

Records:	Sunday Dec. 28	Sunday Dec. 21	Last Year
Bible School	373	386	311
Worship/A.M.	473	475	384
Worship/P.M.	313	298	223
Wed. Eve.	196	207	NC
Contributions	\$10,193.87	\$10,511.81	\$10,243.24

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 4 and Wednesday evening, January 7, Walter Farrer, 597-3397.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Mrs. Rodney (Beverly) Grage and her son Todd into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. Beverly works for the Police Dept. and Todd is a high school student in Lindale. Their address is Rt. 3, Box 299-K, Lindale, Texas 75771 - telephone 882-7480.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dan and Winnie Cullinan in the death of her sister, Corinne Hill. The Cullinans have gone to Beaver, Oklahoma to attend the funeral service.

The Sick

Sister Leona McElroy had eye surgery on Tuesday and is at home.



Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, January 4, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Out of The Silence of Eternity

(Hebrews 1:1-4)

P.M. What Is The Mind of Christ?

(Phil. 2:5-11)

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Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	
Wes Price - Associate	David Lovejoy - Youth
Harold Taylor - Mission	
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Lowell Wiggains Tom Williams
Steve Ward Mark Waggonner

SERVE IN BACK FOYER

Bill McCain Wyndall Miller
Walter Farrer Angel Cabrera
Billy Terrell Kevin Braly

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Phil and Linda Marts & Melissa
Alan and Patsy Fisher & Amy
Dan and Jan Magee

Thank You

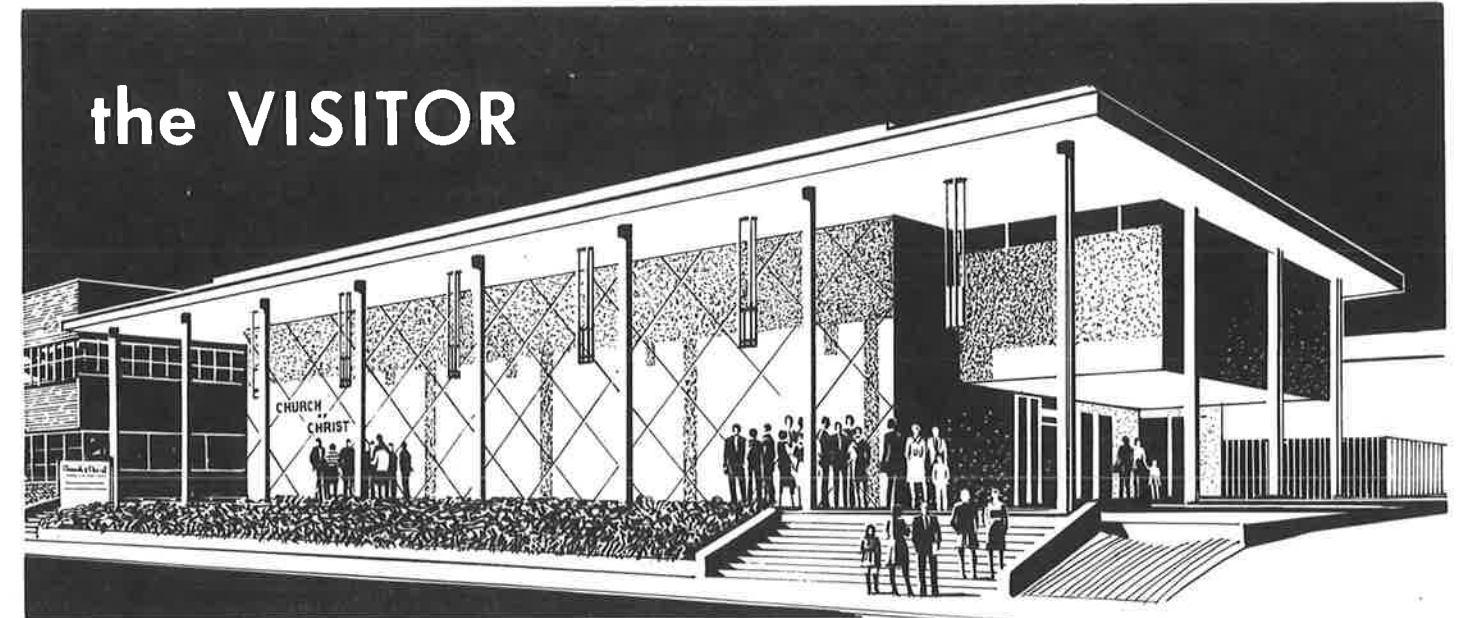
Thank you all so much for the flowers, visits, food, cards, and phone calls I've received since my surgery. Your kindness has meant more than you will ever know. We all appreciate it so much. Thanks again.
Sue Higginbotham

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTV - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister

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**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"To seek and to save"
-Luke 19:10*

This Is Our Work

Why did Jesus come into the world? In his own words: "For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10) What work did Jesus leave for the church to perform in the world? Hear the apostle Paul: "In order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church..." (Ephesians 3:10). And, what is the "wisdom of God?" "But we speak God's wisdom...all that God has prepared for them that love Him" (I Corinthians 2:7,9). To this end Jesus told the early disciples to "preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:15-16). The work of the church is the salvation of lost men. To accomplish this work the church is to teach, baptize, and teach disciples (Matt. 28:19), care for those in need (James 1:27; Gal. 6:10), and edify itself in love (Ephesians 4:16). We must never forget or forsake our calling: the salvation of souls. Every member of the body of Christ, the church, should seek to make his contribution to the important work of saving men. All members of the body do not have the same function (Romans 12:4), so while we will all seek to live our lives above reproach so as not to hinder the gospel of Christ, some of us will invite the lost to our worship services, others will set up home Bible studies, some will make visitors feel welcome, some will pray, and some will actually do the teaching. In this way the whole body will function as Christ intends. Those who want to learn how to more effectively teach the gospel will have an opportunity to study with Harold Taylor on six Wednesday evenings during January and February, beginning January 14. Harold will be teaching one of four classes offered at our mid-week meetings. Choose a class and be present on Wednesday evenings--start the new year off right!

It's always good to have Harold and Betty Taylor with us and over the next two months Harold will be teaching one of our classes on Wednesday evenings (see related article on this page). Also, Harold will be speaking briefly at our devotional periods, preceding our class time, to better acquaint us with the work he has been doing as our "State-side missionary." You will be enlightened and thrilled by Harold's reports. Don't miss them.

Another treat in store for us on January 7 will be the coming of Bill Moore to speak to everyone, sixth grade and up, on the work being done by Christian Services of East Texas. Be present next Wednesday evening.

Wednesday evening classes for the first quarter of the new year will include:

More Than Conquerors (studies in the book of Joshua) with Jay Lockhart in the auditorium.

Young Marrieds (studies in the book of Ecclesiastes) with Wes Price in room 105.

The Singing Class (studies in the fundamentals of Christian music) with John Bragg in the Heritage Room.

Principles of Personal Evangelism (studies in the art of reaching souls for Christ) with Harold Taylor in the Chapel.

Choose your class and be present for these vital Wednesday evening experiences.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

I hope that each one of you are enjoying the holidays and being with your families. It is good to take the time to be with our families. Kathy and I were thankful to be with our families during the holidays. Our family should be very important to us each day of the year. We are blessed with so much that we come to take for granted. Let us each day remember what we have and where it all comes from and be thankful. We need to be thankful for our brothers and sisters who are in Christ and for eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As we end this year, let us look back and see what we have accomplished and what we have not in striving to be more like God wants us to be. Now, let us look to a new year with goals in mind of reading our Bibles daily, praying more often and being the right example that God wants us to be each day of our lives. Let us challenge ourselves to be the one to greet the new ones in our class, our youth activities, and make visitors and new members welcome to the family here at West Erwin. Then we will have put into practice John 13:34-35.

High School will be meeting this coming Sunday night, January 4th. The Fricks and Fishers will be helping that night.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday at the Bullard Church of Christ for brother Verdell Vaughn. Brother Vaughn was an elder of the congregation in Bullard and was known by many here at West Erwin. We express our sympathy to the family.

Harold Taylor

To Present

Series of Lessons



Brother Harold Taylor, our Stateside Missionary, will be with us for six lessons during January and February. He will present an in depth study of Personal Evangelism as we develop a "task force" for outreach.

The lessons will begin January 14th in the Chapel. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Bill Moore to Speak

Brother Bill Moore will be with us on Wednesday evening, January 7th to speak to us about Christian Services of East Texas. He will speak in the auditorium to all of the adults. We look forward to hearing brother Moore's remarks regarding the help available at Christian Services.

In Appreciation

The following ladies worked during the month of December to prepare meals each Tuesday for our shutins: Billie Bob Hickman, Kathryn Cauthen, Pat Stokes, Ruby McCain, and Signa Stanley. A special thanks to Leona McElroy for the fresh coconut cake and to Mac McCarty for the dressing to go with our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 23.

Potpourri

The Ladies Bible Class will resume on Wednesday morning, January 7. Jay Lockhart is the teacher. Ladies, if you do not work away from home, this class is for you.

The workers in the Benevolent building will also resume their work on January 7.

Thank You

To The Brothers & Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift of flowers. As I was so far away, it meant a lot to see the manifestation of love and concern. The work at West Erwin will surely bring big dividends when you take such good care of your visitors.

Love,

Jeff, Linda, Josh & Brett Hone

Happy Birthday

Since we did not have a bulletin last week, birthdays for the last week of December were not mentioned. They were: (28) Jennifer Lemons, Wanda Weathers (29) Margaret Talley (30) Jeff Jones, Jane Johnson, JoAnn Hancock (31) Vera Beard JANUARY (3) Flogene Thomas (4) PatMcCarley, Clara Haynes (5) Julienne Butler, Hazel Morgan, Tarra Culpepper (6) Jan Knight, Nell Wright, Edna Hodnett, Jimmie Philpot (7) Lamern Bailey (9) Nancy McCoy (10) Stan Denman, Lynda Terrell.

Expressions of Love

As an expression of love and appreciation from the West Erwin congregation, flowers/fruit were given to shutins and elderly of the church. The flowers and/or fruit were delivered on December 20th to: Dovie Norsworthy, Edythe Trentham, Wyche Harris, Gladys Holcomb, Mary Locke, Lois Hoppers, Ola Dunwoody, Zorado Sherman, Opal Dunagan, Pauline Kennedy, Rozener Strait, Cora Hughes, Beulah Bedford, Katie Heath, Lillie Knight, Ruby Teel, Ella Mae Grayson, Lilla Tigert, Annie McDonald, Naomi Haden, Clara Riley, Audie Grier, Frances Atkins, Ann Layton, Jim and Bessie Willis, Gwen Shuford, Bernie and Vera Beard, James and Mildred Massey, Amie Roberts, Earnesene Shuford, Bill and Elizabeth Endsley, Aline Beard, Stella Buckner, Henry Starnes, Tommie and Moselle White, B. E. and Grace Walker, Weldon Keith, Bernice Andrews, Sybil Thacker, Frances and Jean Walters, Ethel Parker, Pattie Tate, Ruth Dobbs, and George and Sibyl Neyman.

Guest Editorial

Happy New Year!

This sentiment expressed so often in recent days carries with it sober reflection. Will the year's end be as happy and rewarding as its beginning? The days of our life in '87 will be deeply healing and vitalizing if we:

Sense urgency. We live within the framework of clocks and calendars. The first twenty years are the longest - the rest of life is a fast runaway train. If life is kind we may live 25,550 days in the halls of the living. If you are forty, you have 10,950 days left; if sixty-five, the count-down is to 1,825; if seventy-five, you are living on borrowed time. When you are but sixteen, you are in the springtime of youth; when sixty, it's already late autumn. With such a capsule view of life, let us embrace Jesus' urgency who said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Act positively. Time is to be lived. Life, in the present tense, glistens with promise, throbs with possibility and trembles with destiny. We must act today! Live now! Today we must eat the day's fruit and drink the night's nectar. We must daily ponder our chosen path (Proverbs 4:26) as we work to give away and play to recreate (Ephesians 4:28; Ecclesiastes 3). In friendship let us mingle our tears with strangers and doctor all hearts with cheer (Proverbs 17:22). Pronto, let us read God's will, nature's book and men's lives (I Timothy 4:13). Now and forever we must serve God in our quest for peace (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Plan faithfully. Our ideals in life are made up of our ideas of life. There must be a vision in our souls before there is fruit in our hands. Our aspirations are the blueprints of our life. If our blueprint is mistaken, our lives will be misshapen!

So, may each of us say at this portal of time: "My major goal in life is to love Christ and fully surrender to His will, so that I may smile at the end and know that all is well with my soul. I want to look back on a green valley of ripened fruit and rejoice to see myriads of souls I have helped along the way. I want to know that I have maturely responded to life's burdens and blessings. I want no regrets at life's end. May I so give myself to Jesus that I will not shrink back from death and be able to triumphantly say, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

-Harold G. Taylor

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Worship/P.M.	333	321	NC
Wed. Eve. (10)	249	233	150
Contributions	\$15,056.55	\$9,120.90	\$10,854.62

Welcome New Members

On Wednesday evening we welcomed Mrs. Billy (Sharon) England, 1701 Old Omen Road (01), and Mrs. Doug (Charisse) Smith, Rt. 20, Box 488 (08). Charisse has a daughter, Miranda - 3 years.

The Search

Jennifer Bogenschutz, granddaughter of Robert and Pat Stokes is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Jewell McCoy had a lens implant on Monday.

Brother M. B. Beard was scheduled to have eye surgery on Tuesday.

Sister Elizabeth Hughes has been hospitalized in Memorial Hospital, but hoped to go home on Wednesday.

Sister Mary Alice Martin is in the UT Health Center. She will have surgery on Friday.

Sister Edna Hodnett's brother, Cecil Richards, is very ill in Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Mid-Week Service

Our mid-week service will be changed to Tuesday for next week. Instead of meeting on Wednesday evening, December 24, we will meet on Tuesday evening, December 23 at 7:30.

Serving Sunday

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 Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Forest McFadden
 Scripture Mark Gregory
 Dismiss Dan Magee

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 Prayer Carroll Magee
 Scripture Don Farrer
 Dismiss John Steffee

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 Paul Stanley Leon Welborn
 Bob Threadgill Jack Stringer
 Ed Stitt Todd Stewart

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
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 Cole Bennett Dale Blackstone
 Clay Collins Gary Broome

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 Ira and Esther Wilson
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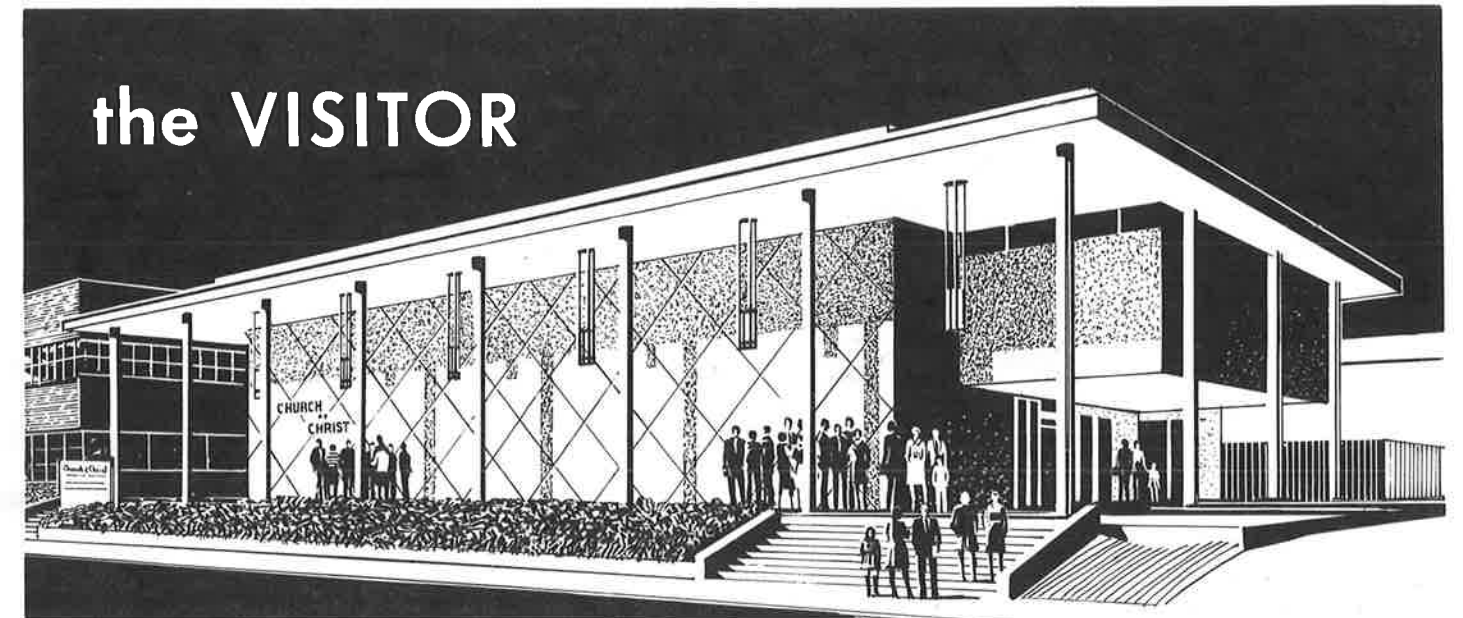
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Happy Birthday

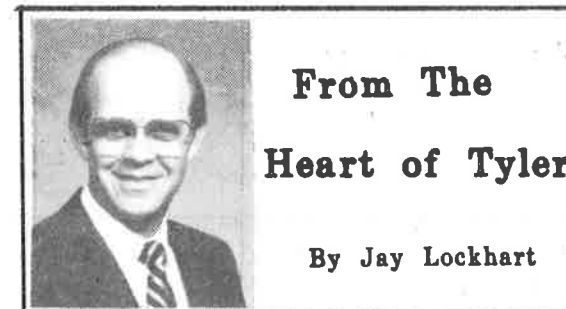
DECEMBER (21) Tim Doss, Billie Morgan, Barbara Williams, Pat Ragsdale, Tammy Starnes, Dorothy Hulsey (22) Gatha Culpepper, Erica Smith (23) Tom Williams (24) Shelley Miles (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth.

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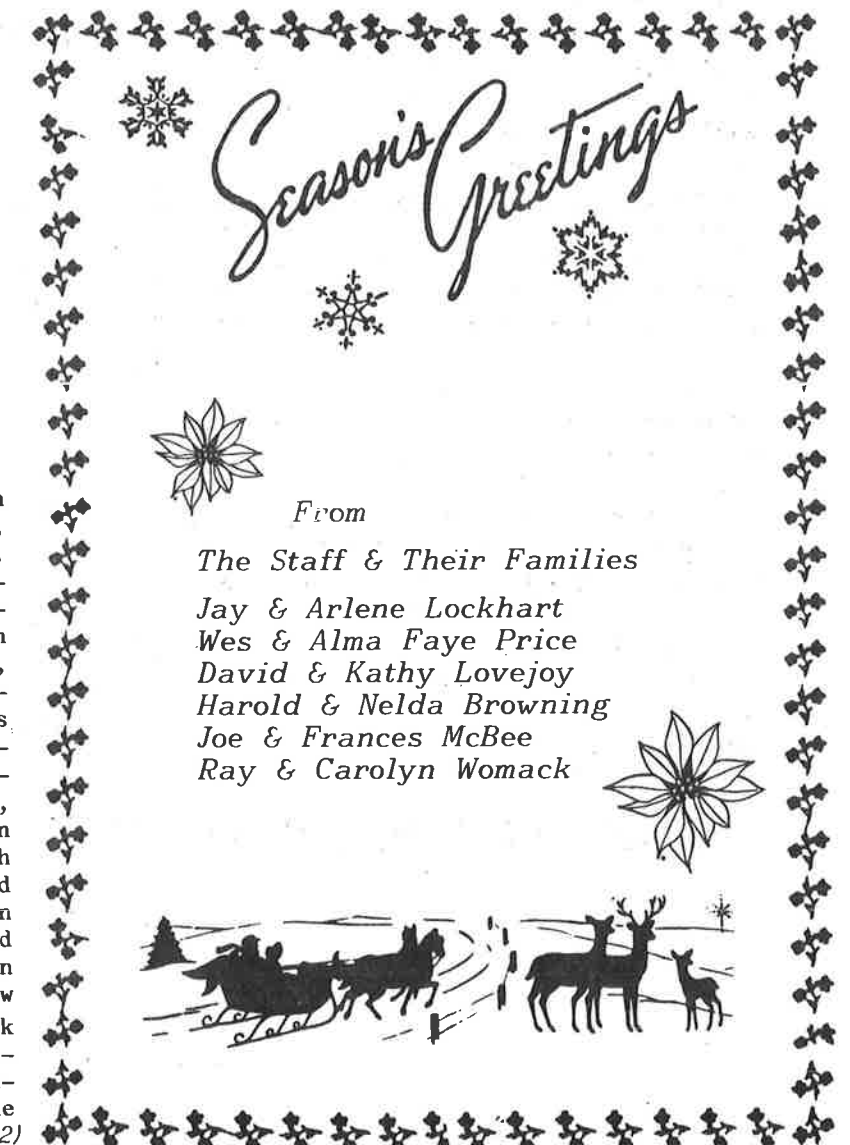
From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

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

Old Year, New Year

In a few days the curtain will fall on the old year and we will launch into 1987, a year that promises to be our finest ever. 1985 brought our 100th birthday as a vibrant force in the city of roses. We reflected with humility and gratitude upon the glorious past of the West Erwin church, and determined to use our hundred year history to build, with God's help, a fabulous future. Then came 1986 with over 100 additions to our membership, over a half million dollars given to the cause of Christ, and over one hundred thousand dollars given in special contributions, spiritual growth experienced throughout our membership, and a growing excitement like we have not seen before. Now we approach a new year. And what will 1987 bring? If Jesus tarries in His coming, by the grace of God, the new year will be phenomenal. Why can we speak so positively, and how can we be so optimistic about the future? First, we are dedicated to be loyal to the truth of the gospel, and God will (continued on page 2)



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Harold Taylor-Mission	
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Remember also your Creator in the Potpourri

days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

The Middle School group went Ice Skating in Dallas on Saturday. We had twenty to go on the trip. Thanks to Tim Doss and Kathy Lovejoy for helping make the trip a success. It is an activity in which muscles are used that are not used everyday!!

Thanks also to Fleta Butler and Sherryl Miles for the idea of the "Krazy Kitchen" and putting it together for the party on Sunday evening. They did a lot of work, along with many others. We appreciate how everyone is always eager to help with the youth activities. John Bragg did a wonderful job with the singing of the "Twelve Days of Christmas," and Les Carruth captured the evening with pictures. It was good to have both the middle school and High School together for this occasion.

Kathy and I would like to thank each of you for the tree and the gift. We love and appreciate each one of you and are looking forward to working with you more in 1987. Our prayer is that God will be with you as you strive to serve Him. Have a wonderful holiday season.

We will resume our Sunday night activities on January 4 with the Middle School.



THE SEARCH

December 20, 1986

7:00 p.m. - KLTV, Channel 7
Joy To The World

December 24, 1986

10:00 p.m. - KLTV, Channel 7
If It's A Happy Time,
Why Am I So Sad?

The ladies who cook each Tuesday for the shut-ins and elderly will continue to cook each Tuesday during the holidays.

Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed until Wednesday, January 7.

The workers in the Benevolent building will also resume their work January 7th.

There is a need in the Fellowship Hall to replenish the supply of dish towels. If you have taken some home to launder and have not returned them, please do as soon as possible. Or, if you would like to donate dish towels, they can be used.

The Year End Singing will be Wednesday evening, December 31, at the University Church. The time is 7:30 p.m.

Attention

ATTENTION!

Y O U N G A T H E A R T

See The New Year In Together!

Meet after church Wednesday evening, December 31 in the Fellowship Hall for "Fun and Games." Bring Chips and Dips, snacks, and someone remember "Black-eyed" Peas.

From The Heart of Tyler (continued)

bless us. Second, the over 100 new members who have come to us are by no means ordinary or average, but to the contrary, are quality people who are deeply dedicated to Christ and His church, and they will be of tremendous value as we build for the future. Third, there is a renewed sense of commitment in evidence throughout the church. Fourth, the addition of three elders will allow the shepherds of this church to be more effective. Fifth, throughout the year our deacons have been more deeply involved and their regular input will continue to help us move forward in our work. Sixth, everything is in readiness and there is every reason to believe that as we stand on the threshold of 1987, we are prepared for our finest hour in fulfilling our purpose as the church: reaching upward to glorify God, reaching outward in evangelism, and reaching inward to edify the body of Christ.

Chimala Mission Hospital

Mbeya, Tanzania * East Africa

Dear Brethren,

Today is a beautiful day here at Chimala. We are now in our summer months.

This month we have a doctor visiting from the States. He is working at the hospital.

We had a shipment of over 100 boxes come in. Some were postmarked November and December, 1985. In it we received 17 boxes from you.

We really appreciate all the different items you sent here. Thank you for your support of us in this way.

Please excuse if the letter seems short, but I write close to 50 letters and try to get them out as soon as possible.

In Christian love,
Marcia Stapleton

Sympathy

Recently, Jeff Hone has been visiting with us. Last weekend his wife, Linda and the children were here. They have moved from Moore, Oklahoma. Jeff was in Salt Lake City last Sunday because of the death of his father. Memorial services were conducted for him Monday and graveside services on Tuesday. We express our deepest sympathy to Jeff and Linda and their family.

Take Time To Pray



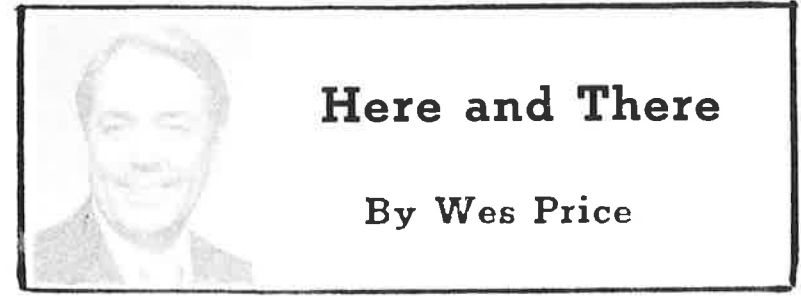
Sermon Subjects

By **Jay Lockhart**

Sunday, December 21, 1986

A.M. The Little Foxes
(Matthew 22:1-14)

P.M. The Art of Forgiveness
(Acts 13:26-39)



Here and There

By **Wes Price**

The holiday party for our Preschool and Primary Departments was a great success last Saturday. I am indebted to the teachers and parents who helped us with it. The adults who participated were: Alma Faye Price, Bill Paschall, Wanda Weathers, Connie Sublette, Carolyn Blackstone, Michele Whitley, Kelly Whitley, Maxine Hudspeth, Paige Morris, Joni Smith, Laurie Dawkins, Kay Plumb, Ginger Metcalf, Jan McDonald, Carolyn Vandiver, Julienne Butler, Kelly Womack, and Ann Nail. Special thanks go to Lee Hudspeth without whose service, the party would not have been the same. Just picture him in a red suit, white hair and beard and you know how he helped.

The older children visited some of our shut-ins and I believe they sensed the importance of the visits by the response of those we visited.

Again, thanks to all who helped.

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Bible class attendance was down below the 400 mark last Sunday and that because so many of our number were ill. We hope those are doing better. We look forward to getting that number above 400 again. Let's not let the holiday season interfere with the normal and good practice of being at the Lord's house at the appointed times.

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We will be enjoying having a host of visitors during these holidays. Family and friends will be home to help us celebrate the warmest family time of the year. We will be looking forward to having these visitors in our services. Let's enjoy the holiday spirit to the fullest and welcome all who visit our services.

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As we approach the end of another year, I am reminded again of the blessings God has bestowed upon me and my family for the joy of serving Him among such warm and loving people as those at West Erwin. You have been a source of strength and comfort in so many ways that it would be impossible to count them. I thank God for you and pray that He will continue to give us all those blessings which will serve the purpose of praising Him. Keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

**If you are afraid of criticism,
you'll die doing nothing.**

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Worship/P.M.	321	341	270
Wed. Eve. (3rd)	233	236	147
Contributions	\$9,120.90	\$10,404.56	\$28,485.69

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 14 and Wednesday Evening, Dec. 17 - COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Congratulations

Jeana Paul will be graduating from Texas Tech in Lubbock on December 20. She will graduate with honors and receive a B A degree. Jeana is the daughter of Jack and Mary Paul.

Welcome New Members

Sunday we welcomed Jim and Jan McDonald, 528 Douglas Blvd. (75702), telephone 592-6714. They have two preschool children, Clay and Courtney. The McDonalds recently moved to Tyler from Houston.

Melvin and Donna Maples, Rt. 17, Box 506-Tyler (75704), telephone 597-0019. Their two children are Kim, 9th grade (also a member of the church) and Kevin, 3rd grade.

John and Virginia Pike, Rt. 11, Box 421-Tyler (75709), telephone 593-3092. They also requested the prayers of the congregation.

Greg Conrad, Rt. 2, Box 560-7, Tyler (75704), telephone, 592-2717.

Sister Ella Mae Grayson came Wednesday to ask for prayer in behalf of her family.

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Welcome C. B. Hardin
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Scripture Mark Gregory
Dismiss Archie Kennard

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Prayer Foy Hodnett
Scripture Wyndall Miller
Dismiss Archie Lowry

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Freeman Morgan Don Slaughter
Guy Potts James Prichard
Charles Russell Glynn Starnes

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

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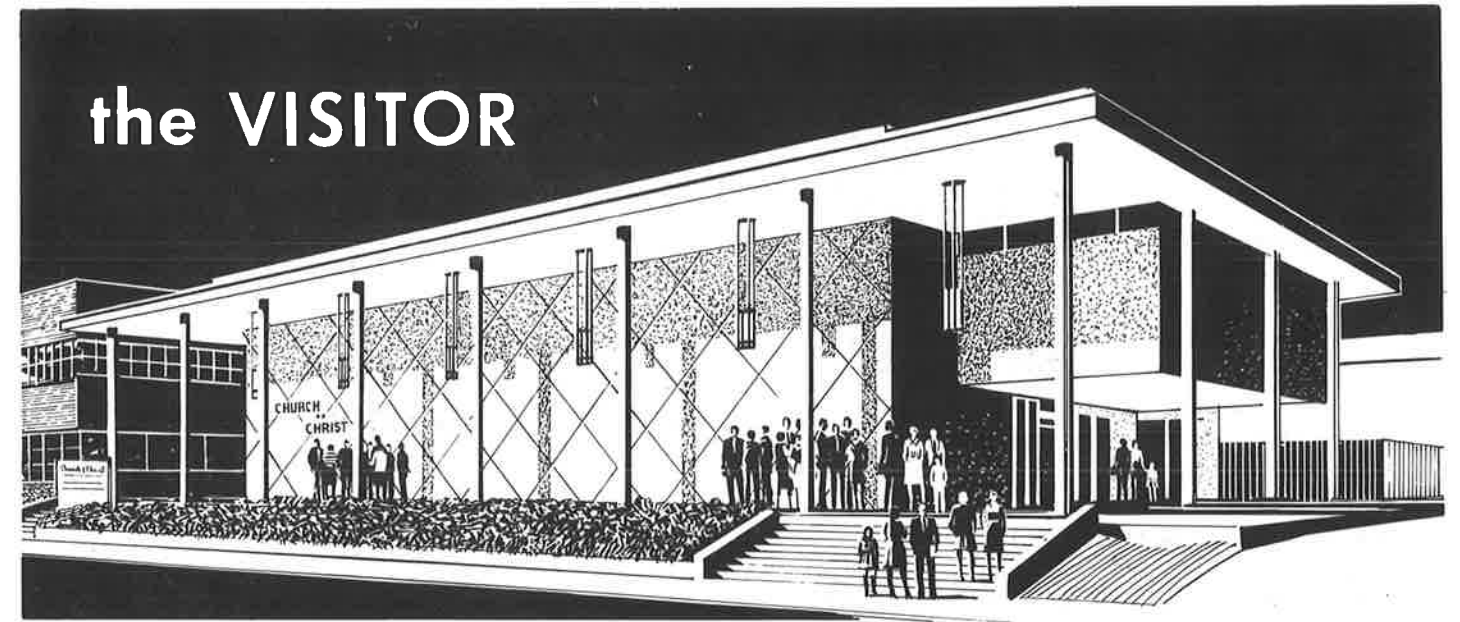
The Sick

Sister Sybil Thacker had surgery on Friday in Medical Center.

Sister Sue Higginbotham underwent surgery on Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

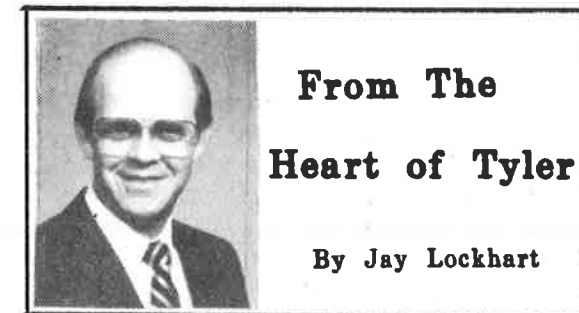
Sister Leona McElroy is still restricted from driving her car, but she received a good report on her checkup this week on the cornea transplant. She is scheduled to have cataract surgery on the other eye at the end of December.

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Last Sunday evening following our worship services, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of Nelda Browning's work with West Erwin as church secretary. Through all these years Nelda has been a faithful and dedicated worker, and continues to be such. Her work far exceeds what most people know and her value in the capacity of secretary is beyond description. She performs a myriad of tasks, meets the public, and performs all of her work with joy. Her cheerful personality as well as her abundant skills makes her a valuable asset to this church and she is truly the woman described by Solomon as having a price "far above rubies." Thank you, Nelda, for being you and for working with us in this important role.

Speaking of Nelda reminds us that we have two other women who perform important tasks in our office. Frances McBee has also worked in the church office for a number of years and performs her work with the finest of skills. Included in her work is the check writing, which is no small task, visitation and attendance cards, and Frances types all the manuscripts for THE SEARCH, a truly gigantic assignment. In addition to Nelda and Frances, Jo Butler handles all of our (continued on page 2)

"Abound in this grace also."
-2 Corinthians 8:7

THIS GRACE ALSO

The West Erwin church is truly remarkable in many ways. One of these ways is the generosity of our people in the grace of giving. Earlier this year we had a special contribution to perform some needed repairs on and remodeling of our building. The total cost was to be about \$75,000. We gave \$98,400! And it was a "church-wide" contribution--those with much gave out of their abundance and those with little gave from what they had. It was a wonderful outpouring of love! Through the year our special contributions exceeded \$100,000. In addition, we gave about \$8,500 a week toward a budget of \$9,600. With the difference between our construction costs and the special contribution, we nearly met that budget. Including the special contribution we averaged nearly \$11,000 on a weekly basis. As we approach the year end, we are aware of the fact that some of our people will want to make an additional contribution to the Lord's work, a year-end tradition of West Erwin. If you wish to participate you will have the opportunity on this Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your continued generosity. Know that our "God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed," and He "will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:8,10).

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David Lovejoy

Good things continue to happen to us. The number of our youth continues to increase. This is what we like to see happen and also to see each one getting involved in all of our activities and classes and service to God. Each one of us needs to greet our new members and help them become familiar with West Erwin.

The question is asked many times, How long do we stay young? There are many answers which include, "You are as young as you feel." If you are not familiar with the Young At Heart, you need to take the opportunity to know them. Kathy and I took a trip with this group on Monday and had a wonderful time. This is one of the many ways to get to know one another. We were thankful for the chance to go and be with you and learn more about our family at West Erwin.

High School, we will be studying Sunday morning about service from I Kings 3:5-14. Read this before class and be thinking of ways we can carry out this particular lesson.

Middle School, we will continue our questions and discussion on the book of Joshua. This will help you in the preparation for the upcoming Bible Bowl.

Remember the Christmas party Sunday night.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (15) Esther Wilson, Rhonda Weathers (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Grayson (18) Marc Frick (19) James Massey (20) James Phillips

From The Heart of Tyler (continued)

television correspondence, including the preparation and mailing of tapes, manuscripts, correspondence courses, etc. I don't even want to think about what we would do without these ladies. They mean more to us than we can say.



Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart

SUNDAY, December 14, 1986

Morning

Focusing God's Plan For The Local Church
(Ephesians 4:7-16)

Evening

Focusing God's Plan For The Local Church
(I Corinthians 12:12-27)

Potpourri

The workers in the Benevolent Building plan to work next Tuesday, December 16th and then dismiss until Tuesday, January 6th.

Deliveries of fruit/flowers will be made to shutins on Saturday, December 20.

Preschool and Primary children will have a party Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

All members and visitors are urged to sign an attendance card each Sunday. This is very valuable for our records.

There are many dishes in the back foyer. Please check there for yours.

Specials



THE SEARCH

Jay Lockhart

December 20, 1986

7:00 p.m. - KLTV, Channel 7
Joy To The World

December 24, 1986

10:00 p.m. - KLTV, Channel 7
If It's A Happy Time,
Why Am I sad?

Thank You

Some of my earliest memories as a child are of events connected with this church. West Erwin has always been a warm, loving and generous church and the fellowship on Sunday evening was a perfect illustration. Thank you so much for the beautiful plaque and the generous gift. We are so happy to be a part of the West Erwin family. It is difficult to believe that twenty five years have slipped by since I first began to work in the church office. Of course, many changes have taken place through the years, but West Erwin continues to be a warm, loving and generous congregation. I am very thankful for this good place to serve in the Lord's Kingdom. Thank you again for your kindness to me. I love all of you.

Nelda Browning

Thanks so much for the cards and visits and your calls while I was hospitalized.

Edythe Trentham

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to sister Lillie Knight and her family. Sister Knight's daughter, Frances Rudis, passed away on Wednesday of last week in Ipswich, Mass. Funeral services were held for her on Friday.

The Search

FLASH !!!

Early this week a lady in Hawkins was baptized as a result of THE SEARCH. She had enrolled in our Bible Correspondence Course and indicated she wanted to be baptized. I called Ron Bell, the preacher at Big Sandy, and after visiting with her for a short time, immersed her into Christ. That's what THE SEARCH is about!

JPL

Here and There

By Wes Price



Sunday night's taping of THE SEARCH was great, wasn't it! I hope you will feel the sense of importance that is a part of such an undertaking when you are present at such a time as this. Your participation, even if not as conspicuous as those leading in the service is no less important. The impression that others see of our worship service will make a lasting mark on their minds. We believe this one was even better than the last video taping of our worship service. Now, follow up on your use of the program by inviting your friends and neighbors to watch that special showing on Saturday night, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The taping of THE SEARCH was no less impressive than the special fellowship we had with all our members. It was a joy to see one so deserving receive recognition for her twenty-five years of service to this church. Nelda Browning received her just recognition at that fellowship. It is unfortunate that we sometimes think of a secretary's work as a job. It is, as Nelda has demonstrated, a ministry to the church. I hope you will continue to remember that special recognition and be aware of the ministry that not only Nelda serves, but Frances McBee as well. Thank God for such service!

On numerous occasions lately, we have found various lights burning in our building for no apparent purpose. May we make a simple request of those of you who have access to any of our facilities? When you open the building, be sure it is closed when you leave. If you turn on lights, turn them off when you are finished with them. If you use a building for other than usual functions, tidy up before you leave.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Records	Sunday Nov. 30	Last Week	Last Year
Bible School	419	411	325
Worship/A.M.	510	497	431
/P.M.	341	305	247
Wed. Eve (26th)	236	258	NC
Contributions	\$10,404.56	\$9,235.20	\$7,166.62

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 7 and Wednesday Evening, December 10 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

The Sick

Sister Edna Hodnett's brother, Cecil Richards, will have surgery in Dallas at South West Medical Center on Monday, December 8.

Special Contribution

Sunday, December 14



This church has contributed over a hundred thousand dollars in special contributions this year. However, there may be some who did not have part and would like to do so. You will have opportunity on Sunday, December 14. On this day our contribution will be SPECIAL.

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 Scripture Dick Higginbotham
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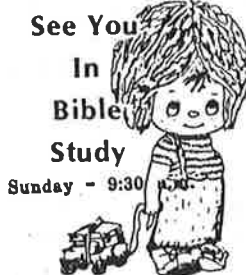
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 Alan Pickett Bill Paschall

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Dan Magee Charles McCoy
 Rahn Harris Jimmie Philpot
 Wayne Harrison Dennis Phelps

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Mac and Evelene McCarty
 Charles and Ann McCoy
 Walter and Mary Farrer
 Jim and Nancy McCoy



CLASSES
 for
 EVERYONE

Thank You

Thank you for the cards and visits and especially for the thoughtfulness of our new members.

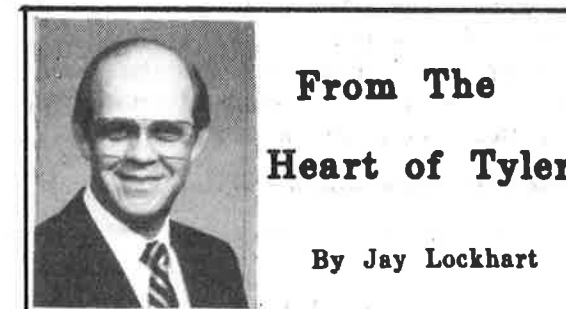
Sybil Thacker
 (Sister Thacker is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.)

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
 Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Rediscovering Holy Ground

When Moses approached the burning bush in the wilderness of Sinai, the Lord said, "Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5). When man is confronted by God it is a holy moment, holy ground. Some of those moments include our initial response to the gospel, our meeting with fellow Christians for worship, and periods of renewal and rededication. But those moments can become so ordinary, so commonplace, so far removed from the hustle and bustle of life. We need to rediscover holy ground!

(1) When we became Christians, the old self died, was buried with Christ in the water of baptism, and we rose to walk a new life (Romans 6:1-6). That response to Christ was as complete and final as death and as glorious as a resurrection. In it we met the demand of Christ: "He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37); "let him

deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23); count the cost (Luke 14:28); "Put off the old man... be renewed in the spirit of your mind... put on the new man" (Ephesians 4:22-24). Did we forget? No half-hearted commitment, no nominal Christianity, no convenience without conviction! Jesus sent thoughtless, irresponsible enthusiasts away empty. We need to rediscover holy ground!

(2) When we meet as the church for worship, we are not paying our dues, fulfilling a tradition, or salving our conscience. We are communing with God through Christ and encouraging one another. With our whole heart we sing joyfully, pray fervently, study diligently, give generously, and remember gratefully as we partake of the Supper. It's a meeting with God. We never approach it casually or absent ourselves willfully from it. We need to rediscover holy ground!

(3) Finally, there is the need in all of our lives for private moments of meditation, study, prayer, renewal and rededication. Without those times our spiritual lives will be dwarfed. We must have them as we effectively live in the community as "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:16). These are times to reflect upon who we are and why we are. They are strengthening times and growing times. We need to rediscover holy ground.

Times with God are special times. Don't neglect them. Don't ignore them. Don't forsake them. They are holy ground.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

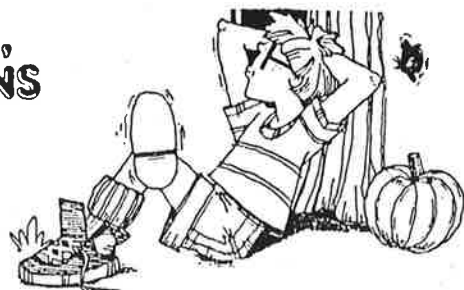
I hope each of you enjoyed the holidays this last week. It was good to take a break from our normal routines. Also, being with our families is a very special time that we can always remember. Let us try to make this a happy and thankful time to the glory of God. This should help us to realize what we have as Christians and cause us to want to share this hope with others.

Teens, our Christmas Party has been re-scheduled for Sunday, December 14. We have several things in store for that night. Be sure to attend and bring a guest. Come and help us make it a great evening.

Middle School, we will be going to Prestonwood in Dallas on Saturday, December 13. The ice skating rink will be open at 1:00 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Details will follow later on as arrangements are made.

Be friendly and courteous to everyone this week, and remember that your example reflects who you are and what you represent!

ACORNS, PUMPKINS & GOD
BY MARK LINK, S.J.



When I was a little boy my mother used to read to me. One of my favorite selections was a poem entitled "The Acorn and the Pumpkin."

It concerned a young man who walked outside one day to meditate. He came to a field of ripe pumpkins. In the field was a huge acorn tree. The young man meditated on the tiny acorns hanging down from the huge tree limbs. Then he meditated on the huge pumpkin fastened to the tiny vines. "God blundered," the young man reflected. "He should have put the tiny acorn on the tiny vines and the huge pumpkins on the huge limbs."

Then the young man lay down under the tree and fell fast asleep. A few minutes later he was awakened by a tiny acorn bouncing off his nose. The young man rubbed his bruised nose and thought: "Maybe God was right after all."



Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart

SUNDAY, December 7, 1986

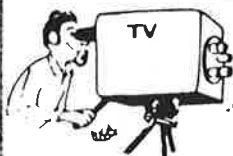
10:30 A.M. How Can We Reach The Goal?

(Acts 2:41-47)

6:00 P.M. Joy To The World

(Hebrews 2:9-18)

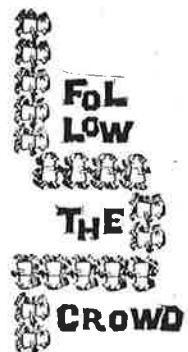
THIS IS THE SUNDAY!



THE SEARCH

WILL BE VIDEO TAPED DURING THE EVENING WORSHIP to be shown Saturday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. over KLTU, Channel 7. Be part of a large crowd and fill our building.

THE N...



To The FELLOWSHIP HALL for an ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP Bring Sandwiches, Chips and Dips, Desserts. Drinks will be furnished.

EVERYONE INVITED

Potpourri

We want to express our appreciation to the following women who cooked each Tuesday in November to prepare meals for shut-ins and elderly: Ann McCoy, Alma Biggs, Signa Stanley, Chloe Clark, and Odell Sessions.

Remember the Christmas Bazaar on December 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center at TJC. The benefits are for the East Texas Christian Academy. Children may have pictures made with Santa from 10-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here next week (sometime between Dec. 8th and 12th. Special needs are: Pineapple and Apple Juice, Chili (no beans), Pecans, Hair Brushes, Liquid Dishwashing soap (for hand washing dishes), Machine Dishwasher Detergent.

YOUNG AT HEART and CHAPEL CLASS will have their Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall December 12 at 6:30. You are reminded to bring either a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

THE SEARCH...

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Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (7) Lois Hoppers, Kelli Whitley (9) Don Weathers, Bart Lemons (10) Joni Smith, Jana Bragg (11) Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett (13) Fleta Butler, Harold Denman, Doris Terrell.



Here and There

By Wes Price

All of our pre-school through fifth grade children are invited to enjoy a Holiday Party on Saturday morning, December 13. You will be receiving a letter with proper instructions. We hope all can join us for this special occasion.

With the beginning of the new Adult class study, we have also begun providing a new study guide for each of the classes. You will receive a copy of the following week's study guide and questions each Sunday in class. If, for some reason you are absent, let your teacher know that you want a copy and one will be mailed to you. We hope you will use these reading and study guides to aid you in learning more about the lesson each week.

With Thanksgiving now behind us, we are thrust squarely onto the pursuit of the biggest holiday season of the year - Christmas and New Year. We would do well to remember that all of the pleasure we derive out of this most festive occasion will be in direct proportion to having the proper attitude toward it. And that attitude relates to a spirit of thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings. And that attitude can easily be expressed in remembering to be as charitable with God as we are with our families and friends. It is hard to give without expecting something in return. We see that in human affairs and even God promises to return our gifts to Him in abundant measure. Do we believe it? Read Malachi 3:10.

There seems to be just a hint in our statistics for attendance over the past few weeks that the gap between our Sunday morning Bible study and worship service is growing smaller. And even a suggestion of a hint in a decrease in the gap between Sunday morning attendance, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening attendance. I hope it is not premature, in calling attention to this, in suggesting that this is a healthy trend, if indeed it is such. Your involvement in this is vitally important. We can do away with the large difference at these various times of assembly, if you will do your part. It is simply a matter of your taking the initiative and being present at all occasions when the saints meet. Why not make a renewed effort to help this church and, at the same time, help yourself.

Additional Elders.

Sunday was a significant day in the history of this church. Three additional elders were appointed to join the five present elders to serve as shepherds of this flock. Jamon Kirby, Joe McBee, and Ben Young accepted the mantle and the challenge of leadership. Jay Lockhart extended the challenge to these men and their wives in a beautiful commitment service. We are pleased to let all know of the new role these men have accepted.

Responses

We are happy to add Lee and Maxine Hudspeth to the family at West Erwin. They came Wednesday evening. Their address is 1110 Chisholm Trail, telephone 561-5447.

Sunday we welcomed Doug and Cyndy McGrew who came to place membership. Their address is 919 Christopher, Whitehouse. Their telephone is 839-6420. We are happy to include them among the growing number of young couples.

Last week we failed to mention that two of the Phelps sons, Chris and Jason are members of the church.

The Sick

Kathy Culpepper was hospitalized this week for tests.

Sister Edythe Trentham is in Mother Frances.

Sister Sybil Thacker is in Medical Center.

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	Nov. 23	Week	Year
Bible School	411	415	295
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Prayer K. Max Haws
Scripture Forest McFadden
Dismiss Matt Haws

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Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Jim McCoy
Scripture Clinton Culpepper
Dismiss Wade Park

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Stan Mallory Carroll Magee
Keith Earl O'Quinn
Ken Culpepper Tim Doss

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Grant Knight Clyde Lane
Rodney Knight Dwight Leek
Marc Lemons Archie Lowry

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tim and Pam Doss
Louis and Jane Jones
Bill and Ruby McCain
Carroll and Cherrie Magee

Minibus Driver

THE MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, Nov. 30 and Wed. Eve., Dec. 3 is BILL PASCHALL, 581-7464.

Benevolent Needs

There is a desperate need for childrens clothing. Also, the pantry is in need of canned meats, rice, oatmeal (small size), canned milk (evaporated), powdered milk (small size), small packages of sugar.

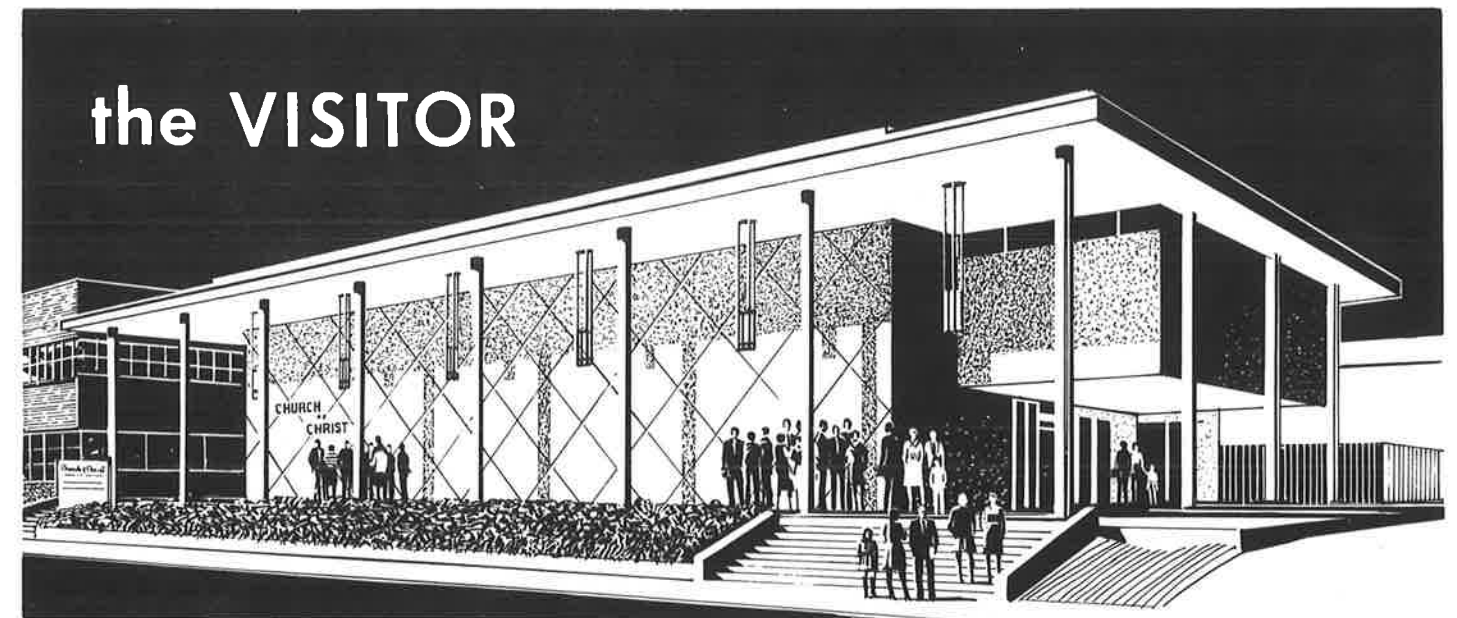
We are having many calls for help. There are many sad situations, and we can be of assistance in some areas. 38 families were helped on Tuesday.

Thank You

For all the prayers that gave us strength, the food, the beautiful cards, and for words of encouragement we are grateful. You have overwhelmed us with your love and concern. Thank you for every kindness.

The family of Artis Tate

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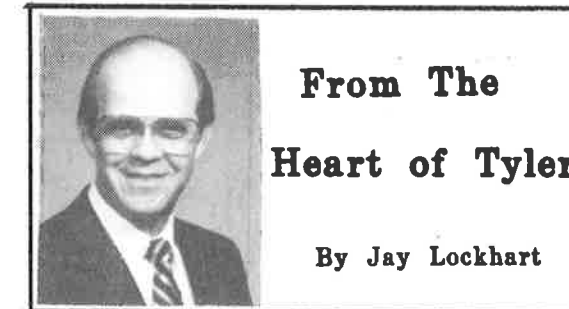
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"To the uttermost parts of the earth" -Acts 1:8

Television

During the next few weeks we will have three television specials of THE SEARCH. On Saturday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. we will have our Thanksgiving Special--The Living of Thanks, which was taped on the lake in The Woods where we live. On Saturday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. we will have our year-end special, Joy To The World, which will be taped during our Sunday evening worship on December 7. Then on Wednesday evening, December 24, we will have a special presentation during what usually is news time on Channel 7, 10:00 p.m. This program will be taped on Friday, December 19, at my home and will be entitled, If It's A Happy Time, Why Am I Sad? It is interesting that we have been invited by the television station program director to fill the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve time, and the cost for both December programs will be only slightly higher than would be one program normally. Speaking

of costs, note these facts. Television is expensive. The time, the production, the editing, the promotion--it's all expensive. Our television budget for 1987 will be about \$1,000 per week, including fifty-two Sunday programs and five prime-time specials. That's \$52,000 a year. But, let's break that down. According to the television station we have about 15,000 viewers on Sunday and 50,000 viewers of our Specials. That's a total of over one million (1,030,000) per year at a cost of \$19.80 per year per person, or 38 cents per person per week! Then there are the letters we receive, the questions we answer, the further studies we conduct and the people who are baptized. That is what makes it worthwhile. And, from a stewardship standpoint, we can't afford not to do it. Be praying! Be watching! Be inviting! The Lord will give the increase.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

What a good weekend! The High School had a retreat at Sky Ranch with Glenwood. Our speaker was Bob Utley from Abilene, and our theme was "Who Am I and Where Am I Going?" He based his lessons on the life of David and made a lot of practical applications to our lives today. The time spent together was very rewarding and beneficial. It is always good to take the time to enjoy what God has created for us. A total of thirty five attended. Twenty five were from West Erwin. My hope is that each one will apply what was learned to our everyday lives and the glory goes to God. Thanks to John and Susan Steffee for helping Friday night and to Steven Yeakley for helping to make this weekend possible.

Our next scheduled Sunday night activity will be December 7 for our youth as we will have a Christmas get-together for Middle School and High School. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. We want all to come who possibly can.

I hope you enjoy the holidays this week with your families. Remember God loves you and you are something special. Take the time this week and do so periodically to count your blessings and reach out to someone who is in need.

You are invited to watch

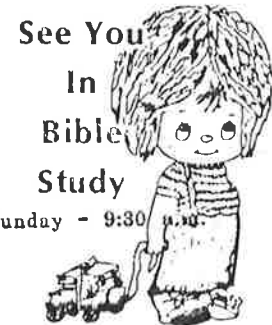
THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTW - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



BIBLE READING CHART FOR DECEMBER

1.	Hosea	3- 4	II Peter	3
2.	Hosea	5- 6	I John	1
3.	Hosea	7- 8	I John	2
4.	Hosea	9-10	I John	3
5.	Hosea	11-12	I John	4
6.	Hosea	13-14	I John	5
7.	Joel		II & III John	
8.	Amos	1- 2	Jude	
9.	Amos	3- 4	Revelation	1
10.	Amos	5- 6	Revelation	2
11.	Amos	7- 9	Revelation	3
12.	Obadiah		Revelation	4
13.	Jonah		Revelation	5
14.	Micah	1- 3	Revelation	6
15.	Micah	4- 5	Revelation	7
16.	Micah	6- 7	Revelation	8
17.	Nahum		Revelation	9
18.	Habakkuk	1- 2	Revelation	10
19.	Habakkuk	3	Revelation	11
20.	Zephaniah	1- 2	Revelation	12
21.	Zephaniah	3	Revelation	13
22.	Haggai		Revelation	14
23.	Zechariah	1- 2	Revelation	15
24.	Zechariah	3- 4	Revelation	16
25.	Isaiah	9	Luke	2
26.	Zechariah	5- 6	Revelation	17
27.	Zechariah	7- 8	Revelation	18
28.	Zechariah	9-10	Revelation	19
29.	Zechariah	11-12	Revelation	20
30.	Zechariah	13-14	Revelation	21
31.	Malachi		Revelation	22



See You
In
Bible
Study
Sunday - 9:30

We ♥
Visitors!

THANKSGIVING



"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)



In Appreciation

We sincerely appreciate the food you so graciously provided us with. All that attended enjoyed the Thursday evening meal. May we again say, "Thank you?"

In Christian love,
Scott Baker
Campus Christian Center

(We appreciate Sue Skipper and all who helped prepare the meal recently for the Tri-C.)

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

To Benefit the
East Texas Christian Academy
will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the Tri-C on the TJC Campus. Bring the children and have a cookie with Santa and a picture made.

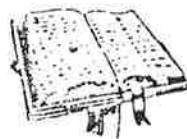
YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED

Boles Home Truck

The truck from Boles Home will be here the week of December 8th. They will be glad to use whatever we can supply. The following is a list of special needs: Pineapple & Apple juice, chili (no beans), pecans, hair brushes, liquid dishwashing soap (for hand washing dishes), machine dishwashing detergent.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (30) Cherrie Magee, Jeffrey Knight
DECEMBER (2) Brittany Haws
(3) Bradley Smith (4) Leanne Culpeper
(6) Ann McCoy



Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. A Biblical Perspective of Church Renewal
(Romans 12:1-2)
6:00 P.M. When Is The Church Mature?
(I Cor. 13:1-13)



Here and There

By Wes Price

On Sunday, December 7, all our Adult Classes will begin a new study on the Major prophets of the Old Testament. In each class this coming Sunday, we will provide study materials for each class member. We hope these will be valuable in helping Bible students with advance study. The materials will also include a daily Bible reading guide for that lesson. All of the classes will be considerably more valuable to Bible students with that advanced study. Let's help ourselves to a greater knowledge of God's Word.

We are grateful to David Frick for his teaching in the Auditorium class for this past quarter. Jim McCoy will be teaching beginning with this new quarter.

We had a good turnout for the Teacher's Meeting this past Sunday in spite of bad weather. For those who could not come, you will want to ask for a copy of the new materials that are now available for our VCR/TV use. We are thankful for those who have made this new equipment available to our Bible School.

We are excited about the continued growth of the West Erwin family. Nearly every week we have new folks placing membership with us. They add tremendously to our potential for even greater growth. It is not just the numerical growth that we are interested in, but the spiritual growth potential that each soul represents. Let's make sure that we welcome these new folks as we seek to help them serve in meaningful roles as Christians among us.

Parents of children, preschool through 5th grade, please reserve Saturday morning, December 13, for a special Holiday party. We will be giving you details of that special day later.

On Wednesday night, December 3, we will resume our regular Wednesday night classes. The Auditorium class will be taught by Jay Lockhart. John Bragg will be back in the Heritage Room (Room 110) with the singing class, and our Young Marrieds will return to the study of Ecclesiastes in Room 105/106.

If you have not been attending on Wednesday nights, by all means, let me urge you to begin. It's a wonderful time of worship, Bible study, and fellowship. Make it a part of your regular routine.

Records	Sunday Nov. 16	Last Week	Last Year
Bible School	433	415	334
Worship/A.M.	532	515	382
/P.M.	349	361	284
Wed.Eve.(12)	228	249	188
Contributions	\$10,062.80	\$9,563.69	\$8,080.98

Minibus Driver

The driver for the Minibus Sunday, Nov. 23 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 26 is FARREL WHITLEY, 597-4006.

New Members

Add to your church directory two additional families who came Sunday morning to be identified with the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome each family.

Dennis and Judy Phelps and family, 1703 Kensington, Tyler (75703) telephone 581-7383. They have four children; Nancy, 18 (also a member of the church); three sons, Chris - 16, Jason - 14 and Lanny - 12.

Jay and Carolyn Vandiver, Rt. 11, Box 237 A, Tyler (75709), telephone 592-1069. They have three children; Brandon - 2nd grade, Joel - 5 years and Brianne - 20 months.

Ladies Class

The Ladies' Bible Class will not meet next Wednesday, November 26. The class will resume on Wednesday, December 3.

The Search

Jay Lockhart will speak Saturday, November 29 at 7:00 P.M. for a special Thanksgiving program of THE SEARCH on KLTU, Tyler.

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Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	
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Scripture	Ferman Carpenter
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Scripture	Ray Vannoy
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Hoyt Hughes	Louis Jones
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Carroll and Cherrie Magee	

Thank You

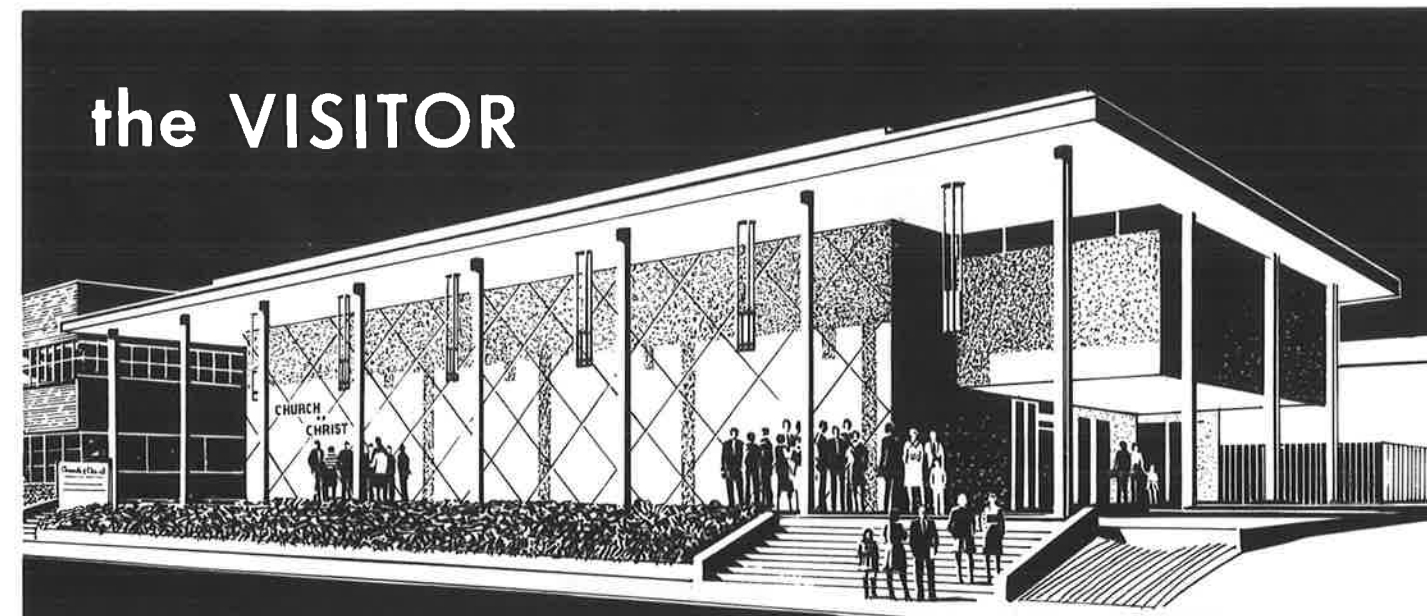
Thank you for the love shown to us during the loss of my mother. The cards, food, and flowers were truly appreciated, but most of all your Christian love and prayers will always be remembered and cherished.

Love,
Leon, Carolyn & Cheryl Welborn

New Grandson

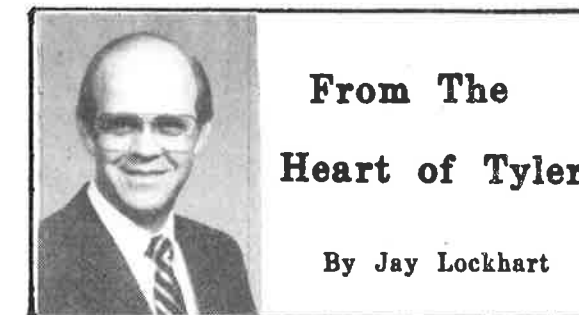
Adam Carver Lott was born Saturday in Abilene to Dee and Laurie Lott. He weighed 7 lb, 3 oz and is 23" long. The very happy grandparents are Ralph and Marian Rowe.

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"For such a time as this"
--Esther 4:14

Now Is The Time

When the Jews were under the sentence of death during the time that Esther was queen of Persia, their only hope for survival was for the Jewish maiden who had become queen to approach the king on their behalf. But to go uninvited into the presence of the king was to risk death. Yet, Mordecai, the queen's relative, entreated her to take the risk saying that perhaps the Lord had brought her to the position of queen "for such a time as this."

Have you thought of the fact that, as a congregation of God's people, we have been abundantly blessed in so many ways! Our membership is made up of a beautiful balance of young and old; we have an abundance of material blessings; we have multi-talented

people; we have dedicated Bible class teachers; we are in the process of adding three men to our eldership; we have a multitude of people who are willing to serve in a variety of ways; and over the last few months nearly 100 new members have been added to our family. The people who are coming to us are quality folks who are willing to be actively involved in the work of Christ. A spirit of love and unity prevails. Everything is in place for us to do our greatest work. Surely God has brought us together at this time and at this place to significantly use us in the world's greatest work--His work. We mustn't fail Him, for no doubt we have been brought to the kingdom "for such a time as this."

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

When is the last time your remember a large group of young people meeting together for fun, fellowship and singing? Sunday night the youth from several congregations here in town met at Rosedale Skating Rink for such an occasion. It was great to be a part of this activity. Thanks goes to several who made this activity possible. More of these activities are planned for the future. Come and be a part. We wish all of you would do so.

Also, the Middle School was hosted by the Wayne Harrisons on Sunday evening, and from the looks of faces they had a great time. I believe they learned how to play some new games. We have a lot of young people and we should be thankful for each one. Keep them in your prayers along with every member in order that we all will place God first in our lives.

The High School will have, in conjunction with Glenwood, a retreat at Skyranch this weekend (Nov. 21 & 22). We will meet at the building at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and return to the building at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday. We have a large number signed up to go, and we are looking forward to a good weekend!

Look around you this week to someone who is in need and try to be helpful to that person.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (28) Norma Holcomb, Wade McDonald, Chloe Clark (29) Cherrie Magee, Jeffrey Knight.

Video Tapes

Because of Sam Bailey's good work we now have three video tapes in the church office available for you to check out and view in your home. They are:

- (1) SPECIALS OF THE SEARCH by Jay Lockhart
Spring, 1986 * Summer, 1986
- (2) GOSPEL IN SONG - Ray Walker
September 1, 1985
- (3) GEORGE STEPHENSON
This is a tape of the last two Sunday Morning Worship Sermons as he prepared to leave West Erwin as Pulpit Minister.
Taped September 20 & 27, 1981

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the church building for brother Artis Tate. We express our sympathy to sister Tate and all members of their family.

We extend our sympathy to Leon and Carolyn Welborn in the death of Leon's mother, Mrs. R. S. Welborn. Services were conducted Saturday in Greenville.



Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart

- 10:30 A.M. Ordination of Elders
(Acts 14:21-23)
- 6:00 P.M. Reaching Jerusalem and Beyond
(Acts 1:108)

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
To Benefit the
East Texas Christian Academy

Will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the Tri-C on the TJC Campus.

If you are making items for this event, you may bring them to the church office and they will be picked up and stored until the 6th.

Your Help Is Appreciated

In Appreciation

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, and the delicious food you sent me during my illness. I am improving each day and hope to be back in church soon. God's blessings to all of you. Jo Northcutt

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the beautiful floral arrangement and your kind expressions of sympathy at this tragic moment in the death of our only brother, A. C. Williams. Please pray for us that we may be able to bear this grief.

Pauline Daughtry
Grace Greer
Rosa Lee Mitchusson

A special thanks to the Young At Heart, Benevolent group, ladies who prepare food on Tuesdays, Ladies' Bible Class, the Adult class, and all others who sent cards and food. Your prayers, I know, were answered. I especially want to say, what I hope you know, I'm much more grateful than words can show.

Leona McElroy

Thanks to everybody for all the calls, visits, cards and pot plant I received during my stay in the hospital. Also, I want to thank the Brother's Keeper Unit for the food. It was so thoughtful of each of you. God bless you. Ginger Metcalf

"Small" Talk

SUNDAY NIGHT

Bible Hour
(Nov. 16)

28 Children
&
6 Teachers

Preschool
(Nov. 16)

25 Children
&
4 Teachers

Classes & Teachers for December, January, February

Early Childhood - Supervisor: Carolyn Welborn

Age	Room	Sunday	Teachers	Wednesday	Room
2 Year Olds	102	Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles	Martha Waggoner		102
3 Year Olds	107	Rhonda Haws	Ann Nail		107
4 Year Olds	208	Carolyn Paschall	LéAnn Knight (4's & 5's)		202
Kindergarten	202	Juliene Butler Marisa Butler			

Primary - Supervisor: Nancy Bragg

1st Grade	215	Linda Marts	Billye Usrey		215
2nd Grade	206	Wanda Weathers	Kim Lemons (2nd & 3rd)		204
3rd Grade	204	Fran Starns			

Junior - Supervisor: Jan Knight

4th & 5th Grades	214	Tony Adams	Billie Bob Hickman		214
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Here and There

By Wes Price

With the coming of December, we will begin a new quarter of teaching in all of our Adult Classes. This quarter we will be studying the Major Prophets of the Old Testament. We believe this will be a valuable study in helping us understand the meaning of their purpose in their historical setting, as well as, to better understand their predictions concerning the coming of Christ.

Teachers, you will find a copy of the new rotation for the children's classes elsewhere in our bulletin. Materials for the new quarter are in the classrooms. We are experiencing new growth in all our Bible classes, so let's welcome these and help them find their place in a study of God's Word.

May I call your attention to two very important meetings to be held this Sunday afternoon. All teachers, preschool through fifth grade, who are presently teaching and those on the schedule for the quarter to begin in December are urged to attend the meeting on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We have new materials to tell you about as well as other important matters to discuss. Please join us.

The other meeting is for those who are members of the Education Committee. Your meeting will be held in my office at 4:00 p.m.

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Records	Sunday Nov. 9	Last Week	Last Year
Bible School	415	416	323
Worship/A.M.	515	532	460
/P.M.	361	337	NC
Wed.Eve.(5)	249	268	NC
Contributions	\$9,563.69	\$10,085.66	\$10,170.36

Minibus Driver

The driver for the Minibus Sunday, Nov. 16 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 19 - JIMMY HARRIS, 592-9780.

The Sick

Sister Stella Buckner is a patient in Medical Center.

Brother Artis Tate is very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Henry McRuiz went home Tuesday from the hospital. He will have a long period of convalescence.

Sister Audie Grier has gone home from Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ginger Metcalf is at home recovering from surgery.

Sister Zorado Sherman entered Doctors Memorial last week.

Sister Halene Crawford, sister of brother Paul Hancock was scheduled to have surgery on Thursday in Mother Frances. She is from Center, Tex.

Sister Carolyn Miller has been ill for several weeks suffering from pneumonia. She is at home.

Serving Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Leon Welborn
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Scripture Freeman Morgan
Dismiss Harold Browning

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Leon Welborn
Prayer Tony Adams
Scripture David Lovejoy
Dismiss Wally Dawkins

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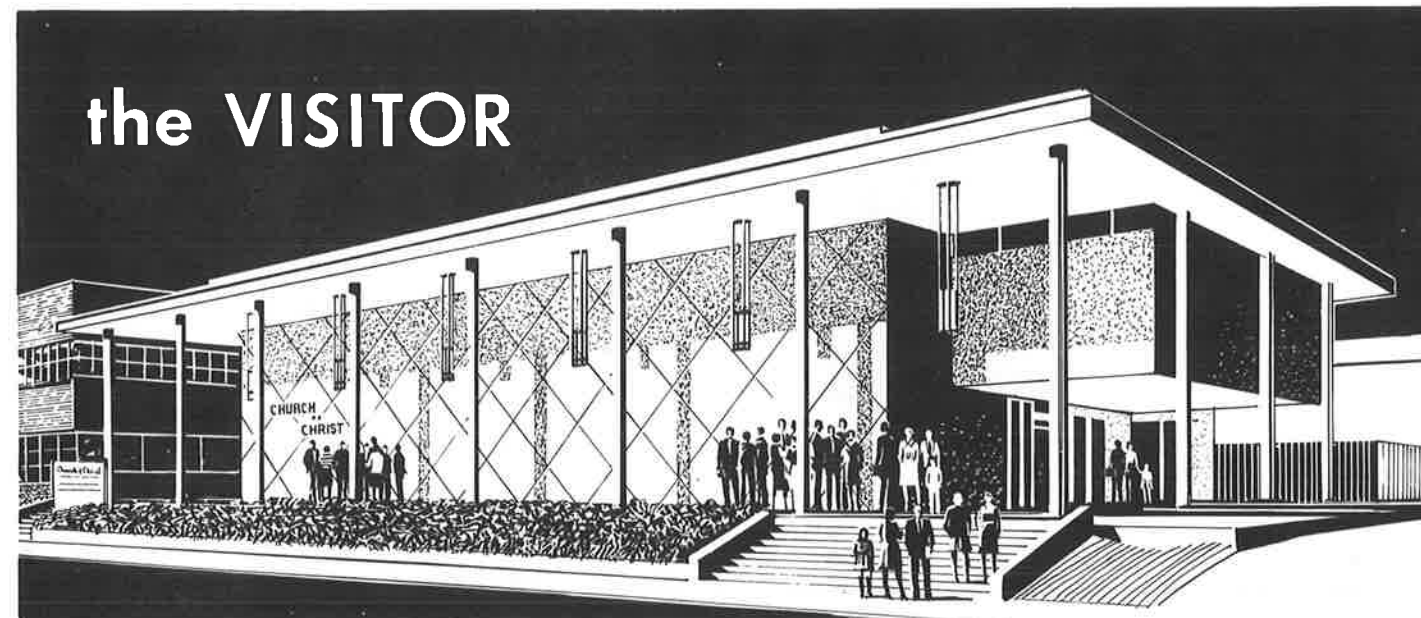
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Cole Bennett Marc Lemons

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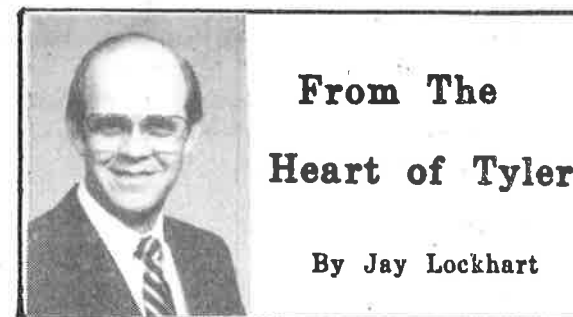
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*"Putting you in remembrance"
--2 Peter 1:13*

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THE SEARCH

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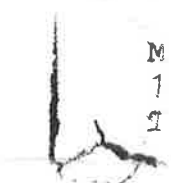
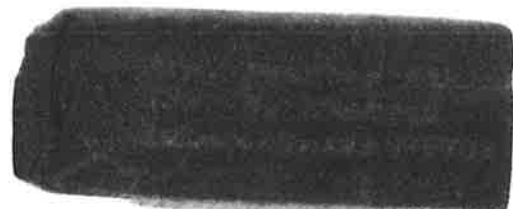
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One Another

Over the past several weeks we have studied in the sermons some of the New Testament passages which use the Greek word ALLELON, translated "one another." These passages emphasize how we can practice love for each other, thus allowing men to know we are disciples of Christ (John 13:35), and how we can be united in Christ, to the end that the world may believe that God sent Jesus (John 17:20-21). Let's remember those studies and put them into practice so that an unbelieving world will know who we are and who Jesus is. Do you remember?

We are "members one of another" (Romans 12:5).

"Be devoted to one another" (Romans 12:10).

"Honor one another" (Romans 12:10).

"Be of the same mind with one another" (Romans 15:5).

"Admonish one another" (Romans 15:14).

"Showing forbearance to one another" (Ephesians 4:2).

"Be subject to one another" (Ephesians 5:21).

"Serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

"Bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2).

"Encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:25).

The "one another" passages are so basic, so fundamental, so far reaching. Reread them, restudy them, accept them, practice biblical love and unity and then experience the difference!

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a

David Lovejoy



The Middle School was hosted by Tim and Pam Doss Sunday night. Thanks goes to them for allowing us to come into their home. For the last few times together, they have been viewing a video program entitled "That's Entertainment." This is produced by Randy Gill and Jeff Walling from the church in California. It is done in a manner in which one starts to ponder about what one views as entertainment. It is good to see that our brotherhood is still concerned about the welfare of our youth. Let us all examine what we view, listen to and read in the future.

If you are planning to attend the campout this weekend, please contact me. This will help in preparing the food. This will be a time of fun and fellowship.

Upcoming Events This Week

- Nov. 13 - High School at Tri C
5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14 -15, Father/Son Campout
(Powell's)
- Nov. 16, High School to Rosedale
Skating Rink
7:30 - 9:30 (Bring Munchies)
Middle School - Fellowship Hall
(Harrisons will be with you.)

Take the time to do something good for someone else this week. This will help us all to think of others instead of self only.

Toddler Nursery

A teacher is needed for the Toddler Nursery for Sunday evenings. If you can help in this area, please contact Matt Haws.

Potpourri

Thank You

A note of thanks for the 17 handmade quilts and winter clothes that you have given us. We want you to know how very grateful we are for your thoughtfulness.

The boys and girls at Foster Home thank you and invite you to visit us whenever you can.

Charles Hampton, Executive Director

In Appreciation

We want to thank you for your much needed contribution to the Campus Christian Center. As the campus continues to grow, the opportunities for our work to increase are many. This can only be done with the help of congregations like you. May we say thank you again.

Charles Stelling

Boles Home Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of December 8th - 12th. They will be glad to use whatever we can supply. The following is a list of special needs: Pineapple & Apple juice, chili (no beans), Pecans, Hair Brushes, Liquid Dishwashing Soap (for hand washing dishes), Machine Dishwasher Detergent.

New Telephone Number

Fred and Betty Strait have a new telephone number, 595-4895.

SING SONG IN TEXARKANA

You are invited to the 20th Annual Gospel Hour Sing Song Till Midnight Friday night, December 5 - 7:00 P.M. till Midnight sponsored by Walnut Street Church of Christ in Texarkana, Texas, V. E. Howard, Director. Special guest singers: Harmony Boys Quartet, Ark-La-Tex Youth Chorus, Harding University A Cappella Chorus. Come and be one of the 1500 voices of congregational singing.

CHRISTMAS SALE
Saturday, November 22
9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Campus Christian Center
on TJC Campus

Proceeds to benefit
CHRISTIAN SERVICES
of EAST TEXAS

Sympathy

Ray and Dell Lott were in Texarkana on Monday to attend the funeral service of Roy Reynolds. He was the husband of Dell's sister. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home for John Melvin Steele. He was the husband of Katie Heath's sister. They attended the church in Whitehouse and were former members of West Erwin. We express our sympathy to the family.

In Appreciation

Thank you for your concern for me. I love all of you and am grateful for your visits, the cards of encouragement, and especially your prayers.

Henry McRuiz



Happy Birthday

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

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, November 16, 1986
 By Jay Lockhart
 A.M. The Purpose of The Church
 Ephesians 3:20,21
 P.M. So Mightily Grew The Word of God
 Acts 6:7; 12:24; 19:20



Here and There

By **Wes Price**

My wife and I had the opportunity to visit with the church in Cameron this past Saturday. The elders invited me to present material on the unique VBS we use each summer. O. E. Davis is the minister and he had a good number present for the workshop. We wish them well in using this excellent approach to teaching children.

Beginning with the first Sunday in December all our adult classes will be teaching about the Major Prophets in the Old Testament. Materials will be mailed soon to each of the teachers. We look forward to an excellent study. Classmembers will have advance material for personal study each week.

We are grateful for the increase in attendance at all our Bible study and worship assemblies. As we have said before, we are not interested in numbers only, but for each person present, there is a soul represented. It is of personal benefit to that individual as well as an encouragement to others who come. In addition to the increased attendance of our own members, we continue to be blessed with a large number of visitors. Many of these are considering West Erwin as church home. Let's encourage them to make that decision.

I visited with two sections of our Children's Bible Hour this past Sunday night and want you to join me in extending a word of thanks to those who serve in these two vital classes. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone and Ray and Gail Vannoy teach the older children. Nelda Browning, Frances McBee, Julienne Butler, and Carolyn Philpot teach the preschool children. These are outstanding classes of this special type. They are part of the quiet, but effective work that sometimes goes unnoticed. Parents, please help me encourage these teachers.

Thanks to the efforts of Stan Mallory, the West Erwin church now has a computer to add to its resources. We appreciate his work in securing it. We will be undergoing a learning process as we seek to put it to work helping with the various administrative chores it can do. We have several men who are trained and capable of making the best use of it.

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/P.M.	337	345	290
Wed.Eve.(29)	268	235	163
Contributions	\$10,085.66	\$8,891.70	\$9,660.69
	(Special 825.00)		

Minibus Driver

The Minibus driver for Sunday, November 9 and Wednesday Evening, November 12 - Gary Broome, 592-2289.

The Sick

Sister Audie Grier went home last week from the hospital, but was hospitalized again on Tuesday morning. She is in Mother Frances.

Sister Ginger Metcalf underwent surgery on Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Ed Hunt is scheduled to have surgery on his arm on Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Thelma Bennett remained in Mother Frances Hospital over last weekend, but she hopes to be at home by the time you read this.

Brother Henry McRuiz underwent back surgery on Tuesday afternoon. He is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother E. H. Smith of Winnsboro was transferred Sunday to Mother Frances Hospital. His condition has improved and he hopes to go home on Friday.

Children's Home Truck

The truck from the Medina Children's Home came Tuesday to collect what we had for them. \$125.00 in peppers and school supplies was picked up.

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Scripture Dale Blackstone
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Dismiss Mike Culpepper

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Response

We are happy to welcome Mark and Angel Gregory into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church family. Their address is 1909 Shiloh Road, Apt. #63, Tyler (75703). Angel is the daughter of Ferman and Lucille Carpenter.

Sympathy

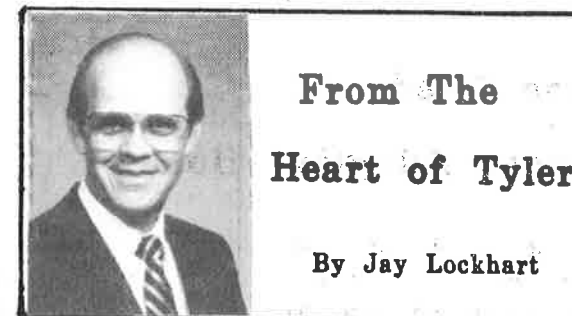
We extend our sympathy to Molly Ferguson in the death of her father. Many in the congregation know Molly and her family.

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Last Sunday Arlene, Terry and I spent a most enjoyable day with the 29th and Yale church in Tulsa as they emphasized Family Day. We worked with this church from 1972-1976 and first did THE SEARCH over KLVU-TV. Renewing old friendships and making new ones are the heartwarming results of meetings like this one. I preached at the Bible class hour, at the morning worship period, and, following a wonderful lunch, at a special 1:00 p.m. service, which closed the activities for the day. It was good.

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Our Bible class and worship service attendance has been just great over the past two weeks, and our contribution was over \$10,000 last Sunday. These facts are most encouraging to all of us. Let's keep it up!

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I have missed preaching at West Erwin the last two Sundays. My thanks to Wes Price for filling in so admirably in preaching and to Jim Usrey for teaching my Bible class last Sunday. This Sunday we will return to our series on the One Another passages of the New Testament and complete the series with two sermons:

A.M. Encourage One Another (No.1)
P.M. Encourage One Another (No.2)

"So fight I, not as one
that beateth the air"
--1 Corinthians 9:26

Effective Or Efficient

"Efficient," as used here, means "doing with perfection what doesn't need to be done." "Effective" means "performing imperfectly, but accomplishing what needs to be done." Are we effective or efficient? A very efficient father planned a family day in which he scheduled what each member of the family would do every hour of the day. In the midst of the father's meticulous plans his little boy ran up and said, "Hey Dad, are we having any fun?" The father might have been efficient, but he wasn't very effective. In the work of the local church we must be careful that we are effective, not just efficient. The work of the church is the salvation of the lost. To this end we are to preach the gospel, perform acts of benevolence, and edify the body. Various programs may help us fulfill our work, but our work is not the programs. We may be very efficient in our programs, but fail to be effective in our work. When a program becomes an end in itself, and we lose sight of the work, it is time to reevaluate the program. The success of no program is worth the failure of the work. So all of us--preachers, elders, deacons, teachers, committee chairmen, visitation leaders, Brother's Keeper leaders--must keep our eyes on what we are trying to accomplish, what our work is. Otherwise, the program becomes a "sacred cow" and we find ourselves spending our energies in defending the "sacred cow." Then we may be efficient, but not effective.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a

David Lovejoy



Our High School teens went to Glenwood for a combined devotional on Sunday night. We had some good food, fun and lots of singing. We want to say thanks to those who made it possible. West Erwin and Glenwood teens will be going on a retreat November 21 and 22 at Sky Ranch.

Are you ready for some time away from the hustle and bustle of your daily routine? Then mark your calendars for the annual Father/Son Camp-out to be held November 14 at the Powells'. It will be a time for fellowship and sharing in activities with your son, grandson, father or grandfather. We will start on Friday night and end Saturday morning. We will have a meal Friday evening and one on Saturday morning. A sign up sheet is posted on the Youth bulletin board. Come and be a part of all or any of the activities.

The Middle School devotional will be at the Tim Dosses this Sunday night (Nov.9). We will be taking the bus and returning at 9:00. Come and be a part of these activities that are planned for you.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer (11) Sam Bailey, Melinda O'Quinn, LéAnn Knight, Allison Broome (12) Stan Mallory, Donna Brown, Louise Culpepper (14) Morris Hallman, Kay Akin (15) Ruby Teel.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to sister Pauline Daughtery and her family. Sister Daughtery's brother, A. C. Williams, died Monday in Dallas.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR NOVEMBER

1.	Ezekiel	1- 2	II Timothy	4
2.	Ezekiel	3- 4	Titus	1
3.	Ezekiel	5- 7	Titus	2
4.	Ezekiel	8-10	Titus	3
5.	Ezekiel	11-12	Philemon	
6.	Ezekiel	13-14	Hebrews	1
7.	Ezekiel	15-16	Hebrews	2
8.	Ezekiel	17-18	Hebrews	3
9.	Ezekiel	19-20	Hebrews	4
10.	Ezekiel	21-22	Hebrews	5
11.	Ezekiel	23-24	Hebrews	6
12.	Ezekiel	25-26	Hebrews	7
13.	Ezekiel	27-28	Hebrews	8
14.	Ezekiel	29-30	Hebrews	9
15.	Ezekiel	31-32	Hebrews	10
16.	Ezekiel	33-34	Hebrews	11
17.	Ezekiel	35-36	Hebrews	12
18.	Ezekiel	37-38	Hebrews	13
19.	Ezekiel	39-40	James	1
20.	Ezekiel	41-42	James	2
21.	Ezekiel	43-44	James	3
22.	Ezekiel	45-46	James	4
23.	Ezekiel	47-48	James	5
24.	Daniel	1- 2	I Peter	1
25.	Daniel	3- 4	I Peter	2
26.	Daniel	5- 6	I Peter	3
27.	Daniel	7- 8	I Peter	4
28.	Daniel	9-10	I Peter	5
29.	Daniel	11-12	II Peter	1
30.	Hosea	1- 2	II Peter	2

9 Children Need

Permanent Adoptive Homes

Christian Services of the Southwest has 9 children who are now, or will soon be in need of immediate adoptive placement. This group of children includes children ages 1-10, male and female, as well as several sibling groups.

These children will be a blessing to any adoptive family. If you have ever considered adopting an older child we urge you to contact our office to learn more about these children, phone 351-9946.

Also, Christian couples who are interested in adoption of infants may contact Christian Services of the Southwest. Because the new maternity group home will soon be opening, the availability of more infants for placement will increase.

Spot light

Robert is a 6 year old healthy Caucasian male. He is a very attractive child of average build, blonde hair and brown eyes. His development is normal, and he is functioning well in the 1st grade. Robert has two brothers who have already been adopted and he would like some future limited contact with them. Caseworkers feel he will function well in any family composition. Robert is a child who is anxious for a forever family. He will be a joyful addition to any family.

In Appreciation

We appreciate the following ladies who have participated in the preparation of meals each Tuesday for our shutins and elderly. Ladies cooking during the month of October were: Billie Morgan, Virginia Conner, Opal Mathews, Mary Paul, Dorothy Bell and Dell Lott.

The family of Everett Taylor thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

The flowers and cards meant so much in our loss of our loved one.

Harold and Betty Taylor

We received a lovely thank you note this week from Becky Mullings in which she expressed her appreciation to West Erwin and to God for the kindnesses shown her throughout the year in her illness. We all appreciate Becky and her family.

We wish to thank the following people for providing the beautiful music for the funeral service of sister Vannie Lee. Brother John Bragg directed the singing. Participating were: Alma Faye Price, Les Carruth, Nancy McCoy, Jim McCoy, Sherryl Miles, Frances Broome, and Barbara Williams.

To each and everyone of you that visited and loved our precious mother, Vannie Lee, we offer you our deepest appreciation.

The Family of Vannie Lee

Dear Brethren,

Hello! Hope this finds your work going well. We have had rain lately. It is time for the rains to start here, and the cases of malaria will increase at the hospital.

We received two boxes from you. They were numbered 13 and 14. They contained bandages, sheets, soap and blankets. Thank you for sending these things. They will be put to good use. There is always a need for bandages at the hospital.

In Christian love,
Marcia Stapleton

P.S. Two more boxes have arrived containing sheets, baby gowns, soap and bandages. Thank you once again.



Here and There

By Wes Price

It is hard to believe that we are now in the next to the last month of 1986. Where has this year gone? As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I hope you will be especially mindful of all that God has done for you and for His family at West Erwin. He has so abundantly blessed us that we are at a disadvantage to understand it, but we can at least show our gratitude for the good things we enjoy. Later this month we will enjoy a special Thanksgiving service on Wednesday night prior to the national holiday. I hope you will make special effort to be present.

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Four men and eight women traveled on Monday to take gifts to the Foster Children's Home in Stephenville. The ladies from the Benevolent Center carried quilts, which they made, to the various cottages at this excellent child care facility. It was a great trip. We continue to be thankful for those who work so tirelessly in preparing gifts to be used by those who are less fortunate that we are.

*** **

November makes the final month in the current teacher rotation. We remind all teachers in those classes, pre-school through fifth grade, that new teachers will assume responsibility for these classes on the first Wednesday and first Sunday of December. A list of new teachers will appear in a later edition of our bulletin. Teachers will receive advance notice in the mail.

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Thank you for your generous comments about my preaching last Sunday. While it shall always remain an awesome responsibility to preach the Word of God, you make it easier by your encouraging comments.

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Advance notice is given to all who have been attending the Dobson Films on Wednesday night that the final film in the series will be postponed one week, from November 12 to November 19, because of a previously scheduled speaker on November 12. Those who have been inviting special friends to be your guests will want to tell them of the change. Our guest speaker for November 12 is Ross Dye, who will tell us of an exciting mission effort.

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Records	Sunday Oct. 26	Last Week	Last Year
Bible School	429	391	321
Worship/A.M.	539	466	354
/P.M.	345	322	NC
Wed.Eve.(22)	235	274	190
Contributions	\$8,891.70	\$8,626.79	\$7,675.12
(Special)	(825.00)	(1,700)	

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Minibus Driver

The Minibus driver for Sunday, November 2 and Wednesday, Nov. 5 will be IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

Responses

Brother Archie Kennard came on Wednesday evening of last week asking for the prayers of the church.

Tuesday afternoon Earl Clucas was baptized at the building by Wes Price. We rejoice with brother Clucas and his wife, Meeta.

The Sick

Brother Henry McRuiz will enter Medical Center Monday for surgery on Tuesday.

Sister Clara Haynes entered Mother Frances on Tuesday for eye surgery on Wednesday.


Sister Berma Earnesene Shuford is a patient in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

Sister Audie Grier is in Doctors Memorial.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTV - Channel 7
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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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Serving Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Wyndall Miller
Scripture Don Slaughter
Dismiss Robert Stokes

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Scripture Wade Park
Dismiss John Steffee

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

K. Max Haws Dick Higginbotham
Charles Harris Jimmy Harris
Bill Hensley Sam Barton

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Angel Cabrera Roy Clark
Milburn Cook Wally Dawkins
David Demic Harold Denman

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Weldon and Mary Dawson
Charles and Bettye Sue Harris
Jim and Nancy McCoy
James and Connie Sublette

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Trip Planned


A group of the benevolent workers are planning a trip to the Sherwood & Myrtie Foster Home for Children in Stephenville, Texas. Quilts that have been made by these ladies are being taken as a gift to the home. They are planning to leave together on the bus at 7:30 Monday morning. This will be an all day excursion.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

We are so fortunate at West Erwin to have multi-talented people who can and will serve whenever and wherever they are needed. Last Sunday, with almost no previous notice, Wes Price taught my class, preached at the morning service, preached the funeral of Vannie Lee in the afternoon, and then preached again on Sunday night. At 9:30 Sunday morning he had no way of knowing he would be called upon to serve in any of these ways. The reports I received stated that if someone had heard Wes, not knowing the circumstances, they would have believed it was all planned. We appreciate Wes! Also, a big thank you to Jack Paul who filled in on the spur of the moment as a song leader. We appreciate Jack's many abilities which he is always ready to use in the service of Christ.

** ** **

According to the agreement made between our elders and David Giddings three months ago when he and a large delegation of folks came to us, David will be leaving our church staff as a full time worker and

will enter business in the private sector. We are so pleased that David has worked so closely with us on a day to day basis and we are grateful to him for various projects he has undertaken, most notably our new church brochure, the SEARCH booklets and the resource class for our adult Bible teachers. We are glad that the Giddings will be worshipping with us, though David will be preaching by appointment, and we appreciate David's willingness to use his many talents to help us at West Erwin as his time permits.

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I also want to commend David and Kathy Lovejoy for the work they do with our young people. They just quietly get the job done. David also contributes much to our church staff on a daily basis. We are very pleased to have the Lovejoys with us.

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Last Sunday was a super day in attendance. With 429 in Bible study, and 539 in worship, and 345 back in the evening, we had more folks than we have had in the last several weeks...and all this with many attending homecoming at ACU. It was good!

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In the mid 70's we worked with the 29th and Yale church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This Sunday I am to be in Tulsa to speak for the Homecoming/Family Day of this church. We plan to return home Sunday evening. I'll miss seeing you this week, but plan to preach at West Erwin on November 3.

Remember also your Creator in the
days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a

David Lovejoy



Sunday was a wonderful day! We had a large crowd with many visitors. It was good to see our youth at the front as always. This is a good example for those that are visiting with us. Keep on doing this and you will benefit in a lot of ways.

Saturday was the Halloween party for our middle school and high school. We had a lot of parents who helped make it a tremendous success. Our thanks go to Carolyn Welborn for heading up the food for the evening and Phil Marts for being in charge of the building of the "spook" house. We had a lot of other people who helped in many different ways including the Keith Harrises, the Tim Dosses, the Ken Culpeppers, the Wayne Harrisons, the Kevin Womacks, the Leon Welborns and the Phil Marts. Thanks to Farrel and Michele Whitley for allowing us to use their place for this activity.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL. Our devotional will be a combined effort this Sunday with Glenwood. We will be going to their building as a group and they will be hosting it. We will be taking drinks and chips.

Sign up sheets for the following are on the bulletin board.

High School Retreat
November 21 and 22

Father/Son Campout

November 14 at Powells

High School Night at Tri-C

November 13 - 5:30-10:00 p.m.



See You In Bible School

AUGSBURG

NEWS 2,000 years Augsburg

A spiritual feast of a special kind as well as a great success was our Annual Men's Lectureship, which took place in Dinkelscherben, near Augsburg September 22-26.

We, the brethren from Augsburg, had the responsibility for the organization as well as for the whole program of this lectureship. Together with Englebert Worle, one of our most faithful and capable brothers, I worked out the whole program and assigned the various lectures and Bible classes to different preachers and teachers of the attending countries (Switzerland, Austria and Germany). Many letters had to be written since the beginning of the year. Many telephone calls had to be made to persuade speakers to help us, and countless prayers were offered in behalf of this lectureship and its outcome.

For the eighth time successively the lectureship was held in the youth hostel in Dinkelscherben, which has a capacity of 88 people. Throughout the past years, 70-75 brethren were attending. This year, however, to our big surprise, 92 attended.

Our main topic was "Christian Freedom." Some of the themes for the daily lectures included: "Christ - the beginning of freedom," "Freedom and responsibility," "Freedom in the spirit," "Freedom or slavery," "Misuse of freedom," and "The goal of freedom."

During the past several weeks, the American congregation, which meets in our church building (I preach for them every second Sunday, which I enjoy very much) had 4 baptisms, which brings the total number of baptisms for this year up to five (our German congregation had 4 baptisms so far during this year). We rejoice over these nine souls, which the Lord has added to the two congregations in Augsburg!

There was not a single week-end in September, where we did not have visitors to stay in our home. September is still a month of travelling, and many people take advantage of the beautiful weather, which we usually enjoy in the fall.

Several of our members were severely ill lately, some still are. One is Englebert Worle, who has heart problems. ...Please, pray for our sick members.

In September, Kornelia Vost, who was baptized this year, gave birth to a girl. We all rejoice over this, since this is the first child being born to one of our members in a long time. Her husband, who is not a member of the church, causes her problems wherever he can. Please pray on her behalf also.

I do not like to talk about money, and usually I do not mention it at all, but today I would like to bring to your attention what a severe problem the constant devaluation of the Dollar had become for us (over 30% in one year). Since the German congregation cannot make up for this loss, our personal income as well as our working fund is being decreased every month by one third!

Christel, the children and I send heartiest greetings and best wishes to each one of you. We thank you for your prayers, for your love and for your continued help.

The Rischers
Bulowstrasse 4
D-8900 Augsburg, West Germany

Thank You

I wish to thank each of you for your cards, delicious food, your visits and most of all your prayers.
Pauline Kennedy

The food you sent us for the Tuesday meal was very good. It really came in handy! Efforts like these are what keep the Tri-C going.

In His service,
Scott G. Baker

Medina Home Truck

One day next week (Nov.3-7), the Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be here to collect what we have for them. They have suggested that we collect Jalapeno and Chili Peppers. They are also in need of the following school supplies: Crayons and Map colors, Notebook paper, Term paper folders, Spiral notebooks, and Typing paper.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (2) Michele Whitley (3) Jewell McCoy (4) Jeff Blackstone (5) Mary Evelyn Grier, Cheryl Johnson (7) Lisa Higginbotham, Opal Matthews



East Texas Christian Academy

MAGAZINE SALES: Students at ETCA will be participating in a magazine drive to raise funds for the school. Over 500 different magazines will be offered for renewal or first-time subscription. Any special prices already offered will be honored. ETCA will receive 40% of the subscription cost. The drive begins October 23.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday, December 6th is the date set for the Christmas bazaar to be held at the Tri-C on the TJC campus. Begin now to help us by making items to sell at the bazaar.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Our preschool department will be having an Open House on Thursday night, October 30th. All parents are invited to come see what their child is learning while in our care.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Almost without fail when I list names, I leave off some that ought to be included. Last week was no exception! I failed to include the names of some of our Bible school students who had perfect attendance during our last attendance drive. I submit their names to you with sincerest apologies to them for the omission. They are Kimberly and Tiffany Sublette. I also failed to include the name of one adult who was gracious enough to go with us to the circus and not only to go, but to provide the popcorn for all who went. My apologies to Billie Usrey and my thanks for her extra effort in preparing the popcorn.

Now, on the off chance that I have overlooked others, please let me know and I will present their names in a later bulletin.

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Thank you for your generous comments about my preaching Sunday. Having to do that on the spur of the moment was, to say the least, a difficult task. Thank you for being so understanding and so encouraging.

** ** *

We were certainly blessed with a tremendous number of visitors at both services Sunday. We are grateful for the opportunity to be considered a possibility as home congregation to many of the new folks. This lays a burden on each member here, since impressions will be made that will influence these new folks decision about becoming one of us. Will you please do your part as resident ambassadors. Greet any new people warmly even if you don't know whether you have met them before. We don't want to overlook any one or any opportunity to make that good impression on these visitors.

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Homecoming at Abilene Christian University was well attended, even by a large number of folks from Tyler. We were grateful for the chance to see our kids again and spend a few minutes with them. It is always a joy to see old friends again and find out how they are doing. I have to admit that it is strange to see how much they have aged. Somehow I don't feel that old.

Take Time To Pray

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/P.M.	322	309	NC
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(Special)	1,700.00		

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 26 and Wednesday Eve., Oct. 29 - WALTER FARRER, 597-3397.

The Sick

Sister Pauline Kennedy will remain in the UT Health Center until Friday. She is recovering from surgery.

The daughter of Jeff and Alma Biggs, Becky Mullings from Richardson, underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center.

Brother Ed Hunt entered Medical Center Wednesday for surgery Thursday afternoon on his right arm.

J. R. Broome, father of Gary Broome is a patient in Medical Center. He suffered a light stroke this week.

Brother Artis Tate will complete radiation treatments this week.

See You In Bible School



Workshop

The Walnut Street church of Christ in Texarkana will conduct a Four States Area Workshop. Friday night, November 7 from 7 to 9 P.M., John Paul Blankenship of Lubbock will be featured. All parents, especially the parents of teenagers, are invited to attend. The workshop will continue through Saturday, November 8.

MINISTERS	
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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 Scripture Phil Marts
 Dismiss Jack Stringer

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 Scripture Paul Stanley
 Dismiss Cole Bennett

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 David Frick Dan Cullinan
 Morris Hallman Paul Hancock
 Gary Broome Bill McCain

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 Sam Barton Kevin Braly
 Cole Bennett John Brem
 Dale Blackstone Harold Browning

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 Charles and Bettye Sue Harris

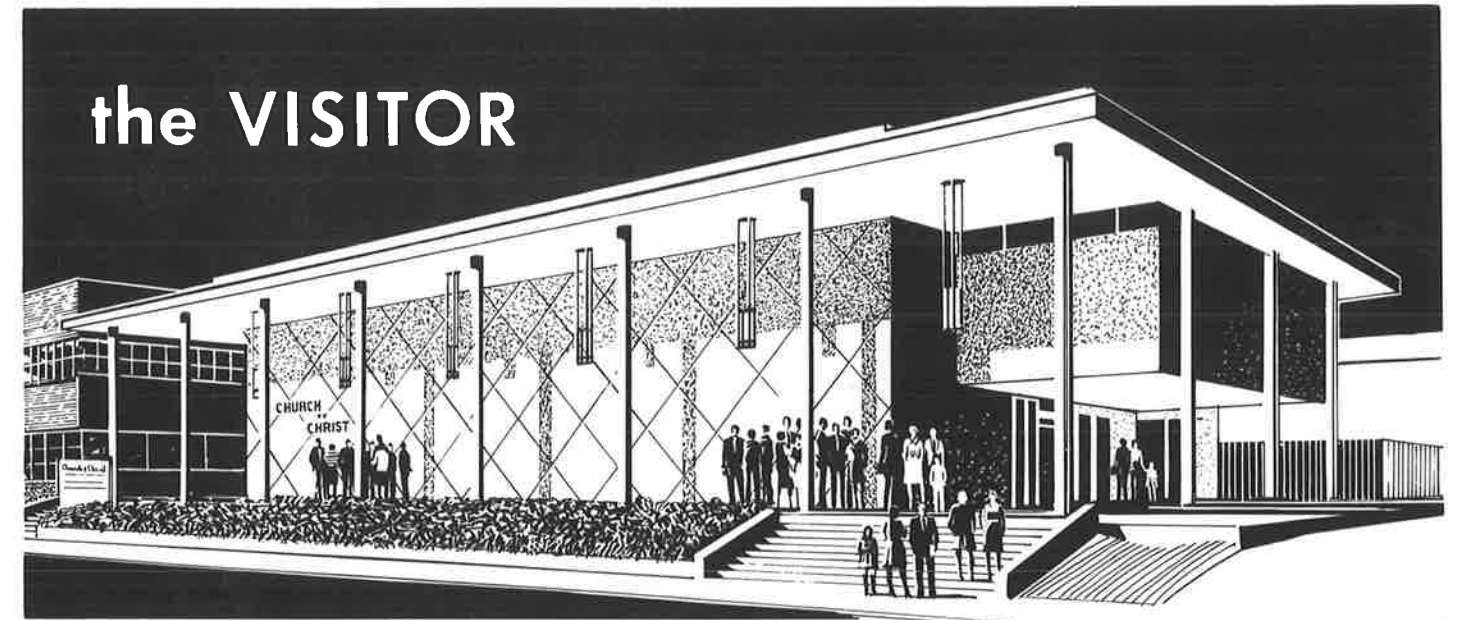
Gospel Meeting

You are invited to attend a four day meeting at the Northwest church of Christ. Wyndell Presley, their new preacher, will conduct the meeting October 26 through 29. The week night services will be at 7:30. The theme of the meeting is "Jesus Is."

Happy Birthday


OCTOBER (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, Ed Stitt (28) Ann Layton, Marc Philpot (30) Vonnie Hambley, Sallyanne Pickle (31) Tim Doss
 NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch...and...spake unto the Grecians"
 --Acts 11:19-20

Unsung Heros

William Barclay notes that Acts 11 presents the account of the first time the Gospel was preached deliberately to Gentiles. While it is true that Phillip preached to Samaritans, who were half Gentiles, and Peter preached to the Gentile, Cornelius, but he was led to do that. Acts 11 is the first attempt to reach Gentiles on purpose, and we are not even given the names of those who did it! Here is one of the most significant events in the early history of the church and those who led in it are nameless to us! Of course, while these men are unknown to us, they are known to Him who knows and sees all! This is what the church has always needed--people who will see that the work is done and who do not care who gets the credit. they are unsung heros. There are many workers at West Erwin who serve behind the scenes and never expect recognition, but without them we would lose much of our ef-

fectiveness. Here are some who expect no recognition but who are appreciated by many and to them we say, "Thank you." We appreciate June Walker for supervising the noon meal Tuesday at TJC; Dale and Carolyn Blackstone for all they did to make the Couples Retreat a great success last week end; Alan Fisher for the beautiful carpentry work around our baptistry; Ray Womack for the good job he does in benevolence and maintenance; Sam Bailey for his work in television; Les Carruth, Jack Stringer, and Cole Bennett for their work in P.A. and taping; Lowell Wiggains and Harold Browning for their Sunday afternoon work of taking Communion to Nursing Homes; all of you who give of your time, energy, and money for the welfare of others; all who serve, wanting nothing in return except the realization that the job is done; and all of you who care. God bless you.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

Several of us attended High School Day at Harding University this past week-end. We had a good trip and were thankful for the chance to go. This is one of the many ways in which our juniors and seniors can become familiar with college life on a small scale. We talked with several who were, at one time, from Tyler and to those who have family here at West Erwin. Those attending were Katie Powell, Chris Kent, Kelli Whitley, Kimberly Steffee, Cheryl Welborn, Kathy Lovejoy and myself. A special thanks to Lane Akin for teaching my class in my absence.

UPCOMING EVENTS are the Halloween party this Saturday (October 25) from 6:00 until 10:00 P.M. The bus will leave our parking lot at 5:45 and return at 10:00 P.M. If you would like to help with this activity, see me.

November 13 - High School Day at Tri-C (TJC Campus) 5:30-10:00 P.M.

November 16 - High School Skating, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

November 21 - 22 High School Retreat at Sky Ranch with Glenwood. More details will follow on these activities.

Kimberly Steffee was nominated for Homecoming Queen at Lee High School, and Joelle Bulter and Katie Powell were Homecoming Queen nominees at John Tyler.

Remember God loves you and we love you.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTU - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Benevolence Statistics

January 1 to October 1, 1986

Families served (through Benevolent building and Clothing Room)	261
With 470 children	
Families served (through church office)	65
Total Families served	326
Food Assistance (Vouchers)	\$950.00
Food from Pantry for	15 families
Assistance for Rent	\$240.00
Assistance for Utilities	\$165.00
Bus Tickets	\$184.00
Gasoline	\$31.00
Medicine	\$5.00
Temporary Shelter	\$18.00
Cash	\$38.00
Home Repairs	\$219.00
CHIMALA HOSPITAL	
Rolled Bandages	300
Swatch Bandages	3391
Diaper Shirts	85
Bed Sheets	5
Soap Pkgs.	14
Dish Towels	17
Hospital Gowns	15
Clothing	24
LOCAL	
Feeding Bibs (local nursing homes)	36
Misc. Toilet Items	50
CLOTHING FOR INDIA	
Boxes of Clothing	9

Sermon Subjects

Sunday, Oct. 26 **Jay Lockhart**
A.M. Encourage One Another
 (I Thess. 5:8-11)
P.M. Accept One Another
 (Romans 15:7-13)



Potpourri

Remember, we are collecting Jalapeno and Chili Peppers for the Medina Children's Home grocery truck that will be here the week of Nov. 3 - 7. Also, they are in need of school supplies. A list is on the bulletin board.

One of our ladies left a large, round glass serving tray in the fellowship hall several weeks ago. If you know of its whereabouts, please call the church office.

The workers in the benevolent building have special need of baby and children's clothing. Coats are especially needed.

You can still pick up names and the first lesson for World Bible School.

Sympathy

We learned Tuesday that funeral services will be held on Thursday for brother Harold Taylor's father. He will be buried in Salem, Indiana. We express our sympathy to brother Taylor and his family. It has only been a few weeks since his mother passed away.

Thank You

It is not easy to express to you how grateful I am for your prayers, love and caring during this very critical time in my life, as well as for those of my family and friends in their time of need, in El Salvador.

We have had many people to call and express their concern. Even though it has been a time of grief for so many, it has brought about a special bonding, time to pull together for a common cause.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you. Please continue to remember Maya and me, as well as the rest of my family in your prayers.

Your support in every way gives me much strength.

In Christ,
P. Pablo Molina

Invitation

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Please join our family
on this joyous occasion
when our parents

Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Walker
celebrate sixty years of marriage
at a Reception in their honour

Saturday, the twenty-fifth of October

Nineteen hundred and eighty-six

from three until five o'clock in the afternoon

at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell
Tyler, Texas

No gifts please

Please consider this invitation personally yours.



Here and There

By Wes Price

Our trip to the circus was great! We had twenty-eight children and seven adults who enjoyed this special outing. Our thanks to Kay Akin, Connie Sublette, Kathy Ward, Michele Whitley, and David and Kathy Lovejoy who made it all possible. We awarded special recognition to those who were present for all the classes during our contest period. They were: Tyson Akin, Cindy Carruth, Kara Whitley, Louis Giddings, Chad Frick, Leslee Womack, Garrett Sublette, Marc Usrey and Kurt Whitley. We congratulate them and express thanks to their parents who helped them achieve this worthy goal. They were awarded free tickets to the circus.

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Jay's sermons on the vital themes of loving, serving, helping one another certainly serve to remind us of the mutual responsibility we have as members of God's family. I hope all of you individually have taken note of the need to be aware of your fellow Christians in this congregation. It may well mean that some changes are necessary, and if so, then help yourself to a bigger spiritual being by working on making those changes. You will have an additional opportunity to do just that as we approach this weekend when our Brother's Keeper units meet in the various homes. Your presence is needed. Find out where you belong and be there.

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The married couples retreat this past weekend was a spiritual high. A good number traveled to Camp Bee in Marshall to spend a few hours sharpening their skills on being better parents and mates. Keynote sessions were conducted by our own Jay Lockhart, and he challenged the couples to a greater awareness of their roles as husbands and wives, fathers and mothers.

A special place of honor is reserved for Dale and Carolyn Blackstone for the tireless role they played in getting all of the details worked out for this important annual event. And while words of thanks are extended, we want to thank Ray and Carolyn Womack for seeing that we were well fed.

We ♥ Visitors!

Volume 10	October 16, 1986	Number 41	
Records	Sunday Oct. 12	Last Week	Last Year
Bible School	360	377	434
Worship/A.M.	460	477	656
/P.M.	309	357	295
Wed. Eve. (8th)	NC	261	218
Contributions	\$7,887.27	\$8,848.02	\$9,715.00

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 19 and Wednesday Eve., Oct. 22 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

The Sick

Sister Pauline Kennedy underwent surgery Tuesday in the UT Health Center. Her address is UT Health Center, P. O. Box 2003, Tyler (75710).

Brother Henry McRuiz will have tests in Mother Frances Hospital.

Continue to remember those most recently hospitalized: Foy Richey, Ruby Brem, Artis Tate, Jo Northcutt, Wyche Harris and Wyndal Miller.

Potpourri

The Lakeside Church of Christ extends an invitation to their Open House and 4th Sunday Singing from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 26.

We express our thanks to June Walker and the ladies who are helping for preparing food for the students at the Campus Christian Center on Tuesday, October 21.

The Luncheon following the Ladies' Class on Wednesday was very special, thanks to the good work done by Virginia Conner, Billie Morgan and Mary Paul. The delicious dessert was furnished by Leona McElroy and all the ladies brought salads.

We look forward to Sunday. Plan to be here for Bible School and Worship - morning and evening.

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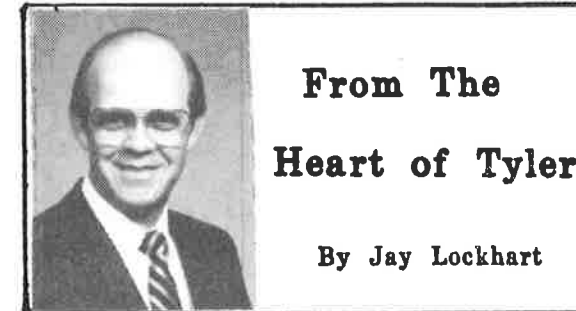
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I enjoyed four nights with the church at Malakoff last week. We had Sunday morning crowds there Monday through Thursday and it was a special treat to have Wes Price with me to lead the singing.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to Sam Bailey for using his time, talent, and equipment to video tape our Sunday telecasts of THE SEARCH and the Wednesday night series on THE NATURE OF GOD for our newly begun video tape library. Thank you, Sam.

Our elders, deacons, and preachers met on Tuesday evening for the regular monthly dinner meeting. These meetings now in their fourth month are productive of much good and make a positive, vital contribution to the work of the West Erwin church. Dr. Roger Knight is the current chairman of the elders and Leon Welborn is serving well as the deacon's chairman.

This Friday and Saturday is the designated time for our Couples Retreat at Camp Bee. The time together will be enjoyable and profitable as we work with the theme of Our Families. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone have done yeoman's work once again. Our thanks to Ray and Carolyn Womack for cooking for this gang.

"Teach all nations"
-Matthew 28:19

International Mission

Last Sunday morning our adult, college, and high school classes heard Alan Phillips of the Manhattan church in New York City present a stirring report on the work of the Lord in the "International City." People from 120 nations have visited with the brethren in New York, many have been taught, and some have been saved. This means that people from many nations have come to New York for various reasons, have heard and obeyed the gospel and have returned to their own countries as missionaries for Christ! It reminds us of the beginning day of the church when "devout men out of every nation under heaven" were assembled in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5). When three thousand of these people obeyed the gospel on that day, they were prepared to return home as missionaries to share their new-found faith. I am impressed by the fact that among those being taught in New York, there are people from Poland, North Vietnam, China, et.al. Men who have played a vital role in the New York mission include Burton Coffman, who preached for so long there and raised a tremendous amount of money to purchase the church property there, and Loyd Rutledge, who served so well as an elder of the Manhattan church and who now, of course, is a member at West Erwin. It is thrilling to have a part in this work which is truly an International Mission.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

I am excited at the many good activities that we as Christians can become involved in while at this congregation. It is good to see people excited about doing the Lord's work to His glory. Let's all pray and study to see what God wants us to do in order to have fellowship with Him and also with one another.

I have been meeting with the local youth ministers and youth workers in order to plan some activities involving the youth. As a result, there will be an area wide skating party for our High School on Sunday, November 16, 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. at Rosedale Skating Rink. More details will follow later on. Also, the Middle School will be having a get-together later on this quarter. It is our aim and purpose to acquaint you with Christians that you come in contact with every day and help you to learn to love the Word of God in order to carry it out in your daily life.

Thanks to the Carruths and Whitleys for helping with the Middle School activity Sunday night. We had a good number to attend and we appreciate your willingness to participate. Middle School and High School will meet this Sunday night for a combined activity.

Remember the Halloween party, October 25.

Medina Home Truck

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of November 3 - 7. It has been suggested that if we prefer to collect one item, they have suggested JALAPENO AND CHILI PEPPERS. A 6 month supply is 120 bottles. The following school supplies are also needed:

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| Map colors & Crayons | 75 sets |
| Notebook paper | 450 pkgs (200 count) |
| Spiral notebooks | 160 notebooks |
| Term paper folders | 500 folders |
| Typing paper | 100 pkgs (100 count) |

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Please join our family on this joyous occasion when our parents Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Walker celebrate sixty years of marriage at a Reception in their honour Saturday, the twenty-fifth of October Nineteen hundred and eighty-six from three until five o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell Tyler, Texas

No gifts please

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Hot Horseshoes

A proud young fellow walked into the village blacksmith shop just after the smithy had tossed a red-hot horseshoe on the ground to cool. Noticing it lying there, the young man bent down and picked it up...only to drop it in haste.

"Kind of hot, isn't it, son?" asked the blacksmith.

"No, not hot," said the fellow, hiding his burned fingers. "It just doesn't take me long to look at a horseshoe."

I've done that--made a mistake and been too proud to admit it. I've handled some hot horseshoes and burned my fingers, but then harbored my hurt to myself rather than confess it. After all, if you burn your fingers, you look kind of vulnerable and perhaps weak. And who wants folks to see behind our masks of competency and self-sufficiency and righteousness?

When we handle hot horseshoes, how much better to simply say, "I was wrong. I admit it." Confess your sins to one another." (James 5:16).

Pride is a cruel taskmaster. It prevents us from being ourselves. It hinders us from relating to others. It robs us of the liberating joy of cleanness in God's sight.

Next time we handle hot horseshoes let's be willing to allow the Lord to wash away our pride and to admit our wounds and flaws and weaknesses to one another and to God. Healing follows confession and prayer (James 5:16). --John Scott

Congratulations

David and Wanda Frick are grandparents of a baby boy, Brandon Kyle Ross, born last Friday in Abilene to Kelly and Jeannie Ross. The baby weighed 6 lb., 12 oz.

Justin Wayne Humphrey was born Sunday in Huntsville to Russell and Tish Humphrey. He weighed 8 lb., 6½ oz. and is 22¼ inches long. Leroy and Betty Humphrey are the grandparents.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (19) Mary Haws, J. D. Brem, Bill McCain (20) Dorothy Bell, Fred Powell, Carolyn Miller (22) Cora Humphres, Marc Lemons, Edythe Trentham Jonathan Bragg (23) Carolyn Stitt (24) Christi Cook, Kim Lemons, Sam Barton, Sue Giddings (25) Loyd Rutledge.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,


My family and I thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, and food during my illness. We appreciate your thoughtfulness so much.

Al and Betty Fuller
Jay and Debbie Graham

You are invited to watch

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World Bible School

We have received a new list of names from World Bible School. We need many teachers to come by the office and pick up a group of names and the first lesson. The church will take care of the postage. This is a very important work and your help is needed.



Here and There

By Wes Price

Parents, help me by reminding your children of our plans for the trip to the circus on Monday, October 20. We will be checking with teachers in all the classes to determine those who achieve perfect attendance to qualify for a bonus ticket to that event. We want to take all children in the preschool through fifth grade classes, so mark that date and time. We will announce departure time on Sunday.

I have never heard of a "half-party," but Sunday night I had the opportunity to go to one. It was a celebration of the Children's Bible Hour for our primary grade students and it was hosted by their teachers, Dale & Carolyn Blackstone and Ray & Gail Vannoy. It was to mark the half way mark in their survey of the Bible. They have completed the first half, the Old Testament. The meal was served on half a place and food items were served in halves. The best part of the party was the demonstration the teachers gave of their classroom activities. Our youngsters have been challenged to learn a lot about the Bible that some of the adults never learned. It was a delight to watch them answer questions on Old Testament subjects and people. We commend these couples for the good work they are doing with this segment of our Bible school program.

The Pre-School segment of the Children's Bible Hour continues its good work under the direction of Nelda Browning and Frances McBee. That group has grown so much in the past weeks that it has been divided into two groups. That's the kind of growth we're thankful for.

Brother Joe McBee has mentioned that we will be having our in-home Brother's Keeper meetings on the final Sunday night of this month, October 26. I hope you will plan on meeting with your group. These meetings serve a vital function in the body life of the congregation in deepening our understanding and appreciation for each Christian who is a member of the body of Christ at West Erwin. These meetings are really the closest substitute for the practice of the first Century Christians in their meeting regularly "from house to house." Let's let it have its best in supporting it, if not for our own use, then for the help of "one another."

Records	Sunday Oct. 5	Last Week	Last Year
Bible School	377	405	315
Worship/A.M.	477	463	404
/P.M.	357	343	NC
Wed. Eve. (1)	261	215	182
Contribution	\$8,848.02	\$9,270.35	\$9,102.04

Minibus Driver

Driver for Sunday, October 12 and Wednesday Evening, October 15 - CLINTON CULPEPPER
Telephone 877-3956

Responses

Following the lesson Sunday morning, Vivie Canter and Diann Leek asked for the prayers of the church. We commend them for their devotion.

The Sick

Brother Artis Tate was dismissed from the hospital on Monday and will continue his treatments as an outpatient.

We have several in nursing homes who need our visits: Bernice Majors and her husband are in the Clairmont. Also, Wyche Harris is now in the Clairmont. Ola Dunwoody and Lois Hoppers are in Southview, Edythe Trentham and Mary Locke are in Leisure Lodge, Dovie Norsworthy and Vannie Lee are in Glenview. Zorado Sherman, Ella Mae Grayson and Ethel Parker are residents of Tysen House.

We also have several who are confined to their homes: Jo Northcutt, Tommie White, Bessie Willis, Weldon Keith, Stella Buckner, B. E. Walker. Perhaps there are others we need to remember with regular visits.

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Welcome C. B. Hardin
Prayer Carroll Magee
Scripture David Demic
Dismiss Wyndall Miller

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Prayer James Phillips
Scripture Wayne Harrison
Dismiss Gary Ables

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Roy Clark Milburn Cook
Angel Cabrera Wally Dawkins

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Jeff & Alma Biggs
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone

Ladies' Class Luncheon

On Wednesday of next week, the Ladies Bible Class will have a salad luncheon following the class period. All ladies are asked to bring a salad, and you may invite your husbands. Sister Leona McElroy plans to bring dessert. Come and enjoy the class and fellowship together.

A grateful mind
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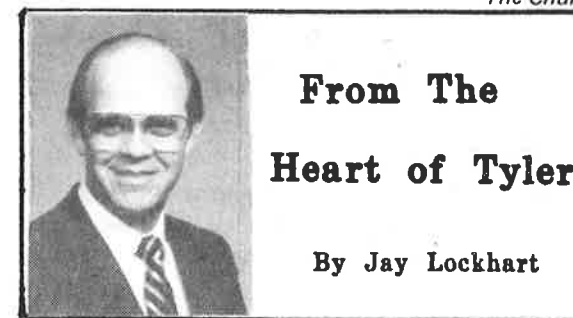
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



Last year the West Erwin church celebrated its 100th year of service from the Heart of Tyler. During the year pictures, printed articles, furniture used in former buildings, and other interesting materials were collected and displayed. Now these things have all been placed in one room, which was formerly called the "Annex," but which will be known as our "Heritage Room." A special thanks to Nelda Browning who has brought all of this together to remind us of our rich heritage as we reflect upon the past, and as we build upon our heritage to reach even greater heights in a glorious future. We have begun. Let us continue. As we continue, may we remember that the future is now--and what an exciting now it is! With Samuel we raise here our Ebenezer and say, "The Lord has helped us" (I Samuel 7:12), and with Moses we say to our friends and brethren, "Come with us and we will do you good." (Numbers 10:29).

Alan Phillips

Visits

This Sunday

Alan Phillips will speak to a combined adult class in our auditorium at 9:30 A.M.

Alan works with the Manhattan church in New York City with emphasis upon reaching the international population of New York with the Gospel of Christ. Hear him Sunday during our Bible Class Hour.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

Have you observed the handiwork of God lately? The birds in their daily routine - the squirrels running about - the wasps as they are going into hibernation. Each one of these are preparing for the coming of winter. Each season of the year has special meaning to us and makes us change our daily routines. The animals have all they need in their daily survival along with everything God has created. Yet, we have it even better as God's special creation. Let us rejoice!

We had a large number to attend the High School Devotional at the Blackstones. We also had some visitors for which we are grateful. Also helping were Fleta Butler and Sherryl Miles. Thanks to all of you for your help.

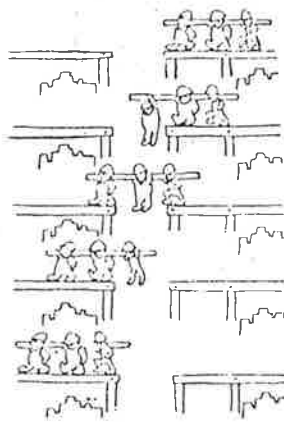
The Middle School will have their devotional October 12. The Carruths and Whitleys will be helping that night. Remember to encourage all to come who are in this age group.

Plans are being made for all of you (Middle School and High School) for a Halloween party on the 25th of October. More details later.

Gospel Meeting

The North Tenneha Church of Christ will begin a Gospel Meeting, October 12 with Evangelist Franklin Florence from Rochester, New York. The meeting will continue through Oct. 15. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. Sunday, Oct. 12th will be their Friend and Family Day.

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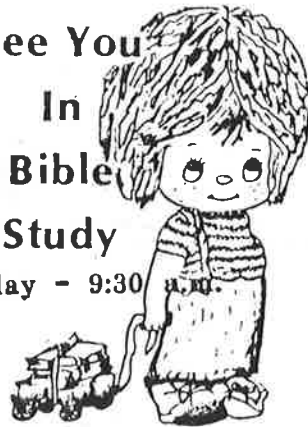


Jay Lockhart

- A.M. Bear One Another's Burden
(Galatians 6:1-5)
- P.M. Serve One Another
(Galatians 5:13-17, 24-26)

See You In Bible Study

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.



Potpourri

We want to thank Forest McFadden who has been so faithful in using his equipment each week to produce a master cassette tape of THE SEARCH from the tape we received from the TV station. The station is now providing this service, but we are especially grateful to Forest for his contribution to THE SEARCH.

We want everyone who teaches on Wednesday night to have an opportunity to see the film, "Turn Your Heart Toward Home," so we will be showing it at 1:00 o'clock each Wednesday afternoon. If this time is not available to you, please call Wes and he will try to arrange another time for you.

The Clothing Room in the Benevolent Building has an abundance of adult clothing. We have a special need at this time of children's and infant's clothing.

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here, November 3-7. If we want to collect one item, they have suggested Jalapeno and Chili Peppers.

Thank You

To all who paid their respects or showed their concern at the death of our "dear aunt," we thank you so much. We love you all.

The Blackstones

Your love and concern shown to us while Foy was in the hospital is appreciated. Thank you for your prayers, visits, and cards. It is truly a blessing to be part of God's family.

Foy and Mary Richey

Couples Retreat

The Couples Retreat is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18. Some of the couples are in need of "Weekend Grandparents." If you are able to help care for children over the weekend, please sign the sheet in the south foyer. Please indicate the age child you would like to keep from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon.

Happy Birthday

October (12) Mary Dawson, Allen Bobbitt (13) Elva Lee Williams, Brady Dawkins, Buddy Bell (15) John Steffee (16) Audie Grier, Sandra Henry (17) Charles Lemons, Dannie Skipper, Dan Cullinan.

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Houseparents Needed

A mature Christian couple is needed to serve as houseparents for a new group home for unwed mothers sponsored by Christian Services of the Southwest, a Church of Christ sponsored program in Dallas. Competitive salary and benefits. Call Bill Moore at (214) 592-3850 in Tyler or Dale Wilson at (214) 351-9946 in Dallas.



Here and There

By Wes Price

I have enjoyed the privilege of leading singing for the meeting that Jay conducted this week in Malakoff. This is another in the series of area communities which take advantage of the work Jay is doing with the TV program, THE SEARCH. It is always a joy to hear folks compliment his preaching on that program, and there is simply no way to measure the good that the program does. I hope you will continue to give encouragement to him on this effort.

There will be a "Half Party" for the Bible Hour children and their families on Sunday night. The children have now studied every book in the Old Testament. They are half way through God's Word, and we are proud of them. All children and parents are invited to join the Blackstones and Vannoys on Sunday night, October 11, in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun, and a demonstration of how much they have learned. You will be contacted during the week about what to bring. Please call if you have not been reached.

Last Sunday night's audience was great! We are coming close to having the same number on Sunday nights as we do in Bible class on Sunday morning. And another mark we are proud to mention is that we are narrowing the gap between Sunday morning Bible study and worship services. This is a great goal to work for. Of course, we will always have a number of visitors who come only for worship, but we believe that more of our folks are realizing the value of Bible class attendance. If you are one of these, we thank you. Let's keep up the growth.

Although we will have begun the film series, "Turn Your Heart Toward Home," we still want to emphasize that this will be an excellent time for you to invite your neighbors and friends to be our guests for this nationally recognized specialist on the home. Since the film begins at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall, you will need to bring your children to the auditorium first. We are arranging to have some of the teachers and teens help with them until the devotional is over and then see that they get to the proper classrooms.

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Records	Sunday	Last	Last
	Sept. 28	Week	Year
Bible School	405	390	295
Worship/A.M.	463	452	360
/P.M.	343	343	316
Wed.Eve.(24)	215	259	186
Contribution	\$9,270.35	\$8,486.88	\$8,149.46

New Members

Dr. Mark (Paige) Morris, 1307 So. Wall St.(01) came Sunday to place membership. They formerly worshipped at Hickory Knoll Church of Christ in New Orleans. Their telephone is 597-6063. They are the parents of two young children, Megan & Tyler. Terry and Kim Frick, Rt. 23, Box 927 - telephone 581-2412 came Sunday to place membership. They have formerly worshipped at Bullard. They are the parents of a young son, Chad and a baby daughter, Julie.

We are happy to welcome each family.

Congratulations

Ben and Patsy Young are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born Tuesday evening in Dallas to Rodger and Terry Young. The baby weighed 8 lb and 13 oz and is 21 inches long. They have named him Casey Jackson.

The Sick

Brother Artis Tate is very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Pauline Kennedy has been a patient in the U.T.Health Center but has been dismissed with medication and will return to the hospital in two weeks for further treatment.

Brother Jay Payne, brother-in-law to sister Jane Jones and a former member of West Erwin had surgery last week in Corsicana.

Sister Betty Bray's son-in-law, Paul Davis, recently underwent major surgery in Oklahoma City, and will continue to undergo treatment. Remember him and the family when you pray.

Please continue to pray for all who are ill.

Serving Sunday

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 Dismiss Dan Magee

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 O'Neal Tuel Bill Hensley

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 Lynda and Billy Terrell
 Leon and Carolyn Welborn
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 28 and Wednesday Evening, October 1, MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018

Good Work

Ladies who have prepared meals on Tuesdays during the month of September as a special treat for our shut-ins and elderly are: Kathryn Cauthen, Ruby McCain, Pat Stokes, Alma Biggs, Ann McCoy, Chloe Clark.

Sermon Subjects Jay Lockhart

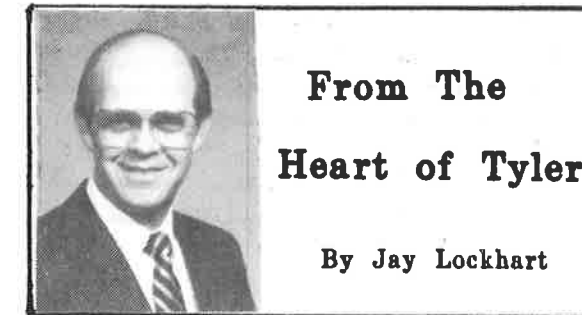
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My Creed

The word "Creed" comes from a Latin term "credo" which means simply, "I believe." What one believes is his creed. It's not bad, then, to have a creed, or even a creed that is written down. However, a problem arises when a man's creed, either oral or written, differs from the Scripture and/or is accepted instead of Scripture. The early leaders of the Restoration Movement in America rightly believed that human creeds were responsible for dividing believers in Christ. Therefore, in calling men back to the Bible, those leaders said, "No creed but Christ; no book but the Bible." Regardless of one's feelings about those pioneers, they were right at that point: "No creed but Christ." We are to believe Christ—who He is and what He thought. It's not what I think or how I feel, but what Jesus said that really counts. We must seek to know what He said, understand what He said, and to do what He said...whether we agree with Him or not. So many give lip service to Jesus and

*"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
 --Acts 8:37*

then go on with their written and unwritten creeds without ever considering if they agree with Jesus or not. Wouldn't it be great if all of us could say in a practical way, "My creed is Christ?"

Wednesday Night Classes

Auditorium Jay Lockhart
 "Do You Know My Father?" (A study in the Nature of God)
 Fellowship Hall Dobson Film
 "Turn Your Heart Toward Home"
 (Go immediately to Class)
 Young Couples Class - Dismissed for Dobson film series.
 Singing Class - Dismissed for Dobson film series.
 High School Girls Room 305
 (Go immediately to class upstairs over South Foyer)
 Children's Classes as usual.

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Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy



We appreciate you for sitting at the front of the auditorium during worship. It is good to see all of you together. If you are not sitting at the front, make an effort to do so.

Parents, if you would like to help with a Halloween party for the Middle School and High School group, contact me. Several places have been offered to us that we can use for this activity.

High School will be meeting this Sunday night for a devotional and other activities, and the Middle School will be meeting next week, October 12. Parents may pick them up at the building Sunday night at 9:00 o'clock.

Remember November 21 and 22 (High School) the retreat with Glenwood. Bob Utley will be the speaker. He is a graduate of ACU and has served as Youth minister for congregations in Edmond, Healdton, and Lone Grove, Oklahoma. He is presently serving the Highland congregation in Abilene as an Associate in Family Enrichment and Counseling. He has done a number of retreats in the past 5 years. He is married and has children. We are looking forward to having him speak and be a part of our retreat. See you Sunday, and remember God loves you and we love you.

Congratulations to Katie Philpot who was selected Homecoming Queen at Lindale High School last Friday evening.



Thank You

Many thanks to each of you who remembered me with cards, calls, visits and food following my recent eye surgery. And especially do I want to thank brother Wes Price and brother David Lovejoy for bringing me home from the hospital; and special thanks to sister Lorene Venable for her services on return trips to the doctor.

Many times we may not value our good Christian friends until they are needed, then we find they are there, ready and willing, with hearts full of Christian love.

Pauline Daughtry

My family and I wish to thank each of you for your cards, beautiful flowers, delicious food and your visits. Most of all, your prayers for my recovery have made my stay at the hospital and at home much easier.

Ruby Brem

The family of Audree DeLane Lennon acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The flowers were beautiful and the expression of sympathy was so much appreciated during our darkest hours.

Anne Lennon

Iris & V.A.Lennon & Family

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (4) Whitney Bobbitt (5) Robbie Butler (7) Le'Ann Braly (8) Pattie Tate, Chris Ables, Cody Ables (9) Hulen Hulsey, Penny Hulsey (10) Leona Hardin (11) Joe Carroll, Amanda Broome.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Chapel for Faye Kellum, aunt of Mrs. Dale Blackstone. We extend our sympathy to Carolyn and her family.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR OCTOBER

1. Jeremiah	3- 4	Galatians	6
2. Jeremiah	5- 6	Ephesians	1
3. Jeremiah	7- 8	Ephesians	2
4. Jeremiah	9-10	Ephesians	3
5. Jeremiah	11-12	Ephesians	4
6. Jeremiah	13-14	Ephesians	5
7. Jeremiah	15-16	Ephesians	6
8. Jeremiah	17-18	Philippians	1
9. Jeremiah	19-20	Philippians	2
10. Jeremiah	21-22	Philippians	3
11. Jeremiah	23-24	Philippians	4
12. Jeremiah	25-26	Colossians	1
13. Jeremiah	27-28	Colossians	2
14. Jeremiah	29-30	Colossians	3
15. Jeremiah	31	Colossians	4
16. Jeremiah	32	I Thessalonians	1-2
17. Jeremiah	33-34	I Thessalonians	3
18. Jeremiah	35-36	I Thessalonians	4
19. Jeremiah	37-38	I Thessalonians	5
20. Jeremiah	39-40	II Thessalonians	1
21. Jeremiah	41-43	II Thessalonians	2
22. Jeremiah	44-45	II Thessalonians	3
23. Jeremiah	46-47	I Timothy	1
24. Jeremiah	48	I Timothy	2
25. Jeremiah	49	I Timothy	3
26. Jeremiah	50	I Timothy	4
27. Jeremiah	51	I Timothy	5
28. Jeremiah	52	I Timothy	6
29. Lamentations	1- 2	II Timothy	1
30. Lamentations	3- 4	II Timothy	2
31. Lamentations	5	II Timothy	3

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



On Monday afternoon, October 20, transportation will be provided for children of the Preschool and Primary Departments (2 years through 5 years and 1st grade through 5th grade) to attend the Fire Fighters Circus in the Oil Palace. All of the children are invited to go, but free tickets will be provided for children who are 100% in attendance for Sunday morning Bible class, Sunday evening Bible Hour and Wednesday night class from now until Sunday, October 19.

1986 EAST TEXAS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by East Texas Churches Of Christ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1986

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Workshop sessions for Bible Class Teachers
Church Leaders, and all who are interested
in studying and teaching the Bible.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
ROBERT OGLESBY
RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Workshop Location:
Alpine Church of Christ
1100 East Loop 281
Longview, Texas

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTU - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister

Records	Sunday	Last	Last
	Sept. 21	Week	Year
Bible School	390	422	360
Worship/A.M.	452	505	457
/P.M.	343	337	300
Wed.Eve.(17th)	259	275	190
Contributions	\$8,486.88	\$8,475.07	\$8,087.25

Response

We welcome Wade Park to the West Erwin family. He formerly worshipped with the Richland Hills church in Fort Worth. His address is 3400 Varsity, #1807 (75701). Wade is attending Tyler Junior College.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Monday for DeLane Lennon, brother of sister Mike (Gatha) Culpepper. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

 YOU CAN HELP in the Benevolent work by bringing: Toilet paper, Rice, Spaghetti (small), Macaroni/Cheese (small) Corn Bread (kits), Canned Tomatoes, Baby Food, Oatmeal

The Sick

Brother Foy Richey continues to make good progress and was scheduled to go home on Wednesday.

Sister Jo Northcutt, mother of sister Jo Rowland, suffered a stroke early this week. She is in Medical Center and her condition is good.

We have received a note from Billie Frazier daughter of sister Wyche Harris, concerning her mother. Sister Harris will be moved to the Clairmont Nursing Home this weekend. Although sister Harris does not verbally communicate very much, Billie is anxious that she have visitors. Let's remember her and others who are in the nursing homes with frequent visits.

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 Prayer K. Max Haws
 Scripture Joe McBee
 Dismiss Archie Kennard

EVENING WORSHIP
 Welcome Roger Knight
 Prayer Dick Higginbotham
 Scripture Lowell Wiggains
 Dismiss Clyde Lane

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 John Bragg Bill Butler
 Sam Bailey Sam Barton
 Cole Bennett Dale Blackstone

SERVING IN BACK
 Charlie Russell Don Slaughter
 Mike Savage Gary Broome

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Ed and Margie Hunt
 John and Nancy Bragg
 Wyndall and Carolyn Miller
 Leon and Carolyn Welborn

Sermon Subjects



Jay Lockhart

A.M. Be Of The Same Mind With One Another (Romans 15:1-7)
 P.M. Honor One Another (Philippians 2:1-11)

Guest Speaker


We will have brother Alan Phillips from the International Mission in New York City on Sunday, October 2. He will be speaking to us at the Bible Class Hour to tell us of the work at the Mission.

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

*"You are the man"
 --2 Samuel 12:7*

God Did Not And Will Not Forget

About one year had passed since David's sin with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband when God sent his prophet Nathan with his touching story. A rich man had stolen a poor man's only lamb to prepare a feast for a guest. David was angry. The man who would do such a thing should restore it four-fold and deserves to die! Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" God did not forget even though a year had passed. God doesn't forget our sin simply because time passes, or because we ignore or deny it. One may attend church, speak in sanctimonious terms, do good things, but God doesn't forget. If there are "skeletons in the closet" (unchristian

words or deeds or motives, blooded churches or Christians in the past). There must be repentance or God and brethren remember. However, with genuine repentance, there is forgiveness and no remembrance (Hebrews 8:12). The difference sometimes is man's pride and stubbornness. On the other hand, when one serves God and man faithfully, "God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints," (Hebrews 6:10). Make certain God remembers what you would want Him to remember and forgets what you would want Him to forget!

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a

David Lovejoy



We are busy in so many activities from sports to school work, from play to work, and in the Lord's work. We can be involved in all of these aspects of life, and at the same time, let God be seen in our lives. Time is spent in preparing for all things, and yet, how much time do we spend for God. Here are some questions we need to consider in regard to our time for God. Are we present at all services of the church? Are we present at youth activities? Do we care for each other? Are we concerned about our friends? Is your Bible studied daily? Do we pray for strength and wisdom? Are we involved all of the time for the Lord? Can we say we have grown in the knowledge of the Word of God since last year?

All of these questions should be answered truthfully and then evaluate where our time is spent. We love you and want to help you grow in the knowledge of God's Word.

A special THANK YOU to the Adams and Butlers for providing food Sunday night for the youth. We appreciate you more than we can say.

MAGAZINE DRIVE: If you are presently receiving magazines in your home or office or perhaps are considering a magazine subscription as a gift, please let a student from East Texas Christian Academy renew or begin a subscription for you. The school will honor any printed "special" offers, renew subscriptions on existing magazines and receive 40% of all sales from the publishers. There are over 550 different magazines to select from and our prices can't be beat. Our drive begins in October and has the potential of raising substantial funds for Christian Education in Tyler.

Sincerely,
John Bragg

Ministry Memos David Giddings

When one is asked to assume responsibility for a ministry in the local church, leaders must make sure the person is trained and equipped for the task. Eight from West Erwin attended a Ministries Conference at Waterview church of Christ in Richardson last Saturday and returned home better equipped to serve. Those attending were James and Frances Phillips, Jamon Kirby, Wes Price, Glynn Starnes, Phil Marts, Les Caruth and David Giddings. Thanks to Les Gleaver, The Waterview deacons and many others who made the day rewarding.

Being what God wants us to be and doing what God wants us to do means we must "bear much fruit," showing ourselves to be Jesus' disciples. As Christians we must be productive if our lives are to have meaning.

God's Goal #6 - "You did not choose me but I chose you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last ..." (John 15:16). "If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit..." (John 15:5). "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit." (John 15:8)

Let's help one another to reach God's goals for our lives.

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Alpine Church of Christ
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Longview, Texas

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1986

8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration and Reception
(coffee and donuts)

9:00-9:30 a.m. KEYNOTE: "You Are Better Than You Think You Are"
Robert Oglesby, Richardson, Texas

9:30-10:30 SESSION I
"Motivation And Discipline Of Preschoolers"
Alice Brown, Ft. Worth, Texas
"Imaginality I" (Preschool Visuals)
Beverly Scott & Jana Smith
Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Evangelistic Adult Classes"
David Timmons,
Overland Park, Kansas
"Teens In The Word"
Ken Shaver,
Duncanville, Texas

"Creative Use Of Published Curriculum"
David Giddings
Tyler, Texas

"How To Study The Bible And Teach It To Others"
James Thompson
Austin, Texas

10:30-11:00 Fellowship Break (Bookstores Open)

11:00-12:00 SESSION II
"Motivation And Discipline Of Preschoolers"
Brown

"Imaginality II" Smith and Scott
"Evangelistic Adult Classes"
Timmons
"Involving Youth In Ministry"
Shaver
"Using Published Curriculum-A Model"
Giddings

"How To Study The Bible And Teach It To Others" Thompson

"Discussion Classes For Adults"
Robert Oglesby

12:00-1:30 p.m. LUNCH (at area restaurants)
Bookstores Open

1:30-2:30 SESSION III
"Motivating Grades 1-5 In Bible Class"
Brown

"Imaginality III"
Smith and Scott
"Exciting Wednesday Nights I"
Timmons

"Reaching And Teaching Young Single Adults" Thompson

"VBS - Some Exciting Approaches"
Wes Price, Tyler, Texas

"Leadership In The Bible School"
Oglesby

"Ministry To The Family: How The Bible School Can Help The Home"
Gary Grady, Midland, Texas

Fellowship Break (Bookstores Open)

SESSION IV
"Discipline For Grades 1-5 In Bible Class" Brown

"Imaginality IV" Smith & Scott

"Exciting Wednesday Nights II"
Timmons

"Teen Ministry Sharing Session"
Shaver

"VBS Sharing Session" Price

"Recruiting And Training - A Strategy"
Tommy King
Tyler, Texas

"Ministry To The Family II"
Gaudy

All Church Get-Together



SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28

Plan to bring Sandwiches, Chips, Dips, Desserts. Drinks will be furnished

EVERYONE INVITED

Thank You

To Our West Erwin Friends,

We want to tell you how much we do appreciate all that you did to help make the observance of our fiftieth wedding anniversary a great time. We thank you for the beautiful plant, for the coming of many of you and your help in providing a beautiful cake. We appreciate everyone of the many, many cards and notes which we received. We hope eventually to reply to them, but if we do not, please know that we treasure everyone and love all of you.

George & Alice Stephenson

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Pam Lemons

Saturday, September 27, 1986

At the home of Mrs. Steve Ward

1827 Lou Ann

Tyler, Texas

"Come & Go" 2:00 until 4:00 P.M.

Visitation Program

Sunday morning in all of our Adult Bible Classes, members will have the opportunity to sign up for our Visitation Program. October 6 has been set for the reorganization meeting. It will be a pot-luck dinner in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. By signing in advance, you will help us know approximately how many teams we will have as we launch out with a new effort.

W.P.



Here and There

By Wes Price

You will find a copy of the schedule for the Annual East Texas Teacher Training program in this week's bulletin. I hope all our teachers will take advantage of this effort and make plans to attend. We will be taking our large bus and the minibus as well if it is needed. This is a joint effort of all East Texas churches and we make a substantial contribution from our Education budget to support it. You will be contacted personally about attending. Let's strive to have the largest group from any church present.

Several of our deacons attended the church leaders workshop at Waterview this past Saturday. I am confident they are better equipped to serve in their role as deacon by the things which they learned. We commend them for their willingness to sacrifice this day for the work of the church. In addition to the deacons, David Giddings, Frances Phillips and I also attended.

Sister Zorado Sherman called this past week to ask me to do her a favor. She wants all her brothers and sisters at West Erwin to know that she is unable to attend because she cannot physically get on our bus. She misses us and sends her love. She appreciates the use of the walker the church provided.

Our Orientation Session for new members was a great success. Nearly all of those who have joined our forces here were present and I believe they now are better informed about the work of this church. If you were one of the new members and were not able to attend, please let me know and I will give you a copy of the information sheets that were passed out at the meeting. As we move forward, it is imperative that all new members have a clear understanding as to our organizational structure and goals. Any time you have a question about our work, please feel free to ask one of our elders or one of our staff members. Welcome to the Lord's work at West Erwin!

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (28) Ryan Savage, Abby Adams (29) Adela Scogins, Justin Metcalf (30) Mary Butler, Gary Colston
OCTOBER (1) Cooper Goodson (2) Gwen Shuford, J.B. Smith Bryan Leek (3) Kelly Womack, Bobbie Wilson (4) Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer Harold Denman
Scripture David Frick
Dismiss Morris Hallman

EVENING WORSHIP - 6:00 P.M.

Welcome Hillard Hughes
Prayer Alan Fisher
Scripture Louis E. Jones
Dismiss Bill Hensley

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ira Wilson Tony Adams
H. C. Williamson Lane Akin
Ted Wright Kevin Womack

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Glynn Starnes Todd Stewart
John Steffee Ed Stitt

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Dwight and Diann Leek

Walter and Mary Farrer

John and Susan Steffee

Jack and Johnnie Stringer

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 21 and Wednesday Evening, Sept. 24
FARREL WHITLEY, 597-4006.

Sermon Subjects



Jay Lockhart

September 21, 1986

A.M. Members One of Another
I Corinthians 12:12-27

P.M. We Are Family
I Thessalonians 4:9-10



Bible classes for all ages

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BIBLE SCHOOL	422	384	307
WORSHIP/A.M.	505	450	418
/P.M.	337	368	286
WED. EVE. (10th)	275	243	219
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$8,475.07	\$11,462.84	\$8,101.74

New Members

Mrs. Dale (Rhonda) Dover, Rt. 12, Lot 84, Tyler, Texas (75708), telephone 597-0724, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped in Rusk, Texas. She has 3 young children.

Kenneth McKenarick came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the church and to place membership. Because of health problems and lack of work, he decided this week to return to the Dallas area.

The Sick

Brother Tommie White was scheduled to go home from the hospital on Thursday.

Sister Ruby Brem is recovering from surgery in Medical Center.

Brother Foy Richey had surgery on Monday in Medical Center. He was moved to a private room on Tuesday.

Brother Wyndall Miller is now at home.

Brother Paul Stanley received a good report from his tests this week.

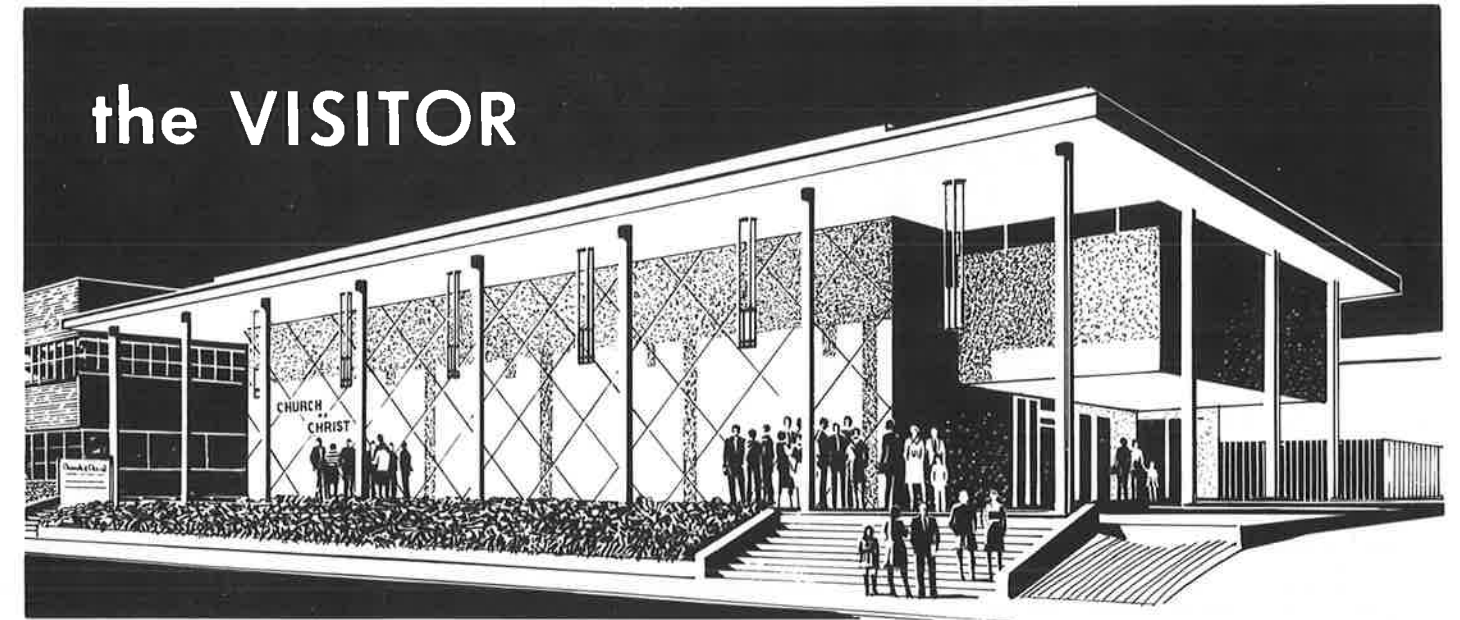
Sister Wyche Harris continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Rhonda Haws father, Frank Moore, had surgery this week in Mother Frances Hospital.

Pantry Needs

Canned meat, vegetables, soups, etc. are needed to be used in the benevolent work each Tuesday. Please bring your contributions to the building.

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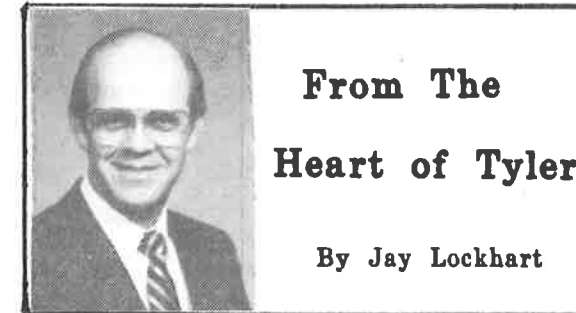
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

We did it! We broke that elusive 400 mark in Bible Study and went over 500 in Worship. The enthusiasm that accompanied those excellent numbers made for a very good day.

Your positive response to the series of sermons on "What The World Needs Now" has been most gratifying. These truths, lived in our lives, will help us be a true light from the HEART OF TYLER.

Worship is designed to glorify God through Jesus Christ and to edify the church. Worship, then, should be exciting--our sincere interest should be expressed as we participate in singing, praying, giving, the Supper, and teaching. God deserves and wants our worship (see John 4:23). We need worship as a part of the corporate body of Christ. Don't ever approach worship casually. Don't ever let it become ordinary. Don't ever miss it! See you Sunday!

An Exciting Meeting

Last Saturday a group of excited, optimistic, positive men of the West Erwin church met for a planning session which will have long range effects upon this church. Jay Lockhart, Pulpit Minister, observed that it was the very finest men's meeting in which he had participated. The agenda, planned by David Giddings, included a Keynote address by Lockhart on "We Have Begun," followed by a statement from each of our elders on "My Dream For The Church." The men broke into groups to discuss the various areas of our work. After the group meetings each committee appointed a spokesman to report on its discussion. Some truly great ideas were presented. The meeting closed with a Season of Prayer as the men prayed for each area of our work. All the men agreed that it was a significant, important, and, yes, an exciting day.



Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

It is always good to see our teenagers sitting at the front during our services. We would like to commend you for doing so and encourage everyone who is not, to do so. You will get a lot more out of the worship services and will be with others your own age. We will be looking for you Sunday.

Plans are being made for the High School Retreat with Glenwood on November 21 and 22 at Sky Ranch. The speaker is to be Bob Utley from Abilene. Mark your calendars and set aside these dates for this activity. You will be glad that you attended. More details will follow.

It is always a privilege for me to speak at the Campus Christian Center for one of their devotionals. The efforts at the Tri-C will be everlasting. The students are experiencing one of the best times of their lives and yet one with many trials. Let's pray for them, encourage them, and help them all we can.

SPECIAL ATTENTION PARENTS

In order to best benefit our youth, I would like to change the Sunday night schedule.

High School - 1st Sunday of each month.

Middle School - 2nd Sunday of each month.

Combined - 3rd Sunday

We invite your support in all the activities and if you can help in any way, please contact me.

We love you.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Ministry Memos David Giddings

Last Saturday morning was an inspiration! The input from you during the planning session will greatly affect the future ministry of the West Erwin church. Each group leader is asked to submit a written summary of the suggestions made by your group, no later than September 28. These reports will serve as the basis for developing a master plan for the growth of the church family here. Thanks to every man involved!

As a church we are commissioned to proclaim the gospel - the good news. But, what is the good news men need to hear? "...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures..." (I Cor. 15:1-6); "...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (I Tim. 1:15). That's the gospel men need to hear. It is man's only hope.

God's Goal #5 - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15,16).

Let's help each other reach God's goals for us.

In Appreciation

May we, the new ladies of West Erwin, say "thank you" for the lovely luncheon given in our honor. You truly made us feel special. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

- T is for your thoughtfulness and talents.*
- H is for your hearts full of love.*
- A is for your abundance of delicious food.*
- N is for your nice friendly ways.*
- K is for your kind Christ-like attitudes.*
- S is for your spirit of peace and unity.*

Thank You With Love!

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (21) Alma Faye Price, Jonathan Bragg (22) Edgar Bullard, Doc Wright, Rhonda Haws, Courtney Russell (23) Martha Waggoner, Janie Farrer (24) Lane Akin (26) Marty Mallory, Dan Magee, Ruby McCain (27) Nettie Potts.



All Church Get-Together

SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28

Plan to bring Sandwiches, Chips, Dips, Desserts. Drinks will be furnished.

EVERYONE INVITED

Award Winners



Winners of our Attendance Contest for the summer months. From left to right (1st row) Bradley Smith, Erica Smith, Kerri Ward, Brady Dawkins, Leslie Womack, Melanie Goodson. (2nd row) Casey Haws, Stephanie Miles, Cindy Carruth, Jenilyn Butler, Tyson Akin (3rd row) Becky Blackstone, Andy Butler, Neil Vannoy, Jana Bragg and Jason O'Quinn.

Thank You

The family of Madge Taylor gratefully acknowledges your kind expressions of sympathy. Thanks so much for sharing in our loss. The pink and lavender flowers were lovely.

- Everett Taylor
- M/M Herb Taylor & Family
- M/M Paul Taylor
- M/M Harold Taylor & Family

Gospel Meeting

The Whitehouse church of Christ will have Jay Lockhart as guest speaker for a series of Gospel lessons beginning Sunday evening at 7:30. You are invited to attend Sunday through Wednesday.

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower Honoring Pam Lemons Saturday, September 27, 1986 At the home of Mrs. Steve Ward 1827 Lou Ann Tyler, Texas "Come & Go" 2:00 until 4:00 P.M.



Here and There

By Wes Price

The men's meeting Saturday was well attended, and from the feeling and observations of many, was a great meeting. Many new ideas were shared and in time will become a part of the scene at West Erwin. Thanks to David Giddings who organized and guided the meeting.

May I have the attention of the Vacation Bible School teachers for a moment. We still have not received all of our costumes. If you have one, please clean it and return it to us as soon as possible.

Our congratulations to the winners of our Bible School drive for the summer months. We introduced them and presented them with their awards Sunday, September 7. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a picture of that distinguished group.

May I use this space to remind all of our new members at West Erwin of the new members orientation to be held this coming Sunday. The meeting will take place in our Chapel and will be held at 5:00 p.m. By the time you read this, you should have received a formal letter invitation, but in case that fails consider this as your special invitation to join us for that vital session.

Being on time should be important to everyone and for every occasion. My wife, who is a school teacher, told me one of her student's parent told her that, "Being on time has never been important to me." That's quite a confession. I sincerely believe it tells more about her character than she really wanted to reveal. Now while everyone is late on occasion, a person who is habitually late ought to re-evaluate their time schedule. Of special interest is the matter of being habitually late to Bible study or worship services. If you take notice of that about yourself or your family, why not put forth some effort to do something about it. While you will not be particularly noticed for being on time, it is very noticeable to be late. Why not check yourself on this matter. Try getting started earlier several weeks in a row and see if you can establish a new habit pattern. Being on time is praiseworthy!

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The Sick

Sister Pauline Daughtry had eye surgery Wednesday in Medical Center. She is now at home.

Brother Tommie White is a patient in the UT Health Center.

Sister Ruby Brem had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sister Wyche Harris is very ill in Mother Frances Hospital - room 485.

Brother Wyndall Miller is recovering in Medical Center. He had surgery on Monday.

Brother Al Fuller, sister Debbie Graham's father, is recovering from surgery in Mother Frances. He hopes to go home this weekend.

Brother Foy Richey is scheduled to have vascular surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Rogene Jorday from Terrell, Texas is a patient in the UT Health Center. He would enjoy your visits.

New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the West Erwin family.

Keith and Tina Harris, Rt. 14, Box 298 (75707) Telephone, 566-9216.

Wayne and Lynn Harrison, 9317 Irish Moss (75703), Telephone 839-7536. Their two daughters are Amy, (also a member of the church) 9th grade and Holly, 6th grade.

Tim and Pamela Doss, 1102 Hagan Road, Whitehouse (75791), Telephone, 839-2414. They have a son, Terry, in the 7th grade.

John Mackey was restored to fellowship on Sunday.

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Dwight and Diann Leek

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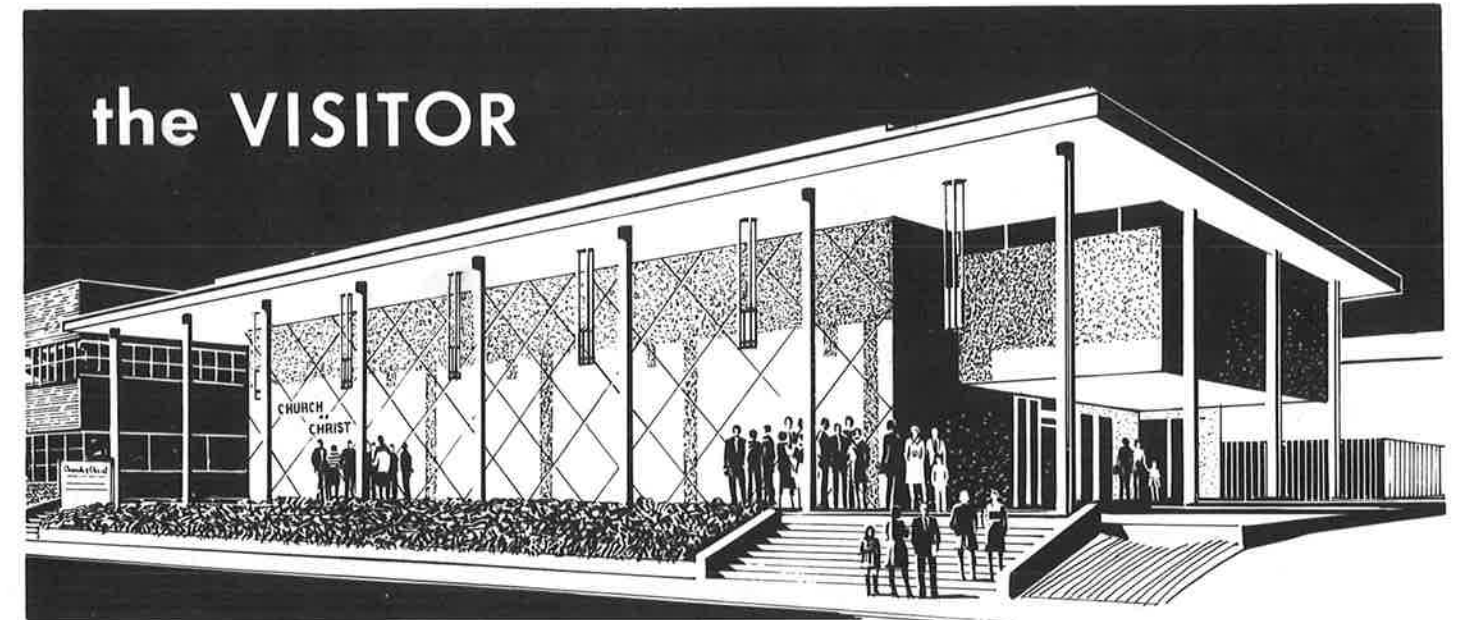
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 14 and Wednesday Evening, Sept. 17, LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

Grandson

Terry and Pam Tindell of Waxahachie, Texas are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday in Dallas. He weighed 9 lb. 7½ oz. and has been named Joshua. Guy and Nettie Potts are the proud grandparents.

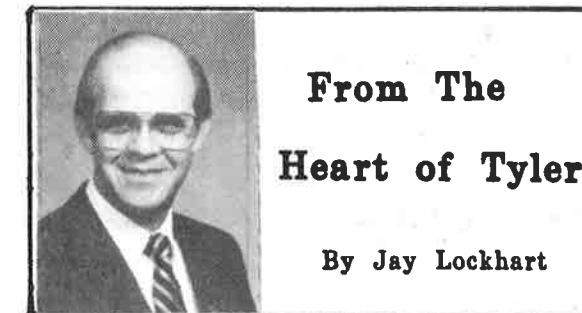
Note: Sister Vivie Canter's new address is 620 W. Houston, #119. Her telephone number is 593-0652.

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"What are you doing here, Elijah"
--I Kings 19:9,13

What Are We Doing Here?

As Elijah the prophet fled into the wilderness in an effort to escape the wrath of wicked Queen Jezebel, God asked him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" A good question! Wherever we may be. Whatever we are doing. At this time and in this place, what are we doing here? To be more specific, what are we as a church doing here in the HEART of TYLER? The answer is really quite simple: we are trying to be faithful. Isn't it interesting that we are never commanded by God to be successful? He has asked us to be faithful (Matthew 25:21; I Corinthians 4:2; et.al.). Faithful in what? Two things: Doctrine and Practice. Doctrine means teaching. Someone says, "I don't think doctrine is important." He is simply saying, "My doctrine is that doctrine is unimportant." Whatever one teaches is his doctrine. We must be faithful to the doctrine, or the teach-

ing of the New Testament. Our task as the church is to be faithful, not to prove we are nice guys. Is it too much to ask that when one enters our building on Sunday he should be able to hear how he can be saved, the unique nature of the New Testament church, how God wants us to worship, etc. We are also to be faithful in practice, that is, our attitude in presenting doctrine and our daily living of doctrine must harmonize with what we say we believe. What a pity to be correct doctrinally, but to be incorrect in attitude and practice. How tragic to have good attitudes, to try to live right, and never to teach the whole counsel of God! We are committed to being a faithful church--faithful in doctrine, faithful in practice. If you are comfortable with that, you have found a church home.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

A special thanks goes to the Blackstones and to Wes Price for helping with the youth Saturday. We appreciate you very much for helping make these activities possible. Also, to you who are attending these functions, we are thankful that you are setting aside the time to have fellowship and grow in the knowledge of God's Word. The rewards will be everlasting. If you are not coming, we are missing you and want to encourage you to come and be with us.

The meeting with our teens and parents was well attended. Your input, words of encouragement and concern for others was well taken. Our prayers should be that with all of us helping, these plans can become a reality as God is placed first and the glory is given to Him.

Let's remember the upcoming High School Days in October. Both OCC and Harding are planning High School Days in October. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board on the stair landing on the way up to your classroom. See me for more details.

For your reading this week, look at John 8:42-47. We appreciate you.

Potpourri

A barrel has been placed in the south foyer and one near the west door to serve as containers for canned food. It has been decided to keep canned food in the Benevolent building to be used on Tuesdays as people, who are in need, come in. We will also continue to use the food certificates. Please help in this project by bringing canned food to the building.

Remember the Men's Planning Session on Saturday, September 13. in the Fellowship Hall. The time is 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Remember the invitation to the reception in Collinsville for George and Alice Stephenson. They will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon at the Collinsville Church of Christ.

We want to remind you that the parking lot directly across Elm Street is available for us to park on each Sunday morning and evening and on Wednesday evenings.



Congratulations

A baby girl was born at Mother Frances Hospital on Saturday, September 6 to Ron and Pam Lott of Bullard. The happy grandparents are Ray and Dell Lott. The baby weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. and has been named Lindsey Kaye.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (14) Kyle Whitley (15) Connie Wilkinson (16) Neil Vannoy, Dorris Humble, Kimberly Sublette, Rahn Harris (18) Kathleen Carroll, Rockie Hughes, Virginia Demic, Clay Smith (20) Mary Adams.

Sermon Subjects



Jay Lockhart

- A.M. He Pitched His Tent Toward Sodom (No.2)
(2 Peter 2:4-9)
P.M. What The World Needs Now (No.3)
(Luke 10:25-37)

BIBLE READING CHART FOR SEPTEMBER

1.	Song of Solomon	1- 4	Romans	12
2.	Song of Solomon	5- 8	Romans	13-14
3.	Isaiah	1- 2	Romans	15
4.	Isaiah	3- 5	Romans	16
5.	Isaiah	6- 8	I Corinthians	1
6.	Isaiah	10-11	I Corinthians	2-3
7.	Isaiah	12-13	I Corinthians	4
8.	Isaiah	14-15	I Corinthians	5-6
9.	Isaiah	16-17	I Corinthians	7
10.	Isaiah	18-19	I Corinthians	8-9
11.	Isaiah	20-22	I Corinthians	10
12.	Isaiah	23-24	I Corinthians	11
13.	Isaiah	25-27	I Corinthians	12-13
14.	Isaiah	28-29	I Corinthians	14
15.	Isaiah	30-31	I Corinthians	15
16.	Isaiah	32-33	I Corinthians	16
17.	Isaiah	34-35	II Corinthians	1
18.	Isaiah	36-37	II Corinthians	2-3
19.	Isaiah	38-40	II Corinthians	4
20.	Isaiah	41-42	II Corinthians	5
21.	Isaiah	43-44	II Corinthians	6-7
22.	Isaiah	45-47	II Corinthians	8
23.	Isaiah	48-49	II Corinthians	9-10
24.	Isaiah	50-52	II Corinthians	11
25.	Isaiah	53-55	II Corinthians	12-13
26.	Isaiah	56-58	Galatians	1
27.	Isaiah	59-60	Galatians	2
28.	Isaiah	61-63	Galatians	3
29.	Isaiah	64-66	Galatians	4
30.	Jeremiah	1- 2	Galatians	5

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Estelle Brown whose brother-in-law died Monday in Huntington, Texas.

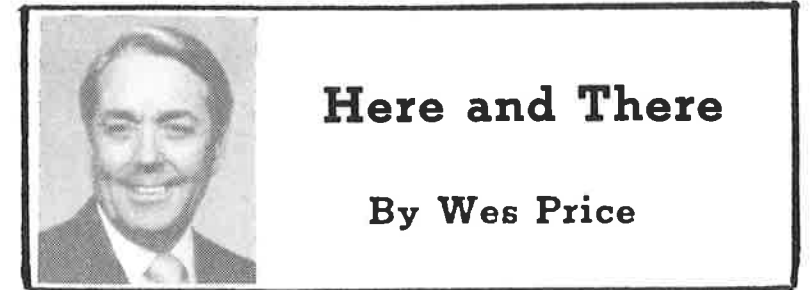
Thank You

Thank you so much for the visits and delicious food prepared by our Brother's Keeper Unit. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated during this special time.

Marc and Pam
Misty, Carla & Katie Lemons

My warmest appreciation to all of you for the prayers, food, cards, visits, and telephone calls during Jasper's illness. Words cannot express my gratitude for your concern and encouragement during our loss. Thank you for the spray of red carnations.

Ruth Dobbs and Family



A special word of thanks to all our new teachers who began their new teaching responsibilities this past week. In addition to their being new, it was also a delight to have classes literally running over with new students. We ask parents to be patient with us as we adjust classes to these new sizes. We hope to have problems worked out by next week.

With the conclusion of the Faulkner-Brecheen Film series in the Fellowship Hall, we will resume regular class locations for two classes which will come from this combination. We realize that many new folks have come our way while the film series has been going on, so may we help you locate a new class this next week. Generally, the Young Married Class taught by Jay Lockhart, is for those in their twenties and the class to be taught by Hillard Hughes is for those thirty and above. Both classes, as well as all our adult classes, will be studying the book of James.

We received word last week that one of our former members, Robert Castro, has now completed his training in Physical Therapy. We congratulate him on this accomplishment. We hope he and Becky will be able to visit with us sometime.

We sincerely hope that each of you has made a strong resolution to put regular Bible class attendance on your schedule as we adjust to the regular routine of our fall season. We have excellent teachers in all our classes, including the Wednesday night classes. It is vital to the growth and spiritual welfare of a Christian and his family to be serious about this matter. After all, can you think of anything more far reaching than that which touches the eternal destiny of the soul? We welcome you and your family members to every Bible Class!



Bible classes for all ages

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
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KLTU - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



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Sister Vannie Lee is a patient in Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

Brother Wyndall Miller was a patient in Medical Center on Wednesday for tests.

Sign-up Sheet

There is a sign-up sheet in the south foyer and one near the west entrance door if you want to go with a group to the Waterview Church of Christ and attend the conference on Congregational Ministries, September 20. Ladies Classes will also be provided.

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Henry McRuiz Michael Munn
Earl O'Quinn Bill Paschall

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The Dale Blackstones The Hoyt Hughes

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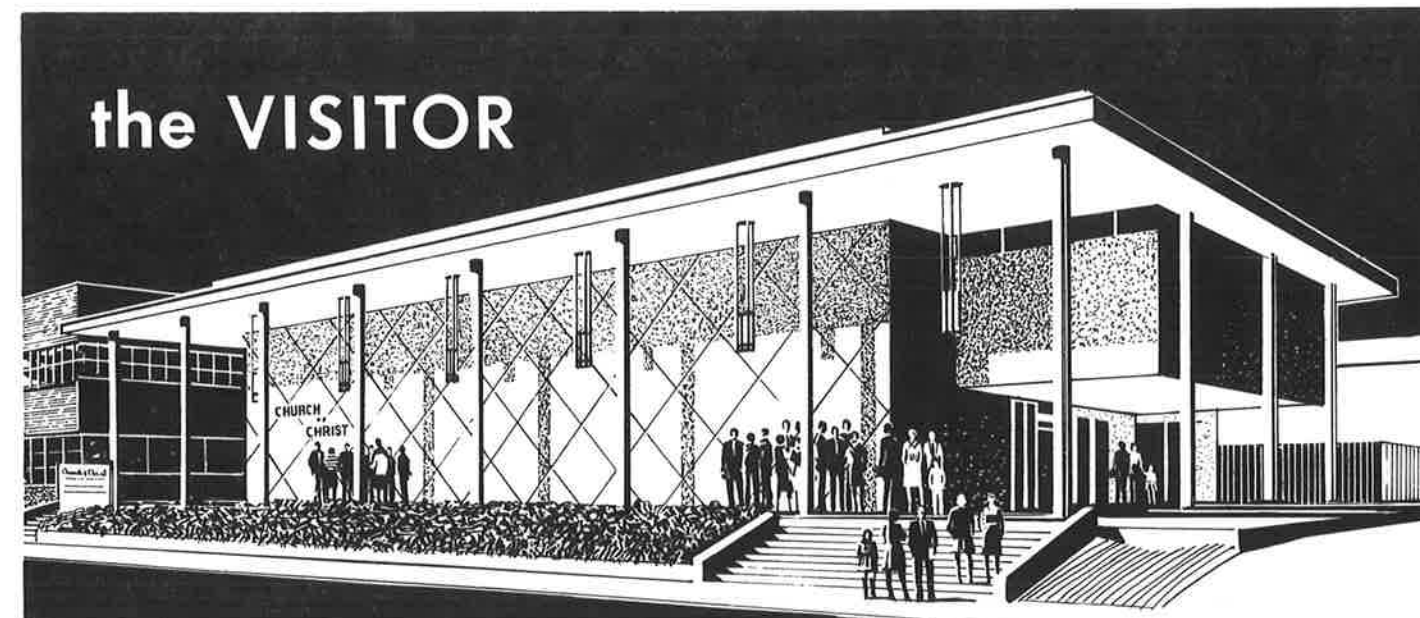
Pantry Needs

Will you bring canned meat, canned soups and vegetables to be used in the benevolent work each Tuesday.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY September (7) Moselle White, Dick Higginbotham (8) Lucille Carpenter (9) Blanche Shuford (10) Gloria Thigpen, Betty Strait, Glynn Starnes, Julie Roberson (11) Tommie Alice Egbert (12) Lola Wright, Clyde Lane (13) Archie Lowry

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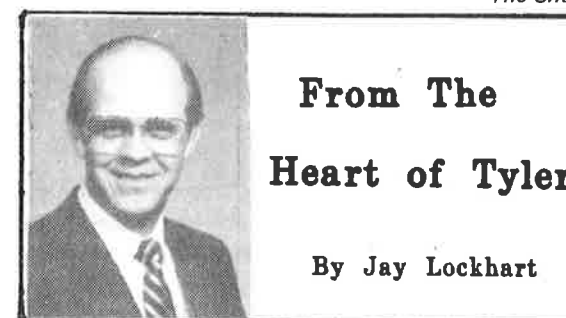
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

At the beginning of the summer we determined to have a summer surge, and we had just that. Enthusiasm ran high, about seventy new people came to us, our attendance on Sundays was nearly 100 over what it was as late as last spring, and we have positioned ourselves to do our finest work ever. Many visitors have caught the West Erwin spirit and we anticipate substantial numerical growth this fall. Now as summer has ended and we enter the exciting fall, we expect Sunday morning Bible classes to consistently exceed 400 and worship to be over 500 each week. Now is the time for every one of us to determine to do our part in reaching the goals that God wants us to reach. We are committed to giving our best to the Master and we will be satisfied only when each precious soul is conscientiously using his gifts to the advancement of the Cause of Christ. We are determined to serve effectively, with His help, from the HEART OF TYLER.

Everyone In Bible Class!

You will want to be a regular in Bible classes as our new quarter begins this Sunday. Our teens and adults will be studying Adventures In Christian Living--Studies in James beginning September 14. An excellent teaching staff is in place and everything is ready. Don't be left out!

Women Meet

On Wednesday, September 3, our Ladies Bible Class resumed after a summer break with a study of God's Eternal Plan. Then on Saturday, September 6, all ladies of the church will enjoy a luncheon with the ladies who have come to us this summer as guests of those who have been here a little longer.

Men Meet

An all-church men's planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. This is the first meeting of this kind since our membership has grown so significantly, and we are urging all men to plan to share this important time together. Make your plans!

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl.12:1a



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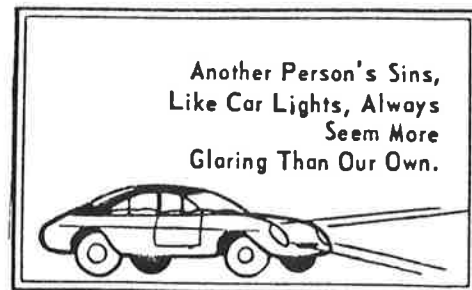
School is back in session and everyone is trying to get geared up for it. Teachers are busy with lesson plans and students are getting schedules confirmed. In all of this activity, let's remember who we are and what we stand for on this earth. Since school is back in session, the Lovejoys would like to invite the Middle and High School to our house for some back to school activities. We will be playing numerous outdoor games, having a meal, a devotional, and fellowship. You are asked to be at the building at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, September 6. We will be taking the bus and will return to the building at 8:15 p.m.

Also, Parents and Teens Sunday night, September 7, let's get together in the Fellowship Hall for sandwiches and share some goals and objectives for the coming year. Please bring sandwiches for your family and we can put them all together.

Some activities coming up for high school are:

October 11 - High School Day - OCC
October 18 - High School Day at Harding.

This would be an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with either or both places. See me if you are interestd in going. Look at 2 Timothy 3 for your reading this week.



Ministry Memos David Giddings

Two reminders: 1. September 13 is a special planning session for all the men of West Erwin. Activities begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at 12:00 noon. Please be involved in this important time together. 2. September 20 is the conference on Congregational Ministries at Water-view church of Christ in Richardson. There is an excellent program planned for women during this day. Some husbands and wives are planning to make this day together.

We need each other. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is precious. We must nurture this oneness daily. We must make sure it is a treasure to us!

God Goal #4 - "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

Let's help each other to reach God's goals for our lives. I love you!

Ladies

Ladies, remember the Get-Acquainted Luncheon scheduled for Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. This is for all ladies of the congregation. Invitations have also been sent to women who have been visiting with us recently. We do not want our new members or visitors to bring food. For other women, if your name begins with "A" through "K" bring a salad. If your last name begins with "L" through "R" bring a dessert, and if your last name begins with "S" through "Y" bring a relish dish. This is a special event. We hope every one will participate.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home for brother Jasper Dobbs. He passed away early Tuesday. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Dobbs and all members of the family.

Grandson

Harold and Nelda Browning are the grandparents of a baby boy born Wednesday, August 27 to Ken and Carlotta Browning in Bedford, Texas. The baby weighed 7 lb 9 oz and has been named Stephen Taylor Browning.

Invitation

The children of
George and Alice Stephenson
Cordially invite you to
Celebrate with them

The fifty years of their marriage

On September thirteenth, Nineteen hundred and eighty-six

Between the hours of

Two-thirty and four-thirty in the afternoon

At the Church of Christ

in Collinsville, Texas

The only gifts desired are your presence and affection.

Thank You

Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Alma Morlan. Thank you for your love and concern in our loss, and for the beautiful spray of pink carnations sent to mother's funeral.

Our love to all at West Erwin.

Alma Faye, Wes, & Children

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Sincere thanks for the beautiful pot plant, the cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother.

Jewell McCoy

Thank you for the visits, cards, and especially your prayers during my stay in the hospital and since returning home.

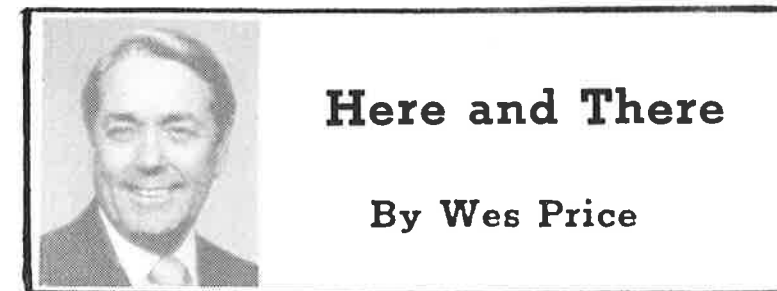
Earnesene Shuford

Your prayers, calls, cards, and visits continue to be a source of encouragement during my days of recovery following my recent accident. I thank God for each of you and for your concern.

In Christian love,
Bernice Majors



Visitors Welcome



My wife and I thank you for the generous love and attention you have given our family in the loss of Alma Faye's mother, Mrs. G. C. Morlan. It serves to reaffirm our place in the family of God at West Erwin.

The family will be establishing a memorial in the form of a scholarship fund at Abilene Christian University especially for those interested in the Department of Home Economics. Mrs. Morlan established that department at the University many years ago. If you would like, you may send contributions to the University marked for her memorial fund.

Another summer is gone and school is in full swing again. There is always something a bit sad when a season ends, but the melancholy is only momentary as we look forward to a new beginning and the excitement of activities in the longest segment of the year. We will be glad to have all of our families back in place on a regular basis. This regularity helps to build the work in all areas: Bible School, Brother's Keeper, Visitation, and Outreach. Find your place among these great works and give it your best. The Lord will bless your efforts and the church will grow and be strengthened by it.

With the beginning of our new quarter in the Bible School, we will be experiencing numerous adjustments as we advance children in age and grade. Parents, we will desire your special attention at this particular time so that your child will be looking forward to the change. For the younger ones especially, where change is unsettling, give them generous encouragement to look forward to their new class.

We will also need to be flexible as we put new workers into many of our classes to assist us in teaching God's word. We can help by meeting teachers we do not know and telling them how much we appreciate their work. Give us your feedback on any area you feel needs special attention.

I know the ladies will enjoy Jay's new study in the Wednesday morning class. If you have not previously been attending, give it a try. His presentation of the "Scheme of Redemption" will be not only enjoyable, but inspirational as well. Come and bring a friend.

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Sermon Subjects



Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Saddest Word (Luke 19:1-10)

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Debbie Graham's father, Al Fuller, has been dismissed from Medical Center Hospital.

Farrell Whitley's mother, Eula Whitley, had surgery last week in Jacksonville for a fractured hip. Michele Whitley's father, Leon Hartley, is ill in San Saba, Texas. He has suffered a stroke.

Sympathy

We learned Wednesday morning that brother Harold Taylor's mother, Madge Taylor, died in Franklin, Tennessee. Her funeral service will be Saturday in Salem, Indiana at the Weathers Funeral Home. Mrs. Taylor was 87. We express our sincere sympathy to the family in their loss. Harold's dad is hospitalized in Franklin, Tenn. in Williamson Memorial Hospital.

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday and Wednesday evening - BILL PASCHALL, 581-7464.

New Granddaughter

Sister Clara Haynes is the proud grandmother of a baby girl born in Nashville, Tenn. on August 2 to Captain and Mrs. Lee Haynes. They have named her Natalie.

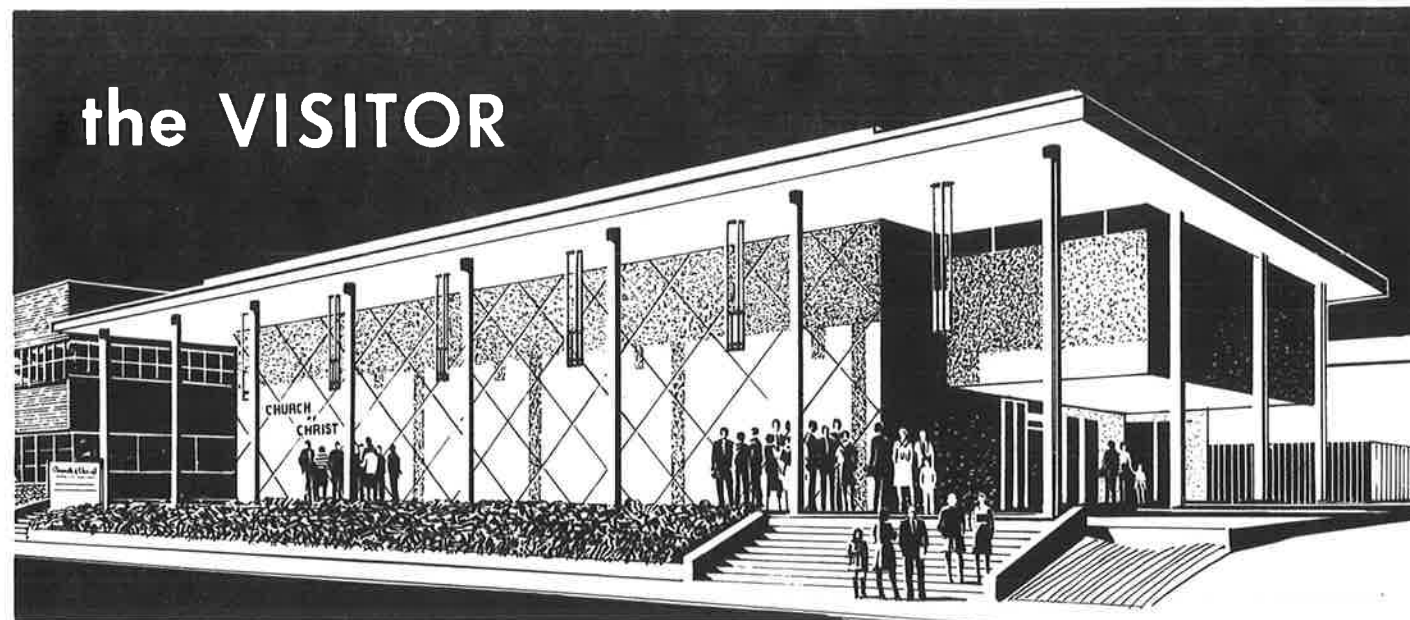
Happy Birthday

AUGUST (31) Jan Cook SEPTEMBER (1) Barbara Valentine, Duane Hendrix (2) Kathy Lovejoy, Denton Phillips (3) Kenny Lee McRuiz (4) Leona McElroy, Modena Jones (5) Homer Williamson, Christ Starnes, Frances Atkins (6) W.H. Wright, Lori Hensley, Jim McCoy, Louis Giddings, David Lovejoy

Brother's Keeper

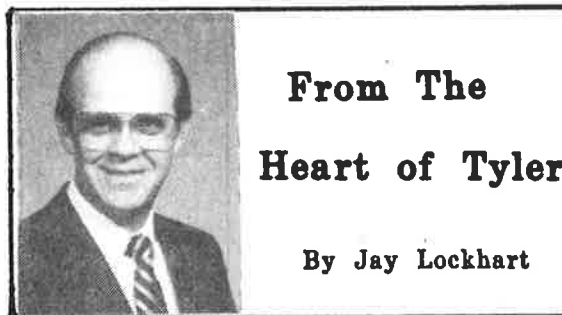
SUNDAY EVENING - Following worship. Plan to meet with your unit.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I am looking forward to studying with our Ladies Class this fall as we will examine God's Plan of Redemption each Wednesday morning. There has been a suggestion that we consider meeting at another time. Come on Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 A.M. and we will consider the best time for most to meet.

Our attendance and contributions last Sunday were so encouraging. Now that Summer is winding down, let's make a special effort to have over 400 in Bible Classes on Sunday and over 500 in worship on a consistent basis. And is it beyond our ability to crack the 400 mark on Sunday night? You decide!

Our studies in James in the adult Bible Classes promises to be a great experience this fall. Plan to be in your class!

This Sunday you can be one of over 500 people who praise God from the Heart of Tyler. See you!

New Adult Classes

Beginning September 7 all adults, including our college students, will enter an exciting study of Adventures in Christian Living -- the Book of James. This practical letter of James will bless our lives as we apply its truths to daily living. Classes and teachers will be:

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|---------------|-----------------|
| College | John Bragg |
| Professionals | Billy Terrell |
| Young Married | Jay Lockhart |
| Annex | Hillard Hughes |
| Couples | Freeman Morgan |
| Nimrod Class | Forest McFadden |
| Auditorium | David Frick |
| Chapel | Ira Wilson |

Ladies Class

Beginning September 3, the Ladies Class will resume on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. in the Chapel. Jay Lockhart will be the teacher and an indepth look at God's Plan of Redemption will be the study. This overview of the Biblical story will involve some outside study and is designed to lead our ladies into a deeper knowledge of the eternal purpose of God. Ladies, plan now to attend. Nursery will be provided.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

It is good to wake up every morning with the thought that God loves us! This helps me to start my day and causes me to marvel at the wisdom of God. God continues to take care of his people. Take a look at I John 4:7-21 this week and let's all take it to heart. It will benefit us all.

Special thanks to Fleta Butler and Sherryl Miles for providing the food for the youth Sunday night. We appreciate your time, effort and willingness to help with our youth. They are very special people.

This Sunday night (Aug. 31) will be Brother's Keeper and there will not be activities for the youth. The next activity will be a Back To School Party at the Lovejoy home on September 6. Details later. Also, September 7, I would like to meet with the parents and teens and discuss goals and upcoming events. Plan to be there and bring sandwiches and whatever your family likes to eat. Let's meet in the Fellowship Hall after services. I hope and pray that all of our efforts will be fruitful and well pleasing to God. I rejoice at the chance to work with you to the glory of God.

Get Acquainted Luncheon

The ladies of the West Erwin church of Christ will have a Get-Acquainted Luncheon, Saturday, Sept. 6, 1986 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our new members will not be asked to bring food. Invitations will be mailed this week. Ladies, please take note of the dish you are to bring. Mark your calendars, and plan to attend.



The children of
George and Alice Stephenson
Cordially invite you to
Celebrate with them
The fifty years of their marriage
On September thirteenth, Nineteen hundred and eighty-six
Between the hours of
Two-thirty and four-thirty in the afternoon
At the Church of Christ
in Collinsville, Texas
The only gifts desired are your presence and affection.

Teacher Workshop

Remember, 1986 East Texas Teacher Training Workshop, sponsored by East Texas Churches of Christ will be Saturday, October 4 at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. The hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Plan to attend this special effort.

Ministry Memos David Giddings

September 13 is the date for an All Church Men's Planning Meeting. We will work together from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This will be an important time together and your involvement is needed.

Les Carruth and Joe McBee are special men. I have been working with Les on a new brochure about West Erwin. Joe and I have been involved with the reorganization of the Brothers Keeper Units. I appreciate their commitment to these efforts. Tell them you appreciate them, too.

Man's greatest need is God's grace. God has chosen to communicate His grace through the church. If we are to realize His purpose for us, all that we do must be done with His grace in mind.

God's Goal #3 - "See to it that no one misses the grace of God..." (Hebrews 12:15 NIV).

Let's help each other reach God's goal for us! I love you.

Thank You

I want everyone who sent cards, called and brought food during my illness to know that I surely do appreciate every thing. The Brothers Keeper Unit was so kind and did so many things for me. Thanks to all. I love you.

Leona McElroy

Sympathy

At this writing (Tuesday morning) funeral services are pending in Abilene for Mrs. G. C. Morlan, mother of sister Alma Faye Price. Wes and Alma Faye left Tuesday morning to go to Abilene for the funeral service. Sister Morlan was 92. We extend our sincere sympathy to each member of the family.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Marc and Pam Lemons who are the parents of a baby girl born early Monday morning in Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 6 lb, 8½ oz and has been named Katie Nicole. Charles and Velma Lemons are the happy grandparents.

Potpourri

The new sign for the church on Erwin Street is a gift from Edgar and Delle Bullard. We appreciate their generosity.

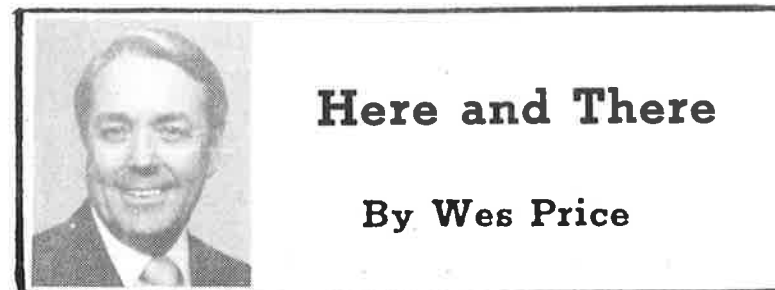
Brother Foy Bellows, who now lives in Arlington, was in Tyler last week and expressed his best wishes to West Erwin and said how much he misses the church here.

Brother Jesse King came by the building last Friday. Since the death of his wife recently, he is not sure if he will remain in Okla. It was good to see him.

The ladies who prepared meals each Tuesday during the month of August as a special treat for our shutins and elderly were: Sara Powell, Delle Bullard, June Walker, Ernestine Mallory, Virginia Canterbury, Rhonda Hendrix, Sue Skipper, Mary Haws, Betty Bray, and Katie Powell.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Bible School promotion for our graded classes will take place on Wednesday night, September 3 and Sunday morning, September 7. We would like for teachers to help by being sure the children know where their new classroom is located.

Teachers, your new material has been placed in your classrooms and may be picked up any time this week.

We have a great host of new teachers in our Bible School program, and we are happy to have them join us in one of the greatest efforts this church puts forth - that of teaching men and women, boys and girls the Word of God. I think it would be more than appropriate, if you have children in any of our classes, for you to meet the teacher and tell them personally how much you appreciate their efforts to help teach your child the messages of the Bible.

For parents of children in the Pre-school and Primary classes, we have asked that the teachers mail you a copy of the Scripture references and topics that will be discussed each week during this quarter. If you did not receive one, please let me know or ask your child's teacher for a copy. We believe that this will help tie the classroom and the home closer together in the teaching effort. We urge you to get involved in their Bible learning.

Among other new teachers and classes which will be announced next week, we want to give a little advance publicity to a new class to begin on Sunday morning, September 7. We are happy to introduce brother Bill Terrell who will be teaching the Young Singles class. We want to encourage all of our young singles to make plans to be present for this new class and especially to invite friends to join them. Let's make this class the fastest growing one we have!

My wife and I received the news on Monday of the passing of her mother, Mrs. G. C. Morlan of Abilene. Alma Morlan was a great Christian woman and though she lived well beyond the three score and ten the Psalmist spoke of, she will be missed. She was the kind of person I'm sure that Solomon had in mind when he wrote the beautiful description of a worthy woman in Proverbs 31:10-31.

Thank you for your love and kindness in this difficult time.

Records	AUG. 17	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
BIBLE SCHOOL	432	452	323
WORSHIP/A.M.	463	511	451
/P.M.	319	331	284
CONTRIBUTION	\$7,859.73	\$10,169.85	\$7,190.95

Wednesday Evening/Aug.13 - 236

And The Lord Added . . .

Angie Hendrix, daughter of Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix, was baptized into Christ on Sunday afternoon, August 3, by her granddad, Forest McFadden. Angie was 12 August 9 and will be in the 7th grade when school starts. She is a member of the Bible School. We are proud of you, Angie.

The Sick

Sister Earnesene Shuford was scheduled to go home from Doctors Memorial this week. Her address is, Rt. 1, Box CL 78-3, Murchison, Texas (75778).

Sister Bernice Majors was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday. She will be at The Clairmont Nursing Home until her ankle heals. Sister Majors' husband is also a patient in The Clairmont.

Brother Jasper Dobbs condition remains the same. He is confined to his home.

Sister Debbie Graham's father, Al Fuller, suffered a heart attack this week and has been in ICU in Medical Center. His condition has improved and he is now in room 3308.

Sister Doris Terrell's husband, Douglas, is a patient in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

We have a number of shutins who would appreciate a visit or card from you.

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Wes Price - Associate	Harold Taylor - Mission
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F. C. Carpenter	Ray Lott
Faber Cauthen	Fred Powell
Dr. L. Roger Knight	
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Bible School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	
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(September through May)	
Wednesday	
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(September through May)	
Bible Classes	7:30 p.m.
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

The Ben Youngs The Lane Akins
The Robert Stokes The David Frieks
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday and Wednesday Evening - JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.



Sermon Subjects

August 24, 1986 Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. What Matters Most?

(Eccles. 12:1-7, 13-14)

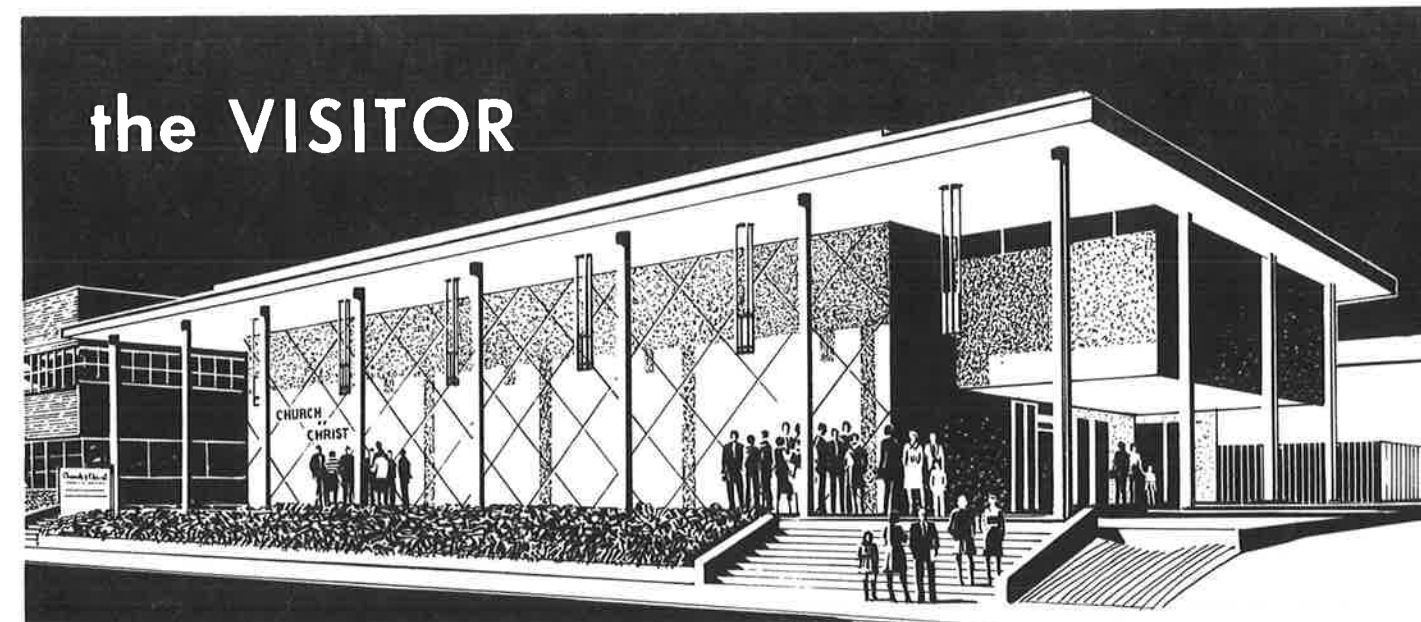
6:00 P.M. An Affirmation of God's Sufficiency

(Ps. 46:1-11)

Happy Birthday


AUGUST (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker (26) Patricia Prichard (27) Pauline Aven, Thomas White, Michelle Steffee, Pauline Smith, Wyndal Miller (28) Marikate Davis (29) Penny McDonald

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

What did the following men have in common? Elbridge Gerry, George M. Dallas, William R. King, Hannibal Hamlin, Henry Wilson, William A. Wheeler, Thomas A. Hendricks, and Garrett A. Hobart. Answer: All of them were vice presidents of the United States. There are those who believe that vice presidents are unimportant. I don't agree. The vice president presides over the Senate, casts his vote in the Senate in case of a tie, and is first in line to become president in case the serving president is removed from office for any reason. However, serving as vice president is not all that glamorous. After all, how many names of vice presidents do we remember? In the church our names may not be household words; we cannot all be first, out in front, prominent. But we all are important, necessary, remembered by Him. Who doesn't need to be recognized, praised, appreciated? Yet in the final analysis, here is what matters:

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love."
Hebrews 6:10

Keep on keeping on from the Heart of Tyler.

Coming Events

Mark Your Calendar!

This fall promises to not only be busy but wonderfully exciting. Some important dates to remember follow. You will receive more details later, but mark your calendars now.

SEPTEMBER 3 - Ladies Class resumes, 10:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 3 - Harold Taylor reports on his Far East tour at our mid-week service.

SEPTEMBER 6 - All Church Ladies Luncheon
SEPTEMBER 7 - New Sunday Adult Classes
SEPTEMBER 10 - New Wednesday Adult Classes
SEPTEMBER 13 - All Church Men's Planning Meeting
SEPTEMBER 20 - Ministries Workshop at Waterview church in Richardson

SEPTEMBER 28 - All Church Fellowship (Brother's Keeper)

OCTOBER 4 - East Texas Teacher's Workshop at Alpine church in Longview

These are good, busy days. Be fully involved!

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth. Eccl. 12:1a



David Lovejoy

Tuesday was the last night of the Summer Youth Series. The series has been excellent. The theme was "Maturity," and many aspects were considered. Attendance was good, the singing was uplifting, and the messages were very practical. Our prayer and aim was that each individual would be uplifted and benefited by attending. It is always a joy and privilege to be in fellowship with Christians. Let us take every opportunity we can to be with others. The rewards will be everlasting.

I would like to thank Amy Fisher and Michael Anselm for cleaning the inside of the bus Sunday afternoon. It looks a lot better! We all appreciate your time and effort. Also, thanks to Scott Carruth for lining up boys to hand out the Update Sunday morning. The job was well done. Keep up the good work!

Parents to help with food for Sunday night's activities will be Fleta Butler and Sherryl Miles. Let's remember to bring our Bibles Sunday night and take this opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God's Word. For your reading this week, look at Psalms 103 and 104.

Remember, God loves you and we love you. LJ

Gospel Meeting

Dick Marcear from Amarillo will conduct a Gospel Meeting, August 24-27 at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. You are invited to attend each evening at 7:30.

Brother Marcear will also speak at the area preachers' luncheon on Tuesday noon, August 26 at 402 So. Main.

Ministry Memos David Giddings

Mark September 20 on your calendar. West Erwin needs to take a large group to a Ministries Workshop at the Waterview church of Christ in Richardson, Texas. Brochures will be available soon outlining the program for the day. Plan to go with us.

To grow properly, your plants need the right atmosphere. To grow properly, Christians need the right atmosphere. A church will not grow if the Christians in it are not growing. An atmosphere of faith, hope, and love is essential for growth to take place. God wants us to be like Jesus. Let us create the atmosphere necessary.

God's Goal #2 - "For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son..." (Romans 8:29).

Let's help each other reach God's goals for us! I love you.

Visitation Program

A lot of effort is being made to involve more of our members in our visitation program. This is a work that is vital to the church because it does so much good. Christians who are newcomers to town might be hesitant to get into a new church setting. One friendly visit from you might keep them from being "lost in the shuffle." Newcomers, who are not affiliated with any church, might feel the magnetism that the true believer displays and be drawn into the fellowship of the saints as the result of a brief contact from you. Christians, who are struggling spiritually, will be made stronger because you cared enough to share your strength with them. In the fall we plan to have a visitation program that will fit all life styles. If you like to meet and eat together as before, we will have a program for you. If you find it more convenient to meet and make a visit the same night, then we will have this program for you. The important thing is not how we do this important work; the important thing is that we do it. Please get involved. Be committed. It will put stars in your crown. Remember, the Lord needs you in this work. --Phil Marts

Sympathy

Sister Jewell McCoy attended the funeral of her brother, Jarrell Baker of Corpus Christi, last week.

Funeral services were conducted last week in the Dallas area for the grandfather of sister Cathy Hallman.

Sister Irene Taylor was in Cordell, Okla. last week for the funeral of her brother-in-law, Roy Taylor.

Sympathy is extended to each family in their loss.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Dear Brethren:

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus.

It is again time to send you my monthly report and this one is even better than the last one. Excitement is growing daily among the Mission Team as we see the many people come our way to study the Word of God.

This semester we had ninety registered students and the attendance was not affected by the summer months as it has been in the past. On Friday, August 15, the term will end and, as usual, we will have our "Pot Luck."

By the time you receive this I should be in El Salvador, God willing. Maya and I will spend our much needed vacation there visiting with relatives and also preaching at different locations.

The work at the Spanish congregation in New York is going tremendously well. Last Sunday we had seventy-five in attendance! We were all happy to see that every seat was occupied and we had to look for extra chairs. Keep us in your prayers.

Our Dominican Project is also going well. I received a letter from brother Manuel Fernandez and in it he says that after preaching the Sunday after his arrival a lady came forward and was baptized into Christ.

Maya and I rejoice in knowing that we are counted among you, and appreciate your kind and generous support. God bless you.

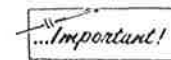
In Jesus,
P. Pablo Molina

Thank You

Your floral tribute was greatly appreciated. Thank you for your sympathy.

The Richey Family

Directory Update



Sunday, following the morning worship, is the last scheduled time to have your picture made for the supplement to our church directory. Some have been unable to keep their appointments and have been rescheduled for this Sunday along with the most recent new members. (You should have received a letter this week.) Please go directly to the Annex - the room just off the back foyer - and have your picture made by brother James Phillips. Also, if you have not returned your information sheet, please do.



Here and There

By Wes Price

What a joy to bring you greetings from George and Esther Kester of Hendersonville, Tennessee! They send their love along with that greeting with a desire to let all know how much they still love West Erwin. Our nearly week long visit with them was one of the nicest vacations we have ever had. They truly demonstrate the spirit of genuine Christian hospitality. If you are ever in the Nashville area, they would love to have you drop by.

We appreciate the opportunity to be away from you for a few days, but as always, it is good to be back home and get back to doing the things I most love to do. Thanks for allowing us to be away.

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It hardly seems possible, but the new school year will soon be upon us. Now that the one big event of summer is over for church workers, it is time to get back to details of our weekly Bible School program. In a few days we will be mailing out schedules for teacher rotation in our classes and announcing the new quarter's study in our adult classes.

The combined classes meeting in the Fellowship Hall will continue through Sunday morning, September 7. As a follow-up to this film series by Faulkner and Brecheen, we want to give some announcement to all about a new film series by Dr. James Dobson entitled, "Turn Your Heart Toward Home." It will be shown on Wednesday nights beginning October 8, and will continue through November 12. This is an outstanding film series on the family and we will be making more comments about it as October approaches. Please reserve the dates and begin now to think of others you can invite to attend. We would like to fill our auditorium to capacity with members and visitors for these showings.

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One other date I want to impress on your minds is October 4. On that Saturday the annual East Texas Teacher Training Workshop will be conducted at the Alpine church in Longview. Brochures are available in the foyer. We will be taking all who can go, so please make plans to attend. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the closing session will end at 4:00 p.m. Excellent resource teachers will be presenting sessions for all age groups.

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Elsewhere in our bulletin is an article concerning our Visitation Program by Phil Marts. Please give careful consideration to becoming part of this vital effort. The Committee is striving to make a variety available to attract the widest number of participants. We believe you will find a special place to serve. We appreciate the work that the men have done this summer in experimenting with various approaches so that we will be able to accommodate more workers. You can be a Visitation Team member if you want to.

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BIBLE SCHOOL	452	376	318
WORSHIP/A.M.	511	503	405
/P.M.	331	380	278
CONTRIBUTION	8,569.85		
(special)	1,600.00		
Total	10,169.85	8,929.09	7,742.59

New Members

We rejoice that on Thursday of last week, Weldon Keith, Laverne's husband, was baptized into Christ.

We are very happy to welcome the following new members who came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin family:

Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot and their children Katie and Marc. Their address is Rt. 3, Box 149X Lindale, Texas 75771 - Telephone, 882-6938.

James and Connie Sublette, 1403 Waverly, Tyler 75701, telephone 593-3578. They have 3 youngsters: Kimberly, Tiffany and Garrett.

Don and Janie Farrer, 400 W. Southtown, #106, Tyler 75703, telephone 581-2687.

H. M. and Alla Minnis, Rt. 1, Box 1798, Chandler, Texas 75758, telephone 849-3379.

The Sick

Casey Culpepper, young son of Ken and Cathy Culpepper, is recovering from an emergency appendectomy very early Wednesday morning. He is in Mother Frances and may go home on Friday.

Sister Earnesene Shuford was scheduled to have surgery for a pacemaker on Wednesday morning. She is in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

We are glad that sister Leona McElroy is feeling much better.

Sister Carolyn Welborn is now at home.

Brother Jasper Dobbs is confined to his home.

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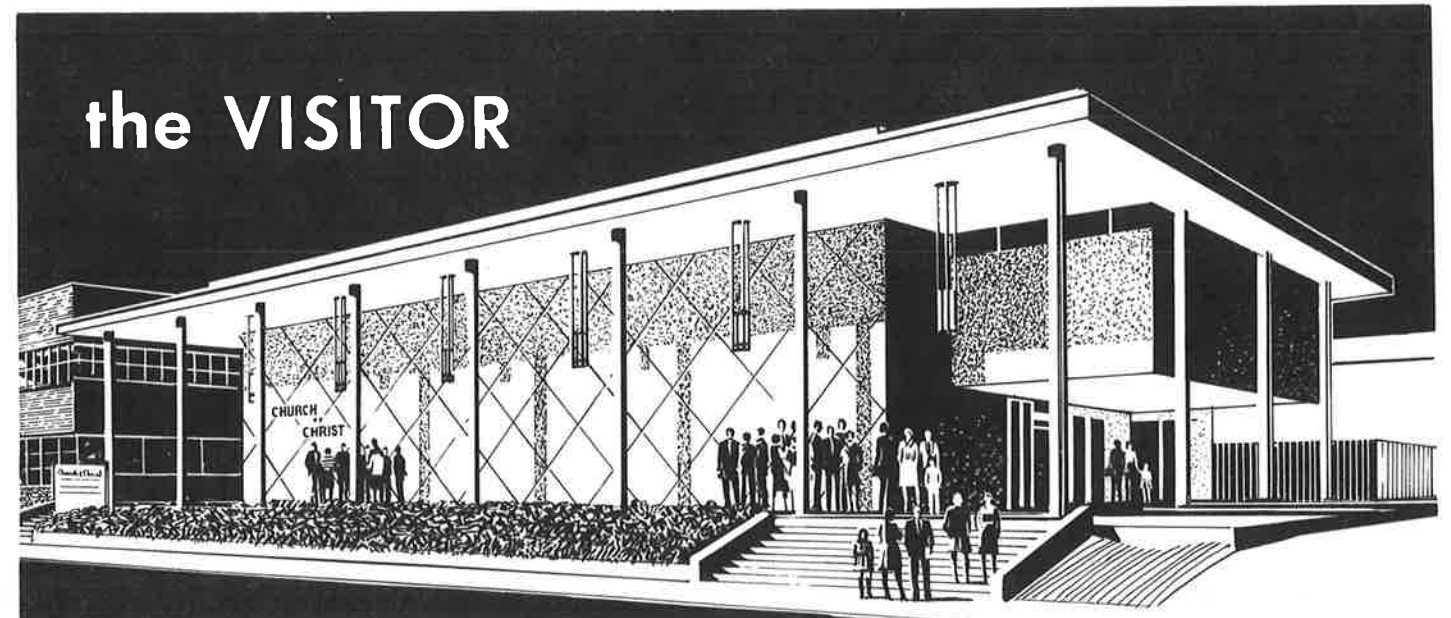
Thank You

Thank you for the lovely flowers and the many cards of sympathy in the loss of my brother.

Marikate Davis

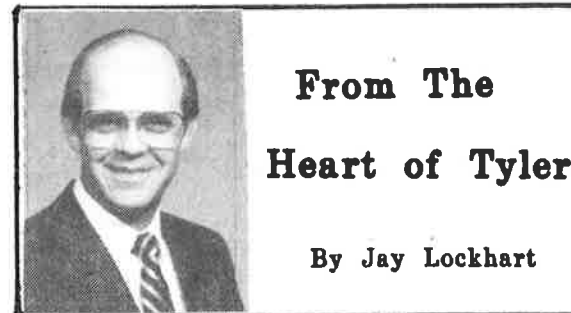
"Every member of the body is indispensable. Only as each part does its work can the body grow and attain its goal of maturity and unity in Christ."

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"Be...slow to speak"
 James 1:19

Did You Get The Facts Straight?

Ed Hunt is one of the good guys! Have you met him? Ed, and his wife Margie, came to us recently, and they both hit the ground running. Over the last several days Ed has spent many hours checking out all of our air conditioning units, making repairs where he could and supervising the work of air condition professionals when needed. Ed has not only saved us hundreds of dollars in expenses, but has brought our equipment up to greater efficiency. A special thanks to Ed! We are grateful to have the Hunts, and all the others who have brought a renewed excitement to the Heart of Tyler, with us.

With many of our folks on vacation, it is good to see our auditorium nearly full on Sunday morning and to have so many visitors. Keep extending that famous West Erwin welcome to all visitors as we continue to build a significant work for the Light which shines from the Heart of Tyler.

Have you ever known anyone who told everything they knew...and then some? Have you ever played the game gossip? Several people sit in a circle and one whispers something in the ear of the person next to him. He in turn whispers the message to a third person, and so on around the circle. When the message gets back to the one who began it, it usually is totally different. People will talk, won't they? Sometimes too much. And often without getting the facts straight. There are those who "hear things" or reach conclusions from their imaginations and pass them on as truth. Good brethren have been maligned on the gossip pages of the religious tabloids. It has been said, "The truth hurts," and sometimes it does. But a half-truth or a lie can hurt too. The defense, "But my source seemed reliable," is unacceptable. It doesn't matter that you heard it from your best friend, who got it from his reliable aunt Sally, who got it directly from the editor of some paper who heard it at the lectureship. In every circumstance, get your facts straight. And then keep something to yourself. No one is obligated to tell everything he knows. James said, "Be...slow to speak."

From David Lovejoy

★Youth

Vacation Bible School is now over and in the past. It was good to see so many of you involved in different ways. Your help was very much needed and appreciated. The time that was spent was worthwhile. The seed was sown in the hearts of a lot of children. The fruit will be seen in late years as God gives the increase.

The activities Sunday night were well attended. Our thanks to the Powells and the Leeks for providing excellent food. We want to encourage you to come and be a part of this activity. There are many new faces at West Erwin and we need to make them welcome and a part of our family.

For your reading this week let's look at Psalm 23. Remember God loves you and we love you.

Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you all from all here at Chimala Mission. Our prayer is that all is well with you as it is even with us.

As always we are very thankful for your prayers and support for us and the work here in Tanzania.

We recently received a shipment from you consisting of five boxes. The bandages, gauze, bandaids, gowns and other supplies are appreciated very much.

The work continues to go well and the church is growing and also spreading into new areas. We recently had an all day meeting for area preachers which was well attended and enjoyed by them all. They are very eager to learn how to better reach the people with God's Word.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we work together in the Lord.

In Christian love,
Nancy Hickerson

Ministry Memos David Giddings

God knows the kind of people a church needs in order to accomplish the work God wants that church to do. God blesses a local church with people that are needed. When this happens, responsibilities increase for all members. New members need to find a "belonging place" in a church. It is the responsibility of established members to help new members find that belonging place.

West Erwin has been blessed with an influx of new members who need new relationships in order to function as part of the local church family. We must make a commitment to reach out to newcomers, introduce them to others, invite them to be involved and open our lives to them so we can work together for God's glory. Every class, every fellowship group, every work committee must communicate a warm, accepting atmosphere toward all people. If we fail here, we will lose what God has given us.

God's Goal #1 - "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." (John 17:3,4).

Let's help each other reach God's goals for us. I love you!

From India

It is a great joy for us having correspondence with you great citizen of the Lord's Kingdom. We are always thinking of you and praying for you. "Your labor in the Lord is not in vain," I Cor. 15:58. We send our gratitude to the West Erwin congregation through you. We received 9 parcels of adult clothing this month. First batch four parcels arrived here July 1st and second batch 5 parcels arrived July 24, '86.

We remake same pieces into items which we wear. We are not having these type of beautiful clothing in our country. It is a thrill and wonder to see your tailor's skill in making the garments...All the Christians here enjoyed wearing these beautiful pieces of clothing.

Give our love and tell our gratitude to benevolent center. Tell my inexpressible gratitude to our dear brother W. R. Womack who is taking pains in sending these parcels. Convey our best wishes to the supervisor of the benevolent center. We have been utilizing every piece in a good way. We are always thinking of the West Erwin congregation, their missionary mind and their love.

E.K.V.Prasada Rao, E. Karunaveni
and Christians - Cheyyeru, India

Sympathy

Funeral services for George Davidson, brother of sister Marikate Davis, were held Monday in Cleburne, Texas. We express our sincere sympathy to the family in this loss.

Congratulations

Sister Leona McElroy is a great grandmother to baby girl Corey Michelle who was born Thursday in Henderson, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. James White.



Sermon Subjects

August 17, 1986 by Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. What's New?

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

6:00 P.M. What To Do When Differences Arise.

(Matthew 18:15-17)

Too Busy

Too busy to read the Bible,

Too busy to wait and pray;

Too busy to speak out kindly

To someone along the way.

Too busy with cares and struggles

To think of the life to come;

Too busy building mansions

To plan for a heavenly home.

Too busy to help a brother

Who faces the winter's blast;

Too busy to share the burdens

When self in the balance is cast.

Too busy for all that is holy,

On earth beneath the sky;

Too busy to serve the Master,

But not too busy to die.

Encourage One Another

It can be said that one of the most difficult aspects of life is being criticized by others, especially when it is done by someone who is close. A friend told me recently, "Everything has gone wrong today—a bill I didn't expect a traffic ticket I didn't want, and criticism I didn't need."

William Barclay once wrote:

"One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement...It is easy to laugh at men's ideals; it is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word."

Phillippians 2:3,4 presents the proper attitude in respect to the treatment of others:

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interests of others."

When people are struggling, they need more than words to survive. As the old phrase goes, "People need to know that you care before they care about what you know." We need to listen and then encourage. Hurting people are full of discouraging thoughts: they don't need one more to add to the list.

The beauty of Jesus Christ lies in his ability to take people where they are and lift them up to believe in Him and to believe in themselves. Encouragement comes in many packages—a kind word, a gentle touch, a favor, or just a look that is warm. One just never knows who needs it, so we need to encourage everyone when ever we can. Jesus did it; and to walk as he walked, we are encouraged to do the same.

--Patrick King, Minister

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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.

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Aug. 3 \$8,929.09
July 27 9,123.40
Year Ago 8,085.91

BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug. 3 376
July 27 401
Year Ago 305

WORSHIP

Aug. 3/A.M. 503
/P.M. 380

July 27/A.M. 502

Wed. Eve. 246

Year Ago 408

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David & Sue Giddings Harold & Shirley Denman
Tony & Mary Adams Grant & Leanne Knight
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 10, and Wednesday evening, Aug. 13, KEVIN WOMACK-597-2726.

Responses

Sunday morning Gary and Julie Ables, 3417 Harwood, Tyler (01)-Telephone 595-5710, came to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. We are happy to welcome them. They are the parents of preschool twin boys, Chris and Cody.

Mrs. Arnold (Agnes) Ables, 405 Woodland Hills, Tyler (01), Telephone 561-6607, came to place membership. She is Gary Ables' mother. We are very pleased to welcome sister Ables.

Also, on Sunday morning, Clay and Amy Collins, brother and sister, came to place membership. Their address is 6700 Joy Drive, Tyler (03), Telephone 581-4187. We are very glad to have these young people as part of the West Erwin family.

The Sick

Brother Jasper Dobbs has been hospitalized this week in Mother Frances.

Brother Jim McCoy is now at home. He was scheduled to see a specialist in Dallas on Thursday.

Sister Patsy Fisher's father, R.J.Roddy, had surgery this week in Mother Frances.

Sister Marikate Davis' brother, George Davidson, is critically ill in Godley, Texas. Marikate is there with the family.

Brother Ted Snipes has been in the hospital but is now at home.

Thank You

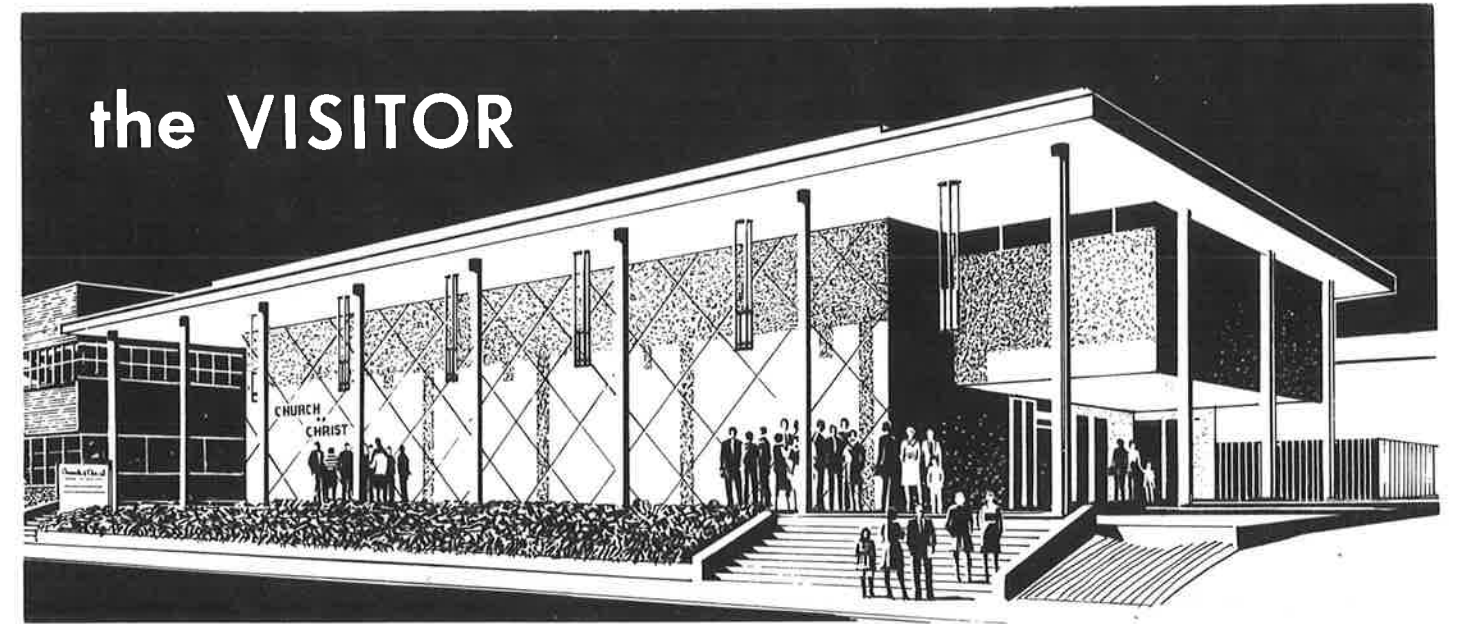
Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the many acts of love and support shown me and my family during my recent illness. Your prayers, visits, cards, calls, donations of blood, and many other expressions of concern are greatly appreciated. Continue to pray for us as we come through some trying times together. We love you all.

Jim McCoy

Summer Youth Series


Young people come to our building Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. We will go to the Shiloh church building together for the Summer Youth Series.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"I press on toward the goal"
Philippians 2:14*

Is It Worth It?

Isn't it a wonderful experience to see our auditorium almost filled to capacity on Sunday mornings? And last Sunday evening...there were more people present for worship than I have ever seen at a regular evening service at West Erwin--nearly 400 worshippers. That represents an increase of about 100 over the last few weeks. The reason for the increase is three-fold: (1) we have had over 60 place membership with us recently; (2) we are having a number of visitors who return on Sunday evenings; and, (3) more of our people have put Sunday night worship in their schedule. We are thankful and encouraged by all three facts.

As you greet people at our church meetings, don't hesitate to re-introduce yourself to those whose names you do not yet have fixed in your mind. In a growing, friendly church family you may introduce yourself to someone who says, "I have been here for five years!" No matter, keep introducing yourself, keep being friendly, keep caring, and we will keep growing. See you Sunday in the Heart of Tyler.

There is so much activity! Meals prepared for the elderly and shutins, sewing and preparing clothing and food for the poor, home Bible studies being taught, visits being made, preparation of lessons by those who teach, attending of classes and worship periods, and then there are those decorated class rooms with countless hours of preparation made by our VBS workers, including the actual teaching, serving, baking, bringing, helping, etc. Is it worthwhile? Is it really worth the effort? Look at the twinkle in the eye of those who receive meals. See the genuine gratitude of the poor who are helped. Observe the baptism of a precious soul who was taught in a "cottage meeting," watch those who are visited come to work and worship with us, receive encouragement, and experience someone touching their lives in a meaningful way. See those who are taught in classes and worship learn, change, and grow. Look into the faces of children taught in VBS, some of whom otherwise would not hear about Jesus at all. Nothing we do for Him ever goes unobserved and never returns void. Is it worth it? You tell me.

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From David Lovejoy

★Youth

The Summer Youth Series continues to be good each time. We will be going to Gilmer the 5th and then here in town to the Shiloh Church on the 12th. This will end the series. We want you to come and be a part of these activities. The rewards will be everlasting and very much beneficial to you.

Thanks go to the Whitleys and Harris' for helping with the food Sunday night. We appreciate you very much for your effort. Next week the Leeks and Powells will be helping with the food. I want to encourage each and everyone of you from middle school through high school to be here this Sunday night for the activities. These are designed for your physical and spiritual well being. This will also help Kathy and me to get to know you better and let you get to know us.

Juniors and Seniors, we will be studying from the book of Amos 5:10-15 and 8:4-8 on the subject, "What Does The Lord Require." Please bring your Bibles so we can have a good study Sunday morning.

Take Time To Pray

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (10) Ivah Miller (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes (12) David Graves, Randy Krupicka (13) Gilbert Venable, Suzanne Kirby (14) Patsy Young (15) Sylvia Carpenter (16) June Walker, Angela Mallory, Betty Knight, Marjorie Davis.

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On Sunday Afternoon, August 10, 1986
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Hours
Two until Four
"Come and Go"

Selections
Dillard's

Sermon Subjects by Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "The Story Of The Loving Father"
(Luke 15:11-24)
6:00 P.M. "The Other Son"
(Luke 15:25-32)

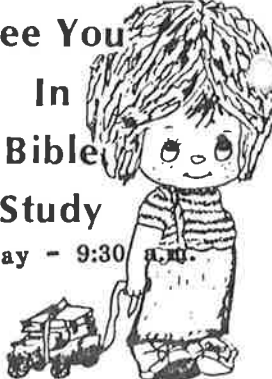


Benevolent Needs

There are special needs at the present time in the benevolent work. Clothing for Preschool children and for children six to twelve years old is especially needed. We are beginning to fill needs for school clothing. Please bring the items you have to the church building.

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

See You
In
Bible
Study
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.



Visitors

We are blessed with many visitors in the worship services and classes. We want each of you to know that you are our honored guests. We hope you will return at every opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Cole

and

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Denman

request the honor of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Lisa Jan

and

Stanley Carroll

on Saturday, the twenty-third of August

nineteen hundred and eighty-six

at two-thirty in the afternoon

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Tyler, Texas

Sympathy

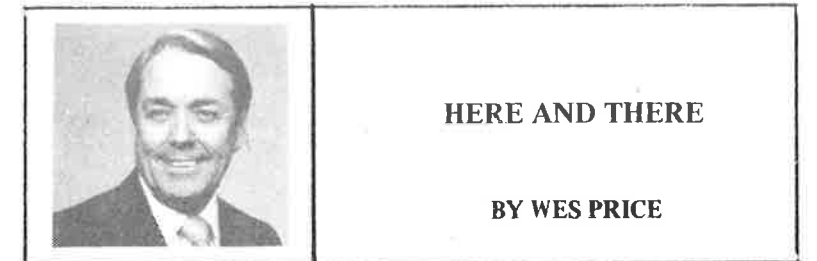
We were sad to learn that sister Jesse (Theo Janet) King, passed away on Tuesday morning in Guthrie, Okla. Her funeral service was held Thursday. The Kings were members of the West Erwin church for many years.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Elders and Deacons on Tuesday evening, August 12th at 6:30 at the El Charro Restaurant (East 5th Street and Loop 323).

BIBLE READING CHART FOR AUGUST

1.	Esther	1-2	Proverbs	12
2.	Esther	3-4	Proverbs	13
3.	Esther	5-7	Proverbs	14
4.	Esther	8-10	Proverbs	15
5.	Job	1-2	Proverbs	16
6.	Job	3-4	Proverbs	17
7.	Job	5-6	Proverbs	18
8.	Job	7-8	Proverbs	19
9.	Job	9-10	Proverbs	20
10.	Job	11-12	Proverbs	21
11.	Job	13-14	Proverbs	22
12.	Job	15-16	Proverbs	23
13.	Job	17-18	Proverbs	24
14.	Job	19-20	Proverbs	25
15.	Job	21-22	Proverbs	26
16.	Job	23-24	Proverbs	27
17.	Job	25-27	Proverbs	28
18.	Job	28-29	Proverbs	29
19.	Job	30-31	Proverbs	30
20.	Job	32-33	Proverbs	31
21.	Job	34-35	Romans	1
22.	Job	36-37	Romans	2
23.	Job	38-39	Romans	3
24.	Job	40-41	Romans	4
25.	Job	42	Romans	5
26.	Ecclesiastes	1-2	Romans	6
27.	Ecclesiastes	3-4	Romans	7
28.	Ecclesiastes	5-6	Romans	8
29.	Ecclesiastes	7-8	Romans	9
30.	Ecclesiastes	9-10	Romans	10
31.	Ecclesiastes	11-12	Romans	11



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

The 1986 edition of our Vacation Bible School got off to a great start on Monday with well over 200 in attendance. We expect an increase each day as we move into the week. We express thanks to all who have had a part in making this week a great success. It is amazing to witness all the talent and skill that teachers demonstrate in preparing their learning centers for this event. We commend them especially for their tireless work in preparing to teach Bible stories in such a vivid way.

As you know the church maintains a blood account with Stewart Blood Bank. At the present time, we are at our lowest level in quite some time. Would you please help us by going by their center sometime in the near future and donating a unit of blood in the account of the West Erwin Church of Christ. They are even open on Saturday morning for your convenience. We have had several calls on the account recently and you can help by replenishing the blood.

It is great to enjoy the work and worship of so many new members at West Erwin. We are happy to add such dedicated talent to our works of service. These have come at a good time to add new energy to our efforts to grow for the Lord in the heart of Tyler. Let's encourage them as they seek to find a place of work and service among us.

May we remind all teachers that rotation for pre-school and primary classes will take place in September. The first class time will be on Wednesday night, September 3rd, so promotion will take place at that time with promotion for Sunday to take place on Sunday morning, September 7th. This will also be the time when we rotate teachers for a new quarter of teaching. A schedule will be mailed to you in the near future.

With the fall and school time fast approaching, it will be well to remind all ladies that we will resume our Ladies' Bible Class on Wednesday morning, September 11. We began a study in the Psalms before concluding our class in the summer. We will be continuing this study in the fall. We want all ladies to join us for this class and invite your friends to join us.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer W. A. Matthews
Scripture Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Jay Lockhart

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July 27 \$9,123.40
July 20 10,839.18
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BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27 401
July 20 400
Year Ago 270

WORSHIP

July 27/A.M. 502
/P.M. 347

July 20/A.M. 482

Wed. Eve 7/23 254

Year Ago 360

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The Sick

Sister Earnesene Shuford was hospitalized last week in Doctors Memorial Hospital. She continues to be a patient there.

Mrs. Mark (Angel) Gregory, daughter of Ferman and Tillie Carpenter, underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Jerry Moore, daughter of sister Opal Matthews, was scheduled to be dismissed this week from Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Elizabeth Endsley suffered a fall on Tuesday morning which resulted in a broken arm and separated shoulder. She was hospitalized overnight in Mother Frances.

Brother Jasper Dobbs is ill and undergoing tests as an outpatient.

Wednesday morning brother Jim McCoy was hospitalized in Mother Frances with severe head and eye pain.

We learned Wednesday that brother Charlie Hickman's sister, Thelma Pipkin, is now hospitalized in Eastland, Texas.

Visitors Welcome

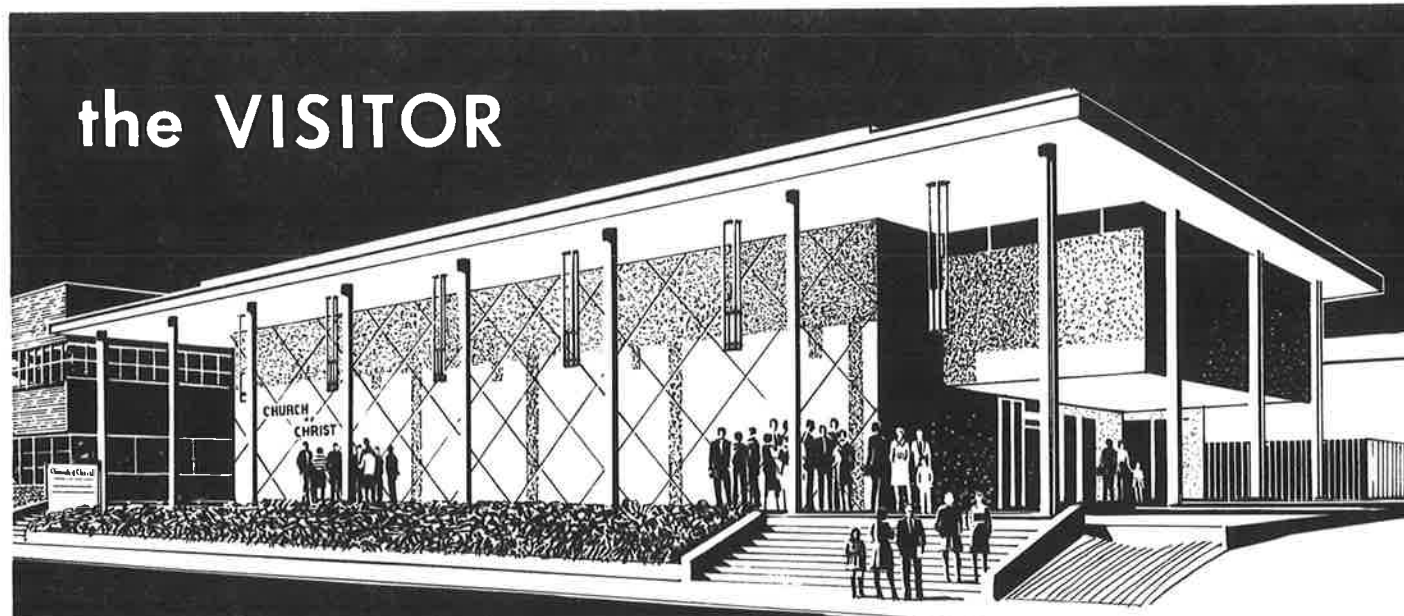


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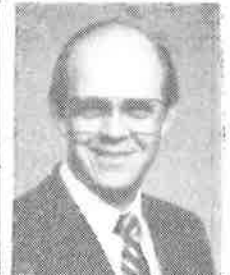
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By Jay Lockhart

*"And they continued..."
Acts 2:42*

Responses

We are happy to know that Tommy Brown, husband of Donna Brown, was baptized on Saturday afternoon by his father-in-law, Clinton Culpepper.

Sister Vivie Wright Canter has moved back to Tyler and placed membership Sunday. She is temporarily living with her sister, Elizabeth Hughes.

Sunday evening Ken and Cathy Culpepper, Rt. 9, Box 353 AB, Tyler 75706, telephone 877-3886, placed membership. We are happy to welcome them. They have three young children, Casey, Wendy and Jay.

We also welcome Patsy Bullard, Rt. 12, Box 12085, Tyler 75708, telephone 592-7825. Sister Bullard is Cathy Culpepper's mother.

Enthusiasm

The late Ira North, who was the personification of excitement, said, "Enthusiasm is as contagious as measles and as powerful as dynamite." He was right! Enthusiasm literally means "God within" and should be a part of the Christian's life just like worship or commitment or living right. Get excited about who you are—a child of the King; about what you possess—forgiveness; about what you enjoy—God's providential care; about where you are going—heaven!

Speaking of excitement... there is a lot of it around our building this week. Evidences of VBS are everywhere and so many people are working diligently to make it the best VBS yet! I am amazed at the creativity of those who will be teaching. Be sure to tour our building and see the rooms.

Remember that all teens and adults will be meeting in the auditorium during the Bible class hour Sunday because of VBS, also, next Wednesday evening. David Giddings will teach the Sunday morning class on God's Vision For His People.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday for all services.

I want to thank David Giddings for preaching and teaching for me while I was in Kentucky for a meeting. I always enjoy going back that way where I have been preaching for thirty years. I had a good meeting with the Almo church, near Murray, Kentucky, but it's good to be home.

We had a great fellowship meeting last Sunday night honoring our newest members. A technical problem with our public address system prevented us from accomplishing all that we intended, but it was a good meeting and was well attended. These meetings do not just happen and we are indebted to Phil Marts and his Fellowship Committee for planning the meeting and to all who made it a success.

With the coming of so many new members lately our attendance is up, which makes us all happy, but last Sunday evening was really super in attendance, up about 75 over our usual number. That's a very good sign of our spiritual temperature.

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From David Lovejoy

The Youth series at Palestine was excellent. The skits were very practical, dealing with the everyday problems of teenagers. I hope we can all apply what we learned to our everyday lives. The singing and fellowship with other Christians was great. If you are not attending the series, you are missing out on something that is great. Come and be a part of the activities and get to know everyone and meet other Christians in the area. You will be glad that you did. The 5th of August we will be going to GILMER. Be ready to leave at 6:30. We plan to be back by 10:15.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you better and working with you to the glory of God. PARENTS and TEENS, I want to meet with you soon in order to discuss upcoming events and activities. More will be said later about the exact date.

Remember, God loves you, and we love you.

Thank You

In love and appreciation the family of Lewis Richey wish to thank you for your sympathy. A special thanks for the prayers, flowers and cards. Foy and Mary Richey



"Yes, I did work in Preschool today. How did you know?"

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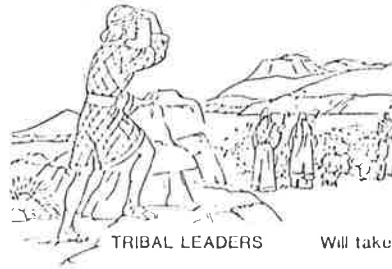
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For

2 Year Olds Through 6th Grade

TRIBAL LEADERS Will take their tribes to
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FIVE EXCITING DAYS

With

Special Ways To Learn God's Word

August 4 - 8

9:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.

Potpourri

We appreciate James Phillips for taking the pictures of our new members. Also, we appreciate the co-operation of everyone with the schedule that has been set up. We hope to have an update for everyone very soon.

BIBLE HOUR (for Grades 1 through 5) will meet Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall. The usual room for this class will be prepared for VBS.

THE SUNDAY EVENING PRESCHOOL class will meet in the Annex for Sunday night only.

We want to thank the ladies who signed the "Cookie List." Please bring your cookies on Sunday and leave them on the table in the church Library. We will care for them carefully as they are used each day for refreshment time for VBS.

THE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES will meet Tuesday, August 5 in Gilmer. Young people need to be here ready to leave on the bus together at 6:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Journeys With Joseph"

August 4-8
9:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

Learning Center Teachers

	PRESCHOOL
Mary Paul	Mary June Goodson
Sue Skipper	Susan Steffee
Jo Butler	Amy O'Quinn
Debbie Graham	Kay Akin
Dorothy Hulsey	Billie Morgan
Sara Powell	Carolyn Womack
Rhonda Haws	David Lovejoy
Joni Smith	

	CHILDREN
Nancy Bragg	Gail Vannoy
Melinda O'Quinn	Carolyn Paschall
Billy Usrey	Carolyn Carruth
David Giddings	Carolyn Balackstone

	PRESCHOOL
Katie Powell	Jan Knight
Traci O'Quinn	Missy Marts
Doug Giddings	Kimberly Steffee
Frances Broome	Charis McCoy

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Michelle Whitley	Billie Bob Hickman
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Mimi Aven	

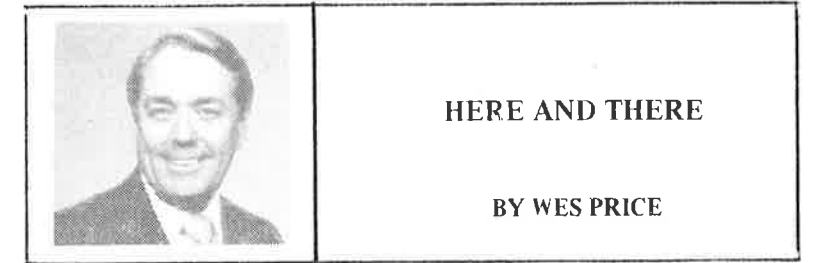
Happy Birthday

(3) Dale Blackstone, Michelle Colson (4) Virginia Conner, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette (5) Rebecca Blackstone (8) Marian Rowe, Fran Starnes, Elizabeth Hughes (9) Angie Hendrix, Jonathan Paul, Jared Metcalf.

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HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

May we call attention to the special arrangements for classes on Sunday morning as we prepare for Vacation Bible School. All middle school, high school, college and adult classes will be combined in the auditorium with David Giddings teaching. Primary classes will be combined in the Chapel for a special lesson with David Lovejoy and the Three's, Four's and Five's will be combined in the Annex for a special session with Marissa, Julienne and Joelle Butler. The Two's will remain in their regular classroom.

The building will be open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning and will remain open for the day for all VBS workers to prepare rooms. We do want workers to be aware that a wedding will be taking place in the auditorium on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 and we want to avoid any conflict with preparations for it as well as the reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. The building will be open all afternoon on Sunday as well.

All members of the Education Committee are asked to be available on Saturday to assist in room preparation.

We had one of the largest groups to attend the ACU Teacher's Workshop that we have had in quite a number of years. Those attending include: Fred and Sara and Katie Powell; Faber and Kathryn Cauthen; Wes and Alma Faye Price; Max and Mary Haws; Melinda, Traci and Amy O'Quinn; Leon and Carolyn and Cheryl Welborn; John and Susan and Michelle Steffee; Billye Usrey, Rhonda Haws; Dale and Jeff Blackstone; Forest and Mary McFadden; Jeanine Hughes; Laurie Dawkins, and Jennifer Giddings.

Every member of the West Erwin family is challenged to help us with the VBS this next week. If you are not assigned to any work that week, then you can help us by praying for the success of the effort, by inviting neighborhood children to attend, offer to bring children, or bake cookies. You see this is an all-church activity. If you have time and would like to do a good work, come on to the building and we will find a place for you to serve. Let's make this the best VBS ever.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer John Bragg
Dismiss Alan Pickett

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Jim Usrey
Dismiss Jonathan Paul

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Stan Mallory Phil Marts
Charles McCoy Carroll Magee
Joe McBee Henry McRuiz
Earl O'Quinn Bill Paschall

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Tony Adams Kevin Womack Leroy Humphrey

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Guy & Nettie Potts Bob & Marie Threadgill
Adela Scogins Dorris Humble

W. A. (Dub) & Opal Matthews

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 27 & Wednesday
Evening, July 30 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

July 20 \$10,839.18
July 13 8,580.04
Year Ago 6,400.01

BIBLE SCHOOL

July 20 400
July 13 419
Year Ago 312

WORSHIP

July 20/A.M. 482
/P.M. 289
July 13 500
Year Ago 392

The Sick

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford entered Doctors Memorial Hospital this week.

Ella Mae Grayson and Jim McCoy have both been dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital.

COOKIES

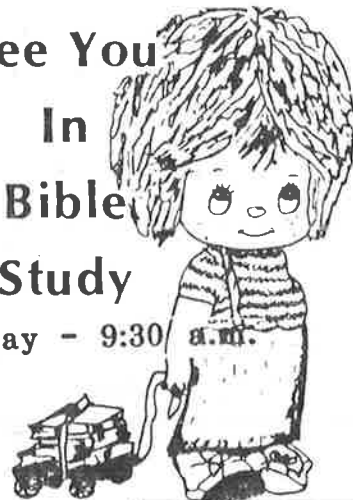
We still have room on the "cookie list" for you to volunteer to bring a recipe of cookies for Vacation Bible School. Please sign the list in the south foyer if you can bring cookies on Sunday, August 3rd to be used for refreshments for VBS that week.



Visitors Welcome

See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.



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New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Ruby) McCain, 3028 Orr Drive, Telephone 593-8771, were baptized on Thursday evening of last week by Wes Price. The McCains have been visiting with us for several months now and we are happy to welcome them into the fellowship of this congregation. Their visits were a result of THE SEARCH.

We are also happy to welcome Mrs. Rex (Cynthia) Johnson, 400 W. Southtown, #501, telephone 581-6743. She formerly worshipped with the Teague Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, Tex.

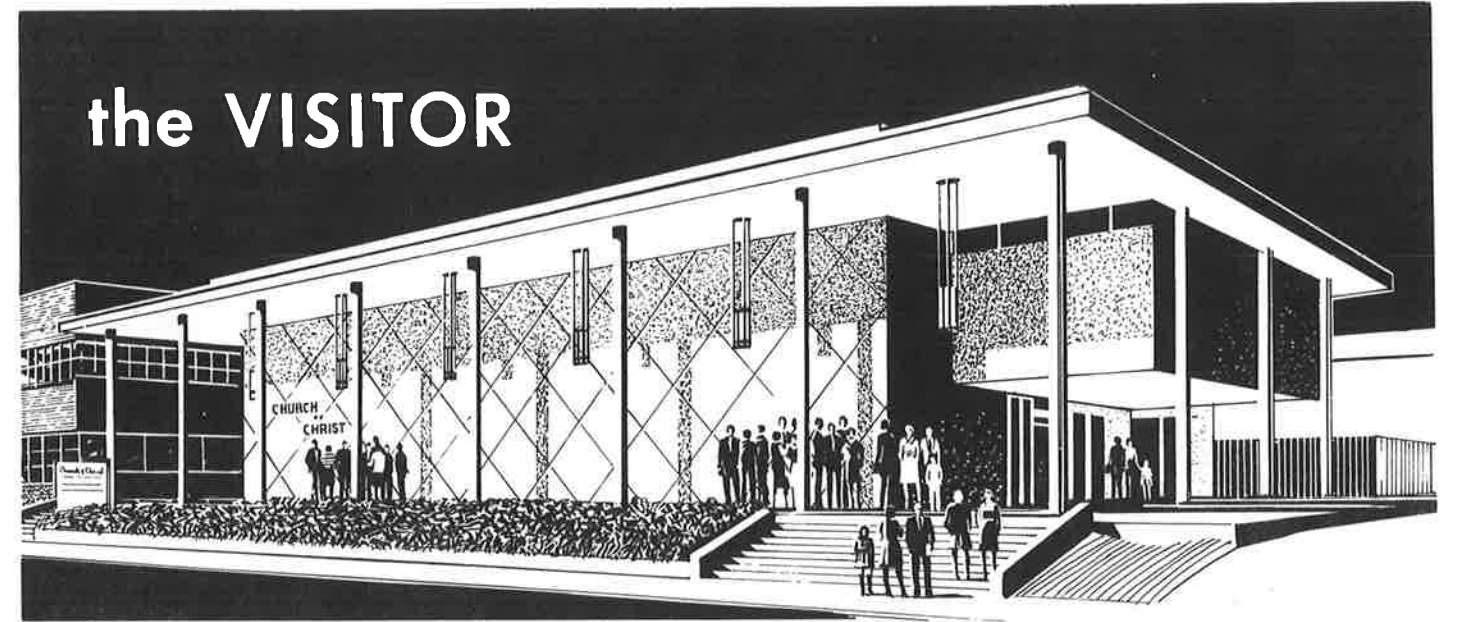
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Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

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

ASSEMBLIES

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas
214 - 592 - 0809



WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS 75702-7185 592-0809

The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

Moving Forward

With Additional Workers



David Giddings

We are grateful to brother David Giddings for the good lessons he preached Sunday in the absence of Jay Lockhart who is in a Gospel Meeting in Kentucky. The West Erwin church has been richly blessed by the addition of two outstanding men to our staff.

David Giddings and David Lovejoy and their families recently placed membership with us from the Northwest congregation, and the elders have decided to use them here.

David and Sue Giddings have three children, Jennifer-15 years, Douglas-13 years, and Louis-9 years. Brother Giddings has been preaching for twenty years. He has a B.A. in History from the University of Texas at Arlington and a M.A. in Biblical Studies from Abilene Christian University. David is a member of Troop Committee for Troop 354 Boy Scouts of America, Tyler, Texas, and a member of the Board of Directors for Christian Services of East Texas. He is also a member of the Mid-City Kiwanis Club. David will work, for now, in various areas of the work here of which the congregation will be made aware very soon.



David Lovejoy

David Lovejoy will work as our Youth Director. He will be developing programs for all ages of our youth, especially middle school and high school. He has worked with the Bible Chair program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma with a B.A. in Industrial Education. He is also a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. David and his wife, Kathy, were married in March, 1985.

With the addition of these two men we expect West Erwin to grow to greater heights in the Lord's Kingdom.

From David Lovejoy

It is good to be here at West Erwin. I am looking forward to working with you and getting acquainted. I appreciate all of the encouragement that I have received from the elders, deacons, staff, members, and most of all from Hillard Hughes. I can see great things being accomplished here with the help of each one of you to the glory of God.

Thanks to the Starnes and the Marts for helping with the activities Sunday night. We had a good number to turn out. I want to encourage those who did not attend to make a special effort to come and be a part of these activities. We have great food, games, fellowship, and a study from God's Word. Not only do we need to grow physically, but also in the knowledge of the Word of God.

For this week's Bible reading, let's look at Philippians 4:13 where it says, "I can do all things through him who strengtheneth me." Remember, God loves you and I love each one of you. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 29th at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Texas. Young people are asked to be here at 6:30 p.m. to go together on the bus.

Potpourri

We want to express gratitude to Ross and June Walker for the new chrome contribution trays. They match the trays for the communion service. We appreciate their generosity.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Hughes who have a nursery in Arp gave a great number of geraniums to the church. They have been planted in the front flower bed on Erwin Street. Many thanks to the Hughes.

We all appreciate the good work done last Saturday by some of the deacons and other men of the congregation.

We appreciate Arnold Ables for helping us set up an office for David Giddings.

Congratulations to Scott Carruth for making the Whitehouse "All Star" Baseball Team.

David and Kathy Lovejoy moved on Tuesday. The new address is Rt. 6, Box 3 - Tyler (75704).

Jay Lockhart will conclude his meeting on Wednesday and be back in the office on Friday.

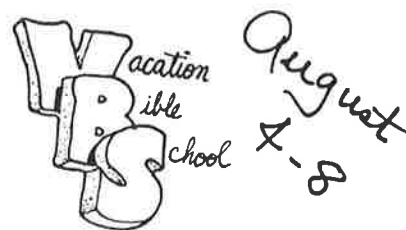
Mr. and Mrs. David Ingram
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Miss Babi Oliveira
to their son

Mr. David E. Ingram, Jr.
This union of joy and love will be
on Saturday, the sixteenth of August
nineteen hundred and eighty-six
at ten o'clock in the morning
University Church of Christ
733 East North Sixteenth
Arlene, Texas

Reception following

Happy Birthday

JULY (28) Harley Turner (29) Bryan
Chambless (31) Julie Higginbotham
AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe



You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTU - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



Be A Wednesday Nighter!

On Wednesday night of next week, Jay Lockhart will continue the study of Revelation with a lesson on Armageddon.

Directory Update

We are very interested in preparing an update for our church directory. If you are new to the congregation or if your picture was not included in the last directory, we would like to have your picture.

If your last name begins with "A" through "E," please meet in the foyer in back of the auditorium on Sunday morning and brother James Phillips will take your picture. All others, please plan to come at 5:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. If this is not convenient for you we hope to plan a make-up day on Sunday morning, August 3rd. The pictures will be black and white, but they will be of great help in assisting everyone to become acquainted.

Friends of Children

The "Friends of Children," child care auxiliary which has supported Christian Services of East Texas in numerous ways since its inception in 1981 is holding a reorganization meeting on July 31, 1986. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood church of Christ. All women who are active, faithful members of the church of Christ in Smith County are eligible to be a member of the auxiliary and are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. Plan to come and discover ways that you can become personally involved in augmenting Christian Services' foster care and adoption programs.

What Is Vacation Bible School ?

It is girls and boys—paste and paint and noise. It is paper and scissors, lessons and workbooks and noise. It is recess and refreshments, prayer and singing. It is church planning and working for months in advance to get ready for the girls and boys and the noise. It is meetings, ordering supplies and hoping we have enough men and women giving cheerfully of their time and talent because they love God.

Vacation Bible School is a young child learning to pray and it's a girl realizing that the Maker and Ruler of heaven and earth loves HER. It is parents seeing for themselves that men and women are concerned for boys and girls, and concerned enough to give freely of themselves and their time to teach boys and girls to know and love the heavenly Father and His beloved Son, Jesus. It is a young person coming to know Christ as the precious Lord and Saviour in and through obedience to the gospel.

Vacation Bible School is the voice of Jesus spoken softly in a thousand ways, above the joyful noise of laughter and singing and learning, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven."

Vacation Bible School is a young person, who at the age of responsibility, for the first time sees Christ Jesus dying on the cross for the sins of all mankind. It is hope—a hope that may be the turning point for a Paul, a Timothy, a Simon which is disguised in blue jeans and tee shirt or some latter day Lydia or Priscilla—opening her mind and heart to the greatness and glory of service to God.

—Central Herald, Amarillo



SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1986

Meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday Evening, immediately following worship.

BRING

Sandwiches, Chips & Dips

Desserts

Coffee & Tea will be furnished

Our new members will be guests and need not bring food.

The rest of us need to bring extra food for our new members and other guests.

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Welcome C. B. Hardin
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Scripture David Demic
Dismiss Mike Culpepper

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 20 and Wednesday
Evening, July 23 - MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

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July 13 \$8,580.04
July 6 9,548.48
Year Ago 8,295.67

BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13 419
July 6 347
Year Ago 285

WORSHIP

July 13/A.M. 500
P.M. 321

July 6 436

Year Ago 339

Weekly

Budget \$9,617.25

Sermon Subjects

Sermon Subjects for Sunday, July 20

By David Giddings

10:30 A.M. \$3.00 Worth Of God

James 4:1-6

6:00 P.M. An Innocent Bystander

Genesis 45:4-8

The Sick

Brother Don Slaughter is recovering from surgery in Medical Center, room 2530.

We have many shutins who would enjoy your visits.

ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is collecting cans with lids (such as coffee cans) for projects. If you will help them collect cans, the Vannoy's or Bragg's will take them.

Deacon's Workday

The Deacons will meet at Fuller's on East Front Street for Breakfast on Saturday at 8:00 o'clock and then begin a work day at the church building at 9:00 o'clock.

Bible Teachers Workshop

Wes Price and a group of teachers will be leaving Sunday afternoon to attend the Bible Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian University. They plan to return on Thursday.



Fellowship

We are having a get-together on Sunday evening, July 27th following the worship service.

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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

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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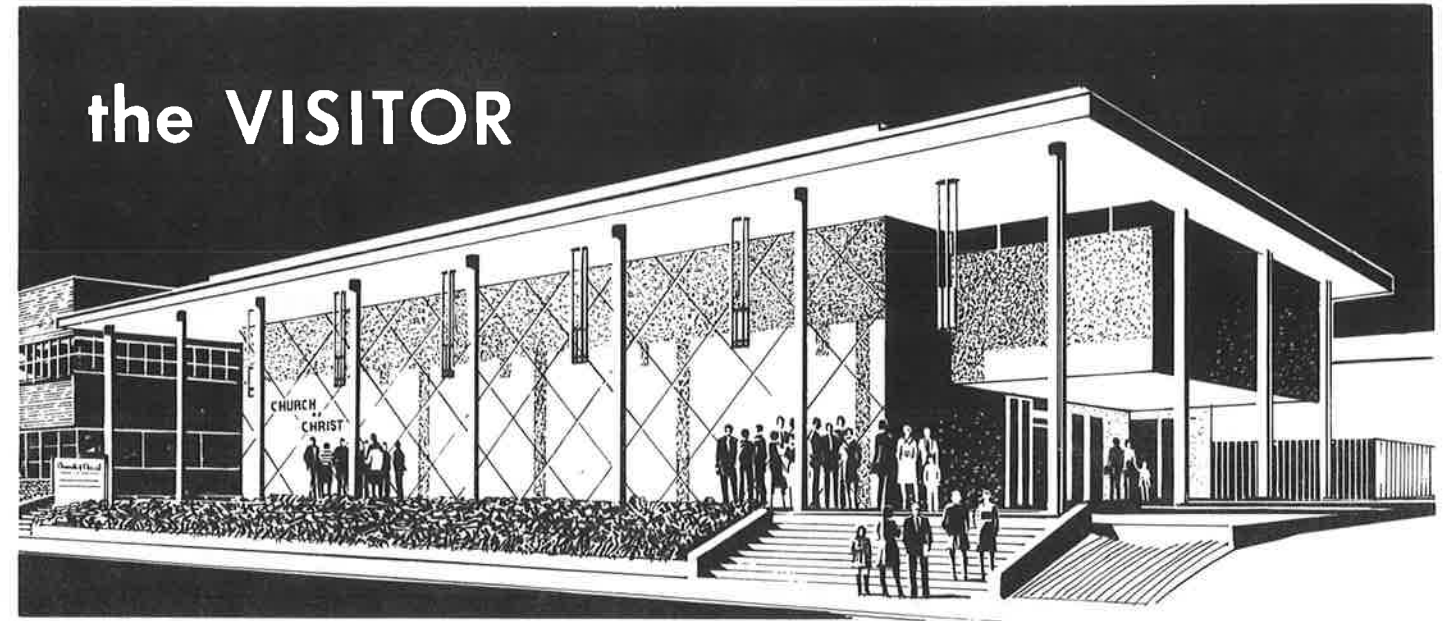
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**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

This Is How It Happened

Sometime last year the elders of the Northwest church approached our elders about a possible merger of the two congregations. Our elders encouraged them to remain at Northwest and try to continue a successful work. A few weeks ago the Northwest elders again came to our elders and expressed the conviction that for a number of reasons, some being financial, they were convinced they could best serve as shepherds of the Northwest church in suggesting a merger with West Erwin as soon as details could be worked out. Our elders stated that we would be pleased to accept their coming, but that we would be passive in a possible merger until the Northwest church made a final decision. It became obvious as the Northwest elders went forward with their plans that some members desired to stay at the Northwest location. Others, including the elders, preachers, and some deacons, decided to move to West Erwin. Those who have come to us will enable us to do an even more effective work for the Lord, and they have left the brethren who chose to stay at Northwest at peace. We welcome those who have placed membership with us and wish the very best for those who continue to worship and work at Northwest.

Sunday was one of those extraordinarily exciting days with 419 in Bible classes, 500 in worship, and 321 back Sunday night. Of course the increase in all services is due to a large number of visitors and the 53 (including children) who came to place membership with us. Another article in this week's bulletin gives a brief synopsis of the developments that led to the decision for so many placing membership with this church. We welcome each one of these folks into our fellowship.

The response of our TV Special, **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**, has been most gratifying. Apart from some technical problems, I believe the program was well done and well received. Some of the camera shots of our people were great and the congregational singing was superb. We are grateful for these four-times-a-year opportunities.

Next week I will be in a meeting in Kentucky (Sunday through Wednesday). In my absence, David Giddings, will be preaching at both services. I will miss being with you, but I am glad for your opportunity to hear David. Be here!

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Terrell Wallace, Jr.
 request the honour of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter
Julie Christine
 to
Mr. Kendall Lee Roberson
 on Saturday, the second of August
nineteen hundred and eighty-six
two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas
 and afterwards at the reception
Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday

JULY (20) Jim Paul, Jack Paul, Laurie Dawkins (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden (24) Andy Butler (25) Pam Lemons (26) Diana Morris

Faulkner/Brecheen Series

The combined classes that have been meeting in the Annex have outgrown the room. Sunday, the class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to invite a friend and be on time at 9:30.

Mother/Daughter Brunch

The Mother/Daughter Brunch will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, July 19 at 10:00 o'clock. Girls (6th grade through 12th grade) and their mothers are invited. Please call the church office by Monday to let us know if you plan to attend.

New Members

Mrs. Thelma Bennett
 Rt. 19, Box 293-D
 Tyler (75706)
 Telephone, 595-5189

Gary and Frances Broome
 1913 Clubview Drive
 Tyler (75701)
 Telephone, 592-2289

Dan and Winifred Cullinan
 Rt. 5, Box 513
 (Hide-Away Lake)
 Lindale (75771)
 Telephone, 882-5363

Mike and Gatha Culpepper
 Rt. 9, Box 353-B
 Tyler (75706)
 Telephone, 887-3841

Walter and Mary Farrer
 Rt. 6, Box 464
 Tyler (75704)
 Telephone, 597-3397

Wanda and David Frick
 Mark Frick
 Rt. 1, Box 246
 Troup (75789)
 Telephone, 839-4888

David and Sue Giddings
 Jennifer and Doug Giddings
 Rt. 6, Box 497-B
 Tyler (75704)
 Telephone, 595-2589

Foy and Edna Hodnett
 Rt. 3, Box 3579
 Chandler (75758)
 Telephone, 849-3643

Ed and Margie Hunt
 Rt. 19, Box 294
 Tyler (75706)
 Telephone, 592-2065

Mrs. Ray (Cheryl) Johnson
 Rt. 19, Box 293 A
 Tyler (75706)
 Telephone 595-0025

James and Nancy McCoy
 Charis McCoy
 1918 Miller Drive
 Tyler (75701)
 Telephone, 597-8283

Mrs. Jewell McCoy
 3408 Baldwin
 Tyler (75702)
 Telephone, 595-0911

W.A. (Dub) and Opal Matthews
 Rt. 2, Box 95
 Tyler (75704)
 Telephone 593-5102

Wyndall and Carolyn Miller
 517 So. Hill Ave.
 Tyler (75702)
 Telephone, 597-0141

Billy and Lynda Terrell
 Rt. 6, Box 540
 Tyler (75704)
 Telephone 593-2630

Farrel and Michele Whitley
 Rt. 22, Box 535
 Tyler (75704)
 Telephone 597-4006

David and Kathy Lovejoy
 Rt. 17, Box 368 E
 Tyler (75704)
 Telephone 597-1900

Mrs. Tommy (Donna) Brown
 Rt. 9, Box 353 AC
 Tyler 75706
 Telephone

Clinton and Louise Culpepper
 Rt. 9, box 353 C
 Tyler (75706)
 Telephone 877-3956

Mrs. Foy (Flogene) Thomas
 Rt. 5, Box 477
 Tyler (75706)
 Telephone 882-3734

Mrs. Clara Haynes
 Rt. 4, Box 386
 (Hide-Away Lake)
 Lindale (75771)
 Telephone 882-6328

Ladies

You Are Invited
 To A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
 Honoring Julie Wallace
 Bride Elect of Lee Roberson
 On Saturday Afternoon, July 19, 1986
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 Fellowship Hall

Selections	Hours
Sanger/Harris	2:30-4:00 O'clock
R. J. Jewelers	"Come and Go"
The Seasons	
The Christmas Store	

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

From Abilene

Dear Friends,

We made the move and are about to get things straight enough to function. We like our home. The telephone is really handy. Thank you for it and for all of your well wishes.

Each of you is dear to our hearts and you are always welcome in our home. Always praying for you.

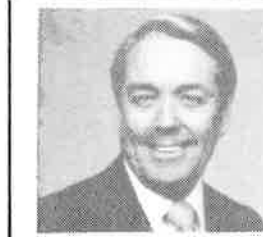
We love you,
 Roy & Elaine Roberson
 717 Gary Lane
 Abilene, Texas 79601
 Telephone 915-672-8847

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to brother Foy Richey in the death of his brother, Lewis Richey. He passed away Sunday in Vallejo, Calif. Funeral services are pending at this time.

Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Crockett Road church of Christ in Palestine. Young people are asked to be on the parking lot ready to leave together on the bus at 6:15 p.m.



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

What a joy and delight it was to welcome so many new members into our fellowship last Sunday. These families will add a tremendous talent to the work of this congregation and will be a joy to work with. We welcome them.

All Vacation Bible School teachers are reminded that the building will be open this coming Saturday morning beginning at 10:30 and will remain open until 2:00 o'clock. The nursery will be open for those who have small children. Of course the building is always open during the week and anytime you need to come and work on your materials, please feel free to do so. We are also asking that the Education Committee members be present to assist teachers on each of the Saturdays remaining before VBS opening on August 4.

We ask that all teachers in our present Bible School classes have the bulletin boards cleared in your rooms by Saturday, July 26th so that VBS Learning Centers may be arranged. Special arrangements will be necessary for the regular Bible classes the week prior to VBS. On Wednesday evening, July 30, we will have a worship service for all family members in the auditorium. On Sunday morning, August 3, there will be a class in the auditorium for all High School - Adults. Preschool classes will be combined in the Chapel and Grade School children will meet together in the Annex. This arrangement is necessary so that final preparation may be made for VBS.

Our efforts to encourage regular attendance continues throughout the summer months. We were pleased last week to announce the names of those who achieved 100% attendance during the month of June. May we remind all of our families that attendance guidelines were established so that children could have a specific goal to work toward. These guidelines are as follows: 100% attendance for each month would be counted as such, but children who were present for 11 of the 13 weeks of the summer would be credited with that goal if they brought 2 visitors during each month to take the place of any Sunday they were absent. Parents, help us with the record keeping. Be sure your child's teacher knows when a visitor is present so proper credit can be given. The visitor does not have to be in attendance in your child's class to count for him.

Special recognition and awards will be given to those who excel at the close of the summer.

We petition all of our members to help the office and staff as we work toward integrating all of our new members into our programs of work. We especially want to make them feel that they are welcome among us and that they are of us. Use every opportunity to acquaint yourself with them. We have great opportunities as we begin this new phase of the history of the Lord's church at West Erwin.



Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Don Slaughter
Scripture Earl O'Quinn
Dismiss Steve Ward

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Foy Richey
Scripture Bill Hensley
Dismiss Kevin Womack

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Archie Lowry Roger Knight
Archie Kennard Grant Knight
Dwight Leek J. N. Metcalf
Marc Lemons Dan Magee

BACK FOYER

Jay Graham Jimmie Harris

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Milburn & Jan Cook John & Diana Morris
Matt & Rhonda Haws Earl & Melinda O'Quinn

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR SUNDAY, July 13 and Wednesday Evening, July 16 - LARRY HENRY, 597-0112

Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

July 6 \$9,548.48
June 29 8,227.82
Year Ago 8,181.51

BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6 347
June 29 326
Year Ago 306

WORSHIP

July 6/A.M. 436
/P.M. 352

June 29/A.M. 420

Year Ago 362

Weekly

Budget \$9,617.25

Sam Barton

Great Granddaughter

Congratulations to Roy and Chloe Clark, who are the great grandparents of a baby girl, Holly Elizabeth, born Tuesday, July 8 at Mother Frances Hospital to Jim and Beverly Roberson. She weighed 6 lb and 13 oz.

The Sick

Bernice Majors husband is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. His condition has improved.

Charles Hickman's sister, Thelma Pipkin, is very seriously ill in Humana Hospital in Abilene. She is recovering from surgery.

Sister Mary Butler is in Crowley, Texas with her daughter, Nancy Kincheloe, who is recovering from surgery.

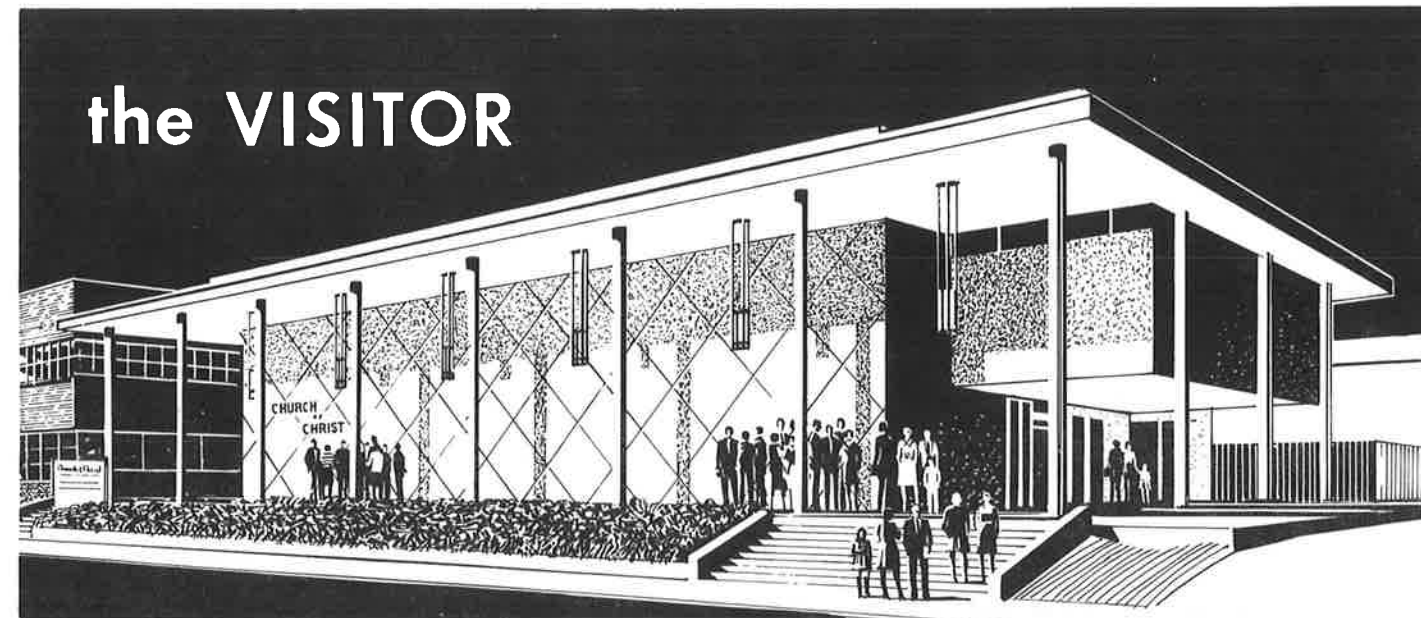
Take Time To Pray

Chairman Of Elders

Brother Fred Powell is the Chairman of the elders for the months of July, August, and September.


Minibus - A Good Work

We have a number of dedicated drivers for our Minibus who regularly pick up some of our elderly who have a need for transportation to and from worship services. Gwynn Starnes is in charge of this program. His telephone number is 561-0736. We appreciate the good work done by this group of men.



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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"If a man desires the office of a bishop..."
1 Timothy 3:1*

When Elders Are Appointed

The plans for the appointment of additional elders for the West Erwin family are progressing according to schedule. The names you submitted have been tabulated by the Screening Committee appointed by our present elders, and specific recommendations will be made to our elders by the Committee this Sunday. The next step will call for our elders to visit with those who will be asked to serve. Then the names of those who are willing to serve will be presented to the congregation. If no Scriptural objections are made within a specified time, the final step will be the actual appointment. There are three things that are paramount in the appointment of additional elders. First, they must be willing to assume the responsibility of an awesome work-watching for souls as they which must give account (Hebrews 13:17). Second, they must have some sign of all of the qualifications of I Timothy 3, Titus 1, and I Peter 5. Finally, the congregation must willingly accept their leadership. When a man is qualified, is willing to serve, and the congregation follows, God's plan for church organization works. God gave the plan and we are able to work the plan. This does not mean elders are expected to be perfect, or that they never make mistakes, or that every decision made pleases everyone. But, when elders and congregations want to do right, the plan works. Each of us must do his part to see that it works harmoniously.

Wasn't it a thrill to film our television special, The Light of the World, in our auditorium Sunday night? It seemed that everything went well after some technical difficulties held up the beginning of the taping for a few minutes. The personnel from KLTV did a superb job and your participation was great. Being close together really made the singing outstanding. My thanks to Wes Price, Hillard Hughes, and Jack Paul for leading in the taped service, and to each one of you who helped. We pray our Father's blessings upon the program as it goes out into the East Texas area.

As we continue plans to appoint additional elders at West Erwin all of us need to be in prayer about the selection process, the men who will be appointed, and the entire congregation. We want this important phase in our work to be accomplished with the harmony, good will, and love which God desires. Let's pray that the men selected will be the very ones God would want selected.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday for a great day.

And The Lord Added . . .

Doug DeBord was baptized by Tony Adams on Sunday afternoon, June 29th. His address is Rt. 15, Box 1183, Tyler 75707 - Telephone 581-1925.

Tammy Starnes, Tyler Square Apts., #71 - Telephone 597-8677, was baptized on Tuesday, July 1 by Wes Price.

Mary Adams and Betty Knight came Sunday, June 29th to ask for the prayers of the church.

Sermon Subjects by Jay Lockhart

SUNDAY, July 13, 1986

A.M. Attentive To The Book of The Law

(Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8)

P.M. So We Built The Wall

(Nehemiah 4:1-6)



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Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you and yours from all here at Chimala Mission. The work here continues to go well with two new congregations begun and several baptisms this year. We thank you for your continued support and prayers on our behalf.

We recently received a shipment from you for which we are very grateful. The bandages, gowns, blankets, soap and needles are all appreciated so much. We received six boxes in this shipment from you.

The dry season is upon us and the weather is chilly in the early morning and evening. When the season changes the snakes begin to move about to find a warmer place. This makes our lives more exciting, as we get to kill snakes. At least our boys think it is more exciting. The girls, well, they get pretty excited - but run the other way.


Thanks again for your support. Please continue to pray for us and the work here. Our prayers are with you all always as we work together for the Lord.

In Christian love,
Nancy Hickerson

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SPECIAL

Friday, 7:00 p.m. - KLTV

Children Love

Vacation Bible School
August 4-8



Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 15 at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville. Young people are asked to be on the parking lot by 6:45 p.m. ready to go together on the bus.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to sister Stella Buckner and her family in the loss of her great grandson, Shannon Cowart. He was nine years old. Funeral services were conducted on Monday.

Happy Birthday

JULY (14) Jasper Dobbs, Kevin Womack, Grant Knight (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 Wiggins.

Potpourri

The beautiful basket of flowers in the auditorium Sunday were in honor of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Gilbert and Lorene Venable. They were given by their children.

We are sorry to learn that Jim and Allyson Hart and daughter, Meg, will be moving to Nacogdoches this week. Their address is 924 N. Wood Circle (75961).

Roy and Elaine Roberson and their family are moving to Abilene this week. Their address will be 717 Gary Lane (79604).

We are going to miss these fine families from among us, but we hope they will be very happy in their new homes.

Congratulations to Chris Starnes who is an All-Star on Boy's Baseball Junior League in Tyler. Chris attends Hogg Middle School.

A small camera and a case has been found and is in the office. Please give us a call if you have lost one.

Ladies

You Are Invited
To A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Julie Wallace
Bride Elect of Lee Roberson
On Saturday Afternoon, July 19, 1986
West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

Selections	Hours
Sanger/Harris	2:30-4:00 O'clock
R. J. Jewelers	"Come and Go"
The Seasons	
The Christmas Store	

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Blood Bank

Our Blood Bank account is down to its lowest level in several months, so we would like to encourage you to pay a visit and add a unit to our account #6286. We have been able to help a score of folks by having this available and we always want to be ahead of the minimum required by the Bank to keep an account active. WP

Faulkner/Brecheen Series

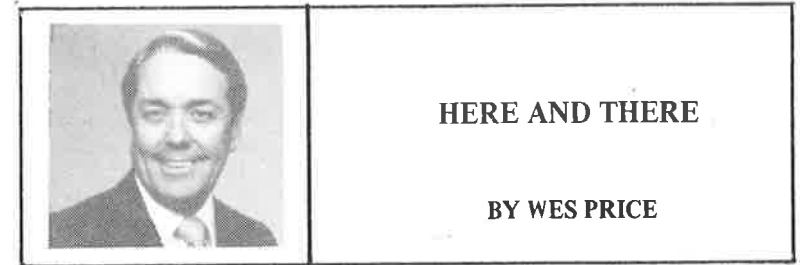
The combined classes meeting on Sunday morning in the Annex had a great beginning for the Faulkner/Brecheen series. If you did not know about it, try it - you'll like it! The series will continue this quarter. Jay Lockhart will be handling the discussion following each week's singing. WP

Thank You

I want to express thanks to all of my Christian friends for your prayers, calls, visits, and cards during the time of my eye surgery.
Rozenor Strait

Mother/Daughter Brunch

The Mother/Daughter Brunch will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, July 19 at 10:00 o'clock. Girls (6th grade through 12th grade) and their mothers are invited. Please call the church office by Monday to let us know if you plan to attend.



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Wasn't it exciting to be a part of the taping session for THE SEARCH? We had an excellent turnout, and I believe you will be happy to see the results on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. To say the least, you have seen the complications of the technical aspects of taping a program in a remote location. Wouldn't it be great to have our Sunday evening services telecast each week?

A personal thanks to all of you for making my assignment easier by doing so well with the singing. It sounded great!

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We are proud to announce the names of our teachers and students who were present for Bible study each of the Sundays in June. They are:

2 Year Olds: Teachers, Velma Lemons, Sherryl Miles. Students: Brittany Haws, Bradley Smith, Kerri Ward. 3 Year Olds: Teacher, Rhonda Haws. Students: Brady Dawkins, Leslee Womack. 4 Year Olds: Students, Casey Haws, Erica Smith. Kindergarten: Teachers, Marissa Butler, Julienne Butler. 1st Grade: Angie Plumb. 2nd Grade: Teacher, Kelly Womack. Students, Jeni Butler, Cindy Caruth. 3rd Grade: Student, Stephanie Miles. 4th & 5th Grades: Students, Becky Blackstone, Andy Butler.

If for some reason your name or your child's name was not on this list, please call. We want all who worked for this goal to have proper recognition. We will be announcing the names for perfect attendance for July and for the two months on August 3.

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The West Erwin Visitation Program has recently undergone changes and we are asking all members who would like to serve on this vital program to join one of the four teams and be an active member. If you can serve, a team meets each Monday night in the Chapel at 7:00 o'clock to receive assignments. We would like to know in advance if you plan to come, but if you can't let us know, come anyway. You'll be joining one of the most successful and satisfying programs of work West Erwin has. During these summer weeks, the program will be experimenting with several new innovations to make it even more successful. Let us have your participation.

Serving

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Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Joe Carroll
 Scripture Stan Mallory
 Dismiss Alan Fisher

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Ray Vannoy
 Scripture James Phillips
 Dismiss Todd Stewart

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Lane Akin Louis E. Jones
 Morris Hallman David Hanley
 Matt Haws Shannon Hughes
 Bill Hensley Trey Hughes

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Roy Clark Dale Blackstone Jeff Blackstone

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Forest & Mary McFadden Alan & Patsy & Amy Fisher
 Morris & Cathy Hallman Les & Carolyn Carruth

Letter Received

It was so good to receive a letter this past week from George Stephenson. He and Alice love this church and wanted to comment on our \$98,000 contribution. George is able to preach by appointment and teaches the auditorium Bible class at Collinsville on Sundays and Wednesdays. They send their love to all of you. JL

Thank You

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy. The many visits, cards, and flowers were appreciated.
 Ford & Tommie Alice Egbert

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Sermon Subjects



10:30 A.M. You Can Be An Encourager
 By Jay Lockhart
 6:00 P.M. Sermon by Wes Price

BIBLE READING CHART FOR JULY

1.	I Chronicles	24-25	Psalms	119: 1-24
2.	I Chronicles	26-27	Psalms	119:25-48
3.	I Chronicles	28-29	Psalms	119:49-72
4.	II Chronicles	1- 2	Psalms	119:73-96
5.	II Chronicles	3- 4	Psalms	119:97-120
6.	II Chronicles	5- 6	Psalms	119:121-144
7.	II Chronicles	7- 8	Psalms	119:145-176
8.	II Chronicles	9-10	Psalms	120-122
9.	II Chronicles	11-13	Psalms	123-126
10.	II Chronicles	14-16	Psalms	127-130
11.	II Chronicles	17-18	Psalms	131-134
12.	II Chronicles	19-20	Psalms	135
13.	II Chronicles	21-23	Psalms	136
14.	II Chronicles	24-25	Psalms	137-138
15.	II Chronicles	26-28	Psalms	139
16.	II Chronicles	29-30	Psalms	140-141
17.	II Chronicles	31-32	Psalms	142-143
18.	II Chronicles	33-34	Psalms	144-145
19.	II Chronicles	35-36	Psalms	146-147
20.	Ezra	1- 2	Psalms	148-150
21.	Ezra	3- 4	Proverbs	1
22.	Ezra	5- 6	Proverbs	2
23.	Ezra	7- 8	Proverbs	3
24.	Ezra	9-10	Proverbs	4
25.	Nehemiah	1- 2	Proverbs	5
26.	Nehemiah	3- 4	Proverbs	6
27.	Nehemiah	5- 6	Proverbs	7
28.	Nehemiah	7	Proverbs	8
29.	Nehemiah	8- 9	Proverbs	9
30.	Nehemiah	10-11	Proverbs	10
31.	Nehemiah	12-13	Proverbs	11

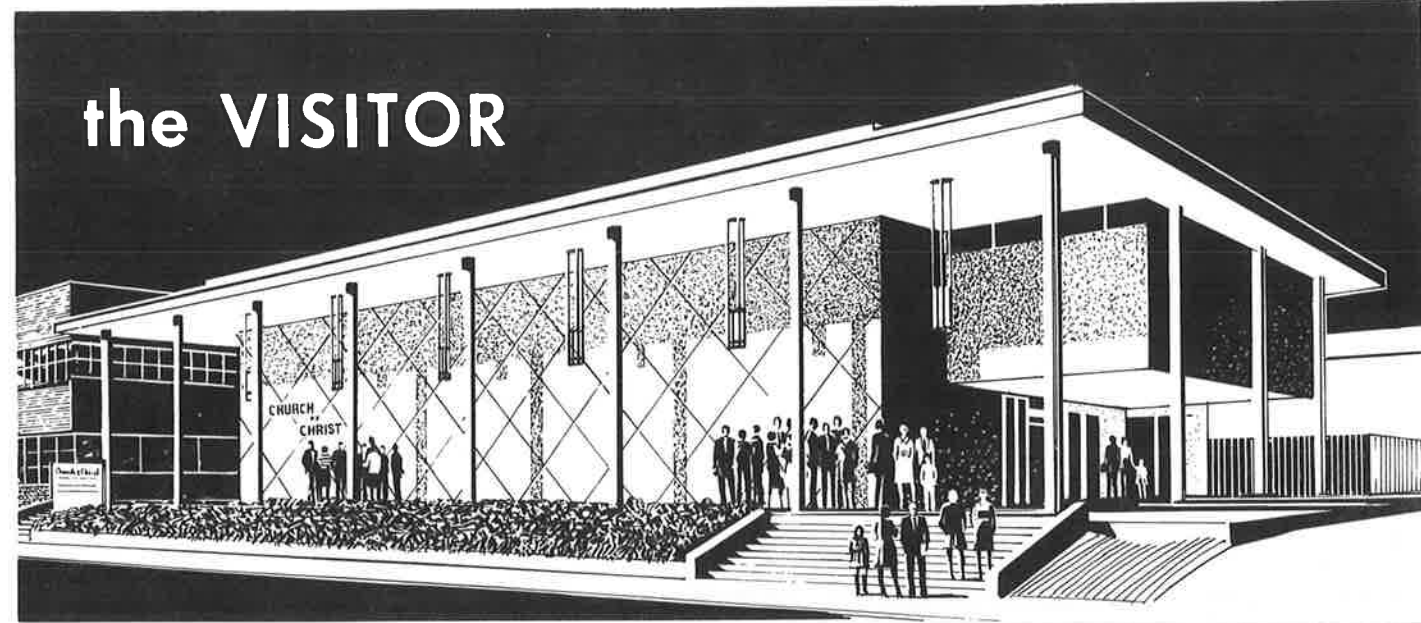
The Sick

Brother and sister Foy Richey are hospitalized in Doctors Memorial. They are both suffering with back problems.

Brother Henry Dunn was in the hospital last week but is now at home.


Sister Mary Butler's daughter Nancy Kincheloe from Crowley, Texas, is recovering from surgery in the Methodist Hospital in Houston.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"So we speak" - - 1 Thessalonians 2:4

Making A Statement

Churches have personalities just as surely as people do. There are churches that are warm and friendly and churches that are cold and aloof. Some churches are happy while others are stern. Some are content with the status quo as they slowly die while others seek to be progressive, within the frame work of God's Word. And on and on it goes.

The West Erwin church has a personality. According to those who visit us, we are friendly, happy, Biblical, and progressive. From our own point of view, we are seeking to be all of these things. We are seeking to make a statement from the heart of Tyler. We are saying that Jesus is Lord, the Bible is our standard, and we are to love one another. We are saying that we want to be used powerfully by God in downtown Tyler. In the remodeling of our auditorium, we are saying that we are here, that we plan to be here, that we will build for Christ in the heart of our city. We are proud of who we are, where we are, and what we are becoming in Him. We are making a statement. Our upcoming television special will be a statement. We are planning to telecast one of our worship services, and we will be saying, "This is what we are." We plan to record the week of July 6. We need your participation. It's a statement. It must be made eloquently.

During the remodeling of our auditorium a number of our people have worked very hard to bring everything together. Jamon Kirby needs to be specifically mentioned because he has been our deacon in charge of the operation and has worked tirelessly over the past few weeks. Also, we thank Carolyn Welborn for her tremendous contribution to this work, and express gratitude to Matt Haws who has seen that a messy auditorium was prepared for worship on Sundays. We are grateful to Ray Womack and Leonard Thompson for the extra work they were called upon to do in the cleaning of our building and the preparation for some of our church meetings in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Alan Fisher for installing that new clock and to many others who have helped us in a special way over the past several weeks. You all did a great job and we now hope that everything will be completed soon and we can get on with the work at hand. It is really beautiful, isn't it?

Sunday evening I will be speaking in Longview to the combined Mobberly, Alpine, and Pine Tree churches. Wes Price will preach at West Erwin. See you Sunday.

Everyone Welcome!

Ice Cream Supper

Bring Ice Cream or
Cakes/Cookies

Looking For You!

Sunday Evening June 29
Following Worship
Fellowship Hall

All Church Fellowship in place of Brothers Keeper

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Courage

I have watched a cowboy climb on the back of a wild horse and ride him to a stand-still. The bronc would buck, kick, and snort with all the mad fury of his beastly nature in order to throw the man. Often in such contests men are seriously injured or have even lost their lives. One might think that for such a man to put his life at stake in order to conquer an animal is a supreme act of courage. It is not. If the cowboy succeeds in his ride, he has only conquered an animal.

I have seen men in the boxing ring pit their skills one against the other. The punishment that a boxer receives from the hands of his opponent is often unmerciful. A boxer will often come back into the ring after a couple of rounds with blood flowing from wounds, and his flesh will continue to fight. One might think that a fighter continually facing his opponent in spite of the pain is a supreme test of courage. But it is not. If he does win the fight, he has only conquered another man.

I have seen men come before the church with bowed heads and tears of repentance flowing from their eyes. Such individuals have been cut to the heart by God's word. They have been made to know the misery and consequence of sin. Such a one makes the painful statement, "I have sinned." From God and man he seeks forgiveness. In this act, one sees the supreme act of courage. You see, such a man has conquered himself.

---Author Unknown

★ Youth

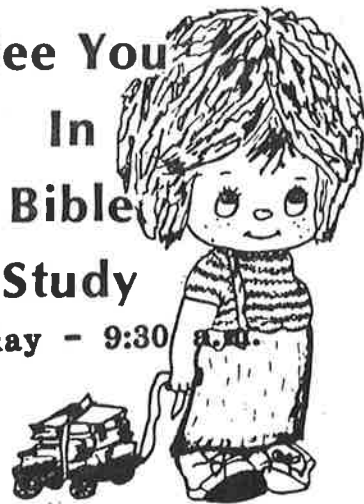
The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 1, at the Chandler St. Church of Christ, Kilgore.

On Tuesday evening, July 8th the meeting will be in Glade-water at the Quitman & Center church. Our young people are asked to be on the parking lot at 6:45 p.m. each week ready to go together on the bus.

See You

In Bible Study

Sunday - 9:30



No "Visitor" Next Week

Our mailing permit states that we do not mail a bulletin the week of the 4th of July, therefore we will not print a bulletin next week.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (29) Kyle McRuiz JULY (1) Earnesene Shuford (3) Cathy Krewall, Larry Henry (6) Charlie Cook, Leslie Carruth (7) Jo Northcutt (8) Billie Bob Hickman, Virginia Canterbury, Spencer Braly (9) Rebecca Center, Charles Hickman (10) Diann Leek, Paul Hancock (11) Wyche Harris, Dottie Nail, Velma Lemons, Paul Stanley.

In Appreciation

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, cards, beautiful flowers and delicious food you brought to us during my recent surgery and recuperation. Your expressions of love and concern meant more to our family than words can convey.

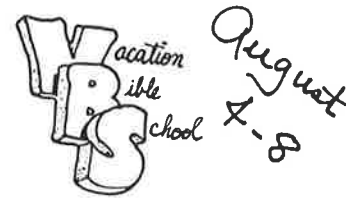
With love and appreciation,
Alma Faye, Wes, and Children

It is with love and appreciation the family of Bill Rushing wish to thank you for your sympathy. We thank you for the beautiful flowers, the food, cards and visits. A most special thanks for your prayers.

Peggy Rushing Pieper

My most sincere thanks for your concern and prayers during my mother's illness. She sends her thanks and love as well. It touches me deeply to know I have friends who love me. I am so very grateful. My prayers and thanks are offered to God each and every day for every one of you.

Love,
Judith Harshbarger



Teachers Needed

ATTENTION TEACHERS! If you are interested in teaching in a Christian environment at an accredited K - 7 school, please call John Bragg at 561-8642 at East Texas Christian Academy. You will appreciate the difference.

Praise Fest '86

The Chandler Street Church of Christ will have a two hour festival of song and praise on July 30th at 7:30 p.m. They plan to have invited song leaders and choral groups from all over East Texas.



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

In order to assist our Vacation Bible School teaching staff's preparation for that great week, we are designating the following dates as work days at the building: Saturday, July 12, 19 & 26, and August 2. The building will be open beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will also have nursery assistance on those dates until 1:00 p.m. Since material and room preparation is no small task, we would like to suggest that husbands offer a helping hand. Of course the rooms cannot be arranged until the last week before the school. The building will also be open every weekday for whatever time VBS workers need to be here. Thank you for joining in this very important task.

My wife's expression of thanks appears elsewhere, but I would like to offer an additional word of thanks for all the many prayers, words of encouragement, food, and visits that the Price family has received during Alma Faye's illness. We still have several weeks of recovery, but it is all so much easier by the assistance that you dear folks have given us. How could we have made it without you? Thank God for the privilege of belonging to such a sweet family of Christian brothers and sisters.

I hope every family and every Christian in each family has given serious thought to names to be submitted for consideration as elders of this church. Jay's sermons these past few weeks certainly should prepare us for proper evaluation of individuals we might want to see serve. Please continue to pray about this significant event in the life of the West Erwin church.

As work nears completion on the redecorating of our auditorium, it is easy to see how beautiful everything is going to blend together. We are grateful to all who have had a part in the actual work of putting it together.

ATTENTION ALL VBS WORKERS AND TEACHERS: There will be a very important meeting on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the Chapel to discuss our work together. We are asking also that all members of the Education Committee meet with us so that we will be prepared to offer our helping hands to this good work.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome	Ray Lott	June 15	\$8,281.10
Prayer	Leon Welborn	June 8	\$98,014.46
Scripture	Joe McBee	Year Ago	\$6,811.57
Dismiss	Cole Bennett		

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome	Ray Lott	June 8	319
Prayer	Glynn Starnes	Year Ago	322
Scripture	Paul Stanley		
Dismiss	Wesley Price	June 15/A.M.	428

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lane Akin	Louis E. Jones	June 8	408
Morris Hallman	David Hanley	Year Ago	404
Matt Haws	Shannon Hughes	Weekly	
Bill Hensley	Trey Hughes	Budget	\$9,617.25

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Roy Clark	Jeff Blackstone	Dale Blackstone
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Forest & Mary McFadden Alan & Patsy & Amy Fisher
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 22 and Wednesday
 Evening, June 25 - **BILL PASCHALL**, 581-7464.

Records

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WORSHIP

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June 8	408
Year Ago	404

Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart



10:30 A.M. The Heart of the Leader
 (2 Corinthians 2:12-17)
 6:00 P.M. The Heart of the Leader
 (2 Corinthians 10:1-2)

Meeting

Mike Warner will speak on the subject of **CHRISTIAN GROWTH** at the Troup Church of Christ, June 22-25. The weeknight services will be at 7:00 o'clock.

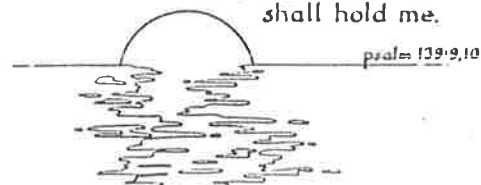
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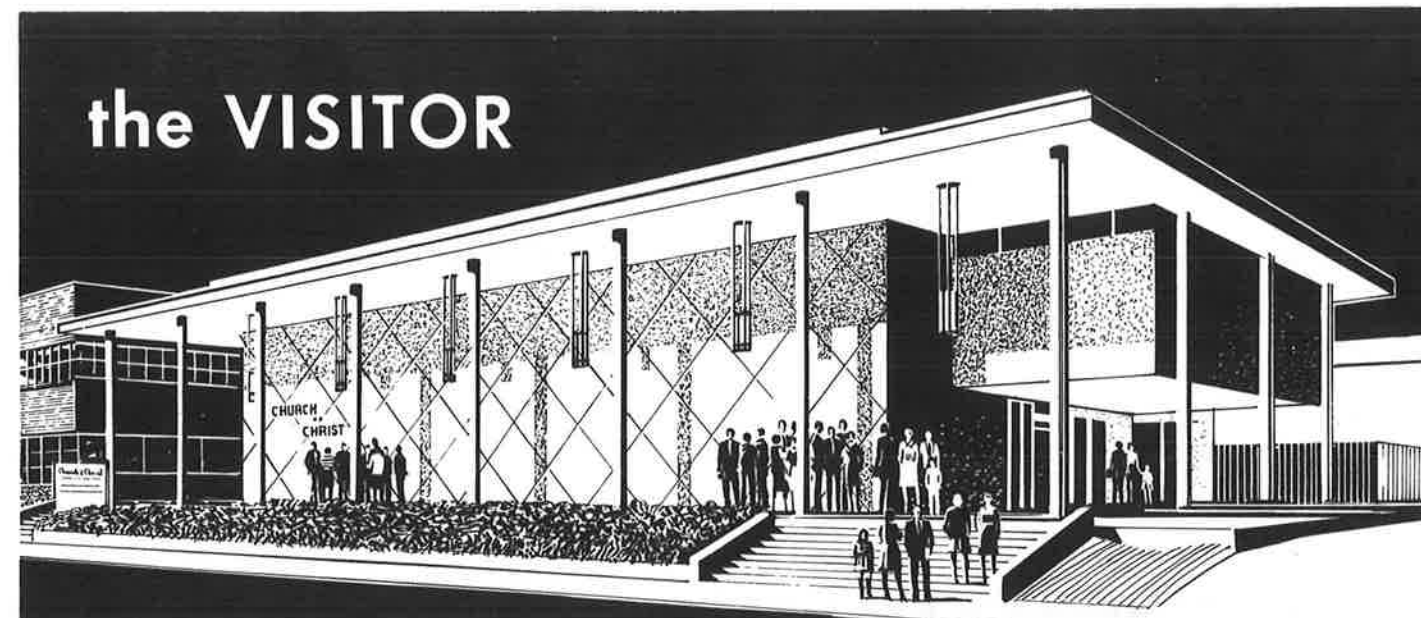
If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts
 of the sea, even there
 Thy hand shall lead me,
 and Thy right hand
 shall hold me.



psalm 139:9,10

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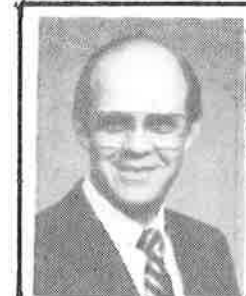
*"Ordain elders in every city"
 --Titus 1:5*

The Sick

Judith Harshbarger's mother from Mineola has been undergoing tests in Mother Frances Hospital. Ann McCoy's sister, Byrel Brannon, is in St. David's Hospital (919 E. 32nd, Room 523) in Austin, Texas.

Sympathy

Gail Egbert, daughter of brother and sister Ford Egbert, passed away Tuesday night. She was buried in Fort Worth on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to the Egberts.



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Thank you for your patience during the renovation of our auditorium. Last Sunday our pews were gone and we were on folding chairs with a concrete floor, but we did just fine. I hope you were not too uncomfortable. One positive aspect about the chairs was that we had only a few more than enough set up for Sunday evening to accommodate the audience and that put us closer together and closer to the front. Not bad! In the next few days the additional work will be completed and we will all be justly proud of the results. There will be some construction changes in the pulpit area--wider steps (we all sort of hold our breath when the men serving communion descent those present narrow steps carrying two trays), built-in baptistry to match our furniture, and a preaching platform immediately in front of the pulpit. I hope you will be positive about these changes--we really believe they will contribute to a more pleasing look as well as a more effective use of our facilities. In another week the work should be completed. Your patience is needed just a while longer. Hang in there! I'll see you Sunday.

Leadership and Elders

Over the past five weeks we have been studying the theme of **LEADERSHIP** during the preaching time. This series will close this Sunday. Have we learned anything? Have we applied? Do such words as **SHEPHERD, SERVANT, MODEL, ELDER, BISHOP, AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITY, QUALIFICATIONS, CONSENT** have deeper meaning than before? This Sunday our series comes to a close as we study **THE HEART OF THE LEADER**. What is the meaning of the past five weeks? As you know, we are planning to select additional elders. The time for that selection process to begin has arrived. This week you should have received a letter from our present elders expressing the procedure of how they would like for you to be involved in the selection process. Do be prayerful about your participation in these important days, and do include all those whom you feel are qualified to serve--do not neglect to participate or to include someone's name because you know someone else will submit that name. Make your list as though it was the only list. A selection committee made up of six men appointed by our elders will screen the names you submit and then make recommendations to our present elders. This process will work as we work the process. Be involved.

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for May 1986

The month of May was filled with so many interesting and great events, that I do not know where to begin telling you about it.

In the afternoon of April 30, right after I had mailed my latest reports to you, my family and I, together with some members of our congregation, went to the train station to pick up the seven students from Oklahoma Christian College, who just had arrived from the USA in order to help us in our three week Campaign. Since they had been travelling for nearly thirty hours, we took them to the church building for a short welcome coffee party, and after that they went home with their host family, where they could sleep throughout the following day (May 1st, a holiday in Germany). On the next day we started our work passing out 50,000 invitation cards from door to door. Every day, for three weeks, we were doing this kind of work, except for the five days which we spent down town, setting up our tract table and speaking to people who passed by, inviting them also to our meeting. After the three weeks nearly the whole town of Augsburg was covered with our invitation cards which proved that these seven students really had worked hard.

On Sunday, May 11, our Gospel Meeting started with Reiner Kallus from Graz doing the preaching, and on May 18, it was closed with another great service. Needless to say that Reiner's sermons were excellent again (he and his wife stayed in our home, as well as two of the students). Each evening before the service started the students sang for the audience, which was appreciated by everyone present. God blessed us in many ways: each night we had an average attendance of 83 persons (we just have 53 members altogether), each night we had 22 visitors, and at the end of our campaign we had the joy of baptizing Iris Kremp, the eighteen year old daughter of one of our most active brothers in the church.

While the students from OCC were with us we took them on an excursion down to the Bavarian Alps, which they enjoyed very much, even though it was raining all day long. They also went to a theatre performance, enjoyed picnics and hikes, and had much fellowship with our young people...

From May 26-30, the annual German Women's Lectureship took place in Neckarzimmern. Six of our ladies attended. Christel did not go because she is attending the annual Women's Lectureship in Austria each year and cannot afford financially to go to both. The ladies returned uplifted and enthused.

On May 30, I went to Karlsruhe to start a Gospel meeting. More information about it in my next report.

Again, we thank you for all your love, your help, your prayers. We think of you often and pray for you always.

Yours in Christ,

*Rudolf Rischer
and Family*

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Bee A VBS Booster

August 4-8

YOU CAN HELP!

Recently we have had several phone calls inquiring about our Vacation Bible School. Yes, we plan to have another school featuring Learning Centers designed for preschool and primary children. This is a very ambitious program requiring many workers. We have planned ten Learning Centers for preschool and six for the primary children. The school is planned for 2 years through 6th grade. In addition to the Learning Centers, the children will have assembly, storytime, puppets and refreshment time. All Learning Centers have teachers assigned. Now, we are in need of Tribal Leaders. Their responsibility is to lead their Tribe to each activity. Sixteen Tribal Leaders and a teacher for preschool storytime are needed. We will need several ladies or teenagers to arrange and serve refreshments. Another "big" project for the school is homemade cookies for refreshment time. If you are willing to bake cookies, please call the office. We hope to have all of our plans completed very soon. All phases of the work are very important. Please consider how you can use your talents and help make "Journeys With Joseph" a great success.

Have you told a child about our Vacation Bible School? This is an exciting time for children. Encourage little ones and become involved.

We need YOU in Bible School!

Happy Birthday

JUNE (23) Bob Threadgill (24) Amie Roberts (26) Amy O'Quinn (28) Jerry Dunn, Stephanie Miles, Christine Parsons.

★Youth

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet at the West Panola Church of Christ in Carthage on Tuesday evening, June 24. Be on the parking lot ready to leave together on the bus at 6:15 p.m.

Thank You

We want to express our thanks to all our dear friends at West Erwin for every call, visit, and most of all your prayers during Glen's recent illness. A very special thanks to Fred and Sara Powell.

The Glen Warner Family

Sympathy

Brother W. O. Rushing passed away on Thursday afternoon and funeral services for him were held on Saturday afternoon. We express our sympathy to his daughter Peggy and to her family and to all members of the family.

Funeral services were held last Friday in Clinton, Tennessee for Mr. Charles Kaplin, brother-in-law to Ed Bullard. We extend our sympathy to this family in their loss.

Congratulations

Last weekend Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes were honored with a gathering of their children and grandchildren to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Ralph and Marian Rowe celebrated their Thirtieth Anniversary Sunday with all of their children and grandchildren present.

Wes and Alma Faye Price also celebrated their Thirtieth Anniversary this past weekend.

The beautiful flowers at the front of the auditorium Sunday were in honor of John and Ruby Brem as they celebrated their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. The flowers were a gift from their grandchildren.

We extend congratulations to each couple and pray the Lord's blessings for their families.



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Work continues this week on refurbishing our auditorium. We thank you for the kindness with which you endured sitting in the folding chairs for worship services on Sunday. In all likelihood we will be in them one more Sunday before our new pews are installed. The tile will be laid this week and the pulpit platform will be re-done, and then the carpet and pews are scheduled to be installed next week.

It always does my heart good to know of folks who celebrate anniversaries of fifty or more years. Sunday's mention of John and Ruby Brem brought back some thoughts about this sweet couple. In the midst of their weekend of celebration, Ruby found time to prepare a meal to take to their back yard neighbors, the Prices. It reminded me of the time when we first moved here when John came to my rescue in the moving chores by handing me a pitcher of lemonade across the back fence. It is because of just such kind deeds as this that you come to love and appreciate this couple. May their tribe increase. Congratulations to all who celebrated anniversaries this past weekend.

We have been asked to participate in a softball tournament with sister congregations in the city. The date has been set for Saturday, July 12. If you are interested, please let me know. We will need at least 20 men to participate.

We invite your attention to an announcement elsewhere in the bulletin concerning additional workers for Vacation Bible School. Please consider this seriously and if you can help, let me know. VBS is most certainly a lot of work, but isn't it true that for something to be good, it involves diligent effort? Just so with this ministry; it will do a lot of good for the children who come, but it will do you good to be a participant.

The future of this church, in part, hinges upon the selection and appointment of additional men to serve in the eldership. Nothing will aid in this process more than your assuming personal responsibility in praying and participating. Keep it on your heart and in your mind over the next few weeks and let's add men to this eldership who will serve well to the glory of God and the success of the work of this congregation.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Fred Powell
 Prayer Ray Vannoy
 Scripture Lowell Wiggains
 Dismiss Jonathan Paul

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Fred Powell
 Prayer Edgar Bullard
 Scripture Forest McFadden
 Dismiss Wally Dawkins

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lane Akin Louis E. Jones
 Morris Hallman David Hanley
 Matt Haws Shannon Hughes
 Bill Hensley Trey Hughes

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Roy Clark Jeff Blackstone Dale Blackstone
 GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Charles & Billie Bob Hickman Virginia Canterbury
 Faber & Kathryn Cauthen Jonnie Steffee
 MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 15 and Wednesday
 Evening, June 18 - IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

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 June 1 8,170.44
 Year Ago 9,038.06

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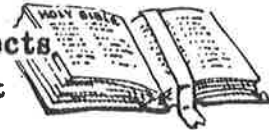
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WORSHIP

June 8 408
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 Budget \$9,617.25

Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart



10:30 A.M. Qualified Leaders
 6:00 P.M. Leadership of Consent

The Sick

Sister Alma Faye Price entered Mother Frances Sunday evening and underwent surgery on Monday. She is making a good recovery.

Sister Gail Egbert, daughter of Ford and Tommie Alice Egbert, entered M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston on Sunday. She has undergone surgery and will continue to have treatment.

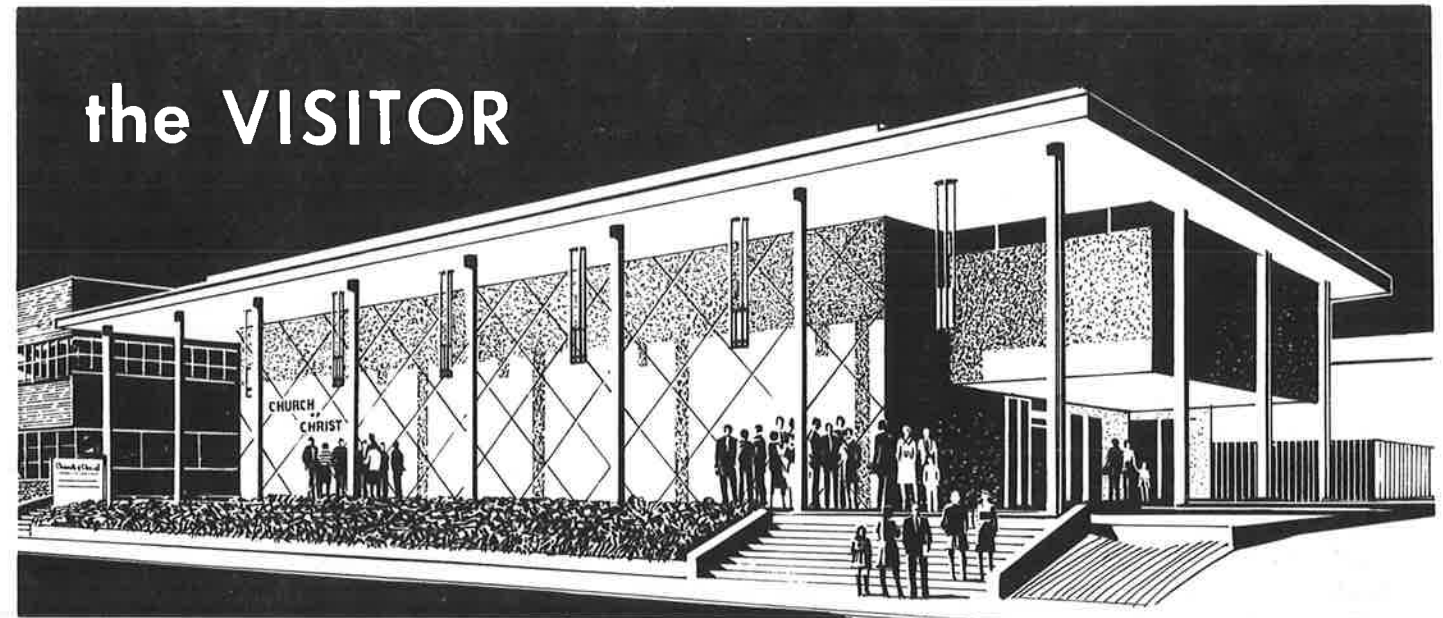
Sister Rozenner Straight planned to be back in her home this week.

We have many who are shutins and would appreciate your visits.

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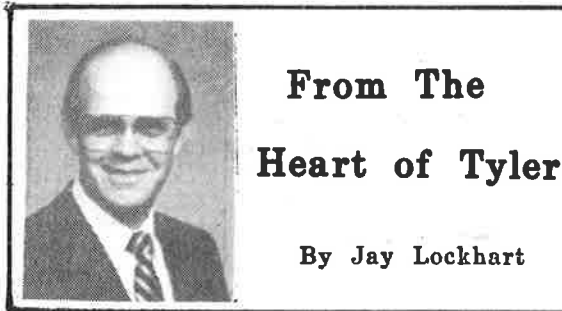
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Our contribution Sunday was

\$98,014.46

"But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus"
 2 Corinthians 8:16

Titus had the same concern, (care) for the church at Corinth that Paul possessed. However, it was no accident or happenstance -- Paul affirms that God put that concern in the heart of Titus. So it is with us. Your concern for the church and for the Cause of Jesus was beautifully demonstrated last Sunday in your outpouring of love in our special contribution. We prayed and our prayers were exemplified by our twelve hour, all night prayer vigil led by Forest McFadden. This came after the moving challenge presented to us the Sunday before by C. B. Hardin. Then, after the challenge and after the prayers and after the behind the scenes efforts and after the purpose, we gave with willingness and joy and exceeded our goal as we gave \$98,014.46. I am convinced, and I feel sure you are too, that God answered our prayers. God made us able. God put the concern in our hearts and we offered our gifts. Some gave abundantly out of their abundance. Others gave abundantly

out of their little. But, many sacrificed and know first-hand the happiness of giving. The Macedonian Christians gave "willingly of themselves," and so did you (2 Corinthians 8:3). The Corinthians were encouraged to "abound in " the "grace" of giving; to "prove the sincerity of their love;" to "sow bountifully" as they "purposed" in their hearts; and to believe that "God is able" to make them "abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 8:7,8; 9:6-8). I like to believe they accepted that challenge, and so have you. Your generosity has prompted "many thanksgivings unto God" (2 Corinthians 9:12). God bless you... and He will! He will "multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10). One of the most significant things about this contribution is that so many participated--young people, young couples, widows, as well as others. This was a gift by the church--by the many and not the few. That's significant.

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Importance of Public Worship

Years ago one heard many sermons on the importance of public worship. Perhaps many of us felt that it was becoming redundant and longed to hear something else. But redundant or not, public worship is important. The Hebrew writer urges, "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Heb. 10:25).

It seems clear to me that to assemble together is a Christian duty. One can hardly forget that Christ frequented the synagogues and temple; that Christ's disciples were assembled when Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection; that they were assembled at the day of Pentecost; that Paul waited at Troas until the brethren came together, etc. And the same pattern of "not neglecting to meet together" should prevail today.

But some who profess attachment to Christ's cause neglect more assemblies than they attend. We do not wonder that unbelievers stay away, or that those who have fallen in love with the world do not have any relish for such gatherings, but many who are Christians by profession are also guilty of this. Some have become once-a-day worshippers. Others come out when the weather is good. And some attend when they take a notion. It is obvious that there is little spiritual relish. Their religion degenerates into a "form of godliness" with a noticable lack of joy, desire, or "want to."

God deserves our service. We meet together to honor His Name, to read His Word, to declare His Praise, to remember His Son. But to fail to meet "as is the habit of some" is to pour contempt on all these things.

A failure to attend the assembly weakens the church. By being together we form a visible building; all the stones united together. To neglect this is to weaken the energies of the church and discourage the godly.

We ought to meet together for our own benefit. Our holiness, comfort and usefulness in great measure depend upon such services. Our knowledge is yet imperfect, our faith feeble, our hope clouded, our love languid. In short, we need the assembly.

One has suggested we might forsake the assembling of ourselves if we had "no mercies to acknowledge; no sins to confess; no blessings to crave; no enemies to overcome; no soul to sanctify; no hell to escape; no heaven to gain."

JOHN GIPSON

A Letter From Your Elders

Dear Brethren:

What a wonderful outpouring of love last Sunday as you gave nearly \$100,000.00 for our Special Contribution! We are thankful to God for His blessing and to each one of you who participated to help us surpass our goal by so much. This was the largest special contribution ever for the West Erwin church and it was a church contribution as many participated--the elderly, the young, our widows, the young marrieds, singles, the middle-aged--all across the church people purposed, sacrificed, and gave. Thank you for helping. Let us now go forward to greater heights for Christ.

Yours for Him,
The Elders

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



The Story Of A Wall

"The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down,..." Nehemiah 1:3

"...let us build up the wall of Jerusalem,..." Nehemiah 2:17

"So they' strengthened their hands for this good work." Nehemiah 2:18

"The God of heaven, he will prosper us." Nehemiah 2:20

"So built we the wall; ...for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6

"So the wall was finished..." Nehemiah 6:15

"...they preceived that this work was wrought of our God." Nehemiah 6:16

New Babies

Rick and Lana Higginbotham are the parents of a baby girl, Cherika Ann, born June 6 at 7:23 p.m. in the Nacogdoches Medical Center Hospital in Nacogdoches, Texas. She weighed 7 lb and 3 oz. The happy grandparents are Dick and Sue Higginbotham.

Dr. and Mrs. David Tuel of Mobile, Alabama are the parents of a son, Jeffrey David, born June 2 at a Mobile Hospital. The proud grandparents are O'Neal and Mildred Tuel.

Nursery Workers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Toddlers Nursery during worship Sunday mornings and evenings. See Matt Haws or Wes Price. This will be on a rotation basis.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (15) J. N. Metcalf, Kevin Braly, Stephanie Leek, Todd Stewart (16) Ann Nail, (17) Fred Strait, Grace Walker (18) Shelley Henry (19) Stella Buckner (20) Lowell Wiggains (20) Faye Kennard.

Singing

You are invited to attend

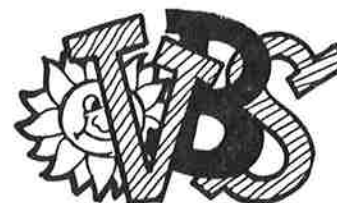
A Night of Songs

7:00 - 11:00 P.M.

June 13, 1986

Van Church of Christ

207 Cherry St., Van, Texas



August 4 - 8



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Sunday was a glorious day or would you say that is an understatement! What a joy it was to be a part of so great a demonstration of generosity. For many, it was a time when they may have discovered the real meaning of the Lord's comment, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." No less a part of the joy of that day was the wonderful experience of the all-night prayer service directed by Forest McFadden. All who participated in it were blessed by it. May the Lord continue to increase our seed for sowing.

Our families continue to support our summer long Bible School drive for sustained attendance in our Bible classes on Sunday morning. We will be announcing our winners for the month of June on Sunday morning, July 6. Parents, will you continue to give support on this vital effort.

The Education Committee is happy to announce the new Adult studies to begin on Sunday, July 6. With the exception of Jay's class and the class which meets in the Annex, all other classes will be studying New Testament Personalities. Jay's class and the Annex Class will be meeting together in the Annex to participate in the Faulkner/Brecheen films. We believe this is a much needed study and will be valuable to our married couples and young families. We especially want members of these classes to invite friends and neighbors to be their guests during the course of this study.

It was my privilege to speak at the Glenwood congregation last Sunday night. Once each month their Care Units meet for worship in various homes, and certain designated Units meet at their Fellowship Hall for worship and fellowship. I'm indebted to brother Lloyd George for the invitation to speak to this group and especially to be asked to present a lesson on Personal Evangelism.

On behalf of my wife, Alma Faye, I would like to thank all of you who remembered her in your prayers for a safe surgery and recovery. I'm happy to report that she is doing very well and by the time you read this will be recuperating at home. The things that have happened in our family over the past few weeks relative to her health only serve to reinforce my belief in prayer. Thanks again for joining us in her behalf.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Scripture Jamon Kirby
Dismiss Dan Magee

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Carroll Magee
Scripture Jim Hartt
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Weldon Dawson Hoyt Hughes
Harold Denman Bill Endsley
Alan Fisher Harvey Grier
Charles Harris Jimmie Harris

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Cooper Goodson Charles McCoy

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

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Charles & Billie Bob Hickman Virginia Canterbury
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 8 and Wednesday
Evening, June 11 - COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

We finished another semester on Friday, May 16, and certificates were given to students that had satisfactorily finished the courses offered. Enthusiasm was high and the food they brought was delicious as always.

On the 21st another session began. The Mission team is really encouraged to see so many new students coming our way. This time we have limited the classes to ten students. I am teaching Mark, Matthew and Acts. The Mark and Matthew classes were closed on the very first day! If we continue getting more students, provisions are being made for offering classes in the afternoon. By doing this, no one will be denied the right to hear the Word of God. Pray for us. More and more we are being assured that New York City is the place to be if we want to preach the Word of God to all the world in one spot.

P. Pablo Molina

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June 1 \$8,170.44
May 25 8,587.87
Year Ago 7,530.22

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1 351
May 25 342
Year Ago 300

WORSHIP

June 1/A.M. 434
/P.M. 276
May 25/A.M. 402
Wed.Eve. 212

Year Ago 403
Budget \$9,617.25

Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart



10:30 A.M. Leadership and Authority
(I Peter 5:1-4)
6:00 P.M. Leadership and Responsibility
(Hebrews 13:7,17)

To Inform You

THE SICK

Brother Charlie Hickman entered Mother Frances Hospital late Tuesday for treatment. The procedure (for his heart) was done Wednesday morning. He was scheduled to go home Thursday.

We received a note from a relative of sister Theo Janet King telling us of her address. Please send a card, Theo would enjoy hearing from friends here.

Theo Janet King
Golden Age Nursing Home
419 E. Oklahoma
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044

CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

Leon Welborn is the new Chairman for the Deacons. He replaces Roy Roberson who will begin his work in Abilene next week.

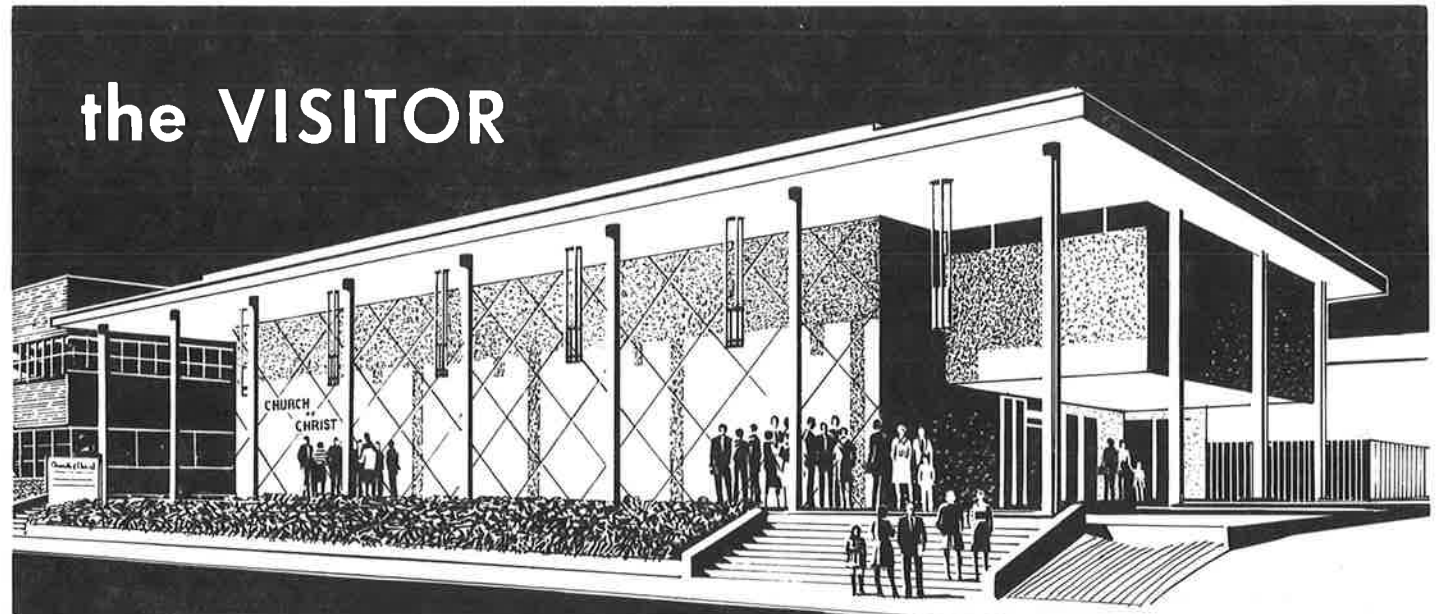
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

W **MAY** (9) David Hanley, Rebecca Price (10) Carolyn Carruth (11) Tanya Wiggains, B. E. Walker, Elizabeth Endsley, Charles Russell (12) Ralph Old (13) Harold Browning (14) Kevin Womack.

YOUNG AT HEART


Regularly scheduled meeting - Thursday, June 12 - 6:30 P.M. "Pot Luck" Supper.
BE THERE!

THE TRUCK FROM MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME will be here one day next week. We are *lecting* whipped toppings (like dream wai). A six month supply is 300 boxes.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"God is able"
-2 Corinthians 9:8*

The Struggle To Believe

The stage was set for a notable miracle. A father had brought his demon-possessed son to the disciples of Jesus, but they could not heal him (Mark 9:18). Next, the suffering father came to Jesus and in desperation cried, "If you can do anything...help us" (9:22). Jesus responded, "If you can believe, all things are possible" (9:23). Then, weeping, the father said, I believe; help my unbelief" (9:24). How difficult it is for us to believe! We settled in our minds long ago the issue of the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, the undenominational nature of the church, the purpose of baptism, and the avenues of acceptable worship, ...and we believe. But, we struggle to believe that God can or will act in our lives in a powerful way today. When we are in trouble we may cry out, as did the father in Mark 9, "Lord, if you can do anything, ..." Is the real problem God's ability and willingness to help us, or is it our lack of faith? Jesus said, "If you can believe, all things are possible." The problem is not a power problem on the part of God, but a faith problem on the part of man. How we rob ourselves of blessings because we do not want to believe. Here is a promise we need to claim as we consider what we can do in response to our Special Contribution this Sunday:

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work... He...will supply and multiply your resources. ...you will be enriched in every way for great generosity... You will glorify God by your obedience (2 Corinthians 9:8-13).

"Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief."

I know you will do what you can to help reach our goal this Sunday as we have our Special Contribution. The exhortation last Sunday at the morning worship hour was superb and we will all be prayerfully considering that very fitting challenge as we decide our participation. God bless you.

If someone was heard to say, "All they ever talk about at that church is baptism," would it be likely that the person making the statement was not baptized scripturally? If someone was heard to say, "All they ever talk about is undenominational Christianity," would it be likely that the statement was made by someone who approved of denominationalism? If a young person said to his parents, "All we ever talk about in this family is getting home on time," would you say that this young person gets home late or on time? If a worker on a job said to his boss, "All you ever talk about is that I should meet my quota," would you conclude the worker is not meeting his quota? If a Christian is heard to say, "All they ever talk about is money," ...you can draw your own conclusions.

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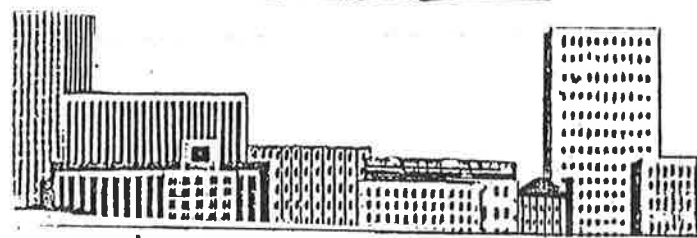
Lea Ann Morris, daughter of John & Diana Morris, made the Dean's List at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. She is a senior majoring in Sports Management and Physical Education.

Rebecca Price, daughter of Wes & Alma Faye Price, will be a senior this fall at Abilene Christian University. She has a 4.0 grade point average and is on the Dean's Honor Roll. She is working this summer in Abilene.

Wesley Price will be a junior this fall at Abilene Christian University. He has a 4.0 grade point average and is on the Dean's Honor Roll. Wesley, son of Wes and Alma Faye Price, is in Tyler this summer attending classes at Tyler Junior College and working.

Jeanie Denman will be a senior this fall in Lindale High School. She has been very active in prose competition and has won several medals and ribbons. She has also played the lead in a one act play. Jeanie, daughter of Harold and Shirley Denman, is a member of the Lindale High School Band.

Stan Denman graduated Summa Cum Laude in May from Abilene Christian University. He received a B.A. degree in Drama. He has been very active in numerous plays and dinner theaters the last four years. He has played the lead role in many productions including the lead in the 1985 Home Coming Musical. Stan was also one of the hosts for Sing Song 1986 at ACU. Stan will be married August 23, 1986. He plans to enter Graduate School in the fall of 1987 and work toward a Master's degree in Theatre Arts. Stan is the son of Harold and Shirley Denman.



GOD'S WORD is always MODERN for
TODAY'S YOUTH

First Meeting, 1986

Summer Youth Series

Tuesday, June 10 - 7:30 P.M.

HEAR Mike Cope from Searcy, Arkansas



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Moving To Abilene

From the time that Roy and Elaine Roberson married at the West Erwin Church of Christ until now, except for a brief move to Henderson, Texas, they have been a part of the West Erwin congregation. They have four children, Roy, Lee, Kristy, and Teena.

Roy is a deacon and recently has served as Chairman of the deacons. He has taught in several levels of the Bible School and has helped with many activities with the young people. In the past Roy served as one of the treasurers for the church. He has worked closely with the Campus Christian Center and with Christian Services of East Texas. Roy and Elaine have been foster parents to numerous infants through Christian Services of East Texas.

Elaine is a teacher of children. She has taught in many areas of the Bible School and also in Vacation Bible School. She has been a Tuesday School teacher and served for several years as the director. During these years some of Roy's most memorable moments were his function as "Santa Claus" for the Tuesday School Christmas parties. Presently, Elaine works with the toddlers of the nursery age children. For the past two years Elaine has worked as the secretary for the Campus Christian Center at TJC. She has very willingly cared for many foster infants and has taken them with her to many meetings and activities of the church and to community activities. She is always willing to handle "one more project." Her community activities include P.T.A., President of City Council P.T.A., and more recently a member of the Tyler Independent School Board. She is now serving her second term as a School Board member and was elected President of the Board this year.

Roy and Elaine Roberson will, no doubt, become active and productive in church and community activities in Abilene. They will be valuable to whatever congregation they become a part of, but we want them to know that no matter where they are, we will continue to consider them a part of the West Erwin family. We hope they will be very happy and will remember us with love.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Funerals

We express sympathy to sister Zorado Sherman whose sister-in-law was buried last week.

Funeral services were held last week in Henderson for the nephew of sister Monroe Sublette. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferman C. Carpenter

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Angel Legene Carpenter

to

Mark Leland Gregory

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Parmar L. Gregory

Saturday, the fourteenth of June

at six o'clock in the evening

Hollytree Country Club

Tyler, Texas

Reception in Hollytree Room

Special Contribution



June 8

Thank You

Your kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered with gratitude. We appreciate so very much your loving kindness during the illness and death of my father. Your cards, letters, flowers and expressions of sympathy mean so much to us.

In Christian love,
Shirley & Harold Denman

With deep appreciation and love that we express our thanks for the flowers, cards, visits, memorial gifts to the library, and your coming to say goodbye to "Papa."

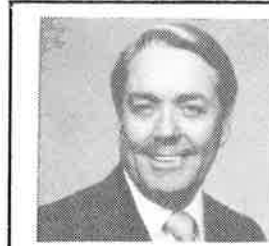
Sincerely,
The Family of R. L. Trentham

Thank you very much for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital. I appreciate the thoughtfulness.

Johnnie Stringer

The many expressions of sympathy, love and concern for the loss of our mother and grandmother, Maudie Brown, have been greatly appreciated. Occasions like this make us realize how much our Christian friends mean to us. The spray of pink carnations was beautiful.

Love in Him,
Chloe & Roy Clark
Sherry & Allen Bobbitt & Family
Brenda & Virgil Crocker & Family



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Sunday was a great day! Attendance was up in both Bible School and Worship, and the increase was clearly due to the large number of visitors who came as guests of our members. We appreciate your efforts so much. Let's keep that momentum going during the course of this summer.

Brother C. B. Hardin's message on the giving campaign certainly challenged the members of this church to exercise diligence in the grace of personal giving. It amazed me that a number of points from his message could be supported by Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, found in the second letter (chapters 8 and 9). Perhaps the word "amazed" is a bit misused, because I know full well that brother Hardin's thoughts came from his maturity in the word. The full effect of that message and God's word on this vital subject will be realized Sunday when the membership of this church measures up to the challenge that was placed before us. I hope every member will agonize more than just a little over what special sacrifice you can make to add to the collection. If you need special encouragement more than this, let me encourage you to read the above mentioned scriptures.

We are slowly filling in the teaching staff for this year's Vacation Bible School, but there is still need for a number of other teachers. I will be calling during the coming days, but I would appreciate you letting me know if you are available for this tremendously important teaching effort. VBS is August 4 - 8.

Among saints in the kingdom who are worthy of special note are those who are self-motivated in the various works of the church. No congregation can survive without a good number of these kinds of folks. They just seem to always know when and where special help is needed and show up ready to engage in the work at hand. I have always wondered how such folks get inspired to such a degree of involvement. Do you suppose they have some special drive that ordinary folks don't have, or could it be that they just sense the beauty of involvement? I wish I could get a handle on the special motivation they have and make it available to others. I do realize that it is available just by their example and others are inspired to become involved also. Let me praise their good example and commend you to look around you and find them. By way of names, let me mention only one. He is the one who said, "Be ye examples of me even as I am of Christ Jesus." His name was Paul.

Seminar at Broadway Church

The Broadway Church of Christ will have Harold Taylor for a special seminar on Church Growth, Soul Winning, and Leadership, June 6, 7, 8. The Friday evening lesson will be at 7:30 and the Saturday lessons will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. You are invited to participate.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Archie Lowry
Scripture Ira Wilson
Dismiss David Hanley

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Dick Higginbotham
Scripture Steve Ward
Dismiss Matt Haws

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Weldon Dawson Hoyt Hughes
Harold Denman Bill Endsley
Alan Fisher Harvey Grier
Charles Harris Jimmy Harris

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Cooper Goodson Charles McCoy
Leon Welborn Harold Browning

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Dwight & Diann Leek Jack & Mary Paul
Stan & Ernestine Mallory Glynn & Fran Starnes
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 1 and Wednesday evening, June 4 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Responses

Last Sunday two of our elders, Faber Cauthen and Fred Powell, asked for our special prayers and support as they seek to fulfill their work as shepherds. The responsibility is great, continue to pray for all of our bishops.

We are happy to welcome sister Ethel Parker as a member of the West Erwin family. Sister Parker lives at the Tysen House, 515 E. Erwin Street.

Special Contribution



June 8

MINISTERS	
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	
Wes Price - Associate	Harold Taylor - Mission
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May 18/A.M. 392
Wed.Eve 206
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Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart



SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1986
10:30 A.M. New Testament Words for Leaders
6:00 P.M. Leadership and Authority



We're getting together..

Fellowship

SUNDAY NOON
June 1

Bring: Sandwiches
Salads & Desserts

Drinks & Chips Furnished

INVITE A FRIEND

Congratulations

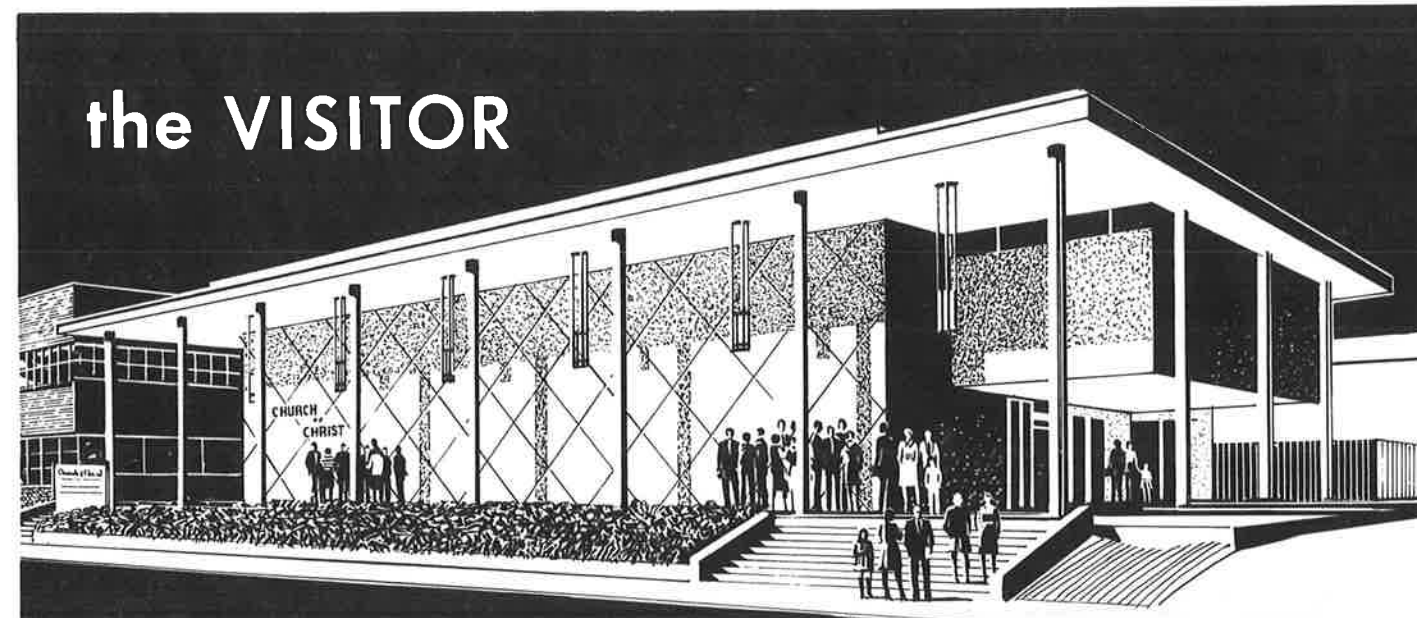
Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday, May 30. We extend congratulations and best wishes on this happy occasion.

Medina Home

The truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 9-13 to pick up what we have for them. We have been asked to collect WHIPPED TOPPINGS (like dream whip). A six month supply is 300 boxes.

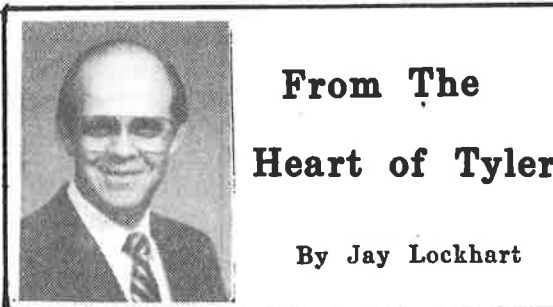
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

In the recent past and near future I have spoken, or will speak, for a Men's Breakfast for the men of the Glenwood church (May 8) and the Bullard church (May 17); for the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises at Bullard High School (May 29); a 1 for short meetings with churches at Reklaw (May 5-7) and Shady Grove (June 1-4); and for a combined meeting of the Pine Tree, Mobberly Ave., and Alpine churches in Longview (June 29). To fill the remaining appointments will take me away from our regular meetings at West Erwin for only one Sunday evening and one Wednesday evening. Then there is July!

I'm looking forward to our all-church fellowship meal which will follow our worship service Sunday morning and which will kick-off our summer Bible School emphasis-Summer SONshine. Our thanks to Wes Price and the Educational Committee for planning this exciting summer and to Phil Marts and the Fellowship Committee for planning the meal for Sunday. Our series of studies on Leadership continue this Sunday. I look forward to sharing them with you.

"...every man according to his ability..." -Acts 11:29

A Red-Letter Day - June 8

Because of the holiday weekend last week and the desire to have a non-holiday weekend before our Special Contribution Sunday, our elders have changed the date from June 1 to June 8. All West Erwin members are being asked to do what they can to help, eliminate our budget deficit and to cover our auditorium renovation. The specific needs and goals will be announced at the morning worship services on June 1. Prayerfully consider what you can do. No one can do more; no one can do less.

Leadership Series Continues

Your response to the series of sermons on Leadership is greatly appreciated. We continue the series this Sunday with a study of New Testament Words and Leadership and Leadership and Authority. These studies will focus upon the biblical concept of leadership from the standpoint of the words God uses to describe it and the meaning of authority of leaders as God defines it. We may be challenged by the Word to slightly adjust or dramatically change our thinking about leadership and its authority in the church. Be with us as we carefully study. Pray!

Accomplishments

Jonathan Paul attends Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. He was awarded a three and one half year Academic Scholarship, selected to be 1st Corporal for 1986/'87, has a 3.3 grade average for the year. Jonathan is entitled to wear Academic Stars on his uniform. He is the son of Jack and Mary Paul.

Jeana Paul will graduate in December from Texas Tech. in Lubbock. She has a 4.0 Grade point average. She will be a Graduate Assistant in January and teach Freshman English while working on her Master Degree. Jeana is the daughter of Jack and Mary Paul.

Suzanne Kirby graduated Magna Cum laude from Abilene Christian University with a B.B.A. degree in Marketing. She was on the Dean's Honor Roll seven semesters, a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society for two years, A member of American Marketing Association, Selected as Senior Honor Marketing Student, member of Sigma Theta Chi (Sorority) three years, and participated in Sing Song four years. Suzanne was a Charter member of Student Accounting Society, a member of Omega Rho Alpha (English Honor Society) and had full academic scholarship for four years and was Frater Sodalit (Fraternity) Sweetheart. She will enter Law School in the fall. Suzanne is the daughter of Jamon and Clay Kirby.

Terry Lockhart graduated from Harding University. She was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. She is the daughter of Jay and Arlene Lockhart.

Jay Lockhart was named outstanding Junior in the Marching, Stage, and Pep Bands at Harding University for 1985/'86. He is the son of Jay and Arlene Lockhart.

Marisa Bulter received special recognition for straight "A's" in English in her college work at UTT. She is the daughter of Bill & Jo Butler.

Julienne Butler was among area students honored for Outstanding Citizenship by the Downtown Tyler Rotary Club Luncheon on May 15. She was chosen from Tyler Junior College. Julienne also received the Charles Childers Presidential Scholarship for UTT. She is the daughter of Bill and Jo Butler.

Joelle Butler will be a senior at John Tyler High School in the fall. She has been elected a Drill Team Officer. Joelle is also a daughter of Bill and Jo Butler.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR JUNE

1.	I Kings	11-12	Psalms	69
2.	I Kings	13-14	Psalms	70-71
3.	I Kings	15-16	Psalms	72
4.	I Kings	17-18	Psalms	73
5.	I Kings	19-20	Psalms	74
6.	I Kings	21-22	Psalms	75-76
7.	II Kings	1- 2	Psalms	77
8.	II Kings	3- 4	Psalms	78
9.	II Kings	5- 6	Psalms	79-80
10.	II Kings	7- 8	Psalms	81-82
11.	II Kings	9-10	Psalms	83-84
12.	II Kings	11-12	Psalms	85-86
13.	II Kings	13-14	Psalms	87-88
14.	II Kings	15-16	Psalms	89
15.	II Kings	17-18	Psalms	90-91
16.	II Kings	19-20	Psalms	92-93
17.	II Kings	21-22	Psalms	94-95
18.	II Kings	23-24	Psalms	96-97
19.	II Kings	25	Psalms	98-100
20.	I Chronicles	1	Psalms	101-102
21.	I Chronicles	2- 3	Psalms	103
22.	I Chronicles	4- 5	Psalms	104
23.	I Chronicles	6	Psalms	105
24.	I Chronicles	7- 8	Psalms	106
25.	I Chronicles	9-10	Psalms	107
26.	I Chronicles	11-12	Psalms	108-109
27.	I Chronicles	13-15	Psalms	110-112
28.	I Chronicles	16-17	Psalms	113-115
29.	I Chronicles	18-21	Psalms	116-117
30.	I Chronicles	22-23	Psalms	118

Report From Harold Taylor

My special ministry could not be possible without you.

BECAUSE OF YOU...(January - May):

Workshops and Seminars have been conducted at West Erwin and Northwest in Tyler; Rogersville, Alabama; Florence, Alabama; Sarasota, Florida (will return again in August); Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; Fayetteville, Arkansas; Salem, Indiana; Detroit, Michigan; Middletown, Ohio.

A 10 day campaign was conducted in Trinidad, West Indies.

BECAUSE OF YOU many church leaders have been guided in church growth principles.

BECAUSE OF YOU college campuses have been touched: OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: Some 150 elders, preachers and deacons attended a daily class at the January Lectureship.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE: I continue to teach soul winning and church growth (February).

TRINIDAD SCHOOL OF PREACHING: I have taught there for the past three years. I was there for 10 days in March. Parker Henderson is head of this school.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: I have been asked to serve as a consultant to the Bible Department at ACU. Also, I will conduct a Church Growth Seminar at ACU in October. They are opening these classes for the entire school as well as the Bible and Mission majors.

BECAUSE OF YOU: I will be able to spend the month of July with churches in the Orient: Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand.

You see - you are important! Betty and I need your continued financial, moral and prayerful support. Thanks for linking your life with ours.

MAY GOD BE PRAISED, SAINTS BUILT UP AND THE LOST SAVED - BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DO TOGETHER.

Thank You

A special thanks to Morris and Cathy Hallman and John and Susan Steffee who were responsible for taking about twenty of our young people Sunday afternoon to the Mt. Pleasant area to take part in the "Hands Across America" project.

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. The cream carnation spray was lovely.

The A. H. Boss Family

New Baby Boy

Congratulations to Mike and Norma Holcomb who are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday evening at mother Frances Hospital. Chad Michael Holcomb weighed 9 lb and 6 oz and is 22 inches long. Loyd and Ann Nail are the happy grandparents and Dorris Humble is the great grandmother.

Funerals


Lane and Kay Akin were in McKinney over the weekend to attend the funeral of Kay's great aunt. We express our sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for sister Georgia Lowery. She was known by many in the congregation and was formerly a member of this church. We extend our sympathy to her family.

You are invited to watch

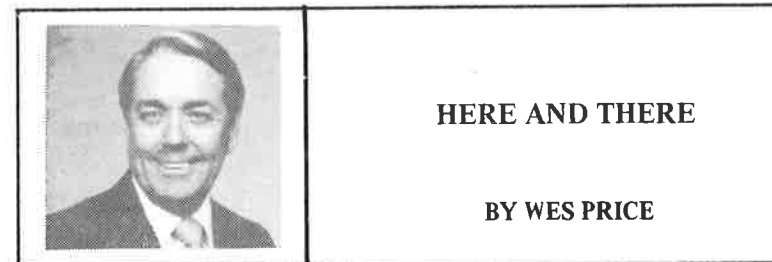
THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTU - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



Happy Birthday

JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Justin Wiggins (2) Valerie Sexton (3) Gena Henry (4) Cheryl Welborn, Carroll Magee (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C. B. Hardin (7) Sue Paul.



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

"Summer SONshine" has been well received by the West Erwin membership. We are confident that Sunday will be a great day with a high percentage of our members present and a large number of friends as our guests for Bible study and worship and lunch in the fellowship hall. If you are not present, you will be greatly missed. Let's make this the best summer ever for the West Erwin Bible School.

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We are still in need of a number of teachers for our Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled for August 4 - 8. If you can help, please let me know. The theme for this year's VBS is Journeys With Joseph.

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One of the most popular additions to our Benevolent program has been the preparation of meals that occurs each Tuesday morning in our Fellowship Hall. Several of our ladies meet and prepare a full, hot meal to be taken to our shutins and ill. The meals are delivered by several of our men who receive expressions of gratitude and praise for such a wonderful deed. The addition of this good work means that both buildings are put to good use each week, not only doing good for those who need food and clothing, but also exercising good stewardship of the buildings. Those who serve do so only to bring praise and glory to God. And we thank God for them!

All Too Late

Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write,
TOMORROW
And thought of the folks he would fill with delight,
TOMORROW
It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;
More time he would have to give others, he'd say,
TOMORROW
The greatest of workers this man would have been-
TOMORROW
The world would have known him had he ever seen-
TOMORROW
But the fact is he died and he faded from view,
And all that he left when living was through
Was a mountain of things he intended to do-
TOMORROW

Author Unknown - via the church bulletin where my good friend Glenn Sargent preaches in Marion, Alabama.

Serving

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Prayer Max Haws
Scripture Milburn Cook
Dismiss Jamon Kirby

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Sympathy

Frank Perigo, brother-in-law to sister Leona McElroy, died early Wednesday in Dallas. Sister McElroy has gone to Dallas to be with her sister and attend the funeral.

The Sick

Sister Johnnie Stringer is suffering from pneumonia and is in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

Sister Ginger Metcalf entered Medical Center Thursday for surgery and tests on Friday.

Appreciated Service

We would like to express our appreciation to the following West Erwin members who have served in recent funerals:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Nancy Bragg | Dale Blackstone |
| Allison Hart | Les Carruth |
| Mary Haws | Joe McBee |
| Ann McCoy | Stan Mallory |
| Mary Paul | Jim Usrey |
| Alma Faye Price | Ray Womack |
| Elaine Roberson | Gail Vannoy |
| Diana Savage | Kelly Womack |
| Becky Mullings | |

If you would like to be called on to serve by singing for such occasions, let Wes Price or John Bragg know of your willingness.

Sermon Subjects

By
Jay Lockhart



SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1986
A.M. "Jesus And Leadership"
P.M. "Leadership And Greatness"

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Brother's Keepers



SUNDAY EVEING
Following Worship

Being a part of a Brother's Keeper Unit is one of the ways we have of knowing and assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ. Plan to attend your Unit meeting.

MINISTERS

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

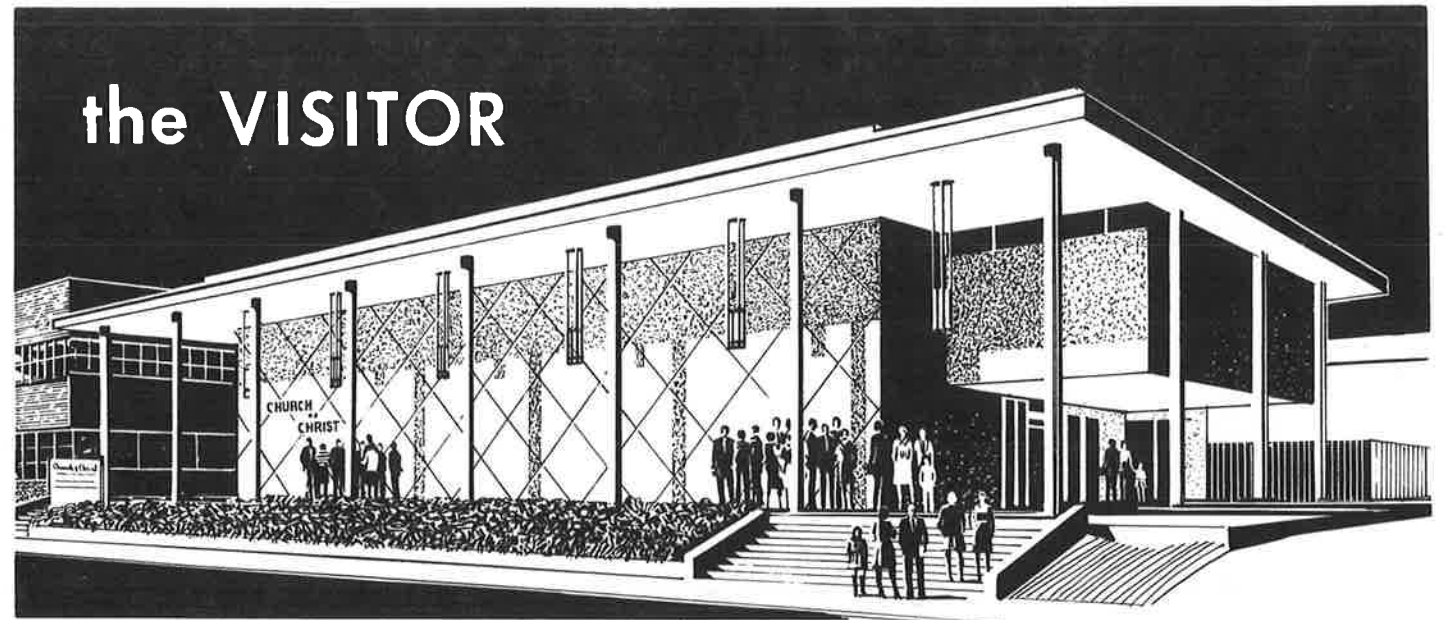
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Hurry, Be Quick, Do not stay"

These are the words of Jonathan (David's friend) to a lad who fetched his arrows (I Samuel 20:38). They are appropriate words for our work in the Kingdom, for there is a certain urgency about this work. So, "hurry, be quick, do not stay."

Summer SONshine

Churches often experience a slump in summer - attendance down, contributions down, activities down, involvement down. Why should we give up on the summer with the attitude, "We'll get back on track after Labor Day?" We will not surrender the summer to ineffectiveness at West Erwin. The summer of 1986 will be a time

of Summer SONshine for us. We will set and surpass goals this summer. Our enthusiasm, attendance, contributions, activities, and involvement will be up this summer. We know that summer is a time for family vacations. That's fine. Go with God, and then hurry home to participate in Summer SONshine.

Budget Makeup Sunday - June 1

Our elders reminded us last Sunday evening that we are \$27,500 under our budget for the year and we must act at once to erase the deficit. We understand that a budget of \$9,617 is exceptional for our

size, but well within our ability. Therefore, on the first Sunday of June we will have a make-up time and we are asking all of our members to do what they can to help us. I know you will do your best.

Congratulations Grads 1986



Tracy Starnes



Kristy Roberson



Bryan Chambless



Amy Knight



Derise Rogers

Baccalaureate Services
Sunday, May 25
6:00 o'clock
Glenwood Church of Christ

Amy Elizabeth Knight will enter Abilene Christian University and major in Elementary Education. She is a Robert E. Lee graduate. Amy was a Homecoming Queen nominee, a recipient of the University Inter-scholastic League Scholar Award and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been active in the Spanish Club, Science Club, Tyler Gifted Program, Young Life, Student Senate, and served as Varsity Volleyball Team Captain. Amy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight.

Tracy Starnes is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She will attend Tyler Junior College and major in business. She received the Floyd Wagstaff Scholarship from TJC. Tracy, who has been on the "A" or "AB" honor roll throughout high school, is a two year member of the Spanish Club and Psychology Club. She played volleyball for three years and managed varsity volleyball for a year. She was also manager of the girls varsity basketball team for two years. Tracy is the daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes.

Bryan Chambless, a Robert E. Lee graduate, plans to attend Baylor University. He was a member of the Latin Club and played varsity tennis. Bryan plans to major in political science and pre-law. He is the son of Rockie Chambless and Sharen Chambless.

Kristy Lynn Roberson is a graduate of Robert E. Lee, and ranked #19 in a class of 545. Kristy was a winner of local and state Volunteer Service Award, member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, Pilot Club's Girl of the Year, received U. S. Business Education Award, and U. S. Achievement Academy. She was 1985 Tyler Miss T.E.E.N. and 4th runner-up in Miss Texas U.S. T.E.E.N. Pageant. Her high school activities include: French Club, Nike Business Club, Band, International Thespian Society, Target Gifted Program, SWAT Team, and National Honor Society. Kristy is the daughter of Roy and Elaine Roberson and plans to major in Fashion Design at Abilene Christian University.

Thank You Notes

We want to express our thanks to brother Homer Williamson for his work as our building custodian. In January, 1984 he retired from this work but returned to be of assistance in May of that year. Now, after another year on the job he has retired again, and brother Ray Womack is looking after the building and also continues to assist in the benevolent work of the church. We are grateful to brother Williamson for the past year, and we hope that he and his wife, Lerah, will enjoy good health and happiness as they continue to enjoy their retirement years.

The Elders

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, and especially your prayers for me during my recent surgery and stay in the hospital. Your continued concern will be appreciated.

Elizabeth Endsley

Less be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. Our pain, fears, and hopes are as one and it has been proven through our Christian loved ones at the West Erwin Church of Christ. Thank you for being so attentive during the serious illness of our husband and our dad.

The Gilbert Venable Family
Gilbert, Lorene, Joyce & Judy

Funerals

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for brother R. L. Trentham. He passed away early Friday. We offer our deepest sympathy to sister Trentham and the children and other members of the family.

Sister Maudie Brown, mother of sister Chloe Clark, died early Saturday and her funeral service was held on Monday afternoon. We express our sympathy to sister Clark and each member of the family.

Happy Birthday

MAY (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight, Casey Akin (27) Frances Walters (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Mildred Tuel, Ola Dunwoody, Andrea Usrey.

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HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

The Education Committee of the West Erwin church is pleased to announce the launching of "Summer SONshine," a campaign to promote attendance in our Sunday morning Bible classes during the months of June, July, and August. Specifically, the dates will include the Sundays that fall between June 1 and August 24. Bible classes in all departments, Pre-school through Adult, will participate in this effort. Our children's classes are especially being challenged to respond to this attendance campaign. Of course, we realize that they will need the help and cooperation of parents if they are to accomplish the goal of perfect attendance during this time period. We are allowing for a two Sunday absence for family vacation, but an added challenge is being placed alongside the attendance, and that is to bring a friend to Bible Class. All of our Bible class members who are present for 11 of the 13 Sundays during the summer and who bring a minimum of five visitors will be appropriately recognized and awarded in a special service on Sunday morning, August 31. In addition, we will also acknowledge those who have perfect attendance each month by special mention in a Sunday morning worship service.

We have asked all of our Sunday morning Bible class teachers to pledge support to this good effort. We believe that it is a worthy goal and will help us feel more responsible for the support and growth of our Bible school program. Won't you help by committing you and your family to put forth that extra effort to support the work of this church?

"Summer SONshine" might suggest many things to our minds. It might remind us of the warmth of God's love that shines upon us because of His Son's perfect gift. It could well suggest our dependence upon God spiritually as we are dependent on the sun for life physically. Whatever it brings forth in your mind, let your response be one of faithful attendance each week at Sunday morning Bible study and worship. Your life will be better for it.

Ladies

Next week the Wednesday morning Ladies' Class will conclude for the summer with our final lesson on Psalm 62. A special invitation is extended to all ladies to be present for the class and then join us for a Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, bring a "covered dish" and invite your husband.

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Welcome Ray Lott
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 Scripture Freeman Morgan
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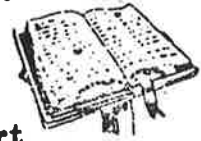
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Sermon Subjects

By



Jay Lockhart

Sunday, May 18
 A.M. A Biblical Model For Leadership (No. 1)
 P.M. A Biblical Model For Leadership (No. 2)

Potpourri

Bring WHIPPED TOPPINGS (like dream whip) for Medina Children's Home.

The Annual Grocery Drive Day for Cherokee Home for Children is May 31. Bar-B-Que lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in the picnic area. There will be open house and dedication of the "Dusty" Moore vocational building and a special program by "The Glory Land Way" quartet of Brownwood, Texas. You are invited to meet the children, staff, board of directors and tour the cottages.

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Response

We commend Rodney Knight for his courage and love. He was restored on Wednesday evening, May 7th.

Our Guests

Our friends and neighbors are our honored guests at the worship services. We hope you will return at every opportunity.



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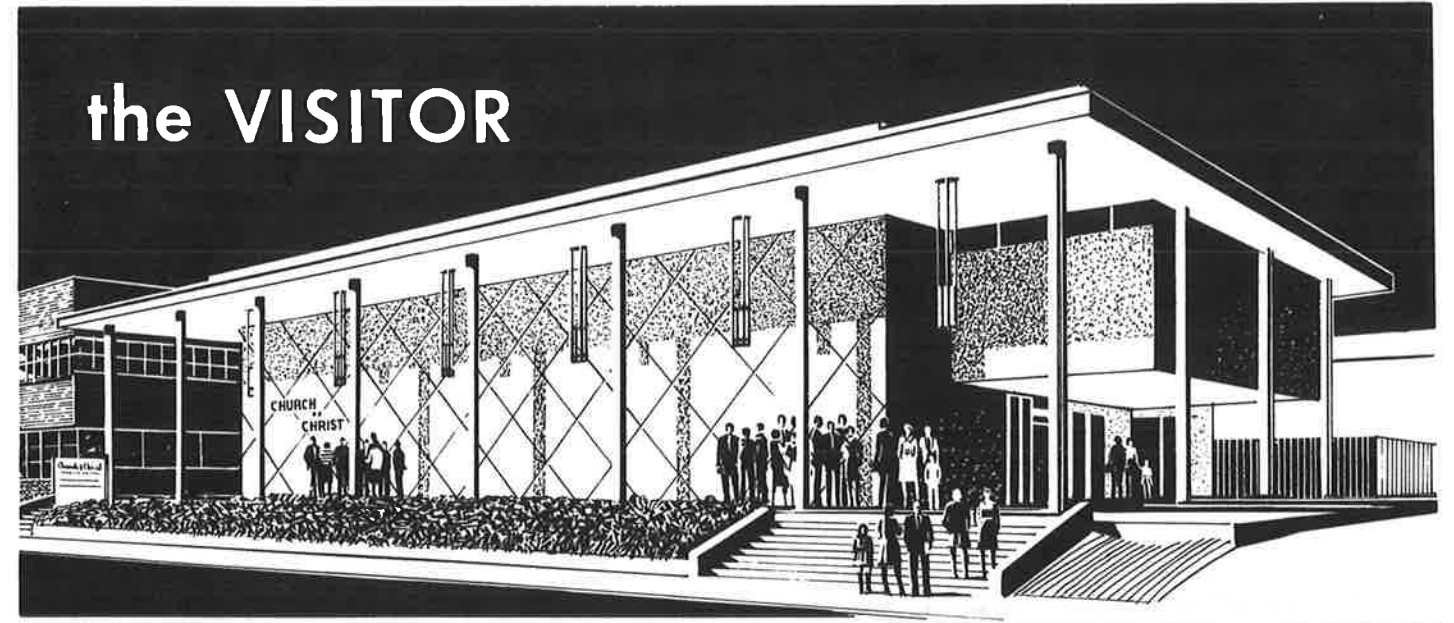
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Last week I enjoyed three encouraging days with the little church in Reklaw. This church reminds me of the church at Philadelphia, about which Jesus said, "Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name," (Revelation 3:8). Reklaw had prepared all for the meeting, capitalizing upon the fact that many people in the area watch our TV program, THE SEARCH. The average attendance for the three nights was four times (that's not a misprint) their regular Sunday morning attendance with many denominational people attending. Isn't that marvelous. It reminds me of the well known adage: "When we go, people come." If we ask enough people, the law of numbers says that we can find someone to attend Bible class, worship, or a special meeting with us. The brethren at Reklaw went to the people and they came. We hope to do some follow up work in Reklaw later this year.

From the Heart of Tyler the Light is shining. See you Sunday.

*"Ordain elders in every city"
 Titus 1:5*

Leadership

During our recent men's business meeting our elders announced their desire to have additional men appointed to the eldership to help them in their work. They have asked me to present some lessons from the pulpit to help us prepare for this significant milestone in our work at West Erwin. Therefore, I am announcing that beginning this Sunday I will present ten sermons on the important theme of Leadership in the church with emphasis upon Biblical principles which assure effective leadership. I hope you will be prayerfully involved in these important days. The sermon topics and dates for the presentations will be as follows:

- May 18 A.M. A Biblical Model For Leadership (No. 1)
 P.M. A Biblical Model For Leadership (No. 2)
- May 25 A.M. Jesus and Leadership
 P.M. Greatness In Leadership
- June 1 A.M. New Testament Words for Leaders
 P.M. Leadership and Authority
- June 8 A.M. The Responsibilities In Leadership
 P.M. Leadership of Consent
- June 15 A.M. Qualified Leaders
 P.M. The Heart of the Leader



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Dear Brethren:

I am asking the Lord to bless you abundantly as you labor in His vineyard as well as in your private lives.

The last semester finished on the 7th of April and the new one began the next day. Our Potluck dinner on that day was a success as always. The students enjoy bringing their native dishes. When they do, our minds fly to exotic lands that are beyond our reach. But by the providence of God, He has sent all these wonderful souls to be taught His word. This time certificates were given to those students who have shown interest, made good progress in their English and in their understanding of the Bible. Some of those who received certificates and have taken our Bible classes, are starting to attend church services where they will have the opportunity to learn about church life. Hopefully they will become Christians. Others go back to their native countries, taking with them the seed planted and diligently nurtured by all of us on the Mission's team - the system taught by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: LOVE and CARING. Some of them want to say "thanks" to all the American people who made their learning possible and are especially appreciative of the impact the teaching of the Bible has made in their lives." (quoting their words)

The present semester is going just great! Some classes are overflowing and you can imagine how joyful we feel having so many people come our way. But this joy is not ours only, You play a very important role in this task.

The Manhattan church is doing very well, and with the addition of the Korean Congregation, we are running out of space on Sundays. To God be the Glory! The Spanish group is doing well too. New members are being added monthly, some are transferring membership from other countries. The East Hampton Iglesia de Cristo is also growing. Very soon I plan to visit them with a group from the Manhattan Church just to give them moral support.

My fellow deacon and tireless co-worker, Julip Pena, has returned from the Dominican Republic where he visited some 37 congregations with at least a total of 1,300 members. He made a list of their needs and the most pressing one was for Bibles. I have sent a letter to brother Reuel Lemmons requesting as many Bibles as he can get us. We will see that our Dominican brethren get them. At a later date I will send you more details on the Dominican Church. It is an indigenous movement that is well worth considering participation in. Some of them just need song books, nothing else.

Maya and I are very well and treasure your fellowship.

In Jesus,
 Pablo Molina

We need YOU in Bible School!

Thank You Notes

To The Ladies of
 West Erwin church of Christ
 As the school year comes to an end we want to thank you for your continued support and for the good meals you prepared.

With the money you contributed we had a hamburger cook-out which everybody enjoyed.

We thank you! Tri-C
 Susan Guidry

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Mary Holt, sister of Marie Threadgill.

Happy Birthday

MAY (20) Mike Munn (21) Sherryl Miles, Doris Gregory (23) Jonnie Steffee, Tony Adams, Jean Walters (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis E. Jones.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series has been scheduled as follows for ten weeks this summer.

- June 10 - Tyler, West Erwin
- June 17 - Longview, Alpine
- June 24 - Carthage
- July 1 - Kilgore, Chandler St.
- July 8 - Gladewater, Quitman & Center
- July 15 - Jacksonville, Corinth Pl.
- July 22 - Palestine, Crockett Rd.
- July 29 - Henderson, So. Main
- August 5 - Gilmer
- August 12 - Tyler, Shiloh Rd.

Each meeting is planned for 7:30 p.m. This is always an enjoyable series with many young people participating.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
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WBS Teacher

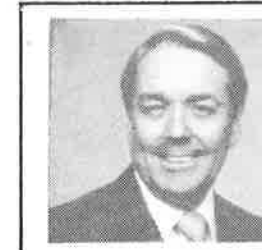
If you are a WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER, the monthly report came in a bundle and you may pick up your copy from the table in the church library.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Dedication

Webster defines dedication as an act or rite of dedicating to a divine being or sacred purpose. I believe from the Biblical perspective, both concepts apply. We most surely carry out our dedication to God by accomplishing the sacred purpose to which He called us through His Word. While some acts are more recognizable as fulfilling divine purpose such as church attendance or Bible study, the Christian who is truly dedicated is one who views himself as fulfilling God's purpose in everything that he does. This presupposes that what he does is in keeping with God's Will. I believe the proper view of one who wants to please God, is to be mindful of Him in all of his actions and activities. God did so much for us. We can never say "thank you" enough to Him, but we can increase the intensity of our dedication. Let's give Him the best of our service!

WP



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

In spite of a large number of our folks being gone Sunday, we had a large attendance for worship. Hardeman Nichols did his usual good work of challenging us from God's Word, and we had a good number present for the evening service. We thank God for such a good day. It will be nice to have Jay back in the pulpit Sunday, and we look forward to having all of our regular members back for Bible study and worship. We want you to be in that number.

Attention All Education Committee Members: We are scheduled to meet at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday afternoon in the Chapel. We need all members present to discuss plans for our Bible school program for the summer.

Attention All Department Supervisors: We want you to join us for the 4:00 p.m. meeting and remain for a Teacher's Meeting scheduled for 5:15.

Attention All Bible Class Teachers: Our Vacation Bible School materials are in and we need to get organized for that important summer event. Please join us for a meeting in the Chapel at 5:15 p.m. This is for all teachers, including those not presently working in any Bible Class.

Our singing in worship has never been better. I'm grateful that we have finally done something to the auditorium that has helped improve the acoustics. It's great to be able to hear the congregation singing and especially to know that now the acoustics actually help to encourage a person to sing, rather than discourage them. Now more than at any time since I have been at West Erwin, a person can sing without feeling that he or she is the only one doing so. So, let's open up and really make a joyful sound unto the Lord!

Only a few more weeks and our pews will be here and we can see the end of our refurbishing project in the auditorium. It's already a much more attractive place to worship, but with the installation of the new pews and carpet, I believe it will be even better than we can imagine.

VBS - August 4 through 8

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Welcome Roger Knight
Prayer Joe Carroll
Dismiss Alan Pickett

EVENING WORSHIP

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Louis Jones John Bragg 395
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Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,
Bob and I want to thank you for your love, prayers, the many cards and telephone calls. The flowers were so pretty. How wonderful to have so many Christian friends in time of sorrow. May God bless each of you.

Marie and Bob Threagill.

Dear Christian Brethren,
I wish to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to me and my family during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for the visits, cards, flowers and food. I am now at home and improving daily.

Lola Wright and Family

The Sick

Sister Audie Grier continues to be a patient in Doctor's Memorial but hopes to be dismissed this week.

Sister Elizabeth Endsley hopes to be dismissed from Medical Center this week.

Brother Tommy White has gone home from the hospital.

Moved

Pete and Billie Osburn and their daughter Beth will move back to Austin June 1. They will be attending the Westover Hills congregation. They have expressed their love and appreciation to the congregation at West Erwin.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Melinda O'Quinn who will receive her Master's degree from UTT on Friday. Melinda is a Speech Pathologist in the Tyler Independent School District.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Baccalaureate

The Baccalaureate service for high school seniors of the Tyler churches of Christ will be Sunday evening, May 25, at the Glenwood church of Christ. We plan to have pictures of our seniors in The Visitor the week before Baccalaureate.

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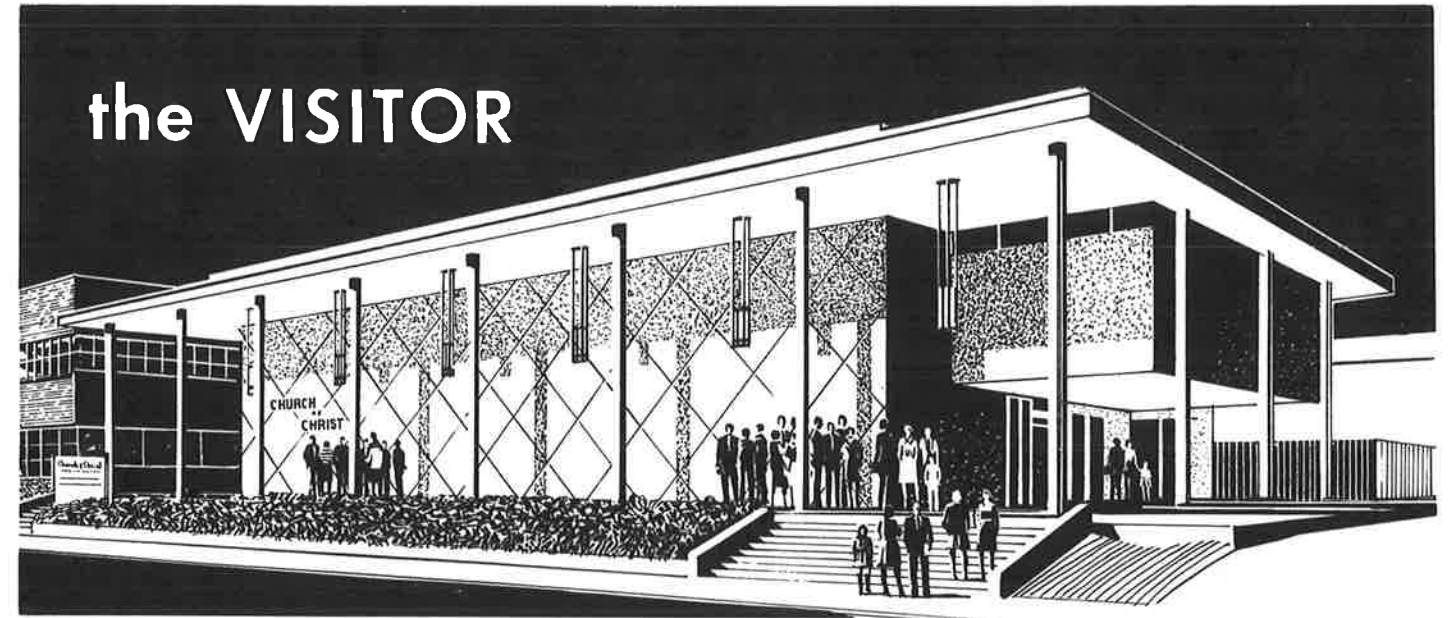
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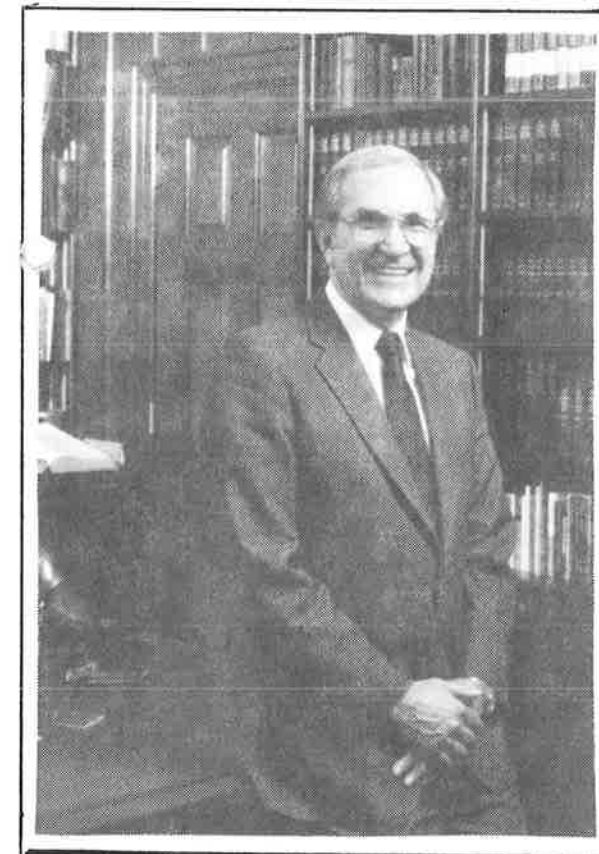
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Guest Speaker Sunday



Hardeman Nichols

At West Erwin

Hardeman Nichols, a very well known and highly regarded evangelist from Dallas, will preach at West Erwin for both services on Sunday, May 11. Hardeman has visited West Erwin on several occasions and is respected by this church as a faithful preacher of God's Word and a Christian gentleman. He is now associated with the Preston Road School of Preaching as an instructor and preaches by appointment. We welcome Hardeman, and his wife Virginia, to Tyler and to West Erwin. You are urged to hear him.

We Are Thankful

All of the benevolent work and especially the local work, is worthy of praise. We commend the group who works faithfully each Tuesday in our benevolent building. Their projects include quilting, sorting clothing, sewing, rolling bandages, and caring for the needs of those who come to the building for assistance. Many of our people, as well as the other congregations in Tyler, prepared forty boxes to be sent to Sweetwater following the tornado there. One set of mattress and box springs was also sent along with \$320.00 in cash.

This is a work that is not only beneficial to those in need, but it is also a time of fellowship and encouragement for the ones who meet together each week: Clyde and Merle Lane, Artis and Patti Tate, Archie and Juanita Lowry, James and Mildred Massey, Foy and Mary Richey, Bernie and Vera Beard, Ray Womack, Marikate Davis, Sue Starnes, Modena Jones, Leona Hardin, Jo Butler, Janie Hicks, Adela Scogins, Lillian Colbert, Gussie Beaty, Mary Gaiser, Ella Mae Grayson, Dorothy Hulsey, Pauline Kennedy, Leona McElroy, Hazel Morgan, Christine Parsons, Sybil Thacker, Frances Walters, Jean Walters, Melba Moore, Myrtle Land, and Elizabeth Hughes.

We appreciate the group of ladies who meet each Tuesday in the kitchen of our fellowship hall to prepare food to be taken to the homes of shutins and those who are not able to be out on a regular basis. This project is designed to provide a special treat and is done in a spirit of love by Kathryn Cauthen, Alma Biggs, Ann McCoy, Signa Stanley, Virginia Conner, Elva Lee Williams, Marie Threadgill, and Jonnie Steffee. Other women will be included in the coming weeks. Men who deliver the meals are: Tom Williams, Ray Womack, Artis Tate, Charles McCoy, Faber Cauthen and Paul Stanley.

--- The Elders

"He who is generous to the needy honors God"
Proverbs 14:31

Potpourri

Jay and Arlene Lockhart are at Harding University this weekend attending the graduation of their daughter Terry and their son-in-law Scott Tubbs.

Congratulations to Elaine Roberson who was elected as President of the Tyler Independent School Board.

Congratulations are also in order for Mary Prater (former member of West Erwin) who was selected as Woman of the Year by the Van Chamber of Commerce.

Shower Invitation

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Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Thank You Notes

We wish to express our thanks for the love shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, calls, and your prayers. You have made a time like this easier to bear. May God bless you.

The Clyde Lane Family

Thank you all for the flowers, cards, calls, visits, and especially the prayers. This meant so much to me.

Christine Parsons

Thanks to my Brother's Keeper Unit for all the love and thoughts in the beautiful card. It made my day.

Amie Roberts

Thank you for your prayers and visits during our mother's (Mrs. Murphree) illness. They are appreciated.

Maxine Hudspeth
Billie Allen



Happy Birthday

MAY (11) Amy Fisher (13) Phil Marts
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Tuesday School



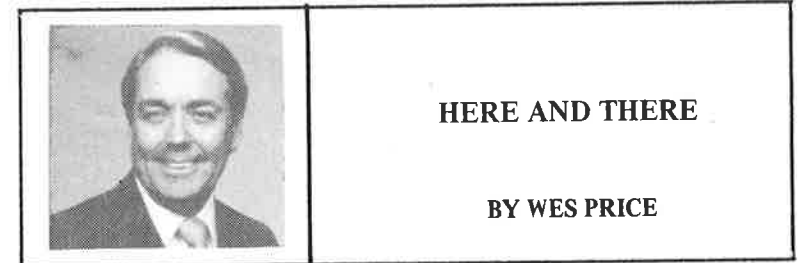
Tuesday school came to a close this week for approximately 65 pre-school children (ages 2 through 4/5). We have dedicated teachers who volunteer their time each Tuesday morning from 9:00 until 11:30 to teach these children, many of whom are from homes outside this congregation. We appreciate Mary June Goodson for her hours of time given to direct the school and its many activities. The following is a list of teachers and helpers for the past year: Martha Waggoner, Rhonda Stice, Patti Sli-ter, Sara Powell (and Fred for driving the bus), Kay Akin, Lorene Venable, Joni Smith, Rhonda Hendrix, Betty Strait, Billie Bob Hickman, Laneva Russell, Billye Usrey, Paul Stanley was a great help at the Christmas party and Wes speaks at the Chapel time. Mrs. Nora Chambless cares for the nursery age children of the teachers.

Tuesday School touches the homes of many families in this community. We are grateful for the opportunity and challenge of having these boys and girls in our care each week. WP

In Appreciation

The congregation of Christians who meet at 420 W. Erwin is friendly. The elders and deacons are conscious of their duties. Brother Lockhart's sermons are interesting and inspiring, and the Bible classes are educational. The benevolent and visitation work are well known. The social meetings are most enjoyable and the work done for the ill and shutins is so very much appreciated as is the faithful staff who work behind the scene. All working together for the glory of God - who could ask for more.

Robert & Edith Trentham



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Now that the school year is nearing its end, it is time to think about our Vacation Bible School. Dates this year have been set for August 4 through 8. These dates will allow teachers to have the benefit of most of the summer months to prepare materials for this exciting summer event. We will be calling upon our teaching staff, but as usual with this approach to VBS, we will need lots of extra help. It would be great to have a host of volunteers. Please show your interest by calling us.

Let's look forward to another great learning experience with VBS. Plan your vacation so you and your children can be available to attend.

Watch this column for exciting news about the dates June 8 through August 24.

At long last, something positive has happened to help our singing in worship. The hardening of the ceiling has added immensely to the acoustics. The worship in song at both Sunday services was much improved. Don't forget, however, that nothing helps the singing service more than all Christians joining in this special part of our worship service. The singing is an act of worship to be participated in - not just to be enjoyed by listening. We can always make an impact on visitors with good jubilant singing.

The men's business meeting week before last was one of the best attended of any since I have been at West Erwin. Many good ideas were shared, but more important was the feeling that those present went away with a greater sense of being involved in the life force of this congregation. More than ever before, members of this church are needed to be more than just members of the Lord's church. You are needed to be involved in all the affairs that will keep this body alive and growing. If you need help in knowing how you may be more productively involved in the good work of this church, just ask one of the elders or the preachers. We can help you find a useful place of service.

We congratulate the Sunday Morning Kindergarten Class for 100% attendance. It is taught by Marisa and Julienne Butler.

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 Fred & Sara Powell Clyde & Merle Lane

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 4 and Wednesday evening, May 7 - MIKE MUNN, 597-1028.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Response

We are happy that Julie Wallace, who has been studying with Jay Lockhart for several weeks was baptized by Jay last Wednesday. Julie is a TJC student. Her home is in Plano, Texas. Julie's address is 1121 So. Baxter, #112, Tyler, Texas 75711, Telephone 597-2998.

Judith Harshbarger, 1231 Carol Lane, Tyler 75701, Telephone 592-5903, came Sunday to place membership. She is a teacher in The Tyler School District. Judith is from Fort Worth. We welcome her into the fellowship here.

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The Sick

Sister Audie Grier is a patient in Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

Sister Alan Fisher's father, R. J. Roddy of Troup, is recovering from surgery following an automobile accident last Saturday.

Sister Elizabeth Endsley is in Medical Center following surgery on Tuesday.

Sister Lola Wright was able to go home from the hospital on Monday.

Brother Tommy White entered the UTT Health Center on Saturday of last week. He has suffered another light stroke.

Gilbert Venable is at home and unable to be out.



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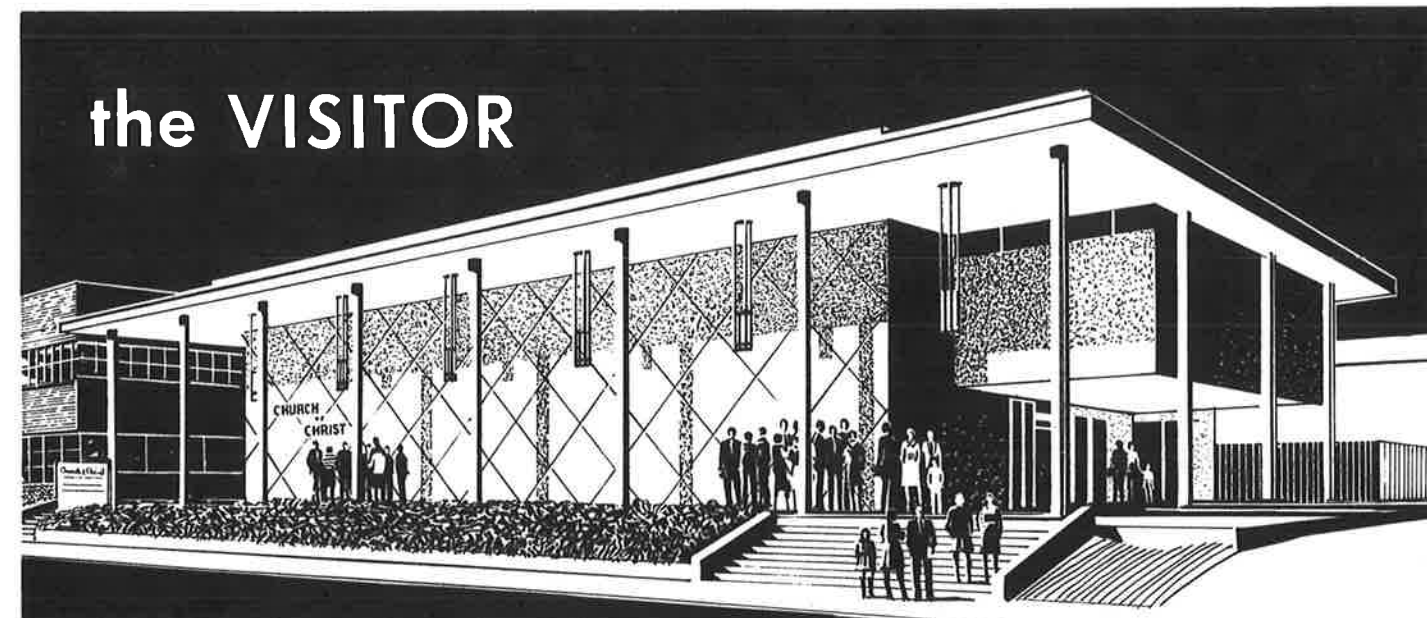
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 By Jay Lockhart

A Medley of Matters

Last Sunday afternoon we had a Men's Business Meeting that will surely help us. Our thanks to every man who came (this was our best attended men's meeting) and for the input you gave to help us do a better job for Christ. Good will come and we anticipate the days ahead. We also appreciate the suggestions made in writing by our women who were not represented in the meeting. You have expressed your thoughts and they have been heard. Thanks to everyone who cares!

This weekend we will have a candidate for the position of Youth Minister visiting with us. We will keep you informed as to developments in our search for someone to fill this important role.

Our Elders are announcing their desire to have additional men selected to help them in their work of shepherding. Over the next several weeks we will be focussing attention on the need for the work, the qualifications, and the appointment of elders. You will be asked to participate in the selection process. Be prayerful!

Next week, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, I will be preaching for the church in Reklaw. We are hopeful that many in that area who see THE SEARCH will attend the meeting. Pray to this end.

We rejoice in the obedience to the gospel of Julie Wallace, a TJC student. Others are contemplating this same decision also. We welcome Judith Harshbarger, a TISD teacher, who placed membership with us Sunday.

We will be back in our auditorium Sunday after an interesting day last Sunday in our fellowship building. Our auditorium improvements will soon be completed. Thank you for your patience.

See you Sunday.

S.T.E.W.

Stew Leonard is world famous now as a motivational speaker. He is, "Something else." To gain this prominence he succeeded in a grocery store. For a limited store he supposedly has the greatest sales in the USA. People drive for miles to buy from him. This ought to arrest our attention. His speech uses his name, Stew.

Serve. Serve your customers. He has a suggestion box that literally runs over. Why? Because it is read and changes are made. He sells strawberries by the tons and fresh fish, not frozen, because of customers suggestions. He listens, serves, cares. The customers literally run his business. He wants every customer to leave happy. He serves.

Team work. If only the church could ever grasp this. Are we "Big Enough To Be Big?" Can we block for another player? Can we sacrifice ourselves? Stew teaches each employee concerning the role he plays in the store. Each man knows he is a valuable cog. Ira North practiced this among us.

Enthusiasm. Stew sends all employees through a "Carnegie School." He wants positive, excited, smiling faces. He does not wish negative employees. Happy people work better.

Wow! This is how he wants every customer to feel as they leave! **WOW!** What a place! What a service! Customers leave wanting to return. Probably a little S.T.E.W. wouldn't hurt things down at the church.

-- Charles Hodge

East Texas Christian Academy

Dear Brothers & Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you for your very positive reception of the slide/tape presentation concerning East Texas Christian Academy on April 23rd. I also want to thank Le'Ann Braly, Laurie Dawkins, Ernestine Edwards, Jan Magee and Carolynn Paschall for the excellent job they do of teaching the young people at the school

I hope you will continue to support Christian education at ETCA both prayerfully and financially.

In Christ,
John Bragg
Superintendent

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Bob and Marie Threadgill in the death of Marie's sister, Mary Holt. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Sugarland, Texas.

Happy Birthday

MAY (5) Dot Hardin, Henry Dunn, Nelda Browning (6) Bessie Willis (7) Wade Weathers (8) Jason O'Quinn (9) M.B. Beard, Ford Egbert, Jim Usrey.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



"Every member of the body is indispensable. Only as each part does its work can the body grow and attain its goal of maturity and unity in Christ."

"We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love,"

-Ephesians 4:15-16

In Appreciation

Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits and especially for your prayers. This meant so much to me while I made my recovery.

In Christian love,
Wanda Weathers

Words cannot express my gratitude for the many deeds of kindness shown to me during my stay in the hospital and at home. The visits, calls, food, flowers, the abundance of cards, and most of all, your prayers have been a great inspiration to me. Thanks to each of you for your love, concern and thoughtfulness.

Love,
Chloe Clark

Gospel Meetings

Jimmy Allen from Searcy, Arkansas will be preaching for the church in Diboll, Texas beginning Sunday, May 4 to continue through Wednesday night, May 7. You are invited to attend. Weeknight services, 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to hear Burton Coffman preach in a meeting at Wills Point, May 4 - 7. Evening services will be at 7:30.

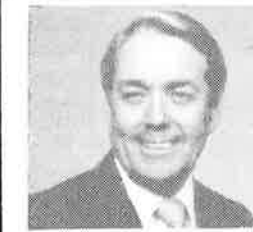
Our Christian Friends:

The first full week in May is almost a reality. The dates May 3-9 will mark the 51st Homecoming activities for the North Tenneha Church of Christ.

On May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. our Male Chorus will celebrate their anniversary in song. The Shady Acres Chorus (Houston), the Palm Center Chorus (Houston), and the Cliffview Chorus (Dallas) will be the featured groups. On May 4-9, brother W. C. Edwards of Rockford, Illinois will be with us in a series of Gospel Meetings. Our morning worship will begin at 10:15 followed by dinner from 12:00 to 2:15 p.m. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30 p.m. Services Monday through Friday will begin at 7:30 p.m.

We hope that you won't let this week pass without sharing it with us. It won't be the same without you.

Because of Calvary,
Darryl B. Bowdre
Minister



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

A church was told "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10) What does it mean to be faithful? Some have said "To live by faith." Others, "To be steadfast," or "To be loyal," "To keep one's commitments or promises." A dictionary definition is: 1. keeping faith; worthy of trust; honest; loyal. 2. reliable; dependable.

This reading is often made to mean that we should be faithful until we die. We should. But, Christ said, "Be thou faithful unto death." This is to be faithful even if we must die for it. Anyone loyal enough to die for his faith will be faithful until he dies. Would you die rather than renounce your faith? Would you die rather than refuse to be loyal to your beliefs? Would you die rather than refuse to practice your faith?

Attendance in worship does not prove one's faithfulness. However, willful absence may prove your unfaithfulness! Sitting in a pew is not the whole of being a Christian, but assembling with the saints is part of what God requires of us. (Heb. 10:25).

God knew we needed each other. That's one of the reasons He gave us the church and told us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. There is strength in unity. You need the church, but the church also needs you. The church is the body of Christ and is likened to the human body. Paul said that members of the body that seem to be more feeble are necessary. You are necessary! (I Cor. 12:22)

Being necessary lays a heavy obligation upon us. If we fail to function, we might as well not exist as far as the body is concerned. In fact, a non-functioning organ may cause the body serious problems. Are you a functioning, faithful member?

Lewis G. Hale
Oklahoma City

See YOU Sunday!

Servicing

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Hoyt Hughes
 Scripture Dick Higginbotham
 Dismiss Wally Dawkins

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Ferman Carpenter
 Scripture K. Max Haws
 Dismiss Cole Bennett

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bill Butler David Demic
 Mike Munn Cooper Goodson
 Lane Akin John Steffee
 Morris Hallman Bill Paschall

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CONTRIBUTIONS

April 20 \$8,496.60
 April 13 7,148.19
 Year Ago 9,955.96

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 20 300
 April 13 314
 Year Ago 330

WORSHIP

April 20/A.M. 387
 /P.M. 238
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 Year Ago 395

Weekly

Budget 9,617.25

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Roy Roberson Paul Stanley Glynn Starnes

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Leona McElroy Jonnie Steffee Dan & Jan Magee

Mary Gaiser Modena Jones James & Frances Phillips

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 27 and Wednesday evening, April 30 - JIMMY HARRIS, 592-9780.

Do You Remember The "Big Meetin'?"

Many of us can remember the "Big Meetin'" of yesteryear when the crowds were so large that some folks couldn't get in the building, men stood around the walls, children sat on the pulpit, and excitement was everywhere. Well, this Sunday will not return us to days gone by, but we will have one of those "plumb full" meetin's. Our auditorium is being painted and is unavailable for meeting this Sunday, so we will be in our fellowship building for worship services--a small inconvenience for progress. The singing will be grand, the fellowship will be close, and the day will be full of excitement. Come!

Note: All classes will meet in their regular places except the auditorium class will meet in the fellowship building. Those in the Chapel should enter from the outside door. JL

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

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 Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
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 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 Christine Parsons had eye surgery this week.

Sister Ira (Lola) Wright was hospitalized after suffering a light stroke, but is now at home.

Brother Gilbert Venable is now at home.

Sister Bill (Elizabeth) Endsley will enter Medical Center on Monday for surgery Tuesday.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Jim and Allyson Hartt in the death of her niece, a youngster about four, in Nacogdoches.

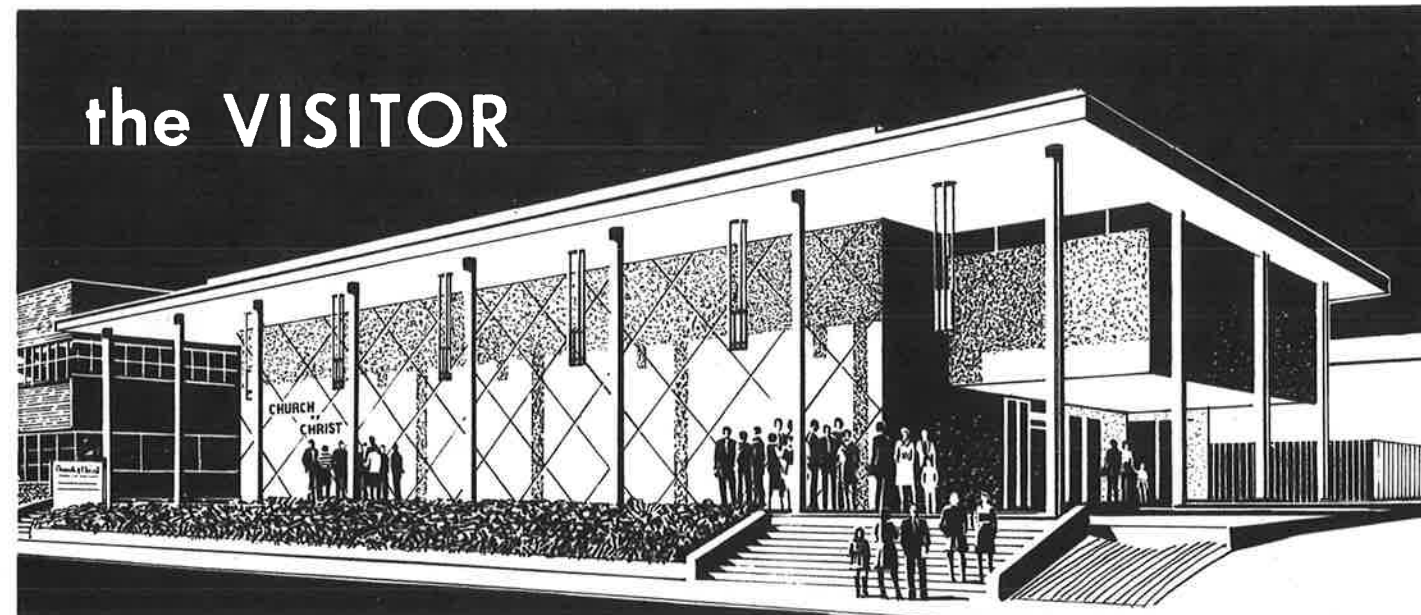


See You In Bible School

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Response


Sister Amie Roberts asked for the prayers of the church last Sunday.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"I press toward the mark" Philippians 3:14



From The
Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Past, Present, and Future

All of us have experienced good things in the past, both individually and collectively as a church. Often in our memory those good times seem better than perhaps they were, so we have a tendency to think of "the good old days." Maybe they were good. To be sure, we all have those special good times. In our individual lives we remember the joy and excitement that were ours when we first became Christians. We may remember the churches in which we grew up with affection. There may have been an elder, a preacher, or a Bible class teacher who especially blessed our lives. We may remember some special accomplishment of the church of which we were a part in days gone by. We may even recall the days of a glorious past which this church enjoyed. However, we cannot go back to those former days. We do not live in the past. Accomplishments of the past are to build upon, not to rest upon. We live in the ever present now and reach toward an ever promising future. We must now ask ourselves,

"What am I doing with my present, with its unbelievable potential, as I prepare for a future packed with promise?" What does the future hold? I may not know, but I know this: how I use my present will shape my future. When I answer the following questions, I will know much about my personal future and the future of the local church of which I am a part:

1. Is there evidence of spiritual growth in my life?
 2. Was there ever a time when I lived closer to the Lord than I do today?
 3. Am I seeking to be more deeply involved in the work of Christ from day to day?
 4. What place does Christ and the church occupy in my daily life?
 5. Is my faith deeper, my love greater, and my commitment more complete than earlier in life?
 6. Could I care more?
- The future will be whatever we, with the Lord's help, do with our present.

Hey! Didja Hear?



What are your plans for the future? Do you have any? What exactly is it that you want out of life? If you are like most people, you are probably still undecided and that's okay. We cannot predict or control all of our future and there is no way we can be sure of what we will be doing ten years from now. However, there is one thing we can control in our future - our relationship with God.

We all have relationships. Whether the relationship is with a close friend, boyfriend or girlfriend, we all have relationships that we treasure. If a conflict arises between you and your boyfriend or girlfriend, what do you do? If you really care about them, you do your best to make things right again. Right? So, what do we do when our relationship with God is not right? Do we try to make things right again, or do we "let it slide." More times than not we find ourselves guilty of "letting it slide." If we, as young people, have flaws in our relationships with God - our relationships need to be mended. After all, our relationship with God depends on us as individuals. Our personal relationship with God is our own personal business and only we, as individuals, can "better" our relationship.

God determines our future. He could know why and where we will be in ten years or "if" we will even be here at all in ten years. It's obvious that having a good relationship with God is important and it all depends on the individual's attitude. One last question for us to think about, why not have a good relationship with the one who determines where you and I will spend eternity?

West Erwin Youth Exchange

Time Change



The last Sunday in April is the date to change our time from Standard to Daylight Savings time. On Saturday evening before you go to bed, turn your clocks forward one hour.

Be on time for Bible class and worship Sunday morning.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR MAY

1.	I Samuel	3- 5	Psalms	9-10
2.	I Samuel	6- 8	Psalms	11-12
3.	I Samuel	9-10	Psalms	13-15
4.	I Samuel	11-13	Psalms	16-17
5.	I Samuel	14	Psalms	18
6.	I Samuel	15-16	Psalms	19-20
7.	I Samuel	17	Psalms	21-22
8.	I Samuel	18-19	Psalms	23-25
9.	I Samuel	20-21	Psalms	26-27
10.	I Samuel	22-23	Psalms	28-30
11.	I Samuel	24-25	Psalms	31
12.	I Samuel	26-27	Psalms	32-33
13.	I Samuel	28-29	Psalms	34
14.	I Samuel	30-31	Psalms	35-36
15.	II Samuel	1- 2	Psalms	37
16.	II Samuel	3- 4	Psalms	38-39
17.	II Samuel	5- 6	Psalms	40-41
18.	II Samuel	7- 8	Psalms	42-43
19.	II Samuel	9-10	Psalms	44
20.	II Samuel	11-12	Psalms	45-46
21.	II Samuel	13-14	Psalms	47-48
22.	II Samuel	15-16	Psalms	49
23.	II Samuel	17-18	Psalms	50
24.	II Samuel	19-20	Psalms	51-52
25.	II Samuel	21-22	Psalms	53-55
26.	II Samuel	23-24	Psalms	56-58
27.	I Kings	1- 2	Psalms	59-60
28.	I Kings	3- 4	Psalms	61-63
29.	I Kings	5- 6	Psalms	64-65
30.	I Kings	7- 8	Psalms	66-67
31.	I Kings	9-10	Psalms	68

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Troup last Friday for A. H. Boss, father of sister Merle Lane and sister Jerry Dunn. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (28) Jennifer Knight (30) Dell Lott, Ray Vannoy, Shirley Denman
MAY (1) Aline Beard, Wesley Price, II (2) Lerah Williamson.

Benevolence

A truck is scheduled to leave from West Erwin on Friday (the 25th) to take items to tornado victims in Sweetwater, Texas. Other congregations in town have also made contributions to this effort.

Brother's Keepers

Being a part of a Brother's Keeper Unit is one of the ways we have of knowing and assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ. Plan to attend your Unit Meeting Sunday evening.

BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR YOU!

We are a people oriented in a Biblical atmosphere. If you grew up in the church of Christ, all your life you have been taught to call Bible things by Biblenames, to do Bible things in Bible ways. We believe in practicing what Balaam preached but did not practice: "I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord, to do more or less." We are to do what the Bible says. We are to leave off what the Bible does not say. But, what does this have to do with Bible School?

You would think that a people with such an attitude toward the Bible would love God's word enough to seize upon every opportunity to know it better and to share that knowledge with others. It hasn't worked out that way. Bible classes often have many absentees. Many who attend come poorly prepared, or with no preparation at all. Some who attend regularly when at home do not attend when out of town. I have seen preachers, elders, deacons, Bible School teachers who visited our services but came after Bible classes were over.

In April, we plan to emphasize Bible School attendance. Not just Sunday morning, but Sunday evening and Mid-week as well. We are among the few churches that have classes for all ages on Sunday evening. It seems so little to ask. After all, it IS the Lord's Day. It is so easy to be selfish and think in terms of our own pleasure and comfort.

You need what Bible School has to offer. Bible School needs what you have to offer. Your good example may well head the list of what it needs from you. You also have insights that you need to share with fellow class members. Even the teacher learns from the students.

The church will be strong only as her members are strong. You will not find a strong and growing church that has a weak and ineffective Bible School. This can be one of the great powers for good. Will you help make it that way?

Lewis G. Hale

Southwest church of Christ, Okla. City

Sermon Subjects



Sunday, April 27, 1986

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The Letter To Sardis

(Revelation 3:1-6)

6:00 P.M. The Letter To Philadelphia

(Revelation 3:7-13)



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Camp Deer Run is set for another fun year for youngsters in the East Texas area. We want to encourage parents to check into this for your children. We have a supply of brochures in the south foyer that gives the details. Get one and make plans to have your children go.

On Wednesday evening, April 30, we will initiate a new adult Bible class for those who would like to study in a smaller group. The class will meet in room 106. The course of study will be "Keys To Spiritual Growth." We hope you will want to come and join us in this new study.

Teachers, may I make an urgent request of you? When you know that you are going to be away from your class, please let your supervisor know so that we will always be able to have a well prepared substitute for you. Call your department supervisor for assistance. For the Pre-school Department, call Carolyn Welborn. In the Primary Department, call Nancy Bragg. For those in the Middle School Department, call Jan Knight and for High School and Adults, please call me.

We must never have a class room left vacant by a teacher. The students welfare is too important, not to mention the impression that is left on parents and visitors.

All men of the congregation are being invited by letter to attend a Men's Business Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. I can't stress how much we need all men present for this discussion meeting. Think of any excuse you want, then set it aside and don't let anything keep you from going.

The Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class began a new series of studies this past week in selected chapters of the Psalms. Our schedule calls for classes to continue through May 28. The following chapters will be studied on successive dates between now and the end of May: April 30, chapter 15; May 7, chapter 32; May 14, chapters 42 and 43; May 21, chapter 46 and May 28, chapter 62. This will give you an opportunity to be prepared by advance study. We hope you will join us for this new series.

Serving

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Prayer Ray Vannoy
Scripture Don Slaughter
Dismiss Matt Haws

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The Sick

Brother Clyde Wilkinson is now at home following tests on Monday. He received a good report.

Brother Gilbert Venable is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Chloe Clark is now at home.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. Lee (Maxine) Hudspeth requested prayer for her mother, Mrs. Willie Murphee. Mrs. Murphee is very ill in Medical Center Hospital. They are newcomers to Tyler.

Thank You

A generous check was received last week from the Graceton church of Christ (near Gilmer) in support of our television program, **THE SEARCH**. We appreciate this kind gesture.

Sympathy

Shirley Denman's father, Mr. S. S. Davis, passed away Wednesday and the funeral service for him was Friday in Carthage, Texas. We express our sincere sympathy to the Denman family.

Singing Class

A singing class was started last week with John Bragg as the teacher. John is a talented and excellent director. If you enjoy singing, join this group. They would like to develop a group to sing for weddings, funerals, etc.

Response

Sammy Ethridge was baptized on Wednesday evening of last week. Sammy, who was baptized by Jay Lockhart, is 16 years and in the ninth grade at Chapel Hill High School. His address is Rt. 1, Box 1452, Arp, Texas 75750. Sister Edna Pickett is Sammy's grandmother.



See You In Bible School

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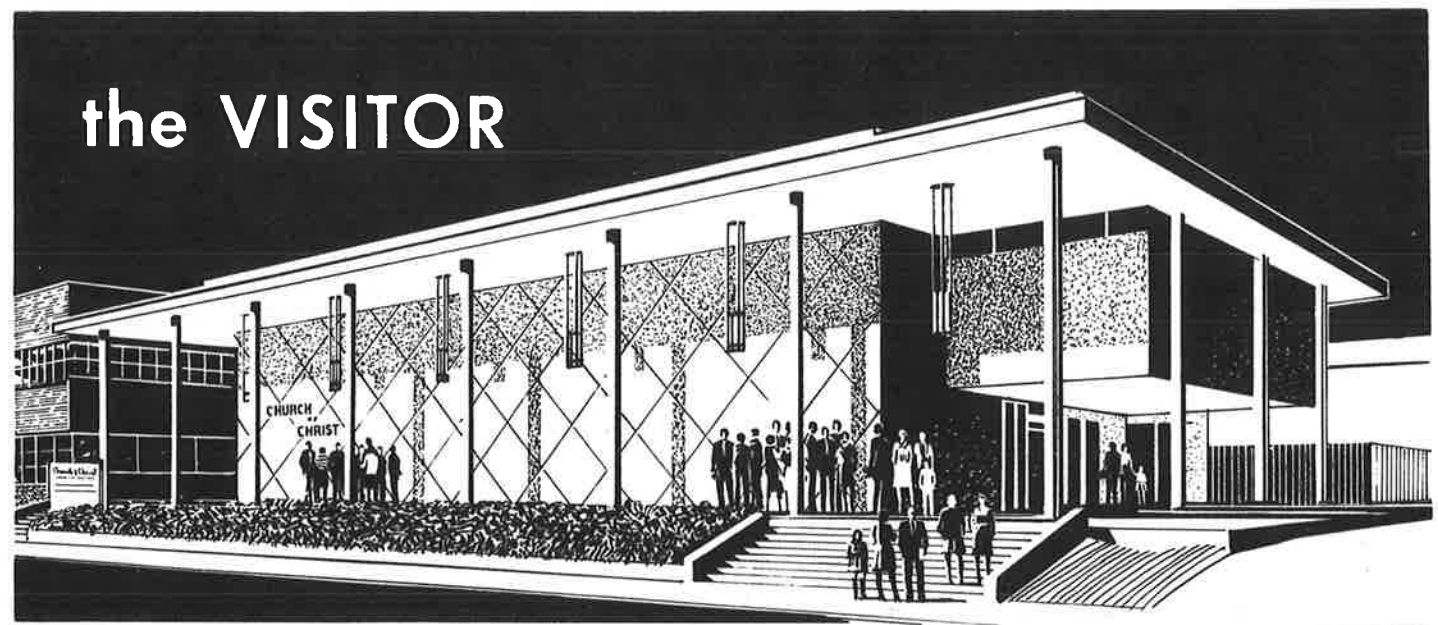
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"Let there be light"
--Genesis 1:3*

Power and Light

Louis Braille was a keen-minded, bright child who showed great promise. But at the age of three, he lost his eyesight. As a young man he went to Paris to study in the Institute for the Blind where he showed great ability in science and music, becoming famous in Paris as an organist and violin cellist. In 1829 at the age of twenty he developed the alphabet which enabled the blind to read the literature of the world--the Braille system. France erected a statue to Louis Braille in Coupvray, where he was born, and blind people from all over the world visit that statue and, with a wonderful light on their faces, rub their fingers over the nose, mouth, and eyes. They are grateful to Braille for what he did for them. His story tells of the potential power that lies within a human being to achieve, accomplish, succeed against great odds. It also tells us

that Louis Braille literally "turned on the light" for thousands of blind people. I am reminded of the tremendous power available to us to do great things in the service of Christ. For those who will use their God-given abilities for Him, and who will rely upon His strength for achievement, success in His work is assured, and negative attitudes expressed in such statements as, "It won't work," or "We've tried that before," or "What's the use" will vanish. Louis Braille's story also reminds me that God has turned on the light for the spiritually blind. All that we know about our origin, purpose, salvation, and destiny He has revealed in His Word. Without that Revelation we would be plunged into absolute darkness. But we have light and for that we must be eternally grateful.

Jay Lockhart

Thank You Notes

The family of Blanche B. Rountree acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. The lavender mums were beautiful and we appreciated the food so much.

Gene & Marjorie Rountree

Thank you so much for the cards, visits and prayers during my stay in the hospital. Also, I want to thank those who provided supper for my family. Your concern and love for others means so much.

Stephanie Leek

We appreciated your love and concern for us while "Jelly" was in the hospital. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and the calls. Now that "Jelly" has gone to be with the Lord, I again want to tell you how much your love for us has meant to me...again for the flowers, food, the abundance of cards, visits and calls, I am so grateful.

Pauline Jones

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. You always seem to know the very thing it takes to set another's heart aglow.

Ruby Teel and Family

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the warm cards, notes, prayers, and lovely plants sent during the recent loss of our loved one. Your concern gave us strength and comfort.

Laneva & Charlie Russell

Junior/Senior Banquet

You can still help to defray the expenses of the Junior/Senior Banquet to be held on Friday, April 25 at the Ramada Inn. This is the 25th anniversary of this special event to honor juniors and seniors of the churches of Christ in Tyler. Please give your contribution to Hillard Hughes.

East Texas Christian Academy

PTF GARAGE SALE: There will be a garage sale in May at several locations. If you have items you would like to donate to this effort, please mark a price on them and bring to the ETCA office.

VICTORY DINNER: The 5th Annual Victory Dinner will be held Friday night, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel on South Broadway. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available from any board member.

New Grandson

Faber and Kathryn Cauthen and Jim and Sue Paul are the happy grandparents of a baby boy. Paul Mark Cauthen was born Friday, April 11 in Dallas to Mark and Janie Cauthen. He weighed 9 lb and 2 oz and is 21 inches long. All are well.

Medina Home

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be here to collect what we have for them sometime during the week of June 9-13. If we would like to collect one item, they suggest WHIPPED TOPPINGS (like dream whip). A six month supply is 300 boxes.

Brochures From Deer-Run

We have received brochures from Camp Deer-Run. They contain information about the camp located at Winnsboro, Texas and dates for Resident Camp and Day Camp. You may pick a brochure up from the south foyer.

Funerals

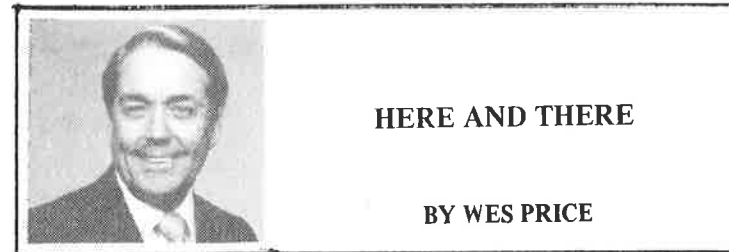
Funeral services were held Monday for Wilmer Slade in Logansport, La. He was the husband of a niece of Hoyt Hughes. We express our sympathy to the Hughes family. They attended the service.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Sinton, Texas for Mr. Earnest Lewis, grandfather of Ernie Edwards. Ken and Ernie attended the funeral. We express our sympathy to the family.

In Appreciation

A note was received this week from the Tyler/Smith County Child Welfare Unit expressing appreciation to the ones who sat in the hospital with the child in their care. The little girl's condition is much improved and she is now back in her foster home.

Your example is powerful beyond measure.



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE

Dr. James Cail, Bible Professor at Oklahoma Christian College, will be here this coming Friday night and Saturday for our annual Married Couples Seminar. We especially want all of our young married couples to join us for this special event. We will have a meal together Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock in our fellowship hall followed by the first session of the seminar. On Saturday morning, we will begin with breakfast at 8:30 followed by morning and afternoon sessions by Dr. Cail. Call us if you have any questions. Dr. Cail was the first speaker when we initiated this annual event several years ago, and we are especially pleased to have him return. Come hear him. He will do you good!

Two of our Sunday morning classes share honors in the 100% attendance category. Congratulations to the Two Year Olds taught by Velma Lemons and Sherryl Miles and the Kindergarten Class taught by Marisa and Julienne Butler.

Our Ladies' Class meeting on Wednesdays will conclude its study in the book of Ecclesiastes this week and begin a new series of studies from selected chapters from the book of Psalms. We would encourage you to come join us for this brief study each week. I believe you will profit by it.

A WORD OF PRAISE

John Gipson, Little Rock, Ark.

Psychologists tell us that one of the deepest urges in human nature is the craving to be appreciated. Thus, we contribute immeasurably to the happiness and success of others when we express appreciation for their work and worth.

We are also advised that the giving of sincere praise brings outstanding benefits to the one who gives it. Thus we contribute immeasurably to our own happiness and success when we express appreciation to others.

Observation teaches that the most successful people have mastered the art of giving praise.

Giving honest praise is like "saying grace" at the table...very difficult to start, if it hasn't been our pattern. Here are some guidelines to get one started.

Look for little things for which you can express appreciation. We tend to wait for colossal achievements before uttering one word of commendation or encouragement. Rare and refreshing is the person who goes on a "treasure hunt" searching for little things to praise.

Look for things close at hand for which you can express appreciation. The human tendency is to see glamour in things at a distance and defects in things close at hand. It doesn't take much sense to find fault with things and people close by. Conversely, it requires sensitive perception to detect the genuine worth of nearby treasures.

Voice your appreciation. It isn't that we don't appreciate others...it's just that, for some unknown

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a Baby Shower
Honoring Norma Holcomb
Sunday Afternoon, April 20, 1986
At the home of Mrs. Ray Vannoy
3323 Teakwood

Hours
3 - 5 o'clock
"Come and Go"

Selections
Nursery Items
Elizabeth Wood
Whitehouse
839-7686

Singing School

The 21st Annual Haskell Singing School will be held July 7 - 12, 1986 in Haskell, Texas under the oversight of the Elders of the Haskell Church of Christ. Holland Boring, Sr. is the Director. Instructors are Tom Chafin, Bob Connel and Paul Epps. A brochure is posted in the foyer.

Gospel Meeting

The East Mountain Church of Christ will have Earl Richardson for a Gospel Meeting, April 23-27. Services each weeknight will be at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend.


Happy Birthday

APRIL (21) Mary Keith (22) Annie McDonald (26) A. Z. Aven, Shannon Hughes.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
KLTV - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



HERE AND THERE (continued)

reason, we are hesitant to voice that feeling. It is necessary to say nice things to have them do good...not merely think them. By not acting quickly to praise one for his work the impulse often fades away.

It may well be that one of the greatest duties you can perform this day will be speaking a word of appreciation.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Kevin Womack

EVENING WORSHIP

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SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Guy Potts Foy Richey
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 16 - IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

Potpourri

The Broad Street church of Christ in Mineola will have a Gospel Meeting with Tex Williams as the preacher, April 13-16. Weeknight services will be at 7:30.

You are invited to attend a "Sing Song" on Friday night, April 18, 7:00 o'clock until midnight in the high school auditorium in Daingerfield. It will be sponsored by the Daingerfield church of Christ with V.E.Howard of Texarkana as Director. There will be special guest singers also.

You are invited to hear Jay Lockhart preach in a Gospel Meeting in Bullard, Texas April 13-18. Evening services, Sunday through Friday, will be at 7:30.

Sister Leona McElroy will fly to Washington for one week as the representative for the State of Texas at the Program Clinic for the D.A.R. We congratulate Leona for this recognition.

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April 6 \$8,061.77
March 30 7,201.42
Year Ago 9,102.78

BIBLE SCHOOL

April 6 285
March 30 332
Year Ago 350

WORSHIP

April 6/A.M. 380
April 6/P.M. 245
March 30 538
Year Ago 477

Wed.Eve.4/2 121
Budget \$9,617.25

The Sick

Mrs. Roy Clark continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Mrs. Wyche Harris remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Denman's father is critically ill in Carthage, Texas.

Stephanie Leek is now at home following being hospitalized for pneumonia last week.

Charlie Hickman is now at home. He was hospitalized this week for tests and has received good reports.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the ones who sent flowers, beautiful cards and calls while I was in the hospital. May God bless you all as He has so bountifully blessed me.

Edith Porter

We are so grateful for our family at West Erwin and we want, in this very inadequate way, to thank you for the cards, visits, and most of all, the prayers offered for our family. We know the prayers were heard and answered. Thank you.

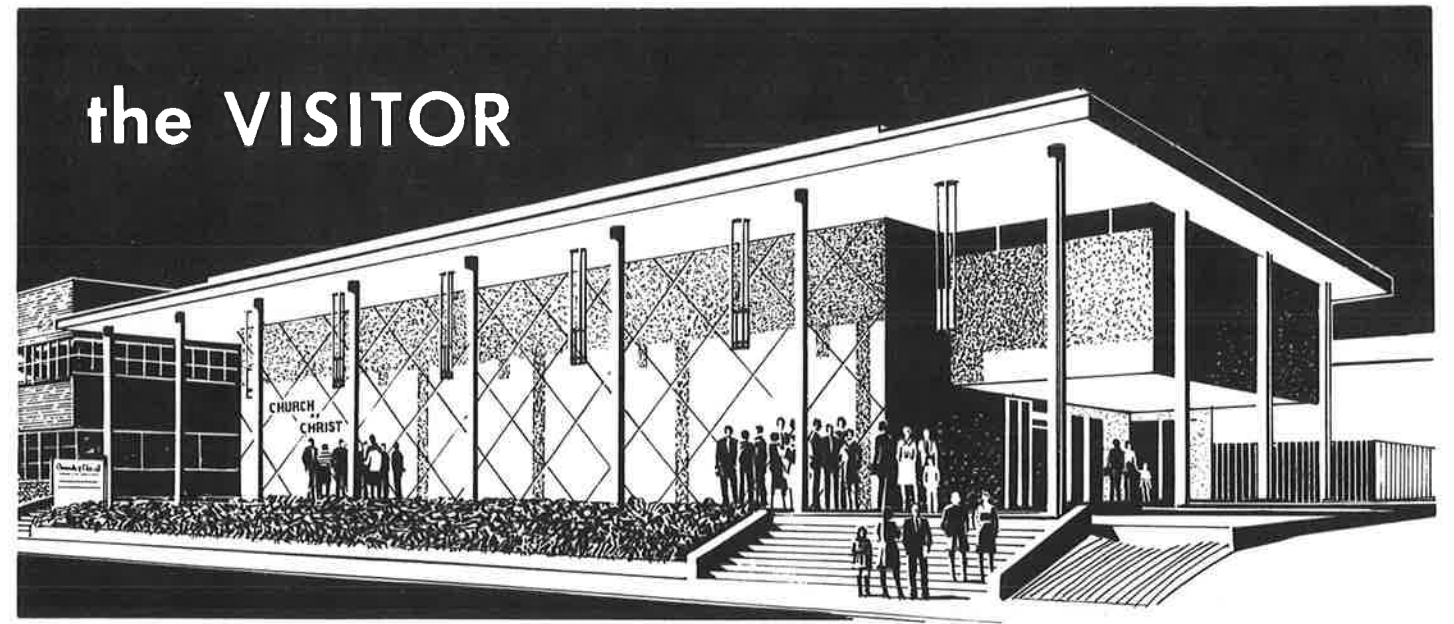
Michael (the twin) is progressing very well.

In His Love,
John & Diana Morris
Iva Mae Lambert

New Baby Boy


Congratulations to David and Kay Hanley on the birth of a new son, Daryn Kyle. He was born Sunday evening at 7:03 and weighed 7 lb and 12 oz. They are all well and n at home. As a precautionary measure, the baby's heart is being monitored the first month.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



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

*"Be anxious in nothing"
--Philippians 4:6*

"They Ain't Nothin' To Worry About"

A nationally known speaker was to give a speech on Worry at a convention held at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and, before the appointed hour, he took a drive up one of the beautiful valleys around the resort. He came to a bridge crossing a rapidly moving mountain spring and got out of his car to view the scenery. As he stood on the bridge he noticed a ten-year-old boy fishing in the stream below and struck up a conversation with him. The speaker learned that the boy's name was Tommy, that he and his father often hunted in the area, and that he was playing "hooky" from school in order to fish in the mountain stream. Since the speaker was to give a speech on worry, he asked Tommy, "Do you worry?" Turning from the stream with wide-eyed surprise, Tommy said, "Shucks! They ain't nothin' to worry about. I go to church every Sunday." This ten year old somehow believed that going to church every Sunday was equated with belief in

God and belief in God was an antidote to worry. But what about us? Do we worry and fret over this and that? And what good does worry do? Worry is always too early or too late. We worry about things that are past and over which we have no power, or we worry about what might happen in the future, ninety-five percent of which never happens. By worrying, we not only solve no problems, but we take the joy out of the present. If God is in control, if God cares about us, and if God wants to help us, why worry? You have vast resources for overcoming worry. Here are five of them. Read them. Remember them. Use them.

1. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).
2. "...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).
3. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).
4. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).
5. "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:4).

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NEWS

2,000 years Augsburg

This morning when I turned the page of my calendar on my desk, the scripture reading said: "For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Psalms 33:4). What a great comfort to know this and to believe it! What a great blessing and joy to experience it! In all the phases of my life I can see the grace and the love of my Saviour, for which I am most grateful to my Father above.

The month of March was filled with work, events and various activities - and, thus, passed very rapidly.

On the first Sunday night of the month we had our regular service for outsiders. Freddie Schickling from Karlsruhe, Germany was our guest speaker. I have known Freddie since he was a boy, and I can remember that my first Gospel Meeting which I ever held, was in Wurzburg, where Freddie and his mother attended...Several visitors attended both services.

During the first week of March, Thomas, together with his school class went down to the Bavarian Alps to go skiing. On Tuesday morning, March 4, we heard on the radio that a bus with school children from Augsburg had been involved in an accident. Later, we were informed by the school that Thomas was on that bus, but even though 14 students were injured, he was not one of them. They were on their way to the skiing slope, when their bus was hit by a truck on a narrow and icy road.

On Friday, March 7, Christel, Martina and I made a trip down to Berchtesgaden (near Salzburg) to visit Wilfried and Christa Wille, a couple who once was very faithful to the Lord, while we were still living and working in Salzburg. Later, they became so very much engaged in their work in a restaurant, that they found no more time to attend our regular church services in Salzburg (at that time they lived in Berchtesgaden - 20 miles away from Salzburg - and had two girls). Today, they live in Ramsau, where they work in a hotel. They were happy to see us, and while we had a good and long talk with them, we tried to find a way to get them back into the church. Please pray for this couple.

During March I continued my work as a teacher at the German Bible School in Heidelberg. Every Monday I went to Heidelberg to teach the General Epistles...

In March, we did not only have our regular services, which were attended very well, but we also had discussion classes, business meetings, sessions for preparing the program for the Men's Lectureship in September and the Summer Bible Camp for children in August, etc. Our ladies also meet regularly, not only to study the Bible, but also to talk about matters of the church. I am so thankful for the spiritual growth of so many of our members, which is shown by their willingness to accept responsibility in the church.

Last Sunday after our worship service with the American brethren (I preached for them again, as I do every second Sunday), Byran, a young married man expressed his desire to be baptized.

Creetings and love to all of you!
Rudolf Rischer and Family
Bulowstrasse 4
D-8900 Augsburg
West Germany

Hey! Didja Hear?



I would like to begin with an apology for not having this column in the bulletin for the past couple of weeks. A lack of dedication has definitely been the problem. We have all experienced a lack of dedication at some time or another in our lives. With the end of the school year approaching do we, as young people, find ourselves losing interest in school work? Of course we do; and that's only natural. Our priorities change from good grades first with extra curricular activities second to having a good time being first and "who cares about grades." Sound familiar?

Well, that's the same way it is with our spiritual lives. We all know that pleasing God should be our first priority, however, sometimes we have a tendency to get our priorities mixed up. Our number one priority becomes pleasing self and others instead of pleasing God. Dedication to God is one thing we do not need to lack. Pleasing God should always be number one and if it isn't, then our priorities need to be rearranged. Be dedicated to God and the church. Being dedicated to God should be our number one goal.

West Erwin Youth Exchange

Junior/Senior Banquet

Junior and Seniors will be honored at a formal banquet at the Ramada Inn on April 25. Photographs will be made at 6:30 p.m. and Buffet at 7:00 p.m. Please let Hillard Hughes know that you plan to attend. This is the 25th anniversary of this event to honor juniors and seniors of the churches of Christ in Tyler.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (13) Sledge Clinkscales (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman, Michael Rhoades, Leslie Douglas (17) Marie Threadgill (19) Laneva Russell.

Thank You

We wish to offer our thanks for all the expressions of love and concern during our recent illnesses. All the prayers and the love shown us by Christian friends along with our faith in God has sustained us during this trying time. We love you all.

Billie Bob and Hick

From David Lipscomb

Thank you for a most enjoyable visit to Tyler. The warm hospitality and fellowship made great impressions on our chorus - and I hope the impressions we made were as favorable. The entire tour was a great experience for the students from Lipscomb, and we hope we have spread good will toward Christian education and enriched the lives of those we have met during our travels.

Best wishes in the work for the Lord.

James L. Jackson, Director
1986 DLC Freshman Chorus

Your example is powerful beyond measure.

Dear Brethren,

Brother Harold Taylor was with us in a workshop March 7-9. His emphasis was finding your place in the body. He did an outstanding job and made a great impression on all of us.

It has caused many of us to take a very serious look at our work for Christ. Several of our families have made a commitment to be more involved in the work in our area. There is absolutely no doubt that his three days will have a great impact on us. In fact we are trying to get him back this fall or winter.

I appreciate your role in overseeing brother Taylor's work for Christ. God bless you in the work in your area locally.

Jimmy Goins
South Trail Church of Christ
Sarasota, Florida

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Well, some folks began to wonder if the Lord had decided to wash the earth clean with another flood as the rain continued and as it seemed, "the fountains of the deep broke up" when the deluge hit on Friday night and Saturday morning. We are thankful for the rain, even if it did cause a little flooding in our building. We are still trying to recover from it. Some have been concerned about the smell from the new painting that has been going on and now they will have a new smell to contend with, mildewing carpet. We are thankful that no more damage was done. Our hearts go out to those who did suffer real loss.

We express our sincerest thanks to Homer Williamson who is now retiring a second time from the arduous task of our building custodian. Help me express thanks to him for a job well done. We welcome in his place, Ray Womack, who is already being trained to take over this very important responsibility.

Although Ernie Edwards will continue to live in Tyler until the school term is over, Ken is already in his new ministry with the church in Burleson, Texas. We truly will miss their smiling faces and capable hands in the many areas where they served. We pray God's richest blessings to be with them in this new ministry.

In Ernie's place as supervisor of the Pre-school Department, we welcome back Carolyn Welborn, who served in this work several years ago. We commend her to you and to all of our teachers in this department. If you have any needs concerning your class, please let Carolyn know.

It will be great to welcome George and Alice Stephenson back with us for this coming Sunday. George will be preaching at both services.

I especially enjoyed beginning my new Adult Bible class this past Sunday with 12 in attendance. We are meeting upstairs over the south foyer in room 306. As in our other adult classes, we are studying the Sermon On The Mount. If you would like to become a member of this class, we would welcome you.

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Leon Welborn
 Prayer Steve Ward
 Scripture John Bragg
 Dismiss Dale Blackstone

EVENING WORSHIP

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 Scripture John Steffee
 Dismiss Henry McRuiz

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 Year Ago 400

WORSHIP

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 March 30/P.M. 291
 March 23/A.M. 428

Year Ago 518
 Wed. Evening 197
 Budget 9,617.25

The Sick

Through an accident in the nursing home where her mother is a patient, sister Roy (Chloe) Clark suffered a fractured hip on Monday evening. She underwent surgery in Medical Center on Tuesday afternoon. Her condition is good.

Sister Wyche Harris is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Bernice Majors husband underwent surgery on Friday of last week in Medical Center.

It was very good to see Billie Bob Hickman, Lamern Bailey, and James and Mildred Massey in worship Sunday. We are thankful for their recovery.

"Just For Women"

"Just For Women" will be conducted Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. Lunch will be served, and a pre-school nursery will be provided.

Joy McMillon will speak on the topic, Today's Christian Woman. Special Interest Classes will include: Betty Misenheimer, Outside Social Pressures; Doris McGuire, Stronger Pressures on Children; Panel Discussion, Necessity of Working Outside the Home; Vicki Johnson, Coping With Materialism; Nelderine Johnson, Improving Self-Image; Panel Discussion, Being More Hospitable.


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.



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*"Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
--Ephesians 6:4*

Pity The Child

Recently Charles Hodge, in speaking for our Teacher's Appreciation Banquet, stated that during the fund raising drive to raise one million dollars for the building program at Duncanville they are baptizing more young people than ever before. Charles believes that when parents show their children the church is so important to them that they will change their life styles in order to contribute more to the Cause of Christ, young people decide they want to be Christians and a part of the church. What a power for good is example. Parents may talk of the importance of the church, but actions speak so much more eloquently than do words. The child is to be pitied who

has parents who put their selfish interests before their support of Jesus' church. When a child sees his parents put almost anything and everything before their faithful involvement in and for the church, it's little wonder that he has no interest in the church and can hardly wait until he can drop out even as his parents have already done from a practical standpoint. If our children become spiritual dropouts, let it be only after we, as parents, have demonstrated that Christ and His church are the most important part of our lives, and not after we have given a pitiful half-hearted effort to the service of Christ. What are our actions saying to our children?

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To Help Us Grow

There are many things that you and I as mortals cannot do. We must depend on the Creator and Sustainer to do them for us. But there are so many more things that we can do, and God expects us to use our brains, our bodies, our energies and our talents to do them, in order that we may grow.

What are some of the things God expects us to do?

First, He expects us to bounce back from setbacks, to overcome our obstacles, and to rise above our adversities. To use a familiar cliché "The bumps are what you climb on." In God's infinite wisdom, He wants us to exercise our abilities, to stretch our spiritual muscles, and to grow strong in the process.

Second, God expects us to transform negatives into positives, and to see the possibilities in our problems, and to turn burdens into blessings. By so doing we grow in character and in wisdom.

Third, God expects us, as His people, to be instruments of love, peace and goodwill. He expects us to be expressions of joy, harmony and generosity. He wants others to see God in us, to experience God through us, and to enjoy with us. God does not physically hug the lonely person; He gives to us that privilege and responsibility. He does not verbally encourage the distressed and despondent individual; that is what you and I are here to do. God does not take food to one who hungers. He hands that opportunity to us, so that we may grow and be blessed.

Someone has put it this way: "God will do everything you can't do, so that you may live; He will do nothing you can do, so that you may grow."

—Douglas F. Parsons



See You In Bible School

Happy Birthday

APRIL (6) Melissa Marts, Diana Savage, Sharen Chambless (8) Evelene McCarty (9) Helen Wright (12) Foy Bellows.

Thank You

Thank you so very much for your cards of cheer, phone calls of concern, and prayers of faith and love during my recent surgery. You have all truly made me feel a "part" of West Erwin.

On behalf of my mother and father (Jeff & Alma Biggs) and my family, I thank you for all your love. May the Lord bless this wonderful congregation with spiritual strength and growth.

Love in Him,
Beckie Mullings

Good Work

We appreciate the good work done by the ladies who have been preparing a noon meal each Tuesday as a special treat for the sick and shut-ins. This work has been done the past few weeks by Kathryn Cauthen, Alma Biggs, Ann McCoy, and Signa Stanley.

A different group of ladies will be preparing the meals for the next several weeks. They are: Virginia Conner, Marie Threadgill, Jonnie Steffee, and Elva Lee Williams. Men who delivered the food this week were: Tom Williams, Artis Tate, Ray Womack, and Charles McCoy.

You are invited to watch

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Sermon Subjects

Sermons for Sunday, April 6, 1986

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The Church At Ephesus
(Revelation 2:1-7)

6:00 P.M. The Church At Smyrna
(Revelation 2:8-11)

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Sunday was a great day! We had excellent attendance at both the Bible Class hour as well as worship. A number of our folks must have had family reunion time since many of you enjoyed having your children and their families home for the holiday. We are grateful for the presence of each one.

Thank you for your warm and generous response to the sermons. You are always so kind and accepting. That makes it a joy to speak to you. I do miss Jay and will pray for his safe return later this week.

Our Sunday morning Adult Classes will begin a new study this week. In addition, there are some changes that we need to pass on to you. Ira Wilson will be replacing me in the Chapel Class and I will be moving to begin a new class for the 30's and 40's age group. We will be meeting upstairs over the south foyer in room 306. This is not to replace the present Group Discussion Class for this age group, but it is to provide an additional option for those in this age group. We welcome you if you would like to join us. All our adult classes will be studying Christian Ethics as presented by Christ in the sermon on the mount. We believe you will profit by this good study.

The new paint job in the foyer looks great, doesn't it! Those who are working to get this refinishing done are due a round of applause for their efforts. It is never an easy task to do redecorating work around a church building. There always seems to be those whose taste in color selection differs from that which is selected. We believe if you will wait until the final touches are put on and it is all finished, you will be pleased to enjoy its beauty with the rest of us.

We are sorry that the smell of the paint has put some folks in a difficult situation. We hope the smell won't linger too long and you will be able to return. If you have allergies to the paint, we understand. Until this painting is completed, come prepared on Wednesday nights to attend the Adult Class in the fellowship hall. All other classes will (continued next column)

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Charlie and Laneva Russell in the death of his father, Mr. Charlie Russell. Funeral services were conducted for him on Monday here in Tyler.

Funeral services were held this week in the Dallas area for an uncle of Bill Paschall. We extend our sympathy to Bill and his family.

Brother Bill Endsley was unable to attend the funeral service for his brother, Roy Endsley, who died suddenly early Tuesday morning in Houma, La. We share in his sorrow.

We regret the death of brother D. C. "Jelly" Jones late Tuesday. He suffered a massive heart attack on Tuesday afternoon. His funeral service was Wednesday morning at Burks/Walker Funeral Home. We extend sympathy to Pauline and the family.

Junior/Senior Banquet

The Junior/Senior Banquet will be held this year at the Ramada Inn, April 25. You should receive a letter this week concerning the matter of funds. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this banquet to honor our juniors and seniors. Please help to defray the expenses by giving your contribution to Hillard Hughes by April 16.

Here and There (continued)

will meet in their usual places and will begin at 7:30. Teachers, please help by being present by that time to welcome students to your classes. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

The Springtime Special of THE SEARCH was a great success judging by the response we have received from folks in the viewing area. We feel that an untold amount of good is being done by the preaching of the gospel by this method. Let's continue to encourage friends and neighbors to view the program each week.

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 Tony & Mary Adams Charles & Betty Sue Harris
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See You In Bible School



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Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Blanche Rountree. Her funeral service was held Thursday afternoon. Burial was in Clarksville, Texas.

The Sick

Melanie Goodson, young daughter of Cooper and Mary June Goodson, was in Day Surgery at Mother Frances on Thursday for ear tubes and adenoids removed.

Sister Lamern Bailey underwent an appendectomy on Wednesday of last week.

Paula Hancock has mononucleosis and is unable to be in school. She is a 5th grade student.

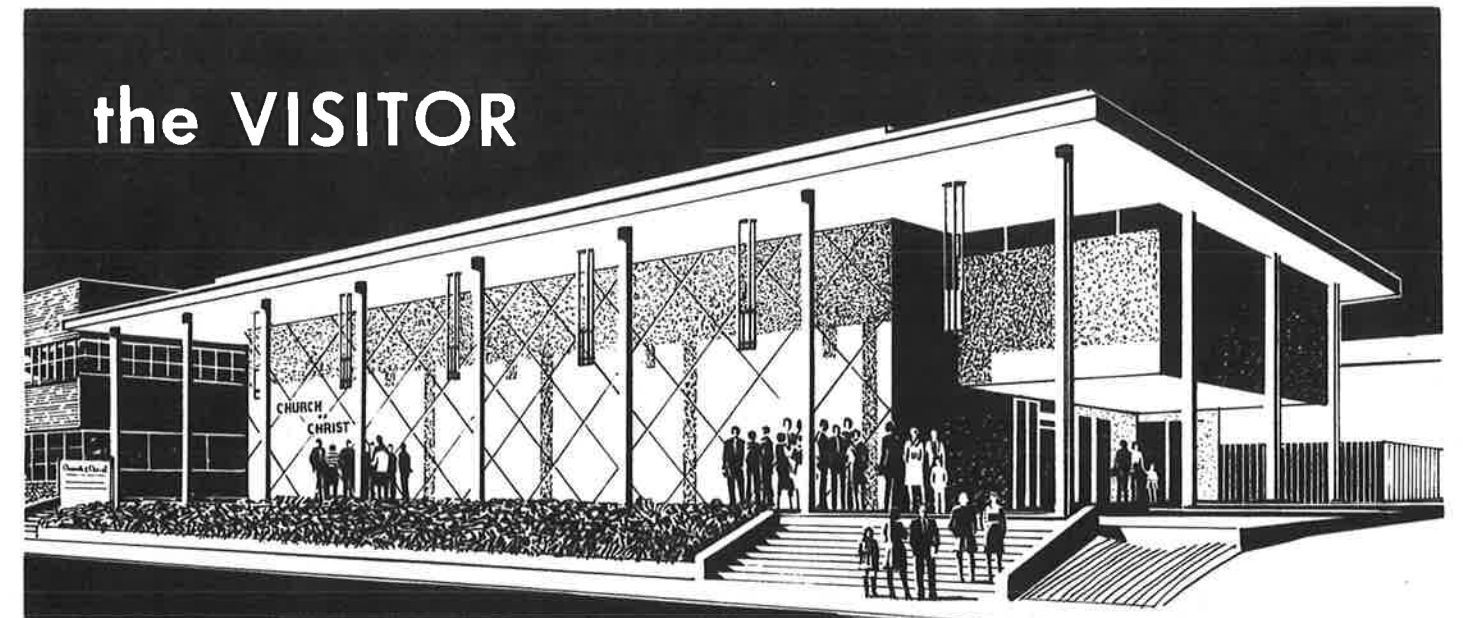
Sister Billie Bob Hickman is recovering from open heart surgery. She was able to return home last Friday from Dallas.



No Sunday Evening Children's Classes

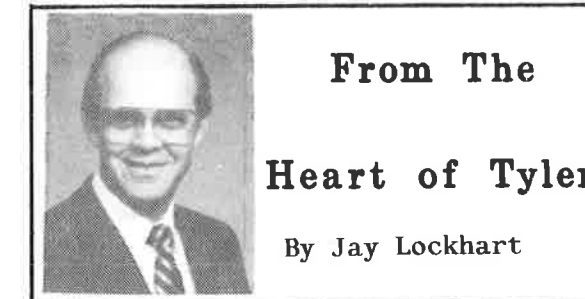
There will be no Children's Bible Hour (1st-5th grades) and no Pre-school Children's Hour for this Sunday only, March 30.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

This Sunday all classes which have been studying The New Testament Church during this quarter will meet in the auditorium to view a film that will conclude this series.

Also, I will be in a meeting in Tennessee beginning Sunday and Wes Price, a helper, par excellent, will be preaching. Hear him!

A Medley of Matters

I hope you will encourage your friends to watch A Springtime Special: Because He Lives this Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 7. The setting is beautiful (we taped in the garden of the M. J. Livezey's on Lindsey Lane) and I trust the message will be meaningful. A special thanks to Forest McFadden for helping me with the singing tape. Forest converts all of our programs to cassette tape for reproduction to fill mail requests, and his help is professional and invaluable. Also, I want to thank those of you who continue to make special financial contributions to support THE SEARCH.

Your response to last Sunday's sermon, The New Testament Church: A Summary, was overwhelming. Tapes are available upon request in our church office.

Our studies in The Book of Revelation on Wednesday evenings are being received with encouraging interest. If you are not a Wednesday nighter, why not become one this week?

The work on the redecoration of our auditorium, foyers, halls, etc. is progressing in a good way. Your cooperation in the selections being made as well as the slight inconveniences created by the work is appreciated. The job will be completed over the next few weeks and the results will be most pleasing.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR APRIL

1.	Deuteronomy	27-28	Acts	2
2.	Deuteronomy	29-30	Acts	3
3.	Deuteronomy	31-32	Acts	4
4.	Deuteronomy	33-34	Acts	5
5.	Joshua	1- 2	Acts	6
6.	Joshua	3- 4	Acts	7
7.	Joshua	5- 6	Acts	8
8.	Joshua	7- 8	Acts	9
9.	Joshua	9-10	Acts	10
10.	Joshua	11-12	Acts	11
11.	Joshua	13-14	Acts	12
12.	Joshua	15-16	Acts	13
13.	Joshua	17-18	Acts	14
14.	Joshua	19-20	Acts	15
15.	Joshua	21-22	Acts	16
16.	Joshua	23-24	Acts	17
17.	Judges	1- 2	Acts	18
18.	Judges	3- 4	Acts	19
19.	Judges	5- 6	Acts	20
20.	Judges	7- 8	Acts	21
21.	Judges	9-10	Acts	22
22.	Judges	11-12	Acts	23
23.	Judges	13-14	Acts	24
24.	Judges	15-16	Acts	25
25.	Judges	17-18	Acts	26
26.	Judges	19-20	Acts	27
27.	Judges	21	Acts	28
28.	Ruth	1- 2	Psalms	1-3
29.	Ruth	3- 4	Psalms	4-6
30.	I Samuel	1- 2	Psalms	7-8



Potpourri

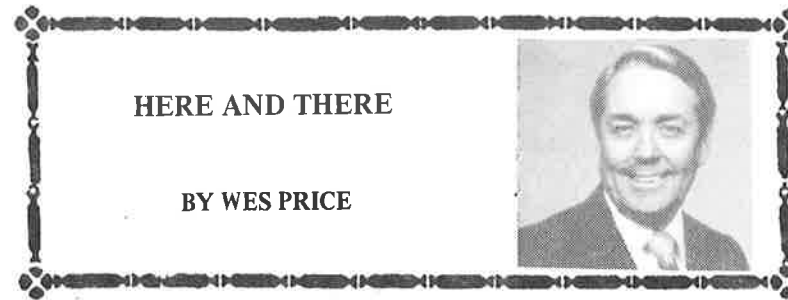
We welcome visitors to Tyler and to the Azalea Trails this week-end. School children in Tyler will be out of school next week for spring break.

It was good to have sister Austin (Emma Jean) Siburt visit with us on Sunday evening.

This week we received another bundle of 100 names from World Bible School. They will be assembled in packs of five, and you may pick up a bundle any time.

The Foundation School of Music will be conducted from June 16 to June 27 at Hensel Camp near Austin, Texas. Young men are trained to lead the church as well as to lead songs. For information write Foundation School of Music, 5801 Wynona, Austin, Texas 78756.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



I have never heard more good comments about one of Jay's lessons than about the one last Sunday morning. It is a fitting climax to the series of Bible class lessons on the church. If you were not able to be present, call the church office and request a copy of the tape of both sermons on Sunday. You will profit by them.

The final lesson on the church will be this coming Sunday morning. All high school and adults will meet in the auditorium for a lesson entitled The History of the Lord's Church. We believe it will serve as a fitting and informative end to this excellent series. Be here!

The Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner, held last Thursday, was among the best we have had in showing honor to our excellent teaching staff. Not only was it good in the manner in which our Elders sought to express appreciation, but it was well attended. Nearly all of our teaching staff was present. Charles Hodge did his usual best in giving us food for thought and challenged teachers to excellence in Christian service.

Honors were especially bestowed on four of our teachers for excellence in teaching. We extend congratulations to Nelda Browning and Frances McBee for their service in the Sunday evening Preschool Children's Bible Hour, to Wanda Mathers for her continuing work in the Primary Department and to Freeman Morgan as honor representative of the Adult Department. We commend these teachers for their dedication and continued service in a very great and important work for the Lord. Join us in extending thanks to them.

April 18 and 19 have been set for the Annual Married Couples Retreat for this year. Dr. James Cail, Bible professor and counselor from Oklahoma Christian College, will be returning as our resource speaker. Camp Bee has been selected as the place. We hope to have a large turnout. John Steffee is serving as co-ordinator of this good event. We will have news to share with you in the near future. Reserve Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19 to attend.

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Congratulations

Dannie and Sue Skipper are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born Tuesday morning in Searcy, Ark. to Rick and Susan Pratt. The baby weighed 7 lb and 1 oz and has been named Amanda Rochelle. All are well.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, letters and especially your prayers during my hospitalization in Houston.
Nancy Kincheloe

Happy Birthday

MARCH (30) Henry Starnes (31) Matt Haws, Ray Magee, Mark Adams APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn (3) Lee Nail, Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright, Gail Vannoy, Charles Harris (4) Shirley McRuiz.

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Here and There (continued)

A newcomer to the 100% category is honored this week for achieving that good record of attendance. Let's congratulate the Beginners Class taught by Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler. Good work ladies!

The new paint job in the foyer certainly gave us a little taste of the refreshing change that will take place in the auditorium as work continues on the refurbishing. Many of you will be happy to note that the final coat of paint on the foyer will be much less brighter than you saw it last Sunday. As this work continues, there will be times when we will be inconvenienced, but we ask for your patience as we strive to work through any of these difficulties.

from The Banks of Onion Creek CHARLES HODGE

HURT FEELINGS

Your editor knows what the works of the flesh are (Gal. 5). He knows "Who's Who in Hell" (Rev. 21). He knows the sins coming out of the heart (Mt. 15). He even knows that worry is a sin (Mt. 6). However, neither scripture, per se, nor "Problems of the Preacher classes" prepared him for the prevalent sin down at church ... "Hurt Feelings."

This occupies more time and attention than all other problems put together. "Hurt Feelings" must never be confused with doctrine, conviction, conscience, yea even judgment. "I don't ever get my way" ... "They didn't ask me" ... "They don't listen to me" ... "You never told me." This divides elderships, staffs, members.

"Hurt Feelings" provoke pouting, griping, withdrawal. "I'll show 'em." Members quit, threaten to quit, bluff, withhold their contribution ... send friends to inform, "Bro. So-and-So" has "hurt feelings." So we pet, pamper, yea spoil.

"Hurt Feeling" is a sinful syndrome! Miriam got a big case of leprosy over it. The disciples rebuked Jesus in John 6 for hurting the Pharisees' feelings ... The 10 were hurt over James and John and their thrones! Church work totally stops when members get "hurt feelings." Regardless the situation -- you cannot go to heaven with "hurt feelings."

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Freeman Morgan
Prayer Stan Mallory
Scripture Ferman Carpenter
Dismiss Lee Roberson

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Freeman Morgan
Prayer Archie Lowry
Scripture Jamon Kirby
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March 16 \$8,579.51
March 9 9,676.72
Year Ago 8,883.95

BIBLE SCHOOL

March 16 329
March 9 324
Year Ago 340

WORSHIP

March 16/A.M. 402
March 16/P.M. 300
March 9?A.M. 383

Year Ago 436
Wed.Eve/3-12 197
Budget \$9,617.25

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Ira & Esther Wilson Weldon & Mary Dawson
Tony & Mary Adams Charles & Bettye Sue Harris
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 26 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Baptized

We rejoice that Marjorie Davis, 2317 Woodlawn, was baptized into Christ by Wes Price on Monday afternoon following a series of studies. Sister Davis has attended the Ladies Sunday morning Bible class for several months with Gloria Thigpen. We are happy to welcome her into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart
10:30 A.M. "The New Testament Church - A Summary"
6:00 P.M. "In Church "



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The Sick

Mrs. Charles (Billie Bob) Hickman underwent open heart surgery on Friday of last week at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. Two bypasses were done and Billie Bob is making a good recovery. She hopes to come home this weekend.

Angie Plumb, daughter of Kay and Wayne Plumb, was hospitalized last week for a tonsillectomy. She is now at home. Angie is a first grader.

Sister Bernice Majors' husband is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. Mrs. Larry (Becky) Mullings, daughter of Jeff and Alma Biggs, underwent surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Christian Courtesy

"One of the most neglected flowers in the garden of Christian character is courtesy. This seemingly insignificant virtue can determine the difference in happiness and sorrow, between heaven and hell. Good manners are a real ornament, and are worth more in winning favor than the finest of clothes or jewels ever worn. Coarseness will lock doors and close hearts, but politeness will cause the doors of home and heart to open wide... There is no society where smiles, pleasant looks, kindness, gratitude, and graciousness are not welcomed. The little courtesies which form the small chains of life may not appear important, but they become a treasure as they accumulate."

--Selected

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

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

*"Go therefore and make disciples"
Matthew 28:19*

We Are The Ones!

Wasn't it great to have 75% of our morning audience back for the evening worship last Sunday? We really do need each other and worship provides an excellent opportunity for togetherness. Be there every time you can.

It was so good to have the chorus from David Lipscomb College with us Monday night. Thanks to all who brought food and kept the students over night. A special thanks to Phil Marts and his Fellowship Committee who prepared for the meal. Charles and Ann McCoy, Jeff and Alma Biggs, Bob and Virginia Connors, Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Ray and Dell Lott, Charles and Billie Bob Hickman, Fleta Butler, and Mary Gaiser helped in a most significant way. Thanks.

Saturday evening, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. the next special of The Search will be seen on Channel 7. We will develop the theme of: A Springtime Special - Because He Lives. Tell people about it.

The commission of Jesus to "make disciples" was the marching order of the first century church and the twentieth century church. However, not all congregations of the church will fulfill the commission. The far left liberal churches will not do it because they have no distinct message. The far right conservative churches will not do it because they consume their time with crossing insignificant "t's" and dotting unnecessary "i's." Many "main-line" churches will not do it because they are comfortable and do not care about the lost. Who will fulfill the commission? We will if - and it's a big if--(1) we care; (2) we believe the Bible teaching that the world is lost; and (3) we understand that Christ is counting on us. Both individually and congregationally we must give great emphasis to reaching the lost. And one of the finest ways we can be involved in real mission work on an individual basis is to be involved in World Bible School! WBS is an evangelistic tool which permits nearly anyone to reach out to the lost. As an editorial in ACTION put it:

"World Bible School is the greatest evangelistic tool of our day simply because it gives little people a chance to do soul-saving while there is yet time. From the comfort of our own homes and the safety of familiar surroundings we can penetrate and curtain, traverse any jungle, overcome any danger--and save a soul we will never see until we meet at the judgement."

Think about it. Then call the church office for your names as we "go threfore and make disciples..."

Dear Brethren:

I am praying to the Lord Almighty that His blessings will be poured abundantly over you, your families and the works you are doing in His Vineyard.

As I mentioned last month, the church in the Northeast is really growing at an accelerated rate and we, at the International Mission, feel extremely blessed to be associated with you in achieving the goal set by our Lord and Savior: "...go into all the world..." - Matthew 28:19-20.

Classes at the Mission are well attended and this time we are reaching the Polish people as well as other nationalities. As you may know, we advertise in different ethnic newspapers. At 9:00 a.m. I am teaching The Gospel of Matthew - 13 students are coming from Haiti, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador and Poland. Certainly the Lord has a unique way of doing things. This semester one of my students from Poland is Matthew, a fine, friendly, dedicated man who introduced himself as "Padre Zairc" and he spoke to me in Spanish (he had lived in Argentina for ten years.). I proposed a deal - we would speak English only and I would refer to him as "brother Matthew." He agreed and our friendship improves daily.

The Spanish work is going very well. Brother Alberto Muschette and his wife, Gilda, moved to Long Island to work with the East Hampton Church. The specific goal is to establish a "La Iglesia de Cristo de East Hampton." Pray for them.

Julio Pena, my fellow deacon and tireless co-worker, and his wife are in the Dominican Republic enjoying a well deserved vacation after twenty years of hard work. Julio went all over the Island gathering information concerning the church and her needs. We will meet after his return on the 17th of this month to discuss how we can help or work with our brethren in the Caribbean.

My wife, Maya, had to be admitted at Beth Israel Medical Center last week. At first the doctors suspected a tubal pregnancy but after many laboratory tests and analyses, they determined it was an ovarian cyst. We appreciate your prayers and hope the next time it will certainly be a real pregnancy - a healthy one.

The Mission staff, and The Molinas, are proud to be associated with you in this great work.

In Jesus
 Pablo Molina

Thank You

The family of Leon Lambert acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The flowers sent by the West Erwin church were beautiful and we appreciate the thought and love in the expression.

To All My Brethren At West Erwin:

Words really cannot express my feelings when I learned of the generosity you showed to me by releasing several blood credits toward my account. When donating to your group there you are literally helping several with the donation of your "life-giving" blood. Some of you have donated individually in my name at the blood bank, and I certainly appreciate your help, too.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the donations of your blood.

Your brother in Christ,
 Jim McCoy

Sympathy

We learned last week that sister Lula Cunningham's husband recently passed away. Her address is 6602 Everhart Rd., Apt. 124, Corpus Christi, Texas 78413. We extend our sympathy to Lula and her family.



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BY WES PRICE



We had a good day Sunday! Attendance in both Bible classes and worship were up over previous weeks and Jay's preaching was excellent. His closing lessons on the book of Romans were great. This has been an excellent series of studies. I have come to appreciate that rich book even more and perhaps even to understand it a little better. We are fortunate to have a man who can fill his sermons with scripture and yet relate them to us in such an understandable way. Let's keep him encouraged in the work.

If you missed Monday night with the chorus from David Lipscomb, you missed a rare treat. Even more if you did not have an opportunity to spend some time with these refreshing youngsters, you missed a blessing. We are so glad they came our way. To those of you who responded so wonderfully in providing food for Monday evening and lodging for Monday night, thank you, thank you, thank you!

This is the week we have set aside to honor our teaching staff. By the time you receive this bulletin, we will have honored them with a special dinner and program. May I ask that all of you help say a special word of thanks to our teachers. They give so unselfishly of their time and energy to help us have a knowledge of God's word and they expect nothing in return. It is not only fitting that we honor them, but it is also Biblical. We are taught to show honor to whom honor is due. We have a great staff of Bible teachers at West Erwin.

A penetrating question will remain with us from the series on Romans. "What difference does it make that Christ is a part of your life?" Are you really a different person? Do you make a conscious effort to have His mind when you make decisions about routine, daily affairs? Is He more important to you than your family, your job or your recreation? Having the mind of Christ is not just related to what you do when you visit the Bible class at various intervals or attend the worship service. His claim of ownership extends into every facet of your life. If it doesn't, then you must re-evaluate your priorities. It is far too easy to let "life" get such a grip on you that you fail to remember that it is to be lived in preparation for

(continued on next column)

Potpourri

From Christian Homes of Abilene...

Christian Homes of Abilene has a shorter than average waiting list of adoption parents which means a shorter waiting period. The waiting period is usually less than one year. Applicants must be: 21 years of age or older; married for at least three years; active members of the Church of Christ in good standing. Interested couples should contact Margaret Ballew at Christian Homes, 915/677-2205.

Work on the refurbishing of the auditorium and south foyer began this week. We look forward to a bright new look soon.

It was good to have brother and sister James Massey in the worship service Sunday.

We had a number of visitors Sunday and we are thankful for them. We hope you will come back at every opportunity. The next two Sundays should bring many Azalea Trails visitors to Tyler. Bring your guests to worship with you.

Don't miss the study of Revelation each Wednesday evening taught by Jay Lockhart in the auditorium class.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25



Happy Birthday

MARCH (23) Ben Young, Elvin Wilson
 (24) Michael Hensley (25) Betty Bray
 Mary Gaiser (26) Art Rowland (27)
 Pat Kinnett (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda
 Hendrix (29) Bill Endsley.

HERE AND THERE (Continued)
 eternity. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by an increasingly maturing and dedicated life for Christ. Think about it!

Serving

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Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Dick Higginbotham
 Scripture Morris Hallman
 Dismiss Matt Haws

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 March 9 \$9,676.72
 March 2 7,587.58
 Year Ago 8,724.47
BIBLE SCHOOL
 March 9 324
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 Year Ago 425
WORSHIP
 March 9/A.M. 383
 /P.M. 260
 March 2/A.M. 409
 Year Ago 540
 Weekly
 Budget \$9,617.25

The Sick

It was announced Sunday that sister Dorothy Hulsey's father, Joe Holley, is hospitalized in Corsicana. He underwent emergency surgery there. Sister Billie Bob Hickman was hospitalized on Monday evening. She is in Mother Frances, room 446. She has been undergoing tests.



See You In Bible School



Sermon Subjects

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
 March 16, 1986
 By Jay Lockhart
 10:30 A.M. "A Summary of The Gospel"
 (Romans 16:25-27)
 6:00 P.M. "He Knows Who We Are"
 (Romans 16:104, 17-20)

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By Jay Lockhart

"The number of the disciples was multiplied" (Acts 6:1)

Reflections Upon Thirty Years

I have been preaching for nearly thirty years. During those years, I have been engaged in "local work" in Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Texas, and have preached in four foreign countries and in 200 meetings in sixteen states. Over the years I have made a number of observations. I have noted that local churches have often gone to multi-staff people and are doing effective work on the local level. I have seen the "gospel meeting" run ten days to two weeks and be an effective tool in reaching the lost as the gospel was preached with power. In bygone days the "big meeting" would sometimes have overflow crowds, many outsiders, and large numbers of public responses. I have seen preachers become better trained, elders better equipped, Bible class teachers better supplied, and members provided better opportunities. I have seen the church grow at a pace unsurpassed since the beginning days of The Restoration Movement. But that's not all I have

observed. I have also seen, during these thirty years, "gospel meetings" dwindle in length, attendance and response. I have seen interest in preaching decline, real church growth come to a standstill, congregations stagnate, and "sermons" without Bible, and Bible knowledge somewhat evaporate. Obviously, some changes have been good, others not good. Change we must, for we live in a changing world. Methods must change, emphasis may change, but our commitment to Christ and His Word must change only as commitment grows deeper. True, in times past, the truth has sometimes been preached with an attitude that turned people away. The answer is not moving from the proclamation of Truth to proper attitudes, but rather the living and speaking of Truth from hearts filled with genuine love for people. If we know what we believe; if we are dedicated to Truth; if we are genuine as Christians; if we boldly speak God's word as though it makes a difference; I believe we will return to the good of the past--concern for gospel preaching, reaching the lost, building up of the church, and, yes, dynamic church growth. But, it will have to begin with us. Where do you stand? Does it make any difference what you believe? Is the world lost? Do I care? What is lasting? Am I growing? Am I seriously into the Word? What is my purpose in the world? Where am I, and my friends and associates going to spend eternity? Milquetoast in either the pulpit or pew wouldn't get it thirty years ago...or today.

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You Are Invited

To Hear The

Freshman Chorus

From

David Lipscomb College

March 17, 7:30 p.m.

The FRESHMAN CHORUS from the Department of Music of David Lipscomb College, in Nashville, Tennessee will be with us for a concert on Monday evening, March 17. The program will begin at 7:30. The forty two member chorus and their director will stay in homes of West Erwin members on Monday night. A meal for the chorus and their host families will be served in the fellowship hall Monday evening at 5:30.

Request For Help

We have received an urgent request to help replace blood for brother Jim McCoy, one of the elders of the Northwest congregation. Jim is not critically ill, but he suffers from a continuing blood disorder and his health is poor. He needs blood from time to time. His wife stated that since last fall they have fallen behind in replacing blood. One hundred pints are needed to keep them current.

If you can possibly give blood, please go to the Stewart Blood Bank and give in Jim McCoy's name. He and Nancy will be most appreciative.

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March (16) Teena Roberson (17) Carla Lemons (18) Matthew Carpenter (19) Cleo Sublette (20) Janie Hicks, Martha Jo Rowland, Tara Sexton, Henry Starnes (21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Dale Blackstone and his family in the death of Dale's grandfather, Mr. Tom Brown. He was 96 years of age. The funeral was last Saturday in Morton, Texas.

Congratulations

Jeana Paul Tarpley, daughter of Jack and Mary Paul was listed on the honor roll of Texas Tech in Lubbock. Their son, Jonathan Paul, was among those on the honor roll at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

Thank You

We appreciate so much your kindness and the delicious food for John and me at the time of my recent eye surgery.

Ruby Brem

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We are off to a good start on the World Bible School program with some 40 teachers accepting assignments for at least five new students. I have been wondering if this is not the perfect work for those of you who have not been able to find some meaningful work in the church. It is not a complicated effort, nor one that takes the usual teaching skills. All the materials are prepared and all a teacher has to do is supply those materials by mail to students who have asked for it. If you have not given much thought to doing this, it might be just the thing you have been looking for to help spread the kingdom around the world. If you are interested, we hope to have more names to hand out soon.

Teachers, please remember to help us confirm your intentions about our Teacher Appreciation Dinner. It is set for Thursday night, March 20, at 7:00 o'clock. Call the church office and tell us that you will be present. We want all to come.

I especially enjoyed Jay's sermons last Sunday. They were both challenging to the Christian who is striving to learn more about God's word, but they also cause one to reflect upon his response in a personal way. It is always the test of good preaching, whether the listener can see himself as the one to whom the preacher is speaking. I hope you will join me in the continuing quest of character development.

It is ever the lot of church leaders to seek ways of involving Christians under their charge to become involved in the work of the church. Across our brotherhood, one can see this process going on. We may not always agree with the project proposed, the program suggested or a new idea, but we cannot fault their motive. Getting people involved in a meaningful ministry is a worthy motive. It is also Biblical. We cannot maintain a forward movement personally without getting personally involved in some ministry that supports the preaching of the gospel, edifying the saints, or helping the needy. I'm thankful that we have many such efforts before us at West Erwin. My only concern is that not all of my brothers and sisters are engaged in any of these ministries. I'm sure we can find ways to excuse such deficiencies, but we won't give up trying to get as many folks as we can

engaged in "good works." I'm sorry that many have the mistaken impression that church attendance qualifies for a ministry, but it doesn't. That does not mean that many who do come with predictable faithfulness are not busy in good works, they are using their spiritual gifts in a variety of ways. We commend these to you as examples of good service and pray that you will seek to follow their example. If you are contented with mere church attendance, stop and think a moment. Where would you be if everyone who touched your life for the kingdom had been content only to attend? You are the means by which God can do mighty things for someone else, if you will let Him.

from *The Banks of Onion Creek*
FINE ART OF LISTENING

By Charles Hodge

This writer has personal appearances, books, bulletin editorials, and sermon tapes that travel all over the world. The risk in all communication is misunderstanding. Therefore I run many risks. However, what I say is usually not the problem! Read Mortimer Adler's book, *How To Speak; How to Listen*. People do not listen and people do not read correctly. Misunderstandings seldom come from what I said or wrote. Misunderstandings come from "What I have not written." Disagreements seldom come from what was said.

There is a responsibility upon the auditor. Speakers/writers should strive for simplicity. But the above places most disagreement upon the listener. People read in or out what they want to hear or not hear. Most do not disagree with what I said but with what they think I said.

Also, many disagree with what they think should have been said. The most harsh Criticism does not come from what was said, thought to have been said—but from what listeners expected. This makes speakers/writers pawns! They are used and abused. Many listeners are using speakers to correct others. Said listeners are not listeners—they are "Spankers" ... "Tell the others off."

This spices up speaking/writing! You have no idea what people will hear, think, or say. Sometimes it hurts; usually it is silly. We all need a course, "The Fine Art of Listening."

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New Granddaughter

Leroy and Betty Humphrey are the grandparents of a baby girl born March 3 at Mother Frances Hospital to Randy and Patty Humphrey. The baby weighed 8 lb and 13 oz and has been named Brooke Ashton.

The Sick

Dale Blackstone's grandfather is very seriously ill in Morton, Texas. He is hospitalized and is in ICU.

We were happy to have James and Mildred Massey visit in the office for a few minutes on Tuesday morning. Brother Harvey Grier was able to be here for both services on Sunday. Remember those who are shutins and unable to be present for the worship service.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Jay Lockhart
10:30 A.M.
"The Marks of The Christian"
(Romans 15:1-7, 13)
6:00 P.M.
"The Man Behind The Message"
(Romans 15: 14-21)

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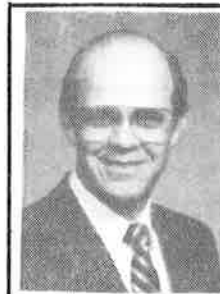


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"Our fathers trusted in thee: ...and thou didst deliver them"--Psalm 22:4.

He Still Does



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

What a rich blessing has been ours to have had George Bailey visit with us for four days of preaching. His respect for the Word and his filling each sermon full of it were most encouraging and strengthening to all who heard. The high esteem so many have for George was demonstrated by a host of visitors who came during the ur days. Those who missed, lost.

About forty of our folks took all of the 200 names of the prospective Bible students we received last week from World Bible School. We have asked for 100 more names for those of you who want to be involved in this good work. As soon as the names arrive we will let you know.

On Monday, March 17, the Freshman Chorus from David Lipscomb College will be with us for a concert at 7:30 p.m. We will provide dinner at the building at 5:30 and keep them in our homes over night. Thanks to those who have signed up to keep the students. Be prepared to give the West Erwin response to Phil Marts' plans for the meal.

See you Sunday as we allow Him to shine through us from the Heart of Tyler.

The 22nd Psalm speaks of David's personal suffering, portrays the suffering of God's people through the ages, and predicts the suffering of Christ. As a matter of fact, four statements from Psalm 22 are quoted at the cross of Jesus:

1. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (verse 1).
2. "He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him" (verse 8).
3. "They pierced my hands and my feet" (verse 16).
4. "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture" (verse 18).

The Psalm expresses three laments that you may feel when things do not go right:

1. "I am hurting!"
2. "God doesn't care!"
3. "They (others, Satan, circumstances, etc.) are winning!"

However, the Psalm does not end there. There is a cry to God for help (verses 9-11), for strength (verse 19), for deliverance (verse 20), for salvation (verse 21). Finally there is praise to God who knows and hears and helps (verses 23-31) those who trust and obey Him. And He still does! Even when it seems like He doesn't, He still does. Trust Him. They, whoever they are, are not winning.

Response

We are happy that Mrs. Kay (Rozell) Plumb came Sunday morning to place membership. Kay and her husband live at Rt. 11, Box 79 B, telephone 593-8425. They have two elementary children, Calvin and Angela. Kay formerly worshipped at the Daingerfield Church of Christ.

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning
KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch!

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Hey! Didja Hear?



"Encouragement" is the word for the week. Everyone needs a little encouragement at one time or another in their lives. Encouragement could consist of merely a friendly smile or handshake. Just letting someone know that you care is sometimes encouragement in itself. We, as young people, may encourage our friends by our example. Your actions are being watched constantly and by your good example and encouragement, you may be responsible for bringing someone to Christ.

Do not neglect to invite your friends to attend church services, not only on special occasions, such as meetings and "bring a friend night," but encourage

others to attend church regularly. Consistency in inviting your friends to church services leaves an impression. Let's also encourage one another, as West Erwin young people, to attend devotionals and sit at the front during services. Our presence at devotionals, as well as sitting down front, more than likely encourages those around us. So, let's not let anyone down. Having good turn outs at devotionals and sitting down front has always been a tradition with the young people at West Erwin. Let's not be the first to break a good tradition. Remember, "encouragement" is the word. Let's encourage, not only others, but ourselves and each other as well. Hope to see everyone sitting down front Sunday. "The more the merrier" as the saying goes. ALSO, make a special effort to be at the devotional Sunday night.

AUGSBURG NEWS 2,000 years Augsburg

February 1986

In your letters to me, some of you have mentioned that you are enjoying nice spring weather in your country. Well, we are enjoying deepest winter here in our country. Only last Sunday we had another snow shower of about ten inches, and Thomas and I had to work real hard to get the 90 yards of side-walk cleaned plus our parking lot, so that our members could get into the church building for worship. During the last several days the temperatures have reached a low of -10 Fahrenheit.

In spite of this, the attendance to all of our services is excellent, even though some of our members have to drive quite a distance to get to the building. The only problem is to heat our church building enough, which takes a lot of oil and will drive up our bill tremendously.

The cold weather even interfered with a baptism on February 11. Even though I heated the church building and the baptistry all afternoon, the water was still so cold in the evening that both Kornelia Vost, who was being baptized and I were freezing. Kornelia has been attending services for the past year. Her mother and younger sister are members. Kornelia is 21, married and has a two year old boy. Her husband is very mean to her. Oftentimes he come home drunk and doesn't know what he is doing. When Kornelia told me of her desire to become a Christian, I talked with her and her husband. He made it very clear that he was against his wife being baptized. Still, Kornelia wanted to receive remission of sins and so I baptized her. She will have to suffer much, and she will need our special love, care and our prayers. Please remember her in your prayers.

In February I started another new Bible study which is designed especially for our young brethren. They will learn how to study the Bible in the right way, how to work out a Bible lesson on their own, etc. We have chosen the first let-

ter of Paul to Timothy to begin our study. Our young men are very eager to get intensive Bible training (besides all the other regular classes which they attend each week).

Two weeks ago Thomas received his grade card from his new school. It was the best grade-card that he had ever received in his nine years of school. He is well liked by his class-mates and teachers. Needless to say, we are happy and grateful about Thomas.

Andreas finished his first semester in computer-science at the University of Mannheim, and will continue his studies... Last week-end Andreas and his wife Heike visited us here in Augsburg, and we were so glad to have them in our home again. Heike is a teacher in Kindergarten.. They have only a minimum to live on so I am paying for their travel expenses. So far, they have not asked us for any other help.

Even though my family and I are not forced to live on a minimum, as Andreas and Heike, yet we get to feel it very strongly that the value of the dollar has been declining constantly since the beginning of the year. By now, it has lost one third of its value and it is still going down. To us this means that while last year we would get about 3.40 German marks for each dollar, today we get 2.20 for one dollar. In other words, our monthly income has been cut down 30%, and we surely can feel that.

We are so happy and thankful that none of us is ill, and that we are able to continue our work for the Lord here in Augsburg. Thank you so much for everything which you are doing for us. We think of you often and we pray that God may continue to bless each one of you.

With Christian love,
Rudolf Rischer & Family
Bulowstrasse 4
D-8900 Augsburg
West Germany

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who were listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the 1985 fall semester.

Students honored are Rebecca Price and Wesley Price, children of Wes and Alma Faye Price; Suzanne Kirby, daughter of Jamon and Clay Kirby; Stan Denman, son of Harold and Shirley Denman; and Eric Aven Gambrel, son of A. Z. and Pauline Aven.

Sympathy

Brother Leon Lambert passed away early Monday morning and services were held for him in Little Rock, A.K. on Wednesday. Brother and sister Lambert recently moved to Tyler to be near their daughter and son-in-law, John and Diana Morris. We share in the sorrow of sister Lambert and John and Diana.

We express sympathy to Ray Womack and his family in the death of his nephew, Bill Womack, last Friday. He was buried Monday in Dallas.

Great Grandson

Homer and Lerah Williamson are the great grandparents of a baby boy born last week to Robert and Elizabeth Fisher in Bryan, Texas.

Boles Home Truck

Remember the Boles Home truck will be here one day next week to pick up what we have for them. Special needs are: Band-Aids, Pancake Syrup, Liquid Dishwashing Soap, Kleenex, and Catsup.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (9) Merle Lane (10) Katie Heath, John Powell (12) Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains (13) Archie Lowry (14) Chris Hallman, Rodney Knight, Melba Moore (15) J. C. Wilkinson.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



What a spiritual treat to have George Bailey with us this week for a great series of gospel messages. I am sure that all who have attended have been tremendously blessed by brother Bailey's sermons from God's word. I know of no man among us who is more into living what he preaches than this good man. He now is preaching in his 51st year and he is as strong as ever. Join me in praying God's blessings to be upon him as he continues in the work of the kingdom.

All Pre-School and Primary teachers are urged to be present for an important Teachers Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30. We will meet first in the Chapel, but the meeting will include a visit to our Teacher's Workroom. We will be giving some demonstrations on the use of some of our new equipment.

We want all teachers (those who are presently in the classroom as well as those who are not on rotation) to be present so that you can become familiar with new tools to assist you in your teaching work.

The Teacher Appreciation Banquet is set for Thursday evening, March 20 at 7:00 o'clock at the Sweet Sue's Restaurant on the Southwest Loop. Charles Hodge will be guest speaker and he will be helping our elders pay tribute to a great staff of teachers. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail, but we want to make sure that all our teaching staff is invited. Anyone who has taught in the past twelve months, or who is on rotation for the coming quarters is included in our invitation. Please make plans to attend.

We will continue our study on the Church in our adult and High School classes this coming Sunday. The lesson Sunday morning will be on the New Testament's teaching on baptism. While the religious world we live in treats this act as if it were just some incidental religious relic, the New Testament places it in a far more important position. While it is not our savior, it is commanded by our Savior as absolutely vital in our relationship to him. Come join us for a comprehensive look at the act "that doth now save you," (I Peter 3:21).

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Song Fest

The third annual Song Fest will be in Athens, Texas at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ on Friday evening, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. In addition to congregational singing several groups will be singing: Joyful Noise, Little Rock, Ark., True Life Singers, West Monroe, La., Sunday of Glory Quartet, Conroe, Texas. Several other groups from Tyler and Athens will be featured.

Song leaders will be: Holland L. Boring, Sr., Holland L. Boring, Jr., Joe Chase, James Curington, Dave Davis, Paul Epps, Chris Parker, Noble Patterson, Bobby Smith.

You are invited to come and enjoy the singing and fellowship. The Eastern Hill church of Christ is located approximately 2 miles from the square in Athens on the highway to Jacksonville (175E).

The Sick

Brother Harvey Grier entered Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday in preparation for a surgical procedure and possibly by-pass (heart) surgery on Thursday.

Lost and Found

We have in the office a ladies watch, a necklace (with a rose on it), and recently a pound puppy. If you have lost any of these items, let us know.

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HAVE YOU READ YOUR BIBLE EACH DAY THIS WEEK?
If you have not, then you have missed a part of life. John 6:63. You have missed a blessing. Luke 11:28. You have missed that which saves. James 1:21. You have missed that which we are to comfort each other with. I Thes. 4:18. You have missed that by which you will be judged. John 12:48. You have missed the only thing in this world that is eternal. Matt. 24:35. You have missed the gate to eternal life. John 6:68. You have missed that which sanctifies a person. Jn. 17:17.
After reviewing these, let us ask ourselves just what I did this past week that was more important to me and my family than these things?
Some day I will have to answer this question. 2 Cor. 5:10.
--J.D.Lancaster

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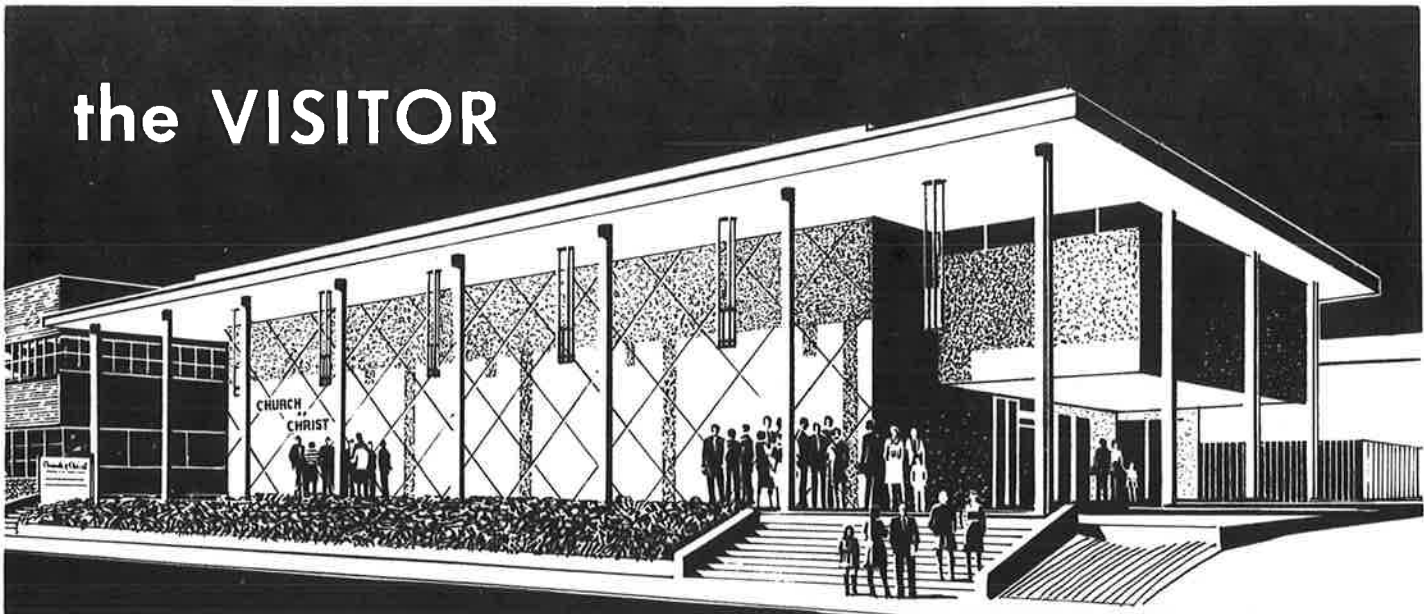
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart


Next week promises to bring rich blessings to the West Erwin family as George Bailey comes to be with us Sunday through Wednesday. You won't want to miss a single opportunity to hear George. Make your plans --be one of 400 present for the Bible study hour at 9:30.

There will be an important meeting of all those who wish to be involved in World Bible School on Sunday evening at 5:30 in the Chapel. The meeting will necessarily be brief, so be prompt and let's begin teaching the 200 students whose names we have already received.

On Monday evening, March 17, one of the choruses from David Lipscomb College will present a concert in our auditorium at 7:30. We want to feed the group of 40 before the concert and house them Monday night. Phil Marts and his Fellowship Committee will do their usual outstanding job in making preparations for the meal and they will need your help. Be prepared on Sunday to sign up for keeping two or more of these students. The blessing will be yours.

I will look forward to seeing you Sunday for the beginning of four great days with George Bailey.

Hear



George Bailey
During four great days
as he preaches Christ

MARCH 2 - 5

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

MESSAGES FROM ACTS

Response To The Gospel: Repentance And Conversion

The book of Acts often describes response to the preaching of the Gospel with the word repentance. Those who heard the word of God and believed were called upon to repent (Acts 2:38). It is God's will that everyone repent (Acts 17:30). The conversion of both Jews and Gentiles could be expressed by the word repentance (Acts 5:31; 11:18). Those who repented were promised the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31).

Repentance means a change of mind, heart, or will. It is a fundamental change at the center of a person's life. In the Bible repentance refers to the basic direction of life, the turning from sin to God. This resolve is made especially with reference to God's action in Christ and with a view to the coming judgment.

Another word used to describe response to the gospel is conversion. This word means to turn and in the Bible refers to a turning to God and away from anything that separates from him (Acts 14:15; 26:18). It too follows on faith (Acts 11:21) and describes the response of both Jews and Gentiles (Acts 9:35; 15:19). Repentance is closely associated with conversion, and both words may occur together (Acts 3:19; 26:20). They may be distinguished as repentance referring to the inward turning (the result conduct). Hence, there is the emphasis on bringing forth works worthy of repentance (Acts 26:20). The turning at the center of a person's being must result in outward changes in action. Baptism is one of those outward turning acts resulting from repentance. (cf. Acts 2:38 and 3:19).

Although repentance most often is used of conversion repentance (the resolve to become a Christian), the word can be used of turning from sin committed after becoming a Christian (Acts 8:22). The love of God in Christ calls us to turn away from sin and to God.

Dr. Everett Ferguson
Professor of Bible
College of Biblical Studies
Abilene Christian University

Brother's Keepers

I would like to ask you to join me in giving Joe McBee a big round of applause for his good work with the Brother's Keeper Program. All the unit leaders, co-leaders, elders and preachers attended a meeting last Thursday night to discuss and implement new ideas and goals for this good work. We are fortunate to have the kind of talent that Joe has in leading this work. Several new ideas were discussed and your unit leader will be discussing it with you in the future.

We feel that more of our members could be participating in the Sunday night fellowship if they would only put forth the effort. We hope to work on greater participation. Help us by attending your unit meeting on the last Sunday night of each month. I believe you will truly learn to love your brothers and sisters more if you could be with them in these home meetings.

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See You In Bible School

SUNDAY MORNING
9:30
WILL YOU BE PRESENT?

YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE!

We want to encourage you to sign an attendance card each Sunday. The cards are used in checking absentees.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR MARCH

1.	Numbers	1-2	Luke	16
2.	Numbers	3-4	Luke	17
3.	Numbers	5-6	Luke	18
4.	Numbers	7-8	Luke	19
5.	Numbers	9-10	Luke	20
6.	Numbers	11-12	Luke	21
7.	Numbers	13-14	Luke	22: 1-38
8.	Numbers	15-16	Luke	22:39-71
9.	Numbers	17-18	Luke	23
10.	Numbers	19-20	Luke	24
11.	Numbers	21-22	John	2
12.	Numbers	23-24	John	3
13.	Numbers	25-26	John	4
14.	Numbers	27-28	John	5
15.	Numbers	29-30	John	6
16.	Numbers	31-32	John	7
17.	Numbers	33-34	John	8
18.	Numbers	35-36	John	9
19.	Deuteronomy	1-2	John	10
20.	Deuteronomy	3-4	John	11
21.	Deuteronomy	5-6	John	12
22.	Deuteronomy	7-8	John	13
23.	Deuteronomy	9-10	John	14
24.	Deuteronomy	11-12	John	15
25.	Deuteronomy	13-14	John	16
26.	Deuteronomy	15-16	John	17
27.	Deuteronomy	17-18	John	18
28.	Deuteronomy	19-20	John	19
29.	Deuteronomy	21-22	John	20
30.	Deuteronomy	23-24	John	21
31.	Deuteronomy	25-26	Acts	1

Happy Birthday

MARCH (2) Cindy Lemons (3) George Stephenson, Patsy Fisher (4) Melanie Goodson (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell (6) Ray Lott, Jeff Biggs, Marc Usrey (7) Sue Paul, Becky McRuiz (8) Casey Haws, Barbara Graves.

Boles Home Truck

Band-Aids Kleenex
Pancake Syrup Catsup
Liquid Dishwashing Soap

The above items are special needs of Boles Home. Their truck will be here the week of March 10. Of course they will be glad to use anything we have for them.

Classes

On Wednesday morning of next week brother George Bailey will be teaching the Ladies' Bible Class at 10:00 o'clock in the Chapel. Ladies, invite your husbands to attend.

On Wednesday evening, March 12, brother Jay Lockhart will begin a series of lessons on the book of Revelation.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



As always, the visit to the ACU campus was enjoyable as were a number of the sessions, but it was good to get back home to the lovely folks at West Erwin. We worshipped on Sunday morning at the Minter Lane congregation where our son and Eric Gambrel worship. They greeted us warmly, but we still like the warmth and friendliness here! Everywhere we go we meet folks who have worshipped at West Erwin and they all tell us how receptive and friendly the members are here. We commend you for that lovely spirit.

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George Bailey will begin his meeting with us on Sunday morning. All high school and adult classes will meet for a combined session in the auditorium. We are confident that he will challenge us with great messages from God's word.

If you think that no one will miss you if you are not present for all the sessions of this meeting, you are wrong! You might think that because it isn't mentioned that you are missed, that you weren't missed - wrong again! We cannot impress upon your mind and conscience with too great a burden the importance of your presence at every session. We cannot have a great meeting without you.

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Our new teacher rotation system goes into effect this coming Sunday morning. Please, please let your supervisor know if there are any questions you have about the new plan. We have every reason to believe that this will be a new and better way to use our teacher's talents without suffering the trauma of "burnout" in the classroom.

If you have taught in the past and would like to join us in this new approach, please let me know. This new system will allow plenty of room for using a host of teaching talent.

Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34

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The Sick

Brother James Massey and sister Elizabeth Endsley are patients in the Hearthstone Nursing Home.

Brother Harvey Grier was scheduled to enter Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday to undergo additional tests on Thursday.

Sister Mary Butler's daughter, Nancy Kincheloe, was dismissed from the hospital in Houston on Tuesday of this week. Mary has gone to Crowley, Texas to stay with her for awhile.

We were glad to learn that the little boy of Joe and Amy Clark is now out of danger.



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"That they all may be one" --John 17:21

Responses

We welcome Leon and Iva Mae Lambert into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church. They formerly lived in Little Rock, Ark. and were members of the Pleasant Valley Church. Brother Lambert has also served as an elder for the Sixth and Izard church in Little Rock. The Lamberts are the parents of Diana Morris. They are living at 3500 Vine St., #212 (Briarcliff, a retirement home), telephone 581-8528. Include the Lamberts in your visits.

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



See You In Bible School

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure



The Search

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

Jay Lockhart, Teacher

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Art Linkletter used to have a program on TV which was called People Are Funny. And they are! For example, there are people who, in the name of religion, do some very non-religious things. The Catholic Crusades and inquisition were non-religious things done in the name of religion. The religious world hasn't changed much. Much religious activities, done in the name of Christ, is far from the spirit of the one who was meek and lowly in heart. It is easy for us to see that activity in the religious community as men wear names unknown to the New Testament, teach doctrines which cannot be found there, and remind us of Jesus' words, "why do you call me Lord, and do not the things which I say," and "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." We haven't totally escaped this problem in the church either. There are those who decide by their own criteria who is and who is not sound in the faith. There are those who upon hearsay and by inuendo assassinate the characters

People Are Funny

of good men. There are those who hear something about someone and pass it on as "gospel truth." Some of the biggest offenders are preachers. In the name of "defending the truth" some very "anti-truth" attitudes are exhibited. And one can always find a way to justify his actions, no matter how opposed to the spirit of Christ those actions may be. The Jewish leaders of Jesus' day justified their actions in crucifying Him. The church, as the body of Christ, is to be united (John 17:20,21; I Corinthians 1:10), and the basis for unity is the New Testament including the "Platform for Unity" presented by Paul in Ephesians 4:1-6. We are to agree with the New Testament--there is no man-made standard. If the brotherhood is ever to "be one" it must begin with me as I submit to the Lordship of Christ and to His will, the New Testament, and as I put into practice the principles of "in matters of faith, unity; in matters of opinion, liberty; and in all things, love." It's that last principle that is often difficult to practice. There is no way to demonstrate a wrong attitude in the right way, or to do a bad thing in a good way.

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SUNDAY!

February 23

Meet with your Unit following the worship on Sunday evening.

Sermon Subjects

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR FEBRUARY 23, 1986

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Jesus Is Lord

(Romans 14:7-12)

6:00 P.M. The Christian And His Brother

(Romans 14:13-19)



GOSPEL MEETING

GEORGE BAILEY will preach, MARCH 2 - 5.

Invite your friends and neighbors.

An Easy Way To Bury Your Talents!

One of the easiest ways for us to bury our talents is under the guise of "I don't know how." And because "we don't know how" means that we don't have this talent we, at times, almost seem to be thankful to God that we don't possess this talent. If we did have the talents that lie buried under the excuse of "I don't know how," we would have to give an account to God for them. Doesn't reason tell us that it would be foolish to take some training, read a good book or article, or go out with someone and learn how to do something new; then be stuck with having to use that talent for the rest of our lives.

Is God just going to hold us accountable for the talents we have already developed,

or is He also going to hold us responsible for the talents we could develop? We didn't develop any of our talents without training. Did you learn to read, drive a car, cook, sew, add, write, or any talent without training? One of the things that makes Christianity a great pleasure is the learning to do new things and to do better the things we already know in the service of the Lord, growing thereby unto salvation.

The good servant of Christ is the one who makes ready and serves his master. Don't bury your talents under the excuse "I don't know how." We must keep growing and improving. Find new things to learn how to do and you will enjoy your Christianity.

--Wilburn C. Hill

My Prayer

*I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone.
Lift from each burdened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."
And then I woke to another day,
And carelessly went on my way.*

*The whole day long I didn't try
To wipe a tear from any eye.
I didn't try to share the load
Of any brother along the road.
Why, I didn't even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.*

*Yet, once again when day was done,
I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear,
"Pause, friend, before you pray,
Whom have you tried to help today?"*

*God's sweetest blessings always go,
To hands that serve Him here below.
And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
And if you'll let me live another day,
I'll try to live the way I pray."*

--Author Unknown

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (23) Sherri Reed (24) Vannie Lee (26) Jay Lockhart, Jr. (27) Jane Jones (28) Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall, Sue Starnes, Matt Goodson.

Thank You

It is with sincere gratitude we say "thank you" for your prayers, the calls, the many get well cards, visits and offers of help.

The beautiful plant and delicious cookies were a nice surprise but truly appreciated. We thank all of you for your thoughtfulness and caring. May God bless all this new year!

James and Mildred Massey

We are very grateful to all of you for your sympathy and love shown us during our difficult times. It is a great feeling to have such wonderful Christian friends and to be part of a family so dear and caring as the West Erwin family. Also, many thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement. These deeds of kindness will not be forgotten.

Virginia and Bob Conner.

Expressions of appreciation have been received from Annie McDonald, Gwen Shuford, Lillie Knight, Katie Heath, Clara Riley, and Blanche Rountree for the meal prepared by some of the ladies on Tuesdays.

Sympathy

We were sorry to learn last week that brother Guy Blakeley, a former member of this congregation, died in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sister Blakeley's (Sallie) address is: 1622 Hutchinson S. E., Apt. H, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

Medina Home

Medina Children's Home is in need of applications for houseparents, social service workers and other staff personnel. For information, please contact:

George Rose
Executive Dir. Campus Operations
Medina Children's Home
Rt. 16, Box 75
Medina, Texas 78055
Telephone (512) 589-2871

A Slack Hand

Solomon was certainly one of the greatest observers of human nature. As an inspired writer, he recorded for us pithy statements that are true in spiritual life as well as in secular life.

In Proverbs 10:4, he wrote, "A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich."

It would be well for some of our law-makers to read some of these statements. People who will not work will always be poor. You cannot legislate poverty away from society. It is a fundamental rule that in the long run you do not "get something for nothing." When the hand is slack, expect poverty.

The rule is true for the other side of the coin too. "The hand of the diligent makes rich." Try hard; work diligently; take courses and learn to do it better each time; you will succeed.

There are areas of our lives that differ, but the rule applies to all parts. I mean by that, the physical, the mental, and the spiritual. If you are trying to improve the physical body, just be slack in exercise and proper food consumption and you will have a weak and poor body. Slack study habits, no interest in expanding knowledge and you get a slow and ignorant mind. And most important of all, this is true of spiritual things.

I have seen people who never study, pray, worship, or give to the Lord, and then they wonder why they are dead spiritually. A "slack hand" here certainly causes poverty. (Keep in mind that "poverty" is doing without the necessities for existence.)

Your body may last 70 or 80 years; not much longer. Your mind has the power of lasting much longer than that if you use it and don't abuse it. But the soul, the spiritual part of you, will go right on into eternity. What then should occupy most of our diligence?

Isn't it about time that we all set some priorities in our lives? We need to quit piddling with trivial things and get down to the real issues. Let's get as rich as we can in spiritual values by diligence. Jesus is first and demands our best. Let's make sure there is no "slack hand" on our arm!

--Harvey Porter

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
 Prayer Loyd Rutledge
 Scripture Dan Magee
 Dismiss Grant Knight

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Roger Knight
 Prayer John Bragg
 Scripture Mike Munn
 Dismiss Glynn Starnes

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Don Slaughter Jim Usrey
 Jimmie Harris Charles Harris
 Jay Graham Kevin Womack
 Angel Cabrera Mark Waggonner

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Feb. 9 \$7,647.29
 Feb. 2 10,220.37
 Year Ago 10,437.85

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 9 322
 Feb. 2 286
 Year Ago 325

WORSHIP

Feb. 9/A.M. 391
 /P.M. 283
 Feb. 2/A.M. 330
 Wed. 2/5 140

Budget \$9,617.25

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Archie & Juanita Lowry Phil, Linda Marts & Missy
 Carroll & Cherrie Magee Joe & Frances McBee
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 16 - RAY WOMACK, 561-5227.

Response

Teresa Holland came Sunday evening to be restored to fellowship. We commend Teresa for her courage.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 16, 1986

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "What Time Is It?"
 (Romans 13:11-14)

6:00 P.M. "The Fulfilling of the Law."
 (Romans 13:8-10)

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The Sick

Brother James Massey will be recuperating in a nursing home. He will be moved this week, but at this writing we do not know where.

Sister Elizabeth Endsley is a patient in the Hearthstone Nursing Home.

Sister Wyche Harris continues to be in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Harvey Grier continues to recover at home. He can only have very brief visits.

We have many members who are shut-ins and they would appreciate remembrances.

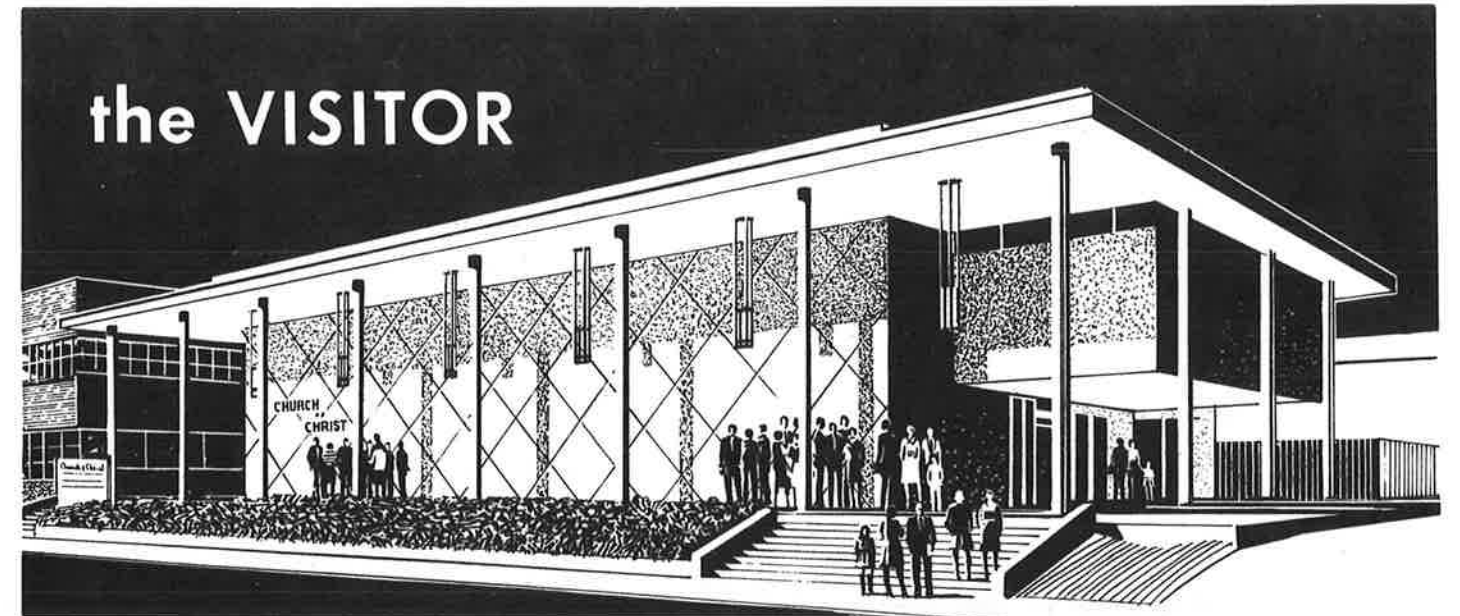
The Challenge

How are you progressing with The Challenge? Perhaps we need a reminder of the challenge given in September by brother Lockhart.

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.

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From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"And they went everywhere preaching the word"
 --Acts 8:4

What Is WBS?

If you had the opportunity presented to you to teach someone the truth of the gospel, and you knew that you could do it and that unless you reached out to that someone he might never come to Christ, would you do it? Many would answer without a moments hesitation, "Yes, I certainly would." But where do I find someone who really wants to know—who has already indicated his interest in learning, and how can I be sure I can do the job? This is what World Bible School is about. Some who read these words are already familiar with WBS. You know that ads pertaining to Bible study have been

placed in newspapers in major cities in various parts of the world. You know that sincere people have responded to those ads and are anxious to study the scriptures. You know that teachers are needed to send Bible lessons to these students and to grade the returned lessons. You know that many of these students have learned, believed and obeyed the Truth. You know that you can teach someone about Christ who might never know unless you do it. You know that you can teach by correspondence in a non-threatening atmosphere. How can one get started? That's what Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon and 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. is about. Eric Dickey, who works full time with WBS, will be at West Erwin for a one-day workshop. If you would like to take advantage of an opportunity to reach someone for Christ, set aside these four hours next week and get started!

Golden Age Banquet

THE YOUNG PEOPLE
of the
West Erwin Church of Christ
Invite You
To be present
On Sunday Evening,
February 16, 1986
For the
GOLDEN AGE BANQUET
Fellowship Hall
Following the evening worship
COME! YOU'LL LIKE IT.

This week the above invitation was sent to those who we believe should be included in the GOLDEN AGE BANQUET. If you did not receive an invitation and you fit into this category, please plan to attend. We want to include everyone in this age group.

Redecorating Plans

Our elders have approved a plan for the re-decorating of our auditorium. I believe you will be pleased with what will be done. Of course, as in all such efforts, not every idea or plan, not every suggestion can be used, and there will be some who would do it a different way. The work that will be accomplished will give a fresh new look to the auditorium but will not be so revolutionary that those who have come to love it as it is will be disappointed. Welcome the changes as good and remember that the building is a valuable tool in the growth and future of this church. The building is not "the church." Let's keep all things in perspective. WP

George Bailey

will be with us for a
GOSPEL MEETING

March 2 - 5

Your preparation, interest, and love
will make this event a success.

REACH PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

A Special Need

Christian Services of East Texas is in need of baby clothing - especially sizes 0 - 3 mos. If you can contribute baby clothes, please give them to Cathy Hallman, or bring them to the church and Cathy will take them to Christian Services.

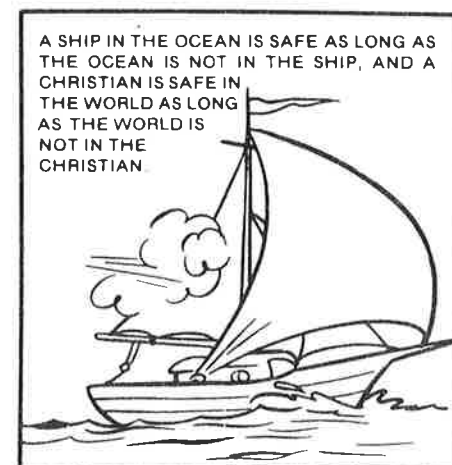
Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (16) Forrest Lee Knight
(17) Denise Rogers, Alan Fisher,
Tyson Akin (18) Amy Knight, Todd
Hancock (20) Brandon Chambless, Alma
Biggs (21) Ken Edwards, Theo Janet
King (22) Mike Savage.

It's time to **GROW**
FOR CHRIST

Dates To Remember

FEBRUARY
15 - Parent-Teen Seminar
Northwest Church of Christ
16 - GOLDEN AGE BANQUET
Following Evening Worship
20 - Brother's Keeper Leaders Meeting
22 - Workshop - World Bible School
23 - Brother's Keeper Unit Meetings
MARCH
2 - 5 GOSPEL MEETING



Congratulations

Richard Kaleb Womack was born Friday afternoon, February 7, at Mother Frances Hospital to Kevin and Kelly Womack. He is 20 1/2 inches long and weighs 8 lb 3 1/2 oz. The happy grandparents are Ray and Carolyn Womack.

Early Friday morning, February 7, twin boys were born in Memphis, Tennessee to David and Karen Morris. The babies, Jon David and Michael Lynn are grandsons of John and Diana Morris. They weighed 5 lb 12 oz and 6 lb 8 oz. John and Diana have already been to Memphis to see the new arrivals.

Thank You

Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Fred E. Higginbotham.

Without the love and concern of Christian friends, these rough times would be much more difficult. The West Erwin family is very dear to us.

Love,
Sue and Dick

In Appreciation

Sister Naomi Haden and sister Cora Hughes called the church last week to say "thank you" to those responsible for the special meal on Tuesday of last week.

Jim Willis expressed appreciation for the meal this week for he and Bessie. Sister Willis' condition remains about the same.

Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of March 10 to collect items we have for them. The following is a list of special needs: band-aides, pancake syrup, kleenex, catsup, and liquid dish-washing soap.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



We were encouraged by the increased attendance in Bible study and worship last Sunday. A number of our members who have been ill at home were able to be with us and we had a large number of visitors which included newcomers to Tyler. Never let anyone tell you that attendance on an individual basis is unimportant. Attendance is not only important to you as an individual, but it also tells others what you think of the church where you belong. Most of all, attendance tells Christ what you think of His gift to you!

Several of us will be away next week attending the lectures at Abilene Christian University. We wish all of you could go. It looks to be a great week of challenging lectures and interesting classes.

Members of this congregation will be receiving a letter from members of our Education Committee in the next several days. We believe it is a step in the right direction to the end that our members will become part of the effort to encourage attendance in our Bible classes. I know you will cooperate with the plan they have outlined and join hands with all who want this church to grow. Let's go and grow!

Perception, Possibility, Participation! This church enjoyed a glorious beginning. It has a glorious heritage and the future can be glorious! These words and expressions formed the core of Jay's message last Sunday morning. His challenge about what we can do in this glorious future is attainable. We must not let what has been accomplished in the past be the end of the matter. It is imperative that we build upon past accomplishments. It is important that each member grasp the significance of the goals placed before us. God has placed so many things in our hands, He is waiting to see if we will truly be good stewards. To whom much has been given, much will be required! We are seeking to engage every soul in the mission of the church, seeking the lost, edifying the saints, and extending a helping hand to those in need. We need every soul to feel the intensity of this worthy purpose and become engaged in the process. What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Ira Wilson
Prayer Lowell Wiggains
Scripture Steve Ward
Dismiss Dale Blackstone

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Ira Wilson
Prayer Paul Stanley
Scripture Kevin Braly
Dismiss Wally Dawkins

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bill Butler Jamon Kirby
Louis E. Jones Harold Browning
Matt Haws David Hanley
Cooper Goodson David Demic

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

Bill Hensley Archie Kennard
Max Haws Charles Hickman

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Archie & Juanita Lowry-Phil, Linda Marts & Missy Carroll & Cherrie Magee - Joe & Frances McBee
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 9 and Wednesday Evening, Feb. 12 - JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

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Feb. 2 \$10,220.37
Jan. 26 6,895.19
Year Ago 5,821.69

BIBLE SCHOOL

Feb. 2 286
Jan. 26 302
Year Ago 217

WORSHIP

Feb. 2/A.M. 330
Feb. 2/P.M. 259
Jan. 26/A.M. 388
Wed. 1/29 189

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The Sick

Elizabeth Endsley was moved this week to the Hearthstone Nursing Home. James Massey entered Medical Center Hospital Tuesday. Wyche Harris remains in Mother Frances Hospital. Fred Powell's mother is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. Shirley Denman's father continues to be very ill in Carthage. Charlie Russell's father is gravely ill. Dell Lott's father is in Medical Center Hospital. Mary Butler's daughter, Nancy Kincheloe from Crowley, Texas is recovering from heart surgery in the Methodist Hospital in Houston. The hospital address is 6516 Bertner Dr. (77030).

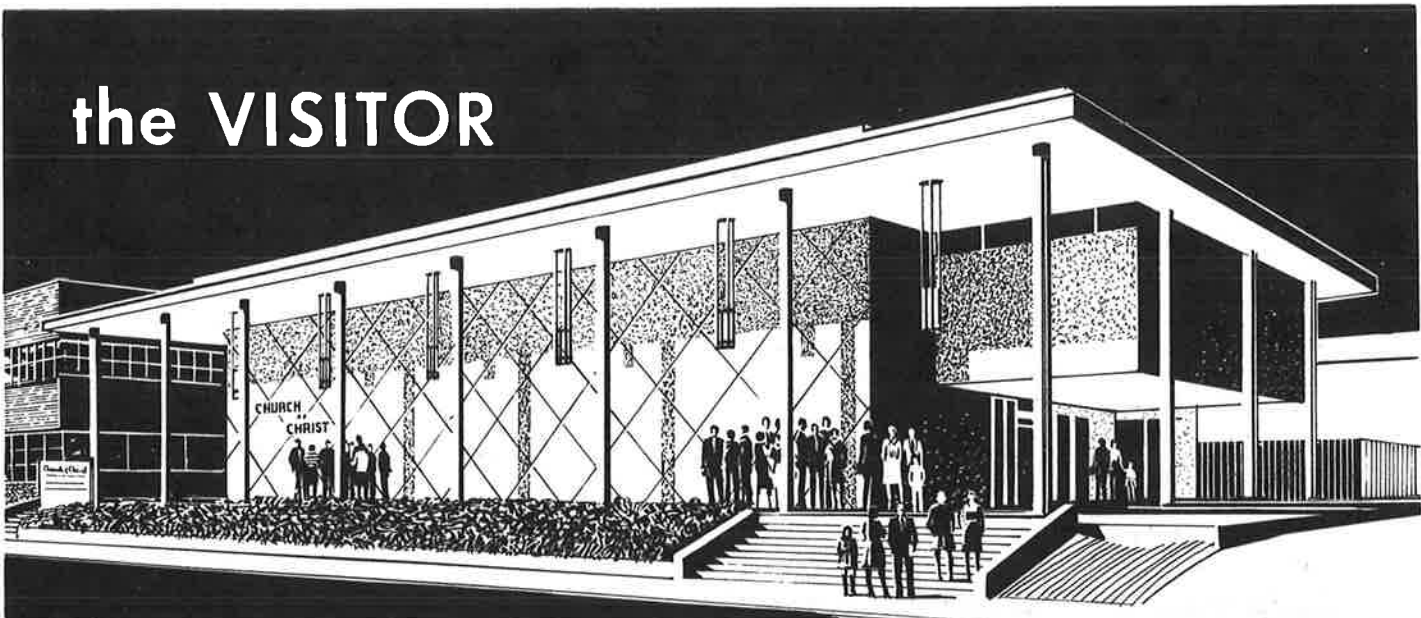
Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dick Higginbotham and his family. Funeral services were held last Saturday in Graham, Texas for Dick's father, Fred Higginbotham.

In Appreciation

Edythe and Robert Trentham called to express their thanks to the ladies who prepared the special meal for them and to the one who delivered it. They are very appreciative.

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*"I have written unto you, young men, because you are strong."
--1 John 2:14*



I Believe In Young People

Jay Lockhart

I suppose every generation has thought of its young people as hopeless. "Our youth now love luxury, they have bad manners, contempt for authority; show disrespect for their elders, and love to chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food up and tyrannize their teachers." Although some might think this statement comes from today's newspaper, it was made by Socrates some 400 years before Christ. I don't agree with Socrates or any assessment of youth that indicates young people in general are rebellious and delinquent. I agree with the apostle John who wrote of young men: "You are strong" (I John 2:14). In the February 10 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, the results of a Gallup Youth Survey were revealed under the heading of "Exploding The Myths About Teenagers." In interviewing hundreds of young people around the country, the survey revealed that more young people are in church on Sunday (53% of teens)

than their adult counterparts (40% of adults attend church). Rather than avoiding homework, 50% of older teens want teachers to assign more. Peer pressure to break the rules was ranked low. Rather than being defiant, troubled, sometimes suicidal, the survey showed that most teens are "nice, normal kids living ordinary lives." Of those interviewed, an overwhelming majority reject marijuana and want tougher laws on selling and using dope. The man most admired by these teens was President Reagan. Most teens are, however, glued to the TV set and the "crazy" music on radio, and they are materialistic (70% said being very well off financially was important). Yet, a majority of these same young people stated they were willing to devote a year to national service. Someone observed that only 3.5% of America's youth are delinquent (those are the ones we most often hear about) while 96.5% are people with values and are generally good citizens. And in the church, our young people are the best of the best. I believe in them. They are important to us. I love them.

Sermon Subjects

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 1986

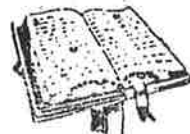
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The State of the Church

(Acts 5:42-6:7)

6:00 P.M. The Christian and Civil Government

(Romans 13:1-7)



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Hey! Didja Hear?



Have you ever complained of being deprived of privileges? Have you ever complained of having too many responsibilities?

Along with privileges comes responsibilities. The two go hand in hand and in most cases, you cannot have one without the other accompanying it. We tend to want more privileges and less responsibilities. However, the more responsible we prove ourselves to be, the more privileges we are likely to have. For example, if you come home on time and do not make a habit of being late, you will, most likely, have more future opportunities to go out.

Privileges are something you earn, while responsibility is something you develop. The development of responsibility helps to earn the privileges that we, as young people, desire. Have you ever heard the saying, "You have to give a little to get a little." This could apply to privileges and responsibilities. You have to "give" (or show) responsibility to "get" (or show) privileges. Privileges are something that everyone likes to possess. However, some people are not mature enough to handle the responsibilities that are required to earn privileges. We, as young people, need to develop the maturity needed to cope with responsibility. If we do this, we just might find ourselves enjoying the privileges that we desire.

West Erwin Youth Exchange



See You In Bible School

Moving

We regret that recently Ronson and Patricia Griffith moved to Gilmer. Ronson is now working in Longview. Ron and Pam Lott are living in Bullard and have placed membership at the Bullard church of Christ. Also, Ken and Ernie Edwards and their children will be moving to Burleson, Texas (south of Ft. Worth) when school is out. Ken will begin work April 1 as the Youth Minister for the Burleson church of Christ. All of these young couples will be missed.

Not The Finished Product

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know that as long as I'm alive, God is not finished with me! This means there are areas of my life I need to improve. There is room for growth, understanding, insight, and maturity. It means that amidst all of the vicissitudes of life, if I remain yielded to Him, He is working all things for my ultimate good. He is perfecting my character.

I never shall reach a state of perfection in this life. The only perfection I can have in this life is that which is in Christ, the Son. Absolute perfection will be experienced when we are presented by the Son to the Heavenly Father, at which time we shall bask in His perfection forever. We long for our heavenly dwelling which will come after we leave the earthly tent we live in, and put on immortality. See I Cor. 4:16-5:5.

I like to view life as a school. We have chances to grow, learn, develop, gain knowledge and insight about God, discard old ways, and become more and more conformed to the image of Christ. Graduation day will be when we wake up in eternity in God's presence!

There are exams and tests along the way. But there is no way one can fail in the school of life as long as he has confidence in the Teacher. A scholar, as well as a disciple, is always learning. He may have to unlearn some things, re-learn some things, and modify some things along the way.

The disciple-scholar is looking for one thing - Graduation Day! Aren't you glad it's coming? Aren't you glad someone extended you an invitation? Are you extending invitations to others?

--Robert Wingfield

It's time to **GROW**
FOR CHRIST

Thank You

I would like to say how much I appreciate the pretty red tulip plant, the visits, calls and cards. Most of all I am grateful for your prayers. My thanks to all for remembering me.

William (Bill) Rushing

Another Good Work

In addition to the good work in the Benevolent Center each Tuesday, a group of women met Tuesday morning in the kitchen of the Fellowship Hall to prepare a meal for shut-ins. The meal is designed to give those who are unable to be out a special treat on Tuesdays.

The meal this week was prepared by Kathryn Cauthen, Alma Biggs, Ann McCoy and Signa Stanley. The men who delivered the food were Ray Womack, Artis Tate, Faber Cauthen, Charles McCoy and Paul Stanley.

This is a good work that is worthy of praise. We hope it will grow and more people will want to participate.

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure

Gospel Meeting

We look forward to the coming of brother George Bailey. He will be preaching in our spring meeting, March 2 through 5.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (9) Arlene Lockhart, Jeremy Wiggains (10) John Freeman, Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley, Billie Osburn, Bernice Andrews (11) Marisa Butler, Carolyn Welborn (12) Alice Stephenson (13) Amy Sexton (14) Laverne Keith, Steve Ward.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



So many of our members were ill or out of town this past weekend. Attendance for Bible study and worship were the lowest for several months. We hope all of those who are ill will be well soon. When you are absent from your usual place, we miss you. We are working diligently on attendance between now and the time George Bailey will be with us on March 2. Each class is challenged to increase by 25%. Whether you are a teacher or a student, you can help us grow by doing your part.

Many of you have responded in the past to opportunities to subscribe to good Christian literature. It is important to have good magazines and articles available in the home to feed the mind instead of so much garbage absorbed from the TV. We want to encourage the ladies to consider subscribing to The Christian Woman magazine published by the Gospel Advocate in Nashville, Tenn. Club rates (for ten people) are available at \$10.50. If you are interested, contact the church office. You will be billed directly by the publisher.

In the past few years a recurring petition is circulated among churches to be mailed to U.S. Congressmen concerning efforts by Madalyn O'Hair to eliminate religious broadcasting on radio and TV. The Dallas Morning News last week stated the FCC has received in excess of 25 million letters protesting her efforts. The interesting thing is that she has never requested such a hearing before the FCC, and no such restriction can be obtained. This is not to say that her efforts are to be ignored, but before we launch out on such a united effort, it would be good to obtain all the facts. If you are approached about any future petition, let me know and I will do some calling to get the facts. Of course such a campaign does let the government officials that concerned Christians will rise to the challenge. It would be best, however, to make sure that our aim is at a real target and not a mirage.

Velma Lemon's 2 year Old Class hit the 100% attendance level last week. Let's give her a big round of applause and send along a word of thanks to those parents who care enough to see that their little ones are in Bible class.

Did Jay's sermon Sunday morning mean anything to you? Does the term "Revival" say anything to you? One expression in his sermon bears emphasis. If a Christian is not involved in the work of the congregation, perhaps a revival is needed. If your special talent is lying dormant it will eventually become useless. Non-involvement is evil. It hurts the church and it hurts the Christian. In what way are you using your gift for the Lord?

Serving

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Welcome Phil Marts
Prayer Ray Vannoy
Scripture Matt Haws
Dismiss Tom Williams

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Phil Marts
Prayer Ray Womack
Scripture Archie Kennard
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Cooper Goodson David Demic

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BIBLE SCHOOL

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Year Ago 318

WORSHIP

Jan. 26/A.M. 388
Jan. 26/P.M. 244
Wed./Jan.27 194
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Budget \$9,617.25

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Bob and Virginia Conner in the death of his father. The funeral service was Monday in Mayfield, Kentucky.

The Sick

Dell Lott's father, Herman Rhoades, entered Medical Center. He is undergoing tests.

Harvey Grier was able to go home from the hospital on Tuesday. He can have visitors, but for only very brief visits.

Elizabeth Endsley entered Medical Center Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

Wyche Harris remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

W. O. Rushing continues to be in Medical Center. His condition has improved.

Dick Higginbotham's father is very ill in Graham, Texas.

Shirley Denman's father is very seriously ill. He lives in Carthage, Texas.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (2) Rozener Strait (3) Jay Lockhart, Lilla Tigert, Billye Usrey (4) Cindy Carruth, Amy Prichard, Loyd Nail (5) Ruby Brem (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley, Dan Sexton, LeeAnn Morris (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Pete Osburn, Meeta Clucas.

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MEETING!

GEORGE BAILEY will be preaching in our spring meeting, March 2 - 5. Mark your calendars now.

Automobile Accident

Last Sunday, Mrs. Steve (Kathy) Ward, with the two children were involved in an automobile accident. Fortunately they were not hurt, but the car was demolished.

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Wes Price - Associate Harold Taylor - Mission

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ASSEMBLIES

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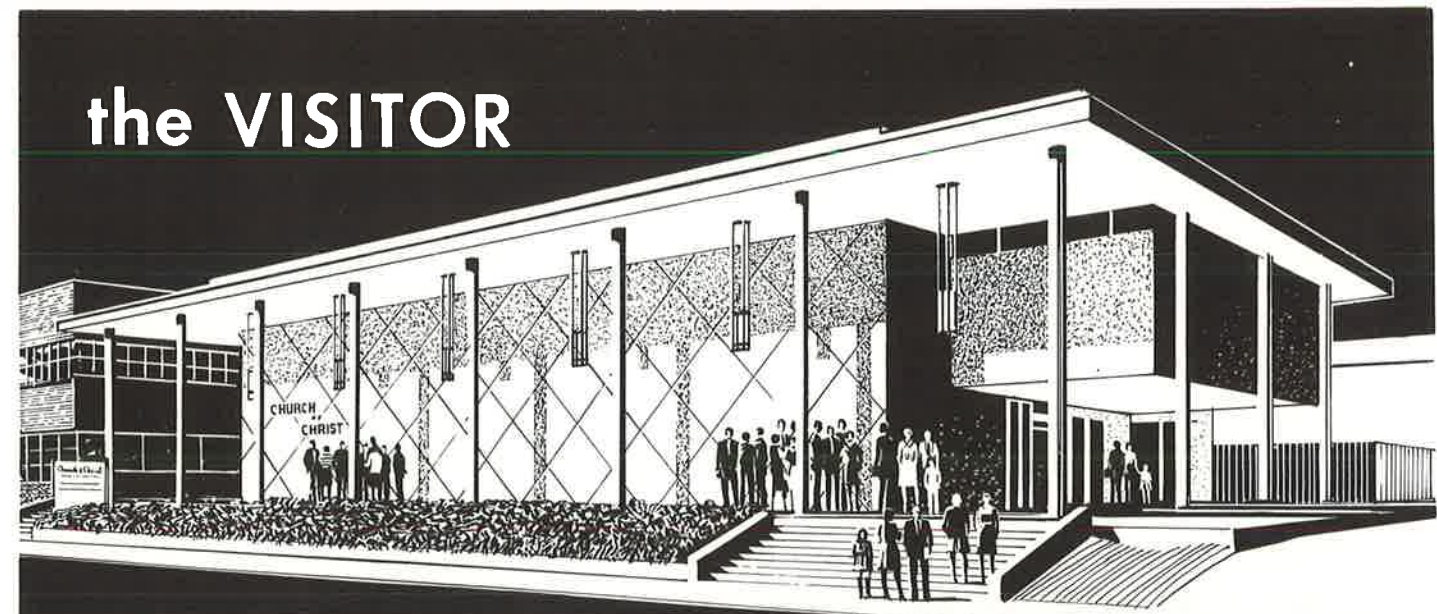
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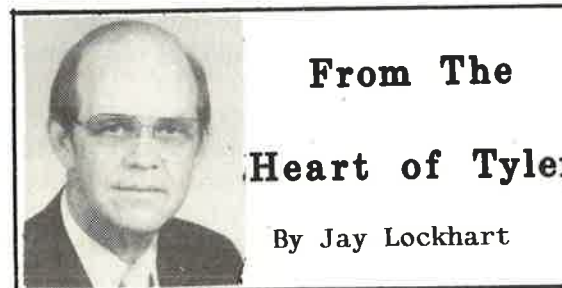
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"His delight is in the law of the Lord" -Psalm 1:2



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Bible School Growth

Over the next five weeks we want our Bible School to grow by 25%. That can easily happen with but little effort on the part of each of us. Recently an article in the Christian Chronicle, written by Bailey McBride, suggested how the Bible School, to which we already have dedicated lots of space, and to which a large percentage of personal time and energy is devoted, can become an effective tool for growth and evangelism. Five suggestions were made as to what should happen in class: (1) every visitor should feel welcome; (2) every visitor is given the opportunity to become a part of the group; (3) every visitor should have a direct, personal encounter with the Word in a non-threatening format; (4) every visitor should have an encounter with abundant enthusiasm; and (5) every visitor needs to see the definite direction the class is taking. After class a specific family should be assigned to the visitor to nurture him--a family willing to pay the price in energy and time to serve the visitor. Before class, the church must believe in and support the Bible School. Members of the church who miss Bible class and come for worship, simply because they do not care, make poor impressions on visitors. Also, we must have dedicated, prepared teachers and a Biblical curriculum with relevant, helpful application. Who among our members is not in Bible class who should be? Invite them! Who among your acquaintances would attend class if they were asked? Invite them. Remember 25%.

That all-church fellowship meeting last Sunday night, designed to honor our sixty (60) new members, was undoubtedly one of the very best which we have enjoyed. Phil Marts and his Fellowship Committee did a superb job in making all necessary arrangements. Most of our new members were present, and nearly everyone present for our worship service stayed for the meal and fellowship. A very significant meeting indeed!

Our recent Elders/Deacons/Preachers meeting with Harold Taylor promises to pay rich dividends. From that meeting has emerged some definite plans for ministry which will be ready for publicity soon. It is good to see our Deacons actively involved in "kicking up the dust by hastening." A good motto for them, and us, is "forgetting those things that are behind, I press on toward the mark."

25%! Do you know what that means? It's the growth in our Bible School by March 1! Help us! Let your light shine from the Heart of Tyler.

25%

BIBLE READING CHART FOR FEBRUARY

1.	Exodus	13-14	Mark	3
2.	Exodus	15-16	Mark	4
3.	Exodus	17-18	Mark	5
4.	Exodus	19-20	Mark	6
5.	Exodus	21-22	Mark	7
6.	Exodus	23-24	Mark	8
7.	Exodus	25-26	Mark	9
8.	Exodus	27-28	Mark	10
9.	Exodus	29-30	Mark	11
10.	Exodus	31-32	Mark	12
11.	Exodus	33-34	Mark	13
12.	Exodus	35-36	Mark	14
13.	Exodus	37-38	Mark	15
14.	Exodus	39-40	Mark	16
15.	Exodus	1- 2	Luke	1: 1-38
16.	Leviticus	3- 4	Luke	1:39-80
17.	Leviticus	5- 6	Luke	3
18.	Leviticus	7- 8	Luke	4
19.	Leviticus	9-10	Luke	5
20.	Leviticus	11-12	Luke	6
21.	Leviticus	13	Luke	7
22.	Leviticus	14	Luke	8
23.	Leviticus	15-16	Luke	9
24.	Leviticus	17-18	Luke	10
25.	Leviticus	19-20	Luke	11
26.	Leviticus	21-22	Luke	12
27.	Leviticus	23-24	Luke	13
28.	Leviticus	25-27	Luke	14-15
LEAP YEAR				
28.	Leviticus	25-26	Luke	14
29.	Leviticus	27	Luke	15

ACU Bible Lectureship

The 68th annual Bible Lectureship held at Abilene Christian University will be February 16 - 19. "The Living Restoration" is the theme this year. Some of the topics and speakers are:

- "The Weightier Matters" - Avon Malone
- "Neither Liberalism Nor Legalism" - Willard Collins
- "Our Fathers in Faith" - Jerry Rushford
- "The Undenominational Church" - Ed C. Wharton
- "In Quest of Unity" - B. J. Humble
- "World-Wide Restoration" - Monroe E. Hawley
- "Ephesians 4: A Formula for Unity" - Ian A. Fair
- "The Christ-Exalting Restoration" - James S. Woodroof
- "The Future of Our Heritage" - Reuel Lemmons

It's time to **GROW** FOR CHRIST

The population of the world has passed the 4.2 billion mark and is increasing at the rate of 70 million per year. There are 165,000 people who die every day, but 343,000 are born everyday for a net increase of 178,000 every 24 hours. By the year 2,000, the population will be 6.2 billion.

From the World Mission Information Bank
... Via Prestoncrest Family News

Which Translation

"...you are a letter from Christ ..." 2 Corinthians 3:3.

There are hundreds of translations of the Bible. Which is the best? The most accurate? The safest? That depends on who you talk to—even among the legitimate scholars.

Of course one does not have to be a scholar to speak with certainty about the versions. I've had people who wouldn't know an alpha from a slab of raw liver tell me authoritatively that a certain version is the only accurate one.

Impressive arguments can be marshaled for most of the committee-translated versions. Each has its strengths and weaknesses. I recently heard about one brother whose ministry consists of splitting churches over translations. That's sad! He has missed a basic teaching of the New Testament which is clear in any translation. Hundreds of thousands don't have the scriptures in their own language. So, fellowship fights over translations strikes me as a less-than-wise use of time, energy, influence and money.

Nevertheless, I'm taking a stand. And it's dogmatic! There is one version we must have! It's the one Paul talks about when he says, "...you show that you are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the spirit of the Living God..."

There are thousands upon whom the translation debates are wasted, because they're not going to read any 'written' version. But they can't keep from reading the Word "translated" into life.

If conduct doesn't square with teaching it makes no difference how accurate the translation is you use. The jots and tittles may be there without a loss, but if the attitude is not Christlike, something is lost in the translation which pollutes the message.

The only version some people read is you! Make sure it's true to the original!

...Joe R. Barnett

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, food, the beautiful spray of flowers, and other kind deeds done for us at the time of the loss of my mother, Opal Grady. It means a lot to know that someone cares.

In Christian love,
Pat Prichard



Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 2, 1986
10:30 A.M. "Revival Is Needed Now!"
(2 Chronicles 7:12-14)
6:00 P.M. "Continuing The Transformed Life"
(Romans 12:14-21)

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning
KLTU - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch!

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure

We have learned that sister Mable Massey, who now lives in Loving, Texas, recently underwent surgery and also has had heart problems. You may send her a card at P. O. Box 23, Loving, Texas 76062.

Also, sister Velma Bell, who moved from Tyler a number of years ago, and who continues to correspond with several in the congregation, has been ill. Her address is 5504 Farley Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



The all-church fellowship on Sunday night was a big success. Almost all of those who attended the evening worship stayed for the meal. Jay introduced our newest members and helped us all feel welcome. Our thanks to Phil Marts and the deacons and others who assisted him in arranging this family affair. We look forward to more of these times together. Joe McBee mentioned that this gathering took the place of our usual month-end Brother's Keeper unit meetings. We will resume these meetings the last Sunday night of February. I hope you will place a high priority on the Brother's Keeper program. If you are called upon to assist, please contribute your talent in what ever way you can.

Several weeks ago we issued a new rotation system to our Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible class teachers designed to give teachers time off from their classes. Originally we called for each teacher to be in the class for four months. We are presently revising this approach. In the near future we will have a new schedule that will rotate teachers on a quarterly basis. Each class will begin with both a new teacher and new material. This will be a more systematic way of keeping track of the schedule. We are asking teachers, who are presently teaching, to remain through the month of February. This will allow the new teacher to begin with the new material on the first Sunday and first Wednesday of March. If you need information, contact your supervisor or me.

We remind our teaching staff of the date for the Teachers Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, March 20. Charles Hodge will be the guest speaker.

From reports of those attending the auditorium class on Wednesday evenings, Harold Taylor has presented outstanding lessons from Psalms. Folks appreciate his lessons and he certainly portrays the optimistic spirit of a happy Christian. If you have not been coming to enjoy his lessons, you're missing some good ones.

As we enjoy these in-depth studies on the church, let me ask you to do me a favor. Please examine your own personal relationship to the church, especially with the view of its real worth to your life. I believe it is necessary in every generation for the members of Christ's body to measure themselves again by the Scriptures to make absolutely sure that what is being done in the name of the church is in keeping with the Word of God. There is nothing to fear in such an examination as long as we keep our attitude in accord with the spirit of Christ. The church must never lose its identity just because the world has such a fuzzy concept of it. See what the Scriptures say about it, after all, that's what will be the judge in the final day.

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Welcome Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Joe Carroll
Scripture Louis E. Jones
Dismiss Robert Stokes

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Sermon Subjects

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1986
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Because We Belong To Each Other
(Romans 12:4-8)
6:00 P.M. A Christian Every Day
(Romans 12:9-21)

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Thank You

Thanks for all the calls and visits after the wreck. It means so much to know that someone cares. I love you.
Aline Beard

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (26) Carolyn Blackstone (28) Jimmie Estelle Brown (29) Cheryl Murphy, Eric Gambrel (30) Johnnie Stringer, Kay Hanley, Dwight Leek (31) O'Neal Tuel, Pat Stokes.

The Sick

Dick Higginbotham's father ill in Graham, Texas.

Harvey Grier entered Doctor's Memorial Hospital on Tuesday.

Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. Mark 8:34.

Let's Emphasize

Wednesday Night!

Classes For All Ages
7:30 P.M.

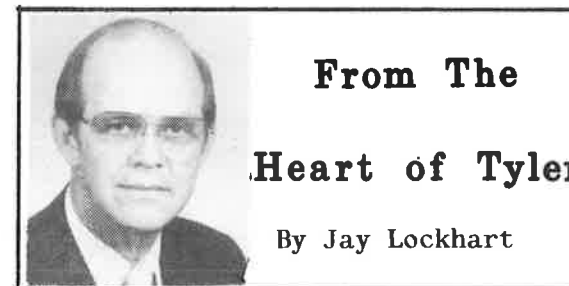


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Where your treasure is"
—Matthew 6:21

Super Bowl Sunday

Two guys were talking. One asked, "What are the two biggest problems facing society?" The other one said, "I don't know, and I don't care." To which the first replied, "That's right: ignorance and indifference."

I smile at that little story, but the attitude of "I don't know and I don't care" isn't really funny. This attitude sends unprepared college graduates into the marketplace. It costs industry millions of dollars each year. And it paralyzes the Lord's church. I wonder what would happen if every member of the body of Christ would decide today to become a serious student of the Word and to care enough about the greatest Cause in the world to give the best effort to the Master.

I really don't wonder about that. I know what would happen. The church would grow spiritually and numerically as never before. What about you and me? Don't we need to know and care? Then we can let the LIGHT shine from the HEART of TYLER.

This Sunday is the day! All the hype has been leading up to it. It's Super Bowl time and in the years ahead we will never forget that on January 26, 1986 the Super Bowl winner was... By the way, who won the Super Bowl last year? Or in 1984? It's hard to remember, isn't it? But, how much does it really matter anyway? Yet advertisers will spend millions of dollars for commercials during the Super Bowl. They know that people will be watching. Some will watch because they are avid Chicago or New England fans. Others will watch because they just like a good football game. Still others will watch the Super Bowl because it's a nice thing to do. Some, who have no real feelings about the game will even miss worship to watch it, because after all this is the Super Bowl. Who is it that is playing? Will it matter next year or the year after? Do we even know what matters...really matters? Here is what really matters: That you and I be New Testament Christians; that we be growing into the image of Christ; and that we actively share our faith. Whatever we can do that contributes to these things matters. But, right now I'm trying to remember the score of last year's Super Bowl. It was 23 to 17, or was it 27 to 12, in favor of, ...who was it that played anyway?

SEEKING THE SUMMIT

A dean of the School of Education at the University of Texas made a speech recently in which he said that most institutions and movements eventually go through three stages. They begin as **risktakers**, then they become **caretakers**, and finally they end up as **undertakers**.

Churches are no exception.

Many churches are in the **undertaker's** stage of existence. To be in their services is like attending the annual board meeting of a perpetual care cemetery. Like the church at Sardis (Rev. 3:1), they are dead and don't know it.

Even more churches have become **caretakers**. Like the church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:16), they are lukewarm and at ease in Zion. They are sound churches — sound asleep! General Patton once said of Britain's Field Marshal Montgomery, "Montgomery seems to be more concerned about not losing a battle than winning one." Churches that are more concerned about not losing than winning have become caretakers whether they realize it or not.

All churches ought to be **risktakers**. We need to be like the church at Antioch, whose first missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, were described as "men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 15:26). The word "hazarded" is a gambling term that means to take a risk, to make a wager, to lay something on the line. These early Christians were so convinced of the lostness of men, the power of the gospel, and their personal accountability to God that they risked life and limb to get the old story to new places. There was nothing complacent about them. They were people on a bold mission — consumed and committed.

That's the bold and daring spirit that ought always to characterize the church of the living Lord. As long as we live, we ought to be people of faith, optimism and courage. The supreme tragedy of life is to outlive ourselves — as individuals and as churches. It is far better to dare mighty things and experience failure than to live in the safety and security of mediocrity.

Let's not be content to be **undertakers** or **caretakers**. Let's continue to be **risktakers** as we SEEK THE SUMMIT in 1986.

— Douglas F. Parsons

From South India

The following letter is from the preacher's wife, Mrs. E.K.V. Prasada Rao, of the Church of Christ in Cheyyeru, South India. Sue Starnes has corresponded with this lady for many years and through information from her the West Erwin church has sent clothing and Bible school material to this congregation. This is another thank you note.

Dear Sister in Christ,

Hearty greetings to you in Jesus name. We received parcels of clothing recently from the West Erwin Church of Christ. It is a great pleasure for the little ones to wear these beautiful dresses. We appreciate your love. Tell our gratitude to the West Erwin Church of Christ. They do good work. I thank them for their compassion.

We are going to conduct a Gospel Meeting at Cheyyeru on the 7th January 1986. Christians here got together and decided to send their best wishes to you and great missionary minded congregation there.

We are constantly mentioning you in our daily prayers... Pray for the work here.

An invitation to their Gospel Meeting was enclosed. It is interesting to note that across the bottom of the page they have printed, Our Hearty Greetings to The West Erwin Church of Christ - USA.



See You In Bible School

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



At the Teacher's Meeting on Sunday, Jay challenged our teachers to work toward a 25% increase in Bible class attendance by March 2, the date our meeting begins with George Bailey. This is a worthy goal and within reach with just our members attending with greater regularity. We encourage you to join in this effort and begin now to attend more faithfully.

Of course we are interested in more than just our own members attending and Jay made the additional challenge of all of us reaching out to friends and acquaintances to share the message of the gospel. It is essential, if we are to grow, for each of us to see the need to think of those who need to hear the gospel. Think about it this way, wouldn't you want someone to help you discover the truth if you did not already know it? I think I know the answer to that question.

It has been my privilege to teach our Middle School young people for the past six months. I have enjoyed it and I believe we have made some tremendous gains. I want to encourage parents to help me by seeing that your teen has the opportunity to be with us each Wednesday night for class. We build on Bible knowledge each week and when a student is absent, he misses the lesson of the series and the memory work for that week. Beginning next week in a new study, we will begin with Matthew and proceed through the New Testament learning basic material from each of the books. I believe this will equip these young people to be knowledgeable in dealing with the various problems they encounter in life.

In the very near future, we are planning a special outing as a reward for the hard work they have been doing.

I hope you will reserve next Sunday evening, January 26, for our all-church fellowship. It would be wonderful for all members to be present and bring a special friend. These fellowships provide an opportunity for us to share in each others lives, but they can also be a time when we invite others to learn something about us. Invite a friend!

...Important!



We're getting together..

SUNDAY EVENING FOLLOWING WORSHIP
In The Fellowship Hall

January 26, 1986

MENU

BRING

Sandwiches

Chips and Dips

Desserts

(Drinks will be furnished)



THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch!

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The Sick

Herman Rhoades, father of Mrs. Ray Lott, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Bob and Virginia Connors are in Mayfield, Kentucky where Bob's dad is very seriously ill.

Fay Kennard's mother, Ruth Pierce, is in Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville.



Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 19, 1986
 By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Non-Conforming Transformed
 (Romans 12:1-2)

P.M. How Do You Feel About Yourself?
 (Romans 12:3-5)

Fire Damage

On Sunday afternoon the home of Carl and Joyce Trimble, daughter and son-in-law of Gilbert and Lorene Venable, was damaged by fire. We are thankful that no one was hospitalized, although Carl did suffer some third degree burns. They are members of the Glenwood congregation.



We are having a get-together on Sunday evening, January 26 following the worship.

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Responses

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Cherry Arcega, Rt. 14, Box 1130, Tyler, Texas, who came Sunday morning to place membership. Cherry is the sister of Ruth Harris.

Add to your list of new members (published in last week's Visitor) the following names. We are sorry they were not included:

Charlie Russell
 Rt. 2, Box 201
 Tyler, Texas 75704
 Phone 595-0899

Robbie Butler
 Rt. 3 14 Lilly Lane
 Bullard, Texas 75757
 Phone 894-9279

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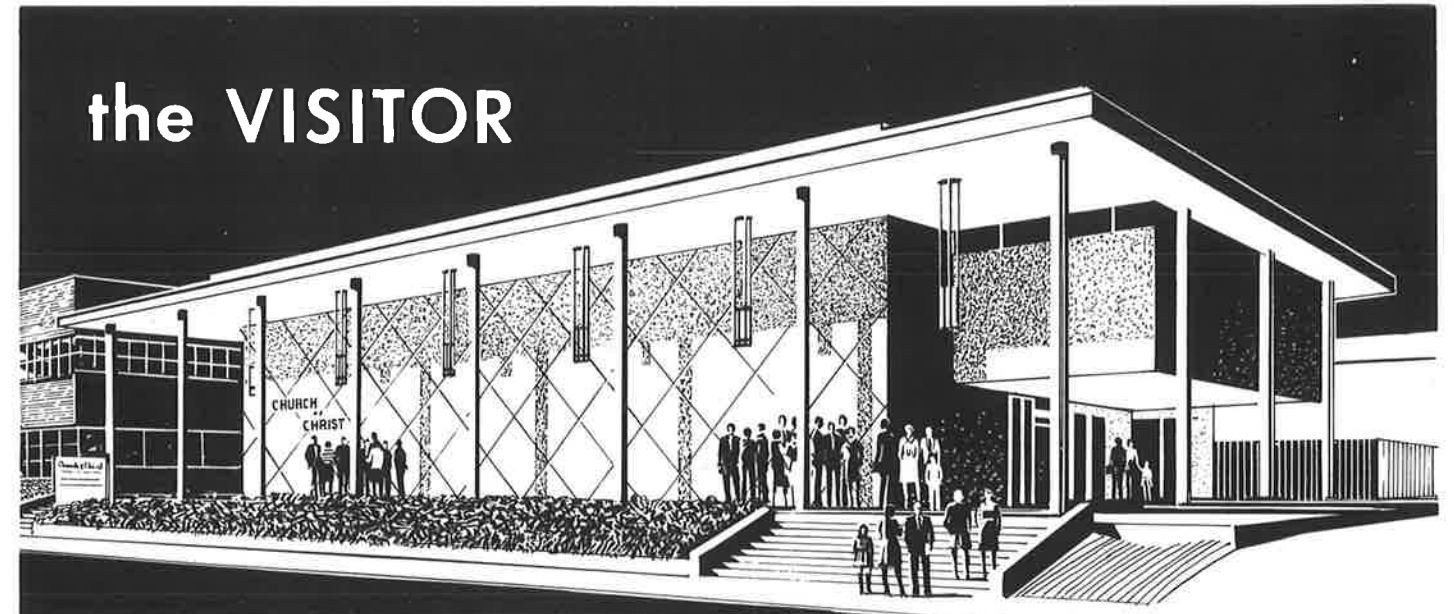
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Our elders, deacons, and preachers had a most profitable workshop with Harold Taylor last Saturday. Harold is our "State-side missionary" and specializes in Church Growth as he travels among the churches. We wanted to benefit from his expertise, so our elders invited him to come for the workshop. Harold presented some tremendous ideas for church growth which we can implement into our program at West Erwin, and we will benefit from his suggestions. A special thanks to Harold for helping us.

This Sunday we come to the practical application of the great doctrinal truths presented by Paul in his letter to the Romans. All of our studies have been leading us to this point. What do the great truths of the Gospel mean in our daily lives. Don't miss this Sunday!

The Hole In The Fence

Joe Barnett
 Pathway Evangelism

There's trouble in the land. No wide-awake person will deny that! These upheavals have caused many parents to express apprehension concerning the future of their children. That's understandable! When our children graduate from high school and leave home, many of them also leave the church. Suddenly they are exposed to an environment hostile to Christ and even to the basic principles of morality. If a young person is not equipped to handle this, he is in grave trouble.

Unfortunately, at a time when families should be doing everything in their power to "beef-up" their spiritual defenses and intensifying their fight against Satan, many are permitting a safeguard to be torn down. Neglect of Sunday evening services, absence from prayer meeting, and failure to encourage children to become totally involved in church-centered activities are some of the more obvious evidences of this foolish neglect.

Parents need to get their priorities straight. Those of us who preach seldom have the courage to remind weeping parents of the problem; but when dads and moms begin crying over what has happened to their kids, they could be reminded of the days when they chose camping instead of church, weekend trips or night recreation instead of Sunday night inspiration.

It only takes one hole in the fence to let the sheep out. It's amazing how prolific some people are at inventing new excuses to rationalize their habitual neglect. I would much prefer a person to be honest enough to say, "I just don't want to" than to forever blame job, health, grandma, or the baby. What advantage is there in covering up the real facts in the case? That only adds to sin! Parents, give your kids a break! Put first things first! Let nothing interfere with regular church attendance. Be sure they are deeply involved in our youth programs. Then, after they've gone from home with good training, you can do what you want with your own life. And I have a feeling that by that time, you'll be thrilled with putting spiritual things first and will make it a lifetime policy.

Hey! Didja Hear?



New Year's Resolutions - have you forgotten yours already? We tend to set goals for ourselves with the beginning of a New Year and forget about trying to achieve them before the first month is over. Read my Bible every day, set a good example for others, make good grades, save money, and be a better Christian; do any of these sound familiar? Resolutions are good to make, but we need to take them more seriously and try to succeed at reaching the goals we have set for ourselves. We should set our goals high, work hard, and strive to achieve them. It is useless to make resolutions and set goals if we do not intend to keep or achieve them. Achieving goals results in a feeling of satisfaction which helps develop a better self-image. If you have confidence in yourself, you tend to have a better outlook on life. So, when you set goals for your self, strive to achieve them. Accomplishing them will make you feel better about yourself and everything else also.

ATTENTION: As of Sunday morning, January 12, the high school class has started a new study on "The Church." The class is for all 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Hillard Hughes is teaching the class in room 303. Everyone should make an effort to attend and make our class a success.

West Erwin Youth Exchange

Tuesday School



We are looking for several ladies who are willing to be here each Tuesday morning to help with Tuesday School. This effort is in need of your support and care. This program reaches into the homes of many families in Tyler and the surrounding area. Many children are taught the story of Jesus who would not hear it otherwise. Please reconsider your priorities and offer your help in this good effort. Tuesday School is an outreach into the community that should be maintained.

From Chimala Mission

December 17, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Hello again from all here at Chimala Mission. We come thanking you for your continued prayers and support on our behalf. All is going well here and the church is growing in this area. We had several baptisms in the last couple of months. Also, everything at the hospital is going good thanks to brothers and sisters like you who continue to keep us supplied in necessary items.

We received your 3 boxes on December 16th and thank you very much for the bandages and gowns.

We ask that you continue to pray for us and the work here...

December 28, 1985

Dear Brethren,

Hello and best wishes to all... All is going well with the work here and we are looking forward to a good year ahead.

We received your shipment on the 21st of December. We received 5 boxes - 2 postmarked in June and 3 in July.

The bandages, gowns and soap chips are all greatly appreciated. The little gowns are so cute we just love to look at them. The mamas are all so happy to get them for their newborns.

Again thank you so much for your prayers and also your support. We ask that you continue your prayers on our behalf as we work together in the Lord.

In Christian love,
Nancy Hickerson



The Search

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

Jay Lockhart, Teacher

Sympathy

Wes Price spoke words of comfort to the family of Mrs. Frank (Jo) Cox at the graveside service on Monday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Funeral services were held this week in Tennessee for Mrs. Opal Grande, mother of sister James (Pat) Prichard. We express our sympathy to Pat and her family.

Funeral services were held on Monday in Pittsburg for the grandmother of Mrs. Phil (Linda) Marts. We share in their loss and express our sympathy to the family.

Automobile Accident

Sunday on the way home, Elvin and Bobbie Wilson and Aline Beard, who was riding with them, were involved in an automobile accident on West Front Street. Bobbie was taken to the hospital in an ambulance but later released. We are thankful none were seriously injured, but all suffered bruises and pain.

Thank You

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your many acts of love and concern during my recent loss. May God bless you.

Cullen Gilliam

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (19) Gussie Beaty, Juanita Lowry, Bob Center (20) Frances McBee James Prichard (21) Mary Paul (22) Katie Powell, Mac McCarty, Nicholas Goodson (23) Naomi Haden.

Sister Naomi Haden will be eighty nine on Thursday (the 23rd). She was able to attend the worship services every Sunday last year (usually the morning worship). We are thankful for sister Haden's health this past year and especially for her sweet smile.

HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



IMPORTANT TEACHERS MEETING SUNDAY - All West Erwin Bible class teachers are asked to be present for a meeting in the chapel at 5:00 p.m. This will be for all departments, adult, high school, middle, primary and pre-school. Please make every effort to be present. Our nursery will be open for those who have small children.

We have an important tradition in our society that I'm glad we have. We reach out and touch the lives of families in a special way when a member of that family passes away. We are commended by scripture to weep with those who weep, and the various ways we seek to do this gives us opportunities to touch families in a meaningful way. One important way is to be present, when we can, at memorial services. Nothing helps like seeing our brothers and sisters present for those services. I know from experience, and I cannot emphasize this too much.

It was my privilege and honor this week to conduct the grave-side service for one of the dearest saints I have known. Jo Cox was a sincere and dedicated Christian woman. I am most thankful for the privilege of being influenced by this gracious woman. Her influence will live on for generations in the lives of those she encouraged.

Our Teacher's Workroom in the education building now has a new laminating machine. I hope all of our teachers will find it helpful. If you need help in learning how to use it, let me know and I'll try to show you how.

I'm looking forward to the coming of brother George Bailey. He will be with us for our spring meeting, March 2 through 5. I hope all of the West Erwin family will reserve these dates and support this meeting. It would be an excellent time to invite neighbors and friends to be your guests. Why not plan to do that?

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
John 9:4

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Leon Welborn
Scripture Fred Powell
Dismiss Kevin Braly

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Dismiss Matt Haws

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Tony Adams Dale Blackstone

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Freeman & Billie Morgan

Ray & Carolyn Womack

Roy & Elaine Roberson

Roy & Chloe Clark

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 15 - TONY ADAMS, 566-1598.

Responses

Mrs. Opal Dunagan, a resident of Colonial Manor, 930 So. Baxter, placed membership with us last Sunday. She formerly worshipped with the Rocky Church of Christ near Big Sandy. She is the sister of Bernice Majors.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1986
by Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "A Remnant Saved By Grace"
(Romans 11:1-8)

6:00 P.M. "The Goodness And Severity of God"
(Romans 11:13-23)



Records

CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 5 \$9,122.50
Dec. 29 10,243.24
Year Ago 7,934.14

BIBLE SCHOOL

Jan. 5 355
Dec. 29 311
Year Ago 358

WORSHIP

Jan. 5 454
Dec. 29 384
Year Ago 463
Budget \$9,617.25

Ed Bullard

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (10) Stan Denman (11) Angel Carpenter (12) Earl Clucas, Kimberly Steffee, Clay Kirby (14) Roy Clark (16) Jim Willis (17) Pauline Daughtery, (18) Bernice Majors.

The Sick

A sister-in-law of Margaret Talley, Dell Hodges of Arlington, Texas, was buried this week. We express sympathy to the family.

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

First, plant four rows of peas

- Presence
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Perseverance

Next, plant three rows of squash

- Squash criticism
- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference

Then, plant five rows of lettuce

- Let us obey the rules and regulations

- Let us be true to all obligations
- Let us be faithful to duty
- Let us be loyal and unselfish
- Let us love one another

No garden is complete without turnips

- Turn up at meetings
- Turn up with a smile
- Turn up with new ideas
- Turn up with determination to make it count with something good and worthwhile

Contributed by Amie Roberts

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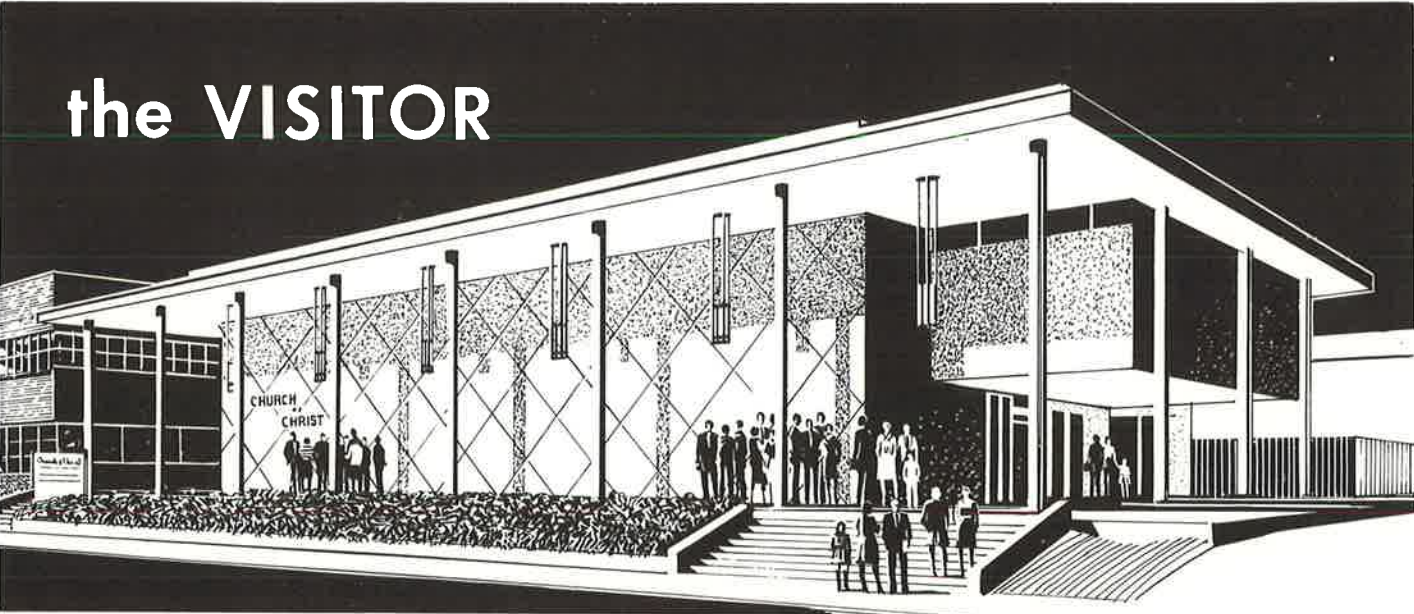
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"I will build my church" ... Matthew 16:18

The Church

Well, this Sunday is the day! It's the beginning of our new classes for Teens through Adults. For the next twelve weeks we will all be studying The New Testament Church. I am confident that you will find these classes be challenging and informative. We will be emphasizing some of the eternal truths you might expect in a study of the church. But there will probably be one or two surprises, especially when we answer a question like, "What are the implications of the church being the body of Christ?" Or, "Where do I fit in?" Or, "What are my obligations in the church's personality?" Choose your class and be present Sunday. The Teens will be with Hillard, the College group with John Bragg, the Young Marrieds with me, the Discussion groups in the Annex with their group leaders, the Auditorium Class with Ira Wilson, the Chapel Class with Wes, and Forest McFadden and Freeman Morgan with their classes upstairs over the south foyer. Sue Starnes and the Ladies' Class is already in a study of The Church. Don't miss a session. Be one of 400 Sunday shining from the Heart of Tyler.

The church of the New Testament is the Great Purpose of God. In Ephesians 3:10-11, Paul speaks of "the church...according to His eternal purpose." The church was in the mind of God from eternity. That fact alone speaks of the church's importance and demands our careful attention.

The church is also the Great Possession of Christ. He "gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25), and it was "purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). The price paid for and the ownership of the church speaks of its importance and worth.

Again, the church is the Great Privilege of Men. God purposed and Christ died that the church might be available in the world for man. Note these facts:

1. The saved are added to it (Acts 2:47).
2. Reconciliation is in it (Ephesians 2:16).
3. We are baptized into it (I Cor. 12:13).
4. Christ loves it and is the Saviour of it (Ephesians 5:23,25).
5. Christ is coming for it (Revelation 19:7-9).
6. We are to serve in it (Romans 12:4-8).
7. We glorify God in it (Ephesians 3:21).
8. It (church-EK, out of, KLESIS, a calling) is the people of God, called out of darkness, by the gospel, into the marvelous light (I Peter 2:9,10; 2 Thessalonians 2:14).

I just wonder if the church of the New Testament occupies the place of importance in our hearts and lives that it should. What do you think?

A Caring Church 1985 Report

The men and women who work in the local benevolent work of the church met each Tuesday, including the summer months, of 1985. The building is open to serve the community from 9:00 until 11:30 A.M. each Tuesday. Each week there is an average of 20 people (men and women) who serve in this ministry.

During the year 1985, 204 families, with an average of 3 to 4 members in each family, have been to the Benevolent Center for help. Clothing and in some cases, food certificates, have been distributed. \$4,762.20 used for local help included help with rent, utilities, motel rooms, home repair, school supplies and food certificates.

Items shipped to the Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa include: 7,683 hand rolled bandages, 26 sheets, 14 pr. pajamas and 262 diaper shirts made by the ladies. Miscellaneous items (soap, pins and needles, razor blades, powder, etc.) have also been sent to Chimala Mission. Also, 24 boxes of medicines in the amount of \$1,400 were sent. Postage in the amount of \$1,017.00 was used for benevolence.

Two boxes of children's clothing for Ecuador were packed and sent through the Broadway church here in Tyler.

Twelve boxes of clothing were sent to India.

\$10,000 went to Ethiopian relief through the West Erwin church in 1985, and \$23,710 went to Children's Homes and to Christian Services of East Texas.

If you know of a family that has been burned out, please contact Archie Lowry. He is now the Chairman for care of burned out victims.

A Special INVITATION

You Are Invited
To A Baby Shower
Honoring Kelly Jo Womack
Sunday Afternoon, January 12
Fellowship Hall

Hours 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
(Come and Go)

Directory List

The following list is of new members since the directory. Please add this list of names and addresses to your church directory.

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

Sam K. Barton
5207 Hollytree Dr. #421
Phone 561-4393

John and Nancy Bragg
728 Sutherland Dr.
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 534-1208

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

Luke Carpenter
3513 Glendale
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone 593-2007

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

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

Jay and Debbie Graham
1630 Susan Drive
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 581-6152

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

Ronson and Patricia Griffith
5207 Hollytree, #1223
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 581-6596

Jim and Allyson Hartt
5917 Holleytree Dr.
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 581-8214

Jimmy and Ruth Harris
Jason, Keven, Rahn
2314 McKenzie
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone 592-9870

Penny Hulsey
1926 Baker Drive
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 593-6196

Leroy and Betty Humphrey
Rt. 1, Box 82AA
Lindale, Texas 75771
Phone 882-9563

Grant and Leanne Knight
903 Creekside Dr.
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 534-1713

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

Michael Rhoades
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Tyler, Texas 75703
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Loyd and Carrie Dudge
431 Towne Oaks Apts.
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone 581-7829

Don and Patsy Slaughter
3914 Post Oak
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone 581-5309

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

Glibert and Lorene Venable
Rt. 11, Box 189 AA
Tyler, Texas

Mrs. Richard (Barbara) Valentine
Rt. 23, Box 1302
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 581-4559

Kevin and Kelly Womack
522 W. Rusk
Tyler, Texas 75701
Phone 597-2726

Jeremy Wiggains
8512 Auburn
Tyler, Texas 75703
Phone 597-6853

Scott Carruth
Rt. 15, Box 334
Tyler, Texas 75707
Phone 561-9684

Opal Dunagan
Colonial Manor
930 So. Baxter
Tyler, Texas 75701

Congratulations

Erin Lee Knight was born Wednesday, January 1 in Houston, Texas to Paul and Janice Knight. She weighed 9 lbs and 6 oz. The happy grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight.

Blanche Rountree has a new great-grandson, Justin Ryan Rountree, born January 2 in Houston.

Thank You

We would like to say thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and delicious cookies sent to us during the holidays. It was such a nice surprise. Also, we want to express our deepest appreciation for all the visits, kind deeds and words. Most of all we are grateful for all of your prayers offered during this past year. Weldon is much improved for which we are very thankful. Thank you again.

In Christian love,
Laverne Keith

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last week for Charles Graf on Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Services for Mary Ruth Gilliam were held on Sunday near Greenville, Texas.

We express our sympathy to each family in the loss of their dear loved ones.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Elders, Deacons, Preachers

Our elders, deacons and preachers are looking forward to a morning session on Saturday, January 11 with Harold Taylor. We urge all of these men to be present at 9:00 a.m. Saturday for this very important session. Meet in the fellowship hall.

HERE AND THERE



BY WES PRICE

Jay launched our new studies on The Church in an excellent way with our combined classes in the auditorium last Sunday. Without a doubt, this will be a very significant study as we seek to discover what the Bible has to say about the New Testament Church. I hope all of our members will make a diligent effort to be present for Bible study each Sunday during this quarter. You don't want to miss a single lesson.

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Now that the new year is off and running, it is time to get down to serious business and get on with the work of the church. The holiday season put a dent in activities that are directly related to the various church programs. The uppermost thing in my mind now is to encourage all of our family members to take a look at your attendance in our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes. A glance at the statistics board in the foyer will tell you why I'm concerned. There is a much larger gap between Bible study attendance and worship attendance than should be. I know that it will take more than just mentioning this to get at the solution but it is worthy of being mentioned. Every member of this church needs to be present for Bible study when the opportunities are presented. It is too urgent a matter just to pass it off lightly. Spiritual survival is dependent on a growing knowledge of God's Word. I am sure that many of you take time daily to study, but we need the additional challenge of meeting with other brothers and sisters to study. And our children - we must not only see that they have a steady diet of Bible study, but we need to be setting the proper example before them. What kind of impression do you think they receive when they see parents put higher priorities on less important things of this world?

Praise God for those of our family who long ago established the good habit of regular attendance. As one grows older, these habits only intensify. One of the most frequent comments I hear from those who are physically no longer able to attend is, "I'm looking forward to the time when I can go back to Bible study and worship."

Serving

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Jim Usrey Dec. 29 \$10,243.24
 Prayer Lane Akin Dec. 22 8,740.28
 Scripture Jim Hartt Year Ago 13,282.87
 Dismiss Leroy Humphrey BIBLE SCHOOL

EVENING WORSHIP

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 Prayer Ron Lott Year Ago 348
 Scripture Wally Dawkins 315

Dismiss Kevin Womack Dec. 29/a.m. 384

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Tony Adams Dale Blackstone Ed Bullard

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Alan & Patsy Fisher Morris & Cathy Hallman

Ed & Delle Bullard Chas & Billie Bob Hickman

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 5 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, MORRIS HALLMAN, 595-0018.

Responses

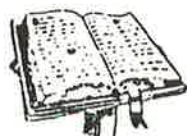
Leroy and Betty Humphrey came Sunday, December 22, to place membership. Formerly they worshipped with the Candelight Church of Christ in Houston. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 82 AA, Lindale, Texas 75771, telephone 882-9563. We are happy to welcome them to West Erwin.

On Wednesday evening, December 25th Scott Caruth was baptized by his dad. It was also his 12th birthday. We rejoice with Scott and his family.

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Sermon Subjects



SUNDAY, Jan. 5, 1986
 By Jay Lockhart
 10:30 A.M. "Zeal and Knowledge"
 (Romans 10:1-4)
 6:00 P.M. "Is What We Believe
 Important?"
 (Romans 10:5-13)

Thank You

Thank you so much for the calls, cards, visits, and especially your prayers during my stay in the hospital and since coming home. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

In Christian love,
 Bernie & Vera Beard

Thank you for the miscellaneous gifts you sent to the children for Christmas. They were helpful to us in trying to see that each child receives a nice Christmas.

We appreciate so very much people like you who are thoughtful of Boles Home. It helps us continue our work of serving needy children.

Boles Home
 Quinlan, Texas

The Sick

We have a number of shutins who need your prayers and visits.

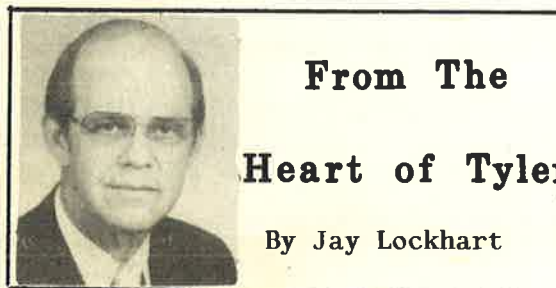
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

*"Decently and in order"
 1 Corinthians 14:40*

The King's Business

David said, "The king's business required haste," or "the king's matter was urgent" (I Samuel 21:8). You and I are engaged in the King's business, or the King's matters, and because God's work is our work, it deserves our best effort. There is an urgency about the King's business. Since the church is involved in God's work, we want what we do to be done in "an orderly manner." That's the reason we have a church budget. We want to plan our work of teaching and preaching, helping those in need, and building up the body of Christ, and then work our plan in an orderly fashion. A church budget is an orderly way to designate the work we want to do and to readily see what financial obligations we incur in performing our planned work. A church budget needs to be challenging, but reasonably attainable. That's exactly what we have for the coming year. Our budget is a challenging \$500,000 for the year; but, with the resources God has placed in our hands, it is attainable. I hope each of us will prayerfully consider our blessings and that we will truly give according to our prosperity...not simply to meet budgets, but to do the greatest work in the world--the King's business.

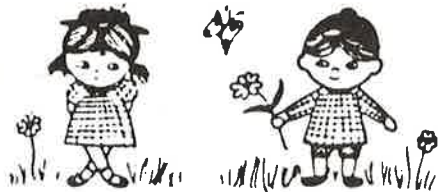
With the beginning of a new year we begin an exciting new study for all teens and adults on The New Testament Church. This study will be designed to take an indepth look at the church in the purpose of God and the implications arising from the fact that the church is the people of God in a watching world. It will be my privilege on Wednesday evenings to lead the teachers of our classes in a study of the material which they will present on the following Sunday. We are anticipating some significant studies together. If you are not currently enrolled in one of our classes, this Sunday would be a great time to begin. A new year is a new beginning...a clean slate. What will you do with it? Set your priorities and be in Bible class and worship regularly this year.

Remembrances

Each year during the holiday season the church provides a gift of a beautiful poinsettia plant to each one of our members in the nursing homes and to shutins. The ladies who work in the benevolent program of the church provide boxes of cookies that are delivered along with the flowers. The deliveries, coordinated by Ray Womack, were made by a number of men on December 21st to the following:

Maudie Brown, Dovie Norsworthy, Robert & Edythe Trentham, Wyche Harris, Gladys Holcomb, Arthur Lane, Mary Locke, Lois Hoppers, Ola Dunwoody, Vannie Lee, Zorado Sherman, Cora Hughes, Rozener Strait, Beulah Bedford, Lillie Knight, Ruby Teel, Katie Heath, Lilla Tigert, Ella Mae Grayson, Annie McDonald, Naomi Haden, Clara Riley, Audie Grier, Frances Atkins, Ann Layton, Jim & Bessie Willis, Blanche Rountree, Gwen Shuford, M.B. & Vera Beard, James & Mildred Massey, Amie Roberts, Earnesene Shuford, Bill & Elizabeth Endsley, Aline Beard, Stella Buckner, Henry Starnes, Tommie & Moselle White, B. E. & Grace Walker, Weldon Keith, George & Sibyl Neyman.

Individual names are listed in lieu of thank you notes because of space.



ARE YOUR CHILDREN IN BIBLE SCHOOL?
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY

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

Let's Emphasize

Wednesday Night!

Classes For All Ages
7:30 P.M.



THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning
KLTV - Channel 7
Jay Lockhart, Minister



Invite your friends to watch!

The Challenge

It is the beginning of a new year, and a perfect time to commit yourself to The Challenge given by Jay Lockhart in September. Or, perhaps you began your commitment then and need to be reminded again.

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.

Classes

Ladies' Bible Class will meet next week, January 8, 1986 in the Chapel. Wes Price will be teaching. All women who do not work away from home are encouraged to be present. Your influence for good can be powerful.

Tuesday School will resume Tuesday, January 14th.

New Grandson

Ross John Cox, Jr., new grandson of Bob and Rebecca Center, was born in Lufkin, Texas to Ross John and Rosemary Cox on December 23. He weighed 6 lbs and 15 oz. They live in Livingston, Texas.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Penny McDonald and her family in the sudden death of her brother, Lee Psencils. Funeral services were conducted on Monday in Temple, Texas.

Happy Birthday

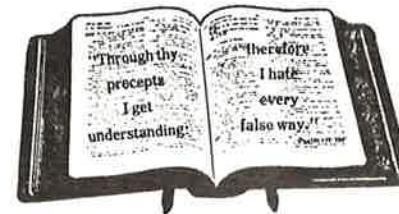
DECEMBER (29) Margaret Talley (30) Jane Johnson (31) Vera Beard JANUARY (3) Elaine Roberson (4) Pat McCarley (5) Julienne Butler, Hazel Morgan (6) Jan Knight, Nell Wright (7) Lamern Bailey.

Daily Bible Reading

We want to renew our challenge to everyone in the West Erwin family to join me in reading the Bible on a daily basis. A schedule is printed below for this purpose. It will be provided monthly so that you may read the entire Bible during the course of this year. Whatever else you do with your time, nothing is more valuable than this.

BIBLE READING CHART FOR JANUARY

1.	Genesis	1- 2	John	1
2.	Genesis	3- 4	Matthew	1
3.	Genesis	5- 6	Matthew	2
4.	Genesis	7- 8	Matthew	3
5.	Genesis	9-10	Matthew	4
6.	Genesis	11-12	Matthew	5
7.	Genesis	13-14	Matthew	6
8.	Genesis	15-16	Matthew	7
9.	Genesis	17-18	Matthew	8
10.	Genesis	19-20	Matthew	9
11.	Genesis	21-22	Matthew	10
12.	Genesis	23-24	Matthew	11
13.	Genesis	25-26	Matthew	12
14.	Genesis	27-28	Matthew	13
15.	Genesis	29-30	Matthew	14
16.	Genesis	31-32	Matthew	15
17.	Genesis	33-34	Matthew	16
18.	Genesis	35-36	Matthew	17
19.	Genesis	37-38	Matthew	18
20.	Genesis	39-40	Matthew	19
21.	Genesis	41-42	Matthew	20
22.	Genesis	43-44	Matthew	21
23.	Genesis	45-46	Matthew	22
24.	Genesis	47-48	Matthew	23
25.	Genesis	49-50	Matthew	24
26.	Exodus	1- 2	Matthew	25
27.	Exodus	3- 4	Matthew	26
28.	Exodus	5- 6	Matthew	27
29.	Exodus	7- 8	Matthew	28
30.	Exodus	9-10	Mark	1
31.	Exodus	11-12	Mark	2



HERE AND THERE

BY WES PRICE



Welcome to 1986! Whether we are ready for it or not, it's here and with it a host of new opportunities and responsibilities. As we seriously consider all that is before us, let's not bemoan the year passed or pine over what might have been. Personally, it is a joy to make a new beginning to resolve to work harder on things that really are worth while and look forward to new challenges. Look at your life, examine it carefully and surely you will find new possibilities that you never dreamed were possible. Take hold of them, give your best to them and God will reward you for it. Live life to the fullest, but make sure that what challenges your time the most is that which will reap the most enduring rewards. Live as though you are preparing to live for ever for whether we think much about it, that is exactly the truth. How you live now determines whether you will live forever with God! Think about it!

Jay Lockhart will open our new adult series on The Church with a combined class of all high school, college, and adult classes in the auditorium this coming Sunday. The following weeks through this quarter these classes will meet as usual with the exception of the following changes, Hillard Hughes will be teaching a combined high school class (grades 9 - 12) for this quarter, Freeman Morgan will resume his teaching role in Adult 8, and I will have the privilege of teaching this important series in the Chapel Class. We are indebted to Jack Paul for teaching Freeman Morgan's class during this past quarter and to Roger Knight for being Jack's substitute.

In a time when there is danger that the Lord's church may lose its identity as the New Testament church, it is imperative that the members of that body be fully aware of the scriptures that teach concerning that organization. We urge all of our members to be present for every Sunday of this study. The strength and growth of the church will certainly be increased as we learn from God's Word.

Your Example Is Powerful Beyond Measure