

Records	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Year Ago
Bible School	453	400	443
Worship/A.M.	530	505	578
Worship/P.M.	373	360	418
Wed. Eve.	301	252	261
Contributions	\$12,286.84	\$63,615.71	\$11,582.16
Membership	615	Weekly Budget \$11,582.16	

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 25 and Wednesday night, Dec. 28 - IRA WILSON, 5610750.

Parents

There will be no Children's Worship Training on Sunday, December 25 and the following Sunday, January 1. This program will resume on January 8th.

New Members

Bob and Cathy Bryant came Sunday to place membership. They have two young children, Robby and Rusty. The Bryants address is 1707 Yosemite (75703), telephone 581-8138. We are happy to welcome this young couple into the fellowship of the West Erwin church family.



Act Now!
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BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

Serving

MORNING ASSEMBLY
Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Dub Mathews
Scripture Wesley Price

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Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Jay Lockhart, Jr.
Scripture Ray Womack
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Chris Kindred Neil Vannoy
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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
Alfred and Christine Welch
Charles and Phyllis Rachui
Ron and Barbara Oberg
Oscar and Ethel Brown

The Sick

Sister Charles (Ann) McCoy had tests the early part of last week as an out-patient.

Sister Foy (Mary) Richey was scheduled to have open heart surgery on Thursday morning at U.T. Hospital.

Amanda Hunt, granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt, is hospitalized in Mother Frances, room 417.

Gary Minnis of Lewisville, Texas, and son of H. M. and Alla Minnis is very seriously ill. He is also a brother to sister Mary Farrer.


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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

1989 Work Program Announced

Last Sunday, during our worship assembly, the 1989 work program for the West Erwin Church was announced to the congregation in an illustrated slide presentation. The new program represents a 6% increase in budgeted items over 1988 and is divided into five parts:

1. Preaching The Gospel Around The World (Including THE SEARCH) \$170,678.00
 2. Caring For The Needy 53,610.00
 3. Teaching The Good News At Home (Including Camp Deer Run) 252,292.00
 4. Maintaining A Place For Worship 117,235.00
 5. Keeping Informed Through The Church Office 32,800.00
- For A Total Of \$626,615.00
With A needed weekly contribution of \$ 12,050.00

While all the work done by a local church cannot be reduced to dollars and cents, a budget is a systematic, planned barometer of what we, with the help of God, hope to accomplish in the coming year. It's a good budget and deserving of our sacrificial support.

Season's Greetings
with very best wishes
for your happiness
in the
New Year

From
The Staff & Their Families

Jay & Arlene Lockhart
Wes & Alma Faye Price
Danny & Lisa Snell
Harold & Nelda Browning
Joe & Frances McBee
Bill & Jo Butler
James & Frances Phillips

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



We had a great devotional Saturday night at the Obergs. Thanks to Ron and Barbara Oberg and Kelly and Jeannie Ross for hosting all the High Schoolers. Kelly brought us a good message about standing firm and fighting the good fight.

There were some very exciting parties last Saturday. About 40 children gathered Saturday morning and sang for some of our shutins. Then we had refreshments and a visit from Santa. Many people helped sponsor that activity and I want to especially thank the teens who helped: Becky Blackstone, Amy O'Quinn, Michelle Steffee, and Kimberly Sublette.

Thanks also to Jeff Blackstone and Brody Clark for helping Faber Cauthen deliver fruit baskets on Saturday morning.

Saturday evening we had our annual Youth Group Christmas Party, and we had a great time together. Thanks to Les and Carolyn Carruth and to Stacey Lockhart for helping to host this special evening.

Finally, 1988 has been a very busy and eventful year for Lisa and me. We are excited about being here at West Erwin in the Heart of Tyler, Texas. We are looking forward to 1989 and the challenge that this new year holds. 1989 will be a great year for the West Erwin congregation and I am glad that we are a part of the church.

Important Dates

- Jan. 7 Youth Group Day In Dallas
- Jan. 8 Second Ski Trip Installment Due
- Jan. 15 High School Activity
- Jan. 20 21 Youth Leadership Retreat
High School
- Jan. 22 Middle School Activity

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. By Invitation of Jesus

"Hard Hearts Softened"

Mark 14:10-11, 17-21, 43-46

6:00 P.M. How Can I...Be Somebody?
Psalm 8:1-9

Sympathy

The West Erwin church family shares in the sorrow of sister Kathleen Carroll. Her son, Joe Carroll, passed away early Tuesday morning at his home. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Funeral services were held for brother Carroll on Wednesday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Potpourri

ATTENTION PARENTS

There will be no Bible Hour (K-5th grade) on Sunday evening, December 25th and Sunday evening, January 1. This class will resume on January 8th.

WORKSHOP

Jule Miller will conduct a Personal Evangelism Workshop at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, January 20-22. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the South Foyer. You are invited to attend.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL OF THE SEARCH

A special of THE SEARCH will be shown on KLTV, Channel 7, Tyler at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23. The same program will be shown again on Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m. Tell your friends about the program.

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

In keeping with the regulations of our permit with the Post Office, we will not print THE VISITOR next week. We will mail THE VISITOR again on January 5, 1989.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December (25) Scott Carruth, Sherry Munn, George Hearne (28) Randy Pickens, Jennifer Lemons, Wanda Weathers (29) Margaret Talley, Jay Culpepper (30) Jane Johnson, Nelda Jo Wiley (31) Vera Beard, Alex Braly, Anna Braly
January (3) Lyndsey Womack, Randi Maddox (4) Pat McCarley, Clara Haynes, Kimberly Jordan (5) Hazel Morgan (6) Jan Knight, Edna Hodnett, Jimmie Philpot (7) Lamern Bailey, Gary Cain

Thanks

I wish to express my thanks to Jay Lockhart and those who called and sent cards. Thanks to the "Tuesday Ladies" who have sent good lunches since my recent surgery. Love you and appreciate you.

Louise Santos

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Carl Q. Sims.

Thank you for the beautiful carnation spray for dad.

The Sims Family

I wish to thank you for the prayers, your love and concern, calls and cards for Jack. He is at home now and slowly improving. May our Lord continue to bless our church in every way.

Jimmie E. Brown

We are so very grateful for your cards and prayers. Josh loves getting cards. We are so fortunate to have friends and family such as you! Thank you so much.

Lester & Nancy Warburton
Jimmy & Joshua Farabee

We are truly grateful to be a part of such a caring Christian family. Your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and comforting words made our loss more bearable. A special thanks to singers for the beautiful songs.

Phil, Linda & Missy Marts

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards and get-well wishes. All of them were very much appreciated.

Shirley Denman

Thank you so much for the beautiful pink and white carnation spray. Our mother, Cleo, loved the church and all of you at West Erwin. We appreciate all the support and love you have given us.

James and Connie Sublette

**Your Example Is Powerful
Beyond Measure**

Here and There

by Wes Price



The Children's Christmas party was a great success. We had over thirty children to participate. We had a great time visiting the homes of some of our shutins, and the children were a joy to be with. A big thanks to the parents who brought their children and especially to those who helped plan and conduct the party. A special thanks to Charisse Smith and LeAnn Braly for their work in decorating the Fellowship Hall and conducting the party. Santa did a thoroughly convincing job in entertaining the children. He knows who he is and we thank him.

We have received many words of commendation for the teaching our elders have done during these past two months as they rotated through the various adult classes. This coming Sunday, December 25, will be the final session of their series. On January 1, 1989, we will be beginning a new series, a study in the book of Hebrews. Brother Robert Hawkins has been busy writing the lesson outlines and each class will have study outlines to give to class members. He will also be teaching a class on Wednesday nights for the teachers of the adult classes.

The Price family extends its warmest greetings to all who have been a part of the ministry at West Erwin and to those who receive a copy of our weekly bulletin. This will be the final message of 1988, and we send our love and best wishes to all during this holiday season. May God bestow His richest blessings on each one. Give yourself to Him more fully as each day passes and He will not forsake you.

Year End Singing

The Year End Singing this year will be held at the Broadway Church of Christ on Wednesday night, December 28. Everyone is welcome to attend the singing, however, services will be here as usual. There will be a worship period for everyone in the auditorium.

Records	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Year Ago
Bible School	400	432	443
Worship/A.M.	505	549	515
Worship/P.M.	360	352	412
Wed. Eve.	252	243	294
Contributions	\$63,615.71	\$12,519.21	\$36,930.34
Membership 616	Budget \$11,389.89		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 18 and Wednesday, Dec. 21 - TOMMY BROWN, 877-2230.

The Sick

Kyle Stowers, pre-school grandson of Claudia Griffis, underwent additional dental surgery on Monday.

Guy and Nettie Potts were in Dallas Wednesday to be with their daughter, Pam Tindel, who had surgery in Methodist Hospital Day Surgery.

AARP Drive Alive

On January 9th and 10th an AARP Drive Alive school will be held in our Fellowship Hall for anyone 50 years or older or for anyone with a ticket who needs to attend a driving school. The cost is \$7.00 per person, and the hours will be 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Act Now!

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BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

Change For Children

If you have not returned your Change For Children can, please bring it Sunday.

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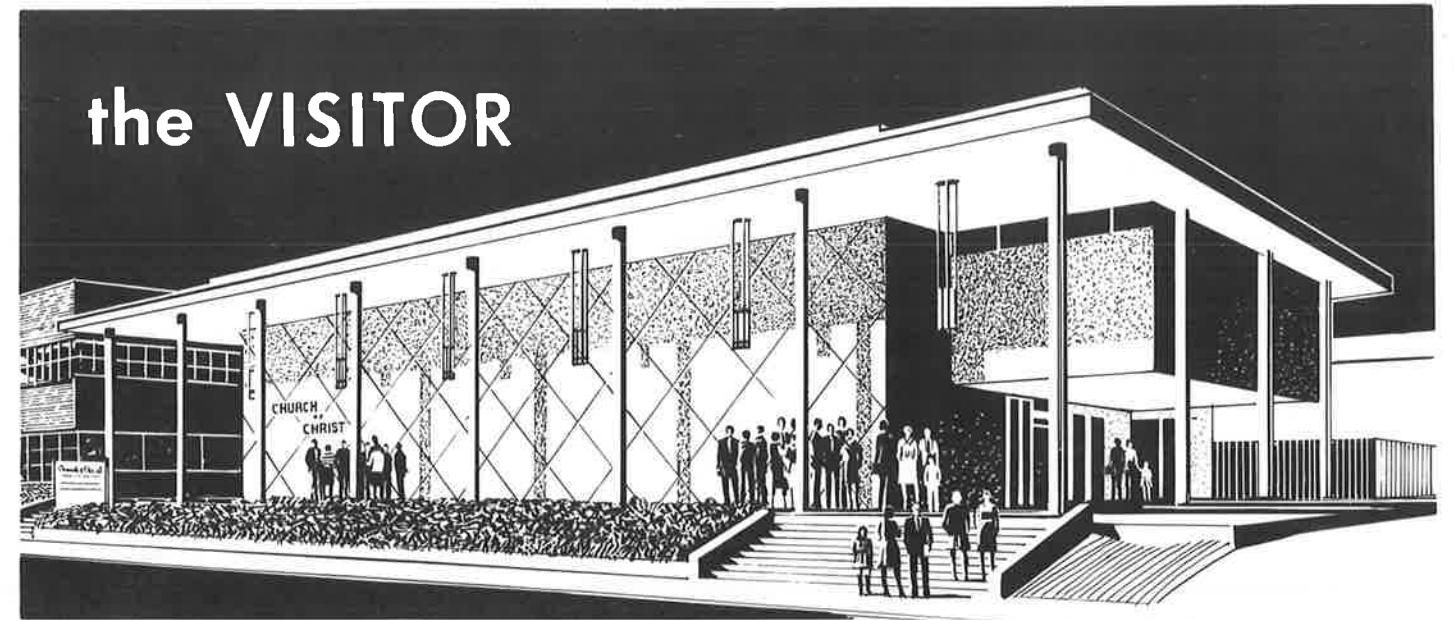
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Oscar and Ethel Brown
 Ron and Barbara Oberg
 Charles and Phyllis Rachui
 Alfred and Christine Welch

Discovery Days

As I look toward the beginning of a new semester for Discovery Days, may I sincerely say "thank you" to the many wonderful Christians who have helped our pre-school in so many ways. Prayers in our behalf have especially been appreciated. Discovery Days' enrollment is increasing and I am excited about the New Year. Continue to pray for us that Discovery Days will be exactly as God would want it. It is my desire to do His will in planning our program for the future.


Barbara Oberg, Director

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

From The Heart of Tyler To The World

Last Sunday the West Erwin Church gave over \$52,000 above our regular budget to begin a building fund as we plan for the future. Two years ago we began to talk about expanding our facilities, but in the last few months these talks have intensified. Various proposals have been studied by an elder-appointed building committee as we have prayerfully considered how we can provide for future growth and, at the same time, exercise the best stewardship possible. One thing that has become so very obvious is that it isn't easy to expand a building like ours--every plan seems to have its positives and negatives. However, it is reasonable to believe we will have a definite direction soon, and that's exciting! In the meantime, we thank you for that building fund start last Sunday--it's a good beginning for a growing future. Be prayerful for and supportive of our elders as they make important decisions that affect us all.

That Special Contribution

This Sunday promises to be one of the highlights of our year and you won't want to miss it. We will be considering our commitment to our mission and how we plan to fulfill that mission in the year ahead. There probably is no time of the year that is more dreaded by a church than "Budget Sunday." Budgets: necessary but so boring with lists of places and numbers. That's why we don't have a "Budget Sunday." Instead, we designate a Sunday near the end of the year to talk about what the church really is--people, and what the church is to do--proclaim salvation to men, and how this church intends to be the people of God at work. It will be an exciting day of worship, contemplation, commitment, planning, and growth. I look forward to seeing you!

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



Thanks to the Vannoys who planned the Hayride for last Saturday night; however, the weather did us in and we were forced to cancel. The Middle School Activity was great fun Sunday night. Thanks to those who made it a great time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Middle School and High School students are invited to the annual Youth Group Christmas party on Saturday, December 17, at our home, 205 Pin Oak in Whitehouse. Please bring a wrapped gag gift (\$3.00 to \$5.00). Dress is casual. The time is 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. We will have a great time together, so plan to be there, and please feel free to invite friends. (Directions to my house--Take 110 to Whitehouse, turn left at traffic light in town then first right (Forest Creek), left on second street (Pin Oak). We are the 3rd house on left. If lost or transportation is a problem, call 839-7551). See you Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All High Schoolers are reminded of our activity Sunday night. We will be going to the Obergs for supper and devotional time. Plan to come for this special time of fellowship.

SPRING SKI RETREAT

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the Ski Trip. If you plan to go, please get your deposit to me as soon as possible. The remaining openings are "first come, first served."

TEENAGERS NEEDED

Eight teenagers are needed to help with the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday morning, December 17. We will help with the activities. Please be here at 9:15 Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17-Holiday Party at the Snells
December 18 High School Activity

Potpourri

UPDATE ON AMANDA HUNT

Amanda's last check-up at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas was very good. She is having difficulty breathing and swallowing, but not enough to require a machine at this point. We want to thank everyone for your concern and help. Please continue to pray for her. We know prayers are answered.

In Christian love,
The Hunt Family

SPECIAL HONOR

Amy Harrison, daughter of Wayne and Lynn Harrison, became a member of the National Honor Society on Monday evening at Robert E. Lee High School. Congratulations!

HOLIDAY GREETING

A greeting from the Rudolf Rischer family, along with a picture of the Rischers, is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

A special of THE SEARCH will be shown on KLTU, Channel 7, Tyler at 7:00 o'clock on Friday evening, December 23. The same program will be repeated on Christmas Eve at 10:00 o'clock.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER (18) Mark Frick (19) James Massey, Ruth Hearne (20) Rex Johnson, James Phillips, Marshall Phillips (21) Dorothy Hulsey, Barbara Will, Billie Morgan, Pat Ragsdale (22) Erica Smith, Scott Rachui (23) Tom Williams, Claude Sessions, Stephanie Maddox (24) Shelley Miles, Henry McRuiz, Oscar Brown.

Take Time To Pray

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. From Tyler To The World

Matthew 28:16 - 20

P.M. What's Right With The Church?

Philippians 1:1 - 11



Thanks

Dear Christian friends,

Thank you for your prayers and your loving acts of kindness during my recent surgery. I appreciate your cards, calls, visits, and food.

I love you all,
Pattie Tate

Your kind expressions of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

T. W. Oldham and family

It is wonderful to have so many Christian brothers and sisters who have done so much for so long to make life easier for all of our family. We want to thank you for the many things you have done to strengthen our faith.

Bettie and Mack
Bill and Pamela
Mike, Kerrie and Trey
Steve
James and Connie
Monroe Sublette

Congratulations

Thomas James Hunt was born November 10, 1988 to James and Julie Hunt in Germany. The baby weighed 7 lb and 6 oz, and his proud grandparents are Ed and Margie Hunt.

The Search



EACH SUNDAY MORNING
8:00 O'clock

KLTU, Channel 7 - Tyler, Texas
Jay Lockhart, Speaker

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Phil and Linda Marts in the death of Linda's father, R. E. (Bo) Barnwell. Funeral services were held for him in Pittsburg, Texas on Monday afternoon.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday of last week in Oklahoma for Hazel Bennett, sister of Cathy Krewall and Irene Taylor. We express our sympathy to the family.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We have had a tremendous response to the One Year Bible. If you signed up for one, please bring your check with you Sunday night. A table has been set up in the back foyer where you can pick up your copy. If you did not order one when we first made it available and you signed up later, your copy should be in by the following week. We will keep you posted.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN THREE YEARS OF AGE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE: Our Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for this Saturday morning beginning at 9:30. We hope you are planning on bringing your children to enjoy this festive occasion. We will be going on our big bus to sing for some of our shut-ins, so see that they have a warm coat to wear. We remind you to bring a giftwrapped toy, marked as to age, for your child to send to the children's home. We are emphasizing the "giving" aspect instead of receiving to help our little ones learn the art of giving.

Santa will put in an appearance so bring your camera if you want a picture. We will conclude the party by 12:00 noon.

These past few weeks have been sad ones for many of our church family in the loss of loved ones. We express our sincerest sympathy to these families and want them to know that we have continually remembered them in prayer.

I know these families want you to know how very much they have appreciated your helping hand. Assistance has been provided by taking food and by numerous visits. One special area that a small dedicated group serves is that of singing at the memorial services. If you have not expressed your thanks to the ones who help in this important ministry, help me say thanks to them.

May we remind our ladies that Ladies' Class will not meet again until January 4th. This will give time for families to plan Holiday schedules and to enjoy this special time of the year.

The Alarm System of our building is designed to protect us against unauthorized entry after office hours. When that occurs, an alarm sounds not only on the outside of our building, but also at the Security System Company who monitors the system. They, in turn, either call someone at the building or the police if the need is indicated.

We have received notice from the Police that we are in danger of having our license revoked because we have had so many false alarms turned in. May we please have your co-operation in this matter. If you have access to our building, please be aware of the proper procedures for disarming the system. Anyone at the church office can help you with this matter if you have a need to know. Just ask. We appreciate your help.

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Membership	619	Budget \$11,389.89	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 11 and Wednesday, Dec. 14 JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9710.

The Sick

Sister Audie Grier is now a resident of the Chandler Nursing Home.

Sister Bessie Willis is now in the Glenview Nursing Home.

Sister Lerah Williamson had eye surgery Wednesday morning as an out patient in Medical Center.

Brother Jim McCoy has been a patient in Mother Frances for several days. He hoped to go home on Wednesday.

Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of Monroe Sublette and his family in the death of sister Cleo Sublette on Wednesday morning. At this writing (Wednesday) details for the funeral services are pending.

We learned Wednesday of the death of Carl Sims on Tuesday evening. He was the brother of sister Earnesene Shuford. Earnesene is now living with her son in Houston. Her address is 6619 Cloudsweep, Houston, Tx 77086.

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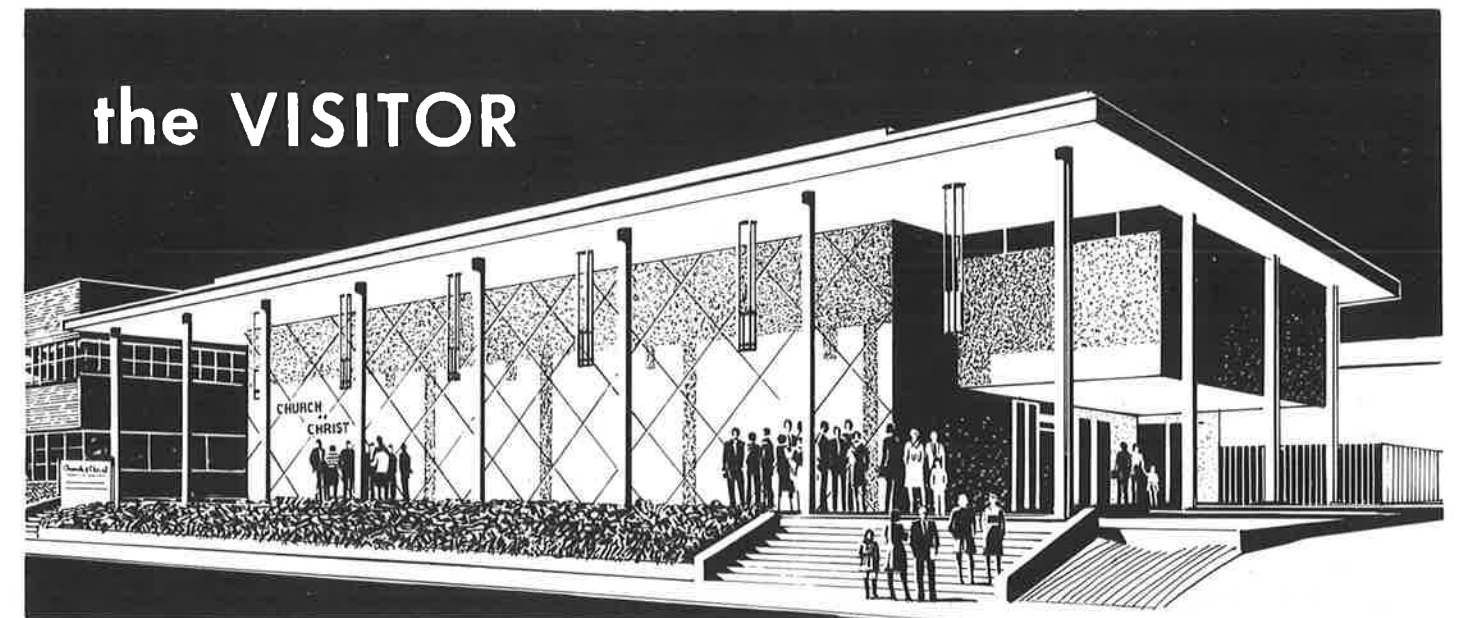
You are requested to bring small toys to be given out in the benevolent work during the holidays.

Children's clothing, especially coats, sweaters, etc. are always needed in the benevolent work. Please bring your contributions to the church building any time.

Remember, the grocery truck from Boles' Home will be here one day during the week of 12 - 16. We never know the exact day so you are asked to bring your contributions by Sunday. Special needs: sugar, paper towels, tooth paste, choc.chips, pecans, cooking oil, canned white potatoes.


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From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give."-2 Cor. 9:17

A Special Contribution-- A Vision For The Future

Last Sunday Faber Cauthen, current chairman of our elders, announced that our annual year-end contribution would be given on December 11. Each year this contribution has been earmarked for some important work, such as missions, television, budget deficit, remodeling of facilities, and debt retirement. The exciting thing about this year's contribution is that it is being allocated to a building fund. As we have experienced significant growth over the past three years, it has become increasingly obvious that we must provide additional auditorium seating to accommodate our large audiences on Sunday. Our elders have talked among themselves, with our deacons, and in several men's meetings over the past three years about this matter. Most recently a building committee has been appointed to prayerfully consider how we might increase our seating

capacity. Questions considered include, how can we economically provide the most seating, how will it affect our assemblies, and what is best for the future? Our building committee, chaired by Jamon Kirby and consisting of Matt Haws, Stan Mallory, and Leon Welborn, have considered various plans and have presented each study to our elders. How can we enlarge our present auditorium? What will it cost? How will it enhance the atmosphere for worship? What about parking? What about a new auditorium? These are matters being considered in the atmosphere of our mission--how can we most effectively reach the lost and nurture the saved? Be assured that decisions will be made after careful and prayerful consideration of alternatives. In the meantime, let's get started with a liberal, sacrificial gift this Sunday for the special contribution.

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



Phil and Linda Marts and Tommy and Jerry Konczak did a great job hosting our devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks for the Sloppy Joes, cake and ice cream. We appreciate all of our parents who have sponsored these activities. Everyone please remember the Acappella concert is this Friday at Caldwell Auditorium. Get your tickets at the concert that night for \$3.00. Don't miss this one --it will be great.

Middle School Activity

All Middle Schoolers are invited to the special activity this Sunday night. We will be going out to eat and returning at 9:00 p.m. Plan to come and bring a friend to enjoy this outing.

Hayride and Weiner Roast

All Middle School and High School students are reminded of the Hayride and Weiner Roast this Saturday evening, December 10. We will be leaving at 5:30 p.m. from the church lot and will return at 9:45. Invite a friend to enjoy the fun evening. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. It will be great fun!

Spring Ski Retreat

The remaining openings for the Ski trip in March are "first come, first served." If you plan to go, get your deposit to me as soon as possible. I will be glad to answer any questions you have about the trip.

Teenagers Needed To Help!

Eight teenagers are needed to help with the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday morning, December 17. We will be involved in carrying out the activities and being with the children for that time. If you can help, please let me know as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 9 Acappella Concert
- Dec. 10 Hayride and Weiner Roast
- Dec. 11 Middle School Activity
- Dec. 17 Holiday Party at the Snells
- Dec. 18 High School Activity

Sermons For Sunday

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR DECEMBER 11

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. To Seek And Save
(Luke 19:1-10)



P.M. How Can I Form Good Habits?
(Luke 4:14-21)

Sympathy

Several have suffered the loss of family members recently and we express our sympathy to each one. We share in the loss of brother Dorsey Martin, uncle of sister Carolyn Stitt. Funeral services were conducted for him on Saturday of last week. Also, Mrs. Thelma Oldhom, mother of sister Joyce Morrison, was buried last Saturday. She lived in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were conducted last week for brother Jack Rankin, one of the elders of the Manhattan church. We extend our sympathy to the Manhattan church in New York City in their great loss.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER (11) Sue Skipper (12) Cole Bennett, Chantel Haney, Charles Seaberry (13) Fleta Butler, Harold Denman, Doris Terrell (15) Carolyn Paschall, Rhonda Weathers, Esther Wilson, Jerry Konczak, Linda Pickle (17) Mary Richey, Cathy Culpepper, Norene Ingram, Adrain Scruggs.

Discovery Days

Barbara Oberg, director of DISCOVERY DAYS is offering a "drop in" service according to availability. If you would like to bring your preschool child for the day (not by the hour), please call the church office and make a reservation. The fee is \$7.00 per day. DISCOVERY DAYS, for children ages two through four years, meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Good Work

We appreciate the work of Jeff Konczak and several of his fellow Scouts. Recently they cleaned all of the flower beds around the church buildings. Their work on this project counts toward their Eagle Scout Merit Badge. Contributing to the re-planting in the flower beds were Don Ingram and Dale Blackstone.

New Grandchildren

Sallyanne Pickle is the proud grandmother of Connor Edward Pickle born December 1 in Henderson, Texas to Edwin and Kelly Pickle. He weighed 7 lb and 14 oz.

Sara Kathryn Richey was born Monday, December 5 in Denver, Colorado to Foy Carroll and Laurie Richey. She weighed 8 lbs. Foy and Mary Richey are the happy grandparents.

Thanks

Our hearts are deeply touched by the outpouring of your kind expressions of Christian love in the loss of my brother. Thank you for the many cards, flowers and verbal expressions of sympathy. We love our West Erwin church family.

Paul and Signa Stanley

I can't express to all of you at West Erwin how much your prayers and thoughtfulness means to me. I was very touched at all the acts of love and kindness you showed me at the death of my mother. My family at West Erwin means so much to me. The flowers were beautiful and my family and I appreciate them so much. All my love to all of you.

Joyce Morrison

We would like to express our appreciation for the flowers, cards, prayers, and concern in our recent loss.

Esther and Ira Wilson

Here and There

by Wes Price



The Education Department Year-end work day last Saturday was a great success. At least 25 workers shared the morning, working in their classrooms, in the workroom or helping with bulletin boards. We are grateful for the willingness of our teaching staff to do a bit of extra work in order to bring our classrooms up to a shining standard. A special word of thanks to John Steffee and Danny Snell who helped prepare breakfast for those who came at 8:00 o'clock.

We are steadily collecting a large number of dishes in the storage shelf in the back foyer. Many of these do not have identifying labels, so we can only ask that you check and see if you might have one there. All of the dishes presently stored there have been dated. After a reasonable period, those that remain will be moved to the Fellowship Hall or the Benevolent Center. Help us please.

Parents of all children, three year olds through fifth grade, will want to remember the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday morning, December 17. The party will begin at 9:30 A.M. and conclude at 12:00 noon. We are asking that each child bring an inexpensive toy wrapped and labeled with the age appropriate for the gift. We will be taking these to children at Boles' Home. Our purpose is to emphasize giving for our children.

We are asking our Bible class teachers to help us promote attendance by emphasizing the time and date for this party. If you have questions please call Charisse Smith or LeeAnn Braly.

Take Time To Pray

Change For Children

If you did not return your Change For Children can last Sunday, please bring it this Sunday. These are the cans we took home to fill with change for Christian Services. Your help is very much appreciated.

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Worship/A.M.	567	523	592
Worship/P.M.	368	396	436
Wed. Eve.	170	252	497
Contributions	\$9,389.11	\$12,177.76	\$10,489.73

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 4 and Wednesday, December 7, GARY BROOME, 592-2289.

The Sick

Sister Audie Grier remains in Mother Frances.
 Sister Joyce Morrison's mother, Mrs. Thelma Oldhom, continues to be very ill in Fort Worth.
Joshua David Farabee, grandson of John and Ruby Cliver came through his surgery in good condition on Tuesday in Houston. They hope he will be able to walk unaided when he recovers. He is 4 years old. His address is: David Farabee, 1402 Outer Belt Dr. Shriner's Hospital, Houston 77030.
 Brother Dorsey Martin is very ill in ICU in Medical Center. He has suffered a stroke.
 Sister Bessie Willis is very seriously ill in Medical Center.
 Sister Pattie Tate underwent cataract surgery Wednesday as an outpatient in Medical Center.
 We have learned that sister Diann Leek will have a week or more of tests in Mayo Clinic. Their address is: Rt. 3, Box 378-A (Maple St.), Ellijay, Ga. 30540.
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Wendell & Peggy Johnston Allen & Carolyn Alford

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 Prayer Don Ingram
 Scripture Matt Carroll
 Dismiss Archie Kennard

EVENING ASSEMBLY
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 Prayer Hoyt Hughes
 Scripture Steven Mabry
 Dismiss Ed Hunt

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
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 Tommy Konczak C. H. McCarty

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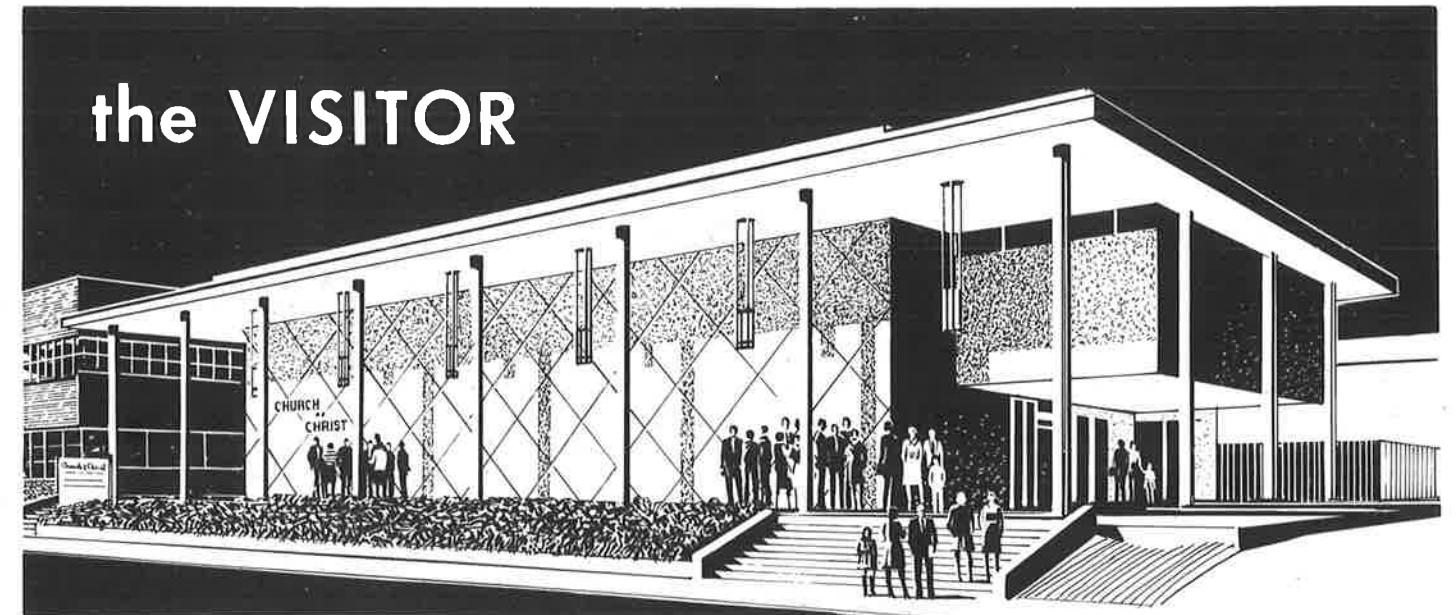
Welcome New Members

We were pleased to have two couples come Sunday to place membership. We welcome Allen and Carolyn Alford who formerly worshipped with the Lakewood Church of Christ in Baytown. Their address is Rt. 8, Box 605 (Hwy.155 South) Tyler 75703, telephone 534-2947.

Wendell and Peggy Johnston came Sunday to place membership and to ask for the prayers of the congregation. We are happy to welcome them. They formerly worshipped in Baton Rouge, La. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 155-EX, Lindale 75771, telephone 882-3439.


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"They gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them."
 --Acts 14:27

What God Has Done

Our television ministry, THE SEARCH, will soon complete its 200th program as we bring to a close our fourth year of a pleasant relationship with KLTU in Tyler. As we prepare to launch into our fifth year we have some exciting stories to tell--souls saved, Bible studies in progress, 2600 requests filled in 1988, and some interesting plans for the future--cable systems, mission points, prisons. Television is expensive, but each person we touch costs about 5c--that makes TV, even from an economic point of view, a real bargain and good stewardship. We continue to be grateful for your interest and support.

The next few weeks promise to be filled with good things. We will have our annual end-of-the year special contribution on December 11 (an announcement will be made on Sunday about this). On December 18 our program of work for 1989 will be pre-

sented at our morning assembly and I can assure you that you will be pleased with the program and the presentation. We're getting prepared for a real surge in the new year! Be a part of it.

With the coming of the Johnstons and the Alfords Sunday, our membership at West Erwin has now exceeded 620! Remember when it was 440? Let me say it again: the Lord has brought us together at this time and at this place for a great purpose; He has equipped for the task with talent, treasures and numbers. He is ready to bless this people as never before as we commit our lives without reserve to His purposes. Our vision and faith look beyond just meeting next Sunday; we're looking to the 1990's and to the 21st century! Be in the main stream; be a part of the purpose; realize why we are here ...now! See you Sunday.

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



The Wednesday evening assembly last week was very refreshing and encouraging. The singing and devotional time we spent together made us really thankful for the talent we have here. A special thanks to the young men who led in the devotional: Robbie Butler, Chris Starnes, Jeff Konczak, Neil Vannoy, and Matt Carroll. You guys did a great job. Keep up the good work. Thanks to Gary Ables for leading the singing and helping organize the devotional. Also, thanks to the church for giving our young men an opportunity to do this.

Spring Ski Retreat

The few openings that are left for the Ski trip in March will be first come, first served. So if you want to go, you need to get your deposit to me as soon as possible. I will be glad to answer any questions you have about the trip.

Combined Youth Activity

Sunday night we will have a combined youth activity at the Fellowship Hall after the evening assembly. Please come and bring a friend.

Help!

We need eight teenagers to help with the Christmas party for our kids on Saturday morning, December 17. We will be involved in carrying out the activities and being with the children for that time. If you can help, please let me know as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Teens, please mark your calendars for these very special dates:

- Dec. 4 Combined Activity
- Dec. 9 Acappella Concert
- Dec. 10 Hayride and Weiner Roast
- Dec. 11 Middle School Activity
- Dec. 17 Holiday Party at the Snells
- Dec. 18 High School Activity

Acappella

Is Coming!

When?

Friday, December 9, 1988
at 7:30 P.M.

Where?

Caldwell Auditorium
Tyler, Texas

Tickets available at Better
Books Christian Center
and at the door. Price \$3.00.

"People Reaching Out To People"



From NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jeffersonville, Indiana

We have just completed a wonderful meeting with your own Harold Taylor. We also like to claim him since he is originally from Indiana.

Harold is well respected and well received anytime he speaks or preaches in this area. He has been with us now in two successful gospel meetings and has spoken on our Rally Day program for Childplace, a foster care and adoptive ministry we began here some 20 years ago. He has also been helpful to us with practical ideas and suggestions for building up the church. I recall it was Harold who shared the "Brother's Keeper" program which we have used very successfully to the present since he introduced it a couple of years ago. Also, it was Harold, who a little over a year ago, introduced us to the concept of Congregate Housing. For some 10 years we have been looking in this direction but when we followed up on the idea he brought to our attention, we are now at the point of actually beginning construction.

Brother Harold is true to the Word, down-to-earth in his approach, dignified in his demeanor, warm and loving in his preaching and visiting. He speaks well of you brethren and seems to highly respect his relationship with the West Erwin Church.

May God continue to bless you and your efforts to reach people with the gospel and to build up the kingdom of Christ.

In Christian love,
Ken Samuel, Elder

Change For Children

The Change For Children cans that you took home to fill with change for Christian Services need to be brought back Sunday. There is a table in the south foyer that you may place them on, or you may leave them in the office. Your help is truly appreciated.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, delicious food and most of all your prayers during my illness. We were almost overwhelmed with your kindnesses, and it helped so much to know of your love and concern.

In Christian love,
Tom and Barbara Williams

We shall ever be grateful to you and to God for the many expressions of your love and sympathy in the loss of my husband. Your prayers, calls, visits, food, cards, and flowers are all appreciated.

Bernice Majors and Family

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last Saturday for J. D. Majors, husband of sister Bernice Majors.

Funeral services were held in El Paso on Thursday for C. H. Stanley, brother of Paul Stanley. Paul and Signa planned to fly to El Paso for the funeral.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Prescott, Arkansas for Ralph Harris, brother of sister Ira Wilson.

P. K. Martin, brother of Dorsey Martin and uncle of Carolyn Stitt, passed away last Saturday in Iaeger, West Va.

New Grandson

Wyndall and Carolyn Miller are the grandparents of a baby boy, Thomas Lee Boothe, November 22 in Lubbock to Steve and Carla Boothe. He weighed 7 lb and 4 oz.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 4

by Jay Lockhart

A.M. By Invitation of Jesus

"The Challenge"

(Matthew 19:16-26)

P.M. How Can I...?

Have A Positive Attitude

(Phil. 4:6-13)

Potpourri

YOUNG AT HEART - Holiday Party

Young at Heart combined with the Chapel Class will have a Christmas party, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meat for the meal will be catered. Ladies are requested to bring either a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Plan to be there.

December 12

Bus trip to Shreveport for tour of Christmas lights.

December 15

Go out together (on the bus) for dinner and then to Shiloh Church for a program presented by children from East Texas Christian Academy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December (6) Ann McCoy (7) Lois Hoppers (8) Ray Johnson, Louise Santos (9) Bart Lemons, Don Weathers (10) Joni Smith.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Clothing for children is needed very badly at the Benevolent Center. All types of clothing, especially warm clothing such as jackets, sweaters, etc.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We hope you will be able to join us this coming Saturday morning for our Bible school work day. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. and we will be ready for work assignments at 8:45. The invitation to work is extended to any who have an interest in our Bible school program, even if you are not on our teaching staff.

Teachers will be given the option of working in their own classrooms or helping with other projects on in the teacher's workroom, Bulletin boards, or other needed assignments.

We have arranged for a number of teenagers to help with the children, so bring them. They are also invited to join us for the breakfast. Let's make this a good day for the Bible School!

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The order has been placed for the One Year Bible. We expect them in early December. You may pay in advance by making a check to the church in the amount of \$10.00. If the quantity price is lower, we will see that you are reimbursed for the difference. Please be sure to mark the check as payment for the One Year Bible so we can make an accurate accounting for this special purchase.

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Our Ladies' Bible Class resumed this week and will meet on Wednesdays through December 14th, as the final class for 1988. Class will begin again on January 4th.

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The nation celebrated Thanksgiving this past week with all the usual fanfare, parades, football games and the like. We sincerely hope you enjoyed the break in the routine and especially remembered to give thanks to God for his generous bounty. Surely we do not want to lose the spirit of gratitude. To do so would reduce us to a state of selfishness that would surely bring us to defeat. But we dare not reserve our thanksgiving to a single time of year. Why not rather let that annual event be a reminder of a daily need to pause and give thanks.

THE TRUCK FROM BOLES HOME WILL BE HERE ONE DAY DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 - 16.

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Bible School	423	450	453
Worship/A.M.	523	555	553
Worship/P.M.	396	390	446
Wed. Eve.	252	244	304
Contributions	\$12,177.76	10,476.72	\$11,901.59
Membership	618	Weekly Budget-\$11,398.89	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 27 and Wednesday evening, November 30 KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

It Won't Work



...Unless
You Use It.

The Sick

Sister Audie Grier is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Barbara Williams is ill at home.

Sister Harold (Shirley) Denman will have surgery Friday (the 25th) in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Joyce Morrison's mother, Thelma Oldhom, is very critically ill in Fort Worth.

Josh Tindel, grandson of Guy and Nettie Potts was scheduled for surgery on Wednesday in Tyler Square.

Joshua Farabee, grandson of John and Ruby Cliver, will have surgery on his legs, November 29, in Houston at the Shriner's Hospital.

Serving Sunday

MORNING ASSEMBLY
Announcements Fred Powell
Prayer C. B. Hardin
Scripture Joe Clark
Dismiss David Frick

EVENING ASSEMBLY
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Prayer Jeff Hone
Scripture Danny Snell
Dismiss David Haney

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

K. Max Haws Robert Hawkins
Wally Dawkins Ken Culpepper

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

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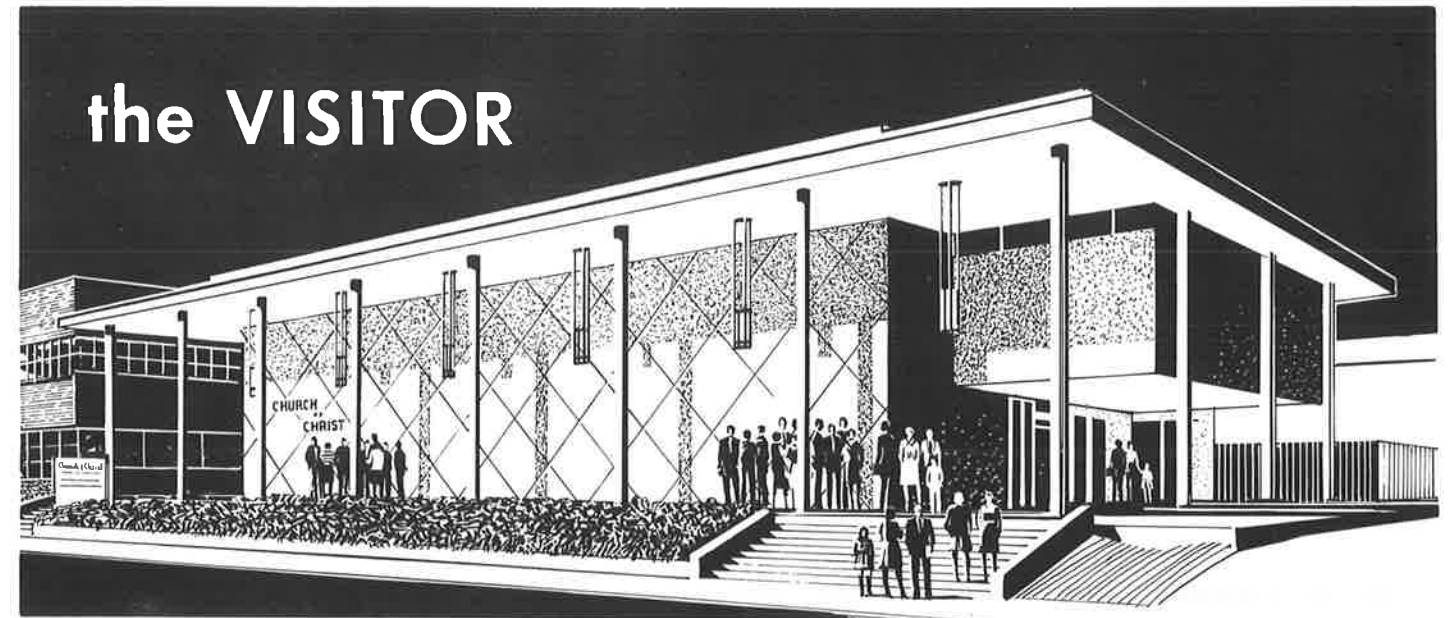
GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Guy and Nettie Potts
Wyndall and Carolyn Miller
Bill Mezell*Matt Carroll * Joe Clark

Thanks

Our Christmas Wonderland was a huge success. Thanks so much for all the hours of work, the donations made, and for the use of your kitchen.

In Christian love,
Debbie Little Dailey
PTF President ETCA



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

A Letter From The Taylors

Dear West Erwin Family:

Betty and I thank God for you and the fellowship we share together in preaching the gospel.

As your stateside missionary, I rejoice to tell you what God is doing in this ministry.

You have made so many things possible. It overwhelms me. We feel a special closeness to you because of our commonality of faith, labor and fellowship. I solicit your continued good will and support because:

1. My ministry is greatly needed in our brotherhood. In a time of decreased emphasis concerning evangelism and the decline in church growth, I believe my ministry is unique in creating renewed interest in outreach and world evangelism.
2. This ministry is practical in nature. These four day workshops not only impart information and motivate members, but members are "walked through" practical ways to implement fellowship, involvement of member's gifts, and evangelistic outreach. Courses of study are left with each church in regard to the gifts ministry and outreach. So, it's a nuts and bolts approach, not a theoretic one.

3. This work contributes to mission work and world evangelism. Stateside, such mission points as Great Falls, Virginia and Wapakonetta, Ohio have received this training. I also shared with the church in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. My plans call for a return trip to the Orient in January of 1989 (Singapore and Malaysia). My work will help build stronger churches in these areas.

4. I am training present and future church leaders. Young people have benefitted from these training sessions at Abilene Christian University and Harding University in 1988. I speak often at International Bible College on such themes.
5. This work has proven effective. The response from these four day seminars have been nothing but positive. A response letter will be printed in next week's bulletin.

I am genuinely grateful for the doors of service opened to me. Your partnership in the gospel is indispensable. Thank you for linking your lives with ours.

Yours for Kingdom Growth,
Harold and Betty Taylor



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DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



This has been a very busy few weeks and I appreciate all the concern and love that you have shown us. Thanks also to you for helping us move last weekend. Thanks to Stan and Judy Clark for hosting the High School Devo last Sunday night. The real "spuds" were great! We are sorry that the Father/Son Campout was cancelled, but we will plan another one some time in the future. Let us remember the many ways that God has blessed us as we celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Spring Ski Retreat

There are still a few openings for the Ski trip in March. It will be first come, first served so if you want to go, get your deposit in as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please ask.

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Tickets available at Better Books Christian Center and at the door. Price \$3.00.

Young At Heart Schedule

The Young At Heart will have a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 8. The Chapel Class is invited for this Covered Dish Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30.

On Monday, December 12, Young At Heart will go to Shreveport for a Christmas Light Tour. More details about this later.

This busy group of Young At Heart will meet at the church building on Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 to go out together (on the bus) for dinner and later to the Shiloh Church for a program, "A Christmas Carol" presented by children from East Texas Christian Academy.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the many expressions of love and concern the past few weeks during the illness and death of our sister-in-law. We know that your prayers have helped us all and will continue to give us support to handle the future.

In Christian love,
Danny & Lisa Snell and Family

New Address

Danny and Lisa Snell have bought a house in Whitehouse, and moved last weekend. Their new address is 205 Pin Oak, Whitehouse, Texas 75791. Their telephone number is (214) 839-7551.

In Appreciation

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We wish to express our appreciation for the delicious dinner you provided us on Thursday evening, November 10. Your support enhances our work for Christ on the TJC campus. Thanks so much.

Tri-C Students and Staff

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Gilmer last Week for Ruby Gregory, grandmother of Mark Gregory. We extend our sympathy to Mark and his family.

Take Time To Pray

Grocery Truck

The Grocery Truck from Boles Home comes to the West Erwin church each December and March. It will be here the week of December 12-16. Items needed are listed below.

Sugar Pecans
Paper Towels Cooking Oil
Tooth Paste Canned White
Chocolate Chips Potatoes

Sermon Subjects

SERMON SUBJECTS - November 27, 1988

By Jay Lockhart
10:20 A.M.- SEEING EYES
(John 9:1-11)

6:00 P.M.- HOW CAN I OVERCOME MY FEARS?
(Matthew 8:23-27)



Thanksgiving Special

THE SEARCH
"A Search For Truth."
Jay Lockhart, Speaker

Saturday Evening
November 26, 1988
7:00 O'clock

The Search



KLTV, Channel 7
Tyler, Texas

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (28) Norma Holcomb, Chloe Clark, Wade McDonald (30) Cherrie Magee, Jeffrey Knight, Mary Terry
DECEMBER (2) Brittany Haws (3) Bradley Smith, Jeremy McRuiz.



SEE YOU SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASSES AT 9:30 A.M.

Congratulations

Lee and Kelly O'Neal are the happy parents of a baby girl, Mallory Elisabeth, born Tuesday, November 15, at Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 5 lb and 13½ oz.

Billie and Norene Ingram have a new grandbaby, Brandon Charles, born Friday, November 18, to Bobby and Paula Ingram. He weighed 7 lb and 9 oz.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We will be processing an order for the One Year Bible in the very near future. We asked members of our Adult Bible Classes for their commitment to purchase one of these at a cost of \$10.00 each, either in the New International version or the King James version. If you were not present in one of the classes last week and would like to purchase one of these Bibles, please call the church office and have your name added to the list. We want to have these in hand prior to the beginning of the new year so you can begin with the very first day of January.

I hope you and your family will have the opportunity to be together this week to celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving. Most of our family will be together in Abilene. It would be easy to let this be just another holiday among the many at the close of the year, but we trust that you will give it proper respect with the view of all that God has done for you and yours this year. Prayers of thanksgiving can be offered and should be offered at more than just a delicious meal. And while we are being thankful for the material blessings, let's not forget the greater benefits which are ours in Jesus Christ. If it becomes easy to take the material blessings for granted, it will be even easier to do so with the spiritual, especially so long as things are going well. If we are properly thankful for ALL blessings in time of plenty, it will help us endure and persevere when times are difficult. God will provide!

Teachers and Bible school workers, don't forget the scheduled work day, December 3. I realize that this comes at a busy time, but your efforts won't go unrewarded for this special day. Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 and the work session will last from 9 until 12. Come be with us.

Another special date to keep posted is December 17. This day is set aside for our children's Holiday Party. You will be advised of time and needs later.

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 20 and Wednesday night, November 23 - CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Danny and Lisa Snell in the death of their sister-in-law (Danny's brother's wife) early Wednesday. Funeral services are pending at this writing.

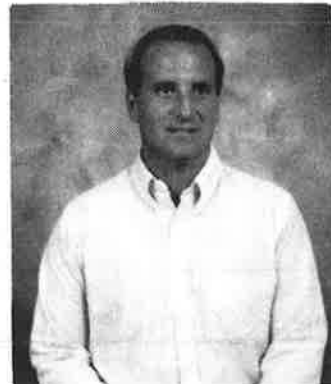
New Members

We are happy to welcome four young men as new members of the West Erwin church family. On Wednesday evening we welcomed Daniel Haile and Brian Daughtry. Daniel's address is Rt. 3, Box 283, Flint, Texas, Telephone 839-7254. He is the grandson of Dan and Wini Cullinan. Brian's address is 4813 Wendover Place, Tyler 75706, Telephone 561-4410.

On Sunday Kurtis Floyd Gesse, 400 Grande Blvd., Apt. 101, Tyler, 75703, Telephone 534-1718, was baptized into Christ by Jay Lockhart. We rejoice with him in his obedience to Jesus. Daryl Anderson, Box 91, Tyler Junior College 75711, Telephone 597-6418 came Sunday to place membership. We welcome each one.



Kurtis Gesse



Daryl Anderson

Serving Sunday

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 Prayer Milburn Cook
 Scripture Keith Harris
 Dismiss George Daugherty

EVENING ASSEMBLY
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 Scripture Kyle McRuiz
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 Weldon and Mary Dawson

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1988

By Jay Lockhart
 10:30 A.M. Sinners Invited (Matthew 9:9-13)
 6:00 P.M. How Can I Deal With My Anger? (Mark 3:1-6)



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (20) Kelly Jo Womack (21) Terry Lockhart (22) Susan Steffee, Kristy Cobb (23) Helen Faye Holland.

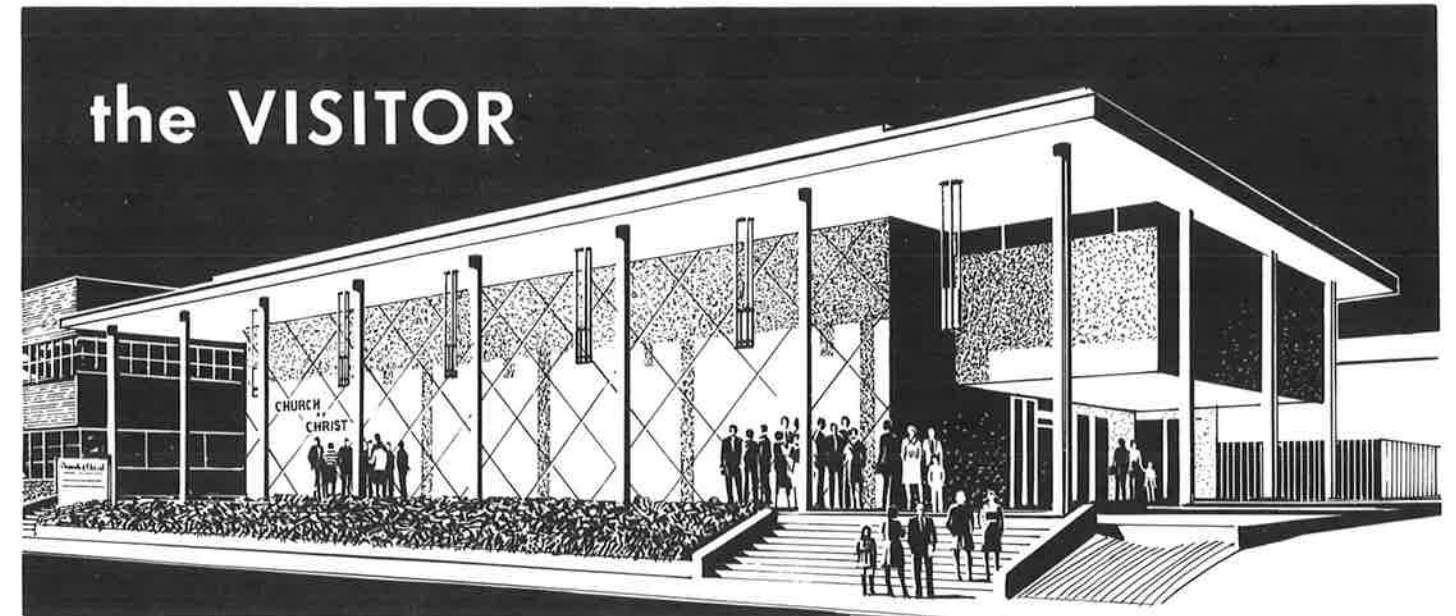
The Sick

Kyle Stowers, young grandson of Claudia Griffis, will have dental surgery on Friday at Tyler Square Surgical Clinic.

The grandmother of Carl and Rachel Nunn is very ill in Weslaco, Texas. They have asked for your prayers.


Audie Grier remains in Mother Frances Hospital, room 457.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

(Note: Doug Parsons preaches for the Golf Course Road church in Midland, Texas, a church with about 1200-1300 in attendance on Sunday morning. Doug is scheduled to be with us in the fall of 1989 for a series of meetings. I commend his article to all of us. JPL)

Big Enough To Be Big?

We've all had the experience, and it's not a pleasant one.

A toy balloon filled with helium, purchased at the circus or county fair, is accidentally released, and rises faster and faster into the sky until it disappears from sight. Most of us have stood by a tearful child and watched helplessly as the tiny globe shoots skyward, and have regretted that a toddler has to learn his first lesson in physics the hard way.

But did you ever stop to wonder what happens to the balloon? How far, how high, will its new-found freedom take it?

Eighteen thousand feet according to the National Scientific Balloon Facility in Palestine, Texas. Robert S. Kubara, a project engineer at the Facility, says that at that lofty height, the helium in the small orb has expanded to 80% of its original volume, most likely the limit to which its latex surface can expand, and the balloon bursts. Of course, specially designed experimental balloons, with ducts to vent excess gas, can rise as high as 120,000 feet.

The moral of the story: how high you can rise depends on your ability to expand.

I think that Christians and churches work on the same principle. As we soar heavenward, we often become too rigid for the expanding Spirit within us. Some self-defeating desire to remain small causes us to contract. As a result, we stabilize at a lower altitude and never know the thrilling experience of spiritual elevation.

Christians will not continue to search and grow spiritually, preferring to remain enslaved to old traditions and binding them on others as imperatives. Churches refuse to try new methods and approaches to reach more people, preferring to stay in the shallow water of "this is the way we've always done it." We fear to stretch too far, so we tighten our boundaries, and end up shattered, Spiritless shreds of a once-bright faith. God help us instead, to head for Heaven so that when the body finally bursts it will be at the gates of Glory where a new body, without limits, awaits us for eternity.

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, to not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes" (Isaiah 54:2).

-- Douglas F. Parsons

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DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



The Middle School had a great devotional this past Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Sublettes for hosting the evening and supplying the "Tacos." As most of you have noticed we have two Sunday night activities per group each month. One is combined and the other is just that group. The first Sunday night is combined, the second is Middle School, and the third is High School. If there should be five Sundays in a month, we will have a special activity on the fourth Sunday, since Brother's Keeper Units always meet on the last Sunday. If you have any comments or suggestions about our Sunday evening activities, please let me know.

Spring Ski Retreat

There are still a few openings left for the Ski-trip in March. It will be first come, first served so if you want to go, get your deposit in as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please ask.

Father/Son Campout

Friday night is the annual Father/Son Campout at Fred Powell's farm. All boys and their dads are invited. Just come on out whenever you can. Dinner will be at 8:00. Fred is cooking breakfast on Saturday. A map is available in the church office to help you get there. Bring sleeping bags or, if you want, a tent. You can fish or do anything else you want. Come and enjoy the fun.

High School Devotional

There will be a High School Devotional this Sunday night. Bring a friend and plan to come.

Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 4 Combined Activity
- Dec. 9 Acappella Concert
- Dec. 10 Hayride and Weiner Roast
- Dec. 11 Middle School Activity
- Dec. 17 Holiday Party at the Snells
- Dec. 18 High School Activity

In Appreciation

On behalf of the A&M Church of Christ, we would like to thank you for your generous effort in helping the Morant Bay congregation in Jamaica reconstruct their building. Your help is very much appreciated.

Loren Skow, Deacon
Benevolent Committee

Potpourri

Thanks

A special word of thanks to Charles and Ann McCoy, Alma Biggs and Ernestine Mallory for their help in so beautifully decorating the fellowship hall for our Teacher Appreciation Banquet last week.

Guest Speaker

Recently Jay Lockhart has spoken on the Lecturship at Harding University and on programs at Van and Mineola.

Lesson for Ladies

On Wednesday, two weeks ago, sister Billie Bob Hickman spoke to the ladies of the Oakdale Church of Christ.

New Address

The New Address for brother Doc Wright is Briarcliff Village, 3500 So. Vine, Apt. 307, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Magazines Needed

Old magazines are needed for use in the Teacher's Workroom. You may leave them in the foyer or in the church office.

Christmas Wonderland

You have an invitation to attend "Christmas Wonderland" to benefit the East Texas Christian Academy on Saturday, November 19, 1988, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center building on the TJC Campus.

To The Benevolence Workers

Thank you for making and bringing to us the nice quilts. Gifts such as this are certainly appreciated and are a big help to us. Much time and effort must have gone into this endeavor of love.

Linda Hart for
Boles Home



HURRY TO BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.



Velma Lemons receiving the Outstanding Teacher Award from Wes Price at the Teacher Banquet.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Members,

Thank you so much for all the cards and messages I received from you while I was sick in the Hospital and at home. It is so nice to know you have so many Christian friends showing their caring and concern for you during times like this. I really appreciate you!

J. Russell Lockhart

Dwight and I want to thank each and everyone for your many prayers, cards and calls during my recent hospital stay and confinement at home. I'm doing much better and I know that these prayers have been answered. I'm still under the doctors care and will be going on to the Mayo Clinic within the next six months for further tests. The burden has been made lighter just knowing we have West Erwin's love and prayers.

May God bless His family at West Erwin.

Dwight & Diann Leek

Thank you so very much for the beautiful plaque given me to commemorate my services as a Bible School teacher at West Erwin. To serve has indeed given me much joy and satisfaction because I felt I had something to give in return for my many blessings.

In Christian love,
Velma Lemons



THE SEARCH - "Thanksgiving Special"
Saturday, November 26, 1988, 7:00 p.m., Channel 7

Here and There

by Wes Price



Join me in congratulating Velma Lemons. She received the annual Outstanding Teacher Award last Thursday night at our Teacher Appreciation Banquet. Since retiring from the public classroom, Velma has virtually been our permanent teacher in the Sunday morning Two Year Old Class. She retired from public teaching five years ago. We are proud of her work with these little ones and the special attention she gives each one in the classroom as well as out. Congratulations Velma!

Parents of children, ages three years through fifth grade, please mark Saturday, December 17, for a special Christmas party. Special activities are being planned and more details will be provided later, but please save that day for this special effort.

We introduced the One Year Bible in all of our adult classes last Sunday and gave each one an opportunity to sign up if you would like to have one. By special arrangement with a local book store, we will be able to provide these for you at a cost of only \$10.00. The lists will be available in each of the classes again this Sunday for you to verify your desire to purchase one. They are available in two versions, King James or New International. You may have your choice.

For those of you who were not present, the One Year Bible is a special edition that divides the Scriptures into a small segment consisting of Old Testament, New Testament, a portion of the Psalms and a portion of Proverbs for a daily schedule. This permits a complete reading of the Scriptures in one year. A copy of this Bible will be available in the classroom this coming Sunday for you to examine. If you would like to have one, you will have the opportunity to order one.

Our Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will not meet on Wednesday, November 23, the day before Thanksgiving. Class will resume on the following Wednesday, November 30.

Saturday, December 3, is designated as Bible School Work Day. We would like for all Bible class teachers, even those not presently teaching, and others who are interested in joining us for a year-end work session to re-do bulletin boards, put the work room in tip-top shape, and work in classrooms. Any project that will help improve the quality of our education process will be considered.

To start the day off right, breakfast will be served to parents and children in our Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. We will have activities for the children so you won't have to have a baby sitter. The work session will begin at 9:00 and conclude at 12:00. Please join us for this good work.

We ♥ Visitors!

Records	Nov.6	Oct.30	Year Ago
Bible School	444	477	468
Worship/A.M.	520	596	567
Worship/P.M.	338	377	352
Wed. Eve.	253	254	264
Contribution	\$9,630.77	\$10,359.86	\$11,725.36
Membership	615	Weekly Budget \$11,398.89	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 16 - DAVID HANEY, 561-2133.

Note of Appreciation

Thank you for your prayers, concern, and every act of kindness during the illness and death of my sister, Ellen Cook. I am happy to be a part of such a loving and caring church family. In Christian love, Claude and Odell Sessions (We apologize for the delay in printing this expression of thanks. The note was misplaced in the office.)

The Sick

Danny Snell's sister-in-law is critically ill in Bandera, Texas. Kelly O'Neal is hospitalized in Mother Frances, room 241 with problems with her blood pressure. Audie Grier has been in ICU in Mother Frances suffering from a heart attack, but is now in room 457. Bernice Andrews underwent cataract surgery on Monday, and is now at home. Louis Jones is at home recovering from surgery on his knee.

Serving Sunday

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 GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Weldon and Mary Dawson
 Dannie and Sue Skipper
 Billie and Norene Ingram
 Terry and Kim Frick

*Be In Bible Class Sunday
 Bring The Whole Family
 Bring Your Bibles
 Be On Time*

Sympathy

We learned Wednesday afternoon of the death of a Christian lady who was a member of this congregation a number of years ago. Funeral services will be held Saturday in Schenectady, New York for Mrs. C. O. (Elsie) Long. Her son, Clifford Long, also a former West Erwin member, wanted us to remember the family.

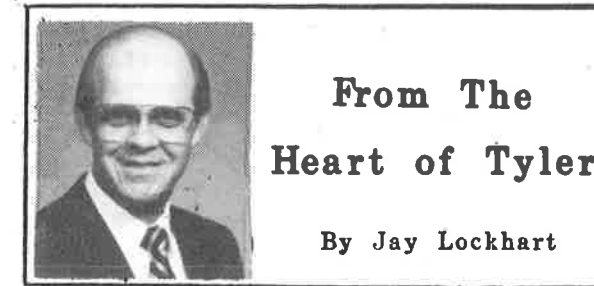
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Lockhart Announces

Two New Sermon Series

Pulpit minister, Jay Lockhart, has announced two new sermon series to be presented in the final two months of this year which will carry the West Erwin church into the new year. The Sunday morning series will be BY INVITATION OF JESUS and the evening sermons will be HOW CAN I...? In explaining the upcoming messages, Lockhart said, "The Sunday morning sermons will be a renewed examination of what it really means to follow Jesus. We know generally how to follow Him. This series will seek to probe the depths of discipleship. The evening series will deal with some practical applications of the teaching of Jesus to some of the gritty areas of everyday life. I am hopeful that these studies will be helpful in our continued walk with Him."

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| By Invitation Of Jesus | How Can I...? |
| A New Birth 11-13 | ...Win Over Guilt? |
| Sinners Invited -11-20 | ...Deal With My Anger? |
| Seeing Eyes -11-27 | ...Overcome My Fears? |
| The Challenge -12- | ...Have A Positive Attitude? |
| Seeking and Saving | ...Develop Good Habits? |
| Hard Hearts Softened | ...Be Somebody? |
| A Yoke of Rest | ...Get Along With Others? |
| Soils of The Heart | ...Find True Happiness |
| Wheat and Tares | ...Make A Difference |
| Permanent Treasures | ...Avoid Self-Pity? |
| First and Last | ...Be More Forgiving? |
| Lost and Found | ...Get Along With In-Laws? |
| The Nature of Faith | ...Make Friends? |
| A Call To Repentance | ...Achieve Excellence? |
| The Way of Salvation | ...Do Right When Things Go Wrong? |
| The Judgment To Come | ...Pray Effectively? |
| Paying The Price | ...Build Christian Character? |
| The Lordship of Jesus | ...Prepare For Dying? |

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



Thanks to the Wayne Harrisons for hosting our Devotional last Sunday. The chili dogs and banana splits were great. I appreciate the willingness of our teens to learn new songs. We attempted a new one Sunday and it turned out OK. Good job!

HELP

Our Youth Fund is running low. We need your help to do the many activities that we do. If you would like to help, let me know. Parents, we need your help on a monthly basis. Ask for details.

FATHER/SON CAMPOUT

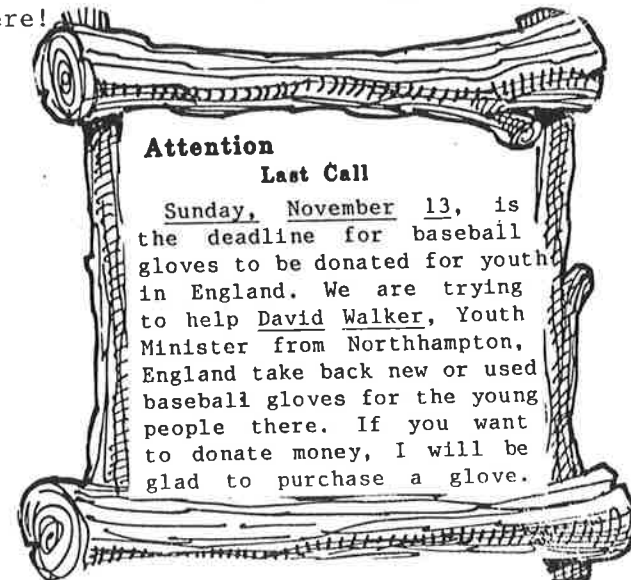
All Sons and Dads are reminded of the annual Father/Son Campout Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. This is for all ages, so plan to come. If you can go, sign the list on the Youth Bulletin Board as soon as possible. Details will follow.

YOUTH DIRECTORY

We are still in need of pictures and questionnaires for our new Youth Directory. Please help us make this a complete directory.

DEVOTIONALS

The Middle School Devotional will be Sunday evening, November 13 and the High School Devotional will be Sunday evening, November 20. Be there!



Sermon Subjects

Sermons For Sunday, Nov.13, 1988
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. A New Birth
John 3:1-5



6:00 P.M. How Can I Win Over Guilt?
Romans 3:9-20

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER (14) Bill Hensley, Lynn Ligon, Morris Hallman, Donna Epper-son (15) Ruby Teel, John Pike (16) Kim Frick (17) Cathy Hallman, Sharon Ware (18) Moselle Cash (19) Tina Harris.

Mineola Lectureship

Jay Lockhart will be speaking tomorrow evening in Mineola in their Fall Lectureship. "God Is The Great Provider" is the theme. The Lectureship will continue through Wednesday at the Broad Street Church of Christ. Jay's lesson at 7:30 p.m. is "God Provides Through the Holy Spirit." You are invited.



From Boles Home

The grocery truck from Boles Home comes to the West Erwin church each December and March. They will be here the week of December 12 - 16. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home, however, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Sugar	Cooking Oil
Paper Towels	Canned White Potatoes
Tooth Paste	Pecans
Choc.Chips	

Shower Invitations

A Baby Shower
Honoring Cynthia Johnson
Saturday Afternoon, November 12, 1988
From 3:00 P.M. Until 4:30 P.M.
At The Home of Mrs. Jim Paul
824 Woodhall Ct.
Selections, Storkland (for a girl)

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Sunday Afternoon, November 13, 1988
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Fellowship Hall
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(For A Girl)

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

Thanks so much for the visits, delicious food, the walker, the cards and especially your prayers. You are a wonderful people.

Fern Scruggs

We've laughed together, and now we've cried together... I'm so blessed to have such a church family.

Gail Vannoy

P.S. Thanks for everything - the prayers, calls, food, flowers and HUGS.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rudolf and Christel Rischer who are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Julia, born Friday, October 28 in Heidelberg, Germany to their son, Andreas and his wife, Heike.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will meet this month on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Thank you for the good response to the questionnaire about our Brother's Keeper units. We will be working with these to reshape the units so that they will become more effective. If you were not here, please pick up one of these forms and return it to me. The target date for revision is January 1, 1989.

The whole congregation joins in expressing its thanks to our staff of Bible School Teachers. This week especially, we remember them with a banquet in their honor. But this needs to be reinforced by every member of West Erwin with a verbal word of thanks.

Jay's sermons Sunday were not calculated to leave you feeling indifferent. I hope you listened carefully and that if there is any part you did not understand, give him the opportunity to clarify. I believe these messages will serve as the turning point in the future of this church. We cannot wait on the future. It is here and it is now. I am confident that our elders are ready and willing to move us forward in whatever way is best. Let's encourage them. The decision will not be easy and I know that they want your prayers.

Discovery Days is growing! Again this week, new children were added to the roll. You can help by letting others know of this new ministry. If you have any questions, Barbara Oberg will be glad to help you.

Watch



THE SEARCH

JAY LOCKHART

8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
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Special

The Thanksgiving Special will be seen this year on November 26 (Saturday evening) at 7:00 o'clock. Mark your calendar and tell your friends and neighbors about this program.

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Contributions	\$10,359.86	\$11,952.47	\$10,394.73
Membership 618	Weekly Budget \$11,398.89		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 9, JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

The Sick

We have many shutins and several who have recently been ill and are now at home.

Marjorie Davis continues to be hospitalized in Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

Russell Lockhart, father of Jay Lockhart, has gone home from the hospital in Parkersburg, West Va. He did not have back surgery as scheduled because of pneumonia.

Our Visitors

We enjoy having visitors at every service. It is our desire to make our guests feel welcome and to extend an invitation to return at every opportunity. Brother Russell O'Bannon from Pearland was among our guests last week. His visit was most welcome.

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 Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix
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Take Time To Pray

Grocery Truck

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck driven by Boyd Baker with his wife Sue, came Wednesday. We had 156 pounds of powdered sugar and several miscellaneous items for them with an estimated value of \$120.00. They expressed appreciation for the help for the home.

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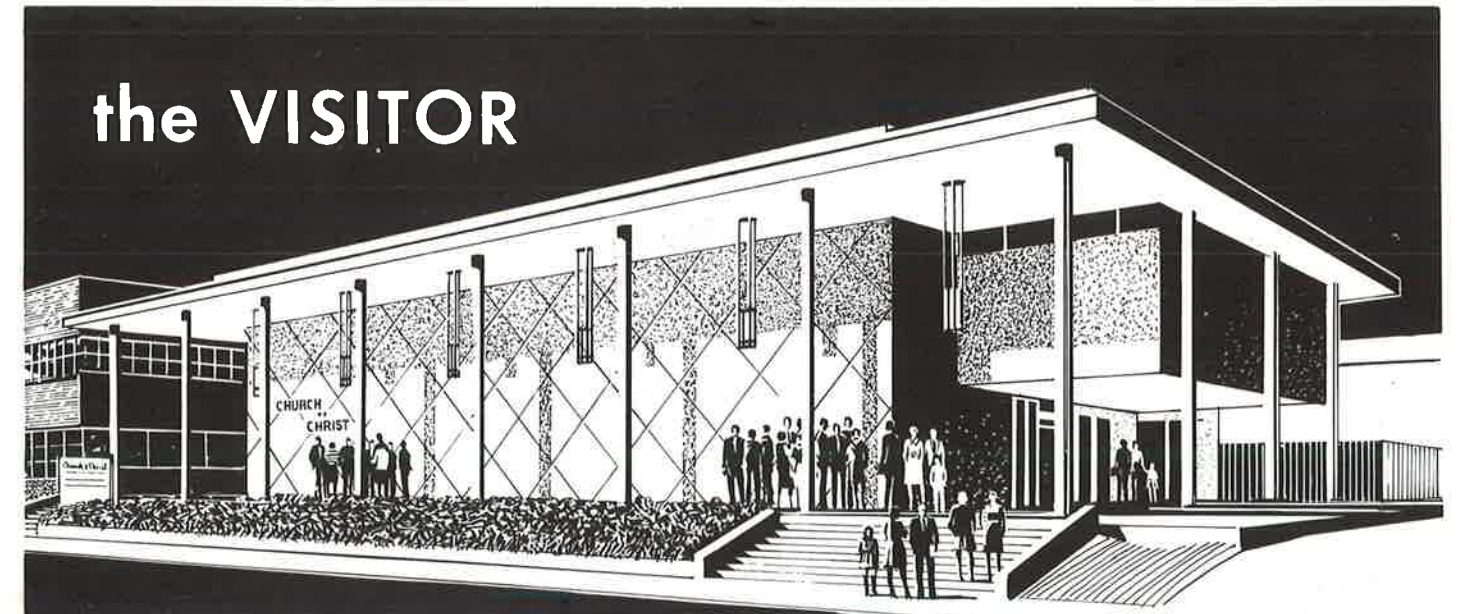
A smile is mightier than a grin.

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From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"Let Us Rise Up And Build" Nehemiah 2:17

That's our theme for all adult Bible classes on Sunday mornings for November and December -- it's Nehemiah's challenge to the leaders of Judah following the Babylonian captivity. Jerusalem and the temple had been rebuilt and the need of the hour was a wall of protection around the city. Nehemiah's task was to build the wall and as he solicited the help of his brethren, he cried, "Let us rise up and build!" The challenge was accepted and the people were successful because there was commitment and purpose (1:1), prayer (2:1ff.), vision and faith (2:11-16), enthusiasm (2:17-18), a mind to work (4:6), no compromise (6:1-3), unity (8:1), dedication to the Word of God (8:8), generosity and faithfulness (10:32-39).

this new series of adult studies. We will all meet in the auditorium this Sunday morning at 9:30 for the "kick off" session. Then during the next seven weeks our elders will teach our classes on a rotating basis (each elder will be in each of our classes for one session). The exciting topics we will study include:

- Building With Purpose
- Building In Unity
- Building With Vision
- Building Through Outreach
- Building Through The Home
- Building Through Bible Classes
- Building With Compassion
- Building With Concern For Our Brother

Be present for every study and let's continue to build in the Heart of Tyler!

With Nehemiah's challenge we approach

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



Mazzio's Pizza and the TriC Spook House--What a combination that was Sunday night! We had an especially large crowd for this fun evening. Thanks for your participation in making it a great evening.

Youth Activity Sunday

Sunday, November 6, we will have our combined youth activity after the evening assembly. All Middle School and High School are invited to bring a friend and join us.

Middle School

November 13 is the date for the next Middle School Devo. Mark your calendars and plan to come.

High School

Invite a friend for the food, fellowship and devotional on Sunday evening, November 20th. Be there!

Ski Retreat

Your deposit is due by November 6 to reserve your place on the Ski Retreat. Please contact me if you have any questions about this Retreat for High School students.

Youth Directory

We are making progress, but we still need questionnaires returned and pictures made for our new Youth Directory. Please help us complete this project as soon as possible.

NEED - Baseball Gloves

Sunday, November 13, is the deadline for baseball gloves to be donated for youth in England. David Walker, Youth Minister from Northhampton, England is in need of gloves for their young people. They may be new or used, or you may donate money and I will be glad to make the purchase.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

New Member

Sunday evening we welcomed Mrs. Robert (Anita) Hidalgo into the fellowship here. She came to ask for the prayers of the church and to place membership. Sister Hidalgo and her husband live at 3415 Baldwin (75702). The telephone is 592-7997. They have a daughter, Michelle, at home. Anita is the daughter of Earle and Marie Arnold.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Dream Lives On
(I Kings 5:1-12)

P.M. Fear Or Power
(II Timothy 1:3-7)



Potpourri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November (5) Cheryl Johnson, Mary Evelyn Grier, Kerri Ward (7) Lisa Hanes, Opal Matthews (8) Stacey Lockhart (9) Allie Wren (10) Milburn Cook, Jack Stringer, Kevin Harris (11) Allison Broome, Leanne Knight, Melinda O'Quinn (12) Sam Bailey, Donna Brown, Louise Culpepper, Paige Morris, Stan Mallory, Reba Hensley.

MINEOLA LECTURESHIP

Jay Lockhart will speak on the Fall Lectureship at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, Texas on Monday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. The Lectureship is November 13 through 16. "God Is The Great Provider" is the theme.

On Monday of this week Jay was a speaker in the Lectureship in Van, Texas.



SEE YOU SUNDAY
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Selections

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HE CARES...



Discovery Days

We are happy that Discovery Days is a growing program of the West Erwin Church. Discovery Days is an enrolled preschool program for ages two through four years directed by Barbara Oberg. A "drop in" service is now provided according to availability. We ask that you call and make a reservation (for the day, not by the hour) before coming. The fee is \$7.00 per day.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Most of our Brother's Keeper Units have reported that their final meeting of the year was a good success. We extend our thanks to all whose homes were opened to host this monthly event.

We will be working now to make some needed changes in units that are too large, but we will be doing that with your help. No unit will be changed and only those folks who give us their permission will be relocated to another unit. This Sunday morning during the combined adult Bible class in the auditorium, you will have an opportunity to express your feelings about being relocated. A questionnaire will be distributed and every adult representing each family can tell us whether or not a move would be acceptable. If not, then you will remain in your present unit.

We are confident that with this approach, we will be able to adjust the size of present units to a better size, locate folks in a unit nearer their homes and begin some new units. This will accomplish what is needed without hurting units that are doing a good job. We appreciate all the good that has been accomplished and ask that you do your part in making your unit as active on behalf of each unit members as possible.

As we consider these prospective changes, let me restate the central purpose of our Brother's Keeper ministry. Members of the congregation are divided into units and a unit leader is appointed to help the elders maintain better contact with each family. When you are absent on Sunday, someone in your unit will call to see if assistance is needed. This way, help is more readily available at a time when it is needed, and unit members can be called upon to provide that help. For the monthly fellowship (actually there are only eight during the calendar year) someone in each unit is asked to host the meeting in their home. This provides an opportunity for members to get better acquainted with each other. Of course, this meeting is the most visible part of the program, but it is a support benefit to the main thrust.

Those families who have children under junior high age are placed in one of four units so that the children can be invited to the fellowship meeting. These units usually meet in the fellowship hall where the size can accommodate the larger number of children. We have some new plans worked out to assist these units with the children that will be announced at a later date.

We fully understand that not every member can attend or is interested in attending the monthly fellowship meetings. We realize that there may be extenuating circumstances, however, you will always be welcome to participate in this part of the ministry and we encourage you to give it a try.

One final request, would you pray for the success of this program? We feel that it deserves at least that much from each member. After all, it is simply a means to a larger end, that of seeing that our members have the opportunity to "care one for the other." Without such a ministry, someone might be overlooked and some need might not be met. Pray for our elders as they oversee this ministry.

Records

	Oct. 23	Oct. 16	Year Ago
Bible School	415	439	478
Worship/A.M.	528	570	592
Worship/P.M.	354	393	436
Wed. Eve.	245	259	499
Contributions	\$11,952.47	\$10,131.03	\$10,489.73
Membership	617	Weekly Budget \$11,398.89	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Oct. 29 and Wednesday, Nov. 2 - KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

The Sick

Brother M. B. Beard's condition has improved. He is in room 6614 in Medical Center.

Brother Bill Endsley went home Tuesday afternoon from Medical Center. He had a good report from the tests.

Brother Jay Lockhart's father, Russell Lockhart, is scheduled for back surgery Friday. His address is Camden Clark Hospital, Room 407N, Murdock Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101.

A sister to Kathy Krewall and Irene Taylor, Hazel Bennett, is very seriously ill in Oklahoma City.

Welcome



Sharon Ketchum, Chris & Heather

Sunday, we welcomed Sharon Ketchum into the fellowship of the church family here. Sharon has two children, Chris, 7th grade and Heather, 4th grade. Their address is Rt. 21, Box 305 (75709), telephone 592-7655.



Serving Sunday

MORNING ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Leon Welborn
 Scripture Don Slaughter
 Dismiss Morris Hallman
 EVENING ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Ira Wilson
 Scripture Jeremy Wiggains
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 SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
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 GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix
 George and Ruth Hearne
 Jeff and Alma Biggs
 Jonnie Steffee ** Mozelle Cash

Brother's Keeper


BROTHER'S KEEPER FELLOWSHIP			
Unit	Leader		Host For Oct.30
1	Harrison		Harrison
2	Hughes		Wilson (Ira)
3	Clark	(Noon)	Fellowship Hall
4	Stringer		Freeman Morgan
5	Terrell		Foy Richey
6	Cook/Magee		Louis Jones
8	Waggonner		Hoyt Hughes
9	Ward		Ward
10	Bullard/Conner		John Cliver
11	Phillips		Mary G...er
12	Usrey		Fellowship Hall
13	Sublette		Sublette
14/15			Fellowship Hall
16	McCarty	(Noon)	Fellowship Hall

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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"
-Ephesians 6:4

E.T.C.A.

People all around East Texas know about E.T.C.A. Most people know that E.T.C.A. is East Texas Christian Academy, a Christian school with nearly 100 students (K-8), a day-care center for preschoolers, dedicated Christian teachers, and a curriculum which is unsurpassed. The Christian atmosphere, the smaller classes, specialized teaching, Bible teaching each day, and individual attention motivate parents to pay tuition to send their children to E.T.C.A. Those who have closely observed the school through the years have been most impressed by its accomplishments and have been the major sources of support for E.T.C.A. It seems that Christian schools, whether they are pre-school, elementary, high school, or college, are always in need of support --moral support and financial support.

Most all of us favor Christian schools, want Christian schools, benefit from Christian schools, and wish Christian schools every success. But the fact is that most of us have never actively supported Christian schools. Yes, these schools always need money and have financial difficulties, but we sure wouldn't want them to die! An elder in the church told this story: He once had a child who was always needing something --shoes, clothes, school supplies, allowance, etc., etc. But one day the boy died and the elder said sadly, "He never needed anything anymore." Christian schools need us for survival. E.T.C.A. is right here in our city and it needs us right now. If it didn't need us there would be no school. Think about it!

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DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



The High School Retreat this past weekend was a great success. We had 50 High Schoolers from four congregations in Tyler to attend. Our teens learned some important facts about Drug and Alcohol Abuse and The Temple of God. I believe that it was very beneficial to our teens.

This past week Lisa and I were in Lubbock for the Annual Youth Ministers Seminar. I am always encouraged by attending this seminar. The classes and lectures are enlightening and uplifting and the fellowship with other youth workers is always very beneficial. Thanks for letting us attend this helpful seminar.

Special Note

The youth activity for Saturday night has been cancelled. Instead, we will be going out to eat on Sunday night and then to the Tri-C Spook House. Please bring \$2.00 to help cover expenses. We will return to the building at 9:30. All High School and Middle Schoolers are invited to come and bring a friend.

Ski Retreat

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Spring Ski Retreat for High School students. Remember, your deposit is due by November 6 to reserve your place on the trip.

Youth Directory

We still need questionnaires and pictures made for our new Youth Directory. We want to complete this project as quickly as possible.

Baseball Gloves Needed

We have been asking for baseball gloves to be donated for youth in England. David Walker, Youth Minister from Northampton, England is in need of gloves for their young people. If you have one or more, please bring them to the building or if you want to give money, I will be glad to make the purchase.

**Brother's
Keepers SUNDAY!**

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ray and Gail Vannoy in the death of Gail's father, Robert Jordan, on Monday morning. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home. The family has asked that memorials be made to East Texas Christian Academy or to missionaries. The Jordans are members of the Shiloh Road congregation.

Happy Birthday

October (30) Vonnie Hamblett, Sallyanne Pickle, Bettye Sue Harris (31) Curt Jordan, Alan Hamblett
NOVEMBER (1) Bill Butler (2) Debra Sparks (3) Jewell McCoy (4) of Blackstone, Cheryl Johnson, Kerri Ward.

Singing

The 5th Sunday Singing will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Patton Lane Church of Christ. Please come and join us in worshipping God in song.

Sermon Subjects

Sermons for Sunday
By Jay Lockhart
A.M. The Supreme Act of Worship
(Romans 12:1-5)
P.M. Bringing It All Together
(Hebrews 10:19-25)



Time Change

It's that "time" again. This is the last weekend of October, and Sunday is the time we return to Central Standard Time. Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening. Be on time for Bible class Sunday morning.

A Gift Tea

*Honoring Ginger Russell
Bride Elect of Wynne Weathers
Home of Mrs. Edgar Bullard
4011 Pinedale*

*Saturday Afternoon, November 5, 1988
From 2:30 p.m. Until 4:00 P.M.*

*Selections
Foley's
Christmas Store*

Thank You

We deeply appreciate your thoughtful expression of sympathy which was of the greatest comfort to us in our sorrow.

The family of Bette Tunnell

Thank you for every act of kindness and Christian love given to me.

Helen Faye Holland

Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, food, and prayers during daddy's illness and our bereavement. You have been so sweet to help us through this very difficult time. We love you all.

Stan & Ernestine Mallory
James & Pat Stanley

Congratulations

A baby girl was born Sunday to Ray and Cheryl Johnson in Mother Frances Hospital. The baby, Ember Dawn, weighed 6 lb and 15 oz. Ed and Margie Hunt are the grandparents and Thelma Bennett is the great grandmother.

E.T.C.A. News

The collection of aluminum cans and Campbell soup labels is going great!

If anyone is interested in helping with the baking or donating items for our Christmas Wonderland to be held November 19 at the Campus Christian Center, call Debbie Dailey, 566-3405. The Bazaar is being held to benefit East Texas Christian Academy.

Here and There

by Wes Price



HELP! PLEASE! The security of our building is at stake. At least twice this past weekend, our fellowship building was discovered to be left open over night, and the alarm system was set off in our main building. We need everyone who has a key to either of these facilities to assume responsibility for seeing that they are locked securely when you leave.

Everyone who has a key to our main building should be aware of the alarm system and how to disarm it. If you enter our building after working hours, the alarm system is activated. If it is not disarmed within 30 seconds, the alarm will sound. We have been operating under a period of grace where we are allowed a fixed number of false alarms. Now we will be charged a fee for each time the alarm is set off. You can help us by being aware of the system. If you do not know how to operate the alarm system, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE MAIN BUILDING. We are not wanting to prevent access to the building where necessary, but we do need your cooperation to keep it secure.

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Our new Adult Study will begin on Sunday morning, November 13. Our elders will be teaching the classes in rotation. A schedule of subjects and teachers will be provided in next week's bulletin. We are excited about these new studies as well as our elders having an opportunity to be in our classes. Let's give them our fullest support, not only in attendance, but in the lessons themselves. It is vitally important that we grasp the significance of this series on Building Up The Church.

Jay will begin the series with a combined session of all adults in the auditorium on Sunday morning, November 6. Let's all be present to encourage this new series.

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NEW CLASS ROOM ASSIGNMENT: Our College and Singles Class which has been meeting in the Benevolence Building will move this week to Room 305 upstairs over the south foyer. Please note this change.

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Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 23 and Wednesday evening, October 26 - Melvin Maples, 597-0019.

Thanks

We want to express our thanks for your care and encouragement. For the visits, cards and prayers for us, we are most grateful.

Bernie and Vera Beard

New Members

Bob and Mildred Morgan came Sunday morning to be identified with the West Erwin church family. Their address is 3101 Fairlawn (mailing address, P. O. Box 131984) Tyler 75713, telephone 597-6181.

Also coming Sunday, Jeanie Wood, Rt. 20, Box 126 B, Tyler 75708, telephone 877-3137. Sister Wood's daughters have also been visiting. Rachel Watkins is pictured below with her mother.

We are happy to welcome our new members.



Bob and Mildred Morgan Jeanie Wood and Rachel

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 Scripture Bob Morgan
 Dismiss John Steffee

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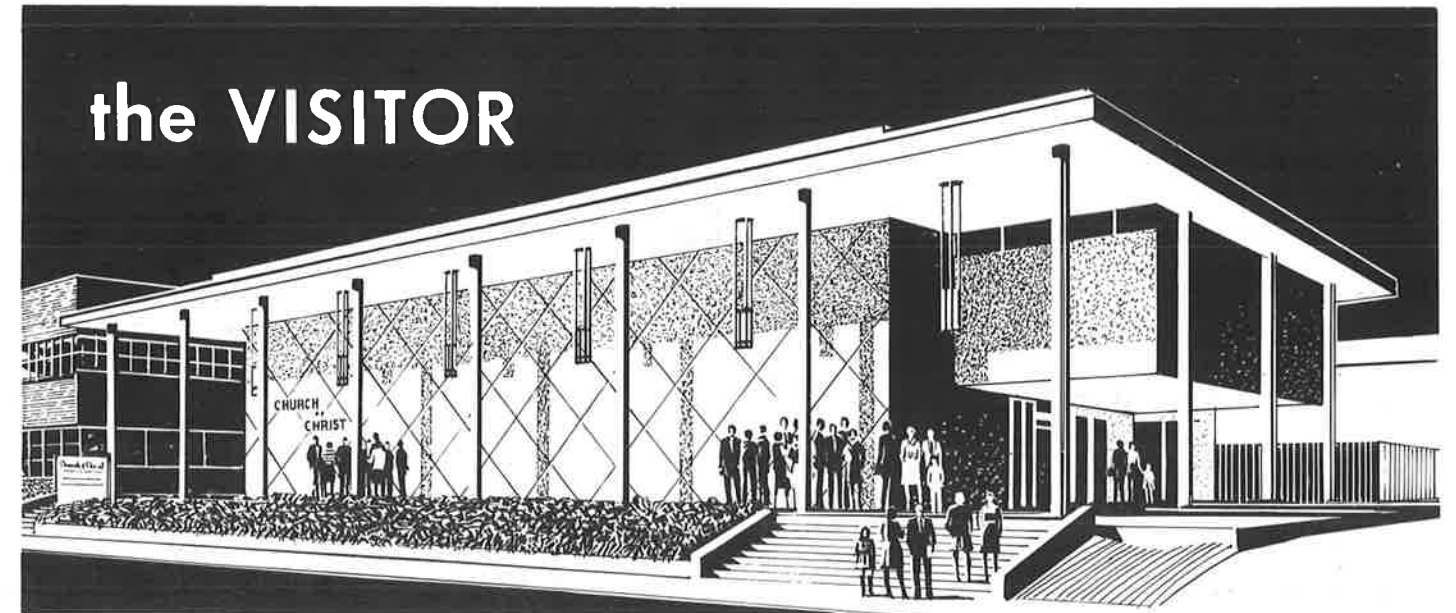
Ira and Esther Wilson
 Paul and Signa Stanley
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 Harley and Myra Turner

Garage Sale Benefit

On Saturday, October 29, 1988 a Garage Sale will be held by OGE Paint and Body Shop, 1717 Loop 323 W SW, Tyler. The sale is to benefit The Amanda Hunt Fund. Any donations will be accepted. If you wish to contribute items for the sale, take them to OGE Paint and Body Shop before 5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 28. Amanda Hunt is the baby granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt. She is suffering from Acute Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Her parents are Richard and Shirley Hunt. THE OLDSMOBILE, INC. set up the Amanda Hunt Fund at the Southside State Bank last August.

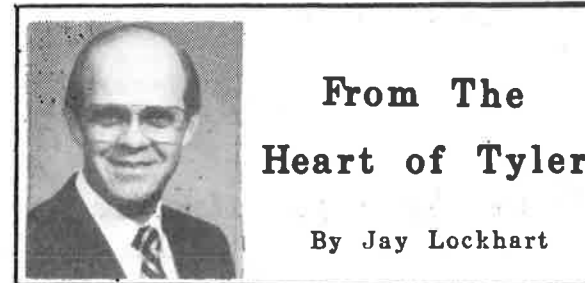
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

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

ARCHAEOPTERYX - Another Hoax?

There it was: A United Press International headline from San Francisco stating "First Bird Evolved From Reptiles, Scientist Says." The article stated that Archaeopteryx was a homely bird with claws on its wings, a duck-like bill, feathers, and a full set of teeth. Quoting from a Los Angeles speech by a West German Archaeopteryx expert, Peter Wellnhofer, the article said, "There's no question that its ancestors must have been reptiles...But unfortunately we do not have a fossil record that would provide evidence of these intermediate stages from true reptile to a cross between reptile and bird." There you have it--it must be true, but unfortunately the evidence is missing! So it is with the whole evolutionary system--the evidence of proof is missing. When God created everything "in the beginning," He said that plants and animals would bring forth "after their kind." The Law of Kinds, simply stated, is this: within species there may be and are changes but

those changes are restricted and certain lines cannot be crossed. Horses may be large or small, black or white, long legged or short, but they are horses and never become cows. Francis Darwin quoted his famous relative, Charles, as saying that if the theory (Charles Darwin theory of origin of the species and survival of the fittest) is true there must have been the crossing of the lines between the kinds. However, he said, we have no proof it ever happened! There are many who would affirm that the theory of organic evolution must be true, but the evidence of proof happens to be missing! If one rejects God and the Biblical account of creation he has to turn to another source for the world and all things in it. In rejecting the Supreme Being he must accept his theories for origin and they must be true...even if the evidence of proof is missing! We are reminded of the words of the apostle Paul:

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools..." --Romans 1:22

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



We had a great day last Saturday at the State Fair. Thanks to those who helped: Sublettes, Lockharts, and Pattens.

Thanks to the Carruths for hosting the high school devotional last Sunday evening. The pizza and brownies and ice cream were great. Thanks to all the high schoolers for making it a very good evening.

Combined Youth Activity

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 29. We are planning to eat out and visit the TJC Spook House. More details later.

Youth Directory

All Middle and High School students are encouraged to turn in your Directory Questionnaire and to have your picture made. We want to get our directory completed as soon as possible.

High School Retreat

High School students you are reminded of our retreat, October 22 and 23. We will learn some important facts about Drug Abuse and the Temple of God. Please meet at the building at 9:15 on Saturday. Bring sleeping bag and pillow and clothes appropriate to the occasion, and clothes for Sunday morning assembly.

Ski Retreat

High School students interested in the Spring Ski Retreat are reminded that your deposit is due by November 6 to reserve your place on the trip. Contact me if you have any questions.

Baseball Gloves Needed

David Walker, Youth Minister from Northampton, England is in need of baseball gloves for the youth of the church there. If you can donate a glove or two (new or used), please bring them to the building, or if you would like to help by donating money, I will be glad to make the purchase. Thanks for helping.



Bible classes for all ages Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

From George Stephenson

Excerpts From A Recent Letter

We are always glad to hear good reports concerning the West Erwin church. We love and appreciate all the church has done for us and remember all of you in our prayers.

I still teach the auditorium class here on Sundays. We have about 50 in the class. I preach on occasions, and am scheduled to preach here this coming Sunday. I was thrilled to be able to preach at Tenth and Broad in Wichita Falls on the first Sunday of this month. The church was observing the eightieth anniversary of its establishment and the fortieth anniversary of the building of its building. I was the preacher when it was built and most grateful that we could be back and that I could preach.

With brotherly love,
George H. Stephenson

From Rudolph Rischer

Augsburg, Germany
October 10, 1988

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Heartiest greetings to you and to all the saints who meet at West Erwin. We love all of you and we pray to God constantly that He might bless you and the work which you are doing in His name.

Last night our Gospel Meeting for this fall came to a close. Karl Kallers from Kainerslantern was the speaker, and he delivered some excellent lessons. The attendance was satisfactory, and some visitors seemed to be very impressed by what we are preaching and doing.

Last week Christel, together with 10 other ladies of our church, attended the Annual Woman's Lectureship in Austria. She was driving our church van and transported the others. This is only possible because of your continual support of our work, for which I would like to express my deepest thanks once again.

Love,
Rudolf Rischer

Funerals

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon for Sophie Desha, daughter of Danny Desha. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

Brother Ernest Holland passed away Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held for him Tuesday morning at Burks-Walker Funeral Home. Brother Holland has been a Christian, serving the church in Tyler, for many, many years. Recently he and his wife, Helen Faye, have been members of the West Erwin congregation. We share in the sorrow of Faye and her daughter, Ernestine Mallory, and extend sympathy to them and the family in their loss.

Baby Shower

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Cheryl Johnson
Sunday Afternoon, October 23, 1988
From 2:00 until 3:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ

Thank You

Words are inadequate to express the joy we feel to be members of the West Erwin church family. We appreciate so much the prayers and other acts of kindness shown to us while Fern was hospitalized for surgery. You have been an encouragement to us.

Adrain and Fern Scruggs

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (24) Billie Ingram, Kim Lemons (25) Loyd Rutledge (26) Trey Hughes, Forest McFadden (28) Jeannie Ross, Ann Layton, Marc Philpot.

Sermon Subjects

Sunday, October 23, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Teaching In The Assembly
(I Thessalonians 2:1-13)

P.M. Responsibilities of Preaching
(II Timothy 4:1-5)



Here and There

by Wes Price



Attention all teachers: Please mark your calendars for Thursday night, November 10, and reserve it for a special treat. On that night, you and your mate will be honored guests at our Teacher Appreciation Banquet. You will be receiving an invitation with more details in a few days. We are happy to announce that we will be having a return visit from "Mark Twain" in the person of our guest speaker, Cary Branscom of the Alta Mesa Church in Fort Worth. I believe you will thoroughly enjoy his presentation of this classic writer and comic. Save November 10 for us!

Hardly a week has passed since the opening of "Discovery Days" that we have not had a new addition to the number of students. We are thankful for the publicity this good work has been given so that others are now finding it to be a good place for their preschoolers. Barbara Oberg is the director of this new school and it meets twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you know of someone who has a preschooler, ages two through five, pass the word along. We can use them in "Discovery Days."

Sunday night, October 30, is the date for our next Brother's Keeper fellowship in the homes of our members. We hope you are planning on attending the fellowship in your unit.

This coming Sunday, October 23, I would like to meet with all the Unit Leaders at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Chapel.

Attendance was up in both Bible study and worship this past Sunday. We hope you had a safe trip if you were not with us. All our Bible classes are striving for excellence in presenting the Bible message, but they are also working toward having full attendance each time they meet. Your presence is greatly appreciated, but more importantly it is for your own spiritual growth. Don't forget that you are missed when absent!

Ladies, many dishes are in the back foyer. Please check to see if you have a dish there!

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The Sick

Brother Ernest Holland continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital room 465.

Sister Fern Scruggs continues to be a patient in Medical Center, room 3521. She hopes to go home later this week.

Sister Kim Jordan's mother, Mattie Hawkins, is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Mark Morris underwent surgery on his shoulder again on Monday.

Sister Cindy Patten's father, Sidney Boudreaux, is now at home recovering from surgery. He is scheduled to undergo further treatment.

David Giddings called Tuesday to ask for the prayers of the church here in behalf of his father, George Giddings, who is in the Cardiac Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth.

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Minibus Driver

Minibus driver for Sunday, October 16 and Wednesday Evening, October 19 - Tommy Brown, 877-2230.

To Be In Lubbock

Danny and Lisa Snell will be in Lubbock next week through Thursday. Danny will be attending a Youth Minister's Seminar at Lubbock Christian University.

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Video Tape Library


We now have over 200 video tapes in our Video Library located in the church office. The tapes are catalogued as follows: Sunday Sermons, The Search, The Search Specials, Wednesday Night Lessons, and Miscellaneous. You are welcome to come to the church office and check out any sermon or lesson that you want to use. You are encouraged to use this library.

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"The churches...increased in number daily" - Acts 16:5

The Dynamic Jerusalem Church

I wonder what it would have been like to have been a part of the Jerusalem church of the first century!

That church was dynamic and growing. There is no indication that Jerusalem felt it was growing too fast, or that it was too big, or that another church should be established in South Jerusalem. The church met in the temple and from house to house, but the church was "the church in Jerusalem" (Acts 8:1) and the elders were the elders of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:4, 22). Do you know why the Jerusalem church grew? They worked under a commission that said "every creature" and they were determined to reach as many as God would give to them. Then, they wanted to grow--leaders wanted to grow, members wanted to grow, growth was planned for and worked for. Growth was what it was about! We must never limit what God has left unlimited. Growth! Let's provide the faith and the means and God will "give the increase."

"There were added unto them about three thousand souls" - Acts 2:41

"And they continued steadfastly" - Acts 2:42

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" - Acts 2:47

"And the number...was about five thousand" - Acts 4:4

"And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes" - Acts 5:14

"The number of the disciples was multiplied" - Acts 6:1

"The number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly" - Acts 6:7

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



Thanks to the Vannoys for hosting the Middle School Devotional this past Sunday. The Pizza and Peach Cobbler were great. Thanks to all the middle schoolers for making it a great evening.

Youth Directory

Attention: All Middle and High School Students Please turn in your Directory Questionnaire and get your picture taken so we can get the directory completed as soon as possible.

High School

The High School Devotional will be in the Fellowship Center Sunday night following the assembly. Plan to be there.

State Fair

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Ski Retreat

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Help!

We need baseball gloves! David Walker, Youth Minister from Northampton, England is in need of baseball gloves for the youth of the church there. Baseball gloves are very hard to come by and if they are available, they are very expensive to purchase. They especially need childrens baseball gloves. If you can donate a glove or two (new or used), please bring them to my office. If you would like to help by donating money, we will make the purchase. Thanks for helping to fill this need.

We ♥ Visitors!

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The Search



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

With
JAY LOCKHART

Potpourri

Campus Christian Center

On behalf of the Campus Christian Center, we would like to thank you for the wonderful meal you provided for us last Tuesday. If it wasn't for the supportive Christians like you, the Tri-C would be lackin! We really appreciate your concern and help. Please feel free to come by the Tri-C at anytime. We would love to get to know each of you personally.

Missy Vaughan
Tri-C Correspondent

Medina Home Grocery Truck

The truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here the week of October 31 - November 4. We are collecting powdered sugar for them. A six month supply is 280 one pound bags.

Change For Children

You are encouraged to participate in the program, Change For Children, to aid Christian Servants in their work of child care. We had 165 cans on Sunday and you took 105 home to fill with change. They are to be returned December 4. If you did not get one last Sunday, they will be available again this week.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (16) Sandra Henry, Audie Grier, Dan Cullinan (17) Charles Lemons, Dannie Skipper (18) Julie Maddox (19) John Brem Mary Haws, Bill McCain (20) Dorothy Bell, Fred Powell, Carolyn Miller, Wanda Frick.



Bible classes for all ages Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Sermon Subjects



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 16, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The Lord's Day Contribution
(I Corinthians 16:1-10)

6:00 P.M. Continuing In Prayer
(Acts 2:37-47)

Bring your ROSE FESTIVAL guests to the assembly on Sunday.



Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Charles and Velma Lemons and their family in the death of Charles' sister, S. Byron (Bette) Tunnell, on Saturday morning in a Houston hospital. Funeral services were held for her Monday in Austin, Texas.

The Reminder

We want to encourage you to pick up The Reminder as you enter the building each Sunday morning. Any information we learn about the sick, etc. after The Visitor is mailed will be included on The Reminder.

If you have information that needs to be announced on Sunday, please give it (in writing) to the person making announcements or to one of the elders.

25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, October, 1963

Mrs. Norma Grace Rowland and Mrs. Janie Chelf placed membership on Sunday.

Brother and sister Luther Thompson moved back to Tyler and now live on West Selman.

Men leading prayers Sunday morning were: Howard Holland, M. M. Haws, and Ross Walker. Sunday evening: Pat Mackey and Truman Holland.

Zone Four held a very profitable meeting Tuesday evening. Bob Threadgill and Sam Bailey are leaders in this zone.

Here and There

by Wes Price



As we announced last week, our elders will begin teaching in our Sunday morning adult classes on the 13th of November. Jay Lockhart will begin this new series on Building Great Churches with an introductory lesson on Sunday morning, November 6. We believe these lessons will be of great benefit as this church faces the future with an optimistic attitude of growth. It will also give all our adults the opportunity of getting better acquainted with our elders on a more personal basis. Since they will be teaching the same lesson each week (to a different class) we are confident that they will be getting better each time they teach the lesson. Let's encourage them by being present for every week during this series. It will continue through the end of the year.

A big thanks to all who attended the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop held at the Shiloh Road Church on Saturday. I realize how valuable those Saturdays are and the sacrifice you made to attend. Your time spent will be amply rewarded as you do even a better job of teaching in your class. The present plans call for the workshop to be hosted by the Alpine Church in Longview in 1989.

The Wednesday night Parenting Class is going well and we are having good attendance. If you have not been attending, let me recommend it to you. I am confident that the material being presented will be of benefit, but the discussion period that follows is also enlightening. We invite all of you who have children under age 13 to join us for these sessions.

The Scriptures teach us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus." I may not be able to tell you all of what growing in grace means, but I can be sure that growing in the knowledge of Jesus means studying about Him in the Scriptures. This church provides opportunity for this growth in its teaching ministry and in encouraging individuals to be daily Bible readers. The little booklet, Power For Today, is available to help you. Why not avail yourself of this opportunity and see how much better your spiritual life becomes. Your life can be better tomorrow than it was today.

Records	Oct. 2	Sept.25	Year Ago
Bible School	406	409	433
Worship/A.M.	501	509	544
Worship/P.M.	366	366	368
Wed. Eve.	261	205	249
Contributions	\$9,471.85	\$9,704.65	\$10,132.14

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, concern and every act of kindness during the illness and death of my sister. I am happy to be a part of such a loving and caring family.

In Christian love,
Claude & Odell Sessions

The Sick

Brother Foy Hodnett and brother M. B. Beard were scheduled to go home from the hospital on Wednesday.

Sister Fern Scruggs remains in Medical Center Hospital, Room 3521.

Brother Ernest Holland continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Charles Lemons' sister, Mrs. Byron (Bette) Tunnell, is in M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Her condition is grave.

Sidney Boudreaux, father of sister Cindy Patten, underwent surgery Monday in Houston.

Responses

Sunday, we were very happy to welcome Scott and Donna Epperson and their family into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church. Their address is 801 Sweetgum, Lindale, Texas. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 1558, Lindale 75771, telephone 882-8406. The two older children, Jeremy (14 years) and Jessica (12 years), are also members of the church. The youngest daughter is Hattie and she is 7 years old. Scott is the Lindale City Manager and Donna is employed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Co. in Accounting.

Serving Sunday

- MORNING ASSEMBLY
Announcements F. C. Carpenter
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Dismiss Mark Morris
- EVENING ASSEMBLY
Announcements F. C. Carpenter
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss Kelly Ross
- SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
Jamon Kirby Fred Powell
Randy Pickens Jimmie Philpot
- Serving From Back Foyer
Earl O'Quinn Charles Rachui
John Pike Glynn Starnes
- GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
Stan and Judy Clark
Bill and Ruby McCain
Bumpy and Bobbie McCarty
Claude and Odell Sessions

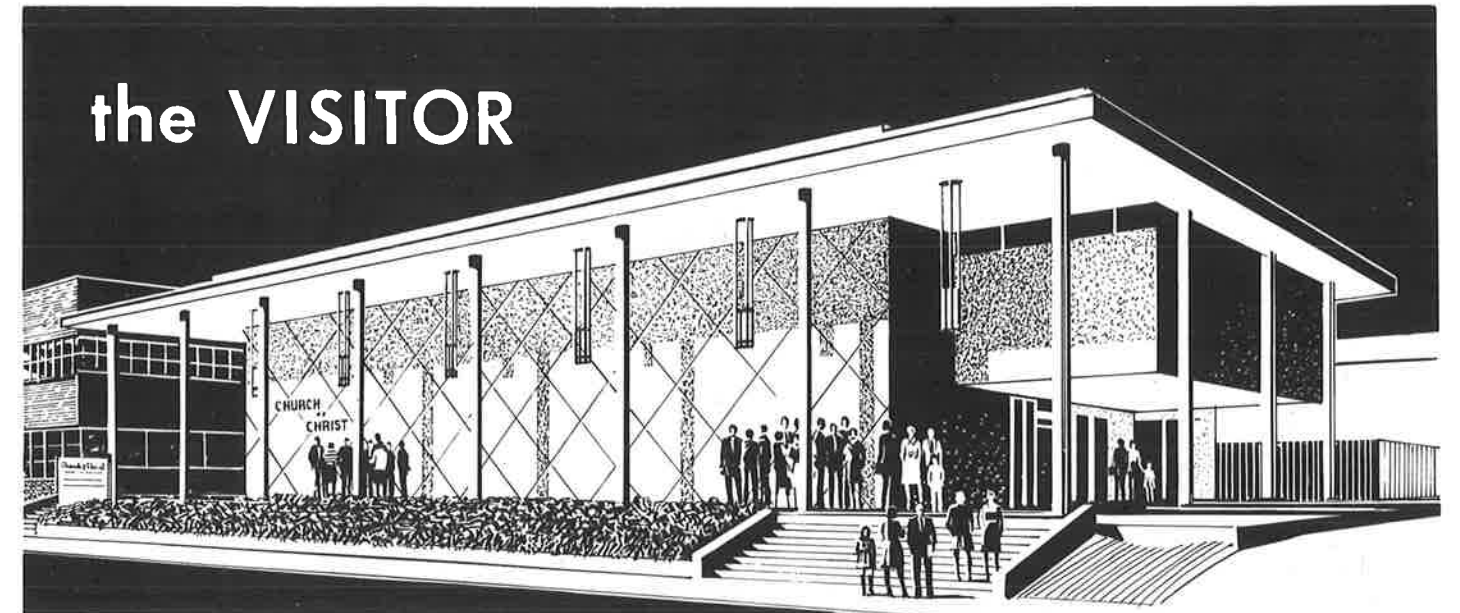
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Scott and Donna Epperson
Jeremy, Jessica & Hattie


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Hardeman Nichols Visits

Welcome To Hardeman Nichols Who Will Be Preaching
At West Erwin Sunday At 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, while Jay Lockhart is in a special series of meetings in Paducah, Kentucky, we will be privileged to hear Hardeman Nichols preach at both assemblies. Hardeman, and his wife Virginia, are well known by the West Erwin church in that he has preached here many times before. Hardeman is a man of wide experience, having preached for over forty years, including local work in Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama, and gospel meetings throughout the U.S. He is now involved full time in meetings, lecture-ships, and special appointments. Hardeman is a man who knows and preaches the Bible and you will benefit from hearing him on October 9.



DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



GREAT! That describes our time together this past Sunday night. It also describes the fantastic Frito Pie that Dale and Carolyn Blackstone cooked up. Thanks to you guys for helping host. Great also describes the devotional time we had together with Hillard Hughes. I appreciate the many years that Hillard has spent working with the young people here. Thanks, Hillard.

Middle School Devo

All Middle School students are invited to a devotional this Sunday night in the Fellowship Center after the evening assembly. If you are in Middle School, you need to be here. Bring a friend and enjoy the evening. Parents can pick up their kids at 9:00 p.m. See you Sunday.

High School

There will be a High School Devo Sunday night October 16 in the Fellowship Center. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. More details later.

State Fair

We will be going to the State Fair on Saturday, October 15. All High School and Middle School Students are invited to go and enjoy this very fun and exciting day. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and returning at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 and you must pay me for them no later than Wednesday, October 12. Also, you must sign the list on the Youth bulletin board if you plan to go. Bring a friend and come along to the State Fair of Texas.

High School Retreat

All High School students are reminded of our retreat on October 22 and 23. This will be a very beneficial time to be together and learn some important facts about Drug Abuse and The Temple of God. The cost will be \$7.50. Invite a friend and sign the list on the Youth bulletin board. Be watching for more details.

Ski Retreat

High School students who are interested in going on our Spring Ski Retreat are reminded that your deposit of \$82.00 is due by November 6 to reserve your place on the trip. Contact me if you have any questions.



Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

Potpourri

YOUNG AT HEART

The monthly meeting of Young At Heart will be held Thursday, October 13 in the Fellowship Hall. A pot luck dinner is planned at 6:30.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Please help supply some of the needs of our Discovery Days Preschool.

Needs: Baby food jars with lids.

Butter (margarine) tubs with lids.

Canned Cake Icing containers with lids.

Plastic plates (from Microwave Dinners).

Old yarn and ribbon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October (9) Miranda Smith, Hulén Hulsey (10) Kyle Ross, Leona Hardin (11) Amanda Broome, Joe Carroll, Brett Hone (12) Allen Bobbitt, Mary Dawson (13) Charles Bell, Cheri Bene, Brady Dawkins, Elva Lee Williams (15) John Steffee e.

ADDRESS CHANGES

If you live in Smith County and have been given a new official address, because of the Emergency 911 Number, please let us know about it in order to update our mailing list. Each return bulletin costs the church 30¢. We appreciate your help.

25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, October 10, 1963

There were a number of responses during our meeting with brother Alonzo Welch. The following were baptized into Christ: Jann Stokes, Ann Stokes, Melody Haws, Billy Tigert, Grant Rozell, and Lynn Willis.

Announcements and prayers were led by Dick Ferguson, Howard Holland, John Arrington, Edgar Bullard, and Pete Nichols.

Roy and Elaine Roberson were transferred to Henderson, Texas.

Mrs. Nell Stewart, Chief Operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. placed membership. She is from Monahans, Texas.

Thank You

During the time of sorrow we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

The Audy Richey Family

Thank you for the cards, telephone calls, the delicious food, and your prayers since I have been ill.

Ruby Brem

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Naoma F. Dunn.

We thank you so much for the beautiful pink carnations.

Eunice, Marie and Henry Dunn & Family

We want to thank you for your prayers and the many cards and flowers we received while I was in the hospital. We thank the Adult 3 Class too. We love you all.

Snow and Edna Hodnett

Attention Teachers

If you are reading this bulletin and it is Saturday morning, drop what you are doing and head on over to the Shiloh Road building. You should be taking advantage of one of the classes during our annual East Texas Teacher Training Workshop. We need you to help us get the most out of our investment in this teacher training opportunity.

Change For Children

Sunday, cans will be provided for you to take home to collect your change. This program was introduced last year by Christian Services as Change For Children. Last year West Erwin took 128 cans and collected twenty two hundred dollars. This year our goal is 150 cans and twenty six hundred dollars. The cans are to be returned on December 4. In 1988 Christian Services have provided foster care for forty children and have arranged for twenty adoptions. If you have questions, call Leon Welborn.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Our Wednesday Ladies' Class continues to have excellent attendance, but we want to encourage others, who have not been in the habit of coming, to join us for this study in Acts. We are taking a good look at the activities and learning of those first century Christians to obtain as much insight into the principles which guided them to such an extent that Paul could later say that the whole world had been privileged to hear the gospel. We need those guiding principles at work among us today. Has the world ever been more in need of the saving power of God's message? Come learn with us!

Our present Adult Class study on the subject of Worship will conclude on the last Sunday of October. Beginning in November, our elders will be teaching our adult classes on topics related to the subject of "Building A Great Church." We will be providing a schedule of subjects and classes in a later bulletin. We believe this will be a very beneficial series of lessons, not only from the standpoint of having our elders teaching, but from the timeliness of the subject matter. This church stands on the crossroads as far as growth is concerned and its relationship to survival into the next century. We cannot sit and wait for things to happen. If we are to continue the growth we have enjoyed in recent years, we must continue to make it happen. And with God's help, we can. There are many great opportunities in front of us and with the determination and courage and an unflinching trust that we are moving ahead by God's power and grace, we will enjoy an ever increasing work for Him.

Let's pray for our elders as they prepare these timely and necessary lessons.

There are two of our work areas in which we need strong guidance. Our Sunday morning preschool worship training needs the help of you parents whose children benefit from this unique learning experience. The time period during worship is divided into two parts, the class session and the worship for the preschoolers. We need both teachers for the classes and men to conduct the worship period. If you have not signed up for one of these, please, see Matt Haws or put your name on the sign up sheet on the door of Room 105.

The other area also concerns our preschool children. On Sunday nights, we have a Bible Hour for them. We need volunteers to help us with the classes. If you would like to help, please let me know. Perhaps you would like to visit and see how the classes are conducted. If so, just join Frances McBee and Carolyn Philpot in room 105 before worship time on Sunday evening.

We are pleased that Jay Lockhart is teaching a class during the Harding University Lectureship this week. I know those who attend will be blessed by his excellent teaching. He will also be away from us this Lord's day beginning a meeting in Kentucky. Keep him in your prayers for a safe journey and successful meeting.

The Sick

Brother Ernest Holland remains in very serious condition in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Fern Scruggs underwent back surgery in Medical Center Hospital on Tuesday.

Brother Bernie Beard hopes to go home this weekend from Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Foy Hodnett came home on Monday from the hospital in Dallas, but entered Mother Frances Hospital Wednesday morning with chest pain. He is undergoing tests.

Sister Cleo Sublette entered Medical Center Monday afternoon. Her resistance is very low and she is in isolation for treatment.

Brother Guy Potts entered Medical Center (room 2237) Monday morning for treatment.

Brother Bob Jordan, father of sister Ray Vannoy, is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Claudia Griffis' grandson, Kyle Stowers, had dental surgery this week. Kyle is pre-school age and lives with his grandmother.

Sister Cindy Patten's father, Sidney Boudreaux, will have kidney surgery in Houston, October 3. Also, Cindy's aunt, Marge Reiswig, is undergoing cancer treatments.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER (2) Gwen Shuford, J. B. Smith (3) Kelly Finley, Bryan Leek (4) Whitney Bobbitt, Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey (5) Robbie Butler, Julie Frick (6) Alfred Welch, Scott Maddox (7) LeAnn Braly (8) Cody Ables, Chris Ables, Pattie Tate.



L. W. and Daisy MacFall



Cindy Carruth

Records

	Sept. 25	Sept. 18	Year Ago
Bible School	409	404	408
Worship/A.M.	509	534	509
Worship/P.M.	366	333	404
Wed. Eve.	205	277	254
Contributions	\$9,704.65	\$11,098.99	\$9,124.92
Membership 612		Weekly Budget \$11,494.90	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 5 - JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

Serving Sunday

MORNING ASSEMBLY

Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Don Drummond
 Scripture Jeff Blackstone
 Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

EVENING ASSEMBLY

Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Forest McFadden
 Scripture Scott Carruth
 Dismiss Pat Pa' n

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jeff Hone Jay Graham
 Walter Farrer Harold Denman

From The Back Foyer

Alan Fisher Morris Hallman
 Jack Garner Todd Hancock

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Bumpy and Bobbie McCarty
 Bill and Ruby McCain
 Stan and Judy Clark
 Claude and Odell Sessions

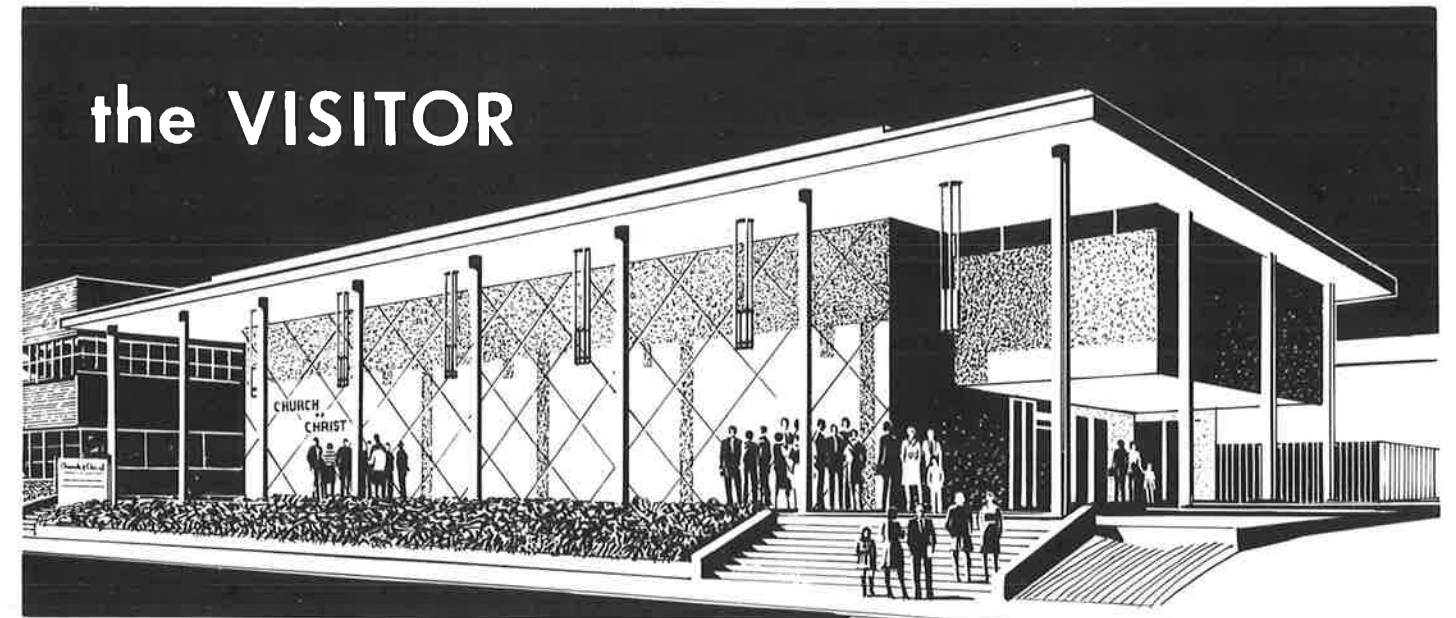
Responses

L. W. and Daisy MacFall came Sunday to be identified as members of the church. They formerly lived and worshipped with the San Benito church of Christ in So. Texas. Their address is Rt. 17, Box 324-X, Tyler 75704.

Cindy Carruth, daughter of Les and Carolyn Carruth, came Wednesday evening (Sept. 21) to be baptized into Christ. We rejoice with her in this decision. Cindy is in the 4th grade in Whitehouse.

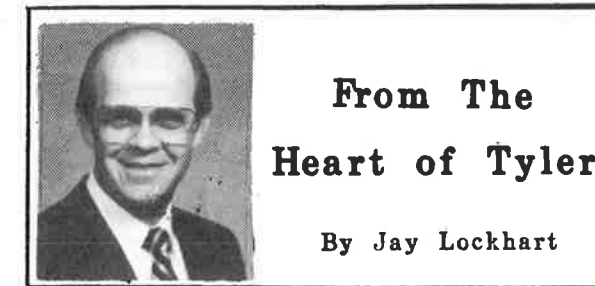
K. Max Haws came Sunday morning asking for prayers of the church.

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"If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?"
 --I Corinthians 14:8

Where Do We Go From Here?

In the history of the Restoration Movement (a movement calling for a return to the New Testament in matters pertaining to belief and practice) we have made much progress. Following World War II we became the fastest growing church in America. We have moved from our "cracker box" buildings on the wrong side of the tracks to respectability and to facilities that are unsurpassed. However, church growth experts tell us we are not growing as we once did and the casual observer recognizes that our message is diluted. Some of us do not seem to know who we are or where we are. We have difficulty in knowing how one becomes a Christian, what the church is, how we are to worship, and when the Lord's Supper should be eaten. Strange indeed for people who are supposed to accept the Bible as the standard. What's the answer? It doesn't seem the answer is to be found with the ultra-conservative, hard line approach of some (evidenced by their

fruit). Neither is the answer in seeking to make the message more palatable by sending forth an "uncertain sound." Isn't this the answer: (1) a healthy respect for the teaching of God's Word in its declarations and its silence; (2) hearts filled with genuine love for our brothers and all men; (3) an attitude of vision that will enable us to use any and all means and methods which are in harmony with the Scriptures to promote the growth of 1st century Christianity in the 20th century; (4) a burden for a lost world that motivates us to reach out effectively; (5) a knowledge of the fact that everyone will not like or approve of us; and (6) know that churches that do grow have real conviction--they believe something. Maybe all of this is too simplistic, but it seems to me that if we as a people have no distinct message we cannot experience real growth and we forfeit our right to exist.

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 Wes Price-Associate Danny Snell-Youth
 Harold Taylor-Mission

ELDERS
 F. C. Carpenter Dr. L. Roger Knight
 Faber Cauthen Joe McBee
 Jamon Kirby Ben Young Fred Powell

ASSEMBLIES
Sunday
 Bible School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday
 Christian Service Center Work Day 9:00 -12:00 a.m.
 (September through May)
Wednesday
 Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
 (September through May)
 Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



So far there has been good response on our sign-up lists for various activities - State Fair, Retreat, etc. For those of you who don't know, these lists are on the Youth Bulletin Board (down the stairs from the High School class). We could use a couple of volunteers to keep the Youth Bulletin Board up to date. If you are interested, let me know.

Combined Youth Activity

We will have a combined youth activity this Sunday night in the Fellowship Center. Our Youth Committee will have met by then and we will discuss the purpose and ideas of that group. Plan to be there and bring a friend.

Middle School Devotional

All Middle School students need to mark your calendars for a devotional on Sunday, October 9 after the evening assembly. Details will come later.

High School Devotional

All High School students are invited to a devotional on Sunday night, October 16. Mark your calendars for this great time. Plan to bring a friend and share in this great evening.

State Fair

Middle School and High School students are invited to go to the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on Saturday, October 15. This will be an unforgettable day that you will really enjoy. Please sign the list on the Youth Bulletin Board if you want to go.

Retreat

There is a fall retreat planned for all high school students on October 22 and 23. The focus will be on Drug Abuse and God's Temple. This will be a very beneficial time and you will learn a great deal about a serious problem that faces our young people and our nation. We will be with the teens from Shiloh Road and Glenwood for the Retreat. Please sign the list on the Youth Bulletin Board so you can go with us and grow from this weekend.

Important Dates

October 2	- Combined Youth Activity
October 9	- Middle School Devotional
October 15	- State Fair
October 16	- High School Devotional
October 22/23	- High School Retreat
November 12	- ACU High School Day



From The Mail

Dear Brother Jay:

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ. My name is Standfast Oyinna. I am presently the Evangelist of the Central Church of Christ Wukari, Gongola State, Nigeria, West Africa. By profession I am a Computer Programmer. I studied computer science up to graduate level and have done extensive post graduate courses on the same course.

(Continued on next column)

Potpourri

GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be here during the week of Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 to collect what we have for them. We are collecting Powdered Sugar. A Six month supply is 280 1 lb bags.

ANNIVERSARY

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Caskey, in honor of their parent's fiftieth wedding anniversary, announce a reception at the Caskey residence from two until four in the afternoon of October 8, 1988, to which all are invited.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

John M. Davis will preach Oct. 2 - 5 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas. Weeknight services are at 7:30.

John Gardner will speak Oct. 2 - 5 at the Pritchett Church of Christ. The weeknight services will be at 7:30.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Supper Of The Lord

(I Corinthians 11:23-30)

P.M. A Proper View Of The Lord's Supper

(Matthew 26:26-30)



FROM THE MAIL (continued)

For sometime I have been hearing you on tape and feel I have been greatly blessed, a blessing I share with many. Recently too, I have read your article on the book of Revelation in the Truth For Today. This article is one of the best I have understood on the book of Revelation. This morning, when I thought about your contributions to my Bible knowledge, I felt that I should let you know that you have helped me. I think this is in keeping with Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..." We have already written to the congregation where you serve for your tapes. Are you able to donate some study materials in form of study Bibles and books which you no longer need, to me? I respectfully make this request and trust that you will assist. May the Lord continue to light your path.

Yours in the Cause of Truth
Standfast Oyinna Snr.

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The children and grandchildren of
Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Clark

request the pleasure of your company

as they renew their vows

and at a Reception to follow

in honour of their

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

on Sunday, the second day of October

nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

from two until four in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin

Tyler, Texas

Your presence is the only gift we desire

Thank You

Thanks so much for the cards, calls, visits and delicious food brought by our Brother's Keeper group. It is great to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Walter & Mary Farrer

The beautiful brass tray will bring fond memories of you. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

With our Love,
Ray & Dell Lott

I want to thank you for your visits, cards and prayers during my illness. Your care is appreciated.

Hazel Morgan

Thank you for the lovely flowers, the many cards and words of sympathy and your prayers. Friends are dear to us in our times of sorrow.

Foy & Mary Richey

25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, October 3, 1963

464 were in Bible Class Sunday with 5 classes being 100% in attendance. The 100% classes were taught by Jo Welch (2 years), Wanda Whitworth and Barbara Payne (4 Years), Bessie Willis and Mary Grier (2nd Grade), Katie Heath and Mary Prater (3rd Grade) and Ophelia Woltman and Wanda Weathers (5th Grade).

Prayers were led by M. B. Beard, Glenn Warner, Charles Graf and David Hannah. The contribution was \$1,134.53.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Early in the week I received excellent reports from our Brother's Keeper leaders about the fellowship meetings last Sunday night. We appreciate those families who offered their homes for these lovely meetings. Our last meeting for the year will be October 30. There will be a church fellowship in November and the units do not meet in December.

We are in the process of preparing a questionnaire to be mailed to all our families to ask for suggestions about the size of our units. West Erwin has grown so rapidly that some of our units have become large enough to be divided into two units. When the questionnaire arrives, please give it your best attention. We value your suggestions.

We have two excellent benevolent programs in operation on Tuesdays. One meets in the Benevolent Center and prepares clothing items for distribution to the needy, cancer bandages and other items for Chimala Mission Hospital, bibs and lap blankets for elderly in nursing homes, quilts, etc. We appreciate their dedication to this good work.

A smaller group meets in our Fellowship Hall to prepare delicious meals for many of our shutins. However, cooking is only a part of their work. They plan menus, shop the day before for the necessary food items and begin their work early on Tuesday morning so the meals will be ready for noon delivery. It is not unusual to see some of them arrive before 7:30 on Tuesday mornings. And not to slight anyone, we could not do without the men who come and deliver the meals.

All of these folks, whether they serve in the clothing center or in the meal center, deserve a round of applause. They serve in a very unselfish way and they are not doing it just to be praised. They do a world of good for a great host of people, and this congregation is the better off for their ministries. Thank God for them, may their tribe increase!

Another ministry that this church regards as valuable is the one directed by Sam Bailey and his crew of camera operators. As time goes on, more and more of the video tapes which Sam prepares are finding their way into homes and television studios for additional viewing. In this simple way, a modern marvel multiplies Jay's pulpit ministry. The effort he expends in preparing and delivery of sermons is made to reach farther and farther. We are grateful to have his dedicated work. Tell him so, or better yet do that as well as check out one of the tapes to loan to a friend who is sick or shutin. They become more and more valuable the more they are used. And you may be helping extend the borders of the kingdom. Think about it!

East Texas Christian Academy

A fund-raising effort by ETCA will be held Nov. 19 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Campus Christian Center. They are asking for donated items for the sale on a holiday theme. A list is posted in the south foyer. For further information, call Debbie Daily, 566-3405.

Records

	Sept.18	Sept. 11	Year Ago
Bible School	404	540	408
Worship/A.M.	534	604	509
Worship/P.M.	333	446	404
Wed. Eve.	277	287	245
Contributions	\$11,098.99	\$11,4823.48	\$9,124.92

Membership 609 Weekly Budget, \$11,494.90

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 25 and Wednesday eve., Sept. 28 - GARY BROOME, 592-2289.

The Sick

Brother Ernest Holland's condition is very serious. He underwent surgery last Friday and continues to be in ICU in Mother Frances.

Brother Bernie Beard is in Medical Center following a fall at home. He has been moved to the Therapy wing.

Brother Foy Hodnett underwent surgery Monday in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. He is in Room 918 (5909 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas 75231).

Sister Cleo Sublette is now at home.

Brother Bob Jordan, father of Gail Vannoy, was scheduled for surgery Thursday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He is having an implant to assist in regulating his heat. This is in addition to the pacemaker.

Sister Odell Sessions's sister, Mrs. Ellen Cook, is in room 327 of Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville. She is very ill following a heart attack.

Brother Bill Meazell's niece, Carla Cope, will have brain surgery on Tuesday in Medical Center. They request our prayers for her recovery.

New Members

We are happy to welcome George and Ruth Hearne, 3107 Benbrook (75702), telephone 593-8731. Brother Hearne came Sunday to be restored and we rejoice with sister Hearne who was baptized Thursday evening, September 15 by Wes Price.



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THE SEARCH

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Sympathy


Funeral services were conducted on Monday in Aspermont, Tex for Audy Richey, brother of Foy Richey. We express our sympathy to the family in their loss.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

*"Minister... one to another."
 --I Peter 4:10*

Do You Really Need The Church ?

Every student of the Bible should know that the church is important to us all. We see its importance in what it cost -- the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28); what it is -- the reconciled, saved people of God (Ephesians 2:16,25); what it is for -- the instrument of God to preach the gospel to the whole world (Mark 16:15); as well as what its destiny is -- heaven (Revelation 19:79). These things are beyond question to most of us. What I am asking here is, do you really need the local congregation, or can you pretty well tough it out on your own? Can you isolate yourself, do your own thing, and be rather unconcerned about your brethren? Recently I read a story about an absentee church member who was visited by a concerned friend. The absentee had been sitting before his fireplace and

offered his guest a seat also facing the fire and waited for the expected rebuke. Not a word did the guest speak. Taking a seat before the fireplace, he silently took the tongs and lifting a glowing coal from the midst of the others, laid it by itself on the hearth. Remaining painfully silent, he watched the blaze die out. The lesson could not be avoided! The local church does need you, and you need the local church. Remember that the purpose for which we assemble as the local church is to glorify God, remember Christ, the object of our profession, and to encourage each other (Hebrews 10:19-25). Let us look forward with enthusiasm to those assemblies! Let us be present to give and receive encouragement! Let us see the need and seize the opportunity ...lest the blaze die out.

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

There is a retreat planned for all High School students on October 22 and 23. This is a combined retreat with Shiloh Road and Glenwood. The focus will be on Drug Abuse, and we have a special presentation lined up. This will be a great time to be filled in on the problems of drug usage and how that affects the Christian life. I know this will be a very beneficial time for our high school students. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this retreat. More details will be given later.

SPRING SKI RETREAT

All high school students are invited to go on our SKI RETREAT next Spring Break to Ski Cooper in Leadville, Colorado. The dates are March 19-24. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, November 6, and a non-refundable deposit of \$80.00 is required to put your name on the list. I have been to Ski Cooper several times and I don't think there is a better place for us to SKI. We have an exciting time planned and Jeff Walling will be our resource person for the trip. Don't miss out on this great time!

STATE FAIR

We have a trip planned for the middle school and high school to the State Fair of Texas on Saturday, October 15. This is going to be a fun filled day. Plan to go and enjoy the State Fair. There will be a sign-up list on the bulletin board on the stairs next to the High School Class room.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 25 - Brother's Keeper Unit Meetings
 Oct. 15 - State Fair Trip
 Oc. 22, 23 - High School Retreat
 Nov. 12 - ACU High School Day

Benevolent Help

We have an URGENT NEED for children's clothing in our Benevolent Center. We have many calls for clothing for infants through teens. If you have jeans, shirts, blouses, dresses, sweaters, coats, shoes, undergarments, etc., please bring them to the building and they will be placed in the Benevolent building. Your help is needed.

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The children and grandchildren of
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Clark
 request the pleasure of your company
 as they renew their vows
 and at a Reception to follow
 in honour of their
 Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
 on Sunday, the second day of October
 nineteen hundred and eighty-eight
 from two until four in the afternoon
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 420 West Erwin
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Your presence is the only gift we desire

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (25) Claudia Griffin (26)
 Ruby McCain (27) Nettie Potts, Jody
 Hawkins (28) Abby Adams, Cheryee Oberg
 (29) Brody Clark, Adela Scogins,
 Justin Metcalf, Janiece Johnson (30)
 Mary Butler, Gary Colston. OCTOBER (1)
 Cooper Goodson.

25 Years Ago -



From THE VISITOR, Sept. 26, 1963

Announcements and prayers were led
 Sunday morning by Don O'Bannon,
Leonard Woltman, and Terry Woltman.
 Sunday evening: Harold Browning and
Tommy Woltman.

Wednesday night classes for 6th
 Grade to Adult are as follows:
 Boys (7th - college) - Tom Jones
 Jr.Hi.Girls - Audrey O'Bannon
 Senior high and
 College Girls - Molly Ferguson
 Ladies Class - Modena Jones
 Men's Class - E. V. Rushing
 Auditorium - Dean Brookshire

Our meeting with Alonzo Welch is
 September 29 - October 5.

Thank You

Ladies, your help in assisting
 Cleo Sublette with her meals while
 hospitalized last week was sincerely
 appreciated. Also, each visit and
 act of kindness is deeply appreci-
 ated and an encouragement to us.
 The Sublette Family

(Because of the medication, sister
 Sublette's doctor has said that she
 will have diminishing resistance and
 it is very important that she should
 not be exposed to any illness.
 Visits should be considered careful-
 ly during this period of time.)

Thank you for your prayers and
 your concern for my mother-in-law
 and for me during her illness and
 at her death. Too, thanks to the
 Young Adult Class and others who
 sent sympathy cards.

I love you all,
 Pattie Tate

We want to thank you for the love
 and words of concern at the death
 of our loved one. We appreciated the
 lovely floral arrangement. We feel
 that we are really a part of "the
 family." Again, thank you for every-
 thing.

Love,
 Oscar & Ethel Brown

Brother's Keeper

Meeting for September 25, 1988

Unit	Leaders	Hosts
1	Harrison	Starnes
2	Hughes	Fellowship Hall (Noon)
3	Clark	Clark
4	Stringer	Mathews
5	Terrell	Denman
6	Cook	Cook
8	Waggonner	Powell
9	Ward	May
10	Bullard	Oberg
11	Phillips	Dawson
12	Usrey	Usrey
13	Sublette	Pollard Park
14	Metcalf	Fellowship Hall(Eve.)
15	Metcalf	Fellowship Hall(Eve.)
16	McCarty	Fellowship Hall(Noon)

Here and There

by Wes Price



We are looking forward to our Brother's
 Keeper fellowship this coming Sunday night.
 You will find the host homes listed in another
 place in our bulletin. We hope you are plan-
 ning on attending. We extend our thanks to
 those who open their homes to this monthly
 gathering and recommend their example of hos-
 pitality. As we grow, we hope more and more
 of our families will want to share in this
 great work.

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Saturday, October 8, our East Texas Teacher
 Training Workshop is scheduled for all our
 teaching staff and Bible school workers.
 Please mark your calendar and plan to be part
 of this great day of growing. Shiloh Road
 church is hosting this year's workshop and an
 excellent staff of teachers has been selected
 to assist teachers in every department of the
 Bible school. You will profit by attending.

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On Wednesday nights, may we urge parents to
 go directly to pick up their children as soon
 as the adult classes are dismissed. We are
 asking our teachers of pre-school children to
 keep them in the classroom until parents ar-
 rive.

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All West Erwin ladies have been invited to
 attend the Ladies Day at the Corinth Road
 church in Jacksonville on Saturday, September
 24. We will go on the church bus. The bus will
 leave our parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return
 around 3:00 o'clock. A nursery will be pro-
 vided, but those who bring children need to
 bring a sack lunch for them.

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A special note to all members of Brother's
 Keeper Unit 16. Your host for this month's
 fellowship at noon on Sunday is Unit 2. Please
 bring sandwiches, chips, a relish dish or des-
 sert. Bumpy and Bobbie McCarty are leaders
 of Unit 16.

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Units 14 and 15 will meet in the Fellowship
 Hall Sunday evening following the assembly.
 Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips and des-
 serts. J. N. and Ginger Metcalf will serve as
 hosts for these units.

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Contributions	\$11,483.48	\$9,459.18	\$10,269.53

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 18 and Wednesday eve., Sept. 21 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

Responses

Sunday morning, following the assembly, Jeff Cunningham was baptized into Christ. Jeff is the son-in-law of Dick and Sue Higginbotham. He and Julie live in College Station, Texas. We rejoice with Jeff and his family.

The Sick

Brother Ernest Holland is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. He was some improved Wednesday morning.

Sister Audie Grier continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Cleo Sublette is a patient this week in Medical Center. She has been moved to room 6615.

Sister Edna Warren is in Mother Frances recovering from surgery.

Sister Leona McElroy is experiencing eye problems.

Brother Foy Hodnett will have surgery on Monday at 11:00 o'clock in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. This will be spinal surgery to alleviate pain. He and Edna are in Dallas this week and he will enter the hospital this week-end.

Serving Sunday

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 Announcements Stan Mallory
 Prayer Dick Higginbotham
 Scripture Danny Snell
 Dismiss Perry Hale

EVENING ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Stan Mallory
 Prayer Hoyt Hughes
 Scripture Gary Cain
 Dismiss Charles Hickman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 (Front of building)

Wally Dawkins Matt Haws
 Henry McRuiz David Demic

(From back Foyer)

Terry Frick Darryl Hendrix
 John Mayer Ronson Griffith

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Oscar and Ethel Brown
 Don and Chris Drummond
 Randy and Linda Pickens
 Perry and Bobbie Hale

Moving

Jeff Jones has been employed by the Weaver Tidwell accounting firm in downtown Fort Worth. Jeff's new address is, 500 Overton Ridge Circle, #518, Fort Worth (76132).



SEE YOU SUNDAY
 BIBLE CLASSES AT 9:30 A.M.

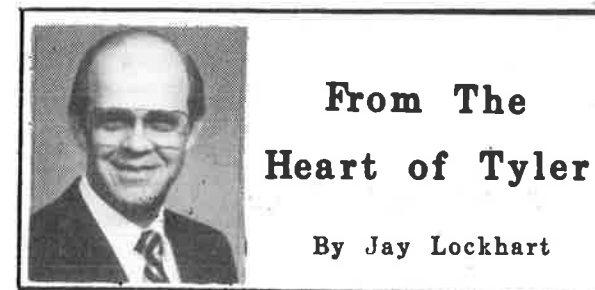
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Whosoever will be great"
 --Matthew 20:26

The Surge

Summer is past and most of us are into the more settled schedules of fall. What was summer like? While many of us were away for much needed relaxation and recreation, the attendance at our assemblies remained fairly constant. People obeyed the gospel, placed membership, and asked for prayers, and our contributions were good. Speaking of contributions; for June, July and August, we averaged giving \$11,475.14 toward a budget of \$11,494.90 compared with an average of \$10,439.21 with a weekly budget of \$10,265.00 for the same period in 1987. This indicates two things: (1) we are growing in numbers and in the grace of giving, even in difficult economic times, and (2) when we are away we are leaving or making up our giving at home. Both are encouraging. Let's keep up the good work as we surge into autumn!

Greatness

Think of a great brain surgeon or a great heart surgeon--only a handful of men in all the world can do what he can. He performs great feats, writes articles about these skills, trains others to do what he does. What do you suppose this man's five-year-old daughter thinks of him? She doesn't see him as a great surgeon. To her he is simply "Daddy"--someone who plays with her, reads to her, tucks her in at night. Regardless as to how she sees him, her daddy is a great surgeon. I am convinced that Willard Collins was greatness among us this week. For half a century this man has preached the timeless gospel with power, patience, perception, plainness, and perseverance designed to bring men to piety. The simplicity of the Biblical message coupled with the humility of the man would be servant to all is, by any standard, true greatness. How can we forget such messages as "The Battle," or "The Bottom Line," or "The Great Concepts of Acts 2," or "The Power of the Blood of Christ?" Oh, you say, you didn't hear those messages! Those who heard are the winners, and those who didn't are the losers. For thirty years this servant of God, Willard Collins, has touched my life giving me enthusiasm, direction, and a pattern. True greatness has been among us... Some saw and heard and were motivated to stand on the higher ground, while others, like the little girl, missed the bigger picture. Our experience this week was not simply a visitor or sermons or services, but was the greatness of one who serves God and man faithfully, of the greatest message known to man, and of worshipping the Creator of the world. Yes, we have touched and appreciated true greatness.

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



City-Wide Ski Retreat

There will be an important meeting of all high school students and their parents who are interested in going on our Ski Retreat in the spring. The meeting will be this Sunday night, September 18 after worship services. We will meet in the Fellowship Center. Shiloh Road and Glenwood will be here for this informative meeting. This will not be an eating meeting.

* Please Note: There will be no activity for the Middle School this Sunday night as previously announced.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 18 - Ski Retreat Meeting for High School.
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Nov. 12 - ACU High School Day

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 18, 1988
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Purpose And Place of The Local Church.

(I Thess. 1:1-10)

P.M. Worship: Then And Now
(Psalms 8:1-9)



Discovery Days

Discovery Days is now in progress, but you may still enroll your child in this program. Discovery Days is an affordable learning program for children ages 2 through 4 years. Barbara Oberg, who is very experienced in pre-school programs, is directing the school. You may call her for information (581-1806) or the church office, (592-0809).

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (18) Kathleen Carroll, Rockie Hughes, Virginia Demic, Terry Frick (19) Gary Aven, Jan McDonald (20) Mary Adams (21) Alma Faye Price (22) Edgar Bullard, Clark Lemons, Doc Wright, Rhonda Haws, Courtney Russell, Kay Plumb (23) Martha Waggonner

Meeting

Mel Weldon of San Leandro, California will preach in a meeting September 18-21 at the Glenwood church of Christ. The day service will be from 12:10 to 12:40 followed by lunch in the Fellowship Center. This is a "come-as-you-are" service, and you are encouraged to bring a friend.

They have suggested that Monday night, September 19, be West Erwin night. The time is 7:30 p.m.

Bazaar for ETCA

A Bazaar to benefit the East Texas Christian Academy is scheduled to be held November 19th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center. You are invited to donate items for sale. A display of decorative Christmas items is planned. Items needed are Christmas stockings, Tree skirts, Tree ornaments, etc.

For further information, please call Debbie Dailey, 566-3405.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Watch



THE SEARCH

with

JAY LOCKHART

8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
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Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital. I appreciate everything. Your encouragement helps so much.

Leona McElroy

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe and Leasa Zeppa. They are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday evening in Mother Frances Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lb and 11 oz.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Mike and Vickie Cauthen in the death of Mike's grandmother, Marie Hardin. The funeral was held in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Caudle/Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale for Arvie Norris, aunt of Ruth Meazell. We express our sympathy to the family.

A great nephew of Leona McElroy, Steve Ledbetter, died suddenly this week in Fort Worth, Texas. We express our sympathy to sister McElroy.

We extend sympathy to Randall and Denise Wilson in the death of Denise's grandfather, William Heard, Monday. His funeral was in Jacksonville.

25 Years Ago

From THE VISITOR - Sept. 19, 1963

Five Bible Classes were 100% in attendance. A note of appreciation to all who have co-operated in our efforts to improve our Bible classes.

Sunday Bible class attendance was 436, Wednesday night, 321. Sunday contribution was \$1,028.70.

Here and There

by Wes Price



The Education Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of a new Wednesday night class for adults. It is designed for parents of pre-school through junior age children. We are calling it Phase II of our plan to assist parents in "bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

We will be approaching the task of child rearing from the Biblical perspective in an effort to see what the Bible has to say to parents and how we may help each other in the role as Christian parents. Our desire is to help you do the very best job in rearing your children in a world that is set on having them for itself.

Come join us each Wednesday evening for the next quarter. The class will be meeting in room 110, the Heritage Room.

Parents of pre-school children, may we ask your help. On Wednesday evenings our teachers are instructed to keep the children in the classroom until you drop by and pick them up. Please go directly to your child's room after the dismissal of adult classes.

Our Ladies' Class on Wednesday mornings will be resuming a study in the New Testament Book of Acts. Chapter 15 will be our beginning point for our fall study. Come and join us for this valuable study. Bring a friend.

As a footnote to our Bible school drive last Sunday, we were delighted to see so many visitors in our classes. We hope what they received will serve as a motivation to return. Let's really get serious about our attendance in Bible study.

"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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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 11 and Wednesday evening, September 14, CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

The Sick

Sister Hazel Morgan is a patient in the UT Health Center. She plans to go home on Friday. Brother Foy Richey's brother, Audy Richey is very ill and hospitalized in Aspermont, Texas.

Responses

Jeff Blackstone and Sue Starnes came Sunday asking for the prayers of the church.

601 IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Reserved Parking

We have additional reserved parking for disabled. Two spaces are located next to the Education building next to the redwood fence. Two are next to the center wall (between the parking lots) next to the steps, and four spaces on the East wall next to the alley.

Your cooperation is appreciated in leaving these spaces for those who need to park near the building.

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Prayer Faber Cauthen
Dismiss Jay Lockhart, Jr.

EVENING ASSEMBLY
Announcements Jay Lockhart
Prayer Joe Carroll
Dismiss Brody Clark

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
(From front of building)
Wally Dawkins Matt Haws
Henry McRuiz David Demic
(From Back of Building)
Terry Frick Darryl Hendrix
John Mayer Ronson Griffith

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
Billy and Linda Terrell
Don and Nerene Ingram
Claude and Odell Sessions
Max and Mary Haws

Bible School Goal 601

Bible Classes

Room locations are being listed this week to help you in finding classes for guests on Sunday.


Beginners 109	ADULT CLASSES
2 & 3	Young Married
Years 102	(Jay Lockhart)
4 Years 208	Adult 2
5 Years 202	(Hillard Hughes)
1st Grade 215	Chapel Class
2nd Grade 204	(Robert Hawkins)
3rd Grade 206	Adult 4
4th Grade 214	(Stan Mallory)
5th Grade 201	Adult 9
Middle	(Forest McFadden)
School 302	Adult 8
High School 303	(Freeman Morgan)
College &	Auditorium
Singles-Benev.	(Joe Carroll)
Center	Ladies Class
	(Sue Starnes)

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Every knee shall bow..."
--Philippians 2:10

Reflections Upon The Furor

You have read them--those countless articles in opposition to, in commendation of, and neutrality toward the movie about Jesus entitled, The Last Temptation of Christ. I haven't seen the movie or read the book; only read what others have said, and, if the printed quotes and portrayals are correct, I have some reflections.

1. Faith in the deity of Christ and His perfect life will not be affected at all by this silliness (remember the "God is dead" advocates of a few years ago...now what were their names?..)
2. Jesus knew full well who he was and why he had come into the world and certainly was not a disillusioned wanderer, as he is reportedly portrayed in the film.
3. Jesus was "tempted in all points like we are," but he was "without sin" (Hebrews 4:16). In the film he is pictured, not as a human who is tempted, but as a human who is a sinner, and I object to that. I object to the licentious kiss Jesus is supposed to have given John the Baptist (though it reportedly was edited out of the final version of the film) and the immorality, though imagined by the Jesus of the film, with Mary Magdalene, Mary, and Martha. The historical Jesus did not

violate his own teaching about lusting after a woman, (Matt.5:28).

4. If a film is to be made about someone's life, intellectual honesty demands that historic facts be honored and not the imagination of the author, especially if the subject is portrayed in a demeaning way, as this film does in regard to Jesus.
5. I can't help but wonder what would happen if someone made a film depicting a black hero as an immoral pervert, or a film in which other minorities were presented in a base way. We really know what would happen, don't we? Yet when a film blasphemes our blessed Lord, believers are accused of wanting censorship and violating one's first amendment rights if they object.
6. This, too, will pass and one day "every knee will bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."
7. Finally, we are upset that this film seeks to portray Jesus in a way out of harmony with the New Testament. Are we equally as upset when professed believers, in and out of the church, treat his precious word as though he didn't say it?

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



Thanks to all of you guys and gals who helped the deacons with the workday this past Saturday. It seems we had more teens than deacons, but everything got done anyway. Thanks to the following teens: Cheryl Murphy, Michelle Steffee, Luke Ingram, Chris Starnes, Jeff Blackstone, Becky Blackstone, Beth Rowland, Kimberly Sublette, Rachael Nunn, Mitch Walters and Gena Henry.

Everyone remember about our meeting beginning this Sunday with Willard Collins. I know this will be a beneficial time for the church. Middle School and High School will meet together for a special class taught by Willard Collins. Please plan on being here and inviting your friends. Remember our goal is 601 for Bible Class.

*Those of you in the High School Class who accepted the task of contacting those who were absent, don't forget about the special Bible School drive this Sunday. Make your calls and the goal!

Youth Activity

Because of the short month of Sundays, the September youth activities will be combined. Middle School and High School, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Center on Sunday evening, immediately following the assembly, for a devotional and special activities. Plan to come and bring your friends.

Bible Class

Great Job! You "Guys" are doing a superb job of bringing and using your Bibles in Bible class. Keep up the good work.

Important Dates

September 11 — 14 Meeting with Willard Collins.
November 12 ACU High School Day
November or December City-wide High School Retreat.

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (11) Tommie Alice Egbert, Luke Ingram (12) Lola Wright, Clyde Lane (13) Archie Lowry (14) Barbara Oberg (15) Melissa Patten (16) Dorris Humble, Neil Vannoy, Kimberly Sublette, Rahn Harris, John Meazell (17) Mary Farrer.

Bridal Shower

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Potpourri

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is saving aluminum cans and have asked that we help. Also, remember to bring your Campbell soup labels for the school.

LEAVING THURSDAY

Stephen Pack will leave Thursday to join the Navy. He will be missed here.

MEDINA HOME TRUCK

The Medina Home Grocery Truck plans to be here during the week of October 31—November 4. We will be collecting Powdered Sugar for them. A six month supply is 280 one pound bags.

LADIES DAY PROGRAMS

There are three area churches having a Ladies Day program on September 24. The Pritchett Church of Christ, Hughes Springs Church of Christ and the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville are all having a program for ladies. Brochures are posted in the South Foyer.

BROTHER'S KEEPER

Our next Brother's Keeper fellowship in the home will be Sunday, September 25. Save this date for a good time together.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Ladies, remember the Ladies Class will resume on the 14th with Willard Collins teaching. Plan to come and bring a salad for the luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ray and Dell Lott, who are the grandpaents of a new grandson, born August 31 at Mother Frances Hospital to Ron and Pam Lott. He has been named Tyler Ron Lott.

FOUR GREAT DAYS



Willard Collins

HEAR

Willard Collins

Chancellor
David Lipscomb College
Nashville, Tennessee

September

11 - 14

SUNDAY:

Bible School 9:30 a.m.

Assembly 10:30 a.m.

Assembly 6:00 p.m.

WEEKNIGHTS

Monday - Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, September 12, 1963

529 are enrolled in our Bible classes. The Bible School attendance for Sunday, September 8, 1963 was 435. The breakdown was as follows: Pre-school - 55, Elementary Grades - 52, Junior High - 42, High School and College - 37, Adults - 248.

College students were listed as follows: ACU - Tommy Lowrance, Dewitt Jones, Raymond Hardin, Judy Holland, James Sims, and Mike Sublette.

TJC - David Drennan, Ronny Lowrance, Nancy Butler, Joyce Venable and Franklin Shaffer.

UT (Austin) - Doug Warner, Don Andrews, and James Andrews.

East Texas State - Charles Payne and Travis Aven.

Here and There

by Wes Price



All of our attention now must be focused on the meeting, beginning Sunday, September 11 with Willard Collins. While 601 as a goal does not reach beyond the limits of our present possibility at West Erwin, it does represent a substantial number beyond our average attendance. With the determination of loyal families, we can invite more than enough visitors as our guests for this special effort. I hope you take this personally, since that is the only way we can achieve the goal. Each one must do his or her part. Don't you want to be a part of a record crowd at Bible study next Sunday morning?

With the beginning of school, we can look forward to a more routine schedule in the church activity calendar. Adults and children will be more consistent in their attendance at both Bible study and worship. We hope you will want to be part of every activity in which God has given you a talent. Ladies put hands and hearts to work in the Benevolent Center and Fellowship Hall preparing clothing, quilts, food and many other things for the needy and shut-in. A host of our members are busy each week in preparation and teaching of Bible classes. Our Brother's Keeper leaders and members are on the alert for ways of supplying needs for family members. Visitation teams are busy each week with a variety of assignments for personal visits in our community. Have you found your place among these busy folks? If not, give me a call. We are always on the lookout for willing hands.

The East Texas Teacher Training Workshop will be held this year on October 8 at the Shiloh Road church. Experienced teachers will be available in every department. "Teaching Cradle Roll & Toddlers," by Martha Davy, Becky Ubil and Karen Stafford; "Teaching 2's to Kindergarten," by Mattie Lue Pillows; "Teaching Primary," by Judy Boaz and Karen Coleman; "Experiential Learning for Juniors," by Dr. Joyce Hardin; "Teaching Teens," by Edd Eason; "Teaching Adults," by Don Davis. Other specialty classes include: "Hands-On Visuals for Pre-school," "Hands-On Visuals for Primary," "Teaching Missions to Juniors," and "Understanding Styles in Teaching."

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Wed. Eve.	263	279	262
Contributions	\$11,128.48	\$11,004.28	\$11,687.83
Membership	615		Weekly Budget \$11,494.90

Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (4) Leona McElroy, Modena Jones, Ashlea Zeppa (5) Frances Atkins, Chris Starnes, Homer Williamson (6) Scott Baker, Stan Clark, Lori Anslem, Jim McCoy (7) Dick Higginbotham, Moselle White, John Morris (8) Lucille Carpenter, Beverly Grage (9) Blanche Shuford, Ken Culpepper (10) Gloria Thigpen, Betty Strait, Glynn Starnes, Christine Welch, Jack Garner.

Sympathy

Funeral services were scheduled for Thursday at 3:00 o'clock at Memorial Funeral Home for Mrs. Naomi Dunn, mother of Henry Dunn. We extend our sympathy to the family.

And The Lord Added . . .

Sunday we were happy that Rachael Nunn came to be baptized into Christ. Her address is 434 So. Chilton (75702), telephone 592-2543.

Claudia Griffin, Rt. 3, Flint, Tex. 75762, telephone 894-8318, placed membership recently and now we are happy to print her picture with her grandson, Kyle Scott Stowers.

Cherry Arcega came Sunday morning to be restored.



Rachael Nunn



Claudia Griffin

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Prayer K. Max Haws
Scripture Milburn Cook
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

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Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Clinton Culpepper
Scripture Alan Fisher
Dismiss Tommy Brown

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Cooper Goodson Jimmie Harris

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Max and Mary Haws
Don and Nerene Ingram
Claude and Odell Sessions
Billy and Linda Terrell

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 4 and Wednesday, Sept. 7 - JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the many ways you have given your love and support during our illness. Your telephone calls and words of encouragement, concern and prayers, and also the delicious food and beautiful cards are sincerely appreciated. It is wonderful to be a part of the West Erwin family. We are very grateful to all.

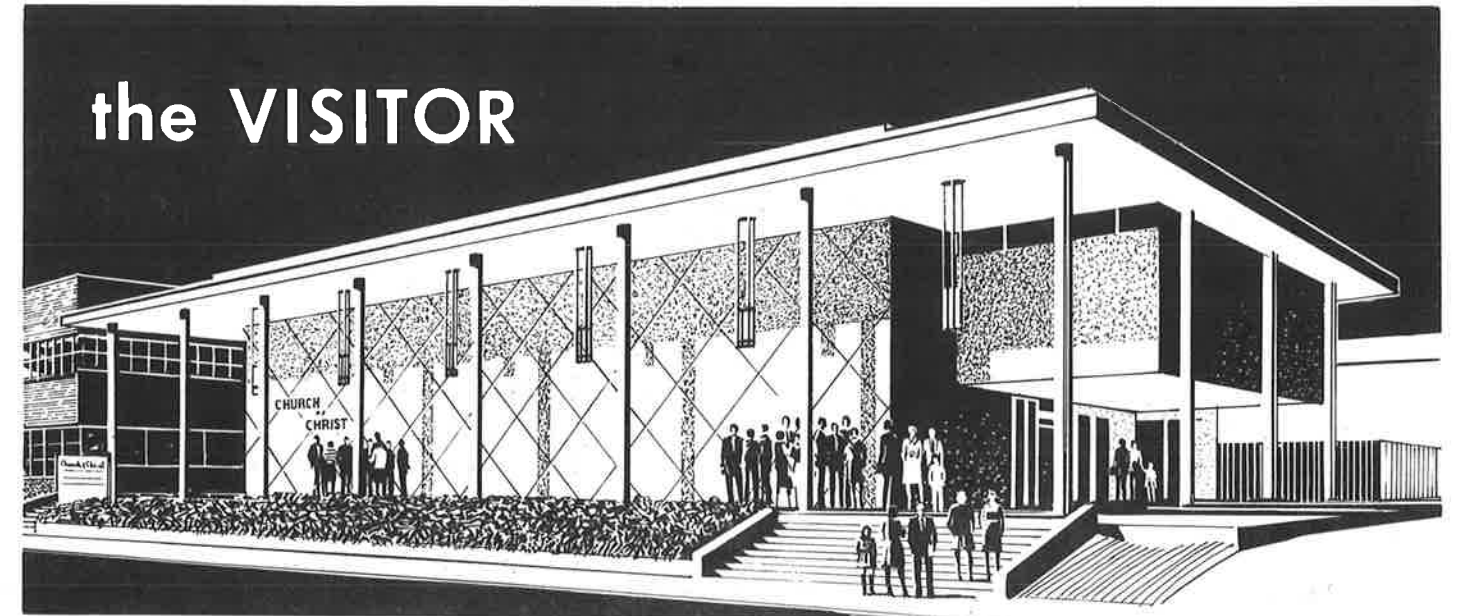
In Christian love,
Bob & Virginia Conner

The Sick

Sister Leona McElroy is a patient in Medical Center. She hoped to go home on Friday.


Sister Mary Farrer suffered a fractured ankle early this week and has been at her mother's (H.M. and Alla Minnis).

Sister Pauline Kennedy's sister, Marie Fay Killion, continues to be very ill in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

*"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together."
--Hebrews 10:25*

"Turn Off The Ignition"

Once upon a time Horace and Henrietta and their church friends Anthony and Cleopatra decided to spend a day at the lake. They had worked hard all week, had spent Saturday in the yard, and needed a day of rest. So early on Sunday morning they boarded their van and headed for the water. Since it was Sunday they swung by the church building to pick up some unleavened bread and fruit of the vine so they wouldn't miss the Lord's Supper. As they drew near the lake they stopped at a roadside park to take the communion. While they were being seated at a picnic table Henrietta asked Horace, "Shouldn't you turn off the ignition?" Horace replied, "No, we're not going to be here that long, and besides the van will get hot inside if I do." Soon they were on their way,

but Henrietta was a little upset because they were missing the church assembly. Horace consoled her, "We took the Lord's Supper, didn't we?" He continued, "Besides, if we hadn't made this trip we couldn't have attended church services anyway. Grandma is sick and we would have had to stay with her." Anthony joined in: "Yeah, and the people at church aren't that friendly when we do go and the services are so long." Cleopatra added, "Cheer up, Henrietta, after we do this a few more times you will get used to it." They rode on in silence for a few minutes. As they approached the water's edge and were getting out of the van, Henrietta was heard to mumble something about, "I still think we should have turned off the ignition."

DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



It is really great to see such a large percentage of teens bringing their Bibles to Bible class. It is very beneficial to be able to refer to the Word during class and in the Assembly. Keep up the good work guys and gals, and maybe the rest of the church will realize how important it is to bring and use their Bibles.

Fall tends to be a very busy time for most people and especially for High School and Middle School students. Most are trying to get back in the groove of school and are also involved in extra-curricular activities. I think it is great for us to be a part of these activities, but we must not let them become the most important things in our lives. Remember, through all of these activities that Jesus must be the master of our lives (Luke 16:13).

Workday

Teens don't forget about the workday this Saturday at 8:00 A.M. Wear your grubby clothes because we are going to work.

Youth Activity

The next youth activity will be Sunday, September 11. Watch for further announcements.

Here are a few important dates for the future.

September 3 Workday at the church building.
September 11 Meeting with Willard Collins.
November 12 ACU High School Day.
November or December Citywide High School Retreat.

Gospel Meeting

Willard Collins
Preaching
Four Great Days
September 11 - 14

Bible School Goal 601



Sunday Sermons



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 4, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Making Worship Valid
(Matthew 15:1 - 14)

P.M. Why Worship God Alone?
(Revelation 5:1 - 14)

A Granddaughter

Congratulations to Robert and Betty Bray who are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Bonnie Catherine, born August 29 at Mother Frances Hospital to Sherri and Don Reed. The baby weighed 7 lb and 9 oz and was 20½ inches long.

Bible Hour

Children of Kindergarten age through 5th Grade are invited to attend Bible Hour each Sunday evening. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade is taught by Dale and Carolyn Blackstone and Jim and Billye Usrey. They meet in room 301. The 3rd through 5th Grades are taught by Ray and Gail Vannoy and Steve and Kathie Ward in room 302. Many hours of preparation are put into lessons for children of this age group. They make learning the Bible an exciting hour each Sunday evening.

Potpourri

The Monday morning devotional will be changed to Tuesday morning next week because of the holiday. You are invited to be present for a period of prayer and Scripture reading. The time is 7:00 o'clock.

John McCuan is moving to Denton, Texas to attend North Texas University.

John and Nancy Bragg's new address is 8018 Clairemont, Rowlett, Texas 75088.

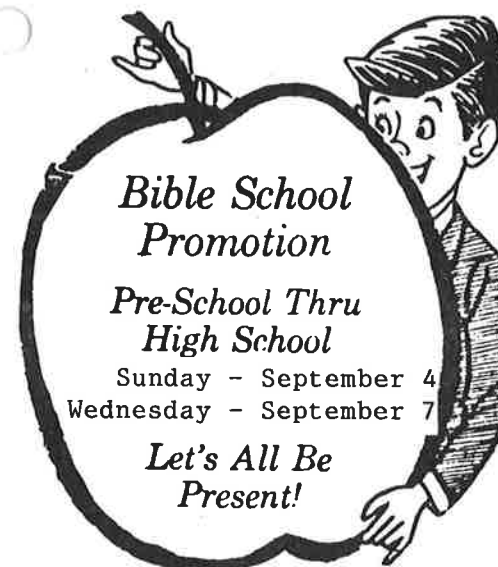
Wayne and Lynn Harrison and family have moved to 801 Carriage (75703), telephone 561-3775.

Bridal Shower

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Saturday, September 10, 1988
From 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Fellowship Building
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Selections: Foley's

Sympathy

We express sympathy to John and Ruby Cliver in the death of Ruby's stepfather, J. B. Massey, on Monday. Funeral services were in Livingston with burial in Texas City.



25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, September 5, 1988

The Ladies' Bible Class will begin on Wednesday morning, September 11 at 10:00 o'clock. Tom Jones will be teaching. A class will be provided for preschool children.

Prayers for Sunday morning and evening were led by K. Max Haws, M. M. Haws, Louis E. Jones, M. B. Beard, and Phillip Browning.

All men of the church were encouraged to attend a business meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The elders plan a meeting immediately following the Men's Business Meeting.

A Teacher's Meeting was set for Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We welcome the beginning of our new day school for preschoolers, Discovery Days. Barbara Oberg has been working diligently getting necessary rooms and facilities ready to receive these precious children. At the present time, we still have space available for more children to register. If you are interested or know of a family who would benefit from this new program, please give Barbara a call.

It will be a delight to have expanded use of our classrooms, not to mention the impression that will be placed in the minds of these children. We solicit your support and prayers for this new ministry.

All of our children, both pre-school and grade schoolers will be promoted this coming Sunday morning and the following Wednesday night. Parents, we urge you to be aware of this so that you can help your child find the correct room.

Two changes in room assignments should be noted. Four Year Olds will meet in room 208 and Five Year Olds will meet in room 202/203. The Second grade class will meet in room 204/205 and the Third grade will meet in room 206.

September 11 will be a red letter day in the life of this church. We want you to be part of the 601 plus in attendance for Bible study on that date. Members of our Education Committee and our Deacons will be calling every family at West Erwin asking for your loyalty on that beginning day of our meeting.

We also want to stress the need to have every family present for every service of this special meeting with Willard Collins.

A big word of THANKS is in order for John Steffee and Wayne Harrison for the good work of arranging for our all-church fellowship last Sunday night. The food and the fellowship were delightful.

Danny Snell is working hard on plans for our young people. It is great to have a young man of his caliber directing our youth program. We look forward to new interest and success with the teens under his guidance.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Records	August 21	August 14	Year Ago
Bible School	414	417	401
Worship/A.M.	530	539	542
Worship/P.M.	396	376	373
Wed. Eve.	279	341	240
Contributions	\$11,004.28	\$14,818.15	\$8,746.04
Membership	615	Weekly Budget \$11,494.90	

Bible School

9:30 A.M.



The Sick

Brother Jack Garner had surgery on his hand on Tuesday in Day Surgery.

25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, August 29, 1963

The special contribution made last Sunday to help pay off our note for the addition to the building was \$3,716.55.

(Note: The Ladies' Lounge and Secretary's office was added to the south side of the building.)

Prayers were led Sunday morning and evening by Dick Ferguson, Darrell Holt, Kenneth Bennett, Roy Layton, and Tommy Woltman.

A thank you note was printed from P. D. Wilmeth for the use of our buildings for two weddings from Glenwood during the month of August.

Serving Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Roger Knight
 Scripture Leon Welborn
 Dismiss Charles Seaberry

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Jamon Kirby
 Scripture Bob May
 Dismiss Grant Knight

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GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

David and Cathy Haney
 Charles and Ann McCoy
 Henry and Becky McRuiz
 Charles and Louise Seaberry

Discovery Days




Have you considered Discovery Days (a Tuesday/Thursday program) for your child this fall? Discovery Days is an affordable learning program for children ages 2 through 4 years. It is scheduled to begin September 6. Barbara Oberg, who has had much experience in such programs, will direct the school. You may call her, 581-1806 or the church office, 592-0809 for information.

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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Four Great Days

September 11 - 14

We are just three weeks from our special Meeting with Willard Collins, Chancellor of David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. Collins has been with the college since 1944 and has served as teacher, vice-president, president, and now chancellor. In addition to being an outstanding educator (Lipscomb reached some of its greatest heights while he was president), Collins is a powerful preacher of the Word. In the 1960's, when the churches of Nashville and Davidson County planned an area-wide meeting in the new city auditorium in Nashville (reminiscent of the five N. B. Hardeman Tabernacle meetings in the old Ryman Auditorium in Nashville), Willard Collins was appropriately selected as the speaker. Collins has preached throughout the U. S. and has

spoken on numerous college lectureships. We feel extremely fortunate to have him scheduled with West Erwin for four days, September 11 - 14. Collins is a dynamic personality and a powerful preacher, but his greatest strength is his belief in and his handling aright the Gospel of Jesus Christ as God's "dynamite" to save the souls of men. You will go away from his preaching saying, not, "What a great preacher," but "What a great Savior," and "What a great message!" We are aiming for a Bible School goal on the beginning day of our meeting of 601, challenging but well within our capabilities. Plan now to be one of 601 on September 11, and then be present for each meeting. Be praying, inviting, expectant, and blessings from God will flow into your life.

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DANNY'S DOODLES

Danny Snell



We had a great time this past Sunday night at Mr. Gatti's. There were 34 present. We had an enlightening time getting to know some interesting things about everyone there. We all answered three questions about ourselves: our middle name, favorite place we ever lived, and what we want to be when we grow up. The responses ranged from Doctors and Lawyers to Musicians and Moms.

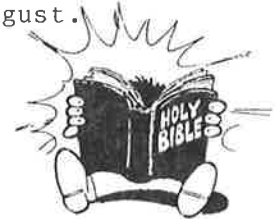
Thanks to the Harrisons for helping sponsor this activity. I am looking forward to our next activity which will be Sunday night, September 11. Watch for details.

Open Office

You all are invited to drop in and visit any time at the church office. We welcome visits and there might even be a Coca Cola in the deal! Come see us.

Bible Classes

All of you are reminded about Bible Class every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. All 9-12 grade students will be together for both classes. Middle School and High School will be meeting together on Wednesday nights through August.



Note: Please bring your Bible to Bible class.

Marian Rowe To Australia

Mrs. Ralph (Marian) Rowe will be speaking at the Fourth International Meeting on Alzheimer's Disease that will be meeting September 5th through 7th in Brisbane, Australia. Marian has been invited to present the findings of her research study to determine the level of commitment of the care giver to the patient with Alzheimer's disease. The project involved 47 volunteer care givers from the North East Texas Alzheimer's Family Support Group. Sister Rowe is a Nursing Instructor at University of Texas at Tyler and is presently working on her doctorate in Nursing. We express our congratulations to Marian for the honor extended to her.

Benevolence

The following is a year-to-date record of benevolence work involving members of this congregation.

*We estimate that approximately 1,300 children have been assisted.

*22 boxes have been sent to Chimala Mission Hospital in East Africa containing bandages, diaper shirts, hospital gowns, eye glasses, soap, medicines.

*362 families helped with clothing.

*7 families helped with household items.

*15 quilts completed.

*Utilities-\$427.00

*Food Certificates-\$400.00

*Rent and

Emergency Care-\$568.00

*Camp Deer Run-\$480.00

*Bibles and Tracts-\$120.00

*Miscellaneous-\$209.00

We have an average of 35 men and women who work each week in the Benevolence Center.

We continue to have a great need for clothing for children and teens.

Sunday Sermons



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 28, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Purpose Of The Assembly (Number 1) (Col.3:12-17)

P.M. The Purpose Of The Assembly (Number 2) (Heb. 10:19-25)

Address Change

Dorris Humble has moved to Chandler, Texas. Her new address is P. O. Box 1244 (426 Azalea Lane) 75758. Telephone 849-2452.

We Are Getting Together

All Church Get-Together
Sunday Evening Following Worship
Bring: Sandwiches, Chips,
Dips, Desserts



Thank You

Two weeks ago we laid our precious and beloved Audrey to rest. Her going has left a place in our hearts that can never be replaced. We know, however, that she is with our loving heavenly Father and feels not the anguish of mind and body. And for that we are so grateful. Thank all of you so much for the beautiful flowers and for the love you showed to her while she was with you on this earth. May God bless you all.

Russell O'Bannon & Family

Camp Deer Run

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the tables and work. You are a very important part of our family at CDR. You were greatly needed and appreciated.

Please keep us in your prayers and hearts. And remember that your contributions help us to keep going.

In Christian love,
Kirk W. Bradford
Director, CDR

Watch



THE SEARCH

with

JAY LOCKHART

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



Here and There

by Wes Price



FALL TEACHING STAFF SEPTEMBER, 1988

Class	Teachers (Sunday)	Room	Wednesday
2 & 3 Yr.	Velma Lemons Sherryl Miles	102	Jay & Stacey Lockhart
4 Years	Kim Frick	208	Gary & Julie Ables
5 Years	Tina Harris Rhonda Haws	202/203	Perry & Bobbie Hale
1st Grade	Jeannie Ross Stephanie Maddox	215	Bill & Carolyn Paschall
2nd Grade	Alma Faye Price	206	2nd & 3rd Grades Lisa Snell
3rd Grade	Fran Starnes Judy Clark	204	
4th Grade	Jean Oliver Lorene Venable	214	4th & 5th Nancy McCoy
5th Grade	Arlene Lockhart Terry Lockhart	201	
6th/7th/8th	David Frick Terry Frick	302	Danny Snell
9th-12th	Danny Snell	303	Danny Snell

ADULT CLASSES

Ladies Auditorium	107	Sue Starnes Joe Carroll
Chapel		Robert Hawkins
Adult	304	Forest McFadden
Adult Fellowship Hall		Freeman Morgan
Adult	106	Stan Mallory
Adult	301	Hillard Hughes
Young Couples College	Heritage Room	Jay Lockhart
College	College	John Bragg

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies, we will plan to begin the Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Class on Wednesday, September 14. Our meeting will be in progress and we will have brother Willard Collins as our guest teacher. Also, we will plan to have a salad luncheon on that day. Invite your husbands to attend.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (28) Marikate Davis (29)
Penny McDonald (30) Odell
Sessions (31) Jan Cook
SEPTEMBER (1) Barbara
Valentine, Duane Hendrix (2)
Denton Phillips (3) Kenny
McRuiz.

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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 21 and Wednesday night, August 24, KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

From Rudolf Rischer

A few minutes ago Hans Nowak, who is visiting us for a few days, left my office where he had been typing a couple letters. He said, "If I wanted to have hot weather I could have stayed in Alabama." This shows you how hot it is here at the moment. I guess, however, it is even worse in your country....

Christel and I will not work in a children's camp this year (we decided last year to discontinue this work after having done it for thirty years!). We still are helping with the preparations, the recruiting of children and teachers... The teenagers will be using our van, while the children will go to Austria in private cars, because the camps take place at the same time.

Since the church in Munich has lost its minister (Clyde Antwine went back to the USA last winter because of illness), brethren from Augsburg have been taking turns to go to Munich nearly every Sunday to preach for this congregation. This puts an extra load of work upon our shoulders, even though we are happy to do it for the Lord's glory and the sake of the church there.

In recent weeks we were having numerous visitors to attend our regular services and to show interest in the church and in the gospel. Only yesterday (Sunday, July 31) Christel and I had a young lady for cake and coffee in our home who wanted to talk to us about what Christianity is all about...

(Continued)

Serving Sunday

- Announcements C. B. Hardin
- Prayer Robert Hawkins
- Scripture Ray Womack
- Dismiss Glynn Starnes
- SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP
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- Scripture Forest McFadden
- Dismiss Gary Ables
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- Faber Cauthen Ben Young
- Jeff Hone Robert Stokes
- SERVING FROM BACK FOYER
- Dick Higginbotham Louis Jones
- Jack Stringer Lowell Wiggains
- GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
- David and Cathy Haney
- Charles and Ann McCoy
- Henry and Becky McRuiz
- Charles and Louise Seaberry

FROM RUDOLF RISCHER (continued)

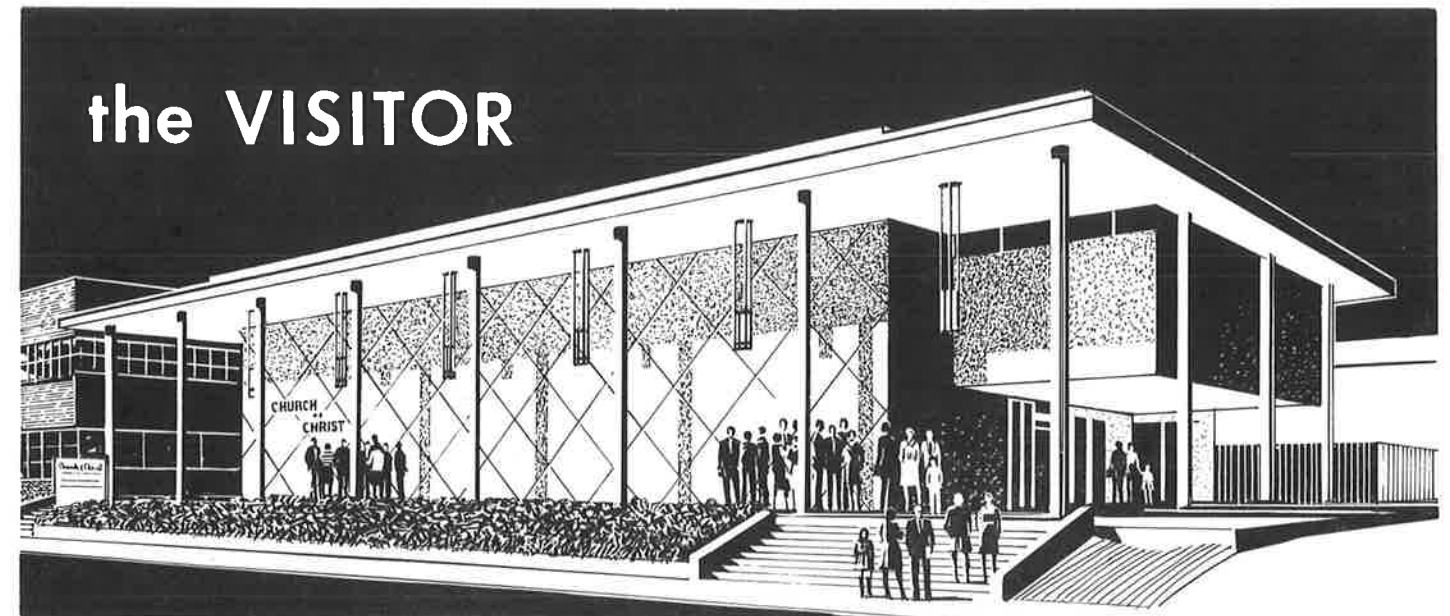
Tonight Josef Achatz, one of the pillars of the church in Augsburg, will have his cottage meeting again. Every time he has this class (downtown in his man's clothing store), up to 18 people are attending it.

There is always something going on in regard to our church work here... It is so good that we do have our own church building and that we are able to use it for the glory of God. It is so wonderful that God continues to bless us in so many ways and that we can see the success and the growth spiritually and numerically.

All of this, however, is to some degree also your credit because of your continued help and freely support of this work. And for this, we are especially grateful and happy and we do hope that you and the people at West Erwin feel the same way.

Rudolf Rischer and Family
Augsburg, Germany


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

"In the midst of the church" - Hebrews 2:12



From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

What Happens In Church?

If 100 Christians were asked the following questions, what percentage do you suppose would answer affirmatively? Our response, of course, can only be subjective, but what do you think?

1. Do you believe that God should be glorified?
2. Do you believe Christians need to be purified?
3. Do you believe the church should be edified?
4. Do you believe the lost should be evangelized?

Now, surely, 100% of those who claim to be Christians would answer each of those questions with a resounding, "Yes!" How could we answer otherwise, knowing what the Bible teaches?

Isn't it interesting that the worship assembly of the church is designed to bring about each of these things?

1. God is glorified in the assembly (Romans 15:5-11; Hebrews 2:12; 10:22-25).
2. Christians are purified in the assembly (James 5:16 --if it be argued that this passage is not specifically a reference

to the assembly, we may reply that we continually invite brethren to "respond to the invitation" for "restoration" in the assembly). How many have recognized, confessed, and rededicated their lives in the assembly?

3. The church is edified in the assembly (Hebrews 10:24-25); we "teach and admonish" in the singing, the teaching, the giving, the supper and we are edified in prayer (Ephesians 5:19; II Timothy 4:12; II Corinthians 8:15; I Corinthians 11:26-30).
4. The lost are evangelized in the assembly. Paul argued that when an unbeliever attends our assemblies and understands the teaching, "he is convicted," "the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you" --he will become a believer (I Corinthians 14:24-25).

If we believe God is to be glorified, Christians are to be purified, the church is to be edified, and the lost are to be evangelized, why would we be indifferent toward or forsake the assembly of the church where these things can happen?

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DANNY'S DOODLES

It is truly a pleasure to finally be here in Tyler, Texas. Lisa and I are very excited about our new ministry with the West Erwin church. God has answered our prayers for a great church to work with in Youth Ministry. You folks here have really made us feel welcome, and we do appreciate that greatly. I am eagerly anticipating our fruitful future together.

THANKS

A very special thanks to all of you who helped us move in and for all the words of encouragement that you have given us. Thanks to you for making our move easier.

TEENS

All of you are reminded about Bible Class every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. All 9-12 grade students will be together for both classes. Middle School and High School will be meeting together on Wednesday nights through August.

*Note: Please bring your Bible to Bible class.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

There will be a combined Youth Activity this Sunday night after services. Present plans are for Pizza.

Bible School

9:30 A.M.



Gospel Meeting

SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 1988

Tell
A
Friend

with
WILLARD COLLINS
from

DAVID LIPSCOMB COLLEGE
Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday Sermons



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

By Jay Lockhart
A.M. "In Spirit And In Truth"
(John 4:21-24)

P.M. "Our Limited Concept of Worship"
(Ephesians 2:13-22)

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (21) Walker Weathers, James Sublette, Robert Hawkins (22) Beulah Bedford, Tracy Lemons (23) Joelle Butler, Freeman Morgan (24) Joyce Morrison (25) Sue Higginbotham, Ross Walker, Katie Lemons (27) Pauline Aven, Michelle Steffee, Pauline Smith, Wyndall Miller.

Potpourri

We have, in the office, three copies of the unedited Vacation Bible School video tape that was made during the school. If you would like to take a copy home for overnight use, come by the office and check one out.

The East Texas Teacher Training Workshop will be held this year at the Shiloh Road Church building on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 P.M. Classes for teachers of all ages will be provided.

Ladies, we continue to have many dishes in the back foyer. Please check the supply for dishes you may be missing.

Bible School promotion is Sunday, September 4 and Wednesday night; September 7.

Watch



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Congratulations



A baby boy, Jack Walker Waggonner, was born on Friday afternoon, August 12, to Mark and Martha Waggonner. He weighed 6 lb and 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Fred and Sara Powell, and the happy great grandparents are B. E. and Grace Walker.

On Tuesday morning, March 16, a baby girl was born to Mark and Angel Gregory. She is 20½ inches long and weighs 7 lb and 9 oz and has been named Lauren Ashley. The happy grandparents are Ferman and Lucille Carpenter.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Ray (Gail) Vannoy in the death of her grandfather, W. B. Locke. He was 92. Funeral services were held in Lancaster, Texas on Tuesday afternoon.

Discovery Days

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25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR August, 1963

Announcements were made by Ross Walker and prayers were led by James Phillips and Fred Powell.

Our meeting date with brother Alonzo Welch of Jackson, Miss. will be September 29 through October 4.

Miss Sherry Houck, a Tyler Commercial College student placed membership.

An address was given for sister Myrtle Tucker at the Home For Aged in Gunter, Texas.

Here and There

by Wes Price



I would be less than gracious if I did not take one more opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to all of the workers for our Vacation Bible School. It could not have been better. I don't believe we have had more comments of praise than we had from the many visitors to the learning centers. I'll not take time to mention names for fear of leaving one out, but you know who you are, and I thank God for you.

We have already begun to discuss and plan for next year's Vacation Bible School. That is a testimony to how we felt about this year's. Usually, we are just glad to see one end, but there was such a good feeling that we wanted to make some suggestions about next year's VBS. Thanks again for your help and support.

Jay's lessons on worship have stimulated me to do study and thinking that I've never done before. I hope you are letting your mind dwell on the truths from God's word so that our worship assembly can become all it's meant to be and that you can truly derive all that can be obtained from it. Don't forget to bring your Bibles and follow the passages as he takes us through the Word.

I hope you are making your plans to join us for the all-church fellowship scheduled on the last Sunday night of August. This will be an excellent way to close out the summer schedule and prepare for the coming of the new school year.

We are in the process of scheduling our new teaching staff for many of our children's classes for the start of the new school year. It will be announced in the bulletin next week. If you have not taught recently and would like to be included in the teaching program again, please let me know. We can use your help.

It is always sad to say goodbye to church members who move away. And, we are having to do that to several of our families this fall. Among those, we pray God's blessings to be with Ray and Dell Lott as they move their membership closer to their new home. Ray served as an elder of this congregation for many years. We are indebted to him for that service and he will be remembered for it. We pray that God will use them mightily wherever they attend.

Of course, that's the same prayer we have offered in behalf of all those lovely families we have seen move away over the past few months. They will be missed, but we are confident that God will continue to provide us with willing workers.

Don't forget to be with us Sunday morning for Bible study at 9:30 A.M.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Records	Aug. 7	July 31	Year Ago
Bible School	411	442	429
Worship/A.M.	563	621	564
Worship/P.M.	446	375	418
Wed. Eve.	265	243	334
Contributions	\$12,266.66	\$9,539.40	\$11,494.90
Membership	618	Weekly Budget \$11,494.90	

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 14 and Wednesday, Aug. 17 - MELVIN MAPLES, 597-0019.

The Sick

Clay McDonald, young son of Jim and Jan McDonald, underwent a tonsillectomy on Wednesday at Tyler Square Day Surgery.

Sister Thelma Bennett had surgery on Thursday at Medical Center Day Surgery.

Brother Roy Clark had Cataract surgery on Thursday morning at Tyler Square Day Surgery.

When you pray continue to remember Ralph Old, Bob and Virginia Conner, Amanda Hunt, Lynn Ligon, Alfred Welch, Cleo Sublette, and numerous shutins.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. The Importance of Worship
(John 4:21-24)

6:00 P.M. Results Of Worship
(Psalm 24:1-10)



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 Jack Stringer Lowell Wiggains

Moving

We regret that A. Z. and Pauline Aven and Don and Janie Farrer are moving from Tyler. The Avens have been members of the West Erwin family for many, many years and have reared their family here. They have completed building a new house in Sulphur Springs and will be moving on Friday. This is the area where they both grew up.

Don and Janie came to West Erwin two years ago this month. They are moving to Dallas where Don is now employed.

Each family will be missed, but we hope they will be happy in their new homes.

When life knocks us to our knees,

We're in a perfect position to pray!



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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Welcome

To Danny and Lisa Snell

We are certainly blessed with the coming of Danny and Lisa to help us in our ministry and especially to work with our young people. They are already deeply involved with us and we are grateful to have them as a part of the growing West Erwin family. Welcome Danny and Lisa!

A Big Thanks To Wes And Helpers

At this writing we are in the midst of a great Vacation Bible School--busy, busy teachers with displays of abundant talent; children, children everywhere seeing, hearing, learning; helpers, helpers galore, without whom a Bible School would be impossible; and, overseeing and directing it all, an exhausted Wes Price. A special thanks to Wes and all who helped in any way for a great Bible School!

Church Etiquette

The assembly of the church is a time to give more than a time to receive. We give praise to God, remembrance to Christ, and encouragement to each other (see Hebrews 10:22-25), and then we receive what God has designed for the assembly to give us! Remarkable, but that's the way it works. When we come to the assembly, let's be thinking more of others than ourselves. As we come together we look up to God and Christ, and across to each other. Think of others as you warmly greet them. Think of others as you choose where you sit. Think of others as you arrive early. Think of others as you "teach and admonish in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." Think of others as you commit yourself to attendance (Hebrews 10:25). Think of others as you give the right things and you will surely receive the right things. Remember to think of others!

From Chimala Mission

Dear Ones:

We are having lovely weather in Chimala now. It is the dry season but it is also our winter months. It is somewhat cooler. A sweater feels good early in the day.

Our Tanzanian doctor and his hospital staff are staying very busy these days. They are seeing several out-patients every day and the hospital beds are usually full with in-patients. There are a lot of sick people over here. I started a Bible class for the ladies here in the church on the Mission. The men have asked me to help their wives to learn more about the teachings of the Bible. They know so little. I'm sure that I will enjoy doing this. We plan to meet every Sunday morning just before worship services. Please remember me in your prayers as I endeavor to do this.

The Palmers have settled in and they seem to be quite content. He starts teaching Bible classes in our Bible School here on the Mission and also in the Secondary School up in Chimala, today.

We received several packages for the hospital last week. We received twelve boxes from you. Nine of them were mailed December 12, 1987; one on October 27, 1987; January 23, 1988 and February 23, 1988. They contain soap, baby gowns, bandages, hospital gowns, conformed bandages, hydrogen peroxide, first aid ointment, adhesive tape, aspirin, vitamins, tape, band aids, alcohol, vaseline, iodine, sheets and envelopes.

Thank you so much for sending so many useful items to be used at the hospital. All the things you sent are much needed. May God bless each of you as you serve Him.

In Christian love,
Ruth Geer

Amanda Hunt Fund

OGE OLDSMOBILE, INC has set up a fund at the SOUTHSIDE STATE BANK for Amanda Hunt. If you would like to give to this fund, you may make your check to the church and mark it for The Amanda Hunt Fund. Please put your address on the check for acknowledgement.

Amanda, diagnosed at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, is suffering from Acute Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She is the daughter of Richard and Shirley Hunt and the granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt. Amanda is 14 months old.

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (14) Patsy Young, Ashley Leek (16) Betty Knight, June Walker, Angela Mallory, Marjorie Davis, Tim Garner (18) Justin Hanes, Misty Lemons, Chad Frick (19) Guy Potts, Weldon Dawson (20) Earl O'Quinn, Pete Wallace, Robert Conner.

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At The Home of Mrs. Rex Johnson
2992 Lamb Drive
Selections, Storkland (for a boy)

Thank You

For the past fifteen years our life has centered around the church here at West Erwin.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve in every capacity we were able to. Thanks for your support, encouragement, and every kindness you have shown us.

We have been blessed to have you share our joys and sorrows. We will always feel at home here.

This is your personal invitation to visit us in our new home.

God bless you,
Ray and Dell Lott
Rt. 7, Box 7356
Palestine, Texas 75801



SEE YOU SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASSES AT 9:30 A.M.

25 Years Ago

From THE VISITOR - August, 1963

Tom Jones wrote an article suggesting that every home in the congregation should receive at least one periodical. Suggested were: Firm Foundation, Minister's Monthly, Power For Today, Christian Women, Teenage Christian, 20th Century Christian, and Christian Bible Teacher.

408 attended Bible School, and the contribution was \$1,058.35.

A "thank you" note was printed from brother Floyd Hoppers.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We were privileged to have the largest number on the first day of our VBS of any time since we began this type program. We are grateful for the tremendous support from all our workers. Of course, we look forward to the closing days count being considerably higher than the 245 on the first day. We are confident that only eternity will tell how much good our teachers and workers have done with this teaching effort. Thank God for these great workers.

All our adult classes will begin the new study on Worship this coming Sunday. Jay provided an excellent foundation with his introduction last Sunday. We hope you will join with us in this new study with heart as well as mind. I'm looking forward to our worship assemblies being improved with the improved outlook from our members.

Reports from our Brother's Keeper units indicate good attendance at our last meeting. We will be having an all church fellowship this month on August 28. Make your plans to be present and invite a guest to join you. This would be a fine opportunity for you to ask a neighbor or special guest.

At the close of August, we will be promoting in our children's classes. For the Sunday morning classes, Sunday, September 4, will be the first class of the new school year. For Wednesday night classes, Wednesday night, September 7, will be the first class of the new year. Teachers are presently being selected for some of the classes. We ask that parents especially be mindful of this promotion time so that you will be prepared to help your child find the proper room.

Visitors
Welcome



We are always thankful for guests who are present at each worship service. We hope you will return again soon.

Welcome



And The Lord Added Dave and Rose Teel

Sunday we welcomed Claudia Griffin into the fellowship of the West Erwin family. Her address is 1219 W. 3rd., Flint, 75762, telephone 894-8318.

Baptized

On Friday, August 5, Dave Teel was baptized into Christ by Jay Lockhart. Dave and Rose have a new address, 21 Deer Run, Rt. 4, Bullard, Texas 75757.

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Wednesday Eve.	243	322	261
Contributions	\$9,539.40	\$12,021.41	\$10,236.82
Membership	620	Weekly Budget \$11,494.90	

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 7 and Wednesday eve., Aug. 10 - IRA WILSON - 561-0750.

Young At Heart

ATTENTION YOUNG AT HEART.

If you are planning to go with the group on the newspaper tour and to Van for the dinner, August 11, please call Archie Lowry at 849-2393 by Sunday. It is important to have a count.

The Sick

Ralph Old, husband of sister Daisy Lee Old underwent surgery Wednesday morning in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Lynn Ligon continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Bob Conner is recovering from a fractured hip. Sister Virginia Conner is scheduled to begin further treatment this week.

Sister Frances McBee's mother is recovering from surgery in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gospel Meeting

The Church of Christ in Tatum, Texas will have Mark K. Lewis in a Gospel Meeting, August 7 - 12. Evening services each week night at 7:00 o'clock. You are invited.

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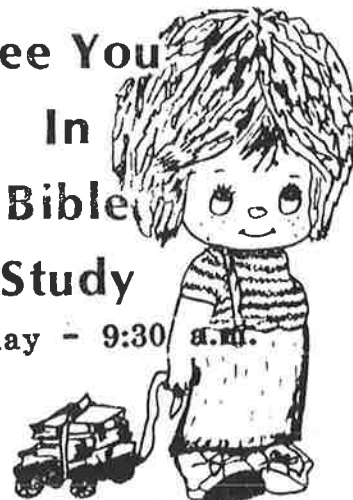
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"He That gathers in the Summer is a wise son" -Proverbs 10:5

A Summer Surge

The "good ole summertime" is all too often not real good for local churches. All across the land churches experience a "summer slump" as people are scattered far and wide for vacations, out of town visits, etc., etc. People need "recreating" from time to time, which makes vacations important, even at the expense of the local church. Our people have been on the move this summer and we are praying for safe travel for all. However, we are experiencing a "summer surge" as we have exceeded 600 in worship for three straight Sundays and are seeing people baptized, placing membership, and coming for prayers each week. A large group of visitors and newcomers to town have helped us this summer and we are grateful. Your response

to the just completed sermon series on THE GRACE OF GOD has been so encouraging to me and I thank you for that. Now we are ready for a combined Bible Class/Sermon series on WORSHIP. Be sure to participate in all of these sessions as much as you can. I know that some of you yet have out of town trips planned, but when you are at home be sure to take advantage of these opportunities. Most of us have probably never received very much instruction on the deeper aspects of effective worship. The current series is designed to give us that instruction. Be present, be expectant, be involved, have your Bible in your hand, and let's see if we can improve on personal and corporate worship!

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Ross Walker

A Man Among Men

When the superintendent of Boles Home came to West Erwin Sunday to present Ross Walker with a plaque in honor of his twenty-seven years of service on the Board of Directors of that children's home, I began to reflect upon the tremendous influence for good this man of God has had upon so many through the years. What a contribution Ross Walker has made to the Cause of Christ in many places with his life, his wisdom, his leadership, his finances, his genuine interest. The growth of the church, here and elsewhere, would be dramatically changed were it not for this good man and so many years of his dedicated service. We join Boles Home in saluting one of God's real giants, a man among men. JL

And The Lord Added

We welcome Leon and Louise Santos into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church family. Louise was baptized on Thursday morning by Jay Lockhart. Leon was formerly a member of the Northwest congregation. Their address is 226 So. Boon (02), telephone 592-8816.



Leon and Louise Santos

For Prayer

Sunday morning three came to ask for the prayers of the church.

Stephanie Leek
Ted Wright
Bobbie Hale

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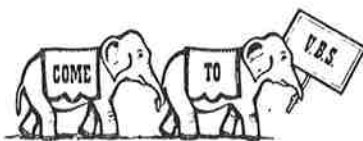


MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

August 8 - 12

9:30 - 11:45 A.M.

2 Years through 5th Grade



Thank You

The pink carnation spray was beautiful and gratefully appreciated. May God bless all of you is our prayers.

The Family of Thelma Simmons
(sister of Lerah Williamson)

Thank you for the Bible that you gave to me for graduation. It is great to be a part of the West Erwin Church of Christ.

Chris Honeycutt

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn on Tuesday morning of the death of sister Russell (Audrey) O'Bannon in Pearland, Texas. They lived in Tyler for many years and Russell served as an elder here for a number of years. At this writing we do not have details of the funeral service. We express our sincere sympathy to brother O'Bannon and the family.

We express our sympathy to Tom and Barbara Williams in the death of Barbara's brother-in-law. They attended the funeral in Clovis, New Mexico on Tuesday, July 26.

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At The Home of Mrs. Rex Johnson
2992 Lamb Drive
Selections, Storkland (for a boy)

Happy Birthday

AUGUST (8) Patricia Hanes, Marian Rowe, Fran Starnes, Elizabeth Hughes (9) Angie Hendrix, Jonathan Paul, Jared Metcalf (11) Daisy Lee Old, Ferman Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes (12) Chris Honeycutt (14) Patsy Young, Ashley Leek.

Sermons For Sunday

By Jay Lockhart



This Sunday

Adult Classes In Auditorium
INTRODUCING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. What Is Worship?
(John 4:20-24)
6:00 P.M. Importance Of Worship
(Revelation 4:1-11)



Discovery Days

Enrollment is in progress for "Discovery Days," our Tuesday/Thursday program that is new this fall. Barbara Oberg, experienced in Children's Programs, will direct the school. Call Barbara, 581-1806, or the church office, 592-0809 for information.

25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, August 8, 1963

There will be a meeting for the young people at Emory, Texas on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Brother Brookshire has been invited to speak. Mike Warner is the preacher in Emory. Among the visitors on Sunday were: Mrs. Jerry Hill and girls from Guatemala City.

Sunday morning prayers were led by Howard Holland and Gerald Montgomery. Sunday evening prayers were led by Bob Threadgill and Roy Roberson.

Here and There

by Wes Price

Learning Centers for our annual Vacation Bible School extravaganza are beginning to take shape in the various classrooms of our building. Hours of planning are now giving way to the construction of sets to make the learning experience for the children as real as possible.

May we remind you that the Bible class schedule will be altered for this coming Sunday. All Junior/Senior High, College, and Adult classes will meet in the auditorium. Children in grades one through five will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone will be presenting a special lesson. The Two Year Olds will meet in their usual class with Velma Lemons. Ages three through five will be taught by Marisa and Joelle Butler in the Chapel.

Another change that ALL members will want to remember is the Wednesday night service during VBS. We will have an open house so that parents and members can visit our Learning Centers. We will meet for an assembly in the auditorium for a brief devotional and welcome. Following the devotional we will invite everyone to make a tour through our building to see the creative work from our teachers. We hope you will be among those who will want to come. Even if you have no children in the school your presence will be a source of encouragement to the numerous visitors to our building. Come help us make the evening a success.

Vacation Bible School teachers and workers are reminded that the building will be open on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for final preparations. Sunday afternoon the building will also be open for those who need to work.

We already have a considerable number of volunteers working on various parts of our teaching effort in VBS, but we will need others each day of the week. If you have not been contacted, please consider this your invitation to join us any and every day that you can, beginning at 9:00 on Monday morning, August 8. We need your help!

It will be a great joy to have Danny and Lisa here by the time you receive this bulletin. They will add a much needed hand to the growing family at West Erwin. Please keep them in your prayers daily as they begin their ministry with us.

A big round of applause to those families who hosted our Brother's Keeper fellowship meetings on Sunday night. You are serving a valuable work when you open your homes to other members of the West Erwin church family. Preliminary reports indicate that good attendance was enjoyed by each of the units.

With the special combined classes in the auditorium, all of our Adult Classes on Sunday morning will begin a new series of studies on the subject of Worship. This will also be the topic of Jay's sermons each week. I am confident that we all will profit greatly by this comprehensive study. The adult teachers will be meeting on Wednesday nights to prepare for the following Sunday's lesson. We hope you will not want to miss a single lesson in this vital series.

Records	Sunday Jan. 10	Sunday Jan. 3	Year Ago
Bible School	383	435	421
Worship/A.M.	575	502	532
Worship/P.M.	385	432	383
Wed. Eve. Dismissed(Ice)	202	195	
Contributions	\$10,969.93	\$12,428.40	\$10,325.89
Weekly Budget \$11,398.89			

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 17 and Wednesday evening, January 20 - GARY BROOME, 592-2289.

The Sick

Brother John Brem was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday.

Sister Daisy Lee Old is suffering from two fractured ribs. She fell on the ice last Friday.

Sister Ethel Parker and sister Zorado Sherman have been residents of the Tysen House, but have been moved to the Glenview Nursing Home. They are both in room 26.

Mrs. Bertha Higginbotham, mother of Dick Higginbotham is very ill. She is a resident of Park Place Nursing Home, room 123.

Thank You

Since we came home to West Erwin in 1983 we have found that the best cooks in Tyler are members of this congregation--and that goes for the "Lunch Bunch"...

As my stay in Medical Center was during the freeze, I didn't expect or want anyone to risk driving on ice to visit me--but you let your concern be known with phone calls and cards, and both made me feel so close to you all. My eye surgery was so much easier than the former one, that I feel the Lord has blessed me through the prayers on my behalf.

Sue Starnes

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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Tony Adams
Scripture	Greg Davis
Dismiss	Clinton Culpepper
EVENING WORSHIP	
Welcome	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Weldon Dawson
Scripture	John Mayer
Dismiss	Harold Denman
SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER	
Wally Dawkins	Kelly Ross
Ken Culpepper	Alan Fisher

SERVING IN BACK FOYER	
David Demic	Walter Farrer
Tim Doss	David Frick

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY	
Freeman and Billie Morgan	
Bumpy and Bobbie McCarty	
Forest and Mary McFadden	
Charles and Betty Sue Harris	

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
January 17, 1988
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Whose Child Are You? (No.1)
(I John 3:10-17)

P.M. Whose Child Are You? (No.2)
(I John 3:18-24)



Rocking Chair Needed


Our sister Lorene Venable, who works in the pre-school (nursery) of East Texas Christian Academy, has requested that we ask if anyone has a Boston rocker that they would be willing to donate to the nursery department of the school.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From The
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

"Ephraim is a cake not turned"
Hosea 7:8

A Cake Not Turned

I like pancakes. I not only like to eat them, I can cook them! I get down like Aunt Jemimas, stir in some milk and an egg, and the batter is ready. I heat the griddle till it's good and hot and pour on the batter. In a few minutes--pancakes! But there's a trick to cooking pancakes. You have to know when to turn them so they will be done enough but not burned. How do I know when to turn them? When the batter bubbles up just right on the top, I know the pancake is done on the bottom and I turn them. I do not walk off and leave pancakes while they are cooking. I watch them and, at just the right moment, I flip them. Now, if I go off and leave my pancakes and return five minutes later, the bubbles will still be on top, but the bottom will be burned!

God says of ancient Israel, "Ephraim is a cake not turned." What did He mean? God meant his people were burned on one side and doughy on the other. In regard to the side toward riches, luxury, lust, and rivalry, Israel had strayed too long and was burned. The side toward God was doughy, i.e., there was no desire, longing, devotion, thoughts for God. Their spiritual lives were neglected, dwarfed, starving because of their longings for the temporal, the material, the passing. The attraction of things has always been great, sometimes to the detriment of spiritual development. Let us remember that "no man can serve two masters," and choose carefully our priorities and who our Master will be lest we be a "a cake not turned."

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



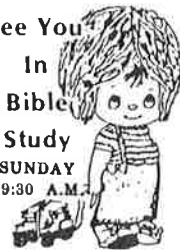
David Lovejoy

Everyone is faced with challenges in one way or another daily. They range from getting assignments for classes, trying to make the team in sports, excelling in your own particular subject or possibly even going to school daily. Each one of you can change these challenges into working for you and causing growth. Challenges are important since they tend to motivate us to complete one project and go to another. Growth is the end result as we excel in certain areas. These areas of growth are good, but we also need to be challenged in growing in our knowledge of God and in living the Christian life. As we face the challenge of being faithful to God every day, it will become easier daily. Hebrews 6:1, states that we need to press on to maturity. This passage can be a challenge for all of us each day. Read it and perhaps commit it to memory.

Items of Interest

January 17 Deadline to sign up for High School Retreat.
March 5 Northwest, La. Bible Bowl in Bossier City.

See You
In
Bible
Study
SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.



You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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



Chimala Mission Hospital

Dear Brethren,

It is such a beautiful day here at Chimala. It reminds me of a warm Spring day back home. The grass and trees are turning green now, since the rains have begun. However, the malaria cases are increasing daily at the hospital.

The sterilizer has finally arrived. the old one was 20 years or older and on its last leg. While Bob was installing it a few weeks ago, I went over to the hospital to see how his work was progressing. I noticed about 10 people standing in front of the laundry room door peeking in. I asked Bob what they were doing, and he said they were watching the washing machine. To us a washing machine is part of our daily lives, yet to the people here it is a wonderful invention. There is always a group of people watching the machine run each evening.

John and Jan Boren, who had been visiting with us for the last three months, have now returned home. The same week they returned John Leatherman, M.D. from Oklahoma City, Okla. arrived to help out at the hospital for a month. We really appreciate people like the Borens and John who are willing to come to help, even though for a short time.

This year chimala Mission Hospital received 915 boxes from 136 different congregations and individuals across the United States. We want to thank you for the part that you have played in it. Your box mailed out June 23 has arrived. Thank you for the bandages, gowns, diaper shirts and sheets that you sent.

All of us here at Chimala want to wish you the very best for the coming New Year.

For the Missionary Staff
Chimala Mission Hospital

Marcia Stapleton



We are always happy to have visitors in the worship services. It is our desire to be friendly and cordial and to help you feel at home. We invite you to attend Bible study and worship at West Erwin at every opportunity.

For Your Directory

Recently we were happy to welcome Scott Warren as a new member of this church family. His address is 528 So. Saunders, #30 (75702). Add his picture to your church directory.



Shower Invitation

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Tina Harris
Sunday Afternoon, January 17, 1988
From 2:00 Until 4:00 O'clock
At The Home Of
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Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the Bennett family in the death of Kenneth Bennett on Friday of last week. He was a former member of this congregation and the father of our Cole Bennett. Funeral services were held at Lloyd James Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (17) Pauline Daughtry, Wayne Harrison (18) Bernice Majors (19) Gussie Beaty, Juanita Lowry (20) Patsy Slaughter, Frances McBee (21) Mary Paul (22) Mac McCarty, Katie Powell, Nicholas Goodson (23) Naomi Haden.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor - Jan. 10, 1963

Excerpts from an article from the January issue of Minister's Monthly appeared in The Visitor to help encourage our singing.

A "thank you" letter was printed from Cora Nelson and boys at Boles Home for the apartment range for their dorm.

Rodger Young, son of Ben and Patsy Young was baptized on Sunday.

Gene and Joyce Suppes expressed appreciation for the kindness and care for them at the birth of their baby boy, Wesley.

Contribution was \$1,220.80 and Bible Class attendance was 424.

Here and There

by Wes Price



All members of Jay Lockhart's and Hillard Hughes' Sunday morning Bible classes will be meeting in the auditorium this coming Sunday morning for a special presentation. We want to urge that at least one parent from each home from these two classes is present.

The weather played havoc with our attendance even as late as the Sunday morning Bible classes. We are aware that quite a number of folks were prevented from getting out due to the ice. We are thankful there were no more serious injuries to our members from accidents on the ice. We did have one report of injury, Mary Frick was injured when her car overturned after sliding on the ice.

Let's hope no more such weather comes our way the remainder of the winter.

With greater frequency now, we are having to ask folks on Sunday mornings to make room by moving in on the pew. This means we are pushing the capacity of our auditorium nearly every week. We are thankful for these increased numbers. Quite a large number of those in attendance are visitors to our services. I am happy to report that West Erwin members are doing a good job of greeting these visitors and making them feel welcome. If you have never considered yourself to be a greeter here, let me give you that commission. This will go a long way in promoting West Erwin to these newcomers as a church home. Keep up the good work.

Harold Taylor will be with us for a series of special lessons beginning the first Wednesday night in February on Personal Evangelism. We look forward to this series since it will help us in a more tangible way to accomplish our task of reaching out to the community around us. Keep this date in mind.

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)



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Contributions	\$12,021.41	\$11,688.00	\$10,645.42
Membership	618	Budget \$11,494.90	

Minibus Driver

The Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 31 and Wed. evening, Aug. 3 JIMMIE HARRIS, 5929780.

The Sick

Ralph Old, husband of Daisy Lee Old, will have surgery August 3 in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother and Sister Perry Hale's daughter, Laura Gomez has been hospitalized in Methodist Hospital in Houston.

The baby granddaughter of Margie and Ed Hunt, Amanda Hunt, has been in Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas for tests.

Sister Katie Heath has been ill and hospitalized with eye problems.

Brother Alfred Welch was able to be in the worship service last Sunday.

Brother Bob Conner suffered a fractured hip last Friday in a fall at home.

Sister Virginia Conner entered Medical Center Hospital Wednesday afternoon for tests.

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 Prayer Joe Carroll
 Scripture Pat Patten
 Dismiss Joe Clark

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 Prayer Milburn Cook
 Scripture Charles Rachui
 Dismiss Brody Clark

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 Kelly Ross David Frick
 Jay Lockhart, Jr. Don Ingram

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER
 Chris Kendred Scott Carruth
 Klye McRuiz Marc Philpot

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 Jack and Peggy Garner
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 Clinton and Louise Culpepper
 Christy Cobb and Cameron Cobb



We're searching for everybody who will come to our Bible classes!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Friends,
 Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, calls, flowers and cards during and after Alfred's surgery. You all mean a lot to us.

In Christian love,
 Alfred & Christian Welch

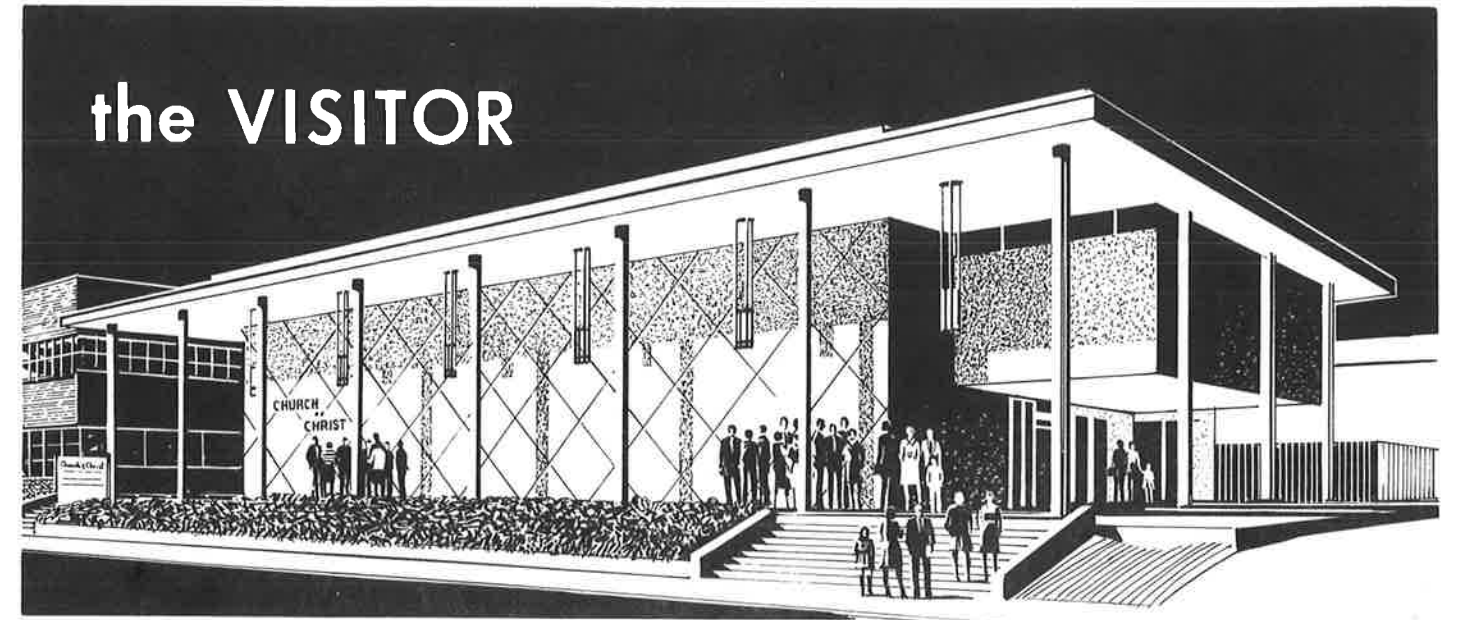
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"
 Matthew 4:10

New Adult Series To Begin August 7

A new Adult Bible Class quarter will begin August 7 as the Sunday morning classes will be co-ordinated with the sermons for three months. Both the classes and the sermons will focus upon the important subject of Worship. The class material will not be identical to the sermon, but each sermon will be related to what adults study on the same day in classes. The purpose of this approach is to saturate ourselves with the biblical emphasis of worship and answer such questions as who? - what? - why? - how? - when? These studies will surely deepen our perception, broaden our scope, and bless our lives regarding worship. Be in your place!

On August 7th, because of VBS preparations, all adults will meet in the auditorium for a combined class taught by Jay Lockhart.

- August 7 - Introducing Ourselves To Worship
- 14 - Focusing True Worship (1)
- 21 - Focusing True Worship (2)
- 28 - The Essence Of Worship (1)
- September 4 - The Essence Of Worship (2)
- 11 - Why Do We Worship
- 18 - Preparation For Worship
- 25 - Avenues Of Worship: Singing
- October 2 - Avenues Of Worship: Prayer
- 9 - Avenues Of Worship: The Supper
- 16 - Avenues Of Worship: Giving
- 23 - Avenues Of Worship: Teaching
- 30 - Worship And Life

New Logo

Sue Starnes is one of those quiet, multi-talented people who always wants to use her abilities to serve in any way she can. A church secretary for many years, an excellent teacher of women, Sue is also an accomplished artist. Her paintings have often graced the walls of our church office. Her most recent contribution is a new logo for THE SEARCH. Ever so often we need to give variety to our television setting, the format, and, yes, our logo. Our previous logo was made by Gary Brome, another accomplished artist, and we are indebted to him for his help. A special thanks to Gary and Sue, two very talented West Erwin folks.



Discovery Days

We are now accepting enrollment of children for our fall program, "Discovery Days." This is a learning program for children ages 2 to 4 beginning September 6. Applications for enrollment for this Tuesday/Thursday program may be picked up at the church office or call Barbara Oberg at 581-1806.

**"Bible Heroes
of the Old Testament"**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
August 8 - 12
9:30 - 11:45 A.M.

2 Years through 5th Grade

New Member

Sunday we welcomed Clelia Fay Elliott into the fellowship of the West Erwin church family. Her address is 113 E. Gold, (75702), phone 593-0609.



Potpourri

CAMP DEER RUN Work Day

Alan Fisher made an announcement Sunday concerning Camp Deer Run, located near Winnsboro, Texas. He made an appeal to men of the church to meet at the building on Saturday at 8:00 A.M. ready to go to the camp for a work day. Alan is very enthusiastic about making necessary repairs. Won't you plan to help in this work!

EAST TEXAS SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Young people are invited to the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Tuesday evening, August 2, at 7:30. Our bus will leave the parking lot at 6:30 P.M.

COOKS FOR JULY

Ladies who cooked each Tuesday morning during the month of July were: Odell Sessions, Chloe Clark, Roberta Tindall, Peggy Garner, Alma Biggs and Ann McCoy.

PREACHING IN MOUNT ENTERPRISE

Brother Jay Lockhart is preaching in a Gospel Meeting this week in Mount Enterprise. The meeting will conclude on Thursday evening.

YOUTH MINISTER Danny Snell

Danny and Lisa Snell were in Tyler Monday to make arrangements for their move here. Their plans are to move on Wednesday of next week. We look forward to their coming.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe (3) Jason Harris, Dale Blackstone, Michelle Colston, Jeanie Glasscock (4) Virginia Conner, Robert Stokes, Monroe Sublette, Connie Sublette, Jeffrey Konczak (5) Rebecca Blackstone (6) John Bragg, Shannon Sallee.

FROM MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Your gift in cleaning supplies, school supplies and other items was GREAT!! Thank you so much. We could not care for these children without your support. Your love and generosity makes it all possible.

Bible School 9:30 A.M.



Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Edna Browning, sister-in-law to brother Harold Browning.

Sister Lerah Williamson's sister, Thelma Lea Simmons, was buried Tuesday morning in Marshall, Texas. Sister Williamson desires our prayers at this time.

Graveside services were held Friday morning for Leon Maddox, grandfather of Scott Maddox.

Funeral services were held Friday morning in Ben Wheeler for Jennie M. an, grandmother of Carla Fulford.

We express our sympathy to each family in their loss.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988

A.M. The Power of Grace
(II Cor. 12:1-9)

P.M. The Lovliness of Grace
(Acts 20:32-38)



25 Years Ago



in THE VISITOR August 1, 1963

Mary Ann Heath has enlisted in the Air Force and is in San Antonio at Lackland Air Force Base.

Future plans were discussed in THE VISITOR.

1. Bible School. We need to encourage growth and work harder than ever before in this area.

2. Visitation Program. We need to accelerate this program. We have enough people to do an effective work.

3. Training Young People in Christian Service. Our young people are already visiting and singing for sick and shutins. We want to encourage all of our young people to have a part in this work.

4. Missions. We hope to increase our mission efforts and support another man in the field.

Let us all pray that we may do our part in the work that needs to be done here.

Here and There

by Wes Price



BROTHER'S KEEPER UNIT MEETINGS

Unit	Leader	Meeting Place
1	Harrison	Phil Marts
2	Hughes	(July 24) John Steffee
3	Clark	Wes Price
4	Stringer	Billie Ingram
5	Terrell	Cullinan
6	Cook	Postponed
8	Waggonner	Baileys
9	Ward	Tony Adams
10	Bullard	Bullard
11	Phillips	(noon) Fellowship Hall
12	Usrey	Fellowship Hall
13	Sublette	Lockhart
14		Fellowship Hall
15		Fellowship Hall
16		(noon) Fellowship Hall

Brother's Keepers

**THIS
IS
THE
SUNDAY!**

Enjoy your unit
meeting Sunday
evening follow-
ing worship

Watch

The Search



8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
KLTU, Channel 7
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With
JAY LOCKHART

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Appreciation

We are thankful to the "good samaritan" who spent the early hours of several mornings cleaning and weeding the flower bed in front of our building on Erwin Street. Rumor has it that this "well cared for" look was accomplished by Allen Alford.

Praise Fest

The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore will host the Third Annual PRAISE FEST on Wednesday, August 17, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. There will be chorus presentations and congregational singing. The program will conclude at 9:30 p.m.

Thank You

An expression of appreciation has been received from Rockie Hughes for the gift of the Bible from the church at graduation time.



"This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it."

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From The Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Danny Snell Accepts Youth Assignment

On Sunday, July 17, our elders announced the selection of Danny Snell of Granbury, Texas as our Youth Minister. Danny and his wife Lisa will begin their work with us on August 7. The search was extensive and several qualified candidates were interviewed. Danny was chosen for several reasons. First, his dedication to the Lord and His Word became obvious. Second, he comes to us with four years of experience. Third, Danny wants to spend his life in youth ministry. Fourth, he wants to stay with us over an extended period of time so that he can build an effective program. Fifth, he knows the goals he hopes to accomplish and how he wants to reach those goals. Lisa will also be a positive, supportive influence in this ministry. In announcing the selection of Danny, Faber Cauthen spoke for the elders as he said, "Danny makes our team complete and we



Danny and Lisa Snell

expect continued great things in the future." All reports on the two visits of the Snells with us, their meetings with parents and young people, as well as Danny's presentation in last Sunday's youth class have been positive. We look to the future expectantly and welcome the Snells to West Erwin. Pray for them during their transition period.

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Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Our young people should plan to meet at the Glenwood building and sit together as a group. The speaker will be Rick Bingham, Youth Minister of the Austin St. Church in Garland. The theme is "Face to Face With Jesus."

Sunday Evening

Sunday evening there will be a combined get-together for Middle School and High School in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the evening worship hour. Plan to come to the "Bunko Party."



Bible Classes For Everyone

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

And The Lord Added . . .

We are happy to welcome Scott Maddox who was baptized Tuesday morning by Wes Price. Scott and Stephanie live at Rt. 6, Box 279, Tyler (04), telephone 882-4559.

Jeff Konczak's name appeared in THE VISITOR last week and we are happy to print his picture this week.

Angela Eudy came June 29 to place membership. We are sorry this was not in last week's bulletin. Her address is 701 Shiloh Road, #1028, Tyler (03), telephone 581-7911. Welcome Angela.



Scott and Stephanie Maddox
Julie and Randi



Jeff Konczak



Angela Eudy

August 8-12



Potpourri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July (24) Andy Butler, Nichole Aven, Holly Harrison (25) Pam Lemons (26) Diana Morris (28) Harley Turner (29) Charles McCoy, Bryan Chambless, Wendy Culpepper (30) Kimberly Maples (31) Julie Higginbotham

BENEVOLENT NEEDS

There continues to be a special for clothing for children and teens, especially school clothing. You may bring items any time and they will be placed in the Benevolence building for distribution.

DISCOVERY DAYS Learning Program

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THE SEARCH
KLTU, Channel 7
8:00 a.m. each Sunday
Jay Lockhart, Teacher

Sermons For Sunday

Sermons for Sunday, July 24, 1988
By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Grace In Which We Stand
(Romans 5:1-11)
P.M. What About Falling From Grace?
(Gal. 5:1-6)

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Kim Lemons
Saturday Morning, July 23, 1988
From 10:00 until 11:30 A.M.
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Bob and May Helen May in the death of Bob's brother, J. D. May. Funeral services were held Sunday in Cleveland, Texas.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards and remembrances and delicious food from the "Lunch Bunch" since I have been ill. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ruby Brem

Take Time To Pray

Welcome Visitors

We are always happy to have guests in every worship service. We hope you will return at every opportunity. It is our desire to be friendly and to make you feel welcome.



25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, July 25, 1963

The special contribution last Sunday for The Herald of Truth amounted to \$259.26.

Bill and Nell Beach recently moved to Florida, and Travis and Geraldine Fowler have moved back to Maude, Texas.

Brother Dean Brookshire wrote in THE VISITOR that it was good to see an increase in the contribution (\$1,338.64) but the Bible School attendance looked bad (373). Most of the absentees could be accounted for as many were on vacations.

Here and There

by Wes Price



I have had the privilege of being the "preacher" for the Little People's Worship during the month of July and I have not only enjoyed it, but I have learned a new respect for these little ones and for the adults who volunteer to work and the classes that are a part of the program.

The primary purpose of this work is to help the little ones learn proper behavior in a worship assembly and hear Bible lessons on their level. It also comes as a special benefit to the adult assembly since the auditorium is a great deal quieter during worship time. When you think about that, please remember to say "thank you" to those who so willingly share the responsibility of doing this special work. If you would like to share in it, please let Matt Haws know. He can always use willing volunteers. It is a great ministry, let's be thankful for it!

We have nearly a full bus of our folks who are going to the Bible Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian University. We will be leaving this coming Sunday afternoon and return on Wednesday. For those planning on going with us, I would like to suggest that you be prepared to leave with us at 1:30 instead of the 2:00 p.m. time previously announced. This will give us a little margin of time to get checked in at the dormitories prior to the evening worship time in Moody Coliseum.

If you are not sure whether your name is on the reservation list, please let me know by Sunday morning. We don't want to leave without you.

Our VBS Teachers are in full swing getting their learning centers ready for this annual event. Please bear with us as many of the hallways will have excess materials as final preparations are being made. Teachers, if there are special supplies that you do not find, please let me know.

We are thankful for the elders decision concerning our new Youth Minister. We believe Danny Snell indeed is the answer to our prayers for this ministry. We are looking forward to having Danny and Lisa here. Let's keep them in our prayers as they make their move.

RECORDS	July 10	July 3	Year Ago
Bible School	407	418	401
Worship/A.M.	504	531	507
Worship/P.M.	361	330	378
Wed. Eve.	295	316	310
Contributions	\$11,573.81	\$12,079.30	\$10,843.21
Membership	617	Budget \$11,494.90	

The Sick

Carl Sims, brother of Earnesene Shuford, continues to be a patient in ICU in Medical Center.

Sister Cleo Sublette is having severe health problems. She is scheduled for more tests this week.

New Members

Sunday, July 3, Kristy (Suzanne) Cobb placed membership. Her son, Cameron, who is 12, was baptized. Their address is 1205 Graham, Tyler (01), phone 595-6003.

John McCuan, 3417 Timberlane, Tyler (01), phone 566-0365, was baptized on Tuesday, July 5.

Adrain and Fern Scruggs, 5000 Edinburgh, Apt.903, Tyler (03), Phone 561-2009 came Wednesday to place membership. They formerly worshipped in Palestine, Texas.

Jeff Konczak, son of Tommy and Jerry Konczak, was baptized on Sunday morning.

We are very happy to welcome each new member into the fellowship of the West Erwin church family.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Freeman Morgan
 Prayer C. B. Hardin
 Scripture Louis Jones
 Dismiss David Haney

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Freeman Morgan
 Prayer Jay Graham
 Scripture Jack Garner
 Dismiss Trey Hughes

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Phil Marts Hillard Hughes
 Darryl Hendrix Mark Gregory

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

Jack Grier Larry Henry
 Duane Hendrix Rex Johnson

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

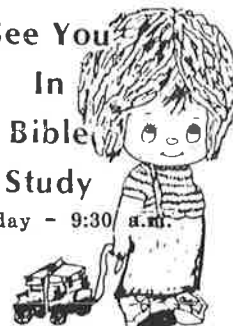
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 In
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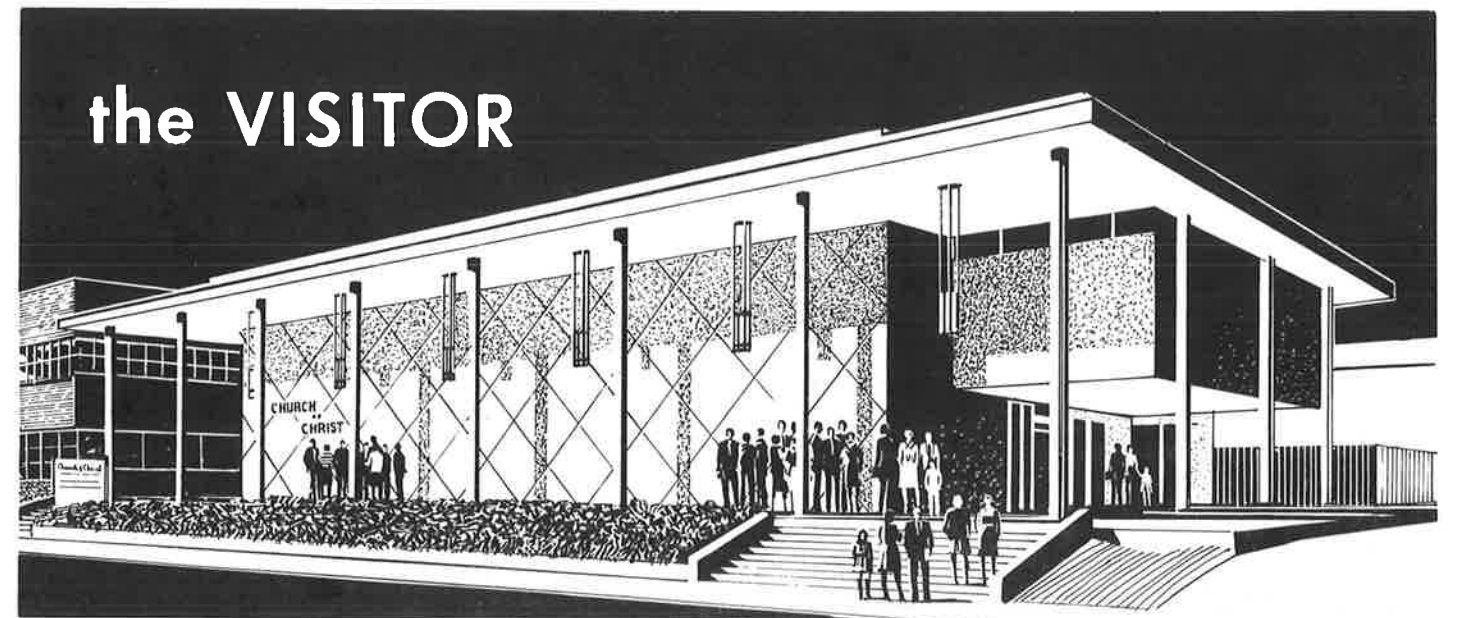


Kristy & Cameron Cobb

John McCuan

Adrain & Fern Scruggs

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Wes Price-Associate	David Lovejoy-Youth
Harold Taylor-Mission	
ELDERS	
F. C. Carpenter	Dr. L. Roger Knight
Faber Cauthen	Joe McBee
Jamon Kirby	Fred Powell
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.
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Bible Classes	7:30 p.m.
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The
 Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"What are you doing here...?"
 I Kings 19:9

Reflections At Fifty

(concluding article of series)

In a continuation of these reflections, allow me to speak to older preachers. There are times when preachers need to move and when churches need for them to move. However, to change preachers because he is no longer young is a shame and may be unfair to all concerned. But it does happen! What can be done? Church leaders can begin thinking more soundly (see article #2 in this series). Then older preachers can... well, let's see.

C. Older preachers mean much to us. They have experience and wisdom which can only come with age. Also consider this question: why should not a preacher who is sixty be in his prime and be capable of doing his best work? The answer is he should. However, he may not be doing his best work. Why not? Some preachers quit studying. I once heard of a preacher who said he threw away his sermon notes after preaching the sermon. Sounds foolish to me! If I spend two hours researching some project, why should I throw away the

fruit of my labors only to do the same research later? To begin at square one everytime I study is, in my judgment, a waste of time. However, to quit studying, to preach sermons I preached years ago without fresh study, fresh approach, and fresh insight is an insult to my audience and a sure way to be on my way out! Don't pull out an old sermon outline that has turned yellow with age and practically read it to the congregation, and that rather poorly, and call it preaching! The messenger must be so filled with the message, through fresh and thorough preparation, that he can hardly wait for the moment of delivery to arrive. The effective preacher does not have to say something, he has something to say!

If these reflections over the past few weeks are on target, we need to change. If they are not on target, we need to disregard them. In any event, do neither until there is some serious contemplation.

Bible Olympics

Awards were presented Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock in the fellowship hall to children, grades 1 through 5, who attend Bible Hour each Sunday evening. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals were awarded. Bronze Medals were awarded to: David Hanes, Erica Smith, Brooke Taylor, Joel Vandiver Wendy Culpepper, Nicholas Goodson, Brooke Cauthen, Justin Metcalf, Chris Bobbitt, Jason O'Quinn and Casey Haws. Silver Medals went to: Nichole Aven, Josh Hone, Amanda Broome, Jenilyn Butler, Chantel Haney, Kevin Maples, Joanna Vannoy, Seth Ward, Brandon Vandiver and Casey Culpepper. Gold Medal awards were given to: Garrett Sublette, Marc Usrey, Cindy Carruth, Tiffany Sublette, Andrea Usrey and Stephanie Miles. Pictured below are the children who were present and their teachers. Parents were also invited.



Row 1: Garrett Sublette, Tiffany Sublette, Row. 2: Wendy Culpepper, Brooke Taylor, Chris Bobbitt, Melissa Patten, Joel Vandiver, Casey Haws, Justin Metcalf. Row 3: Kevin Maples, Josh Hone, Jenilyn Butler, Casey Culpepper, Chantel Haney, Nicole Aven, Joanna Vannoy. Row 4: Ray Vannoy, Amanda Broome, Gail Vannoy, Brandon Vandiver, Carolyn Blackstone and Dale Blackstone.

**BRING A GUEST
TO BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Gift of God's Grace
(Hebrews 2:6-18)

P.M. The Word of God's Grace
(Titus 2:11-14)



Discovery Days

Learning Program



There is excitement in the air! Plans are being made for the beginning of a new program, "Discovery Days." This program will be for children ages 2, 3 and 4 and offered on Tuesdays/and or Thursdays. It's a unique developmental program which will include many learning experiences for each child. For information as to the cost and class availability, please contact Barbara Oberg at 581-1806 or the church office at 592-0809.

Benevolent Needs

There is a special need in the benevolent work for clothing for children and teen age young people, especially school age. You may bring items any time and they will be placed in the Benevolence Building for distribution.

Happy Birthday

We failed to list two weeks of birthdays in the last VISITOR and that makes one week of these late since we did not have a bulletin last week. (10) Paula Hancock (11) Paul Stanley, Velma Lemons (14) Don Ingram, Kent Knight, Kevin Womack (15) Luene Venable (16) Ginger Metcalf, Joanna Vannoy (17) Jenilyn Butler, Linda Marts, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson (18) Dell Bullard, Mimi Aven, Tracy Starnes, Keith Harris (19) Jean Oliver, Cecille Wiggains, Roger Knight, Pauline Kennedy, Courtney McDonald (20) Jim Paul, Laurie Dawkins, Pam Doss (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Mary McFadden Don Drummond (23) Ethel Parker, Mark Waggonner.

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Martha Waggonner
Sunday Afternoon, July 17, 1988
From 4:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ

Thank You

I want to thank the West Erwin church for the kindness shown to me and my family during my stay in the hospital and at home recovering from surgery. Thanks for the prayers, visits, food, flowers, and cards. They all meant so much to us. We love you.

Clyde and Merle Lane

Thank you for the many expressions of love shown our family during Ronney's recent surgery. We feel so blessed to have such Christian friends to help us during this time.

In Christian love,
The Obergs

It is with deepest gratitude I give thanks for all the loving kindness shown to me during the past few weeks. The capacity for caring is always so great among my brothers and sisters in Christ. All the love we give away comes back to fill our hearts each day, and my heart was filled to overflowing.

Love,
Wanda Weathers

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas. Our young people are encouraged to be on the parking lot ready to go together the bus at 6:15.

25 Years Ago



From THE VISITOR, July 11, 1963

The B. E. Walkers were the grandparents of a new baby boy born to Don and Judy Forbes in Alberta Canada.

Brother Dean Brookshire began his sixth year as the preacher for the West Erwin congregation.

The Tipton Home Chorus was scheduled to be here in July.

Bible Class attendance was 380, contributions were \$921.64. Sunday morning prayers were led by James Massey, Truman Holland, and David Drennan. Sunday evening prayers were led by Leonard Woltman and Harley Turner.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Congratulations to the Children's Bible Hour winners of the Bible Olympics. Awards were given out Sunday afternoon at the Awards Ceremony. You will see the children and their teachers pictured elsewhere in our bulletin. We commend the Blackstones and Vannoys and others who help them for their tireless efforts in this special class. I know that the parents of these children will help me express appreciation for their work.

Plans proceed for our new school for preschool children which is set to begin September 6 with Barbara Oberg as director. Applications are now being received for children, ages 2 through 4. If you would like to be considered for a teaching position in this school, please let me or Barbara know.

The usual summer vacationing is making its impact on our Sunday morning Bible class and worship attendance. May we encourage you to be in Bible class and worship wherever you are when you are away from us. Of course, we miss you when you are gone. Have a good trip!

Each year prior to our Vacation Bible School, we have to combine our classes for the Sunday immediately preceding that week and, of course, no regular classes on the Wednesday night during that week. For advance notice, may we remind you that all adults and high school young people will meet together in the auditorium on August 7. Primary children (grades 1 - 5 will meet in the chapel, and preschool children will meet in Room 110. May we also request that all regular class teachers remove bulletin board material from your classrooms so that VBS teachers may use the wall space.

At this time we have all regular staff positions filled for the Vacation Bible School, but we need a host of volunteers as guides for the children. If you would like to help, please let me know.



August 8-12

Baby Shower

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
 Honoring Angel Gregory
 At The Home of Mrs. Jamon Kirby
 813 Dolores
 Saturday, July 9, 1988
 From Ten Until Eleven-Thirty In The Morning
 Selections, Storkland

Sermons For Sunday

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. "Who Has Despised The Day
 of Small things?"
 (Zechariah 4:1-14)
 6:00 P.M. Messianic Hope In Zechariah
 (Zechariah 12:10-13:1)



Attention Unit #9

Brother's Keeper Unit #9 will not meet this month. The Leader, Steve Ward, is out of town.

RECORDS	JUNE 19	JUNE 12	YEAR AGO
Bible School	400	424	408
Worship/A.M.	550	602	520
Worship/P.M.	313	402	355
Wed. Eve.	317	292	241
Contributions	\$10,257.74	\$9,667.60	\$12,952.39
Membership	612		Budget \$11,494.90

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 26 and Wednesday evening, June 29, 1988 - WAYNE HARRISON, 839-7536.

The Sick

Brother Wade Park entered Mother Frances Hospital as an emergency early Wednesday. He had an appendectomy at noon on Wednesday.

Sister Don (Wanda) Weathers had surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center.

Brother Harvey Grier became ill this week while in Gilchrist, Texas. He is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in Galveston. He was scheduled to have exploratory surgery Thursday morning.

Sister Leona McElroy's nephew, George McAlister, suffered a heart attack while in Big Spring, Texas and is hospitalized there. His home is in San Antonio.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer Clinton Culpepper
 Scripture Jamon Kirby
 Dismiss Morris Hallman

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer Alan Fisher
 Scripture George Daugherty
 Dismiss Harold Denman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Milburn Cook Dan Cullinan
 David Demic Ken Culpepper

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

Bill Butler Terry Frick
 Walter Farrer Cooper Goodson

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Charles and Louise Seaberr
 Robert and Pat Stokes
 H. M. and Alla Minnis
 Bob and Marie Threadgill

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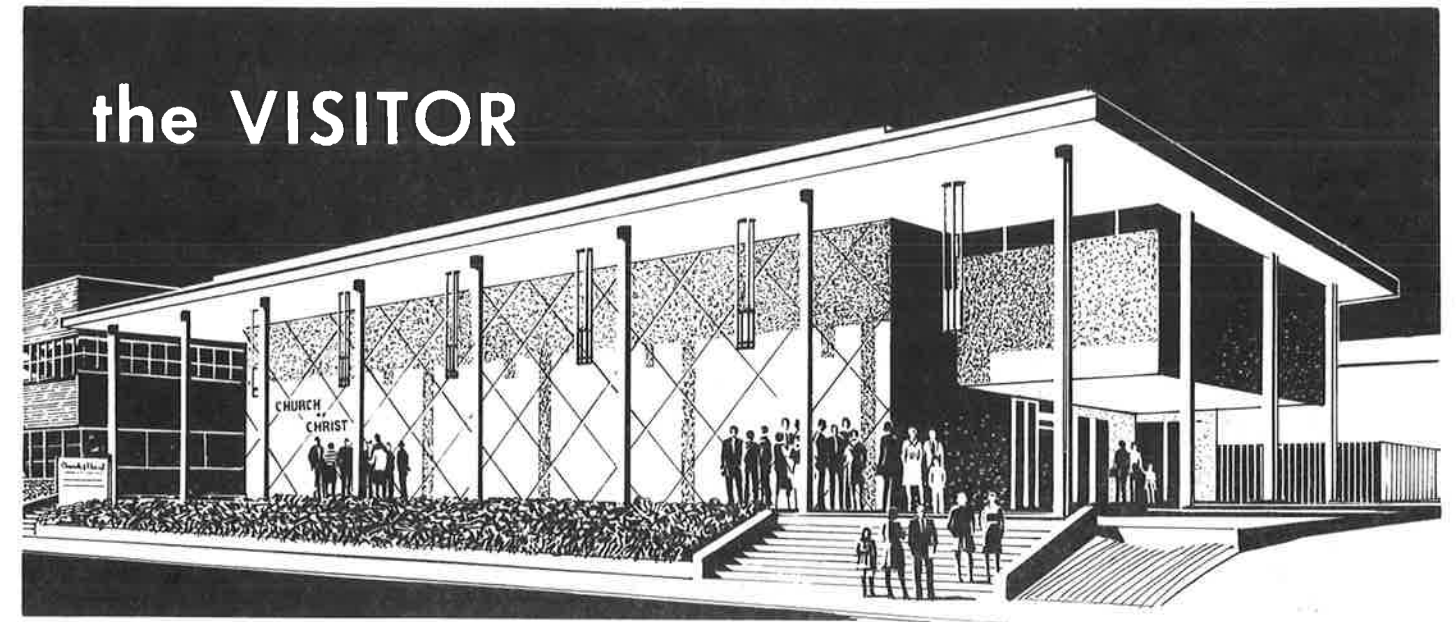
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 Bible School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
 Christian Service Center Work Day 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 (September through May)

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


Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

"What are you doing here...?
 -- I Kings 19:9

Reflections At Fifty

(2nd in a series)

In these reflections I have no axe to grind. In thirty years of preaching I have always been treated much better than deserved and have never been involved in serious conflict with churches or elders. I have preached "full time" for six congregations and, as far as I can tell, I left each one under good circumstances. I have, however, some observations I wish to share. Last week I began what I would say, if given the opportunity, to the brotherhood of churches of Christ. I continue that here.

In the last thirty years the church has been in what I will call a "Youth Movement." I was involved in it in the mid-60's. What I mean by "Youth Movement" is that local churches have often wanted a thirty-year-old preacher with twenty-five years of experience! This is not an indictment of young preachers. I'm sure that young preachers today are better

trained and more talented than many of us who are older, but I am saying we have expected too much. When I was twenty-five I moved to a very large, established congregation and looking back I see how ill equipped I was for such a task. Experience and wisdom come only with time. If a young minister can survive the "time factor" all goes well, but many do not and can not. On the other hand, I have been disturbed by the fact that in relatively recent times I have heard of three rather large churches that changed preachers upon the basis of his age--they wanted someone younger. Now look around. Churches on the move usually have had or have preachers with longevity and, therefore, experience. For comparison we might note that this is true of the largest denominational groups as well. I'm not being critical of young preachers, old preachers, or churches, but I am asking what we are trying to accomplish and I am questioning our youth oriented mentality. When church growth slows or the excitement ebbs, the answer could better be found in reexamining the mission of the church and the priesthood of all believers instead of changing preachers and expecting some one individual, young or old, to "save us." (to be continued next week).

Discovery Days

"Discovery Days" is a learning program designed for children ages 2 to 4. The program, beginning September 6, will include activities planned around weekly topics. These learning experiences include art activities, cooking experiences, music, language development, gross and fine motor skills, as well as other development activities. In addition to these learning experiences a Bible curriculum is part of our program.

Tuesday and/or Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For information concerning cost and class availability, call 592-0809.



From Chimala

Dear Christian Friends,

Here we are again! It is always a pleasure to correspond with you.

We have had two tragic accidents near Chimala recently. There was a car wreck and a person brought here to the hospital died of injuries from it. Then, the oil line pipe from Dar Es Salaom and Zambia was broken by some heavy equipment being used by road workers. It caused a fire and some people were hurt in that. Everything is under control now.

When we attended church services the last two Sundays, there were six baptisms. There were three baptized in Isyala and three here in Chimala. It is good to be back and visiting with all of these churches again. We rejoice with them.

The Bob Stapletons will be leaving us on June 15. They don't plan to return. Please pray that they will have a safe journey home and that they will adjust to being back in the States quickly. We have recent word that the Roy Palmers will be coming over June 23. It will be nice to have others over here. We thought we were going to have to be here by ourselves for awhile, so it makes us happy that others are coming over so soon to help with the work.

We received three packages from you this time. They were all mailed on February 23, 1988. They came pretty quickly. They contained hospital gowns, bandages, baby gowns, alcohol, first aid ointment and soap. All are very useful hospital items.

Thanks so very much for all the necessary items you so generously send to the hospital. We know it takes a lot of work on your part to send packages like this, but we want you to know that they are most appreciated.

May God bless you all.
In Christian love,
Ruth Geer

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harold and Betty Taylor who are the happy grandparents of twin boys born Thursday, June 16 in Lewisville, Texas to Greg and Paula Taylor. Kenneth Cody weighed 5 lb. and 6 oz. and Treavor Glen weighed 4 lb. and 12 oz. Harold and Betty were able to see the new babies before leaving for a week's preaching engagement in St. Thomas.

Potpourri

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The East Texas Christian Academy will have "Open House" on Monday, June 27, 1988 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for all who are interested in first grade.

CORRECTION

In your supplement to the church directory, please correct the telephone number of Oscar and Ethel Brown - (214) 848-9495.

DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

If you did not get a new Directory Supplement last Sunday, there are several in the south foyer.

AREA MEETING

The Carthage Church of Christ, 1309 W. Panola, will have Eddie Cloer of Searcy, Ark. in a Gospel Meeting, June 24, 25 - 7:00 p.m. and a special time Sunday evening - 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE (26) Amy O'Quinn (27) Judy Clark (28) Christine Parsons, Stephanie Miles, Jerry Dunn (29) Kyle McRuiz (30) Calvin Plumb JULY (1) Jay Graham, Earnesene Shuford.

JULY 10, 1988

We look forward to hearing Alan Phillips on July 10 at the Bible Class hour. He will be speaking to a combined class of High School through Adult. Brother Phillips is the director of the International Mission in New York City.

Thank You

I want to express appreciation to everyone who has been so kind to me during my illness. Many thanks to the ladies who cook, and to those in the benevolent center, my Brother's Keeper Unit and to Young At Heart.

Leona McElroy

Bill and I want to "Thank You," all for remembering Bill in your prayers!

Also, we appreciate your many phone calls and visits. We just thank God every day for being a part of West Erwin Church Family.

With Christian love,
Bill and Ruby McCain

Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude to our Christian family who have meant so much to us through the years and especially in recent weeks.

We have felt the power of your prayers on our behalf and appreciate them greatly and also all the other kind and thoughtful things that you have done for us - the calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and the lovely "meal on wheels" provided for us each Tuesday by the "Lunch Bunch." All have helped us through a stressful period.

Grace and Bud Walker

Thank you very much for the Bible. I will enjoy using it for many years.

In Christian love,
Amy Fisher

Summer Youth Series

The Summer Youth Series will meet in Longview on Tuesday, June 28. This will be a combined meeting of the Mobberly, Alpine and Pine Tree congregations. Our bus will leave the parking lot at 6:30.

Watch



THE SEARCH

JAY LOCKHART

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

Here and There

by Wes Price



Sunday, June 26, is the time for our Brother's Keeper Unit fellowship meetings. Unit 16 and Unit 6 will be meeting at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Other meetings will be held as follows.

Unit	Place	Leader
1	Ray Vannoy	Harrisons
2	Hughes	Hughes
3	Stan Clark	Clarks
4	Jack Stringer	Stringers
5	Harold Denman	Terrells
6	Benev. Bldg. (Noon)	Cooks
8	Lee O'Neal	Waggonners
9		Wards
10	John Cliver	Bullards
11	Wes Price	Phillips
12	Pollard Park	Usreys
13	Pollard Park	Sublettes
14	Pollard Park	
15	Pollard Park	
16	Fellowship Hall (Noon)	McCartys

We hope you are making plans to be present. I believe you will profit by sharing a simple meal with your brothers and sisters in Christ. In addition to the meal, the opportunity to have a quiet devotional and to look for ways to assist others in your unit will add greatly to your own personal spiritual growth.

Try it, you'll like it.



August 8-12



Reflections At Fifty

(continued from front page)

a distinct message. Remember that Jesus was not put to death because he brought a religion into the world, or because He was a prophet, but because He said it makes a difference. Our trend has been that when we did say it makes a difference (what we believe, what we practice, who we are) our attitudes were sometimes so bad people would not listen. Now we have improved our attitudes, but sometimes utter a strange sound as the message. How about some real balance (Ephesians 4:15) biblical message and biblical attitudes? (To be continued next week)

Congratulations

John and Ruby Brem. Wednesday, June 15, was their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

From Our Mail

Dear Members of West Erwin Church,

We have sold our place at Lake Palestine and for now we will make our home here at Hereford, Texas. This wasn't an easy decision for us to make because we loved East Texas, Tyler, the church, and our many friends. West Erwin is a very warm and friendly congregation and you made us feel very much a part of it. We will never forget our friends there. We love every one of you. We're hoping to visit real often.

Elvin and Bobbie Wilson
209 East 15th Street
Hereford, Texas 79045

RECORDS	JUNE 12	JUNE 5	YEAR AGO
Bible School	424	387	332
Worship/A.M.	602	443	407
Worship/P.M.	402	--	--
Wed.Eve.	292	--	268
Contributions	\$9,667.60	\$13,958.89	\$7,459.97
MEMBERSHIP	615	BUDGET \$11,494.90	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 22 - KEITH HARRIS, Phone 566-9216.

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The Sick

Sister Leona McElroy has been ill with phlebitis, but is much improved this week.

Brother Clyde Lane is at home recovering from surgery.

Brother Bill McCain is recovering from surgery and went home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Brother Ron Oberg is at home recovering from hip surgery.

Sister Bernice Majors' husband has been moved back to the nursing home. His condition has not improved.

Brother Bill Endsley underwent eye surgery on Wednesday.

Brother Harold Denman's father, Aubrey Denman, had surgery Thursday in Medical Center Hospital.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP	
Announcements	Wally Dawkins
Prayer	Kelly Ross
Scripture	Joe Carroll
Dismiss	Robert Stokes
EVENING WORSHIP	
Announcements	Wally Dawkins
Prayer	Jay Shipp
Scripture	Kevin Braly
Dismiss	Tommy Brown

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Milburn Cook	Dan Cullinan
David Demic	Ken Culpepper
SERVING FROM BACK FOYER	
Bill Butler	Terry Frick
Walter Farrer	Cooper Good

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Billie and Norene Ingram
Bob and May Helen May
Alfred and Christine Welch
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

The Summer Youth Series has been an important part of our youth program for many years and was conceived by Hillard Hughes when he was Youth Minister at West Erwin. This summer's program was coordinated by David Lovejoy before he moved to Vernon, and he had asked Hillard to be the speaker for the first meeting of the summer, hosted by West Erwin. Since David's move left us without a Youth Minister, we needed some help for last week's meeting. James and Connie Sublette and Wayne and Lynn Harrison and a host of other people answered the call making the first meeting of the year a total success. Thanks to everyone who helped. And a special thanks to Hillard who not only was the speaker, but put the final touches on the meeting and made sure everything ran smoothly. Thanks, Hillard for being there when we needed you!

"What are you doing here...?"
--I Kings 19:9

Reflections At Fifty

I preached my first "real" sermon in the summer of 1956 when I was eighteen years old. My first "full time" preaching began in 1961. I have, then, been preaching for about thirty years. One of the things I have learned through these years is that I do not know very much, especially about preaching. However, one third of a century does teach one some things and I want to make some observations even at the risk of someone saying, "What does he know?"

A. At age fifty, if I should have the opportunity to say something to the great brotherhood of which we are a part, the church, I would say this: I have observed many changes in our fellowship during thirty years, some much needed change for the better and some to our detriment. I would say we need to identify who we are as a people, why we are, and what God wants us to be about. I'm not at all sure we know these things and we need to go back to the Bible and find answers. The church being in the world should make a difference. Our message should make a difference. We are to be God's distinct people, with a distinct life style, with a distinct mission, and

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YOUTH

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series will meet next week, June 21, at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Our young people are asked to meet at the Shiloh Road church and sit together as a group.

SUNDAY NIGHT

On Sunday evening, following the worship, our young people will have a combined activity of Middle School and High School. Plan to attend. Something special is being planned for you.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (19) Stella Buckner, Mike Holcomb (20) Lowell Wiggains, Vivie Canter, Don Slaughter (21) Sherry Bobbitt, Faye Kennard (23) Tommy Brown, Joshua Hone, Bob Threadgill, Bumpy McCarty (24) Amie Roberts, Lynn Harrison, Bob May.

34th ANNUAL

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

July 24 - 27, 1988

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Abilene, Texas

New Members

Last Sunday morning we welcomed the following new members. We are very happy to have each one.

Jay and Stacey Lockhart, 3305 Moss Glenn, Tyler (07), phone 566-4200.

Oscar and Ethel Brown, Rt. 3, Box 35, Canton, Texas 75103, phone (214) 849-9495.

Mrs. Scott (Stephanie) Maddox, Rt. 6, Box 279, Tyler (04), phone 882-4559.



Oscar and Ethel Brown



Jay and Stacey Lockhart

Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower

Honoring Shirley McRuiz

Saturday, June 18, 1988

From Two until Four in the afternoon

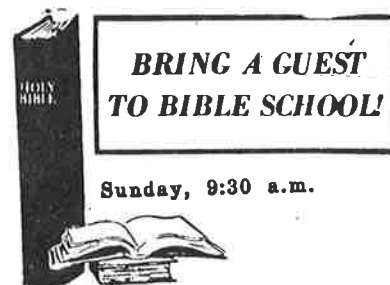
Fellowship Hall

West Erwin Church of Christ

(Jonathan Max was born May 13. Clothing should be size 6 months or older.)

Defensive Driving

The Defensive Driving Course conducted by A.A.R.P will be held in July (tentative dates: July 6th and 7th) at the Fellowship Hall. The course will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. If you are over 16 years of age and want to attend, call Foy Richey, 597-3078 to register.



Meeting Postponed

Because of conflicts, it is necessary to postpone the Men's Meeting that was scheduled for Saturday. The new date is Saturday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 A.M. in our fellowship building. Plan to attend.



Thank You

Dear Brethren,

The caring exhibited by you when Carrie, my wife, went away touched me deeply. Your expressions of sympathy, written and oral, a silent handclasp, a soft pat on the arm, spoke volumes. Thank you.

"The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

Sincerely,
Lloyd N. Rutledge

Sister Naomi Haden and family wish to express gratitude to all who have been so thoughtful through prayers, visits, and cards of cheer. A special thanks to the ladies who sat with Naomi while she was hospitalized.

Naomi Haden
Mary Frances Haden & Family

(Sister Haden's condition has improved. She is now a patient in the Lindale Nursing Center, P.O. Box 188, Room 37, Lindale, Texas 75771.)

Funeral

We express our sympathy to sister Bernice Andrews in the death of her niece, Pauline Cordell. Funeral services were held on Wednesday in Fort Worth, Texas.



AUGUST 8 - 12
Plan to be here.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS BY JAY LOCKHART

A.M. A City Without Walls

(Zechariah 2:1-13)

P.M. The Messianic Hope of Zechariah

(Zechariah 6:11-15)

Here and There

by Wes Price



At the present time, all our adult classes on Sunday morning are studying a harmony of the gospels. This study is scheduled to continue through July 24. A new series of lessons is being planned at the present time and will be announced later. We encourage all teachers to look at your study guide and measure the lessons remaining to the date announced above. This will also help members of the class to continue the advance preparation for class.

Our Summer series for all adults on Wednesday night with Jay Lockhart will continue through the summer months. Stan Clark's Personal Evangelism class will also meet each week.

Our Elders are continuing their search for a qualified Youth Minister to serve our young at West Erwin. They will be interviewing other applicants throughout the month of June. May we solicit your prayers for them as they consider this tremendously important decision. As opportunity affords and you are asked to be present for any meeting with a prospect, please find the time to do so. Your thoughts will be helpful to the elders as they consider the proper selection.

Our Brother's Keeper Units will be meeting for the monthly fellowship again this month, on June 26. We will be publishing a list of host homes the week before. We hope you will arrange your schedule so that you can attend the fellowship in your unit.

Sam Bailey and his crew of workers continue to do an outstanding job in taping all of Jay's Sunday sermons and Wednesday night lessons. They are continually working to reach the level of performance so that we can use these lessons on the local TV station. But there is another reason why I mention this ministry. Virtually all our homes now have VCR's. Why not check some of these tapes out of the lending library, take them home and use them for a weekly family Bible study or for personal study. Most of you were probably present when these lessons were presented originally, but you would profit by seeing them presented again. Let's take advantage of this Bible study aid.

The Sick

Sister Pat Ragsdale is now a resident of Parkplace Nursing Home to recover from surgery.

Brother Ron Oberg underwent surgery on Friday of last week and was able to go home on Tuesday afternoon.

Brother Clyde Lane underwent surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center. His reports and his condition is good.

Brother Bill McCain underwent surgery Tuesday morning in Medical Center. His condition is good.

Thank You

The following letter was written to Ladies Bible Class which is not meeting during the summer.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude, in the spirit of your concern of my well being, by sending me your "Cheer Card."

I wish to express my joy of your warm welcome and most friendly acceptance of my daughter, Cindy Patten, in your class and congregation.

Wednesday, June 8, 1988, I will be admitted for surgery for a permanent lens implant to the left eye.

As all will go well I am eager to meet each of you and your lovely city of Tyler.

June 19, 1988 I'm planning to visit Cindy and will make my visit to the congregation.

Sidney Boudreaux

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Bible School	387	443	407
Worship/A.M.	443	578	525
Worship/P.M.	no count	no count	360
Wed. Eve.	no count	283	270
Contributions	\$13,958.89	\$10,038.63	\$11,725.97
Membership	614	Budget - \$11,494.90	

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Perry Hale
 Scripture Ronson Griffith
 Dismiss Gary Aven

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Dale Blackstone
 Scripture Phil Marts
 Dismiss Scott Carruth

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON Nursing Home
 David Haney Chris Honeycutt

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 12 and Wednesday evening, June 15,
 MELVIN MAPLES, 597-0019.

Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of M. H. Shaffer, a former member of the West Erwin church. Brother Shaffer passed away early Wednesday after being hospitalized several months. We do not know funeral arrangements at this time.

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**Announcing
 A Summer Adult Series
 For Wednesday Evenings
 "Keys To Spiritual Growth"**

With
Jay Lockhart
 June 15 - August 31



Jay Lockhart

Man's number one need is to be a Christian. As a Christian, his number one need is to grow. This series of studies will probe the question of how spiritual growth is possible. The Wednesday evening church meeting is designed to provide you with a mid-week spiritual refreshment. Be present as often as you can for "Keys To Spiritual Growth" this summer.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Harold Taylor preached two of his finest last Sunday. We are always glad that he and Betty can be with us when Jay is away. I was especially encouraged by his Sunday morning message on the need for every Christian to consider himself an ambassador for the gospel of Christ. Of course you would expect him to be high on this subject since he spends a great deal of time motivating congregations and members to use the gift God has given them to seek the lost. I hope you will take the challenge to heart and look for ways you can influence those in your circle of friends who are not Christians, to become one.

Of course, it will be great to have Jay back in the pulpit on Sunday morning. He and Arlene enjoyed a brief vacation and the wedding of their son, Jay Paul, in Kentucky. He will be preaching each night this week in a meeting in Shady Grove, but will return to the pulpit this Sunday.

Our attendance was down considerably this past week, I suppose because it was the beginning of the summer season, but we want over 400 in Bible class and over 500 in worship this Sunday. Come and be part of a congregation that is building something significant for the Lord in the heart of Tyler.

Just to let you know that what we do is noticed by others, Harold Taylor brought a question from one of our former members in Dallas. Karen Zadina wanted to know the author of the Bible story book we gave to each of our families with children. She wants to get a copy to read to her children. In case Harold is a long time in seeing her again, the book is Egermeier's Bible Story Book, Standard Edition, published by Warner Press. It is available at the Gospel Advocate Book store in Dallas.

I hope our families are making good use of this means of instructing their children in knowledge of the Bible. Our Education Committee met this past Sunday afternoon and among other things, we discussed plans for Phase II in our work among families with children. Please pray for us as we seek to be of continuing help in equipping parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

This is the time of year when we always have a host of visitors in our audience. Many of these are families on holiday, but many will be visiting with us prospecting for a new church home. PLEASE make them feel welcome. If you see a stranger, introduce yourself and give them a

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Wedding Shower

You Are Invited
To A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
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Bride of Dennis Glasscock
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Thank You

I appreciate so much the visits, cards, and especially the prayers offered on my behalf during my surgery.

May God bless you all.
In Christian love,
Wayne Fears

I want to say that I know we have the most wonderful Christians at West Erwin. I have enjoyed the cards, the telephone calls and food. My Brother's Keeper Unit is the best. Thanks to everyone. I love you all.

Leona McElroy

Moving

Hugh and Ellen Brown and their family have moved to the Dallas area. Angel Cabrera has moved to Brownsville, Texas.

We hope each will be happy in their new home.

Men's Meeting

ALL CHURCH MEN'S MEETING June 18th.

At our last all church men's meeting in February, our elders announced that a follow-up meeting would take place within a few months to bring us up to date on the decisions they would make concerning suggestions made by our men. That follow-up meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, from 9:00 11:00 A.M. Mark your calendars and don't miss it.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, June 12, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:20 A.M. "Return To Me Says The Lord of Hosts"
(Zechariah 1:1-6)

6:00 P.M. Messianic Hope in Zechariah
(Zechariah 3:1-10)



25 Years Ago

From THE VISITOR, June 13, 1963

Robert and Pat Stokes and girls have moved back to Tyler from Bossier City, La.

There will be no bulletin the last two weeks of June. Nelda plans to take her vacation.

The beginners class taught by Velma Lemons and Betty Owens was 100% in attendance Sunday.



AUGUST 8 - 12

Plan to be here.

Here and There

warm greeting. Your warmth and sincerity may be just the special ingredient that will influence them to select West Erwin as their new church home.

Our College and Singles are enjoying their new classroom facilities in the Benevolent Center. They grew out of any room we had available in the main building. It is good to see that growth and it is always good to get additional mileage out of other buildings.

Thank God for our growth. Are you doing all you can to insure that it continues? Think about it!

YOUTH

High School

There will be a get-together of High School young people Sunday evening following the worship.

Banquet Pictures

Young people, the pictures from the Junior/Senior Banquet are here. If you did not get yours Wednesday night, see Wayne Harrison.

Summer Youth Series

The meeting of the Summer Youth Series will be at the Gilmer Church of Christ on Tuesday evening, June 21, at 7:30. The bus will leave our parking lot at 6:30 p.m.

Sympathy

Funeral services for sister Loyd (Carrie) Rutledge were held at Lloyd James Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon. We express our sincere sympathy to brother Rutledge, to sister Carrie's children, and to Jan and Roger Knight and their family.

JUNE (12) Ralph Old (13) Harold Browning (15) Kevin Braly, J. N. Metcalf, Stephanie Leek, Jason Patten (6) Ann Nail, Bobbie McCarty, Emily McDonald (17) Fred Strait, Grace Walker, Louise Seaberry (18) Shelley Henry

Recent New Members



Lynn & Marilyn Ligon

The Sick

Joanna Vanno was scheduled to have a tonsillectomy Wednesday.

Sister Delle Bullard is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Naomi Haden has been moved to Lindale Nursing Center.

Sister Pat Ragsdale continues to be in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Pauline Kennedy had surgery Tuesday in UT Health Center. She received a good report and is at home.

Brother Ron Oberg is scheduled to have surgery on Friday at Mother Frances Hospital.

Your prayers are requested for Buck Davis, brother of Johnnie Stringer. He underwent heart surgery Wednesday in Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Bernice Majors' husband has suffered another stroke and is in Medical Center. His condition is very grave.

Marilou Epperson, daughter of Opal Mathews, underwent surgery Thursday in Mother Frances.

Sister Grace Walker had eye surgery on Thursday in Medical Center Hospital.

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New Member

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Marilyn) Ligon into the West Erwin Church family. They were baptized Friday evening of last week by Jay Lockhart. Their address is 410 Woodland Hills Drive (01), telephone 581-7049. They moved to Tyler from San Antonio. Lynn and Marilyn have been viewers of THE SEARCH.

Happy Birthday

JUNE (5) Carolyn Womack, (6) C. B. Hardin, Garrett Sublette, Leasa Zeppa, Dennis Stansbury (7) Sue Paul (9) Mark Gregory, Gary Ables, Clinton Culpepper (10) Carolyn Carruth, David Haney, Cynthia Johnson (11) Tanya Wiggains, B. E. Walker, Elizabeth Endsley, Pat Patten.

Flash... Young People

Middle School will be going to the Blackstone Home after worship Sunday evening. You will be returned to the building at 9:30.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP	
Announcements	Phil Marts
Prayer	Leon Welborn
Dismiss	Ken Culpepper
EVENING WORSHIP	
Announcements	Phil Marts
Prayer	Matt Haws
Dismiss	Glynn Starnes
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER	
Don Slaughter	Dannie Skipper
Jeff Hone	Grant Knight

Serving From Back Foyer

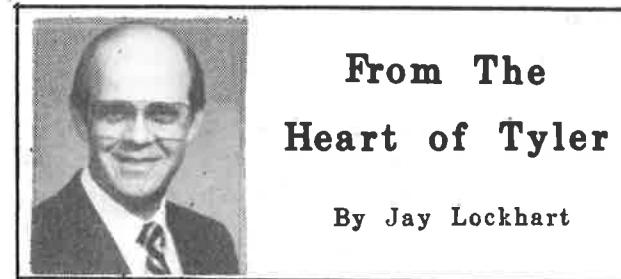
Dale Blackstone	Duane Hendrix
Earl O'Quinn	Darryl Hendrix
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What Can I Do?

Have you noticed the beautiful balance in age we have at West Erwin? In every decade from teens to 70's and beyond we have nearly the same number. That's remarkable. Few churches have that balance. We have a wonderful group of teenagers, an outstanding young married group, an excellent "prime timers" bunch, and, what about those Young At Heart folks? In every group we need to ask, "What can I do?"

1. The Young - The young can bring the excitement of youth to our church family.
2. The Young Married - This group can bring dedication, friendliness, and joy to our fellowship.
3. The Prime Timers - This group can bring experiences, strength, and faithfulness to the church.
4. The Young at Heart - Those who are older can bring the wisdom, example, and grace that comes from years of committed service to the Lord.

"She has done what she could..."
Mark 14:8

5. Every Age - No matter how old or young we may be we, like the woman of Mark 14:8, can do what we can to the glory of God, for the progress of the gospel, and the edification of the body. Looking over the congregation at our assemblies is a joy indeed as we see the happy, expectant, worshipful faces of young and old blended together as God's people. You are never too young to begin or too old to continue. Jesus was twelve when he was about his Father's business (Luke 2:49) and Anna was serving the Lord at the temple at age eighty-four (Luke 2:37). If you are young, "Let no man despise your youth" (I Timothy 4:12). If you are older, remember,

"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin but to give up interest wrinkles the soul...You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

Douglas MacArthur

Whatever your age, just keep on doing what you can.

From Chimala

Dear Christian Friends,

Greetings from Chimala! Carter and I are back -- after having spent two years in Kisumu, Kenya working with the church in that area -- to help with the work in Chimala again. We feel like we have come back home.

The Christians here in the Chimala area gave us a welcome party last week. It was very nice. They all seem to be happy that we have returned to work with them.

Dr. Matt Golten and his wife, Taryn, are here with us now. They only have two more weeks here. They are very nice. He has spent most of his time working in the hospital and seems to love it. They live in Memphis, Tenn. now but will be moving to Spartanburg, S. C. when they get back to the States.

The Stapletons will be going back to the States June 15. After they leave, Carter and I will be here by ourselves for awhile. Please remember us in your prayers at this time.

We have received the package you mailed on September 22, 1987. It contained envelopes, baby gowns, adult gowns, and bandages. We appreciate you sending such useful items for the hospital use.

Things are going real well here now. We are getting involved more in the work each day. This is a great work and we feel privileged to be a part of it along with you.

May God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Ruth Geer

Cookies Needed

Many, many cookies will be needed for the first meeting of the Summer Youth Series to be held here at the West Erwin building. Ladies, if you are willing to bake, please sign the back of your attendance card on Sunday and state how many dozen you will provide. We need a good supply for Tuesday, June 7.

Middle School

Sunday evening following the worship, there will be an activity for Middle School Students.

...Important!

East Texas
Summer Youth Series
All Young People
Each Tuesday
7:30 p. m.

First Meeting


Summer Youth Series

7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, June 7, 1988

"Daybreak" from ACU
Guest Speaker
Singing - Fellowship
Refreshments

**West Erwin
Church of Christ**

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Meetings

The Daingerfield Church of Christ will have John Clayton at their building at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Saturday evening he will speak at the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. There will be a question/answer session following his presentation.

Norman Miller will speak in a series of Evangelistic Services, June 5- 8 at the Pritchett Church of Christ. The weeknight services will be at 7:30 p.m.

George Bailey will preach in a Gospel Meeting, June 12 - 15 at the Quitman & Center St. Church of Christ in Gladewater. Monday through Wednesday services, 7:00 p.m.



DISCOVERY DAYS LEARNING PROGRAM

It's New this fall!!

TUESDAY and/or THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For information call:
592-0809 or 581-1806

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A developmental program designed especially for children, ages 2, 3, and 4 years.

Discovery Days Learning Program will begin this fall at the West Erwin Church. The first day of school will be Sept. 6. We will have the same holidays as public school. Barbara Oberg will be the director. The cost is scheduled as follows: 1 day a week, \$10.00 registration (for supplies) and \$25.00 each month; 2 days a week, \$20.00 registration and \$50.00 each month. There is a discount for the second child.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Weldon Keith

and

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Thomas Hunt

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Mary Elizabeth

to

Brian David

Saturday, the eleventh of June

nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

at half past seven o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Lunch Bunch

Ladies who cooked those good meals for shutins and others during May were: Sara Powell, Mary McFadden, Rhonda Hendrix, and Opal Mathews.

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited

To A Miscellaneous Wedding Shower
Honoring Jeanie Denman

Bride Elect of Dennis Glasscock
Fellowship Hall

West Erwin Church of Christ

Thursday Evening, June 16, 1988

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Selections: Dillard's



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, June 6, 1963

For the first three days of Vacation Bible School, we averaged 336. There is a class for every age, including adults.

Announcements and prayers were led Sunday by Larry Mackey, Mike Warner, and Dewitt Jones

The contribution was \$1,076.83 and 440 were in Bible Class Sunday morning.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Staff members for our 1988 Vacation Bible School have been selected and we are off and running on preparations for a great school. Old Testament characters will be the theme, and we will be preparing learning centers around those stories. We hope you are reserving the dates, August 8 through 12, for your children and their friends to be with us.

Quite a number of our costumes are on loan to some of our teachers. May we please ask that you bring those back so we may have them ready for this year's big event. Just bring them to the coat rack near the church offices. We will appreciate having them back.

Our College and Young Singles Class are now enjoying a larger classroom since moving your class to the Benevolent Center. We appreciate your willingness to endure this small inconvenience so that you will have a better classroom situation. Thanks to John Bragg, class teacher, for helping build a growing number of college and young single students. Keep up the good work.

1988 Vacation Bible School Staff

August 8 - 12		Room No.
PreSchool	Teachers	
1. Customs	Sue Skipper	107
2. Noah	Leann Braly Paige Morris Laurie Dawkins	208
3. David	Nancy McCoy	110
4. Art I	Jeannie Ross Kim Frick	111
5. Art II	Rhonda Hendrix	202
6. Bible Games (Noah)	Velma Lemons Misty Lemons	201
7. David	Carolyn Paschall Leanne Knight	305
8. Shadrach/Meshach Abednego	Vickie Cauthen	204
9. Moses	Sue Starnes	301
10. Samuel/Eli	Barbara Oberg Cheryee Oberg	215
2 Years	Charisse Smith/Sheila Taylor	
Puppets	Melinda O'Quinn	
Story Time I (Pre School)	Carolyn Womack Bobbie Hale	
Children	Teachers	Room
1. David	Susan Steffee	302
2. Joshua	Carolyn Blackstone Gail Vannoy	105
3. Shadrach/Meshach Abednego	Billie Usrey Connie Sublette	303
4. Shadrach	Gary Broome Frances Broome	
5. Moses	Sue Starnes	301
6. Theatre	Alma Faye Price Carolyn Carruth	Chapel

RECORDS	June 26	June 19	Year Ago
Bible School	451	400	448
Worship/A.M.	574	550	550
Worship/P.M.	353	313	332
Wed. Eve.	308	317	-
Contributions	\$9,078.39	\$10,257.74	\$8,732.54
Membership	614	Budget \$11,494.90	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 3 and Wednesday evening, July 6 JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

The Sick

We have many in the congregation who are ill, or who are recovering from illness or surgery. Remember brother Harvey Grier who is recovering from surgery. He has returned to their home in Gilchrist, Texas. Brother Foy Hodnett has been a patient in Mother Frances since Tuesday with heart problems. Brother Wade Park is recovering from an appendectomy. Sister Wanda Weathers is at home recovering from surgery. Sister Leona McElroy's condition is improved, but she is not able to be out much. Brother Bill Endsley continues to have eye problems following his surgery. Sister Ruby Brem has health problems. Margie and Ed Hunt's one year old granddaughter, Amanda Hunt, will be taken to Scottish rite Hospital in Dallas, July 11 for diagnosis. She is very ill. Brother Ron Oberg is able to attend worship regularly now. Brother Clyde Lane is recovering at home as is brother Bill McCain. Sister Pat Ragsdale is now back in her own home. We have others who are shutins. All would appreciate a visit, a card, and especially your prayers.

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 3, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. Malachi "Will A Man Rob God?"
(Malachi 3:8-18)

P.M. Malachi "I Am Going To Send Elijah."
(Malachi 3:14; 4:46)

Moving

We regret that Dennis and Judy Phelps and their children will be moving to Midland, Texas at the end of next week. They have lived and worked in Midland before. They will be missed here very much, but we hope they will be very happy in their new home.

MINISTERS	
Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	
Wes Price - Associate	David Lovejoy - Youth
Harold Taylor - Mission	
ELDERS	
F. C. Carpenter	Dr. L. Roger Knight
Faber Cauthen	Joe McBee
Jamon Kirby	Fred Powell
Ben Young	
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Prayer John Cliver
Scripture Bill Butler
Prayer Joe Zeppa

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Prayer Robert Hawkins
Scripture Mark Gregory
Dismiss Jay Lockhart

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Joe Carroll George Daugherty
Mike Cauthen Gary Broome

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

Tommy Brown Alan Fisher
Don Farrer Mark Frick

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Charles and Louise Seaberry
Robert and Pat Stokes
H. M. and Alla Minnis
Bob and Marie Threadgill

Happy Birthday

JULY (3) Larry Henry, Cathy Krewall, Linda Hone (4) Jeff Hone (6) Donna Maples, Les Carruth (7) Randy Wilson, Jo Northcutt (8) Spencer Braly, Virginia Canterbury, Ruby Cliver, Billie Bob Hickman (9) Cindy Patten, John Cliver, Charlie Hickman, Rebecca Center.

25 Years Ago

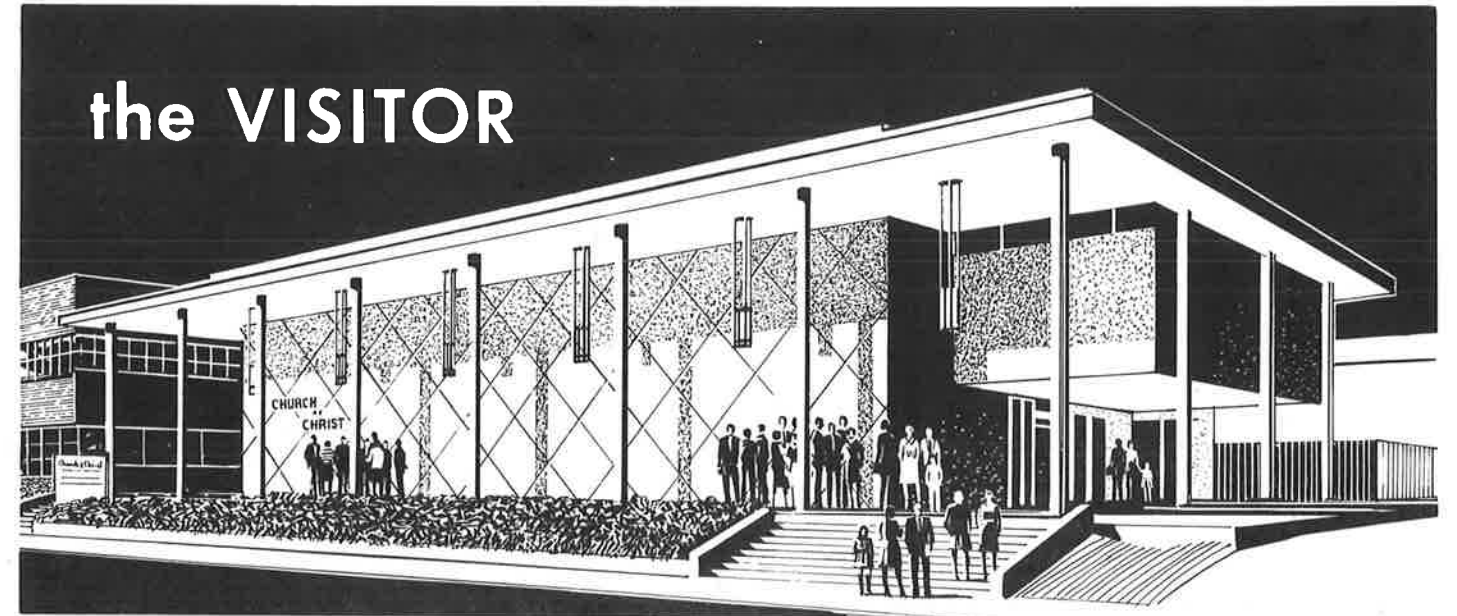
From THE VISITOR, July 3, 1963



An article was written by Tom Jones commending men in the congregation who had preached in recent weeks. They were: Raymon Hardin, Leonard Woltman and Mike Sublette.

Bible class attendance was 443, contribution, \$1,156.57. Announcements were made by Cone Birdwell. Prayers were led by John Arrington and Harold Browning. Evening prayers were by L. L. Gann and Willie Freeman.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"What are you doing here...?"
(I Kings 19:9)

Reflections At Fifty

(3rd in a series)

In two previous articles I shared what I would like to say to the church of today. As I continue these reflections at fifty I wish to make some suggestions to young preachers.

B. Young preachers have so much to offer--enthusiasm, vitality, dreams, and, everything else being equal, plenty of time. If I could speak to young preachers I would want to encourage them to become expositors of the Word. Neither appearance, charisma, nor speaking ability can replace the need for biblical exposition in the pulpit and classroom. Exposition of the Word is not the easiest kind of teaching or preaching, but it's best. Exposition is not making a text a pretext. It is not reading a verse or paragraph and making some comments upon it. Exposition is the result of time, study, digging beneath the surface to arrive at the teaching, the meaning, and the practical application of the Word of God. The

training of a young preacher should include "how to" be an expositor of the Word. I would also say to young preachers, "Respect the authority of Scripture: its teaching by declaration and by silence." If a preacher knows how to establish Biblical authority he can meet any and every issue he may face. If he is unsure about the authority of Scripture or how the Bible teaches, he becomes a messenger with an uncertain sound and "if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?" (I Corinthians 14:8). Why should a preacher, trained by our brethren in our schools, be uncertain about when the Lord's Supper should be eaten or whether or not instruments of music are acceptable in worship? It is a question of Biblical authority. Churches will grow when the authoritative Word of God is proclaimed by those who will pay the price to be expositors. (to be continued next week)



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June 21, 1988

We have had a good enrollment this session and several students who will become Christians very soon. We have over twenty students from Brazil in our Bible classes. Our prayer is that several of them will respond to the gospel and we can form a body of Christians who worship in Portuguese.

The elders have decided to rename the fourth floor, the International Fellowship Hall. Since it is used everyday by people from all over the world, the name communicates its use. I have the responsibility of getting students and friends of the Manhattan Church of Christ to help decorate with flags from all the nations. Jim Petty has offered to buy the American flag to get us started. Hector Martinez has committed to purchasing a Puerto Rican flag. I expect students to give us the flag of their country and we are going to ask United Nations members and consulates to donate flags. If you would like to be part of the flag fund, please let us know.

Sunday will be the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Manhattan building. We are expecting many visitors and have a special program planned.

We received a great surprise yesterday when Mark Legwant, a student from Poland, called to say that he and his family had moved to the United States.

We will be at Camp Hunt for a week before I go to Abilene to begin graduate study there for two weeks. The classes at International Mission will continue thanks to Manhattan Church helpers. The rest of the semester I will be visiting some of our supporters. Everyone here is looking forward to a full summer.

Alan Phillips

New Members

We welcome Jack and Peggy Garner into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church. Their address is 5349 Patton Circle, Tyler (04), phone 592-7686.



Jack & Peggy Garner

Bible School 9:30 A.M.



Potpourri

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday evening, July 5th, at the South Washington Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas. Our young people are encouraged to be ready to leave together on the bus at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday evening.

COOKS FOR JUNE

Ladies who prepared meals on Tuesdays during the month of June were: Signa Stanley and her granddaughter, Lauren Lewis from Brady, Texas, Jane Jones, Christine Welch, Viginia Conner, Billie Morgan, and May Helen May.

PREACHING AT BROADWAY

Jack and Mary Paul are now attending the Broadway congregation where Jack is assisting the church there by preaching Sundays and Wednesdays.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

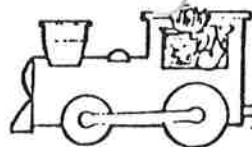
Stephanie Leek's new address is Rt. 3, Box 119A, #177, Flint, Texas 75762. Joe Clark's new address is 1215 Elizabeth Dr. Tyler 75702.

CAMPING AWARDS

Kyle Whitley, who now lives in Cherokee, Texas attended the Heart of Texas Camp in Brady, Texas. He received the top two awards. He was voted by the campers as "Mr. Heart of Texas," by the staff as the "Most Outstanding Camper." Congratulations Kyle!

Discovery Days

Tuesday/Thursday School



It is our desire to begin a learning program designed for children ages 2 to 4 years, beginning September 6. Activities will be planned around weekly topics. In addition to experiences in several areas, a Bible curriculum is part of the program to be directed by Barbara Oberg. The school is planned as a Tuesday and/or Thursday program from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. For information concerning cost and class availability, call the church office, 592-0809 or Barbara Oberg, 581-1806.

Shower Invitations

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Angel Gregory
At The Home Of Mrs. Jamon Kirby
813 Dolores
Saturday, July 9, 1988
From 10:00 until 11:30 In The Morning
Selections At Storkland

You Are Invited To A Baby Shower
Honoring Martha Waggoner
Sunday Afternoon, July 17, 1988
From 4:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ

Combined Class - July 10

On Sunday, July 10, Alan Phillips, director of the International Mission in New York City, will speak at the Bible class hour to a combined class in the auditorium.

No Bulletin Next Week

Because of postal regulations concerning our mailing permit, we will not publish THE VISITOR next week.

Believing that marriage is from God

We

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Freeman

and

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Hall

invite you to share in this gift

to our children

Lisa Gail Freeman

and

Stephen Lee Hall

Saturday, the sixteenth of July

Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

at four o'clock in the afternoon

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

1801 Shiloh Road

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Here and There

by Wes Price



Thanks for allowing us to be away for a few days. We had the privilege of visiting with George and Esther Kester in Hendersonville, Tennessee and they send their love and greetings. We did enjoy being away, but we are happy to be back and involved in the life of West Erwin again.

Gary and Frances Broome are the directors of our Teacher's Workroom. Frances is on duty during Bible class hours on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings to help teachers find materials and assist in finding supplies. She also keeps materials filed that have been checked out and returned and sees that work projects are kept secure until they are completed.

With regard to unfinished projects, we make this request: do not leave them on top of the central work table. There are several shelves designated for such projects under the table. The doors to the shelves are clearly marked. When you place your materials there, be sure they are securely fastened together and identified with your name. This will prevent loss of valuable materials and leave the work table clear for on-going work. If you have a suggestion to make this system work better, please let me or Frances know.

At the Men's Meeting Saturday, Sam Bailey reported on the present status of our Television Ministry and future plans. Calling attention to that, Jay mentioned one of the video tapes that we have in our library. It is a sermon entitled, "The Greatest Issue of Life." We also have this sermon by Jay in printed form, and copies of it are available in our foyers. This is a classic sermon by Jay that has far reaching possibilities. Since God has given the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the whole world, and every Christian has this mandate, then we ought to seek the best tool available to be about this business. I believe this video taped sermon provides every one of us that special tool. Each can have a copy of this video upon request and make it available to a friend or relative. It explains in a simple and non-offensive manner what we believe, what the church stands for, and what sinners need to do to be saved. Why don't you get a copy and begin using it as a means to save souls.

Wouldn't it be a shame if in our century we have the largest world population ever and the most dynamic means to reach it, the television, and we let it be used more as a tool for Satan than for presenting the message of truth?

We can help you with any problem you might encounter, so let us help you become a soul winner.



August 8-12



New Member

We welcome Joyce Morrison, 4800 Paluxy Rd., #133, Tyler(03), phone 581-8227. She came Sunday to place membership and ask for prayers. She formerly worshipped at the Winnsboro Church of Christ.

Recent New Members



Lela Duncan



Ernest & Helen Faye Holland

RECORDS	May 22	May 15	Year Ago
Bible School	480	457	452
Worship/A.M.	580	552	513
Worship/P.M.	446	442	282
Wed. Evening	285	290	--
Contributions	\$10,348.92	\$11,062.38	\$10,494.90
Membership	615		Budget- \$11,494.90

SUNDAY AFTERNOON- NURSING HOME

Wally Dawkins Tim Garner

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 29 and Wednesday evening, June 1, IRA WILSON, 561-0750.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Class has been dismissed until fall.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements Gary Ables
Prayer Wally Dawkins
Scripture Randy Pickens
Dismiss Trey Hughes

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements Gary Ables
Prayer Jeff Jones
Scripture Cole Bennett
Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Stan Clark Ray Vannoy
Mike Cauthen Ronson Griffith

SERVING FROM BACK FOYER

Brody Clark Chris Starnes
Chris Honeycutt Jason Phelps

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Terry and Kim Frick
Grant and Leanne Knight
Carroll and Cherrie Magee
Charles and Ann McCoy

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

MAY (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Andrea Usrey
JUNE (1) Leon Welborn, Justin Wiggains
(3) Gena Henry, Melissa Ingram (4) Cheryl Welborn, Carroll Magee (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C. B. Hardin, Garrett Sublette, Leasa Zeppa, Dennis Stansbury (7) Sue Paul

The Sick

Naomi Haden remains very ill in Doctor's Memorial Hospital. Pat Ragsdale had surgery Wednesday in Medical Center. Leona McElroy will have foot surgery Thursday in Day Surgery, Medical Center Hospital. Becky Mullings, daughter of Jeff and Alma Biggs, had surgery Thursday in Medical Center.



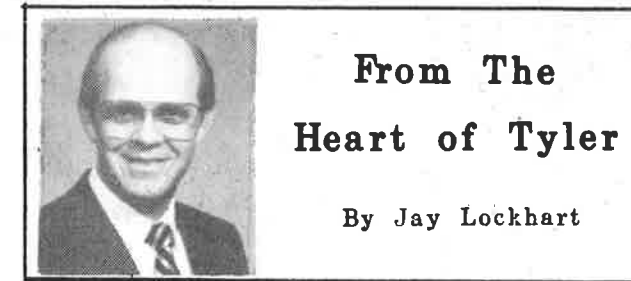
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Madison Church of Christ

I remember that several years ago, while Ira North was the preacher for the Madison church, that a Bible School attendance goal was set for 3,000! Of course, no one church could have 3,000 people present for a single Sunday... it Madison exceeded the goal! The first Sunday of May, 1988, saw Madison have another great day. A total of 9,163 people were in Bible classes that day! In 1953 Ira North went to Madison to work with a small church meeting in a garage or warehouse through which water ran when it rained. Then there were 300 plus in classes and in 1988 a record for churches of Christ--9,163! Madison has demonstrated what people of vision, faith, and commitment can do. I'm not saying that every church can have 9,000 in Bible classes. What I am saying is that with a like vision, faith, and commitment, a church that is loyal to God's Word and a recipient of God's blessings can accomplish far more than it thinks it can!

The Quiet People

There are so many behind-the-scenes people who make great contributions to a growing church. They neither seek nor desire public recognition or praise. They just go about their work faithfully and quietly and they mean a great deal to us all. Who are these people? They are the folks who teach our classes, prepare and serve the Lord's Supper, clean our building, conduct Worship Training and Bible Hour for our children, work in our nursery, serve the poor, see that those who lead in worship services are selected and in their proper places, sing for weddings and funerals, work in our offices, give time and money to the greatest of all Causes, bring people to worship, prepare food for the bereaved and those who are shut-ins, attend classes and worship, provide leadership, and really care about the church which Jesus loves. Thank you, quiet people, wherever you serve, for what you do for Him!

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1988

By Jay Lockhart
10:30 A.M. Haggai: It Is Time To Build The Lord's House (Haggai 1:1-12)
6:00 P.M. Haggai: The Glory Of The Latter House (Haggai 2:1-9)

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Jay Lockhart-Pulpit
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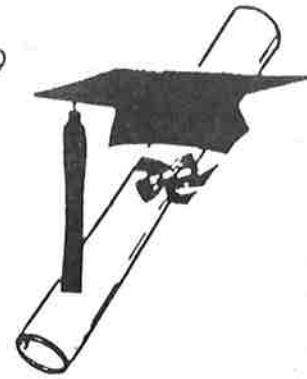
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Congratulations Grads



Cheryl Welborn



Duane Hendrix



Jason Harris



Amy Fisher



Chris Honeycutt

Congratulations

We have nine graduates for 1988. We are proud to print their pictures and information concerning their achievements. Sunday, May 29, Baccalaureate services will be at the Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ at the Sunday evening worship.



Shelley Miles



Melissa Ingram

Cheryl Welborn is the daughter of Leon and Carolyn Welborn. She plans to major in Elementary Education at Abilene Christian University. Cheryl is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and was a member of the Spanish Club two years; ZClub (service organization) one year; Symphonettes (service organization) two years; Young Life, four years and Southern Belles, two years. She has been on the A/B Honor Roll.

Duane Hendrix plans to attend Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas and major in Marketing and Management. He is the son of Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix and a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. Duane received a 1986/87 Metal Shop Award; 1987/88 McDonald's Corp., Outstanding Crew Person/Tyler and Super Crew Person/Tyler, Lindale, and Athens and the 1987/88 Ray Kroc Award.

Congratulations (Continued)

Shelley Miles, daughter of Charles Miles and Sherryl Miles, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She was a member of Jets/Jas Science Club two years, Key Club, two years and Teen Club. She has been a member of Southern Belle Drill Team four years and was recognized as being in the top 5% of high school drill team members in the United States. Shelley was an officer in Southern Belles her senior year. She was invited to perform in Macy's Parade, New York City; Hula Bowl, Hawaii; Freedom Bowl, Calif., 1988 World Expo., Brisbane, Australia. She has been on the honor roll four years. Shelley plans to attend Tyler Junior College in the fall.

Fisher, who is undecided about her major, plans to attend Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School where she was a member of the Varsity Band four years and a member of the Flag Corps three years. She has been Z Club President, a member of the Latin Club, and a member of the President's Student Advisory Council. Amy has been named to Who's Who In Music, she qualified for State Solo/Ensemble Contest, was 1st Chair Clarinet three years. She has received an academic scholarship from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Alan and Patsy Fisher are Amy's parents.

Melissa Ingram, a John Tyler graduate, is the daughter of Don and Nerene Ingram. She has received a scholarship to Tyler Junior College, and she also plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University. Her major is Business Law. Melissa was in Blue Brigade as a freshman and in John Tyler Brigadettes for three years; a member of the National Honor Society for three years; a member of Future Business Leaders of America; Office Education Association, and a member of Teen Court for one year.

Chris Honeycutt is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He was a member of the Spanish Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He played football four years and was in track two years. Chris is planning to attend Stephen F. Austin University and major in Computer Science. He is the son of Dennis and Judy Phelps.

Jason Harris plans to attend Tyler Junior College. His major is Business and Computer Science. He was a member of the 9th grade Marching Band, Junior Varsity Tennis Team, 9th and 10th grades, and a member of the Varsity Tennis Team in the 11th and 12th grades. Jason is the son of Jimmie and Ruth Harris, and is a graduate of John Tyler High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Denman
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jeanie Diane Denman
to
Dennis Coleman Glasscock
son of
Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Glasscock
on Saturday, the fourth of June
Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight
at four o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clifton Morrow
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Stacey Leigh
to
Mr. Jay Paul Lockhart, Jr.
on Saturday, the fourth of June
Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight
at seven o'clock in the evening
at the home of the bride
207 East Eighteenth Street
Benton, Kentucky
and afterwards at the reception

REMEMBER 25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, May 30, 1963

A picnic is planned for Friday noon following Vacation Bible School.

Roddy Young, son of Ben and Patsy Young suffered an eye injury Sunday afternoon while playing baseball.

Dean Brookshire is planning to teach the Adult Class in Vacation Bible School. "Pearls From Proverbs" will be the study.

Thank You

With grateful hearts we say thanks for all the kind things that were done and said in our behalf in the death of our brother, Oscar Bell.

The flowers were beautiful and we feel it is an extension of the love you have always shown to us.

Love,
Dorothy & Buddy Bell

The Sick

Sister Naomi Haden continues to be hospitalized in Doctors' Memorial Hospital. Her condition has not improved.

Pat Ragsdale had hip surgery Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Haline Crawford of Center, sister of Paul Hancock, had surgery on Monday. She is in Medical Center Hospital.

Betty Strait had day surgery Tuesday. She is now home after receiving a good report.

Harvey Grier is a patient in Doctors' Memorial Hospital.

Bud Walker is now at Hearthstone Nursing Home, Room 211.



AUGUST 8 - 12
Plan to be here.

MEDINA HOME NEEDS

The Medina Home grocery truck will collect food the week of June 6-10. They have asked that we collect Pine-O-Pine or other disinfectants. They also need help with school supplies for September. They have a sufficient supply of notebook, but there are many other things needed. The list is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer if you would like further information.

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Sermon Topics

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Jay Lockhart

A.M.

"The Lord Your God Is In Your Midst"
(Zephaniah 3:16-18)

P.M.

"Four Hidden Blessings"
(Zephaniah 3:1-7)

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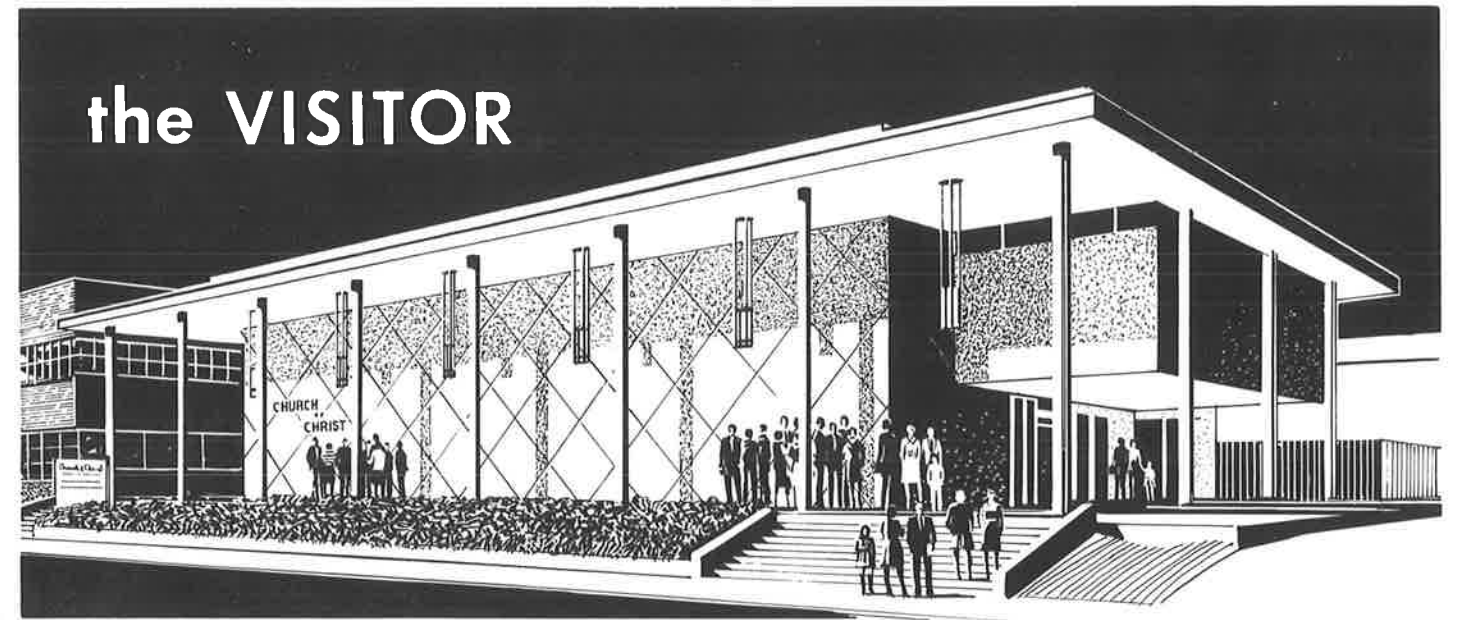
SUNDAY AFTERNOON NURSING HOME

Les Carruth Scott Carruth

MINIBUS DRIVER

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 22 and
Wednesday, May 25, GARY BROOME, phone
number 592-2289.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

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

...and fell on Paul's neck,
and kissed him"--Acts 20:37

"I Like Him"

You have seen them. You have been drawn to them. You have enjoyed being with them. They are the people who are likable. They are easy to be with, easy to like. Is it important to be likable?, And if the answer is yes, how can we be likable? In a recent Reader's Digest article, Roger Ailer, a media consultant and advisor to Republican Presidents, is quoted as saying, "If people like you, they'll forgive just about anything you do wrong. If they don't like you, you can hit everything right on target and it doesn't matter." He observed that in politics, "like votes" can swing elections and that seven out of ten people who lose their jobs, lose, not because of lack of ability, but, because of personality conflicts. How can we be more likable? People liked Paul. They loved him, too, but they liked him. Why? Likable people have certain traits. Paul exemplified these traits and you can too.

1. Likable people do not try too hard to be liked. Those who go overboard in an effort to assure being liked usually aren't. Paul's letters demonstrate he didn't make being liked a priority--he made doing right, conviction, dedication, his priority, and he was liked.

2. Likable people have good attitudes about people and circumstances. We avoid people who are pessimistic, negative, and forever complaining! From a Roman prison Paul said, "Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).

3. Likable people make others feel comfortable in their presence. It is difficult to be with people with whom you must ever be on guard lest they take something you say or do in the wrong way. When Paul came to town people turned out to hear him preach even until midnight (Acts 20:7). They liked him!

4. Likable people do not take themselves too seriously. When Paul said, "I am nothing" (2 Corinthians 12:11), he was not expressing some kind of false humility. He was stating how he felt. One of the characteristics of truly great men is that they do not know they are great, and that makes them easy to like.

6. Likable people are confident people. They have healthy self-esteem. They do not feel threatened by circumstances or by people. Paul said, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

All of us know the likable person, and it's easy to say, "I like him."

FELLOWSHIP



We Are Getting Together

Sunday evening after worship, we will meet together in the fellowship hall for an all-church supper. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts. Coffee and tea will be furnished. This fellowship will take the place of Brother's Keeper for May.

Plan to attend!

New Baby Boy

A baby boy was born Friday, May 13, to Kyle and Shirley McRuiz. He weighed 8 lb and 9 oz, and has been named Jonathan Max. Henry and Becky McRuiz are the proud grandparents.

Happy Birthday

MAY (23) Jonnie Steffee, Tony Adams, Jean Walters (24) Jana McRuiz, Louis Jones, Margie Hunt, Meagan Morris (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight, Casey Akin, Joel Vandiver (27) Frances Walters.

Retired

Congratulations to Penny McDonald. She was honored on Saturday, May 14 with a retirement party. Penny has been a teacher for a number of years at Andy Woods Elementary School.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tracy O'Quinn. She has been selected as Assistant Drum Major in the Robert E. Lee Band. Tracy will be a senior in the fall.



See You Sunday In Bible School
at 9:30 A.M.

New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members into the fellowship of the West Erwin church family.

Cherrye Oberg, daughter of Ron and Barbara Oberg, came to place membership on Sunday, May 8.

Chris Oberg, son of Ron and Barbara Oberg, was baptized on Tuesday afternoon, May 10, by his dad.

Ernest and Helen Faye Holland, 3208 Autumn Leaves, telephone 597-4779, came Sunday morning to place membership.

On Sunday evening, we welcomed Nelda Jo Wiley and her son, Leslie Wayne Burke, 514 Pamela, telephone 597-1239.

Also coming Sunday evening, Geraldine (Jerri) Pickens, 3300 Baldwin, telephone 592-2725, came to place membership.



Chris Oberg



Cherrye Oberg



Jerri Pickens



Nelda Jo Wiley

Baccalaureate

This spring we have nine high school graduates. Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday evening, May 29, at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

Silver Anniversary

You Are Invited To A Reception
Honoring Jim and Nancy McCoy
On Their

Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary

Given By Their Daughter, Charis
Friday, the Twenty-Seventh of May
Seven Until Eight Thirty in the Evening
Fellowship Hall

West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

No Gift Except Your Presence

Thank You

With all your encouraging words and every good deed, as usual, you met our every need. You are all the best people we know. Perhaps that is why we love you so.

A loving thank you,
Guy & Nettie Potts

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Buddy and Dorothy Bell in the death of Buddy's brother, Oscar Bell. Burial was in Garland, Texas on Tuesday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Lingleville, Texas for Miriam Erxleben, sister of brother Mac McCarty. We express our sympathy to the family.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!



— 25 Years Ago —

From The Visitor, May 23, 1963

Congratulations to our college graduates: James Hardin, Clifford Caskey, Mike Warner, Gene Heath.

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation for children from the Tyler Day Nursery to Vacation Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Fowler from Maud, Texas placed membership Sunday.

Here and There

by Wes Price



From the bottom of our hearts the Price family expresses its thanks for all the love and generosity this church family has shown toward us in the marriage of our daughter, Rebecca. You helped us get them started off in the very best way possible. A special thanks to those who worked behind the scenes to make that day the success that it was.

It is not too soon for teachers to be thinking about the Summer Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian University. If you would like to go with us the last full week of July, please let the church office know and we will reserve a room for you.

This opportunity is made available to all our teaching staff and to those interested in becoming teachers. The church provides transportation to the college, the room fee, and registration. This is part of our continuing effort to enhance our teaching program.

Brother Loyd Rutledge received a letter from a friend, Stanley Morris, concerning the printing of Bibles by the International Bible Foundation, Inc. in Dallas. They have now printed and distributed in China. We are thankful with them for this great opening for God's Word in China.

We are looking forward to the all-church fellowship to be held this Sunday night following the evening services. This will take the place of our monthly Brother's Keeper Unit Meetings. The next meeting for the units will be Sunday night, June 26.

May we make a request of new members who live on a Rural Route? We try to keep a file of directions in the church office to the homes of all members who live on routes. If you have not made one, please help us by doing so. Mail it to the church office or bring it by. You would be surprised at how valuable this is. Thanks for your help.

Study your Bible daily.

Attention Teens & Parents

Attention Teens and Parents. Please be aware of these special times and events.

Sunday Morning, May 8th all Jr. High and Sr. High young people will meet for a combined class in Room 303. A guest speaker, Mike Ballard will be your teacher. He is coming in the interest of the West Erwin Youth Ministry.

Sunday Evening, all young people are urged to attend the special youth activities after the evening worship. The Seekers, a performing group of ACU students will present a special program. A meal will precede the program. Bring a friend.

Sunday Afternoon

Lord's Supper in Nursing Home Sunday, May 8, Dennis Phelps and Jason Phelps.

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 11 - CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

Greeters For Sunday

- Milburn and Jan cook
- Wyndall and Carolyn Miller
- Stan and Ernestine Mallory
- Kevin and Kelly Womack

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The Sick

Ella May Grayson has been dismissed from the hospital and is with her daughter.

Ruth Meazell's mother, Mattie White, continues to be a patient in Medical Center for therapy.

Naomi Haden is a patient in Doctor's Memorial.

Marjorie Davis is a patient in Doctor's Memorial.

Amie Roberts is back at Briarcliff, 3500 So. Vine, Apt. 111. She would enjoy your visit.

Bill Endsley continues to have eye problems.

Clay Kirby is in Mother Frances Hospital recovering from surgery.

Haline Crawford, sister of Paul Hancock from Center, is very ill in Medical Center.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

- Announcements Gary Ables
- Prayer Jack Paul
- Scripture Jay Graham
- Dismiss Chris Honeycutt

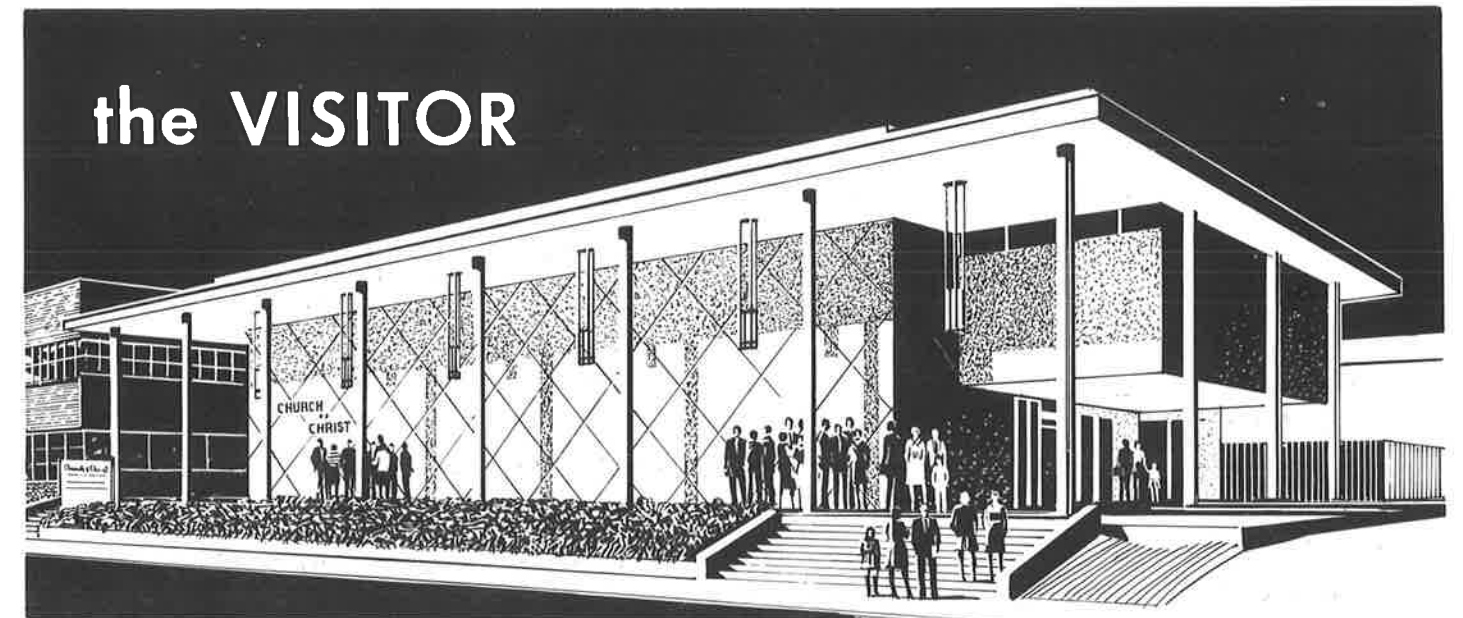
EVENING WORSHIP

- Announcements Gary Ables
- Prayer Ben Young
- Scripture Don Slaughter
- Dismiss Jay Shipp

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER


- Fred Powell Wes rice
- Dave Hanes Randall Wilson
- Serving From Back Foyer
- Gary Cain Charles Seaberry
- Stephen Pack Mark Waggoner

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Last Saturday David, Kathy, and Jarrod Lovejoy left Tyler to begin a new phase of their lives in Vernon, Texas, where David will be working as Youth Minister with the church there. In addition to youth ministry, David will be working in education and will be preaching on some occasions. The departure of the Lovejoys has left an empty place among us that will be difficult to fill. No more pleasant, cooperative, helpful, or dedicated co-worker could we hope to find than David. He loves the church, the Word of God, and young people. He is mature beyond his years. He is my friend and I will miss him, as will the entire church. Kathy complements David's work and is a faithful co-worker and companion. Recently, Jarrod came to live with the Lovejoys and they impressed us all in their new role as parents. Their new work in Vernon presents the Lovejoys with an opportunity for service they felt they needed to accept. We wish them the very best in their new home and look forward to their future visits to Tyler.

Last week was National Secretaries Week and it was the privilege of the guys around the church office to treat our secretaries, Nelda Browning, Frances McBee, and Jo Butler to a lunch as a token of our

appreciation for the diligent, quiet, often behind the scenes, and always effective work they do for the West Erwin family. The service of these gracious ladies is not only helpful, but imperative to the efficient operation of the church office. Their contribution to my work is great and I thank them for what they mean to me and to all of us.

Our elders are currently interviewing candidates for the position of Youth Minister for the West Erwin church. In the near future we hope to find the right person to serve with us in the important work we are doing. During the interim, James Sublette and Wayne Harrison will be working with our young people. These deacons have valuable experience in youth ministry in that they have formerly served in this capacity in another congregation. Thanks, brothers, for serving!

Sunday we will continue our studies in the Old Testament Minor Prophets. Subjects and Scriptures are:

- A.M. Hababbuk: The Problem of Evil (Hababbuk 1:12-13; 3:17-19)
- P.M. Hababbuk: "O Lord, Revive Thy Work" (Hababbuk 3:1-2)

YOUTH

Sunday evening Middle School and High School will meet together in the fellowship hall following the worship. A group from Abilene Christian University, The Seekers, will be present. Plan to be here for the devotional and program.

Congratulations to the following young people.

Brody Clark has been selected as Freshman Class Favorite at Robert E. Lee High School.

Amy O'Quinn is a Junior Varsity Cheer Leader at Robert E. Lee.

Kim Maples has been selected as a member of the John Tyler Drill Team at John Tyler.

Holly Harrison and Lanny Honeycutt were inducted into the Junior National Honor Society at Hubbard Middle School.

New Members

We welcome Perry and Bobbie Hale as new members of West Erwin. They recently moved to Tyler from Houston where they were members of the Clear Lake Church of Christ. Their address is 7314 Hollyoak Drive, phone 561-3208.



Perry & Bobbie Hale

Potpourri

NEW ADDRESS

The new address for David and Kathy Lovejoy is 2720 Texas, Vernon, Texas 76384.

CONGRATULATIONS

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Tracy Starnes has been named a United States national Collegiate Award winner in Business. Tracy attends Tyler Junior College.

EVENING OF PRAISE

An Evening Of Praise & Encouragement will be held Saturday, May 14, 7 to 9 P.M. at the Troup High School Auditorium. The program will feature The Sweet Expressions from Austin and Truth In Harmony from Tyler in a free concert of acappella Christian music for everyone and Jay Lockhart from Tyler with an encouraging message.

ETCA GARAGE SALE

Remember the garage sale for the East Texas Christian Academy on May 7th. For information, call 597-6447 (Vannoys) or East Texas Christian Academy, 561-8642.

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday evening of next week, May 7th is the scheduled meeting date of Young At Heart.

ATTENTION SENIORS

REMINDER to our Seniors - Sunday and also on May 15 is the scheduled time to have your picture made (during the Bible class hour). Also, please fill out the form you received in the mail and return it to the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates for Vacation Bible School this year are August 8 - 12.

Watch	
THE SEARCH	8:00 A.M. Each Sunday
With	KLTV, Channel 7
<u>Jay Lockhart</u>	Tyler, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Wes W. Price
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Rebecca Faye

to

Mr. Kevin Scott Dunn
son of *Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Dunn*
on Saturday, the fourteenth of May
nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to each one for the many calls, visits, cards, gifts, and most of all, the prayers. While I sit up here with my broken arm, it is so nice to be a member of such a loving family as we have here at West Erwin.

In Christian love,
Leona Hardin

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to sister Ruby Teel. Her sister, Lovie Whittington, was buried last week. Sister Teel's address is 3505 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Room 46. (75701)



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, May 9, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Lois) Bailey were baptized Sunday.

The new lounge for ladies has been completed on the south side of the auditorium.

26 teachers out of 35 were present for the VBS Workshop.

Here and There

by Wes Price



SUMMER TEACHING STAFF June - July - August, 1988

Class	Sunday Teacher
Nursery	Jeanine Hughes/Jo Butler
2 Years	Velma Lemons/Sherryl Miles
3 Years	Margie Hunt/Ginger Metcalf
4 Years	Judy Phelps/Donna Maples
5 Years	Mary J. Goodson/LeAnn Braly
First Grade	Linda Marts/Carolyn Carruth
Second Grade	Wanda Weathers
Third Grade	Fran Starnes/Judy Clark
Fourth Grade	Jean Oliver/Lorene Venable
Fifth Grade	Gary Broome

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Class	Teachers
2 Years	Paige Morris
3 Years	Kim Frick
4 Years	Patsy Fisher
5 Years	Faye Kennard/Joni Smith
First Grade	Jeannie Ross
Second and Third Grades	Linda Terrell Cathy Culpepper
Fourth and Fifth Grades	Terry Lockhart

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY May (8) Jason O'Quinn (9) M. B. Beard, Ford Egbert, Jim Usrey (10) Don Farrer, George Daugherty (11) Amy Fisher (12) Shawn Sparks, Jason Phelps (13) Phil Marts (14) David Demic, Walter Farrer, Joe Zeppa.

The Sick

Mattie White, mother of Mrs. Bill Meazell, is in Medical Center Hospital for therapy.

Leona Hardin is suffering from a broken arm. She fell Sunday evening here at the building just before the worship service.

Roy Clark is scheduled to have cataract surgery on Thursday of this week.

Gwen Shuford has been a patient in Medical Center this week, but was dismissed Wednesday.

Guy Potts underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center, but is now at home. His report was good.

Denton Phillips was hospitalized overnight this week in Mother Frances for tests.

Thank You

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many words of encouragement, cards, visits, flowers, food, and especially your prayers during and after Edgar's surgery. May the Lord bless you in your every act of kindness.

Delle & Edgar Bullard

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 1 and Wednesday Evening, May 4 - WAYNE HARRISON, 839-7536.

Sunday Afternoon

Lord's Supper in Nursing Home May 1, Ron Oberg and Brody Clark.

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New Member

We welcome Mrs. Lela Duncan who came last Wednesday. Her address is Rt. 5, Box 439 (75706), telephone 882-4883. She formerly worshipped at Northwest.

Lunch Bunch

"Larrapin" is the adjective used this week by one of our dear ladies who receives a meal each Tuesday. Cooks who prepared these treats during the month of April were: Kathryn Cauthen, Barbara Williams, Ruby McCain, and Pat Stokes.

A special tribute to the "Lunch Bunch" has been prepared by artist Sue Starnes and hung in the kitchen of the fellowship hall.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements James Sublette
 Prayer Bill Paschall
 Scripture Lowell Wiggains
 Dismiss Carroll Magee

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements James Sublette
 Prayer Dennis Phelps
 Scripture Jay Vandiver
 Dismiss Archie Kennard

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Freeman Morgan Forest McFadden
 Bill McCain Bob May

Serving From Back Foyer
 Curt Jordan J. N. Metcalf
 Kyle McRuiz Grant Knight


GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
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By Jay Lockhart

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will trust in the name of the Lord, our God" ... Psalm 20:7

Faith

Without a doubt faith is the fundamental response of man to God--his link with God. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). But what is faith? Faith means conviction. When one has faith he examines evidence for believing and becomes convinced that that which he is to believe is true. So faith believes. I believe that God is; that Jesus is the crucified, resurrected son of God; that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; that I am a sinner; that I can be saved, etc., etc. Faith is conviction. Faith means obedience. Faith that refuses to obey God is a dead, lifeless, faith (James 2:17-26). In the Greek New Testament belief and obedience are used interchangeably because belief expresses itself in obedience (John 3:36). Faith obeys God. Faith means trust. We may lament the fact that some folks leave obedience out of

faith, but it may be that we can be indicted for a faith that is almost void of trust. When we are people of faith we trust God. We trust God to save us by His grace as we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Can we trust God that we are saved? We trust God to provide for our needs and to work in our lives to bring good even out of bad circumstances (Matthew 6:33; Romans 8:28). We trust God to strengthen our puny efforts enabling us to do the work he wants us to do. We plan beyond our ability to see as we seek to serve Him. When we seek to do the right things, God will bless our efforts and the church will continue to grow. The question is: do we have enough faith (trust) to provide the vision and plans to permit God to pour out His blessings? Think about it!

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

To Our Young People: We love you and have enjoyed working with you. I hope that you have been challenged by the word of God to do the best you can in serving God, and in living the Christian life every day. Put God first in your life. Live for Him, serve Him, and He will bless you. Our prayers will always be with you.

To Those Who Work Daily in the office: Nelda, Frances, Jo, James, Jay, and Wes, I have enjoyed working with you on a daily basis through the many situations that arise. Your dedication, zeal for the Lord's work, and words of encouragement have been an inspiration to me and make it possible for things to go smoothly in this family of the Lord. Also, thanks to Les, Sam, and Hillard who do so much for this family in the way of computers, TV Ministry and in knowledge of our youth group. You are all to be commended for a job well done in striving to minister to a growing family here at West Erwin. Keep up your good work always.

To Our Elders and Deacons: You have an awesome responsibility in shepherding and in working in the area of leadership here at West Erwin. I pray that you will continue to grow in numbers and in the knowledge of God's Word as you continue to place your faith and trust in God. Thank you for your support, leadership, and guidance for the church here. I hope that you can move on to greater goals for the Lord.

To The Congregation: You have been wonderful to Kathy, Jarrod, and to me in welcoming us to the West Erwin family. We appreciate all that you have done for us and we want you to know that we love you very much and pray that God will be with you. With God's help you will continue to grow through the preaching of Jay, Bible classes, leadership of the elders and deacons, and through your commitment to put God first in your lives. Our prayers will be with each of you.

Sermon Topics

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Nahum: How Have The Mighty Fallen? (Nahum 1:1-8)

6:00 P.M. Habakkuk: The Just Shall Live By Faith. (Habakkuk 2:1-4)



Potpourri

GOSPEL MEETINGS

A Gospel Meeting will begin May 1 and continue through the 6th at Lakeside Church of Christ. James Medford of Duncanville will be preaching. The time is 7:30 each evening including Sunday, May 1st.

The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore will have Doyle Maynard of Shreveport in a Gospel Meeting May 8 - 11. Their theme is "Four Great May Days." There will be a luncheon and devotional Monday through Wednesday at noon and evening services at 7:30.

The area preachers and elders meeting will be May 10 (Tuesday) at noon at our luncheon.

The North Tenneha Church of Christ announces a Spring Gospel Revival, May 1 - 4. Jerry Taylor from Sulphur Springs will be the guest evangelist for this 4 day meeting. A special praise service will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Services Monday through Wednesday are at 7:00 p.m.

You have been of great support to North Tenneha in the past. Come let's celebrate our friendship and kinship in the Lord with the Lord May 1 - 4.

MEDINA HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Home Grocery Truck to collect food and other items will be here during the week of June 6 - 10. It has been suggested that we collect PINE-O-PINE (or other disinfectant). They have also asked that we help with school supplies, if possible. A list of needs is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

GOOD REPORT

Brother Jimmy Wood has written that the fund for nurse Ann Bates is now over \$500.00. (This is her travel fund for the mission trip to Grenada.)

COMBINED CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, May 4, Middle School and High School will be combined in room 301 for a Singing Class. James Sublette will be in charge assisted by Gary Ables.

NEW ADDRESS

The Northwest Church of Christ has moved to a new location on Patton Lane. Their mailing address is: Patton Lane Church of Christ, Rt. 17, Box 502 - Tyler, Texas 75704

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Shower Invitation

You Are Invited To A Gift Brunch
Honoring Stacey Morrow
Bride Elect Of Jay Paul Lockhart, Jr.

At The Home Of
Mrs. Dannie Skipper
617 Purdue

Saturday, April 30, 1988
11:00 A.M. Until 12:30 Noon

Selections: Dillard's

Thank You

We want to express our appreciation to you for your every kindness to us in the loss of our mother and grandmother and for all the love that you showed to her through the years of her illness. We believe that these experiences have given us a deeper understanding so that we may better serve God and you of the congregation.

We love you,
Sara & Fred Powell
Mark & Martha Waggoner
John Powell
Katie Powell

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday in Granbury, Texas for Paul Bickle, father of Beverly Grage. We extend our sympathy to Beverly and her family in their loss.

It was announced Sunday of the death of a sister-in-law to Lera Williamson. We express our sympathy.

We also express our sincere sympathy to Jim Willis in the death of his half brother, Horace Clark, on Monday.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor - May 2, 1988

Vacation Bible School Teachers are scheduled to meet Monday evening at 7:30 for a workshop.

A note of appreciation has been received from the Northwest church and John W. Anders for assistance from Leonard Woltman in getting their zone work underway.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Attention All Teachers and Vacation Bible School Workers: Don't forget our planning meeting this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel. It is essential that we get the 1988 VBS underway in order to insure the success it deserves. Your help is vitally essential to that success.

Additional copies of Power For Today are available in the front foyer if you have not received your copy. We commend this to you for your daily devotional reading and study.

A big thanks to all homes hosting Brother's Keeper Unit meetings this past Sunday night. Good meetings were reported by all.

June will be the next month for individual unit meetings. An all-church fellowship meeting is scheduled for the last Sunday in May which will take the place of the usual meeting. Mark your calendars for May 22 for that event.

A list of West Erwin children has been posted in the hallway for several weeks so that parents could supply us with their birth dates. We are still lacking some dates. Please look at the updated list and help us complete this file.

For the Young At Heart group, Billie Bob Hickman's name is synonymous with a good time when it comes to trips that this group takes. A great time was had by all on their trip last week to Arkansas. We are thankful to have such energetic planners and enthusiastic participants in the activities of this group.

Happy Birthday

MAY (1) Aline Beard (2) Lerah Williamson (4) Clay McDonald (5) Dot Hardin, Nelda Browning, Henry Dunn (6) Bessie Willis (7) Wade Weathers.

Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy will be having their Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, May 7. Please bring any items you may have to the John Braggs or Ray Vannoys during the first week in May. For information, call 597-6447 (Vannoys) or East Texas Christian Academy, 561-8642.

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Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 24 and Wednesday Evening, April 27, JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

Potpourri

GUEST SPEAKERS

Wes Price was invited to speak Tuesday evening for the Appreciation Banquet for the Teachers of the Pritchett Church of Christ.

Carolyn Womack was the speaker for a Ladies Inspiration Day in Phoenix, Arizona last weekend. She and Ray had the opportunity to visit with their daughter, Holly Shupe.

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Boy Scout Troop #354 sponsored by members of the church of Christ is having an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood Church on April 30th from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$3.00 and children \$2.00. They may be obtained from any Committee member or scout.

GLENWOOD THURSDAY SCHOOL

We have been asked to remind you that pre-registration for Thursday School is now in progress.



New Member

Pictured (left) is Rose Teel and her husband, Dave. Last week her name appeared in The Visitor as a new member.

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At The Home Of
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617 Purdue
Saturday, April 30, 1988
11:00 A.M. Until 12:30 Noon
Selections: Dillard's

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Announcements	Stan Clark
Prayer	Roger Knight
Scripture	Ferman Carpenter
Dismiss	Archie Lowry

EVENING WORSHIP

Announcements	Stan Clark
Prayer	Mark Morr
Scripture	Phil Marts
Dismiss	Wade Park

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Freeman Morgan	Forest McFadden
Bill McCain	Bob May

Serving From Back Foyer

Curt Jordan	J. N. Metcalf
Kyle McRuiz	Grant Knight

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Glyn & Fran Starnes	Jim & Billye Usrey
Weldon & Mary Dawson	Alan & Patsy Fisher

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lord's Supper in Nursing Home April 24,
JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578.

The Sick

Sister Bernice Andrews had Day Surgery on Tuesday for a Cataract.

Sister Mary Adams entered Mother Frances on Tuesday for tests.

Brother Bill Endsley had laser treatment for his eye on Tuesday.

Brother Edgar Bullard has been dismissed from the hospital.

Brother Ray Vannoy's father underwent hip surgery Tuesday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" Romans 13:9

Christian Ethics

In a previous article we defined Christian Ethics as "the life and teaching of Christ applied to the decisions of life." When the life and teaching of Jesus is lived in our lives we are behaving ourselves ethically. Let's make some further applications of the principle of Christian Ethics.

(6) Is it ethical to sing, "O, how I love Jesus" and then watch TV while Jesus' church meets for worship?

(7) Is it ethical to attend worship and deliberately ignore some worshipper?

(8) Is it ethical to do good for a wrong or purely selfish reason?

(9) Is it ethical to think of God only when I am in trouble?

(10) Is it ethical to live in such a way that there would be insufficient evidence to convict me of being a Christian?

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

Saturday was the Bible Bowl at the Alpine congregation in Longview. West Erwin had eight of our 4th and 5th grade students to participate. They spent numerous hours studying and preparing. Helping to prepare them for this Bible Bowl were Dale and Carolyn Blackstone. Thanks to them and those who attended for all their work and study of God's Word. These opportunities are always good to enable all to have a better understanding of God's Word. Attending were: Cindy Carruth, Jenny Butler, Andrea Usrey, Seth Ward, Tiffany Sublette, Joanna Vannoy, Stephanie Miles, Melissa Patten, Gail Vannoy, Carolyn Blackstone, and Billye Usrey.

Sunday night was a very special night for our "Golden Age" members as our young people honored them with a banquet. Our young people are to be commended for their work and effort. Your very presence Sunday night showed how you care for our older members. Thanks to Connie Sublette and Rhonda Hendrix for being in charge of the decorations and Barbara Oberg for the direction of the food for the night. Also, thanks to many others who helped in so many ways to make this banquet possible. West Erwin has so many members who are willing to be involved in the many activities that help us serve God and give Him the praise and glory.

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Dates to
Remember

SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 24
Plan to attend your Unit Meeting.

BROTHERS KEEPER

We Are Getting Together



WEDNESDAY EVENING
April 27, 1988
Following Prayer Meeting
TO HONOR
DAVID AND KATHY LOVEJOY
& Jarrod

(They will be moving to Vernon, Texas
on Saturday, April 30)

BRING DESSERTS
Coffee and tea will be furnished.

Take Time To Pray

Happy Birthday

APRIL (25) Mark Morris (26) A. Z. Aven (28)
Jennifer Knight (30) Dell Lott, Ray Vannoy,
Shirley Denman, David Frick

Sermon Topics

By Jay Lockhart
10:30 A.M. Micah: What Does The Lord Require?
(Micah 6:1-8)
6:00 P.M. Micah: Bethlehem and Jerusalem
(Micah 5:1-3; 4:1-4)



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Selections: Seasons & Christmas Store

Christian Academy

The East Texas Christian Academy will be having their Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, May 7. Please bring any items you may have to the John Braggs or Ray Vannoys during the first week in May. For information, call 597-6447 (Vannoys) or East Texas Christian Academy, 561-8642.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Fred and Sara Powell and their family in the death of Fred's mother, Mrs. Clive Powell, on Sunday evening. Wes Price spoke words of comfort at the funeral service on Tuesday afternoon at the Memorial Funeral Home.



25 Years Ago

Brother Dean Brookshire will preach for the Northwest congregation on Friday and Saturday evenings and also on Sunday. Jerry Hill will be preaching at both services Sunday at West Erwin. He is here arranging the Pan-American Lectureship for this Fall in Guatemala.

Merle Austin and her daughter, Linda, placed membership. They are from Dallas.

Three classes were 100% in attendance: 3 year olds - Jane Moses, Teacher; 6th Grade - Kathryn Cauthen, Barbara Payne, Teachers; 8th Grade - C.R. Clough and Dick Ferguson.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Congratulations to our young people for the beautiful banquet they hosted for our senior members. It was a very enjoyable occasion and everything was so tastefully done.

From a nostalgic standpoint, I guess we have to consider it the final hurrah for David and Kathy Lovejoy, since they will be leaving us at the end of the month. The banquet certainly stands as a testimony to their ministry. We appreciate all they have done for our young people and for all the members at West Erwin. We will miss them.

All our Brother's Keeper units will be meeting this coming Sunday. We hope you have made your plans to attend. A list of unit meetings will be posted in the front foyer so in case you miss a call from the unit, you will know where your unit will be meeting.

All of our Sunday Morning Adult Bible classes will begin using a new class organizational format on Sunday morning, May 1. Each class will be designating class members to serve as Class Chairman, Membership Director, Fellowship Chairman and Greeting Card Correspondent. These roles are designed to assist in building stronger classes and help broaden the scope of influence by each class. Your teacher will explain the activities of each person asked to serve in these positions. We ask for the cooperation of all our adults. We feel that these will help build better classes and solve some of our critical absenteeism. As is true of all our efforts through the Adult Classes, we are concerned about spiritual growth and fellowship.

All Bible Class teachers for pre-school, primary and junior department are invited to join us for our first planning session for our Summer's Vacation Bible School on Sunday afternoon, May 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel. We urge all, whether teaching at the present time or not, to join us for this session. We will be using Old Testament Characters as the basis for our learning centers this year.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	April 10	April 3	Ago
Bible School	422	502	531
Worship/A.M.	531	656	575
Worship/P.M.	340	400	355
Wed. Eve.	313	292	264
Contributions	\$9,564.32	\$11,073.53	\$10,034.00
Membership 611	Weekly Budget \$11,398.89		

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 17 and Wednesday evening, April 20 - Wayne Harrison, 839-7536.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Ladies' Day

Ladies, you are invited to the 12th annual "Just For Women" at the Alpine Church of Christ on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. 'till 12:00 Noon, with a luncheon following provided by the ladies at Alpine. Dr. Joyce Hardin, Associate Academic Dean at Lubbock Christian University is the keynote Speaker. The theme this year is "Give Me Wings." Five different classes of interest to women of all ages, including a special class for Single Adult Women and Teenage Girls will be provided. A preschool nursery will also be provided.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, April 18, 1963

Sunday, Donna Snipes, daughter of Ted and Dorothy Snipes was baptized.

Vacation Bible School was set for June 3-7. The theme is "Following God's Son."

Several families plan to attend the ACC Annual Bible Lectureship to be held April 21-25.

We had many out of town visitors on Sunday and many of our college young people were at home. 476 were present for Bible Classes.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lord's Supper in Nursing Home, April 17, Lowell and Jeremy Wiggains.

The Sick

Pat McCarley has been at home recovering from foot surgery.

Edgar Bullard underwent knee surgery on Monday in Mother Frances.

Grace Walker had eye surgery on Thursday.

Ashley Leek is scheduled to enter Medical Center Thursday evening and have a tonsillectomy at 7:30 on Friday morning.

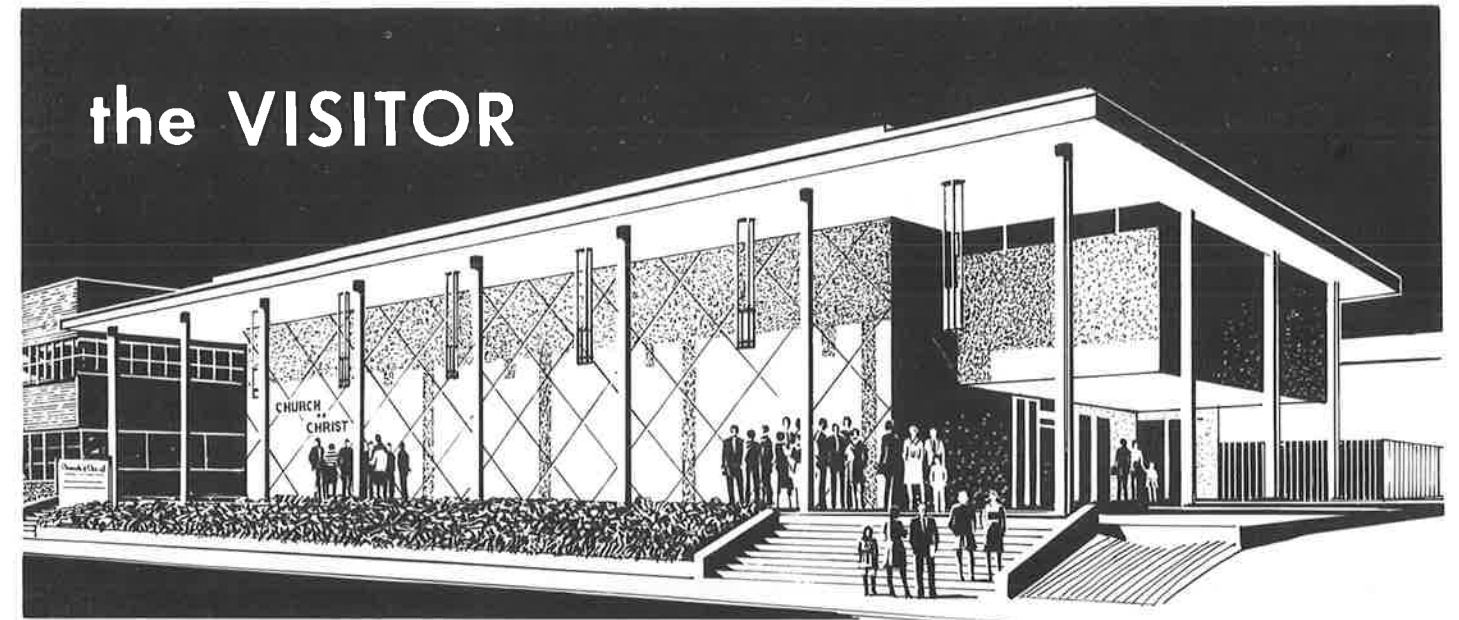
Dan and Wini Cullinan have gone to Oklahoma City because of the serious illness of Wini's brother. He is hospitalized there in ICU.

See you in Bible School

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.



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Christian Ethics

In the book, Christian Ethics, Georgia Harkness defined the title as "The systematic study of the way of life set forth by Jesus Christ, applied to the daily demands and decisions of our personal and social existence." Ethics are "moral principles or values dealing with what is good and bad and with duty and obligation," says Webster. The goal of God for the Christian, and the Christian's goal for himself, is to be conformed into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29; Philippians 2:5). From a practical standpoint the Christian is to seek to think, talk, and act like Jesus. This kind of behavior may be called Christian Ethics. Our behavior is to be Christians (Christ-like) and that involves the moral values set forth in Jesus' life and teaching (ethics). How can we apply the teachings of Jesus to our daily lives? It isn't always easy, but it can be done by the conscientious child of God.

1. When a reference for an applicant for employment is negative but given in confidence, is it ethical for the prospective employer to reveal to the applicant what the reference said?

2. In a business relationship, is it ethical to withhold certain information that might keep the deal from closing because "everyone does it that way?"

3. In personal relationships, is it ethical to "fly off the handle" and hurt people by word and deed because "that's just the way I am?"

4. Is it ethical to "pad" my expense account for income tax purposes because "it's done all the time?"

5. Is it ethical to have a standard of living as though we are rich and then give on Sunday as though we are poor?

(Continued next week)

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

On October 3, 1987 over 8,000 young people from the churches of Christ walked as far as 20 miles in order to reach out to those who struggle for life each day. This project was called Taking Steps To End World Hunger, and was started by the Church of Christ in Redwood City, California. The youth groups raised over \$225,000 to help end world hunger. The countries targeted for this money were: Haiti, Ethiopia and Botswana. We want to commend each one who walked and participated in this project. Especially, do we thank those from this congregation. We salute you for your good work. This will be remembered by each of them for a life time.

Plans are being finalized for the Golden Age Banquet this Sunday night (April 17). We will be contacting some of you to help decorate Saturday and to help early Sunday afternoon with final preparations. Plan to be available in order to help with this banquet to honor our senior members.

Thanks to the Melvin Maples for opening their home for the high school devotional. Also, thanks to the Don Ingrams for helping. We had a fantastic turnout. Keep up the good work and keep bringing your friends.

Thank You

The flowers that were sent for mother were lovely. Thank you for prayers, visits, and cards from brothers and sisters in Christ. They remind us we are not alone.

In Christ,
John and Diana Morris



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New Members

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

On Wednesday evening of last week, Allie Wren, 601 Golden Road, 0-2, telephone 595-4865, came to be identified. Also, on the same evening Rose Teel, 2721 So. Broadway, Apt. 256, telephone 595-3540 came to be identified and to be restored. Rose is a sister to Phyllis Rachui, and sister Wren is their mother.

Sunday we welcomed Dave and Lisa Hanes who came to place membership. Their address is 4900 So. Broadway, #102 (75703). They are the parents of three small children: David, 1st grade, Patricia, 3 years, and Justin, 2 years.



Allie Wren



Dave & Lisa Hanes and Children



Rose Evans and Leslie

Cherry Arcega has moved back to Tyler and wants to be identified again as a member of the West Erwin congregation. Her address is 120 So. S.W. Loop 323, #2 (75701) She has two sons, Heath and Aaron.

Happy Birthday

APRIL (17) Marie Threadgill, Dorothy Daugherty (18) Debbie Graham, Tiffany Sublette (19) Amy Harrison, Laneva Russell, Scott Warren (20) Charisse Smith, Marie Arnold (21) Mary Keith (22) Annie McDonald

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Hours

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Selections: Christmas Store
Seasons

Thank You! Bible School Teachers

It is our desire to express appreciation to our Bible School teachers for all they do. They are to be thanked for many things.

Thank you, Bible school teacher, for your time. You have spent many hours in studying, praying, planning, and working. Rather than being selfish and using your time on yourself and your family, you shared it with us.

Thank you, Bible school teacher, for your money. You have never been asked to buy materials or any other items for your room, yet often you have. At times you have spent several dollars to make your lessons better.

Thank you, Bible school teacher, for your example. You realized long ago that we teach more by the way we walk than by the way we talk. Our thanks to you for not only describing the road, but also for traveling it before us.

Thank you, Bible school teacher, for your product. A person can be proud for helping build a beautiful automobile or a beautiful house, yet such products do not compare with yours. You are helping to build a beautiful man, a beautiful woman. For taking our boys and girls and building them into real men and women, we say thank you.

Yes, thank you, Bible school teacher! Thank you very much!
Elders

Here and There

by Wes Price



Funerals by their nature are sad occasions, but when the deceased was a faithful Christian, that sadness is considerably tempered. Such was the case on Monday at the Quail Springs church in Oklahoma City when I helped to conduct the funeral of a dear friend, Ken Hobson. That expression, "faithful Christian" makes all the difference in the world. It means that a person has arrived at their destination when death comes. It serves only as the doorway into an eternal dwelling place. I never go to a memorial service that I do not think of that fact.

Members of our church family did not know Ken Hobson, but I had the privilege of knowing him and serving with him in the Village church in Oklahoma City. He was an elder of that church for over twenty years and most of that time I knew him as a friend. He was a gentle and generous saint, given to hospitality. He was a quiet and meek servant of the Lord. He will most certainly be missed.

I bring these things to your attention because he touched your lives at least in principle. Many years ago, when I served with the Village church, I was asked by the elders to develop a program to help them do a better job of shepherding the flock. When I had a plan prepared, I shared it with this special friend asking him to help me select a name that would suggest its purpose. He is the one who provided the name, Brother's Keeper. And so that program has been used literally across this nation in congregations to assist elders in keeping lines of communications open to its members. I honor this saint and friend by keeping alive the name "Brother's Keeper." He will fulfill the scripture which says, "And their works do follow them."

Our Wednesday Ladies' Class will resume its studies in the book of Acts on Wednesday, April 17. New workbooks are available for the second half of the study. They are on the front pew in the Chapel. If you have not received one, please pick one up there.

Please don't ever take the Bible School for granted. It is designed to be of assistance to you in learning God's Word. Our teachers are prepared to teach a valuable lesson each week to those who come. When you are absent, you miss a vital part of your spiritual diet each week. Remember, it is for your benefit. Let us help you provide food for your soul.

The Sick

Sister Naomi Haden's condition has not improved. She continues to be hospitalized in Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

David Hanes, Jr. was hospitalized Monday for surgery.

Sister Kathy Ward was injured last week in an automobile accident in Kaufman, Texas.

Sister Amie Roberts has been moved to a nursing home in New Braunfels, Texas. She would enjoy mail from here. Send a card to:

Mrs. Amie Roberts
Kirkwood Manor
2590 Loop 337 North Room 210
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

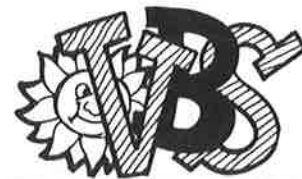
Sister Loyd (Carrie) Rutledge is now a resident of Briarcliff Health Center, Room 8, 3403 So. Vine, Tyler (75701).

Sermon Topics

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
By Jay Lockhart



A.M. Habakkuk: "O Lord, Revive Thy Work"
(Habakkuk 3:1-2)
6:00 P.M. Back To Bethel
(Genesis 35:17)



August 8-12

May 22

On Sunday evening, May 22, we will have an all-church fellowship. Details about what to bring will be in next week's bulletin.

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Records	Sunday May 8	Sunday May 1	Sunday Year Ago
Bible School	430	452	429
Worship/A.M.	535	560	518
Worship/P.M.	386	415	359
Wed. Eve.	286	278	311
Contributions	\$10,447.56	\$12,843.60	\$10,270.44
Membership	609		Budget \$11,398.89

Sunday Afternoon

Lord's Supper in Nursing Home, Sunday, May 15: Ray Vannoy and Neil Vannoy.

Minibus Driver

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 18 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

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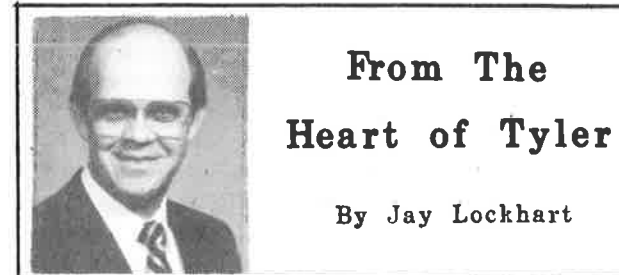
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"You are my friends..."
- John 15:14

A Friend

Solomon said, "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother," (Proverbs 18:24). Rich beyond measure is the man who has friends. Friendship reminds us of Naomi and Ruth, David and Jonathan, Paul and Timothy, and of course, Jesus and his disciples. Friends are wonderful. Most of us want friends; all of us need friends. How can one have friends?

1. A Friend is Friendly. Solomon said, "He who would have friends, must show himself to be friendly," (Proverbs 18:24). Being warm, cheerful, helpful and involved with people assures one that he will have friends. One who stands aloof can hardly expect to draw friends to himself.

2. A Friend is Selfless. A friend is one who thinks not so much about what he can get out of a relationship but rather what he can give. A friend gives for the sheer pleasure of giving and, like love, does not insist on his own way, (I Corinthians 13:5). As Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this, that one lay down his life for his friends," (John 15:13).

3. A Friend is Considerate. A friendship that constantly makes demands, that smothers, or that is ever critical of the relationship will soon go

begging--it cannot survive. A friendship must sometimes have breathing room or it will suffocate. Love "is not possessive," (I Corinthians 13:4Phillips).

4. A Friend is Inclusive. Nearly everyone has his closest friends--he has more in common and is more comfortable with some than others. However, we must never be so exclusive in our friendships that we shut others out. In the church we are family and no member of the family is excluded from our fellowship. We are to "accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us," (Romans 15:7).

5. A Friend is consistent. Friendship is not like a thermometer, running up and down, hot and cold. "A friend loves at all times," (Proverbs 17:17). A friend is dependable--you can count on him.

6. A Friend is Tough. A friend finds the courage to lovingly rebuke us when we get out of line. It's not because he loves so little, but because he loves so much that he will hurt us by correction today so that we will be better people tomorrow. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend," (Proverbs 27:6).

7. What a Friend We Have in Jesus! Jesus said, "You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you," (John 15:14). Make it your aim to obey Jesus and He will be your friend.

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Congratulations

Misty Malone, daughter of Marc and Pam Lemons, has been selected as a member of the Junior National Honor Society in Hubbard Middle School.

Happy Birthday

MAY (15) Jessie Smith (16) K. Max Haws (17) Chris Bobbitt, Jamon Kirby (18) Angie Plumb (19) Bill Paschall, Billy Terrell, David Hanes (20) Mike Munn, Doris Kennedy (21) Sherryl Miles, Chad Holcomb, W. A. Mathews, Jim McDonald. Anthony Aven was overlooked on April 30.

Thank You

The family of Paul J. Bickle acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Grocery Truck

Remember the truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here one day during the week of June 6. If we would like to collect one item, they suggest DISINFECTANT (Pine-O-Pine or other disinfectant). They also appreciate cash donations as it allows them to purchase milk, etc. Also, a list of school supplies needed for September is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, May 16, 1963

Best wishes to our high school seniors: Nancy Butler, David Drennan, and Joyce Venable.

Ladies Bible Class will meet one more time on Wednesday before being dismissed for the Summer.

Silver Anniversary

You Are Invited To A Reception
Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCoy
On Their Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary
Given By Their Daughter, Charis
On Friday, The Twenty-Seventh of May
From Seven Until Eight Thirty In The Evening
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas
Your Presence Is Your Gift

Video Library

Because of the work of our brother Sam Bailey, we now have a very nice library of video tapes of Sunday sermons by brother Jay Lockhart. Also, we have many video tapes of THE SEARCH (our TV program). The library is located in the church office. If you would like to check out a video tape, come by the church office during working hours and look through the list of available tapes.

Attention Graduates

Graduates, please remember to go to the room just off the back foyer during Bible Class hour on Sunday morning (May 15th) and let brother James Phillips take your picture. Also, please turn in your information sheet.



Bible classes for all ages

9:30 A.M. Sunday * 7:30 P.M. Wednesday

Moving

It was announced Sunday that Jay Vandiver will begin work on May 16 in Manassas, Virginia. Carolyn and the children will be here for awhile. We are sorry to see them move from Tyler, but we hope they will be very happy in their new home and church family. They will be missed from West Erwin.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Butler, Jr.

request the honour of your presence
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Julienne Alyssa

to

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Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Church Fellowship Hall

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

A New Grandson

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross John (Rosemary) Cox on April 26, 1988. He weighed 8 lb and 1 oz and has been named Joseph William. Their home is in Livingston, Texas. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Center.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Ella Mae Grayson. Sister Grayson died early Tuesday morning. Her funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home. Jay Lockhart will preach the funeral service. Burial will be in Temple, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Northside Church of Christ in Longview for Mary Cloud. She was a sister-in-law to Pat Stokes. We express our sympathy to the family.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Teachers and workers are being selected for our Annual Vacation Bible School. We still have several openings for Learning Center teachers, so if you would like to help us please give me a call.

Parents, don't forget those dates! We have reserved the second week of August - August 8 through 12 as dates. Save that time for a study of Old Testament Bible Heroes. We'll have a great time with your children.

As most of you know, the past couple of weeks have been busy ones for the Price family. We were proud and pleased to see our son graduate from Abilene Christian University last Saturday with highest honors. We are grateful to the University for its contribution to his education and for the Christian environment.

Not to be outdone, our daughter, Rebecca, will be married in our building on Saturday afternoon. She and her new husband, Kevin, will be making their home in Abilene where he will be managing the ACU television station and working on his graduate degree.

I cannot pass these special events in our family's life without telling all of you how grateful we are to be a part of such a loving and generous family at West Erwin. We cherish no place on earth quite like we do here and it is because of the love in the hearts of you wonderful people.

While congratulations are being given, it is certainly in order to extend them to John Braxton Bragg, now Dr. John Braxton Bragg, who completed requirements and had that degree conferred upon him last Friday at North Texas State University. We are proud of his accomplishments.

July 24 through 27, are special dates for our teachers and Bible school workers. This is the date for the Summer Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian University. Please let me add your name to our reservation list if you would like to attend. If you need further details, give me a call. We would like to take a big bus full.

Don't forget Bible study and worship each week. You need that time together with your brothers and sisters in Christ. A week without Christ makes one weak.

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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 10 and Wed. Eve., April 13 - KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

New Member

We were happy to welcome Rose Evans who came Sunday morning to place membership. She has a young daughter, Leslie. Their address is 906 East Noble 75702.

You are invited to a special Ladies' Day at the Big Sandy Church of Christ, April 19, at 10:00 A.M. Billie Bob Hickman from the West Erwin church will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served following the lesson.

The Sick

Sister Cleo Sublette underwent eye surgery on thursday.

Sister Bobbie McCarty's mother underwent cataract surgery Tuesday.



We had many visitors last Sunday. We are always happy to have guests. We hope you will return and worship with the West Erwin church often.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lord's Supper in Nursing Home, April 10 - Wally Dawkins and Tim Garner

Sympathy

We appreciate your interest and many expressions of concern during the time of my father's illness and surgery.

Ron Oberg & Family

Thank You

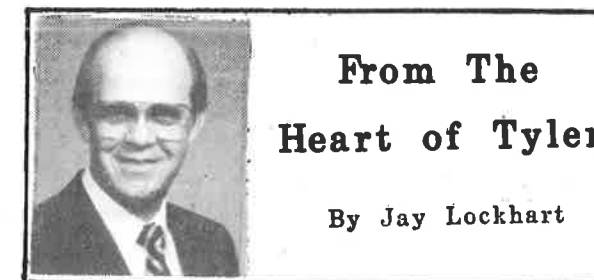
Funeral services were held on Saturday in Little Rock, Ark. for sister Iva Mae Lambert, mother, sister John (Diana) Morris. Our sympathy is extended to this family in their loss.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"It is a position of strength to call ourselves anything the Bible calls us and to refrain from using any names or titles the Bible omits."

Jim Bill McInteer

This week has been a blessing indeed as we were privileged to hear Jim Bill McInteer preach the gospel. Jim Bill is a man with a message -- the old, old message presented in a fresh, exciting, and challenging way. There is no question about it, Jim Bill McInteer believes the Bible, preaches the Bible, and has the conviction that the Bible message will change lives. Each time he preached there was a Biblical text, a word study of that text, illustration of the text, and an application of the text. Now, that's preaching! We are indebted to Jim Bill McInteer for coming our way and helping us see a little clearer.

Last Sunday we exceeded 500 in Bible study and 600 in worship for the second time in recent weeks. Our chapel is now equipped with closed circuit TV for overflow crowds until we can open that space to our auditorium. On any given week we have fifty of our folks, who are regular in attendance when at home, out of town. If everyone stays at

home for a week-end, look out! Let's go and glow and grow for Him in the Heart of Tyler!

During the next two weeks I will be out of the pulpit at West Erwin. Next week I will be in Cookville, Tennessee for a meeting (April 10-13), and the following week I will be in Lufkin with the Central Church (April 17-21). I will miss being with you and do not like being gone two Sundays in a row, but a scheduling problem came about in trying to arrange for Jim Bill to be here and the planning of my own schedule a few years in advance. In my absence Hillard Hughes will be teaching my Sunday morning class, John Bragg will speak on one Wednesday evening and Wes Whitt of Christ's Prison Fellowship will speak on the other, and Jimmy Wood from Dallas will be preaching on both Sundays. I will be in the pulpit April 24 and will be at home until the first of June. Be prayerful. Be helpful. Be faithful.

Remember also your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Ecc1.12:1a



David Lovejoy

We are off to a great start with our meeting and Jim Bill McInteer. I know that all of us will be blessed and challenged from his messages from the Word of God. Let's all continue to be here for each service.

Thanks to the Les Carruths and the John Braggs for providing the food for the middle school devotional. Let's all make an effort to come to the devotionals and bring a friend.

High School, remember April 10 will be your devotional, and it will be at the home of the Melvin Maples. We will be taking a bus to their house. Meet at the bus as soon as services are over Sunday night, and we will return at 9:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16 - Bible Bowl for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades at Longview, Texas.

April 16 - Middle School and High School will be decorating for the Golden Age Banquet at our Fellowship Hall (details later).

April 17 - Golden Age Banquet

April 29 - Junior/Senior Banquet at the Petroleum Club. The deadline to let me know will be April 14. A great evening is planned in your honor.

May 8 - "Seekers of the Truth" (from ACU) will be here at West Erwin's Fellowship building to present a program at 8:00 P.M.

Mark these activities on your calendars and plan to participate and help in each one. We need you! Have a good week.

Watch



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TIMELY TOPICS

MOVED TO ABILENE

We are sorry to lose Richie Spencer from the West Erwin family. Because of his work, Richie has moved to Abilene.

MEETING IN LONGVIEW

You are cordially invited to be a guest of the Alpine Church of Christ, 1100 Loop 281 East, Longview, Texas, April 10-13, to hear Chris Bullard of Overland Park, Kansas, preach Christ and his gospel.

FELLOWSHIP FOR SINGLES

There will be a Singles Fellowship (college age and up) on Saturday, April 23 at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin, Texas. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. with activities planned throughout the day.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Max and Mary Haws address is 1660 Tall Timbers (75703)

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be here during the week of June 6-10. If we prefer to collect one item they suggest PINE-O-PINE (or other disinfectant). Also, they have asked if we can help with school supplies: crayons, glue, scissors, rulers, markers, compasses, protractors, spiral notebooks, folders (with pockets), pens (black/blue), map colors, large erasers and pencil size erasers.

WE HAVE BIBLE CLASSES
For All Ages



BIBLE BE'S

"Be ye therefore perfect." Matt. 5:48

"Be patient." James 5:7

"Be at peace." Job 22:21

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." Matt. 14:27

"Be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless." II Peter 3:14

"Be subject one to another." I Peter 5:5

"Be clothed with humility." I Peter 5:8

"Be sober, be vigilant." I Peter 5:8

"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." Eph. 4:32

"Be strong and of good courage." Josh. 1:6

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and

Rahn Dean Harris

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie R. Boelkes

and

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie E. Harris

invite you to share in the joy

of the beginning of their new life together

when they exchange marriage vows

on Friday, the fifteenth of April

nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

seven-thirty in the evening

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*Reception following
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Happy Birthday

APRIL (11) Stephen Pack (13) Sledge Clinkscales (16) Myra Turner, Leslee Douglas, Michael Rhodes, Zorado Sherman



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor

Week of April 11, 1963

Two Greyhound buses have been chartered for members of the church at West Erwin who desire to attend a Gospel Meeting in Shreveport, April 19, 1963, to hear brother Willard Collins. A Christian family here will pay for the bus carrying the young people. The adults who go will pay their own way. The cost per person will be about \$3.50.

On Sunday 450 were present for Bible Class. Announcements were made by E. V. Rushing, and prayer was led by F. M. Mathis (two of our elders at that time).

Here and There

by Wes Price



Fantastic is the word I would choose to describe last Sunday! And that word would certainly apply to every facet of the day, Bible study, worship with Jim Bill McInteer's preaching, and the warm friendly fellowship that all present enjoyed.

The attendance was remarkable and especially so when you consider that some 200 of our regular members were away visiting family and friends on the holiday. As it was, we had to put chairs in an additional aisle.

If you were absent and missed Jim Bill's great sermons, you may want to get a tape. Just give the church office a call.

We have mentioned frequently in this column that the church is now well into the computer age. Les Carruth has made sure that we are as up-to-date as possible, not only with equipment, but more importantly, with the information that such marvelous machines can provide. We can now keep accurately the names and addresses of all our members. This includes their Brother's Keeper Unit, their Bible class and other vital information. In addition, all our bulk mail outs are handled by labels printed from the computer lists. This insures legibility and accuracy.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, we now have a new and faster printer which is capable of printing letter quality. We are indebted to Dannie Skipper for his generosity.

And in the "Thanks" department, we are grateful for the many hours Les Carruth contributes each week in keeping all information on the computer up to date.

On Wednesday, April 13, the ladies of our Wednesday Morning Bible study have been invited to be guests of the Eastern Hills church in Athens for their special Ladies Day. We will be taking our bus to travel to Athens for that special day. Plan to leave our parking lot at 8:45. Lunch will be provided by the ladies of the host congregation and we should be home by 2:30 p.m. We had a good number to indicate that they would like to go and we would like to fill both of our busses. Why don't you make plans to go with us? Guest speaker will be Essie Mae Fryer, wife of a missionary to Sri Lanka. Her subject will be, "The Christian Woman, Her Personality."

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Wed. Eve.	268	254	285
Contributions	\$10,648.48	\$11,562.82	\$10,584.89
Budget	\$11,398.89	Membership 608	

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 6 - JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

Can This Be?

Today the Bible has been relegated to the position of a museum article. We must have a "Year of the Bible" to bring it back to national attention. The average person doesn't read it like his forefathers and quoting is left to men of the ministry profession. A little story told recently may be closer to truth than humor. The teacher asked his class, "How far was it from Dan to Beersheba?" One man answered, "I thought they were husband and wife like Sodom and Gomorrah!"

Selected

The Sick

Sister Ruth Meazell's mother, Mrs. White, is a patient in U. T. Health Center.

Sister Lila Carroll's father underwent surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center.



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Lunch Bunch

Each week we have expressions of appreciation for the delicious meals that are prepared by the ladies who cook on Tuesdays. Ladies who cooked in March were: Billie Morgan, May Helen May, Ruth Meazell, Virginia Conner, Christine Welch, and Signa Stanley.



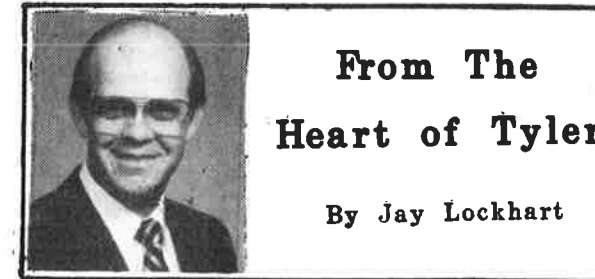
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Daylight Savings Time
Turn Your Clocks forward
One Hour
Saturday Evening

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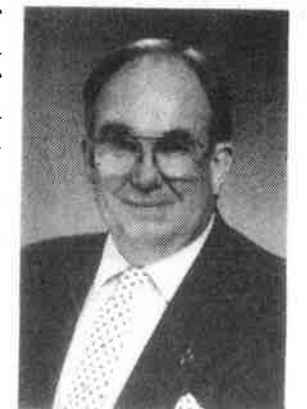
Harvest In The Springtime

April 3-6

This coming week promises to be full, busy, and abundant in blessings. Sunday marks the beginning of our Harvest In The Spring Campaign with Jim Bill McInteer with six exciting opportunities for worship and study. Jim Bill is a preacher's preacher, a people's preacher, and a gracious, courteous, and powerful proclaimer of God's Word. In addition to the scheduled preaching times, Jim Bill will be speaking at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday to all who can attend, both men and women, at our regular Ladies' Class time, and he will be appearing as my guest on THE SEARCH, to air April 10. We are glad that his wife, Betty, will be accompanying Jim Bill to Tyler. They will be the guests of our adult classes for a pot-luck dinner each evening, Monday through Wednesday in our fellowship building before services. Be sure to "spring forward" Saturday night and set your clocks for Daylight Savings Time and be a part of a full house for our combined classes Sunday morning at 9:30! Then be present for every opportunity during our meeting. See you Sunday.

Jim Bill McInteer is married to Betty Bergner and has a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. He preached for the West End church in Nashville for thirty years, has been deeply involved as President and Publisher of 20th Century Christian, serves on the Board of Directors of two orphan homes and Harding University, and is actively involved in community affairs. Jim Bill McInteer is a genuine Christian gentleman and a powerful proclaimer of God's

Word. He is a prolific writer and highly respected by all who know him. We invite our friends to hear him preach the Gospel of Christ at West Erwin, April 3 - 6.



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Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

I hope you are enjoying a week off from school. From the many smiles on your faces Sunday, I know you anticipate a good week. You will be seeing a lot of your friends this week and this is a great chance to invite them to our Gospel Meeting beginning Sunday. Remember that you influence others by your example each day of your life. Commit yourself to live for God, and you will be blessed.

Middle School, the devotional for this coming month will be April 3 for you. Those to help will be the John Braggs and the Les Carruths.

High School, your devotional for April will be April 10 at the home of the Melvin Maples. Also helping will be the Don Ingrams. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a visitor.

Special Note: Remember that classes from middle school on up, for this Sunday only, will be meeting in the auditorium to hear brother Jim Bill McInteer.

Also, April 17 will be the date that you, as young people, will be honoring our Golden Age members with a banquet. More details will be given to you later. Make plans to be here that weekend. Your help will be needed.

See you Sunday!

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TIMELY TOPICS

IN THE MARINES

Kevin Harris, son of Jimmie and Ruth Harris entered the Marines on February 22, 1988. He is now in San Diego, California and is scheduled to complete training May 13.

SYMPATHY

David Lovejoy learned Monday night of the death of a great uncle in Frederick, Oklahoma. We express our sympathy to the family.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to express my appreciation and thanks for all of the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. I'm doing better, but still have a period of recuperation to go through.

In Christian love,
Myra Chandler

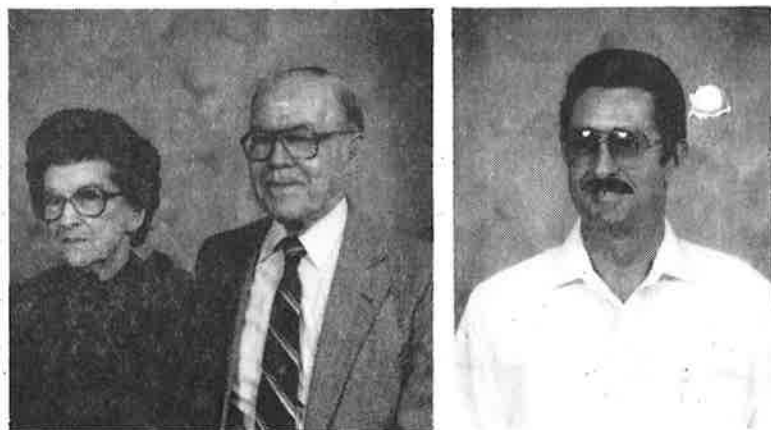
LUNCHEON CANCELLED

Because evening meals have been planned each night of the meeting by adult Bible classes, it has been decided that it is best not to plan the luncheon for the Wednesday Ladies' Class at this time.

BROTHER McINTEER TO SPEAK TO LADIES' CLASS

On Wednesday morning, April 6, brother Jim Bill McInteer will speak to the ladies class at 10:00 o'clock. Men are invited to be present for this lesson also.

New Members



Earle and Marie Arnold and Joe Clark came Sunday to be a part of the West Erwin church family. The Arnolds live at 3024 Silver Creek Drive (75702), telephone 595-2747. They formerly worshipped with the Northwest congregation.

Joe Clark's address is 2801 Calloway Rd., #1407 (75707), telephone 566-1107. He formerly worshipped at Shiloh Road.

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Happy Birthday

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Lectureship Speakers

The Broadway Church of Christ in Garland, Texas conducts a Spring Lectureship each year. Jay Lockhart and Joe Carroll have been speakers on their program for the past three years. Joe Carroll spoke to a Sunday combined Bible Class and Jay Lockhart spoke on Thursday evening of last week.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor

Week of April 4, 1963

Last Sunday there were 440 present for Bible Classes. Of this number 21 were visitors. Of our total enrollment, 419 were present and 121 were absent.

The area-wide young people's meeting is scheduled for Sunday in Longview at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Sunday morning prayers were led by P. E. Mackey, Jr., Jamon Kirby and W. H. Turner. Sunday evening: Larry Mackey and Layton Bailey.

Here and There

by Wes Price

Guest Editorial...

By J. J. Turner

From The Challenger, Munday, Texas

HOLINESS OR HAPPINESS

Religion in America depicts happiness as a major goal of the Christian life. But a study of the Bible reveals that happiness is a by-product of doing and being the things that glorify God. As children of God we are called to holiness, not happiness.

Peter wrote: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of life," (I Peter 1:15). In quest for holiness a person finds happiness serving the living God.

According to Jesus (cf. Matt. 5:1-12), real happiness comes after a person has developed the proper attitude toward himself, God, his fellowman, and circumstances. Happiness is the result of trusting God without reservation, (Heb.11:6).

Happiness is not merely fulfilling the desires of the human heart, it is the blessedness of being right with God and one's neighbor. Happiness comes from giving; not from getting, (Acts 20:35).

True religion centers in the abandonment of self, (Matt. 16:24) and taking up a cross and following Christ. Seeking first the kingdom of God is the new priority of the believer, (Matt. 6:33). Those who dedicate themselves to this way of life are the blessed people in this world.

The cross is a symbol that the Christian has not gained the world, but has chosen the path of His Master, which may mean the loss of those things that comfort the flesh, (Phil.3:7).

Living by faith is a declaration of trust in God and His promises. It is subjecting my will to His will, and when I do this, blessedness flows through my soul.

In a world of selfishness and religious confusion, it is difficult to return to the sacred challenge of worshipping God in spirit and in truth, (Jn.4:24). A renewal of mind and a return to the Scriptures will bring us back to the road of real happiness, (Rm.12:1-2).

Some religionist in America have made the church into a "Spiritual Supermarket" where narcissistic people, focusing on selfish goals, may come to get their fondest wishes met. Christianity has been turned into consumerism; piety has been traded for prosperity; the cross has been exchanged for comfort; and "my will be done" instead of "His will be done" is the vogue.

A return to one's first love is the only guarantee of happiness, (Rev. 2:4-5). God has called us to holiness.

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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 30, GARY BROOME, 592-2289.

Response

Dale Blackstone came Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the congregation.

Brother's Keeper Units

Updated Brother's Keeper Units are posted in the south foyer. You may identify your unit by number and unit leader. Also, the host for each unit meeting is listed for this coming Sunday night meeting. If you have not been contacted concerning this month's meeting, call your unit leader.

Thank You

We appreciate so very much your kindness in words, deeds, and especially your prayers when Bernie took sick during service last Sunday. Your help was immeasurable as always. We are so grateful you were there when we needed you. We love each and everyone. Thanks again.

Bernie and Vera Beard

Sermons For Sunday

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Jonah -- Disobedient Servant

(Jonah 1:1-17)

6:00 P.M. Jonah -- Pity On Nineveh

(Jonah 3:1-10)

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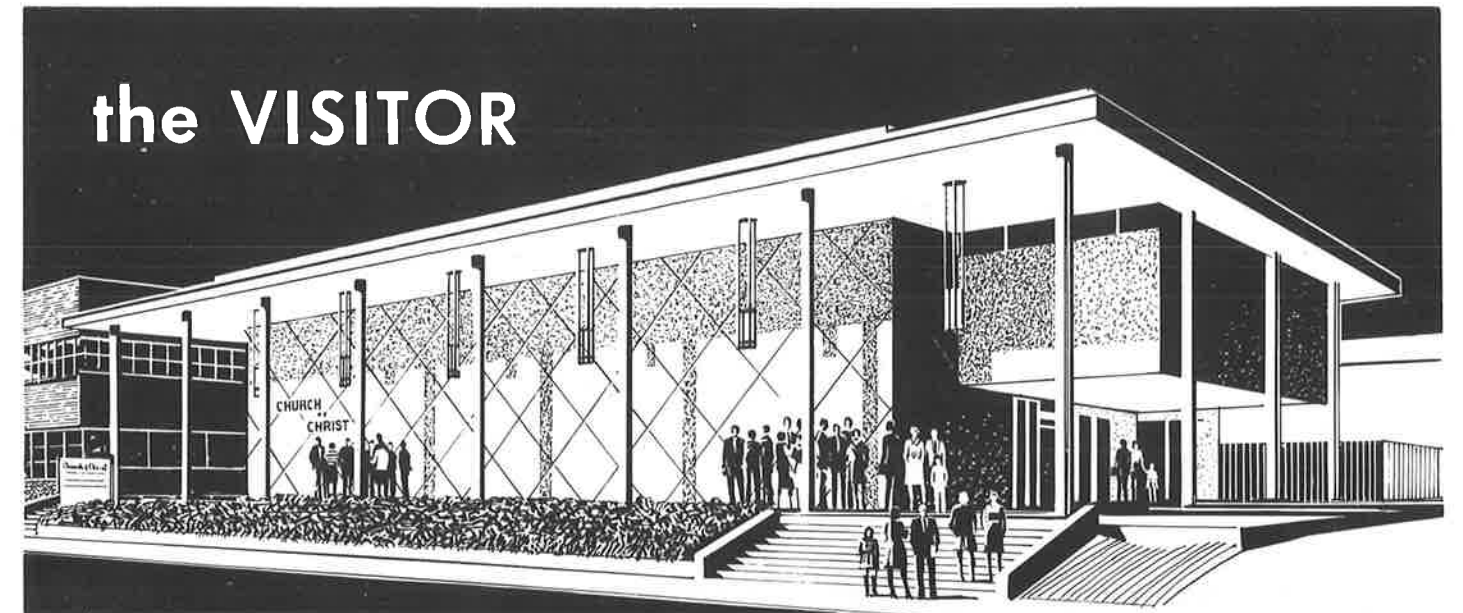
The Sick

Mark Morris' mother is recovering from a stroke in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

What a tremendous day we had Sunday! There were 501 people in Bible classes and 642 in worship. We have never had this many people in worship without a special attendance drive. We now have 604 members and 111 children not yet Christians for a potential of 715 people in classes and worship. Of course, we have some who are shut-ins, others who will be sick on any given Sunday, several who will be out of town on a weekend, and still others who just do not attend worship (our shepherds are diligently working with these right now). However, with a large number of visitors at all of our services, on any given Sunday we could go beyond last Sunday's 642! That's why we are using extra chairs in the auditorium each Sunday morning and making plans to add an additional 100 seats. Isn't it great?

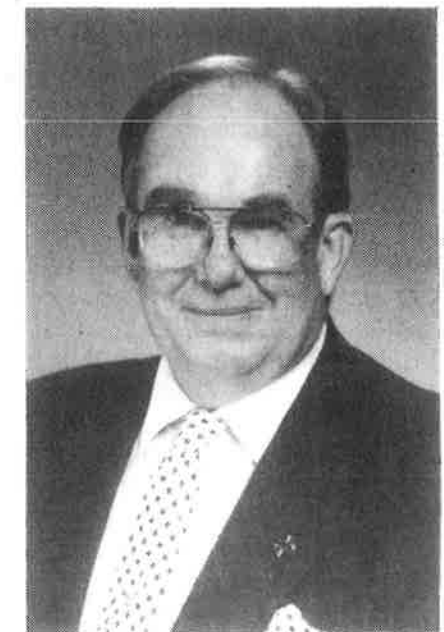
A rich experience will be ours April 3-6 with the coming of Jim Bill McInteer for our Spring Gospel meeting. You will want to be present for each of the six opportunities we will have to hear Jim Bill. He will speak three times Sunday and each evening through Wednesday. Be present and invite others!

Hear

Jim Bill McInteer

April 3-6

Harvest In The Springtime



Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth.

Eccl.12:1a



David Lovejoy

Camp Tyler is a very unique place to visit especially when you are thinking about God, others, and how to improve your own life. There is a need to get away from our familiar patterns periodically and think about how we are blessed in this life. Our theme for this retreat was "Who Is A True Christian?" The challenge was to live the Christian life daily. As we study God's Word and ask him to guide us in all that we do, this can be accomplished.

Our thanks to the Wayne Harrisons, Tommy Konczaks and Les Carruths for helping to make this retreat a success. Those attending were Scott Carruth, Jason Patten, Lanny Honeycutt, David Haney, Neil Vannoy, Mitch Walters, Jeff Konczak, Becky Blackstone, Janna Bragg, Kimberly Sublette, Holly Harrison, Amy Harrison, Angie Hendrix and six guests. We commend each of you for going on the retreat and being challenged to live the Christian life.

Middle School and High School - An upcoming activity that all students need to take note of will be the Golden Age Banquet on April 17. More details will be announced later.

Spring Break will be coming up next week. Let me challenge you to help someone in a special way as you will have extra time during the week. You will be blessed by doing so.

Bible School

9:30 A.M.



New Baby

David and Sheila Taylor are the happy parents of a baby boy born Saturday, March 19, at Mother Frances Hospital. The baby weighed 7 lb & 11 oz and is 20½ inches long. He has been named Benjamin David. Fred and Betty Strait are the happy grandparents, and Rozener Strait is the great grandmother.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (28) Joe McBee, Rhonda Hendrix (29) Bill Endsley, Amy Pickens (30) Henry Starnes (31) Mark Adams, Matt Haws APRIL (2) Traci O'Quinn, Randall Wilson, Doug Smith.

TIMELY TOPICS

Sister Amie Roberts has moved to 3500 South Vine, Apt. 111 (75703). She would enjoy your visit.

The Springtime Special of THE SEARCH will be seen on KLTU at 7:00 P.M., Friday, April 1. Tell your friends and neighbors about the program.

Have you invited someone to come to the Meeting, April 3 - 6. Jim Bill McInteer will be our guest speaker.

We continue to need ladies to sit with sister Ella Mae Grayson. We are happy that she is able to be in worship on Sunday, however, her family has arranged their schedules so someone can be with her all the time. They do need assistance on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Please check the schedule on the bulletin board.

A great big "thank you" to all those who helped us with our move. We have really gained some true Christian friends.

Kelly and Jeannie Ross

BROTHERS' KEEPER

SUNDAY EVENING

March 27 - following the worship

A List of Units Is Posted
In The South Foyer

Shower Invitations

You Are Invited to A Gift Brunch
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At The Home Of
Mrs. Edgar Bullard
4011 Pinedale
Saturday, March 26, 1988

Hours

11:00 - 12:30 A.M.

Selections: Dillard's, Seasons

Thank You

What a blessing it is to be a part of the West Erwin family. I want to express my appreciation and thanks for all of the prayers, food, cards, flowers, calls and visits during my recent surgery and recuperation. The outpouring of love in every way has been overwhelming and made this period of time so much easier.

In Christian love,
Cherrie Magee

We, the Daughters of The American Revolution, Mary Tyler Chapter, wish to thank you with all our hearts for allowing us to meet in your Fellowship Hall for 1987 and 1988 meetings. We held our March meeting in your building, which will be our last meeting there this year. We all thank you very much for your hospitality.

Paula Warren, Regent



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor

Week of March 28, 1963

We regret that three families will soon be moving from Tyler: The Sweeney Copelands to Commerce, The Dick Roberts to Dallas, and the Thomas Hollands to Paris.

Individual contributions are being solicited for Camp Deer Run for additional facilities and improvement of the present ones.

Here and There

by Wes Price



I hope you are planning on being present for the Brother's Keeper fellowship meetings following services this coming Sunday evening. A schedule will be posted in the south foyer for the host home of each unit. If you have any questions, please call me.

At times, the Unit Leader or host will call when you are not at home. If that happens, give them a call if you are not aware of where your unit will be meeting. The schedule that will be posted will also serve to inform all of the meeting location.

We had an excellent Unit Leader's Meeting last Sunday afternoon. We are deeply indebted to these couples who are willing to serve in this vital capacity. We will have more to say about their responsibility and work in the future. When they call you for any work concerning your unit, please give them your fullest co-operation and assistance.

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What a joy it was to learn of the excellent attendance at both our Sunday morning Bible class hour and the worship hour. It has been a long time since we had such a full house without some special drive. Of course, we had a host of visitors, folks who had come for the beginning of the Azalea Trails. But I sincerely believe that we can see how we are moving more and more toward that time when space expansion will be necessary. That's a great problem to have.

It certainly would be in order as we see our auditorium with less space each week, to ask members to be especially sensitive to helping visitors find a comfortable and convenient place to sit. We never know when that little bit of courtesy will be just the thing that influences that visitor to consider West Erwin as their church home. Every member of this congregation is a duly authorized public relations representative. Let's let the smiles and warm handshakes tell others of our concern for them.

Welcome

SPRING

We hope to have many visitors again this Sunday who will be in Tyler for the Azalea Trails. We had numerous guests last Sunday. We are happy you came. Please return at every opportunity.

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Worship/A.M.	580	517	530
Worship/P.M.	430	403	403
Wed. Eve.	268	235	259
Contributions	\$10,810.81	\$12,026.71	\$11,577.82
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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER, Sunday, March 20 and Wednesday evening, March 23 - WALTER FARRER, 597-3397.

The Search

In addition to Sunday morning, 8:00 o'clock over KLTU, Channel 7, Tyler, THE SEARCH is now seen over Station ACTS, Channel 21. The same program is aired twice each week, on Monday and Thursday at 11:00 A.M. This is a repeat of programs that have previously been aired over KLTU. We are grateful for the opportunity to reach a daytime audience on weekdays. Tell your friends!

Sermons For Sunday, March 20

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Amos-Prepare To Meet God
(Amos 4:6-13)

6:00 P.M. Amos-Religion And Life
(Amos 9:7-12)

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Sulphur Springs on Wednesday for LaNell Volk, a cousin of A. Z. Aven. We extend our sympathy to the Aven family.

Gospel Meeting

Mike Armour will preach in a Gospel Meeting at the Glenwood Church of Christ here in Tyler, March 20-23. You are invited to attend. The weekday services will be at 12:10 Noon with a light lunch to follow, and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

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A new schedule has been prepared and is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer. If you can sit with sister Ella Mae Grayson between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on a Monday or Friday, please sign the schedule.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I have been with Tim Grounds and the Bullard church this week in a very good series of meetings. People came from all over and I enjoyed the time with this good church. Tim is a young preacher, fine in every way. A large number of West Erwin folks came and for that I am grateful.

What a great day you had here Sunday with George Bailey preaching! 470 in Bible Classes, 580 in worship, and 430 were back Sunday night. With the baptisms of Mike Fulford and Rhonda Boelkes and the membership of Carla Fulford, we had a really wonderful week.

I hope you have marked your calendars for April 3-6 and our Spring meeting with Jim Bill McInteer. Jim Bill is a genuine Christian gentleman and a princely preacher. You will benefit greatly by hearing him. Try to be in town and present for every service. Jim Bill will be speaking at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Get excited, pray, invite, attend and let's have over 600 present Sunday morning, April 3.

The chairs are out in our "plum full" auditorium. Additional room will be provided soon. Thank you for your patience in dealing with our crowded conditions. Isn't it wonderful! See you Sunday for a full house of involved worshippers!

Be Sure To Attend

Harvest In The Spring

with

Jim Bill McInteer

of

Nashville Tennessee

April 3-6

West Erwin Church of Christ

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Ecc1.12:1a



David Lovejoy

A number of years ago the churches of Christ in Tyler decided to honor their juniors and seniors with a banquet in the spring. This was in appreciation for their achieving this milestone in their lives. This has become a tradition for juniors and seniors to look forward to each year. It is a time to be with friends from other congregations and enjoy an evening together with good food and entertainment. It is very significant that many people give of their time and effort to make this banquet possible. You are well thought of by this congregation and this is one way in which we can show and tell you this. Make your plans to attend and enjoy this great evening. The date is April 29 at the Petroleum Club.

Thanks to the Ray Vannoys and Sandra Walters for helping with the middle school devotional. Without our parents help and support, functions such as this could not be possible. We appreciate all of you.

This week (March 20) there will be a combined devotional for Middle School and High School. Also, our Middle School will be having a retreat at Camp Tyler this Friday, March 18 and 19. We will be meeting at the building at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and return Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate for graduates will be May 9 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Tiffany Sublette recently won first place in the 4th and 5th grade level of the Odyssey of the Mind contest at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Missy Marts won first place in a golf tournament at Briarwood recently.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (20) Janie Hicks, Martha Jo Rowland, David Taylor (21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory (22) Ruth Harris (23) Ben Young, Elvin Wilson (24) Michael Anselm, Jay Vandiver (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (26) Art Rowland, Virginia Pike

And The Lord Added



We rejoice that Mike Fulford was baptized by Jay Lockhart on Tuesday of last week. He and his wife Carla, placed membership on Wednesday evening. Their address is Rt. 23, Box 1504 A, Tyler 75703. We are happy to welcome them.



On Friday afternoon of last week Rhonda Boelkes was baptized by Jay Lockhart. She is the bride-elect of Rahn Harris (pictured with her). Their wedding is planned for April 15 here at the West Erwin building. Her present address is 1118 Mockingbird Lane, telephone 595-5651. It is a joy to welcome Rhonda.



Ronson and Patricia Griffith came in February to place membership and we are happy now to print their picture. They formerly lived in Tyler and we are happy to have them as members of this church family again. Their address is Rt. 6, Box 389 A, Lindale, Texas 75771.

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You Are Invited To A Baby shower
For Charisse Smith
And Her New Son
Benjamin Jerrold
Saturday, March 19, 1988
At The Home of
Mrs. Matt Haws

2:00 P.M.

1550 Frostwood

561-3574

Thank You

Certain events in life happen only once. We are born once and we die once. We reach each plateau in life only one time. The ongoing thing in life that sustains us, especially in times of great sorrow, is the Christian love that you all have demonstrated to us recently in the loss of our mother, Naomi Miller. Your prayers, flowers, cards and comments of sympathy will never be forgotten.

Wyndal & Carolyn Miller



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor

Week of March 21, 1963

The cushions for the pews in the auditorium arrived at the building.

On Wednesday evening of last week Audrey O'Bannon's class of Junior High girls was 100% in attendance.

Brother Jerry Hill plans to be here for a visit from Guatemala in April. The brethren in Guatemala are planning a Lectureship this fall.

Dan Danner will speak next Wednesday evening concerning the Bible Chair work.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Attendance at both Bible study and worship last Sunday were up considerably over our recent averages. And the great thing about it was that we had no larger number of visitors than normal. We think a work of exhortation for our faithful Bible School attenders is in order. Now for most this is not a significant thing, but for some it could be the start of something good. Let's make a good habit out of it.

Congratulations is in order for the Sunday morning Fourth Grade class taught by Jean Oliver and Lorene Venable who had 100% in attendance this past Sunday. Congratulations are in order for the Three Year Old Sunday morning class taught by Carolyn Vandiver and Ginger Metcalf for 100% attendance, March 6. Parents, help me encourage these fine teachers by telling them how much you appreciate their work with your children.

There will be a very important meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. for all leaders of our Brother's Keeper Units. The meeting will be in our Chapel. May I make a special appeal for each leader to be present.

We are happy to announce that Dannie Skipper will begin this Sunday, March 20, as the new teacher of the Sunday morning Adult Class #8. We are also grateful to acknowledge that Paul Stanley will be serving as co-teacher with Dannie. His capable teaching will add that extra measure of strength to this good class.

It is also in order for us to express thanks to Freeman Morgan for his excellent service as teacher for this class for the past several years. The class owes its size and strength to his leadership. Now let's show Dannie and Paul how grateful we are for their talent in this area. Give them your support and encouragement for accepting this excellent challenge.



Welcome

Each week we send The Visitor to our guests who sign visitor's cards. If you were among our visitors Sunday, be assured that you are most welcome, and we look forward to your return visit.

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Herald of Truth 56 KETK-TV EAST TEXAS

KETK-TV, Channel 56 in Jacksonville is now broadcasting the "Herald of Truth." This program, produced by the Highland Church of Christ, in Abilene, Texas will be seen each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. This is a program that home-bound, those who are ill or shut-in, will enjoy.

The current series is "Jesus: A Hero for Heroic Living."

The Sick

A. E. Cliver, brother of John Cliver underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances.

Cherrie Magee is scheduled to have surgery Friday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

Fleta Butler's mother, Myra Chandler, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Because of other illness, the surgery for Ron O'Berg's father is scheduled for March 23.

Jimmie Philpot's mother has been hospitalized again in Shreveport.

Ella Mae Grayson will be living at 1717 Shiloh Rd., #158 (75703). This is her daughter's address. Because of health problems sister Grayson can no longer care for herself at Tysen House.

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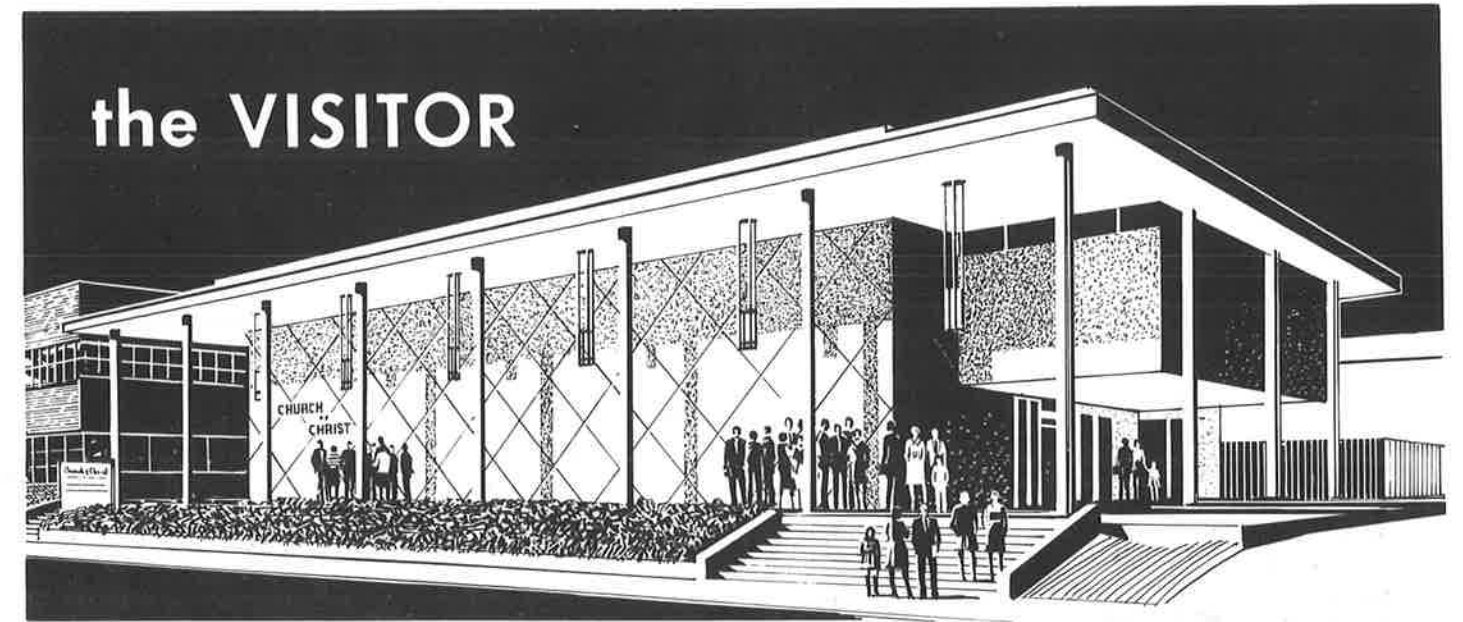
We want to take this opportunity to again thank you for the beautiful quilts that you brought to us here at Hilltop Haven. We really appreciate them and can surely use them. We appreciate the hard work that went into making them for us. We enjoyed our visit with each of you and hope that you will come to see us again soon.

In Christian love,
 Debbie McFarling & Vickie Dever

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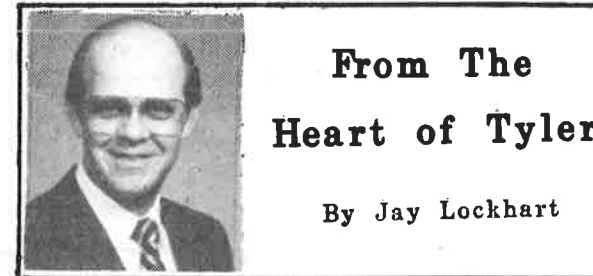
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Happenings Past And Future

Wasn't our brief visit with Dr. Bill Jones a treat as he spoke three times last Sunday on Faith and Doubt? Not only did he help us in focusing our faith, but we were aware of the fact that we were in the presence of one who had struggled with his own faith and came to unshakable confidence in God and His Word. Bill's visit was most profitable!

This Sunday I will begin a meeting with the Bullard church which will continue through Friday night. I look forward to being with these brethren again and with Tim Grounds, their talented young preacher, for the first time. In my absence, George Bailey, well known and well loved at West Erwin, will be preaching at both services. I know you will want to hear George.

In just three weeks Jim Bill McInteer, pulpiter par excellent, will be with us for four exciting days, April 3-6. Jim Bill will be speaking six times while he is

with us, three times on Sunday and Monday through Wednesday evenings. We are expecting over 600 for worship on Sunday morning and a full house for each evening. Don't you dare miss this fabulous Springtime Happening!

Last Sunday one of our elders, Faber Cauthen, announced that the elders, following our recent all church men's meeting and the elder's careful and prayerful deliberation, wanted to place before the church plans for additional auditorium space. Since we are nearly full on Sunday mornings, we will begin using 80 padded folding chairs. The next step may be opening our chapel to the auditorium, seating 100 more. Then will come two morning worship services while we build a new auditorium. As you can see we plan to continue to build for Him in The Heart of Tyler. Be excited. Attend. Bring. Pray. Grow. Build.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

Saturday was a good day as over 500 were in attendance at the North East Louisiana Bowl in Bossier City, La. They had 365 to participate in the days activities. Representing West Erwin were Scott Carruth, Lanny Honeycutt, Steven Mabry, David Haney, Matt Pickens, Becky Blackstone, and Kimberly Sublette. It is always good for our young people to be involved in a study of God's Word. This is one of the many ways that challenge them to study their Bibles. We commend these young people for their efforts and study. May we encourage more to participate in upcoming Bible Bowls and other ways of learning about God. Keep our youth in your prayers as they have tremendous struggles today.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 13 - Middle School Devotional-
Ray and Gail Vannoy & Sandra Walters
March 18-19 - Middle School Retreat
at Camp Tyler
March 20 - Combined Devotional (High
School and Middle School)

I want to commend our young people for sitting at the front of the building Sunday along with our college age and young singles. It's great to see them setting an example for each other and their visitors. Continue to keep up the good work.

Thanks to Morris and Cathy Hallman and Jimmie and Ruth Harris for helping with the High School Devotional Sunday night. We had visitors and we are glad that you are encouraging them to come.

Bible School

9:30 A.M.



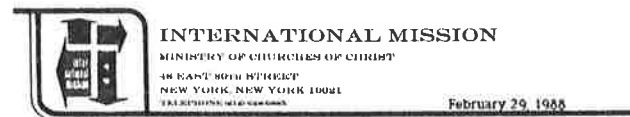
Invitation

You Are Invited To A Wedding Shower
Honoring Rhonda Boelkes
Bride Elect of Rahn Harris
Saturday Afternoon, March 12, 1988
2:00 - 3:30 P.M. Come and Go
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ
The Shower is Miscellaneous With Some Selections
at: Dillard's, Foley's, and Leewright's

Gospel Meetings

Jay Lockhart will begin a Gospel Meeting with the Bullard Church of Christ on Sunday, March 13 to continue through the 18. Weeknight services will be at 7:30. You are welcome.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola will have Eddie Cloer from the Harding School of Biblical Studies preaching, March 18-20. The time for Friday and Saturday nights is 7:30. You are invited.



Dear Brethren:

As always, it is my prayer to the Lord that His blessings be upon you, your family and your works.

We have just finished another term at the Mission. Classes went well, attendance was good in spite of very unpredictable weather.

This time, as was mentioned before, I worked with beginners. My task was to teach using the "silent way," but after the first week, I decided to switch to reading, understanding and speaking English. Brother Phillips did a great job and my students were able to understand simple English. The book of Luke was used and we covered seven chapters. As a result of this class, a criminal lawyer from Columbia has shown much interest and has expressed her desire to attend church services. A lady from Poland, whose son is a former student, presently working towards a masters degree at Columbia University, is also interested and we are making every effort to share with these people a "new" approach to Christianity based solely on the Bible. Vilka Macias, from Ecuador, is going back to her native land and having taken all the courses we offer, it will be just a matter of time for her to make a decision. The word has been planted properly to the best of our knowledge.

The Spanish speaking brethren at the Manhattan church are doing fine. Regular Sunday attendance is 65. Two Sundays ago, we ran out of chairs!! The Dominican Republic work, a by product of the Spanish group and the Mission, is also going well. Very soon we will have three men in the field.

Maya and I are doing well and we are all very appreciative of your support.

In His name,
P. Pablo Molina

Boles Home Grocery Truck

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here one day next week. A list of special needs is: Zip Lock Baggies, Toilet Tissue, Apple Juice, Canned Fruit (Fruit Cocktail, Pears, Peaches, Pineapples), Whole Pickles (Dill & Sweet). They appreciate our help and will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Happy Birthday

Part of these names should have been listed in last week's bulletin. MARCH (7) Becky McRuiz, Sue Paul (8) Casey Haws, Barbara Graves (9) Merle Lane, Ila McLemee (10) Katie Heath, John Powell (12) Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains (14) Chris Kindred, Riney Knight, Melba Moore (15) Melvin Maples, Kevin Maples (17) Carla Lemons (19) Cleo Sublette, Nerene Ingram, Denise Wilson

Jr/Sr Banquet

Each spring a Junior/Senior Banquet is provided by members of the church of Christ in Tyler. The date for the banquet is April 29 to be held at the Petroleum Club. If you would like to help financially this year, please make your check to "Youth Fund" and give it to David Lovejoy by April 8.



25 Years Ago

from The Visitor

For the week of March 14, 1963

The church was commended for the good contribution - \$2,049.43.

There is much illness in the congregation - Bible School 366.

Zone 5 met in the Smith Building. Twenty members were present to discuss the work in this area.

A Teacher Banquet was scheduled to be held in the dining room of the Alamo Plaza Cafe. Robert Bankes of Longview will be the speaker.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Beg Pardon! I inadvertently gave credit to the second grade class last week for the 100% attendance and it should be the Third Grade. My apologies. And this gives me the opportunity to highlight them again for reaching the notable goal again last Sunday. Congratulations!

The Elders have asked me to assume direction of West Erwin's Brother's Keeper Program. I am happy to do so and with thanks to the many who have worked with it previously. We will be working on revitalizing the program over the next several weeks, and no changes are anticipated to the present units. A number of our newer members have not been added to units and they will be assigned very quickly so that they can enjoy the fellowship meeting on Sunday night, March 27. I want to be as helpful in the ongoing work of this ministry as possible. You will have the opportunity to help us achieve a greater degree of success than we have previously had. Our Elders want this program to function as it was designed to do and to be a blessing to the family at West Erwin.

May I ask you to remember this work in your prayers and remember me as well as I assume responsibility for its direction. We are members of God's family by virtue of our being in Christ, and we are our brother's keeper. We need each other to help sustain our own individual spiritual growth and development. Of greater importance is the fact that those who are strong ought to be committed to help the weak. We each have weaknesses with which we need help and we have strengths by which we can help others.

Dr. Bill Jones' coming was a blessing to West Erwin members. We are thankful for the encouraging lesson he presented on Faith. The three lessons are available on audio cassette tapes. Also a video recording will be placed in our Video Library that will be available to be checked out. "Ask and ye shall receive."

Jay will be preaching in a gospel meeting at Bullard. I know you will want to find a night or so to go out next week to encourage that congregation.

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Bible Study	463	420	423
Worship/A.M.	558	567	528
Worship/P.M.	395	357	413
Wed. Eve.	254	241	238
Contributions	\$13,163.98	\$9,222.30	\$9,644.82

Weekly Budget \$11,398.89

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 9 - KEVIN WOMACK, 597-2726.

Add To Your Directory

Robert A. and Nina Jo (Jody) Hawkins, 1302 Roseland (75701), telephone 593-8796, came Sunday morning to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Midland, Texas where they attended the Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Brother Hawkins is a retired teacher.

Randy Wilson, 5100 Sweetbriar Ln., #622, (75703), telephone 561-2127. Randy formerly lived in Lubbock and Dallas. He is employed by Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Stephen Pack, Rt. 2, Box 131, Flint, Texas (75762), telephone 825-3014, came from the Glenwood congregation. He is an assistant manager with Burger King.

Congratulations

Doug and Charisse Smith are the happy parents of a baby boy born at Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday. He weighed 8 lb and 3 oz and has been named Benjamin Jerrold.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Wyndall and Carolyn Miller in the death of Wyndall's mother. Funeral services were held Thursday in Brownfield for Naomi Miller.

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 Bill and Ruby McCain

Roberta Tindall Patty Tate

SERVING SUNDAY AFTERNOON
 Lord's Supper in Nursing Home,
 March 6 - David Haney and Chris
 Honeycutt.

The Sick

The surgery for Ron Oberg's father has been postponed for two weeks because of other illness. He is hospitalized in San Antonio.

Jack and Mary Paul's daughter, Jena, had surgery in Lubbock last week.

Cheryl Johnson's husband, Ray, had surgery on Tuesday on his ankle.

Carl Sims, brother of Earnesene Shuford, is very ill in Doctor's Memorial Hospital.

Linda Marts' dad has been hospitalized in Pittsburg, Texas.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I do hope you are planning to be in town and in all services Sunday! Bill Jones, Professor of Bible at Oklahoma Christian College since 1962, will be with us all day for an in-depth study of faith. Dr. Jones, who preaches for the South Central church in Oklahoma City where he also has served as an elder since 1974, has presented this material in over 100 churches over the last ten years. We all know that faith is our fundamental response to God (Hebrews 11:6) and that faith is our way of life (2 Corinthians 5:7). However, our faith is bombarded by this world and there are struggles in faith. Bill Jones will be dealing with Faith and Doubt, Faith and Trouble, and A Faith To Live By. This Sunday will be a real faith builder. Be sure to avail yourself of the opportunity.

Our auditorium is "plum full" on Sundays! Isn't that great? Excitement is everywhere. Visitors are abundant. Responses come weekly. Let me make this suggestion to our members: Sit closer to the front and closer together to provide additional room for those who arrive later and who may be reluctant to go to the front. Keep coming, keep bringing--we are currently considering the best way to provide the room. As of this week we have 604 members.

Be Sure To Hear

Dr. Bill Jones

of

Oklahoma City

Speak on

Faith and DOUBT

This Sunday

9:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.

Ecc1.12:1a



David Lovejoy

Several of our middle school age children will be participating in the Northwest Louisiana Bible Bowl on Saturday, March 5, in Bossier City. This is being sponsored by the Airline Drive congregation. We will be leaving the building on Friday night at 5:00 p.m. and returning on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. We appreciate the members opening up their homes to allow us to spend the night. Much knowledge of the Bible and fellowship with one another will be gained from these two days.

Also, Middle School your retreat will be at Camp Tyler on March 18 and 19. Make an effort to participate in this weekend of events and bring a guest. This is an excellent opportunity to meet everyone in your age group and to be able to enjoy new friends and reach out to others. Plan to attend. More details later.

High School, on March 12 (Saturday night) Abilene Christian University will be conducting a seminar in order for you to learn more about ACU. They will present information from basic requirements to fundamental assistance. If you are interested, see me for details.

This Sunday evening (March 6) the devotional will be for High School.



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Sympathy

Jim and Nancy McCoy attended the funeral of Jim's uncle last week in Abilene. We express our sympathy to the family in their loss.

Invitation

You Are Invited To A Wedding Shower
Honoring Rhonda Boelkes
Bride Elect of Rahn Harris
Saturday Afternoon, March 12, 1988
2:00 - 3:30 P.M. Come and Go
Fellowship Hall
West Erwin Church of Christ
The Shower is Miscellaneous With Some Selections
at: Dillard's, Foley's, and Leewright's

Harding Acappella—In Kilgore

Friday night, March 11, the Harding University Acappella Chorus will be at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore. You are invited to attend. The time is 7:30 p.m.

Good Cooks

The ladies who prepared meals each Tuesday during the month of February were: Sara Powell, Rhonda Hendrix, Mary McFadden, and Opal Mathews. We appreciate their devotion to a good work.

Singles Seminar

"Singles In His Service" Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas. A brochure is posted in the South Foyer.

Ladies Day

The Northside Church of Christ in Longview has invited the ladies to attend their Ladies' Day on Saturday, March 12. The theme is "Generation to Generation." Registration is from 9:00-9:30. The program concludes at 2:15 p.m.

Meeting In Gilmer

The Gilmer Church of Christ will have Clifton Rogers in a Gospel Meeting, March 13 - 16. The time Monday through Wednesday is 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Song Fest

The Fifth Annual Song Fest will be at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, Texas on Friday evening, March 11 from 7:00 p.m. until Midnight. There will be quartets and groups of singers and congregational singing. The Eastern Hills Church is located approximately 2 miles from the square on 175 East.

Young at Heart

Young At Heart will meet on Thursday evening, March 10, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 P.M. Bring side dishes to complement the turkey and ham that will be furnished. Meet at 6:30 p.m.

New Members



Robert A. and Nina Jo (Jody) Hawkins



Stephen Pack



Randy Wilson

A Son

Keith and Tina Harris are the happy parents of a baby boy born last Friday morning in Mother Frances Hospital. He weighed 10 lb and 11 oz and has been named Dayne Wesley Harris. They are now at home.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor
For the week of March 7, 1963

About 100 copies of The Minister's Monthly was distributed among members of the congregation. A history of the West Erwin church was the featured article.

Brother Dean Brookshire returned home from a meeting in Lovington, New Mexico. Four were baptized and eleven restored.

On March 3, 1963 we had 381 present for Bible School. The contribution was \$1,087.08. Prayers were led by T. F. Holland and Jack Stringer.

Brother Brookshire's sermon title for Sunday evening was, "The Bed Too Short and the Cover Too Narrow."

Here and There

by Wes Price



We had such a good response to the little devotional guide, Power For Today, that our original order proved to be inadequate. An additional supply has been ordered and we expect to have them available in the South Foyer on Sunday. If you are not using one, may we recommend them as a useful tool for daily Bible study and prayer. We also recommend the Daily Bible Reading Schedule as a daily Bible reading guide.

To our families with children, we still have a couple of Bible story books available. We want to encourage all families with children to use this as a resource book to educate and train their children.

Congratulations to the Sunday morning Second Grade Class taught by Fran Starnes and Judy Clark. They achieved the 100% level in attendance for the past two weeks.

I'm personally looking forward to Dr. Bill Jones' visit with us this coming week. His lessons on faith will be valuable to you no matter whether you consider yourself to be of strong faith or like most of us, in need of a stronger one. Let's invite friends and acquaintances to join us for this good series.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (1) Amy Collins (2) Cindy Lemons (3) Patsy Fisher, Tyler Morris, Alla Minnis, George Stephenson (4) Melanie Goodson (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell (6) Ray Lott, Jeff Biggs, Marc Usrey and Brianne Vandiver.

Last week we did not list David Haney and Todd Hancock (birthdays on Feb. 28).

Thank You

Thank you for the visits, cards and your concern while I was hospitalized.

Ella Mae Grayson

Thank you so much for providing the meal for our devotional last Thursday evening. The food was delicious. We appreciate your being such special friends to the Tri-C!

Nancy Robinson
For the Tri-C

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Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	Feb. 21	Feb. 14	Ago
Bible Study	420	425	423
Worship/A.M.	567	524	528
Worship/P.M.	357	340	413
Wed. Eve.	241	296	238
Contributions	\$9,222.30	\$11,937.32	\$9,644.82
Weekly Budget \$11,398.89			

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 28 and Wednesday evening, March 2 - CLINTON CULPEPPER, 877-3956.

The Sick

Brother Ron Oberg's father, Rex Oberg, was scheduled to have open heart surgery on Thursday in San Antonio, Texas.

W. R. Still, brother of sister Cora Hughes had surgery Monday in UT Health Center. He received a good report.

Sister Vera Boss's son, Sam Henry, was scheduled to undergo tests on Monday. Also, her brother-in-law, Johnny Jacobs, had surgery Wednesday in Beaumont.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Cole Bennett and his family in the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Jack (Lera) Bennett. She passed away early Tuesday evening. At this writing (Wednesday morning) the funeral service is pending with the Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (28) Faber Cauthen, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewail, Sue Starnes, Ed Hunt MARCH (2) Cindy Lemons (3) George Stephenson, Patsy Fisher, Tyler Morris (4) Melanie Goodson (5) Mildred Massey, Sara Powell.

Serving Sunday

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Announcements Fred Powell
Prayer W. A. Mathews
Scripture Gary Broome
Dismiss Archie Lowry

EVENING WORSHIP

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Scripture Wes Price
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SERVING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lord's Supper in Nursing Homes,
Feb. 28 - Lowell and Jeremy Wiggains

Pray For The Lost

Songbooks

Sometimes we inadvertently take a song book home with us following the services. At the present time we have several empty spaces in the songbook racks. Please check at home to see if you have one that can be returned to the auditorium.

Jr/Sr Banquet

The Junior/Senior Banquet, provided by members of the church of Christ in Tyler, is set for the evening of April 29 at the Petroleum Club. If you would like to help financially this year, please make your check to "Youth Fund" and give it to David Lovejoy by April 8.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

Faith and DOUBT

formerly "Faith Clinic"

Sunday, March 6, 1988

We look forward to having Dr. William E. Jones as our guest speaker on Sunday, March 6, 1988. He will be presenting lessons in the auditorium at the Bible class hour and at the morning and evening worship. Brother Jones' "Faith" lessons will emphasize Faith and Doubt, Faith in Trouble, and Faith to Live By. He has presented this series in over 100 churches throughout the nation.

Let's fill our building to overflowing at each of these services. Adults, college age, and high school will meet together for Bible class in the auditorium.



Dr. William E. Jones

Dr. William E. Jones is professor of Bible at Oklahoma Christian College where he began in 1962. He has been preaching since 1949. He and his wife, Bonnie, have four children. Their only son is also a gospel preacher.

Remember also Your
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of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

Preparations are now being made for camp this summer. Facilities are being made ready and counselors lined up for the summer. Much time and effort goes into camps in order for our youth to learn more about God's Word, responsibility, and the joy of being with one another. Lasting friendships are made at camp and the anticipation of each year keeps one going back. Parents, encourage your children ages 9 through 18 to participate in camps. They are worth the cost and the rewards are everlasting.

Here are some camps that are sponsored by members of the church.
Heart of Texas, Brady, Texas
Camp Bee, Marshall, Texas
Camp Ida, Maud, Texas
Camp Deer Run, Winnsboro, Texas
Camp Letoli, Saint Jo, Texas

If you have questions about these camps, see me. I have brochures.

Thanks to James & Connie Sublette for having the Middle School devotional in their home and to Lowell and Cecille Wiggains for helping. We appreciate you.

Potpourri

The East Texas Christian Academy VICTORY DINNER and AUCTION will be held at the Ramada Hotel on So. Broadway Friday evening, March 4. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For information call John Bragg, Ray Vannoy, or Jay Lockhart.

Remember to bring Canned fruit, whole pickles (dill and sweet), apple juice, zip lock baggies and toilet tissue. These are needed items for Boles Home. Their grocery truck will be here the week of March 14-18.

Ladies, the dishes you carried to the Campus Christian Center have been returned and are in the back foyer. Also, there are many other dishes there waiting to be taken home.

Invitation

You Are Invited To A Gift Brunch
Honoring Rebecca Price
Bride Elect of Kevin Dunn
Come and Go
Home of Mrs. Stan Mallory
7208 Pinetree Place
Saturday, February 27, 1988
10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
Selections: Dillard's, Leewright's

Brother's Keepers

Sunday evening is the scheduled time for Brother's Keeper Unit meetings. You are encouraged to meet with your 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.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God."

Jude 21



Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Dell Lott and her family in the death of her father, Hermon Rhodes. Funeral services for brother Rhodes were held Sunday afternoon in Frankston, Texas.

New Members

Billie and Norene Ingram came Sunday evening to place membership with the West Erwin church family. They have visited here numerous times and we are happy to welcome them. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 2266, Chandler, Texas 75758, telephone 852-6631. They are the parents of Don Ingram.

Randall and Denise Wilson were listed recently as new members. Add their picture to your church directory.



Randall & Denise Wilson



Billie & Norene Ingram

Thank You

You have honored our daddy, Hermon Rhodes, and our family with kindness, flowers, food, and your presence at his passing. For the past 15 years you have rejoiced with us on happy occasions and wept with us on sad ones. We feel blessed to be a part of the large church at West Erwin.

With our love,
Ray and Dell Lott

Dear Brethren,

Due to job related reasons we have moved from Tyler and will no longer be able to worship with you. Thank you very much for the many kindnesses we were shown while attending worship services with you. We hope to be able to visit with you from time to time. In Christian love,
Tommy & Ginger Stewart
(The Stewarts now live in Minden, Louisiana.)

Pray For The Lost!



Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, February 28, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Joel: The Valley of Decision
(Joel 3:12-17)

6:00 P.M. Hosea: Unrequited Love
(Hosea 2:14-23)



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor

For the week of February 27, 1988

Announcements were made by C. B. Hardin, Jr., Prayer led by T. J. Parsons and closing prayer led by Harley Turner (morning worship).

The truck from Gunter scheduled to arrive on March 5. Items needed by the home were listed.

Bible class attendance was 411 and the contribution was \$1,021.75.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Thank you for your generous comments about Sunday night's sermon. I always enjoy presenting messages from God's Word, and the way you listened and responded only served to reinforce the good feeling. The addition of the Ingrams who responded Sunday evening increased our roll to 600 members. Let's give a warm and sincere welcome to Billie and Norene Ingram.

Bible lessons and sermons which have been presented by Jay Lockhart, including those on THE SEARCH, are now available in a Video Library in the church office. A list of titles is available and the video tapes may be checked out for home use. Check out procedure is on the same basis as books in our Church Library. We encourage you to use these for your own spiritual benefit.

As was indicated Sunday morning, Jay is beginning a new series of sermons based on the Old Testament Minor Prophets. If his Sunday morning sermon is an indication, we are in for another great series of sermons. We urge you to be present for all of the lessons in this series.

When you are absent from your Sunday morning Bible class, do you ever wonder if you are missed? I assure you that you are. But worse than just being missed by your teacher and other friends in the class, the greatest harm is done in what you missed with regard to your personal growth in Bible study. Of course, one of the reasons why we make a study guide available for you is that when it is necessary for you to be away, you can at least know where to spend time in personal Bible study.

If attendance at services is a barometer of spiritual activity, and we believe that it is, then we only want to suggest the obvious. Avail yourself and members of your family of these precious times together.

Love Never Fails

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Worship/P.M.	340	-	333
Wed. Eve.	296	261	253
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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 21 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 24 - WAYNE HARRISON, 839-7536.

The Sick

Jimie Philpot's mother is recovering from surgery. She is in Shreveport, La.

Fred Powell's mother, Clive Powell, is a patient in Mother Frances.

Ella Mae Grayson has been in Mother Frances, but hoped to be dismissed on Wednesday.

Ruth Bell Jones, sister of Ruby Brem & Jonnie Steffee is in Medical Center recovering from surgery.

Gary Cain's father had open heart surgery this week in Dallas.

Cora Hughes' brother, W. R. Still, is a patient in the UT Health Center.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Ruby Brem, Jonnie Steffie, and Ruth Jones in the death of their cousin, Orvice Stegall. His funeral was Tuesday in Shadygrove. He was a brother to Louis Stegall of the Shiloh Road congregation.

A Tape Correction

Recently an album of 12 selected sermons by Jay Lockhart was made available. The Neo-Theologians (lessons 1 & 2) were among these tapes. We have learned that some of the albums have Lesson 1 on both sides of the tape. If you will call the church office, we will gladly send you a tape for your album with Lessons 1 & 2 of The Neo-Theologians.

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 Dismiss John Pike

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"Well, I see my time is up!"

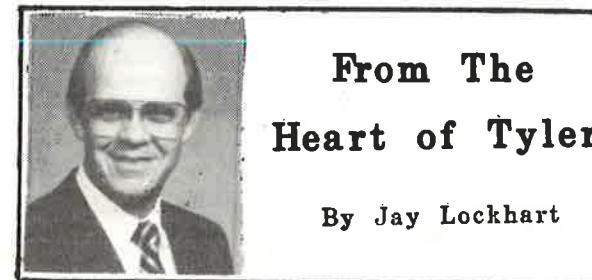
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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning"
 -Romans 15:4

Sermon Series Announced

With the series of sermons on the Epistle of I John just concluded, Jay Lockhart has announced a new series of lessons entitled THE LIVING MESSAGES OF THE MINOR PROPHETS to be presented in February, March, April, and May. The sermons, which will be delivered chronologically according to the times in which the prophets spoke include:

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|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| OBADIAH | - | The God Who Remembers |
| JOEL | - | The Valley of Decision |
| HOSEA | - | Unrequited Love |
| AMOS | - | Prepare To Meet God |
| JONAH | - | Should I Not Pity Nineveh? |
| MICAH | - | What Does The Lord Require? |
| NAHUM | - | How The Mighty Are Fallen |
| ZEPHANIAH | - | The Lord Your God Is In Your Midst |
| HABAKKUK | - | The Just Shall Live By Faith |
| HAGGAI | - | The Glory of God's House |
| ZECHARIAH | - | Return To Me |
| MALACHI | - | God's Book of Remembrance |

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

We are grateful to the many people who made the Valentine party a success. It is great that our parents are active in supporting the youth activities, and we appreciate you for always helping. There are so many activities in which you may be of help, making our youth group a place for our youth to learn about God and to have fellowship with one another. Thanks to everyone from waiters, to entertainment, to preparation of food, to decorations. Those in charge were: Linda Pickens, food; Donna Maples and Carolyn Blackstone, decorations; Les Carruth, sound for entertainment; Hillard Hughes, announcer for entertainment; and all our ladies for preparing the food.

Remember to check the bulletin board for upcoming events. By signing up we can plan for these upcoming events. High School day at Harding University is April 1 & 2 and the Middle School Retreat is March 18 & 19.

Congratulations to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders on their recent win at a Bible Bowl in which they placed second. Coming up in April will be another Bible Bowl for you at Longview. Details will come later.

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

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



Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, February 21, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Obadiah: The God Who Remembers
(Obadiah 1:1-10)

6:00 P.M. Wes Price preaching

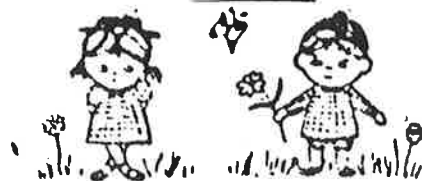


SEE YOU SUNDAY!

IN

BIBLE SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.



Boles Home Truck

The Boles Home grocery truck will be here the week of March 14-18. They will be glad to use whatever can be supplied, however, their special needs are as follows:

- Whole Pickles (dill and sweet)
- Canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapples)
- Apple juice
- Toilet tissue - zip lock baggies



25 Years Ago

Week of February 21, 1963

From The Visitor

For the week of February 21, 1963

Nancy Butler was elected to the National Honor Society at John Tyler High School.

The Glenwood congregation announced that they would soon begin construction on a new auditorium.

An announcement appeared in The Visitor indicating that the Type 3 Sabin Oral Vaccine Clinic would be held Sunday afternoon, February 24, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

Victory Dinner

The East Texas Christian Academy VICTORY DINNER and AUCTION will be held at the Ramada Hotel, 5701 So. Broadway on Friday evening, March 4, 1988. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For further information call John Bragg, Ray Vannoy, or Jay Lockhart.

Invitation

You Are Invited To A Gift Brunch
Honoring Rebecca Price
Bride Elect of Kevin Dunn
Come and Go
Home of Mrs. Stan Mallory
7208 Pinetree Place
Saturday, February 27, 1988
10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Selections: Dillard's, Leewright's

Thank You

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to those of you who sent cards, food, and offered prayers on Brady's behalf during his illness. We love and appreciate you all so much.

Wally, Laurie & Brady Dawkins

Thank you so much for the calls and cards following the injury I had at home recently.

Naomi Haden

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (21) Todd Grage (22) Gary Broome (24) Jay Lockhart, Jr., Agnes Ables (27) Jane Jones, Matt Goodson.

Campus Christian Center

The Campus Christian Center took 17 college students to the 16th Annual Campus Ministry seminar in Austin recently.

Sponsored by the University Ave. Church of Christ in Austin, the retreat featured speakers as Glen Owen, Mike Peters, Randy Fenter and Randy Maysux. The theme of the retreat was "The Cross of Christ" and the speakers and classes centered around this theme.

College students representing campus ministries in Texas and Oklahoma were at the seminar. The students stayed in the homes of the University church members.

Here and There

by Wes Price



To those families who joined us in the weekly Family Bible Study Program, let me ask a question. How is it going? Are you finding the time to get the whole family together for one special time each week to read a Bible story? I hope you are. I am confident that such an effort will not only serve to draw the family closer together and bring immediate spiritual benefits, but it will also serve to establish families more firmly in the faith.

There may be other families in our congregation who do not have their copy of this Bible Story Book and have not joined us in this fine program. If so, there are still copies of the book available in the church library. Just pick up a copy and use it. There are also copies of the Daily Bible Reading Schedule in the south foyer, as well as copies of the little devotional booklet, Power For Today. Get a copy of each and use them as a daily reminder to read and meditate on God's Word. If you have questions about this program, give me a call.

Attention all West Erwin Bus Drivers! We are in the process of updating the list of authorized drivers for our buses. Insurance coverage has been made critical by cost. If you are presently driving the mini-bus to pick up members for worship services, your name is on that approved list. Others who have driven need to verify that your name is on the list before you drive. We are not trying to limit drivers or the use of our buses, but to make sure that the church is fully protected. We also ask that before you schedule the use of one of the buses, call the church office and make reservation. This will help us avoid conflict on schedules. When the final list is compiled, we will have a copy posted in the office.

HE KNOWS,
HE LOVES,
HE CARES...

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

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Records	Sunday Feb. 7	Sunday Jan. 31	Year Ago
Bible Study	237 (snow)	424	411
Worship/A.M.	308	534	510
Worship/P.M.	-	357	346
Wed. Eve.	261	297	-
Contributions	\$7,745.88	\$11,398.89	\$8,774.46
Weekly Budget \$11,398.89			

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS Driver for Sunday, Feb. 14 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 17 - JAMES SUBLETTE, 593-3578

The Sick

Ed Bullard was in Mother Frances on Tuesday for knee surgery (day surgery).

Vivie Canter has been in Doctors Memorial. Mrs. Margaret Lucas, mother of Bobbie McCarty had eye surgery Tuesday.

Mrs. Donna Howard, daughter of Jean Oliver had surgery last Friday in the Hurst/Eules/Bedford Hospital. Her condition is good.

Henry Starnes is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests. He entered Tuesday after a fall in his home.

John and Ruby Cliver went to Houston last Sunday to be present for the surgery of a three year old grandson at Shriner's Hospital. His condition is good.

It was good that Joe Carroll was able to be in worship Sunday morning.

Naomi Haden is now back at her home following a stay with relatives after a fall.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Ronson and Patricia Griffith into the fellowship here. Their address is Rt. 6, Box 389 A, Lindale, Texas 75771. We are happy that they have moved back to the Tyler area and are again members of this church family.

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Jay Lockhart-Pulpit	
Wes Price-Associate	David Lovejoy-Youth
Harold Taylor-Mission	
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Faber Cauthen	Joe McBee
Jamon Kirby	Fred Powell
Ben Young	
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Tuesday	
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(September through May)	
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Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Freeman Morgan
 Prayer Jack Paul
 Scripture Charles Seaberry
 Dismiss Mark Morris

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Freeman Morgan
 Prayer Hillard Hughes
 Scripture Don Ingram
 Dismiss Trey Hughes

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Stan Mallory Joe McBee
 Archie Lowry Carroll Magee
 Serving From Back Foyer

Melvin Maples Darryl Hendrix
 Bob May Henry McRuiz

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Ray and Dell Lott
 Fred and Sara Powell
 Harold and Shirley Denman
 Dorris Humble Jonnie Steffee

SERVING SUNDAY AFTERNOON
 Lord's Supper in Nursing Homes
 Les and Scott Carruth

Benevolent Work

Workers in our benevolent Center in 1987 served 629 families with approximately 1,400 children. Clothing and food is involved in this local work.

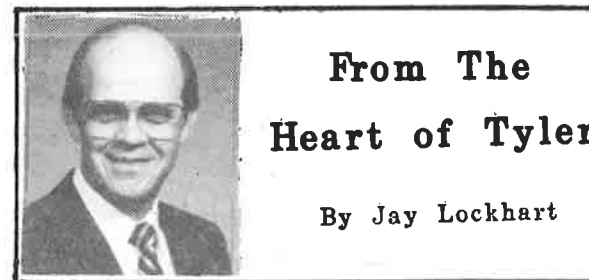
Also, from the center, 11 boxes of clothing were sent to Manuelito Children's Home. The Chimala Hospital in Tanzania, East Africa has received from the center 231 diaper shirts, 134 hospital gowns, 8 bed sheets, 12 pkg. soap pieces, 16 pkg. envelopes, 5,598 rolled bandages, 2,807 swatches, and \$856.65 in medicine.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Well, this past week was the big one! I was a real milestone. I am fifty! Why is it that I consider myself so much younger than other fifty year olds? Why do I find that those I consider "about my age" to be forty? Why does no one call me "a young preacher" anymore? And it's been a long time since anyone said, "You are going to be a pretty good preacher some day?" I don't feel fifty! Oh, I don't run very well anymore, I tire more quickly when I work in my yard, and it takes two days to recover. I guess I do feel, look, and act fifty. But, it's not too bad. Reaching fifty is really not a traumatic experience for me. I'm glad to be fifty. When I was thirty my favorite age was thirty. At forty, that was my favorite age. And now?...fifty is it! I have had fifty years of experiences...some good, some not so good, but all providing opportunities for personal growth. I hope I'm a better person, a better preacher, a better Christian now than before. Yes, I'm glad to be fifty. Thanks to so many of you who remembered. I received over 100 cards of congratulations...and a few condolences. Thank you. Along with the black balloons, the black golf ball, and the black jelly beans, I received a black button with bold white letters saying, "It's better to be over the hill than under it." I am hopeful that the years ahead will be good ones and that we all can continue to be lights shining for Him from THE HEART OF TYLER.

"Ye have not passed this way before" -Joshua 3:4

An Inspirational Men's Meeting

Last Saturday ninety-two of our men met for a breakfast and a three hour session to consider the question, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Each one was given opportunity to express his ideas, and a spirit of concern, faith, goodwill, and optimism characterized the entire proceedings. Speaking for our elders at our Sunday morning worship service, Fred Powell, thanked the men who attended, invited any of our members who were not in the meeting to present their ideas to the elders in writing, and stated that after each idea had been considered we would have a follow up meeting to formulate specific plans for the future. The major topics discussed included continued church growth and how we can best provide seating and class space for growth, television outreach, evangelism, and church edification. You will be hearing a great deal more about our meeting in the days ahead. We believe that when "we plan our work" and "work our plan," and when we plan and work by faith within the will of God, our efforts will be blessed. A special thanks to the men who prepared the breakfast, including Super Chef Wes Price, Mac McCarty, Dale Blackstone, John Steffee, Bumpy McCarty, Les Carruth, Charles Hickman, James Phillips, John Bragg, et.al.

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Many of you as high school students are already planning what vocation you desire to follow. As you plan for the future you will look for the best college or training institution that will enable you to develop your skills. Many factors will determine where you will go to get your training. Remember always to pray to God before making any decision. God loves you and cares for you and wants the best for all of us. God also has given us His word as a guideline. It tells us what he expects us to do in order to please Him. We need to be Christians and give God the glory in everything we do. Consider and do what God asks us to do and God will bless our lives richly.

Several opportunities will come up during the Spring for you as Juniors or Seniors to see what Christian colleges are all about. They can visit with you and help answer questions that you may have. One opportunity will be to hear about ACU at the Alpine congregation in Longview on March 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be a speaker and entertainment from ACU. If you are interested, please sign the sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board. **Upcoming Activities**

February 12 (Friday Night) Parents will meet at 7:30 p.m. to rehearse and make final preparations for the Valentine party. Meet in the fellowship hall.

February 13 (Saturday night) 6:00 o'clock - Valentine Party in the Fellowship Hall for Middle School and High School and their guests. Come and join us young people.

Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Ministry Programs of West Erwin Church

<u>Administration</u> - Church Office	Jay Lockhart	592-0809
<u>Worship Service</u> - Men to Serve	Phil Marts Gary Ables	561-2322 595-5710
<u>Audio Equipment</u>	Les Carruth	561-9684
<u>Video Equipment</u>	Jack Stringer Sam Bailey	592-2557 592-0983
<u>Benevolence</u>	Ray Womack	561-5227
<u>Building and Grounds</u>	Matt Haws Jay Vandiver	561-3574 592-1069
<u>Building Custodian</u>	James Phillips	597-4492
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	Leon Welborn	561-3624
<u>Campus Christian Center</u>	John Bragg Billy Terrell	534-1208 593-2630
<u>Computer Services</u>	Les Carruth	
<u>Education</u>	Wes Price	597-8034
<u>Fellowship</u>	John Steffee Wayne Harrison Dale Blackstone Roy Clark	561-15 839-7534 595-0130 597-9448
<u>Greeters</u>		
<u>Lunch Bunch</u> (Meals on Wheels)	Faber Cauthen	561-8054
<u>Missions</u>	Dannie Skipper	561-9219
<u>Building Expansion</u>	Leon Welborn Stan Mallory	581-5809 561-3259
<u>The Search</u> - TV Program	Ray Lott Jay Lockhart	
<u>Visitation</u>	Wes Price	
<u>Young At Heart</u>	Archie Lowry	849-2393
<u>Youth</u>	David Lovejoy	597-1900
<u>Brother's Keeper</u>	Stan Clark	561-1409
<u>Outreach</u>	Stan Clark	

FELLOWSHIP

We Are Getting Together

SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 14

Following the Evening Worship

Bring: Sandwiches, Chips, Dips, and Desserts
Coffee and Tea will be furnished

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Thank You

We truly appreciate all expressions of love and concern you displayed at my mother's death. Your prayers, cards, visits, music, food, and flowers all meant a lot to us and gave us strength.

In Christian love,
Alan Fisher and Family

Happy Birthday

Last week the birthdays were somehow omitted from The Visitor. Of course, printing them late won't make up for the error, but they are being listed this week.

FEBRUARY (7) Frances Phillips, Ted Wright, Ray Womack, Kaleb Womack, Meeta Clucas (8) Ira Wilson, Alan Lockett (9) Jeremy Wiggains, Arlene Lockhart (10) Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley, Bernice Andrews (11) Marisa Butler, Carolyn Welborn (12) Julie Ables, Lillian Colbert, Alice Stephenson (14) Laverne Keith, Steve Ward, Dennis Phelps (16) Lee Knight (17) Alan Fisher, Tyson Akin, Carrie Rutledge (18) Amy Knight, Todd Hancock (20) Brandon Chambless, Alma Biggs.

Sermon Subjects



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 14, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Of This I Am Sure
(I John 5:13-17)

6:00 P.M. Of This I Am Sure, (No.2)
(I John 5:17-21)



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor
For The Week of February 14, 1963

Bible class attendance was 413 and the contribution was \$1,044.25.

Willie and Fay Freeman have a new son. He has been named William Dean. Announcement was made that both Henry McRuiz and his son, Kyle, had a tonsillectomy.

In 1963 Tyler telephone numbers were listed with the prefix "Ly."

Here And There

By
Wes Price

By just about every standard by which you may measure it, the Men's Meeting on Saturday was the best we have had in many a year. 85 men registered and a head count over 90 was recorded. The breakfast was well attended, some 60 plus, and no little thanks to those who helped me prepare it. Those who helped include Mac McCarty, who prepared the delicious Blueberry muffins, John Steffee, who tickled our taste buds with home made biscuits, Dale Blackstone, Bumpy McCarty, Les Carruth, Charles Hickman and Tommy Konczak. John Bragg assisted with clean up chores after our meeting was over. The food was provided by the generosity of one of our members.

Good positive comments were provided and new ideas for service were provided. I believe many good positive results will come from constructive comments. Thanks for all who attended and took part.

The weather played havoc with our General Teacher's Meeting, so we will reschedule this for a Sunday later in the month. Let me stress that this meeting is for all of our teaching staff, whether you are presently teaching or not. With continued growth, West Erwin will be faced with some serious difficulties unless we prepare these particular areas in advance.

John Bragg is to be commended for the group of singers who helped sing at a recent funeral. Untold good can come from the beautiful singing at times like this. We are blessed with a number of good voices who are always willing to be used for this valuable ministry.

We say goodbye this week to the Farrel Whitley family. They will be moving at this week's end to work with the Cherokee Children's Home. It is very near where they lived before moving to Tyler. They will be serving as House Parents at the home. We are sorry to lose them, but we rejoice in their new work and especially for the ministry they both can perform. Our prayers go with them.

One last footnote to the Saturday Men's meeting. It is always easy to provide analysis of a congregation's programs of work. It is another matter altogether to contribute one's time and talent to any area that needs strengthened. Elsewhere in our bulletin you will find a copy of the various programs and ministries and a key person who can help you get involved in that work. If you have an interest in one of these areas, give that person a call and let them know of your interest. Your support and contributions in any one of these areas will be a good way to see that the work goes forward. I realize that one does not have to be an authority on a matter before they offer constructive suggestions, but it is a source of great encouragement when ideas and suggestions are backed up with "hands on" help.

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Weekly Budget \$11,398.89			

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 7, and Wednesday Evening, Feb. 10, MELVIN MAPLES, 597-0019.

Welcome New Members

RESTORED

Dave Hanes came Sunday asking for the prayers of the church to be restored. He lives in Flint.

Randall Wilson, Rt. 20, Box 459 A, telephone 597-2090, came Sunday to be restored.

BAPTIZED

Mrs. Randall (Denise) Wilson came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. We welcome Denise and Randall into the fellowship of the West Erwin congregation. Randall is the son of Ira and Esther Wilson.

The Sick

Joe Carroll went home on Monday.

Brady Dawkins underwent surgery last Friday evening, but went home Tuesday afternoon.

Rex Johnson had an appendectomy Sunday afternoon and went home Tuesday.

Jimmie Philpot's mother has been hospitalized in a Shreveport hospital.

Here and There (continued)

I will be teaching a course on Keeping In Step With The Spirit, a study built around the passage in Galatians 5 on the fruit of the Spirit. Any of these studies will be valuable as you work toward a greater knowledge and efficiency in your personal development and devotion to the work of the church.

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 Dennis Phelps David Lovejoy
 Charles Rachui Alfred Welch

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 John Pike Jimmy Philpot
 C. H. McCarty Melvin Maples

LORD'S SUPPER FOR NURSING HOMES
 Ray and Neil Vannoy
 GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Harold and Shirley Denman
 Ray and Dell Lott
 Fred and Sara Powell
 Jonnie Steffee * Dorris Humble

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Alan Fisher and his family in the death of his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Fisher. Funeral services were Thursday at the Flint Methodist Church.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - Feb. 7, 1988
 By Jay Lockhart

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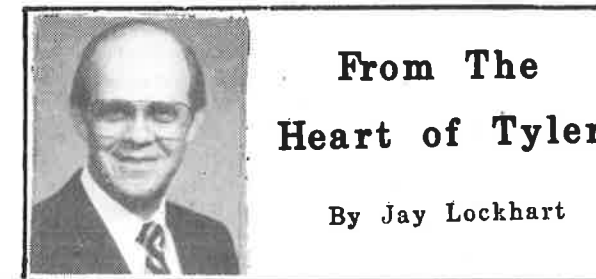
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

*"I press on..."
 ...Philippians 3:14*



From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Where Do We Go From Here?

This question is the theme of our West Erwin men's meeting on Saturday, February 6, 9:00 A.M. till noon. This meeting becomes a crucial planning session to take us into the twenty-first century! There are so many good things happening at West Erwin. The year just past was one of our very best in terms of baptisms, restorations and/or responses for prayer, and memberships. We certainly have not arrived and we have improvements to make, but there is a lot right with us. One of our newer members was recently heard to say, "This is the best place we have ever been." With the good year just past, our new budget in place, continued growth, and a full building, the question is timely

and urgent: "Where do we go from here?" This question encompasses others: What shall we do about our crowded auditorium and classrooms? What does the future hold for our television ministry? What about foreign and domestic missions? What about local outreach? How can we improve the training of our Bible teachers? What classes do we need? What programs need improvement? How can we promote our spiritual growth? What goals do we need for the last twelve years of this century? What resources are available to us in meeting these goals? Men, we need your help in answering the question, where do we go from here?

Remember also Your
Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Ecc1.12:1a

For the past few weeks Jim McCoy has been teaching our young converts in a special class on the basic fundamentals of the church. We appreciate him in being able to assist us by helping with our youth as they seek to be faithful members of the Lord's church. They will be returning to their regular classes on Sunday morning.

Several activities are listed on the Youth Bulletin Board. You need to sign up for those you wish to attend. This will enable us to plan these events accordingly.

Feb. 13 - Valentine Activity for Middle School and High School.
April 1 & 2 - Youth Forum and Spring Sing at Harding for High School.

Here is the schedule for the Youth Activities for the month of February.

February 7 - High School
Morris and Cathy Hallman
Jimmie and Ruth Harris
February 13 - Combined - Valentine
February 21 - Middle School
James and Connie Sublette
Lowell and Cecille Wiggins

You are invited to watch

THE SEARCH

8:00 o'clock

Each Sunday Morning

KLTV - Channel 7

Jay Lockhart, Minister



Be A Wednesday Nighter!

Welcome Scouts

We look forward to having members of Scout Troop 354 and their families as our guests on Sunday. This troop is sponsored by members of the church of Christ. Don McLaugherty is the Scout Master and Tollie Smith is the Assistant Scout Master. The two Junior Assistant Scout Masters are Kevin Batten and Tim Wicks. Both of these young men are Eagle Scouts. We plan for approximately seventy five (Scouts and their families) to be seated as a group in the front of the auditorium. This group will enjoy lunch together in our Fellowship Hall following the worship.



TIME ...

how much?

John Mason wrote: "As every thread of gold is valuable so is every moment of time."

Goethe said: "It is better to busy one's self about the smallest thing in the world than to treat a half hour as worthless."

The apostle Paul said: "... walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:16). Solomon admonishes: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." (Prov. 27:1).

Time—so fleeting, so valuable, so hard to always use properly. Yesterday, is time in the past, gone forever and something we cannot recall. Tomorrow, is time in the unpredictable future; it may or may not come for our use. So when you really get down to facts, today is all we have, actually just this present moment. What's it worth?

A dying Queen of England, said, "I would give all I own for just an inch of time." An unknown poet expresses the value of just one minute:

I have only just a minute -
only sixty seconds in it -
forced upon me -
can't refuse it -
didn't seek it -
didn't choose it -
but it's up to me to use it!

How are you using the time God has allotted you? Too many demands are made on us to do everything; we must choose. Use your time in putting the Kingdom of God first, which involves devotion, study, obedience, worship, helpfulness, and being ready unto every good work.

—Benny L. Stephens

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Welch, III invite you to attend the wedding of their daughter Jena Welch and Dave Anderson on Friday evening, February 12, at 7:30 o'clock at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

There are just no words adequate to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness during my recent surgery and since I've been home. It is so very comforting to have friends like you. Your prayers, visits, flowers, cards, and food meant so much.

In Christian love,
Christine Welch



SATURDAY, February 6

Men's Meeting Saturday from 9:00 until 12:00 Noon. All men are encouraged to be present. Your input is important.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart meets each second Thursday of the month. Thursday, February 11 is scheduled time for this gathering. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish supper.

ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

The Elders and Deacons are reminded of their meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 9 at 6:30 at El Charro on Fifth Street.

TEACHER'S MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 5:00 o'clock in the Chapel.



25 Years Ago

From "The Visitor" February 7, 1963

Audrey O'Bannon is scheduled to teach in a Training Series in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Adult Singing Class will meet Monday evening in room 11 at 7:30 P.M.

Virginia Keys and her husband moved to Elkhart this week. Virginia is the daughter of Sister Lillie Knight.

Here and There

by Wes Price



West Erwin men, young and old, are encouraged to be present for the Men's Business Meeting on Saturday morning. The meeting will begin at 9:00, but for those who would enjoy a delicious breakfast, join us at 8:30.

We welcome two new teachers to our Bible School. Teaching in Grade One on Wednesday evenings, Jeannie Ross. Joining Jean Oliver in the Fourth Grade on Sunday mornings, welcome Ruby Cliver. God has blessed us with new members and at the same time, given us a good number of experienced teachers. We are grateful for the willingness of these and all our staff to use their talent for the glory of God. Let's make them feel welcome. If you have children in one of these classes, take time to meet these new teachers and thank them for their willingness to serve.

In a recent Education Committee meeting, members discussed the need to spend some time trying to increase the level of attendance in all our Bible classes. Although our average attendance has grown over the past year and a half, there is still considerable room for improvement. To this end, we are asking all of our teaching staff to join us for a Teacher's Meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in the Chapel. Your comments and suggestions will be invaluable to the committee as we seek to develop a formula for sustained Bible School attendance and growth.

We had a good beginning for the year in our Brother's Keeper unit meetings on Sunday night. We hope you were able to go and enjoy the fellowship. Our thanks to those couples who extended the hospitality of their homes for these meetings.

What a joy it is to see the auditorium filled on Sunday morning and ever increasing numbers returning for Sunday night and Wednesday night. We want to especially encourage you to take advantage of the new class offerings on Wednesday nights beginning this past Wednesday night. Jay Lockhart is teaching about the Restoration Movement and its personalities. Harold Taylor will be training men and women in personal evangelism. He will be assisted by Stan Clark who will continue this work as we launch a Personal Evangelism Task Force. (continued on back page)

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Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 31 and Wednesday evening, Feb. 3 - KEITH HARRIS, 566-9216.

COMMUNION FOR NURSING HOMES - Dennis Phelps and Jason Phelps

The Sick

Brother Joe Carroll suffered a heart attack last Thursday. His condition has improved and he is now in room 446, Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ethel Parker is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister C. H. (Bobbie) McCarty was scheduled for Day Surgery on Thursday.

Sister Marjorie Davis is a patient in Community Hospital.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
 Announcements Stan Mallory
 Prayer Dick Higginbotham
 Scripture Don Slaughter
 Dismiss Jeff Hone

EVENING WORSHIP
 Announcements Stan Mallory
 Prayer Charles Seaberry
 Scripture Gary Aven
 Dismiss Charles Harris

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Dennis Phelps David Lovejoy
 Charles Rachui Alfred Welch

SERVING IN BACK FOYER
 John Pike Jimmy Philpot
 C. H. McCarty Melvin Maples

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 Forest and Mary McFadden
 David and Wanda Frick
 Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix
 Moselle Cash * Vera Boss

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to brother M. B. Beard in the death of his nephew, Barry Williams Beard.

Adult Classes

On Wednesday evening of next week, February 3rd, we will begin new adult classes. Harold Taylor will conduct a four week seminar as a follow up for our Evangelistic Task Force. The time for this class is 7:00 p.m., thirty minutes earlier than our regular Wednesday night service. The class will meet in The Heritage Room (Annex).

In Step With The Spirit will be taught by Wes Price in the Chapel and Jay Lockhart will teach in the auditorium a series on Principles and Personalities of the Restoratio Movement.

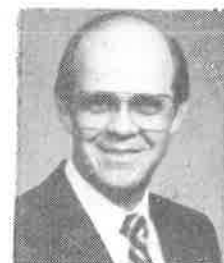
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Jay Lockhart

"Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." --Luke 7:34

Labels

One of the most unkind things we do is pin inaccurate labels on each other. It seems that some believe that everyone must have a label: liberal, conservative, legalist, sound, unsound, etc. Usually a label means whatever the one using it wants it to mean. A "liberal" may be one who is more progressive than I am; "sound" may mean one who agrees with me; and "legalist" may mean anyone more conservative than I am. Would it not be better to simply be Christians who accept the authority of Scriptures in what they teach as well as their silence, who try to be Christians as the early disciples were, and who seek to be the church of the New Testament in teaching and practice?

Now there is a theological position that is liberal and a position that is legalistic. But what is a "liberal" anyway, or a "legalist?" Theological liberalism in its rankest form is a denial of such fundamentals of the Christian faith as the creation of the world by the act of God, the inspiration of Scripture, the virgin birth of Christ, the blood atonement of Jesus, the resurrection of the body, etc. Legalism is the binding of human laws upon men. Basically, both liberalism and legalism reject the authority of Scripture as the final answer to religi-

ous questions. Liberalism is broader than Scripture, a failure to be limited by what the Bible teaches. Legalism is more narrow than Scripture, binding where God has not bound. Liberalism finds it difficult to take a stand on such questions as: How is a person saved? Is a denomination the church of the Bible? Can one know the truth? Is the plea to return to primitive Christianity valid or desirable? Is what we do in worship important? Legalism finds it difficult to distinguish between Divine revelation and human opinions, methods, and preferences. We need to remember that there is a ditch on both sides of the road of Truth. We need to stay out of the ditches of both liberalism or legalism. Nothing takes the place of Truth. The Gospel as it is is still the need of man as he is. Neither intellectual snobbery or legalistic self-righteousness can replace it. Let us, with proper attitudes and patience, respect the authority of Scripture and then teach and practice Truth. Oh yes, about those labels: let us determine liberalism and legalism by Scripture, not by whether one agrees with me, and let us be careful about pinning prejudicial labels on people.

--Jay Lockhart

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Creator in the days
of your youth.



David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

Retreats are a very special time for those who attend. Many ask at one time or another, "What is a Retreat?" A retreat is many things: getting away from your daily routine, having fellowship with each other on a personal basis, studying the Bible together, enjoying the outdoors, and having the time to concentrate on the blessings we enjoy in Christ. Retreats are great to attend and will enrich your faith in the coming year. Those attending were: Michelle Steffee, Amy O'Quinn, Cheryl Murphy, Amy Fisher, Chris Starnes, Brody Clark, Robbie Butler, Chris Oberg, Jason Phelps, and Chris Kindred. We also enjoyed having two guests. Helping with this activity were Kelly and Jeannie Ross, Dennis Phelps. Bob Utley was our guest speaker. I want to thank all who made this retreat possible.

Attention Parents of Middle School and High School.

January 29 (Friday night) at 7:30 we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to plan a Valentine activity. Bring snacks and ideas.

January 31 - Brother's Keeper.

Welcome New Members

Sunday we welcomed two young men into the fellowship of the West Erwin Church family. Richie Spencer, 6100 Holly Tree, telephone 581-1198 came Sunday. He formerly worshipped at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview. Richie is a salesman.

Gary Cain also came Sunday. His address is 2A El Cerrito, telephone 581-4059. He is employed by the Texas Highway Dept. as an Accounting Clerk. He formerly worshipped with the Troup Church of Christ.



Richie Spencer



Gary Cain

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 31, 1988

By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. You Can Be A Winner!
(I John 5:1-5)

6:00 P.M. The Three Witnesses
(I John 5:6-12)



Fellowship Planned

An all church fellowship is planned for the second Sunday in February (the 14th) in the fellowship hall following the evening worship. More details later.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (31) Pat Stokes, Charis McCoy FEBRUARY (1) Judy Phelps (2) Rozener Strait (3) Billee Usrey, Jay Lockhart, Brandon Vandiver (4) Loyd Nail, Cindy Carruth (5) Ruby Brem, Carolyn Philpot (6) Jill Hughes, Signa Stanley, Lee Ann Morris.

Thank You

We want to thank all of you so much for your thoughtfulness toward us during my recent surgery and hospital stay. Your prayers, visits, food, the beautiful flowers, and many cards helped to speed my recovery. A special word of thanks to the Chapel Class, Young at Heart, Brother's Keeper, and Ladies' Bible Class for their acts of kindness.

John and Ruby Brem

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits and many wonderful things done during my recent surgery. You are the best!

Guy Potts

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their kindness and understanding following my recent car accident. We appreciate the time spent to bring the excellent food to our house during this time. Also your cards and letters bring much encouragement.

Jerry and Mary Frick
Christy & Mandy

"Lunch Bunch" for January

Ladies who cooked during the month of December were: Ann McCoy, Chloe Clark, Alma Biggs, Odell Sessions, Roberta Tindall, and Louise Seaberry. We appreciate their good work in the preparation of food for shut-ins, elderly, or those who are ill.

Here and There

by Wes Price



Growing Faith

Faith in Jesus Christ is often painful because it asks us to grow, and to do what we don't want to do, or give up what we don't want to give up, or pay prices we don't want to pay.

The story is told of the tight-wire artist who stretched a wire across Niagara Falls, and performed before a large group of admirers. He stood there looking across at the other side and asked the audience, "How many believe that I can walk across and back?" They believed and showed their belief by cheering wildly, and he did so.

On his return, he quieted them and asked, "How many believe I can walk across and back blindfolded?" They believed; they cheered wildly. And he did so. Again, on his return, he asked, "How many believe I can push this wheelbarrow across to the other side, and return?" Again they cheered, as he pushed it across and back.

Again, quieting the crowd, he asked, "How many believe that I can push a man across in the wheelbarrow, and bring him back again?" They showed their belief again by loud cheers, until he quieted them, pointed to a person on the front row, and said, "I'll take you." That person quickly turned away. "Then, I'll take you," said the tight-wire man, pointing to another. And one by one, the wildly cheering, believing crowd went away. They all believed, but not enough to get in.

The crowd still cheers, doesn't it? We cheer in church. But how much do we believe? For

- . . . believing in him calls for decency and integrity in daily life.
- . . . believing in him calls for loyalty to the church.
- . . . believing in him calls for generosity and for giving.
- . . . believing in him means you pray, you study Scripture, and you share your faith.

In London today, there is, after all these centuries, a group called the Flat Earth Society, composed of those who still profess to believe in the earth's flatness. And scattered all among us, both in and out of the church, are those who believe but who hesitate to climb aboard - -B.C. people living in an A.D. world.

Yes, it is inconvenient to let faith take root and grow. Sometimes it is painful, but it brings ultimate joy and salvation. The road is narrow, and the way is hard, but it leads to life. And it is for you!

Douglas F. Parsons



See you in Bible School Sunday, 9:30 a.m.



BROTHER'S KEEPER Groups Meet Sunday Evening

You are encouraged to participate.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, Jan.31,1963

Prayers were led Sunday morning by Sam Bailey, M. B. Beard, and E. F. Nichols.

The zone work is the easiest and most thorough way to do the work we are trying to do. If you are having trouble getting organized, there are several men who will meet with you and help you get organized. You may contact the following men: R. C. O'Bannon, Tom Jones, K. Max Haws, or Dean Brookshire.

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	Jan. 17	Jan. 10	Ago
Bible School	457	383	415
Worship/A.M.	554	575	505
Worship/P.M.	415	385	347
Wed. Eve. (13th)	286	(Ice Storm)	243
Contributions	\$11,504.33	\$10,969.93	\$9,795.74
Weekly Budget \$11,398.89			

Minibus Driver

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 24 and Wednesday Evening, Jan. 27 - JIMMIE HARRIS, 592-9780.

Response

Devlin and Laura Carter came Sunday evening to be restored.

Singing

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be held at Bullard Church of Christ Sunday afternoon at 2:30. You are invited.

Sermon Subjects

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 24, 1988
By Jay Lockhart

10:30 A.M. Try The Spirits
(I John 4:1-6)

6:00 P.M. Confidence For The Day of Judgment:
(I John 4:7-21)



Did You Know?

Each Thursday morning you will find Jo Butler busily duplicating cassette tapes to fill requests from viewers of THE SEARCH. She has worked in this capacity since October, 1985. KLTv provides an audio tape of each lesson presented and Frances McBee types a manuscript. Jo answers requests for tapes, manuscripts, and correspondence courses. Her work has grown each week as she continues to fill an important need in our efforts to preach the gospel to the East Texas area through television.

Serving Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP
Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer K. Max Haws
Scripture John Cliver
Dismiss David Haney

EVENING WORSHIP
Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Matt Haws
Scripture Bill Meazell
Dismiss Charles Hickman

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wally Dawkins Kelly Ross
Ken Culpepper Alan Fisher

SERVING IN BACK FOYER

David Demic Walter Farrer
Tim Doss David Frick

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Charles and Bettye Sue Harris
Forest and Mary McFadden
Bumpy and Bobbie McCarty
Freeman and Billie Morgan

The Sick

Brother Guy Potts is at home following surgery Monday.

Sister John (Susan) Steffee has been hospitalized this week in Medical Center.

Sister Alfred (Christine) Welch is in Mother Frances. She had surgery Tuesday.

Happy Birthday

JANUARY (24) Foy Hodnett (25) Jimmie Harris (26) Carolyn Blackstone (28) Jimmie Estelle Brown (29) Cheryl Murphy (30) H.M. Minnis, Dwight Leek, Johnnie Stringer



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From The Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Looking Ahead

February will bring to us two special events. One will be the coming of Harold Taylor to conduct a four week seminar as a follow up for our Evangelistic Task Force. Evangelism is our work. While everyone contributes to this work according to his abilities and opportunities, there are some of us who will always be on the cutting edge of this work. There are those who because of their talents, their personalities, and their motivation want to be better trained for the work of evangelism. The seminar with Harold is for this group of people. Because Harold can be with us for only four weeks, these sessions will begin at 7:00 P.M., thirty minutes earlier than our regular Wednesday evening services. Arrangements will be made for caring for small

children from 7:00 until class time. More later on this.

Two other adult classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning in February. Wes Price will teach in the Chapel on In Step With The Spirit and I will teach in the auditorium a series on Principles and Personalities of the Restoration Movement.

Also in February: On February 6, from 9:00 until 12:00 we will have an all church men's meeting. After one of our finest years in 1987, we want to probe the question: where do we go from here? We need your input, men. Plan to attend! Breakfast will be served at 8:30.

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David Lovejoy

Eccl.12:1a

People are interesting with our different personalities, talents, goals, and the many ways in which we are motivated. Many look for some one to put all of this into place for us, and that person becomes a leader that directs us to a specific goal. Such a one is the quarterback who keeps the football team motivated on the field, the drum major who keeps the band in step and the captain of the basketball team who makes the calls on the court. They keep the team motivated to the task of winning the game or doing the very best they can do.

We need leaders to keep us motivated, to do a good job, to have meaning to our lives. Most important of all is the need for leaders in our spiritual lives. We need leaders in our Bible classes and in our youth group. They can motivate and encourage us to read our Bibles daily, to participate in youth activities and, most of all, to be faithful to God. Have you thought about being a leader?

Not all can be leaders. We also need people to follow and get behind leaders. Let's get involved in doing the Lord's work and we will be blessed for it. Remember all leaders in our prayers especially our elders and deacons as they lead us in the Lord's church to be faithful to God, to teach others about God, and to serve to the best of our ability giving God the praise and glory.

SPECIAL NOTE

January 22-23, High School retreat at Sky Ranch with Bob Utley. Leave from building at 4:30 p.m.

January 29, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, parents of MS and HS plan a Valentine Activity. Bring snacks and your ideas.

From The Elders

The year 1987 was a good year for the West Erwin family. The Lord has abundantly blessed us. We are thankful for those who were baptized into Christ and for those Christians moving into the area and joining our efforts for the Cause of Christ.

We have grown numerically, spiritually, in love for each other, financially, and in knowledge of the Word of God.

We believe we have a workable budget that is a challenge to each of us.

All of the men of West Erwin are encouraged to be present Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall to help plan the future growth of the West Erwin church. It is important that we have an input from each of you.

We would like for each of you to keep in mind the words of the apostle Paul to the Ephesians as found in Ephesians 6:10-17.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 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. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God..."

May the Lord richly bless each of you as we work together this year. May we continue to pray for the lost in our community and seek ways to reach them.

We are expecting great things to happen and we will work toward that. For all that is accomplished, the Lord will receive the praise.

World Bible School

WBS is a wonderful way to teach people the gospel who desire to know the will of Christ. Many of our folks are involved in this work. Milburn Cook has over 100 students. He received word last week that one of his students has been baptized. Isn't that great. You can be involved in this worthwhile effort to teach. See Bill Paschall.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful red carnations you sent to Foy's brother's funeral and for everyone who sent cards. It is truly comforting to know that our friends are near by in our time of sorrow. You are deeply appreciated.

Foy and Mary Richey

Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Kenneth Bennett.

Your thoughtfulness to us in our time of loss meant a lot to the boys and to me.

Alma Bennett

Thank you for the use of the church's facilities for training for our AARP Training Sessions. It takes a lot of time and effort to prepare for these sessions and we are most appreciative for all you did for us.

Stan Wilson, Regional Director

Potpourri

MEN'S MEETING

There will be a meeting of all men of the West Erwin church on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Fellowship Hall.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Sister Ethel Parker has not moved. She continues to be a resident of the Tysen House, room 211.

MONDAY DEVOTIONAL

There is a brief devotional each Monday morning at 7:00 o'clock in the Chapel. Everyone is invited.



25 Years Ago

From The Visitor, Jan. 17, 1963

Brother E. V. Rushing is teaching the Men's Training Class on Wednesday evenings and sister Modena Jones is teaching a class of young women.

Jensy McDonald, daughter of Penny McDonald was baptized Sunday.

The Boles Home Bel Canto Chorus will present a program on Sunday afternoon in Palestine at the Queen and DeBard Church.

The back page of The Visitor contained an article of appreciation to the congregation from the elders concerning the good year of 1962. Appreciation was expressed to teachers, those who gave liberally, visited the sick, provided food, etc. Special appreciation was expressed to brother James Massey for many years of taking care of the physical property of the church.

Here and There

by Wes Price



We believe that Sunday was a significant day in the history of West Erwin. In a simple way we have attempted to help families accomplish what God has given them responsibility for originally, the instructing of their children in His word. Several months ago our Education Committee prepared a plan to provide encouragement to parents in accomplishing this goal. For the benefit of those who were not present and who would like to participate in this new effort, we want to outline the program.

The church is making available to each family a copy of Egermier's Bible Story book with the request that they set aside one night each week to read to their children. This is especially for families with children ages birth through fifth grade, although others with older children may also have a copy. In addition we have printed a special copy of a Daily Bible Reading Schedule that you may have. Also, the little devotional booklet, "Power For Today," will be available as soon as copies arrive.

The simple purpose of this plan is to reaffirm the scriptures instruction to parents to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Our Bible school will still provide strong support in its teaching effort but undoubtedly the help of parents will improve its effectiveness.

We also want to encourage all West Erwin members to find more time for studying God's Word in addition to that of our Bible school. Copies of the Daily Bible Reading Schedule and "Power For Today" will be placed in our foyers and you may take a copy of each.

Let me underscore that this new program is a simple beginning to greater Bible study in the home. We hope that all our families will view it as an open door and enlarge upon it as they see the need. If you have any questions concerning this new effort, please give me a call.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon in Alabama for the sister-in-law of sister Fred Strait. We express sympathy to the family.