wes Price
9th & 10th	307	Dannie Skipper Lane Akin	Ken Edwards (9th thru 12th)
11th & 12th		Mike Savage	
Young Singles		Stan Mallory	Hillard Hughes
ADULT Co-ordinator: Wes Price			
Adult 1	Auditorium	Ira Wilson	Jay Lockhart
Adult 2	Annex	Leon Welborn Steve Ward Phil Marts	Stan Mallory
Adult 3	105	Jay Lockhart Jim Usrey	
Adult 5	Chapel	Hillard Hughes	
Adult 8	301	Freeman Morgan	
Adult 9	304	Forest McFadden	
Ladies	108	Sue Starnes Bernice Majors	

SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL WORSHIP TRAINING

Fred Powell and numerous volunteers
Room 105/106

SUNDAY EVENING PRESCHOOL

Nelda Browning - Frances McBee - Julienne Butler
Room 105/106

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE HOUR. Grades 1 thru 5.

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone - Ray & Gail Vannoy
Room 302

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

Wes Price - Chapel

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Dale Blackstone
Dismiss Morris Hallman

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Ken Edwards
Dismiss Harold Denman

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ray Vannoy Jim Usrey
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John Steffee Les Carruth

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Sept. 1 \$7,544.19
August 25 8,761.34

BIBLE SCHOOL

Sept. 1 462
August 25 323

WORSHIP

Sept. 1 A.M. 530
Sept. 1(afternoon) 512
Wed.Eve. 8/28 230

Weekly Budget \$9,014.18

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tony & Mary Adams Ray & Dell Lott
Hillard & Jeanine Hughes Stan & Ernestine Mallory
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 8 and Wednesday Evening, Sept. 11 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Workshop Planned

Churches in East Texas have the opportunity to encourage and challenge their Bible Class teachers to become "growing Bible class teachers." The first annual East Texas Teacher's Training Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 1985 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Glenwood Church of Christ will host this year's effort.

Each person will have the opportunity to choose two classes during this one-day workshop in addition to two special keynote addresses. Christian bookstores will have supplies available for purchase. Quality people from every area of the Bible school ministry will share their expertise and experience.

Urge your teachers to attend as a group. Brochures are available providing complete information.

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Thank You

We appreciate your continued kindness and care toward us. Your cards, letters and visits have brightened our days.

Bud and Grace Walker

The Sick

Alan Pickett is at home recovering from an automobile accident.

Betty Strait was hospitalized last week several days, but went home on Friday evening.



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Jay Lockhart, Minister

8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
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Tyler, Texas



SUNDAY, September 8, 1985

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Challenge
P.M. The Struggle For Maturity

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (8) Lucille Carpenter (9) Blanche Shuford, Ken Edwards (10) Gloria Thigpen, Betty Strait, Glynn Starnes (11) Tommie Alice P'bert (12) Lola Wright, Clyde Lane (13) Archie Lowry

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Last Sunday with Ray Walker met and exceeded our expectations. Ray is excited and exciting. And that booming bass voice with such intensity brought those great songs of praise and devotion to an added dimension of meaning. It was thrilling to sing with Ray and he brought out the very best in the Sweet Singers of Israel.

As much deserved word of praise is due to all of those who worked so diligently to make all of the activities of the day take place in such an orderly way. A special thanks to Phil Marts and all of the deacons, those who transported and set up tables and chairs, those who cleaned the parking lots and flower beds, those who brought food, those who packaged the food, those who served at our noon meal, Sam Bailey who video taped much of the afternoon, James Phillips who took pictures for our remembrance, et.al. and, of course, we are grateful to a great host of worshippers who were present for all three sessions.

A day like that encourages us to be more determined than ever to allow The Son to shine through us from The Heart of Tyler.

"To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ" --Colossians 1:2

The Challenge

Dear Brethren:

For the past several weeks we have been emphasizing, via our bulletin and public announcements, September 8 and The Challenge. We have said that The Challenge may prove to be the most significant day of our year. That may sound a bit sensational but it's not intended to be. It's just a fact.

We are about to complete our first year together. Summer is past. School is back in session. We are in a position to be more settled (summer scattered us to the four winds). Now is the time for us to look at ourselves--where we are, where we want to be, where we should be, and how we are going to get there.

The last eleven months have brought some exciting happenings to us. We are ready now to do some of our most important work as we remember "it is God who works in us both to will and to do his good pleasure," (Philippians 2:13)!. As we commit ourselves to Him, to each other, and to His work, it will be thrilling to see what He does through us. Don't miss The Challenge this Sunday.

Love,
Jay

Hey! Didya Hear?



The word for the week is "commitment" and it applies to all of us. Sometimes, we as young people, do not commit ourselves as we should. The youth play an important role in the church and we should apply ourselves as much, if not more, than anyone else. Commitment should be a top priority in our lives.

Now is a perfect time to dedicate ourselves to new commitments because we will be facing new responsibilities. With the beginning of a new school year, let's try to put as much emphasis on church activities as we put on school activities. After all, they both require the same amount of attention and God expects no less than the standard of "no pass/no play." If we are willing to commit ourselves, September 8th is our chance to get started. We all need to make a point to be at services to hear brother Lockhart's lesson on "Commitment." Sit down front and show your support.

In addition to this, all middle school and high school students need to make an effort to attend the Sunday night devotional on September 8. We are going to start off the school year with a bang and we want everyone there. We will begin with dinner at Mr. Gattis and then return to the fellowship hall to discuss events for the coming year. Other activities will highlight the evening. So - everyone come to help make this a smashing and exciting year for the youth group. See ya there!

West Erwin Youth Exchange

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Classroom Changes

We need to remind the members of Freeman Morgan's Sunday morning Bible Class that they will be meeting back upstairs in room 301 where they formerly met. This is necessary in order to accommodate the growing numbers in Jay Lockhart's class. They will meet this Sunday in room 105/106. It is great to see the growing number of young couples, and a lot of credit goes to those in Jay's class who have been encouraging one another.

*Kimberly D'ann Hughes
and
Tracy Lee Lemons
have chosen Saturday, September fourteenth
as their wedding day
Their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Hughes
and
Mrs. Peggy Davis
invite you to share
in this day of happiness
at one o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas*

*Reception Following
Fellowship Hall*

More About College Students

Last week we listed our college students in the Visitor. We failed to list Wesley and Rebecca Price who are students in Abilene Christian University. Also, we want to correct the mistake concerning the school for Christi Cook. She is a student at ACU.

Congratulations to Tammy Lockhart. She graduated in August from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. She will be working here in Tyler.

Invitation

*You are invited to a Bridal Gift Tea
Honoring Miss Kim Hughes
Bride Elect of Tracy Lemons
At the home of
Mrs. Don Weathers
Saturday afternoon, September 7
Hours: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
3401 Heines
Selections:
Leewright's
Sanger/Harris
J. C. Penney
(Pottery, Country Borders)*

*Ladies, Please Consider This Your
Personal Invitation.*

Spanish Parable

There is an old Spanish parable about a man, a boy, and a donkey walking down a dusty road on a hot summer day. They overheard some passer-by say, "Look at those foolish people walking when they could be riding the donkey."

Not wanting to appear foolish, the man and his son climbed on the donkey. They had not ridden very far until another passer-by exclaimed, "Look at that poor donkey carrying those two people. Aren't they heartless?" Whereupon the son climbed down and walked beside the father and donkey.

Then, someone said, "Look at that inconsiderate man making that poor little boy walk while he rides." Upon hearing this the father and son exchanged places, and still they had not satisfied everybody.

Someone said, "Look at that young man riding and that poor, old man walking in the heat of the day." So the son climbed down. They tied the feet of the donkey together, ran a pole between his legs, and proceeded to carry the donkey.

Everyone then exclaimed, "Look at those foolish people, carrying a donkey."

This illustrates how ridiculous it is to try to please everybody. After all, who is to be pleased with our behavior? We can't please all; to please only ourselves would be disgustingly selfish; so, the only answer is God. Paul said, "For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." One need not think to serve Christ who has no intention of pleasing him, and one cannot please him without doing what he says.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

SEPTEMBER 8, 1985

Teachers Meeting

Sunday is also the day we have set for a Teacher's Meeting. We need 100% of our teaching staff present in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Jay Lockhart will present a message to "spur us on to good works." Please be there if you are presently teaching or would like to be a part of our teaching staff.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



To say that Sunday was a great day is to vastly understate the case! I grant each of you the same opportunity to evaluate it as I have done and make up your own mind, but from many of you I heard the same conclusion. Ray Walker did a marvelous job of leading us in an unusual and unique worship service in song. We are glad he came.

Preparation for this great event should not go unheralded either. It would be difficult to list all of the individuals who took part in getting ready for this day. A host of folks were present, especially on Saturday, getting our parking lot and buildings in readiness, and a group was also getting our Fellowship Hall and Benevolent Center set to feed hundreds. Then you would not believe the host of workers on Sunday morning in those buildings getting the food ready for serving. Our hat is off to all of those who worked so hard to make that day the great success that it was.

How can we appropriately praise those who had a vision of what this kind of effort would do for us and went to work making it possible. I hope this same kind of dedication can now be directed toward the work that keeps us going in between these special events. I don't doubt that with the beginning of fall we can settle back and get to work on building up the various programs of work at West Erwin. Ray Walker's coming set a spark that will carry us far. Praise God for what He has done through His servants.

Jay mentioned this past week that he is about ready to begin a sermon series on Paul's epistle to the Romans. I'm excited about that study. Romans is my favorite New Testament book. I remember that the late brother R. C. Bell of ACU used to say, "If you get Romans, God gets you." I believe that Jay's sermons on this great book will be both beneficial and timely. Set your goal on hearing every lesson.

Sunday, September 8, is a special day. Don't you dare miss it! Jay has prepared a special sermon to challenge us as we enter into this new school term where our church family will be more predictable as far as schedule is concerned.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Jay Lockhart
Prayer Wes Price
Dismiss Tony Adams

AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

Welcome Jay Lockhart
Prayer John Bragg
Dismiss Morris Hallman

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, September 1 and Wednesday Evening, Sept. 4 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

Responses

New Members: John and Nancy Bragg, 728 Sutherland Drive, Telephone 534-1208. They recently moved to Tyler from Garland, Texas where they were members of the Broadway Church of Christ and where John served as a deacon. John and Nancy have two children, Jana (9 years), and Jonathan (22 months). John is superintendent of the East Texas Christian Academy. We are happy to welcome John and Nancy and their family into the fellowship of this congregation.

Gilbert and Lorene Venable, Rt. 11, Box 189 AA, came Sunday morning to be identified again with the West Erwin church family. We welcome the Venables into the fellowship of West Erwin. They formerly worshipped with the Omen Road church.

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August 18 7,190.95

BIBLE SCHOOL

August 25 316
August 18 323

WORSHIP

August 25 A.M. 372
August 25 P.M. 256
Wed. Eve. 8/21 216

Weekly

Budget \$9,014.18

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Responses (Continued)

Baptized: We rejoice that Sam K. Barton, 5207 Hollytree Dr., #421, telephone 561-4393, was baptized on Sunday morning following the worship, by Jay Lockhart. We welcome Sam into the West Erwin church family.

Restored: Stephanie Leek came Sunday to be restored to fellowship. Stephanie is to be commended for her love and courage.

In The Hospital

Harvey Grier is a patient in Community Hospital. He is scheduled to undergo surgery on Thursday.

Nursery Changes For Sunday

For Sunday, September 1, the Toddler Nursery will be in the Training Room located upstairs over the back foyer. (For Sunday, Sept. 1 only)

Our Baby Nursery will be available as usual for each service on Sunday.



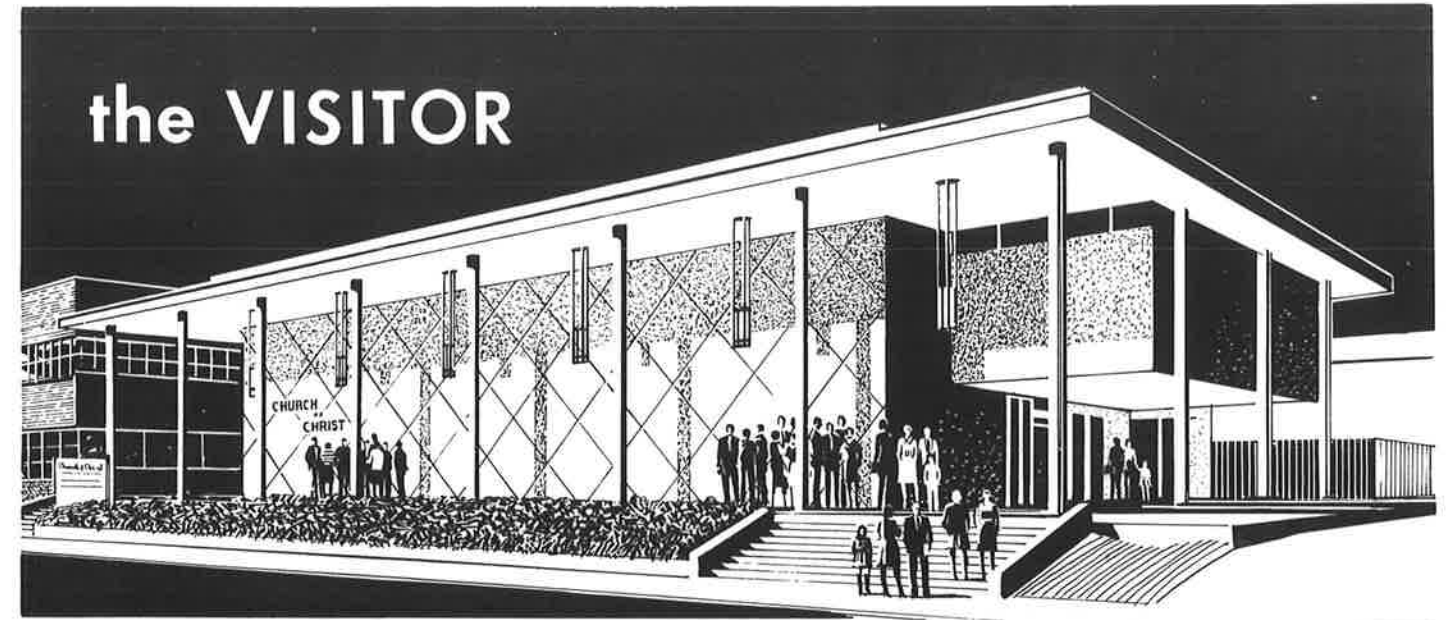
SCHOOL DAYS

This life is a school of EDUCATION;
Each day brings forth a RECITATION.
Death ends the term without VACATION.
And then comes the final EXAMINATION.

It is unreasonable
to expect a child to listen
to your advice
and ignore your example.




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**From The
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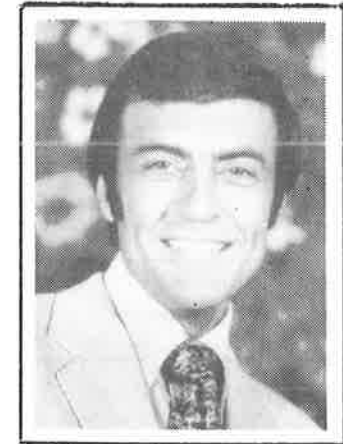
Last Sunday was one of those unusually good days and the next two promise to be exciting too.

You will want to be present all day September 1 for Ray Walker and the Gospel in Song. We will begin at our Bible class hour so don't be late! Come for 9:30, 10:30, noon for the Fellowship meal, and 1:30 for the afternoon singing. A great day is planned!

Then we move right on to The Challenge on September 8. We are asking all of our members to be in town and at West Erwin on that day. It will be a milestone. It will be a Red Letter day. You must not miss it, if it is within your power to be here!

Our commitment to Christ and his church this fall will assure us that the SON will continue to SHINE through us from the HEART OF TYLER!

You are invited to attend
"GOSPEL IN SONG"



with RAY WALKER

West Erwin Church of Christ
September 1

9:30 A.M. Combined Classes in Auditorium
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
"The Gospel In Song" with Ray Walker
12:00 Noon Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 P.M. Singing with Ray Walker
3:30 P.M. Dismiss
(No Evening Worship Service)
Nursery Provided

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Ladies, Please Consider This Your Personal
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For Your Convenience

Ray and Gail Vannoy plan to be in the parking lot of Broadway Square Mall on Sunday morning at 7:30. If you want to take your food to them they will bring it to the fellowship hall. They will be under the big Oak tree on the north end (north of J. C. Penneys) of the Mall. We appreciate the Vannoys for volunteering this assistance.

We want to remind everyone who has been contacted to work Saturday to prepare the fellowship hall to be there by 1:00 o'clock.

Also, we want to remind the ladies who are baking cakes to bring them to the fellowship hall on Saturday morning if possible.

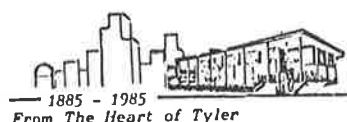
BIBLE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

Since Bible classes will not meet next Sunday, we remind you again that promotion for all ages and grades will take place on Sunday morning, September 8. We want all our members to be part of the Bible classes and assemble that day. Great things will continue to happen as we expend our effort and expect the Lord to add His blessings.

See you in Bible class.

WP

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure



--One Hundred Years of Service
 in Preaching The Gospel of Christ

College Students

We are happy to list our college age young people and the schools they are attending. Those who are out of town are missed very much in the church here.

Abilene Christian University

Kristi Alcorn
 Jeffrey Jones
 Suzanne Kirby
 Angela Mallory
 Marty Mallory
 Stan Denman
 Eric Gambrel
 Wynne Weathers

Texas A & M University

Christi Cook
 Julie Higginbotham
 John Powell

Baylor University

Wade Weathers

Texas University

Shayne Bennett

University of Texas - Tyler

Marisa Butler
 Kelly Womack

Virginia Military Institute

Jonathan Paul
 Texas Tech

Marshall Phillips

Howard College

Trey Hughes

Harding University

Shannon Hughes

Terry Lockhart

Jay Paul Lockhart

Tyler Junior College

Cole Bennett

Lee Nail

Julienne Butler

Mary Keith

Alan Pickett

Clay Smith

Dottie Nail

Todd Hancock

Thank You

In Jesus Christ I greet you. The Visitor is being forwarded to me every week. I appreciate it and read it cover to cover. I miss being with everyone - also my Ladies' Class.

Ross is getting therapy now. He seems to be responding quite well. My address is 5529 Kenith Circle, Corpus Christi, Texas 78413.

Mrs. Ross (Lula) Cunningham

Dear Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you so much for every kindness extended to daddy and our family while he was sick. The outpouring of love shown us since his passing has been so very appreciated. The visits, cards, beautiful flowers and most of all your prayers have helped give us strength when it was most needed. We love each of you.

The Guy Potts Family
 and
 Ruby Graham

Sympathy

Wylie Graham, father of Nettie Potts, was buried on Monday morning. We extend our deepest sympathy to Nettie and her mother and all members of the family.

Funeral services were conducted in Snyder, Texas on Thursday of last week for Joyce Smith, sister of Mildred Massey. We express our sympathy to James and Mildred and their family.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (1) Duane Hendrix (2) Denton Phillips, Audrey O'Bannon (3) Kenny McRuiz (4) Leona McElroy, Modena Jones (5) Homer Williamson, Chris Starnes, Frances Atkins (7) Dick Higginbotham.

Wednesday Night Singing

We still are having good attendance at our 7:00 p.m. singing on Wednesday evenings. Why don't you join us and feast on the good sound of worshipping in song.

WP

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Sunday was a significant day in the history of West Erwin. We who were present on Sunday morning witnessed the installation of eight new deacons, the addition of two families to the membership and the restoration of one of our members, the baptism of one young man. We praise God for these abundant blessings. We hope that more and more of our membership will be caught up in the dynamics of such happenings and will want to be involved in causing good things to come about rather than just watching it happen. You can, you know, if you have a mind too.

Let's not just enjoy such days on rare occasions, let's get involved so that we can see more and more of them happen. The secret ingredient is not really a secret, it's called WORK! Try it, you'll like it!

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Please don't forget to be a part of all of next Sunday's activities. Of course, we expect all our members to be present during the Bible class and worship hour, but we also want everyone to participate in the all-church fellowship for the noon meal. Don't let anything get in your way. Be here for the whole day's program. You will be sorry you did if you miss any part of this wonderful worship in song. Ray Walker will help give us a spiritual revival if we put our hearts into this experience. Oh yes, don't forget to invite friends and neighbors. Let's fill this building and have it overflowing with the songs of praise to God!

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I enjoyed being away from most of my usual responsibilities this past week, taking a brief vacation but staying home. I enjoyed, among other things, the opportunity to preach for the Northwest church in the absence of their vacationing preacher, David Giddings. It also gave me an opportunity to express my deep appreciation to that church for the association I have enjoyed with Tex Townsend and for the love and friendship we enjoyed in Christ. They will miss his capable leadership. We pray that God will raise up other strong hearted men, zealous for good works as he was.

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Thank You

Dear Christian Friends:

Thank you so much for your concern during my recent illness. The food, cards, visits, and prayers meant so much to me.

Dorothy Davis

The Sick

Frances Stegall, grandmother of Tammy Wilson, had surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital. She lives in Big Sandy.

Bernice Majors husband is now at home.

Wylie Graham, father of Nettie Potts, is now in Leisure Lodge.



SUNDAY, August

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. They That Serve Well As Deacons.
P.M. When I Grow Up.

Who Loves Me?

David lamented, "No man cared for my soul." (Ps. 142:4).

Perhaps life has caused you to pine, "Who cares? No one is concerned whether I live or die." Cross-burdened, we often sigh, "I don't want to be manipulated, maneuvered or mistreated; I want to be loved!"

Often our problem with love is not a lack of it, as much as failing to recognize it when it comes along. We often resent authority, advice, inquiry, helpfulness and conversation. What we often brand as imposition, meddlesomeness and ill motives in others is nothing but their expressions of love and good will toward us. We must not only develop the capacity to love but to ACCEPT this crown virtue from others.

Friendship love has many dimensions. Contrary to the thinking of many, love is a Joseph who forgives without reward - a Jonathan who plays second-fiddle to a David for the royal throne

- a David who admonishes his Solomon to "show thyself a man" - a father who sets strict boundaries for a prodigal - a Barnabas who encourages his John Mark or stands behind his Paul when others doubt. Love is a many-splendored thing!

Who loves me? My friend, you are loved when your highest good is sought, your greatest happiness encouraged and your future success is secured. Love seeks your company, believes in your potential, solicits your help, shares your dreams, stands among your people and disbelieves your critics.

Friendship love never fared better than the day beloved Ruth petitioned Naomi. (Ruth 1:16-17).

Homes will be paradise, marriages will know heaven and the brotherhood will possess the unity of the Trinity, when such love is extended and graciously accepted.

My friend -- many love you!

Harold G. Taylor

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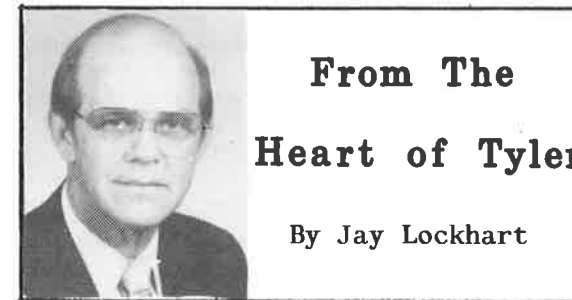
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

This Sunday will be a significant milestone for the West Erwin church as we add eight men to our Deaconate. Surely there is nothing more important to the life of a local church than when additional leadership is appointed. These men, whose names were submitted by our members and approved by our elders, have met with our elders and have been impressed with the importance of the work to which they will be assigned. While being appointed as a deacon is honorable, it is not an honorary position. It is a function, a work, a service. Deacons are special servants of the church, and these eight men, along with their wives, will fill vital roles in the life of this church. Let's pray for them that they may serve faithfully. Those to be appointed include: Lane Akin, Les Carruth, Matt Haws, Ron Lott, Jamon Kirby, John Steffee, Jim Usrey and Ray Vannoy. Through them and us, the SON must SHINE from the HEART of TYLER.

"The people were in expectation"
--Luke 3:15

EXPECTATIONS

The next few weeks promise to fulfill great expectations for the West Erwin church.

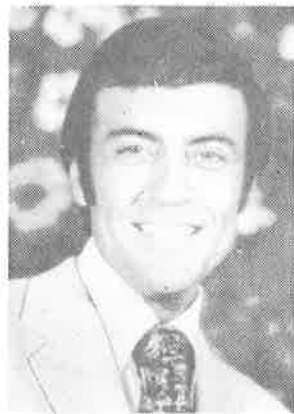
- 1. Additional Deacons.** During our morning worship service this Sunday we will formally challenge and appoint our new deacons. These eight men will add additional strength to our leadership and we are expecting great things from them.
- 2. Ray Walker.** September 1 brings Ray Walker to us for a day of Worship in Song. Ray's visit will not only be all that we expect of that day, but we also expect his coming to improve the quality of our singing on a week to week basis to make it even better than it already is.
- 3. The Challenge.** September 8th means The Challenge. We are asking every West Erwin member to be present for worship on that day if at all possible. Please defer any out of town trips and be in your place September 8. A Red Letter day in our church life is expected, and your participation is needed. Don't miss it. Visitors will be welcome; members will be expected!

The excitement is contagious! Are you catching it? It's building!

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A Day Of Worship In Song

September 1



With Ray Walker

Ray Walker was born in Centreville, Miss., but has lived in Nashville since 1952. His father is a minister. Ray, a graduate of David Lipscomb College, majored in Bible, speech and elementary education with a minor in music. He and his wife, Marilyn, were married

in 1954 and have six lovely children. They have also kept a number of foster children in their home for periods of time.

Ray has been bass singer with the Jordanaires since 1958. The Jordanaires sang and traveled with Elvis Presley for 16 years. They do back-up work on recordings for many major artists, and their voices have been heard on over 2 billion records. The Jordanaires have placed in the top ten vocal groups in the world.

Ray has held youth rallies and church events all over the country numbering over 300 from 1964 to 1971. He led singing for the nationally televised "Amazing Grace Bible Class" of the Madison church of Christ for six years and directed over 40 singings, workshops, or classes in 1984.

Ray Walker is a familiar and popular personality and has long been identified with the Nashville sound as a member of the Jordanaires, but he does many things on his own. In 1976 he had his own television show, and he has appeared on many TV commercials and in numerous magazine ads. He was named the "Best TV Ad Personality" by Nashville Magazine.

Ray Walker has a great philosophy of life and has a great love for his church and family. He is a gentleman and a Christian and lets it show in his life every day.

Schedule For Sunday September 1

- 9:30 A.M. Combined Classes in Auditorium
- 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
- "The Gospel In Song" with Ray Walker
- 12:00 Noon Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 P.M. Singing with Ray Walker
- 3:30 P.M. Dismiss
- (No Evening Worship Service)
- Nursery Provided

AUGSBURG NEWS

2,000 years Augsburg

Dear Brethren:

Finally, after having patiently waited for three and a half months, our new van arrived. On July 12th, the Fiat dealer informed me, that the bus was here and that I could pick it up. We all were so excited about this news. Unfortunately, Christel and I had planned for months to take our summer vacation, which started on July 13. So, we were not able to pick up the bus, but left it at the dealer's place until our return.

The same week-end we returned, I eagerly went to the dealer to pick up the van, and on Sunday the whole congregation was able to see the new bus and marvel at it. We all rejoice over this wonderful and necessary tool for our church work and express once more our heartfelt gratitude and our deep appreciation to those donators, who have made it possible for us to buy this van.

As already mentioned, Christel and I took advantage of the "quiet" month of July and went on a two week vacation. Again, we went to Zermatt, Switzerland, where we were so close to the many mountains rising above 12,000 feet of elevation, which especially Christel loves so much to climb. We rented a small room in a private home (up on the fifth floor in the attic) with the possibility to cook for ourselves (this is the cheapest way to make vacation in Switzerland; we never could afford a hotel room). Nearly every day we went on a hike, or just a walk, and - not as often as Christel would have liked to - we climbed up to the peak of one of those high and majestic mountains. . .

After my return I had to work up all the things which had accumulated while I was gone, and at the same time I had to prepare all those things necessary for the coming Summer Camp for Children, which begins August 3 in Austria, and which I am directing again.

At the same time we had some physical problems among our members: one of our young boys, Phillip Achatz, was involved in a traffic accident and got hurt pretty bad. Josef Achatz, one of the pillars of our congregation, had to be operated on his left eye, and Ilse Maske, one of our elderly ladies nearly got run over by a car and suffered a great shock. All three are feeling better and recovering, for which we are grateful to God.

During the past weeks we had very dear visitors from your country among us: Mr. & Mrs. Clyde A. Coker from Mission, Texas, and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Smith from Duncanville, Texas. We are always happy to have dear friends to visit us. When will YOU be coming?

To each one of you we send our heartiest greetings, our best wishes and our love. May God continue to bless you.

Rudolf Rischer and family
Bulowstrasse 4
D-8900 Augsburg
West Germany

Hey! Didya Hear?



(This column becomes a bi-weekly regular with this issue of THE VISITOR and will be written for our young people and by our young people. We are happy for the addition of this new column. JPL)

"Hey! Didya Hear?" is a new feature of our weekly bulletin. It will appear twice a month for the West Erwin young people. It is "the billboard" for youth activities, encouragement and recognition. We are going to count on each person to supply us with any news or thoughts that directly affect us as young people. Young people are vital to the church and this is a perfect opportunity to be recognized. It will also be used to keep you informed of future activities.

What has the summer been like for you? Did you take the summer off? Are you ready to get back in the swing of things? With fall just around the corner, it's time for us to get with the program - #1 commitments, #2 participation and #3 cooperation. Your commitment to our program is very important. You play a big role. Participation has to be consistent for us to be successful. We need your cooperation in all activities when our group meets together.

Turn your light on and let it shine!!!

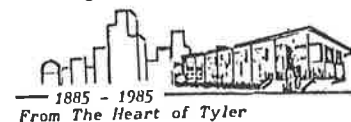
West Erwin Youth Exchange

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker (26) Pat Prichard, R. L. Trentham, Brad Kinnett (27) Pauline Aven, Thomas White, Michelle Steffee, Pauline Smith (28) Marikate Davis (29) Penny McDonald (31) Jan Cook.

REMINDER

- September 1 - The Gospel In Song - Ray Walker
- September 3 - School Begins
- September 8 - The Challenge - Jay Lockhart Bible School Promotion
- September 13- Young At Heart bus trip
- September 17- Tuesday School Begins
- September 18- Ladies Bible Class Begins



--One Hundred Years of Service
in Preaching The Gospel of Christ

... through love serve one another Galatians 5:13

IS WORKING CLOSER TOGETHER HELPING THOSE OF THE GROUP IN TIME OF SORROW OR NEED

IS SHARING FOOD AND CONVERSATION

Brother's Keepers

IS A CHANCE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH PEOPLE THAT WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET WE HAVE MADE SOME LASTING FRIENDSHIPS FROM THE EXPERIENCE

KEEPS THE BONDS OF LIFE SECURELY BINDING EACH OF US TOGETHER

LIFTS ME UP, STRENGTHENS ME

IS BEING ON FAMILIAR TERMS WITH SOME PEOPLE RIGHT OFF THE BAT

MEANS FINDING MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY WITH WHOM WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS

IS LIKE A MONTHLY FAMILY REUNION WE LEARN TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER MORE

BROTHER'S KEEPER UNITS MEET THIS SUNDAY!

August 25

New Grandson

James and Pat Prichard are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born to James and Lisa Prichard in Houston, Texas on Monday. He weighed 7 lb and 8 oz and has been named Brandon James Kyle Prichard.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
7:00 O'CLOCK
SINGING PRACTICE



Watch

THE SEARCH

A program designed to seek for and find answers to man's most penetrating questions.

Jay Lockhart, Minister

8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
KLTV, Channel 7
Tyler, Texas

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Paul Stanley
Dismiss Lowell Wiggains

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Ben Young

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

John Steffee Mike Savage
Glynn Starnes James Prichard
Guy Potts Ronson Griffith
Earl O'Quinn Mike Munn

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

August 11 \$7,742.59
August 4 8,085.91

BIBLE SCHOOL

August 11 318
August 4 305

WORSHIP

August 11 A.M. 405
August 11 P.M. 278
Wed. Eve. 8/7 196

Weekly

Budget \$9,014.18

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Louis & Jane Jones Ray & Carolyn Womack
Ira & Esther Wilson Freeman & Billie Morgan
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 18 and Wednesday Evening, August 21 - GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure

Potpourri

We have outlines on The Holy Spirit prepared by Jay Lockhart. If you want one, call the office... All sermons are taped. If you wish to have copies, please let us know in the church office... We learned this week through Terry Stephenson that brother George Stephenson is at home feeling much better. Alice's mother, sister Ivah Miller, celebrated her 97th birthday last weekend... All ladies who do not work away from home are encouraged to make plans to be a part of the Ladies Class to begin on Wednesday, September 18th... We had a good number of visitors in each worship service on Sunday. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to return at every opportunity.

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Sermons



SUNDAY, August 18

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Who Is A Christian?

P.M. The Most High Is Ruler.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

The Sick

Bernice Majors' husband is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. He is suffering from a stroke.

Wylie Graham, father of Nettie Potts, continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

**Schedule For Sunday
September 1**

- 9:30 A.M. Everyone meet in Auditorium (no classes except nursery)
- 10:20 A.M. Break
- 10:30 A.M. The Gospel In Song (Ray Walker)
- 12:00 Noon Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 P.M. Singing - Ray Walker
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

**From The
Heart of Tyler**
By Jay Lockhart

Your many expressions of love in the loss of Arlene's mother are so appreciated. You always respond to hurt and need in such beautiful ways and that fact was wonderfully demonstrated to us over the last few days and we are thankful.

August is rapidly passing and September approaches. September means so many things to us: the beginning of school, the end of summer and two very special dates for us to remember. September 1 brings Ray Walker to us for a day of worship in song which promises to be inspirational in every way. No one will want to miss that. Then September 8 is THE CHALLENGE. It is important that we be present on that day, so please plan to be in town and present on the 8th for THE CHALLENGE.

The appointment of additional leadership in a local church is always an important moment in church life. Seven additional deacons will be appointed soon and it's a crucial time. Be prayerful as we prepare for additional SON SHINE from THE HEART OF TYLER.

"Contend earnestly for the faith" Jude 3

In Defense Of Truth

The Pharisees of Jesus' day were the Keepers of Orthodoxy. They knew The Law, loved The Law, and kept The Law--at least the parts that appealed to them. So strict were they in keeping The Law that they even tithed "mint and dill and cumin" but neglected the "weightier provisions of The Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness." Jesus told them, "These are the things you should have done without neglecting the others," (Matthew 22:23). Keeping The Law must be accompanied by a proper attitude toward The Law and toward people or one becomes, like the Pharisee, a blind guide, who strains out a gnat and swallows a camel, (Matthew 22:24). The point is this: we must stand for Truth and contend earnestly for the faith, (Jude 3) but we negate our defense of Truth if in the name of Truth we distort facts, assault character, accept hearsay, and, in short, fail to love by demonstrating "justice and mercy and faithfulness." Let it be remembered that the Pharisees crucified Jesus in the defense of Truth, at least their brand of Truth. Love for God's Truth demands that we hate every false way, but we never in the name of Truth hate people for whom Christ died. "And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all...patient...with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition," (2 Timothy 2:24-25).

Benevolent Report

Report Since January 1, 1985

Local Benevolent Work

69 Families Helped (125 children involved)
Food Certificates for 23 family units, \$410.00

India Relief

Clothing - 9 boxes

Alabama Relief

Clothing - 15 boxes

Chimala Mission Hospital

Rolled Bandages - 4,963

4' Swathe Bandages - 2,784

Medicine - 14 boxes

Hospital Shirts - 133

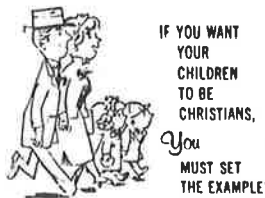
Diaper Shirts - 222

(handmade by our ladies)

Miscellaneous Items

(Needles, thread, pillow cases, salt & pepper, soap pieces, personal items)

Personal items such as dusting powder, thread (any color) piece goods (cotton), etc. can always be used. Please bring only items that can be shipped without breaking.



IF YOU WANT
YOUR
CHILDREN
TO BE
CHRISTIANS,
YOU
MUST SET
THE EXAMPLE!

Be in Bible Class

Sunday

Come
**SING
WITH US!**

September 1, 1985

"The Gospel In Song"

RAY WALKER

West Erwin Church of Christ

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



You Finish This Story

Once there was a congregation in which every member was just like you. Each one cooperated and supported every program just the way you have been doing. Everyone worked as hard and attended the same services and gospel meetings that you did.

The elders, deacons, and preachers were all interested in the church as you are at this time. They put the same emphasis on their recreation, business, and other material affairs that you do. Each member gave as you do. Within a year or so, this congregation..

Tuesday School

With the coming of the fall schedule is the beginning of our TUESDAY SCHOOL on September 17. Mary June Goodson will again be our director. She is still in need of other volunteers to assist in teaching, helping with the children or serving in other vital roles. Why not consider yourself available to assist in this excellent ministry and let her know.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, letters and expressions of kindness as we recover from illnesses.

Robert & Edythe Trentham

We need YOU in Bible School!

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Saturday in Newbern, Tennessee for Mrs. Rosi Mae Carter, mother of Arlene Lockhart. Jay and the children returned to Tyler late Sunday and Arlene will be home by this weekend. We extend our love and sympathy to the Lockharts in their loss.

Funeral services were held Sunday for Tex Townsend. Wes helped with the service here and also went to Houston to assist in the Military service there. Brother Townsend was an elder of the Northwest church.

We learned last week that Audrey O'Bannon's sister, Laura Del Anthony of Pearland was buried last week. We express our sympathy to Audrey and Russell and their family.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (18) Misty Lemons (19) Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts (20) Earl O'Quinn, Pete Wallace, Robert Conner (21) Walker Weathers (22) Beulah Bedford, Cris Krupicka, Kathie Ward (23) Joelle Butler, Freeman Morgan.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We are looking forward to having Ray Walker with us on Sunday, September 1. He will certainly inspire us and help us rise to new heights in our singing worship. Don't make any plans to leave town on that weekend.

We usually promote our Bible classes on the first Sunday in September, but since none of the classes will meet that day promotion will be on September 8. Please make note of this and be prepared to help your children find their new class room on that day.

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Fred Powell tells me that we had good response to the new beginning of Children's Worship. We are grateful to those who volunteered to serve in this vital service. If others would like to participate, see Fred Powell.

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So that you can arrange your schedule, all teachers are asked to reserve Sunday afternoon, August 25 at 5:00 o'clock for a Teachers Meeting to share plans for several events that are coming up.

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We are glad to welcome the approach of the school year. This means that there will be a return of folks to the regular routine of being at home on weekends and will also mean a more consistent attendance in our Bible classes as well as worship services. As you are already aware, we have a busy schedule ahead of us and we hope you are even now letting the excitement build for a resurgence of interest and energy in the work of this church. We will have new deacons being committed to new works and that will add to the strength of a busy congregation. Let's pray for this school year and the return of our families to regular attendance.

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We will be having an all-church fellowship at noon on the Sunday that Ray Walker visits with us. Be busy in inviting friends and neighbors to be your guests and also be ready to assist in food preparation so that all of those who do come will be fed. The day's activities will make a strong impression on all who come.



SINGING PRACTICE - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Serving	Records
MORNING WORSHIP	CONTRIBUTIONS
Welcome Dannie Skipper	August 4 \$8,085.91
Prayer Freeman Morgan	July 28 14,020.98
Dismiss Todd Stewart	BIBLE SCHOOL
EVENING WORSHIP	August 4 305
Welcome Dannie Skipper	July 28 270
Prayer James Phillips	WORSHIP
Dismiss Steve Ward	August 4 408
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY	July 28 305
John Steffee Mike Savage	Wed.Eve.7/31 195
Glynn Starnes James Prichard	Weekly
Guy Potts Ronson Griffith	BUDGET \$9,014.18
Earl O'Quinn Mike Munn	

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Louis & Jane Jones Ray & Carolyn Womack
 Ira & Esther Wilson Freeman & Billie Morgan
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 11 and Wednesday evening, August 14 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.

Add To Your Directory

Wednesday evening, July 31, Mrs. Ernestine Wallace came to place membership. Her address is 601 Golden Road, #S3, telephone 597-8669. We welcome her to the West Erwin family.



LADIES' CLASS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.



Sermons

SUNDAY, August 11
 By Jay Lockhart

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The Sick

Mrs. K. Max (Mary) Haws is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Wylie Graham, father of Nettie Potts, is in Medical Center Hospital following surgery on Monday.
 B. E. Walker had surgery on Friday of last week and is now at home.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last week in Texarkana for the brother-in-law of Bill Endsley. We express our sympathy to the family.



REMEMBER WHEN?

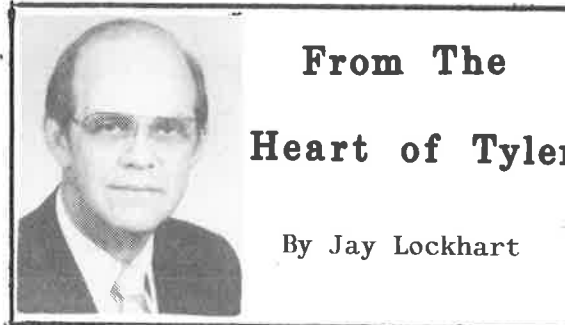
- You left your front door open?
- You went to church and the preacher preached from the Bible?
- A girl was a girl and a boy was a boy and you could tell them apart?
- A man who went wrong was blamed, not his mother's care of his father's income?
- Everyone knew right from wrong—even Harvard professors?
- Things were not perfect and you didn't expect them to be?
- People still blushed?
- Everyone was not entitled to an annual wage whether they worked or not?
- A man's word was his bond and revival meetings were well attended?
- Sick meant that you were not feeling well?

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By Jay Lockhart

Our elders are currently interviewing candidates for the work of deacons at West Erwin. Your participation in their selection is much appreciated. Hopefully, their official appointment will take place by Sunday, August 18. These additional men will add strength to the deaconate and help us do an even more effective work from the Heart of Tyler.

There are two especially important dates to mark on your calendars for September. The first is September 1 when Ray Walker will be with us for a day of worship and praise with emphasis upon singing. That will be a great day for sure.

The second important date is September 8. Summer will be over, school will be back in session, and we want every member of West Erwin in town and present on that day for THE CHALLENGE. September 8 will be a Red Letter Day for us. Don't miss it... for anything!

*"According to the proper work of each individual part"
 --Ephesians 4:16*

The Church Is The Body Of Christ

It is wonderfully significant that God refers to the church as the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:20-21) and that He organized the body in local congregations with elders, deacons, evangelists, teachers, and the other members. Membership in the body is not like joining a social club or having one's name on a membership role, but is a function. Like a body, the church functions when each individual part is working properly. Church membership is not a "spectator sport" but active involvement as a member of Christ's body.

Therefore, to be an elder, while honorable, is not an honorary position, but a work, the work of a shepherd--leading, feeding, protecting (Acts 20:8).

One is appointed a deacon, not because he has been a member of the congregation for a long time or because he is a "good old boy," but because he will "kick up the dust" in faithful service.


The same is true of evangelists, teachers, and other members. We do not all have the same function (Romans 12:4), but we all have our function. God has ordained that the church, the body of Christ, will grow with "the proper working of each individual part." Inactivity or un-involvement is inconsistent with what the body is.

From Shiloh Road Church

This is your invitation to an Open House honoring the Carlos Morgan family, Sunday, August 18th, 2 - 4 p.m., at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

The Morgans are moving to Little Rock, Arkansas, after having lived in Tyler for 30 years. Carlos has served as an elder for the Shiloh Road congregation since 1978. This is our way of recognizing their contribution to the Lord's church and to this community.

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure



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THE SEARCH
A program designed to seek for and find answers to man's most penetrating questions.
Jay Lockhart, Minister
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Tyler, Texas

CAN YOU NAME ME?

I NEVER WAS GUILTY OF WRONG ACTION, but on my account lives have been lost, trains have been wrecked, ships have gone down at sea, cities have been burned, battles have been lost, and governments have failed.

I NEVER STRUCK A BLOW NOR SPOKE AN UNKIND WORD, but because of me homes have been broken up, friends have grown cold, the laughter of children has ceased, wives and husbands have shed bitter tears, brothers and sisters have been forgotten, fathers and mothers have gone broken-hearted to their graves.

I HAVE INTENDED NO EVIL, but because of me talent and genius have come to naught, courtesy and kindness have failed, and the promise of success and happiness have yielded sorrow and disaster.

I HAVE NO COLOR AND NO SOUND. You may not on the instant call me by name, but...

I AM NEGLECT.

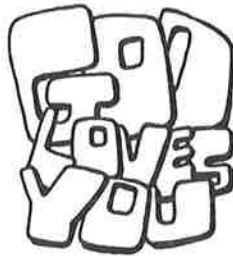
--Author Unknown

Youth Series

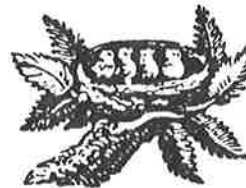
The final meeting for the Summer Youth Series will be Tuesday, August 13, at the Northwest Church of Christ here in Tyler. The time is 7:30 P.M. Plan to attend!

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes (12) Randy Krupicka, David Graves (13) Suzanne Kirby (14) Patsy Young (15) Sylvia Carpenter (16) June Walker, Betty Knight, Angela Mallory.



SINGING PRACTICE continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 o'clock - 30 minutes prior to the Wednesday night services. The response has been good. Plan to come and enjoy this special time of singing together.



Trust

Said the robin to the sparrow,
I would really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so.

Said the sparrow to the robin,
Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me.

Author Unknown

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits during my hospitalization. Your concern and expression of love enforces my desire to continue being included in the West Erwin family.

In Christian love,
Mary Prater

Thank you for your prayers, visits and concern during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Jim (Bessie) Willis

Dear Brethren,
I am unable to find words to thank you for your involvement in the Alabama work. The people of Alabama join me in sending this message. The clothes came at a needed time. We shall always be grateful to you. May God continue to bless your work there.

Yours in Christ,
Dan Hooks
Camden, Ala.

Thank you so very much for your prayers and concern during Elizabeth's and my illness. Your visits, cards and calls have been a great strength. A very special thanks to all who provided food for us during our time of need. Continue to pray for Elizabeth and her recovery.

In Christian love,
Bill & Elizabeth Endsley

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

Family of S. L. Beaty
(brother of Meeta Clucas)

Dear W. Erwin Church & Class Members,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you sent me. It was real nice of you. Also thanks for the cards.

In Christian love,
Beulah Bedford

Kindness is the language that
the deaf can hear and the dumb
can understand.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The first Sunday in September is the designated Sunday for promoting our Bible classes. Teachers of the preschool classes are encouraged to remind parents of that coming change on the preceding Sunday so that they will be aware of a change in rooms for their children. Parents, we would like to ask that you assist your children in finding their new classrooms the last Sunday of August so they will know where to go on September 1.

We are glad to announce the renewal of our Sunday morning Children's Worship Training classes. Fred Powell has been coordinating this good work and has organized it anew with a number of new workers. We are grateful to him and to those of you who are involved with him in this vital ministry. We encourage others to get involved if you are looking for a good place of service. Just let me or Fred Powell know and we will see that you are given the opportunity.

Alice Stephenson called last Saturday to give us an update on George's condition. We are happy to report good improvement. Alice asked that we convey to all their gratitude for the expressions of love and concern for Him. We are glad that he is better. He still has definite prospects for further surgery in the future, but with the improvement in his heart problem, the surgery will be much less critical.

Our Young At Heart group is a busy one. It was my privilege to drive them on our new bus to visit the Wax Museum and Wild Life Safari in Grand Prairie. They have a great time together.

I'm excited about the addition of new deacons to our work at West Erwin. Our elders are in the process of contacting those whose names have been submitted and we will soon be hearing news about their installation. Please remember to pray for our elders as they conduct this vital process and the men who will be serving as deacons. It is indeed a sobering responsibility.

Even with a whole host of our folks away this past Sunday, we still exceeded 300 in Bible study and 400 in worship. We were blessed with a lot of folks visiting with us. Some of our visitors were newcomers to Tyler and are looking for a church home. Let me encourage you to do your usual good turn in presenting a warm and friendly spirit to all who visit us.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Ken Edwards
Dismiss Archie Lowry

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Phil Marts
Dismiss Joe McBee

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, August 4 and Wednesday Evening, August 7 - MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.



"This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

And The Lord Added

Sunday, it was announced that Angel Cabrera, 706 N. Border, telephone 595-2972, was baptized on Thursday evening, July 25th by Hoyt Hughes. Angel has attended Bible school and worship faithfully for many months. We rejoice with him in his obedience to the Gospel and welcome him into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

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Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

ELDERS
F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight

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The Sick

Sister Beulah Bedford is making a good recovery from surgery last week. She is in Mother Frances, but may go home before the end of the week.

Fred Powell's mother has gone home from the hospital.

We learned Tuesday that George Stephenson is ill in a Sherman Hospital. He is scheduled to have a pacemaker implanted as soon as his condition will allow. He was improving on Tuesday afternoon. They have asked to be remembered when we pray. The address is Medical Plaza, Room 128 - Sherman, Texas 75090.

Add To Your Directory

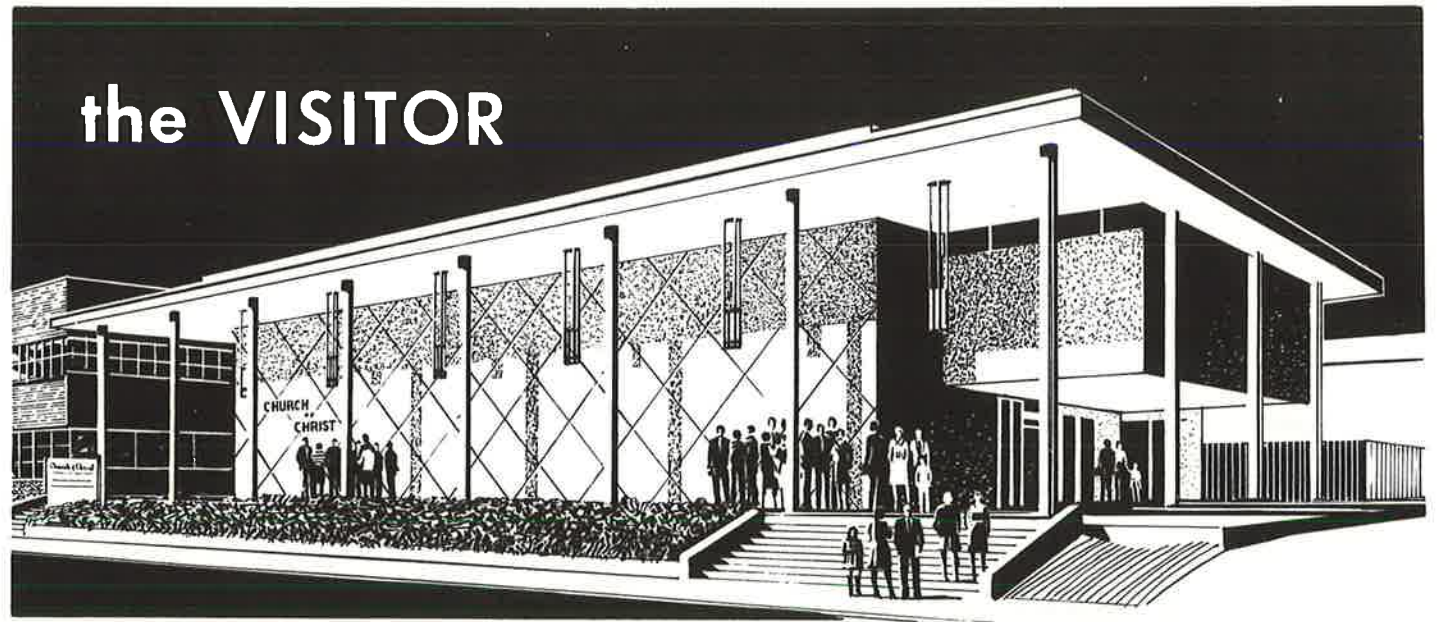
The following name was inadvertently omitted from the list of new members on page two. Please add to your directory:

Mr. and Mrs. Don (Patsy) Slaughter
3914 Post Oak
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone - 581-5309



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception" -Colossians 2:8

The Church And Cultism

Last Wednesday evening Harold Taylor spoke to our combined classes on a movement among churches of Christ called "Crossroadsism". Harold spoke out of his personal experience as he cited the positive and negative aspects of this movement. Three things came to my mind in regard to what establishes a movement as a cult and why cultism in any form should be avoided.

1. Cultism is established upon exclusive pride. Like the proud Pharisees of Jesus' day who felt they were the spiritually elite and the Gnostics of the second century (seeds of which were present in the first century) who believed they had reached a spiritual plateau of special knowledge, modern cults are snobbish, proud, and hold those who have not attained similar "spiritual levels" in contempt. This attitude clearly violates Romans 14 and 15.

2. Cultism separates believers rather than seeking to unite them. The unity of the "in" group is established upon a human standard of opinion while Biblical unity is based upon respect for the authority of Scripture and for the "platform" of religious unity stated by Paul in Ephesians 4:1-6 and not on some humanly defined attainment. This attitude violates I Corinth-

(continued on page 2)

This week I am in a meeting with the Sitka church, Milan, Tennessee. I have been with this good church twice before and visiting them is always delightful. They have a good man as their preacher in F. T. Patton, faithful, dedicated elders, and a united, loving, and devoted membership. While I am in the meeting, Arlene will be visiting her parents, thirty miles away. We plan to return home Thursday, August 1.

We missed Wes and Nelda in the office last week, while Wes attended the Bible Teacher's Workshop in Abilene and Nelda was vacationing in Florida. We are glad they are home! This week Frances will be on vacation. Hurry back Frances!

I know you enjoyed hearing Harold Taylor in my absence last Sunday. Harold and Betty are precious to us as our "Stateside" missionaries. The Taylors help us to allow the SON to shine through us throughout the nation as well as from the Heart of Tyler.

Add To Your Directory

The following is a list of new members to add to your new church directory. If you have not picked up your directory you will find them in the south foyer.

ADAMS, Mark
Rt. 14, Box 202
Tyler, Texas 75707
Phone - 566-1598

CABRERA, Angel
706 N. Border
Tyler, Texas 75702
Phone - 595-2972

CHAPEL, Mrs. Jack (June)
Rt. 17, Box 8
Tyler, Texas 75704
Phone - 593-7118

COLBERT, Mrs. Lillian
513A So. Chilton
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone - 593-4112

COOK, Glen
903 So. Sneed
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone - 592-5203

GREEN, Danny
403 E. Noble
Tyler, Texas 75702
Phone - 593-5624

GRIFFITH, Ronson & Patricia
5207 Hollytree, #1223
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone - 581-6596

HULSEY, Penny
1926 Baker Drive
Tyler, Texas 75702
Phone - 593-6196

MILES, Shelley
804 Watkins
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone - 593-9914

STARNES, Chris
Rt. 23, Box 254
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone - 561-0736



We are happy to welcome our visitors. Please come again.

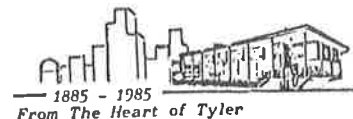
The Church And Cultism (continued from page 1)

ians 1:10, Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17, and the general teaching of the New Testament.

3. Cultism holds the local church under its elders (the New Testament pattern) and believing parent-child relationships in contempt leading to alienation within churches and families. This attitude violates every passage of Scripture pertaining to local churches and family life.

Admittedly, we have a lot of work to do in the church today. But working within the framework of the local congregation and the family until every man is presented perfect in Christ is the better approach and cultism in never the answer.

Jay Lockhart



--One Hundred Years of Service
in Preaching The Gospel of Christ

REMINDER



Young people, we will leave from the church parking lot Tuesday evening at 6:15. The Summer Youth Series will be at the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ in Palestine. This is the last out-of-town meeting. The last meeting in the series will be August 13 at the Northwest Church here in Tyler.



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God give me...

God, give me eyes that I might see the work that can be done by me.
God, give me ears that I may hear the cries of those who need me near.
God, give me a mind that I might know, how to help those who need me so.
God, give me lips that I might speak comfort, peace to all who seek.
God, give me hands that I might do some large or simple task for You.
God, give me a prayer that I may pray Thy help and guidance every day.
And this one thing, all else above:
God, give me a heart, that I may love.

East Texas Christian Academy

Interested in teaching in a Christian School? East Texas Christian Academy provides classes for kindergarten through sixth grade. Teaching positions are available for Fall 1985. If interested please contact Jerry Konczak, 561-8642.

ETCA is now enrolling for their fall semester. Day care and pre-school classes for children from 6 weeks are provided. We are accepting applications for classroom aides and day care attendants. For more information contact Denise Sorrells at 561-8642.

SERMON topics

Sunday, August 4
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. A Man After God's Heart (No. 1)
P.M. A Man After God's Heart (No. 2)

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, visits and every kindness shown to me at the death of my sister, Anna Myrtle Whiteside. God bless you.

Frances Atkins

Tuesday School

Tuesday School will begin September 17 and plans are underway for this excellent program. If you are willing to give your time each Tuesday morning as a teacher, helper, or worker of any kind, please call Mary June Goodson at 561-4875 or the church office.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart is planning a journey to Dallas, Tuesday, August 6th to the Wax Museum and Wild Life Safari. The fee for these two events is \$10.50. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 A.M. and return about 5:30 p.m. For further information you may call Billie Bob Hickman, 561-1289 or Bob Threadgill, 561-3268.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (4) Virginia Conner, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette (5) Rebecca Blackstone (8) Marian Rowe, Fran Starnes, Elizabeth Hughes (9) Angie Hendrix, Jonathan Paul, Jared Metcalf (10) Ivah Miller, Shannon Starnes, Daisy Lee Old.



See You In Bible School

"YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE"

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



As usual, the Abilene Christian University Summer Teacher's Workshop was great. We had thirteen to make the trip. We could have had a larger number. I will make a suggestion that you set your sights on going next year. Mark your calendar for the last full week of July and save a week's vacation and plan on going with us. It is a great way to get to know each other and the three days of classes will do you good.

Final arrangements have been made with Ray Walker for his coming visit with us on September 1. There is no doubt that his visit and the worship that day will be great. As in other important engagements, please reserve that date so you can help us launch the fall with a big attendance and with full enthusiasm.

Harold Taylor's visit with us was good, wasn't it? His preaching Sunday was excellent and I have had so many favorable comments about his Wednesday night's lesson that I'm anxious to listen to the tape so I can enjoy that good feeling with you. If you want a copy of the tape, call the church office. We enjoyed having Harold and Betty in our home during their stay here, so we have received a double blessing by their visit.

All members of my Sunday Bible Class have been enjoying a new group discussion series which began a couple of weeks ago. We would enjoy having others of you to come and join us if you are looking for a class. We meet in the Annex.

We also remind members of this class that our plans for a family outing are set for Saturday, August 10. We will go to Emerald Bay to the cottage belonging to Robert and Pat Stokes. All couples in this class are encouraged to attend. Ask if you need details.

We will continue the Wednesday evening singing sessions at 7:00 p.m. as long as enough of you come to share in it with us. So far, it has met with great success. Why don't you arrange your schedule to meet with us that extra 30 minutes.

Jay and Arlene will return sometime on Thursday of this week from his meeting. We miss them and are anxious to have them back.

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, July 28 and Wednesday Evening, July 31 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.



RAY WALKER will be with us on SEPTEMBER 1. Make plans now for a very special day!

HERE AND THERE (Cont'd)

As with a brief summer storm, so with the larger and longer storms of life. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction..." (II Cor. 1:3-4).
.....Dan Harless

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Sympathy

Services for S.L. Beaty, brother of Meeta Clucas, were held Wednesday afternoon in Linden, Texas. We express our sympathy to Meeta and the family.

The Sick

Lula Cunningham has gone to Houston with her husband who is undergoing treatment.

The mother of Fred Powell, Clive Powell, had surgery in Mother Frances Hospital today.

Bessie Willis is now home after being a patient in Mother Frances.

Continue to remember in your prayers Tommie White, Dorothy Davis, Bill and Elizabeth Endsley, Weldon Keith, Earl Clucas, and those in the nursing homes.

Potpourri

It was so good to have Russell and Audrey O'Bannon in services on Sunday. We miss them!

Leona McElroy has been honored by being asked to be the State Chairman of Program for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is from the Mary Tyler Chapter.



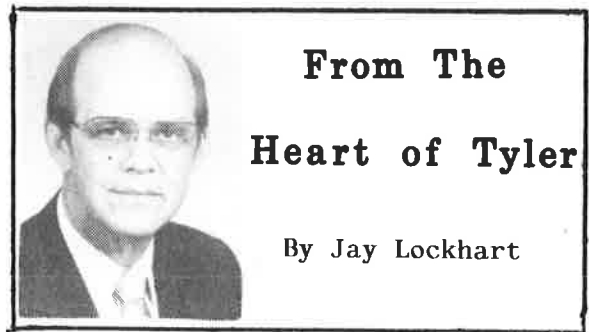
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Last week the management of KLTU informed us as to our viewing audience for THE SEARCH on Sunday mornings and our special prime-time programs seen four times a year.

On Sunday mornings our program is seen by about 16,000 people. We believe, from our mail, that about 50% of our viewers are non-members. If 8000 non-members watch THE SEARCH it becomes apparent that we speak to as many of those outside the church in one week as we can hope to speak to in years, yes, years at our building.

Our recent Special, seen at 7:00 p.m. on July 2, had approximately 64,000 viewers. Our mail ran four times higher than usual which bears out the fact that the audience was four times as large. And it was substantially a different audience than we reach on Sundays. If we spoke to 500 people at our building each Sunday, it would take two and a half years to speak to this number, and of course, at our building we speak to basically the same people each week and most of them are members.

Thank you for your interest in and support of THE SEARCH. May the SON shine through the program from the Heart of Tyler.

*"Those who have served well as deacons"
I Timothy 3:13*

DEACONS

Last Sunday, Ray Lott, in speaking for our elders, announced that we wish to appoint additional deacons to serve as special servants and "those who kick up the dust by hastening" (literal meaning of deacon) for the West Erwin church.

Each of our members is requested to submit names of those thought to possess the qualifications for deacons found in I Timothy 3 by next Sunday, July 28. Each person whose name is submitted will then be screened and those willing to serve will be placed before the congregation for approval. Then later those selected will be formally appointed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Deacons likewise must be men of dignity not doubletongued, not addicted to much wine, or fond of sordid gain, but holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach...Let deacons be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

I Timothy 3:8-13

**You Have An Appointment With God;
Be Prepared When You Keep It!**

HEAR

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
James 1:25

HAVE FAITH

But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
Hebrews 11:6

BELIEVE

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
John 5:24

REPENT

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.
Acts 3:19

I tell you nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
Luke 13:5

CONFESS

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
Romans 10:10

BAPTISM

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
Acts 2:38

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
Romans 6:4

OBEY

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.
Hebrews 5:8-9

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome to the West Erwin family Ronson and Patricia Griffith, 5207 Hollytree #1223. Their telephone number is 581-6596. They come to us from the Alpine congregation in Longview.



Harold Taylor

To Preach

July 28

Harold Taylor, our "Stateside Missionary" will be speaking at both services on Sunday, July 28. He and Betty will also be with us for our all-church fellowship. This will give us all an opportunity to visit with them.

We will miss Jay and Arlene. Jay begins a meeting in Tennessee on July 28. Remember them in your prayers while they are away.

Happy Birthday

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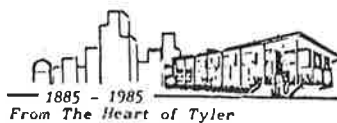
Sympathy

We express sympathy to Frances Atkins at the death of her sister Anna Myrtle Whiteside. Services were held Monday.

Thank You

Thank you for every kindness on behalf of our family. We thank you for the beautiful flowers and food for our family.

The family of Mrs. Lula Snyder
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Center



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All Church Fellowship

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
JULY 28

Fellowship Hall - Following Evening
Worship. Plan to be present!



BRING FINGER FOODS

Sandwiches, chips, dips, dessert
Drinks will be furnished

Brothers' Keeper

Because of our all-church fellowship, our Brothers' Keeper units will not be meeting this Sunday. The units will meet as usual in August. Plan to attend your meeting the last Sunday of August.

Young People

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 30, at the South Main church in Henderson. The bus will leave the parking lot at 6:45 p.m. Make your plans to be here and go together on the bus.

New Directories

If you have not picked up your church directory from the south foyer, you need to do so as soon as possible. They are on the tables in alphabetical order.

Singing Practice

Our first singing practice last Wednesday night was good. We hope more will come and share in this time of improving our singing in our worship services. Come at 7:00, and let's all sing together for 30 minutes.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



.....Guest Editorial

Angry, scudding clouds are darkening the sky. The wind has risen and the first drops of rain have begun pelting my window. At short intervals lightning pierces the darkness and thunder rolls across the heavens. Another summer storm is in the making.

The whine of an airliner competes with the crashing sounds of the storm. As it struggles upward the roar of its jet engines seems to challenge the forces of nature. In a few moments the plane will break through the clouds into bright sunshine. There, high above the earth, passengers will look down on serene, brilliantly white clouds that will offset the blue that stretches away into infinity. No longer menacing, the fleecy clouds will appear altogether lovely.

Meantime, as the roar of the engines grows fainter, I remain earthbound. The sky grows darker, rain is falling in torrents, gusts of wind are rattling the windows, and flashes of lightning threaten my composure; the thunder is deafening.

When David was oppressed and fearful he cried, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! Then would I fly away, and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander off, I would lodge in the wilderness. I would haste me to a shelter from the stormy wind and tempest" (Psalm 55:6-8). But this was not to be. Nor can it be now. We cannot of ourselves avoid the storms of life. We must weather every storm, no matter its severity. But storms, by God's grace, have a way of ending. And afterward one may look for the sunshine of God's goodness. After darkness comes the light of God's mercy: "Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2).

The rain has begun to slacken. Soon the sun's rays will shine through the clouds and the joyful chorus of the birds again will be heard. They are under God's tender care. He shelters them, feeds them, and knows when even the lowliest one falls to earth. We have this assurance: "Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:31).

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 Dismiss Earl O'Quinn

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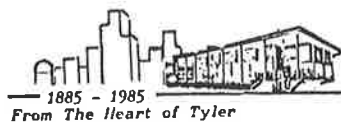
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, July 21 and Wednesday evening, July 24 - IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

And The Lord Added

On Thursday evening of last week Glen Cook was baptized by Tony Adams. We welcome Glen into the fellowship of West Erwin. His address is 903 So. Sneed (75701)

We welcome Mrs. Jack (June) Chapel, Rt. 17, Box 8 (75704). She and her husband recently moved to Tyler from Abilene.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Lillian Colbert, 513 A. So. Chilton (75701). She is the mother of June Chapel.



--One Hundred Years of Service
 in Preaching The Gospel of Christ

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 July 7 8,181.51
 Year Ago 7,572.30

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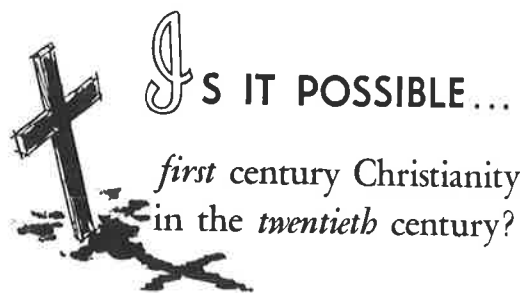
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New Directories

Our new church directories are in alphabetical order on tables in the south foyer. We encourage you to take a minute Sunday or Wednesday and pick yours up. New members, you will find a directory with your name on it also.

The Sick

Mrs. Jim (Bessie) Willis is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. R. L. Trentham has been in Mother Frances. He is now in Leisure Lodge. Bill Endsley went home Monday. Mary Prater was dismissed Wednesday from Community Hospital. She is at home in Van.



People sin now as they did in the first century: "For all have sinned . . ." Romans 3:23. People need salvation now as they did in the first century: ". . . Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Acts 2:40. The gospel of Christ saves men now as it did in the first century: ". . . It is the power of God unto salvation . . ." Romans 1:16.

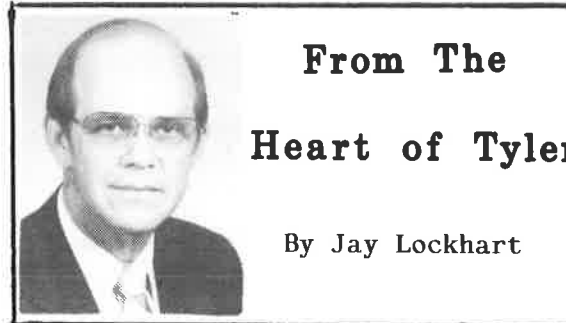
Therefore, since God is the same, obedience to the gospel today will make saved people of us as it did then, and it is true that first century Christianity is not only possible, but actually exists today when people follow the New Testament.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



"She has done what she could"
 --Mark 14:8

ATTITUDES

One of the most interesting things about man is his attitude. He has attitudes pertaining to all areas of his life--his job, his family and friends, his associates, the world, and the church. His attitudes determine the kind of employer/employee he will be, how he feels toward his family and friends, his responses to his associates, his view of the world, and his value to the local church.

When one has a good attitude about life he is happier and does a better job in whatever he is involved. On the other hand, a poor attitude causes one to be unhappy and keeps him from doing his best. A person with a positive attitude and average ability will do a better job than one with a superior ability and a sorry attitude.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if each of us would decide to build good attitudes: to love; to serve; to think the best about others; to put aside complaining, fault finding, and indifference; to do our best; to be fully involved in serving Christ with joy and gladness? If we enthusiastically involve ourselves in doing what we can for Him, it will make a difference!

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THE CHRISTIAN ON THE JOB

In a recent issue of *Christian Psychology for Today*, Nancy Brown and Jeanne Ryan suggested seven characteristics of Christians who take their faith with them to work. These traits bring glory to God because the Christian employee becomes a valuable part of the business and a living testimony to the power of God to free man from the selfish, petty ways of the world.

Here are the seven qualities with the scriptures suggested by Brown and Ryan:

1. Loyalty to the company: "A true friend is always loyal..." Proverbs 17:17.

2. An attitude of service: "If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles" Matthew 5:41.

3. Reliability and conscientiousness - following through until the job is done: "Do you see the man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings..." Proverbs 22:29.

4. Punctuality and wise use of time on the job: "Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare" Proverbs 10:13.

5. Willingness to learn from constructive criticism: "He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise" Proverbs 15:31.

6. A good sense of humor - a positive attitude: "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" Proverbs 17:22.

7. An unwillingness to participate in office gossip: "A gossip betrays a confidence but a trustworthy man keeps a secret" Proverbs 11:13.

We should try to incorporate these qualities into our work habits.

Remember, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men..." Colossians 3:23.

--University Church of Christ Bulletin
Abilene, Texas



Harold Taylor To Preach July 28

Harold Taylor will speak to us on Wednesday evening, July 24. Also, he will be preaching for both services on Sunday, July 28.

It will be good to have Harold Taylor, our "Stateside Missionary" speak on Sunday, July 28 for the morning and evening worship service. He and Betty will also be with us for the evening "get-together" following the worship on that Sunday evening.



We're Getting Together

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
JULY 28

Fellowship Hall - Following Evening
Worship. Plan to be present!

We will be having an all church fellowship on Sunday evening, July 28th. This is the last Sunday of the month and the date we usually have our Brother's Keeper Unit meetings. We look forward to meeting together this month following the evening worship.

We will have details next week about what you should bring.

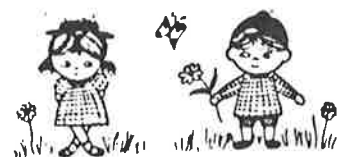
Be A Wednesday Nighter!

SERMON
topics By Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Programed For Greatness"
P.M. "When The Living Communed With
The Dead"

Singing Practice

Remember the singing practice each Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Everyone is encouraged to make a special effort to be here by 7:00. If you cannot, please come on in the auditorium when you arrive and participate.



See You In Bible School

Thank You

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards. It meant a lot to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Kevin, Le'Ann & Spencer

Our thanks and appreciation for all the continuing calls, cards and visits during Tommie's illness, and especially for your prayers.

A special thanks also to the "Young at Heart" and Wes' adult class. We love you.

Moselle & Tommie White

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last week in Paris for Mrs. Barney Cox, sister of Mrs. James Massey.

A sister of Mrs. Ella Mae Grayson was buried this week.

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

Young People

REMEMBER Saturday night activities. All Middle School and High School will leave the church building at 5:30 for our fun night at the home of the Fishers. Be ready to participate!

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 23, at the Chandler St. church in Kilgore. The bus will leave the parking lot at 6:45 p.m. Plan to be here and go together on the bus.

Happy Birthday

JULY (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden, Ron Lott (24) Andy Butler, Chris Shelton (25) Pam Lemons (26) Diana Morris

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The Kaufman Church of Christ has extended an invitation to attend their Teacher's Workshop scheduled for Saturday, July 20th, at their building in Kaufman. The beginning assembly will be at 8:30 a.m. with class sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will continue until 3:30 p.m.

This Sunday, July 21st, will be the beginning of a new adult study in Adult Class III, which meets in the Annex. The group study approach will be used and we have three talented teachers to serve as discussion leaders: Leon Welborn, Steve Ward, and Phil Marts. If you are not now attending an adult class, may we encourage you to use this opportunity to start. We feel confident that you will profit by being with one of these study groups.

For the first summer in my tenure with West Erwin, the Benevolent Center has remained in operation with work going on each Tuesday morning. We must commend this work to you and encourage those who participate. Each week sees a good work accomplished and needy all over the world helped.

We frequently have members and others drop off used clothing for the Benevolent Center. May we ask this favor. Make sure that these clothes are clean and serviceable. If they are not clean, then we have no way of making them ready for use. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in this matter.

We hope a large number of you will respond to the Wednesday evening singing each week to begin at 7:00 p.m. As we mention in the announcements, we will make this a time of learning, but not with a heavy emphasis on the mechanics of music. Rather, it will be a time when we will join together in learning some of the newer songs in our book and relearning some of the older songs that have not been used in a long time. We feel that this time together will help us offset some of the disadvantages of an uncooperative auditorium where the acoustics tend to work against good singing. Come join us!

"YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE"

Serving Sunday

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Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Harold Denman
Dismiss Bill Hensley

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, July 14 and Wednesday evening, July 17 - COOPER GOODSON, 581-4875.

And The Lord Added

On Sunday, the 30th of June, Danny Green, 403 East Noble, telephone 593-5624, came to place membership. He formerly worshipped with the Big Sandy church of Christ. We welcome him to the West Erwin family.

We rejoice with Carolyn Paschall and her family because of the baptism of her sister, Lynette Graham here at the building on Sunday afternoon, June 30. She lives in Irving, Texas.

HERE AND THERE (continued)

We are excited about plans for our 100th anniversary celebration set for Sunday, October 13. Three of our former ministers will be speaking on that day, George Stephenson, Dean Brookshire and L. L. Gieger. We are expecting former members and encouraging them to be our special guests on that day.

Then the following Sunday, October 20, we will have an evangelistic meeting with Mike Biggs of Arlington doing the preaching.

Please mark your calendar now so that you will avoid conflicts. We need to have every member of this congregation present for these special events. See to it!

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WORSHIP

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June 30 384
Wed. 7/3 no count
Weekly
Budget \$9,014.18

The Sick

Bill Endsley had surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

Earl Clucas has been dismissed from the hospital and is recovering at home from recent surgery.

Jess King called to let us know that Theo Janet underwent surgery last week in Hot Springs, Ark. They request the prayers of the church. Her address is Ouachita Hospital, Room 240-B, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901.

Spencer Ross Braly, two year old son of Kevin and Le'Ann Braly, is making good recovery from an accident with the family dog.

Nine Kinds of Church Members

1. WHEELBARROW - no good unless pushed.
2. CANOE - needs to be paddled.
3. KITE - keep a string on them or they fly away.
4. KITTEN - contented only when petted.
5. FOOTBALL - hard to tell which way they will bounce.
6. TRAILER - have to be pulled.
7. BALLOON - full of gas.
8. WATCH - full of good works.
9. CHRIST-LIKE - ready to let the Spirit lead.

Watch

THE SEARCH

A program designed to seek for and find answers to man's most penetrating questions.

Jay Lockhart, Minister

8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"The churches...were edified"
-- Acts 9:31

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

the response to the special edition of THE SEARCH, telecast July 2 on KLTU, has been fabulous. The audience for these night time specials is apparently much larger and almost totally different from the regular Sunday morning audiences. We are grateful for the opportunity for outreach through the medium of television. Continue praying for outreach.

Many of our folks were away last Sunday but a host of visitors blessed us with their presence. Make a special effort to greet all those who visit us.

The suggestion for more effective service which came out of our recent Elders-Deacon-Staff meeting are now being carefully considered by our Elders and very soon you will be seeing the results of that important meeting.

From the Heart of Tyler we have the privilege to shine because the Son shines in our hearts.

On Sunday, July 28, Harold Taylor, much loved "State-side" missionary of the West Erwin church will be with us to preach at both services. Then on the following Wednesday evening, Harold will be with us to speak on the controversial Crossroads issue. Make your plans to be in town and present to hear Harold. We see the Taylors all too seldom and their visit will be most welcome.

On Sunday, September 1, Ray Walker will be with us for the entire day to conduct services at 9:30 and 10:30 A.M. and for a singing in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. We will have a dinner in the fellowship hall at noon and there will be no 6:00 p.m. service that day.

In October we have two special events scheduled with our 100th year celebration on October 13 and a Gospel Meeting with Mike Biggs, October 20-23. Featured speakers for our celebration on October 13 will include George Stephenson, Dean Brookshire, and L. L. Gieger.

What wonderful opportunities for edification the next few months hold. Plug in!

LIVING churches have parking problems;
DYING churches don't.

LIVING churches have lots of noisy activities;
DYING churches are peaceful as tombs.

LIVING churches have the annoying habit of often
outspending their income;
DYING churches take in more money than they ever
dream of spending.

LIVING churches are always looking toward the
future for ways to serve;
DYING churches are all too happy to worship
their glorious past.

LIVING churches seem to change so frequently
that you can forget a lot of names;
DYING churches are where everyone has known
everybody's name for years.

LIVING churches dream great dreams for the
Lord;
DYING churches are content to relive old night-
mares.

LIVING churches won't find "can't" in their
dictionary;
DYING churches won't find much else.

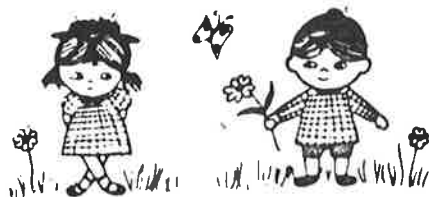
LIVING churches evangelize!
DYING churches fossilize!

Copied from the Prestoncrest Bulletin

How You Can Get Involved

Teaching... Benevolent Work... Tuesday School...
Brother's Keeper... Visiting (sick, newcomers,
Shutins, etc.), Attending all services faithfully.

"YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE."



See You In Bible School

Everyone
Welcome

Ice Cream Supper!

Saturday, July 13
Fellowship Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Bring Ice Cream or
Cake/Cookies

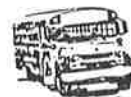
Singing Practice

Beginning Wednesday evening, July 17th,
we will begin singing practice at 7:00
o'clock in the auditorium. If you cannot
be here at 7:00, please feel free to come
on in the auditorium when you arrive. We
want this to be an enjoyable time for
everyone.

Young People

The Summer Youth Series will be
at the Corinth Road church in Jack-
sonville next Tuesday evening. Jay
Lockhart will be the speaker. Young
people should be on the parking lot
by 6:45 p.m. ready to go together
to Jacksonville.

The High School party scheduled
at the Steffee Home following the
evening worship on Sunday has been
changed. It will be held at the home
of Leon and Carolyn Welborn.



Thank You

Many thanks for your prayers,
cards, phone calls, and visits while
I was in the hospital. I'm home re-
covering nicely.

Earl Clucas

I want to thank you so very much
for the beautiful Bible. It was very
thoughtful of you to think of me
at graduation time.

Todd Hancock

Gospel Meeting

Don Kleppe will preach in a Gospel
Meeting at the Rusk Church of Christ
July 14 - 17. Weeknight services
will be at 7:30 P.M.

Benevolent Work

There is a request through our
benevolent work to fill a special
need for ladies' shoes, size 10 (A
or B width) oxfords or sandals to
be used for work shoes. If you can
help it will be greatly appreciated.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

JULY (14) Jasper Dobbs, Beth Osburn
(16) Ginger Metcalf, Artis Tate,
Joanna Vannoy (17) Jo Butler, Mary
June Goodson, Jenilyn Butler, Linda
Marts, Mary Alice Martin (18) Delle
Bullard, Tracy Starnes (19) Roger
Knight, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver,
Cecille Wiggains (20) Jack Paul,
Jim Paul, Laurie Dawkins.



By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "The Secret of Renewal"
6:00 P.M. "The Death of The Righteous"

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



A brief weekend vacation out of town was an enjoyable
experience. We thank you for permitting us to be
away for a few days. We had the opportunity to
spend the weekend with Harold and Betty Taylor
in Dallas. They are delightful Christians and great
to be around. We worshipped Sunday morning at the
Highland Oaks church and in the evening at the
Prestoncrest congregation. At Highland Oaks, it
was our joy to hear of their exciting news in achieving
their goal of reaching \$7.8 million in pledges
and gifts. We rejoice with them in this significant
event.

I want to thank Steve Ward for teaching my Sunday
morning class in my absence.

I heard such good reports about the Sunday morning
sermon while I was gone that I had to obtain a
copy and listen to it. I now can see why it was
praised as a good one. And though I could not say
an "amen" while it was being preached, I can whole
heartedly issue one now. It is a matter of great
joy to me to be working with such a dedicated minister
of the gospel as Jay. I am confident that with such
strength in the pulpit and whatever efforts I can add
to it that we will grow both numerically and spiritual-
ly. I am willing to dedicate myself anew to the goal
of a strong, active and vibrant church in the heart of
Tyler. Whatever I need to do to accomplish that pur-
pose, I will do. How about you? Now you know that the
areas of my responsibilities are many; and not only
that, they all involve the use of other people's time
and talent. That means that there is no way I can im-
prove my work without calling on an increasing number
of Christians who are ready and willing to work for the
Lord. If you want to work, let me know. Let's build to-
gether a work that will be a credit to the God of
Heaven.

The Sunday morning class which I have been teaching
for the past seven years will take on a new look this
coming Sunday. We will be using the group discussion
approach for study. If you enjoy this type of study,
we invite you to join us beginning this Sunday. We will
be calling on some good Bible teachers and students to
assist us in making this new beginning.

Please make note of these special events coming dur-
ing the weeks ahead:

Ray Walker will be with us for our Sunday service on
September 1.

All our Bible class teachers will be interested in
the announcement of an area-wide training workshop to
be hosted by all East Texas churches at the Glenwood
building on Saturday, October 5. Classes for teachers
of all age interests will be conducted as well as many
special areas of interest. Charles Hodge will be key-
note speaker.

(continued on back page)

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Prayer Don Slaughter
Dismiss Ron Lott

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Louis E. Jones Harold Browning
Matt Haws Ken Edwards
Bill Paschall Alan Fisher

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Cooper & Mary June Goodson Dwight & Diann Leek
Mary Gaiser Kim Hughes
Paul & Signa Stanley Henry & Becky McRuiz
Harold & Shirley Denman

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 30 and Wednesday Evening, July 3 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

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Year Ago 6,638.24

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June 23/A.M. 383
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The Sick

Dorothy Davis is recovering from surgery. She continues to be in Mother Frances Hospital, but is much improved.

Tommie White continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital. He has been undergoing tests.

Mrs. Earl Clucas' husband is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, food and many prayers on behalf of our family. We appreciate and love you all.

The Kathleen Holland Family



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HELP ADVERTISE
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And The Lord Added

Sunday evening after worship Mark Adams and his family came back to the building and Mark was baptized by his dad. We rejoice with Mark and his decision to put on Christ in baptism. Mark is the son of Tony and Mary Adams and will be in the 9th grade in the fall.



No "Visitor" Next Week

Because of the Postal regulations concerning our mailing permit, we will not print the Visitor next week. We do not print the week of the 4th of July or the week of Christmas.

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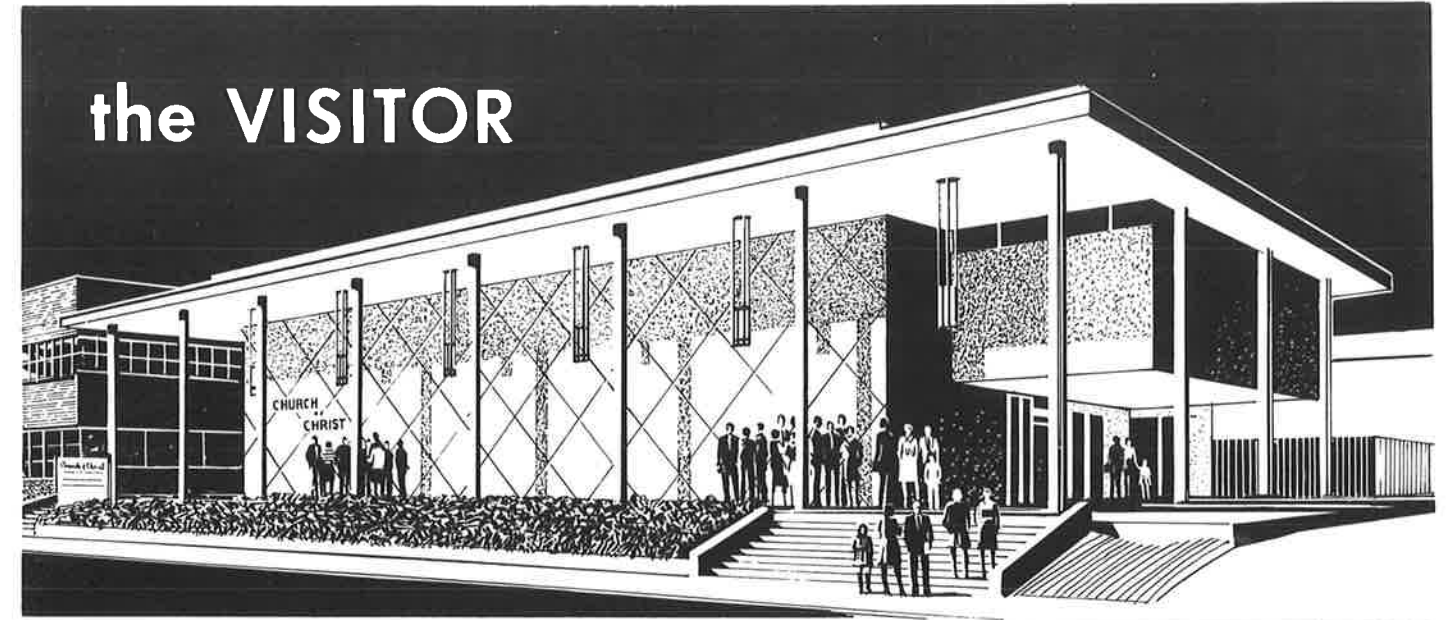
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

What a marvelous job by our teachers and helpers during VBS! I have not seen such preparation, such effort. We are grateful to all who helped and to all who attended. A special thanks to Wes Price who directed the school so effectively - big job very well done.

A host of visitors at our services brings joy and challenge. The joy is the interest of those who appreciate what we are trying to accomplish in the HEART of TYLER. The challenge is making certain all are greeted and made to feel welcome and wanted. I appreciate the West Erwin warmth and I know it is being felt by those who come our way.

Congratulations to Mark Adams upon his baptism last Sunday night. His father, Tony, baptized him at the building following our evening service. We join with Tony, Mary, and Abby in rejoicing over Mark's obedience to Jesus and his desire to allow the SON to shine through him from the HEART of TYLER.

*"Be thou an example"
1 Timothy 4:12*

EXAMPLE

Have you considered what a powerful impact for good or evil your life has on others? You may be a quiet, behind-the-scenes person, but your example is still powerful beyond measure.

I recently read this true story: Around the turn of the century in rural Tennessee an old man crippled with arthritis was very faithful in attending church services. Twice on Sunday and on Wednesday nights a little girl watched from her window as the old man with his cane painfully made his way down to the little church on the corner. One Sunday morning following a snow storm, the little girl ran to her window and exclaimed, "Surely the old man will not go to church today!" But there he was, right on schedule, plodding cautiously through the snow.

The little girl felt she must visit the church to see what it was that could bring that old man out on such a bad day. She visited, was impressed and a short time later became a Christian. After high school she attended a Christian college where she met and married a Christian boy. Later this couple had a son who became one of the brotherhood's finest preachers who literally baptized thousands into Christ. Many will be in heaven because of this brother's work. But it all started with a crippled old man who would not miss church.

The Search - "Special"

Our television program THE SEARCH with Jay Lockhart as the speaker is seen each Sunday at 8:00 A.M. over KLTU-Tyler. Another "special" of this program will be seen Tuesday evening, July 2, at 7:00 o'clock. The theme of the program will be FREEDOM.

There will be four 30 second advertisements the week of the program. They will be seen on the 10:00 P.M. News on Sunday, June 30, the 6:00 P.M. News on Monday, July 1 and the 5:00 P.M. News and 6:00 P.M. News on Tuesday, July 2. You can help advertise the program by telling your friends and neighbors about it.



Youth Series

THE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES will meet Tuesday evening, July 2, 7:30 o'clock at the Quitman and Center Church of Christ in Gladewater. Plan to meet at the church parking lot at 6:45 ready to go together on the bus.

Happy Birthday

JULY (1) Earnesene Shuford (2) Cathy Krewall, Larry Henry (6) Charlie Cook, Leslie Carruth.



SUNDAY, JUNE 30

10:30 A.M. "Choosing A Church"
6:00 P.M. "How Shall We Handle Grief?"

I Live Alone

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side.
In all my daily needs, be thou my guide.
Grant my good health for that indeed, I pray,
To carry on my work from day to day.
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed,
Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbors need.
Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.
If sickness or an accident befall,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray, "Hear thou my call."
And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear,
Because I feel your presence ever near.

...Author Unknown

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Pete (Faye) Wallace on Saturday at Burks/Walker Funeral Home. We extend our deepest sympathy to Pete, their children, and all members of the family. Faye will be missed from among us. Her courage was an example to all who knew her.

Funeral services for a former member, Mrs. Jewell (Andress) Leath, were held Sunday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home. We extend sympathy to her family.

ETCA Open House

East Texas Christian Academy, 1801 Shiloh Road, will have an Open House for all interested parents and students on Tuesday night, July 2nd at 7:30.

You are invited to meet with the new Superintendent and administrative staff for a brief presentation, question and answer session and refreshments.

For the 1985-86 school year, the school will offer quality Christian instruction to infants through 6th grade. With the addition of a grade each year, ETCA will graduate its first seniors in 1992, the Lord willing.

Thank You

The family of Faye Wallace acknowledges with grateful appreciation the Christian love of the church shown through calls, visits, prayers and food during her illness and after her passing.

For Your Information

Because there has been misunderstanding about who funded the Angela Stansbury Scholarship at Tyler Junior College, we want to state that the scholarship was set up and funded by her mother, Dorothy Stansbury Babb.

BROTHERS' KEEPER Sunday Evening

SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 30
Following the Worship Hour

Plan To Attend Your Meeting

WAKE UP TO ABUNDANT LIVING
Give faithfully to carry the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.
GIVING ADDS JOY TO LIFE



My "Never Again" List

1. NEVER AGAIN will I confess "I can't" for, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.
2. NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack, for, "My God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.
3. NEVER AGAIN will I confess fear, for, "God hath not given me the spirit of fear but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Tim. 1:7.
4. NEVER AGAIN will I confess doubt and lack of faith, for "God hath given to every man the measure of faith." Romans 12:3.
5. NEVER AGAIN will I confess weakness, for, "The Lord is the strength of my life." Ps.27:1; and, "The people that kill their God shall be strong and do exploits." Dan. 11:32.
6. NEVER AGAIN will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life, for, "Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world." I Jn. 4:4.
7. NEVER AGAIN will I confess defeat, for, "God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus." II Cor. 2:14.
8. NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack of wisdom, for, "Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God." I Cor. 1:30.
9. NEVER AGAIN will I confess bondage, for, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Cor. 3:7. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
10. NEVER AGAIN will I confess condemnation, for, "There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:1. I am in Christ; therefore, I am free from condemnation.

via West Berry Banner

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



If there was ever a time when words seem absolutely inadequate, now is the time! How can we begin to express our thanks with total sincerity to all who were a part of making our Vacation Bible School the success that it was. To say the least, it was a great success even in spite of the fact that our attendance was down from last year, but everything else was first rate. A hearty thanks to all who had part in making it so! Jim Paul added the special touch that helped us increase in attendance each day by making the airplane ride a goal for the boy and girl who brought the most visitors. We congratulate Neil Vannoy and Gena Henry who got the thrill of the ride.

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One special mention concerning our VBS, we need all costumes returned for storage for future use. Before you return them, please do us the favor of washing and ironing them. They will last us a number of years if we give them proper care. When you bring them back hang them on the clothing rack in the hallway next to the church office complex.

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The Abilene Christian University Teacher's Workshop is set for the week of July 21 through 25. We want to take a bus load of folks with us again this year, so make your plans to be a part of that group. We need to have your name on our list by Sunday, July 8, in order to make proper reservations with the University. Just call the church office.

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It is always sad to experience the death of one of our number, but it is also a source of comfort to see how our folks respond in numerous ways to help the family bear its burden of grief. Different folks respond in different ways but all for the same purpose, to express our love and sympathy in a time of sorrow. It is a great source of comfort to know that when such a loss happens in our spiritual family, that there are many brothers and sisters who respond to our need. Praise God for those who reach out and touch someone in need.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Tom Williams

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Ira Wilson
Dismiss Ray Womack

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Tony Adams Lowell Wiggains
Les Carruth Ted Wright
Bryan Leek Mike Hensley

Alan Pickett D.Higginbotham
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Max & Mary Haws Dick & Sue Higginbotham
Glynn & Fran Starnes Archie & Juanita Lowry
Artis & Patti Tate Lane & Kay Akin

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 23 and Wednesday Evening, June 26 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 16 \$6,811.57
June 9 9,038.06
Year Ago 7,107.71

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16 322
June 9 347

WORSHIP

June 16/A.M. 404
June 16/A.M. 434
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BUDGET \$9,014.18

When Advantages. . . (Continued)

tioned above are nonexistent, church members are enthusiastically involved realizing that if I don't do it, it may not get done. They need each other and know it.

(3) Casual Christianity is not the religion of Christ (Revelation 3:14-19).

(4) Advantages may become disadvantages when not used to the fullest to accomplish what God wants and expects.

(5) Each one of us is to use his gift from God as a good steward (I Peter 4:10).

(6) God doesn't accept half-measures--"to whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

It's a thought. Consider it. It has eternal consequences.

Sympathy

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Burks/Walker Funeral Home for Mr. and Mrs. Charley (Kathy) Neighbors, aunt and uncle of Rhonda Haws. They were both fatally injured in an accident Tuesday evening in Houston. They lived in Nacogdoches. We express our deepest sympathy to each member of the family.

The Sick

Monday afternoon Faye Wallace entered Mother Frances Hospital. She and Pete ask for your prayers, but she is unable to have visitors at this time.

Dorothy Davis is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. She was scheduled to have surgery on Thursday morning.



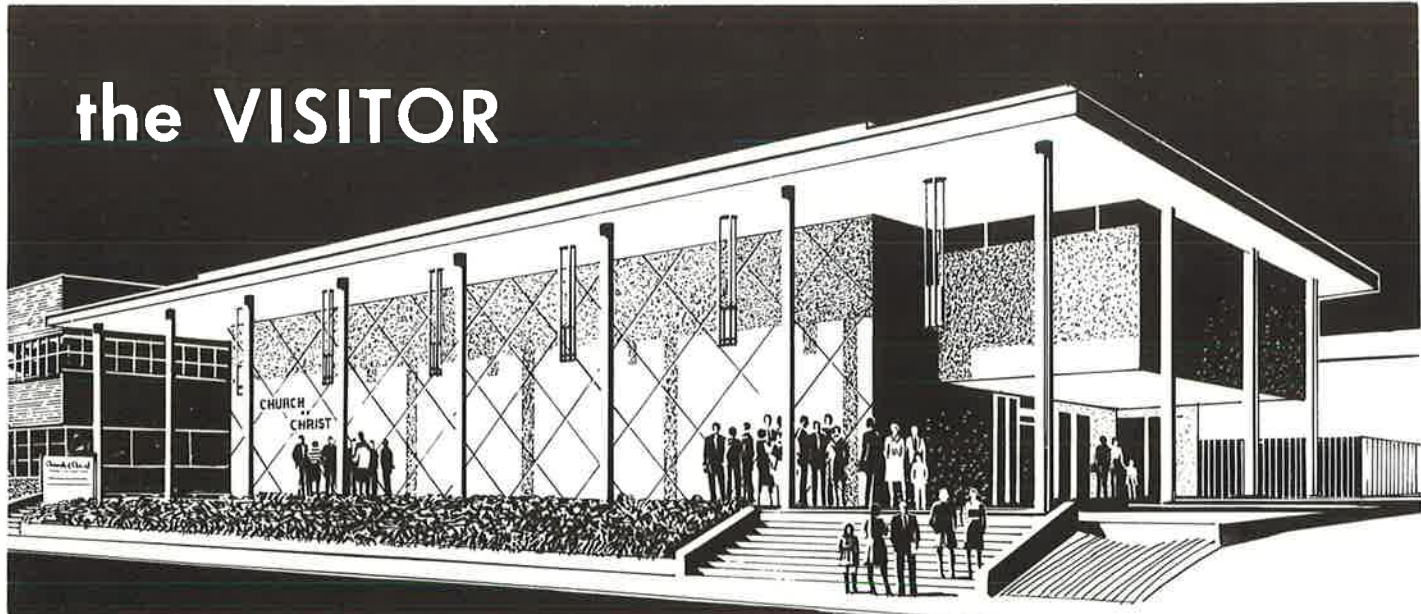
SUNDAY, June 23

A.M. "How's Your Hearing?"
P.M. "The Christian's View of Death"

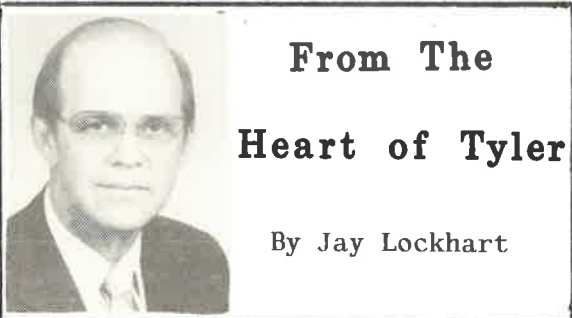
Welcome

We are happy to welcome Don and Patsy Slaughter into the fellowship of this congregation. They lived in Tyler several years ago, and recently moved back from Houston where they worshipped at the Bammel Road church. Their address is 3914 Post Oak (75701), phone 581-5309.

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Your reception of the studies last Sunday was most gratifying. Your concern about the two morning sessions dealing with What We Owe Our Children and What We Owe Our Parents demonstrates our interest in vital family relationships. And your response to the evening lesson on Issues Surrounding Life and Death and social problems dealing with both shows your concern in regard to Biblical principles relating to society today. Thank you for your support.

The ACU Bible Teacher's Workshop, scheduled for July 21-24, is truly a highlight of the year for Bible class teachers who take advantage of it. This year three congregations which have demonstrated their effective programs of work with phenomenal growth will conduct the three day event. Monday's session will feature the Highland Oaks church of Dallas, Tuesday will highlight the program of Richland Hills in Fort Worth, and Wednesday's classes will be conducted by the Golf Course Road church in Midland. Gary Beauchamp, Jon Jones and Doug Parsons preach for these churches. See Wes for details. The workshop will help you shine more brightly for the SON from the heart of Tyler.

"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required"
--Luke 12:48

When Advantages

Become Disadvantages

I had a thought. Now before someone says, "It's about time he had a thought," hear me out. This thought came and lingered and somehow keeps pressing upon my mind. The thought is this: Is it possible that our advantages as members of the body of Christ in the United States in general and Texas in particular work to our detriment? To be more specific, the advantages of being a Christian at this time and in this place are great. We have excellent facilities, outstanding leadership, great numbers of members, the popular concept of belonging to the church, wonderful Bible class teachers, and multiple full-time paid staff persons. We know that with little or no effort on our part the building will be in constant preparedness, the services will be conducted, the classes taught, the preaching done, and the works accomplished. This knowledge may prompt a laid-back, casual, uninvolved and lackadaisical attitude toward the church and its work. We believe the church will be here and the work will be done with or without our help. Now these observations:

- (1) The church will be here and the work will be done.
- (2) In areas known as mission points in this and other countries where the advantages men-

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Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

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F. C. Carpenter Ray Lott
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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

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(September through May)

Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Teddle on 4-Country

Recently brother Tillit S. Teddle, who was born in Swan, Texas in 1885, celebrated his 100th birthday. 4 - Country, a television program seen over channel 4 (Dallas), presented a program featuring brother Teddle a few weeks ago. This program will be repeated on Sunday afternoon, June 23, at 5:30.

Brother Teddle began writing religious music in 1906. On June 2nd churches of Christ all across the country sang his music. A songfest was held at the Prestoncrest church of Christ in Dallas with 1200 people joining to sing brother Teddle's music.

Potpourri

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Next Tuesday evening, June 25, the Summer Youth Series will meet at the Pine Tree Church in Longview. Young people, plan to be here at the building by 6:20 ready to go together on the bus.

TELEVISION SPECIAL

The Search will be presented as a "special" on Tuesday evening, July 2. Tell your friends about the program and encourage them to watch. The topic will be "Freedom." Jay Lockhart will be the speaker.

VISITORS

We had a number of visitors for each worship service last Sunday. We hope you will come again at every opportunity.

FOSTER BABY

The foster baby boy that Roy and Elaine Roberson have had in their home for several weeks was adopted this week by a Christian couple. We appreciate the good work that Roy and Elaine have done as foster parents with Christian Services of East Texas.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Young People



ATTENTION young people! There will be a combined fellowship of Middle School and High School in the fellowship hall Sunday evening following the worship service. EVERYONE COME!!!

ROLLING BOULDERS

A few years ago, I was privileged to attend a seminar on alcohol and drug abuse. One of my most vivid memories is an illustration used by one of the psychiatrists who spoke to us. He said an alcoholic trying to rehabilitate himself was like a person attempting to push a boulder bigger than himself up a steep hill. No matter how much effort he put out or how far he pushed the boulder, there would come a time when he could not control it and it would roll back on top of him.

I recently discovered that this bit of wisdom did not start with this psychiatrist, but with the wise man, Solomon.

"...he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him." (Proverbs 26:27b).

This is a graphic picture of many people. There are many who are bearing a burden bigger than they can bear. To some, it is a burden of guilt. They are haunted by past sins and try to rid themselves of regret and self-loathing. Despite all of their own efforts, the guilt comes back stronger than before. Others find fear, anger, resentment or other emotions as their burden. Much suffering, mental, physical, and spiritual, comes from pushing the boulder up the hill.

When we try to roll the boulder, we are already defeated. There is no way spiritual problems can be solved by human efforts alone. When we try this we are like the disciples who tried to row their boat out of the threatening storm. When all our strength is gone, and all seems hopeless, then we call on the Lord. (Mark 4:35-41).

God is our Source and Strength. "For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield... No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly." (Ps.84:11). Peter enjoins us to cast ALL our cares on Him, for He cares for us.

There is another source of help, often neglected. We should be able to turn our brothers and sisters in God's family for help. Those who are strong are urged to bear the burdens of the weak, (Romans 15:1, Galatians 6:2). The weak of the church should look to the strong for help. The strong of the church should be prepared and able to bear the burdens of the weak.

To the burdened, you can find hope. There is much, much help for you. Your boulder of burden may be large, but you do not have to push it alone.

--Ancil Jenkins

See You Sunday

In Bible Class



Gospel Meetings

Steve Ridgell from Abilene Christian University will preach in a Gospel Meeting in Whitehouse, Texas June 23 - 26. The weeknight services will be at 7:30.

The Chandler Church of Christ will have Dr. Elmo Hall from Oklahoma Christian College in a meeting, June 23-26. Services each weeknight will be 7:30 P.M.

Ronnie Wiggins, Dean of Academics of Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas, Texas will preach, June 27-30 for the Holly Lake Church of Christ (North of Hawkins). Nightly (except Sunday) 7:00 P.M.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, and concern shown in the tragic death of our nephew. We appreciate all of the love and kindness you always show.

Cherrie & Carroll Magee

Happy Birthday

(23) Bob Threadgill (24) Amie Roberts (26) Amy O'Quinn (28) Christine Parsons, Stephanie Miles, Jerry Dunn, W. O. Rushing (29) Kyle McRuiz.

Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of the Holland family in the loss of Kathleen Holland. She was the mother of our Ernestine Mallory. We express our sympathy to each member of the family. Mrs. Holland died on Saturday and funeral services were held for her on Monday afternoon.

"Past failures are guideposts for future success."

"Some people have yet to learn that they cannot travel in the wrong direction and reach the right destination."

Dying To Self

When you're forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult of the oversight, but your heart is happy being counted worthy to suffer for Christ-That's dying to self.

When your good is evil-spoken of, when your wishes are crossed and your advice is disregarded, and you're openly ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence-That's dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any impunctuality, any annoyance, and when you can stand face to face with waste and folly, extravagance, and spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it-That's dying to self.

When you're content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption, for the will of God-That's dying to self.

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met, and you can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy or question God while your own needs are far greater in desperate circumstances-That's dying to self.

When you can receive humbly correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, and you can submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no resentment or rebellion rising within your heart-That's dying to self.

Are you dead yet?

From the Britton Road Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Take Time To Pray

Watch

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A program designed to seek for and find answers to man's most penetrating questions.

Jay Lockhart, Minister

8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
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Tyler, Texas

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Prayer Edgar Bullard
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 16 and Wednesday Evening, June 19 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

June 9 \$9,038.06
June 2 7,530.22
Year Ago 7,113.92

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9 347
June 2 300

WORSHIP

June 9/A.M. 434
June 9/P.M. 403
Wed. Eve. 194

Thank You

I want to thank my many friends for the beautiful cards, love and kindness shown during my sorrow. I love you all.

Amie Roberts

The Sick

Nettie Potts father, Wiley Graham, has been in Medical Center Hospital but was dismissed Wednesday. He is in Heritage Nursing Home.

Mrs. Herman Rhodes, father of Dell Lott, continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

Clara Riley was scheduled to have eye surgery on Wednesday.

And The Lord Added

We rejoice with Penny Hulsey, who was baptized Tuesday afternoon by Hillard Hughes. Penny will be in the eleventh grade in the fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Hulsey.



We are happy to welcome visitors each week. We encourage you to return at every opportunity.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home came Wednesday and picked up cereal valued at \$165.00.

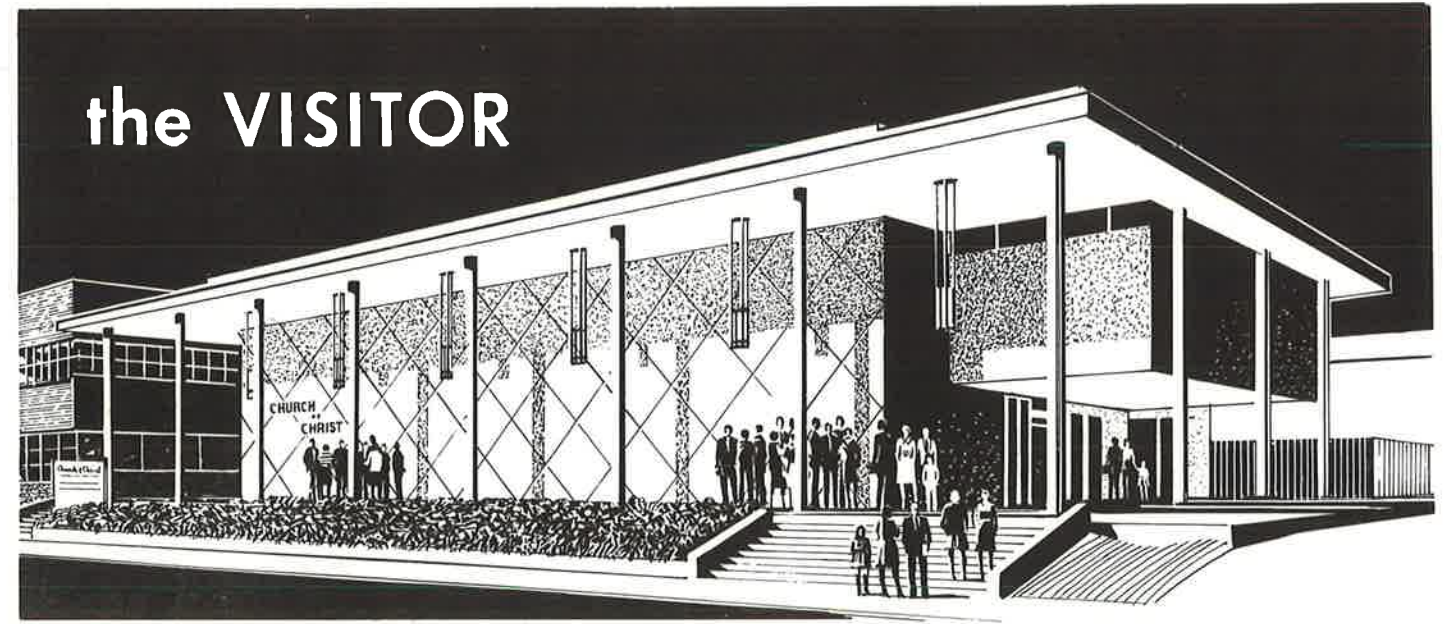


Combined Adult Class in Auditorium
Taught by Jay Lockhart
"What We Owe Our children"

SERMONS By Jay Lockhart
10:30 A.M. "What We Owe Our Parents"
6:00 P.M. "Life and Death"

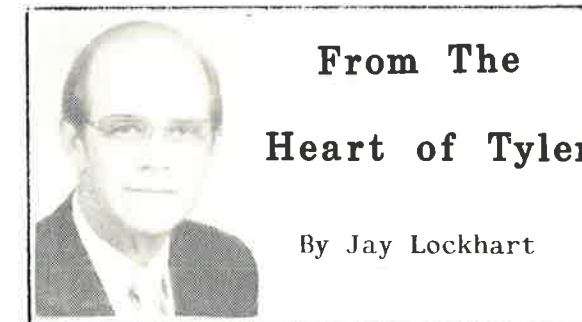
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"And ye fathers, ... bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"
-Ephesians 6:4

What Is A Father?

A father is a man...a male made in the beginning as a living soul, in the image of God (Genesis 2:7; 1:26-27). He is a man trying hard to be a real man. He struggles with a career, that he sometimes doesn't like, to provide for his family -- the mortgage, the cars, the college education and a myriad of other things. He sometimes feels he is not appreciated, has fears, anxieties, and doubts. He wishes he was half the man his children think he is and a better man than his wife knows he is. Some fathers are Christians and try each day, in business, at home, and in the community, to be God's man. He tries to be genuine, caring, and serving. He fails often...and wins often. He works at his vocation to pay the bills, but recognizes that his real job is being a Christian. His children see his mistakes and shortcomings, but are happy and secure in his dedication and commitment. As God's man he is an example to his friends and an inspiration to his children. He is engaged in the most important work in the world--that of molding the lives of his children into respectable citizens in the community and in the Kingdom of God. What is a father? He is one of God's greatest creations and he is happier, and most effective when someone is by his side called a mother.

Everyone loves a winner! This week the Los Angeles Lakers won the championship of the National Basketball Association by defeating the Boston Celtics in their best of seven playoff series, four games to two. The Lakers are winners! So are the Celtics. After all they had to win to get in the championship series. Winners sometimes lose, but they are never defeated. They have a tradition of winning, an attitude of winning, a refusal to give up.

We have a lot of winners in the West Erwin church. People who do what needs to be done and who stick with it until the job is completed. Evidence of winners is seen all around our building this week as final preparation for VBS is reaching a fever pitch. It is seen across the parking lot in our benevolent center each Tuesday. It is seen in the quiet service of many. It is seen in the faces of joyful worshippers at all our services. There is a lot of winning going on. That's why the SON is seen so clearly as He shines through His people from the Heart of Tyler.

Potpourri

It was good to see Blanche Rountree able to be in worship again after being ill for several weeks.

Cindy Giles and her two little boys, Kenneth and Mark, have been living with her parents, Ralph and Marian Rowe while her husband Kenneth has been working out of the country. Kenneth recently returned home and Saturday they will be moving to the Dallas area. They will be missed very much by us and the Rowe family, but we are glad that they will be close enough to visit often.

The announcement sheets that we have been using on Sundays will be available as you enter the auditorium. Please pick one up as you come in.

This week we had a letter from Olan Mills confirming that our new church directory is in production. We can expect delivery in about forty five days - probably toward the end of July.

REMINDER, Our Brother's Keeper program will continue through the summer months. It is regularly scheduled for the last Sunday night of the month.

Since our television program, THE SEARCH began we have increased the number of people taking the Hurt Bible Correspondence Course. Would you like to take it? Let us know.

CLASSES FOR SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 16th ONLY. . .

Classes will be re-arranged for next Sunday morning only because of Vacation Bible School. We will meet as follows:

Middle School and all Adults	- Auditorium
Preschool	- Annex
Grades 1 through 5	- Chapel

Summer Youth Series

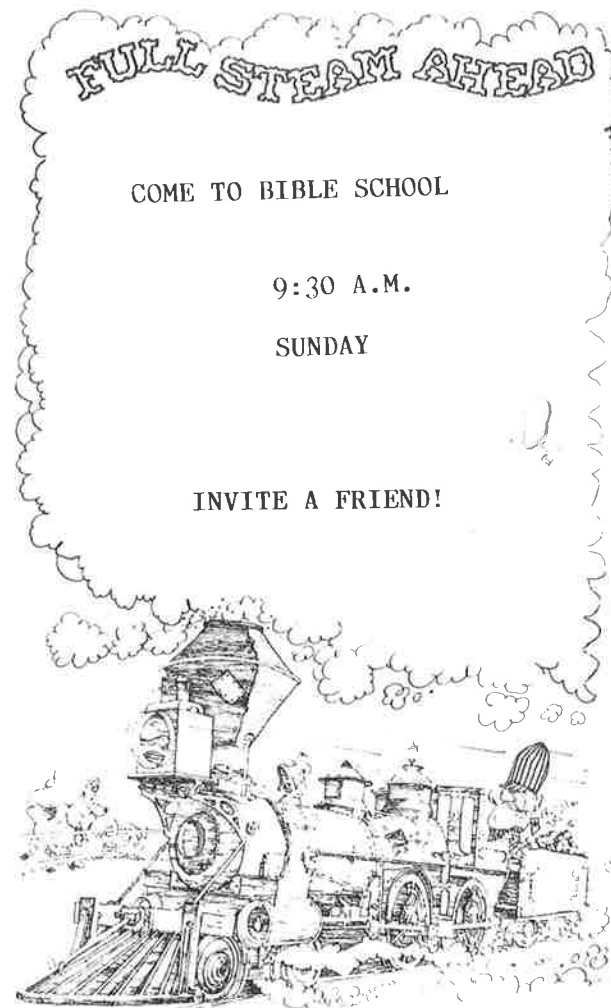
The Summer Youth Series will meet next Tuesday, June 18, at the Panola St. Church of Christ in Carthage, Texas. Our bus will leave the parking lot at 6:15 p.m.



Myself

I have to live with myself, and so,
I want to be fit for myself to know,
I want to be able as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye,
I don't want to stand with the setting sun.
And hate myself for the things I've done,
I don't want to keep on a closet shelf,
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will know,
The kind of a man I really am,
I don't want to dress myself in sham.
I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect,
Here in this struggle for fame and pelf,
I want to be able to like myself,
I don't want to look at myself and know,
That I am bluster and puff and empty show.
I never can hide myself from me,
I see what others may never see,
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself and so,
Whatever happens, I want to be,
Self-respecting and conscience free.

--Edgar A. Guest



Thank You

Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thank you so much for your visits, cards, and prayers for me while I was in the hospital following my accident. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern at this time.

Brent Crocker

Your sincere expression of kindness, cards, food, flowers and visits meant so much to us during our time of sorrow. We count it a blessing to have dear Christian friends.

Leon & Carolyn Welborn

Our Cherokee Day food drive has been very successful, thanks to the efforts of all of our friends.

We estimate that we received around \$40,000 in cash and groceries. For this we give you our special appreciation. You have helped us greatly.

We were happy to have the "Dusty" Moore family all present for the ground breaking ceremonies for the "Dusty" Moore Vocational Building. Construction for this facility will begin very soon.

Jack Goble, Superintendent
CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday for B. J. Tucker, a former member of West Erwin. We express our sympathy to his family.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

(16) Ann Nail (17) Fred Strait,
Grace Walker, Ross Cunningham (18)
Shelley Henry (19) Stella Buckner
(20) Lowell Wiggains, Vivie Wright
(21) Faye Kennard, Sherry Bobbitt.

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday
June 17 - June 21

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
Age 2 through 5th Grade

Theme: "The Life Of Christ"



Teachers

Preschool

1. Temple	Sue Starnes	301
2. Films	Dianna Savage	215
3. Customs	Billye Usrey	208
4. Mount of Olives	Elaine Roberson	Back Foyer
5. Games	Fleta Butler	104
6. Synagogue	Mary June Goodson	Annex
7. Films II	Mary Haws	304
8. The Upper Room	Joni Smith	303
9. Sermon on Mount	Patti Sliter	107
10. Art	Carolyn Blackstone	Fellowship Hall

Children

1. Temple	Sue Starnes	301
2. Films	Gail Vannoy	305
3. Customs	Dorothy Hulsey	302
4. Mount of Olives	Barbara Graves	206
5. Games	Ann Nail	202
6. Synagogue	Mary June Goodson	Annex
7. Geography	Betty Knight	103/106
8. The Upper Room	Jean Oliver	214
9. Sermon on Mount	Ernie Edwards	204
10. Bible Research	Alma Faye Price	Benevolent Center
Two Year Olds	Velma Lemons	102/108

Many others will be working as "Tribal Leaders."

Refreshments:

Carolyn Welborn - Leona McElroy - Cleo Sublette

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Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

June 2 \$7,530.22
 May 26 8,750.80
 Year Ago 6,998.03

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 2 300
 May 26 340

WORSHIP

June 2/A.M. 403
 June 2/P.M. 287
 Wed.Eve. 218
 Weekly

BUDGET \$9,014.18

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Dr. Roger Knight and his family in the death of his father, Felix D. Knight of Little Rock, Arkansas. Funeral services will be Friday at the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock. Brother Knight was 93.

We also share in the sorrow of Amie Roberts in the death of her grandson, Jerry Simmons, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Tuesday evening. He was a nephew of Cherrie Magee. Services will be Friday in New Braunfels.

The Sick

Mr. Herman Rhodes, father of Dell Lott, underwent emergency surgery on Friday evening at Medical Center. His condition has improved some and he has been moved from ICU into room 463.

Mrs. Bob (Melanie) Pickle, cousin of Theron Pickle is very critically ill in Medical Center ICU. She was injured Saturday evening in a motorcycle accident.

Ernestine Mallory's mother, Mrs. Ernest Holland, is confined to her home.

Faye Wallace returned to Houston on Sunday for treatment.

Tommie White is unable to be out. He and Moselle would enjoy brief visits.

Remember all of these and other shutins when you pray.



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And The Lord Added

Tuesday afternoon Shelley Miles, daughter of Sherryl Miles, was baptized into Christ by Hillard Hughes. Shelley will be in the 10th grade this fall at Robert E. Lee High School. We rejoice with Shelley and her family.

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From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart



Weren't those great songs of faith written by brother Tillit S. Teddlie which we sang last Sunday beautiful and uplifting? It was fitting that we use brother Teddlie's songs near the time he celebrated his 100th birthday. Thanks to Wes Price for selecting and leading us in them!

There is a lot of activity around our building right now by many people who are preparing for our VBS. The dedication of those who are leading the school is apparent and assures us that this will be one of our finest Vacation Bible Schools.

Your response to Sunday's sermons on the theme of Faith was most gratifying. Those sermons were designed as "faith builders" and your response indicates that they helped us.

I anticipate our meetings together each week and seeing you, and the radiance of genuine Christian love and commitment indicates that the SON is truly shining in the Heart of Tyler.

"As he thinks in his heart, so is he" - Proverbs 23:7

To What Music

Are You Listening?

On the editorial page of a recent issue of U. S. News and World Report, David Gergen wrote of a group of Washington, D. C. wives who are waging an all-out fight against a new pestilence in our midst: The surge of hard-pornographic songs in popular teenage record albums. These women are pushing for a rating system for records and tapes much like movies. They are not a group of hysterical women, but people who are concerned and have taken the time to listen, really listen, to the lyrics of today's popular music. They found violence and illicit, lurid, and erotic sex promoted in these lyrics as well as the advocating of homosexuality.

In the Tyler Morning Telegraph, May 28, a UPI article revealed that the message of today's punk rockers and heavy metal music has as their themes such things as drug and alcohol abuse, sexual recklessness, satanic rituals, rebellion against all forms of authority in society, anarchy, and violence. The article quoted those who are studying this matter closely as saying there is documented evidence of a direct link between this aggressive music and lifestyle, and

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To What Music . . . (Continued)

teenage suicide, homicide, and self-inflicted wounds.

Of course young people may say, "We only listen to the beat, never the words." We would reply that God's people would do well to avoid promoting those who write and sing the words by purchasing their albums, and also, the effect of this music on our minds may be subtle and unrealized, but it will have its effect. What we think about, we become. What are you thinking? And to what kind of music do your children listen?

Jay Lockhart

Summer Youth Series To Begin

WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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at
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin Street
Tyler, Texas

June 11, 1985 - 7:30 P.M.

Speaker: Harold Taylor

Schedule For 1985

JUNE 11	West Erwin and Glenwood	West Erwin Bldg. TYLER
JUNE 18	Panola St.	CARTHAGE
JUNE 25	Pine Tree	LONGVIEW
JULY 2	Quitman & Center	GLADENWATER
JULY 9	Gilmer	GILMER
JULY 16	Corinth Road	JACKSONVILLE
JULY 23	Chandler Street	KILGORE
JULY 30	South Main	HENDERSON
AUG. 6	Crockett Rd.	PALESTINE
AUG. 13	Northwest	TYLER

Make Each Tuesday Special!

Meet Your Friends

at the

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Guy Dotts

request the honour of your presence

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*Fiftieth Anniversary
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on Sunday, the ninth of June
nineteen hundred and eighty-five
between two and four-thirty o'clock
Glenwood Church of Christ
Fellowship Center
807 West Glenwood Blvd.
Tyler, Texas*

*Your presence is the
only gift we desire.*

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday in Dallas for Leah Graham, sister of Mrs. Leon Welborn. We offer our sincere sympathy to Carolyn and her family.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Oklahoma for Jones Taylor. He was a brother-in-law to Mrs. Irene Taylor. We express our sympathy to the family.

New Baby

We learned last week that Mr. and Mrs. David Fuller (David is a former West Erwin member) are the parents of a baby boy, Christopher Michael, born April 12, 1985 in Carrollton, Texas.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (9) David Hanley, Rebecca Price (10) Carolyn Carruth (11) Tanya Wiggins, B. E. Walker, Elizabeth Endsley, Charles Russell (12) Ralph Old (13) Harold Browning (15) Todd Stewart, Stephanie Leek, Kevin Braly J. N. Metcalf

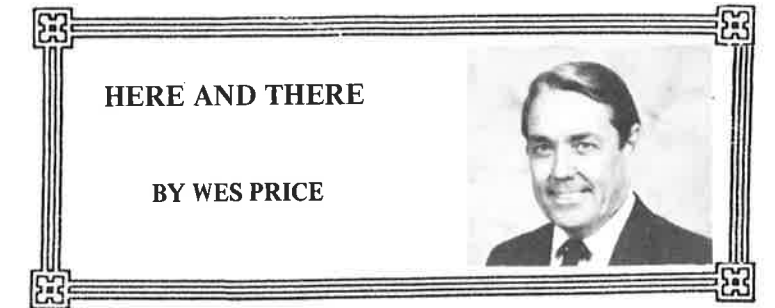
Arise . . .

There Is Work To Do!

There is much to be done this summer at the Benevolent Center. Anyone who is not working during the summer months (teenage girls included) can find a place to work in the Benevolent Center. Almost everyone can roll bandages. Come Tuesday morning! The time is approaching when another workday will be added to the schedule.

SERMON SUNDAY, June 9, 1985
topics By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The Adventure of Faith
6:00 P.M. Both Elijahs and Elishas
Are Needed



The frantic final days of VBS preparation are upon us. While we have all our classes staffed with teachers, we are still in need of able bodied helpers to serve as guides each day to escort the children from one learning center to another. If you can serve even one day, please let me know. We will be happy to use you.

We remind all teachers of our present classes to have your rooms cleared of material as soon after this coming Sunday as possible so that the VBS teachers will be able to have a full week to prepare their learning center.

All VBS teachers are reminded that if you determine you need extra materials not in our supply room, please let Frances McBee know and she will order them for you.

Now let me call for help from all the West Erwin membership. We need to fill all the classes with children. Our goal this year is 300. This means that we will need to have a host of neighborhood friends to join us. Help us make this an outstanding success.

Not only has the end of another school year reminded us of the beginning of summer, but it seems to me that the hot weather has also emphatically declared "summer is here." Many of our folks were out of town this past weekend and we hope they had a safe and happy trip. We miss you when you are not in your regular place at Bible study and worship on Sunday. We hope you will be here this coming Sunday.

Recently, I had occasion to make sure that each classroom was stocked with an adequate number of Bibles. We are missing about 30 copies of the most recent purchase, the New American Standard edition. If you have borrowed some of these for home use, please let me know. If they are being put to good use in this way, that's great. If so, then we need to replace them with a new order so that all rooms will have an adequate number for the class.

Jesus invested His life in you. Have you shown any interest?

Serving Sunday

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Welcome Dannie Skipper
 Prayer Foy Richey
 Dismiss Mike Savage

EVENING WORSHIP

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 Prayer Paul Stanley
 Dismiss John Steffee

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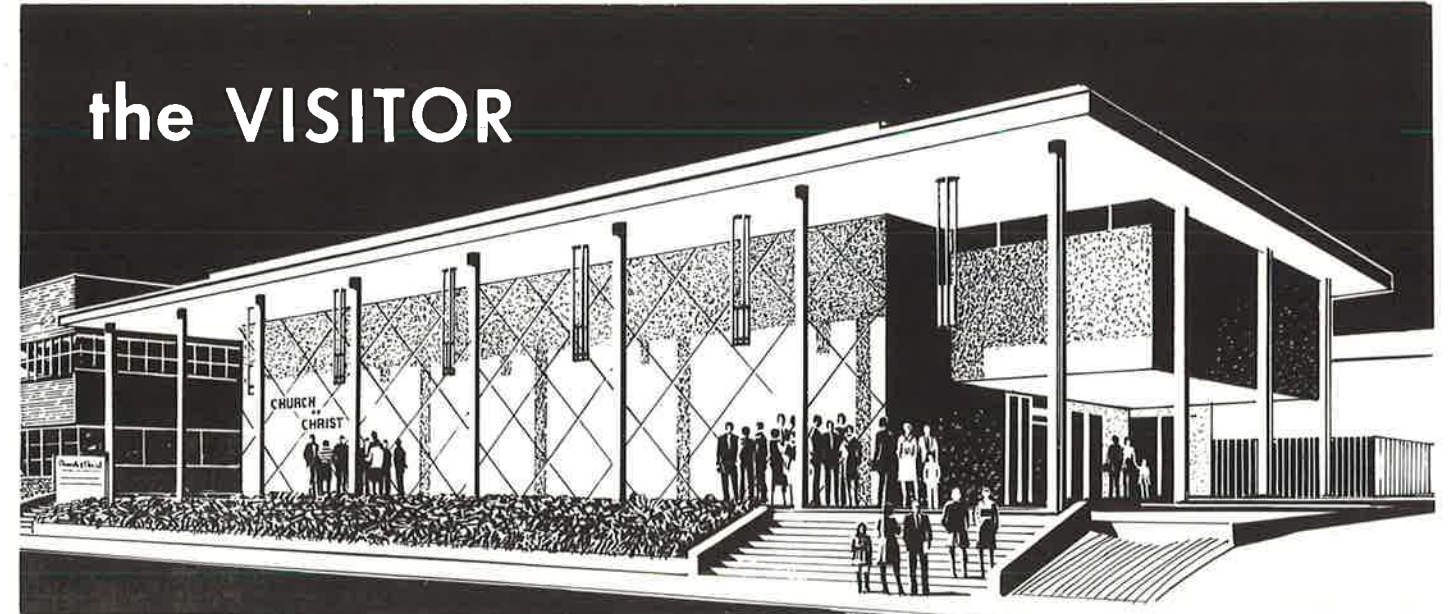
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Be A Wednesday Nighter!



SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1985

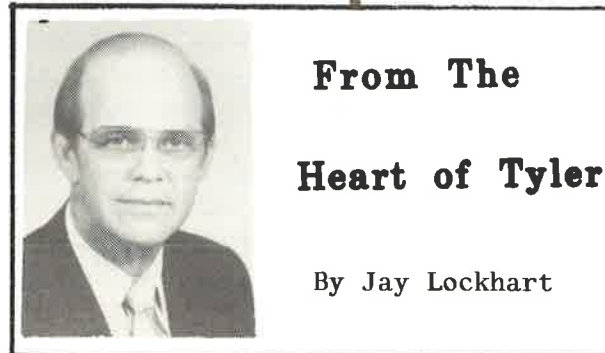
By JAY LOCKHART

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 6:00 P.M. Because You Have
 This Faith



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**From The
 Heart of Tyler**

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Wasn't Sunday night one of those special occasions? There were more people in our auditorium for that service honoring our high school graduating seniors than I have seen the building. It was literally a "packed house" and it looked good! I have been introduced as a speaker literally hundreds of times but in every instance, until Sunday night, I have been introduced by my name. When Hillard Hughes introduced me as Wes Price I wasn't sure if I was to speak or lead the singing! The next time Hillard is doing the introductions I suggest that the participants wear signs around their necks with names in large letters printed on them. Hillard owes Wes an apology!

When each part of the spiritual body of Christ is working properly, then bodily growth is possible and the body upbuilds itself in love, Ephesians 4:16.

"Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it" - 1 Peter 4:10

Involvement

The Involvement Sheets which you have been filling in have now been processed in our office and we are ready to make maximum use of your talents.

The participation of our membership in this involvement process has been excellent. The important issue is not whether we are multi-talented or single talented, but our willingness to use whatever abilities we have to the glory of God and the edification of the body of Christ (remember the parable of the talents in Matthew 25).

Let me give an example of the kind of service we need. Jean Walters works with our Benevolent Group each Tuesday. Among this group's activities is the preparation of bandages (made from bed sheets) for Chimala Mission Hospital in Tanzania. Since the group was running short of sheets, Jean took it upon herself to contact various folks in search of material with which to work. A local hospital agreed to supply the group with its older sheets...lots of sheets. Not only did Jean find the sheets but she works each week to help prepare the bandages. Jean is a beautiful Christian example. Jean is a worker. Jean is blind. But she sees Him who is invisible. What about you?

Potpourri

We continue to be grateful to Forest McFadden for converting the tape we receive of THE SEARCH each week to a cassette tape. We are able to reproduce cassette tapes in the office to fill request each week.

We are also grateful to Ann McCoy who will be taking care of our Church Library. She, with Charles' help, will be cataloguing new books and looking after the Library. We appreciate Charles and Ann for taking on this responsibility.

David Demic continues to care for the Children's Library, located upstairs in our Education building. We appreciate his work.



"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?"
-Psalm 116:12

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.

- Theodore Roosevelt

Thank You

I feel very grateful to all of the members of the West Erwin church for the kindness you have shown by repairing my home and making it comfortable for me. You will always be in my prayers with love and thanksgiving.

In Christian love,
Clara Riley

Your many phone calls and visits during our hospital stay are so greatly appreciated. Please convey our thanks to the members of your visitation groups who also called and came by. The hope and sunshine you radiate is wonderful!!

Lois & Zach Norton & Family

We want to express our deep feeling of appreciation to you for all the phone calls, letters, and visits since my parents have been in the hospital. Your support has made each day a little easier.

The Lord has seen fit to spare my parents, so we will have them a little longer. We are truly grateful. Thank you again for all the love and concern shown us during our hard times.

Pete, Billie & Beth Osburn

Sympathy

Funeral services are scheduled in Fishkill, New York on Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. for Wallace Mason. He was the son-in-law of Foy and Mary Richey. We express our sympathy to the family in their loss.

THE SEARCH

8:00 O'clock

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Invite your friends to watch!

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



To say that our trip to New York was great is to vastly understate the case! It was one of the most unusual trips I have ever made. The highlight of course, was the purpose of the trip - to visit with the International Mission now located at the Manhattan church in the heart of that island. It was a joy to lead singing for the worship on Sunday morning and then to be privileged to preach at the evening service.

I can only wish that all of you will have a similar opportunity some day to make that visit. You will learn quickly that the Christians who make up the Manhattan church live in a completely different atmosphere. What we take so much for granted, they have to work to achieve. I appreciate the advantages we have in the ease with which we do simple things that call for great sacrifice from those in the big city.

A second mountain top experience was the opportunity I had to travel to the city of New Haven, Connecticut to visit with my daughter and son-in-law, Ken and Kathy Berry, whom most of you know. Ken is working toward a doctorate in New Testament studies at Yale University. This past Friday he completed work and graduated with his second masters degree. I want to thank the elders for permitting me the opportunity to make this trip to visit with missionaries and to see our children. I thank all of you for your prayers for our safe journey.

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Now back to the work of getting set for our annual Vacation Bible School. On Wednesday evenings, June 12 and 19, there will be no classes. We will have a worship service in the auditorium. On Sunday morning, June 16, the classes will be changed for that day as follows: All adults and college age will meet in the auditorium for a combined class. All Middle School (grades 6, 7, & 8) and Senior high young people will meet in the auditorium as one class. The Preschool children will meet in the Annex and children in grades 1 through 5 will meet in the Chapel. These changes are necessary to let VBS teachers have access to the other classrooms for extensive preparation for their learning centers.

Following a brief worship service in the audi-

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HERE AND THERE (continued)

torium on Wednesday night, June 19, all will be invited to visit the various learning centers and see the work our VBS workers have done to assist them in teaching.

VBS classes will cover ages 2 thru grades 5. The nursery will be available only for children under two years of age who belong to our teaching staff. No nursery class will be available. There will also be no adult class. All adults are needed to assist in the VBS program.

It should go without saying that we need the assistance of every able bodied person to make this the best ever VBS. If you have not been contacted, let us know that you would like to help.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (2) Valerie Sexton (3) Gena Henry (4) Cheryl Welborn, Carroll Magee (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C. B. Hardin

Grocery Truck

The week of June 10-14 is the date for the grocery truck from Medina Children's Home to come by and pick up what we have collected for them. Bring CEREAL to the building (Fruit-Loops, Raisin Bran, Crispix, etc.)

SPREAD THE WORD



June 17 - 21

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Jack Paul
Prayer Ray Lott
Dismiss Harold Denman

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Wally Dawkins
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Area Meeting

A Special series of Evangelistic Services will be held at the church of Christ in Pritchett, June 2 - 5. Lynn Matheny from Howard County, Arkansas will preach. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

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8:00 O'clock

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SUNDAY
May 26

By JAY LOCKHART

A.M. "The Abundant Life"
P.M. "Facing The Right Decision"

In The Hospital

Brent Crocker, the grandson of Roy and Chloe Clark remains in Medical Center. He underwent surgery again this week.



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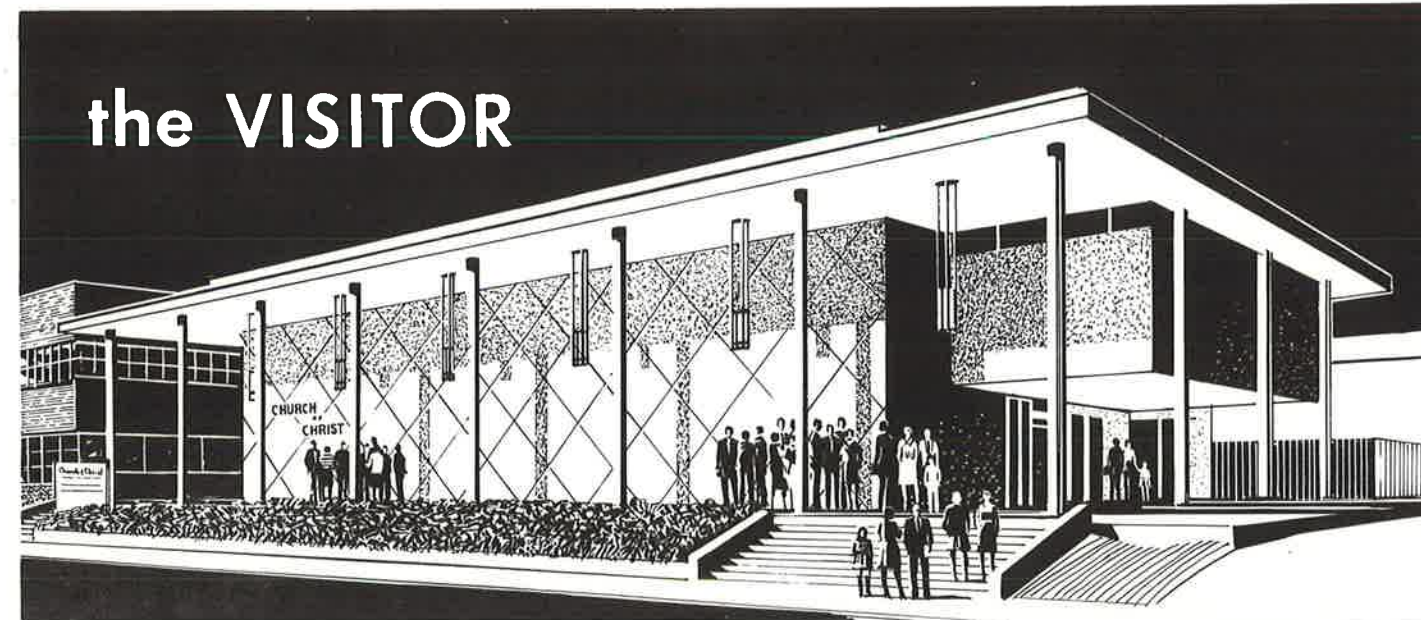
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

*"And they continued"
Acts 2:42*

**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Continuity

Picture a family, a father, a mother, and two or three children, sitting around the dinner table about Wednesday evening. The conversation turns to the weekend and the question is asked, "Where can we go this weekend?" Over the past few weeks the family had been to Grandma's, camping, and to Six Flags. Now the question is, "Where shall we go next?"

I believe we need to visit Grandma, and go on vacation, and have time to "get away" for some relaxation and recreation. Of course, we would hope that when we are away we include worship with God's people as a part of our planning.

But here's an idea: How about staying home? How about greater concern for the local church? Greater involvement. Greater care. How about establishing some real continuity in our spiritual lives? How about, while our whole society has become transient and the church is so dramatically affected by "week ending," determine to be at the home church more, missing less, and to be excited about where you are needed most?

Go, as you need to, and may God go with you. But stay when you can. We really do miss you when you are gone!

Many of the great songs we sing in worship were written by Tillit S. Teddlie. We are certainly indebted to brother Teddlie, and others, for the marvelous contribution he has made to the singing of the church.

On June 3, brother Teddlie will be one hundred years old. It would be a fitting tribute to this faithful pilgrim if on Sunday, June 2, we would join with other congregations of the Lord's people (some 12,000 of them) in singing only Tillit S. Teddlie songs. Why don't we do it?

The Powells, Lotts and Wes Price should be back in Tyler by the time you receive this week's bulletin. We look forward to hearing their report on the work in New York City after their visit with the Manhattan brethren last week end.

Isn't it encouraging to know that the SON shines in New York City...as well as in the Heart of Tyler?

Congratulations Grads



Cole Bennett



Trey Hughes



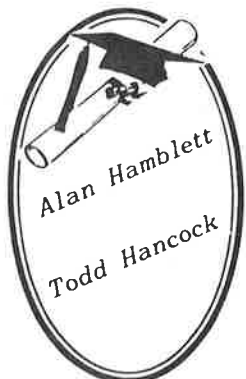
Lee Nail



Jonathan Paul



Alan Pickett



Alan Hamblett

Todd Hancock

Not Pictured

Cole Bennett, a graduate of Chapel Hill High School plans to attend Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Austin. Cole, president of the Senior Class and president of the National Honor Society, is also a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is the son of Ken and Alma Bennett. He plans to major in Business and Music.

A graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Trey Hughes has received a basketball scholarship to Howard College in Big Spring, Texas. Trey was a member of the Varsity Basketball Team. He was All District and received Honorable Mention in All East Texas Basketball. Trey will major in Business. He is the son of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes.

Jonathan Paul is graduating with honors from Robert E. Lee High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, on the "A" Honor Roll, Vice-president of Robert E. Lee Student Congress, a member of the Spanish Club and Science Club. Jonathan is the son of Jack and Mary Paul and plans to attend Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. where he will major in History (Political Science) with a minor in Spanish.

Thomas Alan Pickett will enter Tyler Junior College in the fall. He plans to complete his education at Texas A & M and major in Oceanography. Alan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pickett, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He is a member of the International Thespian Society, Geology Club and Art Club. He was District & Area Winner-One Act Play, 1984 & 1985. In 1985 Theater Arts Festival he rated Superior in Improv and Excellent in Duet Acting. He was a volunteer for Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp and Telethon.

Congratulations (Continued)

Lee Nail is a graduate of Brownsboro High School. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Austin and major in Law. Lee had the Grand Champion Steer of Henderson County Livestock Show, 1982 and 1983 and the Grand Champion Hog of Henderson County Livestock Show, 1984. He won showmanship Award at the Livestock Show in 1982 and 1984. He was on the staff of the Annual and a member of FFA. Lee is the son of Loyd and Ann Nail.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to David and Jeanette Ingram and their family. David's father, William E. Ingram, was buried Sunday afternoon. He was a member of the Northwest church here in Tyler.

Happy Birthday

MAY (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight, Casey Akin (27) Frances Walters (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Mildred Tuel, Ola Dunwoody, Andrea Usrey JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Justin Wiggains.



Get Smart

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

Brother's Keepers

MEET WITH YOUR UNIT
FOLLOWING SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP
Enjoy the fellowship
Sunday, May 26

1935 The Children of 1985
Mr. and Mrs. Harold "Bay" Chambless
request the honour of your presence
at the
Fiftieth Anniversary
of the marriage of their parents
on Sunday, the ninth of June
nineteen hundred and eighty-five
between two and four-thirty o'clock
Glenwood Church of Christ
Fellowship Center
807 West Glenwood Blvd.
Tyler, Texas

Your presence is the only gift we desire

Baccalaureate

Sunday evening at the 6:00 o'clock worship hour, Baccalaureate Service will be held at the West Erwin church for graduating seniors of churches of Christ here in Tyler. This is always an impressive service and we look forward to having many guests.

Potpourri

Roy and Elaine Roberson serve as foster parents for Christian Services of East Texas and now have a baby boy in their home. He is a new-born named Chance. They will have him approximately six weeks.

The week of June 10-14 is the time for the grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home to be here to collect what we have for them. We are collecting CEREAL. Bring Fruit-loops, Raisin-bran, Crispix, Raisin-Rice-Rye, etc.

The Benevolent Center is in desperate need of sheets for bandages. Bring clean (white or any color) sheets to the Benevolent Center or to the church building.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss Shannon Hughes

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss J. B. Endsley

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Faber Cauthen Joe Carroll
Sam Bailey Lane Akin
David Demic DeRay Bennett

Ray Clark Kevin Braly

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May 12 \$7,826.02
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Year Ago 8,603.47

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 12 325
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Mark & Martha Waggonner Ray & Gail Vannoy
Foy & Mary Richey Bob & Marie Threadgill
Dorris Humble Maxine Freeman
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 19 and Wednesday
Evening, May 22 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.

Thank You

We cannot express how much we appreciate all the many cards and letters we have received from the West Erwin congregation. Arlene and Jay have found a true "home" and "family" with all of you thoughtful and caring people. Many prayers were said in our behalf and we are truly grateful. Please continue to remember us.

Gene & Linda Carter

(Note: You will remember that Gene is Arlene Lockhart's brother who lives in Memphis. We are happy to report that he continues to improve. JPL)

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The Sick

Brother James Massey is at home not feeling very well at this time.

The Carpenter's daughter-in-law continues to be hospitalized in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Brent Crocker continues to be in Medical Center recovering from an accident. He is the grandson of Roy and Chloe Clark.

Mrs. Zach Norton, Billie Osborn's mother, remains in Mother Frances.

Ernestine Mallory's mother has gone home from the hospital.

Continue to remember Tommie White and Faye Wallace.

"Special" From Pearland

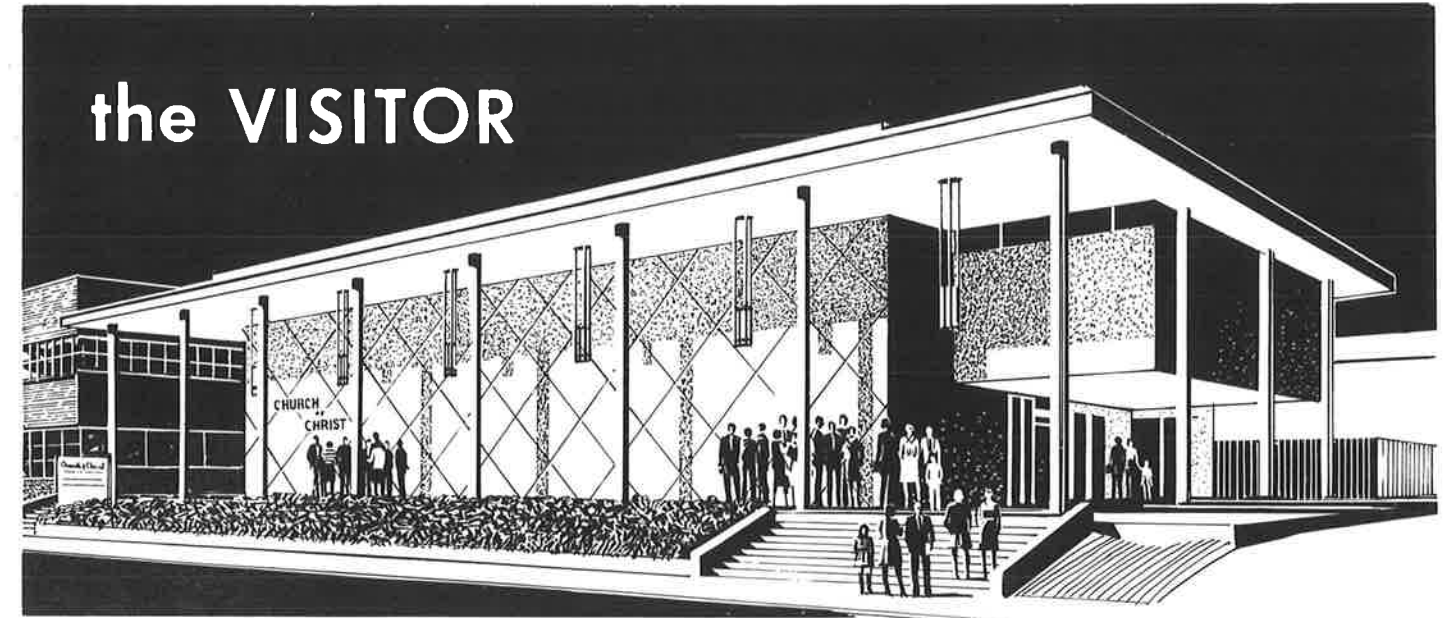
Wednesday morning Russell and Audrey O'Bannon called the church office. They asked to be remembered to everyone. They are well and happy but miss everyone here.



June 17 - 21




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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"Go into all the world" ...Mark 16:15

The Crossroads of the World

On Friday two of our elders and their wives, Fred and Sara Powell and Ray and Dell Lott, and our Associate Minister, Wes Price, left for New York City to visit the work we support in Manhattan. New York City is the crossroads of the world because people from literally every continent visit there each year. We are thankful that we have the opportunity to be involved for Christ in this strategic center of world culture.

I have been convinced through the years that the mission points we support should be visited regularly. This is the only way we can have first-hand knowledge of the work and a visit by the supporting churches gives encouragement to the workers in the field that can come in no other way.

Several months ago our elders decided that at a time mutually convenient the Powells, the Lotts, and Wes should visit New York. While they are there, they will worship with the Manhattan church and on Sunday evening Wes will preach. We will look forward to their return and a report on the work we support at the crossroads of the world.

It is so good to have our college students home for the summer! Their presence gives an added dimension to our worship services and we are happy to have them home for a few months.

The next prime-time special of our television program, THE SEARCH, will be on Tuesday evening, July 2. Since it will be just two days before the 209th birthday of our nation, we will capitalize upon the theme of FREEDOM with emphasis upon the freedom which is in Christ. I am excited about this added opportunity for outreach. Be praying.

Evidences of our upcoming VBS are springing up all around and what an exciting week that promises to be!

Let the SON shine through you this week from the Heart of Tyler.

The Local Church

The revival of evangelism begins at the local level.

Many are deserting the church today. Many are screaming, "Jesus Yes, the church, no;" moralists are declaring that established religion is passe and out of touch with the contemporary needs of our time; some brethren are pleading for a restructured church. Thank God, Jesus stood by His church in these words, "...the gates of hades shall not prevail against it," (Matt. 16:18).

While many are knocking the church—we must build it! The place to begin is at the local level. The local church is the best thing to which a person can give his life. We must join partnership with Christ in building a congregation of God.

The local church is the gathered people of God. (I Cor. 1:2) By their own volition saints are to associate themselves together for worship, fellowship, proclamation, and ministry to the unfortunate. All Christianity gravitates to the local church. We can never love the church universal until we love it local (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1; I Pet. 5:1-3).

The local church is to be a dynamic force for God in a sin-ridden world. Within a new climate of love, fellowship, and unity, renewed people are to bless God, others and their own lives. The local base is a lighthouse to illuminate the path of the lost (Isa. 2:4); it is a hospital for broken and sinful men (Lk. 19:10); it is a rehabilitation center for those made invalid by iniquity (Acts 20:32); it is an intensive-care unit for those fighting for their lives (Rom. 15:1-2); and it is a fraternity house for those seeking an incendiary fellowship (Acts 4:32). The church: our life; our love; our all. No wonder Jesus threw his protective wings over her: "The gates of hades shall not prevail against it."

While many criticize her, some despise her and others have abandoned her—I want to stand by her. I owe her my life and my love. While it would be a place of distinction to serve as the head of a school, an editor of a paper, or president of a board—I would rather be a local preacher. It's the greatest place to serve in all the world. If I had a thousand lives to live, I would want to be a local preacher in every one of them. I had rather be a speaker in the house of God than a speaker in the house of representatives; I had rather be a foot-soldier of the cross than Commander-in-Chief of all our U.S. forces.

I am standing by the church because I want to stand with Jesus.

Harold G. Taylor

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Shower Invitation

*You are cordially invited
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Sunday Afternoon, May 19, 1985*

*Fellowship Hall Selections:
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Ladies, please consider this invitation personally yours.

A Good Work

You Can Help !

This is a personal invitation to anyone who would enjoy working in the Benevolent Center to come Tuesday morning. We need people who are willing to give two or three hours each week to this work. Plans are being made to have a continuing summer program and your input is wanted. Classes in knitting (for right and left handed people) as well as other phases of unusual handwork are being planned. This is a much needed and satisfying endeavor and all who are interested are encouraged to help make the summer program successful.

Cherokee Childrens Home

Remember the food drive for the Cherokee Childrens Home. Bring non-perishable food to the building. The Bullard church of Christ will be sending trucks to the Home on May 25th and will be glad to deliver anything we have collected. Let's help to make this drive a success.

Happy Birthday

MAY (20) Mike Munn (21) Sherryl Miles, Doris Gregory (23) Jean Walters, Jonnie Steffee, Tony Adams (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis E. Jones.

Thank You

We congratulate Kay Ellen Hanley who received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing on Friday evening, May 10 from the University of Texas at Tyler. The Pinning Ceremony was held on the afternoon of the 10th and Kay was honored to have her mother, a graduate nurse, to "pin" her.

Thank you for bringing the good food to the Campus Christian Center during this year. The lunches and dinners are highlights of each week to which we all look forward. These times give us opportunities for fellowship and devotionals. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern.

Sincerely,
Julienne Butler
Tri-C President

Dear Christian Family,

Thanks to all of you for the flowers, cards and visits. They helped me get well.

Jean Oliver

Clothing Drive

The Lamar Ave. church of Christ in Paris, Texas is in charge of a clothing drive to meet the need of churches of Christ in a six county area in Southwestern Alabama. This need was brought about because of extreme poverty in that area.

Albert Roach, an elder at Lamar, will be bringing a truck to the Tyler Northwest church of Christ either Monday or Tuesday, May 27 or 28, to pick up the clothing.

If you can contribute clean, good condition clothes, bring them to the Northwest building prior to that time.

(This announcement came through the Campus Christian Center.)

ETCA

Registration has begun for the 1985-86 school year at East Texas Christian Academy. Summer day care is also enrolling. Contact the school office for forms and more information.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



A host of visitors blessed our services this past Sunday morning and we are grateful since so many of our own members were out of town enjoying a visit with mothers on Mother's Day. We were glad to have these folks with us.

Jay read a proclamation in honor of mothers that was great! Not only would we not be here without mothers, but we would be so much less if we had not had the nurturing and love of a devoted mother. Praise God for the beautiful gift of motherhood!

Work continues on our Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 17 - 21, and things are looking very good. We are still in need of additional workers. If you would like to serve, please let me know. I am confident that you will enjoy serving with us.

So many good comments came in response to Jay's Sunday sermons. They were great! We are blessed with the ability that God gave him to proclaim the word with confidence and conviction. Not only are we able to enjoy his preaching on Sundays, but so many complimentary responses are being received about the Sunday morning TV program, THE SEARCH. Let's invite our friends and neighbors to watch the program and invite them to our worship services.

Elsewhere in our bulletin you will find an invitation to join our workers in the Benevolent Center. May I add a word of encouragement to those of you who can find time to become a part of a very vital and important ministry. Not only will you be doing a valuable service, but you will enjoy the association with a lovely bunch of people.

Our college young people are home for the summer which reminds us of the relaxed schedules that the summer brings upon us as well. It will serve to be an excellent time to encourage you to be sure that the Lord is included in your summer plans. If you must be away from home, don't forget to find the brethren along the way and worship with them. This will show the Lord that you maintain your priorities and you will find a new experience in worshipping with Christians in other places.

Serving Sunday

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Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Phil Marts
Dismiss James Phillips

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer J. D. Osborn
Dismiss Marshall Phillips

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Charles McCoy Dan Magee
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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12 and Wednesday Evening, May 15, COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Victory Dinner

The 4th Annual Victory Dinner will be held Thursday night, May 16, at the Ramada Hotel South. Guest speaker will be Coach Gene Stallings of the Dallas Cowboys. The time is 7:00 p.m. and the cost is \$50.00 per person. See a Board member for tickets or call the school office at 561-8642 for more information.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is in need of educational toys for their preschool and day care. If you have any that are in good condition that you would like to donate, please let the school know.

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The Sick

The F. C. Carpenter's daughter-in-law, Jean Carpenter, remains in Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth with the new baby daughter. Their condition has improved.

The surgical procedure on Tuesday was successful for Harry Hickman, son of the Charles Hickmans. He was scheduled to be dismissed from the hospital Wednesday or Thursday.

Zorado Sherman and Vannie Lee have been patients in Community Hospital but have gone home.

Brent Crocker, grandson of the Roy Clarks, is a patient in Medical Center suffering from two broken arms from an accident at work.

Billie Osburn's mother, Mrs. Zarah Norton, remains in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Ernest Holland, mother of Ernestine Mallory, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital for treatment.

When you pray, remember these and Faye Wallace and Tommie White.

Zorado Sherman is now living with her sister, Mrs. W. A. (Myra) Chandler.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!


REMEMBER - The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of June 10-14. We are collecting Cereal for them (fruit-loops, raisin-bran, crispix, raisin-rice-rye, etc.)

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"In the days of your youth"
Ecclesiastes 12:1*

Youth Program Changes Leadership

Last Sunday was one of those spectacular days with a great host of worshippers in attendance and that group was joyous, expectant, and participated in our service to the fullest.

Then in the afternoon we had a good number of our people present for the formal dedication of our Benevolent Center. Wasn't it good to tour those facilities and to see samples of the good work our Tuesday morning workers are doing. A special thanks to Modena Jones who leads our ladies' work day, to Ray Womack who heads our Benevolent Program, and to the men and women who work each week. The highlight of the dedication was the special recognition of two of God's finest servants, James and Mildred Massey, whose generous financial gifts made this building possible.

Another special word of appreciation is in order for Mary June Goodson and her teaching staff of Tuesday School. This week brings to a close the school for this session and what a great year it has been thanks to Mary June and others.

Last week Ken Edwards presented his resignation to our elders as Youth Minister to pursue a career in private business. Elsewhere in this bulletin Ken comments on his decision. During the time Ken and Ernie have served our youth, they have endeared themselves to all of us at West Erwin. We are delighted that the Edwards family will remain in Tyler and will continue to worship at West Erwin. We wish them the very best in their new pursuit and we will be enlisting them in our work in the days ahead.

Our elders have asked Hillard Hughes to resume his duties with our young people effectively immediately. Hillard has already established himself as a most effective worker with youth at West Erwin over a long period of time. Hillard will not be so much our "Youth Director" as he will be our "Youth Co-ordinator" with special emphasis upon the spiritual lives of our youth. He will enlist the help of numbers of our parents and others as we continue to have one of the finest youth programs to be found anywhere.

Our thanks to Ken for serving and to Hillard for resuming his service.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

To begin with, I would like to say that my wife and I have enjoyed working here at West Erwin. Since the moment we first interviewed with the elders till now, we have been treated well by every one. We are truly blessed to have had the opportunity to move here and work closely with this congregation. We have been able to develop many friendships and we have gained much from our association with all of you.

Our decision to leave the work here and to leave full-time youth work was brought about by a need in my life for a career change. My long-term goals and my future considerations concerning my family are the reasons behind my decision.

I am happy to say that we will be remaining in Tyler and at West Erwin. We feel that we have found a congregation that can be home for us.

I hope these words from I Thess. 2:8-12 will be the way you remember us as we leave the youth work here.

"Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own Kingdom and glory."

This passage is how I will remember my work for the last five and one half years.

God bless each one of you.

Young At Heart

YOUNG AT HEART will travel to Flint for their annual picnic on Thursday, May 16th. This will also be the regular monthly meeting. The bus will leave the church building at 9:30 A.M. and return about 4:30 P.M. Bring a covered dish. Drinks will be provided.

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Tuesday School

Tuesday School concluded this spring with a Graduation on Tuesday morning. Parents were invited to attend. We appreciate our teachers for this project very much. They volunteer their time and energy each Tuesday morning from 9:00 until 11:30. We had five classes with fifty children enrolled, many from families outside the church. Mary June Goodson directed the school and has done an excellent work.

The following is a list of teachers and helpers who have worked throughout the year: Ann Nail, Rhonda Haws, Laurie Dawkins, Reba Hensley, Sara Powell, Ernestine Mallory, Kay Akin, Betty Knight, Patti Sliter, Dorris Humble, Cherrie Magee, Pam Lott, Ernestine Edwards, Mary Evelyn Grier, Nettie Potts, Diana Savage, Maxine Freeman, Carolyn Blackstone, Gail Vannoy, Martha Waggoner, Sue Starnes, Elaine Roberson, Rhonda Hendrix. Joni Smith took care of refreshments, Nora Chambless took care of the nursery and at Christmas time, Paul Stanley was Santa. Fred Powell did some of the bus driving as did Ken Edwards who also shared some of the Chapel times with Wes Price. This completes 13 years for the program that began as Friday School through the efforts of Hillard Hughes in 1972. We look forward to the next school year.

Cherokee Childrens Home

We have received a letter from the Bullard church of Christ indicating that their trucks will be going to the Cherokee Children's Home on May 25th. They will be glad to deliver anything we might have to send. Once a year a special drive is made for food for the Cherokee Children's Home. We can help make this drive successful. Bring what ever food you would like to send. Monetary help is also acceptable. Bring non-perishable food to the church building.

Happy Birthday

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Forgetting The Most Important"
P.M. "A Faith To Live By"

100% Classes

Congratulations to the Four Year Old Class taught by Ann Nail and Frances McBee who had 100% attendance this past Sunday. I was also reminded that I overlooked an honors class from last month. Join me in congratulating them also. The third grade class had 100% plus on April 14. We are proud of these classes for their efforts in promoting regular attendance.

WP

Seminar

The Broadway congregation will have a seminar, May 13 and 14 conducted by Al Jolly, preacher, and counselor with the Westside church in Midland. The seminar, "Dynamics for Defeating Depression" will be from 7:30 to 9:15 P.M. Reports from other areas indicate that this Biblically based seminar provides a sound and successful approach to the universal problem of depression.

WP

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



All those who attended the formal opening and dedication of our new Benevolent Center received a blessing. It was a joyous occasion and the entire congregation should be proud to have such an excellent center dedicated to aiding the less fortunate in our community and around the world. We are especially proud to acknowledge James and Mildred Massey for their part in making this building possible. As soon as the dedication plaque and photograph are in, we will install them permanently in the building so that all who come hereafter will know how much we truly appreciate and esteem this good couple. If you have not visited the Benevolent Center building, may we encourage you to do so. Any Tuesday morning from 9:30 until 12:00 would be a good time and you might be invited to join in their refreshment break if you come around 10:00 o'clock.

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It came as quite a surprise to us when Ken Edwards resigned as Youth Minister. We will miss having him here as part of the staff. We appreciate the good work he did with our youngsters while he served. He and Ernie were loved and respected by our young people. We are happy that they will still be with us in that Ken has taken a business position that will make it possible for them to remain in Tyler. We thank God for this fine couple and take pleasure in their remaining with us. We wish Ken the very best in his new endeavors and pray God's richest blessings upon him and his family.

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This is the time of year when we look forward to having our college young poeple return home for the summer. By the end of these next two weeks, we will be welcoming them back to our services here at West Erwin.

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This is also the time of year when we complete another segment of our Tuesday School. A luncheon was held on Tuesday of this week for the staff hosted by Nelda Browning and Frances McBee. We are grateful for this dedicated staff of workers and to their director, Mary June Goodson. This has been a good year with a full enrollment at all times.

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Welcome	Stan Mallory	April 28	\$6,807.11
Prayer	Phil Marts	April 21	7,955.96
Dismiss	Ron Lott	Year Ago	5,540.83
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
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Prayer	Joe McBee	April 21	330
Dismiss	Earl O'Quinn	WORSHIP	
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MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5 and Wednesday evening, May 8, Mike Savage, 894-9386.



Visitors Welcome

And The Lord Added . . .

Jill Cox, Box 54 Vaughn Hall, TJC, Tyler, TX 75711, was baptized into Christ Tuesday afternoon by Jamon Kirby.

Bill Paschall, 5101 Sweetbriar, Apt. 1124, Tyler 75703 was baptized Tuesday evening by Jay Lockhart. Bill's wife, Carolyn, placed membership two weeks ago. They recently moved to Tyler from Irving, Texas.

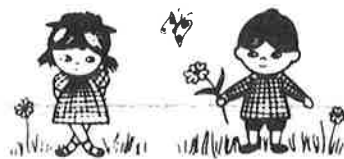
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*TUESDAY SCHOOL
Graduation on Tuesday
May 7, 1985*

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
May 5, 1985

A.M. "All Things Through Christ"
P.M. "The Sunset Road That Turned Dawn"

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

**From The
Heart of Tyler**
By Jay Lockhart

*"And they continued"
--Acts 2:42*

Christianity In Action

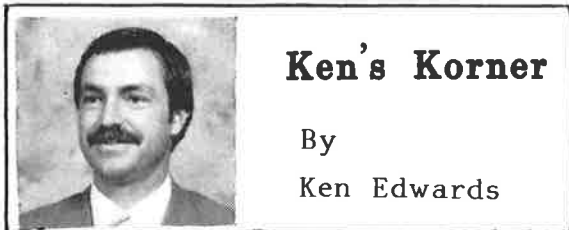
Last Sunday's storms, including the sighting of several tornadoes in and around Tyler, played havoc with our attendance in Bible School and morning worship as many of our folks were unable to get to our building. By ten o'clock we were assured by the weather reports that the danger was past and it was a joyful, enthusiastic group, though smaller than usual, that assembled in our auditorium for worship. We are grateful that no real damage or injury resulted from the storm.

We are so thankful for the baptisms this week. On Tuesday afternoon Jill Cox, a student at TJC who has been attending our services with the Jamon Kirbys, was baptized by Jamon, and Bill Paschall the husband of our Carolyn, was baptized by Jay Lockhart. God bless you both as the SON shines through you from the Heart of Tyler.

Christianity is action! In bringing the religion of Christ into existence God acted by sending His Son, Jesus acted by dying for our sins, the Holy Spirit acted as He guided inspired men "into all truth," people acted as they obeyed the gospel and as penitent believers were baptized in water for forgiveness. When the church began, it actively lived Christianity. It is said of the Jerusalem church that they "devoted themselves," they were "together," they "distributed," and they were "attending" and "praising" (Acts 2:43-47). In Acts 4 we are told they "spoke," were united, and provided for the poor (verses 32-37).

Christianity is something to believe, but until belief leads to action we fall short of the religion of Christ.

A group of West Erwin folks, totalling about forty people, have been quietly putting their faith in action as they have spent three Saturdays remodeling the house of one of our widows. Others are teaching, encouraging, giving, and sewing and all behind the scenes, mostly unnoticed...except by He who sees all and is the essence of action.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Last Saturday eight of our fourth, fifth and sixth graders went to Longview to compete in a Bible Bowl at the Alpine church. They joined a group of several hundred kids their age to exercise their minds and lungs for six hours. This age group definitely has more energy than they know what to do with. Our kids acted like (almost) perfect ladies and gentlemen.

Our kids who participated were Amy O'Quinn, Michelle Steffee, Missy Marts, Cheryl Murphy, Misty Malone, Amy Pickens (Northwest Church) Scott Carruth, and Steven Mabry (grandson of Charles and Bettye Sue Harris). The top four individuals, Misty, Missy, Amy O., and Scott combined efforts to finish 6th out of 25 teams.

A special recognition is appropriate for Misty Malone, the daughter of Marc and Pam Lemons, who finished in a tie for second high individual. Misty only missed one question out of 120 for the day. She will be receiving an engraved plaque in the mail in the near future. Each of our kids performed well especially considering this was their first Bible Bowl effort.

It is truly a blessing to be able to work with and get to know this age group of kids. A couple of our kids are real characters! A special thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone, Ray & Gail Vannoy and Phil & Linda Marts for their efforts in coaching this group the last couple of months.

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

You are Cordially Invited
To Attend The Dedication Of Our New
Benevolent Center
On Sunday Afternoon, May 5, 1985
From 2:30 until 4:00 O'Clock

Special Recognition
3:00 O'clock

Potpourri

DATES TO REMEMBER

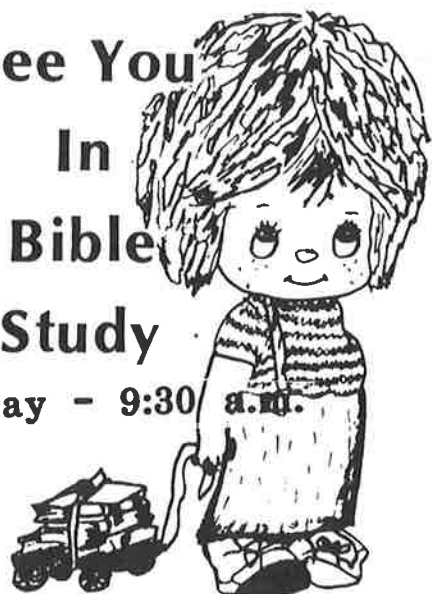
- May 5, Dedication of Benevolent Center.
- May 25, Junior/Senior Banquet.
- May 16, Young At Heart Picnic
(This will be the May Meeting)
- May 26, Baccalaureate at West Erwin
6:00 P.M.
- May 26, Brother's Keeper (following
evening worship)
- June 17 - 21, Vacation Bible School

SCHOLARSHIP

Marisa Butler and Debra Presly received the Angela Stansbury Scholarship at the Tri-C Banquet, April 26th. The Scholarship given in memory of a former TJC student is for \$150.00 each.

(Angela Stansbury grew up in the West Erwin congregation and participated in youth activities until her death. Her dad is a West Erwin member.)

**See You
In
Bible
Study
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.**



Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful cards that I have received while recovering from my recent surgery. You are all very thoughtful and sweet.

In Christian love,
Pauline Aven

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of brother O. J. Russell. Funeral services were held for him on Wednesday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Brother Russell served as a faithful gospel preacher for many, many years.

New Baby Girl

Ferman and Lucille Carpenter are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born Tuesday in Fort Worth to Ferman Lynn and Jean Carpenter. The baby, Nancy Lynn, weighed 6 lb and 15 oz. The Carpenters live in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Happy Birthday

- MAY (5) Dot Hardin, Maxine Freeman, Nelda Browning, Valerie Shelton, Henry Dunn.
- (6) Bessie Willis, W.A.Chandler
- (7) Wade Weathers
- (8) Jason O'Quinn
- (9) M. B. Beard, Ford Egbert, Jim Usrey.
- (10) Amy Clark
- (11) Amy Fisher

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning
Channel KLTU, Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch!

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The short Epistle of Philippians was already one of my favorite New Testament books, but the series of sermons that Jay has preached the last two weeks only made it more so. Those were excellent lessons and much needed. I hope you will be encouraged to read that book more often and drink deeply of its everlasting truths. It will brighten your soul and make you want to share the message of salvation with others.

I hope you will especially remember the lesson on unity. What faithful brethren have been working to accomplish for years can be broken down by failure to observe the need for practical unity in the church. Where conflict exists between Christians, we are duty bound to observe the Lord's teaching in Matthew 18 and 5:23. If you are not willing to do that then you forfeit your right to talk about it to anyone else, regardless of what side of an opinion you are on. Speaking the truth in love also means that we will tell the truth to the proper one and for the right purpose. Think about it!

I'm especially proud of our youngsters who went to compete in the Bible Bowl and for their excellent showing. Join me in commending these youngsters and the adults who helped them prepare for the contest. In addition to Ken Edwards others assisting in their instruction were Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Ray and Gail Vannoy and Phil and Linda Marts.

A special invitation will appear elsewhere in this bulletin, but let me encourage you to remember the dedication event for our Benevolent Center next Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 o'clock. The dedication service itself will be at 3:00 p.m. and special recognition will be given to the workers in our benevolent service. Let's be present to extend a warm congratulation for their dedication as well as to officially inaugurate this new facility.

Our teachers and volunteers are hard at work on our Vacation Bible School and it has all the earmarks of being another great one. If you would like to assist, let us know and we will find a place for you. Don't forget the dates, June 17 through 21. Don't miss it!

Serving Sunday Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Welcome	Jack Paul	April 21	\$7,955.96
Prayer	Phil Hancock	(TV Program)	2,000.00
Dismiss	Clyde Lane	April 14	7,518.60
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Welcome	Jack Paul	April 21	330
Prayer	Hoyt Hughes	April 14	337
Dismiss	Dwight Leek	WORSHIP	
SERVING COMMUNION		April 21/	A.M. 395
Dick Higginbotham	Jamon Kirby		P.M. 248
Ron Lott	Cooper Goodson	Wed. Eve.	4/17 193
Harvey Grier	Paul Hancock	Budget \$9,014.18	
David Hanley	Matt Haws	SERVING IN BACK FOYER	
Carroll Magee	Walker Weathers	GREETERS FOR SUNDAY	
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris	Bill & Jo Butler		
Kevin & Le'Ann Braly	Joe & Frances McBee		
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman	Todd Stewart		
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, April 28 & Wednesday Evening, May 1 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.			

And The Lord Added . . .

BAPTIZED
 Tammy Wilson, 132 Rowland Place, telephone 595-0383, was baptized by Jay Lockhart on Thursday evening, April 18. Tammy works for Swann Furniture Co. and is from Gladewater.

RESTORED
 Ted Wright came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the church.

MEMBERSHIP AND RESTORED
 We are happy that S. E. (Ed) Stansbury came Sunday evening to be restored to fellowship and place membership. His address is P. O. Box 7543, telephone 561-0925.

MEMBERSHIP
 Mark and Martha Waggoner, former members here, recently moved back to Tyler from Houston. Martha is the daughter of Fred and Sara Powell and at the present time they are with the Powells.

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The Sick

Tommie White continues to be in Medical Center. His condition is improved.

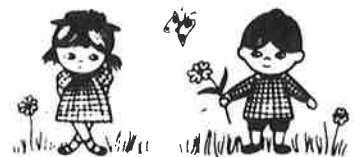
Faye Wallace returned Monday to Houston for test results.

Mrs. Guy Potts' father, Wylie W. Graham, is now in Heritage Nursing Home.

Mrs. Pete Osburn's mother, Mrs. Zach Norton, continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Laura Drummond. We share in the sorrow of her family in the loss of their sister.



COME TO BIBLE SCHOOL!
 Sunday, 9:30 A.M.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
 April 28, 1985
 By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Approving The Things That Are Excellent - Part III

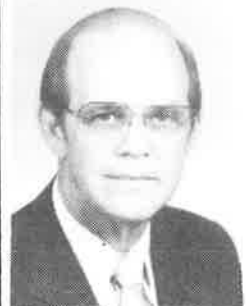
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I had a most enjoyable meeting with the church in Marble Falls last week. This church, located in one of the most beautiful parts of Texas, is led by some very effective elders, is served by Willis Jernigan IV as its dynamic preacher, and is blessed with a growing, excited membership. Elton McCoy, son of the Charles McCoy's, serves as one of the deacons in Marble Falls and both he and his family are highly appreciated by the brethren there. Good attendance and response characterized the meeting.

My thanks to Wes Price, Hillard Hughes and Jack Paul for teaching and preaching in my absence.

The SON is shining everywhere ...and from the Heart of Tyler.

*"Let every man speak truth with his neighbor."
 --Ephesians 4:25*

Does The Truth Hurt?

There is an old adage which states, "The truth hurts." What does it mean? Does it mean that He who said, "I am the Truth," hurts? Or that the truth that makes men free hurts? Or that any and all truth hurts? No! When one says, "The truth hurts," he has in mind that someone is shown he is thinking, talking, or acting in a way contrary to truth and is convinced he is wrong, then the truth hurts. But should it? I think not, except as we become sorry for misbehavior, for only when we are convinced of our error by truth can we change, overcome, and grow. Knowing truth in any area of life is helpful, not hurtful.

On the other hand, there is something that never helps and always hurts and that something is the lie! It may hurt the reputation of the person who is the object of the lie, but it hurts the character and the spiritual life of the one who tells the lie much more. Sometimes the lie comes from unsuspecting places -- an elder in the church, a preacher, a church member -- people who are supposed to resemble Christ! "But I thought it was true!" is no excuse for the lie. Check your source; investigate before you speak. Often the lie is malicious-- a deliberate effort to

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Houseparent Need

Christian families who are willing and able to serve as houseparents are in short supply at Foster Home. Your help is needed as we search for applicants to fill the position now vacant.

Houseparenting is a unique service to needy children. The family or couple lives in and supervises a modern comfortable cottage with up to ten children. A qualified staff of professional social workers and administrators provide support for the child care workers. Salary and benefits are also provided.

Any interested family is encouraged to visit our campus for a first-hand look at our program and facilities. Your assistance in communicating this special need to your congregation is greatly appreciated.

This is an urgent need. Houseparent applicants or those who are interested in visiting our campus are asked to contact:

David Peters
Sherwood & Myrtie Foster Home for Children
P. O. Box 978
Stephenville, TX 76401
817-968-2143

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

THE SEARCH

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Mission Trip

On May 17th, Ray Lott, Fred Powell, their wives, and I will be flying to New York City to visit with brother Alan Phillips and Pablo Molina and the work of the International Mission. We will have the special honor of preaching there at the Sunday afternoon service. We are looking forward to getting better acquainted with this good mission work and to provide personal encouragement for those who labor with it and direct it.

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Letter From India

One of our ladies who works in the Benevolent Center has corresponded with Mr. & Mrs. E.K.D. Prasad Rao in India for several years. Next week the ladies plan to pack clothing for the children mentioned in the following letter.

Dear Sister in Christ,

Cordial greetings to you in the precious name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your remembrance and encouragement. I enjoy reading your letter. I read several of your fine articles. I am really fortunate to have your love and to receive letter from you.

You are one of the great women of this century. You are an example to me. I have been learning so many things from your writings. Sister Dorothy of M.O. sent me many issues of Christian woman. I saw your nice photograph too.

Here at Cheyru most of the Christians studied your articles. We appreciate your talents as a Bible Class teacher, writer, artist and worker as well. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for your words of love.

We constructed a new Prayer shed. It was opened on 20th October. We enjoy having nice prayer shed. I hope your new preacher can help you live more closely to God. I saw your new preacher's name in one of the papers. Please tell our greetings to brother Jay Lockhart.

May God bless you with devotion and strength to continue to serve the Lord year after year. Remember poor widows and orphans here. We are constantly mentioning you and your labor of love, your work of faith in our daily prayers. If possible, try to send some used clothing for our little ones here who are without clothes and sufficient food.

Time Change

The time change is here again. Turn your clock forward one hour Saturday night before you go to bed. Be on time for Bible class Sunday morning.



Fifty Years

The North Tenneha Church of Christ will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, May 5. Dinner will be served from 1:00 until 2:15 p.m. with afternoon fellowship beginning at 2:30 p.m. G. P. Holt will be the guest speaker in a meeting Monday through Friday. Also on Saturday, May 4 their male chorus will present a musical at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended for all of these special events.

Brother's Keepers

Unit Meetings this Sunday evening following worship. Plan to participate.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (28) Sherry Osborn (30) Dell Lott, Ray Vannoy, Shirley Denman
MAY (1) Aline Beard, Wesley Price
(2) Lerah Williamson (3) Lula Cunningham.

Potpourri

We had calls recently from two former members. George and Esther Kester sent their greetings to every one from Tennessee. Also, Russell and Audrey O'Bannon are now located in Pearland. Their address is P.O. Box 1683 (77588).



Seniors, remember Sunday morning is the time to have your pictures made.

Does The Truth ... (continued)

harm, and it does harm. Sometimes the lie is told in defense of truth. What a paradox! What hypocrisy! What a tragedy! From the throne of glory John heard the words, "...and all liars...shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone," (Revelation 21:8). Truth makes free. The lie enslaves, destroys, condemns.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



I had the privilege of joining with 20 to 30 others last Saturday in one of the worthiest projects of recent times. We were busy repairing one of our member's home and having a great time doing it. It's amazing what such a project will do for those who participate in it. It only serves to prove the truthfulness of unified effort. It is a clear demonstration to others of the love that binds us together.

It was interesting to watch neighbors inquire about our being there and hear the various comments. Say you'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day? Then come out next Saturday and see a sermon in progress.

And talking about sermons, Jay's lessons on Sunday were great. Of course, when you select such a great passage, then you automatically have the makings of a great lesson. That's not to say he is not to be complimented for the good lessons. He is, and we do.

This is National Secretary Week and I want to go on record as one who can truthfully say that we have two of the best here at West Erwin. There is no end to the special talent and ability that Nelda Browning and Frances McBee bring to the ministry of keeping the church office running smoothly and efficiently. The entire membership is dedicated to them in more ways than can ever be seen and I want to solicit your help in saying a special thank you to them for their work's sake. A 21 gun salute to Nelda and Frances!

We are glad that this year's Baccalaureate service for our graduating seniors and those of other congregations will be held here at West Erwin this year and that Jay Lockhart will be the guest speaker. I'm looking forward to congratulating them and their parents for this significant milestone in their lives. It will be on Sunday night, May 26.

See YOU Sunday!

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Fred Powell
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Dismiss Bill Hensley

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Fred Powell
Prayer Roger Knight
Dismiss Archie Kennard

SERVING COMMUNION

Dick Higginbotham Jamon Kirby
Ron Lott Cooper Goodson
Harvey Grier Paul Hancock
David Hanley Matt Haws

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 14 \$7,518.60
April 7 9,102.78
Year Ago 8,717.47

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 14 337
April 7 350
Year Ago 428

WORSHIP

April 14/A.M. 434
/P.M. 277
Wed. Eve. 4/10 182
Budget \$9,014.81

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Carroll Magee Walker Weathers

GREETERS

Charles & Bettye Sue Harris Ira & Esther Wilson
Kevin & Le'Ann Braly Jane Johnson
Bill & Jo Butler Joe & Frances McBee
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman Todd Stewart

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 21 and Wednesday Evening, April 24, TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

New Member

We welcome Mrs. Bill (Carolyn) Paschall into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. Carolyn and Bill live at 5101 Sweetbriar, Apt. 1124, Tyler 75703. Their telephone is 581-7464. They recently moved to Tyler from Irving, Texas.



The Search

KLTV - Channel 7
Each Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Jay Lockhart, Teacher

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

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The Sick

Mrs. A. Z. Aven (Pauline) had surgery on her knee Monday in Mother Frances Hospital. She was able to go home Wednesday.

Mrs. Pete Osburn's mother, Mrs. Zach Norton is Mother Frances. She was scheduled for surgery Wednesday.

Homer McCarty went home Tuesday.

Roy Clark had surgery on his hand Tuesday in day surgery.

Mrs. Guy Potts' father, Wylie W. Graham, is in room 116 in Community Hospital. He is suffering from a stroke and is very ill.

Dates To Remember

We look forward to May 5. This is the date selected for the dedication of our Benevolent Center. The time is 2:30 until 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, May 5.

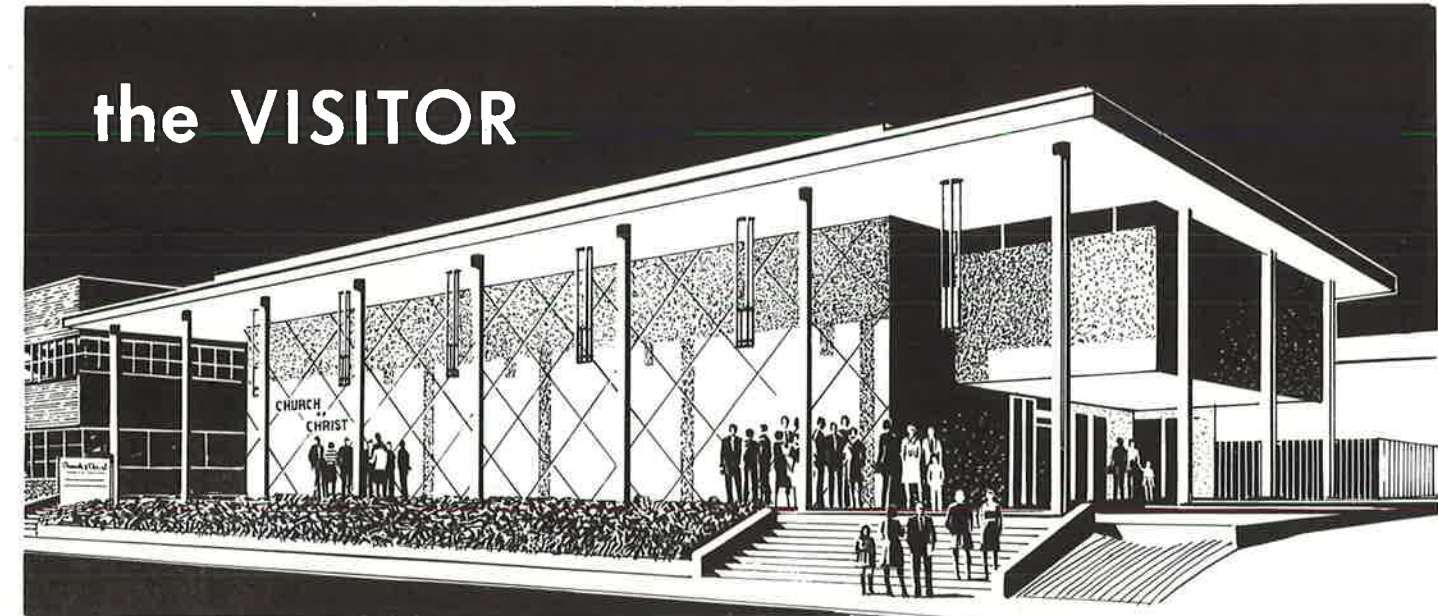
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I Drew My Circle Again!

Love does not take offense, and is not resentful.

Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous.

When I first became a member of the church, my circle was very big . . . for it included all who, like myself had believed and had been baptized. I was happy in the thought that my brethren were many . . . but, having a keen and observant mind, I soon learned that many of my brethren were erring. I could not tolerate any people within my circle but those who, like myself, were right on all points of doctrine and practice. Too, some made mistakes and sinned. What could I do? I had to do something! I drew my circle, placing myself and a few as righteous as I within, and the others without. I soon observed that some within my circle were self-righteous, unforgiving, jealous and proud, so in righteous indignation, my circle I drew again, leaving the Publicans and sinners outside, excluding the Pharisees in all their pride, with myself and the righteous and humble within. I heard ugly rumors about some brethren. I saw then that some of them were worldly-minded; their thoughts were constantly on things of a worldly nature; they drank coffee, when, like me, they should drink tea. So, duty bound, to save my reputation, my circle I drew again, leaving those reputable, spiritually-minded within. I soon realized in time that only my family and myself remained in the circle. I had a good family, but to my surprise, my family finally disagreed with me. I was always right. A man must be steadfast. I have never been a factious man! So in strong determination. I drew my circle again, leaving me quite alone.

Faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is Love

Love is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth.





Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Last weekend was so exciting. Everyone working together for the good of someone else, that is one of the main ideas of Christianity.

Our Senior Citizens Banquet was tremendous. Saturday ten teens and two parents spent several hours working and putting ideas together. Sunday afternoon a dozen teens and my wife put the finishing touches to the meal.

The most inspiring time began when 75 of our Christians were honored by our teens. These Christians are some of the very special saints that strengthen the church.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the evening. The evening was finished off with our teens entertaining everyone with a good ol' melodrama. The teens here are deserving of all the praise you can give them. They were the servers for each of the tables and each table felt like they had the number one server.

What a tremendous way to begin a week, getting the young and the not-so-young together to join hands and sing "Blest Be The Tie." What a grand sight and sound.

April 27th is the 4th, 5th & 6th graders Bible Bowl at the Alpine church in Longview. We have two teams that will be competing with other churches in six rounds with questions about the life of Jesus. These kids have been studying at home and on Sunday evenings for the last ten weeks. They are gaining a very in-depth knowledge that few people can match.

On May 26th West Erwin will be hosting the Baccalaureate services for Seniors and their families from all over Tyler.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Vitality Gap

Few are unaware of the statement that Pentecost was the birthday of the New Testament church. Halford Luccock once wrote in one of his famous columns that there never would have been a Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as the apostles had "if the habits of the company in the upper room had been like the habits of multitudes today." He then suggested that the record of the New Testament might have approximated this:

"The meeting was called for the first day of the week, but so many things interfered that of the company of 120, only 40 could be present. Peter and his wife had bought a cottage on Lake Galilee and were away from the hot city over the weekend. Bartholomew was having guests and of course, could not come. Philip and his family had been up late the night before, and overslept. Andrew had a business conference about a new fishing boat. James had to stay at home and cut the grass..."

Now that raises a question, doesn't it? If the church would never have been BORN under those circumstances, then how can it possibly GROW under those circumstances?

Brethren, unless you and I contribute to the sense of vitality, the world will continue to heckle our "faith" as a popular indoor sport.

—Ronald Milton

Via Pleasant Grove Bulletin, Dallas



**See You Sunday
In Bible Class**

Involvement Sheets

We still have several members of West Erwin who have not turned in an Involvement Sheet. We will be contacting you in the near future if you have not already turned one in. Even if you do not feel capable of serving in some area of work, we would still like to have one on file for each member of the congregation. You could save us time by completing one and turning it in.

Thank You

Christian friends and family mean so much at times like this. Allen and I appreciate all the prayers, visits, calls of concern, cards and support sent our way during his recent illness. A special thanks also to those who brought food which was a big help to mother. We are truly fortunate to be a part of such a loving family. We ask for your continued prayers.

Sherry and Allen Bobbitt

We are grateful to you for the plant, cards, inquiries and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mac and Evelene McCarty

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY April (21) Mary Keith
(22) Annie McDonald (26) A. Z. Aven,
Shannon Hughes.

From Benevolent Center

The ladies who work in the Benevolent Center request that you save bits and pieces of soap. It will be sent to the Chimala Mission Hospital for them to melt down and use as liquid soap. Also, they continue to be in need of sheets (any color) and shirts.



Visitors Welcome



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
April 21, 1985
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Approving The Things That Are Excellent - Part I

P.M. Approving The Things That Are Excellent - Part II

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Our hat is off to Ken Edwards and the teenagers for the splendid job they did in hosting the Golden Age Banquet on Sunday night. The food was delicious, the decorations lovely and the entertainment delightful and amusing. The teenagers were such gracious hosts and made everyone feel welcome. We thank all of them for the excellent way they handled this annual occasion.

I'm grateful again for the generous comments on my sermons yesterday. In reply to the list of things I gave in Sunday night's sermon about preventing worldliness from getting a foothold in our lives, I send them to you here.

1. Learn the scriptures, spend some time each day reading and meditating on them.
2. Remember that all your possessions really belong to God and He gives us stewardship over them.
3. Mind the company you keep.
4. Never miss a single service of the church.
5. Do some good deed for others each week.
6. Keep your mind on pure and holy things (See Phil. 3:8-9).

I hope these will help you form good spiritual habits and strengthen you against letting the world get its grip on you.

Morris Hallman's crew of workers did some outstanding work last Saturday helping repair the home of one of our widows. The work will continue for several more Saturdays and if you have opportunity, you might want to join them. No particular skills are necessary since there are a number of things to be done.

Don't forget to keep Sunday afternoon, May 5, open for our special dedication of the new Benevolent Center. The ladies who work there each week will be serving as hosts for this special occasion, and we don't want to disappoint them.

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

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer Matt Haws
Dismiss Alan Fisher

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer Ray Lott
Dismiss Archie Lowry

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Joe Carroll Milburn Cook
Joe Clark Roy Clark
Wally Dawkins Leslie Carruth
J. B. Endsley David Demic

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 7 9,102.78
March 31 11,231.71
Year Ago 8,252.62

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 7 350
March 31 333
Year Ago 420

WORSHIP

April 7/a.m. 477
p.m. 247
Wed. Eve. 4/3 178
BUDGET 9,014.81

GREETERS

John & Susan Steffee Dan & Jan Magee
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Ray & Carolyn Womack Ira & Esther Wilson

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, April 14 and Wednesday evening, April 17 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Attendance Cards

Each Sunday we invite visitors to sign an attendance card for our records. It is very important that West Erwin members fill out attendance cards also. We use the cards in keeping records in the office, and we encourage you to help us keep our records accurate.

TEACHERS, Your copy of Christian Bible Teacher for April is in your classroom.

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Sympathy

Sister Mable Massey and her husband are in Pampa this week for the funeral of their sister-in-law. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The Sick

Allen Bobbitt was able to go home Tuesday from the hospital.
Mrs. Melba Moore is at home suffering from injured ribs.
Brent Osborn has a fractured bone in his foot and is in a cast.

Gospel Meeting

Paul Rogers from Centerville, Tenn. will preach April 21 - 24 at the Canton Church of Christ in a Gospel Meeting. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.



Bible classes for all ages

9:30 A.M. Sunday

Wednesday

Devotional and Classes 7:30 P.M.

Welcome

We had many visitors at both worship services on Sunday. We hope you will come back at every opportunity.

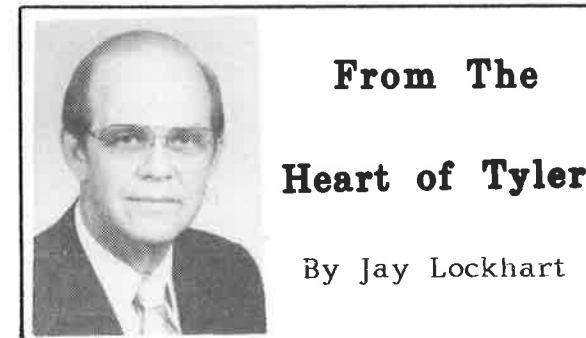
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I have just returned from a most enjoyable meeting with the Willow Avenue church in Cookeville, Tenn. This church of 600 members is located in the beautiful hills of middle Tennessee and in the same city that is the home of Tennessee Tech University. The church is served by six elders, twenty-five deacons, and three preachers: Clarence DeLoach, Kevin Owen, and Steve Pope. Clarence has been a good friend for many years and is an excellent student of the Word, powerful preacher of the gospel, and an outstanding church builder. I met Kevin and Steve for the first time, but it is obvious that this team of preachers is doing an excellent job in Cookeville.

Isn't it wonderful to know that the SON shines in Cookeville, Tenn. and so many other places, including from the HEART of Tyler!

"I cannot come down"
--Nehemiah 6:3

Doing A Great Work

Under the skillful direction of Nehemiah, the crumbled walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt following the Babylonian captivity. There were so many obstacles, so many reasons for failure, so much opposition even from those who should have been friends!

But Nehemiah succeeded. He succeeded because he was "doing a great work"--work God wanted done (6:3), because he followed the Law of God (8:8), because the people were united in the work (8:1; 4:6), because the people generously supported the work (7:70; 10:32; 12:47), because he was confident God would help (4:14,20), because he refused to listen to ridicule from those who wanted him to fail (2:19), and because he refused to compromise (6:2,3). Nehemiah's attitude was, "Why should the work stop while I leave it to come down to you" (6:3); "Why should I stoop to your level of littleness, pettiness, slander, and self-centeredness." Nehemiah knew he was right and went ahead. He was above them, on the wall, building. They were on the plain of Ono, seeking to tear down. I know what Nehemiah accomplished. But what ever happened to his enemies?



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Many people have been asking for information concerning the camp about which I have been writing. West Erwin is the host congregation with Tyler congregations invited to send campers and staff. I will be directing the camp, and several of our members will be going as cooks, counselors, and other staff personnel. We are renting Camp Bee's facilities at Marshall, and we supply everything from manpower to food.

Many activities are planned. Bible classes, morning devotionals, sports and competition, hiking, entertainment (skits) are all included. On the final evening a talent show will be held with campers providing the talent. The cost is \$60.00 per camper. The date is June 24 - June 29.

I feel that this will be a very beneficial week and one that is full of exciting things to do. Your teen needs this camp as much as this camp needs your teen.

Registration forms are available in the south foyer. Space is limited and several forms have already been turned in. We don't need the money just now, just your form to reserve a spot.

The Senior Citizens Banquet is this Sunday evening, following the evening worship, April 14th. Don't forget!



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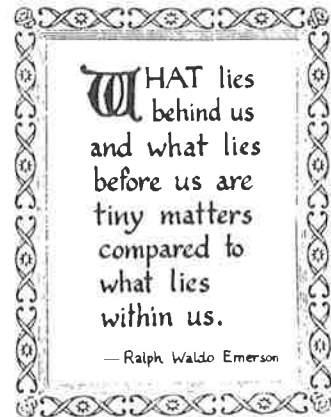
Congratulations

We extend congratulations to Theron Pickle. The National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association presented Theron the Outstanding Service Award on March 29 in Austin, Texas at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship. This national honor is presented to five coaches each year and Theron is the first Swimming Coach to receive the award in Texas.

We also want to congratulate Elaine Roberson who was elected to her second term on the Tyler Independent School District Board on Saturday.

Ladies

The Alpine Church of Christ in Longview invite women and teenage girls of East Texas and the surrounding area to the Ninth annual "JUST FOR WOMEN DAY" on Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The Theme of the program is "He's Still Working On Me." Emily Lemley will be the keynote speaker. A nursery will be available for pre-school children, a lunch will be served.



A Prayer For Every Day by Mary Carolyn Davies

Make me too brave to lie or be unkind. Make me too understanding, too, to mind the little hurts companions give, and friends, the careless hurts that no one quite intends. Make me too thoughtful to hurt others so. Help me to know the inmost hearts of those for whom I care, their secret wishes, all the loads they bear, that I may add my courage to their own. May I make lonely folks feel less alone, and happy ones a little happier yet. May I forget what ought to be forgotten; and recall unforgetting, all that ought to be recalled, each kindly thing, forgetting what might sting. To all upon my way, day after day, let me be joy, be hope! Let my life sing!

Potpourri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY April (15) Doug Shelton (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman Michael Rhodes (17) Marie Threadgill (19) Laneva Russell.

We have received a letter from Medina Children's Home stating their grocery truck will be here during the week of June 10-14. If we prefer to collect one item, they suggest CEREAL (fruit-loops, raisin-bran, crispix, raisin-rice-rye, etc.)

Robert and Pat Stokes are the parents of three daughters and thirteen grandchildren. Two of the girls live out of town and the other family is a member of a congregation of the church here in Tyler. On Sunday morning, Pat and Robert were blessed to have their children and all thirteen beautiful grandchildren here for worship.

The time has arrived and this is the week that Russell and Audrey O'Bannon are scheduled to move to Pearland, Texas. We shall miss them so much.

Recently Jesse and Theo Janet King were in Hot Springs, Arkansas for Physical Therapy. They made the decision to move to Hot Springs and left Tyler on Monday. Their new address is 549 Summer St., Apt. A, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901. We regret their decision, but hope they will enjoy their new home and have improved health.

We enjoyed a visit in the office on Tuesday from Billie Frazier. She is the daughter of Wyche Harris and was here from Maryland to visit her mother in the nursing home.

YOUNG AT HEART enjoyed a sightseeing trip last Saturday from Rusk to Palestine on the Texas Railroad. In Palestine they toured the Dogwood trails in our bus and had lunch together. Fred Powell drove the bus for the group.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Last Sunday was a wonderful day of worship at West Erwin. Jay preached two excellent sermons and we had a large number of visitors. As the record indicates, we also shared a number of our own members with other congregations as they went to be with family for the holiday weekend. We thank God for the opportunities that He has given us to be part of a universal family of believers.

From time to time we like to jog your memory for future events so that you can arrange your calendars accordingly. The next event of magnitude that affects us all is our annual Vacation Bible School, scheduled for the week of June 17. We are presently in the process of seeking volunteers to help us. If you can serve, please let us know. Next on your calendar, mark the 13th of October for the celebration of West Erwin's centennial. We will be having notable guests to help us mark that special day. The following week, October 20-24, will be our fall meeting with Mike Biggs (son of Jeff and Alma) who now preaches for the Pleasant Ridge church in Arlington.

Of course there are numerous other events between these dates. We will be reminding you of them as they come up, but these are special and we want all our members to be planning on staying home to help us give glory to God on those dates.

Our new Benevolent Center will be dedicated on May 5. Our workers continue each week to provide willing hands to prepare all sorts of materials for the needy. If you have time on your hands and would like to put it and your hands to work for the Lord, you are invited to join them each Tuesday morning at 9:30.

Ken Edwards and your young people are busy putting the final touches on the banquet for our senior citizens. We hope all of you who receive an invitation will plan on being present following the worship service Sunday evening. It will be a special and joyous occasion.

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Dismiss	Larry Henry	Year Ago	420
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Joe Clark	Roy Clark	P.M.	276
Wally Dawkins	Leslie Carruth	Wednesday	201
J. B. Endsley	David Demic	March 24/A.M.	390
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John & Diana Morris	J. D. & Sherry Osborn		
Ray & Carolyn Womack	Ira & Esther Wilson		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 7 and Wednesday evening, April 10 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.			

Baptism

On Thursday afternoon of last week, Wes Price baptized Mary Locke, a resident of Leisure Lodge Nursing Home. She had been taught by brother Ira Wright. We rejoice with Mary in her obedience to the gospel.

Visitors

We were happy to have Mary Prater and a group of ladies from Van, Texas to stop by the church on Tuesday morning. They were here to see the azaleas. When one sweet lady was introduced to Wes Price, she replied, "Yes, I know him. I met him on TV."

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The Sick

Allen Bobbitt suffered a heart attack on Thursday morning. He continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mr. Zach Norton, Billie Osburn's father, had surgery on Monday evening of last week. He went home Wednesday. Billie and Beth are staying with them in their home.

WHEN YOU READ THE BIBLE THROUGH

*I supposed I knew my Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapter of Isaiah,
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third),
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs—
Yes, I thought I knew the Word!
But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.
You who like to play at Bible,
Dip and dabble, here and there,
Just before you kneel, aweary,
And yawn through a hurried prayer;
You who treat the Crown of Writings
As you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude impatient look—
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible through!*
—Amos R. Wells

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From Viewers of

THE SEARCH

Since Jay Lockhart is in Tennessee this week in a Gospel Meeting, we are filling his page of the VISITOR by sharing with you some of the remarks the viewers have made about THE SEARCH. The following excerpts came from letters that requested tapes, manuscripts, or the correspondence course. We also receive requests occasionally over the telephone.

"I enjoy the program very much and look forward to it each Sunday."
Longview

"We enjoy your lessons on TV very much and would like a copy of Sunday's lesson."
Terrell

"I listen every Sunday morning. I enjoy these programs very much and hope you will continue this program for a long time... May God bless your work in the Lord."
Canton

"I watch your Bible study on THE SEARCH on Channel 7 every Sunday morning and I think it is just wonderful. Keep up the good work..."
Ben Wheeler

"I hope this program continues to be presented so people can learn the truth."
Canton

"Thank you for the tape...I have told several of this fine program..."
Tyler

"We are thankful for this program. It reaches so many. Our prayers are with you."
Longview

"I listen to your program and it is wonderful. We invite friends to listen..."
Arp

"...I have learned much from listening to the program each Sunday morning."
Tyler

"I enjoy the tapes...I cannot see to read, but I share the transcript with someone who can see. I enjoy the program very much."
Canton

"I am 90 years old and am shut in. I look forward to your program all week long. Keep up the good work and God bless you."
Mt Enterprise

"We would like to tell you how much we enjoy THE SEARCH. We have visited your church and plan to visit again in the near future."
Tyler

"I enjoy brother Lockhart's program very much. Glad he is back in our area. Thank you."
Troup

"Please send copy of your lecture for Sunday. I am very much interested in your explanation of life hereafter."
Pittsburg

"I would like a manuscript of Sunday's program. I enjoy THE SEARCH very much. I am a long time student of the Bible... I would also like to have the Correspondence Course you offer."
Grand Saline

"Please send me a copy of your broadcast. How is your program financed?"
Tyler



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Registration forms for camp are in the south foyer. If you plan on going to camp with us, get a form and turn it in as soon as possible. Space is limited to 50 girls and 40 boys. With 125 registration forms in five Tyler congregations, the spots could fill quickly. Remember, we need your support with this Summer Camp, and your participation.

On Sunday afternoons at 5:00 o'clock, we have a Bible study for teens. Parents, you need to make sure your teens are here. If you have trouble making it back home and then back to church at 6:00, then come and join us and we will make it a family class. If you can get your kids to my house between 4:30 and 4:40, I will take them.

Involvement Sheets

Please fill out and return your involvement sheets as soon as possible. Extra sheets are on the table in the south foyer. It is important that we have them by April 15.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



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TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

Benevolence Report

The first quarter of 1985, the West Erwin Church, through our Benevolence Program, has provided the following supplies for the Chimala Mission Hospital in Tanzania: 3,738 bandages and swatches, 169 diaper shirts, 51 men's hospital shirts, 75 miscellaneous (fabric, bar soap, salt & pepper, pillowcases) 14 boxes of medicine.

Locally, 11 families have been assisted with food certificates, rent paid for 2 families, bed clothing furnished for 1 family and clothing furnished for 21 families.

Nine quilts are still on hand.

An increase is expected in local benevolence now that our building is completed. Also, plans are being made for additional time to be given for the local work.

DEDICATION DATE SET

Dedication and Open House has been set for the new building on Sunday afternoon, May 5, from 2:30 until 4:00 o'clock. Put this on your calendar.

New Sign

The new sign, Benevolent Center, has been placed over the entrance of our new building. It is there as a gift of the Monroe Sublette Family.

Potpourri

Baccalaureate services will be held for the graduating seniors of the Tyler church of Christ on Sunday evening, May 26, at the West Erwin Church of Christ.

Girls, grades six through twelve, are invited to the city-wide Girls' Devotional on Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship room at the Broadway church of Christ.

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Corsicana, Texas has extended an invitation to our ladies to attend a Ladies Area Luncheon hosted by the Eastern Hills congregation. Mary Oler of Dallas will be speaking on "What Is The Power." Babysitting and lunch will be provided. The meeting is at 10:00 A.M.

The workers in the Benevolent Program have requested that you bring old, clean sheets.

Grandchildren

Stan and Ernestine Mallory are the grandparents of a baby boy born Thursday morning, March 28, to John and Dawn Tesseyman. He weighed 7 lbs & 12½ oz and has been named Thomas Neil.

Forest and Mary McFadden have a new granddaughter born Friday, March 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Keston McFadden. They live in Bedford, Texas. The baby weighed 7 lbs and 13 oz and has been named Patricia Nichole.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Ken and Ernie Edwards in the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Lula McKinney. The funeral was Wednesday afternoon in Hobbs, New Mexico. Ken and Ernie and the children left on Tuesday to attend the service.

Services were held on Tuesday in California for Lola Penner, sister of Gus Krewall. We express sympathy to Gus and Kathy and their family. They traveled to California for the funeral service.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Marvin Methodist church for Harris R. Fender. He was the son-in-law of sister Ola Dunwoody. We extend sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (8) Evelene McCarty (9) Helen Wright (12) Foy Bellows, Lee Osborn (13) Sledge Clinkscales.



April 7, 1985
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Cornerstone of Our Faith
P.M. The Philosophy of Loyalty

HERE AND THERE



BY WES PRICE

We are happy to announce that May 5 has been selected as the date of dedication for our new Benevolent Center. We want to urge all our members to reserve that Sunday afternoon as the time for this significant event. Please reserve the time from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. A special dedication service will be held at 3:00 o'clock. More will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Thank you for your kind compliments about my sermons Sunday. It is always a joy for me to get to preach to you. My prayer is that it will be of benefit to you has you hope to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

We had a good turnout for our VBS workshop on Saturday, but many were not able to attend for various reasons. We will be contacting you to serve, but it would be helpful if you would give me a call and let me know where you would like to serve. As we mentioned earlier, our theme is The Life of Christ. We will be having 20 Learning Centers - 10 for pre-school and 10 for the children's department. I would also like to encourage our teenagers, who have time in their summer schedule, to volunteer for some of these assignments. Remember the dates, June 17-21.

We again extend congratulations to the Sunday morning Four Year Class for having 100% attendance on March 17 and 31. Help me commend these children and their teachers.

Don't forget the special edition of THE SEARCH which will be shown this coming Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. Tell your friends and neighbors about it and invite them to be guests in your home or at least to be watching for it. We are confident that it will make a significant impact for the cause of Christ and give the West Erwin church new opportunities of outreach. Pray for its success!

I like the quote for us parents from Wesley Pruden in the Washington Times: As awful as a good whipping may be for the place where the whipee has to sit, there's nothing like it to focus the other end of him." Read Proverbs 23: 13-14 and see if you see any familiarities.

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Dismiss	Tom Williams	Year Ago	400
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Ira Wilson	Lowell Wiggains	March 24	390
Walker Weathers	Don Weathers	March 17	436
Bill Hensley	Lane Akin	Year Ago	518
Bryan Leek	Mike Hensley	BUDGET	\$9,014.81
SERVING IN BACK FOYER			
Ron Lott	DeRay Bennett	James Prichard	
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Billie Osburn's father, Mr. Zach Norton, had surgery Monday evening in Mother Frances Hospital. He is in ICU at this writing. Billie and Beth are staying with Billie's mother during this time.

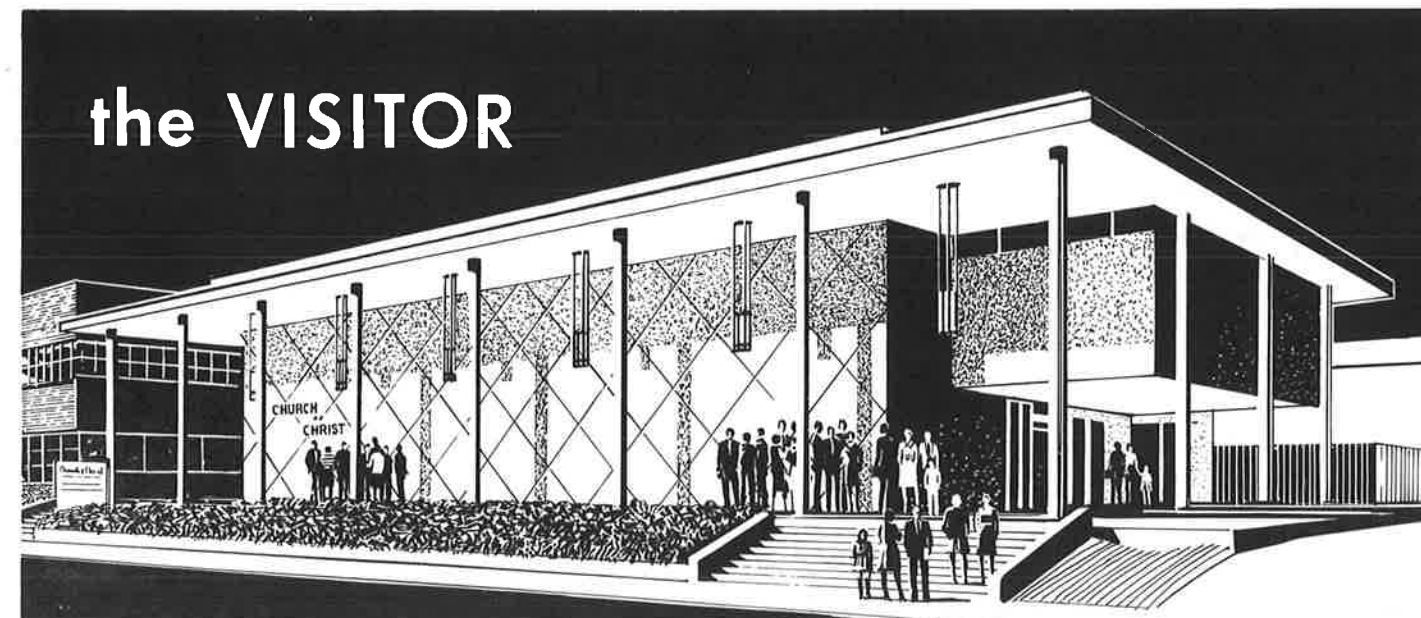
Potpourri

Dishes have been returned to the building that were taken to the home of Faye and Pete Wallace.

Ladies, there are a number of dishes in the shelves that have been brought back in recent weeks.


It was good to have George and Alice Stephenson visit with us Sunday, and a special treat to have Sister Miller.

We want to welcome visitors who have come to Tyler to see the spring flowers and azaleas.



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**From The
Heart of Tyler**
By Jay Lockhart

*"Making the most of your time"
Ephesians 5:16*

Striking When The Iron Is Hot

A number of most encouraging things are happening in regard to our television ministry, **THE SEARCH**. The real opportunity that is ours may be beyond our full comprehension. People can be reached through this use of the media that would never be reached otherwise. We are grateful for the opportunity that is ours to be on **THE SEARCH** each Sunday at 8:00 A.M. But our excitement is multiplied by the prime-time specials that we are privileged to produce throughout the year. As you know, our next special will be telecast at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 5. How many will watch? How many will be impressed by the gospel? How many will write us? How many will ultimately be New Testament Christians because of this contact? Only God knows! But the opportunity is great! Thank you for your support and your prayers as we lift up the **SON** who Shines.

Observations:

1. There is no trace of an Easter celebration in the New Testament.
2. The word Easter is of pagan origin.
3. The controversy over the date to observe Easter could have been avoided altogether if religious leaders had been content to remain with Scripture and observe only what God authorized.
4. How much simpler to remember the death and resurrection of our Lord upon each first day of the week as did the early disciples (Acts 20:7).
5. However, when people in general and the religious community in particular, are thinking in terms of the resurrection of Christ, the cornerstone of the Christian religion, should we not capitalize upon their thinking and teach what the Bible says in regard to this event of all events?



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Ken's Korner

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On April 27th, several of our 3rd-6th graders will be going to Longview to compete with others their age in a Junior Bible Bowl. The life of Jesus from the four gospel accounts will be the source of the questions. The kids are studying the 720 question review book on Sunday evenings in the Children's Bible Hour as well as at home. A big part of their study is being guided by Ray & Gail Vannoy, Dale & Carolyn Blackstone and their helpers. I really appreciate the fine effort they are putting into this study.

I've been associated with many Bible Bowl teams in the past and the knowledge that each individual gains is immeasurable. Keep up the good work and study hard.

Registration forms for camp (June 24-29) are available in the south foyer. If you plan on going, please get your registration form tuned in early. We only have room for 40 boys and 50 girls. So if you want a spot reserved for you, sign up early.

Our Jr/Sr Banquet for this year will be Saturday, May 25. Please Juniors and Seniors, mark that date on your calendars and make your plans to come.



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IS SHARING FOOD AND CONVERSATION

Brother's Keepers

IS A CHANCE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH PEOPLE THAT WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET. WE HAVE MADE SOME LASTING FRIENDSHIPS FROM THE EXPERIENCE.

KEEPS THE BONDS OF LIFE SECURELY BINDING EACH OF US TOGETHER.

IS BEING ON FAMILIAR TERMS WITH SOME PEOPLE RIGHT OFF THE BAT.

LIFTS ME UP. STRENGTHENS ME.

MEANS FINDING MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY WITH WHOM WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS.

IS LIKE A MONTHLY FAMILY REUNION. WE LEARN TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER MORE.

BROTHER'S KEEPER UNITS MEET THIS SUNDAY!

March 31

Sunday evening, following worship, is the regularly scheduled time for the unit meetings of our Brother's Keeper program. We want to encourage everyone to participate in this program. Meeting together once a month is only a part of this work. Being of service to each other shows our love for the church and for Christ. Becoming acquainted with each other in our homes helps us to be of greater value to each other in times of need.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn (3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs Ira Wright, Gail Vannoy (4) Shirley McRuiz (6) Sharen Chambless, Melissa Marts, Myra Chandler, Diana Savage.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your calls, cards, visits, prayers and every kindness shown us during Bud's illness. He is now improving and hopes to be able to attend worship services again before long and would enjoy your visits.

Please continue to pray for him --for us.

In Christian love,
Grace & Bud Walker

Baby Girl

Billie and Freeman Morgan are the happy grandparents of a baby girl, Amanda, born Sunday morning in Houston to Doug and Debbie Dobbs. The baby weighed 6 lb 4 oz and is 18 inches long.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Meeting

The Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine invite you to attend a Gospel Meeting, March 31 - April 1. Speakers will be Roy Drewitt, Mike Warner, Dan Seay and David Cotham. Time for weeknight services is 7:30.

Church Vehicles

From time to time we receive questions concerning the use of the church's vehicles. They are available by reservation for church related outings, but they must be driven by persons holding a valid Class B Drivers License and by those whose names have been approved by our insurance carrier. If you have any questions about the use of our buses please call the church office.

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HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Response to the Involvement Forms has been great. We have received a large number of completed forms. This is not to say that we will be satisfied with less than 100% completion. We feel that this is vital to the growth of the Lord's church at West Erwin. Even if you feel that you are limited in what you may be able to do, please don't fail to complete one of these forms.

Response to our TV program, THE SEARCH continues to increase. Each week we receive more and more requests for tapes and transcripts. We appreciate the good work that members are doing in encouraging friends and neighbors to watch the program each week. An additional opportunity is available for a special program of THE SEARCH to be aired on Friday night, April 5 at 8:00 o'clock. We ask that you help us spread the word about this prime time viewing and increase the effectiveness of our appeal through television.

Jim Usrey has been teaching the Young Married Couples Class in anticipation of having Jay Lockhart join him as soon as he finishes his tour in the Auditorium Class. We want to make a special appeal to those, who, by age, belong in this class. We want you to be present every week for Bible study on Sunday morning. The good of your spiritual being is at stake. Why don't you become a regular attender and help build this class. Not only will you be profited, but you will help others benefit as well.

We are experimenting at the present time with some changes in the public address system in our auditorium. That may be perfectly obvious to you, but we beg your patience until we have it working at its best. Last Sunday seemed to have worked rather well, even though some were not able to hear those leading in public prayer. We feel that with a little better communication, we will have the procedures worked out and every thing working as it should.

Take Time To Pray

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Welcome	Ray Vannoy	March 17	\$8,883.95
Prayer	Ray Womack	March 10	8,724.47
Dismiss	Cole Bennett	Year Ago	7,423.00
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Welcome	Ray Vannoy	March 17	340
Prayer	Harold Browning	March 10	425
Dismiss	Clay Smith	Year Ago	374
SERVING COMMUNION		WORSHIP	
Ira Wilson	Lowell Wiggains	March 17	436
Walker Weathers	Don Weathers	March 10	540
Bill Hensley	Lane Akin	Year Ago	493
Bryan Leek	Mike Hensley	Budget	\$9,014.81
SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER			
Ron Lott	DeRay Bennett	James Prichard	
GREETERS			
Modena Jones	Virginia Canterbury		
Jeff & Alma Biggs	Tom & Barbara William		
Charles & Ann McCoy	Bill & Elizabeth Endsley		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 24, and Wednesday evening, March 27, IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

And The Lord Added . . .

BAPTISMS - Amy O'Quinn, daughter of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. Amy is a sixth grade student.

Jim Howser, Rt. 4, Box 314, Lindale, Texas was baptized after the service was dismissed Sunday morning. His wife, Denise was already a member. They have two young children.

MEMBERSHIP - We are happy to welcome Charles and Bettye Sue Harris into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. Their address is 921 Golden Road (75701), telephone 593-4560.

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Wes Price - Associate	Harold Taylor - Mission
ELDERS	
F. C. Carpenter	Ray Lott
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Chapter Of Women For ACU

On Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting in the Glenwood Church Fellowship Center of friends and alumnae interested in starting a chapter of Women for ACU in Tyler. Speaker for the occasion will be Dianne Duncum from Houston.

The Sick

A. Z. and Pauline Aven's daughter, Sonja Gambrel, underwent surgery this week in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Pauline was with her on Sunday.

Monday morning Harvey Grier was taken to the Emergency Room at Mother Frances Hospital. He suffered from a reaction to medication but was able to return home Wednesday.

Faye Wallace was scheduled to return to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston this week for a check up.

Arlene Lockhart's brother is hospitalized in Tennessee and would appreciate a card or letter of encouragement. His address is: Gene Carter, Room 404, Baptist Hospital, Lamar Unit, Memphis, Tn. 38146.



MARCH 24, 1985
BY
JAY LOCKHART


10:30 A.M. "Let's Enlarge Our Circle"
6:00 P.M. "The Heart of The Matter"

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"Preach the gospel"
Mark 16:15*

Fulfilling The Commission

Sunday was an unusually wonderful day in the HEART of TYLER. The response of Amy O'Quinn and Jim Howser to be baptized, and the coming of Charles and Bettye Sue Harris to place membership and the large, receptive audience all worked together to give us a most uplifting day.

Isn't the pulpit furniture beautiful? The past several weeks a number of our folks have worked hard to get that furniture here and to prepare it for use. We are grateful to each one who helped.

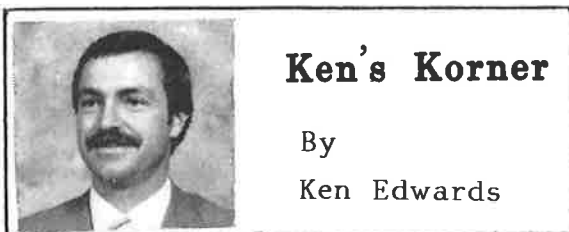
A special thank you is in order for Dale and Carolyn Blackstone who have again provided the lovely floral arrangements for our auditorium. They beautify those over a half century old flower stands.

The SON is bright in the Heart of Tyler.

Our recent meeting with Avon Malone was good for us. The gospel was preached effectively and impressions for good were made on each of our lives. This kind of special meeting, when properly planned and supported, can have a significant impact upon a church as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. Several have said this was the best attended meeting West Erwin has had in many years, perhaps ever.

Another means of preaching the gospel, with special emphasis upon reaching those outside the church, is our television ministry, THE SEARCH. Friday, April 5 at 8:00 P.M. we will have our second prime-time special. You will be interested to know that we will have two thirty second spots to advertise our special during the 6:00 P.M. News on Monday, April 1, and the 10:00 P.M. News on Thursday, April 4. There will also be two ten second spots at 7:58 P.M. on Tuesday, the 2nd, and at 9:30 P.M., during the news break on Wednesday, the 4th.

Pray for effective outreach.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

The teens sing a song that I want to share with you. The name of the song is Make Me A Servant and the words go like this.

Make me a servant
Lord, make me like you;
For you are a servant,
Make me one too.
Make me a servant,
Do what you must do
To make me a servant,
Make me like you.

In Mark 10:43,44, Jesus says, "But whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all."

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. If we can keep that attitude at all times, we will be pleasing our Lord.

It was tremendous to see the responses to the invitation last Sunday. We were blessed indeed with the baptisms and the family placing membership. It is so good to be associated with a congregation that is growing and on the move. Let's maintain a good attitude of growth and service and we will continue onward and upward.

Visitors Welcome



Get Smart

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



The Search

KLTV - Channel 7
Each Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Jay Lockhart, Teacher

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

Involvement Sheets

Last Sunday we passed out involvement sheets in order that our members may indicate the areas of our work in which each one wishes to be involved.

Since it is so important that each member of the body of Christ does his/her part in order to allow the body to function and grow (Ephesians 4:16), we are hopeful that everyone will indicate the area of service in which you feel comfortable by filling out the involvement sheets and returning them as soon as possible. A box is in the foyer to receive the sheets and extra sheets may be picked up there as well.

DON'T LET YOURSELF...

- ...Worry.....when you are doing your best.
- ...Hurry.....when success depends on your accuracy.
- ...Think Evil....of a friend until you have the facts.
- ...Believe.....a thing impossible without trying.
- ...Trust.....an elastic conscience.
- ...Waste.....time on peevish and peevish matters.
- ...Imagine.....that good intentions are a satisfying expense.
- ...Harbor.....bitterness in your heart toward God or man.

Ladies' Class



ATTEND
LADIES BIBLE CLASS
EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING
10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE CHAPEL

Combined Classes

Remember the combined class in the auditorium on Sunday morning: Auditorium Class, Chapel Class, Ladies' Class and Forest McFadden's Class. This is a five week study taught by Jay Lockhart.

Area Meetings

The Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas will have Maxie B. Boren as speaker for a gospel meeting, March 24 - 27. The theme is "Let The Bible Speak." The week night services will be at 7:30.

J. B. Myers will preach in a meeting at the Church of Christ in Gilmer, Texas, April 7 - 10. Their week night services will be at 7:00 p.m.

John Gardner, minister for the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, will preach March 24-27 for a "Come Home" meeting at the Chandler Street Church. This is a special effort to help erring members to see their need to "come home" to the Lord and His church. Week night services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (24) Michael Hensley (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (26) Art Rowland (27) Pat Kinnett (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda Hendrix, Mike Mackey (29) Bill Endsley (30) Henry Starnes (31) Matt Haws, Ray Magee, Mark Adams.

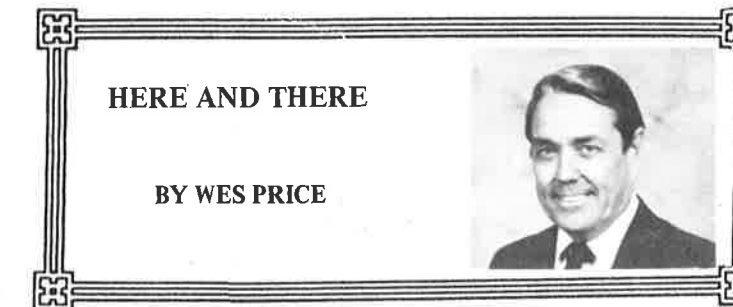
New Address

Mrs. Hazel Morgan's new address and telephone number are as follows: 2404 Riviera Drive, Tyler (75707), Telephone 581-8140.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Defensive Driving

The Defensive Driving Course being planned by Young At Heart will be conducted April 15th and 16th in our Fellowship Hall. The course will be held during the morning hours with a fee of \$7.00 per person. If you want to attend, call Bob Threadgill or Leona McElroy as soon as possible.



The month of March brings us closer to the first step in our annual Vacation Bible School. Our workshop is set for Saturday morning, March 30. All of our members who are interested in helping with this tremendous project are asked to reserve that day for this purpose. That includes teachers, men and women who worked in last year's effort, and teenagers. It would be difficult to overstate the case for this workshop. The nursery will be open and available for those who need it.

Sunday was a most gratifying day! Not only was our worship inspiring and beneficial, but the responses to the Lord's invitation were indeed gratifying. The O'Quinns, Haws and Brems were filled with joy at the baptism of Amy O'Quinn. The coming of Charles and Bettye Sue Harris to place membership with us was great and we welcome them to the work and fellowship of the saints here. The responses were climaxed with the baptism of Jim Howser after the worship service had been dismissed. His wife, Denise, is a faithful member here and we rejoice with her that now her husband is a Christian as well. As I said, Sunday was a most gratifying day.

The Four Year Old Class on Sunday morning is not an infrequent visitor to the 100% circle for attendance. Help me congratulate them for that record for last Sunday.

A man who had a cello with a single string used to bow on it for hours at a time, always holding his finger in the same place. His wife endured this for months. Finally in desperation she said, "I have observed that when others play that instrument there are four strings, and the players move their fingers about continuously." "Of course the others have four strings and move their fingers about constantly," he explained patiently. "They are looking for the place. I've found it!"

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Alan Pickett

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Ray Vannoy
Dismiss Harley Turner

SERVING COMMUNION

Dannie Skipper Paul Stanley
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 17 and Wednesday evening, March 20 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

March 10 \$8,724.47
March 3 9,826.14
Year Ago 7,989.22

BIBLE SCHOOL

March 10 425
March 3 365
Year Ago 389

WORSHIP

March 10 540
March 3 489
Year Ago 510
Budget \$9,014.81

The Sick

Sister Clara Riley had a lens implant last week and was with her sister for several days but is now back at her home.

Jesse and Theo Janet King went to Hot Springs, Ark. on Monday where she will be an out patient at the Libbey's Memorial Hospital for Physical Therapy. They plan to be there about ten days.

Audie Grier has been in Community Hospital but went home Tuesday.

Becky Young, daughter of Ben and Patsy Young will be here on Friday to have surgery on her arm in Medical Center Hospital.

Gid McDonald, a member of the church from Big Sandy is in ICU at Medical Center Hospital. Encourage his wife with a visit in the waiting room.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Dan (Jan) Magee's great grandmother March 6 in Mixon, Texas. We express our sympathy to Jan and her family.

SERMON SUNDAY, March 17
topics By JAY LOCKHART

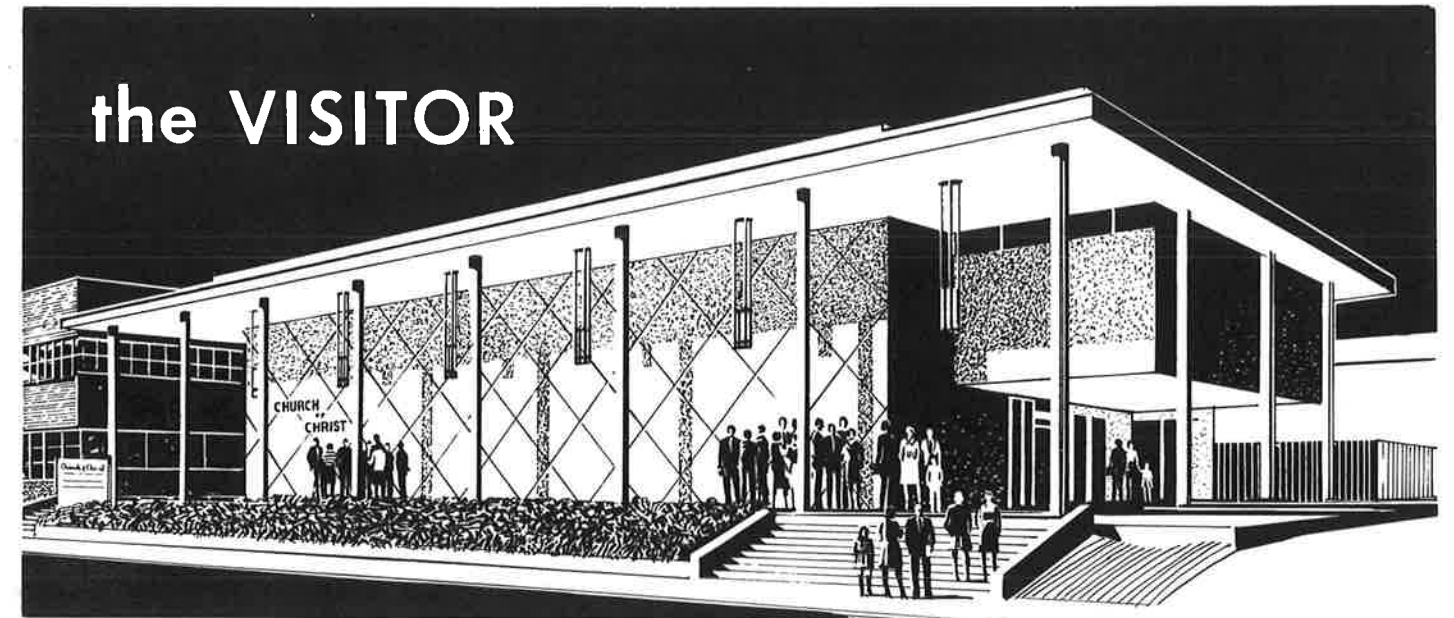
A.M. The Pleading Christ
P.M. The Keepers Of The Springs



Bible classes for all ages

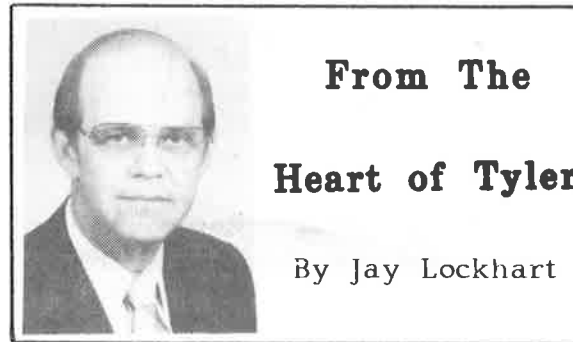
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**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"Then were the disciples glad"
John 20:20*

**GOAL-SETTING and
GLAD DISCIPLES**

When we began making plans to promote our Spring Meeting with Avon Malone, we were expecting outstanding preaching and our expectations have been realized. Sunday was characterized by great preaching, great singing, great audiences, and great fellowship. It was one of those Red Letter Days.

Someone observed recently that our folks are arriving at the building earlier and staying longer after worship. And it's true. Indicative of the beautiful West Erwin spirit and the fact that we really do enjoy visiting with each other and worshipping together.

This week has prepared us further to effectively allow the SON to SHINE through us from the Heart of Tyler.

Goal-setting is good for us. It is good for us individually as we set priorities and decide upon the direction for our lives. We can never rise higher than we aim. It is also important congregationally. Goal-setting builds enthusiasm, creates interest, and helps in growth--especially when goals are met. And we met a significant goal Sunday! We wanted 500 present for the opening service of our meeting with Avon Malone and the attendance was 540! The excitement of the day, created by weeks of expectancy and anticipation and then the great attendance, joyful worship, and outstanding biblical preaching, ran high and was contagious. Add to that the fact that our attendance Sunday night was the largest of the year and we had a really super day.

Thank you for the part you played in this important day--another significant day in our New Beginning. The disciples are glad!

Visitors Welcome



Benevolent Need

Our benevolent workers have expressed a need for men's shirts to be used for hospital gowns. Please bring white or pastel colored shirts (small and medium sizes).

Combined Classes

The following Bible Classes will be combined in the auditorium for the next five weeks: Auditorium, Ladies Class, Forest McFadden's Class and the Chapel Class. Jay Lockhart will teach a special series.

MINISTERS	
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Ken Edwards - Youth
Wes Price - Associate	Harold Taylor - Mission
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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our lock-in at the YMCA was terrific. We had 40 teens and 5 adults that pressed themselves beyond the normal limits of endurance. From all of the positive feedback I've heard it was definitely a success. Twenty-one of the teens were ours and nineteen were visitors. It is really great to see our teens invite their friends.

A nice compliment was given to our teens by the young man who works for the YMCA. He stayed with us and felt that our teens were very well behaved and nice. They were the best group he had done a lock-in with. Thanks teens for the good example that you set.

A special thanks to Dale Blackstone, Fleta Butler, and Fred and Sara Powell for their big part in being sponsors. Dale also helped by calling several parents to bring cookies. Without everyone's help and co-operation, this night would not have been a success. It is activities such as these that will open the doors to many opportunities in the future. Keep up the good work people.

Our Senior Citizens banquet is tentatively set for April 14th. Those of you who qualify will be hearing more about this in the future.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, Romans 5:8.

Reach out to others with the great message that salvation is for everyone.



See You Sunday
In Bible Class

HELP!

With the opening of our new Benevolent Center we have additional facilities available for use in the Lord's service. It seems appropriate just now to ask your help in the use of all our buildings. Please observe the following procedures:

1. If you plan to use the fellowship building, please schedule through our office.
2. When you use our buildings at times other than regularly scheduled worship services, please leave them clean and orderly.
3. If you turn on lights, air-conditioning or heating, please turn it off as you leave.
4. Use our buildings responsibly.
5. We need your co-operation as we practice good stewardship of that which God has entrusted to us.

JL

Final Proof Showing

Proofs will be shown on Monday, March 18 and Tuesday, March 19 from 3 until 8:00 p.m. This is for families who were photographed on February 26th (the make-up day). If your photograph was made on February 26th, you should receive a card from the Olan Mills Studio. If for some reason you do not receive a card with these dates and times, please feel free to come either Monday or Tuesday to see your proofs.

Happy Birthday

Even though they are late, we are printing the birthdays that were omitted last week. It's never too late to say, "Happy Birthday."

(10) Katie Heath, John Powell (12) Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains (13) Archie Lowry (14) Chris Hallman, Rodney Knight, Melba Moore (16) Teena Roberson (17) Jim Franklin, Carla Lemons (18) Matthew Reynolds (19) Cleo Sublette (20) Janie Hicks, Martha Jo Rowland (21) Harvey Grier Ernestine Mallory (22) Vicki Warren (23) Elvin Wilson, Ben Young.

Ladies' Class

Our Ladies Class will resume its regular studies on Wednesday, March 20. For references and advance study, we will be studying II Cor. 8. Read this chapter and plan on joining us for an hour of concentrated study at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

WP

Thank You

Words seem inadequate to express the love and gratitude we feel for all of you. The many cards, visits, food, flowers, and other expressions of love were overwhelming. Our West Erwin family is just wonderful.

In Christian love,
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone

I want to thank the church for the yellow daisies, phone calls, and cards at the death of my sister.

Bernice Andrews

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits while Henry has been ill.

Sue Starnes

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of David Hanley in the passing of David's grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Rezzlee, on Friday. The funeral was Monday in Brownwood with graveside services at Liberty Hill.

The Chain
of
LOVE
LOYALTY
LABOR
is broken by
criticizing
complaining
Condemning



The Search

KLTV - Channel 7
Each Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



If you were here Sunday, I don't need to tell you what a great day we had! But I cannot restrain myself from commenting on it. It was indeed quite a day. Exceeding the 500 mark in itself was a good thing, but the most gratifying aspect was the warmth and love that permeated the assembly. All who came, members and visitors alike, received a genuine blessing. We are careful to give God the glory for such a day.

I am generally at the building on Sunday morning at the time the mini-bus leaves to pick up our members who ride it. It occurred to me last Sunday morning that hearing that bus being started each Sunday morning is a simple, but far-reaching little thing. First of all, someone has to have the direction of that effort. Secondly, there must be a number of men who are willing to give that extra time periodically in order to see that those who need rides are picked up. And this happens each week, Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Most of the West Erwin members don't even know about this important service. But, it goes on each week, week after week. Thank God for those men who go quietly about performing this vital work!

You will be pleased (men at least) to know that the men's dressing room is being redecorated. When the carpenters are finished, it not only will be a nicer room for use with baptisms, but it will be more useful as an additional restroom.

We had an unusually large number of workers in our new Benevolent Center last week, and I can't help but believe that it is due to having a larger and more convenient work area. As good as the work is, we are looking forward to expanding it to even a larger work, with more workers, year-round schedule and workers of other age groups. We will be announcing these changes as plans are developed. If you have an interest in this vital area of service, direct your questions to Faber Cauthen, Ray Womack, or Modena Jones. It will be the better part of wisdom to use this new facility with the greatest of stewardship.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Jay Lockhart
 Prayer Mike Savage
 Dismiss Jack Stringer

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Jay Lockhart
 Prayer Steve Ward
 Dismiss Artis Tate

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Dannie Skipper Paul Stanley
 Glenn Starnes John Steffee
 Doug Shelton Robert Stokes
 Billy Rozell Dan Sexton

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Lee Roberson Dale Blackstone
 Marshall Phillips Tom Williams

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Charles & Ann McCoy Tom & Barbara Williams
 Bill & Elizabeth Endsley Jeff & Alma Biggs
 Modena Jones Virginia Canterbury

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 10 and Wednesday eve., March 13, COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

March 3 \$9,826.14
 Feb. 24 8,974.44
 Year Ago 7,817.85

BIBLE SCHOOL

March 3 365
 Feb. 24 308
 Year Ago 400

WORSHIP

March 3 489
 Feb. 24 384
 Year Ago 511

BUDGET \$9,014.81

The Sick

When you visit the sick, remember Faye Wallace, Weldon Keith, Henry Starnes (he is now at home). Carolyn Blackstone and Jonnie Steffee are at home recovering from surgery. It was good to see Patsy Young at worship Sunday. B. E. Walker is not able to be out.

We have a number of members who are shutins who would enjoy a visit.

A Ministry of Service

In order to fulfill requests for the audio tape of THE SEARCH, the tape provided by KLTV must be converted to a cassette tape. Forest McFadden uses his equipment to provide us with a master cassette tape each week and we are grateful to him for this service.

Gospel Meeting Times

Sunday
 Bible School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
 Week Night Services 7:30 p.m.

GETTING OUT A BULLETIN IS NO PICNIC!

If we print jokes, some say we are silly;
 If we don't, some say we are too serious;
 If we print original matter, we lack variety;
 If we don't, we are too lazy to write it!
 If we print news some say we are nosey;
 If we don't, some will be offended!
 If we print contributions, it's full of ju...
 If we don't, we don't show our appreciation!
 Like as not, someone will say we swiped this.
 Well, we did, and from another bulletin!
 No telling where they got it!

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Welcome

We are happy to welcome John and Diana Morris into the fellowship of West Erwin. They moved to Tyler recently from Searcy, Arkansas where they attended the Westside Church of Christ. Their address is 5101 Sweetbriar, Apt. 212, telephone, 581-2625. Brother Morris is a pharmacist for Revco.

Correction

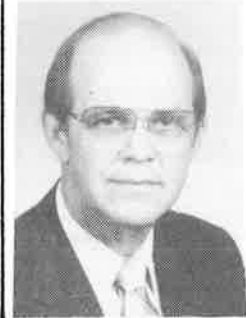
An error needs to be corrected that appears in this bulletin in Ken's column (not Ken's error, but one of Nelda's) Trey Hughes was selected for the First Team of All District Basketball.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"We are all here present"
Acts 10:33

All Present

And Accounted For

Every Sunday is special for a very obvious reason: the first day of the week is the Lord's Day. Each Lord's Day brings blessings to us in so many ways. We are together, we worship, and we are edified.

But ever so often we enjoy one of those special, special days. Last Sunday was one of those. We had great attendance, inspirational worship, and the family grew numerically by the coming of John and Diana Morris.

It was a great prelude to this Sunday and the beginning of our meeting with Avon Malone. We anticipate over 500 in worship and a great day and week. Be 1 of 500 as the SON shines from the Heart of Tyler.

When Peter came to the house of Cornelius, the God-fearing Gentile centurion said, "We are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord." What an attitude! What results! Peter preached, people obeyed, all glorified God!

The week we have been planning for, praying about, and anticipating has arrived. Our meeting with Avon Malone is here. Now we must act in accordance with plans, prayers, anticipation. We must be "present and accounted for" at 9:30 Sunday morning and then for each service of the meeting. We must invite and bring others to share this spiritual feast with us. We must pray for Avon, for the lost, and for ourselves so that the very most good will be accomplished.

Ready! Set! Go!



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Congratulations to several of our young people who have won special honors recently.

Kristy Roberson won top honors at the Tyler T.E.E.N. (The Teens Encouraging Excellence Nationally) Pageant Saturday evening. Among other categories, she was judged on scholastic and volunteer service.

Jeff Blackstone and Amy Prichard sang in a Regional Choir at Lufkin last Saturday.

Trey Hughes was selected for the First Team of All District Baseball.

Many of our teens are involved in activities that are viewed by a wide range of people. I know that everyone of them show Christ in their attitudes and actions.

The middle school group went to Dallas for ice skating and shopping at the Galleria. Thanks to the Wally Dawkins and Ron Lotts for their sponsoring the trip.

Don't forget the lock-in Friday night, 9:45 p.m. at the YMCA, \$5.00.

500

Defensive Driving

YOUNG AT HEART is planning a Defensive Driving Course to be held in our Fellowship Hall in April. It will be conducted two days sometime during the week of April 15-19. Four hours each day is required. This course will be during the morning hours with a fee of \$7.00 per person. A class of 10-30 people must be assured. At their next meeting, March 14th, YOUNG AT HEART will make the decision of which two days to have the course when they meet next week, March 14th. If you want to attend, let Bob Threadgill know.

College Students

We will be enjoying our college students next week, and it will be great to have them home for a few days. For the Price family there will be one conspicuous absence. Our son, Wesley, will be traveling with a group of students from ACU as a mission outreach to visit churches in the panhandle of Texas and in Colorado. Among those congregations the group will visit, will be one of interest to West Erwin members. They will be visiting the church in Kremmling where we assist in the work. I asked Wesley to give those brethren our warmest regards. Join me in praying for the safety of this traveling group and that their work will be successful in the cause of Christ.

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500

500

Chimala Mission

February 4, 1985

Dear Christian Friends,

The rainy season is upon us and it rains almost every day. Everything here on the Mission is so pretty and green. It is a lovely time of the year. . .

Flo tells me that they have so many patients in the hospital now that they are having to make beds on the floor for some of them. They are getting a lot of malaria cases in now.

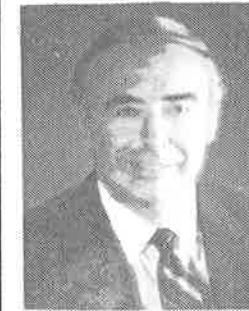
One of the local preachers has moved to Mbeya to help with the church work there. I'm sure he will be a great asset to them. He is a good man and knows the Bible well. Please pray that he will be effective there and that many people will obey the gospel through his efforts. There were 108 people baptized in this area in 1984. We pray that many more will obey the gospel in 1985.

We received nine packages from you recently. Thanks so much for the many useful things you sent. These packages contained soap, vaseline, adhesive tape, alcohol, plastic bags, bandages, band aids, gauze bandages, liquid soap, hydrogen peroxide, several kinds of ointments and medicines. The hospital staff was very happy to see these things. Most of them are very hard to find in Tanzania.

Thanks again for everything. We do appreciate you. May God bless and keep you.

Ruth Geer
for All on the Mission

Gospel Meeting



Sunday thru Wednesday, March 10-13, you will be privileged to hear Avon Malone preach the Gospel. Invite a friend and plan to be present for each service.

Hear Avon Malone

March 10 - 13

Thank You

Mere words cannot express our sincere love for each of you at West Erwin. You have been with us in our joys and in our sorrows, and it will be with heavy hearts that we leave you in the sunset of our lives. Your expressions of love last Sunday afternoon will always be remembered. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

In Christian love,
Russell and Audrey O'Bannon

Thank you so much for your kindness to me. Your concern has really emphasized to me how much love we have for each other here at West Erwin.

In Christian love,
Jonnie Steffee

500

Invitation

You are invited to attend
A Celebration of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Jim and Bessie Willis
Saturday afternoon, March 9

At their home
1:00 to 5:00 o'clock

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Not only was the reception for the O'Bannons appropriate, it was beautiful! It is always a joy to express love and appreciation to some of the Lord's dearest folk. We will indeed miss them, but other's lives will be the richer for our loss.

A special word of thanks is in order for those ladies who decorated the fellowship hall for this lovely occasion. Help me say thank you to Delle Bullard, Eveline McCarty and June Walker. And there was a number of other ladies who helped serve. To all these ladies, we are most thankful.

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ALL ADULT CLASSES will join together for a combined class on Sunday morning this coming Sunday to hear Avon Malone. Let's fill the auditorium twice. Once for the Bible Class and once for the worship service.

We are looking forward to exceeding our goal of 500 for this day. You won't want to miss this special effort.

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On Sunday morning, March 17, the following classes will be meeting in the auditorium for a combined class taught by Jay Lockhart. The classes are: Auditorium Class taught by Faber Cauthen, Ladies' Class taught by Sue Starnes, Adult Class 9 taught by Forest McFadden, and the Chapel Class taught by Hillard Hughes. This special class will continue for five weeks and will conclude the rotation that Jay has been doing since coming to be with us. Sunday, April 21, he will return to the Young Married Couples Class to be their teacher. Joining him as co-worker will be Jim Usrey. Jim will be teaching the young couples until Jay joins him in April.

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Jay's lessons Sunday were especially powerful! One special comment he made in the Sunday morning lessons stands out in my mind. "If we are not servants, we are not disciples." That is a challenging thought. Add to that thought the comments he made concerning our priorities and you have an invigorating motivation to re-examine your life for the cause of Christ. Think about it.!

500

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss John Powell

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Fred Powell
Dismiss Lee Roberson

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Fred Powell James Phillips Feb. 24 384
Paul Hancock Guy Potts Feb. 17 380
J. N. Metcalf Charles McCoy Year Ago 393
Bart Lemons Marc Lemons Budget \$9,014.81

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Lee Roberson Dale Balckstone
Marshall Phillips Tom Williams

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Roy & Elaine Roberson Fred & Sara Powell
James & Frances Phillips Guy & Nettie Potts

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 3 and Wednesday night, March 6 - MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Feb. 24 \$8,474.44
Bldg. Fund 500.00
Feb. 17 7,505.54

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 24 308
Feb. 17 294
Year Ago 334

WORSHIP

The Sick

Arlene Lockhart's dad, Clarence Carter, is recuperating from surgery in Newbern, Tennessee. Her brother, Gene Carter, from Memphis, Tennessee has suffered a stroke and is in intensive care. Other details are unknown at this time. He is 48.

Mrs. Dale (Carolyn) Blackstone is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. She underwent surgery Monday.

Henry Starnes continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Pete (Faye) Wallace was in Houston at M. D. Anderson Hospital last week for tests. They returned home Friday evening.

Many in the congregation have been ill with flu-like symptoms.

The Search

In response to our new television program, THE SEARCH, we have received mail from the following places.



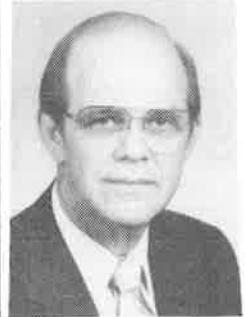
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**
By Jay Lockhart

*"And they continued..."
Acts 2:42*

We Have Begun

Are you thinking about it? Have you asked yourself what you can do? Have you cleared your calendar? Can we count on you? Or better, can God count on you? I'm speaking in reference to our upcoming meeting with Avon Malone.

We have never wanted to be any more or less than New Testament Christians and members of the church Jesus bought with his blood. For one hundred fifty years the churches of Christ have been seeking to fulfill the Restoration Principle - the restoration of New Testament Christianity in our times.

I believe we have succeeded in a number of areas -- the avenues of worship, church membership, organization, how the church was designated, etc. However, restoration is a continuing process and must be reaffirmed by each generation.

And there are areas of restoration which have been given little emphasis. These areas also need to be restored. What about loving as the early church loved (read Acts, chapters 2 and 4), rejoicing as it rejoiced, and continuing with enthusiasm what it had begun?

We have begun. Now let us continue. Be personally involved in West Erwin's New Beginning and demonstrate your involvement by fully supporting our upcoming meeting with Avon Malone.

These special days in March (10th-13th) are designed to reach the lost and build up the saved. Since this is the work of the church, it deserves our very best efforts.

We want you to be one of 500 on Sunday morning, March 10th! No AWOL's now! Make your plans! Bring others! Be in your place.

Isn't it great to know the SON is shining?



By Jay Lockhart

A.M. If You Can Do It,
It's Your Job

P.M. Choosing the Good Part - -
Studies In Priorities



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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Sunday night our youth activity at the Edwards' house was nice. We had about 38 people in all. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the food, fellowship and singing. Several of the teens expressed a desire to have every Sunday night activity at the Edwards' house. I don't think Ernie would stay sane very long at that rate!

Saturday night 13 college age people came to the Edwards' house for hamburgers and a movie. It is so nice to have young people such as these who respect other people and their property.

I want to thank the Young At Heart group for letting me drive them to Kilgore last Thursday. The Oil Museum was great, but the highlight of the trip was the fellowship and association I shared with this fine group of people.

Because of a conflict, our mission trip to Florida has been cancelled. Another location will be announced soon. God Bless each of you!

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Boles Home Truck

REMEMBER THE TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of March 11 through March 15. Special needs are: Fruit Cocktail, Salt, White Shoe Polish, Tea Bags, Deodorant (non-aerosol).

Happy Birthday

MARCH (3) George Stephenson, Patsy Fisher (4) Melanie Goodson (5) Sara Powell, Mildred Massey (6) Ray Lott, Jeff Biggs (7) Becky McRuiz (8) Casey Haws, Barbara Graves, Kathryn Fears (9) Merle Lane

Benevolent Building

Our course, we will be having an official dedication and open house to formally present our new Benevolent Building, but our ladies are already busy using that building for its intended purpose. If you have not seen it, you ought to. A special note concerning one item you will want to look for - on the wall in the northwest corner is an oil painting that old timers of West Erwin will recognize. It is the picture that hung behind the baptistry in the old building. We are proud to have it displayed for viewing again. Sister Pauline Daughtry is planning to clean and restore areas of the picture that are possible to restore. We appreciate her efforts in this project.

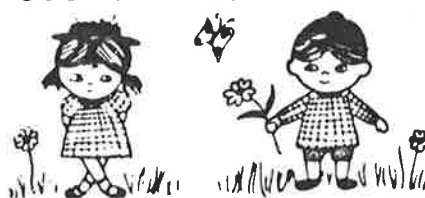
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Morlan Family Honored

I appreciate Jay's mention of my wife's honor at Abilene Christian University at the Parent's Day luncheon preceding the beginning of the Lectureship. I wish you could have heard her speech. Now, I know I am biased in her favor, but the testimony of hundreds of others who heard her bear me out. She did an excellent job. It was moving and filled with emotion, but it came from her heart and let everyone know how her years on the campus of ACU were so filled with meaning. I'm proud for everyone to know that by being her husband, I belong to the G. C. Morlan family - a family that has meant so much to that institution through the years.

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500 in Bible School



Sunday, March 10

Thank You

Sister Lillie Knight has expressed appreciation for the food and kindness to her at the time of the death of her daughter-in-law.

Lockhart's New Address

Jay and Arlene Lockhart moved into their new home last week-end. Their new address is 3305 Moss Glenn (75703), telephone 566-4200.



You Are Invited To Be Present
Sunday Afternoon, March 3, 1985

For A Reception Honoring
Russell and Audrey O'Bannon

2:30 until 4:00 o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall

Invitation

Sunday afternoon is a special time to honor Russell and Audrey O'Bannon. Brother O'Bannon served for several years as one of the elders for West Erwin. Audrey has been a teacher of children and ladies classes and has also held workshops for teachers. We appreciate this fine couple and hope everyone will be able to attend the reception in their honor. Many of the young adults in this area were taught by Audrey as children. We hope they will accept this special invitation to attend. We want everyone to feel included and make Sunday a memorable day for the O'Bannons. Very soon they will be moving to Pearland, Texas to make their home near relatives. We shall miss them very much.

Watch **The SEARCH**

8:00 A.M. each Sunday

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart - Teacher

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Let me begin by asking every member of this congregation to take special care to reserve Sunday, March 10, to be present for the beginning of our gospel meeting with AVON MALONE. Every member of every family must be present and in addition every one ought to bring a visitor. That will insure that we make the goal that has been set for that day - 500. You will miss something great if you are not here!

I would like to encourage every Bible class teacher to take time prior to March 10, to call each of your class members to give your special encouragement to them to be present.

Together, we can make this a great day in the history of the final year of the first 100. But more than that, it will be to the praise, honor and glory of God. Let every thing that we do be done for the praise of His glory.

I'm indebted to our leaders for permitting me to be away for the ACU lectures. I'm happy to report that it was a good lecture. Preachers were preaching stronger and more Bible centered lessons, and I believe that's what we need. I have a copy of the lectureship book and its available to you to borrow if you would like.

I also want to express my thanks to Billie Bob Hickman for teaching my Ladies Class and to Jim Usrey for teaching my Sunday morning class. I'm glad we have such capable folks like these to substitute when needed.

I hope you will reserve Sunday afternoon to visit with the O'Bannons at the reception to be held in their honor in our Fellowship Hall. It is a sad time to have to say goodbye to folks like these, even though we agree that their move is necessary. We wish them well and pray God's richest blessings upon them as they leave us.

I had a call from Dr. McDonald last week concerning information on our one hundred year celebration. He has since mailed me a brief historical resume of the West Erwin church. This will be invaluable to us in reconstruction of the historical record that we want to print and make available at our centennial celebration in October. We are grateful to him for supplying this information.

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Feb. 17	\$7,505.54
Prayer	Freeman Morgan	Bldg. Fund	6,500.00
Dismiss	Carroll Magee	Ethiopia	10,000.00
EVENING WORSHIP		Relief	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes	Feb. 10	10,437.85
Prayer	Jim Usrey	BIBLE SCHOOL	
Dismiss	Bill Hensley	Feb. 17	294
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		Feb. 10	325
WORSHIP			
Fred Powell	James Phillips		
Paul Hancock	H. G. Potts	Feb. 17	380
J. N. Metcalf	Charles McCoy	Feb. 10	427
Bart Lemons	Marc Lemons	Budget	\$10,437.85

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Wayne Fears-Les Carruth-Cole Bennett-Jim Usrey
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Wes & Alma Faye Price Max & Mary Haws
 Mike & Diana Savage Harold & Shirley Denman
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, Feb. 24 and Wed. evening, Feb. 27 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.



Sympathy

At this writing, funeral services are pending for Edgrie Mae McElroy, niece of sister Homer Williamson. Mrs. McElroy died Wednesday morning in Conroe, Texas.
 Funeral services were pending at Memorial Funeral Home for Faye Knight, daughter-in-law to sister Lillie Knight.
 We express our sympathy to each family in their loss.

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The Sick

Henry Starnes entered Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday for tests.
 Jonnie Steffee is recovering from surgery on Monday. She is in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Patsy Young is now at home following successful treatment in Houston.

Let's Emphasize
Wednesday Night!
 Classes For All Ages
 7:30 P.M.



Teacher's Meeting

There will be a Teacher's Meeting, Sunday afternoon in the Chapel at 5:00 o'clock. All teachers are encouraged to be present.



Sunday, February 24
 By
JAY LOCKHART


A.M. The Body of Christ
 P.M. No Little People,
No Insignificant Places

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From The

Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Woe be unto me if I preach not the gospel," (1 Cor. 9:16).

Preaching The Gospel

Alma Faye Price and her family were honored during the recent Abilene Christian University Lectureship as they were selected as the family for special recognition this year. Alma Faye gave one of the speeches and the report from West Texas in that she did an excellent job. Congratulations, Alma Faye!

Preaching the Gospel, preaching Christ, preaching the Word are identical phrases in that the Gospel, or "Good News," is about Christ and is the sum and substance of God's Word.

We missed having Wes with us this week while he was in Abilene for the lectures. He was to return to Tyler on Friday and we welcome him home.

The purpose of the church as to its mission is to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), to "make all men see" God's plan (Ephesians 3:9), to bring every man's thoughts into obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Our meeting with Avon Malone in just two weeks away. I hope you have made your plans to support this special effort by your prayers, invitations to others, and attendance. It's another opportunity for the SON to shine through us from the Heart of Tyler.

In the regular meetings of the church and in special meetings through the year, the gospel is preached and it deserves our interest and support. Our upcoming meeting with Avon Malone can be a significant happening in our lives if we allow it to be. As we consider the dates of March 10-13 and what those days hold for us, let's just do with them what we believe God wants us to do. No one can do more than that! No one will want to do less.



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Some dates to remember for future activities:

March 2 - Middle School Class, ice skating in Dallas. Cost \$5.50 plus money for lunch. We will be leaving the church building at 9:00 A.M. (sharp) and arriving back in Tyler at 5:30 P.M. If we have twenty who plan on skating, we can get a 50¢ discount. So the cost would be just \$5.00.

March 8 is the date for our lock-in at the YMCA. We will begin at 9:45 p.m. at the YMCA. Parents, please pick your kids up by 7:00 A.M. at the church building. I know this is early, but we have to be out of the YMCA by 6:00 A.M. We will have donuts and juice or milk at the fellowship hall Saturday morning. The cost for admission Friday night will be \$5.00 per person. Parents and interested adults, I need your help! If you can help with refreshments and/or two hour shifts, please let me know soon. An undertaking of this nature needs several sponsors at all times.

Young people, please invite your friends.

"Let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus."

Focus on Jesus Christ everyday!

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (24) Vannie Lee (26) Jay Lockhart, Jr. (27) Jane Jones, Matt Goodson (28) Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall, Sue Starnes
MARCH (2) Cindy Lemons

Make-up Day

Tuesday of next week (Feb. 26th) is makeup day for photographs for our new church directory. We have tried to contact everyone who has not been photographed. If you have not made an appointment, please call the church office. This is our last opportunity to have pictures made. The time is 2:30 until 8:00 p.m. We want to encourage everyone possible to be pictured in the directory. The response has been very good. We do appreciate so much the help of a number of ladies who have served as hostesses (some more than once) at the time pictures were made and as proofs were shown.

BROTHER'S KEEPER Sunday Evening

FEBRUARY 24, 1985
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EVEING WORSHIP

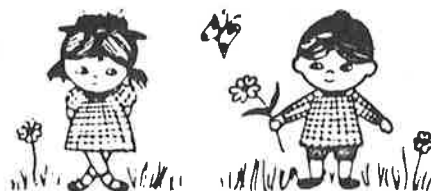
Plan To Attend Your Meeting

Potpourri

A thank you note has been received from the Campus Christian Center for the food from the ladies of West Erwin.

The new address for George and Esther Kester is 123 Imperial Pt., Hendersonville, TN. 37075.

Much activity has been going on in our new benevolent building this week as the workers move into the new building.



ARE YOUR CHILDREN IN BIBLE SCHOOL?
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY

Thank You

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the lovely plant, the words of sympathy and expressions of kindness in the death of Carroll's brother. It is a real blessing to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Carroll & Cherrie Magee

The difference whether a person gets well or not, both physically and mentally, depends on the concern of friends. You have made the difference with all the cards, calls and visits. Your support let me know how much I was loved and needed. Your love shined on when I got home. Thank you for the food and visits. I love each of you and I realize that without the many, many prayers I would not be here today.

Ella Mae Grayson

How wonderful to be a Christian and be a member at West Erwin. I want to thank the entire church for the many cards - some that were signed by groups (Brother's Keeper, Couples Class) and many individual cards. Thank you for your prayers, the lovely pot plant and every kind word of encouragement. May the Lord bless each of you is my prayer.

G. C. (Doc) Wright

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to David and Kay Hanley in the death of his step-grandfather. His funeral was last Friday in Coleman, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted in Silsbee, Texas last Friday for the brother of Carroll Magee.

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Reception

We are pleased to express our appreciation and love to Russell and Audrey O'Bannon before they move from Tyler to Pearland, Texas. They are well known in the church in Tyler and in the surrounding area. We hope everyone will be able to attend this reception in their honor.

Young At Heart

About 25 members of Young at Heart enjoyed a trip to Kilgore on Thursday. They had a guided tour of the East Texas Oil Museum and a tour of the Rangerettes Museum on the Kilgore Jr. College Campus. Following the tours, the group was served a buffet lunch at the Community Inn in Kilgore.

Boles Home Truck

REMEMBER, the following is a list of special needs for Boles Home: Fruit Cocktail, Salt, White Shoe Polish, Tea Bags, Deodorant (non-aerosol). The truck will be here the week of March 11-15.

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Dismiss Marshall Phillips

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Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss Dwight Leek

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Freeman Morgan Mike Munn
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CONTRIBUTIONS

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Feb. 3 5,821.69
Year Ago 6,936.71

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 10 325
Feb. 3 217
Year Ago 387

WORSHIP

Feb. 10 427
Feb. 3 258
Year Ago 452

Budget \$9,014.81

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Marie Skeeters. She was a long time member of the West Erwin Church. In recent years she lived with her daughter, Peggy and Jack Garner, and attended the Northwest congregation with them. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The Sick

Patsy and Ben Young will leave for Houston early Thursday. Patsy is scheduled for tests at Methodist Hospital beginning that afternoon.

Faye Wallace is not feeling well. She is scheduled to return to M. D. Anderson Hospital next week for tests.

B. E. Walker is not able to be out. They would enjoy your visit, but only in the daytime.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

New Members

We welcome Pete and Billie Osburn and their daughter, Beth. They recently moved here from Austin. Their address Chandler, Texas - Rt. 1, Box 250A (75758), telephone 849-2015. Beth attends Brownsboro High School. Pete is an engineer for the Highway Dept. and will continue to work in Austin for the next year. He will be here on the weekends. We are happy to welcome this fine family to West Erwin.

A group gathered Monday to rejoice with John Freeman and his family as he was baptized into Christ by Wes Price. John is the son of Maxine and Ben Freeman.



By JAY LOCKHART

10:30 A.M. "The Friend of God."
6:00 P.M. "A Life Worth Living"

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and two flower stands were brought to Tyler and are at our building.

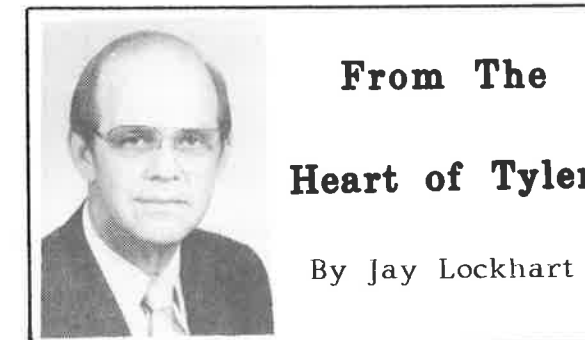
Shouldn't we, in this 100th year, use that furniture? You ask, "Why?" I don't know. It just seems the thing to do. Nostalgia I guess.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Remember the former things" Isaiah 46:9

NOSTALGIA

The Christian religion is forward looking in its emphasis. Paul said, "Forgetting those things that are behind, I press on to the things that are before," (Philippians 3:13). We look forward to the future: to accomplishments, growth, the coming of Christ, and heaven.

However, we also do well to reflect upon the past: the day of our conversion, the victories God has given, answers to prayer, and in the Lord's Supper we look back to the cross of Christ and his empty tomb. Isaiah said, "Remember the former things."

As we enter our 100th year at West Erwin and we consider the century of meaningful service this church has rendered from the Heart of Tyler, I'm filled with nostalgia.

Over the past few months I have observed a picture on the wall of our church office of the inside of the auditorium of our old building and I have admired that beautiful old pulpit furniture and especially the speaker's stand. Upon inquiry I found that it had been sold to the brethren in Brownsboro when our new auditorium was built. Upon further investigation I discovered that it was in an old building in Brownsboro that had been unused for some time. With the help of Forest McFadden the brethren there were contacted and agreed that we should have that furniture. So the speaker's stand, the table for the Lord's Supper, two pulpit chairs,

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With the snow and ice of the week before gone, we had large audiences at both services Sunday. And weren't those worship periods inspirational? I appreciate our times together: the worship itself and the moments before and after which are characterized by warmth and joy. I look forward to Sunday and I hope you can be a part of all services.

Have you circled March 10 - 13 on your calendar? Our meeting with Avon Malone will be some of our finest days of 1985 but to take full advantage of this opportunity we must all be involved. Make your plans!

The response to **THE SEARCH** continues to be most gratifying. **THE SON** is shining through the media as well as from the Heart of Tyler.

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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our mission trip for this summer is beginning to take shape. We feel that our destination came about through the providence of God. We will be going to Stuart, Florida. It is located north of Miami along the Atlantic Ocean. The minister of the congregation was excited about us coming as I was about finding them.

The church building in Stuart is new as a result of two congregations combining. Their attendance is around 60 - 70 during the winter months and about 50 in the summer. The reduction results from people using Florida as a winter home and then going back north for the summer. We will have the advantage of considerably more classroom space than where we went last year. We will probably do some sightseeing during our off hours and maybe take a day or so extra returning home as we did this past summer.

If you are going into the ninth grade this year, you will be eligible, along with the older teens, for this mission trip.

With the mission trip, the Summer Youth Series and Camp, it will present all of us with a very busy but exciting time.

Be God's teen at school, work, and home. Let your light shine before men.

See YOU Sunday!

Happy Birthday

- FEBRUARY (17) Alan Fisher, Tyson Akin (18) Amy Knight, J. D. Osborn (20) Alma Biggs, Brandon Chambless (21) Ken Edwards, Theo Janet King (22) Mike Savage (23) Sherri Reed.

Proofs & Make-up Day

Proofs will be shown next week on Thursday and Friday from 1:00 until 8:00 P.M. for those families whose photographs were made January 30 and 31. You should receive a card from Olan Mills Studio as a reminder.

We will have a make-up day for members who have not had a picture made. Tuesday, February 26 from 2:00 until 8:00 o'clock is the make-up time. If you have not been contacted about a picture, please call the church office and make an appointment. We are anxious to have everyone possible photographed for this new church family directory.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Our SPRING GOSPEL MEETING with Avon Malone will be MARCH 10 - 13.
TELL A FRIEND!



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

Boles Home Truck

REMEMBER, the following is a list of special needs for Boles Home: Fruit Cocktail, Salt, White Shoe Polish, Tea Bags, Deodorant (non-aerosol). The truck will be here the week of March 11-15.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Jay Lockhart challenged the elders and deacons to the work each is called for to be a mighty working force in building West Erwin as an even stronger congregation than it has ever been. Our meeting last week was great. All deacons, elders and preachers were present except one (he was absent because of a death in his family). It seems to me that the Lord has worked providentially to place before us the necessary ingredients, talents and circumstances to accomplish that goal. Jay's coming to be our pulpit minister, Harold Taylor's joining our missionary team, his vital lessons on discovering and utilizing one's spiritual gift, the new and talented members who have been added to our membership all speak to that conclusion. It is our sincerest desire to act upon these blessings so that meaningful growth will occur and God's name will be praised. It is indeed a great feeling to be a part of this expectant working force. And, each of you has a part to play, a ministry to perform and a job to do. Be ready when the call comes!

I appreciate brother Jay's comments last Sunday morning about our singing. When we sing together in worship, we need to give it our all. God cannot be pleased with anything that is half-hearted and our worship in song is no exception. A few simple rules will be helpful to an inspiring singing worship. Rule no. 1: Sing with enthusiasm. Jubilant singing will lift your spirits and bring you closer to God. Rule no. 2: Sing out! Paul would have us remember: "teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God," (Col.3:16). Rule no. 3: Remember that it is the music that your heart makes that God hears and not just that which comes from the vocal cords. How much more beautiful it must be to Him when both vocal cords and heart strings vibrate harmoniously in praise to Him.

There is a built-in problem in our auditorium that tends to discourage good singing. Don't let it get the best of us by putting a damper on your individual part. The investment we made in

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Here & There (Continued)

our new sound system works best when everyone sings out and does so with enthusiasm. There are two microphones located on either side of the auditorium about midway above our heads. These pick up the sounds and project them through the speakers to add strength. The more we sing out, the better they work. Let's use them to fullest!

Our gospel meeting is just a short distance away with Avon Malone. Every member must make plans to be here that week, March 10 through 13. Not only is it mandatory for our members to be present, but we need to be inviting guests to join us. Why don't you help make this the beginning of a new era for West Erwin with regard to meetings. Let's work together to make this the best attended meeting of the century and the kind that will help us launch a new century of success at West Erwin.

In Appreciation

In appreciation we want to thank all the West Erwin folks for all the flowers, food, cards, visits and calls during my illness and the death of Hoyt's sister. We love all of you.

Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes

Thank you for the expressions of kindness and words of sympathy at the death of my sister last week. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and the sweet fellowship of our Christian family here.

Harold & Nelda Browning

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8:00 A.M. each Sunday

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Announcements Ray Womack
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Dismiss Kevin Braly

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Dismiss Fred Powell

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Ray Vannoy J. D. Osborn
Freeman Morgan Mike Munn
Elvin Wilson Dan Magee
Bill Hensley Robert Stokes

Artis Tate

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

James & Frances Phillips Guy & Nettie Potts
Roy & Elaine Roberson Fred & Sara Powell

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, February 10 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 13 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

**We need YOU
in Bible School!**

The Sick

Last week Weldon Keith entered a rehabilitation center in Dallas. He is scheduled to be there about three weeks.

Faye Wallace returned home Sunday evening from M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Her condition is improved.

Doc Wright was able to go home this week from Medical Center Hospital.

Tommie White will begin his treatment this week.

We learned this week that Ola Dunwoody is now a resident of the Southview Nursing Home.

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Happiness

*"If you are the son of God..."
(Matthew 4:3)*

Famed pianist Arthur Rubinstein, celebrating his 84th birthday, said: "As long as we have what we have inside, the capacity to love, to work, to hear music, to see a flower, to look at the world as it is, nothing can stop us from being happy... but one thing you must take seriously. You must get rid of the ifs of life. Many people tell you, 'I would be happy-if I had a certain job, or if I were better looking, or if a certain person would marry me.' There isn't any such thing. You must live your life unconditionally - out the ifs."

In the confrontation of Jesus with Satan, happiness was offered to the Lord with "ifs" attached. However, the Lord simply responded,

"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matt.4:4)

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test." (Matt. 4:6)

"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." (Matt.4:10).

The solutions used by Jesus to confront the "ifs" are those quite necessary for happiness today.

-Ken Dye



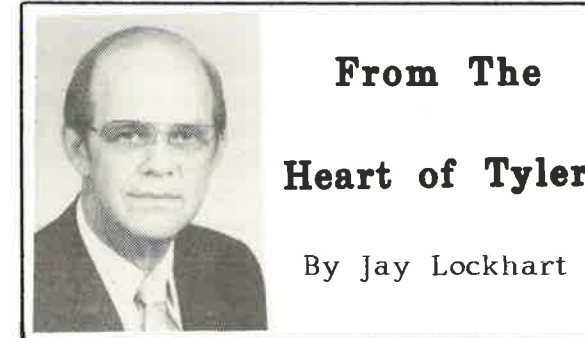
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**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Even with extremely icy conditions people were able to be in Bible classes and worship Sunday. Most of our classes met together in the auditorium, and that interrupted our regular schedule, but wasn't the spirit of warmth and joy a great blessing?

Within the next few weeks you will be given the opportunity to select the area of service in which you wish to be involved. Each member will be given an information sheet to carefully and prayerfully fill in at home and return within about a week. Your cooperation is needed as we continue the "New Beginning."

When our spirits are warmed by the fires of enthusiasm and are guided by the light of God's Word, the SON shines through us from The Heart of Tyler!

*"The same is greatest"
(Matthew 18:4)*

POISED FOR GREATNESS

In President Reagan's second inaugural address, delivered in the U. S. Capitol, January 21, 1985, he said, "Our nation is poised for greatness. We must do what is right and do it with all our might." As I pondered that meaningful statement I thought of the West Erwin church. For as we launch into our second century of service in the heart of Tyler, I am convinced that we are "poised for greatness." And "we must do what is right and do it with all our might."

What makes a church great? It is not buildings, contributions, numbers, or even programs. Rather, true greatness is realized when members of the church know and apply the principles of true greatness. When members are great, the church is great. What are those principles? When the disciples asked about greatness (Matthew 18: 1-6) Jesus set a little child in their midst and revealed what true greatness is:

1. Humility (verse 4) - what we have become and what we accomplish should not fill us with pride, but prompt humility as we understand that "all things are of God" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

2. Faith (verse 6) - Believing on Jesus and living by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7) unleashes the power of God which enables us to succeed in His work (Ephesians 3:20).

3. Obedience (verse 2) Jesus called a little child and the child came. The goal of greatness is to seek obedience to Christ in all things.

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Pictures and Proofs

The picture taking for the new Pictorial Directory got interrupted among other things with the cold and ice. We hope an additional time can be added for those of you who missed your appointments. Watch the bulletin for that news.

We have received word from Olan Mills that proofs of pictures will be shown on Tuesday, February 12, from 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, from 1 to 7 p.m. and on Thursday, February 14, from 1 to 8 p.m. These dates are for photographs taken on January 24, 25 and 26. Each family will be sent a card with these dates and times.

Television Program

Everywhere I have been since Sunday morning people have been complimenting the new TV program on Sunday mornings. For the first time in years, I was at home at that particular time Sunday morning and got to watch. Jay's presentation was great! We hope the program will be an increasing hit in our viewing community. Now when I say "hit" I mean in the productive sense in that it will open doors of opportunity for outreach. And, I believe it will. With your encouragement and prayers and invitations to friends and neighbors to watch, it can't help but bring glory to God and the body of Christ will grow. WP

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Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (10) John Freeman, Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley, Bernice Andrews (11) Marisa Butler, Carolyn Welborn (12) Alice Stephenson (14) Laverne Keith (16) Lee Knight



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

February 10, 1985

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Conversion: The Possible You

6:00 P.M. Conversion: The Doorway To Greatness

Spring Gospel Meeting



March

10-13

Avon Malone will be preaching. He is Professor of Bible at Harding University and pulpit minister for the Highway church of Christ north of Searcy, Arkansas. We look forward to having brother Malone with us, March 10 - 13.

Honored By ACU

Well known minister and evangelist Trine Starnes and his wife Malissa will be honored by their alma mater, Feb. 17, at Abilene Christian University's annual Christian Service Luncheon.

Friends of the Starneses and guests for the ACU Bible Lectureship are invited to attend the luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in ACU's Moody Coliseum. The annual lecture series will begin that evening and continue through Wednesday, Feb. 19, with the theme "What the Church Needs to Hear."

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and should be ordered in advance by sending a check made out to ACU to Box 7842, ACU Station, Abilene, Texas 79699.

"Christians never say good-bye for the last time."

Moving From Tyler

Last Sunday was the last day for George and Esther Kester to be with us. George will be back one more time to take care of business.

We are sad to know that Russell and Audrey O'Bannon plan to move to Pearland, Texas in the very near future.

Both families will be close to relatives and we know it will be best for them, but we will miss them so much.

Boles Home Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of March 11-15. They are happy to use whatever can be supplied, however, the following list is special needs: Fruit Cocktail, Salt, White Shoe Polish, Tea Bags, Deodorant (non-aerosol).

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Quitman and Center church of Christ in Gladewater for Mrs. Robert (Susie) Jordan, sister of Harold Browning. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Monday evening.

In Appreciation

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness at a time when it was so needed and was appreciated. The pot plant was beautiful.

Mary Richey

A note of thanks came this week from Billie Harris Frazier expressing appreciation for the thoughtfulness shown to her mother, Wyche Harris.

Poised for Greatness (contd.)

What churches are not built in division, rebellion, or pettiness, but in obedience, as we endeavor "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

4. Teachable (verse 6) - A little child is teachable, but he may be taught truth or error. Our job is to be students of the Word in order to know Truth. We do not come to the Word in order to substantiate our views, but to understand "what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). It is only then that we can grow in Christ.

When large numbers of people serve Christ humbly, in faith, obediently and with a desire to know and practice truth, they achieve true greatness and the congregation of which they are a part becomes great as well. JL

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Needless to say, the weather played havoc with the weekend activities. A lot of our folks could not make it to worship Sunday morning and some of those who did had nasty falls on the ice in the parking lots. We are sorry for their hurting and hope they are over it soon. But for the folks who did make it, there was a warm building and even a warmer spirit in the worship service.

In case you are wondering about the loud "crack" that echoed from the front of the auditorium during Jay's sermon, it was the bench I was sitting on. I knew I had gained a little weight over the holidays, but that's ridiculous. Never-the-less, I plan on getting busy losing a few pounds right away.

A special word of thanks to the deacons who got here early and did what they could to clear away some of the ice and snow. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and who knows how many others might have fallen if you had not come. Thanks for a good job well done.

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The contractors tell us that we can expect to take possession of the new Benevolent Center by the first of March. It is so near completion, it hardly seems possible that they lack that much work, but the final details take a lot of time to be done correctly. If you have not taken a peek at it, the next time you are in the fellowship hall, the large doors between the two buildings are now open and you can walk over for a look-see. It is going to be a great addition to our physical plant and the greatest part is that it will be dedicated to helping the needy of our community and the world. I know Modena Jones and the industrious ladies who work with her in those activities are anxiously awaiting that day when they can be working in the new facility. Not that they have been idle. Every Tuesday sees a busy corps of ladies and men on the job preparing clothing, quilts and bandages. We love to visit with them on Tuesdays to enjoy the overflow of their love and consecration (not to mention the cakes, cookies, and other pastry goodies they bring for refreshment time).

Take Time To Pray

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Harold Denman	Jan. 27	\$7,839.65
Prayer	Dick Higginbotham	Jan. 20	31,217.09
Dismiss	Hoyt Hughes	Year Ago	7,845.93
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Harold Denman	Jan. 27	318
Prayer	Hillard Hughes	Jan. 20	292
Dismiss	Trey Hughes	Year Ago	420
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
C. B. Hardin	Phil Hancock	Jan. 27	365
Harvey Grier	Matt Haws	Jan. 20	389
Cooper Goodson	Charles Hickman	Year Ago	558
J. B. Endsley	Larry Henry	Budget	9,014.81
SERVING IN BACK FOYER			
Artis Tate	Harley Turner		
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Jack & Mary Paul	Paul & Signa Stanley		
Earl & Melinda O'Quinn	Mike & Sherry Munn		
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, February 3 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 6 - ROY ROBERSON, 597-5627.			



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
February 3
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Conversion: The Possible You
6:00 P.M. Conversion: The Doorway To Greatness

Here & There (continued)

ly than other programs. I have no doubt that Jay Lockhart's presentation will be well received in the community and that it will open doors of great opportunity for us.

Your help is needed in advertising the program. Tell your friends and neighbors about it and encourage them to develop the habit of turning the set on each Sunday morning at 8:00.

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The Sick

G. C. (Doc) Wright continues to be a patient in Medical Center.
Vannie Lee is recovering from surgery in Medical Center Hospital.
Sybil Thacker is a patient in Community Hospital.
Weldon Keith remains in Medical Center Hospital.
Faye Wallace is scheduled for tests on Thursday at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

To Speak

Mrs. Charles Hickman (Billie Bob) will be teaching the Ladies' Class at the Eldridge Rd. Church of Christ on Wednesday, February 6, in Earland, Texas.

Take Time To Pray

Dates To Remember




February 7 - Elders, preachers and deacons meet for Dinner at 7:00 P.M. at Hickory Fare on Gentry Parkway
March 30 - Workshop for Vacation Bible School. Betty Rowland from Houston will be with us.
March 10-13 - Gospel Meeting with Avon Malone preaching.

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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

This Sunday morning marks the beginning of our TV program, THE SEARCH, on Channel 7 on a regular basis. THE SEARCH will be on in the time slot occupied by AMAZING GRACE for several years. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Madison, Tennessee church and to the producers of AMAZING GRACE for cooperating with us in placing our own locally produced program on Channel 7 at 8:00 A.M. on Sundays.

We believe in the work of the AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS. We also believe, however, that a locally produced program can have a greater impact on East Texas. We pray that it may be so.

Pray that the SON will shine through THE SEARCH as He does from the Heart of Tyler.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting

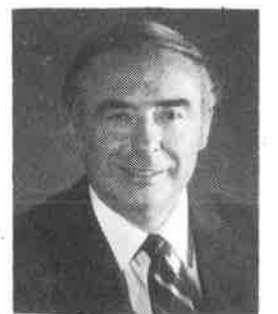
March 10-13 with Avon Malone

Avon Malone was born in Dallas, Texas where he attended public school. During that time and while he was a student at Abilene Christian University, he drew sport cartoons for the Dallas Times Herald and the Fort Worth Press. While at ACU, he won the "Cox Extempore Speech Contest" and was selected among the "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." He has both the B.A. and M.A. degrees from ACU.

He speaks widely on college campuses, in gospel meetings, and in lectureships. He is author of four tracts: "Pardon Refused," "The Misunderstood Church," "The Royal Priesthood," and "Merge for Missions." Brother Malone is now in his eleventh year of teaching at Harding University. He has taught in two of the schools of preaching among churches of Christ: Bear Valley in Denver and Preston Road in Dallas.

With his brother, David, he has co-authored the book, Drawn To Christ which portrays the life and work of his father, Joe Malone.

We look forward to our meeting. Brother Malone is Associate Professor of Bible at Harding University and pulpit minister for the Highway church of Christ just north of Searcy.



Avon Malone



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Teens, use those coupons! I promise I won't embarrass you when we eat. I've had several tell me they were going to use them but no takers yet. If you don't like hamburgers, you can get something comparable. You can even name the place (within reason). I'm waiting patiently by the telephone.

Things for this summer are really shaping up. Our Summer Camp is beginning to take shape and I'm hot on the trail of a location for our Mission Trip. Also, our Summer Youth Series already has two of the finest speakers and motivators in the brotherhood.

On March 8th we will have a lock-in at the YMCA. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Refreshments will be provided, but you have to bring your own good time. All of the areas will be open for recreation. I would especially want you to bring a friend. So make your plans and get lots of rest between now and then.

The Lord will open many doors of opportunity to us. Every activity we have is open to your friends. Take hold of the opportunities and put it to good use.

Be God's Teen! Let men see your "love for one another!"

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (3) Lilla Tigert, Jay Lockhart (4) Loyd Nail, Cindy Carruth, Amy Prichard (5) Ruby Brem, Ruth Bell (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Meeta Clucas (8) Roy Roberson, Kerry Wommack (9) Jeremy Wiggains, Arlene Lockhart.

Who Loves Me?

David lamented, "No man cared for my soul." (Psalms 142:4).

Perhaps life has caused you to pine, "Who cares? No one is concerned whether I live or die." Cross-burdened, we often sigh, "I don't want to be manipulated, maneuvered or mistreated—I want to be loved!"

Often our problem with love is not a lack of it, as much as failing to recognize it when it comes along. We often resent authority, advice, inquiry, helpfulness and conversation. What we often brand as imposition, meddlesomeness and ill motives in others is nothing but their expressions of love and good will toward us. We must not only develop the capacity to love but to ACCEPT this crown virtue from others.

Friendship love has many dimensions. Contrary to the thinking of many, love is a Joseph who forgives without reward - a Jonathan who plays second-fiddle to a David for the royal throne - a David who admonishes his Solomon to "shew thyself a man" - a father who sets strict boundaries for a prodigal - a Paul who rebukes a Peter to his face - and a Barnabas who encourages his John Mark or stands behind his Paul when others doubt. Love is a many-splendored thing!

Who loves me? My friend, you are loved when your highest good is sought, your greatest happiness encouraged and your future success is secured. Love seeks your company, believes in your potential, solicits your help, shares your dreams, stands among your people and disbelieves your critics.

Friendship love never fared better than the day beloved Ruth petitioned Naomi. (Ruth 1:16-17).

Homes will be paradise, marriages will know heaven and the brotherhood will possess the unity of the Trinity, when such love is exhibited and graciously accepted.

Why, friend -- many love you!

---Harold G. Taylor

Potpourri

You may still turn in pictures of college age young people and shut-ins for the new directory. They will appear at the end of the family section of pictures taken by the photographer from Olan Mills.

Buck Dozier will speak on Saturday, February 9, at the Northwest Church of Christ. This will be their Second Annual Parent-Teen Seminar.

Thank You

The family of Hugh McFadden acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for sending the beautiful spray of red carnations for my dad's funeral. I appreciate all of the cards and telephone calls so very much. It helps to know that others care.

In Christian love,
Dot Hardin

Dear West Erwin Family,

Even though we were miles apart, your expression of love and sympathy made us feel that you were very near. The plant you sent is beautiful and we appreciate it very much.

Loyd, Ann and Family

The faculty and students of T. J. Austin Elementary School would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the teen girls of West Erwin Church of Christ for the generous contribution for our needy students.

Children from early childhood through fifth grade benefited from your gifts. I wish it had been possible for you to have seen the sunshine on their faces. It was Christmas all over again for the children at T.J.Austin...

(Melinda O'Quinn distributed the nothing collected by the girls. They can still accept warm clothing for youngsters.)

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Mary and Foy Richey in the death of Mary's mother, Vera Hargrave. The funeral service was Tuesday afternoon in Lafayette, La.



THE SEARCH

WILL BE SEEN EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 7 AT 8:00 A.M. BEGINNING FEBRUARY 3.

HERE AND THERE



BY WES PRICE

Harold Taylor's class concluded with this past Wednesday night's lesson. It has been an excellent series of lessons and judging by the attendance, well received. We are grateful to him for being with us during these past two months. He has given us new insights into the work which God has given each of us to do in His Kingdom.

Next Wednesday night Stan Mallory will resume as teacher of this class. It will move back to the Annex where it was held prior to Harold's being with us. We look forward to Stan's good teaching again.

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Deacons, preachers and elders will be meeting together on Thursday night, February 7, at the Hickory Fare on Gentry Parkway. Please plan on being there if you fit into one of these categories. We want all our leaders to share in this planning session.

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I have not had opportunity to talk to all the Brother's Keeper Unit Leaders, but those I have spoken to tell of an excellent response in attendance at the fellowship meetings last Sunday night. I believe we are off to a good beginning under the new reorganization that brother Joe McBee accomplished. If you missed the meeting this time, don't forget that we will be enjoying these good home meetings the last Sunday night of each month.

We don't want to overlook the fact that the fellowship meeting is only the more visible part of the Brother's Keeper work. Each week the unit leaders will be calling those who were absent the previous Sunday to find out if the family needs any assistance. We want to emphasize that they will be calling out of sincere and genuine interest in your needs, not being "busy-bodies" over your affairs. Please remember that it was the Lord who made us our "brother's keeper" and not just a design of some program. A lot more of us will be helped on our journey to heaven if we take the time to help a brother.

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I'm looking forward to the beginning of West Erwin's new TV series, "The Search." I feel sure that it will be of greater benefit to our local-

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcement Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Ira Wilson
 Dismiss Lee Roberson

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcement Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Steve Ward
 Dismiss Todd Stewart

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 C. B. Hardin Phil Hancock
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 Cooper Goodson C. Hickman
 J. B. Endsley Larry Henry

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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jack & Mary Paul Paul & Signa Stanley
 Earl & Melinda O'Quinn Mike & Sherry Munn
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 27 and Wednesday evening, Jan.30 - MIKE MUNN; 597-1028.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
 Jan. 20 \$31,217.09
 Jan. 13 7,990.81
 Year Ago 7,960.43

BIBLE SCHOOL
 Jan. 20 292
 Jan. 13 316
 Year Ago 387

WORSHIP
 Jan. 20 389
 Jan. 13 380
 Year Ago 481
 Budget \$9,014.81

Sympathy

Funeral services will be held Friday in Pearsall, Texas for Mrs. Norma Nail, mother of Loyd Nail and the grandmother of Dottie and Lee Nail and Norma Holcomb.

The Sick

Ella Mae Grayson's condition is improved. She may go home this week.
 Weldon Keith's condition has improved. He remains in Medical Center Hospital.
 Vannie Lee will undergo surgery Friday in Medical Center for a fractured hip.
 Maudie Brown remains in serious condition.
 Mary Richey's mother is critically ill in Lafayette, La.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (28) Jimmie Estelle Brown
 (29) Eric Gambrel, Cheryl Murphy
 (30) Johnnie Stringer, Kay Hanley,
 Dwight Leek (31) O'Neal Tuel, Nancy Shelton, Pat Stokes
 FEBRUARY (2) Rozener Strait.

Gospel Meeting, March 10 - 13
 Avon Malone, Preaching



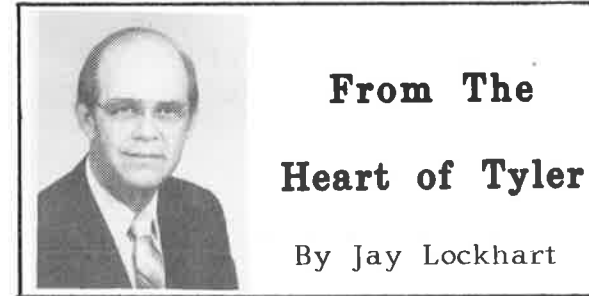
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

The weather was cold (12°) but spirits were warm last Sunday as we enjoyed wonderful worship periods. We were sorry that the Northwest brethren could not meet at their building because of a power outage, but we were glad that many of them came to be with us.

Your response to the sermon series on Stewardship has been most gratifying as we reached the two-thirds point last Sunday. This week the six-part series will conclude with sermons from 2 Corinthians 9:

- "The True Measure of A Gift" (1-5) will answer, how does God measure a gift; and
- "Guaranteed Investments" (6-15) will focus upon God's promises to those who invest with Him. I'm excited.

When the SON shines through us it's always warm in the heart of Tyler!

"She has done what she could" (Mark 14:8)

A Good Deed

Late in the ministry of Jesus, he was in the home of Simon the leper when a woman came with an alabaster jar filled with a costly ointment. She broke the jar and poured the ointment over Jesus and was promptly criticized for waste by some of the bystanders. However, Jesus came to the woman's defense declaring that she had prepared him for his burial, she had done what she could, and, that her action was "a good deed" (Mark 14:1-9).

- Why was her gift "a good deed?"
- 1. It was good in its motive, for her motive was that "she loved much" (Luke 7:47, a parallel passage). Great love prompts great deeds.
- 2. It was good in that it was personal. She gave not by proxy, but was personally involved. It was not a "church deed" or a "group deed" but a personal gift.
- 3. It was good in that it resulted from sacrifice. It represented about one year's wage and she gave in the only way acceptable "as prospered." She did "what she could" and no one can do more than that (14:8).
- 4. It was good in that it was courageous. She risked and received ridicule, but she gave anyway.
- 5. It was good in that it was timely. She prepared Jesus for his burial (14:8). Opportunities must always be grasped when they present themselves, not a moment early...or late.

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And The Lord Added. . .

Following a series of Bible lessons with Wes Price, Randy Krupicka, 1525 Charlotte, was baptized on Thursday evening of last week by Wes. We rejoice with Randy in his obedience to the Gospel of Christ.

A Good Deed (continued)

- 6. It was good in that it could not be measured. Even the smallest of gifts is beyond measurement if it is dedicated to Christ.
 - 7. It was good in that it was to be remembered. Jesus said, "wherever the gospel is preached what she has done will be told in memory of her" (14:9). He will not forget.
- Our gifts to Christ will be good deeds when we give as she did. JL

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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our Sunday night fellowship was very well attended. What a nice tribute to the Kesters, and the gifts weren't bad either. One of the nice things about the whole thing was that it was a surprise for both George and Esther. We are going to miss them. I would like to thank the three young men who helped me set up the tables and chairs on Saturday afternoon. Todd Stewart, Clay Smith and Marshall Phillips gave up some of their time to help. Keep up the good work. So many times things go unnoticed and taken for granted. Only after you've become involved in something can you really appreciate the little things that go on behind the scenes.

Some events that will be coming up in the next couple of months are February 9, Buck Dozier at Northwest for teens and their parents and on March 8, we will be having a lock-in at the YMCA for our young people. I will be needing some special help with the lock-in. I'll be getting in touch with many of you at a later time.

Remember to use last week's food coupon. If there is more than one of you in the family to use it, it will be alright for both but not necessarily at the same time.

"Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

Directory

Pictures for the directory will be made at the building on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Wednesday and Thursday of next week. We appreciate the help of the ladies who have agreed to be here as helpers during this time. We still have a few appointment times available. We encourage everyone to have their picture made.

Seminar For Adult Bible Teachers

A seminar for adult Bible teachers (and any others who are interested) on "How To Study The Word and Teach It To Others" will be conducted on Saturday, February 2, at the Glenwood church building. The six hour study will be presented by the faculty of the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the last session will conclude at 3:50 P.M. Lunch will be provided. The fee per person is \$15.00. Registration forms are available in the front foyer. These also contain a schedule of classes. WP



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

January 27
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The True Measure of A Gift
6:00 P.M. Guaranteed Investments

Thank You

What can we say! When we arrived in Tyler about nine years ago, we knew we were "Home" when we walked through the doors of the West Erwin Church of Christ. Again that love was shown Sunday night at the fellowship hall when you all surprised us beyond belief. We thank you so very much. Your promises to come to see us gives us courage to continue our moving plans. We love you all and thank you for the special years that we have had together.

George & Esther Kester

May I express my deep appreciation for the beautiful flower, the lovely cards and telephone calls that made me realize what my friends and church means to me, especially at a time like this.

Jo Northcutt

Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of our members who have lost loved ones.

Graveside services were held Wednesday in Paris for Hugh McFadden, father of Mrs. C. B. Hardin.

Hoyt Hughes' sister, Claudia Wallthall, died Monday evening in Houston. A floral arrangement will be in the auditorium Sunday from the Hughes as a memorial.

Workshop for VBS

We are happy to announce a workshop for our 1985 Vacation Bible School to be held on Saturday, March 30. The theme this year is "The Life Of Christ." Betty Rowland from Houston, will be with us to present the material and help us get organized. The dates for the VBS are set for June 17 - 21. We will be needing all kinds of talent for this annual event, so set that date aside (March 30) for the workshop, and reserve the week of June 17th to join in one of the busiest events of the year, but also one of the most satisfying. WP

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



This coming Sunday night has been designated as the time for our Brother's Keeper fellowship meetings in homes of our members. Joe McBee has spent much time in revising our units and is anxious that all families participate. If for some reason, you do not know where your unit is meeting, please call the church office. We also plan to post a list of the units in the foyer.

Please don't let this opportunity pass without doing your part. Your participation may be just the thing that someone else needs, so don't look at it from just your viewpoint. Christians need to become more involved in the lives of fellow Christians in the congregation to keep up the good spiritual nourishment that belonging to a family brings. I hope you will read and meditate on this little poem. I think it has something important to say to each of us.

IF

If we knew each other better,
We would praise where now we blame.
We would know each bears his burden,
Wears some hidden cross of shame.
We would feel the heartaches bitter--
They so long alone have borne;
If we knew each other better,
We would praise instead of scorn.

If we knew each other better--
You and I and all the rest,
Seeing down beneath the surface--
To the sorrows all unguessed,
We would quit our cold complaining,
And a hand of trust extend.
If we knew each other better,
We would count each one a friend.

We can know each other better,
If we take the time to try,
Little deeds of loving kindness--
Make a better by and by.
Just a look of understanding--
Brings a touch of all mankind;
We can know each other better,
Yes--seeking, we shall find!

Brother's Keepers

IS WORKING CLOSER TOGETHER HELPING THOSE OF THE GROUP IN TIME OF SORROW OR NEED.

IS SHARING FOOD AND CONVERSATION.

LIFTS ME UP, STRENGTHENS ME.

IS BEING ON FAMILIAR TERMS WITH SOME PEOPLE RIGHT OFF THE BAT.

BROTHER'S KEEPER UNITS MEET THIS SUNDAY!

Serving Sunday

Records

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements F. C. Carpenter Jan. 13 \$7,990.81
 Prayer C. B. Hardin Jan. 6 7,934.14
 Dismiss J. D. Osborn Year Ago 7,278.25

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements F. C. Carpenter Jan. 13 316
 Prayer Jim Usrey Jan. 6 358
 Dismiss Dan Magee Year Ago 343

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 Harold Denman Wally Dawkins Jan. 6 463
 Paul Hancock Billy Rozell Year Ago 488
 Gary Colston Lowell Wiggains Budget \$9,014.81

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Forest & Mary McFadden J.N. & Ginger Metcalf
 Henry & Becky McRuiz Freeman & Billie Morgan

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, January 20 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 23 - MIKE SAVAGE, 894-9386.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 13 316
 Jan. 6 358
 Year Ago 343

WORSHIP

Jan. 13 380
 Jan. 6 463
 Year Ago 488
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The Sick

Lula Cunningham's husband, Ross, underwent surgery last week in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Zorado Sherman is a patient in Community Hospital.

Mrs. Hoyt Hughes is in Community hospital following surgery on Monday.

Ella Mae Grayson is improving in Mother Frances Hospital.

Weldon Keith's condition continues about the same in Medical Center.

Fred Powell is confined to his home with chemical burns on his feet.

Maudie Brown's condition has improved.

Tuesday School

Several assistant teachers are needed for Tuesday School. If you are able to give some of your time for this good work, call Mary June Goodson, or the church office.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (14) Roy Clark (16) Jim Willis (17) Pauline Daughtry (18) Bernice Majors (19) Juanita Lowry, Gussie Beaty (20) Frances McBee, James Prichard (21) Mary Paul (22) Katie Powell, Mac McCarty, Nicholas Goodson (23) Naomi Haden (26) Carolyn Blackstone.


Here & There (continued)

practice. I hope you are using your talent for the work of the church. We will be offering new ways for you to work in the months ahead if you are not already busy in the kingdom. It is time for the few, who have been busy, to be joined by the many, who have not, so that a greater work can be done.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Acceptance

"Having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:47)

The early church had a powerful impact for good upon the Roman world. It turned the world upside down, it touched Caesar's house, it preached the gospel to "every creature under heaven" within about thirty-five years of Pentecost, and near its beginning it had "favor with all the people." Obviously, the Jerusalem church did not find favor because it taught that all men are brethren in error, or that everyone is at liberty to accept as truth whatever he believes to be truth, or that sincere people will find God even though they seek Him in different ways. To the contrary! The early church presented Christ as the only way to God, the gospel as the only message, and personal commitment to the truth as the only solution for man's obligation from God.

Speaking the truth in love, the early church reached across every boundary--national, intellectual, social, economic--to lead men to the Savior. The members loved, taught, and welcomed folks as the church found "favor with all the people." They were friendly! We want to be like that church in what it taught, where it stood, and how it accepted people. And we are! When people come to West Erwin they see the truth in action in what we teach and practice. They also see acceptance and friendliness.

Recently, Olden Cook, preacher for the church in Kerrville wrote after a visit with us:

Margaret and I had a real fine experience Sunday evening, while on vacation... at the West Erwin church in Tyler, Texas. I had long

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Acceptance (continued from front page)

heard of this church as a good friend of mine, George Henry Stephenson, had preached there for many years. He is now retired, and Jay Lockhart is the preacher.

Anyway, the nice experience was in the form of the overwhelming friendliness we felt the very moment we walked in the door. There were from 10 to 20 people standing in the lobby, and I don't think we got by a one of them without an outstretched hand and a word of welcome. Following services, people started right in again with warm handshakes and cheery welcomes. It was quite sometime before we got away, I assure you!...If ever I attend services in Tyler, Texas again, guess where I'll go? Yep, you guessed it--West Erwin!

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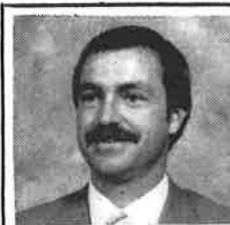
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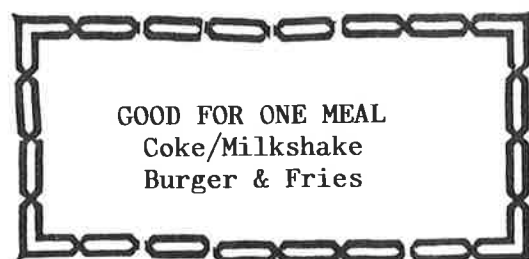


Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

It is good to have our TJC students back after the Christmas break. We really missed them in our classes and our activities. We're hoping for another good semester of growth from this area. The college students attending here are very mindful of spreading the gospel and setting the good example. Keep up the good work.

Young people, I would like to try something new with you. In this article is a food coupon good for a meal and a visit. The only requirements for using this coupon are as follows: Call in advance and set up the time, and only two young people at a time. One coupon per person except in a case of emergency.



Clip the above coupon and hopefully it will help us to get to know each other at a deeper level.

So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for his name.



By Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Churches of Macedonia"
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

P.M. "Abounding In The Virtue of
Generosity"

(2 Corinthians 8:6-24)

THIS SUNDAY

following the evening worship we will enjoy a "get-together" in the Fellowship Hall.



BRING
Finger foods, Salad or
dessert, chips, dips,
etc.
Drinks will be furnished

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE INTRODUCED

Prescription For Caring

Some people's needs are as obvious as a tear; others live lives of quiet desperation. Abraham Maslow, a psychologist, mapped out five broad categories of needs that help us think about others.

1. Physiological needs - All of us need food, clothing, housing and rest. (Does anyone you know of lack any of these?)

2. Safety needs - We like an orderly world, the familiar, the routine. We need a job, a bank account, insurance that provides security and protection. (When folks lose those, they hurt.)

3. Love needs - Maslow divided this need into two parts - the need for love and affection from other individuals (husband and wife, parents and children, friends) and the need to belong to a larger group (a church, club, bible study, ethnic group). (Do you know anyone who is a "shut-out?")

4. Esteem needs - People need to achieve, to feel adequate, have prestige, recognition, attention, importance and to feel appreciated. (Can you give this to anyone today?)

5. Need for self-actualization - We want to realize our capabilities and reach our potential. (Can you help someone take a step toward fulfillment?)

When you have singled out specific people who touch your life and the kinds of needs they might have, then think of ways to show you care. Here are a few:

Reach out and touch someone by telephone.

Send an appropriate card or write a letter.

Take a few moments to visit someone who needs you.

Invite someone to your home or take someone out to lunch or dinner.

Send a small gift, like a book, to the person

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Thank You

Thank you so much for your kind expressions of love and sympathy in the loss of our sister, Mrs. Audrey Cook. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Vera and Bernie Beard

It is most sustaining to know you have been thinking of us during the loss of my brother. Your kind words and deeds have been such a comfort to Louis and me. Thank you for your many acts of kindness. We feel so richly blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Love,
Jane Jones

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We wrote to express our appreciation to all of you for the kind expressions of love you showed us while we were in Tyler with my father-in-law, Foy Baird. The visits and prayers, and friendly faces at church meant so very much to us. It is truly a joy to be a Christian! Thanks so much.

Foy is settled into the Rehab Center here in Austin. He is working hard, and making progress but it is very slow.

We continue to ask for your prayers for Foy's continued improvement....

Larry and Patti Baird
family of Foy and Elsie Baird

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to sister Jo Northcutt in the loss of her sister last week. Funeral services were conducted in Troup.

Prescription. . . (continued)
you are thinking about.

Give the gift of yourself - your time and energy.

Listen.

Affirm someone with a compliment, a genuine word of appreciation or encouragement.

...Via Family Life
DeSoto Church of Christ

HERE AND THERE



BY WES PRICE

Avon Malone will be with us during the month of March for our Spring Gospel Meeting. May I suggest that you mark the dates on your calendar and reserve them for that special occasion. They are March 10 - 13. One other thing, begin now to select some friend and let them be the object of your prayers and invitation to join you for these gospel lessons. That friend can be as close to you as a mate or someone you work with or a neighbor. Whoever it is, this will be your opportunity to help them have an opportunity to hear the gospel preached.

We anticipate a great time this coming Sunday night at the all church fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. Every family is asked to bring finger foods and a dessert or salad and chips. Make your plans to attend. It won't be the same without you.

A couple of dates need to be reserved by our elders and deacons. The first is Thursday night, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. for deacons and elders. We will be eating together at the Hickory Fare Restaurant on Genty Parkway. The second is for elders on February 9 for a seminar on church leadership with Harold Taylor. The time will be announced later.

A word of commendation is in order for Nelda Browning and Frances McBee for the amount of extra work they have done in getting ready for the picture taking for our new pictorial church family directory. They are strong believers in this new directory, so let's not lessen the success of this project. We need all families to be represented in that new book.

Harold Taylor's classes on Wednesday nights will continue for the month of January and will conclude on January 30. Attendance in these classes has been excellent. We are indebted to him for the enthusiastic way he has motivated his students. However, the real test of his work will be in how effectively we put his lessons into practice. The church will be strengthened when each member puts his special gift into

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Serving Sunday Records

MORNING WORSHIP		CONTRIBUTIONS	
Announcements	Joe Carroll	Jan. 6	7,934.14
Prayer	Jim Franklin	Dec. 30	13,282.87
Dismiss	Alan Fisher	Year Ago	7,790.05
EVENING WORSHIP		BIBLE SCHOOL	
Announcements	Joe Carroll	Jan. 6	358
Prayer	Matt Haws	Dec. 30	315
Dismiss	Marshall Phillips	Year Ago	397
SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY		WORSHIP	
Milburn Cook	Weldon Dawson	Jan. 6	463
Harold Denman	Wally Dawkins	Dec. 30	418
Sledge Clinkscales	David Demic	Year Ago	505
Gary Colston	Jasper Dobbs	BUDGET	\$9,014.81
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY			
Forest & Mary McFadden	J.N. & Ginger Metcalf		
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 16 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.			

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

The Pleasant Goodness . . . (continued)
 gospel, edifying itself in love, and helping those in need.

May each one of us dedicate himself now to fully cooperating in all of our work. Cooperate in:

- (1) Being in worship,
- (2) Attending Bible Class,
- (3) Using your talents of time, talents, and
- (4) Taking the lead in welcoming strangers,
- (5) Opening your home to others,
- (6) Calling on and caring for those who are sick or suffering,
- (7) Growing into Christ's image, and
- (8) Yes, in making your appointment to have your picture made for our new church directory!

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Welcome To West Erwin

We are very pleased to welcome Jim and Billye Usrey as new members of the West Erwin family. They are the parents of Marc, 3 years and Andrea, 1st grade. They live at 810 Shannon, telephone 581-4718. The Usrey family moved to Tyler from Breckenridge, Texas.

Thank You

We are so grateful to all of you for the love shown to us during my illness. We especially thank you for the prayers, cards, visits, words of encouragement and food. We feel we have been so richly blessed being a part of God's family at WestErwin.
 Bob and Virginia Conner

The Sick

Weldon Keith has been moved to the Critical Care Unit of Medical Center Hospital.

Ella Mae Grayson is in a room now in Mother Frances after being in ICU.

Maudie Brown, mother of Chloe Clark, is very ill. She is in Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

David Hanley's mother, Virginia Hanley, had surgery this week in Georgetown.



By JAY LOCKHART

A.M. Good Stewards of God's Grace No. 1

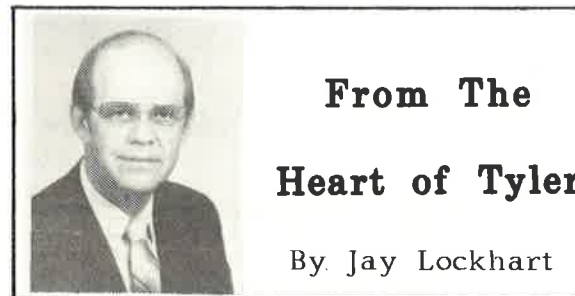
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul" (Acts 4:32).

The Pleasant Goodness Of Unity

The Jerusalem church is a model for the church of all time in so many ways. It grew as no church has ever grown - by thousands and by multiplication. One of the reasons it grew so rapidly was that it was a united church.

In answer to the prayer of Jesus, "That they all may be one... That the world might believe" (John 17) the Jerusalem church was "of one heart and of one soul." So important was the unity of the church that when division reared its ugly head at Corinth, the apostle Paul blasted it with both barrels: "I beseech you brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you" (I Corinthians 1:10). God hates seven things, the wise man said, and "he that sows discord among brethren" is the seventh (Proverbs 6:16-19).

The Psalmist said, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). So the fact that the West Erwin church is united and at peace is beautiful indeed.

Unity in a local church is enhanced and preserved as the members cooperate in what the church is seeking to accomplish: preaching the

I am wonderfully encouraged by what I am seeing at West Erwin, in the Heart of Tyler! The attendance at all our worship periods is on the increase, which is a definite gauge of our spiritual temperature.

The spirit of joy and enthusiasm is apparent to all - to those of us who have been here for awhile and to those who visit our assemblies.

The growth we have experienced over the past few months is exciting and people are being added to our fellowship each week. Isn't it appropriate that in our centennial year - 1985 - our membership should grow to its largest number in these 100 years! God is interested in numbers (see the Book of Acts) and so am I! They represent precious souls.

From the Heart of Tyler the Son shines!

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Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

Our Progressive Dinner last Friday night was a success in every sense of the word. We had 41 teens and two sponsors. Because of the number, we had to take the new bus and the van. What a nice problem to have! We started off the evening with appetizers at the Leeks followed by salad at the Butlers in Bullard, then on to the Powells for our main course, finally ending up at the Blackstones for dessert. I want to thank all the families for your efforts in helping to make this a fun evening. To top everything off we played Bible Trivia at the Blackstones.

The weekend began on a high note with our 5:00 p.m. Bible study and our Sunday evening activity. The events of this past weekend make for worthwhile moments in my ministry. Because of some positive comments and the positive response we had from the teens, we will be doing more things on Fridays and Saturdays.

Reserve Saturday, February 9, on your calendar to hear Buck Dozier of Madison, Tenn. in a Parent/Teen Seminar at the Northwest church. I will be posting a schedule in the near future. The three sessions will be very interesting. I want to urge all parents and teens to make a special effort to hear Buck Dozier.

"And everyday in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."

Take Time To Pray

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (9) Wayne Fears (10) Stan Denman (11) Angel Carpenter (12) Earl Clucas, Kimberly Steffee, Clay Kirby

New Church Directory

We will be making appointments again Sunday to have pictures made for our church family directory. This will be the last Sunday to make appointments. Please make yours so we may have a schedule arranged for the photographer. You may bring a picture of college young people and shutins who are unable to come for a picture appointment. These pictures will appear in black and white following the section of photographs taken by Olen Mills. The directory pictures will be made here at the building. We need your help to complete this project.

Thank You

Dear Brethren,

We have not words to adequately express our appreciation for your friendship, encouragement, prayers and countless acts of kindness shown to us through the years, and now your thoughtfulness has flourished again, (Phil. 4:10).

We are most grateful to you for each card and letter that we have received on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Lord has blessed us through the years and you have been the instruments of so much of that blessing.

You have been far better to us than we could ever have deserved, but it is certain that we could not have accomplished what we have in the service of God had it not been for such people as you.

Thanks so much for everything.

We love you,
Luther and Ida Gieger

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Seminole, Texas on Friday of last week for Mrs. Audry Cook, sister of Mrs. M. B. Beard.



Fellowship

Sunday, January 20, has been set for our first all church fellowship for 1985. We will enjoy a get-together in our fellowship hall and have the opportunity, among other things, of introducing at one time our new members. Circle that date. We will have more to say concerning this very special date.

Thank You

Pete and I want to thank the ladies who brought the delicious meals to our home recently. We have been nourished spiritually as well as physically by your kindness. We love you.

Faye and Pete Wallace

Thank you for the cards, prayers and the lovely plant at the time of the death of my brother.

In Christian love,
Juanita Lowry

Thank you for all your kindness and for the beautiful flowers that expressed your sympathy in our sorrow at the death of our sister, Evelyn Denton. Also, she appreciated the cookies and poinsettia you sent before she entered the hospital.

Ruth Bell, Ruby Brem
Beatrice Holland, Jonnie Steffee

I want to express appreciation to the members of the West Erwin church for the gifts you have given to me in recent weeks. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Paul Sanders

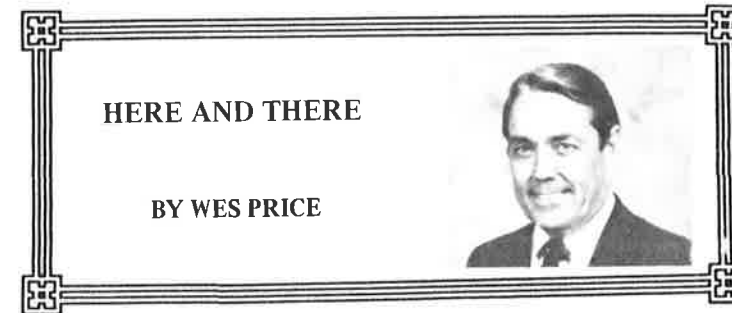
The girls and I appreciate all you did for us. Thank you for the food, white daisy plant, donations to the building fund, your prayers, calls, and visits with words of encouragement.

Mary Gaiser
Mae Lee Edgar
JoAnn Tarpley
and Families

Mrs. Cora Hughes has expressed appreciation for the remembrances of her during the holiday season.

Date to Remember

GOSPEL MEETING
March 10 - 13
Avon Malone, Evangelist



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

What a joy it is to welcome the Usrey family to our church family here at West Erwin. They join a growing host of new people who came our way in the past three months. Our elders and preachers met with all the new members Sunday evening following worship and enjoyed helping them get better acquainted with our leadership. They all will add greatly to the talent for productive work here. We thank God for each and every new member.

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As usual, we have some who are reluctant to sign up for our new pictorial directory. I wonder why? The excuse of some is that they don't photograph well or that they don't like to be seen in a picture. Could I possibly prevail over your reasons and beg you to have one made. You see it is for the benefit of people we mention in the above paragraph that we want all our families to be in the directory. The photographer is a professional and he will help you pose just the right way to make you and your family look the best.

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Our Centennial Committee had a productive meeting this past week. Plans are underway for a joyous celebration to commemorate the one hundred years this church has served this community. Serving on the committee are: Ross Walker, C. B. Hardin, Nelda Browning, Adela Scogins, Leona Hardin, Modena Jones, Delle Bullard and Wes Price. We appreciate their work and I believe the entire congregation will be blessed by the plans they implement. At the present time, we are looking to October 13 as the day selected to climax this celebration. Mark your calendar and reserve that date. Among other things, we will be trying to locate material from the early days of this church. If you have any such records, bulletins or other memorabilia, please share it with us. We are also interested in determining who among our membership has had the longest continuous membership in this congregation. If you think you qualify or you know of one who might, let us know. We want to make this year the best of the one hundred and lay the ground work for a better one hundred. You can be a part of such an effort.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Butler
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Wayne Fears

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Bill Butler
Prayer Faber Cauthen
Dismiss Roy Clark

SERVING COMMUNION SUNDAY

Edgar Bullard Joe Carroll
Les Carruth John Brem
Kevin Braly Dale Blackstone
DeRay Bennett Joe Clark

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS
Dec. 30 \$13,282.87
Dec. 23 8,293.72
Year Ago 8,680.02
BIBLE SCHOOL
Dec. 30 315
Dec. 23 312
Year Ago 330
WORSHIP
Dec. 30 418
Dec. 23 457
Year Ago 458
BUDGET \$9,014.81

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Phil & Linda Marts Mac & Eveline McCarty
Joe & Frances McBee Ray & Dell Lott
MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, January 6 and Wednesday, January 9 - COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Welcome To West Erwin

Sunday, December 22, Phil and Sherry Hancock and their two children Sarah and Daniel placed membership. Their address is Rt.15, Box 484 - telephone 561-1705. Their children are both pre-school age.

On Sunday, December 30, Paul and Joann and Todd Hancock, Rt.15, Box 441 - telephone 561-0595, placed membership. Todd is a high school student. They also have a daughter, Paula who is 9 years old. They are the parents of Phil Hancock.

Paul Sanders came Sunday evening to ask for the prayers of the church.

Here and There (continued)

the West Erwin church. I hope you will make the decision to be more consistent in attendance at your home congregation.

MINISTERS	
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Ken Edwards - Youth
Wes Price - Associate	Harold Taylor - Mission
ELDERS	
F. C. Carpenter	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight	
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.
(September through May)	
Wednesday	
Ladies' Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
(September through May)	
Bible Classes	7:30 p.m.
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The Sick

Sister Maudie Brown has been ill and hospitalized, but has returned to the Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Sister Leona McElroy was in Day Surgery last week for surgery on her hand. Her recovery is good.

Sister Vannie Lee has been hospitalized in Community Hospital.

Sister Weldon Keith's husband is in ICU in Medical Center following emergency surgery last week.

Benevolent Work

The ladies who work in the Benevolent Center will resume their work on Tuesday, January 8. They meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Perhaps this is an area of work that you would like to be involved in.

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to sister Louis E. Jones in the loss of her brother, Charles Copeland. He died this morning (Wednesday) in Corsicana, Texas.

SERMON TOPICS By Jay Lockhart


10:30 A.M. Jesus Is Lord (Rom.14:7-12)
6:00 P.M. "We Have Not Passed This Way Before" (Joshua 3:4)

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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

A Medley Of Matters

THE CHURCH BUDGET. Your response last Sunday to the presentation of our budget for 1985 was most gratifying. "Budget Sunday" doesn't have to be dry, boring, or dreaded, but since a budget speaks so eloquently about the life of a church, it ought to be anticipated, exciting, and challenging. You have proven that our budget is just that!

THE SEARCH. As you know, our television special, THE SEARCH, was seen December 21 and we are extremely happy about two things: (1) The reception of the Friday night special was excellent; and (2) Beginning in February THE SEARCH will become a weekly happening on Sunday mornings and a prime time special three to four times a year on a week night. Thank God for the opportunity and pray for its impact.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY. When you arrived at the building last Sunday, you saw the ladies, the tables, the posters. It was obviously sign up time for our new Church Directory. Be sure to select a time for your family and be included. The directory will be a most useful tool but only to the extent that all of us are in it.

A NEW YEAR. We stand now on the threshold of what can be the best year ever for the West Erwin church. With God's blessing and commitment and involvement of each of us will be. Happy New Year!

The end of the year holiday season is delightful in so many ways. The time we spend together as families is undoubtedly the best of all. My family and I had the privilege to be with both of our parents/grandparents and that made our holiday especially meaningful. Thank you for giving us that opportunity. I must say, though, that after 2200 miles of travel, it is good to be home and we are looking forward to the year with you. It is thrilling to contemplate "what great things the Lord" will do with us in 1985. Be sure to be a part of it!

During the last quarter of 1984 we had twenty one additions to the West Erwin family. Hopefully, that's an indication of good things for the future.

The SON shines in the Heart of Tyler. Let Him shine through you!



Ken's Korner

By
Ken Edwards

The beginning of the new year is always filled with hope for the future and reflections of the year past. 1984 for Ernie and me has been a good year. We have been taken in by a warm, loving congregation here at West Erwin. Your friendliness and generosity are matched by no one. We look back and count our many blessings and see the Lord's hand in our lives through all of you.

1985, because of you, can only be better. We are going to need the help and encouragement of everyone here.

Friday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. we will leave from the building for a progressive dinner. Bring a friend if you want. We will be going to Dwight and Diann Leek's home first, then to Fleta Butlers', Fred and Sara Powell's and finally to Dale and Carolyn Blackstones'. Because of the nature of the evening, I can't tell you when we will be through.

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.



TELEVISION

TIME

SECURED

Pray for a tremendous impact

upon our community.

New Church Directory

We are in the process of making appointments for photographs for our new church directory. Olan Mills will be making the new pictorial directory. Photographs will be made at the church building, January 24 and 25 from 2:30 until 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, the 26th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Also, pictures will be made January 30 from 2:30 until 7:10 p.m. and on the 31 from 2:30 until 8:30.

College young people and shutins may send in a picture if they are unable to make an appointment. These pictures will be in black and white following the family pictures taken by Olan Mills. We want everyone's picture to appear in the new directory. The response Sunday was good.

Remembrances

Poinsettias from the church and cookies made by ladies who work in our Benevolent Center were delivered to the following during the holiday season as an expression of love and appreciation.

Beulah Bedford, Lillie Knight, Ruby Teel, Katie Heath, Lilla Tigert, Ola Dunwoody, Ella Mae Grayson, Annie McDonald, Naomi Haden, Clara Riley, Audie Grier, Evelyn Denton, Dovie Norsworthy, Robert and Edythe Trentham, Wyche Harris, Gladys Holcomb, Maudie Brown, Lois Hoppers, Vannie Lee, Zorado Sherman, Gwen Shuford, Ann Layton, Rozener Strait, Frances Atkins, Jim and Bessie Willis, Theo Janet King, Blanche Rountree, Earnesene Shuford, Faye and Pete Wallace.

Potpourri

You are invited to attend a special event on Saturday, February 9th at the Northwest Church of Christ. Buck Dozier will be there for the Second Annual Parent-Teen Seminar. Mark your calendar for this special Saturday. We will have additional information later.

Dwight and Diann Leek's new address is Rt. 1, Box 1 A - Walnut Hill Road, Flint, Tx. 75762. Telephone 894-6281.

The North Ridge Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant, Texas will host a Marriage Enrichment Seminar on Friday evening, Feb. 8 and all day Saturday, Feb. 9th. Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner will present the material. A brochure is posted in the south foyer.

We have been blessed to have many, many visitors during the holidays. It has been especially good to have our college young people at home again.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Juanita Lowry in the loss of her brother, Ted Blevins, last week in San Antonio.

Brother Ike Gaiser passed away suddenly on Saturday, December 22. His funeral service was held on the following Monday afternoon. We express our deepest sympathy to Mary and the children and other members of the family.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, December 27 for sister Evelyn Denton. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Thank You

Our sincere thanks to everyone for the calls, visits and especially the prayers. We are forever grateful.

Love,
Tommie & Moselle White

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (1) Terry Warren (3) Elaine Roberson (4) Pat McCarley (5) Hazel Morgan, Julianne Butler (6) Nell Wright, Jan Knight (7) Lamern Bailey.

When the Lord's People

Enter the Lord's House

Upon the Lord's Day

To study the Lord's Word

Will You Be Among Them?

Why Not Resolve

To Be Present

This Sunday?

BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

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

2 Peter 3:18

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



You expect me to mention it, so I'm not going to disappoint you. It is a great feeling to experience new beginnings. Personally, I'm happy to see 1984 pass. Not that it was any more painful than any other year, though in many ways it was, I'm glad because it will bring to a close a transitional time and we can look forward to positive growth and forward progress. 1985 will be a great year for West Erwin. Not only will we be celebrating the 100th anniversary of this congregation, but we will see some of the finest work for the Lord begun. I'm glad to be a part of this family. I'm thankful to God for each member and each family. I hope you are ready to launch a great year of work and progress with us. Looking back is not only painful, but we can't help but recall the words of the Lord, "He that puts his hand to the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of God." Let's look forward, but when we do, let's also make sure that we do have the plow in hand and let's work for the glory of God.

Our classes with Harold Taylor will resume on Wednesday night, January 9th. We have nearly 70 in attendance each week for this class and I have not heard of anyone who was disappointed in having attended. Harold is a great teacher and a powerful motivator. His lessons on finding and using your spiritual gifts are very encouraging. There are four more lessons in the series, so don't miss any of them.

That was an outstanding budget presentation Sunday. Jay's message and Ray's presentation of our expectations for 1985 sets the stage for a challenging year for giving. I hope you will remember the things God has done for you and respond in a generous way for the needs that are before us in this new year.

I hope Jay Lockhart's attitude will catch on. If you are absent from West Erwin, then you may miss something exciting. I hope 1985 will see a decline in absenteeism on weekends and an increase in regular attendance by our members. Great things will be happening every weekend at

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