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| Vol 17 | December 31, 1987 | Number 50 | |
| Records | Sunday Dec. 27 | Sunday Dec. 20 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 365 | 443 | 373 |
| Worship/A.M. | 437 | 578 | 473 |
| Worship/P.M. | 300 | 418 | 313 |
| Wed. Eve. | 211 | 261 | 196 |
| Contributions | \$8,366.16 | \$11,582.16 | \$10,193.87 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 3 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 6 - WALTER FARRER, 597-3397.

The Sick

Brother John Brem is scheduled to undergo surgery on Tuesday of next week.

Critic or Doer?

"The Galleries are full of critics.
They play no ball.
They fight no fights.
They make no mistakes,
because they attempt nothing.
Down in the arena are the doers,
They make mistakes because
they attempt many things.
The person who makes no mistakes
lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure.
He is the one who never, never
tries anything new.
He is the brake on the wheel of progress.
The very fact that he tries nothing,
takes no chances,
does nothing except criticise those
who try, is perhaps,
the biggest possible error in a lifetime."
-Papyrus

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| Jay Lockhart-Pulpit | |
| Wes Price-Associate | David Lovejoy-Youth |
| Harold Taylor-Mission | |
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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Joe Carroll
 Scripture Jay Paul Lockhart
 Dismiss Cole Bennett

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Gary Broome
 Scripture Jeff Jones
 Dismiss Kelly Ross

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Gary Ables John Bragg
 Kevin Braly Dale Blackstone

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER
 John Brem Tommy Brown
 Roy Clark Angel Cabrera

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 George and Dorothy Daugherty
 Robert and Ila McLemee
 Bob and May Helen May
 Bill and Ruth Meazell

Sympathy

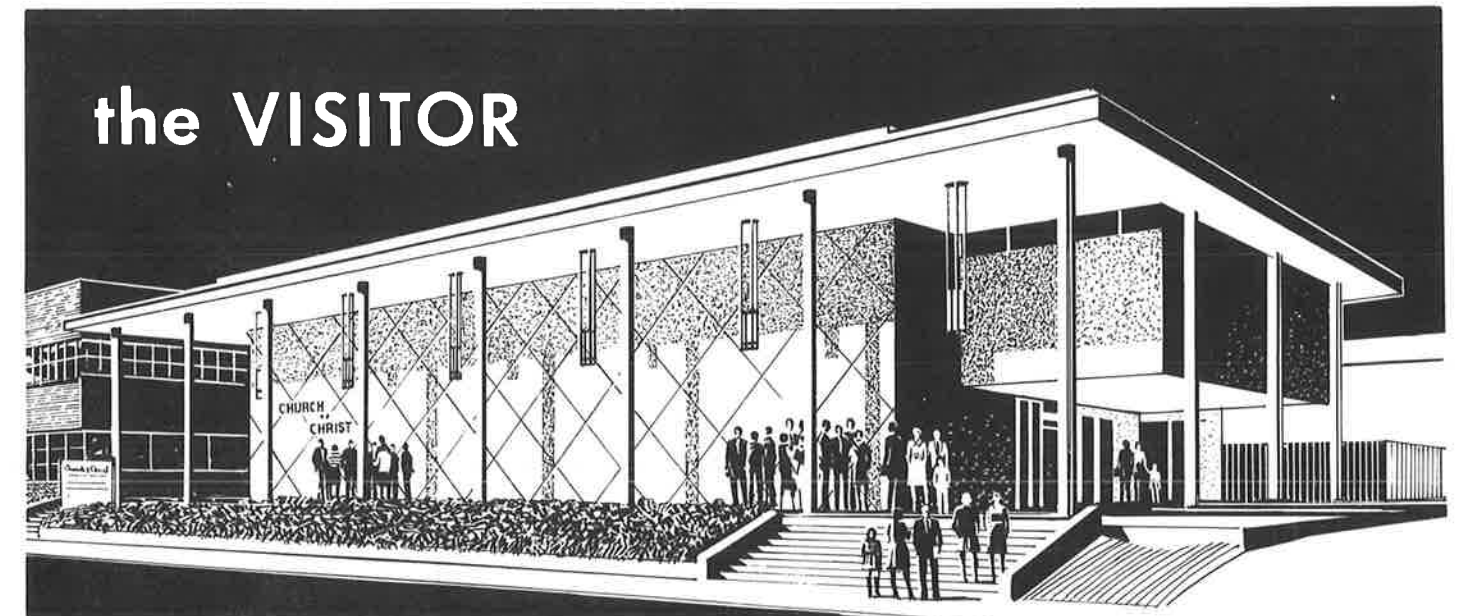
Funeral services were held Thursday at the Murray-Orwasky funeral home in Sulphur Springs for C. J. Richey, brother of Foy Richey. We extend our sympathy to Foy and Mary and their family.

Thank You

Dear Friends,
 Your spray of red carnations was lovely and deeply appreciated. Lois May will be pleased to know that her church family was thinking of her at this time.

The Hoppers Family

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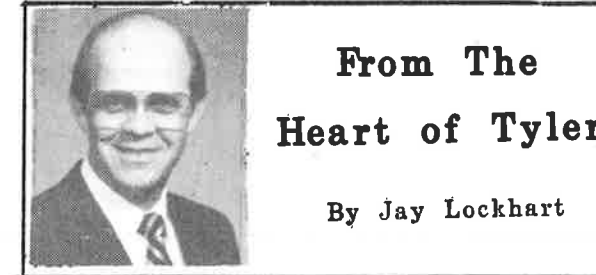
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

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

The Least Favorite Sunday

It has been said that you can't go home again. In one sense this is correct. You cannot go back to your childhood, or to your home town as it was in other years, or to the world of thirty years ago. However, in another sense you can go back to your roots, to people you knew long ago, to where you grew up. Things are different ...and the same, changed...and unchanged. In this latter sense I have been home again! My family and I spent three days last week in West Virginia, in Parkersburg at my parents home. It was back to the house where we moved when I was twelve. It was back to the church where I grew up, where I was baptized, where I made my first talk. A beautiful new building has replaced the little brick building on the corner, many former members are gone and many others have come, but in many ways it is the same. The old Southside church, now Camden Avenue, has grown to be the largest in the Ohio Valley. It was a joy to be with this church and its faithful, well-loved and capable preacher, Tom Miller, and to preach on Wednesday evening. I went home again...It was good.

The first day of the week is a special time for all Christians. On this day our Lord was raised from the dead; on this day the church began; on this day the first century church regularly met. In the 20th century the church comes together upon the first day of the week to study, to pray, to teach, to give, and to remember Jesus in the Supper. When we worship in spirit and in truth, we glorify God and get from these assemblies what God desires. The faithful Christian looks forward to these periods of worship and participates in them regularly. However, of all the Sundays of the year, the least favorite for many Christians is that day which is called "Budget Sunday." That's the day when the church budget for the new year is announced with its columns and numbers. There is another way to think of budgets. Budgets represent our work, our goals, our dreams...people. This Sunday is the day--Budget Sunday! Hopefully it will be an exciting day. We will not deal so much with numbers as with people...real people, who are made in God's image, who are living souls, who are the objects of God's love, for whom Christ died, and our work of going "unto the uttermost part of the earth." So it's "People Sunday." I am looking forward to it and hope you will too. See you Sunday!

JPL

Holiday Remembrances

Calls and notes of thanks have been coming into the office from those who received fruit or poinsettias during the holidays. Because of the number, individual notes will not be printed. The following received flowers/fruit: Edythe Trentham, Gladys Holcomb, Mary Locke, Ruby Teel, Zorado Sherman, Ella Mae Grayson, Fulsome Revill, Edna Warren, Iva Mae Lambert, Dorsey Martin, Stella Buckner, Ethel Parker, Lois Hoppers, Bernice Andrews, Frances Atkins, Aline Beard, M.B. and Vera Beard, Beulah Bedford, Thelma Bennett, Vera Boss, Mary Butler, Vivie Canter, Kathleen Carroll, Mozelle Cash, Lillian Colbert, Zona Crone, Pauline Daughtry, Marikate Davis, Ruth Dobbs, Bill and Elizabeth Endsley, Audie Grier, Naomi Haden, Clara Haynes, Katie Heath, Janie Hicks, Cora Hughes, Weldon and Laverne Keith, Pauline Kennedy, Lillie Knight, Arthur Lane, Ann Layton, James and Mildred Massey, Jewell McCoy, Annie McDonald, Leona McElroy, Jo Northcutt, Clara Riley, Amie Roberts, Loyd and Carrie Rutledge, Earnesene Shuford, Gwen Shuford, Jessie Smith, Henry Starnes, Rozener Strait, Margaret Talley, B. E. & Grace Walker, Ross Walker, Frances & Jean Walters, Moselle White, Homer & Lerah Williamson, Jim & Bessie Willis, Ira & Lola Wright, Doc Wright, and George and Sibyl Neyman



ONE SOLITARY LIFE

"He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. Until He was thirty He worked in a carpenter shop, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He wrote no books. He held no office. He never owned a home. He was never in a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompanies greatness.

The authorities condemned His teachings. His friends deserted Him. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He owned on earth - His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, yet today He is the crowning glory of the human race, the adored leader of millions of the earth's inhabitants.

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the rulers that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth so profoundly as has that One Solitary Life!"

Phillips Brooks



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December 15, 1987

The end of the month will mean that Sharon and I have been serving the Lord in this place for nine years. It is a great thrill to think of all the hundreds that have become Christians through your support. There is satisfaction in the thousands that have studied the Bible for the first time and those who went away with a knowledge of our language and our Lord.

Last Friday Lori Brawner was immersed into Christ. Several of our students are reaching a decision about the gospel right now.

We are very excited to be interviewing for an additional full time worker at International Mission. Laura Moreira will be staying home with her young son for a while and Michele and Lindy have other plans for 1988. Frank and Pablo and I will be holding the fort until we can get the right person to help us. I will be teaching the beginners for the first time. We will be offering classes in Mark, Luke, John and Romans for all levels of English learners.

There have been two inquiries about International Mission type English classes this month. Brother James Young in Arlington is coming to study our program and the church in Lawrence, Kansas is interested in starting a program for foreign students at the college.

The present semester will end on December 17th and we will begin again on January 4. Our ethnic newspaper ads are going out so we can expect a large enrollment in the new year. The Mission has come a long way from the two students I began with at the World Trade Center in January of 1979.

We are very blessed that you have made it possible for us to serve here. Please accept my sincere thanks to God and you for making this place in the Body for me.

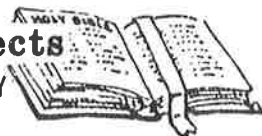
Alan Phillips, Director

New Member

We welcome Scott Warren as a member of the West Erwin Church family. His address is 528 So. Saunders, #30 (75702). He is employed at Woodcreek Nursing Home.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
By Jay Lockhart
A.M. People In The People Business
(Ephesians 3:1-11)
P.M. Are We Big Enough To Be Big?
(Acts 2:36-41)



Moving

Lane Akin, one of our deacons, is scheduled to begin his work as a Texas Ranger on January 1. He and Kay and the children, Tyson and Casey, will be moving to Columbia, Texas. Lane and Kay have both been active in the teaching program of the church. We are going to miss this family very much, but we extend our best wishes to them for much happiness in their new home.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,
Thank you for the beautiful pink carnations. Thank you for the many ways you showed empathy and love during Mother's lengthy illness and the days following her recent death. Stuart, Jenifer and I will continue to hold a special place in our hearts for you. May God continue to bless your lives and expand our church in Tyler. You are special to us. Cordially,
Billie, Stuart, Jenifer Frazier

Funeral

We extend our sympathy to Tim and Pam Doss in the death of Tim's grandfather last week. Funeral services were in Brownwood, Texas.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (4) Pat McCarley, Clara Haynes (5) Hazel Morgan, Tarra O'pepper, Julianne Butler (6) Jan Knight, Edna Hodnett, Jimmie Philpot (7) Lamern Bailey (9) Nancy McCoy.



25 Years Ago

1962

December 27, 1962

An article appeared in The Visitor written by Tom Jones concerning the good start in re-building the church library.

Ladies were encouraged to begin the new year with an attendance of at least seventy five in Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class.

Here and There

by Wes Price



When you really stop and reflect on it, the closing of a year is a very sobering thing. We see the end of yet another chapter in our lives and the awesome beginning of a new one. Many would just as soon spend all the time in revelry and avoid sober thinking that would cause us to be aware of our responsibility and sometimes our failures. Perhaps it is too painful to reflect, but a prudent and wise person will do just that. We certainly don't suggest that a look back at the past year be made to glory in past triumphs or to despair over grievous errors. But these reflections can help us set our sights on new and higher goals. If we don't reflect, then we are destined to repeat past failures. Spend time as you close this year to prepare yourself for greater spiritual effort in the new year. We do have so much to be thankful for both in the material blessings as well as the spiritual. All of this comes from God. To Him be the glory.

Let us:

Like Abraham, TRUST implicitly in God.
Like Paul, FORGET those things which are behind.
Like Enoch, WALK in daily fellowship with the Father.
Like Job, be PERSEVERING under all circumstances.
Like Isaiah, CONSECRATE ourselves to do God's work.
Like Andrew, STRIVE to lead someone to Christ.
Like Stephen, manifest a FORGIVING spirit.
Like Timothy, STUDY the Word of God.
And like our Lord, OVERCOME the world for God.
* * * * *

The Price family expresses our most profound gratitude for the gracious opportunity this church has provided us in our ministry among you. We look forward with joy to the new year and the experiences it will bring as we seek, by your support and prayers, to enter upon a greater level of service. Thank you for your generosity in gifts, prayers and encouragement. In ways too numerous to mention, we give thanks to God for you. Keep us always in your prayers.



"TRAIN up a child in the way he should go - and go with him!"



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| Vol. 17 | December 16, 1987 | Number 49 | |
| Records | Sunday Dec. 13 | Sunday Dec. 6 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 443 | 409 | 373 |
| Worship/A.M. | 515 | 474 | 473 |
| Worship/P.M. | 412 | 335 | 313 |
| Wed. Eve. | 294 | 280 | 196 |
| Contributions | \$36,930.34 | \$10,166.74 | \$10,193.87 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 20, and Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, Clinton Culpepper, 877-3956.

And The Lord Added. . .

MEMBERSHIP

Hugh and Ellen Brown and their son, Steve came Wednesday evening to place membership. They also have a younger son, Scott. Their address is 1026 So. Azalea, telephone 595-5437. They came to Tyler from the Hebron Parkway church in Carrollton, Texas.

Kelly and Jeannie Ross and baby boy, Kyle came Sunday to place membership. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 246, Troup, Texas, Telephone 839-4888. They recently moved here from Abilene where they were members of the Southern Hills Church of Christ. Jeannie is the daughter of David and Wanda Frick.

RESTORED AND MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Tracy (Shauna) Hanna, 1628 Susan, telephone 561-8548, came Sunday to be restored and place membership. Her baby daughter is named Kayla. Shauna is the daughter of Barbara Graves.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

I have made many mistakes in my life. I would like to ask God's forgiveness, and also would like your prayers as I complete life's journey.
Elva Williams

Serving Sunday

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| MORNING WORSHIP | |
| Announcements | Roger Knight |
| Prayer | Glynn Starnes |
| Scripture | Joe Carroll |
| Dismiss | Chris Honeycutt |
| EVENING WORSHIP | |
| Announcements | Roger Knight |
| Prayer | Chuck Cauthen |
| Scripture | David Lovejoy |
| Dismiss | Wyndall Miller |
| SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER | |
| Jay Graham | Wayne Harrison |
| Tim Doss | Melvin Maples |
| SERVING FROM BACK FOYER | |
| Henry McRuiz | Kyle McRuiz |
| Morris Hallman | Tom Williams |
| GREETERS FOR SUNDAY | |
| Harold and Shirley Denman | |
| Mark and Angel Gregory | |
| Forest and Mary McFadden | |
| Faber and Kathryn Cauthen | |

Funerals

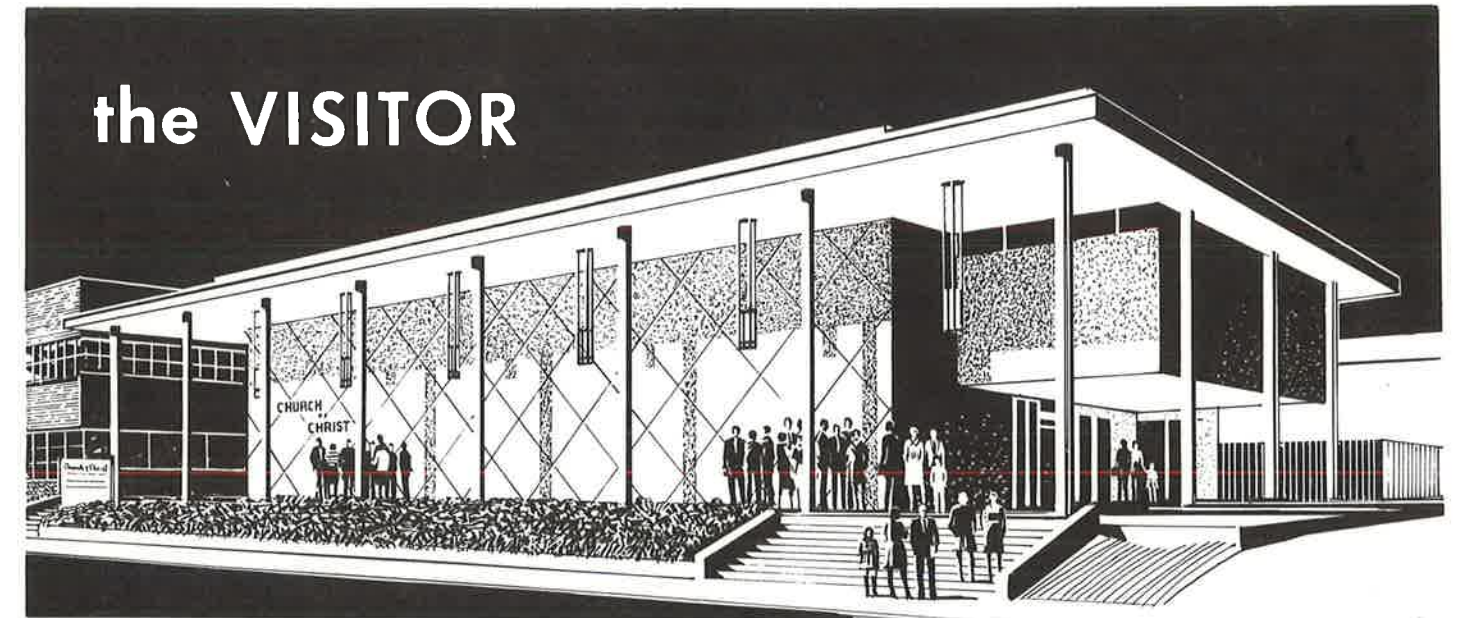
Funeral services were held Thursday in Baytown for L. D. Hoppers, formerly of Tyler. He was a brother of Lois May Hoppers and a cousin to Nelda Browning. Lois recently moved to the Palestine Nursing Center to be near her brother who lives in Palestine.

Funeral services were held last week for Ben Sutton, brother-in-law of Ruth Dobbs.

We express our sympathy to each family.

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Guest Speaker

December 27

We look forward to having brother George Tipps as our guest speaker on Sunday, December 27 while brother Jay Lockhart is out of town.

Brother Tipps is an elder for the White Rock congregation in Dallas and serves at the Christian Care Center in Development. He retired in 1985 from local work, but conducts several meetings each year, in addition to special appointments such as this one for us.

For more than 15 years brother Tipps has served on the Development Council at Harding University, his Alma Mater. He has taught in four of our Christian colleges and was one of the founders of Fort Worth Christian School.

After 51 years of preaching, it is now the desire of brother Tipps to have a useful ministry in the written word, as well as in preaching.

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes
--- for a Happy New Year

From

The Staff & Their Families

Jay & Arlene Lockhart
Wes & Alma Faye Price
David & Kathy Lovejoy
Harold & Nelda Browning
Joe & Frances McBee
Bill & Jo Butler
James & Frances Phillips



Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

It was good to see our College, High School and Middle School age young people sitting at the front Sunday! Each one of you serves as an example to others by doing this each time we meet. Keep up the good work and you will be blessed in doing so.

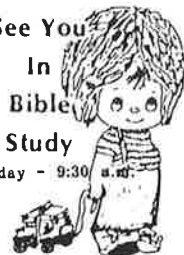
Thanks to the parents, singers, decorators and everyone who made the Sunday night activities possible. The turnout was great with visitors and many who have not been coming. Let's continue to encourage one another to be present for classes and other youth activities. May each one of you grow to love God more in the coming year and strive to serve Him in all you do.

In the past few months we have had ten teenagers become Christians. We all rejoice in their baptism and dedicating their lives to God. Each of us need to continue to help them as they learn more from God's Word about what He expects them to do. As the seed is planted in hearts searching for God, others will be baptized in the coming years. Jay Lockhart and our teachers are doing an excellent job of teaching. Pray for them that they will continue, and God will give the increase.

Upcoming in January

- January 3 - High School
- January 10- Middle School
- January 17 - Combined
- January 22/23 - High School
Retreat at SkyRanch

See You
In
Bible
Study
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.



Hugh & Ellen Brown & Scott



Kelly & Jeanie Ross & Kyle



David & Kathy Lovejoy & Jarrod



Joe & Leasa Zeppa & Ashley

**For Your
Directory**



Shauna Hanna & Kayla



YOU ARE INVITED TO WATCH
Holiday Specials
THE SEARCH With
Jay Lockhart
"God Was Manifested In The Flesh"
December 18 - 7:00 P.M.
&
December 24 - 10:00 P.M.
KLTV - Channel 7, Tyler, Texas

Special Contribution

You are to be commended for the excellent contributions last Sunday. The total of \$36,930.34 was given and it is especially significant when we remember that you have already given over \$32,000 in special contributions this year. Thanks to all who participated.

The Elders

Year End Singing

The Year End Singing, December 30, will be held at the Glenwood Church this year. You are invited to attend, but we will be having our regular classes at West Erwin.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted by Wes Price for sister W. D. (Josie) Metcalf on Wednesday at Burks/Walker Funeral Home. Sister Metcalf, a former member of the West Erwin church, passed away in Reno, Nevada. We extend our sympathy to her daughter, Mrs. Harry (Evelyn) Rodieck and other members of the family.

No Bulletin Next Week

In keeping with the postal regulations for our permit, we will not publish THE VISITOR next week.



25 Years Ago
1962

December 20, 1987

Mike Warner, student at Abilene Christian College preached Sunday evening.

On Sunday the class of Tom Jones and Tom Holland was 100% in attendance.

The contribution for December 16 was \$3,807.74. A commendation to the congregation was written by brother Dean Brookshire.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Jay's Wednesday night series on the family will be continuing into January. We commend it especially to our young married couples. Since it is being video taped, it is possible for you to see any lesson that you may have missed. If you would like to check out one of the previous lessons, let me know and I will have it available for you from our library of video tapes.

The holiday season is upon us and we realize that many of you will be traveling during the closing two weeks of the year. We hope that you have safe journeys wherever you travel. Don't forget to include worship in your busy activities where ever you go.

We are very grateful for the new members who are coming our way. They will add greatly to the working force. Keep your eye out for these new ones and help us make them feel welcome and needed. Don't worry if you introduce yourself to someone new only to find that you had met them before. It still shows your interest. Every member should feel personally responsible for good public relation activities when we are at the building.

Since there will be no bulletin next week, we need to remind you now that there will be no classes on Wednesday night, December 23. We will meet for worship in the auditorium. We urge all of our families to be present for this year end Wednesday evening, December 30 when we will resume regular classes.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY December (19) James Massey, (20) James Phillips, Marshall Phillips, Rex Johnson (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Williams, Billie Morgan, Pat Ragsdale, Tim Doss, Tammy Starnes (22) Erica Smith (23) Tom Williams, Claude Sessions (24) Henry McRuiz (25) Sherry Munn, Scott Carruth (28) Randy Pickens, Jennifer Lemons, Wanda Weathers (29) Margaret Talley, Jay Culpepper, JoAnn Hancock (30) Jeff Jones, Jane Johnson (31) Anna Braly, Alex Braly

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| Bible School | 409 (rain storm) | 459 | 410 |
| Worship/A.M. | 474 | 591 | 475 |
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| Wed. Eve. | 280 | 267 | 233 |
| Contributions | \$10,166.74 | \$10,981.00 | \$9,120.90 |

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SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Morning Worship | | Evening Worship | |
| Welcome | Fred Powell | Welcome | Fred Powell |
| Prayer | Dale Blackstone | Prayer | Dick Higginbotham |
| Scripture | Bob May | Scripture | John Steffee |
| Dismiss | Ed Hunt | Dismiss | Farrel Whitley |

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| From The Front | | Back Foyer | |
| Randy Pickens | Tony Adams | Marc Philpot | Scott Baker |
| Joe Zeppa | Mark Morris | Scott Rachui | John Meazell |

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Leon & Carolyn Welborn | Ferman & Lucille Carpenter |
| Hillard & Jeanine Hughes | Ed & Margie Hunt |

Special Contribution

Sunday, December 13



- (1) A Mission contingency fund.
- (2) Debt retirement on the maintenance work done this year in our Fellowship/Benevolent building.
- (3) Further expansion of THE SEARCH.

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Jay Lockhart-Pulpit
Wes Price-Associate David Lovejoy-Youth
Harold Taylor-Mission

ELDERS

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Congratulations

We extend congratulations to Leona McElroy who was honored Tuesday by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has been named Honorary Regent For Life by the Mary Tyler Chapter of the D.A.R., and was presented with an engraved silver tray.

Sister McElroy is an example of a Christian lady who continues to touch people's lives with good works through all areas of her life.

The Sick

Sister Don (Patsy) Slaughter had back surgery on Tuesday afternoon in Medical Center Hospital.

Tuesday morning Cindy Galletly, daughter of Joe and Frances McBee had surgery in Mother Frances.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sermon Subjects



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "Do Not Love The World"

I John 2:15-17

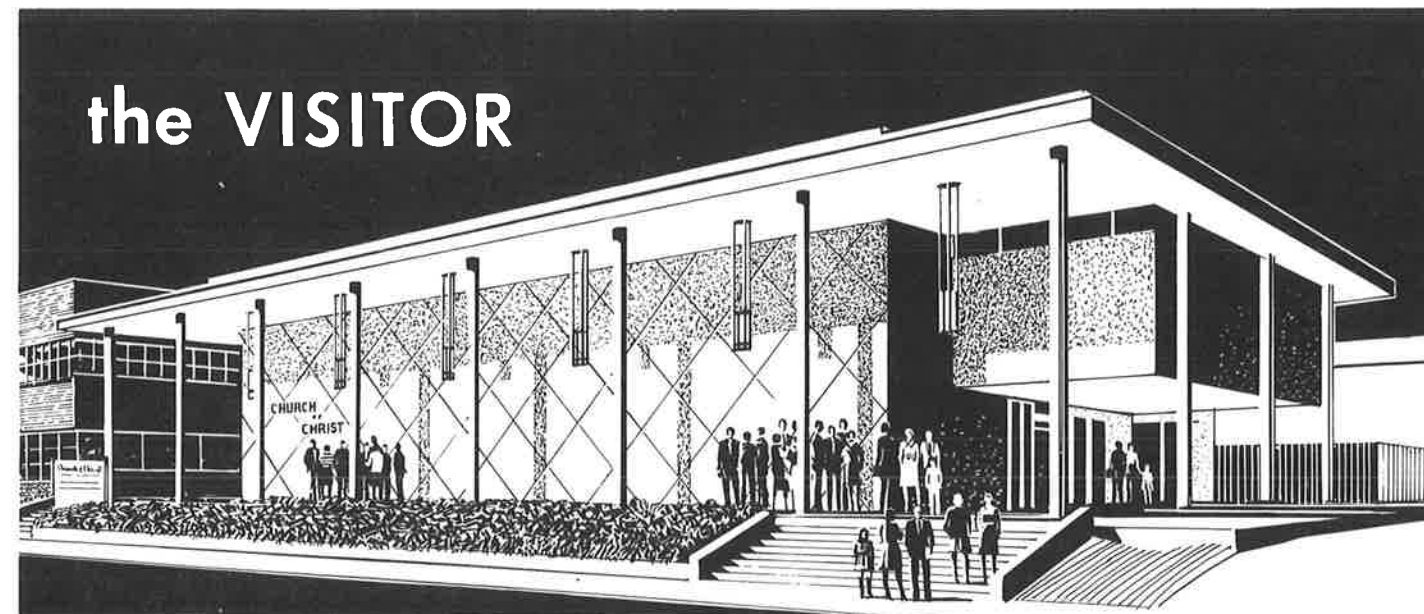
6:00 P.M. "The Christian Faces

Anti Christ"

I John 2:18-29

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

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23
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"They rehearsed all things that God had done with them."
--Acts 15:4

What God Has Done

This past Tuesday evening the elders, deacons, and preachers met for their regular monthly dinner meeting and it was observed that 1987 has perhaps been the very best ever for the West Erwin church. We certainly know that it has been a great year for us. We have enjoyed wonderful growth, the church is at peace and is happy, and a greater percentage of our people are actively involved in the work of the church than ever before. Our attendance and contributions are continually on the rise, an excellent barometer for what's happening with us. We owe a debt of gratitude for service "beyond the call" to so many folks. Allow me to be more specific. Our elders are providing conscientious leadership, our deacons are seeking to be real servants, Louis Jones is providing capable deacon chairmanship, Sam Bailey, Les Carruth and others are spending countless hours in producing our television series, Modena Jones and her crew are working hard in the benevolence center, Matt Haws is serving quietly but effectively as chairman of our buildings and grounds committee, Nelda Browning, Frances McBee and Jo Butler make the office run

smoothly, James Phillips works efficiently as our custodian, affectionately known as our Minister of Mess, the women who cook each Tuesday for the elderly and shutins serve so well, and Fleta Butler coordinates in a wonderful way our nursery facilities. What more could I say about our teachers, greeters, Brother's Keeper, visitation teams, and all of those who faithfully serve and worship and provide the famous atmosphere of joy and friendliness that makes this church exceptional in countless ways. Thank you for caring, for ministering, and for growing. Thus far this year we have had 135 responses, including 37 baptisms, 22 responding for prayer or restoration, and 76 placing membership. In attendance we have averaged 430 in Bible study, 533 in Sunday morning worship, 375 on Sunday night, 270 on Wednesday (with all services on an overall increase), and we have averaged \$10,349 a week in contributions plus over \$32,000 in special contributions, not counting the special contribution we will give this Sunday. God bless you as we continue with Him and for Him!

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

The news media is filled with stories of people helping those who are in need. It is wonderful that people's needs are being met. We need to help people with whatever resources available to us. Our physical needs should be met, but also, equally important, are our spiritual needs. God promises us that He will take care of us if we obey His Word and trust Him. Many people are concerned about one another during this time of the year, but the challenge before us is to be concerned about one another each and every day. Let us open our eyes and hearts to others and not only help them with their physical needs, but have the boldness and confidence to share the gospel also. May God continue to be with each one of you.

Remember The Christmas party for the Middle and High School students and their guests will be, December 13 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. This will be at the Fellowship building. See you Sunday.



Potpourri

IN APPRECIATION

Brothers and sister of the Erwin St. Church of Christ, thank you for your prayers and cards. There is satisfaction in knowing that Christian brothers and sisters care, and of having a caring, precious daughter who has kept the faith since a small child. I have a little way to go before recovery, but you have helped.

Paul Bickle
(Granbury, Texas)
Beverly Grage's Dad

TRUCK FROM BOLES HOME

Remember the truck from Boles Home will be here the week of December 14-18. The following items are special needs: Cooking Oil, Canned Whole White Potatoes, Aluminum Foil, Bath Soap, Hair Brushes, and Hand Lotion. If you bring other items, they will be glad to use what is supplied.

LADIES CLASS

The Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class will be dismissed until the 6th of January.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December (13) Harold Denman, Fleta Butler, Doris Terrell (15) Esther Wilson, Jerry Konczak, Carolyn Paschall, Linda Pickens, Rhonda Weathers (17) Mary Richey, Ella Mae Grayson, Cathy Culpepper (18) Marc Frick, James Massey.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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

WATCH THE SPECIALS

Friday, December 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 24, - 10:00 p.m.
Theme: "God Was Manifested In The Flesh"

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Andrews, Texas for John Allen, uncle of Louise Culpepper. He passed away on Sunday night.

Thank You

During the past six months your many prayers, words of encouragement and kind deeds have been most appreciated. Thank you. You are a beautiful people.

In Christian love,
Guy and Nettie Potts

And The Lord Added . . .



Alfred and Christine Welch

MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Alfred (Christine) Welch came to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo, Texas. Their address is Rt. 11, Box 305 A. (75709), telephone 592-1428. We are happy to welcome them to Tyler and to West Erwin.

FOR PRAYER

Vivie Canter and Nancy Robinson came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the congregation.

Here and There

by Wes Price



In spite of the rain storm Sunday morning, we had an excellent crowd for both Bible Study and Worship. The cold rain was more than equalled by the warmth of the fellowship in the worship assembly. We needed both the spiritual fellowship and the rain. * * * * *

More and more comments are being expressed about the number one problem at West Erwin...and it's the kind of problem we like to have, space for classes and worship. Rest assured it is not beyond the notice of the eldership. A building committee is working to provide possibilities for both the immediate problem as well as the long range goal. We realize that time is critical. We do not want to put a lid on growth and neither do we want to arrange short range solutions that would be less than the best. So that you may have a part in the planning, add the work of this special Building Committee to your prayer list. Pray for them often.

We welcome Ray Vannoy as the new teacher of the Young Single's Class. We feel that he will bring a lot of vitality and experience to his work as teacher. If you are a member of this class or fit into this age group, you and all of our college students are invited to a party this Friday night at Scott Rachui's home. Plans call for all to meet at the church parking lot on Friday evening at 6:30 and caravan to his home. Those who come are asked to bring a wrapped gift of less than \$7.00 to be exchanged as a part of the festivities. Guys are asked to bring hot dog buns and chips and girls are to bring cokes and cookies.

Jay's current series of sermons from the First Epistle of John are excellent. He is bringing to our attention some wonderful truths that will be of inestimable value in our spiritual journey. Some of them are so simple that we wonder how we could have missed them. You need to hear this series for your own spiritual well-being. If you have missed any, why not ask for a copy of one on a cassette tape and listen to it at a convenient time. Of course, it is always best to be present for the worship because you have a double blessing, hearing a great lesson and being encouraged by your spiritual family.



25 Years Ago

1962

Brother and sister C. H. (Marie) Skeeters celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 9.

On Sunday, December 13, announcements were made by Ross Walker. Prayers were led by Sweeney Copeland and Edgar Bullard. Sunday evening prayers were led by R. C. O'Bannon and Tommy Woltman.

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| Vol. 17 | December 3, 1987 | | Number 46 |
| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | Nov. 29 | Nov. 22 | Ago |
| Bible School | 459 | 453 | 410 |
| Worship/A.M. | 591 | 553 | 475 |
| Worship/P.M. | 404 | 446 | 321 |
| Wed. Eve. | 267 | 304 | 233 |
| Contributions | \$10,981.00 | \$11,901.59 | \$9,120.90 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 6 and Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

And The Added. . .

We rejoice over the coming of Walter L. Cooper on Sunday morning to be baptized into Christ. He has been attending the services here regularly for a number of weeks. His address is 918 N. Azalea (75701), telephone 597-3114.

Our Sick

A brother-in-law to Ray Womack, H. C. Spear, is in ICU in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Foy Richey's brother, C. J. Richey, is very ill in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

Patsy Slaughter was hospitalized this week for treatment.

Todd Stewart was hospitalized over last weekend.

Guy Potts is now at home recovering from surgery. He was hospitalized earlier this week.

Ed Bullard is at home recovering from surgery on an injured knee on Tuesday in Day Surgery.

Because of health problems, Elizabeth Hughes has been unable to attend worship for several weeks.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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Welcome Dannie Skipper
 Prayer George Daugherty
 Scripture Don Ingram
 Dismiss Paul Stanley

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
 Prayer Matt Haws
 Scripture Grant Knight
 Dismiss Kevin Womack

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Randy Pickens Tony Adams
 Joe Zeppa Mark Morris

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

Marc Philpot Scott Baker
 Scott Rachui John Mezell

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Leon and Carolyn Welborn
 Hillard and Jeanine Hughes
 Ferman and Lucille Carpenter
 Ed and Margie Hunt



Benevolent Work

Non perishable food is needed for the local benevolent work. Also, there is a continuing need for clothing for infants and children through teenage.

Boles Home Truck

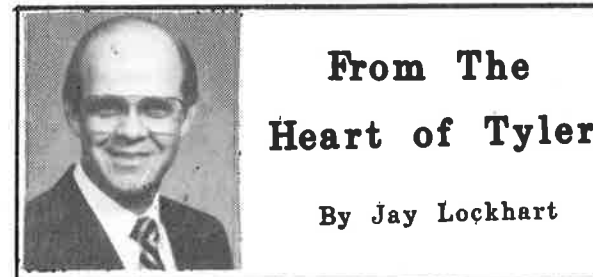
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Shepherd the flock of God..., exercising oversight"
 I Peter 5:2

A Challenge From Our Elders

There is no more sobering responsibility in the organizational framework of the church than that of being an elder, a shepherd, an overseer, a leader who watches for the souls of church members as one who must give an account, (Hebrews 13:17). There are literally hours of planning, praying, examining, considering, watching, teaching, listening, sometimes grieving, and, yes, challenging. It is my belief that our elders are now doing their best work. The addition of three elders last year has brought added strength to our eldership. Last Sunday our elders placed another challenge before us. Each year in December the West Erwin church has made a special contribution, sometimes to meet a particular need, sometimes for no special purpose. Last year we gave about

\$98,000 in a special contribution to meet the expense of remodeling our auditorium. This year we have already given \$32,000 in special contributions for television. Now our elders are challenging us to give an extra \$30,000 - \$40,000 for three purposes:

1. A mission contingency fund for responding to worthy causes that come to our attention during the year which are not budgeted.
2. Debt retirement on the maintenance work done this year in our Fellowship/Benevolent building.
3. Further expansion of our television program, THE SEARCH.

The date for this contribution is December 13. As always, we will meet the challenge! Do what you can.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

December is always a month filled with get-togethers, seeing old friends, reflecting back on the year's schedule, looking to next year and remembering people who are in need.

It is good to be involved in the lives of so many people and to be able to influence them for good. What a challenge that each of us have to be the right example for God.

Are we thanking God for all that we have and that he makes all things possible? Let us consider some of our great blessings:

- (1) Health - without it we could not do as much as we are currently doing.
- (2) Food - Without it how could we have the strength to go on each day?
- (3) Talents - What a robot like world we would have without different personalities.
- (4) Homes - Those warm and comfortable places where memories are being made and where our hearts truly should be.
- (5) Clothes - Those items we complain so much about to our parents that are not in style, and we don't have enough.
- (6) Families - Without them what would life be? Let's be thankful for each other today!
- (7) Church - Those many members that are united in one body to glorify God, encourage one another in love, and seek to go to heaven.
- (8) Jesus - God's Son and our Savior. Through Him we have hope of eternal life.
- (9) Love - That ingredient that must be added to everything we think

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted for sister Wyche Harris on Wednesday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home. She passed away on Saturday. We express our sympathy to her daughter Billie Frazier, the grand children and other members of the family.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in Dallas for W. M. Billings, brother-in-law to brother Ray Womack. We express our sympathy to the family.

Thank You

The family of Opal Dunagan wishes to express appreciation for all the acts of kindness, calls, prayers, cards, food and flowers during her recent illness and death. Your expressions of love mean so much in times like this.

Bernice Majors

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Your cards, flowers, and special care during my recent illness is very touching to me.

Marikate Davis

A Granddaughter

A baby girl, Jenny Loraine, was born Monday in Mother Frances Hospital to Tim and Penny Spivey. The happy grandfather is Jack Grier.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (6) Ann McCoy (7) Lois Hoppers, Kelli Whitley (8) Ray Johnson (9) Bart Lemons, Don Weathers (10) Joni Smith, Jana Bragg (11) Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett, Chantel Haney, Charles Seaberry.

DAVID LOVEJOY (continued)

and do as we strive to influence people for God.

- (10) God - The one who created everything we can see and what we can't see. He is the one who has the plan through His Word to save the entire world if we will do what He says. Are we doing what the Bible says?

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6 - Combined Devotional
December 13 - Combined Christmas Activities

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

- A.M. "A Commandment, Old and New"
(I John 2:7-11)
P.M. "Why Not Love The World?"
(I John 2:12-17)

In Appreciation

The "Lunch Bunch" Ladies who cooked meals in November were: Barbara Williams, Pat Stokes, Agnes Ables, Ruby McCain and Kathryn Cauthen. We appreciate their good work.

Thanksgiving Special

"I saw your program on TV last night. It meant so much to me - I have 3 daughters and 11 grandchildren..."

"Please send me a manuscript..."

"Please send me a copy of the Holiday Special. I sure received a blessing from it."

"I saw your Thanksgiving night program, 'Building Better Homes.'" I did not get all the notes I wanted. Please mail me a copy of the tape."

"Your message is one that I feel my entire family would benefit from."

"It would be so good if there were more of this type program..."

"I really did enjoy the program on Thanksgiving evening..."



25 Years Ago

All men of the congregation were invited to a business meeting on Tuesday evening, December 4, 1962.

A "thank you note" was received from sister Myrtle Tucker who had been hospitalized.

Thirty adults and their children in zone 4 met on Friday evening at the Smith Memorial Building. A profitable meeting was held and reports were made of new-comers and other prospects in that zone. The leaders of zone four, along with their wives, are doing a good job in carrying out their assignments.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Sundays are an ever increasingly exciting day in my week. It is a genuine joy to worship when Christians assemble and engage in worship in Spirit and truth. The singing was akin to what we can anticipate in heaven. The Lord's Supper was meaningful and strengthening. The messages that Jay brought from I John were challenging and encouraging. When saints gather on the first day of the week and participate fully in such a worship service, they gain strength to love faithfully all the other days of the week. How can we afford to miss that weekly gathering and hope to be strong against the forces of evil? Thank God for those who see the Lord's Day with anticipation and joy.

We bring greetings to you from the church in Oakwood, Texas. They extend an invitation to all to attend a Gospel Singing on December 5 at 6:00 P.M. The church in Oakwood is located three blocks south of the blinking light on FM 542.

Many of you responded to the announcement last week concerning the Christians in Palestine who were hurt by the storm. Contributions will be forwarded to the Crockett Road church there. At the present time, they have adequate supplies of food and clothing. The most urgent need is financial assistance. You still may respond with contributions if you would like to help. Mark your check for the Palestine storm relief.

Our holiday season has been saddened by the passing of two of our aging saints. The memorial service for Opal Dunagan was conducted last week in Gilmer, and this week funeral services were conducted for Wyche Harris, a long time member of West Erwin. We mourn with their families, but we rejoice in their home coming. We extend our sympathy to their loved ones.

Congratulations

We rejoice with Charlie and Billie Bob Hickman whose grandson, Charles Hickman, III of Longview, was baptized on Thanksgiving Day by Jay Lockhart.

| Records | Sunday Nov. 22 | Sunday Nov. 15 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 453 | 435 | 411 |
| Worship/A.M. | 553 | 520 | 497 |
| Worship/P.M. | 446 | 236 (storm) | 305 |
| Wed. Eve. | 304 | 301 | 258 |
| Contributions | \$11,901.59 | \$11,271.40 | \$9,235.20 |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 29 and Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas for sister Opal Dunagan. She passed away on Monday. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sister, Bernice Majors and to other members of the family.

Welcome To West Erwin

On Wednesday evening of last week two young college men placed membership with us. We are happy to welcome Greg Davis, Rt. 7, Box 555, Tyler (75707), telephone 566-3363, and John Mayer, 305 Hanks, Whitehouse (75791), telephone 839-2209.

Sermons

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - November 29, 1987
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "Fellowship With God"
(I John 1:5-10)
6:00 P.M. "If Anyone Sins"
(I John 2:1-6)



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Scripture Wally Dawkins
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Scripture Kevin Braly
Dismiss Tommy Konczak

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
Mark Gregory Bill Paschall
Angel Cabrera Rex Johnson

SERVING BACK FOYER
Max Haws John Steffee
Lowell Wiggains Farrel Whitley

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
Kevin & Kelly Womack
Jimmie & Ruth Harris
Terry & Kim Frick
Darryl & Rhonda Hendrix

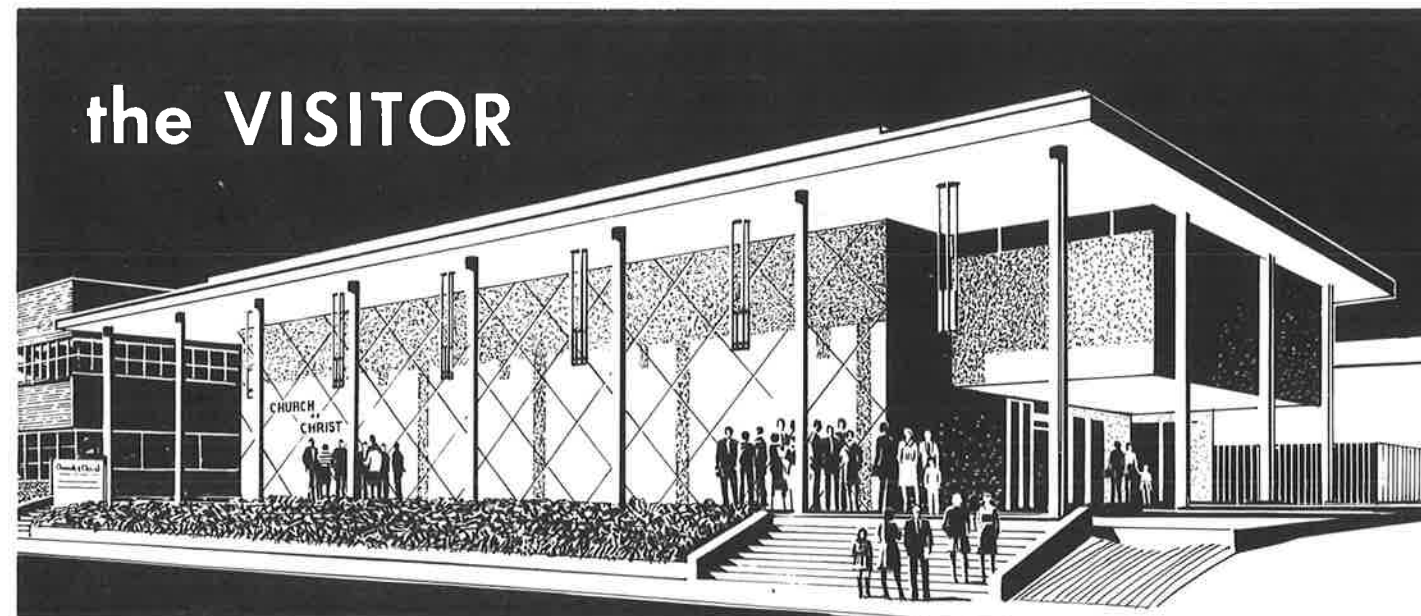
The Sick

Pam Lemons had surgery last Friday in Mother Frances. She was scheduled to go home on Tuesday.
Mrs. Bill Rozell remains in Mother Frances Hospital. She is the mother of Ginger Metcalf and Kay Plumb.
Herman Rhodes, father of Dell Lott is hospitalized in Palestine.
Melinda O'Quinn is at home following Day Surgery on Monday. She had foot surgery.

Singing

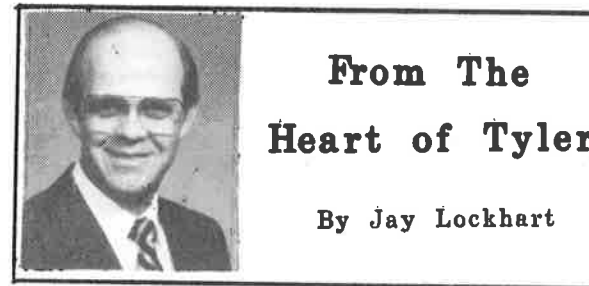
You are invited to attend a Gospel Singing at the Oakwood Church of Christ (3 blocks south of the blinking light on FM 542) at 6:00 P.M. December 5, 1987.

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Be ye thankful"
--Colossians 3:15

Reflecting Upon Blessings

The song says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one..." Have you done that? Though God's people are thankful people and express their gratitude to the Father on a daily basis, we may be more likely to enumerate our blessings, large and small during a season called Thanksgiving. I have been thinking about my blessings.

1. I am thankful for a country called America, the land of the free, upon which God truly has shed His grace.
2. I am thankful for health -- I can get up in the morning; I can see, hear, talk, smell and touch; I can walk, run, eat and work.
3. I am thankful for home, my oasis in the world -- my family.
4. I am thankful for God, His love, mercy and grace; my Saviour and His redeeming blood that takes away my sin and gives me hope.
5. I am thankful for the Bible, "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
6. I am thankful for the church, the

body of Christ which is reconciled to God.

7. I am thankful for the West Erwin church, my family meeting in the heart of Tyler; my family which is growing numerically and spiritually (how about those 446 worshippers last Sunday evening!).
8. I am thankful for all of those who have helped me, and are yet helping me, grow in the Christian life -- parents, family, teacher, friends.
9. I am thankful I can sit here now in the warmth of a comfortable house, located in the beauty of East Texas, and count my blessings.
10. Remembering the words of the apostle Paul when he said, "Give thanks in all circumstances," (I Thessalonians 5:18 RSV). I am thankful for everything!

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."
--Psalm 69:30.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Sundays are a very special day for Christians. These are times to forget about our own little worlds and concentrate on God. It should be counted as a joy and privilege to be able to worship God and remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for the remission of our sins. It makes my heart rejoice to see older people who are not in the best of health still make the effort to come and worship God. I know God is pleased with them. Let us look to them as an example and encouragement to be here each Sunday and Wednesday night.

Each of us needs to welcome Chris Oberg to West Erwin and tell him about our youth activities. Remember what it is like to be a stranger in a new situation. We are glad to have him and his family, Ron and Barbara, here at this place.

There will not be a high school retreat on December 4 and 5 due to many conflicts. We will be planning something different later on next year.

Keep in mind the Christmas party coming up next month along with many other activities to close out this year.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

(2) Brittany Haws (3) Bradley Smith
(4) Louise Culpepper

East Texas Christian Academy

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS: We are still participating in the Campbell's Soup "Labels for Education" Program. Please save the labels from Campbell's, Swanson, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, V8, Mrs. Paul's and Franco-American products as well as the tops from Vlasic Pickles. Send the labels to ETCA or give them to a child who attends ETCA. Your labels mean valuable educational equipment for ETCA.

SPECIAL NEED: We are in need of preschool toys to replace some of our playtime toys that need to be re-tired. If you have some good, heavy duty toys that still have some life left in them, please bring them to ETCA or call 561-8642 for pick-up.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: "An Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar" and "A Date With Santa" is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:00 until 3:00 at the Campus Christian Center on TJC Campus. Baked goods, monogramming, wood-crafts and lots of homemade items will be offered. Santa will be there for pictures from 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00. Please bring donated items to your church office by Wednesday, December 2. Make plans to come shop with us on December 5th.

IF YOU HAVE A Polaroid camera that uses 600 type film, please send the proof of purchase seal from the back of the box to ETCA. Our school will receive additional cameras to use in our classes.



The Boles Home Grocery Truck comes to our building twice each year to collect what we have for them. They will be here the week of December 14th through 18th. Listed below are items needed in operating the Home. However, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

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| Cooking Oil | Canned Whole White Potatoes |
| Aluminum Foil | Hair Brushes |
| Bath Soap | Hand Lotion |

Needs

CAN YOU HELP WITH THESE NEEDS?

Small toys and games for young children are needed for a project for the holidays in our benevolent work. Please bring your contributions to the building.

Shelving is needed to store tapes in our sound room upstairs. If you have any type shelves that you are not using, please contact Sam Bailey.



A happy Thanksgiving

Responses

RESTORED

Kyle McRuiz came Sunday morning to be restored. We commend him for his love and dedication.

MEMBERSHIP

Sunday morning we were happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ron (Barbara) Oberg, 1189 Knollwood, Tyler (75703) phone 581-1806.

BAPTIZED

James Turner came to the building on Monday morning and was baptized by Wes Price. His address is Wichita, Kansas.



Ron and Barbara Oberg



25 Years Ago

Marie Threadgill and Bobby McSwain took a supply of cakes and cookies from the ladies of the West Erwin church to the children at Boles Home.

Brother Dean Brookshire gave a report on the work in Guatemala to the church in Frankston. Oles Pinson of Frankston is one of the workers in Guatemala.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, 1962, brother James Massey made announcements, prayers were led by C. B. Hardin and Fred Powell. Bible School attendance was 423 and the contribution was \$939.47.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We now have all our hallways and classrooms carpeted with the completion of the upstairs hallway in the north education wing. This will make it a lot safer since the tile was a bit slippery and it will be considerably quieter for the classes. Thanks to the elders for letting us get this done. The number of children in those upstairs classes has grown steadily in this past year and there will be less danger from slick floors.

We are continuing to receive clothing in our Benevolent Center for the needy. The greatest need, not only for the storm victims of last week, but also for families who call during the colder season will be for children's clothes. If you have any that you no longer need, as long as they are clean and serviceable, why not bring them to the center at your earliest convenience.

When a congregation grows as fast and gets as large as we are, there is a special need for attention to being open and hospitable to those whom you do not know. If you meet someone you have not known, it could be one of our new members or quite likely, it could be someone visiting us for the first time. Make it your personal responsibility to meet them. If they are already members you have just broadened your acquaintance, but if they are looking for a new church home your friendly greeting may be just the one that will make the difference in their choice. See how many new friends you can make in the months ahead. We are having large numbers of visitors at every service. Many of these are newcomers to town and many are looking for a church home. Let's help them make West Erwin their choice by being open and friendly. Public relations in this church is the responsibility of every member. Do your part and we will continue to attract new folks.

SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL



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| Vol. 17 | November 19, 1987 | | Number 45 |
| Records | Sunday Nov. 15 | Sunday Nov. 8 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 435 | 468 | 433 |
| Worship/A.M. | 520 | 567 | 532 |
| Worship/P.M. | 236 (Storm) | 352 | 349 |
| Wed. Eve. | 301 | 305 | 228 |
| Contributions | \$11,271.40 | \$11,725.36 | \$10,062.80 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 22 and Wednesday evening, Nov. 25 - FARRELL WHITLEY - 597-4006.

And The Lord Added . . .

MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday morning we were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. George (Dorothy) Daugherty to place membership. We are glad to welcome them into this church family. Their address is 2928 Pollard (75701), telephone 593-7720.

Sheila Stafford, P.O. Box 131094 (75713), a college student, also came Sunday. We welcome her into the fellowship here. We are happy to have Sheila as a part of our growing college group.

Sermon Subjects

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Three Things Needed--Three Things Supplied

(I John 1:1-4)

P.M. You Can Know For Sure

(I John 1:1-6)



Holiday Toys

Will you help with a project for the holidays in our benevolent work. Small toys and games for young children will be needed. Please bring your contributions to the church building.

Can You Help?

If you have shelving that could be used to store tapes in our sound room upstairs, please let Sam Bailey know.

Happy Birthday

November (22) Susan Steffee (28) Wade McDonald, ChToe Clark (30) Cherrie Magee, Jeffrey Knight.

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Welcome Leon Welborn
Prayer Glynn Starnes
Scripture Ray Womack
Dismiss Gary Ables

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Prayer Archie Kennard
Scripture Henry McRuiz
Dismiss Tim Doss

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Kevin Braly Walker Weathers

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Chris Honeycutt Bryan Leek
Jason Harris Matt Carroll

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Kevin & Kelly Womack Jimmie & Ruth Harris
Terry & Kim Frick Darryl & Rhonda Hendrix

Our Sick

Marikate Davis is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Bill Rozell, mother of Ginger Metcalf and Kay Plumb, is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Dorothy Fisher, mother of Alan Fisher is very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Opal Dunagan continues to be a patient in Medical Center. Her condition has not improved.

Ruth Dobbs is in Mother Frances recovering from surgery.

Herman Rhodes, father of Dell Lott, is a patient in the Palestine Hospital.

Ellen McCollum, daughter of Charles and Ann McCoy is recovering at home in Lucas, Texas from surgery last week in Dallas. Charles and Ann plan to be with her for awhile.

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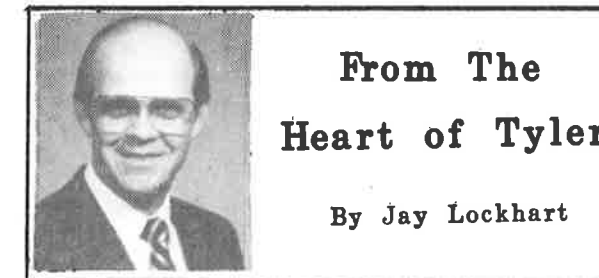
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Last Friday evening the elders and their wives and the preachers and their wives hosted the newcomers of the last six months, and what a wonderful occasion it was! The purpose of the meeting was to give us an opportunity to know our newer members better and to acquaint them with the work of West Erwin and the opportunities for service available to them. A special thanks to Wes Price for coordinating the meeting and for directing the activities. Wes continues to provide some invaluable services for this church.

On Sunday evening the East Texas area was ravished by heavy storms spawning one or more devastating tornadoes. Lives were lost in Whitehouse and Jacksonville and there was a tremendous loss of property in these and other areas. Wes Price has contacted the church in Jacksonville and in Palestine for the purpose of helping provide for the needs of those who suffered losses in the storm. We will keep you informed as to what we will have opportunity to do.

A large number of visitors continue to be present at our services and people are being added to our number. Meet them and make them feel welcome as we shine as lights from the HEART of TYLER.

"I am the Lord, I change not."
-Malachi 3:6

Change and the Changeless

As the people of God we need to be constantly changing. Spiritual growth, an imperative to survival, demands change as we are "changed into the same (Christ's ...JPL) image, from glory unto glory," (2 Cor.3:18). In studying the Scriptures we constantly discover truths we have not appreciated before and we are to change for the better as needed. The truth I learn today serves as a foundation upon which I build with truth my tomorrow. Spiritual development today means I may lay aside some concepts I held yesterday which I learn were not in harmony with Scripture. Such change is healthy, needful. I should always desire any change in belief or practice that brings me into better harmony with truth. However, if my change leads me to seek to change the nature of God, the person of Christ, or the church--its organization, its membership, its worship, its work--I am not progressing, I am regressing. That's not growth, but death. Spiritual growth is respecting the changeless Scripture, its teaching by precept and by silence, and bringing our lives more in agreement with what God says. It is still the changeless will of God: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God," (I Peter 4:11). Let us change our lives and our methods for the better and then honor and respect that which never changes--Truth.

Remember also Your Creator in the days of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Excitement is in the air at the coming of the holidays. Teenagers are looking forward to days away from School, no homework for a change, and a time to relax. It is a time to be with family and friends and enjoy one another's company. The question comes to mind; How important are family ties? At your age it is hard to admit how much you appreciate your parents. Let me encourage you to take advantage of these most precious times as there will come a day when they will cease. You will go your way and it will be harder to get everyone together on holidays. Make an effort now to enjoy these times together. You will understand one day when you have your own family.

This is one reason God chooses to compare the physical family to the spiritual family. As the church, the members should be concerned about the growth of one another, know when one hurts or is glad, find out why one is not at worship services with the spirit of love, reach out to our neighbors and friends and show them by our actions what we are all about. Let's encourage, uplift one another to live the Christian life that God wants and expects us to do. God says, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

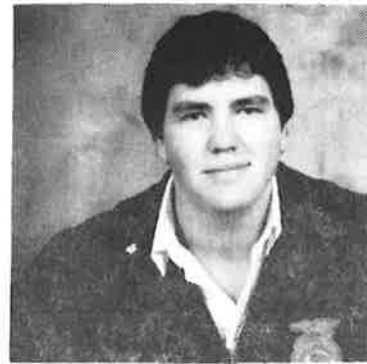
Sympathy

Funeral services were held this week for Hollis Resinger, brother-in-law to brother Fulsome Revill. We express our sympathy to the family.

For Your Directory



George & Dorothy Daugherty



John Meazell



Debra Sparks & Shawn

Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Brethren,

We have been having some very warm weather here lately. The rains are due to start in a few weeks. Then the people will be busying themselves with preparing their fields for planting.

There were 17 baptisms reported this past week. One of our teachers had to return to Malawi, so this makes more work for the other teachers. The teachers and students in the Preacher Training School are all doing a great job. They have their classes in the mornings and then go out to teach and preach in the afternoon.

Monday, 15 people from the Ministry of Health came to inspect the hospital. We feel that they were pleased with what they saw.

Five boxes were received from you. Four were mailed out in June and one in April. Thank you once again for the bandages, soap, gowns, and sheets.

In Christian love,
Marcia Stapleton

Benevolent Work

Any clothing for children - infants through teenagers - is urgently needed for the benevolent work. Bring your clothing items to the building and they will be placed in the benevolent building.

FELLOWSHIP

We Are Getting Together

Sunday Evening After Worship
November 22



BRING: Sandwiches, Chips, Dips and Desserts.



Coffee and Tea will be furnished

EVERYONE INVITED

Meet in Fellowship Hall In Place of Brother's Keeper

Thank You

"A friend is God's way of loving us through someone else...I'm so glad He gave me friends like you."

To My Dear Family At West Erwin:

Thank you from the depths of my heart for your prayers and concern and all of the beautiful cards that cheered me so much. What a blessing it is to be a Christian. I love each of you.

Billie Bob Hickman

The family of Alta Pence acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you for your sympathy, visits, cards and flowers because of the loss of Dorothy's mother. It is an honor to be a part of this loving, caring church.

Dorothy and George Daugherty



25 Years Ago

November, 1962

The "Love Offering" for the Jerry Hill Family in Guatemala was \$333.00.

The 9th Grade Class taught by Don Weathers and James Phillips was 100% in attendance.

On Nov.21,1962, Carolyn Stitt was listed among the visitors from Tyler to the worship services.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Bible class attendance was good again Sunday morning. It is a joy to see our classes growing in attendance and interest. Let's not forget to say a prayer for our teachers as their responsibilities increase with the increase in numbers. We need to support them in every way possible.

It was disturbing to hear of all the damage from the storm on Sunday afternoon. We have been in contact with area congregations to offer assistance. We will let you know if there are ways we need to get involved. Our Benevolent Center will be helping and we may need to respond with money or food donations. The Lord's church is, and should be, among the front runners in providing assistance.

Wednesday night, November 25 will be set aside for our annual Thanksgiving worship service. All classes, children included, will meet together for this special time set aside to give thanks. Come join us for this praise service.

Our Sunday morning adult classes will be concluding its study in the book of Hebrews on Sunday, November 29. A new study on the Harmony of the Gospels will begin on the following Sunday, December 6. Copies of the study guide will be available for distribution in the classes on Sunday, November 29. We believe you will enjoy this combined study of the gospels on the Life of Christ.

We have had an unusually large number of our members ill and in the hospitals during the past two weeks. In addition, there has also been quite a number of relatives of our folks ill as well. It is always in order to mention these in our prayers in our public worship services, but it also should be emphasized that they need to be remembered in our private prayers as well. And, while we pray for their recovery and improvement, let us be thankful to God for his granting to each of us the measure of health we enjoy. Paul tells us, "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus," (I Thess. 5:16-18).

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| Records | Sunday Nov. 8 | Sunday Nov. 1 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 468 | 448 | 415 |
| Worship/A.M. | 567 | 510 | 515 |
| Worship/P.M. | 352 | 414 | 361 |
| Wed. Eve. | 264 | 342 | 249 |
| Contributions | \$11,725.36 | \$10,489.73 | \$9,563.69 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 15 and Wednesday night, Nov. 18, JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

Our Sick

Billie Bob Hickman is now in room 455 in Mother Frances Hospital.

Dorsey Martin had surgery on Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital. He is in room 434.

Ruth Dobbs is in Mother Frances Hospital to have surgery. She is in room 477.

Ellen McCollum, daughter of Charles and Ann McCoy had surgery at Medical City in Dallas on Wednesday.

Lois Hoppers was moved recently to Palestine. Her new address is Palestine Nursing Center, P. O. Box 1428, Palestine, Texas 75801.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Keith and Tina Harris in the death of Tina's grandfather, Perry Moore. His funeral service was held on Monday in Liberty Hill, Texas.

All Church Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 22, following the evening worship, we will have an all church fellowship. More details next week.

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 Dismiss Harley Turner

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 Scripture Wade Park
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 Curt and Kimberly Jordan
 Mike and Vickie Cauthen
 Randy and Linda Pickens
 Harold and Shirley Denman


You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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



"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




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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"Speak as the oracles of God" - I Peter 4:11

The Continuing Restoration

In The World Book Encyclopedia an article on "Churches of Christ," written by the late editor of The Gospel Advocate, B. C. Goodpasture, states: "Churches of Christ are a group of religious congregations that accept the New Testament as their sole rule of faith and practice. They maintain that it sets forth faith, repentance, confession, and baptism as the conditions of salvation. Members believe that the first Church of Christ was established on Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. They claim that the church spread throughout the Roman world but later declined until the 1800's." After speaking of the work of Thomas and Alexander Campbell and their associates as those who desired to restore the church of the New Testament by following only the New Testament, the article continues: "The Churches of Christ regard Christ as the founder, head, and saviour of the church. They regard the Campbells

as restorers of the primitive church. "Now note these observations.

1. The work of restoring the church of the New Testament is desirable because any other religious organization cannot be authorized by Scripture.
2. The work of restoration is possible by following the New Testament only.
3. The work of restoration is a continuing process as each generation of the church commits itself anew to New Testament teaching.
4. While we do not overly exalt the work of the Campbells and other men of the 19th Century who desired to be Christians only, we do appreciate their struggles, their sacrifices, the trails they blazed in departing from denominationalism and in seeking to be the New Testament church.
5. While we do not think we have arrived or that we are perfect or that there is no work left to be done in restoration, we do believe the plea for a return to the New Testament in all matters of faith and practice, the plea to be Christians only, and the plea to continue the restoration of first Century Christianity in the twentieth century is sound.
6. Finally, if we should abandon our plea for restoration we cannot justify our existence as a people by the New Testament. Without a distinct Biblical message we betray our heritage and are of little value to God or man.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Ecc1.12:1a



David Lovejoy

We rejoice at the coming of John Meazell to place membership here at West Erwin. He is a sophomore at Brownsboro High School. Let each of us make him feel welcome and a part of the youth activities here with us.

This Sunday, November 15th, will be the time for our combined devotional. This is for all middle school and high school youth. Come and join us..

Let's mark the dates December 4th and 5th for our High School Retreat. It had to be re-scheduled for these dates at Sky Ranch with Bob Utley as our guest speaker. Bob is a graduate of Southeastern State University in Durant, Oklahoma where he obtained his Bachelor or Arts in Music Education. He is also a graduate of Abilene Christian University where he obtained a Master of Science in Bible and Family Ministry. He has served as associate minister and youth minister in several congregations in Oklahoma and Texas. We look forward to hearing what he has to say about "Why Should I Be Different?"

This will be a time of fellowship, a study of God's Word, a time to see God's nature, and a time to glorify God as we learn how better to serve God each day. Come and join us.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to George and Dorothy Daugherty in the death of Dorothy's mother Sunday in Brady, Texas. Many here know the Daughertys.

And The Lord Added . . .

Welcome!



Zona Crone

MEMBERSHIP

Zona Crone, 3306 Baldwin Drive, (75702) Telephone 592-5737. She is Carolyn Philpot's mother.

Charles and Phyllis Rachui, Rt. 25, Box 1020, (75707), Telephone 566-1226. Their son, Scott, has been with us since May.

John Meazell, Box 1107, Chandler, Texas 75758, Telephone 849-2213. John is in Brownsboro High School, and is the grandson of Bill and Ruth Meazell.

RESTORED AND MEMBERSHIP

Joe and Leasa Zeppa, 1005 So. College, (75701) Telephone 597-8380. Their baby daughter's name is Ashley.

Kimberly Hicks, P. O. Box 1089, Chandler, Tex. 75758.

RESTORED

Jay Shipp

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (15) Ruby Teel (17) Cathy Hallman, Alex Stansbury (18) Moselle Cash (19) Tina Harris (20) Kelly Jo Womack (21) Terry Lockhart.

Thank You

Thanks so much for all of the cards and visits during my illness. We also appreciate the meals that were prepared for us. It's really wonderful to have friends that care and are concerned. Thanks again for your kindness.

Kim Lemons



Sermon Subjects By Jay Lockhart

Sermons For Sunday, November 15, 1987

A.M. Accept One Another (Rom.15:1-7)

P.M. The Building of The Wall
(Nehemiah 1:1-4)

Congratulations

David and Kathy Lovejoy are the happy parents of a baby boy who came Sunday to live with them. He is 7 weeks old and weighs 14 pounds. They have named their new son Jarrod Wayne. We extend our best wishes and love.

Ed and Carolyn Stitt are happy to have a new grandbaby. Peyton Gilpin, new baby son of Russell and Mary Lynn Gilpin, was born November 9th at Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds. Congratulations!

Benevolent Needs

There is an urgent need for children's clothing in the Benevolent Room. Any clothing for infants through high school can be used.

The truck from Boles Home in Quinlan, Texas will be here sometime during the week of December 14-18. This truck comes during March and December of each year. The following items are special needs:

Cooking Oil, Canned Whole White Potatoes, Aluminum Foil, Bath Soap, Hair Brushes, Hand Lotion.

If other items are brought they will be glad to use whatever is supplied.



25 Years Ago

November, 1962

447 were in Bible Class and the contribution was \$1,049.69.

Brother and sister M. M. Haws returned home safely on Wednesday from their journey to Europe.

The 5th grade class taught by Lamern Bailey and Ophelia Woltman was 100% in attendance.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Our Bible School classrooms as well as the auditorium are filling up each week, and we are thankful for such increases. A few months ago we had several empty classrooms available for use. We now have none. Every possible room in our present facility is now being used. But never fear, we will find a solution as time goes on. Don't, above all, quit coming. We love full classrooms and auditorium, not for the joy of numbers but for the joy of teaching and worship.

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Due to ailing vocal cords, I was not able to lead the singing last Sunday morning. Gary Ables did a splendid job. I would like to make one observation from the pew. It never fails. There is a correlation between the good that the leader does and the support that the congregation gives him during each song. The better support the person in the pew gives, the better the song leader does. Regardless of who is leading, let's resolve to sing with zeal and enthusiasm so that God's name will be praised and we will be encouraged and edified. We have used the excuse of poor acoustics in our auditorium to its limit. We proved during Jay's recent meeting that we can overcome those limitations. The singing was tremendous because there was a tremendous spirit in those who sang. We can do it every time we come together to worship.

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As we continue to grow, we will experience greater demands on our physical facilities. This is true of our parking lot as well. May I suggest that those of you who can, please park across Elm Street on the Newspaper parking lot. This will leave room for visitors to find space near our building. This is a little matter, but it will help prevent any slow down in our continued growth.

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Jay's preaching continues to inspire and instruct us. We are always indebted to him for his sound preaching. But, lest we forget, don't let his words of instruction pass through our minds without a constant willingness to examine our own lives for spiritual growth. What a waste if that happens.

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| Wed. Eve. | 342 | 497 | 268 |
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Minibus Driver

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Snow That Falls Heavy On The Ear

Whatever happened to plain speech and simple sentences? Why can't we say what we mean and mean what we say?

Years ago a commentator on the Viet Nam Conflict said, "The situation is improving steadily - although there's been no appreciable change in recent weeks."

A "theologian" said recently, "These demanding times challenge us to radical reassessment of our troublesome neo-spiritual ethic." Another commented that "Man's intuitive sense of the eternal has inspired a new quest for the reality of new-creaturism within the body." HUH?

One observer has concluded, "Indefinitude may well be the most common sin of the century." My question is, "Who, without a dictionary, will ever know if he's committed it?"

--Harold Poland

The Alpine View, Longview, Texas

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (9) David Haney (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer (11) Melinda O'Quinn, LeAnn Knight, Allison Broome (12) Sam Bailey, Stan Mallory, Donna Brown, Louise Culpepper (14) Kay Akin, Morris Hallman.

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Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - Nov. 8, 1987
 By Jay Lockhart
 A.M. This Is What Makes Life
 Worth Living (John 10:7-10)
 P.M. The Rock That Moved
 (Luke 22:31-34, 54-62)

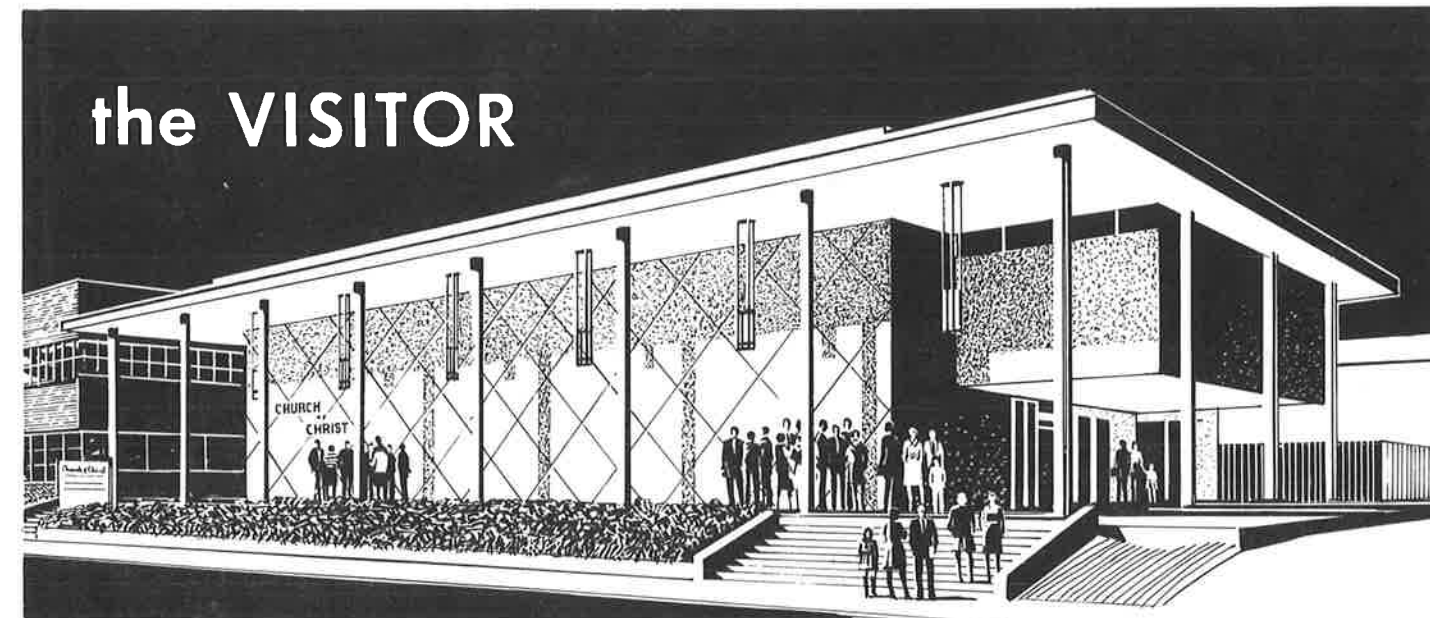
Grocery Truck

The Medina Children's Home Truck came Tuesday. We had 73 medium size Rague Sauce and 6 small - valued at \$235.00. Also a check for \$25.00 had been contributed for them.

Our Sick

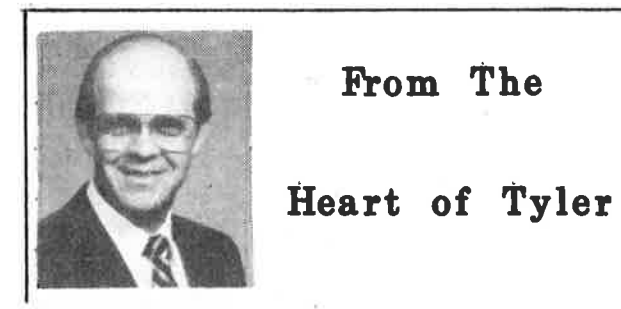
Paul Bickle, the father of Beverly Graze underwent surgery this week in Temple at Scott & White Hospital.

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Go... Tell

Each Sunday morning our auditorium is comfortably full--West Erwin members and a host of visitors making up the audience--and we are pressing toward having 100 worshippers in our services. Additionally, we are having as many people return for Sunday evenings as we had on some Sunday mornings two years ago! Allow me to make some observations.

1. In a large, growing church there are some who tend to get overwhelmed by the numbers. They are sometimes heard to say, "There are so many people! I don't know everyone." That's true. The more people we have, the more difficult it becomes to know everyone. However, it should be remembered that in any church, large or small, we can only know about 22 people well. It's not whether or not we know everyone that is so important as the Cause to which we are all committed. With large numbers of people and a full church

"Go... to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you" --Mark 5:19

building we have more talent with which to do a better job, more excitement generated, and a greater program of work. How big should we get? God and our faith will decide.

2. God has abundantly blessed this church. He has purged us. He has given us a beautiful age balance. Like unto the church at Philadelphia. He has set before us "an open door," (Revelation 3:8) of unprecedented opportunity. He has done great things through us...and will continue to do so.
3. Our people are doing a better job than ever before. Excitement breeds excitement. I believe our elders, deacons, teachers, staff, and those who are quietly going about their work of being faithful to Christ are all more enthusiastic than ever about who we are and what we are doing.
4. These are great times to be a part of the church and of the West Erwin church. Be fully involved. Accept the challenge. Be all that you can be. Then, "go...to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you."

CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL

Dear Brethren,

Hope that this letter finds you well and your work progressing. We have had a very busy month. A shipment of boxes arrived the first week. After they were sorted and cataloged, the next day Bob, my husband, thought he was experiencing a heart attack. He had been having trouble with his blood pressure for the last several months. We made an emergency flight to Nairobi, Kenya for medical treatment. That is the closest place for missionaries to go for good medical care. Thankfully it was not a heart attack and the doctor was able to run a series of tests and put him on medication.

There have been several attempted break-ins on the mission. So another guard was put on duty. Things have been quiet lately. The hospital has had its usual cases of malaria, O.B. cases, and measles. A mother delivered triplets this month.

This last shipment contained 100 boxes from 49 different congregations. A box from you was included in it. Thank you so much for the gowns, bandages, diaper shirts, and soap.

Yesterday some of the Bible teachers, students, and men missionaries visited a congregation 100 miles from us. There were 5 baptisms which brings the number so far, that we are aware of, to 516. Please continue to pray for these efforts.

Again, thank you for your support of the work here.

In Christian love,
Marcia Stapleton

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Wedding

Best wishes to Pete Wallace and Britta Warren who were married on Thursday, October 29.

Thank You

The families of Don and Christine Drummond, Beth and Pat Thomasson, Annie Lee Drummond and Mary Squier would like to extend our warmest appreciation for your many expressions of kindness and thoughtfulness in the loss of our mother and sister-in-law, Mary Drummond. You have extended your arms and love to us as you did to her and we are sincerely grateful.

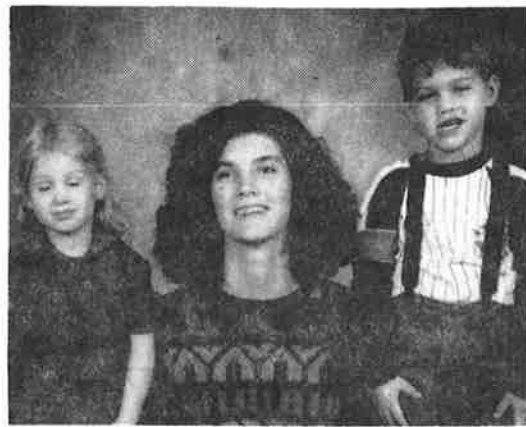
You are all beautiful, loving Christian people and I thank God I have had your love and support while I've been in Tyler, not only for myself, but for my mother and daddy as well. Your cards, calls, flowers, and other expressions of God's love have touched all of us deeply. My life will never be the same after touching so many of yours.

Beckie Mullings
Jeff and Alma Biggs

"The Lunch Bunch"

Last month ladies who cooked on each Tuesday of the month were: Sara Powell, Opal Matthews, Mary McFadden, Rhonda Hendrix and Dorothy Hulsey. Recently, one of our members named the ladies who do this good work "The Lunch Bunch." We are grateful for them.

For Your Church Directory



Julie Ann Hunt, Casey & Ashley



Jana Bragg



Kyle and Shirley McRuiz, Kenny & Jeremy



Becky Blackstone

Potpourri

VIDEO TAPES OF MEETING

Video Tapes of our Gospel Meeting have been made and copies to be checked out will be made for our Tape Library. If you are interested in checking one out, please call the church office. Brother Sam Bailey will be making copies.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Bill Paschall, who is in charge of the World Bible School Program, has additional names and beginning lessons available in the church office. Many people are participating in this good work. This week, 81 pieces of mail for World Bible School were sent out.

HOME COMING IN WHITEHOUSE

In addition to the Gospel Meeting with Dan Manuel, November 8 - 11, the church in Whitehouse will have a homecoming on Sunday morning the 8th. They plan dinner on the grounds and singing (1:30 until 3:00 p.m.) All who have been associated with the Whitehouse Church are invited to the homecoming.

IN ATHENS, TEXAS

You are invited to an evening of skits and fellowship with the Aggies For Christ and the Youth Group from Eastern Hills on November 7th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ Building, 1200 E. Corsicana in Athens, Texas. Refreshments will be provided.

Sympathy

We learned Tuesday that Mrs. Lodie McGlathery passed away in a Terrell, Texas Hospital on Monday evening. Her funeral service will be Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at Burks/Walker Funeral Home. The McGlathery family will be remembered by several as members of the West Erwin church a number of years ago. We express our sympathy to the family.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jean Fuller. Her funeral service was held Monday at Burks-Walker Funeral Home.

Here and There

by Wes Price



It has been a joy to see the growing number of people who are joining us on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights for Bible study. Attendance in nearly all of our Bible classes is growing. We thank you for that interest and encourage you to keep it up. With the growth, several changes have been made in the location of some of our children's Bible classes. We welcome Gary Broome as the teacher of the Sunday morning Fifth Grade Class which will meet in 201. The Four Year Old Class is now in room 202/203 and the 5 Year Olds are in room 208 Sunday morning & Wednesday night.

The Children's Library has been moved to room 207. We think you will like this change and we want to encourage children to make full use of this reading room. Parents of children will want to investigate the fine selection of reading materials that are available to be checked out. Teachers, you too, will want to see what is available for your students for special reading or research for special assignments. David Demic serves as the Librarian of the Children's Library. If you have questions, please see him.

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The two new Wednesday night classes, Jay Lockhart's on The Family and Stan Clark's on the study of First Peter, were well attended last week. Jay's class is especially designed for parents who have children in the home. He will be providing valuable instruction as well in husband/wife relationships. Stan's study of First Peter is entitled "When The Going Gets Tough" and will focus on the difficulties that Christians face in this world. If you have not started, why not do so at your earliest convenience. You will profit by these good studies.

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Cindy Patten shared the following poem with me this past week. I thought you might enjoy the little ray of sunshine.

To share joy
is to show love,
To show love
is to know God,
To know God
is to do good,
To do good
is to spread happiness.

| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | Oct. 25 | Oct. 18 | Ago |
| Bible School | 478 | 515 | 429 |
| Worship/A.M. | 592 | 600 | 539 |
| Worship/P.M. | 436 | 512 | 345 |
| Wed. Eye. | 497 | 253 | 235 |
| Contributions | \$10,489.73 | \$11,129.65 | \$9,716.70 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 1 and Wednesday, November 3, IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

Our Sick

Travis Aven, son of A.Z. and Pauline Aven, is hospitalized in Sulphur Springs.
 Kim Lemons has gone home after having surgery last week in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Paul Bickle, the father of Beverly Graze, is in Scott-White Hospital having tests.

Meetings

Dan Manuel of Palestine will be conducting a gospel meeting with the church in Whitehouse, November 8-11. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

Ray Walker of Nashville, Tennessee, will be at the Meadow View Church of Christ in Mesquite on November 1-4 with "Sing and Be Happy". Meeting times Monday through Wednesday will be 7:30.

Don't Let Yourself...

WORRY when you're doing your best.
 THINK evil of anyone until you have the facts.
 BELIEVE a thing is impossible without trying it.
 WASTE time on trivial matters.
 HARBOR bitterness toward God or man.

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Serving Sunday

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| MORNING WORSHIP | |
| Welcome | Dannie Skipper |
| Prayer | Phil Marts |
| Scripture | Don Slaughter |
| Dismiss | Alan Fisher |
| EVENING WORSHIP | |
| Welcome | Dannie Skipper |
| Prayer | Gary Broome |
| Scripture | Wade Park |
| Dismiss | Wally Dawkins |
| SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER | |
| Bill Meazell | Robert McLemee |
| Bob May | Bill McCain |
| SERVING IN BACK FOYER | |
| Jason Phelps | Jeff Blackstone |
| Robbie Butler | Chris Starnes |
| GREETERS FOR SUNDAY | |
| Weldon and Mary Dawson | |
| Dan and Winifred Cullinan | |
| Stan and Ernestine Mallory | |
| Jay and Carolyn Vandiver | |

Sermon Subjects

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|--------------------------|--|
| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1987 | |
| by Jay Lockhart | |
| A.M. | "Dreaming Dreams" Acts 2:14-21 |
| P.M. | "Jesus' Dream For The World" Matthew 28:16-20 |

Watch

THE SEARCH

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


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

"Remember what the Lord thy God did."
 Deuteronomy 24:9

REFLECTIONS

I am thinking today of our recent Come and See Campaign. How God blessed us! We had a total of six services in the campaign and averaged 511 in each service. In the two weeks surrounding, and including, the campaign there was a total of 28 responses to the invitation of Jesus, with 17 baptisms. Our West Erwin people were involved as never before and the Lord blessed us with overwhelming success. Now for some reflections:

1. When a church remembers its mission and becomes involved in outreach, good things happen.
2. When a church commits itself to an evangelistic thrust with attendance, prayer, and invitation, people will come.

3. When a church believes in the power of the Gospel to change lives and will dedicate itself to loving people and to faithful proclamation, people are won to Jesus.

4. A meeting like the Come and See Campaign is a method, and an effective method, for reaching people, but no method will succeed without the distinctive message of Christ.

5. If the church will present a balanced message of the love and grace and mercy of God through a crucified, resurrected, glorified, coming Lord and will emphasize plainly and lovingly man's responsibility to obey Christ - if we will present God's message in God's way - the church will grow.

6. If we will continue to be the loving, caring, serving, soul-conscious church that we are, and if we will continue to present the undenominational message of the Gospel, we will continue to be the light that shines from the HEART OF TYLER.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

We continue to thank God for his powerful word as it convicts us to live for him. There is no greater joy than to become a Christian and decide to turn our life over to God. May we encourage one another to obey the word of God as Jana Bragg, Becky Blackstone, and Duane Hendrix did recently. We are all proud of you. Let us all examine our own priorities and see who or what we are putting first.

Middle School: Remember your devotional and activities this Sunday night. The Wayne Harrisons and Tommy Konczaks will be in charge. Come and bring a friend and enjoy one another's fellowship.

It is time once again for the Father-Son campout. The dates will be November 6 and 7 at the Fred Powells. More information will come later. This is for those who wish to be outdoors and have a chance to enjoy nature.



Need

Ragu Sauce

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of November 2-6. We are to bring RAGU SAUCE. They also appreciate cash as it allows them to buy fresh fruit, milk, meat, and vegetables for a balanced diet.

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler, Jr. (2) Michele Whitley (3) Jewell McCoy (4) Jeff Blackstone (5) Mary Evelyn Grier, Cheryl Johnson (7) Blake Stansbury, Opal Mathews

MEMBERSHIP



Randy, Linda, Amy & Matt Pickens
Rt. 6, Box 499, Tyler 75704
Phone: 592-3979



Sandra, Wayne & Mitch Walters
3307 Gail Lane, Tyler 75701
Phone: 566-4100

BAPTISMS

- ✓ Mrs. Kyle (Shirley) McRuiz
Rt. 5, Box 652, Lindale 75771
Phone: 882-3797
- ✓ Darryl and Duane Hendrix
Rt. 1, 11 A Walnut Hill Lane, Flint 75762
Phone: 894-7631
- ✓ Jana Bragg
728 Sutherland, 75703
Phone: 534-1208
- ✓ Becky Blackstone
Rt. 11, Box 482, 75709
Phone: 595-0130
- ✓ Julie Ann Hunt
Rt. 19, Box 294, 75704
Phone: 592-2065
- ✓ Mrs. Tim (Peggy) Zachary
Rt. 3, Box 105, Flint 75762
Phone: 894-7631

Asking For Prayers

Marc Philpot

Beckie Mullings

BAPTISMS



Mr. and Mrs. Bumpy (Bobbie) McCarty
Rt. 7, Box 594 A (07)
Phone: 566-4032



Richard Goolsby
Box 692 (75710)



Kyle Whitley
Rt. 22, Box 935 (04)
Phone: 597-4006



Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Lereeda) Bodiford
Rt. 3, #4 Norma Street
Gladewater, Texas 75647
Phone: (214) 983-3058

Thank You

Thank you so much for providing us with our Tuesday luncheon. We thought that the food was just great! We had alot of students attending the lunch. We think that this year will be very productive. Please feel free to drop by the Tri-C any time.

Thanks, Nancy Robinson The Tri-C

Here and There

by Wes Price



If you have ever had the task of describing an event with words when the event was so dramatic, then you know how we feel trying to describe our feelings after that great meeting with Jay Lockhart. Not only were people saved, but new members came our way to enlarge the number of workers in this congregation. And if that is not enough, we will be reaping the benefits of that intensive work for weeks - even years - to come. To God be the glory!

We commend this membership for the loyal support at all the services of the meeting. The test was met and surpassed on Wednesday night when we had the largest number of our own members to reach a record number for a Wednesday night attendance at a meeting. We truly are workers together with God. Now may we take this simple request. Continue to pray for those who heard the word preached and did not make a response. God will yet see fruitful results.

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We are glad to introduce a new Sunday morning Bible class and its new teacher which has been necessitated by recent growth. For the past several years we have had to combine the fourth and fifth grades, but now we must divide them into separate classes. Gary Broome will be the new teacher of the Fifth Grade Class, and it will meet in Room 201.

We are happy to respond to problems that come because of genuine growth in our congregation.

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We are having excellent attendance at our Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class. Come join us each week. A special treat is in store on November 4 for those who belong to this class, but we also issue a special invitation to others to join us for study on that day and stay for a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. We invite the men to join us, too, for lunch on that day.

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A certain bank in Dallas advertises by the use of the word "Momentum". Needless to say, we have that principle working now for us in all the good that has been accomplished in the past two weeks. Don't get in the way; you might get run over. The best way to avoid that catastrophe is to get with the program; join the forward movement and enjoy the good results!

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| Records | Sunday Oct.18 | Sunday Oct.11 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 515 | 460 | 391 |
| Worship/A.M. | 600 | 527 | 466 |
| Worship/P.M. | 512 | 384 | 322 |
| Wed. Eve. | 253 | 252 | 274 |
| Contributions | \$11,129.65 | \$11,072.74 | \$10,326.79 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 25 and Wednesday evening, October 28, WALTER FARRER, 597-3397.

And The Lord Added . . .

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Kyle Whitley, son of Farrel and Michele Whitley.
- ✓ Mrs. and Mrs. C. H. McCarty (Bumpy and Bobbie, Rt. 7, Box 594 A, Tyler (75707), Telephone 566-4032.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Lereeda) Bodiford, Rt. 3, #4 Norma Street, Gladewater, Texas - Telephone 983-3058.
- ✓ Alan Hamblett, 4701 Stratford, Tyler (75703), Telephone 561-2069.

BAPTISM

- ✓ Kerry Hamblett, 5101 Springlake Pkwy. #237, Haltom City, Texas 76117.

PRAYERS

- ✓ Marc Philpot, Rt. 3, Box 149X, Lindale

RESTORED AND MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Kathy Dutke (pronounced Duke), 3301 So. Broadway, A-24, Tyler (75701), Telephone 592-0529, from McGregor Church of Christ, Florida.
- ✓ Gina Phillips, 1414 Magnolia, Room 225 (TJC Student) Telephone 597-7425.

MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Mrs. Edna E. Warren, Woodcreek Nursing Center, 810 So. Porter (75702) Telephone 593-2463.
- ✓ Sandra Walters and sons Wayne and Mitch, 3307 Gail Lane, (75701) - Telephone 566-4100, from Crockett Rd. Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Don and Chris Drummond and all of the family in the death of Don's mother, Mary Drummond. Funeral services for sister Drummond are scheduled for Friday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home. She was a former member of the West Erwin congregation.

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From The Elders

This week we have experienced one of the greatest series of meetings ever at West Erwin. We are so blessed to have Jay Lockhart as our preacher, and we are especially blessed to have him preach in this Gospel Meeting. Thank you Jay for the outstanding lessons and for the magnificent way you have preached them in love and kindness. We are grateful for Jay's great knowledge and for his ability to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, not only in this meeting, but in each one of our services.

A special emphasis has been placed upon invitations to viewers of THE SEARCH and to area churches. We are very grateful for the many, many visitors that have helped to fill our building for each service.

This great week did not just happen without preparation. All have had a part in this successful effort, but we want to express appreciation from the elders to some who took a leading part. Our thanks to Forest McFadden for his leadership in our all night devotionals; to Wes Price for the good song services; to the deacons for the ushering and parking responsibilities; to those who taught children's classes; to the men who took a personal invitation to area congregations; to Ben and Patsy Young for the elders and ministers devotional in their home on Saturday evening; to the office staff, and to James Phillips for his work in caring for our buildings.

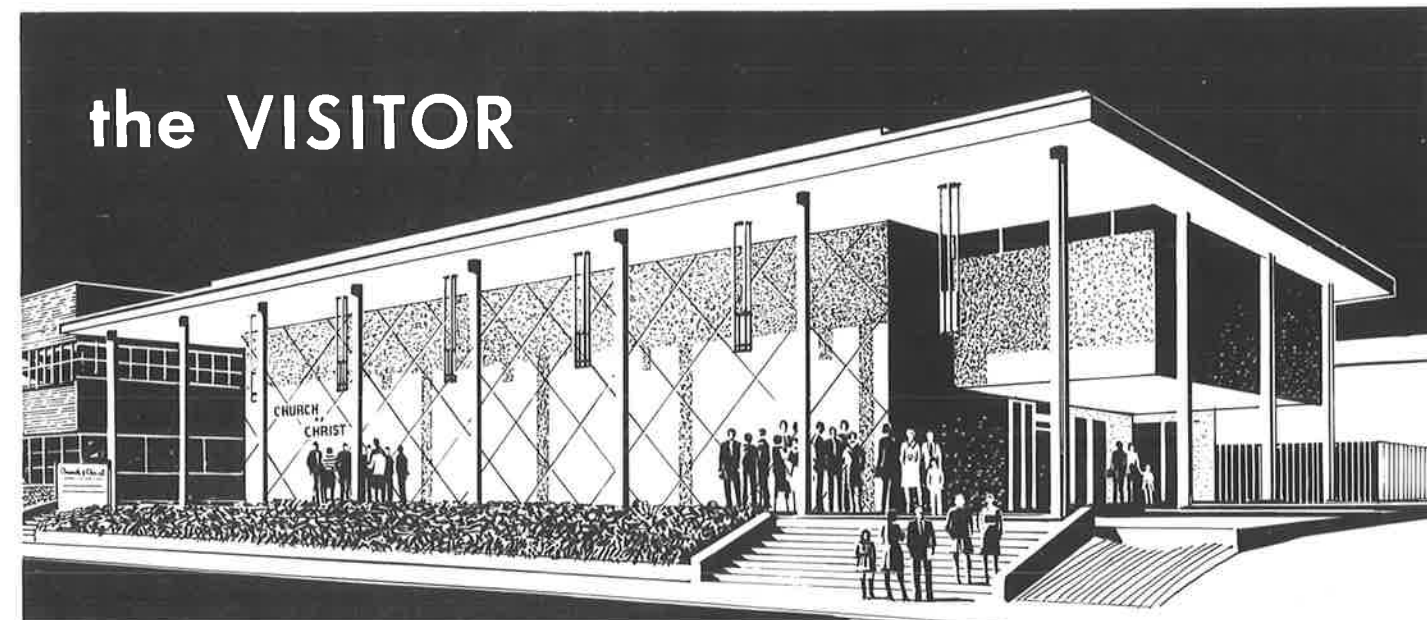
We are thankful for the ones who have been baptized into Christ and for all who have responded to the Lord's invitation. We love and appreciate all of you very much.

Let us continue to pray for those in need and the lost in our community.
The Elders

Happy Birthday


OCTOBER (25) Loyd Rutledge (26) Forest McFadden, Trey Hughes, Ed Stitt (28) Ann Layton, Marc Philpot (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sallyann Pickle (31) Alan Hamblett, Tim Doss.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

I must say I have never been involved in anything quite like the Come And See Campaign! Much preparation went into the meeting--visitation, prayer, commitment--and God has certainly blessed our efforts. In the five services through Tuesday evening we averaged 513 per service! There have been 7 baptisms and 6 have responded for restoration and/or membership. There has been a spirit of enthusiasm, joy, and involvement which has grown over the last few weeks and during the meeting this spirit has exploded! You who have been present know what I am saying, don't you? Those who missed...well, they just missed! So many have done so much to help us succeed. You know who you are and how important your service has been. Thank you and God bless you. It seems that the light is shining a bit brighter from THE HEART OF TYLER.

NEW WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Beginning next Wednesday, October 28, two new classes will begin.

In the auditorium Jay Lockhart will teach a twelve lesson series on

The Family

This series will deal with such important issues as communication, bringing up children, growing together as a family, and Christ-centered homes. All ages are invited.

In the Chapel Stan Clark will teach a twelve lesson series on

When Trouble Comes

This will be a textual study of I Peter and will help us respond to life as a Christian should in a world filled with trouble. All ages are invited.

Be A Wednesday Nighter

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Rejoicing is going on both in heaven and on earth as people are putting on Jesus Christ in baptism. God's Word is powerful and changes our lives to submit ourselves to Him in all that we do. We rejoice with Kyle Whitley as he made the decision to be baptized and give his life to God. Let's pray for him, encourage him along with others who have become Christians. May we all serve

God to the best of our ability and remember heaven will be our home.

Many of you are bringing your friends to see what we are all about. Keep up the good work. Be friendly and encourage them to sit at the front at each service with our young people. Have you noticed the college students sitting at the front lately? We commend them for their example.

High School, you need to sign up for retreat as soon as possible. We need to send in our reservations at Sky Ranch for November 13 and 14. It promises to be a good retreat. Can we count on you to be there and grow to know one another better. Press on toward maturity in Christ.

Gospel Meeting

Dan Manuel of Palestine, Texas will be conducting a Gospel Meeting with the church in Whitehouse, November 8 - 11. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

VOTE NO IF YOU CARE...

... about gambling destroying families ... VOTE NO!

Forty-three percent (43%) of divorced women in Gamblers Anonymous identified gambling as a major factor in the failure of their marriages.

... about how gambling hurts children ... VOTE NO!

SOCIAL WORK magazine reports that a study of compulsive gamblers and their families found the children to have "moderate to severe" emotional problems.

... about crime in your community ... VOTE NO!

Since para-mutual gambling started on a horse track in Minnesota, the local chief of police stated that the crime rate has risen 45% and the burglary rate 100%.

... about the impact of gambling on the poor ... VOTE NO!

The DALLAS TIMES HERALD says: "Gamblers are drawn disproportionately from minority and poor populations that can ill afford to lose, that are especially susceptible to the lure of gambling, and that especially need a government that will not collaborate with gambling entrepreneurs."

... about needless animal suffering ... VOTE NO!

A field investigator for the Humane Society of the United States says: "Dog racing as it exists today is nothing other than a 'bloodsport' since greyhounds in training are allowed to attack and kill small animals like kittens, rabbits, guinea pigs, and chickens. Up to 100,000 such animals are killed each year!"

... about REAL economic development and REAL jobs ... VOTE NO!

The Texas Horse Racing Association's study by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in 1985 forecast 4,000 jobs at racetracks, only 10% of which would be permanent. Texas would be better served by bringing in "clean" industries that create high-paying jobs lasting year round.

... about gambling bringing problems, not prosperity ... VOTE NO!

State budget analysts predict that after five years of racing, dog and horse track gambling might bring in \$110 million per year in revenue for the state. That is only 1/2 of 1% of the state's current \$19.2 billion annual budget needs.

... about para-mutual gambling creating a costly new bureaucracy in an attempt to regulate dog and horse racing ... VOTE NO!

The legal counsel for the Pennsylvania State Racing Commission said that the cost of regulating racing will soon outstrip the revenue most states receive.

... about corruption ... VOTE NO!

The NEW YORK TIMES said: "Gambling is a business so rich, so fast, so powerful and perhaps so unsavory that it cannot help but undermine government."

... about honesty and integrity in government ... VOTE NO!

When the state engages in gambling, it loses moral stature. Where is the integrity of the state when it is in a business which only prospers when its people lose? How can a state claim to act in behalf of the common good when it exploits its own citizens?

If you care about Texas ... VOTE NO to dog and horse race gambling on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

Thank You

Our West Erwin friends made our 50th anniversary an event long to be remembered. Thank you for the many cards, beautiful flowers, and lovely gifts. We love all of you.

Foy and Mary Richey

Thank you for the prayers, visits and concern during my hospital stay. A special "thank you" to the "Lunch Bunch" for the delicious food that was brought. We appreciate the thoughtfulness.

Love in Christ,
Diana Morris

We appreciate so much the food and flowers from the members of the church. The food was delicious and the red carnations beautiful. The personal visits made to us also helped lighten our load during this sad time. Our prayers are with each of you.

The Family of Arthur L. Boss

Our garage sale that was held last Saturday was a great success! We raised over \$900.00 that will be used to purchase new furniture for the Tri-C.

We want to thank each of you who helped in this effort by donating items, purchasing the merchandise, spreading the word and supporting this event.

We appreciate your interest and your concern for the Tri-C.

Charles Stelding

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Moving

O'Neal and Mildred Tuel moved last week to Gilmer, Texas. Their new address is 714 Mitchell St.(75644). We hope they will be happy in their new home.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Leona McElroy. Her sister-in-law was buried Saturday in Cleburn.

We express our sympathy to sister Melba Moore in the recent death of her brother.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Without doubt, this is the greatest meeting West Erwin Church has ever had. We are grateful for the support the visitors from area congregations gave, but we are most thankful for the excellent way in which our members supported it by your presence. This is how a gospel meeting should be supported. God receives the glory, the saints are edified and sinners have had the truth of the gospel preached to them.

Jay's preaching could not have been better. Not only was truth preached plainly to sinner, but it was also reassuring to members, some who needed to hear the basic truths upon which the church is built. We are thankful to God for a man of Jay's ability.

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Elsewhere in our bulletin, you will learn of our new Wednesday night series for adults. We commend these new classes and hope you will find your place in them for regular Wednesday night attendance.

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The new study for our Ladies' Class is in the book of Acts. If you have not been attending, may we give you a special invitation. This look at the first century church and its work will help us become more useful in the Twentieth Century Church.

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Sorting out values for life can be observed by watching what people do. What people do with their time tells a great deal about what they value. This is true whether a person professes to be a Christian or not. But the Christian has a mandate for his faith to be more diligent than his friends in the world. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." How you use your time, what you spend your money on, where you go, what makes your conversation, the words you choose inevitably demonstrate your real value system. Before Jesus made the statement about the Kingdom, he said, "Ye are the light of the world, ye are the salt of the earth." What does your conduct say about you?" In Jay's closing remarks on Monday night's sermon, he said people can't be perfect, but they can be genuine. Judge for yourself.

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| Bible School | 460 | 433 | 360 |
| Worship/A.M. | 527 | 544 | 460 |
| Worship/P.M. | 384 | 368 | 309 |
| Wed. Eve. | 252 | 249 | NC |
| Contributions | \$11,072.74 | \$10,132.14 | \$7,887.28 |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 18 and Wednesday, Oct. 21 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

Responses

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to welcome Pat and Cindy Patten, 2019 Faulkner (01), telephone 595-0177. They have two children, Melissa (5th grade) and Jason (8th grade). They formerly worshipped at the Mound and Starr Church of Christ in Nacogdoches, Texas.

BAPTISM

Sunday morning Paula Hancock and Holly Harrison were baptized into Christ. Paula is the daughter of Paul and Joann Hancock and Holly is the daughter of Wayne and Lynn Harrison. Both girls are 7th grade students. We rejoice with Paula and Holly and their families.



Pat and Cindy Patten
Jason and Melissa



Holly Harrison



Paula Hancock

Sympathy

Funeral services are tentative at this writing for brother Mason Adair who passed away Tuesday. His service will be in Van, Texas possibly on Friday. He was a nephew to sister Audie Grier. We express sympathy to his family.

Serving Sunday

Welcome Ferman Carpenter
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Scripture Stan Clark
Dismiss Stan Mallory

Evening

Welcome Ferman Carpenter
Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture Ira Wilson
Dismiss Paul Stanley

Serving Lord's Supper

James Sublette Wayne Harrison
Mark Gregory Kevin Womack

Melvin Maples Weldon McDougle
Charles Harris Jimmie Harris

Serving Back Foyer

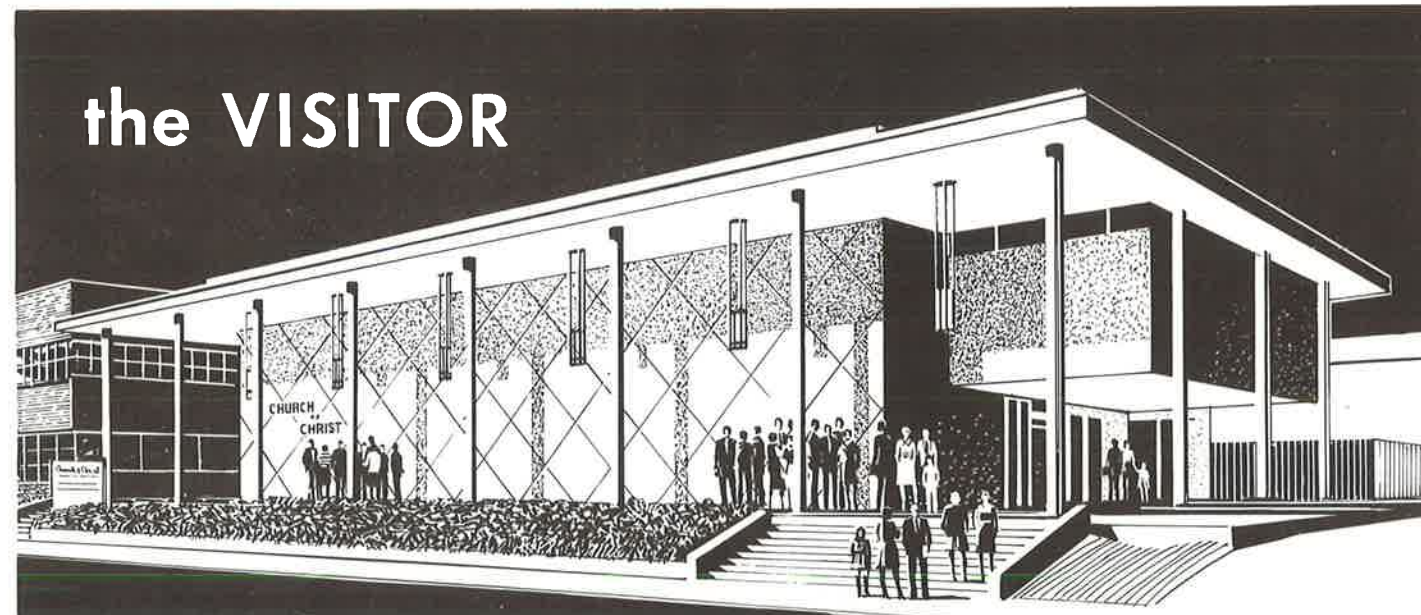
Mark and Martha Waggonner
Alan and Patsy Fisher
John and Susan Steffee
Carroll and Cherrie Magee

The Sick

Mrs. John (Diana) Morris went home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Larry (Becky) Mullings had surgery Thursday in Medical Center.

Mrs. Bertha Higginbotham, mother of Dick Higginbotham, is a resident of Park Place, Room 123, (2450 E. 5th Street)



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COME AND SEE CAMPAIGN

Jay Lockhart PREACHING

OCTOBER 18 - 21

Sunday

BIBLE CLASS
MORNING WORSHIP
EVENING WORSHIP

"If I Be Lifted Up"
"The Glorious Gospel"
"A Plea For Christ"

9:30 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

Monday

"A Christian Now"

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday

"The Churches Of Christ"

7:30 P.M.

Wednesday

"Divine Moments"

7:30 P.M.

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE - NURSERY THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

"COME AND SEE"

| | |
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David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

What a good weekend this has been! Our young people were involved in the activities at Daingerfield on Saturday. We need to recognize Andrea Usrey in connection with the Bible Bowl as she placed second in her division. Keep up the good work. We had two of our young people to be baptized on Sunday morning. They were Holly Harrison and Paula Hancock. Let's encourage them as they encourage each of us to live a Christian life. We are proud of them. Also, we want to welcome Melissa and Jason Patten to the youth group as their parents placed membership here Sunday morning.

We appreciate the Stan Clarks for opening their home for the High School devotional and the Larry Carrols for helping also. There will be a combined activity in our Fellowship building on Sunday night after worship. Bring a friend and join us.

Young people as you take advantage of attending special events that are planned, you will benefit greatly. We all need to grow in the knowledge of God, in fellowship with each other, and in serving others. Hope each of you have a great week.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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Potpourri

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CHORUS

The Lubbock Christian University A Cappella Chorus will be presenting a concert, Sunday evening immediately following the worship service at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

Your donations of used items for the Campus Christian Center Garage Sale helped to make it a huge success. However, additional funds are still needed to buy the required furniture. If you would be willing to contribute money to complete the project, please contact Jamon Kirby or Dale Blackstone.

BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS

Bible Class Teachers are encouraged to call class members to remind them of the importance of being present this Sunday for the meet. Our Junior High, High School, College, and all Adult Classes will be meeting in the auditorium for a special class taught by Jay Lockhart. All other classes will meet as usual.

OCTOBER 18-21

**SOMETHING
BIG
IS COMING UP**

**Gospel
Meeting**



with
Jay Lockhart

"Come and See"

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

We thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy and concern on the occasion of the death of my sister, Claribel Seaman.

James Phillips

We would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, cards, visits, and flowers during the illness and later passing of our beloved mother and grandmother.

The Children and Grandchildren
of Sister Lilla Tigert

Thanks so much for all your expressions of love and sympathy in the loss of my two brothers. The flowers, cards, and calls are gratefully appreciated.

Robert & Ila McLemee

(We are sorry this note was overlooked and not printed the week it arrived.)

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (19) Mary Haws, J. D. Brem, Bill McCain (20) Dorothy Bell, Fred Powell, Carolyn Miller (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Edythe Trentham Jonathan Bragg (23) Carolyn Stitt (24) Kim Lemons

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21:22.

"I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end."

Here and There

by Wes Price



There is still time for you to make those calls and visits to invite guests to the gospel meeting beginning Sunday morning. I'm sure you will want to do everything you can to see that we have a full house at every service of this meeting. Never before has more effort been put into a meeting, but we must not fail to encourage every member to be active in what ever way you can to add to its success. Then, finally, don't forget to pray for its success. God's word will bring its own results, but there must be ears to hear it preached.

I'm looking forward to a full auditorium, and that always has a dramatic effect on the singing. And singing has a beautiful attraction to those who have never heard singing as a means of worship without instruments. Don't forget to add the strength of your voice as we seek to admonish one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. May we ask members who can, those without physical difficulties to use the parking lots across the street so more space on our lots will be available for visitors. We will have men in all the parking lots to supervise during services.

Sam Bailey has placed TV monitors in the Chapel so that any overflow in the auditorium will still be able to be a part of the worship. We ask that our members use this area if needed rather than have guests go in the Chapel.

Greet our guests warmly and encourage them to come back.

The Wednesday Ladies Class will conclude its study on Archaeology and the Bible this week and begin a new study of the book of Acts on Wednesday, October 21. We will have lesson sheets available for advance study and preparation. If you would like to join us in this study, you will find a copy of the lesson in the Chapel on the front seat. We encourage all of our ladies to join us.

We need YOU in Bible School!

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Records | Sunday Oct.4 | Sunday Sept.27 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 433 | 436 | 377 |
| Worship/A.M. | 544 | 571 | 477 |
| Worship/P.M. | 368 | 403 | 357 |
| Wed. Eve. | 249 | 260 | 261 |
| Contributions | \$10,132.14 | \$10,240.21 | \$8,848.02 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 11 and Wednesday Evening, October 14, CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

Response

Jimmie Philpot asked for prayer on Sunday morning.



PRAY FOR OUR MEETING
October 18 - 21

A Successful Workshop

What a joy it was to have our building full of visitors for the annual East Texas Teachers' Workshop last Saturday. We had visitors from all over East Texas from nearly two dozen congregations outside of Tyler. It would be impossible to over emphasize our thanks to all who had a part in making it go as smoothly as it did. We appreciate our West Erwin folks for taking on the responsibility of being host this year.

And to our teachers who attended - a special word of thanks for giving a part of your day so that you can increase your usefulness as a teacher of God's Word.

The Evaluation Sheets indicate a high level of positive feeling, not only for the classes, but for the change in schedule which we used for the first time this year. We will be announcing the location for next year's workshop as soon as the selection committee meets and finalizes its choice.

Again, thank you to all who helped. We couldn't have done it without you.

Wes Price

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Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Farrel Whitley
Scripture Dale Blackstone
Dismiss John Steffee

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Matt Haws
Scripture Steve Ward
Dismiss Louis Jones

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Jay Graham Jim Usrey
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Angel Cabrera Mark Morris
Jeff Hone Rex Johnson

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Mark and Martha Waggoner
Carroll and Cherrie Magee
John and Susan Steffee
Alan and Patsy Fisher

The Sick

Mrs. John (Diana) Morris underwent surgery on Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Bonnie Aven of Arp, Texas is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 2243. She is a sister-in-law to A. Z. Aven.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:13.

"The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long,
But He has made us mighty,
And stronger than the strong."

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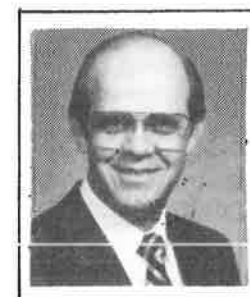
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"Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded you of God." -Acts 10:33



Jay Lockhart

Countdown

One of the great moments in human history was the meeting of Peter, the Jew, and Cornelius, the Gentile. This was the first time the gospel was preached to Gentiles and the beginning of the fulfillment of Jesus' commission which took His cause to "the uttermost parts of the earth," (Acts 1:8). How wonderful was the spirit of Cornelius and his friends: they came together "to hear all things that are commanded you of God." Wouldn't it be wonderful to have an audience like that? The attitude was: "If the Lord says it we want to hear it." And the implication is, "We will do it." I believe there are still people like that. They do not want to hear human theories or current events or pious platitudes, but they are ready to hear the

things of God. In just over a week we launch our COME AND SEE campaign, an effort to reach those who are searching, who want to know, who desire additional light. It's a humbling fact that people will be standing at the cross roads October 18-21. You and I must be sure we are fully involved. Let us invite; let us bring; let us pray; let us be present. When our friends come, they must find a warm, friendly atmosphere, enthusiastic worship, and a full building. They must find God's Word spoken plainly, fully, lovingly. If we will be faithful, God will bless our efforts. If we do what we can, God will do what we can't. Let's be totally involved as we continue the countdown!

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Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Saturday was a wonderful day! There was lots of activity at Bergfield Park as 61 teens from Tyler prepared to walk in the Walk-A-Thon. Our thanks to everyone who made this event possible. Your work and time was very much appreciated. Those who walked from here were: Lane Akin, Jeff Blackstone, Brody Clark, Lanny Honeycutt, Melissa Ingram, David and Kathy Lovejoy, Mark Morris, Cheryl Murphy, Amy O'Quinn, Jason Phelps, Michelle Steffee, Kelli Whitley, and Cheryl Welborn. Thanks to each of you for walking and your efforts in helping to raise \$458.43 to help stop world hunger. We thank all who contributed to this cause.

There were some visitors at the devotional Sunday night for which we are thankful. Keep up the good work. Thanks to Hillard and Jeanine Hughes for providing the food.

This coming Sunday night (October 11) there will be a high school devotional. Helping will be the Stan Clarks and the Larry Carrolls. Come and join us for the activities.

A reminder about the youth activity at Daingerfield on Saturday (Oct. 10). This is for grades 3 through 8. We will leave the building at 7:30 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Scott Carruth. He won 1st and 3rd place in photography at the East Texas Fair.

Remember High School and Middle School meet together Sunday for Bible School with Jay Lockhart teaching.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (12) Mary Dawson, Allen Bobbitt (13) Elva Williams, Brady Dawkins, Buddy Bell, Cheri Bene (15) John Steffee (16) Sandra Henry, Audie Grier.

Potpourri

GARAGE SALE FOR CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

Keep in mind the Garage Sale planned for October 10 at the Campus Christian Center. The proceeds will be used to purchase new furniture for the Center. Donations of cash, good furniture, or garage sale items are needed. Bring donations to the Campus Christian Center. Contact Jamon Kirby or Dale Blackstone for pick-up.

MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK

We are collecting Ragu Sauce for the Medina Home Grocery Truck that will be here during the week of November 2-6. A Six month supply is 450 24 oz. jars. Let's have a generous supply on hand for them.

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Bernie and Vera Beard. This week they celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary.

GOSPEL MEETING IN TATUM

The Tatum Church of Christ announces a their Gospel Meeting, October 25-28 with Jim Dobbs. Evening services (including Sunday) will be at 7:30.

GOSPEL SING-SONG

You are invited to the Hallsville Church of Christ Gospel Sing-Song on Friday night, October 16 from 7:00 p.m. until midnight. A brochure is on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL LESSONS

We have in the office 8 lessons addressed to students of World Bible School. The teacher failed to put their name and return address on the outside of the lessons and also inside. If these lessons are yours, please call the office.



EVERY MEMBER PRESENT!

SUNDAY
in Bible Class!

Thank You

I want to especially thank you for your prayers for my recovery. Also, I am grateful for the many lovely cards and for your visits.

Iva Mae Lambert

I would like to express my appreciation to each one who took the time to make a visit, call, send a card, or say a prayer for me during my surgery and recovery. An extra thanks to the ladies who cooked and sent meals.

Margie Hunt

The Staff of Sunny Glen Children's Home and I want to express our heart felt thanks and appreciation for your support over the past year. Your support has provided a Christian home, food, clothing and love for over 50 children who needed a place to live. In addition, we, you and Sunny Glen Children's Home, were able to enroll three children at Abilene Christian University for a Christian education. One of these students has already graduated.

The fact that many of you are feeling financial difficulties as a result of the oil crisis and that you are our soul support makes your contributions especially appreciated. May God remember you for your gifts of love.

Franklin L. Witt
Superintendent

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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

Fiftieth Anniversary

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Reception Saturday

We extend congratulations to Foy and Mary Richey who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 10, 1987. You are invited to attend a Reception honoring Foy and Mary given by their children from two until four Saturday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the West Erwin Church of Christ. Your presence is your gift to them.



Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to sister Arthur Boss and her family in the death of brother Boss. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home. He was a brother of sister Clyde Lane and sister Henry Dunn.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon for sister Lilla Tigert. Sister Tigert had been a member of this congregation for many years. She was the mother of Daisy Lee Old and Lucille Carpenter. We share in the sorrow of this family in their loss.



GOSPEL MEETING

Our Gospel Meeting with Jay Lockhart preaching will begin on Sunday, October 18 to continue through Wednesday, October 21. October 18 is the Sunday following the Rose Festival parade, and it is a time when we have more visitors than usual. We look forward to a large crowd for the Sunday services and the days to follow. You will find brochures in the foyers to help you in advertising the meeting.

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| Vol. 17 | October 1, 1987 | | Number 38 |
| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | Sept. 27 | Sept. 20 | Ago |
| Bible School | 436 | 408 | 405 |
| Worship/A.M. | 571 | 509 | 463 |
| Worship/P.M. | 403 | 404 | 343 |
| Wed. Eve. | 260 | 245 | 215 |
| Contributions | \$10,240.21 | \$9,124.92 | \$9,270.35 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for October 4 and Wednesday evening, October 7 - WAYNE HARRISON, 839-7536.

New Members

We are happy to welcome Cheri Bené and Shannon Sallee. These are college girls who live at 4920 Thistle, #17, Tyler, Texas 75703, Telephone 534-1959. They both formerly worshipped at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas.

We have also pictured Jack Grier who placed membership last week.



Cheri Bené



Shannon Sallee



Jack Grier

Sermon Subjects Sunday, Oct. 4, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Spirit of Obedience
Psalm 119:57-64

P.M. The Loneliest of The Lonely
Isaiah 53:1-6



Serving Sunday

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Welcome Hillard Hughes
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tony and Mary Adams
Clinton and Louise Culpepper
David and Cathy Haney
Melvin and Donna Maples

The Sick

Sister Lilla Tigert continues to be very ill in Mother Frances.

Sister Mildred Massey has gone home from the hospital.

Sister Opal Dunagan has been dismissed from the hospital.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (4) Whitney Bobbitt, Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey (5) Julie Frick, Rob Butler (7) LeAnn Braly (8) Patti Tate, Chris Ables, Cody Ables (9) Hulen Hulsey, Miranda Smith (10) Leona Hardin (11) Amanda Broome, Joe Carroll.

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Jay Lockhart

*"But now are they many members, yet but one body."
--I Corinthians 12:20*

Beautiful Balance

There are several descriptive terms used in the New Testament to speak of the church, but perhaps none is more meaningful than the word BODY. The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23), and the implications are powerful and far reaching. One of the things emphasized in Scripture in regard to the body is that there are many members (you and me) and we have varied God-given functions, i.e., talents, abilities (Romans 12:4). When each member does his part the body functions properly and the church grows (Ephesians 4:16). Happy is the congregation which has a membership large enough and talented enough to function effectively as the body. This week I have been thinking again of the beautiful blend, the effective balance, we enjoy in the West Erwin family. Here is an interesting fact: in our Nursery through Second Grade group we have approximately 60 little folks;

from the Third Grade through the Tenth Grade we have about 60 people; from Grade Eleven through College we have nearly 60 people; and in each ten year group (20's, 30's, 40's, 50's 60's, 70's and above) we have about 60 people, for a total of about 600. Isn't that amazing? We are a congregation, not of young people or middle aged people or older people, but, with a beautiful balance of age and talent. We love our young people, we cherish our middle agers, and we honor our older people. Our young folks give us excitement and energy; our middle agers give us leadership and direction; and our older folks give us wisdom and experience. All ages are blended together in love and the body functions. Whatever your age or talent, we are so glad you are a member of the West Erwin family. Let's diligently work together to be the active, serving body of Christ in the Heart of Tyler.

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Eccl.12:1a

Saturday will be the day of our Walk-A-Thon. All things are going according to schedule. Lots of hours of thought and preparation by many people enabled this event to take place. Numbers of prayers have been said for the hungry of the world and for this project. Many teenagers in this nation are preparing to walk on this day. We are thankful to each one of them for their commitment. During the time they are walking they will realize what many people have to do each day of their lives to get food and water.

A sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board for the Daingerfield trip on October 10. This will be for grades 3 through 8. The deadline for signing up will be Sunday, October 4. The day promises to be challenging and rewarding for all who attend.

Middle School, you will have a devotional this Sunday night. Let's bring a guest and encourage each other to come and participate. Helping will be the Hillard Hughes and Rodney Knights.

Let's all be friendly and encourage each other and make our visitors welcome. Our example says a lot about who we are trying to follow. May our friends, loved ones and visitors truly see that we are striving to follow Jesus Christ.

PRAY FOR OUR MEETING
October 18 - 21



Area Meeting

The North Tenneha Church of Christ will be in a Gospel Meeting, October 4 - 7 with Warren Blakney preaching. The weeknight services will be at 7:30 p.m.

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EAST TEXAS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by East Texas Churches of Christ
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1987

8:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

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

Workshop Location:
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

Potpourri

OUR GUESTS

God blessed us with an unusually large number of visitors Sunday. Quite a number of them are Tyler residents and considering West Erwin as their church home. Those with whom I had the privilege of visiting after services were very complimentary about our warmth and friendliness. Thanks to all for being yourselves and showing a friendly face to new people. WP

GOOD JOB CHRIS

Didn't Chris Honeycutt do a good job in presenting the request for help on the Teens Walk-A-Thon? If you didn't congratulate him, do so. It will help encourage him in leadership training. WP

NEW PANTRY

Hats off to Jay Vandiver for the pantry he built for our ladies who cook in the Fellowship Hall. He did an outstanding job and it will make the ladies' work so much easier since their utensils will be more accessible. Thanks Jay! WP

MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK

Remember to bring Ragu Sauce for the Medina Childrens Home grocery truck that will be here the week of November 2-6.

The Children of
Mr. and Mrs. Foy J. Richey
request the honour of your presence
at the

Fiftieth Anniversary
of the marriage of their parents
on Saturday, the tenth of October
Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven
from two until four p.m.

West Erwin Street Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Tyler, Texas

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Your presence is our gift

Sympathy

Graveside services for Claribel Seaman were held Monday afternoon here in Tyler. Mrs. Seaman was the half sister to James Phillips. We express our sympathy to the family.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

A niece of Kathryn Cauthen and Betty Sue Harris was fatally injured last week in an automobile accident in Augusta, Georgia. We express our sympathy to the family in their loss.

In Appreciation

We are grateful to the ladies who cook each Tuesday and prepare meals for elderly, shutins, and the ill. Those cooking in September were: Ann McCoy, Alma Biggs, Odell Sessions, Chloe Clark, Roberta Tindall, Louise Seaberry, May Helen May, and Nerene Ingram.

We also want to express thanks to Clyde Lane for the contribution of sweet potatoes.

Here and There

by Wes Price



What can I say more about the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop to be held in our building on Saturday, October 4. If you are at home reading this on Saturday morning and you need to be here, get dressed and get down here. You will profit greatly by the instruction being given in our departmental classes. I mailed invitations to all our teachers this week and intended to include a copy of the program and neglected to do so. You will have one available when you arrive at the building on Saturday morning. Come join us for coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All of our Education Committee members are requested to be present at 8:00 a.m. to get ready for the large number of visitors to our building.

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For those of you who just can't think of anything to do to help get ready for our Gospel Meeting with Jay on October 18-21, let me make a suggestion. Go to the public Library and get a copy of the 1986 City Directory. Look up your street and copy the names of neighbors on both sides of the street. Count the number and get that many copies of the printed invitation we have for advertising. Go to each home, knock on the door, greet the person who answers by name. Tell them you are a neighbor and give them the sweetest invitation you can and leave them a copy of the printed invitation. You might just be surprised at how many will take you up on it. But no matter, go to it with the greatest expectations. At least you will feel greatly blessed by the effort and no one can say you did not try anything. God bless!

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Recently we have had three classes that have had 100% in attendance more than once. They are: the Beginners with Jeanine Hughes and Jo Butler teaching, Two Year Old Class with Velma Lemons and Sherryl Miles teaching, and the Three Year Old Class with Ginger Metcalf and Carolyn Vandiver teaching. We are happy to congratulate these teachers and their students.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 27 and Wednesday Evening, Sept.30-JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

The Sick

Sister Opal Dunagan is in Mother Frances. She has suffered a light stroke.

Sister Lilla Tigert is a patient in Mother Frances and is very seriously ill. She does not need visitors at this time.

Sister Patsy Bullard, mother of sister Cathy Culpepper, underwent surgery Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Iva Lambert has been dismissed from the hospital and has returned to Briarcliff village.

Sister Margie Hunt is now at home recovering from surgery.

New Members

On Sunday morning Jack Grier, 3024 Berryhill, telephone 592-6629, Tyler 75702, placed membership.

Last Wednesday evening Weldon McDougale, pictured at right, placed membership. His address is 231 So. Beckham, Tyler 75702, telephone 592-9664.



We welcome each one into the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

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Welcome Stan Mallory
Prayer Bill Butler
Scripture Milburn Cook
Dismiss Jeff Blackstone

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Stan Mallory
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Scripture Don Ingram
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tony and Mary Adams

Clinton and Louise Culpepper

David and Cathy Haney

Melvin and Donna Maples

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 27

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Why Jesus Came

(I Timothy 1:12-17)

P.M. The People Which Sat In

Darkness Saw Great Light.

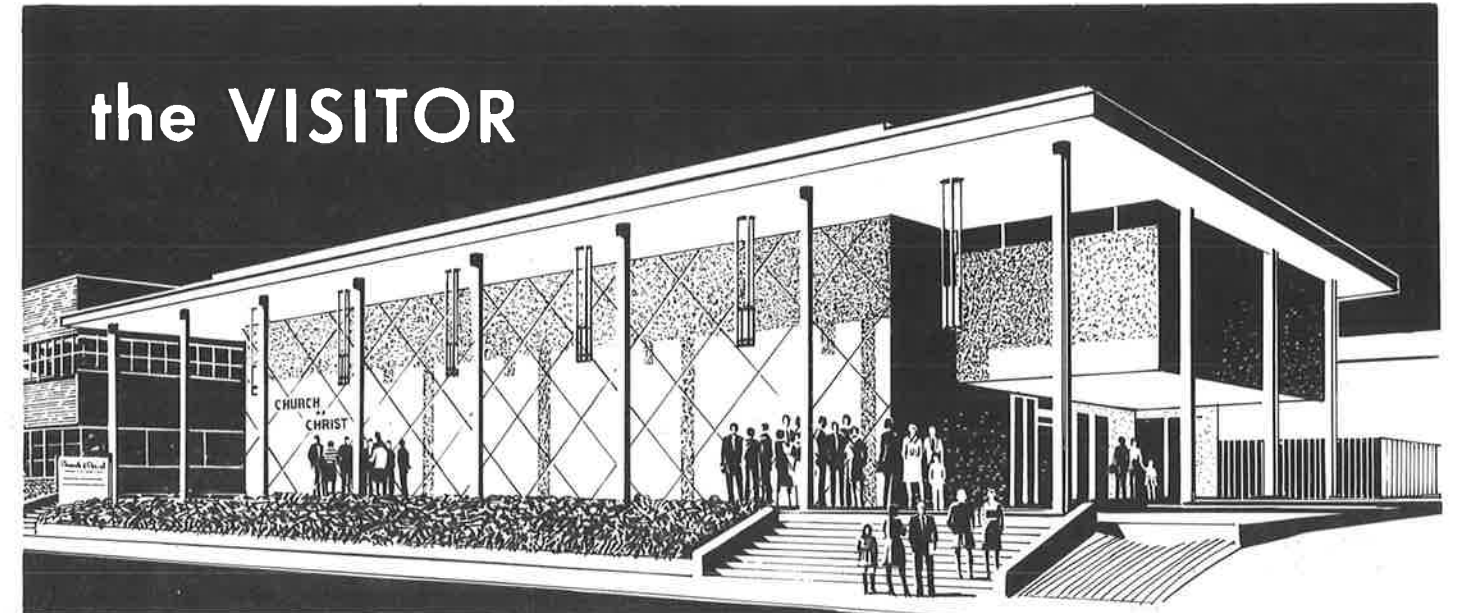
(Matthew 4:12-16)

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (27) Nettie Potts (28)
Abby Adams (29) Adela Scogins, Justin
Metcalf (30) Mary Butler, Gary Col-
ston, Nancy Bragg.

OCTOBER (1) Cooper Goodson (2) Gwen
Shuford, Bryan Leek, J. B. Smith (3)
Bobbie Wilson.

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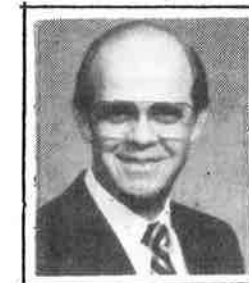
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Jay Lockhart

"Be still and know that I am God"
--Psalm 46:10

"Just A Moment, Please"

Suppose you were walking through a shopping mall and someone said, "Just a moment please." What would you do? You might stop or you might hurry on, but you no doubt would look toward the voice because someone got your attention. I believe God is trying to get our attention. Are you hurrying on your way, giving only a casual glance toward God, or are you one who stops, looks, and listens? But we are in such a hurry--there are things to do, places to go. We look in the direction of God but hardly have time to "be still and know that I am God." Hurry, hurry, hurry. Let's get out of town. Let's get to the cafeteria. Let's get to the TV. Let's get to the golf course. Let's get on with what we want to do. So we

hurry on, hindering our spiritual growth, cutting off our fellowship with each other, and forgetting to "be still and know that I am God." What is the basic problem? Isn't it a heart problem? Isn't a failure to "be still" a love failure? The antithesis of love is not hate, but a cool indifference. Love for God and a casual glance in His direction are not in harmony with each other. Let's slow down. Let's think straight. Most of the things we hurry for won't matter in a hundred years, "but they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength," (Isaiah 40:31). Joy and peace and spiritual stability are possessions of those who will "be still (lit: "cease striving, relax" --JPL) and know that I am God."

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

We have been having a number of visitors both in classes and devotionals. It is good to have them come and see what we are all about at this place. We want them to feel welcome and understand that it is the Bible that guides us in our lives. Lets continue to meet them and include them in our activities. May our light always shine in a world of darkness.

As our teenage boys continue to grow physically and in the knowledge of the Word of God, let us encourage them. Chris Honeycutt did a fine job with his lesson Sunday night for the devotional. Also, we commend Jason Phelps and Brody Clark for their prayers. The Wayne Harrisons provided the meal for which we are thankful. It takes everyone working and participating to make our activities possible, uplifting to God and to one another. We all benefit from this effort and the fun of being together.

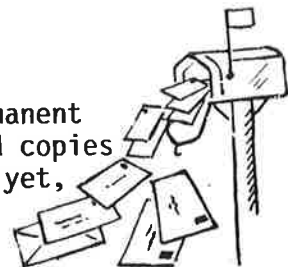
A special event is coming up in Daingerfield on October 10 for grades 3 through 8. A sign-up sheet in on the Youth Bulletin Board. It will be a day filled with activities such as singing, games, a Bible Bowl of general knowledge of the Bible, and fellowship with people we have not met yet. If we have enough to go, we will take a bus. See me if you have any questions.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

It was announced Sunday that we would have an all-church fellowship Sunday evening. This has been changed, and we will have our Brother's Keeper Unit Meetings as originally scheduled. The next all-church fellowship will be Sunday evening, November 22.

The Search - Mail

"...I would like to be on your permanent mailing list to receive the printed copies of the messages. I am not a member yet, and I am trying to learn the right way."



"I am not a member of the Church of Christ, but I would like to know more about it... I listen to the TV program each Sunday morning and it is very enlightening."

"Your church has by far the most interesting, clearest and well organized sermons of any church in Tyler. Each sermon has depth yet it is presented so simply. Please send the printed material..."

Potpourri

GARAGE SALE for Campus Christian Center

A Garage Sale is planned for October 10th at the Campus Christian Center. The money will be used to purchase new furniture for the Center. Donations of cash, good furniture, or garage sale items are needed. Bring your donations to the Campus Christian Center or to our Fellowship Hall. Contact Jamon Kirby or Dale Blackstone for pick-up.

AREA MEETINGS

Mike Warner will be preaching October 4-7 at the Pritchett Church of Christ. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited.

The Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville invites you to hear Garell Forhand from Cleburne, October 4-7. Weeknight services will be at 7:00 o'clock.

MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK

Remember, we are collecting Ragu Sauce for the Medina Home Grocery Truck that will be here during the week of November 2-6. "...He who is generous to the needy honors God."-Proverbs 14:21

LADIES, there are many dishes in the shelves in the back foyer. Please check and see if you have one there.

IMPORTANT EVENTS



Dates to Remember

Workshop Location:
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

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EAST TEXAS
TEACHER TRAINING
WORKSHOP

Sponsored by East Texas Churches of Christ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1987

8:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

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

Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting with brother Jay Lockhart preaching will be, **October 18-21.**

We are responsible for the lives we can influence for Christ. Pray and work for the success of our meeting.

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation for the prayers, food, and memorials during the loss of Tommy's father, Frank Konczak.

In Christian love,
Tommy, Jerry & Jeffrey Konczak

Ladies

We had thirty seven present for Ladies' Class last Wednesday, and we are very thankful for this good beginning. Why don't you try to arrange your time so you can be with us each week on Wednesday at 10:00 o'clock? I believe you will profit from this additional study time.

WP

Here and There

by **Wes Price**



A special "thanks" is in order for Claude Sessions and Charles McCoy who worked to brighten up our upstairs hallway in the Education building. Take a walk up the North Education Wing and see how much brighter that hall is. We appreciate their work and the electrical engineering talent that Claude has for the benefit of the church. Thanks, men, for your generosity.

Final preparations are now being made for the hosting of the Third Annual East Texas Teacher Training Workshop. We will have the privilege of having hundreds of Bible class workers and teachers in our facility for this great event. I hope you have reserved that day so you can be here. With regard to the final preparations, all members of the Education Committee are asked to be at the building on Friday night, October 2, to arrange rooms for this special use. Join us for this work session at 7:00 p.m. We should be finished in a couple of hours.

We dare not let our Gospel Meeting slip upon us without each one doing his part to make it the success it deserves to be. We cannot expect great results unless each member works on inviting and urging friends and acquaintances to be our guests. That's such a simple thing, and it would be easy to think that someone else will do our share and we won't need to. There are several things wrong with that logic, but the worst is that the people you know may be the only way that they can come to know the truth. Don't waste any time. Begin inviting now, and when October 18th arrives you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you put your effort into its success too!

Some of our Bible class teachers have asked me to mention a small matter where parents can help. Why not plan your Sunday mornings to begin preparations just a bit earlier. This will help you have your children present for Bible class prior to the 9:30 a.m. starting time. This will help the teachers make better use of their time without the interruption of late comers. It's a small matter, but it can pay rich dividends for your children. Thanks for your help.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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



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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday evening, Sept. 23 - KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (20) Mary Adams (21) Alma Faye Price (22) Ed Bullard, Rhonda Haws, Kay Plumb, Clark Lemons, Doc Wright, Courtney Russell (23) Janie Farrer, Martha Waggoner (24) Lane Akin (25) Glen Wright (26) Ruby McCain.

East Texas Teachers Training Workshop

Saturday 8:30 A.M. - 12:05 Noon **October 3, 1987**

- Pre-school LaHoma Cox, Waterview Church
Richardson, Texas
- Primary Jane Carmer, Bammel Road Church
Houston, Texas
- Junior Dwight and Kim Brimmer
Mineola, Texas
- Youth Bill Hunter, Waterview Church
Richardson, Texas
- Adult Frank Scott Duncanville, Texas
- Imaginality Beverly Scott Duncanville, Texas
Jana Smith New Braunfels, Texas
(This class has been especially enjoyed for the rich resource on visuals and learning activities for Primary teachers and has adaptability for pre-school children as well.)
- Bible Hour Resources
Mike Bolinsky Cedar Hill, Texas
- Media Center Resources
Joe and Glenda Walker
Mesquite, Texas

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 Scripture Don Drummond
 Dismiss Don Farrer
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 Prayer Ray Vannoy
 Scripture Bob May
 Dismiss Henry McRuiz
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 Brody Clark Bryan Leek
 Jason Phelps Robbie Butler
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 Jason Harris Chris Starnes
 Jeff Blackstone Chris Honeycutt
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Forest and Mary McFadden
 Dub and Opal Mathews
 Archie and Faye Kennard
 Ray and Gail Vannoy

The Sick

Sister Margie Hunt has been hospitalized in Branson, Mo. She hoped to return home on Tuesday.

Brother Dorsey Martin is in room 3303 in Medical Center Hospital. He is there for tests.

Sister Iva Lambert is recovering from surgery. Her condition has improved and she was moved to room 376 in Mother Frances on Tuesday.

Sister Patsy Bullard, mother of sister Kathy Culpepper, will have surgery Wednesday (23) in Medical Center Hospital.

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"They ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." --Acts 5:42



Jay Lockhart

Television Update

Several months ago we began a campaign to produce THE SEARCH at our building with our own equipment. Sam Bailey agreed to supervise the technical aspects of the production, to purchase needed equipment and to loan us some of his personal equipment to get us started. We asked the church to help us with a Special TV contribution of \$20,000 to purchase minimum equipment. You gave a total of \$32,000 to

this effort, enabling us to buy now all that we need for our production. In the future we will need to expand, but for now we are prepared to get started. A lot of experimenting has been going on by Sam and his crew, a lot of decisions regarding our studio and camera position have been made, and now we are ready to get going! Thanks to all of you who have helped in a special way. JL

We are also very appreciative to brother Sam Bailey for his work in beginning a Video Library for the church. The video cassettes have been catalogued and are now available to be checked out. The following are available for your study, or you may use them in teaching others. Please come to the church office to check them out.

- THE SEARCH - By Jay Lockhart
- Study of Faith (4 lessons)
- Revelation - 8 Cassettes (most are 4 lessons on each cassette)
- How Can We To Find The Truth?
- How Are We To Regard the Bible?
- THE SEARCH SPECIALS - By Jay Lockhart
- 4 Cassettes of Specials with 5 copies of "The Greatest Issue of Life" 4/12/'87

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Gospel in Song - Ray Walker (2 copies) (9/1/1985, made when Ray Walker was here).
- Sermons by George H. Stephenson - 9/20 & 9/27/'81 (The last two Sunday A.M. Sermons of George Stephensons at West Erwin)
- Sermon by John Thompson - 6/3/'87
- "The Sneak Thief Who Became A Saint"
- Sermons by Jimmy Wood 6/14/'87
- "The One Gospel & Laying Up Treasure"
- Sermons by Jay Lockhart 4/4/'87
- "What Is The New Testament Church" (2 Copies)
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT LESSONS By Jay Lockhart
- "A Study of the Nature of God" 11/1986 (Lessons 1, 2 and 3)
- Studies in Joshua (3 Cassettes with 3 lessons each)
- Studies in Judges (1 cassette, 2 lessons)

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David Lovejoy

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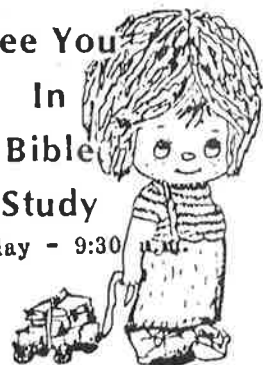
Here are the dates of high school days for the coming school year. This will give you a chance to learn about a Christian campus on a first hand basis. Keep this in mind as you plan your calendar for the next year: Oklahoma Christian College, October 10th, Harding University, October 17, Abilene Christian University, November 8 and April 11.

We had several turn out for our softball game. It was good to see teenagers and parents involved in the same activity. We had lots of food, fellowship and a good time. This was a chance for the new to become better acquainted and for us to get to know them also. I am looking forward to working with you during this new school year. Let's all work to make it the best yet. Parents, encourage your teenagers to come to classes, devotionals, and other activities. They will benefit from it and the glory will go to God. Let's pray for our teenagers and encourage them to live a faithful life for God.

High School, remember your devotional this Sunday night, September 20. Come and bring a friend and your Bible. Helping with the devotional will be the Wayne Harrises and the Charles Harrises.

See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday - 9:30



In Appreciation

Thank You Notes

Thanks so much for bringing the food Thursday night. We appreciate you thinking of us. Please feel free to come visit us any opportunity you have. Thanks again for your support.

We love you.

Campus Christian Center

May these few words serve as an expression of the love we have for all of you. We appreciate the things you have said and done since the loss of our loved one.

Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes

Thanks so very much for your kind expressions of love and sympathy in the loss of my brother, Scott Stanley of Longview. The many cards, telephone calls, and flowers are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. We love our many Christian friends.

Paul and Signa Stanley

We have received a note this week concerning Glen Wright indicating that he is doing well. He will be going back to Texarkana soon. Address mail to 5824 Pleasant Grove Rd. Texarkana, Texas 75501

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

New Members

We are happy to welcome Don and Christine Drummond to the fellowship of West Erwin. They recently moved to Tyler from Denver, Colorado. Don is retired. Their address is 5100 Sweetbriar Lane, #109, Telephone 581-0625.

Dennis Stansbury is a Dentist here in Tyler. His name appeared in last week's bulletin, but we are happy to have his picture this week.



Don and Christine Drummond



Dr. Dennis Stansbury

Potpourri

Change of Address

Don and Janie Farrer now live at 804 Kelly, Jacksonville, Texas 75766

Mrs. R. E. Frederick's new address is Arlington Villa - B 179, 2601 West Randoll Mill, Arlington, Texas 76012, telephone (817) 275-6899. On September 25, sister Frederick will be 87.

Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris will be honored at a reception on Sunday afternoon, September 20, two until four in the afternoon at the University Church of Christ, 922 Omen Road, Tyler, Texas. The Harris' children invite you to attend. Your presence is the only gift desired.

Sermon Subjects for Sunday

A.M. How Can I Know The Will of God? (Matt. 18:10-14)

P.M. Do Not Be Silent (Acts 18:1-11)

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Greenville, Texas for George Johnson, brother-in-law to sister Lorene Venable. We express our sympathy to the family.

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Thank You

It was such a pleasant surprise to receive the \$224.00 which you and the other Church of Christ sponsored softball teams contributed recently to Christian Services. Your decision to make our ministry the recipient of these funds is very much appreciated and I want each of you to know that these funds will be well-used in our foster care and adoption programs. Thank you so much for your generous hearts and for your care and concern for needy and homeless children.

Bill Moore, Administrator

Here and There

by Wes Price



We are happy to congratulate the Nursery class taught by Jeanine Hughes on Sunday morning for having 100% attendance for the past three Sundays.

This will be a good place to mention the beginning of a new Nursery Class taught by Jeanine Hughes on Wednesday night. We have been without a class for the past several months so we are especially pleased to make this announcement. It is important however, that we have parents of nursery age children respond. Bring your little ones and come to worship and Bible study on Wednesday nights.

May I beg your attention to a small but very important matter concerning our registration cards in the auditorium. It takes only a little time to fill one out, but it is so essential to our record system in the church office. Please help us by taking just a minute and fill out the card each week. If you miss Sunday morning but attend at the evening service, please fill one out then. Thank you for your cooperation!

Have you marked your calendar for the two important dates for the month of October? If not, they may slip up on you. Why not take the time just now and do that. October 3 the EAST TEXAS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP will be held in our building from 8:30 A.M. until 12:05 Noon. October 18 - 21, Jay Lockhart will be preaching in what we believe will be the greatest evangelistic effort this church has ever seen.

Neither of these events will be of value to you if you don't attend. Make every effort not to let other matters interfere.

We are happy to have our Wednesday Ladies' Class under way again. This is a special time and we urge all Ladies of West Erwin to join us for a great time as we examine the Bible and its message for us today. Nothing strengthens faith like knowledge of God's Word (Romans 10:27), and we need all the help we can get to be sure we have God's strength to live the faithful Christian life. Come join us!

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Meetings

Jim Bill McInteer will preach in a meeting with the Broad Street Church of Christ, September 13 - 16 in Mineola, Texas. The evening services will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

Jay Lockhart will preach in a meeting, September 13 - 16 for the Mobberly Avenue Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. Weeknight services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. on the theme of "The Family." Each evening session will also be followed by a question and answer session.

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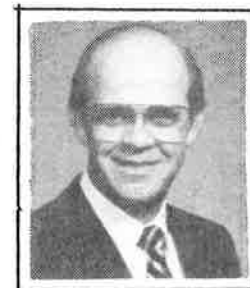
HURRY TO BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY
 9:30 A.M.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



Jay Lockhart

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God."
 --Philippians 3:14

Going Home Again

It was June, 1961, when as a new college graduate, that the Green Plain church in Western Kentucky came into our lives as Arlene and I began our first full time church work. It was there that we learned about the "real world" of local work. It was there that our twins were born. It was there that we settled into our life's work. Now, twenty-six years later, I returned to this rural church for my third gospel meeting. It has been said, "You can't go home again," and in some very real ways, you can't! When you go back it's different and you can't restore the former days as they were because "change and decay on all around I see." But, I went home again. Sure, there were differences— children had

grown up and had families of their own, people had grown older, and some had gone to the home beyond the sunset. On the other hand, some things were about the same—those people who had grown older still sit where they always sat. There are still lots of kids, and they still love the preaching of the Word. Their young preacher, Gilbert Gough, was very gracious and supportive, souls responded to the invitation of Jesus, and the people came (Sunday morning was the smallest attendance). There is something very special about going home again. I have just been home and it was good. Now, I am back home and it is good too! From here we "press toward the mark for the prize." Remember October 18-20!

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

To Preach Sunday

Hardeman Nichols will be preaching at West Erwin this Sunday as Jay is conducting his last meeting for the year at Mobberly Avenue in Longview. On Wednesday evening John Gardner of Kilgore will be our guest speaker in the auditorium.

Bulletin Boards

The group responsible for re-decorating all of the bulletin boards throughout our buildings are to be commended. We are blessed by having talented, willing workers. Gary and Frances Broome, who are now in charge of our workroom, and the following have all contributed to this project: Gail Vannoy, Bilye Usrey, Sue Starnes, Alma Faye Price, Nancy McCoy and Sue Giddings.

Grocery Truck

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of November 2-6, 1987. They have suggested that we collect RAGU SAUCE. A six month supply is 450 jars (24 oz.). Put your contribution in the white barrels.

Prayer should be the key of the morning
and the bolt of the night.

New Members



We welcome Bob and May Helen May into the fellowship of the West Erwin church family. Their address is 1805 DeCharles, Tyler 75701, telephone 597-9558.

On Sunday evening Dennis E. Stansbury, 5903 Stoneleigh, telephone 561-2528, came to be restored and to place membership.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to several in the congregation who have lost members of their families.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Clyde, Texas for Frank Konczak, father of Tommy Konczak.

On Monday funeral services were conducted in Logansport, La. for a brother of Hoyt Hughes.

Funeral services were held Monday in Van for Gordon McLemee, a brother of Robert McLemee. About two hours following the funeral, Robert's brother, Grady McLemee, passed away. Funeral services for him were held on Wednesday. His home was Athens, Texas.

Thank You

Your love and concern for me during my recent bypass surgery lets me know the closeness of our "family." I am doing very well, quite ahead of schedule. Keep up the prayers. I'm convinced they work with great certainty.

In Christian love,
Roy Roberson

Dear Members of West Erwin,

Your prayers, your cards, your calls and thoughtfulness have really made an impact on my life. I've had to be here so much through all my surgeries that you have begun to feel as much my church home as Richardson East does. I love all of you, and I pray daily that God will "grow" you into something wonderful for His service.

Love In Him,
Beckie Mullings

PRAY FOR OUR MEETING
October 18 - 21



Coming - TV Update

Next Week

Here and There

by Wes Price



With the end of Labor Day, we now can really look forward to settling into our Fall schedule. The summer past has been a busy one with its share of good times and sad. We have said goodbye to some dear friends and had to opportunity to meet some new ones, to see some great goals set and met and a few minor disappointments. All in all, positive things have been the rule, and we are grateful. Now, let's get in the spirit of things and get to work preparing for one of the greatest fall seasons this church has ever seen. Of course, that means that each member and their family must do their part in the work. Of greatest concern almost immediately before us is the meeting in October with Jay preaching. Don't wait until the last minute to begin seeking out those whom you might invite to be our guests.

Just before that meeting time we will be urging all teachers and Bible class workers to reserve Saturday, October 3, for the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop. In addition to those who will be attending classes there will also be a great need for workers to help in making hundreds of visitors feel welcome in our building. If you would like to help, let me know.

I firmly believe that the Lord has brought many things together for us at this present time so that something significant can be done for His Cause at this place. If you don't feel that, then pray about it. For sure, don't let anything you do or say take away from that possibility.

All members of the Education Committee be advised that we will have a meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in my office.

Congratulations to the Three Year Old Class taught by Carolyn Vandiver and Ginger Metcalf on Sunday morning. They have had 100% attendance for the last two Sundays. May their accomplishment serve to encourage all of us to that level of dedication.

I am looking forward to teaching the Ladies' Class each Wednesday morning, beginning September 16. If you do not work away from home, plan to meet with us at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We plan to have an exciting year of Bible study.

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| Volume 17 | September 2, 1987 | | Number 34 |
| Records | Sunday Aug. 30 | Sunday Aug. 23 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 425 | 401 | 392 |
| Worship/A.M. | 567 | 542 | 481 |
| Worship/P.M. | 397 | 373 | 325 |
| Wed. Eve. | 262 | 240 | - |
| Contributions | \$11,687.83 | \$8,746.04 | \$7,133.25 |
| Additional contributions of \$12,100.00 have been given for TV equipment for THE SEARCH. | | | |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 6 and Wednesday Evening, September 9, JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mac and Evelene McCarty, who are the happy great grandparents of a baby girl, Katelyn Elizabeth, born Monday to Lee Ann and Ron Finch in Fort Worth. Brother and sister McCarty have already been to Fort Worth to welcome the new baby.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Paul and Signa Stanley in the death of Paul's brother, Scott Stanley, on Saturday in Longview. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Lakeview Memorial Chapel in Longview.

Thank You

Ladies who cooked on Tuesdays for the elderly and shutins during the month of August were: Signa Stanley, Billie Morgan, Virginia Conner, Billie Bob Hickman, Ruth Meazell, Dorris Humble and Rebecca Center. This is a much appreciated work.

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| F. C. Carpenter | Dr. L. Roger Knight |
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| Ben Young | |
| 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

MORNING WORSHIP - September 6, 1987
 Welcome C. B. Hardin
 Prayer Dan Cullinan
 Scripture Stan Mallory
 Dismiss Dub Matthews

SUNDAY EVENING
 Welcome C. B. Hardin
 Prayer Don Slaughter
 Scripture Tom Williams
 Dismiss Harley Turner

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 David Demic Steve Ward
 Ken Culpepper Mike Cauthen

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Gary Aven Jim McDonald
 Curt Jordan Cooper Goodson

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 John and Nancy Bragg
 Tommy and Jerri Konczak
 Dick and Sue Higginbotham
 Charles and Billie Bob Hickman

REMEMBER the Monday Morning Devotional Each Week - 7:00 A.M. in the Chapel for Everyone. (15 to 20 minutes for prayers and Scripture reading)

PRAY FOR OUR MEETING
 October 18 - 21



The Sick

Brother Weldon Dawson is making good recovery from surgery. He is at home.

Sister Becky Mullings is recovering at her parent's home (Jeff and Alma Biggs).

Brother Paul Hancock's sister, Halene Crawford, had surgery last week in Medical Center.

We have learned that brother Roy Roberson's recovery continues to be good.

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"Summer is past"
 -Jeremiah 8:20

The Good Ol' Summertime

Have you ever heard of a church having a "Summer Slump?" All of us have, haven't we? Summer means vacations... much needed vacations. People are away, and it's ok! There are places we need to be and people we need to see. Because so many folks are on the move in summer, churches sometimes have "Summer Slumps." But, not us! Not this year! We have had a lot of our people gone on Sundays, but we have also had a great number of visitors each week. As a result our attendance and contributions have been very good throughout the summer. However, it is rather difficult to maintain continuity with so

much coming and going. For that reason we are glad when we come to the fall of the year and enter a time when we are refreshed from the vacation season and more settled in our work together. School has started. We are back in our routines. Let's prepare now for a mighty surge through the final four months of the year. These are exciting times for us and we will all want to be fully involved in them. In the providence of God we are at this place at this time for His purposes. With Paul the apostle we say, "To Him be glory in the church (this church -JPL) by Jesus Christ," (Ephesians 3:21).

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

When you think of the word family, what comes to mind? Good thoughts, joy, special people, special times together, a sense of oneness. These thoughts should come to mind as we all strive to have that relationship with our physical family. Are you doing your part to make it that way? Besides our physical family, we also have the spritual family - the church. As Christians we are a part of the New Testament church that the Bible tells us about in numerous places. We have a very special relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can all do something for the church. I Corinthians 12:12-31 tells about the body of Christ. Are you, as young people, doing your part for the church?

To start off the activities for Fall we will have a softball game for middle and high school students and their parents on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Fun Forest Park. We will have food, lots of laughs and a chance to get to know each other better. Come and be a part of this family activity. Everyone will have the cance to participate. See you Sunday morning for class and don't forget your Bibles, and sit at the front during the worship services. DL

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (6) Scott Baker, Lori Anselm, David Lovejoy, Jim McCoy (7) Stan Clark, Dick Higginbotham, John Morris, Moselle White (8) Lucille Carpenter Beverly Grage (9) Ken Culpepper, Blanche Shuford, Clyde Lane (10) Julie Roberson, Glynn Starnes, Betty Strait, Gloria Thigpen (11) Luke Ingram, Tommie Alice Egbert (12) Clyde Lane, Lola Wright.

Longview Meeting

The Mobberly Ave. Church of Christ, 1303 So. Mobberly Ave. in Longview announces a Gospel Meeting and Family Enrichment Seminar on September 13th - 16th. Jay Lockhart will be the guest speaker. Weekday morning Bible classes will be held daily at 10:00 a.m. on a textual study. Weeknight services will be held at 7:30 on the theme of "The Family." Each evening session will also be followed by a question and answer session.

Scouting

Troop 354 will hold a Boy Scout Rally for all boys 11 - 17 and are interested in joining Boy Scouts. This rally will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 14 in the Fellowship Hall of the Glenwood Church of Christ. Troop 354 is sponsored by members of the church of Christ. For more information call Don McClaugherty at 566-3583.

Pack 354 will have a Cub Scout rally for all boys grades 1 - 5 and are interested in joining Cub Scouts. This rally will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, September 17 in Room 1 of the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Pack 354 is sponsored by members of the church of Christ. For more information call Sandy McClaugherty at 566-3583.

Best Wishes

Congratulations and best wishes to Kelly Womack and Brett Finley who will be married Saturday, September 5. They will make their home in San Antonio, Texas.

Blood Bank Account

One of our quiet ministries at West Erwin is the Blook Bank account that we keep with Stewart Blood Center. Families have called upon us a number of times this year and have always had sufficient supply to meet their needs, thanks to the generosity of a number of our members. If you have not donated blood to our account, we could use it. It is relative painless and takes only a short period of time. If you can donate, go to the Stewart Blood Center and make a donation to the West Erwin Church of Christ Account Number 6286. If you are your family need to use our account, please call me and I'll arrange for a transfer. We appreciate all who make this ministry possible. -Wes Price

Thank You

To Our West Erwin Family,

For your prayers, visits, flowers, telephone calls and every act of love, we want to say "Thank You." Weldon is improving each day and hopes to be back soon to worship with you who are so dear to us.

In Christian love,
Weldon and Mary Dawson

Potpourri

David and Kathy Lovejoy's address is now, Rt. 6, Box 497 B, Tyler, Texas 75704 - Telephone 597-1900.

Mozelle Cash has a new telephone number, 597-8621.

From East Texas Christian Academy

Students at ETCA will be participating in the 2nd Annual Magazine Drive in October. Over 500 different magazines will be offered for renewal or first-time subscriptions. ETCA will receive 40% of the subscription cost. Any special offers already received will be honored.

Contact one of our students before you renew your favorite magazine or simply call the ETCA office at 561-8642.

Young At Heart is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 10th in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Class will resume on Wednesday, September 16.

You may send a card to Glen Wright at the following address: 1216 2nd Street S.W., Saint Mary's Hospital Rochester, Minn. 55902. His surgery was scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31.

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be here the week of November 2-6. They have suggested that we collect Ragu Sauce. A six month supply is 450 24 oz jars.



PRAY FOR OUR MEETING
October 18 - 21

Here and There

by Wes Price



October 3rd is a very important date for West Erwin members to remember. That is the date we are hosting the annual East Texas Teacher Training Workshop. We want all of our Bible class teachers to mark that date on your calendar and join us that morning for a rich experience in training. We will have the following classes and teachers:

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|------------------------|--|
| Pre-school | LaHoma Cox, Waterview Church Richardson, Texas |
| Primary | Jane Carmer, Bammel Road Church Houston, Texas |
| Junior | Dwight and Kim Brimmer Mineola, Texas |
| Youth | Bill Hunter, Waterview Church Richardson, Texas |
| Adult | Frank Scott Duncanville, Texas |
| Imaginality | Beverly Scott Duncanville, Texas Jana Smith New Braunsfels, Texas (This class has been especially enjoyed for the rich resource on visuals and learning activities for Primary teachers and has a adaptability for pre-school children as well.) |
| Bible Hour Resources | Mike Bolinsky Cedar Hill, Texas |
| Media Center Resources | Joe and Glenda Walker Mesquite, Texas |

We are glad that we can serve as host congregation this year. I believe it will not only be of great advantage to our teaching staff, but will be a beautiful demonstration of our interest in advancing the Cause of Christ among all the churches in our area. The schedule for the above classes will be printed in a later bulletin, but the sessions will begin at 8:30 and conclude at 12:05. There will be time for personal visits with teachers for as long after 12:05 as is needed. Again, may we encourage you to reserve that morning for special work in sharpening your talent for teaching.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

| Records | Sunday Aug. 23 | Sunday Aug. 16 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 401 | 417 | 386 |
| Worship/A.M. | 542 | 519 | 486 |
| Worship/P.M. | 373 | 371 | 374 |
| Wed. Eve. | 240 | 270 | - |
| Contributions | \$8,746.04 | \$9,575.35 | \$20,570.50 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, August 30 and Wednesday evening, September 2, GARY BROOME, 592-2289.

New Member

Lila Carroll's son, Matt, was baptized on Tuesday evening by Jay Lockhart. Matt is a high school student and faithful to attend Bible School and activities of the young people.

Harold Taylor To Preach

This Sunday Harold Taylor will be preaching at both services while Jay is in a meeting with the Green Plain church in Kentucky, the church with which he first worked following college. On Wednesday evening, Lee Peters, preacher and elder with the church in Mineola will speak to the auditorium class.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (30) Odell Sessions (31) Jan Cook SEPTEMBER (1) Duane Hendrix, Barbara Valentine (2) Kathy Lovejoy, Denton Phillips (3) Kenny McRuiz (4) Leona McElroy, Modena Jones (5) Chris Starnes, Frances Atkins, Brandon Colston, Homer Williamson.

The Sick

Brother Weldon Dawson will probably go home from Medical Center this week-end.

Sister Becky Mullings, daughter of Jeff and Alma Biggs, had surgery Thursday in Medical Center.

Brother Roy Roberson is recovering from surgery in Abilene and was scheduled to go home on Wednesday.

The baby daughter of Lee and Mark North and granddaughter of Roger and Jan Knight had emergency surgery last week in Fort Worth. Her condition is good.

Sister Amie Roberts was hospitalized on Monday, but is now at home.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP - August 30, 1987

Welcome Fred Powell
Prayer Mark Gregory
Dismiss Archie Kennard

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Fred Powell
Prayer Jay Graham
Dismiss Foy Hodnett

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Tommy Stewart Phil Marts
Lane Akin David Haney

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Rex Johnson David Taylor
Rodney Knight Grant Knight

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Tommy and Jerri Konczak
John and Nancy Bragg
Dick and Sue Higginbotham
Charles and Billie Bob Hickman

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos E. Morgan

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Carla Elisabeth

to

Mr. Michael R. Fulford

son of Mrs. Helen Fulford

and the late Earl R. Fulford

on Saturday, the twenty-ninth day of August

nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

at ten-thirty in the morning

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Reception to follow

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*"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields..."
- John 4:35*



Jay Lockhart

White Unto Harvest

"People won't come." "No one is interested." "The day of this kind of thing is over." Sound familiar? Sure does! After all, church attendance is down, there are many other things to do, outsiders are not in attendance, etc., etc. And we have coined a new word--YUPPIE (young urban professionals)--people interested in careers, families, money, things... everything but church! But, wait a minute. Is the breakdown because of our times or because of our people? People are still lost, the commission of Christ is the same, the mission of the church is unchanged, God's word still gives increase -- will not return unto Him void. We have various methods for church growth that have not worked very well as we are witnesses to the growth of the Lord's church coming to a standstill worldwide.

Maybe we don't need new methods so much as we need to work whatever methods we choose. Methods, old or new, will not work unless the people do! Have you ever been involved in church outreach in which a very large percentage of church members made an all out effort to lift up Jesus Christ in involvement, preaching, inviting, bringing, worshipping, harvesting? Some of us have and we've seen it work. Let's get our mission clear. Let's set our priorities. Let's plan our work and work our plan. Let's see the lost world. Let's love Jesus Christ and people for whom he died. Let's be committed. Let's be involved. Let's think souls. Let's plant and water and trust God for the increase. Let's work for and expect a harvest. Jesus said the fields are white.

| MINISTERS | |
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| Jay Lockhart-Pulpit | |
| Wes Price-Associate | David Lovejoy-Youth |
| Harold Taylor-Mission | |
| ELDERS | |
| F. C. Carpenter | Dr. L. Roger Knight |
| Faber Cauthen | Joe McBeo |
| Jamon Kirby | Fred Powell |
| Ben Young | |
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David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

Summer is fast coming to an end. The days of relaxation, doing nothing, working, playing, doing things with friends, staying up late, and not studying at all will soon be over for another year. Yes, another summer is coming to an end. What have we accomplished this summer that we did not do last summer? Have we been challenged to do better in a particular skill or sport? Where has the summer gone as far as the calendar is concerned. As you prepare for the approaching school year think about challenging yourselves to learn more from your teachers, try harder at skills and sports. Apply yourself in making the best effort you can in all things you do. Be a winner - develop confidence in yourself and in what you decide to do. Follow through with the tasks you seek to do.

Most of all, put God first in your life. Seek to please Him and not yourself and all of these other things will fall into place. Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth and he will not depart from you. Ecc1.1. Do the best you can with what God has given you and constantly try to improve. God loves you so much and we love you also. Do you love God? It will show by your lives.

Brother's Keepers

Everyone is encouraged to attend Brother's Keeper unit meetings this Sunday evening following the evening worship.

Unit 17 will not meet this month, but will meet again in September.

Fall Teaching Staff

for Pre-School - Primary - Junior

| Class | SUNDAY | ROOM | WEDNESDAY | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 2 Year | Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles | 102 | Judy Phelps Paige Morris | 102 |
| 3 Year | Carolyn Vandiver Ginger Metcalf | 108 | Sue Skipper Michelle Colston | 108 |
| 4 Year | Cathy Haney Margie Hunt | 208 | Michele Whitley | 208 |
| 5 Year | Sharon England Kathy Culpepper | 202 | Frances Phillips | 202 |
| 1st Grade | Kay Akin | 215 | Mark & Angel Gregory | 215 |
| 2nd Grade | Wanda Weathers | 206 | Laurie Dawkins | 204 |
| 3rd Grade | Fran Starnes Judy Clark | 204 | Kim Lemons (2nd & 3rd) | |
| 4th & 5th Grade | Jean Oliver Lorene Venable | 214 | Nancy McCoy (4th & 5th) | 214 |

For Your Directory

Add the pictures below to your new church Directory. We want to add photographs of new members as quickly as possible to keep our directory up to date.



Martha Franklin and April



Devlin and Laura Carter



Jerry and Mary Frick
Christy and Mandy



Arthur and Vera Boss

You are invited to a Bridal Gift Brunch
Honoring Kelly Womack
Bride Elect of Brett Finley
At the home of Mrs. Don Weathers
3401 Heines
On Saturday, August 29, 1987
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Selections: Foley's and Leewright's

Thank You

Dear Beloved Friends at West Erwin, We are settled at Glen Rose and look forward to our ministry with the Glenview Church of Christ.

We love you for all your kindness, encouragement, and help as we made this change. We thank you for the reception at the McCoy's. We thank you for the manpower and the food on moving day. Most of all we thank you for the love, faith, and oneness we share in Jesus Christ.

We want you to visit us in Glen Rose. Our address is: Rt. 1, 604 Stadium Dr., Glen Rose, Texas 76043, Telephone 1-817-897-2475.

David, Sue, Jennifer, Doug and Louis Giddings

Without the many prayers of God's people I fear I would not have recovered. Your love and prayers are so much appreciated. We have a great love for the West Erwin Church which was our church family in Tyler.

Foy E. O'Neal
Paris, Texas

New Granddaughter

Stan and Ernestine Mallory are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born Tuesday, August 25 to John and Dawn Tesseyman at Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 8 lb and 3 oz and has been named Tara Auburn.

Training Completed

Jim Hunt Rowe, son of Ralph and Marian Rowe, has completed training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He will be stationed in Denver, Colorado for about 6 months.

Singing Class

The Singing Class will meet in the Heritage Room for three more Wednesday evenings preparing for a Sept. 17th program.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Thanks to a large number of visitors last Sunday, our attendance was down only a little. I suspect that quite a number of our folks are getting in the last week-end trips before school begins. And that beginning is just around the corner. Our members who are school teachers are already back in their classrooms or staff meetings getting ready for classes to begin next week.

And that time also signals the promotion time for our children in Bible school. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a schedule of our teaching staff for the fall. We are grateful for the continued service of many of our teachers and the addition of several new ones.

Parents, please check with your child's teacher so you will be able to find the new classroom before promotion time comes. Since Wednesday comes first in September before the first Sunday, those classes will promote first. All ages and grades will move to the new class on Wednesday night, September 2. Let's all be aware of this so we can make the transition smoothly.

Fall also means the return of our college students to their respective colleges and universities. Among those leaving us will be one of my most dedicated teachers, Julienne Butler. She has served so well in a variety of classes in the pre-school department. She has worked in the Sunday evening Pre-school Bible Hour continuously since she was a Jr. High student. She will be entering Texas Women's University in Denton. We thank her for her good work.

Just a few weeks ago several of our folks made a visit to Hill Top Haven in Gunter, Texas. Among those visited was a man well-known in our brotherhood, brother Tillit S. Teddlie. We just learned this week of his passing at the age of 102. He will be missed but his gospel songs and hymns will keep him alive in our memory.

All teachers in the preschool, primary, and junior departments will meet Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel to discuss our new fall schedule. May we urge all teachers in these departments to be present.

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| Records | Sunday Aug. 16 | Sunday Aug. 9 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 417 | 429 | 432 |
| Worship/A.M. | 519 | 564 | 463 |
| Worship/P.M. | 271 | 418 | 319 |
| Wed. Eve. | 270 | 334 | 236 |
| Contributions | \$9,575.35 | \$10,609.71 | \$7,859.73 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 23 and Wednesday evening, Aug. 23 - WALTER FARRER - 597-3397.

New Member

We welcome Martha Franklin, Rt. 7, Box 1562, Tyler 75707. She has a daughter, April, who is an elementary school student. They have been attending worship regularly here for several weeks.

Courses Available At Tri-C

Life and Letters of Paul and Beginning Greek are offered at the Campus Christian Center, taught by Charles Stelding. The Paul class is taught Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:40-1:55 and the Greek class is available on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:35-6:50. For additional information about these classes, call the Campus Christian Center at 593-3331.

(Charles reports that this summer during Freshmen orientation sessions he has been able to contact 81 incoming freshmen who have indicated a Church of Christ preference. The Board of Directors of the Tri-C is having a welcome party for the new and returning students Tuesday, September 1. They will be serving home-made ice cream.)

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP - August 23, 1987
 Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Forest McFadden
 Scripture Lowell Wiggains
 Dismiss Farrel Whitley

SUUNDAY EVENING
 Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Bill Paschall
 Scripture Todd Stewart
 Dismiss Billy Terrell

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 Charles and Ann McCoy
 Dannie and Sue Skipper

The Sick

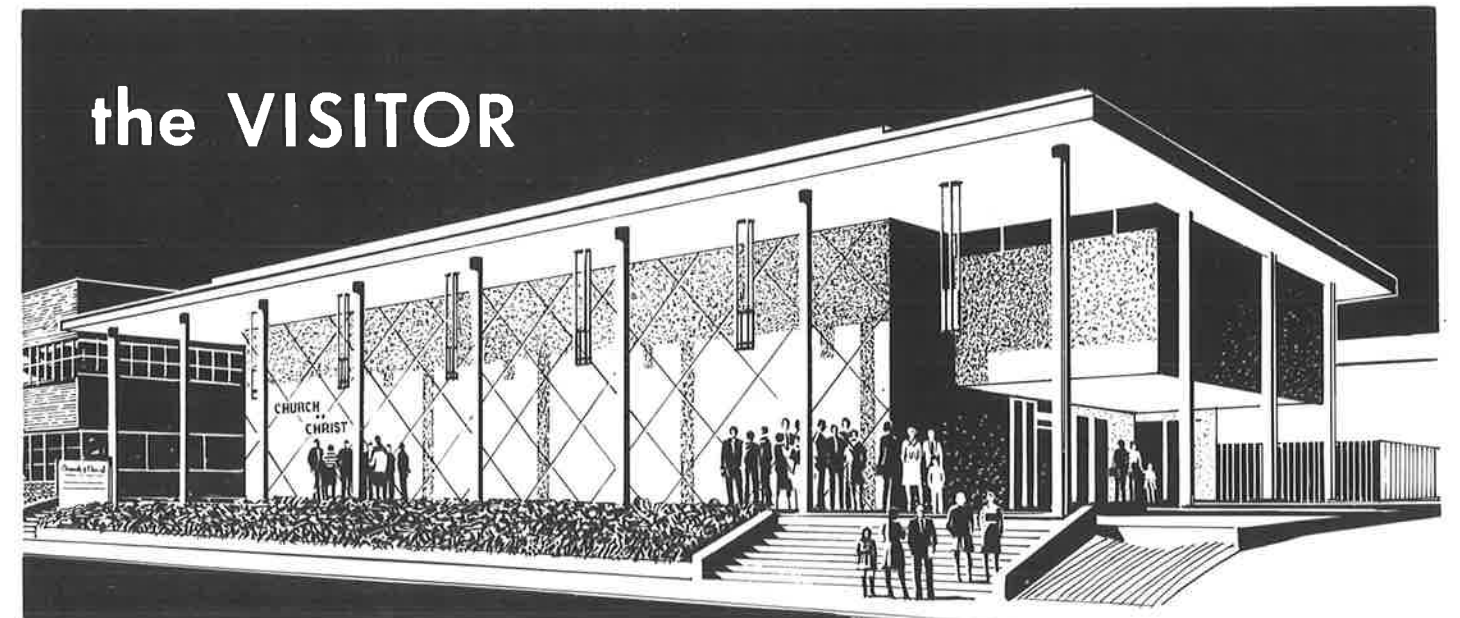
Brother Ross Walker is at home recovering from eye surgery.

Brother Weldon Dawson underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon in Medical Center Hospital. He is in room 2505, but should not have visitors for several days.

Brother Roy Roberson is scheduled to have open heart surgery on Thursday morning at Humana Hospital in Abilene. Their home address is 717 Gary Lane, Abilene 79601.

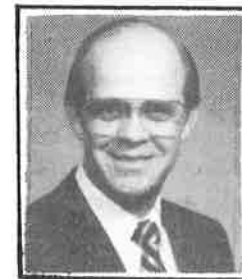
Sister Larry (Becky) Mullings, the daughter of Jeff and Alma Biggs, is scheduled to have surgery on Thursday of next week (the 27th) in Medical Center Hospital.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



Four Days In October

(Last Sunday morning Ferman Carpenter, Chairman of our elders for this quarter, announced to the congregation that our elders had asked our pulpit minister, Jay Lockhart, to preach in our Fall meeting at West Erwin. Brother Carpenter stated that all elders and deacons were committed to this effort and challenged the church to indicate its support by standing. An overwhelming response came from the church. The following article is a response from Jay Lockhart.)

Recently our elders asked me to preach six sermons, over four days in October, in an evangelistic meeting designed for outreach. The invitation was extended because of success with several East Texas churches in capitalizing upon our TV program, THE SEARCH, viewed by so many in Tyler and the surrounding area. The invitation has been accepted humbly, believing the members of the West Erwin church will rally as never before in giving their total cooperation so that when our guests from the community attend the meeting they will come to a building full of people,

*"The people had a mind to work"
Nehemiah 4:6*

full of excitement, full of expectancy. If we ever needed your attendance help, your prayer help, your inviting help, your bringing help, your faith help, that time is now! Why do we undertake such an effort?

1. We believe the world is lost, (John 8:24).
2. We believe the gospel is the power of God unto Salvation, (Romans 1:16).
3. We believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and if we lift Him up He will draw men to Himself, (John 14:6, 12:32).
4. We believe the Bible only will make Christians only, (Acts 2, 9, 16 et al).
5. We believe the church of the New Testament, for which we plead, is the body of Christ which He saves and which is reconciled to God, (Ephesians 2:16; 5:23).
6. We believe that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," (I Corinthians 1:21).

We are going all out. I know you will want to do your part. The dates are: October 18-21.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a
David Lovejoy

Many times we take for granted those common things in life, such as electricity. As ours went off last night, I was reminded how dark it can get. When the candles were found and lighted, what a difference a little light can make. A passage came to mind, "Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden," (Matt.5:14). As Christians in a dark world surrounded by evil and sin, we can make a difference. We can live a life in such a manner that the world can see and know we are different and God can be glorified. As one candle gives a little light, many candles can brighten up the whole room. Christians working together serving God, living faithful to him, shed immeasurable light in a city of darkness. As young people, realize you are not the only Christians in the world that are seeking to do what is right. There are many who can help you when troubles come your way. There is strength in the Word of God and in prayer with your Father in heaven through Jesus Christ. Seek help when you have questions and live your life daily in such a manner that you become light in a world of darkness. May God bless you each day of your life and may all of us be examples to follow as we pattern our lives after Jesus Christ.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (23) Joelle Butler, Freeman Morgan (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker (27) Pauline Aven, Michelle Steffee, Pauline Smith, Wyndal Miller (28) Marikate Davis (29) Penny McDonald.

You are invited to a Bridal Gift Brunch
Honoring Kelly Womack
Bride Elect of Brett Finley
At the home of Mrs. Don Weathers
3401 Heines
On Saturday, August 29, 1987
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Selections: Foley's and Leewright's

From Chimala Mission

July 31, 1987

Dear Brethren,

We are happy to be able to write you and let you know that we have received more boxes from you. There were four in all. One had been sent out in February and three in April. Thank you so much for the gowns, bandages, and soap.

The other morning as I was making beds I heard some men singing a spiritual hymn. I looked out the window and saw seven of the students, who are in the Preacher Training School, walking across the field beside our house. They had just come from morning devotion for the mission workers. It gave me such a good feeling to hear them. These men are so full of enthusiasm to learn, teach, and preach the gospel. Being Tanzanians, they can do more in reaching their own people.

There is a tribe here called the Masai. They raise cattle and live out on the plains. One of them asked if he could attend the school. He has attended for about two weeks and was baptized the other evening. We were all thrilled over this. As we know he is the first conversion of this particular group of people.

Bob, Lincoss, and some of the local preachers have been having classes at their village for several weeks now. We give the glory and praise to God.
In Christ,
Marcia Stapleton



Bible classes for all ages SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

Ladies Day In Henderson

Ladies, you are invited to make plans to attend LADIES DAY at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Texas on Saturday, September 19th - 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The speakers will be Mattie Lou Hicks and Gilda Gunz. The theme is, "I am the vine and ye are the branches." Lunch will be provided.

Thank You

I want to express appreciation for the prayers, flowers, calls and cards at the time of my brother's death.
Clara Riley

HAVE I BEEN A TRUE FRIEND?

My Friend, I stand in the judgment and feel that you are to blame somehow.

...On earth I walked with you day by day and never did you point the way. You knew the Lord in Truth and Glory, but never did you tell the story. My knowledge then was very dim; you could have led me safe to Him.

Though we lived together on the earth, you never told me of the second birth, and now I stand this day condemned, because you failed to mention Him. You taught me things, that is true; I called you "friend" and trusted you, but I learn now that it is too late; you could have kept me from this fate.

You let me live, and love and die. You knew I would never live on high. Yes, I called you "friend" in life, and trusted you through joy and strife. And yet on coming to the end, I cannot now call you "My Friend."
--Selected

Directory Cover

In order to have a permanent record of the origin of the picture on the cover of our new church directory, we suggest that you cut out the box below and glue it on the inside of the front cover.

The picture of the congregation on the directory cover was made on Sunday, March 1, 1987 - the beginning day of a Gospel Meeting with Harvey Porter. The photograph was taken by Les Carruth, one of the deacons of the church.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We bring you greetings from George and Esther Kester of Hendersonville, Tennessee. We spent our week of vacation visiting with them and could not have had a better time. They send their love and best wishes and an invitation for West Erwin folks to drop by and see them if you are ever in the area. We appreciate the opportunity to be away for a few days and then to get back home and back into the work.

It is needful to make one last word of thanks to all the workers in the Vacation Bible School. The best possible touch was added by the meal that Sherryl Miles and Fleta Butler prepared for all workers and their children at noon on Friday. We thank them and commend all who had a part in one of our most successful efforts in this unique type of teaching. Already, workers have made plans for their learning center for next year. It is great to put out tremendous amount of energy and work and have all come away with a good feeling about that investment. Surely, God added His blessing to our effort.

I am excited about the announcement and call to commitment that Ferman Carpenter made Sunday morning. Having Jay preach in a gospel meeting for us will certainly bless the growth of this church. It was a joy to see all our members stand indicating their commitment to this good effort. Now, we must work to see that nothing slows our progress. No matter how much we do in advertising this meeting on TV and radio and in the paper, the success of the effort will depend to the greatest extent on how much personal advertising is done by our members. This means that even now you need to be inviting your friends, neighbors, work associates, and acquaintances. This has always been the best advertising. Everyone can be involved. There is no reason why every member can't invite others. Come, let's make this the best gospel meeting this congregation has ever had.

We are coming up on the end of our Bible School year. Promotion for all ages and grades will be on the first Wednesday night and the first Sunday of September.

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| Volume 17 | August 13, 1987 | | Number 31 |
| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | Aug. 9 | Aug. 2 | Ago |
| Bible School | 429 | 424 | 452 |
| Worship/A.M. | 564 | 528 | 511 |
| Worship/P.M. | 418 | 373 | 331 |
| Wed. Eve. | 334 | 261 | - |
| Contributions | \$10,609.71 | \$10,236.82 | \$10,169.85 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 16 and Wednesday evening, August 19 - IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

And The Lord Added . . .

Last Sunday evening we were happy to welcome David and Sheila Taylor into the fellowship of this congregation. Their address is 2334 Lingner Tyler 75701, telephone 597-1760. They have two preschool children, Brooke and Brad. Sheila is the daughter of Fred and Betty Strait.

On Tuesday afternoon brother Jay Lockhart baptized Arthur and Vera Boss into Christ. Their address is 445 Crestway (75702), telephone 592-4224. Brother Boss is a brother to sister Clyde Lane and sister Henry Dunn. We welcome this couple into our fellowship.

From The Elders

Once again we have completed our Vacation Bible School. The teachers and all those who helped have done an outstanding job. The elders want to express their thanks for a job well done.

We now have our new church directory. It is the best one yet. The elders want to thank the office personnel for a job well done.

Our attendance continues to grow in both our worship and Bible classes. We are thankful for this because it indicates we are all interested in the work of our Lord. We may be somewhat negligent in bringing our Bibles with us to Bible class. We want to encourage everyone to bring their Bibles and those who have teenagers, please encourage them to bring theirs. The teachers will appreciate it.

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Thank You

Your thoughtfulness and every act of kindness shown to me during my illness is appreciated so much. We are so happy to be a part of the West Erwin church family.

Cleo Sublette

Sermon Subjects



By Jay Lockhart


10:30 A.M. The Faith
 (Jude 1:1-3)
 6:00 P.M. An Evangelistic Life Style
 (2 Cor. 4:1-7)

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**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"And they continued steadfastly..."
-Acts 2:42*

Worship

People differ in their views of worship. Some love worship, others tolerate worship, while still others care little or nothing about worship. Some get much out of worship, others get something, while still others get little or nothing. What we get from worship is in direct proportion to our attitude toward worship and what we put into it. I must say that I love worship! Like David I am "glad when they 'say' unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord," (Psalm 122:1). Worship helps me in my consciousness of the glory and majesty of God and what He has done, is doing, and will do for me. Worship helps me focus the beauty of Jesus, my Savior and Lord. Worship is an opportunity to reach up in praise, thanksgiving, and petition as I identify with One greater than myself and fulfill a basic human need. Worship is a time of togetherness

with people with whom I share the "like precious faith." I enjoy reaching across to my brethren in fellowship as I worship. Worship gives opportunity to reach within in self-examination and is a time of confession, penitance, and rededication. Worship revives my spirit and prepares me to more adequately meet life and fulfill my ministry. Worship is a time for witnessing changed lives as we see people baptized, restored, strengthened by prayers, placing membership for effective service, and leaving the place of worship with renewed commitment. God has purposed that worship accomplish wonderful things and I love worship because I long for the fulfillment of every one of those divine purposes! I look forward to this Sunday and the joy of worship with you!

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

Another Summer Youth Series has been completed. We had several speakers that challenged us from God's Word on the subject of "Conquering." We appreciate all the effort, time and planning that goes into each one of these special nights. You are to be commended for attending these sessions this summer. Our aim and prayer is that you gain a better understanding of God's Word on subjects that will help you every day in your life, and that you will learn to love and appreciate each other as children of God. I can not think of a better place to be where one could have better fellowship than on these Tuesday nights. Think about it and plan to attend the 1988 Summer Youth Series.

I would like to recognize many of our young people who helped with our Vacation Bible School. You did a good job in helping out in many different areas. This shows that you want to be involved in the work of the Lord. We appreciate you more than we can say. Keep up the good work.

A word of thanks to Tim and Pam Doss and David and Cathy Haney for helping with the middle school devotional Sunday night.

A reminder of the combined devotional (middle school and high school) this Sunday night. See you then.

A grateful mind
is
both great and a happy mind.

Bible Hour

THE "WHOLE" TRUTH

We wanted to spread the word that our Bible Hour students (grades 1-5) have just completed studying the "whole" Bible. That's right, every book of it. The "whole" group rode the van to the Blackstone's last Friday night where they were treated to a "whole" sundae. Certificates were handed out to the "whole" class.

Parents, we have a "whole" bunch of fun teaching your children. Thank you!

Whole-heartedly,
Dale and Carolyn Blackstone
Ray and Gail Vannoy

Invitation

You are invited to a miscellaneous
Bridal Shower
Honoring Carla Morgan
Bride Elect of Mike Fulford
At the home of Janet Parker
9010 Old Hickory Rd.

Sunday Afternoon
August 23, 1987
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Select ions:
Dillard's
J. C. Penneys



See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

HE KNOWS.
HE LOVES,
HE CARES...

Potpourri

"PRAISE FEST 87" will be held on Friday, August 14, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas. You are invited to attend. The two hour program will be led by Don Griffin of Longview and Chris Parker of Tyler. They also plan to have additional singers and groups for the two hour session.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES were placed in the south foyer last Sunday to be picked up, and most of them were... A few remain on the tables, and you are invited to pick yours up on Sunday.

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The words of comfort, food, flowers, and Christian love shown during Nell's illness and passing has been a great comfort to me. I dearly love all of you at West Erwin and so did Nell. Christians are the greatest thing on this earth and I count myself blessed to have had the love only Christians can know. May the Lord bless you all and may we all continue steadfastly in the faith of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christian love,
G. C. "Doc" Wright

To all our friends who remembered Hulen and me during the death of my other, Joe Holley, we are grateful for your thoughtfulness. We have received so many cards and kind words. The Holley family appreciates the spray of carnations you sent to the funeral. May God bless each of you.

Dorothy Hulsey

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (16) Marjorie Davis, Angela Mallory, Tim Garner, Betty Knight, June Walker (18) Chad Frick, Misty Lemons (19) Weldon Dawson, Guy Potts (20) Robert Conner, Rhonda Dover, Pete Wallace, Earl O'Quinn (21) James Sublette, Walker Weathers (22) Tracy Lemons, Kathie Ward, Beulah Bedford.

"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



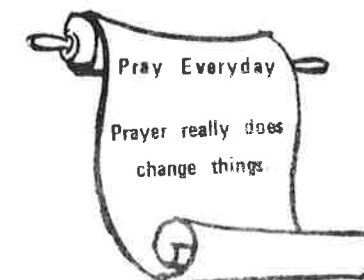
Here and There

by Wes Price



I knelt to pray when day was done.
I prayed, "Dear God, bless everyone.
Lift from each troubled heart the pain
And let the sick be well again."
And then I walked another day,
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole long day I didn't try
To wipe a tear from any eye.
I didn't try to share the load
Of any neighbor on my road.
I didn't even go to see
The sick one just next door to me.
Yet once again when day was done
I prayed, "Dear God, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, into my ear,
There came a voice that whispered clear,
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go,
To those who serve Him here below."
And then I bowed my head and wailed,
"Forgive me, Lord, for I have failed.
Just let me see another day
And I will live the way I pray."

Contributed



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| Records | Sunday Aug. 2 | Sunday July 26 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 424 | 447 | 376 |
| Worship/A.M. | 528 | 523 | 503 |
| Worship/P.M. | 373 | 409 | 380 |
| Wed. Eve. | 261 | 263 | 246 |
| Contributions | \$10,236.82 | \$10,417.96 | \$8,929.09 |
| Special TV Fund To Date, | \$20,410.00 | | |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 9 and Wednesday Evening, August 5 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

And The Lord Added . . .

On Tuesday brother Lockhart baptized Devlin Carter into Christ, and Laura Warren was restored. Devlin and Laura plan to be married on the 19th of August and will live at 527 So. Bonner (75702), telephone 597-4101.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - AUGUST (9) Angie Hendrix, Jared Metcalf, Jonathan Paul (10) Shannon Starnes (11) Daisy Lee Old, F. C. Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes (12) David Graves, Chris Honeycutt (14) Patsy Young, Ashely Leek.

Sermons

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Lord Was With Joseph"
(Genesis 39:1-5)

P.M. "Can We Find Such A Man As This?"
(Genesis 41:29-40)



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Sunday, August 9

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer Jim McCoy
Scripture Carroll Magee
Dismiss Alan Fisher

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Faber Cauthen
Prayer James Sublette
Scripture Max Haws
Dismiss Wayne Harrison

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jay Lockhart Barry Chase
Lee Roberson Angel Cabrera

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Lane and Kay Akin
Billy and Lynda Terrell
Ben and Patsy Young
Milburn and Jan Cook

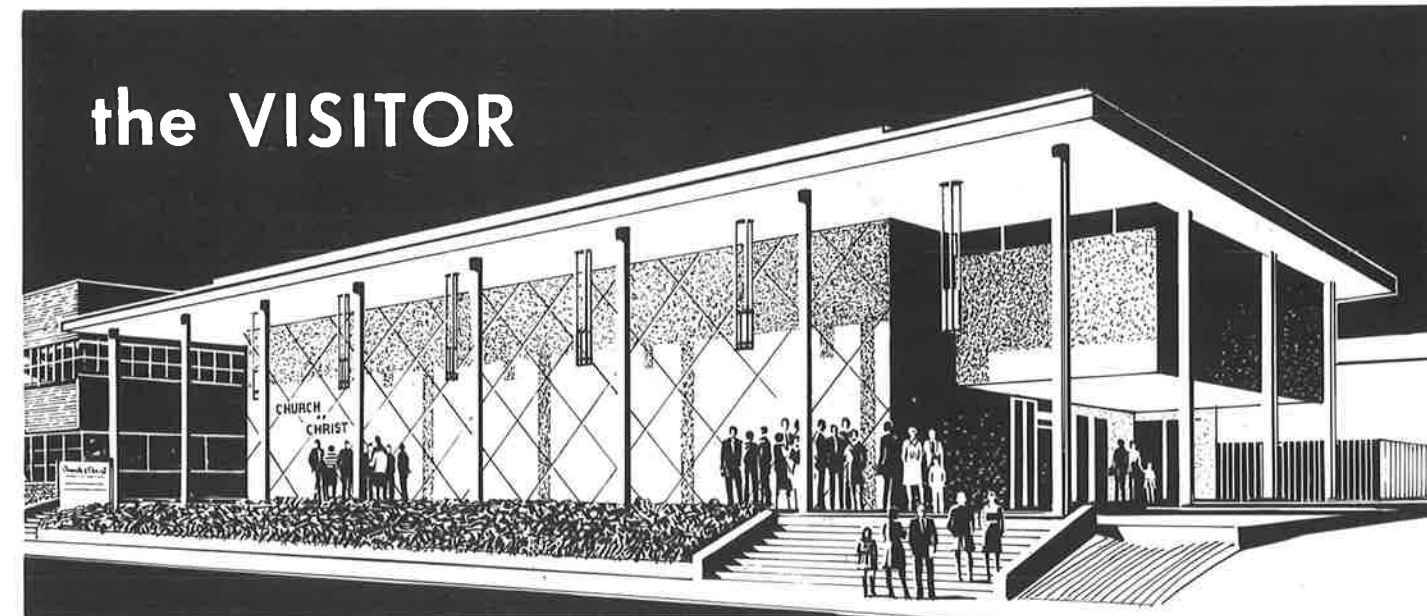


TELL ME AGAIN
WHY YOU CAN'T ATTEND
SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Our Sympathy

We all share in the sorrow of Doc Wright and his children and other members of the family in the death of sister Nell Wright. Sister Wright, who first became ill in early February, passed away late Tuesday evening. Funeral services were conducted for her on Thursday afternoon at the church building.

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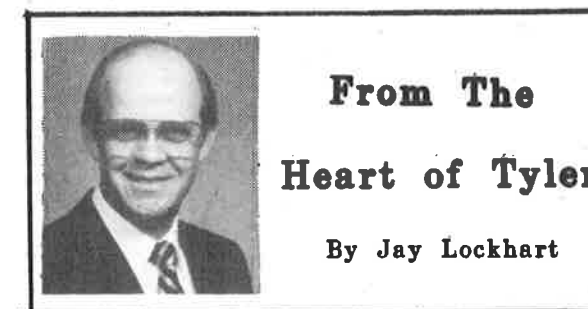
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"You will be enriched
in every way for great
generosity"
-2 Corinthians 9:11

You Did It!

A few months ago we launched a low key campaign to raise at least \$20,000 to put us in a position to produce our television program, THE SEARCH, from our building, and what a wonderful response you made! This past week we exceeded our goal as the total now stands at \$20,410.00. The beautiful thing about this is that the contributions came from a broad cross section of our church family and, as intended, did not affect our regular contributions. Sam Bailey has done a yeoman's job in making preparation for our production, including the purchase and setting up of equipment, the training of personnel, loaning us his personal equipment until we can provide our own, and overseeing the entire operation. For many weeks we have experimented with lighting, taping, and production so that now we are near to being where we want

to be in our expertise so that we can do a good job. All of this would be impossible without Sam Bailey's supervision and your generosity. To each one who helped, whether your gift was large or small, we say most sincerely, "Thank you."

Did you know...?

...If you get up ten minutes earlier Sunday morning,
...If you get ready ten minutes sooner,
...If you leave for the building ten minutes before you usually do,
...If you arrive ten minutes before you plan to,

We'll all be in Bible classes and worship on time!

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



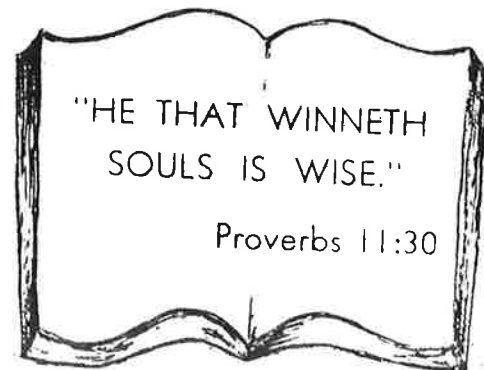
David Lovejoy

Middle School will have a devotional this Sunday night with other activities. Encourage each other to be there and bring a friend. Parents that plan to help with the food are Tim and Pam Doss and David and Kathy Haney.

We had a good High School devotional this past Sunday night. There were several visitors present. It is good to see us reaching out to friends and inviting them to be with us. We also had some singing led by Barry Chase. We all appreciate the talent that he has and his willingness to help with our young people.

Summer is fast coming to an end and school is on the horizon. I know you have enjoyed your activities and are looking forward to getting involved in your school programs. Let us not forget God as we plan our schedules. He is to be first in our lives and everything else will fall into place accordingly. God promises us that he will bless us as we are his people and seek to obey him. Spend some time each day in reading your Bible and in prayer. You will be benefited richly!

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



From Hughes Springs Church

Dear Ladies,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our third annual Ladies Day on September 26th from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Last year's program was a great success and we're expecting even greater things this year!

Doris Black of Austin, Texas will be speaking. The theme will be "Christian Woman - An Endangered Species." Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. We are sorry we will not be able to provide child care.

Please mark your calendars and come join us for this special day!

Area Wide Singles Fellowship

Singles of college age and up are cordially invited to attend a Singles Fellowship at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ, Highway 175 East in Athens, Texas on Saturday, August 22, 1987 from 4:00 p.m. until ???. We are planning on food, fun and Christian fellowship and are looking forward to your being here.

Let's Be Friendly

What is it that makes a church friendly?

* A friendly church is a church whose members look forward to times of assembly and Bible study. They come not only to receive encouragement, but to give it to others. They enjoy being together.

* A friendly church is a church where a guest never leaves without receiving numerous greetings, introductions, and handshakes. Once a member meets a guest, that member introduces the guest to other members, which increases the feeling of warmth and personal attention.

* A friendly church is a church whose members are not content to spend all of their time with a few familiar friends. Instead, they initiate conversations with other members they don't know, offering their name first to remove the barrier of an "I'm probably supposed to know you, but I don't" situation.

* A friendly church is a church where long-term relationships are constantly nurtured and new friend friendships are constantly anticipated. Friendly churches have members who realize that the best way to have friends is to be friendly, instead of waiting for someone else to make the first move.

Taken from Prestoncrest Family News

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

Bob and I want to thank all of you for the many cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, and those who sat with me during the surgery. We especially appreciate your prayers. May God bless all of you.

Bob, Marie & R.V. Threadgill

Dear Brother and Sisters,

I want to thank each one of you for the cards, prayers, visits and food you have bestowed on my mother, Cleo Sublette, for the past few weeks. I really appreciate it.

Your sister in Christ,
Bettie Lovering

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Clara Riley in the death of her brother, Milton Knight. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Burks Walker Funeral Home.



See You Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Together,
we can
do more.

Here and There

by Wes Price



The 1987 version of our annual Vacation Bible School is well under way at this writing and it is a big success as we prayed that it would be. We topped the 200 mark the first two days and expect a record count before the week ends.

There are so many to whom we are indebted for this gigantic effort and I wish we had room to mention them. We express a "BIG" thanks to all of them for their tireless effort both before the classes began and during the week of teaching. Included in our workers are a large number of teens and we especially thank them for taking on "bigger than life" responsibilities. Success is no accident when a great host of people work in a harmonious and concentrated way. They have laid up treasures in heaven. We thank all who had a part.

I have noticed the past two Sundays that a number of our folks are using the newspaper parking lot across Elm Street. We appreciate your willingness to do this since it leaves extra space on our own lot for those who come to visit us. Thank you for helping.

May we remind all teachers and parents that promotion time for children in our preschool and graded classes will take place on Sunday morning, September 6th. The Wednesday night classes will promote Wednesday night, September 1. Keep this in mind so you can help the children find their new classroom at the last meeting time during August.

Saturday, October 3, the West Erwin Church will host the annual East Texas Teacher Training Workshop in our facility. We will have a great opportunity to assist in helping equip teachers from all over East Texas in doing a better job teaching God's Word. I would like to ask all our own teachers and all would like to learn how to teach to reserve this date. The teachers who are coming are seasoned instructors in their particular departments and will have some great ideas to share with us.

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | July 26 | July 19 | Ago |
| Bible School | 447 | 404 | 401 |
| Worship/A.M. | 523 | 577 | 502 |
| Worship/P.M. | 409 | 380 | 347 |
| Wed. Eve | 263 | 266 | 254 |
| Contributions | \$10,417.96 | \$10,645.42 | \$9,123.40 |
| | Special TV Fund To Date, \$20,110.00 | | |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 2 and Wednesday, August 5 - CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

New Member

We rejoice with Fulsome W. Revill who was baptized on Wednesday night of last week by Jay Lockhart. Brother Fulsome lives at the Tysen House, 515 E. Erwin. He has been attending the worship services regularly in recent weeks.

Pray For The Lost

There is a reminder on the pulpit to "pray for the lost." This reminder should apply to all of us.

A Good Work

Ladies who cooked on Tuesday during the month of July were: Kathryn Cauthen, Jerri Konczak, Agnes Ables, Nerene Ingram, and Jonnie Steffee. These ladies come early (about 7:00/7:30 a.m.) each Tuesday and work until everything is cleaned up (about 12:30/1:00). They provide a meal as a special treat to our shutins, those who are ill, and elderly.

We again thank Clyde and Merle Lane for bringing vegetables from their garden this summer to be used by these ladies who cook. We appreciate the Lanes for their generous contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP, August 2, 1987

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Leon Welborn
Scripture Ira Wilson
Dismiss Bill Hensley

SUNDAY EVENING

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Stan Clark
Scripture Tommy Stewart
Dismiss Brody Clark

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jay Paul Lockhart Barry Chase
Lee Roberson Trey Hughes

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Mike Cauthen Jim Usrey
Todd Stewart Angel Cabrera

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Lane and Kay Akin
Billy and Lynda Terrell
Ben and Patsy Young
Milburn and Jan Cook

Pray For And Visit

Sister Cleo Sublette has gone home from Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

Sister Nell Wright continues to be a patient in Medical Center, Room 4481.

Sister Freeman (Billie) Morgan's father is seriously ill in a Shreveport Hospital.

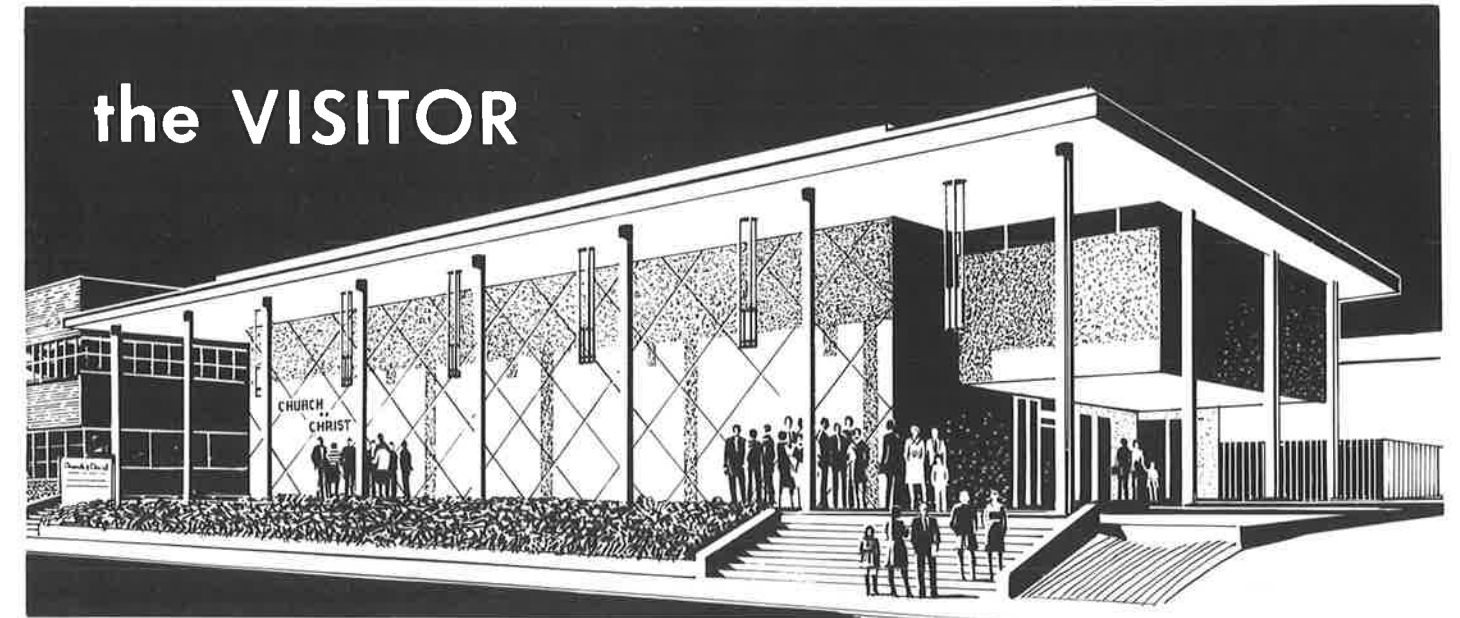
Sister Ruth Dobbs was hospitalized briefly last week.

The church has been requested to remember Jody Thompson, daughter of Jack and Betty Thompson who are members of the Shiloh Road church. She has Hodgkin's disease.

Remember Bob Threadgill who is recovering at home from surgery.

We have many shutins and elderly who would appreciate your visits.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Tennessee Meeting

This week I am in a meeting with the Sitka church in Milan, Tennessee. Following the meeting, which ends Wednesday, July 29, I plan a few days in Dallas with my family. We will return home on Saturday and I look forward to seeing you for an exciting Sunday!

The Giddings

Over the past year, the David Giddings family has endeared itself to the West Erwin church. When the large group of people came from Northwest, David and Sue helped us as we united our efforts to better serve Christ. Although David has preached at other places most Sun-

days, he also helped us in many ways, including working with our staff for most of the second half of last year, preaching, teaching, and adding his expertise to our work. The entire Giddings family has fit right in to our growing family at West Erwin. Beginning in August, David will be assuming his responsibilities as Pulpit Minister with the Glen Rose church, southwest of Fort Worth. Sue has already been given a teaching position with a Cleburn high school. We do hope that the entire family can make this transition with a minimum of difficulty and that David will enjoy a profitable ministry in Glen Rose. We wish David, Sue, Jennifer, Doug, and Louis God speed as they leave us.

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David Lovejoy

As we seek to understand the Bible several factors should be involved. They are time, dedication, prayer and choice.

Time is that precious thing that everyone wants from us for various activities. Yet, some of it must be set aside for the study of God's Word on a daily basis.

Dedication is called for as we strive to study each day. We must put effort into what we are doing.

Prayer should be entered into with God before any decision is made in our lives. Let God grant to us what we need, when we need it, on His time schedule and not ours. God will take care of us.

Choice must be ours to study the Word of God. No one can study for you. Each of us must know why we believe in God. This will enable us to obey it in our own life and share it with others.

One passage that will be helpful in challenging us to study is Matthew 5:6 where it says we must hunger and thirst for truth. May each of us accept this challenge daily in studying God's Word.

This week (August 2) will be the High School devotional. Decide now to be present. Invite a friend to be with us and bring your Bible as we study from the Word of God. The Adams and the Welborns will be helping this week.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet for the last time this summer at the Glenwood church here in Tyler on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Our young people are asked to meet at the Glenwood building and sit together as a group.

You Are Invited

David, Sue, Jennifer, Doug and Louis Giddings will soon be moving to Glen Rose, Texas where David has accepted a preaching position. Many have come to love this family and appreciate their work in the Lord's Kingdom here in Tyler. A "Come and Go" Reception is planned in their honor from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, at the Jim McCoys, 1918 Miller Drive. All, including children, are invited to attend.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Corsicana on Wednesday for Joe Holley, father of Mrs. Huley (Dorothy) Hulsey. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family in their loss.

FRIENDLINESS: A VITAL COMPONENT OF GROWTH

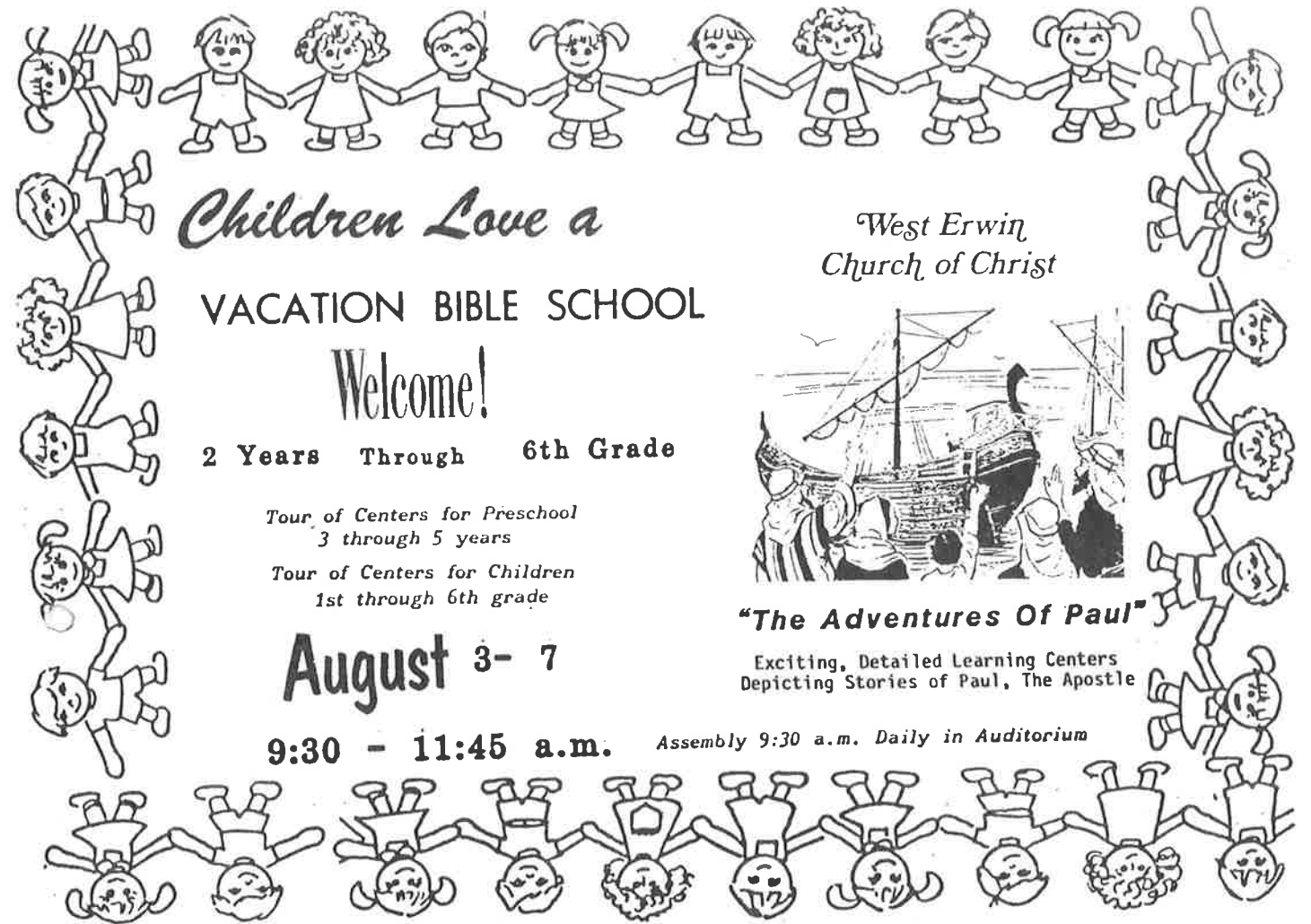
Friendliness must be emphasized as an attitude most vital to our work as a congregation. It involves being friendly. This is not a mannerism or merely for show: it is an art. Genuine friendliness is learned through intense study and effort. Here are some tips:

1. Train yourself to notice those in the assembly who you do not recognize. You can do this without craning your neck or acting peculiar. Simply pay attention to people.
2. Watch for opportunity to smile at a visitor. Stop briefly to introduce yourself, or simply thank them for being present.
3. Avoid entangling yourself in isolated discussions with those of this congregation. We don't suggest you avoid your brethren, just avoid being cut off from speaking with others.
4. Put your whole heart into making the worship meaningful. Sing with vigor and spirit. Keep an atmosphere of reverence as much as you can during the sermon. Avoid causing distractions which to you might not seem harmful, but to visiting friends might be unnecessarily rude.
5. When you ask a person his name, really listen to it. Then repeat it aloud. Ask about home, job or other interests. Let them talk to you, make them feel at home.
6. Finally, tell them what a joy it has been to have them visit our services--and MEAN IT! Sincerity here speaks far more eloquently than words.

-- Hugh Fulford

Our Guests

We had a large number of visitors in the worship services last Sunday. We are always happy to welcome our guests. We hope you will return at every opportunity.



Children Love a

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Welcome!

2 Years Through 6th Grade

Tour of Centers for Preschool
3 through 5 years

Tour of Centers for Children
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Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 2, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

J.M. Survival

(Luke 13:1-5)

P.M. Can The Church Survive?

(Ephesians 6:10-20)



Cookies For VBS

We appreciate the good response from the ladies to furnish homemade cookies for the refreshment time during VBS. If possible, bring your cookies on Sunday and leave them in the Library or office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe (2) Angel Cabrera (4) Virginia Conner, Jeffrey Konczak, Robert Stokes, Connie Sublette, Monroe Sublette (5) Rebecca Blackstone (6) John Bragg (8) Elizabeth Hughes, Fran Starnes, Marian Rowe

Classes For Sunday

Because of preparation for Vacation Bible School, classes for Sunday will meet as follows:

All adults and 6th grade through High School will meet in the Auditorium.

Two year olds will meet as usual in their room.

Preschool (3 years through 5 years) will meet together in the Chapel.

Children (1st grade through 5th grade) will meet together in the fellowship hall.

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| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | July 19 | July 12 | Ago |
| Bible School | 404 | 401 | 400 |
| Worship/A.M. | 577 | 507 | 482 |
| Worship/P.M. | 380 | 378 | 289 |
| Wed.Eve.6/15 | 266 | 310 | - |
| Contributions | \$10,645.42 | \$10,843.21 | \$10,839.18 |
| | Special TV Fund \$19,760.00 | | |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 26 and Wednesday Evening, July 29 - WAYNE HARRISON, 839-7536.

Urgent Need

There is an urgent need for children's clothing in the benevolent work of the church. Clothing for all ages is needed and especially school clothing for children through teens.

New Members

Last week, following a period of study, Mrs. Jerry (Mary) Frick was baptized into Christ by Wes Price. On Wednesday evening Jerry Frick was restored. We are so happy to welcome Jerry and Mary into the fellowship of this church. They are the parents of two young daughters, Chirsty and Mandy. Jerry is the son of David and Wanda Frick. Their address is Rt. 23, Box 98 A, Flint, Texas 75762, phone 894-7015.

Also, on wednesday we welcomed Gary and Mimi Aven from Seguin, Texas. They have three children, Nicole, Erin and Anthony - all preschool. Their address is 1429 Sunset Dr. (01), phone 592-2870. Gary is the son of A.Z. and Pauline Aven.

Sunday we were pleased to welcome Bill and Ruth Meazell, 431 So. Saunders, phone 593-3914. They have been frequent visitors in our worship services in recent weeks.

On Sunday evening Luke Ingram put on Christ in baptism. He is a high school student and son of Don and Nerene Ingram.

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Serving Sunday

SUNDAY WORSHIP, JULY 26, 1987

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| | MORNING | EVENING |
| Welcome | Joe McBee | Joe McBee |
| Prayer | Joe Carroll | Henry McRuiz |
| Dismiss | Matt Haws | Louis Jones |

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Jeff Hone Lowell Wiggains
 Rex Johnson Dale Blackstone

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Charles McCoy Carroll Magee
 Chris Starnes Chris Honeycutt

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Robert and Pat Stokes
 Walter and Mary Farrer
 James and Connie Sublette
 Charles and Bettye Sue Harris

Pray For And Visit

Sister Cleo Sublette has returned to Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

Sister Nell Wright remains in the Medical Center Hospital, Room 4481.

Brother Pete Wallace's son, Richard, was to have day surgery this week.

Brother Foy Richey has had tests this week as an outpatient.

Sister Jean Oliver's daughter, Donna Howard, was scheduled for surgery this week in Fort Worth. You may send her a card to 6600 Brookshire, Fort Worth, Texas 76118.

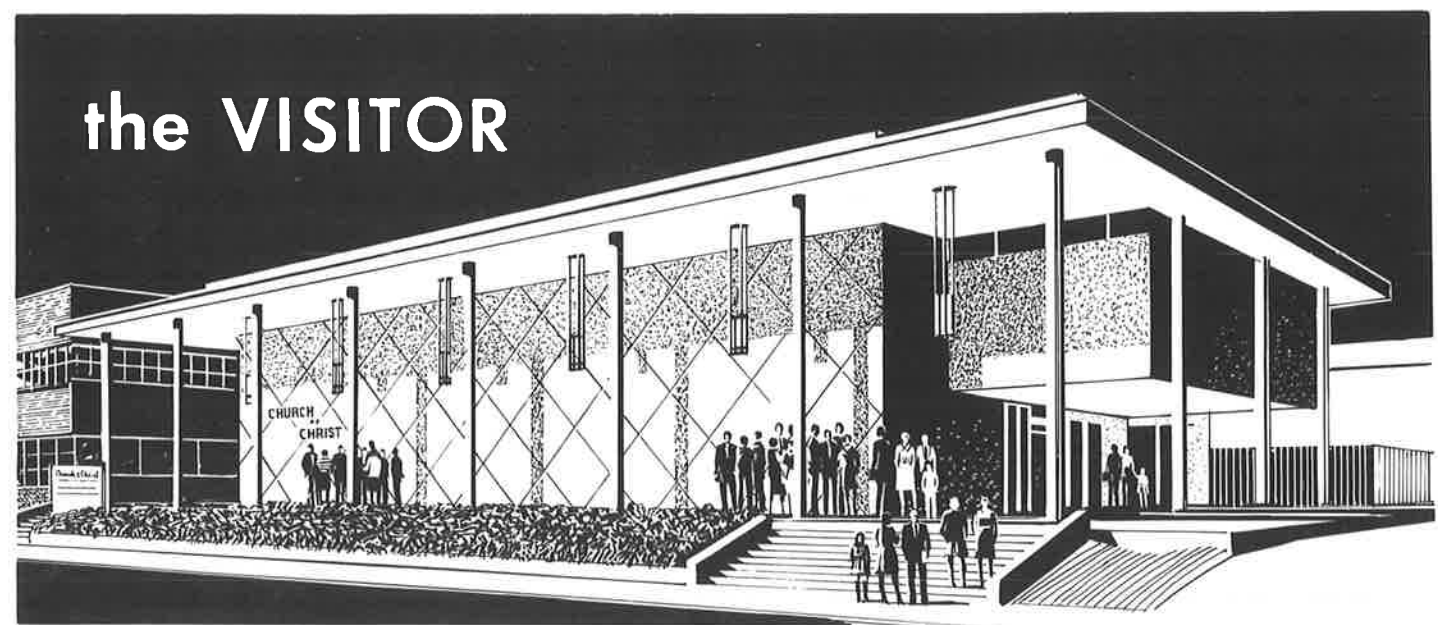
Sister Elizabeth Endsley is ill at home suffering from shingles.

Sister Michele Whitley's mother, Lillian Hartley, is recovering from surgery and is with the Whitleys.

Remember to pray for and visit those who are ill and the shutins.


Vacation Bible School - August 3-7

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"Then are ye Abraham's descendants!"
-Galatians 3:28*

What About The Jews?

A recent Associated Press article with a late line of New York City revealed that two major Protestant denominations, the Presbyterian Church (USA) in an approved study document and the United Church of Christ by explicit declaration, have reached the conclusion that, "God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been abrogated... but remains in full force." Further, these religious groups affirm that "God's ancient pact with Judaism remains fully operative." The two groups cited passages from Paul's letter to the Romans to back their view. The conclusions reached are an outgrowth of the 1948 World Council of Churches' opposition to anti-Semitism, the 1961 World Council's absolution of Jewish guilt in regard to the crucifixion, the 1965 declaration by the Second Vatican Council that "God holds the Jews more dear," and the 1974 guidelines laid down by Roman Catholicism stressing

the historical links binding the church to Judaism.

Observations:

1. Anti-Semitism, and other forms of race prejudice, is inappropriate for any who claim to know Jesus.
2. No religious group can absolve any persons or any group's sin.
3. Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus, but so was I!
4. Paul's letter to the Romans includes all, both Jews and Gentiles under sin and any who will be saved, whether Jew or Gentile, will be saved by the Gospel --that's Paul's theme in Romans.
5. To affirm the covenant of God with Israel "remains fully operative" misses the point of the purpose of the Old Covenant, the nature of the New Covenant, and the principle of handling aright the Word of Truth.
6. The fact remains that the promise of God to Abraham is fulfilled in Christ and only those baptized into Christ are the children of Abraham and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3: 26-29). Therefore, neither Jews or Gentiles are accepted by God except as found in Christ. The religious community misses the point again!

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

We were all proud of Luke Ingram as he chose to become a Christian on Sunday night. May we be an encouragement to him and the right example as we model our lives after Jesus Christ. It is always good to see how God's Word can and does change people's lives. Also, I think we should tell Jay how much we appreciate him preaching God's Word so adequately. May God continue to bless him and his family as they serve God.

Sunday night we had a good number of you to turn out for the activities. It is always good to see you show interest in being with God's people. Your joy, excitement and energy is something that I wish we could have all of our lives. The challenge to you is to funnel all of this into serving God from your heart and with love. Thanks to the Clarks and Welborns for helping that night.

Remember that Brother's Keeper meetings will be Sunday night. Every one enjoys seeing you there too.

Bring your Bible and a friend and we will see you in class Sunday morning.

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet next Tuesday evening here in Tyler at the Shiloh Road building. Plan to meet at the Shiloh building and sit together as a group.

Brother's Keepers

You are encouraged to meet with your Brother's Keepers Unit on Sunday evening following the worship. This is one of the ways we have of knowing and assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ.

You Are Invited

RECEPTION FOR GIDDINGS FAMILY

David, Sue, Jennifer, Doug and Louis Giddings will soon be moving to Glen Rose, Texas where David has accepted a preaching position. Many have come to love this family and appreciate their work in the Lord's Kingdom here in Tyler. A "Come and Go" Reception is planned in their honor from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2, at the Jim McCoys, 1918 Miller Drive. All, including children, are invited to attend.

Potpourri

Teachers

Classroom Teachers you are requested to clear your bulletin boards before Sunday, July 26. The walls need to be available for our Vacation Bible School Learning Centers.

Trip to Hilltop Haven in Gunter, Texas

Last week a group of our people went together on the bus to Hilltop Haven to deliver handmade quilts. The following letter is in response to this trip.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just wanted to tell you again how much we appreciate you taking the time to make the long trip to Hilltop Haven to visit us and to bring us the quilts that you had made for us.

The quilts are beautiful and everyone who has seen them has wanted one of them for their bed. We can understand how much hard work went into making each one, and we want you to know that we really appreciate your efforts.

We enjoyed getting to meet each of you and we sincerely hope that you will make plans to come and visit with us again. We always enjoy visitors and enjoy showing our home off also.

Again, we thank you for your thoughtfulness and the support that you give us in our work and service to the elderly.

Debbie McFarling
Activities Director

Happy Birthday

JULY (26) Dianna Morris (28) Harley Turner (29)
Bryan Chambless, Charles McCoy, Wendy Culpepper
(30) Kimberly Maples AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe

From East Texas Christian Academy

Several families are in need of financial aid to enable their child to receive a Christian education at East Texas Christian Academy. If you would like to help sponsor a child this year, call John Bragg, 561-8642 for more information.

Another urgent need is that of a used washer and dryer for our preschool/day care. The Smith County Health Department has required ETCA to install a washer and dryer immediately.

ETCA also needs 3 used Apple computers or \$1,400 to purchase 3 new Laser 128 computers to expand our computer lab. The computers are needed to supplement our new reading series for grades K-7 and computer instruction for the 3 & 4 year olds.

Thank You

I want to thank you for the many kind expressions of love you've shown to us recently. All, especially your prayers, have given me a fast and easy recovery.

Frances Broome and Family

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH



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

Best Wishes

We express our good wishes and congratulations to Suzanne Kirby and Stan Perkins who were married June 27th here in the West Erwin building, and to Christi Cook and Greg Hood who were married here on July 18th. Suzanne and Stan will be living in San Antonio and Christi and Greg will make their home in Waco.

A life of sharing, caring

A love of endless giving together

In the spirit of Christian joy

We, Karla Elise Haule

and

Philip Wayne Thompson

together with our parents

invite you to share with us

the joy of our marriage

on Saturday, the eighth of August

Seventeen hundred and eighty-seven

at three o'clock in the afternoon

Glennwood Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

*Reception following
Church Fellowship Hour*

Good Neighbors

The following letter came this week from Mr. Thomas Clyde, Vice President of T. B. Butler Publishing Co., Inc. - publishers of The Tyler Courier-Times and Tyler Morning Telegraph. Since the letter concerns the congregation, we are printing it for your information. We appreciate the good relationship with our neighbors at the newspaper office.

This letter is written for two purposes. First, on behalf of T.B. Butler Publishing Co., Inc. we want to thank you for allowing us to park on your upper church lot during the period of time when we were constructing and planning the use of our new Elm Street parking lot. For such kindness we would like to express our thanks by offering to paint the metal guard rail that protects your building from traffic on the alley between our buildings. We would be happy to do this at our expense and just need your permission to go ahead.

Secondly, I would like to extend to your congregation the use of our new lot in addition to our other lots for overflow parking during your church services. It had been our intention all along to add this lot to our existing reciprocity agreement as soon as it was completed, and it is now ready for use.

Let us know if there are ever any questions or problems.

Thomas Clyde



See you in Bible School

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

New Decor

Have you seen the newly decorated fellowship building? The new and needed carpet and wall covering planned by some of our deacons, notably Matt Haws, Jay Vandiver, Louis Jones, and one of our deacon's wives, Carolyn Welborn, are beautiful and will provide pleasant surroundings for Freeman Morgan's Bible Class and other church gatherings. Incidentally, some other needed repairs to our buildings will be taking place soon. We take pride in our facilities because they are used for service in the cause of our King. Well kept buildings and grounds say that we care. Thanks to those who see that all are kept in good repair.

J.L.

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| Wed.Eve. | 310 | 211 | - |
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Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 19 and Wednesday evening, July 22 - JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

New Members

We were happy to welcome Debra Sparks into the West Erwin family last Sunday. Her address is Rt. 17, Box 254 (75704), telephone 592-6996. She also asked for prayers of the church.

Denece Rogers came Sunday to be restored and ask for the prayers of the congregation.

Pray For And Visit

Sister Cleo Sublette is now at home suffering from a back injury.

Sister Nell Wright remains in Mother Frances Hospital, room 4481.

Brother Bob Threadgill is recovering from surgery. He is in room 388 in Mother Frances.

Sister Ruth Dobbs is at home and unable to be out. She would welcome your visits and prayers.

Sister Michele Whitley's mother, Lillian Hartley, is scheduled to have surgery on Thursday in Mother Frances.

Vacation Bible School Two Years--Sixth Grade

Vacation Bible School will be an exciting time with special emphasis on Learning Centers. Also, there will be Storytime, Puppets, Theater (for Grades 1 thru 6) and Refreshments for everyone. Plan to be here - August 3 - 7, 9:30 until 11:45.

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Dismiss Don Slaughter

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Chris Starnes Chris Honeycutt

GREETERS SUNDAY

Robert and Pat Stokes
Walter and Mary Farrer
James and Connie Sublette
Charles and Betty Sue Harris

Thank You

Thank you for your visit and the beautiful cut flowers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

In Christian love,
Don & Janie and
Allyson Farrer



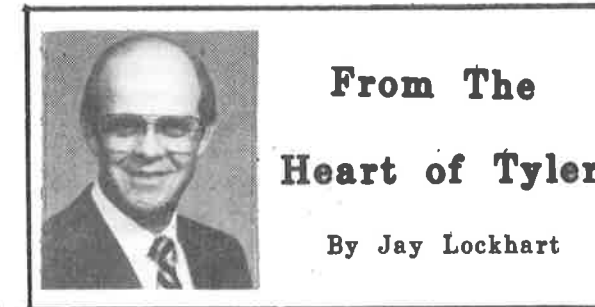
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"They went out from us, but they
were not of us." -I John 2:19

More About The Neo-Theologians

For about thirty years I have struggled with the perpetual church problems of apathy, non commitment, and traditionalism. However, I have never felt that the answer was to be found in changing the changeless message, abandoning our heritage, or leading the church into denominationalism. Isn't that what one seeks to do when he preaches a message that any careful Bible student recognizes is unscriptural, when he looks with disdain upon the past, and preaches what denominations have preached through the years? It is interesting to observe what insight the neo-theologians among us seem to think they have--insight that comes from their own imaginations and the minds of current religious authors instead of from the Bible. I wonder why there is so much more compassion and understanding among the neo-theologians for those whose entire approach to the Bible is highly suspect than for their own

brethren. I wonder why they want the church to become more like the denominations instead of more like the church of the New Testament. I wonder why they criticize where we are but do not move us more into the Word. I wonder why brethren continue to support and encourage the neo-theologians. I wonder when we will demand that preaching be Biblical in content and authority. I wonder where the neo-theologians would take us since they themselves have neither chart or compass. I wonder what they would give us that is better (more scriptural) than what we have. Here's a fact borne out by history: when one abandons the concept that we are bound by what the Scriptures teach, both in what the Bible says and does not say, the end result is always human religion. We stand opposed to all neo-theology and continue to cry, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God," (I Peter 4:11).

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Often times we tend to forget how much we are blessed in this life. The little things that at one time impressed us are now by the wayside as we seek bigger and better things. That favorite toy or book or item that were once our constant companion is now a memory. We need memories to help remind us how we once were, to remind us of what we used to think was important. This is the process of growing up and maturing into men and women. May we seek to know what God wants us to develop into as we mature not only physically, but also spiritually. Let's do what He commands us to do from His Word, that is, be a Christian and He will continue to bless us.

Our appreciation to the Carruths and Wiggains for helping with the devotional Sunday night. Our thanks also to Barry Chase. This week will be a High School devotional and more details will be announced later.

Continue to remember the Summer Youth Series and include them in your schedule along with the devotionals. Let's be the example this week and always that God wants us to be.

A Baby Girl

Don and Janie Farrer are the happy parents of a baby girl born Friday, July 10, at Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 7 lb and 1 oz and is 21 inches long. They have named her Allyson Clair. Walter and Mary Farrer are the proud grandparents.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Milburn and Jan Cook in the death of Jan's brother-in-law. Funeral services were held last week in Borger, Texas.

In Memory

Because sister Ivah Miller, mother of sister Alice Stephenson, was known and loved by the congregation here, it seems appropriate to print the eulogy written by her grandson, Gerald, as a loving tribute to her memory.

IVAH BROCK MILLER, 1888-1987

A Eulogy

The year the guns were stilled at Appomatox Ivah Brock Miller's mother, Stella Wells, was born in Illinois. Her father, Albert Brock was already a boy of six in Missouri. Both of her parents' families moved to Texas in that great Western migration in the last third of the nineteenth century, settling in Collinsville.

When Ivah was born, there were no paved roads, no automobiles, no radio, no airplane, nor most of the technological marvels we take for granted nearly 99 years later. Her life spanned a century of explosive invention, change, growth and conflict. She lived her life quietly - for the most part in the small town of her youth. And yet, by example and gentle manner, she has been a forceful influence for good.

Ivah was trained to be a school teacher - a position she held for several years. Throughout her life she was a teacher of the best kind - one who teaches by example, more than by precept. She will be remembered for her gentle warmth and kindness. Many people confided in "Miss Ivah;" and she never violated a confidence. She was a attractive person; people naturally responded to her warmth and energy. In later years, when she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, she made vast numbers of friends in the churches where he was minister.

In her time Ivah Miller knew how to make her own soap, wash clothes in an iron kettle, raise and prepare her own food, build a fire in a wood stove, mend clothes and heal hurt feelings. She worked in the public most of her adult life. And she found time to run an orderly home, go to church and keep up with half the people in the county.

She was a person of keen intellect and diverse interests. As she grew older, her interests continued to develop. For instance, she became an avid football fan after she was eighty. She was curious about most things without being obtrusive. Her favorite recreation was reading a good book. She enjoyed people, seeing new places, and hard work. She seemed happiest when she had a constructive task to perform; and her life was dedicated to service.

Ivah was married to Chal Miller for over fifty years. She raised a son and a daughter. She cared for a succession of invalid relatives. She preferred to do something for you rather than have something done for her.

Ivah Miller was a person of strong convictions and very definite opinions. When asked to name the soundest investment a person can make, she replied: "Be honest, and finish what you start." She wasn't likely to be shaken from a position which she had thought out. And yet, she tended to avoid arguments and controversy. She derived her greatest pleasure from eliciting pleasure in others. And she generally avoided causing distress.

She remained vigorous and active into the tenth decade of her life, succumbing to the infirmities of age

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Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Burnell Cook

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Christi Ellen

to

Mr. Gregory Dean Hood

on Saturday, the eighteenth of July

Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

at half after seven in the evening

West Euvin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Where Are You?

Genesis 3:6-13

P.M. Neo-Theologians

I Corinthians 14:6-12



Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, July 21 in Athens at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ. We will leave on the bus together at 6:45 p.m.

In Memory

(Continued from Page 2)

only in the last three years. When she made her transition to that larger reality, just six weeks shy of her ninety-ninth birthday, she left a legacy more valuable than gold and silver. She bequeaths to her heirs and descendents, to friends and acquaintances, a history of influence and example, dedication and loyalty, warmth and humanity. Like a majestic ocean liner with pennants flying, masts erect, she has put out to sea on what is for her a great voyage of discovery. And in her train she leaves a luminous wake of love.

-Gerald Stephenson

Here and There

by Wes Price



We are seeing preparations for the Vacation Bible School increase in their intensity as our Learning Center Directors work on their plans. It is now less than a month away. We need all families working with us to make the most of the time remaining. First, consecrate those dates so that your children will be present, second get them excited about bringing their friends and neighbors. If our teachers go to so much effort in preparation, we owe it to them to have as many children here as possible.

Last week we put our teaching staff for VBS in the bulletin, and I want to add to that list. I inadvertently left Billie Bob Hickman off as a teacher on the Learning Center with Billie Morgan. In addition, we have added other workers. Rhonda Haws will be assisting Laurie Dawkins, Neil Vannoy will assist Gail Vannoy, Julie Ables is assisting Leanne Knight and Jerry Konczak is working with Carolyn Vandiver.

Other workers are still being recruited as we move toward the final stages of preparation. If you are called upon, please lend a hand.

A group of our folks will be leaving Sunday afternoon for the annual trip to Abilene Christian University for the Teacher's Workshop. We have a cancellation or two, so if you would like to reconsider, let me know and we will include you. We will be leaving on the bus at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. You will need to take bed linens and towels. We will be staying in Mabee Dormitory.

May we make a request of all present classroom teachers. Sometime during the week prior to July 26, please remove all bulletin board material in your room. This will leave the walls available for the VBS Learning Center teachers to prepare for their classes.

Happy Birthday

JULY (19) Roger Knight, Pauline Kennedy, Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggains, Courtney McDonald (20) Jim Paul, Jack Paul, Laurie Dawkins, Pam Doss (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden (23) Ethel Parker, Mark Waggonner (24) Andy Butler, Holly Harrison (25) Pam Lemons, Kurt Whitley.

| Records | Sunday July 5 | Sunday June 28 | Year Ago |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 396 | 448 | 347 |
| Worship/A.M. | 519 | 550 | 436 |
| Worship/P.M. | 348 | 332 | 352 |
| Wed. Eve. | 211 | - | - |
| Contributions | \$10,963.86 | \$8,732.54 | \$9,548.48 |
| Special TV Fund To Date | -\$19,290.00 | | |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 12 and Wednesday evening, July 15 - KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

New Member

Sister Mozelle Cash, 1620 E. Richards (75702), telephone 593-2911, came Sunday, June 28 to place membership and to ask for prayers of the church. We welcome sister Cash to the West Erwin church family.

When You Pray, Remember . . .

Cleo Sublette who is in Doctor's Memorial suffering from a back injury from a fall.

Cora Hughes who had cataract surgery on Wednesday. She is recovering at home.

Dwight Leek's father, who is hospitalized in Tennessee following a heart attack.

Nell Wright, who is in ICU in Medical Center.

Bob Threadgill, who will enter Mother Frances on Wednesday in preparation for surgery Thursday.

Guy Potts who is taking treatments.

Clay McDonald who was hospitalized over the weekend.

Judy Phelps, Frances Broome, Margaret Talley, Jewell McCoy and Carolyn Blackstone who have all been hospitalized recently, but are now attending worship again.

John Mackey who underwent surgery this week.

James W. Malone, brother of Ruby McCain, who was injured in an automobile accident and is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Serving Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Harold Denman
 Scripture Dannie Skipper
 Dismiss Jeff Hone

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP
 Welcome Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Tony Adams
 Scripture Robert Stokes
 Dismiss Melvin Maples

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Glynn Starnes Clinton Culpepper
 Greg Hood Ken Culpepper

SERVING IN BACK
 Bryan Leek Brody Clark
 Jeff Blackstone Robbie Butler

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 John and Nancy Bragg
 Jimmie and Ruth Harris
 Monroe and Cleo Sublette
 Stan and Judy Clark

June Workers

The following ladies cooked on Tuesdays during the month of June: Sara Powell, Martha Waggoner, Katie Powell, Alma Faye Price, Rhonda Hendrix, Mary McFadden, Opal Mathews and Winifred Cullinan. Also, a very special thanks to Clyde and Merle Lane for the fresh vegetables from their garden.

Thank You

I believe God won't put more on us than we can bear. Your prayers, cards and sweet words of concern for me, because of the loss of my sister, have certainly given me strength. You are a caring congregation of God's people. God bless each of you.
 Pattie Tate


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

"Some new thing"
-Acts 17:21

Neo-Theologians

I do not subscribe to the point of view that the church is always on the brink of apostasy. There are faithful brethren everywhere who are seeking to be New Testament Christians. Neither do I believe that I and my friends are the only ones who preach truth. However, I'm hearing strange sounds. Those strange sounds are not expressing truth differently than I do. They are not coming from digging deeper in the Word and finding truth that many of us have overlooked. They are not sounds that simply differ from the fearful, ultra-conservative far right. These sounds are another gospel--not another gospel which compares favorably with the gospel which Paul preached (like comparing one car with another), but a new gospel which so differs from the truth which we preach that it is like trying to compare a banana with a jet airplane--there is no comparison. That's the idea presented by Paul in Galatians 1 and, as it happened then, it's happening now--a new gospel. This new gospel is not far away on the West coast; it is not being presented by those from denominationalism; it is among us! What is this new theology among us? Basically, it's the same problem that has plagued religious people through the years, disturbed the Restoration Movement, and caused peo-

ple to believe and teach as truth almost anything--it's a disregard for the authority of the Scriptures. When those who preach are more influenced by the writings of liberal theologians than they are by that which is written, the problem of neo-theology always comes up! Some of those who espouse the new theology were "brought up in the church," never struggled, fought, or paid a price, and now, with contempt for the familiar, they want to throw out the baby with the bathwater. We're not perfect. We haven't arrived. Our methods of doing things may be outdated. But is this reason to change the gospel and to begin preaching non-biblical doctrine? Is this reason to preach as sermons messages that are void of Scripture? Is this reason to disregard Biblical authority? The religious world has already taken that route and if there are those among us who insist on re-plowing this ground they will end up where a disregard for the authority of Scripture always leads, in spiritual bankruptcy! The Bible still teaches us how to identify the church, how to be saved, how to worship, and how to live. No neo-theologian can change that. Why would they want to?
 (To Be Continued)

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Let me remind all of our teenagers from the 6th through the 12th grades to attend the Summer Youth Series each Tuesday night. The theme is "Conquering." The speakers have been excellent along with the singing and the fellowship with other young people. This is an excellent way for you to establish friends with our own youth and also others. Come and be a part. You will be glad you did! The time we leave the parking lot on the bus together is printed each week in the bulletin.

High School, we are having a class on Wednesday nights concerning the characteristics of Jesus. This is designed to help you in a practical way to learn what the Bible says about Jesus and to be able to find the scriptures when asked by anyone. Make a special effort to be here on Wednesday night and be an example to others.

Middle School, the devotional and activities (volley ball) will be held at the Carruth's home. We will leave on the bus immediately after services Sunday night. Helping the Carruths will be the Wiggains. Let's all come and make an effort to encourage others also.

Many of you are in and out this summer on vacations and for other reasons. Let us always remember that God is to be our number one priority and our goal is to serve Him. Let's strive to dedicate our lives to his service and everything else will fall into place as he blesses us continually.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Carolyn Blackstone and her family in the death of Carolyn's uncle last week. The funeral was in San Antonio.

McBee Announces Opportunity

On each Monday at 7:00 A.M. beginning Monday, July 13, there will be 15 to 30 minutes spent in scripture reading and prayer. We will meet in the Chapel. This will provide an opportunity to pray for those that are ill, to pray for the programs of work at West Erwin, and to pray for a way to reach the lost of our community. What better way to start a week than to meet together to have a time in prayer.

I know there are those who cannot meet at that time, but all are invited.

Philippians 4:6 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God." Also James 5:16 says, "The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working."

Please give this opportunity some consideration and meet with us if you can.

For the Elders
Joe McBee

LADIES

You Are Invited To A Bridal Shower
Honoring Denise Larison
Bride Elect of Randall Wilson
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ

Saturday

July 11, 1987
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

Selections:
Dillard's

(Randall Wilson is the son of
Ira and Esther Wilson)

Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1987
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. I Saw The Lord (Isaiah 6:1-8)
P.M. The Neo-Theologians (Acts 17:16-23)

Happy Birthday

JULY (14) Grant Knight, Kevin Womack, Don Ingram
(16) Ginger Metcalf, Joanna Vannoy (17) Jenilyn Butler, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Linda Marts, Mary Alice Martin, Keith Harris
(18) Delle Bullard.

Summer Youth Series

A special event on schedule for the Summer Youth Series on Tuesday, July 14, is a Skating Party in Longview. Young people should be on the parking lot of the church ready to leave on the bus together by 6:15 p.m.

Thank You

Thanks for all the kindnesses shown me while I was ill. The visits, cards, food, the flowers, and especially the prayers offered in my behalf are all appreciated. May God bless you all. Jewell McCoy

We are truly blessed because of our West Erwin family. For all the many wonderful things that have been done for us, we are sincerely grateful. Your prayers and love have meant so much.

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers and visits and wonderful food you furnished our family during my recent surgery and recuperation period. It is so nice to have such special Christian friends.

Judy Phelps and Family
I am so appreciative of my family at West Erwin. Your beautiful cards, with the many expressions of concern and your phone calls to inquire of my well-being after my eye surgery were all so helpful. Your prayers were an important factor in the success of the operation and of my rapid recovery rate. I send my love in Christ to all. Margaret Talley

FROM CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL Mbeya, Tanzania

We were really surprised with the shipment that just came recently. Over 180 boxes arrived representing 70 congregations and individuals from 14 states. So many useful items came from so many. We are always so thankful for the things that come. Especially were we appreciative for the 6 boxes containing used clothes, vaseline, rubbing alcohol, bandages, gowns and gauze. Two dates were taken from these, July 11, 1986 and December 8, 1986.

Recently we suffered the greatest tragedy that has ever been experienced by the hospital or mission. On Saturday night, May 30th, Blackwell Ngwira, who had been with the mission since its beginning and Victoria Kisonde, head of the Maternal Health Clinic since 1983, were killed in an automobile accident as they returned from a patient transfer to the Government Hospital in Mbeya. Also, two riders in the car were killed.

Blackwell served as translator, mechanic, woodwork craftsman, driver and was soon to begin as a teacher in the Preacher Training School. He had come to Chimala in 1957 from Malawi and had never returned until his death. Under Miss Kisonde's leadership our M.H.C. had recently received the award for the best clinic in the region. Truly this is the greatest set back in the history of the work here.

Again thank you for your continued concern.

Here and There

by Wes Price



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 3 - 7, 1987

Pre-School Learning Centers

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| L.C. 1 | Art I | 111 | Michelle Whitley |
| L.C. 2 | Art II | 202/203 | Leanne Knight |
| L.C. 3 | Shipwreck | 110 | Billy Usrey |
| L.C. 4 | Bible Games | 207 | Laurie Dawkins Rhonda Haws |
| L.C. 5 | Customs | 107 | Sue Skipper |
| L.C. 6 | Prison | 215 | Kay Akin |
| L.C. 7 | Paul & Lydia | 208 | Debbie Graham |
| L.C. 8 | The First Missionaries | | Kim Frick |
| L.C. 9 | Bible Games II | 305 | Carolyn Vandiver |
| L.C. 10 | The Church | 204 | Vickie Cauthen |
| Story Time | Benovelent Center | | Carolyn Womack |
| Puppet | Auditorium | | Lee & Julie Roberson |

Children's Learning Center

| | | | |
|------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| L.C. 1 | Paul's Escape | 301 | Billie Morgan |
| L.C. 2 | Geography | 302 | Gail Vannoy |
| L.C. 3 | Paul's Conversion | 303 | Nancy Bragg |
| L.C. 4 | Paul's Journeys | 105/106 | Martha Waggoner |
| L.C. 5 | The Church | 206 | Sue Starnes |
| L.C. 6 | Theater | Chapel | Carolyn Carruth |
| Story Time | Fellowship Hall | | David Lovejoy |
| Puppets | Auditorium | | Lee & Julie Roberson |

2 Year Olds 102/108 Charisse Smith
Kathy Ward & Jo Butler

Refreshment Chairman - Odell Sessions

Area Meetings

The Hughes Springs Church of Christ invite you to hear Jimmy Allen in a gospel meeting, July 12 - 15. The weeknight services will be at 7:30.

The Quitman Church of Christ invite you to hear The Sounds of Glory quartet at the Carroll Green Civic Center in Quitman at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 1987.

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| | June 21 | June 14 | Ago |
| Bible School | 408 | 332 | 289 |
| Worship/A.M. | 520 | 407 | 351 |
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| Wed. Eve. | 241 | 268 | -- |
| Contributions | \$12,952.39 | \$7,459.97 | \$7,118.44 |
| Special TV Fund, To Date | - \$18,385.00 | | |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 28 and Wednesday Evening, July 1 - JIMMY HARRIS, 592-9780.

And The Lord Added . . .

On Monday, Mr. Paul Lucky from Kilgore, came to the building to be baptized by brother Jay Lockhart. We are happy for this new Christian and his obedience to the gospel of Christ.

Sherie McGee came Wednesday evening for the prayers of the church and to be restored.

Mission Trip

On Friday, June 26, Dannie Skipper, Chairman of our Missions Committee, and Henry McRuiz will go to Chiapas, Mexico with a group from the White Rock Church in Dallas. They will be at the Southeast Mexico Bible School to visit with some of the missionaries supported with the funds we send each month through the White Rock Church. Two members of the West Erwin Church are covering the expenses for their trip. Pray for the safety of these men as they journey to Mexico and as they return on July 2.

The Sick

Sister Judy Phelps went home on Tuesday. Sister Nell Wright has been moved to the Clairmont Nursing Home.

Brother Steve Ward's father underwent open heart surgery Monday in Liberty, Tx.

Serving Sunday

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Scripture Gary Ables
Dismiss Dale Blackstone

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Scripture Scott Rachui
Dismiss Tom Williams

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SERVING IN BACK FOYER

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Bill Hensley Archie Kennard

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Wayne and Lynn Harrison
Tom and Barbara Williams
Phil and Linda Marts and Melissa
Terry Lockhart
Barry Chase

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Pattie Tate in the death of her sister, Marguerite Norris, in Shreveport, La. on Wednesday morning. The funeral service will be in Shreveport and burial in Mount Sylvan, Tx. We do not know the day or time of services at this writing.

Sister Frances Broome is in room 246, Mother Frances Hospital recovering from surgery.

Sister Mildred Park, grandmother of Wade Park, had surgery last weekend in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth.

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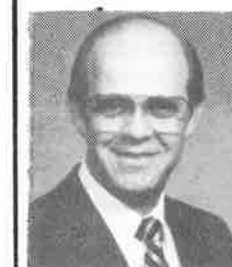
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"And they reported all that God had done with them." --Acts 15:4

Happenings

My fifth meeting with the Union Grove church, near Murray, Kentucky, was well attended and the response to the preaching of the gospel and seeing so many long time acquaintances made my trip most gratifying. It's good to be home.

A few weeks ago I received a call from Kilgore asking that I preach the funeral of a Christian lady who was a regular viewer of THE SEARCH. I didn't know her or any of her family, but I was glad to be of assistance. Last Monday morning I met this woman's husband, Paul Lucky, at our building and baptized him into Christ. Paul viewed our program with his wife and following some serious reflection on his life this eighty-year old man made the decision to give his life to Jesus. We know of several people in and around Tyler who have become New Testament Christians as a result of what you do through television.

Speaking of television, our next prime-time special for THE SEARCH will be Friday, July 3, at 7:00 p.m. on channel 7. This program, WHAT PRICE FREEDOM? is the second of five annual primetime presentations of THE SEARCH, the remaining programs to be aired in November and December.

More about television! Our special TV fund has now reached \$18,385.00. We need a concluding thrust to push us over the top in meeting our goal of \$20,000. Perhaps you can help.

Next Wednesday evening, July 1, David Cauthen of the Moberly Avenue Church in Longview will speak to our auditorium class. David is very personable, well trained, and his message will be Bible centered! We welcome David Cauthen.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

It is good to be back home, although we had a wonderful time in Nashville! There were 8,000 young people signed up to attend the National Youth Rally representing 20 different states and 279 youth groups. The Rally was held at two different times in the Grand Ole Opry Building. Jeff Walling was the speaker and Ray Walker led us in singing. It was good to meet other Christians from all over the United States and we all appreciated the chance to attend this National Youth Rally. It was well worth the time and effort. A very special thanks to Melvin and Donna Maples for helping Kathy and me on this trip. We could not have made it without all of their help and support. We appreciate them so much for giving up their time to go with us. Those attending were Chris Starnes, Jason Phelps, Jason Harris, Rob Butler, Brody Clark, Kevin, Kim, Donna and Melvin Maples, Cheryl Welborn, Lori Anselm, Kelli Whitley, Amy Fisher, Michelle Steffee, Amy O'Quinn, Cheryl Murphy, Missy Marts and Kathy and David Lovejoy.

Thanks to Dale Blackstone and all others for helping with the devotional and activities Sunday night. I hear that everyone had a good time. Also, thanks to Farrel Whitley for teaching all of the High School on Sunday morning. Isn't it good for us to have so many talented people who help when the need arises. May we strive to serve God to the best of our ability and He will continue to bless us as He has promised. Let's continue to remember the Summer Youth Series each Tuesday night for the 6th through the 12th grades.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

*Mr. and Mrs. Jamon Kirby
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Suzanne*

to

Mr. Stanley Richard Perkins

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Perkins

on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of June

Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Congratulations

Freda Kay Walker, Daughter of Rex and Queeda Walker and the granddaughter of Ross and June Walker, was married to Mark Bishop, son of David Bishop, on June 13, 1987 in Boulder, Colorado.

We extend best wishes for a happy life.

We extend best wishes and congratulations to Penny Hulsey and Tony Cooley who were married Saturday afternoon at the West Erwin building. They will make their home in Austin, Texas.

Summer Youth Series



The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ in Palestine. Please be on the church parking lot ready to leave together on the bus at 6:15 p.m.

No Bulletin Next Week

In keeping with our permit regulations with the Post Office, we do not publish a bulletin the week of the 4th of July. There will be no VISITOR next week:



Thank You

To The Church

I don't know how to begin to thank everyone at West Erwin for all the many kind loving things done for Tommie and me over the long weeks and months of his illness and passing. Thank you for the countless cards, calls, visits, flowers and gifts, and the countless prayers for both of us. The lunch on Monday at the Fellowship Building for all of our family was so convenient and appreciated. We love and appreciate everyone and everything done for us at any time. For the sweet and comforting visits of our ministers, thank you.

God bless everyone,
Moselle, Joanne & Family
Hazel Morgan

Dear Christian Friends,

Once more you have shown what true Christian love is. Thank you for the lovely carnations, your prayers, cards, calls and outpouring of love during the recent loss of my dad. Christians like you help to ease the pain.

Glen and Jeri Wright

We are very grateful to our friends in the West Erwin congregation for the flowers, the cards, and the many other expressions of love and sympathy we have received since the death of our dear mother, Ivah Miller. We love all of you.

George and Alice Stephenson



Bible classes for all ages

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.



Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. God Made A Woman
(Genesis 2:15-25)

P.M. For Such A Time As This
(Esther 4:6-17)



Here and There

by Wes Price



Vacation Bible School will soon be here. August 3 - 7 are important dates to remember. Mothers and dads, we urge you to reserve those dates so your children can enjoy the excitement of these special days of instruction on the life of the Apostle Paul. We have a great staff of teachers who are hard at work on the Learning Centers. We will be disappointed if this year's VBS is not the very best we have ever had.

I cannot resist the temptation to call your attention to Jay's Sunday morning sermon about husbands. I had never considered his point about wives who work outside the home, with the husband's blessing, need the support and assistance of the husband with the work at home. I must confess that it is a very valid point. Husbands, you know who you are, do you make it your task to help them around the house with duties that are traditionally considered the work of wives? If not, why not? And if you think that I don't do this myself, ask my wife. Your wife deserves this consideration.

The summer months certainly put a strain on the smooth work of the church. The sometimes relaxed atmosphere and easy going schedules are often at the root of some of the little glitches that affect us. Let me urge all who have basic responsibilities in our various programs of work, to keep scheduled times, dates and places in mind. We want to avoid as many gaps and miscues as possible. Let's give our best to the service of the Lord and at the same time be understanding of others when problems do develop.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (28) Christine Parsons, Stephanie Miles, Jerry Dunn (29) Kyle McRuiz (30) Calvin Plumb
JULY (1) Earnesene Shuford, Jay Graham (3) Cathy Krewall, Larry Henry, Linda Hone (4) Jeff Hone (6) Leslie Carruth, Donna Maples (7) Jo Northcutt (8) Billie Bob Hickman, Virginia Canterbury Spencer Braly (9) Rebecca Center, Charlie Hickman (10) Diann Leek, Paula Hancock (11) Wyche Harris, Velma Lemons, Paul Stanley.

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| Vol.17 | June 18, 1987 | | Number 24 |
| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | June 14 | June 7 | Ago |
| Bible School | 332 | 407 | 321 |
| Worship/A.M. | 407 | 525 | 428 |
| Worship/P.M. | -- | 360 | 236 |
| Wed.Eve. | 268 | 270 | -- |
| Contributions | \$7,459.97 | \$11,725.97 | \$9,617.25 |
| Special-TV, To Date \$17,570.00 | | | |
| Weekly Budget Requirements - \$10,265.00 | | | |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 21 and Wednesday, June 24 - GARY BROOME, 592-2289.

And The Lord Added . . .

Stephanie Miles, daughter of Sherryl Miles, was baptized Sunday morning by Wes Price. We commend Stephanie for her obedience to Christ. She will be in the 5th grade in the fall.

Area Singles Meeting

There will be an area-wide meeting, Saturday, June 27th at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview for all "Singles" (college age and up). The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. until... There will be singing, a devotional, games, refreshments and fellowship. For further information call (214) 758-0161.

New Baby Girl

Congratulations to Jim and Jan McDonald on the arrival of a baby girl on Tuesday, June 16, at 10:51 p.m. at Mother Frances Hospital. The baby weighed 9 lb. and 6 oz. and has been named Emily Elizabeth.

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to George and Alice Stephenson and their family in the death of Alice's mother, sister Ivah Miller. Funeral services were scheduled for Friday morning at the Church of Christ in Collinsville. Sister Miller was 98.

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Serving Sunday

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| SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | |
| Welcome | Stan Clark |
| Prayer | C. B. Hardin |
| Scripture | Faber Cauthen |
| Dismiss | Bob Threadgill |
| SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP | |
| Welcome | Stan Clark |
| Prayer | David Frick |
| Scripture | Glynn Starnes |
| Dismiss | Jack Stringer |
| SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER | |
| Wally Dawkins | Kevin Braly |
| Bill Paschall | Terry Frick |
| SERVING IN BACK FOYER | |
| Earl O'Quinn | Rodney Knight |
| Bill Hensley | Archie Kennard |
| GREETERS FOR SUNDAY | |
| Wayne and Lynn Harrison | |
| Tom and Barbara Williams | |
| Phil and Linda Marts and Melissa | |
| Terry Lockhart | |
| Barry Chase | |

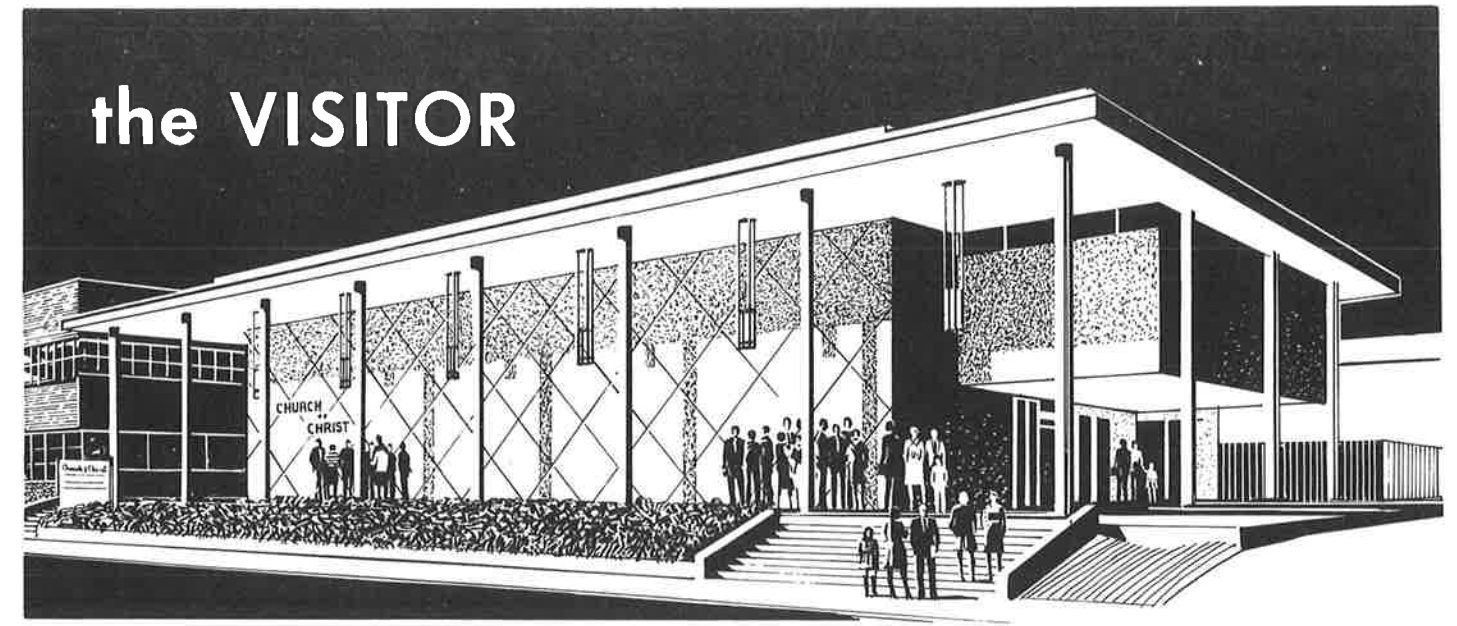
Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Shannon Hughes and Juli Turner who were married Saturday, June 13, in Tupelo, Miss. They will live in Longview.

The Sick

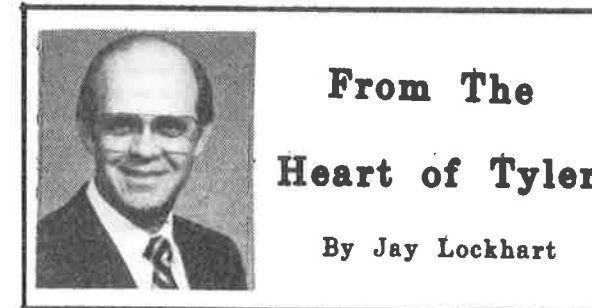
Sister Nell Wright remains in Medical Center Hospital.
 Sister Judy Phelps underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.
 Sister Margaret Talley is at home recovering from cataract surgery.
 Sister Tommy Park, grandmother of Wade Park, is in Harris Hospital, #703, Fort Worth, Texas. She may possibly have surgery late in the week.
 Sister Jewell McCoy has been dismissed from the hospital and is with Jim and Nancy for a while.

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I have known Albert Winstanley for nearly 20 years and have been with him in two campaigns in England. He is one of God's finest. JL

British Bible School

35 Kingsbrook, Corby, Northants., England
 Phone: Great Oakley (STD 0536) 745771

3rd June 1987

Dear Jay:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have just returned home after hearing the third in Harold Taylor's series of studies on "Church Growth." He is teaching this series here in Corby, and we have been greatly blessed by his ministry of the Word. We (that's Jean and I) are disappointed that we shall miss the final study - tomorrow evening when the subject will be "Friendship Evangelism." But all the talks are being recorded, so at a later date we can hear it anyway.

Perhaps this ought to be written to the elders of the church there. But, as we know you personally, and do not so know the bishops there, I choose to send this "wee note" to you, a brother whom I love greatly, and whose ministry of the Word has blessed me much in days gone by.

Quite simply, my purpose is to say "thank you" to the saints there for supporting Harold in this ministry of teaching. My conviction is that it focuses on, and responds to our greatest need as members of the body of Christ. Moreover, the content of the studies and their presentation is excellent. It has been a spiritual tonic for the saints here - and for the BBS students also (he has taught daily in the school) - and will, in God's blessing, be for lasting good. Perhaps you would assure the elders of our appreciation - and of our thanks to God for all that the brethren there are doing to exalt Jesus as Lord in word and work.

Your own ministry occasions our thanksgiving to the Father. May He continue through you to bless and beautify many lives as the word of life in your community produces Christlikeness in those who hear and obey it.

With every good wish,
 Albert Winstanley

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

The first night of the Summer Youth Series here at West Erwin showed a great response from the area youth. We had 350 in attendance that night. It is always good to see that many young people involved in worshipping God.

Jay Lockhart does an outstanding job in delivering the word of God in a manner that all can understand. Barry Chase did a great job of leading the singing. Barry continues to stay current with the new songs the young people sing each year praising God. Jack Stringer was responsible for the P.A. system and the recording of the sermon.

Ladies, you did an outstanding work of providing lots and lots of good cookies for refreshments. Also, we had several ladies here that night to help serve refreshments. "Thank you," to all who helped make the meeting successful. We appreciate all of you so very much.

This Thursday, June 18, twenty one of us will leave for the National Youth Rally in Nashville, Tenn. We all appreciate the chance to go and be a part of the fellowship of Christians from all across the United States.

Remember, June 21 (Sunday night) the devotional will be for all Middle and High school students. Dale Blackstone will be in charge of the activities. Plan to be there and bring a friend.

Congratulations to Shelley Miles who was selected to be an officer in the Robert E. Lee Southern Belles for the 1987-'88 school year.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

AUGSBURG NEWS

2,000 years Augsburg

Please send us some sunshine...we are starving for it! Throughout the month of May it was raining and the temperatures ranged not much above freezing...This was the coldest May since 32 years (so statistic says).

Even Pope John Paul II got to feel this unfriendly weather. He visited Augsburg (for the first time in 205 years). After his plane landed in Munich, he was supposed to use a helicopter to fly to Augsburg, where all the officials of the church and the government were expecting him. Because of the heavy snow showers he had to travel by car, which made him arrive late. The Catholic Church had rented a football stadium, had erected an altar for the pope to celebrate mass, and had distributed 70,000 tickets to people to watch. The stadium was covered with five inches of water, and he was forced to celebrate the mass in the cathedral with only 3000 special guests...

We, too, had visitors in May. Our special guests came from East Germany (behind the Iron Curtain) and visited on May 6-7. It was Mr. and Mrs. Schaller, an elderly couple, who for the first time in their lives received permission to visit relatives and friends in West Germany. They have been Christians for a long time, and they belong to a group of Christians in East Germany which meet regularly for worship...These people are lacking nearly everything. To them, a needle or a ballpoint pen is a priceless item. For several months now we have been sending (as a congregation and as individuals) packages to at least six families. Each time we received letters of gratitude which were heart-rending.

In May, I started another cottage meeting in Dinkelscherben, a small village about 20 miles west of Augsburg. We meet in the home of one of our members. Each time we meet, there are about six or eight persons present, and I enjoy doing the teaching.

During two week-ends in May, several of our brothers came to the church building to do manual work. All the wooden floors in our basement had to be torn out because they were rotten (due to our inadequate drainage system)...Now the city has build a new drainage system, which means we will have no more floods in our basement. We mixed concrete (more than a ton) and put in a new floor.

During the month of May, we all were very busy making final preparations for our Campaign, beginning June 14th. In just a few days (June 5) we are expecting 14 students from Harding University to help us in our Campaign. They will distribute 50,000 invitations from door to door and they will sing down town as well as before each service. Please pray for us and the good outcome of the meeting.

Rudolf Rischer and Family

Sympathy

Brother Tommie White passed away on Saturday afternoon and funeral services were conducted for him on Monday. Words of comfort were spoken by Wes Price and George Stephenson. Burial was in Hillsboro, Texas. We express our deepest sympathy to Moselle and the family.

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited
To A Baby Shower Honoring
Mrs. Don (Janie) Farrer
Monday, June 22, 1987
At The Home Of
Mrs. Ray Vannoy
3323 Teakwood
7:00 Until 9:00 P.M.
"Come and Go"

Gospel Meeting

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Whitehouse Church of Christ beginning Sunday, June 21 and continuing through Wednesday. Week-night services will be at 7:30. Brother Johnny Anders will be preaching.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (21) Faye Kennard, Sherry Bobbitt (22) Farrel Whitley (23) Bob Threadgill, Tommy Brown, Joshua Hone (24) Amie Roberts, Lynn Harrison (26) Amy O'Quinn (27) Judy Clark.

Sermon Subjects

Sermons for Sunday, June 21, 1987
By Jay Lockhart
A.M. The Lord God Formed Man
(Gen.2:1-9)
P.M. If You Can Find A Man
(Jer.5:1-5)

Summer Youth Series



The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, June 23, at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Young people are asked to meet at 6:30 on the church parking lot. We will go together on the bus.

Here and There

by Wes Price



The Abilene Christian University Summer Teachers Workshop is set for July 19-22. We will leave on Sunday afternoon, July 19. This is the final notice for reservations. We will mail the reservation list in on Monday, June 22. It will be difficult to obtain on campus housing for the workshop after that date. If you would like to go, please let the church office know.

Work on our Vacation Bible School continues. If you have not made yourself available for a part of that week's exciting events, please let us know. We still need volunteers for several areas, including learning center directors.

Have you noticed the hallway bulletin boards? We have a crew of dedicated workers who have been designing and placing excellent displays on them these past two weeks. We are thankful for the extra effort that these ladies have given. All of them are busy with other work in our Bible school program. Thank God for willing workers!

I'm thankful for a host of visitors in our Bible classes and worship last Sunday. Without them it would have been embarrassing. So many of our members were out of town that it made a big dent in the attendance count. We will be looking for all these back this Sunday, including our preacher, Jay Lockhart, who is holding a meeting in one of his favorite places, Murray, Kentucky. It will be good to have him back.

John Bragg and his capable singers are to be commended for their most recent service. They provided the music for a recent wedding and also for a funeral. We thank them for using their beautiful talents for such worthy causes.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



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| Bible School | 407 | 437 | 319 |
| Worship/A.M. | 525 | 525 | 408 |
| Worship/P.M. | 360 | 351 | -- |
| Wed. Eve. | 270 | 205 | 186 |
| Contributions | \$11,725.97 | \$9,466.63 | \$98,014.46 |
| Special TV-To Date | \$17,420.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget Requirements - \$10,265.00 | | | |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER - Sunday, June 14 and Wednesday Evening, June 17 - IRA WILSON, 561-0750

And The Lord Added . . .

We rejoice that Greg Hood was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. Greg, a frequent visitor, lives in Waco, Texas, 2736 Lake Shore Dr. (76708). He and Christi Cook are planning a July wedding here at the West Erwin building.

Sunday morning Jay Shipp came to place membership with us. His address is, 2 El Cerrito A, Tyler (75703). We welcome Jay into the West Erwin family.

Dishes

Ladies, we still have many dishes in the back foyer in the shelves. Please check and see if you have one there.

Directory

The proof book of our new church directory has been reviewed and returned to the company. We expect the directories in about 8 weeks.

Remind yourself everyday that the only way you can improve the world and the church is to begin with YOURSELF!

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Ira Wilson
Prayer Paul Stanley
Dismiss Archie Kennard

SUNDAY EVENING

Welcome Ira Wilson
Prayer Matt Haws
Dismiss Terry Frick

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ray Lott Milburn Cook
Les Carruth Walter Farrer

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

John Steffee Guy Potts
Tom Williams Ray Womack

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Henry and Becky McRuiz
Tim and Pam Doss
Forest and Mary McFadden
Dan and Winifred Cullinan

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 4439.

Sister Jewell McCoy is in Medical Center, room 2241. She is recovering from pneumonia.

Brother Tommie White is a patient in the U.T. Health Center.

Mrs. Vera (Wendt) Grayson, who attended here a number of years ago, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital and would appreciate a visit.

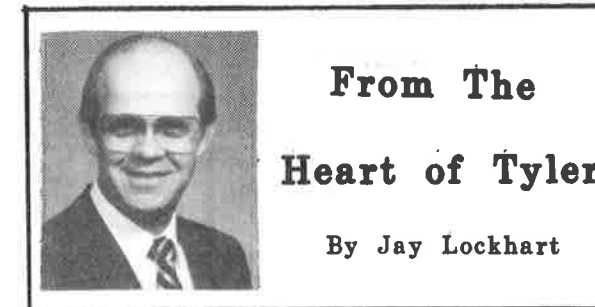
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"The disciples came together" -Acts 20:7

Worship. . . In Spirit and In Truth

You have noticed the "Heart of Tyler Campaign" that has been launched for downtown. Fits right in with our emphasis to continue to shine as light from the Heart of Tyler!

This Sunday I will begin a meeting with the Union Grove church, Murray, Kentucky to continue through Wednesday. In my absence, Jimmy Wood of Dallas will be preaching at both services on Sunday. Jimmy is no stranger to West Erwin, having been here several times before. I hope you will hear him. Next Wednesday Daniel Morgan will be here to report on the Lord's work in Brazil. It's always good for us to hear about the work in other places. This will be one of those opportunities of which you will want to take advantage.

Last Sunday was one of those especially good days. With many of our folks gone, but an abundance of visitors, the building was full in the morning and a very good number returned in the evening. Witnessing the baptism of Greg Hood and the placing of membership of Jay Shipp gave us an added dimension of encouragement.

Your very positive response to the series of sermons on WORSHIP was most encouraging. I do hope these lessons will help us be more aware of the purpose and the need of worship and how we can worship more effectively. When we remember that worship reaches up to God who has done, is doing, and will do so much for us, and that it reaches across to our brothers and sisters in Jesus, and that it reaches within to help us, then we realize we can not afford to miss worship. Also, we see that worship is a powerful preparation to reach out to fulfill our ministry as the church. We have all heard the expressions: "Enter to worship, leave to serve;" and "The worship has ended and the service has begun." Thoughtless, sloppy worship can hardly be worship at all, at least not what God deserves and desires. Worship demands the best we can offer and when we enter fully into worship with grateful, loving hearts, worshipping in spirit and in truth, God is glorified, saints are edified, and we ourselves get from worship what God designed that we get...and it's good.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

It is once again time for the Summer Youth Series. This series promises to be an outstanding one. The subjects will deal with Conquering some very important aspects of your life. All middle school and high school students are urged to make Tuesday nights part of your schedule for the summer. This will enable you to be a part of fellowship with other youth from the East Texas area. These lessons are designed to help you from the word of God. See you there.

This Sunday night following our evening services there will be a meeting of the parents and youth which deal with the Nashville trip. Those that are going on the trip need to be present to learn the details (June 14).

Thanks to the John Steffees and Farrel Whitleys for helping with the middle school devotional, and thanks to the Lane Akins for getting the softball game together for the High School. We appreciate your willingness and desire to help with the various youth activities.



Summer Youth Series



The Summer Youth Series will meet next week at the Alpine Church in Longview. Young people will meet at 6:15 on the parking lot ready to go together on the bus at 6:15. The program will be presented by A Cappella.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Hulsey
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Penny

to

Tony Cooley

on Saturday, the twentieth of June
nineteen hundred and eighty-seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ
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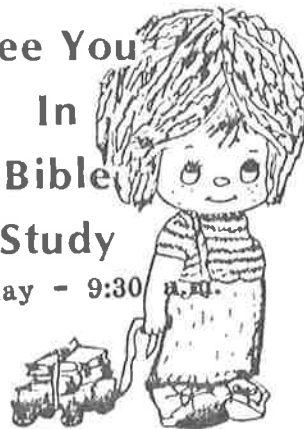
See You

In

Bible

Study

Sunday - 9:30



Potpourri

MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home came Tuesday morning. Boyd and Sue Baker pick up the food and items for the home. They were delighted to find such an abundance of canned pineapple. Their count was 450 cans. You are to be commended for this generous gift.

WEDDINGS

We extend congratulations and best wishes to LaDonna Slaughter and Thomas G. Auer who were married at the West Erwin building on Saturday evening, June 6.

Eric Aven Gambrel and Pamela Ann Mills were married Saturday afternoon at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. We extend our best wishes.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Thank You

CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL

Dear Brethren,

Hope this finds your work going well. We have had some beautiful weather lately. The people are harvesting their crops now, and the school children are off for a month. The children (Tanzanian) go three months, then one month off, through the year.

Sixteen boxes arrived last week. Two of these were from you. Thank you for the used clothes, they will be distributed as needed. The date of these two boxes was June 11, 1986.

Janet and John Boren from Wyoming have been visiting here at Chimala for the last week. They hope to return in September for 3 months to help with the work. We are looking forward to their return.

We have been without cooking gas for the last four weeks. There was a break down in the factory at Dar es Salaam, which made it unavailable. So we have been cooking with firewood.

The hospital and mission work is going well.

In Christian love,
Marcia Stapleton

Thank you so much for the Bible given to me at Baccalaureate services. It is a gift that will be useful to me throughout my life. Thanks again for the thoughtful gesture at my graduation.

Joelle Butler

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Okmulgee, Okla. for Glenn Combs, father of sister Glen (Jeri) Wright. We express our sympathy to the Wrights and their family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - JUNE (15) J.N. Metcalf, Kevin Braly, Stephanie Leek, Todd Stewart (16) Ann Nail, Kara Whitley (17) Fred Strait, Grace Walker, Louise Seaberry (18) Shelley Henry (19) Stella Buckner, Mike Holcomb (20) Lowell Wiggains, Vivie Canter, Don Slaughter.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We enjoyed a fruitful session with the teachers who came to our first work session for the 1987 edition of our Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year's session is, "The Adventures of Paul." We will be basing all our learning centers on his life and work. Dates to remember are: August 3 through 7. Let me know if you would like to help. We already have excellent ideas for the learning centers and they are great!

The Abilene Christian University Summer Teachers Workshop is set for July 19 through 22. We need to have reservations mailed to them by June 15. If you plan on attending, please let me know as soon as possible so we may include you on that trip. We urge you to consider going; it will be a valuable aid to your service in the Education work of West Erwin.

I still have vivid thoughts of the presentation Bob Hare made about the work in Poland and how that open door came. And with Jay's encouraging messages on prayer last Sunday, I am keeping one special request on my daily prayer list - that God will open a door in Russia just as He did in Poland. Could you join me in keeping that request before God's throne!

With the beginning of summer, we will have a constant ebb and flow of West Erwin members. Some will be vacationing, and some will be out of town on week-ends for other visits. We hope you will have an excellent summer, but we do ask that you not forget the work at home; not just for the sake of your weekly contribution, but for the sake of your spiritual diet as well. Wherever you go, attend Bible study and worship. There is no such thing as a vacation away from spiritual responsibility.

Watch

The SEARCH

With Jay Lockhart

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

| Vol.17 | June 4, 1987 | | Number 22 |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Records | Sunday May 31 | Sunday May 24 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 437 | 452 | 351 |
| Worship/A.M. | 525 | 513 | 434 |
| Worship/P.M. | 351 | 282 | 276 |
| Wed.Eve. | 270 | -- | 212 |
| Contributions | \$9,466.63 | \$10,494.90 | \$8,170.44 |
| Special (TV) | \$8,260.00 | | |

Weekly Budget Requirements - \$10,265.00

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 7 and Wednesday evening, June 10, WALTER FARRER, 597-3397.

New Members

We welcome Dorsey Martin who recently moved to Tyler from West Virginia. His address is 3500 So. Vine, Tyler (75701). Sister Carolyn Stitt is his niece.

Scott Rachui, Rt. 25, Box 1020, Tyler (75707) also came Sunday to place membership. We are happy to welcome him.

Glen and Jeri Wright came Sunday evening asking for prayers and to be restored.

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright remains in Medical Center Hospital, room 4439.

Sister Carolyn Blackstone is now at home. She is making a good recovery from surgery.

 * Youth Series *
 * 1987 *
 * ☆ First Meeting *
 * ☆ Fellowship ☆ Songs *
 * ☆ Jay Lockhart, Speaker ☆ Refreshments *
 * "Conquering Your Passions" *
 * West Erwin Church of Christ Singing - Barry Chase *
 * 420 West Erwin *
 * Tyler, Texas 75702 *
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| Jay Lockhart-Pulpit | |
| Wes Price-Associate | David Lovejoy - Youth |
| Harold Taylor-Mission | |
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Welcome Stan Mallory
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 Scripture Jim McCoy
 Dismiss Todd Stewart

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SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ray Lott Milburn Cook
 Les Carruth Walter Farrer

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

John Steffee Guy Potts
 Tom Williams David Demic

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Dan and Winifred Cullinan
 Forest and Mary McFadden
 Tim and Pam Doss
 Henry and Becky McRuiz

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers, food, cards and every expression of comfort during our recent sorrow.

Jessie Smith and Family

Happy Birthday


Birthdays were left out of The Visitor last week (accidentally), so we are including them this week even though some are past. JUNE (1) Justin Wiggains, Leon Welborn (2) Valerie Sexton (3) Melissa Ingram, Gena Henry (4) Cheryl Welborn, Carroll Magee (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C.B.Hardin, Garrett Sublette, (7) Sue Paul (9) Rebecca Price, Mark Gregory, Gary Ables, Clinton Culpepper, (10) Carolyn Carruth, David Haney, Cynthia Johnson (11) Tanya Wiggains, B. E. Walker, Elizabeth Endsley, Charles Russell (12) Ralph Old (13) Harold Browning.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

"Go... Teach"
 -Matthew 28:19-20

Television Fund Reaches \$16,395!

Your response to the Special Television Fund has been most gratifying. Three weeks after the announcement of our goal of \$20,000, the total now stands at \$16,395 actual contributions and pledges. The most encouraging thing about all of this is the fact that the contributions have come from a wide cross section of the church. In the beginning of this campaign emphasis was placed upon a low-key approach. We didn't want anyone to feel pressured to make a contribution. Neither did we want anyone to give to the television fund by reducing their regular Lord's Day contribution. We simply stated to the church on two consecutive Sunday evenings what we considered our needs to be, and you responded beautifully. For many reasons we believe our television ministry, THE SEARCH, is growing in its impact upon East Texas and beyond. We want it to be the very best program possible. One way we can improve is by producing the program ourselves,

thus raising the technical level of THE SEARCH considerably. To do this we need production equipment that will handle the job --e.g. cameras, recorder, editing equipment, et.al. Our goal of raising \$20,000 will permit us to produce our own broadcast quality program. We have begun. Half the equipment is purchased, lighting is installed, and capable people, including Sam Bailey who is our lead technician, are all in place. The format of THE SEARCH will change little, but the setting and technical aspects of the program will be vastly improved. THE SEARCH, now seen on KLTU in Tyler on Sundays at 8:00 A.M. and in five primetime slots throughout the year, is sent to Kennett, Missouri's cable system each week and, hopefully, a newly appointed Television Committee will open up additional markets for us. If you can help us reach our goal, please do so this week. Pray for outreach!

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Plans are being made for many different summer activities. Young people are searching for jobs for that extra money that will be needed this summer. School is out and there is a sense of freedom. Let's remember who makes all of this possible for each and everyone of us. Also, let's take advantage of the different activities that are planned for you. As we all seek to grow and mature in the knowledge of the Word of God, let us apply it to our lives so we can share it with others and God will be glorified.

The 1987 Summer Youth Series will again begin at West Erwin this year, June 9 at 7:30. Our speaker will be Jay Lockhart. His subject will be Conquering Your Passions. We have an excellent evening planned for our youth to enjoy one another's fellowship, and to hear a lesson from the word of God. Come and be a part of the Summer Youth Series.

Another excellent opportunity for our boys, 6th through 12 grades, is a training class on Wednesday night. We are striving to help them prepare lessons, lead the singing, help serve the Lord's Supper, and develop their prayer lives. Each one of our boys are urged to be here for this class. Gary Ables will speak to this class on song leading.

Helping with the Middle School Devotional this Sunday will be the John Steffees and the Farrel Whitleys. Also, the High School is invited to our house this Sunday afternoon for a softball game. The 9th and 10th grades have challenged the 11th and 12th grades. More details will be announced to you.

We are proud of Kimberly Sublette as the team she was on won the competition at the 1987 World Champions of Odyssey of the Mind at Mt. Pleas-

Did You Know . . .

...that there are cable television systems throughout the country that offer free time for quality programming? All that is necessary to receive the time is the supplying of a video tape which costs a few dollars. By producing our own television program, opportunities are almost unlimited. JL

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1987

by Jay Lockhart

A.M. Worship: "And They Continued Steadfastly...
In Prayers" -Acts 2:36-42

P.M. Worship: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"
-Luke 11:1-13

Summary of Local Benevolence

CARING FOR THE NEEDY
January through May, 1987

Since January 1, 1987 through May 31, 1987
409 adults and 340 Children were cared for in
the clothing room of our Benevolent Building.

Also paid during this first 6 month period:

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| Utilities..... | \$603.09 |
| Rent/Lodging..... | 301.72 |
| Food Certificates..... | 400.00 |
| Total.... | \$1,304.81 |

East Texas Christian Academy

East Texas Christian Academy is now taking applications for a certified Kindergarten teacher for our morning and afternoon classes. If you are interested in teaching in a Christian environment, please call John Bragg at 561-8642.

Summer Day Care: There are openings in our 18 month to 12 year old classes for day care this summer. Please call Denise Sorrells at 561-8642 if you need child care on a full time basis or as a drop-in.

Youth (continued)

ant, Michigan (creative competition in problem solving). The six member team was from Andy Woods School. We also want to recognize Amy Fisher and Traci O'Quinn for being elected to the Flag Corps of the Robert E. Lee Band.

June 4, HS - Six Flags trip, leave at 8:00 A.M.

June 7, HS - Softball game (afternoon) at the Lovejoy's.

June 9, Summer Youth Series - West Erwin, 7:30

Thank You

Dear Christians of West Erwin,

Your outpouring of love and caring will always be remembered. You are wonderful people and we can never forget the beautiful singing, the words of your ministers, the delicious lunch for our big family, and the flowers.

We know you will be especially blessed for your deeds.

Dewey Frederick and Family

Thank you for the lovely spray of red and white carnations that was sent to daddy's funeral service. It was a great comfort to us.

The Children of Emery Wilkinson

Dear Christian Friends,

Perry had a stroke May 2, 1987 and passed away May 19, 1987. Our prayers were for God's will to be done, so we are accepting it as such. He had his 80th birthday May 17, 1987.

Our children and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all for your love and concern with cards, telephone calls, flowers, attendance at the service, and other acts of kindness.

Perry loved all of you, God loves you, and so do we.

Pauline, and the family of
Perry D. Wilmeth

Thank you for your loving support of Aunt Dewey in her time of sorrow. Your presence was an inspiration to all of us, and the delicious meal was deeply appreciated. We love you,
Barbara and Thomas Holland

Bring Pineapple

We are collecting canned PINEAPPLE (sliced, chunks, crushed) for the Medina Children's Home. The truck will be here one day during the week of June 8-12. 500 17 oz cans is a 6 month supply. We have over half that much. Don't forget!

Cookies . . Cookies . . .

LADIES, Remember the announcement about the need for cookies for the SUMMER YOUTH SERIES Tuesday evening at West Erwin.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Attention All Teachers: Our first planning session for Vacation Bible School is set for this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. This applies to all our pre-school and primary teaching staff whether you are presently serving in a class or not. We need all teaching talent present to prepare the VBS learning centers. We also want you to come even if your schedule will not permit you to participate in the VBS in August. It is imperative that we have as much advance help as possible.

This year, we are using the Adventures of Paul as our theme. Dates are August 3 through 7. In the past we have borrowed material from other churches, but this year we are preparing our own learning centers. Come help us make this the best ever.

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It is always good to know of special activities in which families of West Erwin take part. We think you should know of the special project that the Larry Henry family is engaged in for the summer. They are hosts for a young lady from France, Emma Marquine, who is an elementary school exchange student. The Henrys will be taking her on many exciting trips of interest through out the summer. We are glad that she has attended worship with them since being in Tyler. We commend them for their international hospitality.

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You are to be commended for the excellent way you responded to the encouragement about singing last Sunday. It proves a point I have observed a long time ago. Every time quality in singing is mentioned, you do a much better job of singing. I guess every now and again we need a little additional stimulation.

Jay's messages on singing in worship were the best that I have ever heard on this subject. God doesn't take the kind of music He wants lightly, and neither should we. I can't help but believe that we will even be the better for it by taking Him at His word.



Bible classes for all ages

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| Worship/A.M. | 513 | 500 | 402 |
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| Wed. Eve. | - | 315 | 206 |
| Contributions | \$10,494.90 | \$9,588.44 | \$8,587.87 |
| Weekly Budget Requirements \$10,265.00 | | | |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 31 and Wednesday evening, June 3, KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

John Thompson To Speak

I'm excited about the guest speakers who will be with us this summer and fall while I am away from West Erwin. Hardeman Nichols, Jimmy Wood, and Harold Taylor will be here to preach on the Sundays and various area preachers will be with us on the Wednesday evenings. I will be away on only a few Sundays for meetings, but several Wednesday nights will find me visiting churches in East Texas and elsewhere. On the Wednesdays I am here my auditorium class will be studying the exciting Judges of Israel. Next Wednesday evening John Thompson, the personable preacher for the Pinetree church in Longview will speak to my class. Hear him!
JL

New Members

Sunday evening we were happy to welcome Lee O'Neal and Kelly Hogenmiller into the fellowship of the West Erwin church. They plan to be married on Saturday and will live at 2638 Old Omen Road, phone 566-5443. We extend best wishes for a happy life together.

Weddings

Best wishes and congratulations to Julie Higginbotham and Jeff Cunningham who were married last Saturday at College Station, Texas.

Also, we express our best wishes to Melanie Dingler and Dannie Mogle who were married at the West Erwin building last Saturday. They have been visiting the worship services here for several months.

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 Scripture Milburn Cook
 Dismiss Morris Hallman

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 Alan Fisher Dwight Leek
 Clyde Lane Claude Sessions

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 Jay Vandiver Farrell Whitley
 Henry McRuiz Doug McGrew

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Ira and Esther Wilson
 David and Wanda Frick
 Roy and Chloe Clark
 Faber and Kathryn Cauthen

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

The Sick

Sister Carolyn Blackstone underwent surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

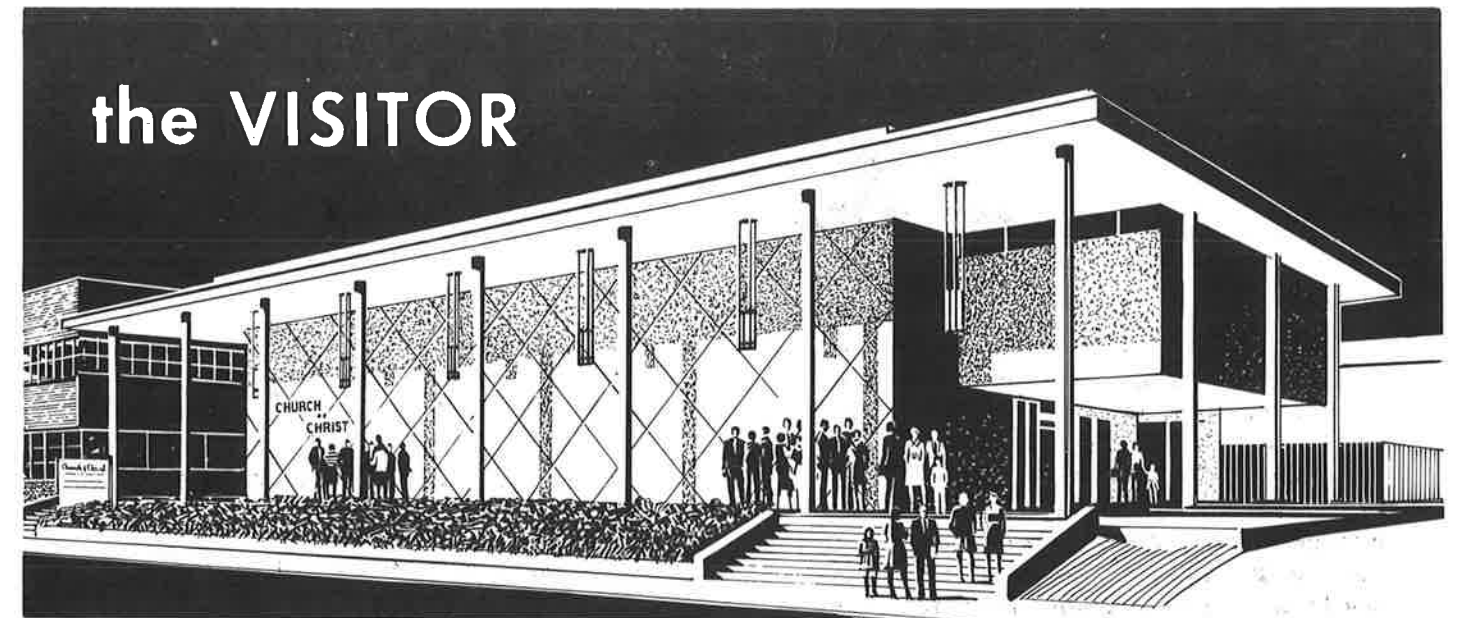
Sister Nell Wright continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 4439.



A.M. Worship: Singing and Making Melody
 With Your Heart To The Lord
 (Ephesians 5:15-21)

P.M. Worship: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual
 Songs. (Colossians 3:12-17)

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"I urge that...prayers...be made ...for kings and all who are in authority"

Pray For Those In Authority

Recently, during his visit in Tyler, Bob Hare, who has been actively involved in the Lord's work in the Iron Curtain Countries for the past 38 years, told the following story. A few years ago, when the churches of America sent food and supplies to Poland to meet some really serious needs, supply trucks were stopped at the border and those who were leading the caravan were told they could not enter the country because the churches of Christ were not recognized in Poland. When the Polish officials were told the trucks contained supplies for the people of the country, the Americans representatives were told they could unload them in a warehouse and leave the country. The Americans refused saying they would give the supplies to their Polish brethren only. When the Polish officials were convinced that the churches of Christ were no political threat to their country, the Americans were permitted to take the supplies directly to their Polish brethren

for distribution. You know the rest of the story: the churches of Christ are now officially recognized in Poland, have been given property by the government, and enjoy religious freedom. After telling their story, Bob made this observation: the same thing could happen in Russia with effects felt in all the communist countries of Eastern Europe. General-Secretary Gorbachev is slowly bringing reforms to Russia. If some members of the Lord's church could meet with Gorbachev, convincing him that the churches of Christ were not a political force and would teach his people to be better citizens, to practice high standards of morality, to overcome their alcohol consumption, to establish and maintain better families, etc., it is very possible that the church could be recognized in Russia! If this happened, all of Eastern Europe would be open for the preaching of the gospel! Let's be praying daily for Russia's leader that the doors may be opened. Don't forget!

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Ecc1.12:1a



David Lovejoy

Our Junior and Seniors enjoyed fellowship, food and entertainment with others from Tyler at a banquet on Saturday evening. The entertainment was by the Summer Singers from Oklahoma Christian College and Dr. Bellows from Edmond, Oklahoma. Without your help and support, this would not have been possible. We thank you for always being there as this is the 26th year for the Junior/Senior Banquet. This is a tradition worthy of continuing year after year as we strive to honor our Juniors and Seniors.

Baccalaureate services were conducted for our Seniors at the North Tenneha Church of Christ along with the seniors from the other congregations in Tyler. The speaker was Dr. Maxwell, Vice President of Southwestern Christian College at Terrell, Texas. He challenged the Seniors to live life to the fullest with their number one priority being to serve God. Let's remember, encourage, and pray for our Seniors as they seek to live in this world, work to make a living, and to do their very best to serve God in all they seek to do. We are proud of each one of them. May God continue to bless them all the days of their lives.

*Mr. and Mrs. Dick Higginbotham
announce the marriage of their daughter*

Julie Beth

to

Mr. Jeffrey Lance Cunningham

on Saturday afternoon, the twenty-third of May

One thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven

College Station, Texas

Benevolent Work

Children's clothing is especially needed at this time in the benevolent work of the church. All sizes from infant through teenage are needed very badly. Also, men's shoes are needed. At this time no additional adult clothing is needed.

Grocery Truck

The truck from the Medina Children's Home is scheduled to be here the week of June 8 - 12. It has been suggested that we bring PINEAPPLE (chunks, sliced, crushed). A six month supply is 500 17oz cans. Let's have a generous supply for the truck.

"...He who is generous to the needy honors God."
Proverbs 14:31



We're getting together

AN ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
is planned for Sunday, May 31
in place of Brother's Keeper.

Bring:
Sandwiches
Chips
Dips
Desserts

Fellowship Hall * Sunday Evening After Worship

EVERYONE INVITED

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Gary and Frances Broome in the death of Gary's grandmother. Funeral services were held in Arp.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Troup, Texas for Emery Wilkinson, father of sister Don Slaughter. We extend our sympathy to Patsy and Don in their loss.

Congratulations

Ed and Margie Hunt are the happy grandparents of a new baby girl born Friday in Mother Frances Hospital to Richard and Shirley Hunt. They live at Lake Striker near Henderson, Texas. The baby has been named Amanda Ka-ren.

Thank You

The family of Irene Magee acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. We appreciate the beautiful flowers, the food, the calls and all of the love and concern during the illness and death of my mother. We consider it a real blessing to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Carroll and Cherrie Magee

Our grandson, Nathaniel Terry is now at home in New York following brain surgery. His mental capacity was not impaired, but he must re-learn his motor skills. We appreciate your prayers and love shown during this stressful time. We solicit your continued prayers. May God bless you. Johnny & Jo Anders

Another Good Work

During the month of May, ladies who cooked on Tuesdays for our special "Meals on Wheels" were: Alma Biggs, Chloe Clark, Ann McCoy, Odell Sessions, and Roberta Tindall. We do appreciate the good work done each week by these ladies.



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Here and There

By Wes Price



SUMMER QUARTER TEACHING STAFF

PRE SCHOOL

Supervisor: Connie Sublette

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|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2 Year Olds | Velma Lemons | Sherryl Miles |
| 3 Year Olds | Ginger Metcalf | Kay Plumb |
| 4 Year Olds | Jerri Konczak | |
| 5 Year Olds | Sharon England | |

PRIMARY

Supervisor: Nancy Bragg

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|-----------|----------------|------------|
| 1st Grade | Kay Akin | |
| 2nd Grade | Wanda Weathers | |
| 3rd Grade | Fran Starnes | Judy Clark |

JUNIORS

Supervisor: Alma Faye Price
4th & 5th Sue Giddings

WEDNESDAY EVENING

PRE-SCHOOL

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| 2 Year Olds | Debbie Graham |
| 3 Year Olds | Sue Skipper |
| 4's & 5's | Michelle Whitley |

PRIMARY

1st, 2nd
and 3rd Grades Laurie Dawkins Kim Lemons

JUNIOR

4th & 5th Linda Hone

Last week 125 additional song books were placed in the racks in the auditorium. It appears that there are still a number of books missing. If you have borrowed some of the books for some purpose outside the auditorium, would you please return them. We request that these not be taken out. If you need to borrow song books, we have a large number of the older books that are available for this purpose. Someone in the office can assist you when a need arises.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock
Each Sunday Morning
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August
3-7



Abby Adams



Joelle Butler



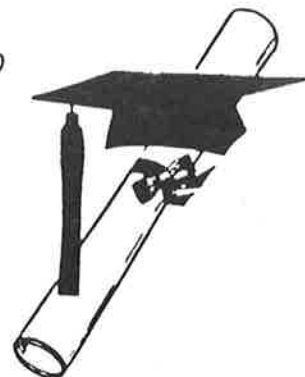
Nancy Phelps



Not Pictured
Mike Anselm
Clay Collins

Congratulations Grads

1987



Mark Frick



Katie Philpot



Penny Hulsey



Katie Powell



Bryan Leek



Kimberly Steffee

Congratulations (Continued)

Joelle Leslie Butler graduated from John Tyler High School 3rd in a class of 400. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College for one year and is undecided after that. Joelle was a Blue Brigade member (Freshman and Varsity), Drill Team, and Brigadette Officer. She has been on the Yearbook Staff 2 years and a National Honor Society member for 3 years. Joelle has received U. S. National Journalism Award, Who's Who Among America High School Students, National English Merit Award, Rotary club Young Citizen's Award, Outstanding English III Award, nominated for National Youth Science Camps, Homecoming Queen Nominee, UIL participant in Typing and Journalism. She has also received the Presidential Scholarship from Tyler Junior College. Her college work will be Pre-med. Joelle is the daughter of Bill and Jo Butler.

Mark Frick is the son of David and Wanda Frick. He is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. Mark has been a member of Future Farmers of America for three years. He plans to enter Texas State Technical Institute and study Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

Penny Hulsey, a John Tyler graduate, is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was a member of the Freshman Blue Brigade, Office Education Association 2 years (working part-time at Potter Law Firm). She was also a member of the National Honor Society for three years. Penny is the daughter of Hulen and Dorothy Hulsey. She is planning a June wedding and will be moving to Austin.

Bryan Leek, is planning to attend Tyler Junior College and major in Business. He played football four years and received Honorable Mention All District his Senior year. He was a member of the Nike Club 2 years, and played basketball and ran track. Bryan, son of Dwight and Diann Leek, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

Clay Collins is planning to enter the University of Chicago and major in Anthropology and Sociology. He is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He has been in All Region Band 2 years, All City Orchestra 4 years, Who's Who In American High Schools 2 years, State Solo/Ensemble 2 years, East Texas State University Honor Band 2 years. Clay has been in the Academic Decathlon, Key Club, Latin Club 2 years, Jets/Jas (Science Club) 2 years, Tyler Youth Orchestra 4 years, Junior Historian Club and Robert E. Lee Orchestra. He is the son of Allan Collins and Jan Collins.

Funerals

Graveside services were held Wednesday morning at Troup for Reagan Smith. We extend our sympathy to Jessie and the family.

Funeral services were conducted at Lloyd James Funeral Home on Thursday morning for R. E. Frederick who died in Fort Worth. They moved from Tyler a few years ago to be near their children. We express our sympathy to sister Frederick and the family.

Nancy Phelps, a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, plans to attend Tyler Junior College and Texas A & M University and major in Business. She has been a member of the Spanish Club, 1984/87, Jets-Jas Science Club, 1986 and Southern Bells, 1984/86. Nancy is also a member of the 1986/87 National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Dennis and Judy Phelps.

Katie Philpot plans to attend Tyler Junior College with a major in Pre-Law. She is a graduate of Lindale High School where she was a member of Band, Twirler, and Student Council. She has received Youth Citizens Award, was Homecoming Queen, Most Popular and Miss Lindale High School. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Katie is the daughter of Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot.

Katie Powell, a John Tyler graduate, is planning to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Art and History. She has been a member of the Spanish Club I, II and Vice President; German Club IV, President; Blue Brigade I; Jr. Varsity Tennis II, III; Debate IV, Academic Decathlon Team Captain (Several Awards); Yearbook, Young Republicans, Junior Historians, Junior Civitan, Future Business Leaders of America, Texas Assc. of Future Educators II, III, IV. Katie received 1st place - District Wide Photography, 1st Place, City Wide Photography. Katie is the daughter of Fred and Sara Powell.

Kimberly Steffee is planning to attend Tyler Junior College one year and then enter Texas A & M University and major in Marketing & Management. Kimberly was on the Varsity Tennis Team 3 years, a member of Jets/Jas, a math and science club, 2 years, Spanish Club 1 year, the President of Z Club 1 year (girl's service club). In a class of 578, Kimberly graduated 21st. She was 1st runner-up in Presidential Classroom, received Tennis Awards, recipient of Presidential Scholarship from Tyler Junior College, and was Homecoming Queen nominee. Kimberly, daughter of John and Susan Steffee, has also been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

A GIFT TEA

Honoring Juli Turner
Bride Elect of Shannon Hughes
At the home of
Mrs. Edgar Bullard
4011 Pinedale

Saturday
May 23, 1987
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Selections:
Christmas Store
Dillard's
Seasons

Congratulations

We are very proud of our high school graduates of 1987, and we are happy to present the following information concerning their achievements.

Abby Anne Adams, daughter of Tony and Mary Adams, is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School and is planning to attend Tyler Junior College. She

will major in Office Occupations and Computer Science. Abby has been a Pep Squad member, 1984 Drafting Club, 1985, Future Homemakers of America, 1986 and Office Education Assn., 1986/1987. For the Order of DeMolay, Tyler Chapter, she was Duchess, 1985; Sweetheart, 1985/86; East Texas Area Sweetheart, 1986/87 and their Grand Duchess, 1987.

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| Records | Sunday May 17 | Sunday May 10 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 400 | 429 | 300 |
| Worship/A.M. | 500 | 518 | 379 |
| Worship/P.M. | 363 | 359 | 283 |
| Wed.Eve. | 315 | 311 | 235 |
| Contributions | \$9,588.44 | \$10,270.44 | \$7,056.15 |
| Weekly Budget Requirements \$10,265.00 | | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 27, Clinton Culpepper, 877-3956.

Response

We are happy to welcome Mike and Vickie Cauthen and their children Brooke and Mikey. Their address is 1705 Susan, telephone 581-8583. They moved to Tyler from Houston where they worshipped with the Memorial Church of Christ.

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright remains in Medical Center, room 4439. Her condition is serious.

Fred Powell's mother, Clive Powell, remains in Mother Frances, room 392.

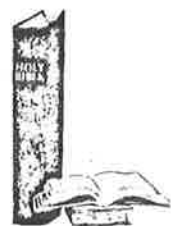
Sister Jeri Wright is unable to be out of bed. She is at home.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Thursday at Hebron Parkway Church of Christ in Carrollton, Texas for brother P.D. Wilmeth. We share in the sorrow of the family and the many friends in Tyler who knew him. Brother Wilmeth preached for many years for the Glenwood Church here in Tyler.

Happy Birthday

MAY (24) Margie Hunt, Louis E. Jones, Meagan Morris (25) Jennifer Giddings (26) Casey Akin, Brad Chambless, Opal Dunagan, Lillie Knight, Joel Vandiver (27) Frances Walters (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Mildred Tuel.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1987
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. WORSHIP: THIS GRACE ALSO
(2 Cor. 8:1-9)

P.M. FROM THY HAND WE HAVE GIVEN THEE
(1 Chronicles 29:10-20)

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Faber & Kathryn Cauthen Roy & Chloe Clark
Ira & Esther Wilson David & Wanda Frick

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Together with their parents

Pamela Ann Mills

and

Eric Aven Gambrel

invite you to share in the joy

when they exchange marriage vows

and begin their new life together

on Saturday, the sixth of June

Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

*"Here am I, send me"
--Isaiah 6:8*

Fulling Mission

When God asked Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" the prophet said, "Here am I, send me." And so it is in every generation--God calls for workers and, in this Christian age, the church has the mission to go. The faithful are still saying, "Here am I, send me." Into all the world and into all the community, across the ocean and across the street, we go with the message of the soul-saving gospel. How shall we go? The simple answer is, we go by every honorable means available. We go personally, we go by sending men, we go by radio, we go by the printed page, and we go by television. For over two years we have sponsored the television series, THE SEARCH. The cost has been great, but the results have been gratifying: people baptized, people enrolled in Bible courses, 400 sets of a recent series

sent out, 100 tapes and/or manuscripts sent out each week, 15,000 - 20,000 viewers weekly, and 50,000 - 60,000 viewers for our five yearly prime-time specials. Now the program will be shown regularly on TV cable in Southeast Missouri. The need we have is the ability to produce the program ourselves so that we can do it better and be even more effective. To get started we need \$20,000 worth of equipment. Sam Bailey will be overseeing production and we will need people who will make THE SEARCH their ministry. As we have done before in meeting special television needs, we're asking our people to contribute the \$20,000 above their regular contributions. Some have already helped. Can you? Let me know in the next few days. As we consider this ministry, let's rise to the challenge and say with Isaiah, "Here am I..."

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

Grades 10-12 are invited to hear a presentation concerning Abilene Christian University on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's. They are trying to get the youth from this area on this night. Come and join us and learn about ACU.

Our appreciation goes to the Marts and Phelps for helping with the Middle School Devotional.

This coming Sunday (May 17) will be a combined devotional for grades 6-12. We will have a special film for you that will deal with your everyday peer pressures. It is an excellent film, so come and join us.

The cut-off date for those wishing to go to Nashville, Tenn. to the National Youth Rally will be June 1. Let me know by then if you are planning to go so we can make the necessary reservations. The sign-up sheet in on the Youth Bulletin Board.

High School age - Keep in mind these dates:

- May 17 - Combined grades 6 - 12 Film
- May 18 - ACU - at Mr. Gatti's Grades 10 - 12.
- May 23 - Jr./Sr. Banquet
- May 24 - Baccalaureate, North Tenneha Church

We are proud of each and everyone of our youth and especially our seniors. Let's encourage our youth to serve God to the best of their ability.

Change For Children

From Bill Moore, Administrator

Regarding the "Change for Children" campaign, let me first commend your congregation for participating in this effort. In a way, it can hardly be called an "effort," since it required little effort for people to save their spare change and everyone was so thrilled to have the opportunity to do so. But what an outpouring of love and concern for needy children! Although there are still about 300 cans which have not been returned to Christian Services, as of the end of April, 1,155 families in 21 different East Texas Churches of Christ have contributed \$17,200. The 127 cans from the West Erwin Church contained approximately \$2,100.00.

Please convey our deepest appreciation for the contributions and let the members there know I will be sending them a personal note of thanks in the very near future. It would also be very helpful if you encouraged those who may not have returned their cans to either do so as soon as possible, or perhaps send Christian Services a special contribution so that our original goal of \$18,875 might be reached. The \$1,675 difference may not seem like a lot of money, but it means a lot to children and families who are turned away when resources are scarce.

Again, thank you for participating in the "Change for Children" campaign. Many lives will be positively changed because of so many caring, giving Christians in East Texas.

Christian Services of East Texas
Licensed Foster Care
and Adoptive Placement Services

Congratulations

Congratulations to Howard and Cindi Galletly, who are the parents of a baby boy who came last week to live with them in Flint, Texas. He will be a month old this week and has been named Brennan Dru. Joe and Frances McBee are the happy grandparents. *Birth April 15 - 87*

Dishes

Ladies the shelves in the back foyer are overflowing with dishes. Some have been there for a long, long time. Please check and see if any belong to you.

THE SHANNON OAKS Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs will have their Happiness Sunday, May 17 with Ray Walker. They plan an afternoon service at 1:45 also.

A GIFT TEA
Honoring Suzanne Kirby
Bride Elect of Stan Perkins
At the home of
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May 23, 1987 Christmas Store
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Happy Birthday

MAY (17) Chris Bobbitt, Jamon Kirby, Megan Sexton (18) Angie Plumb (19) Bill Paschall, Billy Terrell (20) Mike Munn, Doris Kennedy (21) W. A. Mathews, Chad Holcomb, Jim McDonald, Sherryl Miles (23) Tony Adams, Jean Walters, Jonnie Steffee.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Bonnie Wright, sister-in-law to Mary Adams. We express our sympathy to the family.



HURRY TO BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.

Vacation Bible School
August 3-7

Here and There

By Wes Price



It's that time of year when we extend congratulations to students graduating from high school and college. It is a joy to celebrate that special time in the lives of young people as they complete one segment of a growing life and enter a new one. Next week our bulletin will share the names and circumstances of graduating seniors and we rejoice with them. My wife and I had the privilege of sharing that special time with our daughter Rebecca as she participated in the graduating exercises at Abilene Christian University, doing so with highest honors. She certainly did her parents proud. From West Erwin, she was joined in those special services by Christi Cook and Eric Gambrel. We extend congratulations to Jay Paul Lockhart, Lee Ann Morris, and Shannon Hughes as they complete their studies at Harding University, and to Julie Higginbotham who graduated last Friday from Texas A & M University.

Harold Taylor's sermons last Sunday touched a responsive note from many. The subject of home and married life is a timely one in view of all that the world seems to be doing to tear down the sanctity of marriage and the home. A tape of the lessons is available.

Jay will be continuing his series on worship as he returns to the pulpit Sunday. If worship has become just a routine force of habit to you, then you will not want to miss these valuable lessons.

My Young Singles Class has enjoyed an increase in attendance each week. If you know of some young single person who needs the identity of a special Sunday morning Bible class, let me know. I will call on them and give them an invitation so they can join us in a new and growing ministry to a group that sometimes gets overlooked in the work of the church. We want this to be a significant challenge as we seek to serve every segment of our population.

More and more emphasis will be placed on outreach and personal (continued on back page)

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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



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| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | 5/10 | 5/3 | Ago |
| Bible School | 429 | 426 | 287 |
| Worship/A.M. | 518 | 502 | 418 |
| Worship/P.M. | 359 | 394 | 259 |
| Wed. Eve. | 311 | 295 | 179 |
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Minibus
 MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 17 and Wednesday evening, May 20 - COOPER GOODSON, 561-4875.

Sympathy
 At this writing funeral services are pending for the mother of brother Carroll Magee. She died Wednesday morning. The funeral will be held in Jacksonville. We express our deepest sympathy to Carroll and Cherrie and the family.

Here and There (continued from page 3)
 evangelism as we move into the future. It is a must if we are to grow numerically and spiritually. but it is not just for growth numerically that we must do more in this direction. It is because God has given every Christian the personal responsibility to be a soul-winner. Now don't be alarmed by that realization. It does not mean that every one has the ability or gift to be the teacher of the word. It simply places responsibility upon us to be aware of those in our sphere of influence who are lost and in need of the gospel. Every time you pray, pray for the lost and pray that God will open doors of opportunity for you to touch the lives of others.
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 Bill and Carolyn Paschall


SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17
 By Jay Lockhart
 A.M. Worship: In Remembrance of Me (I Cor.11:23-30).
 P.M. The Power and Wisdom of God (I Cor. 1:18-25).

The Sick
 Brother Fred Powell's mother remains in Mother Frances, Room 589.
 Brother Reagan Smith is in Doctor's Memorial.
 Sister Jeri Wright is a patient in Medical Center.
 Sister Nell Wright is now at home.
 Sister Ruth Dobbs is at home now.

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From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"Speak as the oracles of God" - I Peter 4:11

An Identity Crisis

I'm not an alarmist. Neither do I feel, like Elijah, that I'm the only one left who faithful to God--surely the Lord will always have His seven thousand who have not bowed to Baal. However, the fact remains: we have an identity crisis. I'm talking about what we are saying as the church and especially what is being heard from our pulpits. Let me illustrate. A couple visited a prominent church in a metropolitan area and came away feeling frustrated because there was no word from the Lord, just a pep talk with spiritual overtones. Another couple attended an equally prominent congregation to hear rather shallow comments on a Scripture, which comments could have been made in any church in town. While preaching recently in Missouri an eighty-year-old preacher told me he attends meetings far and wide and is astounded by what he hears. I really believe there is a famine in the land of hearing the Word of the Lord. Now, why is this happening? Do those of us who preach not know the Word? Do we believe there is no power in it? Do we feel that people do not want to hear it? Does the Bible identify the saved? the church? the way? the how of worship? If it does, why do we not emphasize these matters? Is there no difference in what we are saying and what is being said by every church in town? If not, what reason do we have to exist? Oh yes, I know--Scripture quoting does not a sermon make; sometimes we have preached the Bible but our attitudes were so bad we were not heard; we need to love people; and we want people to like us and think of us as the good guys in white hats. However, if we accomplish these things at the cost of losing our identity and for the price of forsaking the oracles of God, what have we accomplished?

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

I want to commend our parents for their willingness to always help with our youth activities. You are an example to all of us as you strive to help our young people grow in the knowledge of our Lord. We take you for granted in so many ways. Thanks to the Earl O'Quinns and Jimmie Philpots for helping Sunday night with the High School. This Sunday will be for our Middle School and helping will be the Phil Marts and Dennis Phelps (May 10).

Special Mention

Angie Hendrix, Michelle Steffee and Kelli Whitley have all been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Kelli is also to be on the Student Council at Lindale next year.

Seniors, you will be receiving a letter about your pictures for the bulletin. I hope all of you will have your picture made Sunday. Also, the deadline for the number attending the Junior/Senior Banquet is this Friday, May 8. Let me encourage each of you to attend this banquet in your honor.

As you start reflecting back to the things you have done this past year, were you involved in the activities designed for the youth? Were you in attendance in classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night?

As we all strive to learn more about God and put this into practice, let's encourage each other to become involved in doing what God wants us to do. Then, we will be pleasing Him and not ourselves.

**Together,
we can
do more.**

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone in the death of Dale's grandmother last week. Funeral services were held Saturday in West Texas.

Funeral services were last week for the grandfather of Mike Savage. He lived in Dallas. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Congratulations

Elizabeth Dale Miller was born April 29 in Hayward, Calif. to David and Cathy Miller. Wyndall and Carolyn Miller are the happy grandparents.

Potpourri

Mark and Angel Gregory's new address is 5427 Spring Creek Drive, Tyler (03), telephone 91-1386.

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of June 8-12. If we would like to collect one item, they suggest PINEAPPLE (chunks, sliced, or crushed).

We regret the misfortune of Judith Harshbarger when she lost her car through fire on Saturday morning at the Mayfest.

The booklet, "The Greatest Issue of Life" presented by Jay Lockhart on THE SEARCH as a Spring-time Special, is now available.

We appreciate the new hand rails Jay Vandiver installed on the steps of the Fellowship Hall.



About The SEARCH

We enjoy your program very much. Continue the good work. Brashear, Tex

Please send the printed copies of the lessons on Revelation. Omaha, Tex

Please send "The Greatest Issue of Life." I watch your program every Sunday morning. I love it because I want to know more about Christ. Longview, Tex

I love your program so much. I would love the tape of the lesson I heard this morning. New London, Tex

I have had opportunity to use the last tape that I received from you good people to teach... I thought you would like to know just how valuable a tape can be. Keep up the good work. Gilmer, Tex

Please send the tapes of Sunday.... You are doing a wonderful work. Diana, Tex

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Thank You

A special thanks to all the wonderful people from West Erwin who volunteered their time to make Camp Tyler's Mayfest a success.

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone
Co-Presidents of
Camp Tyler P.T.A.

We want to express our appreciation for the food brought to our home at the birth of our new daughter.

Bart and Cindy Lemons

The family of Rena Florey acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

The lovely flowers and your many words of sympathy were encouraging to us. Thank you.

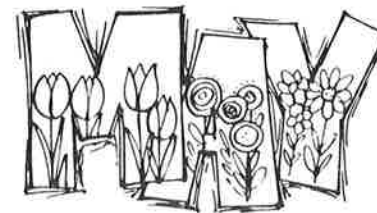
Harold and Nelda Browning

Dear Brethren,

One of the joys of being a Christian is assurance that we can ask for help with confidence that it will be forthcoming. Generosity, concern and kindness are Christian virtues.

Delores and I and all our family thank each one of you for the outpouring of love demonstrated in the contribution in Piper's behalf. The necessary funds have been raised and we ask you to continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

Roger and Delores Northen
(Piper's grandparents)
1122 Hillcrest
Jacksonville, Texas 75766



Happy Birthday

MAY (10) Don Farrer (11) Amy Fisher (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic, Walter Farrer (15) Jessie Smith (16) K. Max Haws (he says he is only 63)

Here and There

By Wes Price



What a grand occasion our annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet was! We had the largest attendance of any banquet in my work with the West Erwin Education Program. I'm thankful to the Education Committee for the assistance they gave in encouraging attendance.

Will you help me extend congratulations to the following teachers who received special recognition for selection as honorees at this year's banquet: Billie Bob Hickman for her work in the reorganization and restructure of the Teacher's Workroom, Jeanine Hughes for her devotion to the work of our Nursery Department, and to Kay Akin for her excellent work in the Primary Department. We are proud of these, but most of all we are thankful for their devotion to ministering in these vital areas. We commend them for their examples.

Our Ladies' Bible Class, which meets on Wednesday mornings, will conclude its studies on Wednesday, May 13th. Following the closing lesson at 10:00 o'clock, we will have a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. We invite all to join us for the study and the meal to follow. As always, we include the men in this invitation to eat with us.

I am confident that you have a greater appreciation for the worship assembly after Jay's sermons last Sunday. In order for the worship to be all that God intended for it to be, we must use all our power of concentration that we can focus. I hope you will use Jay's suggestions to make the services all they are intended to be for the praise and glory of God and also to the end that our own spiritual life will be enriched. Thank God for the privilege of worship.

We continue to have excellent crowds at the Wednesday evening hour for the Faulkner Films. We still have one left after this week. Invite a friend to join us for the final film, "Making Your Relationships Right." We believe this has been a very beneficial study. We hope you have profited by it.

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Minibus

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New Members

We rejoiced last week at the baptism of two men into Christ. On Thursday afternoon Reagan Smith, husband of Jesse, was baptized by Wes Price, assisted by David Lovejoy. Brother Smith is ill and not able to attend the worship services.

On Thursday evening, after a series of studies with Jay Lockhart, Rex Johnson was baptized. Rex and Cynthia have a new temporary address while they are building their home - 311 Amherst (01).

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright remains in a very serious condition in Medical Center, Room 4481.

Sister Dell Lott's father, brother Herman Rhoades, may be moved back to the nursing home from Doctor's Hospital. However, his condition remains very serious.

Sister Ruth Dobbs remains in Mother Frances, Room 374. She has made some improvement.

Brother Fred Powell's mother, Clive Powell, is a patient in Mother Frances. She underwent surgery Tuesday evening and is now in ICU. Her condition is also very serious.

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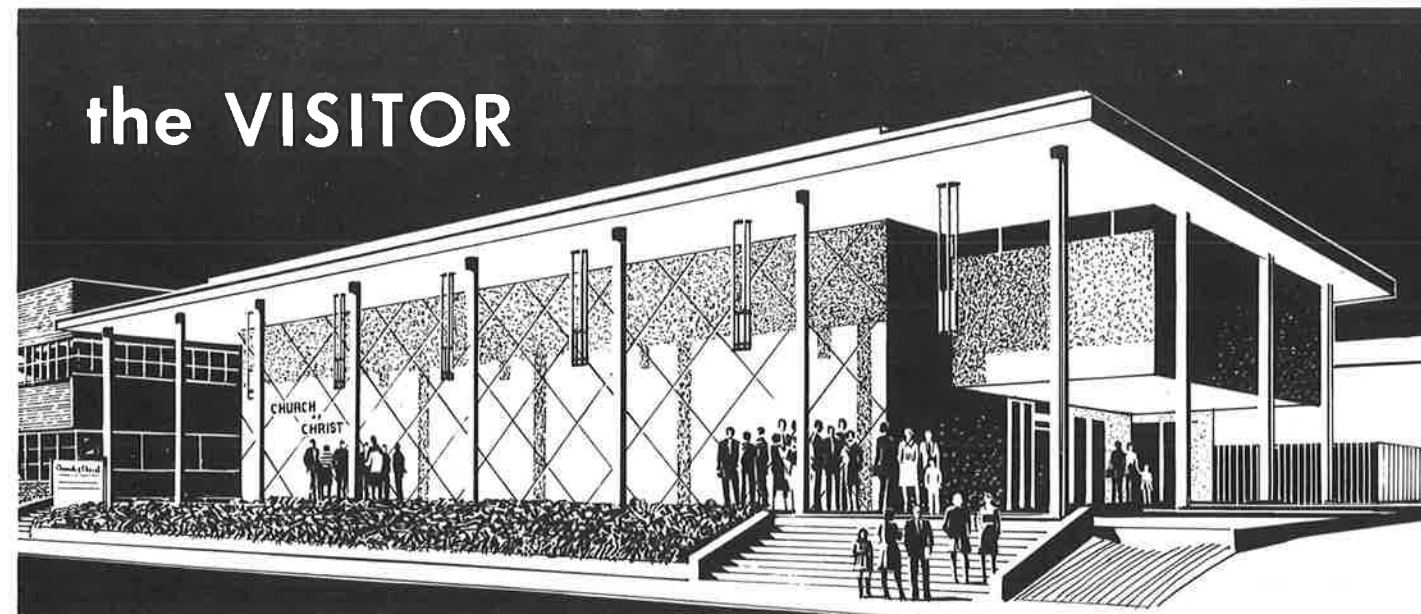
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I appreciate every kindness you extended in response to the sermons last Sunday. I do hope you will remember the suggestions in regard to how we can make our worship more meaningful, so that God will be glorified and we can get from the worship what He has intended. Having talked about the What? the Who? the Why? and the How? of New Testament worship, I suggested the following.

1. Let us develop men who will lead us in worship enthusiastically.
2. Let us be positive about the church, this church and worship.
3. Let us begin preparation on Saturday night by proper rest, with clothing laid out, and continue on Sunday morning by building a calming atmosphere for worship as we arrive at the church building early.
4. Let us get out of our cars with a smile on our faces, ready to greet warmly everyone we meet as we prepare to worship God in Spirit and in truth, and to "teach and admonish one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs."
5. Let us sing, pray, give, commune, and study to the climax of the invitation song and then expect people to respond to the invitation of Christ.
6. Let us avoid the trap of rushing through the service as though worship is something to get out of the way so that we can get on with what we want to do.

Hear

HAROLD TAYLOR

"Our Stateside Missionary"

We welcome brother Harold Taylor as our guest speaker Sunday for both services. His messages are always encouraging and challenging. Be sure to hear him.

Sunday, May 10

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Summer is fast approaching with its various activities. It also marks an end to this school term and twelve years of school to our Seniors. They are busy with lots of meetings and places to go as graduation approaches. Lets remember them in our prayers that God will continue to bless them as they strive to do His will.

I want to commend our boys for doing a good job in serving the Lord's Supper these past two Sundays. We are having a training class on Wednesday nights for 6th through 12th grade boys. Make it a point to be there as we train for leadership in the Lord's Church. One of the items we will be working on is the serving of the Lord's Supper.

Saturday was a workday at Camp Tyler. This was to help get the camp spruced up for their various activities. There were several adults and teenagers from here that helped with this good effort. We plan to use their facilities in the very near future.

This Sunday night will be a High School Devotional and helping will be the Earl O'Quinns and the Jimmy Philpots. Come and get involved in these activities.

Let's remember,
Robbie Butler - placed in the District Track Meet recently.
Lori Anselm and Amy O'Quinn - members of the National Junior Honor Society.

When you see them, tell them how much we appreciate their efforts!

Baccalaureate

The Baccalaureate service for our graduating seniors will be held at the Tenneha Church of Christ on Sunday evening, May 24, 1987.

A Bridal Tea
Honoring Christi Cook
Bride Elect of Greg Hood
At The Home of
Mrs. Ray Lott
9132 Elm Tree Circle

Saturday
May 2, 1987
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
"Come and Go"

Selections:
Seasons
Christmas Store
R.J. Jewelers

Just For Women

All ladies, ages middle school through grand mammas, who would be interested in an aerobics class, which will meet twice a week in the evening, are invited to meet with Linda Hone at 5:30 on Sunday evening in the Annex Class Room. The purpose of the meeting will be basically an orientation session. If you are interested be sure to be present!

A Good Work

The ladies who worked in April to prepare food each Tuesday for our elderly and shutins were Signa Stanley, Billie Bob Hickman, Virginia Conner and Billie Morgan. These ladies arrive early each Tuesday morning (about 8:00 o'clock) and finish about noon. We are grateful to the men who deliver the food to the homes. This is an excellent work of love and dedication.

If you have a garden and care to donate fresh vegetables for this work, the ladies would be happy to use them. They would need to know ahead of time in order to include the items in their menu. If you have extra vegetables or fruit, call Kathryn Cauthen to make arrangements.

Workroom Crew



We are thankful to Billie Bob Hickman, Billie Morgan, Connie Sublette, Jay Vandiver and Dale Blackstone for their efforts in re-organizing our Teacher's Workroom. Monroe Sublette (not pictured) also contributed much work to this project.

Sympathy

Jay Lockhart spoke words of comfort to family and friends on Sunday afternoon at the funeral service of sister Sybil Thacker. We share in the sorrow of Carolyn Stitt and other members of the family.

Thank You

For every expression of sympathy shown at the death of my mother, the prayers, cards, and the beautiful flowers, we are grateful. We are so thankful and grateful for friends like you. May God bless each and every one.

Edgar and Delle Bullard

Thanks so much for your visits, calls and concern for my mother during her recent surgery and afterwards. But, most of all, thank you for your prayers on her behalf. I know they have helped her through this time, and we love you for that.

Faye and Archie Kennard

Ladies' Day In Rusk

REMINDER...Saturday, May 2nd is the ladies day at the Rusk Church of Christ. The theme is "The Christian Woman of Today." Sister Carolyn Womack is one of the guest speakers. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Child-care will be provided for Two and under (bring a sack lunch for them). The session will close with Dinner At The White House at 12:30 p.m.

We need YOU in Bible School!

Cassette Tapes Available

I hope you haven't had to miss any of Jay's current series of sermons on "Focusing Our Faith." Both lessons Sunday, "Focusing on True Worship" were excellent. I don't believe I have ever heard a more comprehensive study on worship than these. As is true of any of Jay's lessons, these are available on cassette tapes. If you missed them, please request a copy and profit by them.

Here and There



By Wes Price

We have the privilege of honoring all our Bible School Workers this week. Won't you join us in expressing your thanks for their great work. We will enjoy honoring them at a special banquet on Friday night of this week at Sweet Sue's Restaurant. Each teacher and worker and their mate will be guests of the church in this special banquet. Hardeman Nichols will be present to serve as guest speaker. If you have not received an invitation and have taught in one of our Bible classes in the past year, then you are invited to join us. The banquet will be at 7:00 p.m.

Several weeks ago, we had the formal dedication and re-opening of our Teacher's Workroom. We are so proud of that new Bible school tool and of those who worked so hard to make it a worthy one. Elsewhere in this week's bulletin you will find a picture of those who contributed the most in time and energy to make it possible. Help us say "thank you" to them for a job well done.

We are happy to announce the beginning of a new adult class to be taught by Stan Mallory. It will meet in our main building, room 105/106. We invite all those who would like to and any who are not presently attending regularly any of our adult classes to join Stan for this new class. It will generally be for those in the 40's age bracket, although we do not set firm age boundaries around adult classes. The study will follow the outlines of the Parables of Jesus as is being studied in all other Adult Classes.

Last week was saddened when we were parted from one of our dear saints, Sybil Thacker. She was a dear, sweet Christian who loved the Lord and His church. She will not soon be forgotten for the steadfast example she set. It is a source of great encouragement to see the consistent example of our aging saints. Let's follow that example.

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| Vol.17 | April 30, 1987 | | Number 17 |
| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | 4/19 | 4/12 | Ago |
| Bible School | 467 | 452 | 260 |
| Worship/A.M. | 587 | 654 | 362 |
| Worship/P.M. | 384 | 321 | 273 |
| Wed. Eve. | 309 | 310 | - |
| Contributions | \$11,865.52 | \$9,585.27 | \$7,639.13 |

Weekly Budget - \$10,265.00

Minibus

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 3 and Wednesday evening, May 6 - JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bart and Cindy Lemons. They are the parents of a baby girl, Amanda Michelle, born April 23. She weighed 8 lb and 2 oz. Charles and Velma Lemons are the happy grandparents.

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright continues to be a patient in the Medical Center Hospital, room 4481.

Brother Tommy White remains in Medical Center.

Sister Dell Lott's father, brother Herman Rhodes, is a patient in Doctor's Memorial, room 105.

Sister Ernestine Mallory's father, brother Ernest Holland, is a patient in Medical Center, room 4440.

Sister Ruth Dobbs is very seriously ill in Mother Frances, room 374 (no visitors at this time).

Sister Jerry Dunn is in Doctor's Memorial.

Sister Jewell Cagle from Lake Livingston will be in Mother Frances until sometime Friday. She was a member of West Erwin many years ago (Jewell Baadde).

Bible School Attendance Up

It is a gratifying thing to see our Bible School attendance grow each week. There is nothing quite like the solid feeling of an increasing number and increased interest. It seems that more and more of our folks are realizing the importance of this spiritual banquet and are coming. Keep it up!

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Serving Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome James Sublette
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Scripture Lee Roberson
Dismiss Jim McCoy

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Prayer Foy Richey
Scripture Tommy Brown
Dismiss Todd Stewart

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Tommy Konczak Don Ingram
Bill McCain Bob McLemee

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

David Demic Tommy Stewart
Bill Paschall Wally Dawkins

USHERS

Dwight Leek Charles McCoy
Alan Fisher Dale Blackstone

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Robert and Pat Stokes
Claude and Odell Sessions
Charles and Billie Bob Hickman
Ben and Patsy Young

Happy Birthday

MAY (4) Clay McDonald (5) Dot Hardin,
Henry Dunn (6) Bessie Willis (7) Wade Weathers
(8) Jason O'Quinn (9) M. B. Beard,
Ford Egbert, Jim Usrey.

Sermon Subjects



Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Why Do We Worship?
(Psalm 95:1-7)

6:00 P.M. How Do We Worship?
(I Cor. 14:15, 14:40, Jn. 4:24)

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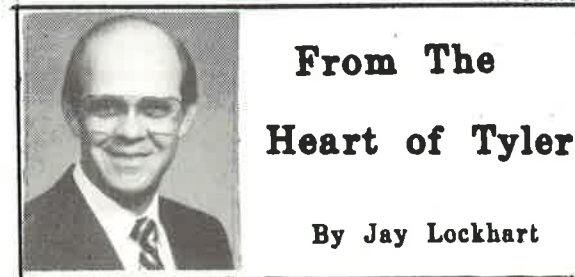
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Teach" -Matthew 28:19

Evangelism Task Force

A few months ago, our Stateside Missionary, Harold Taylor, conducted an exciting eight-week course on evangelism. Those who attended the class gained a great deal of insight from Harold's approach to leading the lost to Christ. When we scheduled this class with Harold we had in mind to form from the group an ongoing Evangelism Task Force, which would meet on a regular basis, during our regular Bible Class time, to further refine our methods of reaching people. On Sunday evening, May 31, at 5:00 o'clock all those who attended Harold's class, and those who did not attend the class but are interested in this important work, are asked to meet in the Chapel for an orientation meeting. Our elders have asked Jack Paul to coordinate this effort and from experience, know-how, and concern for the lost, a better man would be hard to find. At Jack's request, the regular class will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning at the conclusion of our current film series, about mid-May. There are few things we do that will impact local evangelism in the way the Evangelism Task Force promises will. Each one of us must support evangelism according to our abilities and opportunities, but the Task Force will have as its major thrust the leading of the lost to Jesus.

Another super day was enjoyed by the West Erwin family last Sunday as 587 were present for worship. With our auditorium almost "filled to the brim," there is an excitement seen in the happy faces of expectant worshippers, and it is good.

The printed copies of The Greatest Issue of Life are now available for your use. This is the material presented on Cups Running Over day, during our Bible class hour, and substantially the material presented recently on the Springtime Special of THE SEARCH. Pass those booklets out to your friends and after they have time to read them, get back with them to discuss impressions made. The results may be very gratifying. Use this tool! The video tapes will be ready in a few days for your use as well.

My friend Charles Hodge, preaches in Duncanville and the church there has just moved into a new building. Each week in his bulletin, Hodge begins with "For The Record" and attendance in the "Hodge Class." Last Sunday they had 1,379 in worship and Hodge's Class had 324! Congratulations to this good church!

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David Lovejoy

It was good to have our 4th and 5th grades with us Sunday night. They soon will be a regular part of our youth activities. Our thanks for the opportunity to hear about what will be going on at Camp Deer Run this summer. We are fortunate that we have several camps in our area. They are a great asset to us in helping develop faith in God and challenging them to do what they are supposed to do. Let's encourage our young people to get involved in these camps and also keep them in our prayers.

Let's remember:
Boys Training Class on Wednesday nights.
To sit up front during our worship services.
To be an example to our visitors in being friendly and helpful.
To be involved in the activities that are planned for you.
To study your Bibles daily.
To continue to do all things in order and the best we can as was demonstrated by our young men Sunday morning while serving the Lord's Supper.

Amy O'Quinn who was honored by receiving the American Legion Award at Hubbard School.

ATTENTION - Saturday, April 25 will be a work day at Camp Tyler. We used this facility for a Middle School Retreat and plan to use it for a Couples Retreat in May. Let's meet at the building at 10:00 o'clock and bring your work clothes and a sack lunch. We will return at 3:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated whether from an adult or a young person.

★ Smile a while and give your face a rest.

A Gift Coffee
Honoring Penny Hulsey
Bride Elect of Tony Cooley
At The Home of
Mrs. Don Weathers
3401 Heines

Saturday
April 25, 1987
10:30 - 12:00 Noon

Selections:
Sanger/Harris
Dillard's



A Gift Tea
Honoring Julie Higginbotham
Bride Elect of Jeff Cunningham
At The Home of
Mrs. Louis E. Jones
1507 Kensington

Sunday
April 26, 1987
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

Selections:
Leewright's
Christmas Store
Dillard's



A Bridal Tea
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Brother's Keepers

SUNDAY EVENING FOLLOWING
THE WORSHIP HOUR

April 26, 1987

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Stinnet, Texas for Elta Matney, aunt of sister Velma Lemons.

Military services were conducted Thursday in Killeen, Texas for M/Sgt. Howard L. Jones. He was a brother-in-law to sister Modena Jones.

On Tuesday afternoon funeral services were held in Gladewater for Robert Jordan, brother-in-law to Harold Browning.

Together with our parents
Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Starnes
and

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mabray

we invite you to share in the ceremony

uniting us in marriage

on Saturday, the sixteenth of May

Nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

at five o'clock in the afternoon

The Chapel at Horseshoe Bay

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

Shannon and Craig

Thank You

The family of D. G. Massey acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Just a note to thank all of you for the prayers, visits, cards, and thoughts while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you for the food brought to our home. It's wonderful to have Christian friends.

Faye Harris

Thanks so much for the prayers, cards, visits, and wonderful food we received during my illness. We are lucky to have Christian friends such as all of you.

Glen and Jeri Wright

Your love and care for me is appreciated so much. Thank you for the cards, flowers, food, visits and telephone calls during my recent illness and recovery.

Naomi Haden

The family of Gilbert Venable acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Your prayers and love and interest for Gilbert and me have been overflowing. The beautiful red carnation spray was so comforting and it did remind us of all the love we have shared for so many years.

Lorene Venable

We certainly appreciate the cards, calls, visits, flowers, and food following my father's death. Thank you for everything.

Alan Fisher and Family

Be the first to praise and the first to
deserve praise.

Here and There

By Wes Price



All Bible Class Teachers please note: Reserve Friday night, May 1, for our annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Time and place will be announced later. We want to have all present to give proper attention to your generous service as a Bible teacher.

The Paul Faulkner films continue on Wednesday nights and we still have mail out cards available for you to send to your friends to invite them to attend. We are moving the films into the auditorium so that the large numbers can be more comfortable and able to see the screen with less difficulty. Join us and invite your friends.

It is not too early to begin planning on attending the Annual Abilene Christian University Summer Teacher's Workshop. Dates for this year are July 19 through 22. We will be asking for your reservation at a later time.

May I place special emphasis on an expression that Jay used in his sermon on Sunday night. The term is "soul-conscious." If each Christian is to fulfill his maximum potential in presenting Christ to the world, it will take an increasing awareness of individual responsibility toward those who are lost. Being soul-conscious means being aware that all those people around us who have not become as we are in Christ are lost. It may well be that we will be their only hope of knowing the truth. Please give it prayerful thought and let your mind be receptive to becoming "soul-conscious." We need to reach out with the gospel so that we can do our part in reaching the world for Christ. With all the technological advantages at our disposal, we can use all means to accomplish that task.

It goes without saying that it was a thrilling experience to have such a large number in Sunday morning worship last Sunday. We were blessed with a tremendous number of visitors; many visiting with family here but also a good number of new folks to the city of Tyler. I believe they went away with a spirit of grateful appreciation for West Erwin. We're on the go and on the grow. Let's magnify the spirit of optimism among us.

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| Records | Sunday April 19 | Sunday April 12 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 452 | 531 | 300 |
| Worship/A.M. | 654 | 575 | 387 |
| Worship/P.M. | 321 | 355 | 238 |
| Wed.Evening | 310 | 264 | -- |
| Contributions | \$9,585.27 | \$10,034.00 | \$8,496.60 |

Weekly Budget--\$10,265.00

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 26 and Wednesday Evening, April 29 - KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

New Members

Sunday morning Teresa Holland came to be restored. Her address is 2400 Belvedere.

Sunday evening Tommy Stewart placed membership and his wife, Ginger, was baptized into Christ by Jay Lockhart. We welcome this family into the fellowship here. Tommy and Ginger have three children, John-6th grade, Jay-9th grade, and Emily-4th grade.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Harold Browning in the death of his sister, Rena Florey. Funeral services were held Friday in Kilgore.

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright is in Medical Center but may go home one day this week.

Brother Tommy White continues to be seriously ill in Medical Center Hospital.

Scott Carruth was injured in an accident on his bicycle. Both bones were fractured in his left arm. He underwent surgery on Tuesday and will be in Medical Center until Thursday.

Richard Wallace continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Sister Ruth Dobbs is very ill. She is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

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Prayer Gary Ables
Scripture Milburn Cook
Dismiss Harold Denman

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Welcome Stan Clark
Prayer Hillard Hughes
Scripture Bill Butler
Dismiss John Pike

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bryan Leek Chris Honeycutt
Brody Clark Chris Starnes
Jason Harris Jeff Blackstone

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Robbie Butler Jason Phelps
Henry McRuiz Morris Hallman
Jimmie Philpot Paul Hancock

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Ben and Patsy Young
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Happy Birthday

APRIL (28) Jennifer Knight (30) Dell Lott, Ray Vannoy, Shirley Denman
MAY (1) Aline Beard, Wesley Price (2) Lerah Williamson

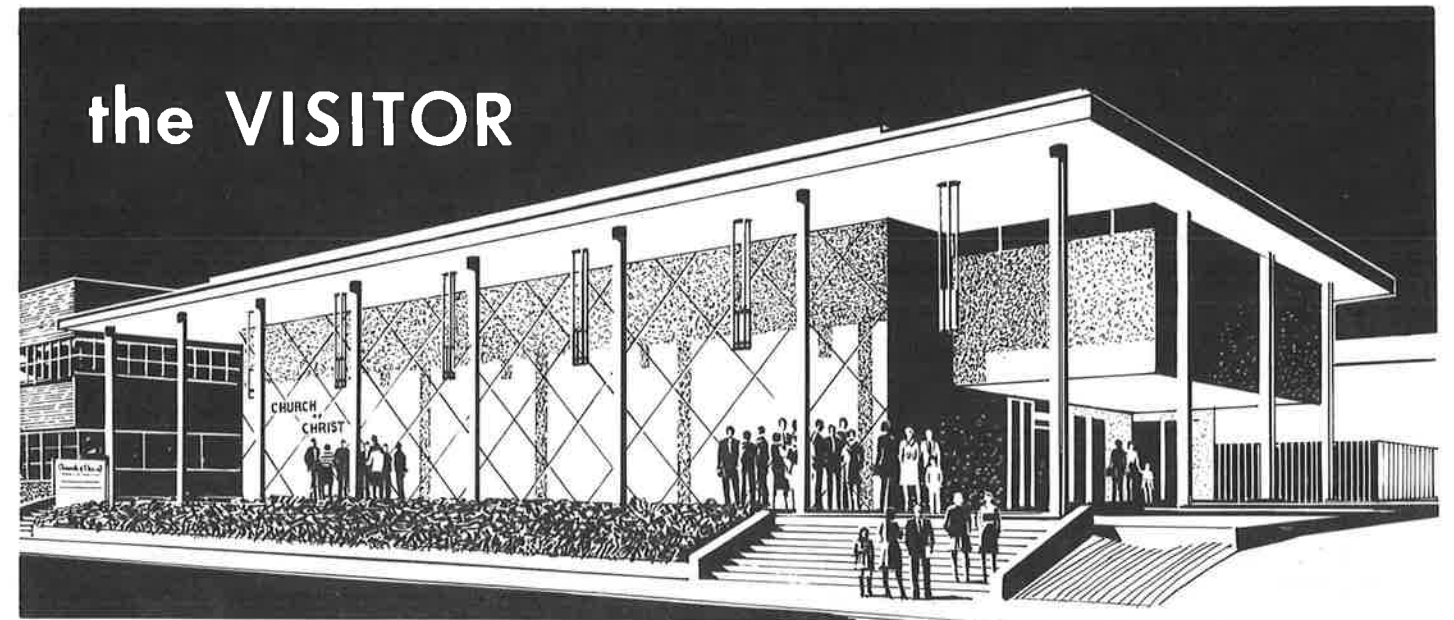
Sermons For Sunday

Sermons for Sunday, April 26, 1987
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Focusing True Worship
(John 4:19-24)


P:M. The Essence of Worship
(Isaiah 6:1-11)

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

652

What a day we had last Sunday--652 in worship, chairs in the aisles, and a spirit of joy and excitement everywhere. Add to this the baptism of Ginger Stewart and the other public responses, and we truly had an inspirational day!

Speaking of chairs in the aisles, last Sunday our Building Committee, headed by Matt Haws and in cooperation with Jeff Hone from Paul and Associates, hung drawings of three possible ways we can provide additional auditorium space in the future. The purpose of these drawings is to demonstrate our serious interest in providing room for our growing family. Keep coming, keep inviting, keep bringing, keep winning, and we will provide the space! Our Building Committee has ordered about 60 comfortable folding chairs to be used to accommodate our overflow crowds. These chairs, along with the space we still have in our pews, will allow us to comfortably seat

at least 130 more people and should accommodate growth for quite some time.

Another big "Thank You" is in order for the Dale Blackstones for providing the beautiful floral arrangement for our auditorium. They always do the right thing at the right time and we appreciate Dale and Carolyn.

Joe Carroll spoke at the "kick off" meeting for the annual lectureship at the Broadway church in Garland last Sunday. One of the Broadway elders heard Joe teach a class at West Erwin and wanted him to participate in the lectureship. I spoke there on Monday evening.

Our new church directory is now well underway. All pictures have been made and selected and the final layout was mailed to the company this week. We will look forward to having the directories in several weeks.

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Each day of our life should be something that causes us to be thankful, grateful, appreciative to God who makes all things possible.

Thanks to the Rodney Knight's and Kathy Lovejoy for helping with the food at the Middle School Devotional on Sunday evening. If you are not participating in the various youth activities, you are missing out on something that is great. Plan to attend these activities and participate. It will help you in your struggles in life.

Sunday night (April 19) we will have a special speaker at our devotional. Representatives from Camp Deer Run would like to speak to you about going to camp this summer and other activities they have planned. So, 4th through 12th grades are invited to attend. These camps can help you to develop your life as God wants you to do.

Several of our youth have recently been honored.

April 11-Smith County Livestock Show

Kelli Whitley-3rd place on her lamb and 7th place on broilers.

Kyle Whitley-8th place on his lamb.

Kara Whitley-9th place on broilers.

April 12, Olympics of the Mind

Dallas, Texas

Kimberly Sublette-Team of six members: Placed 1st in State Competition and will go to Michigan in May for the World Competition.

April 13-John Tyler High School Boosters Club honored members of the National Honor Society at a Banquet. Joelle Butler, Penny Hulsey, Melissa Ingram, and Jennifer Giddings.

We appreciate each of you for your achievements that you truly deserve because of your time and efforts.

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*Selections:
Leewright's
Christmas Store
Dillard's*

Ladies, please consider each invitation as personally yours.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Edgar and Delle Bullard in the death of Ed's mother on Saturday of last week. Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Ethel Bullard in Gallatin, Tennessee on Monday afternoon. The Bullards went to Tennessee on Saturday afternoon.

Congratulations

Ford Egbert is a member of the Board of Directors for the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland, Florida. He has been selected as the Outstanding Supporter of the school for 1987. A friend of the school is named each year for this honor and we congratulate Ford upon his selection this year. We are glad to see Ford at the south entrance every Sunday, too. We love you Ford and Tommie!

Wanted

An elderly couple, a man (age 94) and his wife (age 78), both in fairly good health, needs someone, either a retired couple or a single woman, to live close by them. The responsibilities would include seeing that medicines are taken at the proper times, laundry is done, proper food is eaten, etc. Benefits include a very nice private mobile home near the couple's house, utilities, groceries, and salary. The person or persons needed must be members of the church and would take the couple to all church services at Corinth Road church of Christ in Jacksonville. The couple lives on the Jacksonville highway near Mt.Selma. Anyone interested should call the church office.

The Search - A Special

Friday night at 7:00 o'clock there will be a special of THE SEARCH with Jay Lockhart teaching the lesson, "The Greatest Issue of Life." You are encouraged to watch and invite a friend to watch this lesson on the meaning of salvation and the place of the church in our lives.



Friday - 7:00 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers at the time of the illness and death of my brother, Cecil Richards.

Foy and Edna Hodnett

A special word of thanks to the following members who sang at the Venable service on Tuesday. The chorus consisted of Ann McCoy, Joyce Trimble, Frances McBee, Mary Paul, Kelly Womack, Judy Phelps, John Bragg, Judy Phelps, Jim McCoy, Ray Womack and Les Carruth. The singing was beautiful and a wonderful source of comfort for the family.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (19) Laneva Russell, Amy Harrison (20) Charisse Smith (21) Mary Keith (22) Annie McDonald (26) A. Z. Aven, Shannon Hughes.

Singing

The second annual Sing-Song till Midnight will be held in Daingerfield, Texas, Friday, April 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. V.E.Howard will be the master of ceremonies.

Meeting

The Tatum Church of Christ will have H. A. "Buster" Dobbs preach in a gospel meeting, May 10 - May 13. You are invited to attend.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Thank God for such a beautiful day last Sunday! Great crowds, great singing, great preaching, great worship and thank God for adding His blessing. As Jay mentioned, a video tape was being made of both lessons and they will be available in copy form later. I sincerely believe that these will give us an additional tool with which we can reach others for Christ. I hope you will plan on asking for a copy of that video when it is available to use with friends. Think about it!

Not only were our own folks present for worship Sunday, but I don't know when I have seen so many visitors in our assembly. And if that is not enough, we are likely to have a large number of visitors again this Sunday, since it is a holiday. Since visitors are so important to us, let me ask you, "Do you know why these visitors come?" You may have never given it a thought, but they mostly come because someone has invited them. I know that some come because they are traveling, but it is significant that we have so many who are here as the guest of our own members. Now, let me ask you another question. Have you made an honest effort to invite your friends and neighbors to come as your guests? It might be just the thing for you to do. Think about it!

Billy Terrell and I were glad to have a good number present for the breakfast we prepared for our Young Singles Class. We will be resuming our class Sunday and want to remind all that we will be looking for you to join us.

We are frequently called upon to provide food for our college students at the Tri-C on the TJC campus. I know I speak for them when I express a sincere word of thanks for your generosity. We have a fine complement of college students in the congregation and they are a dedicated bunch. We are proud of our own college students, those who grew up here at West Erwin. They are continually working to encourage other college young people to find their place in serving the Lord. Your hospitality in providing food just increases their outreach.

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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR Sunday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 22, FARREL WHITLEY, 597-4006.

New Members

We are happy to welcome three young people into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. On Wednesday evening Nancy Robinson came to place membership. Her address is 1414 Magnolia, Rm.223 Tyler, 75701. Nancy is a student at TJC.

On Sunday evening Mark Pike and Barry Chase came to place membership. Mark is the son of John and Virginia Pike. His address is Rt.11, Box 421, Tyler 75709. He works for Brookshires.

Barry Chase is a college student. His address is 2807 Rollingwood, Tyler 75701.

The Sick

Sister Naomi Haden had surgery last week as an outpatient, and is recovering at home.

Sister Nell Wright is now in a room (4481) in Medical Center. Her condition remains about the same.

Brother Doc Wright is also hospitalized with a reaction to medication. He is in room 2534.

Sister Faye Kennard's mother is in Mother Frances Hospital.

It was announced Sunday that brother Pete Wallace's son, Richard, was injured in an accident and is hospitalized in Medical Center.

Kelly Jo Womack has been using crutches since Sunday evening because of a broken bone in her foot.

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Jimmie Philpot Paul Hancock

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Joe and Frances McBee
Louis and Jane Jones
Jeff and Alma Biggs
Freeman and Billie Morgan

Meeting

The Quitman & Center Church of Christ in Gladewater invites everyone to attend a Gospel Meeting, April 19-22. Murphy Phillips from Weatherford, Texas will be the speaker. Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

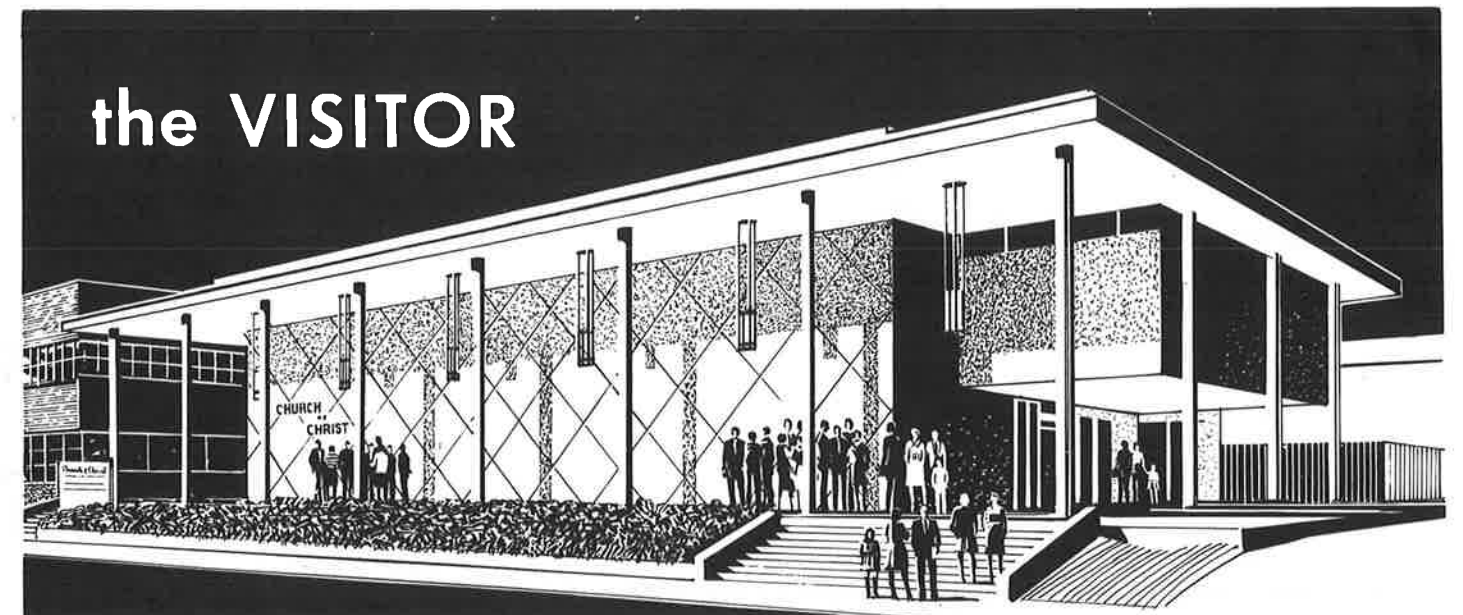
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Cups Running Over" was a most enjoyable day for us last Sunday. Our auditorium was full at the Bible Study hour and for Worship, and we had more people in classes than ever before. Add to this the many visitors who were with us, the excitement seen everywhere, and the fact that two young men placed membership with us, and it was a truly great day!

This week I am enjoying a short meeting with the church in Big Sandy. It is encouraging to see how many people in the surrounding areas watch THE SEARCH on a regular basis. Many in Big Sandy do and in visiting among the churches of East Texas I find the program very well received.

I will look forward to seeing you this Sunday for a great day as we worship and study together. The sermons will be:

A.M. Focusing What God Does Through The Church. (Philippians 1:1-11)
P.M. Who Needs Encouragement? (Hebrews 10:19-25)

*"What must I do to be saved?"
--Acts 16:30*

The Most Important Issue of Life

Last Sunday during our Bible Study hour, Jay Lockhart presented a lesson in our auditorium on The Greatest Issue of Life. This study, video taped by Sam Bailey will be made available to our folks on home video cassette and in printed form and may be used in personal teaching. The message is designed for a one-time teaching opportunity to help people see who we are and what we are saying. The forty minute presentation begins with the assumptions that people believe in the God of the Bible, the biblical nature of man, the fall of man, the Bible as the inspired word of God, Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world, and destiny. Building upon these assumptions, the message answers biblically The Greatest Issue of Life: "What must I do to be saved?" Finally, the presentation shows what the church is and the place the church occupies in God's plan. It is a clear, reasonable, scriptural lesson, presented in a non-threatening yet provocative way. Videos will be available soon and printed copies in a few weeks. Use them.

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of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy

Time is something we all have available to us. We each have the same amount each day. The question is, what do we do with our time? We all have activities, hobbies, work and leisure time we want to engage in each day. How much is set aside each day for God? At the end of each day, can we say we have been the right example for God in our lives. Have we studied God's word to see what HE wants us to do? Let the word of God challenge each of us to grow in wisdom and understanding of what God expects us to do in our lives as we apply it to self and share it with others. Let's make use of the time that God has given to each of us.

Thanks to the Leeks and Maples for providing the place and food for the High School devotional. We are blessed here with so many parents that are always willing to help with our youth program.

Sunday night, April 19, will be a special time for our young people, grades 4th - 12th to hear about Camp Deer Run. This will be in our Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday night. More details will come later. Let's encourage our youth to take part in these camps as they will be blessed and will grow in the knowledge of the Word of God and fellowship of ones their own age.

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Film 4: Keep Cool, Even When You're Hot

Film 5: Make Your Relationships Right

Beginning April 15

Cups Running Over

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3. Let's resolve to have a full house on that day. It's "Cups Running Over" on April 12.

Chimala Mission

Dear Brethren,

Recently received the boxes you mailed to us. We were thankful for the rubbing alcohol, band-aids, anti ointments, peroxide, bandages, gowns, sheets and the other items. Things like these are difficult, if not impossible, to purchase here.

Chimala Mission Hospital is celebrating its Silver Anniversary this year. Well over one million people have been assisted by the hospital staff over the last 25 years. As a result of the good being done here, we are able to evangelize Tanzania.

Since September 1986 until March 4th, we know of 380 baptisms. Three hundred of these have been since January. Isn't this exciting! Surely, if we plant and water, God will give the increase. Please continue to pray for the work being done here.

Recently we rejoiced in seeing five employees immersed into Jesus. It is because we have people "back home" who continue to support this great work. Again, thank you for your concern.

In Christian love,
Marcia Stapleton

Thank You

Your love and kind words of sympathy expressed at the death of my brother was truly appreciated. We appreciate our friends so much.

Foy and Mary Richey
Thank you for your many acts of kindness. Your continued ministry to mother after she was unable to attend services was greatly appreciated. The lovely service conducted by Jay and the beautiful floral spray was a reminder of the special people at the West Erwin church.

The Family of Ola Dunwoody

Invitation

*Bridal Coffee
Honoring
LaDonna Slaughter
Bride Elect of
Tom Auer*

April 11, 1987 10:00-11:30 A.M.

*Come and Go
Home of Mrs. Dannie Skipper
617 Purdue*

Selections: Dillard's, Sanger/Harris

*Ladies, please consider this
your personal invitation.*

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Alan Fisher and his family in the death of his father, Wilburn Henry (Doc) Fisher. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Catholic church here in Tyler.

On Tuesday afternoon in Irving, Texas, the service was conducted for Cecil Richards, brother of Edna Hodnett. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

We share in the sorrow of Lorene Venable in the death of Gilbert, her husband, on Sunday morning. His funeral service was at the church on Tuesday afternoon. We express our sympathy to the family.

We extend our sympathy to Mike and Norma Holcomb in the death of Mike's brother, Randy, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Sunday morning. His service was held on Tuesday afternoon.

We extend our sympathy to James Massey in the death of his brother Monday evening in Dallas.

Meeting

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola will have Dr. John Simpson as speaker, Monday-Wednesday, April 12-15. You are invited to attend, 7:30 each weekday.

Singing

The Van Church of Christ will have a singing on April 17 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. The public is welcome. See the brochure on the bulletin board.

Here and There



By Wes Price

A tremendous thanks is due those who conducted our Teacher's Workday last Saturday. They included Billie Bob Hickman, Billie Morgan, and Nelda Browning. We had a good turnout in spite of so many conflicting schedules. If you missed the sessions, we will be conducting make up sessions in the near future. I believe you will want to make sure you attend. It will be of great help in your teaching role.

Harold Taylor preached beautifully Sunday and his messages were very encouraging and challenging. If you were out of town, as many were, you may want to get a tape. Of course, we missed Jay and we're looking forward to his return for this next Sunday's special activities.

Don't forget the dates for the film series "Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong" featuring Paul Faulkner. More than any time before, we want to make this special, not only for the benefit we personally may receive, but a time when we can touch the lives of friends and acquaintances who could profit by it and at the same time be introduced to our fellowship. In other words, we want this to be a way to reach out into our community and touch lives with the gospel of Christ. Surely you can think of a friend who would profit by coming.

April 12 will be a great day for West Erwin. I am confident that more than any time in the past, members are thinking about and inviting friends to come hear the special messages Jay has prepared for Bible class time and worship. You need not fear embarrassment for anyone you invite. You know by now how well Jay preaches the truth, forcefully but not offensively. All present will know where we are coming from with regard to the nature of the church and scripture. Come join us for a great day!

Happy Birthday

APRIL (13) Sledge Clinkscales (16) Myra Turner, Zorado Sherman, Michael Rhodes (17) Marie Threadgill (18) Debbie Graham

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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 12 and Wednesday evening, April 15, JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright continues to be a patient in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Fred Powell's mother, Clive Powell, was able to go home on Tuesday from the hospital.

Brother B. E. Walker had surgery last week in Day Surgery. He is recovering at home.

Sister Jeri Wright underwent a tonsillectomy Wednesday morning in Day Surgery and is at home.

Sister Faye Kennard's mother, Ruth Pierce, had open heart surgery on Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Thank You Ladies

During March the following ladies cooked each Tuesday as a group to prepare meals for our shutins and elderly: Pat Stokes, Ruby McCain, Rebecca Center, Kathryn Cauthen.

Sermons For Sunday

by Jay Lockhart
 A.M. Focusing The Church
 (Matthew 16:13-19)
 P.M. Body Vital Signs
 (I Corinthians 12:12-27)



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 Charlie Russell Danny Desha

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Jay Vandiver O'Neal Tuel
 Guy Potts Dennis Phelps
 Lee Hudspeth Lowell Wiggains

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Don and Patsy Slaughter
 Jeff and Alma Biggs
 Joe and Frances McBee
 Freeman and Billie Morgan

Attention Ladies

The eleventh annual Just For Women will be conducted on April 25th at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Texas. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the day will end after lunch is served at 12 noon. A nursery and lunch will be provided for children through preschool.


The church of Christ in Rusk, Tex. will have a Ladies Day on Saturday morning, May 2. Two ladies will be featured as speakers, Carolyn Womack from West Erwin and Pauline Collver of Shreveport. Lunch will be served afterward.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Last Sunday evening I closed a most encouraging meeting with the church in Kennett, Missouri. This was my third visit with this good church. The attendance was good and several responded to the invitation of Jesus. While there I taped five 15 minute TV programs to be used on the religious channel in Kennett next Monday through Friday. The church there has a unique opportunity on TV as they supply six hours of programming each week. The Kennett church has asked us to supply videos of THE SEARCH to air there each week. Of course we want to do this! This meeting followed immediately a very good four nights with the church in Frankston, a church that is doing well with Chris White in the pulpit. My special thanks to Harold Taylor for preaching and teaching for me Sunday and to Jack Paul for teaching on Wednesday evening. It's good to be home and I will be looking forward to a great "Cups Running Over" on Sunday. Be a part of the excitement!

*"We are all here present"
Acts 10:33*

"Cups Running Over" Is Here

This Sunday is the day! It's "Cups Running Over!" Our West Erwin folks have made their plans to be in town and present for our Bible Class hour and morning worship. How many souls will be "present before God, to hear all things that are commanded..of God" (Acts 10:33)? We do not know what our attendance will be--we are just sure that our building will be filled to overflowing and we will have a truly great day. At our Bible class hour all young poeple and adults will meet in the auditorium for "The Most Vital Issue of Life." We will be looking at a clear, concise, and straight forward picture of the meaning of salvation and the place of the church in our lives. We are hopeful that many of our friends will be present for this study which will be video taped and printed in booklet form for later distribution. The sermon for Sunday will be a continuation of our series on Focusing Our Faith, and we will be Focusing The Church. Wouldn't this be a great day to break that elusive 400 mark on Sunday night. Don't miss "Cups Running Over."

Remember also your
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of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy

There were 32 of us gathered at Camp Tyler for a Middle School Retreat on Friday and Saturday. I believe everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, activities, and a study from Philippians 2. Thanks to Les and Carolyn Carruth, Phil and Linda Marts, Dale and Carolyn Blackstone and Barry Chase for helping with the food and making this retreat possible.

The following Middle School students were present for the retreat: Doug Giddings, Scott Carruth, Angie Hendrix, Michelle Steffee, Holly Harrison, Amy O'Quinn, Lori Anselm, Cheryl Murphy, Missy Marts, David Haney, Jeff Konczak, Steven Mabry, Kyle Whitley, Lanny Honeycutt, Luke Ingram, Terry Doss, and Paula Hancock. Guests of our young people were: Christine Mitchell, Amber Haywood, Kimberly Sublette, Andy Corman and Natalie Brown. Children of parents who helped with the retreat were Cindy Carruth and Becky Blackstone. In addition to these, Farrel and Michele Whitley & Kara and Kurt, and Kathy Lovejoy joined us for Friday evening.

Scheduled to help with HS activities Sunday night (April 5) are the Leeks and Maples.

If you are not coming to the training class for boys on Wednesday nights, let me encourage you to do so. This is designed for MS and HS boys to help enable them to be a part of the worship services here at West Erwin and in their future roles with the Lord's church. Let's all encourage them to become a part of this training class.

Posted on the youth bulletin board is a sign-up sheet for High School Day, April 10-11 at ACU.

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Song Fest

Remember to attend the SONG FEST this Friday night in the auditorium of the West Erwin Church of Christ, 420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas, 710 until 9:00 p.m. Brother B. B. Stevens of Cleburn will be the guest host, and brother Gene Boone of Stephenville, Texas will make a special presentation on Foster Home for Children.

You will enjoy the evening of singing, so please plan to attend.

Soul Conscious

If someone were to ask you to explain what being soul-conscious meant, what would you say? No, it is not a new fad among the young who are seeking a new way to discover themselves. It is not trying to be more aware of having an immortal soul dwelling in yourself, as important as this is. Simply put, it is the awareness that all the human beings who surround you in any given situation have immortal souls that will be required to give an account someday just like each of us will. I call it to your attention to help raise the awareness level we all have about that fact to the end that we will strive to find a way to be more effective in soul-winning. We are now beginning to emphasize this vital role. You will be hearing more about this as programs of work are organized to take advantage of the many opportunities God gives us to claim the lost for Him.

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Time Change

This Spring instead of changing our time from Standard to Daylight Savings time on the last Sunday in April, we will make the change the first Sunday in April. This coming Sunday, April 5th is the date. On Saturday evening before you go to bed, turn your clocks forward one hour, and be on time for Bible Study and Worship Sunday morning.

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Ladies, please consider this
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Sympathy

Sister Ola Dunwoody passed away Monday morning and graveside funeral services were held for her on Tuesday afternoon at Rosehill Cemetery by Jay Lockhart. Sister Dunwoody was a long time member of West Erwin. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family. One of her daughters, Mrs. J. C. (Connie) Wilkinson, is a member of West Erwin.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who remembered me with cards, calls and visits during my recent illness. A special thank to the Tuesday group for the nice luncheon. I truly hope it won't be too long before I am able to return to church services.

Pauline Daughtry

Emergency Needs

On Tuesday of this week, the Benevolent Center had many calls for help. Emergency needs at this time are: Corn Kits, Meal, Oatmeal, Rice, Canned Milk, Dried Beans, Canned Vegetables and Canned Meats.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (6) Melissa Marts, Diana Savage,
Sharen Chambless (8) Eveline McCarty
(9) Helen Wright (11) Dakota Dover.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Few things have taken place in recent times that are equal to what has been done in our Teacher's Workroom. We are especially grateful to those who have given so unselfishly over the past few months in completely revamping and reorganizing that important tool. This Saturday will be a special day indeed when we have the opportunity to show it off. All who work in any way in our Bible School program or any who might have need to use the workroom are encouraged to be present for this special session on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00. All teachers, including those not presently working in the classroom, are urged to be present. This is not just a look at that room, but a work session designed to help you get acquainted with all the features and all the equipment. Three different sessions will give you an opportunity to look at how the room is organized, how to use the laminating equipment, and how to make the most of our visual equipment. Come, join us for this special effort!

We bring you greetings from our friends and co-workers in the International Mission at the Manhattan church in New York City. My wife and I had the great opportunity to worship with them while we took a week's vacation and journeyed to see our children in New Haven, Conn. We appreciate the opportunity to be away for a week and enjoy a break in the routine, but it was good to get back to more familiar surroundings. Thanks for missing us.

We want to keep you constantly in mind of the dates of the special film series by Paul Faulkner, "Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong," scheduled to begin on Wednesday night, April 15 to continue through May 13. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to invite friends to be your guests, not only for the benefit of the series, but as an introduction to the church.



See You In Bible School

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New Member

Sunday morning we welcomed Mark English into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. He is a student at TJC and active in the work of the Campus Christian Center. Mark's address is 1931 Overhill Drive, Tyler (01). Formerly Mark worshipped with the Pritchett church of Christ.

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Fred Powell's mother, Mrs. Clive Powell is in Mother Frances, room 511.

Mrs. J. Herman Purvis is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. They have visited the worship services recently. Brother Purvis and his wife worshipped here many years ago.

Sister Edna Hodnett's brother, Cecil Richards, continues to be very critically ill in a Dallas hospital.

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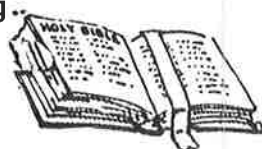
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"And all that believed were together" --Acts 2:44



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Countdown To

Cups Running Over Continues

Hopefully all of us have made our plans to be present April 12 for our "Cups Running Over" day. At our Bible Study hour all of our Middle School through Adult classes will meet in the auditorium for "The Greatest Issue of Life." This will be a presentation of what the churches of Christ are trying to be, say, and do. This would be an ideal time to bring a friend so that they can hear, in a non-threatening, friendly atmosphere, what we would like for the whole world to hear. So, be present yourself and bring someone with you. I wonder how many will be present on the 12th? We'll see!

One of the ways we show our love for each other (and remember it is by loving one another that people know we are the disciples of Jesus) is by sharing good times and bad times. When a death occurs in one of our families, we need to help the family by our presence and concern. We can go by the house, we can take food, we can attend the memorial service. On the other hand, when a family experiences joy, such as a wedding, our ladies can participate in the shower for the engaged couple and our men and women can attend the wedding. I mention this because a number of wedding showers and weddings will be taking place this spring and summer. We need to participate, whether or not we feel we know the couple well. Wedding and funerals are not only for women--you men need to take part too. We need to share in the lives of each other. Let's do it.

The pictures have been made for our new church directory and we had a splendid turnout. Thank you for your co-operation! This directory will be of great value to us, especially since we have so many new people. We will be anticipating the day of the directory's arrival, although it will be a few months down the road.

Speaking of the directory, a number of our folks worked diligently in helping with a myriad of details involved in putting a directory together, and we thank each one who helped. A special thanks is in order to Nelda Browning who worked so hard in overseeing the whole process. Thank you Nelda for your continued service "beyond the call of duty."

This Sunday I will be closing a meeting in Kennett, Missouri, the Lord willing. We welcome Harold Taylor, our "Stateside" Missionary, as our guest speaker Sunday for both services. Be sure to hear him.

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

This week-end, March 27 and 28, will be a special time for our Middle School age youth. We will be going to Camp Tyler for a retreat. The theme will be "Growing Up In These Times" and will be based on Philippians 2. Come and bring a friend. We will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. Friday from the parking lot and returning at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. This will be a time of getting acquainted with new people and building a better relationship with God.

Something to put on your calendars is the National Youth Rally in Nashville, Tennessee on June 20. This is sponsored by the Madison Congregation in Madison, Tennessee near Nashville. The speaker will be Jeff Walling and Ray Walker will be leading the singing. Youth from all across our nation will meet on this day in order to hear a message from the word of God and sing praises to Him. It is also a time to meet other Christians from all parts of this country and to share with them about your own situation. It is always an encouragement to me to meet other Christians and to know that the Lord's church does exist all across this great country of ours. This will challenge your life and what you will do with it.

Ray Lott Resigns

Ray Lott announced to our elders on Sunday, March 22, that it was with deep regrets that he was submitting his resignation as an elder at West Erwin. Lott cited aging parents and business pressures as the reason he felt he could not give to the eldership what he should. Faber Cauthen, current chairman of the elders, said that the elders would honor Ray's request with sadness but with understanding. Ray has served well as an elder and his business expertise will continue to be available to the church in the form of counsel and advice.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (29) Bill Endsley (30) Henry Starnes (31) Matt Haws, Mark Adams APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn (3) Ruth Dobbs, Ira Wright, Gail Vannoy, Charles Harris, Robert McLemee (4) Shirley McRuiz.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Saturday in Kansas City, Mo. on Saturday for the grandfather of Doug McGrew. We express our sympathy to Doug and Cyndy and their family.

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 on Sunday evening following the worship hour.

World Bible School

We now have additional names and introductory lessons for World Bible School. If you are not involved in this good work, call Bill Paschall, our WBS Supervisor. He will be happy to help you get started.

Shower Invitation

You are invited to a
Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Pam Mills
Bride elect of Eric Gambrel

on
Saturday, March 28

At the home of

Mrs. Charles Preston

3915 Wakefield Drive

2:30 until 4:00 p.m. Selections

Come and Go Sanger/Harris

Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this your
personal invitation.

Thank You

Thank you for the many acts of loving kindness you have shown me and my family during my surgery and period of confinement. We appreciate more than words can say the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, delicious food and the genuine love and concern.

The Lord has truly blessed us with our West Erwin Family and we thank Him daily for each of you.

We love you,

Lynn Harrison & Family

I want to thank the church and especially my class for the beautiful flowers and all of the beautiful cards. I have enjoyed them and the visits from friends. Thank you for being my friends.

In Christian love,
Beulah Bedford

I want to express my appreciation for your kindnesses to me during the time I was hospitalized and recovering at home. Your expressions of love are an encouragement to me.

Thelma Bennett

Here and There

By Wes Price



April 4, is still the day for the Grand Opening of our new Teacher's Workroom. All teachers in our pre-school, primary, and junior departments are urged to reserve this Saturday morning to join us for a work session which includes the presentation of that Workroom. I have asked Billie Bob Hickman to serve as the one to introduce it since she has done so much to make it a reality. Others who have helped get it ready include Billie Morgan, Dale Blackstone, Connie Sublette, Jay Vandiver, and Monroe Sublette.

The morning schedule will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall. We will be sending you a detailed schedule of other events that will take place. We will set completion of the workday at 12:00 noon.

David Lovejoy is planning a full morning's activities for all the children in these departments, so teaching mothers will not have to find a sitter.

I would like to remind all Young Singles of the beginning of our new Sunday morning Bible Class which will begin on April 5. The class will meet in Room 306 upstairs over the South Foyer. We are looking forward to a great ministry together in this class.

Do You Appreciate Our Teachers?

Henry Emerson Fosdick once said, "We cannot all be great, but we can always attach ourselves to something that is great." Those who help with our Bible classes and other educational programs understand this. They know what it is to attach themselves to a great endeavor, to a mission and a task that is far greater than themselves. And they know that such attachment brings true satisfaction, for as they help others to grow in faith and knowledge, they themselves grow and they insure that a part of them will live on long after they are dead.

Bible class teachers have also learned that greatness lies not so much in vast miraculous actions as in daily positive attitudes and actions. There is not a vague dream of someday saving the world in a heroic effort; they simply choose to be faithful to the daily tasks of love that God has called them to. And so they are.

On our part, let us not take without forgetting what we owe to these who give without remembering. For we know that they would have long ago ceased if they were seeking but the glory of men.

Theirs is a noble yet a humble ministry in response to the love of the Savior. And they deserve all of the gratitude and encouragement that we can give.

What a small price for what they give us.

---Gary Williams

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8:00 o'clock

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See You In Bible School

| Records | Sunday March 22 | Sunday March 15 | Year Ago |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 430 | 453 | 327 |
| Worship/A.M. | 532 | 530 | 428 |
| Worship/P.M. | 397 | 403 | 291 |
| Wed. Eve. | 357 | 259 | 210 |
| Contributions | \$10,172.28 | \$11,577.82 | \$8,220.99 |
| Weekly Budget | -- \$10,265.00 | | |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 29 and Wednesday evening, April 1 - **IRA WILSON**, 561-0750.



Singing

B. B. Stevens, well known song leader, will conduct a singing at the West Erwin church on Friday evening of next week (April 3). We hope everyone will want to attend and enjoy this special time together. Song leaders and singing groups are especially invited. The time is 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock. Plan to be here!

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1987
 By Jay Lockhart
 A.M. Focusing The Second Death
 (Mark 9:43-48)
 P.M. The Home of The Soul
 (John 14:1-6)



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 Glen Wright Curt Jordan
 Greg Conrad Tim Clawson
 Jeff Hone Melvin Maples

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 Ray and Dell Lott
 Archie and Juanita Lowry
 Billy and Lynda Terrell
 Homer and Eveline McCarty



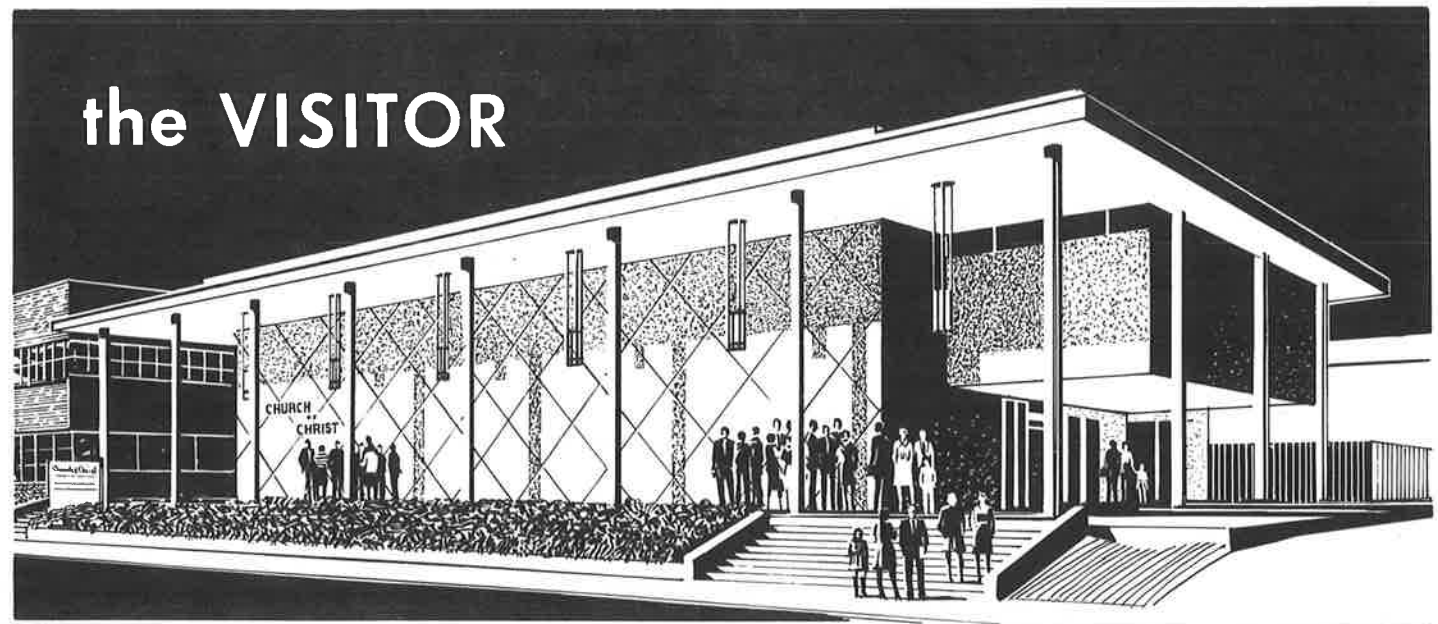
Welcome Azalea Trail Visitors!

The Sick

Sister Nell Wright continues to be a patient in Medical Center.
 Sister Foy Hodnett's brother, Cecil Richards, is very critically ill in a Dallas hospital.


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*"My cup runneth over"
--Psalms 23:5*

Cups Running Over

Even with many of our "regulars" out of town for Spring Break from school, we had great attendance Sunday. You can help us with seating if you will fill in the middle of the pews first when entering the auditorium. What a wonderful problem!

On Friday, April 3, B. B. Stevens will be in Tyler for a singing at the West Erwin building. Singing groups are especially invited to attend and participate. Spread the word.

I will be preaching at Frankston Sunday night (7:30) through Wednesday of next week, in Kennett, Missouri Thursday through Sunday, and in Topeka, Kansas on Monday, April 6. I hope to be back in Tyler on Tuesday, April 7.

Cups Running Over is our theme for Sunday, April 12. Be here then and be here this Sunday for a great day!

Many West Erwin folks feel that their cups of blessing are overflowing in these days. Love, unity, joy, and excitement are everywhere. Each time we meet for worship and fellowship brings added blessing--we are growing numerically and spiritually as people are being baptized, placing membership, and developing in their Christian lives. The time is right for us to plan a truly big day. Let's have a Cups Running Over day on April 12! Here's what we can do:

1. As a part of the West Erwin family, plan to be in town and present for Bible Study and Worship on Sunday, April 12.
2. If you have a friend who, in a non-threatening and friendly atmosphere, would benefit from a clear statement of what we, as the church, are saying, ask them to join you on April 12 for our Bible Study hour as we consider The Greatest Issue of Life.
3. Without a lot of fanfare let's just resolve to have a full house on that day. It's Cups Running Over on April 12.

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

It was good to have so many present at the Golden Age Banquet. Our young people did an excellent job in serving the food, decorating, and helping prepare the salads and cakes. Many thanks go to Melinda O'Quinn for being in charge of the food and to Kathy Lovejoy for helping to assist her that night. Also, Carolyn Welborn did a wonderful job in getting the Fellowship Hall decorated for the occasion. Thanks to Morris Hallman, who helped to keep the young people serving the food as quickly as possible. Last, but not least, thanks from everyone to John Bragg and the singers for providing the entertainment. It was great. Our youth wanted to thank you for the examples that you have been to us and will continue to be. We appreciate each one of you so very much. It was our privilege to honor you!

Things To Remember

- (1) MS & HS - Sunday, March 22
Combined Activity
- (2) MS - March 27-28, Retreat (Come and bring a friend).
- (3) HS - April 11, ACU High School Day.
- (4) May 23 - Junior/Senior Banquet
- (5) May 24 - Baccalaureate
- (6) June 20, National Youth Rally
Nashville, Tenn.

AUGSBURG

NEWS ♦ 1000 years Augsburg

While you may enjoy spring weather already, our country-side is still covered with a thick layer of snow and the temperatures are down to 0 Fahrenheit. Last night, before our regular Bible class, I had to go out and clean our side walk from masses of snow. This has been the situation here since the middle of December. So, everyone here feels that it is about time that the winter comes to an end!

February was filled with all kinds of activities, but especially with intensive preparations for our coming Gospel meeting (March 11-15), and thus, the month passed by rapidly.

On the first week-end in February, our young people had a seminar, which was designed to lift them up in spirit and to encourage them to go out and speak with other people about their faith in Christ. 16 of our young people attended this two day seminar and enjoyed it very much.

On Sunday night, February 8, we had our monthly service for outsiders. Rudi Walzebuck from Stuttgart, Germany was our guest speaker. Rudi has been the local minister for the church in Stuttgart for nearly 35 years. He not only is a very tall and voluminous man with a deep voice, but he also is a very good speaker and a fine brother. His lesson was received with great interest by everyone present. We had several visitors among us.

As in January so it was in February: we had a lot of sickness among our members. Not only did the elderly people get ill because of the severe cold weather, but also some of our young people had to be taken to the hospital; like Heike Langer, who was operated on her knee. ...

Our young people's class, which meets every Friday night, is a source of joy and encouragement to me. We meet at 8 p.m. for a short devotional, and then we separate into two different age groups: the teenagers and the twens. I stay with the teenagers (about 15) while Manfred Kremp, one of our brethren from church takes the other group (about 10) for intensive Bible training.

In February we had our regular business meeting in which we discussed many important issues concerning the work of our Lord here in Augsburg. Nearly all of our brethren attended, showing their interest and love toward the church.

Our ladies also meet regularly for their Ladies Bible Class. They not only take turns in teaching, but they also meet at a different home each time. Their zeal and their love for the word of life is to be commended.

Last Monday I went to Heidelberg again to teach at the German Bible School (as I do every Monday). This time I took Christel and Martina with me (which was an exception), because Andreas, our oldest son who lives in Heidelberg had a birthday (25th) and we wanted to celebrate some with him and his wife Heike after my teaching hours. ...

It makes my family and me happy to be able to work with such a fine church as the one in Augsburg, but we are also happy and grateful to work under such a devoted and great Eldership and wonderful Christians as you all are. May god continue to bless each one of you.

Yours in Him,
Rudolf Rischer and Family

Directory News

The first week to make photographs for our new church directory will be completed at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. This project will be completed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week (March 24, 25, and 26). Approximately 80% of the congregation made appointments. If you did not, please call the church office and make one for next week. The company will accept pictures of shutins and college students away from home. However, they will appear in black and white at the end of the section of pictures made by the company. If this arrangement will be of help to you, please bring a picture by the office or send it through the mail. We would like for everyone to have a picture in the new directory.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Sulphur Springs for Fred James, brother of sister Mary Richey. We express our sympathy to the family.

4th Sunday Singing

There will be a singing at the Whitehouse Church of Christ at 2:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, March 22. You are invited.

Gospel Meetings

The Corinth Road Church of Christ will have Jack Paul in a Gospel Meeting, April 5-8. The weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

John Gipson will be the speaker in a series of meetings at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas, March 22-25. Monday thru Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Happy Birthday

- MARCH (23) Ben Young, Elvin Wilson
- (24) Michael Hensley, Jay Vandiver
- (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser
- (26) Art Rowland
- (27) Pat Kinnett
- (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda Hendrix.

Here and There

By Wes Price



When we began our new study in the Parables of Jesus, we did not continue the practice of preparing a weekly handout, leaving that up to the teacher. In addition, we were delayed a week in beginning this new study of the special series with brother Harvey Porter. I have had several requests for us to resume the practice of preparing a weekly study guide and question sheet. As you are aware, we began that last week and will continue it throughout the series. There is some confusion about which lesson we are to be on because of the late start. To help establish the lesson question, I will have a study sheet ready to be handed out on Sunday for lesson #5, The Parable of the Rich Fool, which will be the lesson on Sunday, March 29. I'm glad so many have asked to have handouts since it indicates that you like to do some advanced study before coming to class. That's good. Keep it up.

Although all our new members will be receiving a letter about this date, I want to emphasize it here for impressions sake. On Sunday afternoon, March 29, there will be an orientation session for all new members. The meeting will be in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. This provides us an opportunity to acquaint all new members with the various programs of work and the organization of the various phases of that work. May we please encourage you to be with us. It will enhance your involvement in both service and information as you begin a new church relationship.

A tremendous round of applause is due David Lovejoy and our teens for the beautiful tribute to our older members. They hosted the annual banquet on Sunday night following services. The program was video taped and if you would like to see it, let me know.

What a joy it is to see the consistent 400 plus in Bible class each week. It provides wonderful incentive to our teachers who work so diligently in preparing for their class to have all their students present. We thank God for the increase and accept the additional responsibility it places upon us to continue to strive for excellence.

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| Worship/A.M. | 530 | 521 | 402 |
| Worship/P.M. | 403 | 392 | 197 |
| Wed. Eve. | 259 | 249 | 197 |
| Contributions | \$11,577.82 | \$8,454.25 | \$8,579.51 |
| Weekly Budget -- \$10,265.00 | | | |

Minibus Driver

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New Member

We are happy to welcome Carl Nunn, 434 So. Chilton, telephone, 592-2543, into the fellowship of the West Erwin church. Carl, a TJC student, was baptized Sunday evening by Jay Lockhart. He has been a frequent visitor in the worship services.

The Sick

Sister Doc (Nell) Wright is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. She underwent surgery Friday evening and is in ICU.

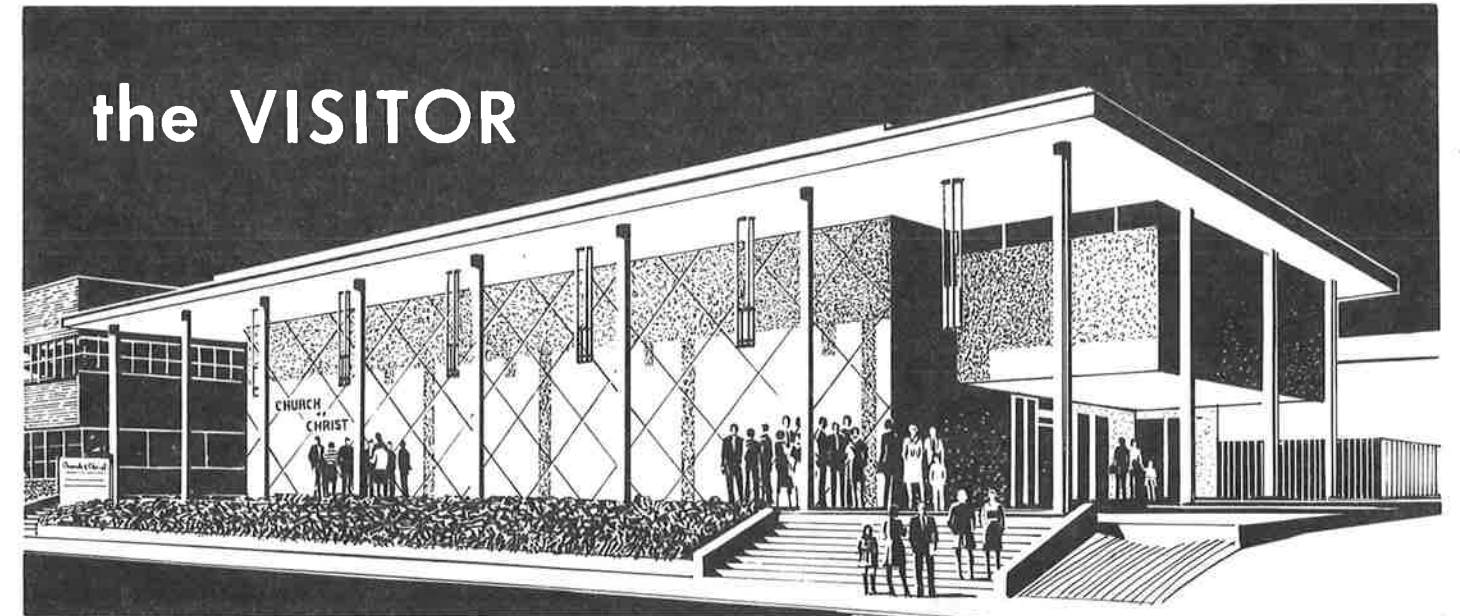
Brother James Massey had eye surgery this week. Sister Jimmie Brown is recovering from recent eye surgery.

Sermons For Sunday



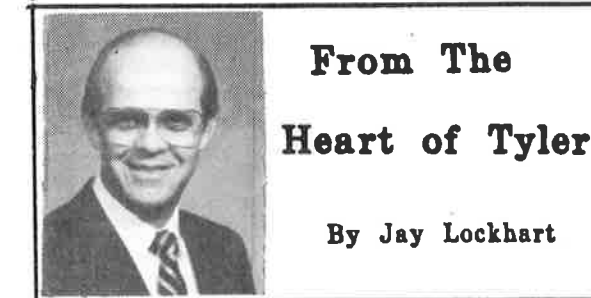
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 (Revelation 20:11-15)
 P.M. Facing The Ultimate Reality
 (Luke 16:19-31)

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"Cleave to that which is good"
 Romans 12:9

TYLER SAYS (K)NO(W)!

Wasn't it great to see our auditorium full last Sunday morning and then to have over 400 worshippers back on Sunday night to have the privilege of witnessing the new birth of Carl Nunn? Being together and sharing in tremendous experiences builds enthusiasm, joy, and deep fellowship which in turn builds greater enthusiasm, more abundant joy, and deeper fellowship. No wonder more and more people are coming to our meetings and staying longer after the services. It's contagious, isn't it! Keep coming. Keep bringing others. We'll provide the space!

Last week our elders, deacons, and preachers met for their monthly meeting and it must have been one of the very best we have had—totally positive and productive as we further planned our future in the Heart of Tyler. A special thanks to our elder's and preacher's wives for preparing and serving our meal preceding the meeting!!

I look forward to seeing you Sunday for a great day!

This week Tyler is on a campaign to say NO to alcohol and drugs, and their campaign is getting national attention. The emphasis is upon the danger of the misuse of drugs especially among our young people, and it's a good campaign. Wouldn't it be great if Tyler could also say NO to social and immoral issues like promiscuity, lying, cheating, stealing, man's inhumanity to man, white collar crime, as well as anger, hatred, slander, and even gossip, bitterness, and greed? Another worthwhile campaign would be for Tyler to say (K)NO(W). Is it beyond the realm of possibility for a community to KNOW the Bible as God's inspired revelation to man and that without the clutter of human tradition? Is it too much to hope for the day when a city would set out to KNOW the God who has revealed Himself to His creatures; to KNOW Jesus Christ as He was known by the first century disciples; to KNOW the church as it is revealed in the New Testament; to KNOW the plan of salvation announced in the book of Acts? Whole cities have been turned around by the truth, e.g., Nineveh in Jonah's day and Jerusalem in Acts. Could it happen here? It could...if enough people set out to KNOW; if Tyler began to say (K)NO(W)!

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David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

The Golden Age Banquet is about here for 1987. We have a lot of you already involved in its preparation. We need the middle school and high school to meet at 12:00 noon this Saturday, March 14 at the Fellowship Hall to help cook the food, decorate and finish discussing plans for the Banquet. We appreciate each one of you for helping to make this Banquet a successful one.

A training class for our MS & HS boys will start Wednesday, March 11. This class is designed to help each of you in the various aspects of the worship services. We will be looking at prayer, singing, communion, scripture reading, and in developing a lesson from God's Word. We have several of our men who will be helping with this class. Make a real effort to join us as this will help all of us in our service to our God.

Middle School, your retreat at Camp Tyler will be March 27-28. We want each of you who are in this age group, to come and bring a friend. We have a lot of new faces and we all need to be acquainted. Our theme will be Growing Up In These Times. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

What Is Chimala Mission Hospital?

It is a mighty arm of evangelism in East Africa. The socialist government of Tanzania demanded we do something for their people to legally have missionaries in the country. Twenty years ago, we started with a dispensary and have grown to 29 buildings, a 56-bed hospital, and see about 170 outpatients a day. We have planted 28 congregations in the area and have baptized 67 precious souls already this year. How do we do it? Every convert is stirred to reach another soul. Recently, staff people and church members went into the field of a member who was too ill to plant his annual staple-corn. They plowed and planted and neighbors saw Christianity applied and at work. This is Chimala.

Thank You

I want to say "Thank you" for your prayers and your love and concern for me. The beautiful cards and your calls meant so much to me. It is good to be a part of a loving and caring congregation like West Erwin.

Pattie Tate

Thanks so much to all of you who brought food. It really meant a lot to us. We appreciate your cards and calls. We love you all.

Kevin and LeAnn Braly

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 15, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Until He Comes

(Luke 19:11-27)

P.M. What Sort of People Ought We

To Be?

(2 Peter 3:10-18)



Young Singles Class

On April 4 we will begin a new Young Singles Class. At the present, we have only a few of those in our membership, but the time has come for us to make an effort to serve what I am convinced will be a growing part of our membership. Will you, if you know of someone in our community who belongs in this category, given them a special invitation to join us in this new effort. I will have the privilege of teaching the class and Billy Terrell will be my co-teacher.

WP

In Appreciation

We would love to send our heartfelt thanks, and love to you. It is so nice to be remembered at this time on behalf of our mother, wife, and sister, Thelma Loyd.

C. F. Loyd

Frank and Max Loyd

Charlene Nicholas Family

J. B. Endsley Family



Visitors

Each week we are happy to have many visitors. We hope you enjoy your visit with us and will plan to return at first opportunity.

Outpourri

The World Bible School Report for January came this week. All teachers of World Bible School may pick up a copy in the foyers.

The ladies who have prepared meals each weekend for several months for sister Ruby Teel are to be commended for their faithful service. Sister Teel is now a resident of the Southview Nursing Home.

The Texas Normal Singing School in Sabinal, Texas will be June 13-20, 1987. Anyone age 12 and up may attend. The cost is \$150.00. Send for a catalog. Write Box 456, Sabinal, Texas 78881.

Training Songleaders, Writers and Teachers.

Everyone who made an appointment to have their picture made for the new church directory should have received a reminder card this week. 80% of the congregation signed up for an appointment.

Hillard and Jeanine Hughes went to Kansas City, Mo. this week to see their son, Shannon, play in the NAIA National Basketball Tournament. Shannon, who has won All Conference and All District, is Co-Captain of the Harding University Team. The team won the AIC Conference which sent them to the National Tournament in Kansas City, March 11-14.

Here and There

By Wes Price



I hope you are as pleased as I am about the increase in numbers the Lord has sent our way. It is refreshing to have the kind of problems that growth in numbers brings us. Jay's comments Sunday prior to installing our new deacons speaks to this issue. Before you complain about the inconvenience growing pains brings us, stop and remember what it would be like if we were not growing. There is both a challenge to those who are new and to those who have been members here a long time. To the new, there is the need to become acquainted and involved as rapidly as possible and to the long-time members, adjustment to change. Our prayer daily is that God will grant us the patience, wisdom and kindness to work harmoniously as we settle in to an expanded work for Him.

I believe you will agree with me that the installation of the new deacons is a day to remember. I am confident that these new men will add tremendously to the work force of this church. Not only that, they will bring new ideas and help shape new efforts as they bring their prior experiences in church work to our thinking process. We thank God for raising up such men and commend them to the work to which He calls them. Let's pray for them as they assume these new roles.

Thank you for the energetic singing in worship Sunday morning. It was the best it has been in a long time. That part of our worship deserves as much involvement and energy as does any other part. In a way, it is a dynamic that can have far reaching effects on those who visit our services and don't know why we do not use instruments. We may never have the opportunity to explain that to them, but when the singing is beautiful as only the unaccompanied human voice can make it, it can have a dramatic impact in the visitor's mind. Keep up the good work.



See You In Bible School

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



| Records | Sunday March 8 | Sunday March 1 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 435 | 433 | 324 |
| Worship/A.M. | 521 | 550 | 383 |
| Worship/P.M. | 392 | 494 | 260 |
| Wed. Eve. | 249 | 234 | -- |
| Contributions | \$8,454.25 | \$10,417.08 | \$9,676.72 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 15, and Wednesday Evening, March 18 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, flowers, and delicious food that you brought to us during my recent hospital visits and recuperation. Your expressions of love and concern have meant so much.

With love and appreciation,

Carolyn and Dale Blackstone & Children

Thank you for the many kind things done during the period of my illness. Your cards, visits, calls, and concern have been an uplifting experience to me. I shall always be grateful for your help.

May God bless you in your efforts to serve Him.

In Christian love,
Mary Drummond

New Members

Membership

Scott G. Baker, 4900 So. Broadway, Apt. #124, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Restored

Mrs. David (Barbara) Graves

Baptized

Neil Vannoy, 3323 Teakwood, Tyler 75701

Mrs. Larry (Lila) Carroll, 1209 So. Fannin, Tyler, Texas 75701.

| MINISTERS | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Jay Lockhart - Pulpit | |
| Wes Price - Associate | David Lovejoy - Youth |
| Herold Taylor - Mission | |
| ELDERS | |
| F. C. Carpenter | Ray Lott |
| Faber Cauthen | Joe McBee |
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Prayer Stan Mallory
Scripture Dale Blackstone
Dismiss Trey Hughes

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Prayer Fred Powell
Scripture Tony Adams
Dismiss Foy Richey

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Paul Stanley Freeman Morgan
Walter Farrer Dwight Leek
Todd Hancock Todd Stewart

SERVING IN THE BACK FOYER

James Prichard Robert Stokes
Mark Morris Jim McDonald
Doug McGrew Farrel Whitley

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

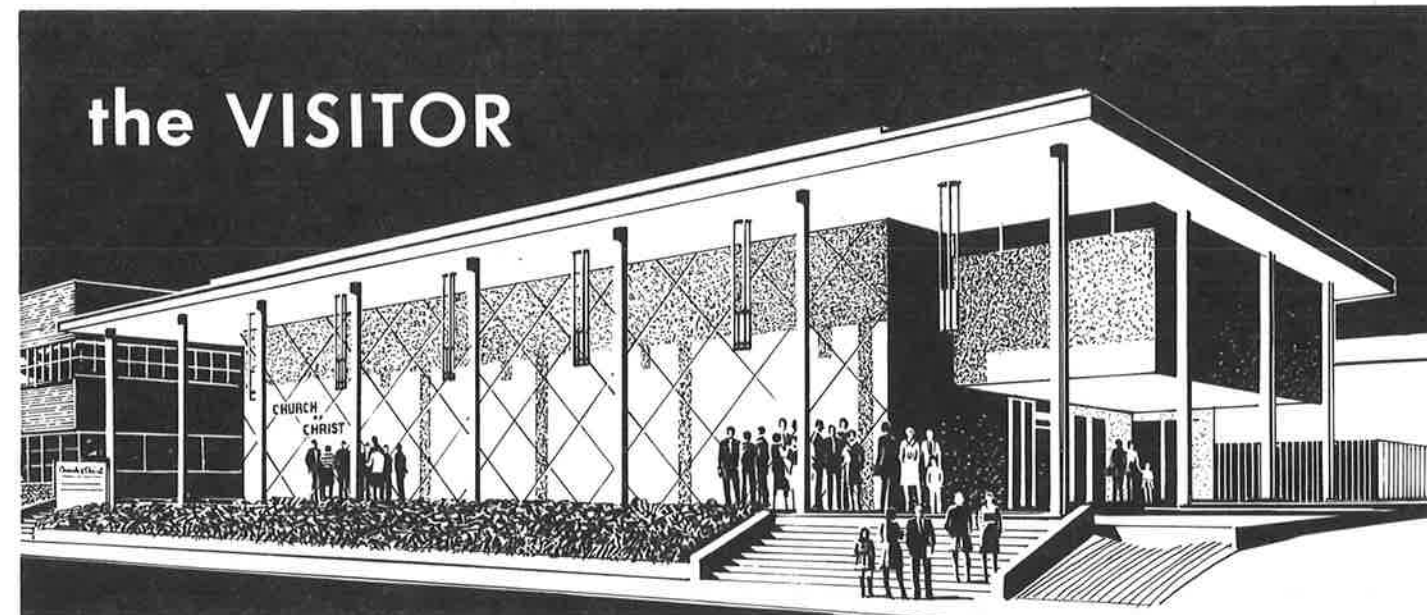
Fred and Sara Powell
Don and Janie Farrer
Bob and Marie Threadgill
Ken and Cathy Culpepper



Happy Birthday

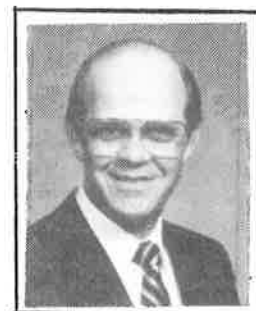
MARCH (15) J. C. Wilkinson, Melvin Maples, Kevin Maples (17) Carla Lemons (19) Cleo Sublette (20) Janie Hicks, Martha Jo Rowland, Henry Starnes, Tara Sexton (21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory.

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"And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly" --Romans 12:6

I Can't Do Much

The little four page paper ACTION is dedicated to encouraging Christians everywhere to become active in using whatever talents they have to get the gospel to the whole world. Much of the emphasis of ACTION is on World Bible School, a Bible correspondence course used to teach people throughout the world, people who might not otherwise know the gospel. In a recent issue of ACTION two teaching articles emphasize the importance of WBS. One story told of a brother Buck Sanders, who though suffering from terminal cancer over a four year period, at the time of his death last November 16, had 2,581 Bible correspondence students in Nigeria, Ghana, West Indies, India, Philippines, Cameroun, West Africa, and Zambia. On the day of Buck's funeral 77 lessons were being mailed to WBS students with whom he had been study-

ing. Among those letters 21 were in answer to requests for baptism. The other story was about Prince Nweke Sylvanus, himself a WBS convert, who over about a year, established two congregations, baptized 102 people in his home state of Anambra, Nigeria and seven others in Cross River State, enrolled seven secondary schools in WBS and 600 other people in his home state and 300 more in various places, and converted two of his relatives. WBS may be reaching more people than all other methods of evangelism being used today. You say you can't do much? You can get the names of students from Bill Paschall, our WBS Supervisor. You can write letters, send and grade WBS lessons, and teach your students the gospel! If you are not currently involved, call Bill today. He will tell you how to get started. Be involved!

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

We would like to commend several of our young people for participating in the Northeast Texas Bible Bowl in Paris, Texas. They were Scott Carruth, Steven Mabry, Misty Lemons, Amy O'Quinn, Michelle Steffee, and Kyle Whitley. The testing was on the book of Joshua. There were several congregations from Texas and Oklahoma that participated. We are glad that this group represented West Erwin on that day.

Remember March 15 (Sunday night) will be the date that our older members will be honored at the Golden Age Banquet. Parents and youth (MS & HS) will meet at our Fellowship Hall Saturday, March 14 to prepare for the banquet. Come and be a part of this activity.

It is always a privilege for me to speak at East Texas Christian Academy for their Chapel Service. They sure started my Monday morning off right with their songs and attention to the lesson. We should be proud that Tyler has this excellent means of educating our youth through the 7th grade.

March 8 will be the middle school devotional. Helping with the activity will be the Wally Dawkins and the Darryl Hendrixs. Plan to be there and bring a friend.

Thank You

Thank you for our Thursday meal which was provided. It was delicious. The kids at Tri-C always look forward to the meals every week. Again, we thank you.

Scott G. Baker
Tri-C Correspondent

The Bible School (continued)

into the hearts of the students. The facilities must be conducive to learning. The teachers are to be prepared, devoted to teaching, and committed to Christ. The people must participate by attendance, preparation, and support in general. If you are not a regular in Bible school attendance, now, as we begin a new quarter of study, is an excellent time to begin. Can we expect you this Sunday? There's a place for you.

Additional Deacons To Be Appointed

This Sunday, March 8, seven additional deacons will be appointed during our morning worship hour to serve with the fifteen present deacons. These men, though some have been here a short time, have proven themselves in service and dedication here and at other places, and we are certain they will add a great deal of strength to our current leadership. Those to be appointed as deacons are:

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------|
| John Bragg | James Sublette | Gary Ables |
| Wayne Harrison | Farrel Whitley | Stan Clark |
| Jay Vandiver | | |

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Jack Emmons, a former member of the West Erwin church. We express our sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, and their family. The Emmons have been living in Dallas for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Shreveport, La. for Thelma Loyd, sister of brother Bill Endsley. We extend our sympathy to brother and sister Endsley and their family.

Benevolent Needs

Special needs for our benevolent work are: men's shoes, men's shirts (small), Children's clothing (sizes 2 thru 18), Groceries for the pantry (for those in need), and clean sheets (any color - for bandages). All clothing should be clean and in good repair.

One day next week the Boles Home Truck will be in our area to pick up what we have collected for them. They need: Laundry Detergent, Trash Bags (large sizes), Juices, Roll On Deodorant, and Toilet Tissue.

Golden Age Banquet

*The Young People
of the
West Erwin Church of Christ
Invite you to be present
On Sunday Evening,
March 15, 1987
For the
GOLDEN AGE BANQUET
(age 65 and over)
Fellowship Hall
Following the evening worship
COME! YOU'LL LIKE IT.*

New Members

BAPTIZED

Sherie McGee
Sherie was baptized Friday, Feb. 27 by Jay Lockhart. She has two young children. Her address is 3100 E. Highway 31, Apt. 218, telephone 595-3981.

Steven Mabry
Steven is the grandson of Charles and Bettye Sue Harris and was also baptized by Jay Lockhart on Friday afternoon. Steven attends school in Van in the 7th grade. His address is Rt. 2, Box 75, Ben Wheeler, Texas 75754.

MEMBERSHIP

Tindall, Roberta
Rt. 14, Box 90 (3023 Old Henderson Hwy.) Tyler, Texas 75707, telephone 593-9365.

Ingram, Don
Mrs. Don (Nerene)
Melissa - 11th Grade
Luke - 8th Grade
Rt. 21, Box 537, Tyler, Texas 757-09, telephone 597-3294

Konczak, Tommy
Mrs. Tommy (Jerri)
Jeff - 7th grade
6000 Wilderness, Tyler, Texas 757-03, telephone 561-1334.

Seaberry, Charles
Mrs. Charles (Louise)
P. O. Box 413, Chandler, Texas 75758, telephone 849-6294.

Here and There

By Wes Price



I find it impossible to begin this week's article without making mention of the tremendous day we had on Sunday. It had all of the elements to make it the kind of day one dreams about. Great attendance at all services, a large number of visitors and four new families placing membership with us can hardly be anything short of spectacular. We praise God for such and give Him all the credit. How can we now be short-sighted and fail to see what great things God is planning on doing with us.

All teachers, those presently in the classroom and those on leave of absence, need to put a mark on your calendar for Saturday, April 4. On that day we will begin with coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m., and at 9:30 we will move to the main building to introduce the new and improved teachers workroom. There are so many new features of the workroom that we feel it imperative to have all our teaching staff present to learn about it. In addition, we will also instruct you in the use of all the equipment, new and old. The remainder of time until noon will be spent with departmental meetings to see how we can improve our classrooms.

That day will be special also to all our pre-school and primary and junior age children. David Lovejoy will be hosting a party for all the children. We will have more to say about this later, but we want all our children to be planning on coming. Weather permitting, we will close both the party for the children and the work session for teachers with a picnic at Bergfeld park.

As most of our teachers know, our elders encourage as many as can to attend the annual Bible Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian University in July. The dates for this year are July 19-22. By making note of these dates now, it will be easier for you to be available to go with us. The church provides expenses for housing and registration and provides bus transportation. Last year, we took a large group and we want to increase that number. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and improve your teaching gift.

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| Worship/P.M. | 494 | 413 | 269 |
| Wed. Eve. | 234 | 238 | - |
| Contributions | \$10,417.08 | \$9,644.82 | \$9,617.25 |

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 8, and Wednesday Evening, March 11 - CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

The Sick

Brother Archie Lowry has been hospitalized with back problems but is now at home.

Sister Audie Grier is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital, room 448.

Sister Beulah Bedford had surgery last week in Mother Frances but has been dismissed.

Sister Pauline Daughtry entered Medical Center on Thursday of last week for tests. She is in room 259.

Sister Lynn Harrison is now at home recovering from surgery.

Thank You

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for the love and concern shown us during my surgery and the death of my father. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, visits, and most of all, for your prayers. We are grateful for every great deed of kindness and to be a part of this wonderful Christian family.

Love,
Bob & Virginia Conner

Change For Children

Have your returned the money can to aid Christian Services? If you have not returned yours, please do so Sunday. They will be delivered to Christian Services.

| MINISTERS | |
|--|---------------------|
| Jay Lockhart-Pulpit | |
| Wes Price-Associate | David Lovejoy-Youth |
| Harold Taylor-Mission | |
| ELDERS | |
| F. C. Carpenter | Ray Lott |
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Scripture Todd Hancock
Dismiss John Brem

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

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Prayer Ferman Carpenter
Scripture Lowell Wiggains
Dismiss David Frick

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leon Welborn Ira Wilson
Kevin Braly Bill Paschall
Ken Culpepper Mike Culpepper

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Gary Broome Mark Gregory
Tommy Brown Kevin Womack
Don Weathers David Hiney

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jamon and Clay Kirby
Carroll and Cherrie Magee
Charles and Ann McCoy
Mark and Martha Waggonner

Happy Birthday

MARCH (8) Casey Haws, Barbara Graves (9) Merle Lane, Ila McLemee (10) Katie Heath, John Powell (11) Tiffany Dover (12) Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains (14) Chris Hallman, Rodney Knight, Melba Moore

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

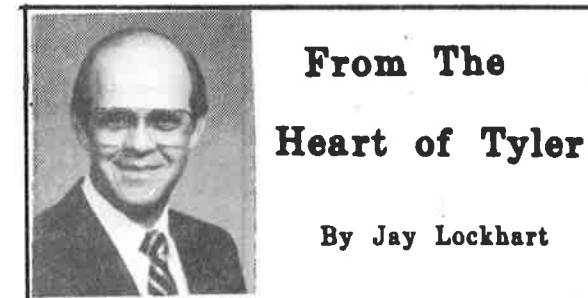
10:20 A.M. Appointment of Deacons
(1 Timothy 3:8-13)
6:00 P.M. Focusing The Second Coming of Christ
(2 Peter 3:3-10)

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

What a wonderful weekend at West Erwin. Friday afternoon a young mother of two, Sherie McGee, was baptized into Christ after a Bible study and later the same day, Steven Aubry, grandson of the Charles Harris', was immersed on his 13th birthday.

On Saturday morning we had an excellent Men's Meeting as we planned for the New Century. We had good attendance, participation, and discussion as to what we want to accomplish, with God's help, now and in the future. You will be hearing more about this.

Then came Sunday! Our special series of lectures on the Bible and Archaeology with Harvey Porter got underway with great crowds: 433 in Bible Study, 550 in Worship and 494 back Sunday night (I do not remember ever having that many in attendance on Sunday evening). Add to all of this four families, representing ten people, coming for membership, and what a tremendous day it was! Let's keep it going!

"Teach... baptize... teach"
--Matthew 28:19-20

The Bible School

All of us believe the Bible to be the inspired word of the living God. We believe the commission Jesus gave to teach all nations, baptize those taught, and to teach the converts. We believe that the Bible is essential to the salvation of the lost and the edification of the saved. We believe the Bible is bread to the souls of men and without a regular diet of its eternal truths the spiritual self will die. We believe, then, that it is right for the church of our Lord to emphasize again and again the importance of Bible study.

Of course, one important method of teaching the Bible is the Bible school. The Bible school allows people to study the Bible in an organized way and on their own level. The Bible school provides a relatively small group situation for study with class participation. The Bible school provides an environment for Christian fellowship on an individual basis. No wonder that strong growing churches everywhere have strong, growing Bible schools. However, the Bible school must follow a tried and tested success formula if it is to be the tool for church growth that it should. The curriculum must always be the Word of God. Workbooks, teaching aids, etc. are great, but only as they bring the Word of God

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Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

One of the many ways that enables our youth to learn more about the Bible is through the Bible Bowl Program. It involves the study of a book of the Bible over a period of months and then on a given day they all meet to see how well they know the book. Sometimes it is by teams, or it could be for individuals being tested orally or by a written test. The results are fun, fellowship, and an in depth study of a book of the Bible. I will be taking some of our middle school to the North-east Bible Bowl at Paris, Texas on February 28. Lets encourage those that are going and express to them how much we appreciate their efforts.

Congratulations to Scott Carruth for being selected for membership of the Whitehouse chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Congratulations to Tracy O'Quinn and Jennifer Giddings for their accomplishments at Solo and Ensemble last Saturday in Nacogdoches. Tracy placed 1st Division with Flute and will go to state contest. Jennifer placed first division with the stage band playing the saxophone. She also won 2nd division in two other ensembles. She will also go to state competition.

Upcoming events:

March 1 - High School (Charles & Bettye Harris; Bill and Reba Hensley)

March 14 - Golden Age Banquet

March 27 - 28 Middle School Retreat at Camp Tyler

These activities are to promote fellowship with one another, learn more about God and how to apply this knowledge daily in a practical way and help encourage our friends to join us.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

An Important Message

From



Corinth Road Church of Christ

FM 768 Route 1 - Box 12
Jacksonville, Texas 75766
Telephone 214/586-5262

Dear Christian Friend,

We, the elders of the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas bring to your attention a situation we trust you will give careful consideration... and hope and pray you will be in a position to make a positive response.

Piper Northen is a five-year-old girl with a disease called Alagille Syndrome, which affects the liver, causing it to enlarge, and brings slow deterioration to other vital organs. The bright eyed youngster is certain to die from the condition unless her family comes up immediately with the necessary funds for a life-saving surgery.

What Piper needs is a liver transplant which will be performed in Dallas, so states her doctor, Dr. Ronald Sokol in Denver, Colorado. Without the operation, the children afflicted with this disease will die, and the death is a painful death. If Piper does not receive this operation, she will die in six months to a year.

This operation is expensive to have. Without insurance the hospital requires a \$90,000.00 deposit before Piper will be placed on the waiting list. Medical bills will be over \$250,000. The family insurance company does not cover liver transplants and time is of the essence.

Piper's father and mother, Roger Jr. and Leslie are faithful members in the Meadowlark Church in Ft. Collins, Colorado, where he serves as a deacon. Roger Jr. grew up in Jacksonville, Texas attending the Corinth Road Church of Christ, where his father Roger Sr. serves as an elder.

The Corinth elders have been requested to assist in raising the necessary funds so Piper can have the life saving operation. We have agreed to do so and have established a separate account at the First National Bank here in Jacksonville, Texas where we will deposit funds which we receive for Piper. We will be responsible for receiving and disbursing funds.

Therefore, we are asking you to have a special contribution March 8th in response to this dire need. Time is beginning to be an important factor in the life of Piper...so we hope you are in a position to send a contribution soon.

Please make checks payable to: Piper Northen Life Fund! c/o Corinth Road Church of Christ, Route 1, Box 12, Jacksonville, Texas 75766.

Elders, Corinth Road Church of Christ
Ed Brady Edwin Davis
Roger Northen Fred Wingate

Happy Birthday

MARCH (2) Cindy Lemons (3) Patsy Fisher, Tyler Morris, George Stephenson (4) Melanie Goodson (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell (6) Ray Lott, Jeff Biggs, Marc Usrey, Brianne Vandiver (7) Sue Paul, Becky McRuiz.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your many prayers, the beautiful floral arrangements, visits, food, cards and phone calls since my eye surgery. Your thoughtfulness is priceless, and I love each of you. Thanks again!
Dorris Humble

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and prayers on my behalf during my recent stay in the hospital in Tyler and in Dallas. Your Christian love is appreciated. I ask for your continued prayers.

Charles D. Lemons

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to brother Loyd Rutledge in the death of his twin brother, Floyd Rutledge. The funeral service was held in Amarillo.

Potpourri

If you have not signed up for an appointment to have your picture made for the new church directory to be made soon, please do so Sunday in the South Foyer, or call the church office.

All men of the congregation are encouraged to be present on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for a planning session in the fellowship hall.

We are grateful to sister Marie Threadgill for her work in planning the meal last Thursday evening at the Campus Christian Center.

You are invited to be present at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Corsicana, Friday, March 6, at 7:00 P.M. for an evening of fellowship, singing and praise and enjoy another old time gospel "Song Fest." Many well known singing groups will be present. Also, a number of song leaders will direct congregational singing.

The following ladies worked together each Tuesday in February to prepare a meal as a special treat for our shutins and elderly: Ann McCoy, Alma Biggs, Chloe Clark, Nettie Potts, Odell Sessions and Roberta Tindall.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Class/Teacher Rotation
Beginning Sunday: March 1
and Wednesday, March 11

CLASS/TEACHER ROTATION

Sunday, March 1 & Wednesday, March 11, 1987

| Class | Teacher | Teacher |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| 2 Years | Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles | Judy Phelps |
| 3 Years | Ginger Metcalf Kay Plumb Carolyn Vandiver | Sue Skipper Michelle Colston |
| 4 Years | Diann Leek | Frances Phillips (4's and 5's) |
| 5 Years | Clay Kirby | |
| 1st Grade | Carolyn Carruth | Laurie Dawkins (1st,2nd,3rd) |
| 2nd Grade | Ernestine Mallory | Kim Lemons |
| 3rd Grade | Fran Starnes | Billye Usrey |
| 4th & 5th Grades | Arlene Lockhart Terry Lockhart | Mark and Angel Gregory (4th and 5th) |
| Middle School 6th,7th,8th | Jamon Kirby | Boys Training (6th-12th) David Lovejoy |
| 9th, 10th | Lane Akin Farrel Whitley | James Sublette |
| 11th, 12th | David Lovejoy | (Girls, 6th,7th,8th) Wayne Harrison (Girls 9th - 12th) Susan Steffee/Melinda O'Quinn Carolyn Womack |
| Supervisors: | | |
| Preschool | Connie Sublette | |
| Primary | Nancy Bragg | |
| Junior | Alma Faye Price | |
| High School | David Lovejoy | |

Sunday morning we will have a combined class in the auditorium of all adults and high school to hear brother Harvey Porter begin his series of lessons on The Bible and Archaeology.

This is the date for the quarterly change for all other classes.

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Minibus Driver

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The Sick

Sister Beulah Bedford had surgery on Tuesday morning. She is a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Lynn Harrison had surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Carolyn Blackstone has been in Medical Center Hospital and has had two surgical procedures. She went home Wednesday morning, however, she will return to the hospital again in two or three weeks. She is suffering from a kidney stone.

Brother Jim Paul underwent successful treatment at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas for a kidney stone.



Prime Time Workshop

The Pine Tree Church of Christ will present a Prime Time Workshop (Activating Mature Christians) on March 7, 1987 from 8:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Speakers will be: Eldred Echols, Joe McKissick, Wyatt Sawyer, and Byron Stewart.

The purpose of this workshop is to make Christians of retirement age aware of the many ways they can be of service to the church. 2800 Pine Tree Road - Longview, Texas - (214)759/9562.

| MINISTERS | |
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Jamon and Clay Kirby
Charles and Ann McCoy
Carroll and Cherrie Magee
Mark and Martha Waggoner

Brother's Keeper

Brother's Keeper Units that did not meet last Sunday evening will be meeting this week. Plan to attend your unit meeting.

Evening Preschool Class

Bible Hour and Preschool will meet as usual on Sunday evening. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, Connie Sublette will teach the Preschool Class and on Wednesday evening the preschool classes only will meet in their regular classes. Everyone else will be in the auditorium.

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The Bible and Archaeology Lesson Series



Harvey Porter

Harvey Porter,
Guest Speaker

March 1-4, 1987

Brother Harvey Porter has been interested in Biblical Archaeology since his first trip to the Bible Lands in 1965. He has made study trips to most of the Biblical archaeological sites and has led tours to the Bible Lands for the past 13 years.

Plan to be present for this powerful series of lessons.

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| SUNDAY | 9:30 A.M. | Bible Study |
| SUNDAY | 10:30 A.M. | The Need To Defend The Faith |
| SUNDAY | 6:00 P.M. | Sumer, the Land of Abraham |
| MONDAY | 7:30 P.M. | Egypt and the Exodus |
| TUESDAY | 7:30 P.M. | The Divided Kingdom and the Assyrians |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:30 P.M. | The Babylonian Captivity and Persia |

Remember also your
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of your youth.

Ecc1.12:1a



David Lovejoy

You are to be commended for your continued effort to be at the front of the building during worship services. Encourage one another to continue to do so, and also invite our visitors to sit with you. We are proud of each one of you and glad to see you in your place at the front.

Valentine's Day will be remembered here for a long time as so many participated in a Valentine Banquet for our youth. Parents helped with decorations, preparation of food, taking of pictures and entertainment. I am always overwhelmed with the talent and participation that we have here at West Erwin. Thanks to each of you for your contributions to make this a good time for our youth. We had a good attendance and plan more activities for you to enjoy one another as we strive to serve God.

Sunday (February 22) we will be having the stage band from Harding University here at our Fellowship Hall. Remember that many have been invited from the area and we need to show a West Erwin welcome to them. Be there and help us in this effort.

Mark your calendars for the 14th of March for the Golden Age Banquet. If you would like to help in this activity, contact me. This is to honor our Golden Age members here at West Erwin.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (22) Gary Broome, Mike Savage (23) Sherri Reed (24) Doug Giddings (26) Jay Lockhart, Jr., Agnes Ables, Kenley Dover (28) Sue Starnes, Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall, Matt Goodson, David Haney, Ed Hunt.

News of Harold Taylor (Our Stateside Missionary)

Dear Brethren:

It was my joyous privilege during the Freed-Hardeman Lectureship to introduce Harold Taylor in his daily session. No doubt this was one of the most valuable classes on the program this year.

Ordinarily because of heavy interview schedules through our office I do not get to go to any day time lectures, but I made it a point to stay in brother Taylor's class each day. I have been preaching 38 years (28 full time) and the material and approach he uses is what the Lord's church needs everywhere.

The number increased each day with at least 220 present on Thursday with nine different sessions going on at the same hour. There must have been 400 or more different people who attended some of his presentations. The nature of the material on "Church Growth" was such that every person who came could take something useful and encouraging away to really use in his/her respective congregation. He covered everything from evangelism to fellowship in a challenging, uplifting way that should make people see the great opportunity before us and want to get busy. Everyone could see there is definitely a role each of us can and should fill.

The class was primarily composed of preachers, elders, deacons, teachers and other church leaders. All of these were so pleased to get such useful information that could be applied "back home." I received much positive feed back from those who attended. Many of these are already planning to invite Harold to do a seminar where they live.

The results of this practical, edifying, challenging informatin will definitely help the church immediately. Also as others plan workshops at various congregations other growth and development will surely occur.

I am grateful that there are those like Harold Taylor who have invested their time, talent and effort in such a great work. Also I appreciate the church there for your support which helps make his work possible.

Jack Hilliard - Director of Placement
Freed-Hardeman College

Welcome!



Each Sunday we are blessed with many visitors in the worship service. We hope you will return again and worship with us at every opportunity.

Shiloh Road Church Homecoming

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ is celebrating its Ten Year Anniversary with a Homecoming on Sunday, March 1, 1987. All former members are invited to attend.

Activities include: Fellowship on Saturday evening, February 28, 7:00 o'clock; Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 A.M.; Bible Classes, 10:15 A.M. (taught by ex-ministers and interns); Fellowship Lunch at noon (Hubbard Middle School Cafeteria and Gym - all food provided); Worship, 2:30 P.M.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, called, and visited me following my surgery. A special thanks goes to our Brother's Keeper Unit and others who have brought food. It is wonderful to be part of such a fine Christian family. Please pray that my back continues to heal as it should.

In Christian love,
Patsy Fisher

Thank you so much for the lovely cards, calls, and visits while I was in the hospital. Especially, we are grateful for the prayers, the concern and caring. We will never forget your thoughtfulness.

Bill Butler

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Robert and Virginia Conner in the death of Virginia's father, Frank Canter in Mayfield, Kentucky. Virginia recently had surgery, but they were able to drive to Kentucky for the funeral and will remain there for about two weeks.

Potpourri

Ed Hunt has agreed to be in charge of our busses and vans-a real task. If any driver observes any mechanical problems or see anything else needed in regard to our vehicles, be sure to see Ed. Thanks, Ed for performing this important service.

Look for Ruth Jones, twin sister of Ruby Brem, on Channel 5, Saturday evening at 10:00 o'clock, with a senior citizens group, "Rainbow Connection."

Some of the Brother's Keeper Units will be meeting this Sunday evening, but because of the Harding Band Concert, some will not meet until next week, March 1.

Remember the Men's Meeting on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon.

The Boles Home Grocery Truck will be here the week of March 9-13. They need: Laundry Detergent, Trash Bags (large sizes), Juices, Roll on Deodorant, Toilet Tissue.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Last week I mentioned a little advice concerning the use of our buildings and facilities that I had picked up from the AnnLanders column. At the time, I could not locate the complete list, but now I have it. I think it might help all of us to let these suggestions guide us when we use church property.

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

Of course all of these suggestions are to be administered with a double measure of love and consideration, not from a sense of legal obligation. * * * * *

March 1 is the date for our regular quarter change in Bible classes. We announced the change in adult classes to begin that date, but had not considered the coming of Harvey Porter to begin his special series on The Bible and Archeology. His series will begin with a combined class of all adults and high school in the auditorium on that date. This means that the new study for adult classes will begin on Sunday, March 8, when the study will be the Parables of Jesus.

All other classes will begin a new quarter rotation of teachers on Sunday, March 1. New teachers, supervisors and helpers will be announced in next week's bulletin.

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Attendance has been great in our Bible classes during this month, with gains nearly every Sunday. This Sunday will climax our special effort as we encourage all families to bring ONE visitor to Bible class. No, we are not limiting you to one, but we do want the family to put special effort into inviting and bringing one with you. Let's make this the best Sunday of the year to date!

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| Records | Sunday Feb. 15 | Sunday Feb. 8 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 412 | 411 | 287 |
| Worship/A.M. | 555 | 510 | 364 |
| Worship/P.M. | 333 | 346 | 267 |
| Wed. Eve. | 253 | No Count | 149 |
| Contributions | \$10,696.10 | \$8,774.46 | \$7,330.51 |

Welcome New Members

We were happy to welcome Danny Desha, Rt. 17, Box 21, Tyler (04) - telephone, 595-0584. He came to be identified with the church at West Erwin.

Sunday evening we were pleased to welcome Robert and Ila McLemee as new members of the West Erwin church family. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 292C, Tyler (08), telephone - 877-3206.

Campus Christian Center News

Recently the students at the Tri-C have been traveling to smaller congregations to report about the ministry of the Campus Christian Center.

Kim Winniford, whose father preaches at the East Mountain congregation, arranged for us to conduct the church service Sunday morning, February 15. Cole Bennett brought the sermon, Mark English led the singing, Greg Davis read Scripture, Scott Baker and Curtis Campbell led prayers. The church prepared a pot-luck dinner for the young men after the worship service.

The Austin trip to the 15th Annual Campus Ministry Seminar, February 6-8 was very uplifting. The Tri-C took 15 participants to the Seminar. We stayed in the homes of the University Church in Austin and attended worship there that Sunday morning.

(Note: We appreciate the food brought to the Tri-C which you bring to us from time to time. This is a great ministry which helps us reach out to hungry students, both physically and spiritually.)

Charles Stelling

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 H. M. Minnis Guy Potts
 J. N. Metcalf John Steffee

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 Jimmie Philpot James Prichard
 Wade Park Todd Stewart
 Jack Stringer James Sublette

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Jonnie Steffee Dorris Humble
 Grant & Leanne Knight Dwight & Diann Lee
 Lynn and Wayne Harrison

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 22 and Wed. Eve., Feb. 25, LARRY HENRY, 597-0112.

The Sick

Pattie Tate had eye surgery on Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital (Day surgery). She will be with her daughter for about a week. Her daughter's address is Linda Yarbrough, P. O. Box 22, Lindale (75771).

Faye Harris, mother of Charles and Jimmie Harris, underwent knee surgery Tuesday, February 17, in Medical Center.

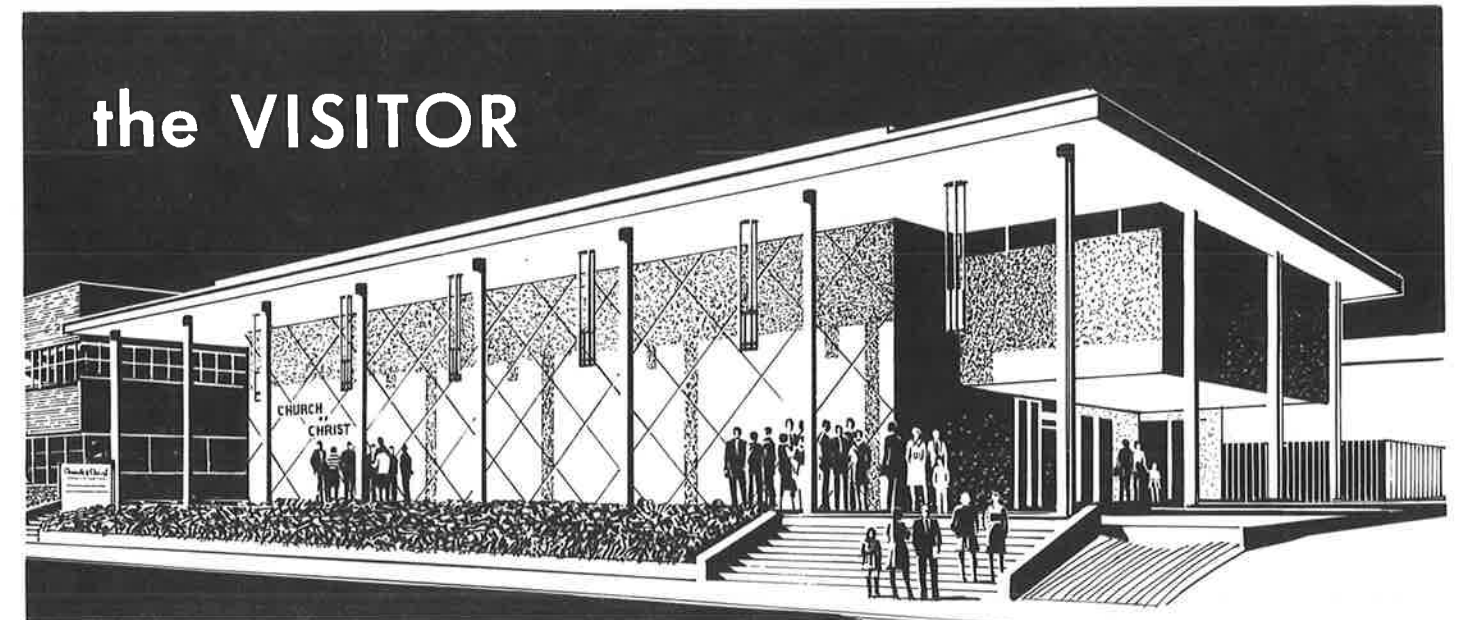
Beulah Bedford will have surgery on Tuesday of next week.

Thelma Bennett is now at home.

Singing

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be at the Bullard Church of Christ on Sunday, February 22, from 2:30 until 3:30. You are invited.

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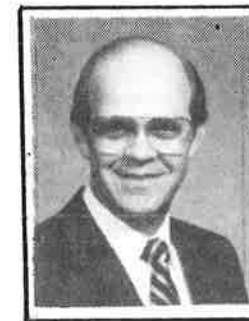
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Who's Responsible?

"Israel has sinned"
--Joshua 7:11

All of us know the story of Achan, the man who took some forbidden items following Israel's victory at Jericho which led to defeat at Ai. I find it interesting that while Achan sinned, God said, "Israel has sinned," and the whole nation suffered the consequences.

Sometimes we feel that what we do or what we are is totally personal and is the business of no one else. How naive! How selfish! How wrong! Was Achan's action totally personal and the business of no one else? God's name was disgraced, Achan's family was disgraced, and his brethren were defeated because of Achan's act.

Let's apply the principle to:

1. Husbands and Wives. Would your husband be a better preacher, elder, deacon, teacher, or man if you as his wife were truly his helper and put the Lord's will first in your life? Would your wife be a

faithful Christian if you as her husband were faithful?

2. Parents and Children. What difference would it make in your child's faithfulness to Christ in the years ahead if you as a parent truly began to put first things first right now?

3. Brother and Sister in Christ. Each of us is to be an encourager (Paul said, "Encourage one another" --I Thessalonians 5:11). Would you say your attendance record in worship, your generosity, your friendliness, your words, your disposition, your love, and your service encourage others to be faithful or not?

The point is this: we are responsible for our own actions, but we are responsible for the welfare of others as well. Do you suppose heaven will be robbed of any of its inhabitants because of us? Or will there be those who are eternally in the presence of God because our lives touched theirs?

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy

Another day has been given to us! What will we do with it? Will we look at it as something merely "routine" or a chance to serve God. The way we view our life will determine what we do with each and every day that God grants us. Are we praying each day that God will be with us as we strive to serve Him? Are we reading the Bible daily to learn what he expects and wants us to do? Are we enjoying the fellowship of our fellow Christians in order to encourage and exhort us to love one another and those who are lost? This cannot be done in a day or in a month, but it will take a life time of daily commitment in order to accomplish the will of God. A song that we sing best illustrates how our lives should be as we strive daily to serve God.

"None of self and All of Thee."

A reminder of upcoming events this month:

February 14 (Saturday) 6:00 p.m.
Valentine Banquet - Fellowship Hall,
for Middle School and High School
students.

February 22 (Sunday) 8:00 p.m.
Harding Stage Band - West Erwin
Fellowship Hall (Area Youth).

Sermons For Sunday

February 15, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Focusing Human Nature
(Genesis 1:26-31)

P.M. Champions
(I Peter 2:21-25)



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Dear Brethren:

We are looking forward to our Annual Manhattan Church of Christ/International Mission dinner at the ACU Lectureship on Monday, February 23, at 5:00 p.m. in the Highland Church Family Life Center, 425 Highland Avenue, Abilene. You can sample some of Sharon's international recipes and meet several of our International Mission students. Please plan to be there.

Our new semester is starting. We have over forty students who brave the snow and ice every day. One of our students is helping to teach Spanish on Sunday afternoons. Victoria Piny is opening her coffee shop, CAFE VICTORIA, this month on 14th Street. Another former student has finished his course work for a Master of Science Degree in Organic Chemistry. The Adventist preacher was in again to buy more of our books and Mr. Werth, an ESL Teacher, from the UN has sent two students to us.

Two of our students were baptized this month. We almost lost them as students because they could not pay for their classes. They continued to come to worship. When I found out why they quit English/Bible Class, I gave them a job helping me prepare the Newsletter for mailing so now we have the benefit of their presence in our classes.

Luke was promoted to "Yellow Belt" in karate. I am behind him (stuck in a blue belt class). Sharon is gaining weight and getting tired. Rachel is getting more and more concerned with clothes and boys. I can't believe that on December 28 we began our ninth year here. I always thought preachers changed every three years. For those thousands who have learned of Jesus and hundreds who have become Christians, I thank you sincerely for putting me here to serve God and you.

Alan L. Phillips

Benevolent Work

Please remember to bring only used clothing for benevolent use that is CLEAN and in GOOD REPAIR. Tuesday mornings in the Benevolent Center are very busy, since many people come for assistance. Our ladies who volunteer their time find it most helpful to be able to sort clothing that is clean and ready for distribution.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, visits, flowers, telephone calls, and especially for your prayers while I was in the hospital. I appreciate the ones that came to be with my family while I was in surgery. Also, a special thanks to the ones who prepared and brought food after I came home. It is great to be a member of this Christian family.

Louise Culpepper

Thank you for the remembrances of me at the death of Margaret Antonson, my sister. I appreciate the lovely flower, the cards and calls.

Annie McDonald

Change For Children

The cans that were recently distributed to aid Christian Services of East Texas need to be returned March 1. This is a reminder to fill yours with change (or quiet money) and return it to the church building by March 1.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (16) Lee Knight (17) Alan Fisher, Tyson Akin, Carrie Rutledge (18) Amy Knight, Todd Hancock (20) Alma Biggs, Brandon Chambless (21) Todd Grage.

Christian Services

Christian Services of East Texas is in desperate need of foster families! Six little children, ages 2 through 7 are waiting for immediate placement. Many others of all ages are turned away each month. Could you help? If you are active, faithful members of the Church of Christ and live in East Texas, would you please consider this great need? We aren't looking for perfect families, but stable, Christian families. Single parents are also given consideration. Call agency offices at 214/592-3850 and tell the staff you are interested in seeing that at least one child doesn't go unserved this year.

Here and There

By Wes Price



By everyone who cared to observe and comment, Sunday was a good day! The attendance was up at both worship and Bible study. The singing was good and the preaching excellent. And if those weren't enough, we had a fine couple place membership with us on Sunday night. Then, to add joy to joy, a great number stayed to enjoy the new member fellowship and meet our newest members.

At the five o'clock hour, I had the privilege of hosting a New Members Orientation session for about twenty-five of our latest additions. I appreciate them coming so we could acquaint them with the organization and function of our various programs of work. For those who were not able to attend, if you will let me know, I will be glad to find time to bring you up to date on these matters. I believe it will help you find a meaningful role among your brothers and sisters in this spiritual family.

We need announce one additional class room change. The High School class taught by Lane Akin on Sunday morning (Grades 9 & 10) will move to Room 303 and the College Class taught by John Bragg will move to Room 307. This will give the larger room to the larger class. Again, we are grateful for the growth that causes the change.

Congratulations to the Sunday morning Kindergarten Class taught by Julianne Butler. They were 100% in attendance.

We are proud of the young men introduced Sunday morning for their progress in Scouting. This week the nation honors Boy Scouts and we are glad to acknowledge Justin Metcalf, Calvin Plumb, Louis Giddings, and Brandon Vandiver as Cub Scouts.

The end of this month will see the conclusion of the present series of lessons on the Old Testament prophets in our Sunday morning Adult Classes. March 1 will be the beginning of a study on the Parables of Jesus. We believe adults have benefitted by the current study, a rare look at some of the vital parts of the Old Testament.

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| Bible School | 411 | 420 | 322 |
| Worship/A.M. | 510 | 537 | 391 |
| Worship/P.M. | 346 | 373 | 283 |
| Wed. Eve. | No Count | 206 | 140 |
| Contributions | \$8,774.46 | \$11,269.18 | \$7,647.29 |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 15 and Wednesday Evening, February 18, GLYNN STARNES, 561-0736.

Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome Curt and Kimberly Jordan, Rt. 1, Box 717BB Frankston, Texas 75763, Telephone (214) 876-3737. They have a baby girl, Jamie, 10 months.

The Sick

Sister Thelma Bennett entered Mother Frances (Room 446) on Tuesday.

Brother Bill Butler went home from the hospital on Tuesday morning.

Brother Earl O'Quinn had surgery in Medical Center Hospital on Tuesday afternoon for a torn Achilles' tendon. He hopes to go home on Thursday.

Sister Nell Wright is now at home. She is recovering from a fractured hip.

Brother Charles Lemons entered Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday for tests.

Meeting In Van

Curtis Ramey Jr. of Fort Worth will be with the Van Church of Christ in a Meeting, February 15 through 18. Weeknight services will be at 7:30 each evening. You are invited to attend.

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"What are you doing here?"
 --I Kings 19:9

A Medly of Matters

The next three weeks promise to be busy but wonderfully exciting. Our elders are announcing that additional deacons will be appointed soon to help us as we continue to experience exceptional growth at West Erwin. Several of these special servants will no doubt come from the abundance of faithful, dedicated, and proven men who have served well at other places. One of the encouraging things about our recent growth is the quality of the people who have come to us. We are convinced that God is preparing us for our greatest work.

In just about a week the band from Harding University will be with us for worship on Sunday evening, February 22. Following our service the band will present a program in our fellowship hall for area young people and others who care to attend. We will feed the band that evening and we will need to provide places for these Harding students to spend the night on Sunday and Monday evenings. More about that later.

On Saturday, February 28, we will have a Men of the Church meeting in our fellowship hall from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This will be a time of dreaming about the future as we lay plans for the last thirteen years of the century! One of the things we will be considering is how we will

provide additional seating for our worship services. It is a well-known fact that when a worship facility is about 80% full, a congregation must have plans to enlarge its building if it is to continue to grow. We are currently comfortably full and are within 15% of total (jammed full) capacity. We want the input of our men as to the most feasible way to provide additional space. Men, plan to be a part of this important meeting!

A new church directory is needed and you should have already received a letter informing you of our plans. Pictures will be made soon and this tool will help us immeasurably in member identification. With about 150 new people our current directory is out of date and the time is right for this project. Be sure to be included!

Finally, but with far-reaching implications, is our spring meeting, March 1-4, with Harvey Porter. Harvey is well known to this church in that he worked here in the 50's, and we are excited about his return to discuss The Bible and Archeology. We are glad to announce that Sue will be coming with Harvey. Mark your calendars!

These are great days! Be totally involved!

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy

There was a good turn out for the devotional on Sunday night. We had a good discussion about how we should answer someone's question. It should cause each of us to answer a question as we would like to have our own questions answered. Think about this as you go about your activities this week. Our thanks to the Hughes and Hallmans for providing the food for all of us that night.

Parents, teens and all interested parties, mark your calendar (Feb. 14) for a Valentine Banquet to be held at the Fellowship Building. Our parents will provide the entertainment for the evening. If you would like to be a part, let me know. Teens, come and bring a guest and enjoy the evening with all of us. More details will come later.

Also, March 14 will be the date for the Golden Age Banquet. We are looking forward to a good evening with this age group. The entertainment for this evening will be extra good. Plan to attend.

This Sunday night will be the all-Church Fellowship, so Middle School will not have a devotional. Remember to be here Sunday and bring a friend.



Be A Wednesday Nighter!

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



New Church Directory Planned

We are planning a new Church Directory. You will receive a letter soon encouraging you to participate in this project. Since our last directory we have over one hundred new members, three additional elders, a new youth minister, and our elders are thinking of additional deacons. We are in need of a new directory. PCA International will produce the new directory. In order to schedule the photography appointments, we will register in the foyers on three Sundays (Feb. 15, Feb. 22, and March 1). The photography sessions are scheduled for March 17 through 21 and March 24 through 26. Our goal is 100% participation.

Boles Home Grocery Truck

Each March and December the grocery truck from Boles Home comes to pick up what we have collected for them. The truck will be here the week of March 9-13. The following is a list of their needs: Laundry Detergent, Trash Bags (large size) Juices (They have plenty of Tomato), Roll-on Deodorant, Toilet Tissue.

All Church Fellowship

An All-Church Fellowship is planned For Sunday Evening Following the Worship.

Bring: Sandwiches, Chips, Dips, and Desserts



Sunday Evening Fellowship Hall Everyone Invited

This is a special time to introduce our new members

Sermons For Sunday

February 8, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Focusing Jesus: The Power To Change Jeremiah 18:1-6

P.M. Human and Divine Luke 24:36-48



Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of sister Annie McDonald. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Arlington, Va. for her sister, Margaret Antonson. Graveside services were held Thursday in Dallas. She passed away Sunday morning.

Thank You

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We appreciate your preparing the Thursday evening meal for the Tri-C. It was delicious. It is with the kindness and generosity of Christians like you that we can operate.

Scott Baker
Tri-C Correspondent

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (8) Alan Pickett, Ira Wilson (9) Arlene Lockhart, Jeremy Wiggains (10) Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley, Bernice Andrews (11) Marisa Butler, Carolyn Welborn (12) Julie Ables, Doug McGrew, Alice Stephenson (13) Amy Sexton (14) Laverne Keith, Steve Ward, Dennis Phelps.

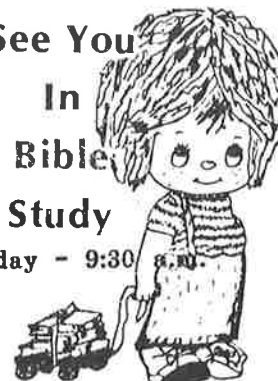
See You

In

Bible

Study

Sunday - 9:30



New Members

We are making a supplement for our church directory to help us become better acquainted until our new church directory is made later this year. Brother James Phillips has made photographs on two occasions and plans a make-up day on Sunday, February 15. New members, if you did not get your picture made, please meet with brother Phillips following the morning worship on Sunday, Feb. 15.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our drive for increased attendance in February was off to a great start last Sunday with 420 in Bible study and 537 in worship. That is a considerable increase over the previous Sunday, but the gap between the two counts still indicates additional effort is needed. There were numerous visitors Sunday, many of whom were in Bible study. We are always grateful for them, but let me continue to encourage West Erwin members to take up the Bible class habit. come on, and join us for a feast of good things from God's word.

Over the past couple of weeks, there have been several occasions when lights have been left on in both the Fellowship Hall and the Auditorium. Folks, this is an expensive waste. Perhaps the following article from Ann Landers will serve to emphasize the point:

If you turn it on, turn it off.
If you unlock it, lock it back.
If you borrow it, return it.
If you mess it up, clean it up.

These suggestions are not meant to limit use of our facilities, but rather to encourage good stewardship. The more our buildings are used for good purposes, the greater the stewardship.

All new members are invited to attend a special congregational orientation session on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will give us an opportunity to acquaint you with all the programs of work that will help you discover your place of service among us.

Don't forget the changes that were announced in The Visitor last week. Hillard Hughes's class will be moving upstairs over the South foyer in Room 301. Jay Lockhart's class will move into the Heritage Room (Room 110), and Sue Starnes' class will move from Room 108 to Room 107.

As we increase in size, there are changes that sometimes make us feel a little awkward. Let's not let anything get in the way of making these new members feel at home. Let's help them discover their place of service in the kingdom here and above all, make them feel welcome. When you see a face you don't know or are not quite sure you have met, introduce yourself to them and don't be embarrassed if you have already done so. It takes time to remember all the new faces. Remember too, that they have even a larger task doing the same with all of us. It's a joy to grow!

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| Vol.17 | February 5, 1987 | Number 5 | |
| Records: | Sunday, Feb. 1 | Sunday Jan.25 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 420 | 386 | 286 |
| Worship/A.M. | 537 | 472 | 330 |
| Worship/P.M. | 373 | 330 | 259 |
| Wed. Eve. | 206 | 223 | 189 |
| Contributions | \$11,269.18 | \$8,988.16 | \$10,220.37 |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 8 and Wednesday Evening, February 11, KEITH HARRIS - 566-9216.

The Sick

Sister Doc (Nell) Wright underwent surgery last Friday in Medical Center Hospital for a fractured hip. Her condition is good.

Brother Bill Butler suffered a heart attack on Tuesday afternoon and is recovering in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Patsy Fisher's father, R. J. Roddy, will have surgery Thursday in Houston.

Welcome New Members

Sunday evening Glen and Jeri Wright, 318 So. Peach Street came to be identified with the West Erwin Church. We are happy to welcome them into the fellowship here.

Brother's Keeper Leader

Brother Jim McCoy is the co-ordinator for our Brother's Keeper program. He is willing to help with any questions you may have.

Birthday Greetings

We want to congratulate sister Lilla Tigert who celebrated her 95th birthday on Tuesday. She is in the worship service as often as her health permits.

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Serving Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Dick Higginbotham
Scripture Jeff Hone
Dismiss K. Max Haws

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome Dannie Skipper
Prayer Hoyt Hughes
Scripture David Haney
Dismiss Louis E. Jones

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

David Giddings Ray Lott
Charles Hickman Leroy Humphrey
Bill Hensley Archie Kennard

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Grant Knight Dwight Leek
Rodney Knight Marc Lemons
Archie Lowry Dan Magee

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Stan and Judy Clark
Milburn and Jan Cook
Mark and Martha Waggonner
Ferman and Lucille Carpenter

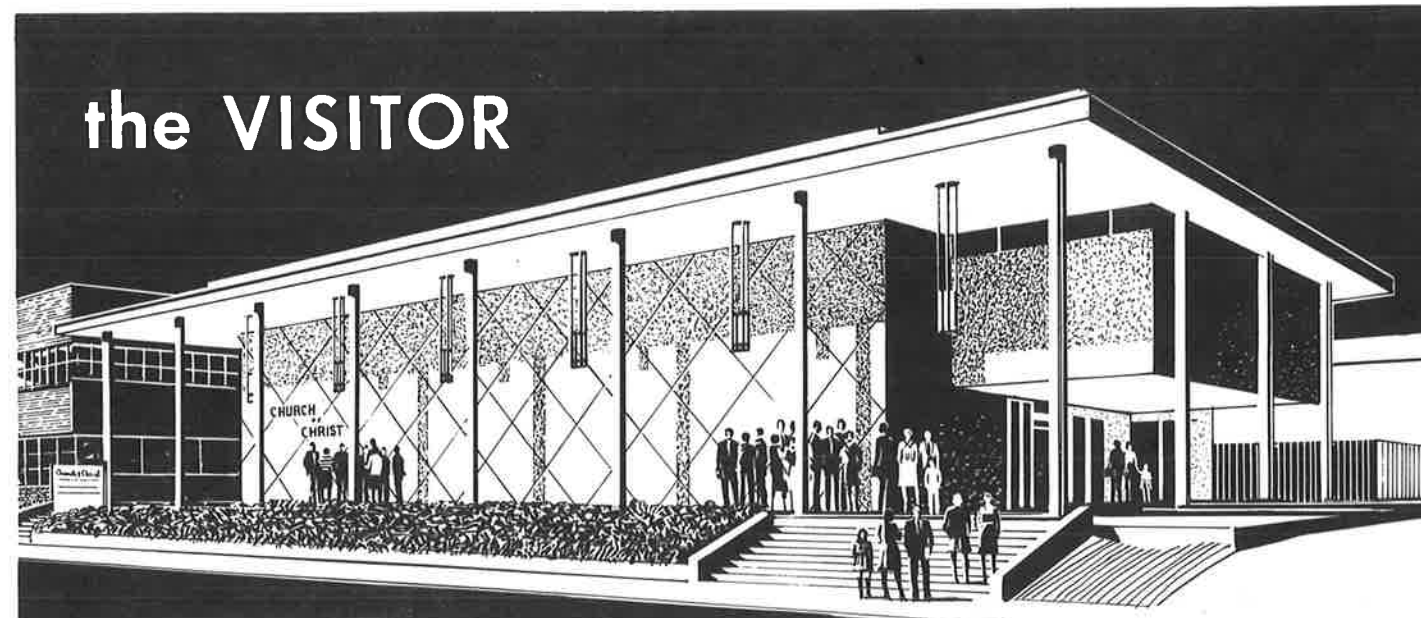
New Baby Girl

Mark and Lee North are parents of a baby girl born Tuesday. The baby weighed 7 lb and 1/2 oz and is 19 1/2" long. They have named her Sydney Elizabeth. Mark and Lee live in Hurst, Texas. Roger and Jan Knight are the happy grandparents.

Young at Heart

Young At Heart is scheduled to meet Thursday evening, February 12 at 6:30 for a "Covered Dish Supper."

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Those Wonderful Growing Pains

These are exciting times for the West Erwin church family. A few days ago we witnessed the new birth of a young lady as she obeyed the gospel. Studies are in progress with others and we believe we will see several baptized soon. The evidence of spiritual growth in the lives of many is most obvious. On a weekly basis there are committed, dedicated Christians placing membership with us--over 100 in the past eight months. A renewed spirit of optimism, love, unity, and joy is seen everywhere as God is richly blessing us. Now our facilities are being taxed as classes are outgrowing their rooms and our auditorium is almost full. Various options are currently being explored as to how we will provide additional room to accommodate our growth. It's wonderful! However, there is something called "growing pains" in most any worthwhile project. As we experience additional growth, all of us collectively, and each one of us individually, must be especially alert to "growing pain" needs. First, with so many new people, it is sometimes difficult to know

if a person is visiting for the first time or has been present before. To a new member, everyone is new. So be especially aware of the need, whether you are a newcomer or an "oldie" to speak to everyone and be sure all feel welcome and wanted. Second, with an auditorium filled with people, many who are visitors and newcomers, we must realize that change is inevitable, and change may cause us some discomfort and inconvenience. Seating may be harder to find and I may find that "my seat" is occupied. Some are finding that their classroom has been changed and others are having to go across the parking lot to additional classroom space in our fellowship building. Just make certain in every circumstance that you respond with Christian maturity and be willing to pay the price of growth--a small price it is when we consider the additional strength we are experiencing and the greater service we will render to the Cause of King Jesus. What wonderful problems growing pains create! May the Lord increase them! As He does, let's adjust, rejoice, and move forward!

"And the word of God grew and multiplied. --Acts 12:24

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy

What a good day we had! Our family here continues to increase and we are thankful. Let us make the new members feel welcome and a part of our fellowship.

Sunday night we will be having a High School devotional in our Fellowship Building. The food will be provided by the Hallmans and the Hughes. We will conclude at 9:00 o'clock. We want to encourage each one of our High School students to attend and bring a friend. Also, be sure to let our new members become aware of our activities.

One of the activities coming up in February will be a Valentine Banquet on February 14. Make plans to attend and parents, contact me if you would like to help with this banquet. Also, on the 28th of February (Saturday), our Middle School will be participating in a Bible Bowl at Paris, Texas. We need to commend them for the effort they are making in preparation of this event. Let's encourage them to do the best they can as they study Joshua.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (1) Rozener Strait (3) Jay Lockhart, Billye Usrey, Lilla Tigert (4) Loyd Nail, Cindy Carruth, Amy Prichard (5) Ruby Brem, Ruth Bell (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley, Lee Ann Morris, (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Meeta Clucas and Kaleb Womack.

Thank You

We appreciate Susan Steffee and Lynn Harrison for planning the meal for students at the Bible Chair on Thursday evening of last week.



INTERNATIONAL MISSION

MINISTRY OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST
48 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021
TELEPHONE (212) 628-0885

Dear Brethren:

May the Lord be with you and His blessings be upon all your works as you spread the Good News.

This is the first report of the new year. As you can tell, it is being sent a little late, but it is due to the many things going on here in this "Queen of Cities."

The year that just finished was a very good one. The seed was planted and some produced fruit. Before the year ended, Maria del Pilar Gomez, an International Mission student from Columbia, decided to obey the Lord. I would encourage you to write to her as she is struggling with many different, pressing problems at this time. Send your letters to her: "c/o Manhattan church of Christ, 48 East 80th Street, New York, NY 10021."

As you know, International Mission is expanding in every direction and the good Lord is opening more doors. For that reason I request your prayers and those of the congregation that He will give us the wisdom to always do what pleases Him and that we will be quick to always give Him the glory.

As we teach our first session of the year, the attendance is good in spite of the holiday vacations and the unpredictable weather.

The Spanish group is doing well. Its Sunday attendance is at an average of fifty-five. A group of us, fifteen to be exact, are going to the Lectureship at Abilene. We are very excited about it. At this time I would like to remind you of our New York City/International Mission dinner on the 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Highland Church of Christ Family Life Center, 425 Highland Ave., Abilene. Please call us and reserve your place in advance. The Mission is looking forward to seeing you there.

Maya and I are very thankful for your kind support, and keep you in our prayers to the Lord.

P. Pablo Molina

Work Continues

Work continues on the Teacher's Work Room. There will be no end to the blessings that it will bring our entire Teaching Program when it is finished. Billie Bob Hickman and Dale Blackstone have almost worked around the clock. Their dedication is inspiring. Their number one helper is Billie Morgan, who has also spent many hours on this project. When it is all completed, we will have a special Teacher's Meeting to show off the work room and to demonstrate how it is organized.

A Special Work

During January the following ladies cooked each Tuesday as a group to prepare meals for our shutins and elderly: Marie Threadgill, Opal Mathews, Sara Powell, Rhonda Hendrix, and Mary McFadden.

Welcome New Members

Baptized

Everyone rejoiced Sunday morning with Laura Alexander, who was baptized into Christ by Jay Lockhart. Laura has been attending worship with the Giddings family. She is a student at John Tyler High School. Her address is Rt. 22, Box 480, Tyler 75704.

Membership

On the first Wednesday night in January Stan and Judy Clark and son, Brody, came to be identified with the church family here. We are sorry their name has not appeared in The Visitor. Their address is 2126 Blackwood, Tyler (75703), telephone 561-409. Brody is in Middle School.

On Sunday morning we welcomed Jeff and Linda Hone and their two young sons, Joshua and Brett. They recently moved to Tyler from Moore, Okla. Their address is 1826 Susan Dr., telephone 561-4286.

Sunday evening we welcomed David and Cathy Haney and their two children, David (7th grade) and Chantel (3rd grade). Their address is Rt.8, Box 377, telephone 561-2133.

Here and There

By Wes Price



This past week, one of our dear sisters celebrated her 90th birthday. Naomi Haden was 90 years young last Friday. My wife and I had the privilege of visiting her on that day and we came away filled with joy and love. She is a remarkable Christian. Among the special items she shared with us was a letter from the President congratulating her for that significant milestone. Another jewel she shared was being able to tell us that for the past two years she has not missed a single Sunday morning Bible study and worship. We think that is worthy of special recognition and mention. We commend her and encourage all to copy her example.

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This Sunday marks the first in the special effort our Bible School Department is having to place emphasis on regular attendance in Bible class. CLOSING THE GAP will continue throughout the month of February. It will be a good time for every family to examine their attendance habit and get on track of being faithful in attendance if they are not. Our Bible class teachers will be helping us emphasize this important goal. Let's take a good look at the momentum new members have given us and build on it.

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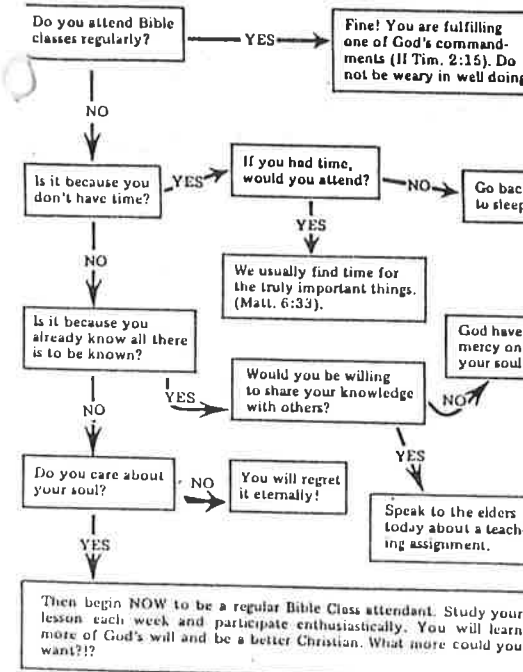
Two Special Meeting Times To Remember:

1. Sunday afternoon, February 1, at 5:00 o'clock all workers in the Sunday morning Children's worship. Also invited - all parents and others who are interested in this special work. Not only do we need your help, but we need your advice.

2. For all new members of West Erwin, there will be an orientation session in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, February 8, at 5:00 p.m. This will be your opportunity to learn about the congregation's work organization and committee assignments. You will have time to ask questions concerning all phases of West Erwin's work and purpose.

Bible Study is Important

START HERE:



Together,
we can
do more.

| Records | Sunday, Jan.25 | Sunday, Jan.18 | Last Year |
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| Bible School | 386 | 415 | 302 |
| Worship/A.M. | 472 | 505 | 388 |
| Worship/P.M. | 330 | 347 | 244 |
| Wed.Eve. | 223 | 243 | 194 |
| Contributions | \$8,988.16 | \$9,795.74 | \$6,895.19 |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 1 and Wednesday evening, February 4 - JIMMY HARRIS, 592-9780.

The Sick

Sister Ken (Cathy) Culpepper underwent surgery on Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Sister Robert (Virginia) Conner had surgery on Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Sister Alan (Patsy) Fisher is recovering in Medical Center from back surgery. She hoped to go home on Thursday or Friday.
 Sister Earnesene Shuford's son, Bill Shuford, suffered a heart attack last week and underwent bypass surgery in Spring Branch Memorial Hospital in Houston. His condition has improved.

Adult Class Changes

Some very important room changes in our Bible Classes will take place on Sunday morning, February 8. The changes are as follows:
Adult 2 - The class taught by Hillard Hughes will move to Room 301. This is upstairs over the south foyer.
Adult 3 - The Young couples class taught by Jay Lockhart will move to the Heritage Room.
The Ladies Class - The class taught by Sue Starnes will move to 107.
The Three Year Olds - Taught by Ginger Metcalf and Kay Plumb will move into Room 108.

We are grateful for changes that are brought about by growth. We beg your indulgence as we work out class arrangements.

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 Scripture Gary Broome
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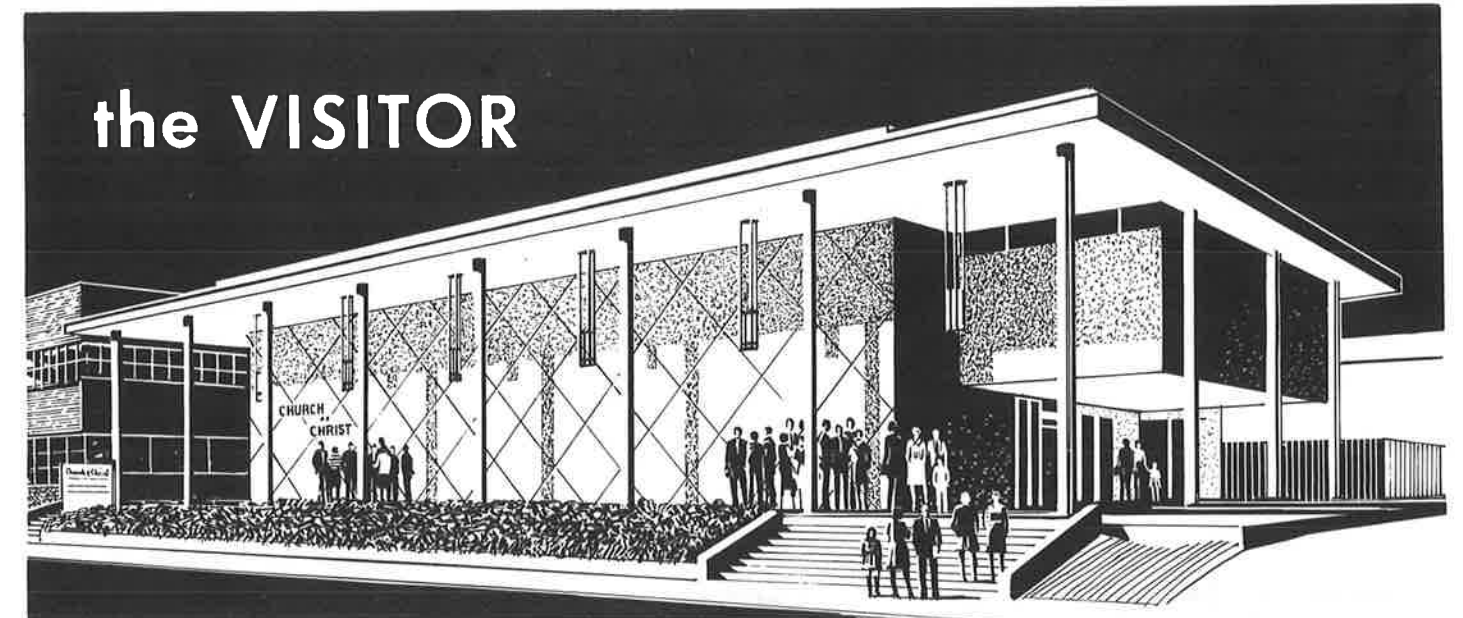
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Stan and Judy Clark
 Milburn and Jan Cook
 Mark and Martha Waggoner
 Ferman and Lucille Carpenter

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1987
 By Jay Lockhart
 A.M. Focusing Christ
 The Mystery of Godliness
 I Tim. 3:16
 P.M. When Deity Became Humanity
 Matt. 14:22-33

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in Winnsboro for Or Hallman, grandmother of Morris Hallman. She was 93. We extend sympathy to the family.

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"But prove yourselves doers of the word,..." James 1:22

Theory or Practice

The dictionary says that "theory" means, "accepted principles," and "practice" is "to do or perform... to work at." If we accept these definitions, the word "theory" is not a bad word. Any accepted principle would be theory, so, assuming the accepted principle is correct, the theory would be correct. (Incidentally the theory of evolution is false because it is based upon false principles, regardless of how widely those principles may be accepted). Within the framework of the above definition, the teachings which we hold dear in religion are "accepted principles," at least by some of us, and, therefore "theory." But religion must never be simply theory. It must be more than "accepted principles." Unless those principles are put into practice, lived in our lives, we will remain Christians in word only. What we claim to be is not so important as what we actually are. James calls upon us to "prove yourselves doers of the word." The one who has no practice because he has no

theory is more consistent than the one who has theory without practice. The former is to be taught because he is ignorant. The latter is to be rebuked because he is indifferent (Revelation 3:16). Many people have been instructed in Christianity since their youth. They have been "brought up in the church." However, there is little evidence of spiritual growth--there is plenty of theory, but little practice. Isn't it time to lay aside every symptom of immaturity and to begin to demonstrate the fact that Christ lives within? What about more "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faithfulness, self control" (Galatians 5:22)? What about more kindness, tenderness, forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)? What about forbearance and endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-4)? What about making certain that correct theory is complimented by correct practice? What about being doers and not hearers only?

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

The Acappella vocal group were in Palestine Saturday and many of us were privileged to hear them sing. They travel all over the country uplifting many Christians, teaching others about Christ through songs and glorifying God. It is good to hear people putting their talents to work as God has provided for them. Their singing caused me to think more about how beautiful heaven will be. We commend all those people who make this group possible and to each of them for carrying out this great effort.

Those attending the devotional on Sunday evening were glad they did so. Remember to reach out and encourage every middle school and high school student and your friends to attend this activity. You will be richly blessed through your association with others and the chance to worship God. Thanks to the Blackstones and Dosses for being in charge that night. We are grateful for both of these couples for their willingness to help out whenever they can.

Next Sunday night will be our Brother's Keeper meetings. Make an effort to attend these also and get to know as many of our members as you can. You, as youth, are a delight to your parents, friends, other Christians and to God. DL

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (25) Jimmie Harris (26) Carolyn Blackstone (27) David Giddings (28) Jimmie Estelle Brown (29) Cheryl Murphy (30) Johnnie Stringer, Dwight Leek, H. M. Minnis (31) Pat Stokes, Charis McCoy, O'Neal Tuel.

A Special Tribute

There are so many people in the West Erwin church who serve in many areas to assure "the proper working of each individual part" in order that the body may build up itself in love (Ephesians 4:16), that it would be impossible to name each one. However, there are four brethren who are filling such vital roles just now that it is appropriate to acknowledge them, though they would rather work behind the scenes without any special recognition.

Les Carruth and John Steffee, two of our deacons, are currently investing a tremendous amount of time in putting our congregation on computer. Through the efforts of Stan Mallory we obtained the computer at no cost to the church, and now Les and John are entering our membership on the computer which will be of tremendous value in placing our folks in their proper place of service. In addition to this time consuming job, Les, along with Jack Stringer and Cole Bennett, sees that our public address system is always functioning properly, and John is in charge of our congregational fellowships. Thanks, brothers, for serving!

Another brother who is serving in an invaluable way is Ray Womack. Ray is in charge of custodial services at West Erwin, and does a fantastic job at that, but he also deals with benevolent situations which bring people to our building every day. Ray interviews and meets the needs of many people in the course of a week. His personality, experience and concern for people qualify him to do a good job to fill great needs. Thank you, Ray, for your faithful service.

Last, but far from least, is Sam Bailey who has gone beyond any reasonable expectation by volunteering to use his television equipment to tape various series of lessons presented on Wednesday evenings in the auditorium. In addition to taping these lessons, Sam will be making copies of our television series, THE SEARCH. These tapes will be used to begin a television library for West Erwin, to be used in various ways in the future. Not only does Sam have the equipment, but he expertise to do a professional job. A big thanks to Sam! JL

BROTHER'S KEEPER UNIT MEETINGS

Sunday, January 25, 1987

Following the evening worship.

Shower Invitation

You are invited to
A Recipe Pounding honoring
Dottie (Nail) Bell
On Saturday, January 24
From 2:00 until 4:00 P.M.
At the home of Mrs. Stan Mallory
7208 Pinetree Place

Ladies, you are requested to bring a recipe and the ingredients needed to prepare it. It will not be necessary to gift wrap, except perhaps in a pretty dish towel if you like. Please consider this your personal invitation.

A Baby Boy

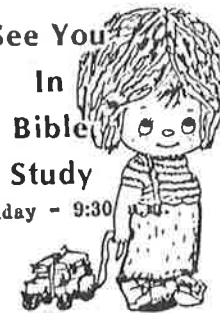
Ken and Ernie Edwards, former members of West Erwin, are the happy parents of a baby boy, Riley Todd Edwards, born Monday. He weighed 9 lb and 10 oz and is 21" long. The Edwards live in Burleson, Texas where Ken is Youth Minister.

Thank You

We wish to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to our very dear friends for all the cards, words of sympathy, flowers and prayers offered on our behalf when our sister, Corinne Hill, passed away. We are truly grateful to all of you.

Winifred and Dan Cullinan

See You
In
Bible
Study
Sunday - 9:30



Our Pantry

Special needs for the benevolent work at this time: Canned meats, Dried peas and beans, Rice, Oatmeal, Canned milk, Macaroni Dinners.



Here and There

By Wes Price



Teachers, you will not believe the remarkable change that has taken place in the Teacher's Workroom! It will be a joy to work there and much easier to locate materials. There is still much work to do, with new shelves and cabinets being constructed. We are indebted to Billie Bob Hickman, Billie Morgan, Dale Blackstone, and Jeff Blackstone for their tireless efforts. The shelves and storage space is being constructed by Monroe Sublette, and Mary Evelyn Grier has added her touch to the improvements.

When the room is completed, we will be needing a special worker or workers to assume responsibility for it, preferably a man and his wife. If you are interested or if you could recommend someone, please let me know. It will not be a work as much as it will be a ministry.

There is now, more than ever before, a need for us to limit access to our church office to children unattended. We have expensive and delicate machinery that will be easy to destroy or harm by curious fingers and hands. It is not that we want to be unkind to little ones, but we want to guard against misuse or abuse of these expensive machines. Parents, will you please help us by encouraging your children not to come into the office without adult supervision.

David Lovejoy and I will be enjoying the annual National Educational Conference in San Antonio this week. We hope to come back with a host of new ideas to help us keep pace with the growth at West Erwin. The conference is hosted each year by the National Training Institute, educational division of Sweet Publishing Co. We will have opportunity to share new ideas, and see new materials and concepts that have proven successful in other places.

I have had a number of calls concerning our "Closing The Gap" attendance campaign since we mailed the letter last week, and I believe this is an encouraging sign. It will not be too difficult to tell if you are part of that large number that come to both Bible study and worship. We are grateful for your diligent example week after week. We want to magnify the example of attending every service of the church.

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| Records | Sunday, Jan. 18 | Sunday, Jan. 11 | Last Year |
| Bible School | 415 | 421 | 312 |
| Worship/A.M. | 505 | 532 | 396 |
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| Wed. Eve. | 243 | 185 | 176 |
| Contributions | \$9,795.74 | \$10,325.89 | \$8,052.45 |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 25 and Wednesday evening, Jan. 28 - FARREL WHITLEY, 597-4006.

By Request

The following can be said of the Bible only: "This old Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its histories are true, its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the sailor's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven is opened and the gates of hell are disclosed. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents." - Anon.

The Sick

Sister Clinton (Louise) Culpepper underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ken (Cathy) Culpepper's surgery has been postponed.

Mrs. Joe Grubbs, mother of sister Kevin (Kelly Jo) Womack had surgery Wednesday in Dallas.

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Prayer: Faber Cauthen
Scripture: Harold Denman
Dismiss: Milburn Cook

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Prayer: Dan Cullinan
Scripture: Jay Vandiver
Dismiss: Les Carruth

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ferman Carpenter: Joe Carroll
Roy Clark: Clinton Culpepper
Wally Dawkins: Tim Clawson

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

Ken Culpepper: Tim Doss
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Doug DeBord: Terry Frick

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John & Nancy Bragg
Jimmie and Ruth Harris
Dub and Opal Mathews

Take Time To Pray

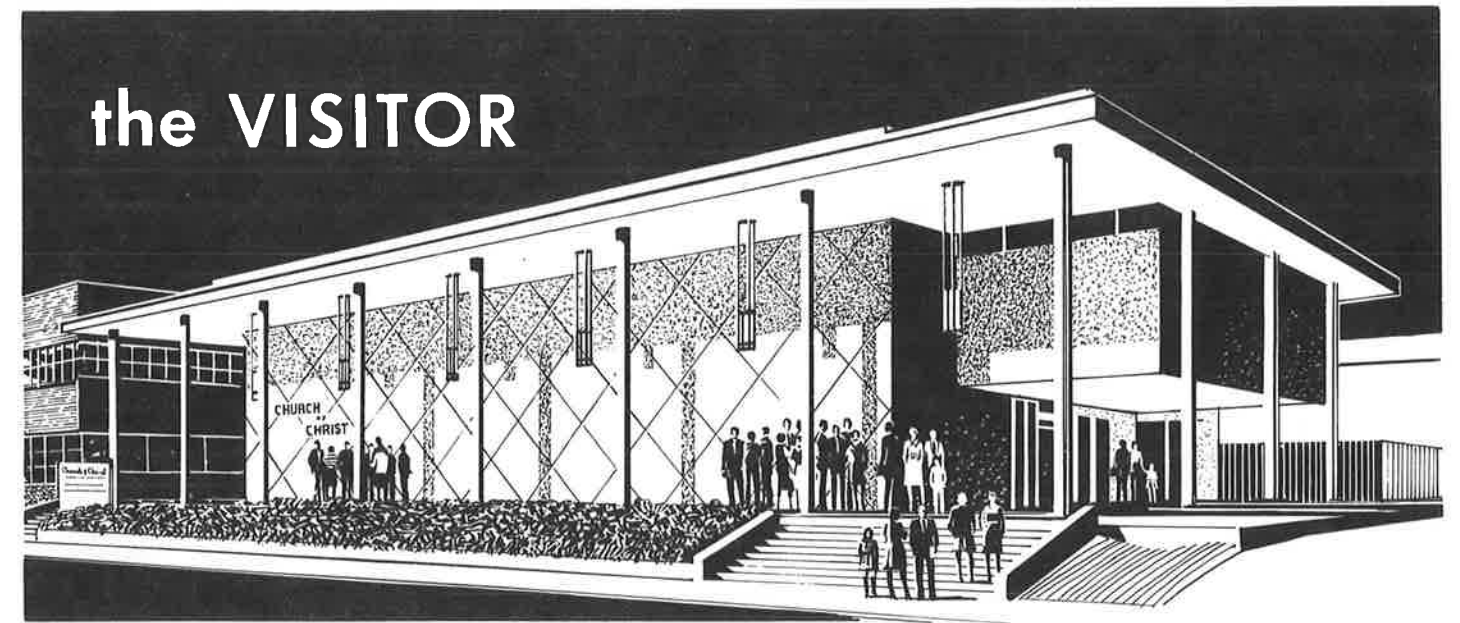
The Sick (Continued)

Brother Carroll Magee's mother has been moved to a nursing home here in Tyler. She continues to be very ill.

Sister Kenneth (Cindy Rowe) Cates had surgery Monday in Mesquite Community Hospital in Mesquite, Texas. Her condition is good.

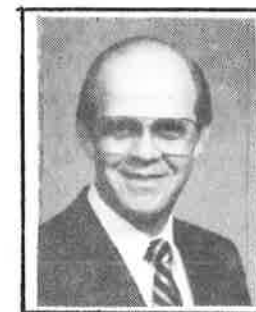
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*Sermons by Jay Lockhart
Sunday, Jan. 25, 1987
A.M. Focusing God
(Jer. 9: 23-24)
P.M. My Response To God
(Deut. 6: 4-9)*



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The Innocent Bystander

And it came to pass that a certain man in a certain town, while walking past a hospital noticed a reddish-orange glow in a basement window. He said, "That looks like a fire," and crossed the street where he sat down on a park bench to see what would happen. By this time the entire basement of the hospital was aflame. Another man passed that way, observed the fire, and ran to the corner to sound the fire alarm. The first man sat on the park bench and watched. Many people had now gathered at the hospital and began helping the patients to safety. An elderly woman came out on a second story balcony with terror in her eyes and looked helplessly at the man on the bench. He sat and watched as the woman disappeared into her room which was almost immediately engulfed in flames. The fire fighter arrived and after a while the flames were extinguished, but not before great loss in life and property. People gathered

around to talk about the fire. The fire chief said, "We probably could have saved most of the building and several lives if we had only been called sooner." The man who had called said to the man on the bench, "Why didn't you call when you first observed the flames?" The man on the bench replied, "I didn't start the fire. I didn't impede the fire fighters. I didn't take anyone's life." Weeks passed and people hardly ever spoke of the fire. However, the man who sat on the park bench did. To anyone who would listen, he kept saying, "I didn't start the fire. I didn't impede the firemen. I didn't take anyone's life." After a while no one seemed to listen any more, and the man wandered the streets muttering something to himself about his innocence. What do you think?

"To one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin." --James 4:17

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



Eccl.12:1a

David Lovejoy

I want to say how much we all appreciated the Middle School boys handling the devotional on Sunday night. This is very good training for them as they grow in serving our God. Let us encourage and support them as they seek to learn what talents they have received from God. Thanks to the Giddings for allowing us to be in their home and the Goodsons for their help in the food preparation.

This coming Sunday night we will have a combined devotional for both Middle School and High School. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall after services for food and games. Parents, you may pick up your children at 9:00 o'clock. The Blackstones and Dosses will be in charge of the activities, since I will be on the way to San Antonio to attend an Education Seminar. Everyone make an effort to attend. Bring a friend, and encourage our new people to come. Let's help everyone to be a part of the congregation and to enjoy the various activities that we have. I am looking forward to seeing all of our Middle School and High School sitting at the front of the building on Sunday. Come and be a part of this group. You will get to know each other better and will get more from the worship services.

Saturday night, January 17, the Middle School and High School will be going to Palestine to hear the group, Acapella, sing. They are an excellent group. We will meet at 6:00 and return at 10:00 p.m.

Welcome!



We were happy to have many visitors on Sunday for the worship services. We hope you will return at every opportunity.



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NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021
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December Report

We rejoice to share with you the good news of two new sisters and a new brother in Christ. Tere Sydow was baptized Sunday after study with Steve Kujay of the Manhattan Church of Christ. Steve was off on Sunday for Orlando, but he had to stay to see his student become a sister. Also on Sunday, Pablo baptized Astrid Montoya. She has been studying Mark's gospel every day and now that the class is almost over she decided to commit her life to Jesus. Two weeks ago Kevin Thomas was baptized. His wife, Kala, was already a member and Kevin had been meeting with the models' fellowship on Tuesday evening of each week.

The staff of International Mission is offering a special intensive English program, four hours a day for eight days, just before the holiday. We have found that if we close the school for too long between semesters we lose several students.

Our Thanksgiving dinner went better than ever this year. We had 170 former students share a traditional meal with us and many Manhattan church members helped with the preparation. I had an opportunity to preach for the Chinatown Church the Sunday before Thanksgiving and after the service we had Chinese style turkey.

Since the preacher of Staten Island Church has relocated, we are rotating their preaching duties among three of us at Manhattan. Everyone here was very pleased that we had the chance to preach on Long Island while they were looking for a man and now we hope to be of service to the Staten Island group.

If everyone who helps us will continue, we will be able to stay in business for another year. We are again trying to cut costs because the economy is still not going so well.

This month we have had three serious requests from churches for help in starting an International Mission type program. It is wonderful to see so many congregations making plans to help the aliens that live here.

My family is doing fine. December marks our eighth year in New York City. We all still feel greatly blessed to be part of this great work and thank you for making it possible for us.

Alan L. Phillips



Be A Wednesday Nighter!

New Addresses

Jay and Debbie Graham, 804 Elaine, Tyler (03)

Lee and Julie Roberson, 7101 Waljim, #1412,

Tyler (03).

Dan and Jan Magee, 4413 Aberdeen, Tyler (03).

Bobby and Joni Smith, 4917 Pine Knoll Dr., Tyler (03).

Bill and Carolyn Paschall, 105 Wendy, Whitehouse 75791.

Shower Invitation

You are invited to
A Recipe Pounding honoring
Dottie (Nail) Bell
On Saturday, January 24
From 2:00 until 4:00 P.M.
At the home of Mrs. Stan Mallory
7208 Pinetree Place

Ladies, you are requested to bring a recipe and the ingredients needed to prepare it. It will not be necessary to gift wrap, except perhaps in a pretty dish towel if you like. Please consider this your personal invitation.

Thank You

The family of Corinne Hill acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. (Sister of Wini and Dan)

Thank you seems so little, but you know I appreciate all of you, especially those who gave me rides and those who sent food and the men who delivered the food on Tuesday. I am also thankful for the lovely cards. I love you all.

Leona McElroy



Bible Classes

For Everyone

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (18) Bernice Majors (19)
Gussie Beaty, Juanita Lowry (20)
Frances McBee, James Prichard (21)
Mary Paul (22) Katie Powell, Nicholas Goodson, Mac McCarty (23) Naomi Haden (24) Foy Hodnett.

Here and There



By Wes Price

I hope your family will participate in the money banks that were introduced by Morris Hallman this past Sunday morning. I believe you will be pleasantly surprised how much money can be raised to support this worthy cause through this means. If you did not receive one, there are others at the building. If your children want to participate, then get one for them as well. It will be doing a good work and it will help them learn to participate in giving to the work of the Lord.

As was announced by letter to the congregation this week, the month of February has been selected for a concentrated effort to increase the number of our folks who attend Bible study regularly. The theme, "Closing The Gap," is a worthy one since it emphasizes the need for more of our members to develop the habit of Sunday morning Bible study. We hope you and your family will participate to the fullest. The climax will come on Sunday, February 22, when we are asking all families to bring one visitor. Let's give God the praise and glory for what He has done for us by supporting this worthy goal.

Jay's sermons Sunday were excellent. I hope you will want to be present for all in this current series, "Focusing Our Faith." The more we can know about Biblical faith, the greater our resources for spiritual survival. Cancel all your weekend plans and stay with us for these valuable lessons.

The announcement about Upreach magazine and its implications for us are far-reaching. Now every family at West Erwin has an opportunity to get involved in out-reach. We need for you to turn in the names of four friends to receive this excellent publication. Be sure to include name and address with zip code (local people), and turn them in by next weekend. I believe God will bless this effort with success and the church will grow as a result.

Congratulations to the Kindergarten class on Sunday for being 100% in attendance. Julienne Butler is the teacher.

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| Bible School | 421 | 373 | 321 |
| Worship/A.M. | 532 | 473 | 400 |
| Worship/P.M. | 383 | 313 | 277 |
| Wed.Eve. | 195 | 196 | 192 |
| Contributions | \$10,325.89 | \$10,193.87 | \$8,324.10 |

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 18 and Wednesday evening, January 21 - GARY BROOME, 592 2289.

Welcome New Member

We were happy Sunday to welcome Tim Clawson, 1102 Hagan, phone 839-2414, into the fellowship here. Tim is a student at UT Tyler.

The Sick

Sister Sybil Thacker is now in the Colonial Manor Nursing Home. She would enjoy your visit.

Sister Pam Lemons' father, Mr. Sokoloski, had surgery on Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Earnesene Shuford underwent eye surgery recently. Her condition is good and she has the hope of recovering some sight.

Sister Dorris Humble is at her home recovering from eye surgery, but cannot be out at this time.

Brother Carroll Magee's mother is very ill in Jacksonville.

You may send a card to brother Weldon Keith who will be in the Veterans Hospital for four weeks. His address is: Veterans Medical Center, Nursing Home Unit, room 405 - 4500 So. Lancaster Road, Dallas, Texas 75216.

World Bible School

Brother Bill Paschall, who is in charge of World Bible School, has requested that all WBS Teachers sign the notebook in the south foyer for his records and also the number of students you have.

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Sam Bailey Kevin Braly
Sam Barton Lane Akin

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Cole Bennett Tommy Brown
Harold Browning Angel Cabrera

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

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John and Nancy Bragg
Jimmy and Ruth Harris
Dub and Opal Mathews

Sympathy

Sister Faye Kennard's uncle, Ira DeVaney, of Rusk died last week and funeral services were conducted in Houston.



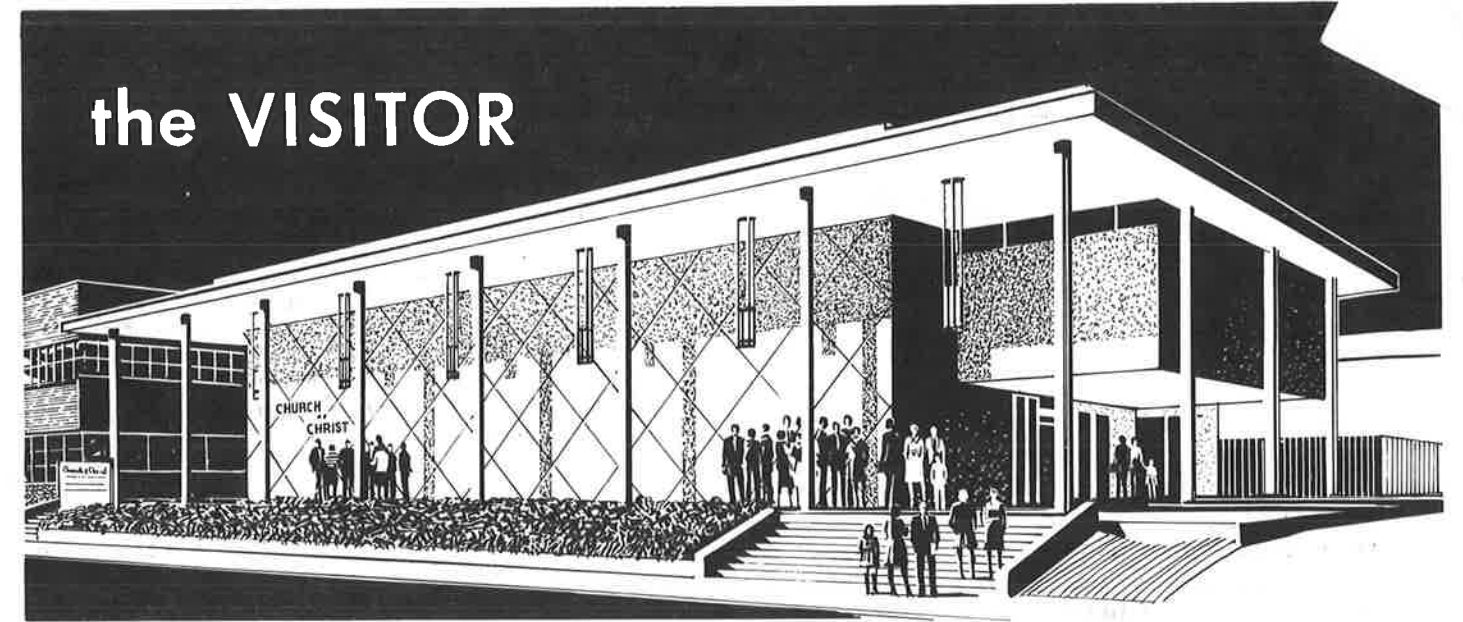
Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, Jan. 18 by Jay Lockhart

A.M. Focusing The Word of God
I Peter 1:22-25

P.M. Handling Aright The Word of Truth
Ezra 8:1-6,8

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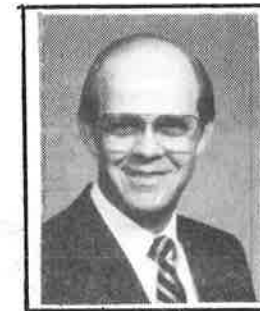
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Money or People?

I've never heard anyone say, "Oh boy! Next Sunday is 'budget Sunday' and I can't wait!" Generally people do not like "budget Sunday." Churches do not say much about budget presentations because people would leave town that Sunday. Why is this true? Isn't it because "budgets" are seemingly endless columns of numbers which have little meaning? Many feel that numbers, dollars and cents, are necessary but rather dull. So we spend little time on numbers. But, looking deeper, we realize that dollars and cents represent something far more meaningful and with much deeper significance. Budgets represent people, living souls made in the image of God! One of our elders, Ray Lott, does more than perhaps anyone else in calculating and presenting our budget to the congregation, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his work. His presentation is brief, concise, clear and always well done. But, he and our other elders would have us remember

that budgets represent us—people who are concerned about others and who are learning to trust in the goodness and promises of God as we develop the grace of sharing our prosperity with others. Our elders would have us remember that budgets represent others—people in East Texas, New York, Germany, Mexico and other places who need the gospel; people who need the material things of life supplied by those who care; people in this congregation who need help in growing into the image of Christ. When we recall that budgets are not simply numbers but are representing people who need us, it becomes rather easy to give as we have been prospered (I Corinthians 16:2), to purpose in our hearts to give cheerfully from the bounty God has given us (2 Corinthians 9:7), for the glory of God and the welfare of people. Budgets speak not of numbers, but of people.

"Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief ...which they did" - Acts 11:29-30

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Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 11 and Wednesday evening, January 14 Ira Wilson, 561-0750.

Welcome New Members

Claude and Odell Sessions, 3408 Silverwood, Tyler, Texas 75703, telephone 592-2795, came Sunday morning to place membership with the West Erwin church. We are happy to welcome this fine couple.

The Sick

Carolyn Blackstone is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sybil Thacker continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Carroll Magee's mother is very ill in Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville. She is suffering from a stroke.

Acappella Group

The Acappella Vocal Band will appear at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine on Saturday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to be present.

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



Sermon Subjects

SUNDAY, January 11, 1987

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Focusing Our Faith

I Cor. 2:1-10

P.M. The Pattern of Sound Words

II Tim. 1:1-13

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Sermon Series Announced

Jay Lockhart, pulpit minister of the West Erwin church, has announced an important sermon series for the first quarter of the new year. The series, entitled Focusing Our Faith, will probe some of the vital issues pertaining to the Christian faith. In speaking of the new series, Lockhart said, "For some time now I have been thinking about and planning for a series of sermons which takes a fresh look at the fundamentals of what we are to believe. We probably take too much for granted in our teaching and preaching as to what those who hear us know and understand. These sermons therefore will be basic, but, hopefully, stimulating, enlightening, and challenging. I believe the religion of Christ should change us, excite us, involve us, and give us joy and peace. A better understanding of what God wants us to believe will contribute to our possessing these blessings."

The sermons, to be presented on Sunday mornings, and the dates of presentation follow:

- January 11 Focusing Our Faith
"Jesus Christ and him crucified"
- January 18 Focusing The Bible
"The Lord has spoken"
- January 25 Focusing God
"I saw the Lord high and lifted up"
- February 1 Focusing Christ
"Call his name Immanuel"
- February 8 Focusing The Holy Spirit
"The Spirit of Truth"
- February 15 Focusing Man
"In the image of God"
- February 22 Focusing Salvation
"Who then can be saved"
- March 1 Focusing The Church
"I will build my church"
- March 8 Focusing Worship
"In Spirit and in truth"
- March 15 Focusing The Return of Christ
"I will come again"
- March 22 Focusing The Second Death
"Depart from me"
- March 29 Focusing The Home of The Soul
"The kingdom prepared for you"

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Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

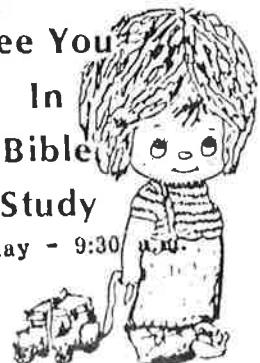
A new year is now in progress with lots of optimism for a good one. One particular scripture that comes to mind is Philippians 4:13 which says, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Isn't it good to be a Christian and have God helping us in all that we do! I am looking forward to a good year with all of you in 1987.

We are blessed here with so many people that are eager to serve the Lord with their talents. We want to say thanks to the Fricks and Fishers for helping with the High School this past Sunday evening. A lot of time, effort, and planning goes into each of these meals. This continues to help make our activities possible and to run smoothly. The boys did the devotional for us and did a wonderful job. Those that participated were Bryan Leek, Keven Harris, Jason Harris, Chris Phelps, and Tim Garner. Many thoughts were conveyed expressing the need for reaching out to everyone in the youth group and to help them be a part and feel welcome. We, as a body of Christ, can do lots of things to the glory of God when we become like him and are united. Let us keep on striving to this goal with Christ as our example.

Middle School - Jan. 11, Giddings and Goodsons. Also, remember to keep working on your Bible Bowl questions.

See You
In
Bible
Study

Sunday - 9:30



Mid-Week Service

We want to encourage each adult member of this congregation to consider one of the classes being offered on Wednesday night beginning January 14. The Personal Work class to be taught in the Chapel by Harold Taylor will challenge you to prepare for sharing the message of the gospel with others, and you will also be blessed with an increased knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. Jay Lockhart will be teaching More Than Conquerors (studies in the book of Joshua) in the auditorium. Young Marrieds will continue in room 105 with Wes Price (studies in the book of Ecclesiastes), and the Singing Class with John Bragg will meet in the Heritage Room.

Remember Our Pantry

Since October twenty-two families have been helped from the pantry of the Benevolent Building. Approximately twenty dollars in food has been given to each family. During the same period of time \$450.00 in food certificates have been distributed to the needy from the church office.

Special needs for the pantry at this time are: canned meat, small sizes of flour and sugar, corn bread and biscuit kits, small containers of cooking oil and shortening, and canned vegetables.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I WANT TO?

If I want to, I could help make this church the most wide-awake and working church in all the world.

If I wanted to, I could attend Bible classes regularly and encourage others to do the same.

If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services and receive much more good from them.

If I wanted to, I could tell others about Jesus Christ and His church and lead many of them to salvation--at least my actions could always speak for Christ.

If I wanted to, I could give back to the Lord each Lord's day as I have been prospered thereby helping to spread the Gospel of Christ.

Of course, this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honorable servant of God, but the question is, "What do I really want to do?"

IMPORTANT - If anyone has the Puppet Pack on the "Life of Christ," #14-#26 lessons, please let Gail Vannoy know.

From The Elders

The elders would like to express their appreciation to each of you for your efforts in 1986.

We are enthusiastic about the work outlined for 1987.

The budget presented last Sunday will be a challenge for each one and will enable us to expand our work.

We appreciate all the love and unity that is so prevalent in our family of Christians at West Erwin.

Let us keep this scripture in mind through the year, Ephesians 4:1-5, "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

We are looking forward to a great year for the cause of Christ.

The Elders

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (11) Angel Gregory (12) Earl Lucas, Kimberly Steffee, Clay Kirby, Winni Cullinan, Brandy Starnes (14) Roy Clark (16) Jim Willis (17) Pauline Daughtry, Wayne Harrison.

Congratulations

We congratulate Kevin and Le'Ann Braly on the birth of twins, a boy and girl, born December 31 at 9:23 and 9:25 in Mother Frances Hospital. Alexander Ryan weighed 7 lb, 4 oz. Anna Victoria weighed 5 lb and 11 oz. All are well.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Here and There

By Wes Price



Welcome to 1987! My family and I would like to thank you for all of your expressions of kindness and love during the holidays. As we begin this new year we have every confidence that you will continue your generous expressions of love and affection. We pray God's richest blessings on you and your loved ones in this new year.

We are happy to announce the appointment of a new supervisor for or Preschool department. We are grateful to Carolyn Welborn for her service during this past year and welcome Connie Sublette in this very important role. She will begin her duties immediately so if you teach in the Preschool department, please call on her. If you plan on being absent from your class, call her for a substitute.

This week we begin an extensive refurbishing of the Teacher's Work Room. Billie Bob Hickman will be directing the work of putting our workroom back in A-1 condition. We will be needing help from all the teaching staff during the course of this extensive work. Please make every effort to secure what supplies you will need for the next month since it may be difficult to find supplies during the refurbishing period. If you have materials or teaching aids that belong to you, please remove them until the work is completed. If you would like to maintain storage in this room, please be aware of this coming project. If you have any questions, please let me know.

My most humble apologies to Freeman Morgan's Sunday morning class. That class moved to the Fellowship Hall last week, even without prior notice. I beg your forgiveness for that oversight. The class will continue to meet there so that the larger number in attendance will have more space. Thank you for your cooperation.

As we previously announced, West Erwin will be hosting the 1987 East Texas Teacher Training Workshop in October. Work is underway to prepare for this annual event. A planning session was held on Thursday night to appoint men to serve on various committees. We believe this will be the best ever and will be an additional blessing to West Erwin.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God..." - Jude 21