

| Records | Sunday Dec.15 | Sunday Dec.8 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 367 | 377 | 419 |
| Worship A.M. | 510 | 509 | 495 |
| Worship P.M. | 308 | 280 | 350 |
| Wed. P.M. | 211 | 227 | 218 |
| Contribution | \$123,684.54 | \$10,729.93 | \$11,454.86 |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 22, Mark Waggonner, ph. 581-3719. No Services Wed., Dec. 25.

PRAYER AND CARE

John Portwood had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. He is in room 371.

Lester Blackstone, grandfather of Dale Blackstone, is in ICU in Gilmer Hospital. He suffered a heart attack.

L. W. MacFall is scheduled for eye surgery on Thursday.

Kathleen Carroll has moved to Briarcliff Nursing Center.

Edna Hodnett was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Monday.

Amy Harrison was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday.

Tim Harris, father of Keith and brother to Charles and Jimmie, is undergoing treatment for multiple melanoma.

Continue to remember these and other relatives and friends of our family who remain in hospitals and are receiving treatment and those of our family who are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SYMPATHY

We express our love and sincere sympathy to Eleanor Birdwell in the loss of her husband, Cone Birdwell. Cone and Eleanor were members at West Erwin for many years. Funeral services were held on Monday of this week.

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Roy Bench
Scripture Gary Cain
Dismiss Harold Browning

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Mark Cauthen
Scripture Scott Epperson
Dismiss Walter Farrer

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Gary Aven Bob Bryant
Gary Broome Scott Carruth
Milburn Cook Clinton Culpepper
Harold Denman Jeremy Epperson

Presiding at the Lord's table

Fred Powell

GREETERS

John & Ruby Cliver
Lester & Nancy Warburton
Ben & Patsy Young

Greetings from Augsburg

Dear Friends,

It was such a thrill for Christel and me to be with you again and to experience your hospitality and your love. We will remember our visit with you for many years to come. We pray that God will bless you and your endeavor for His kingdom.

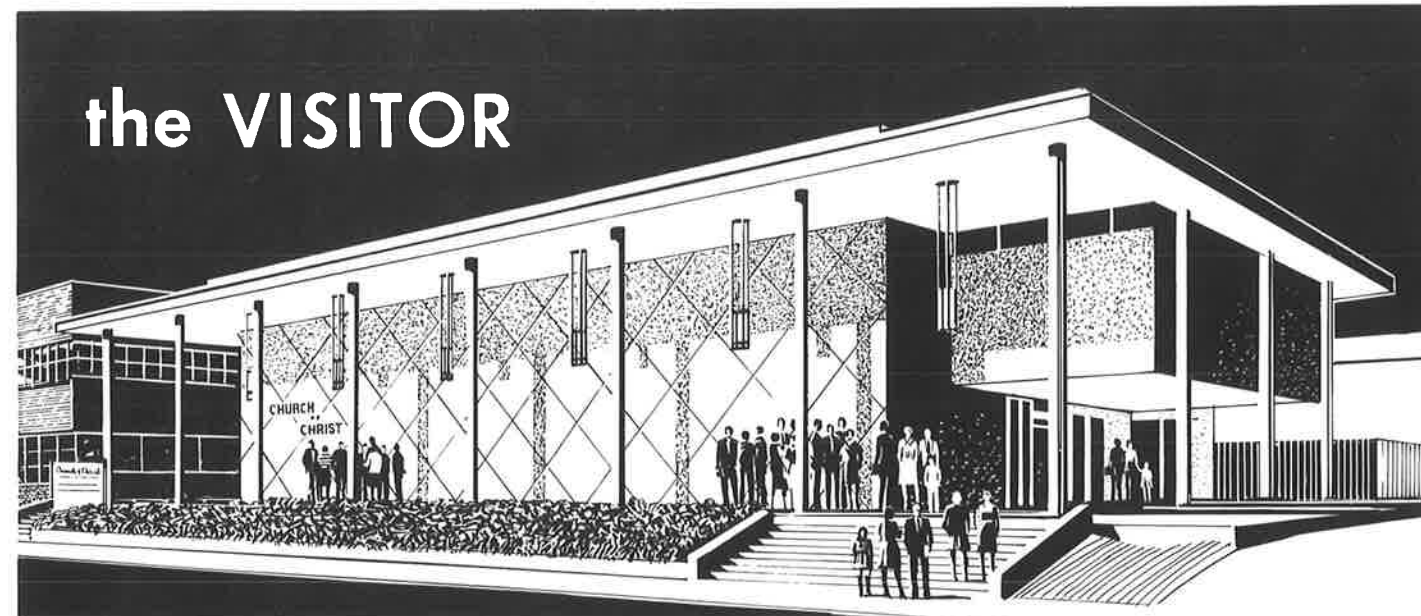
In Christ,
Rudolf & Christel

Year-End Singing

This year the "Year End Singing" will be a Year Beginning Singing at the Glenwood church building Wednesday, January 1, at 7:00 p.m. We will not have services at West Erwin and we encourage all who can to enjoy the fellowship of all the congregations at that time.


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| | Ira Wilson |
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

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Last Sunday the West Erwin church gave the largest special contribution in its 106 year history! The final total was \$123,684.54. Such a bountiful gift was truly an outpouring of your love for the Lord and each other.


We thank God for His rich blessing that made such a contribution possible. We thank each of you for your prayers, your liberality and your sacrifice. May the Lord continue to bless this church as we all continue to love and serve Him in the "Heart of Tyler".

Your Elders

Season's Greetings

Best Wishes

For Happiness throughout the New Year



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. Disillusioned With God
(Psalm 88:1-9)
P.M. A Faithful Teacher (3)
(II Timothy 4:1-5)

**Youth
Notes**
by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to all of you who made this Christmas so special. Thank you for the wonderful gift from the "Gang". Lisa and I are always thankful of how special you are. Thank you for an even greater gift, the opportunity of working with such fantastic teens. We Love You and look forward to our future together.

Thanks to Les & Carolyn Carruth and Greg & Cyndie Wagner for helping with the party last Saturday. Thanks also to Frances Broome, Connie Sublette and Gail Vannoy for helping with food. It was a really fun evening together.

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Marc & Dana Tate for having the Family Activity Center open last Sunday night.

Thanks to James Sublette and Bob Bryant for teaching classes in the past few weeks. Thanks to Scott Carruth for teaching last Sunday. Great job Scott!

*** Thought for the Day:**

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

I Thessalonians 2:13

If we believe, then God's Word will be at work in our lives.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Come and help bring in the new year together with us. All middle and high school students and their friends are invited to celebrate the evening together. Mark your calendar and don't miss this one.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Dec. 27-30 Ray Maxwell Family Here
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 12 Shopping Trip to Dallas
- Jan. 24-26 Servant-Leader Retreat

YES, We plan to attend

HOMECOMING - '92
at the West Erwin Church of Christ
January 26, 1992

The number (including yourself)
staying for lunch _____
Signed _____

HISTORY AND MEMORIES...

Among the membership of this congregation, present and past, is the added blessing of families of several generations as reflected in the following letter from Sally Rasco Paden. We are most grateful for the kind remarks and letters concerning the history of the West Erwin Church, "From The Heart of Tyler".

Nelda Browning

Dear Nelda,

My parents, Edwin and Kathleen Rasco, just sent Harold and me the History of the West Erwin Church of Christ. What a "sentimental journey" for me back in time!

I have always considered West Erwin special because I was born there, baptized and nurtured there until I was 13 when West Erwin began the Glenwood church. Mother took me to the Heritage Room (at West Erwin) in May and I enjoyed so much seeing the old furniture, etc. on display. We went to the Benevolent Center and saw the painting from the baptistry. What sweet memories. Another joy was to see the photographs of my grandfather, daddy, and uncle Aubrey (Arnold) as well as dear brother Mathis, Rushing, Haws, and others.

The history was written so well. You did a great job, and I, for one, am very grateful to you for undertaking the task. The conversational style makes it top quality. I enjoyed especially the paragraph about my father and the part about Cline and Jo Paden, my brother and sister-in-law. It would be interesting to know how many missionaries West Erwin produced beside me (7 years in Italy with Harold and also 12 years in Northern New Mexico). I noted the paragraphs about Charles and Brenda Lindsey and their working with us here in this mission field, and Jo Cathy Paden.

Please tell Sue Starnes, the best Bible school teacher I ever had, that the cover of the book is lovely.

Thanks again for a book I will always cherish.

Sally Rasco Paden
Santa Fe, NM

FROM THE HEART OF TYLER

A History of the West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas
1885 - 1991

By Nelda Browning

I would like to order _____ books at \$7.00 each.

Name _____

Address _____

(checks payable to West Erwin Church of Christ)

Responses



We are happy to have a picture this week of Margaret Rhodes who was baptized recently by Danny Snell. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Stansbury.

Brooke Cauthen, daughter of Mike and Vickie Cauthen, was baptized by her grandfather, Fletcher Cauthen, last Sunday while they were in Houston to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the Fletcher Cauthens. We rejoice with Brooke and her family in this decision.

Betty Jo Barajas came Sunday requesting the prayers of her church family. We appreciate her request and shall continue in prayer in her behalf.

Christmas Banquet

The second annual Christmas Banquet, sponsored by the Young Couples Class taught by Jay Lockhart, Jr., was a huge success. Much work went into the preparation. The attendance was good, the food delicious, the program was great and a good time was had by all.

No Visitor Next Week

The Visitor, in keeping with our mailing permit regulations, will not be printed next week.



Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Rachel Roanne Albright

to
Jerry Olin Huff
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Huff
on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December
Nineteen hundred and ninety-one
at two o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

**Spotlight
on
Education**



Dewey Howard

It is so good when the people of God spend time together in fun and fellowship. Thanks to the Young Couples Class for putting on such a wonderful Christmas banquet for West Erwin. And special thanks to Jay and Stacey Lockhart for organizing it.

Wednesday night schedule:

- December 25 Christmas - spend a special evening with your families
- January 1 Year-end city-wide singing at Glenwood

Twenty-One Ways to Improve West Erwin:

1. Smile when you come to church.
2. Sit by someone who would enjoy or needs your company.
3. Call your Bible class teacher and discuss a point made in class.
4. Encourage a young person.
5. Write a letter to a missionary.
6. Take an older Christian out to lunch.
7. Get to know a fellow Christian that you do not know well.
8. Find a job that needs to be done and volunteer to do it.
9. Come fifteen minutes early and greet someone.
10. Take special interest in a child.
11. Pat the youth leader on the back.
12. Have an open Bible in class and during the sermon.
13. Suggest a special song to the song leader.
14. Mention something that the preacher is doing right.
15. Plan a get-together for your class group.
16. Forgive an injustice done to you.
17. Send a get well card or a special note.
18. Tell a fellow member that you appreciate him/her.
19. Sing with special enthusiasm.
20. Bring a friend with you.
21. Pray and give thanks for the mighty deeds God is doing through His family.

| RECORDS | Sunday Dec.8 | Sunday Dec.1 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 377 | 367 | 409 |
| Worship A.M. | 509 | 465 | 507 |
| Worship P.M. | 280 | 290 | 350 |
| Wed. P.M. | 227 | 126 | 217 |
| Contribution | \$10,729.93 | \$10,554.52 | \$42,488.75 |
| Building Fund | \$338.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 15, and Wed. P.M., Dec. 18, Melvin Maples, ph. 849-3747.

Prayer and Care

Phyllis Rachui was admitted to Mother Frances Hospital Tuesday evening.

Kathleen Carroll is a patient in room 591, Mother Frances Hospital.

Edna Hodnett had gallbladder surgery on Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. She is in room 384.

Walter Billings, father of Jerry Konczak, was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday.

Joe Lemmons, Marian Rowe's brother, is hospitalized in Brownwood, Texas.

Amy Harrison is scheduled for surgery on Friday, December 13.

Joyce Albright, Leanne Knight's mother, had surgery last week in Lafayette, Indiana.

Vickie Bagley, Shirley Denman's sister-in-law, got a good report from her bone marrow transplant.

Continue to remember these and other relatives and friends of our family who remain in hospitals and are receiving treatment and those of our family who are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Tony Adams
Scripture Jimmy Armstrong
Dismiss Sam Bailey

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Bob Ragon
Scripture Mike Cauthen
Dismiss Dan Cullinan

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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Presiding at the Lord's table

Delbert Nelson

GREETERS

Faber and Kathryn Cauthen
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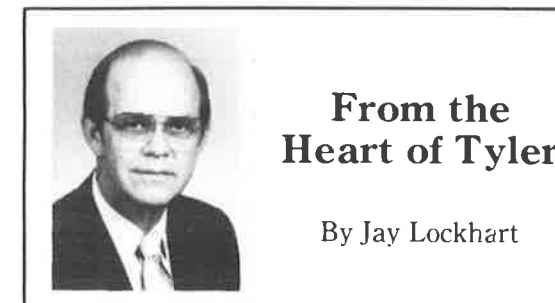
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Life becomes right when...

*Resentment becomes understanding;
Fear becomes trust;
Selfishness becomes love;
Dissatisfaction becomes truth;
Taking becomes serving.*

via Fairfield, IL



**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1991

A.M. Cain And His Brother Abel
(Genesis 4:3-8)

P.M. The Faithful Teacher (No.2)
(II Timothy 4:1-5)

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All Churched Out

Moe and Simon were talking. "Did you see that game Sunday? Never saw anything like it! Two overtimes. I was glued to the TV for three and a half hours. What a game! I missed the first two minutes though. By the time I got out of church, ate at the cafeteria, and got home the game had already started. Looks like we could hold the worship services to an hour so we wouldn't miss a single moment of the game -- ten until eleven would be plenty. Next week I'll be watching a double-header. Hope nobody calls or comes by Sunday afternoon. I'll be in front of the TV for six straight hours. What's that you say? Will I be in church Sunday night? Are you kidding? I spend all morning in church and I'm all churched out by Sunday night" Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Maxwells To Visit

Ray Maxwell, our man in West Point, Nebraska, his wife Linda, and their four children, will be visiting with us from Friday, December 27, to Monday, December 30. They will be staying at the Residence Inn while in Tyler and Ray will be giving a report concerning the work in West Point on Sunday evening, December 29. We welcome the Maxwells.

Thoughts For Today

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

"We must not only give what we have; we must also give what we are."

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

"Setbacks pave the way for comebacks."

**Youth
Notes**
by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to the teachers in the Timothy and Tabitha classes for doing such a fantastic job in leading our young people to greater service. Marc & Dana Tate, Steve Linscomb and Laurie Dawkins deserve a special commendation for a job well done. Last Sunday night, this group went to the church in Whitehouse and conducted their services. I heard it was Great!

*** Thought for the Day:**

The writer of Proverbs said:
"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow'-- when you now have it with you."

Proverbs 3:27-28

As we walk through life, let us always remember to do good to those around us. It is always right to do what's right.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday Dec. 14 is the date for our annual Youth Christmas party. You need to bring a wrapped \$3.00 gag gift. Bring a friend and enjoy this great time together. We will start at 6:30 and end around 10:00. It will be at our home in Whitehouse. The address is 205 Pin Oak. Call if you need instructions.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 14 Youth Christmas Party
Dec. 27-30 Ray Maxwell Family Here
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party



Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett
request the honour of your presence
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son of

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on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December

Nineteen hundred and ninety-one

at two o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

The Search Each Sunday
KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.
KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.
Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



HOMECOMING - 91

We are hopeful that all our members and as many of our former members as possible will be present on January 26 for Homecoming '92. We do need to know how many will be with us for dinner that day, so we will be printing a reservation form in our bulletin for all non-West Erwin members who will be our guests that day. Please send that form to us as soon as possible.

YES, we plan to attend

HOMECOMING - '92
at West Erwin Church of Christ
January 26, 1992

The number (including yourself) staying for lunch _____ Signed _____

ONE DAY AT A TIME

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders. All the money in the world can not bring back yesterday. The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow also is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds. But it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is as yet unborn. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful days, Yesterday and Tomorrow, that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives you mad. It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow will bring. Let us, therefore, journey but one day at a time.

**Special Contribution
Sunday, December 15**

To reduce the permanent financing required for the new auditorium.

To provide additional classroom space.

**Spotlight
on
Education**

Dewey Howard

Now that each member of my family has been sick with something, I hope we can remain healthy for a while. I really appreciate so many of you who filled in for me in various ways while I was down over the past couple of weeks.

Wednesday night schedule:

- December 18 Last class of present series
- December 25 Christmas - spend a special evening with your families
- January 1 Year-end city-wide singing at Glenwood
- January 8 New Wednesday adult electives begin

In January we will begin a whole new series of study in our adult Bible classes. There are flyers available at the doors to describe these to you. We need you involved in our class groups, just as much as you need these times of fellowship and Bible study. Don't miss out on the opportunities we have to learn and grow together at West Erwin.

Our Timothy Class boys went down to the Whitehouse church last Sunday night to conduct their evening worship assembly. From what I heard, these young men did an outstanding job. Thanks to all of the adults who accompanied them to Whitehouse. Let's keep encouraging our young men and women to grow up strong in the Lord.

"GREAT WORDS OF THE BIBLE"

- December 15 Meekness
- 22 Lord
- 29 Fellowship

"I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees."

Psalm 119:10-12

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|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 367 | 394 | 413 |
| Worship A.M. | 465 | 512 | 529 |
| Worship P.M. | 290 | 355 | 354 |
| Wed. P.M. | 126 | 216 | 245 |
| Contribution | \$10,554.52 | \$10,569.48 | \$12,417.84 |
| Building Fund | \$655.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 8, and Wed. P.M., Dec. 11, Gary Broome, ph. 592-2289.

Prayer and Care

Dub Mathews was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Monday.

Jack Garner had eye surgery on Tuesday.

Earl O'Quinn is recuperating from a knee injury he received on Thanksgiving day.

Amy Harrison is scheduled for surgery December 13.

There are many relatives and friends of our family who remain in hospitals and are receiving treatment. Continue to remember these and those of our family who are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Prayer Service

Remember the prayer service on December 14 from 9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. for the West Erwin family and our services on December 15.

**PRAY FOR AND PLAN FOR -
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
Sunday, December 15, 1991**



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Scripture Jeff Konczak
Dismiss Wayne Harrison

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements James Sublette
Prayer David Haney
Scripture Jeremy Wiggains
Dismiss Matt Haws

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

K. Max Haws Joe McBee
Earl O'Quinn Doug McKee
Heath Adams Neil Vannoy
Grant Knight Lowell Wiggains

GREETERS

Faber and Kathryn Cauthen
Ray and Carolyn Womack

Thank You

Just a note to say thanks ever so much for your prayers, visits, and cards since my surgery. A special thanks to the ladies who cook on Tuesdays and to Faber Cauthen.

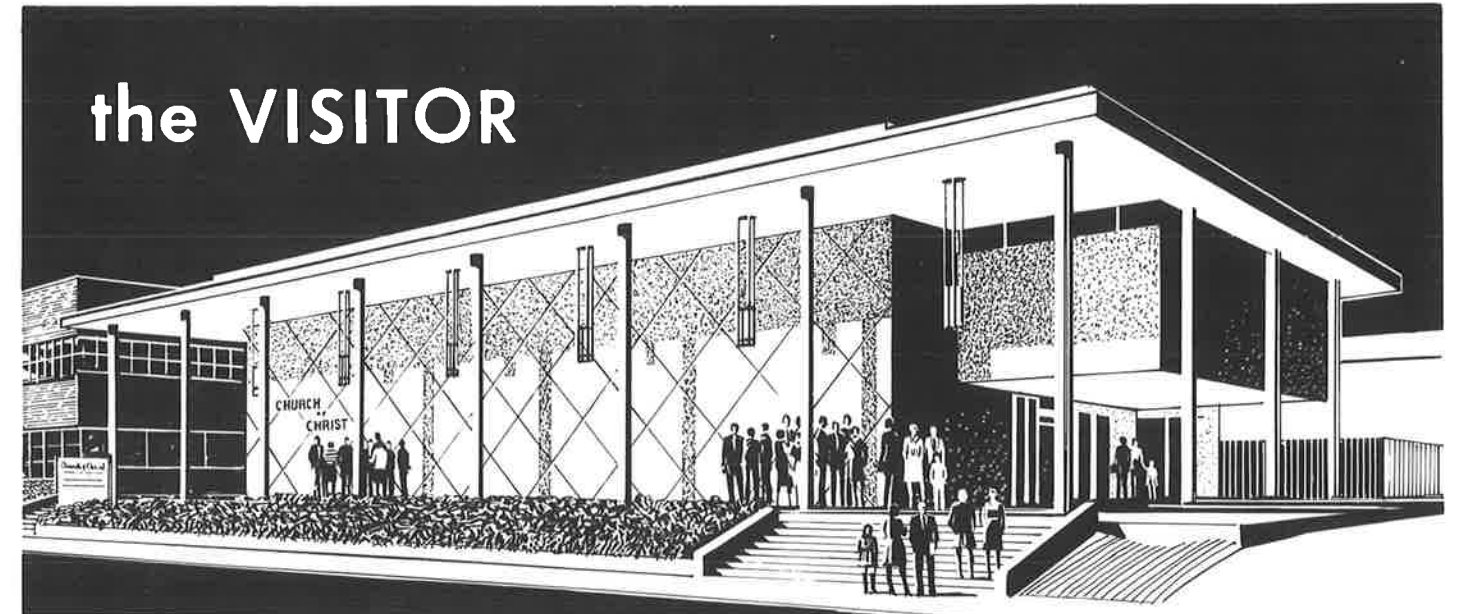
God Bless!
Leon Santos

If you have borrowed tables and/or chairs from the Fellowship Hall, please return them as soon as possible as they are needed for the Christmas Banquet.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. Knowledge And Discernment
(Philippians 1:9-11)
P.M. A Faithful Teacher
(II Timothy 4:1-5)

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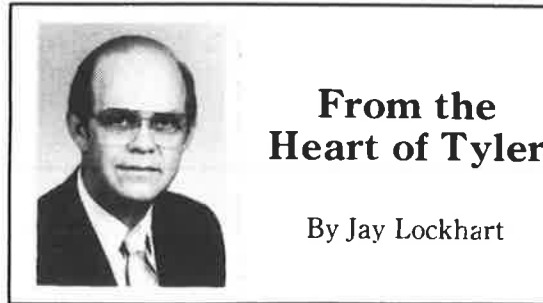
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

January 26 Is The Day!

We can announce it now! January 26, 1992 is the day we will move into our new auditorium and we are designating this day as Homecoming - 92. We are hopeful that all of our members, and as many of our former members as possible, will be present on that day. We are planning for a full morning of worship and praise from 9:00 to 11:15 followed by lunch in the Center and an afternoon service at 12:45 with dismissal for the day at 1:30. Three preachers who have long standing connections with West Erwin will be participating in this special day: Ferman Carpenter, who preaches for the church in Seagoville and is the son of the Ferman Carpenters; Mike Biggs, who preaches in Van and is the son of the late Jeff and our Alma Biggs; and Mike Warner, the preacher for the Shiloh church in Tyler, who grew up at West Erwin. We do need to

know how many will be with us for our dinner that day, so we will be printing a reservation form in our bulletin each week for all non-West Erwin members who will be our guests on January 26. Please send that form to us as soon as possible.

Other Dates To Remember

December 11 - On this Wednesday evening we will be having a prayer meeting which will be emphasizing our Special Year-End Contribution for the building fund.

December 14 - There will be people gathering in our chapel each hour on Saturday evening from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. for prayer in regard to our special contribution.

December 15 - Special Contribution!

**Youth
Notes**
by
Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to **Scott & Donna Epperson** for hosting the combined devo this past Sunday. The mind games were tough for some of us. That's the way to use our heads.

*** Thought for the Day:**

And Jesus said, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:20-23

Let us also pray and work for Unity.

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All middle and high school students are invited to go out and eat together this coming Sunday night after the evening assembly. Bring \$5.00 and a friend as we all fellowship together. We will be finished at 9:00.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday Dec. 14 is the date for our annual Youth Christmas party. You need to bring a wrapped \$3.00 gag gift. Bring a friend and enjoy this great time together. We will start at 6:30 and end around 10:00.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 8 Combined Activity
Dec. 14 Youth Christmas Party

Glynn Starnes Resigns As Deacon

Glynn Starnes has submitted his resignation as one of our deacons to the West Erwin elders. Glynn served the church in this capacity for ten years and has always been ready to serve in any way he has been called upon. Glynn and Fran will continue to use their talents for the Lord as they work with the West Erwin church. We appreciate the good work they have done, and will do, as this church enters a new era of service from the Heart of Tyler.



VIDEO OUTREACH

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Video Bible Outreach in Twin Falls, Idaho, where we send sermons by Jay Lockhart on a regular basis. They share these tapes with small churches in mission areas to be used in classes and worship. We are grateful for the opportunity to help in this ministry.

Today is a good day! The postman brought a letter and a returned video cassette from Cut-Bank, Montana. This little congregation is beginning to grow. Two new Christian families are moving to the area soon and Bible studies are going on in the community. Plans are going forth to locate a public place to meet. Good response to the Jay Lockhart lessons. Almost three years ago a young couple (schoolteachers) and a little baby beginning a new family and a new career a long way from the security they knew in New Mexico, found their balance after the shock of learning that the nearest church home was more than a hundred miles away. This couple was determined, not only for their own spiritual growth, but that they would be founding a new church family in that part of Montana.

Could we say there is potential for establishing other organized Churches of Christ in the North-West? The video medium can be a direct link between the isolated have-not brethren and those of us who have so much to offer. We believe that Video Bible Outreach can be a tool, a go-between serving hand in hand with congregations who have video ministries. God has blessed us richly with yoke-fellows, some say a good word and pass it on, some lend us sermons from their video ministry, some pray in our behalf. Please convey our love and gratitude to the congregation, especially the leadership, for West Erwin's support in such a special way these past months. We prayerfully look forward to a fruitful 1992.



NEW ADDRESS

John D. and Ruby Brem have moved to Southview Nursing Center, room 17-B, 3505 Old Jacksonville Road. They would appreciate your visits.

BENEVOLENT REPORT

For the months of October and November 1,260 people were served from our Benevolent Building. Approximately \$6,125 in clothing was distributed and \$144.25 in food was dispensed. Forty-one Bibles (Spanish and English) were given to those who requested them.

"Deeds of kindness is love in working clothes." - Selected

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home Grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 9 - 13. Present needs are: CHOCOLATE CHIPS & PECANS, DRY CEREAL, PANCAKE SYRUP, BLACK PEPPER, BRUSHES AND COMBS, HAND LOTION, GARBAGE BAGS. They will be glad to use whatever can be supplied. Also, if you can supply baby food jars, ribbon, lace scraps, any size or shape buttons, old jewelry, beads, cord, small chains to be used for craft classes. Your willingness to help is appreciated.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will be going to Natchitoches, Louisiana on December 12 to see the Christmas lights. This will take the place of the regular monthly meeting. Check with Billie Bob Hickman at 561-1289 if you have not made your reservations yet. You won't want to miss out on this trip!

YES, we plan to attend

HOMEcoming - '92
at West Erwin Church of Christ
January 26, 1992

The number (including yourself) staying for lunch _____

Signed _____

**Spotlight
on
Education**



Dewey Howard

Guest Editorial...

You Preach First

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you.

...You preach a message of good cheer when you say, "Good morning!" to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway and classroom.

...You preach a message of "Welcome! We have room for you!" when you slide over in the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

...You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service.

...You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together.

...You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively while the preacher is speaking.

...You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors.

...You preach a message about faith when you give your offering.

...You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you bring your Bible.

Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received.

Come each Sunday morning prepared to preach your sermon.

.. Copied ..

| Records | Sunday Nov.24 | Sunday Nov.17 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 394 | 344 | 386 |
| Worship A.M. | 512 | 496 | 512 |
| Worship P.M. | 355 | 372 | 317 |
| Wed. P.M. | 216 | 224 | 204 |
| Contribution | \$10,569.48 | \$11,619.18 | \$10,919.10 |
| Building Fund | \$502.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 1, and Wed. P.M., Dec. 4, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

We have much to be thankful for in that we have no one in our church family hospitalized at this writing. Continue to remember those in our family and friends and relatives of our family who are ill, at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The Young Married's class will be hosting the Christmas Banquet on December 13. Sweet Sue's will cater the dinner and entertainment will be provided by members at West Erwin. Cost will be \$9.00 per person. If you have not signed up yet, please do so by this Sunday, December 1. You won't want to miss this fun time together.

FROM THE HEART OF TYLER

*A History of the West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas
1885 - 1991
By Nelda Browning*

I would like to order _____ books at \$7.00 each.

Name _____

Address _____

(checks payable to West Erwin Church of Christ)

Serving Sunday

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Steve Linscomb
Scripture Bobby Perry
Dismiss Jason O'Quinn

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Edgar Bullard
Scripture Brody Clark
Dismiss Lester Warburton

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

K. Max Haws Joe McBee
Earl O'Quinn Doug McKee
Heath Adams Neil Vannoy
Grant Knight Lowell Wiggains

GREETERS

Paul and Signa Stanley
Robert and Pat Stokes
James and Connie Sublette

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, visits and cards. Your love and concern shown to me over the past several months is really appreciated. A special thanks to James Phillips and Alan Fisher for building up my chair making it easier for me to get up out of it.

In Christian love,
Fred Strait

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. How Then Should We Live?
(Ephesians 5:15-21)
P.M. Disciples
(II Corinthians 3:1-11,18)

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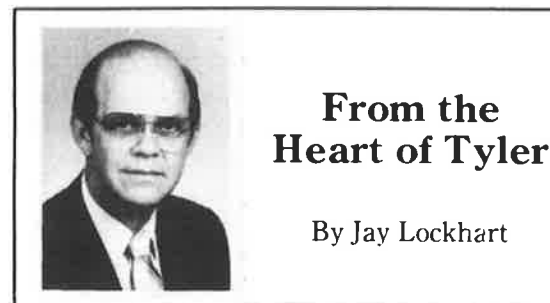
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

There Is No God?

(Jim Bishop, popular author of 21 books, including "The Day Christ Died," who died in 1987 wrote the following column in the 1960's. It first appeared in the Miami Herald and was condensed and reprinted in the Reader's Digest. In a time when secular Humanism has invaded our government and schools and when many highly educated people affirm quite confidently that atheism is the correct point of view, it is appropriate to ask some simple questions -- JPL).

There is no God. All of the wonders around us are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand-billion stars. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get the seasons. Without the magnetic poles man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there.

How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Why does snow sit on mountaintops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink? A very lovely accident.

The human heart will beat for 70 or 80 years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood, and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other?

Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to all other animals?

Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes and ears and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life?

There is no God?

**Youth
Notes**
by
Danny Snell



Responsibility was the theme for our middle school retreat this past weekend at Timberline Camp. There were 43 kids from 6 Tyler area churches present for an unforgettable weekend. Teens, remember this, "Wrong is always wrong and Right is always right." Thanks to Frances Broome, Larry & Sandra Henry and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

Thanks to Wayne & Lynn Harrison and Delbert & Sandra Nelson for hosting the high school activity this past Sunday. The BBQ and Win, Lose or Draw was great.

Congratulations to all the young men from the Timothy class who participated in the evening assembly this past Sunday. They are: Christopher Bobbitt, Casey Haws, Adam Goodson, Garrett Sublette, Josh Hone, Matt Tate, Jimmy Farabee, Rusty Bryant, Casey Culpepper, Clay McDonald and Wesley Wagner. You guys did a great job! Thanks to those adults who have worked with them: Marc Tate, Steve Linscomb, Scott Carruth, Gary Ables and Scott Epperson.

*** Thought for the Day:**

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land."

Psalms 95:1-5

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All middle and high school students are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after the evening assembly. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 1 Combined Activity
Dec. 14 Youth Christmas Party



SECRET SANTA SHOP



East Texas Christian Academy would like to invite the children of the West Erwin church to the annual Secret Santa Shop to be held on Friday evening, December 6, from 6:00 to 9:00, and Saturday morning, December 7, from 9:00 to 12:00. For further information check the poster in the north foyer or pick up a brochure on the table near the office. If you have any questions please call Dana Tate at 593-2776.





ATTITUDE

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes."

- Charles Swindoll

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The Young at Heart group will be going to Natchitoches, Louisiana on December 12 to see the Christmas lights. They will be leaving from the church building at 8:00 A.M. and returning about 11:30 P.M. If you would like to go, please call Billie Bob Hickman at 561-1289.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet on December 4 and 11, then will be dismissed until January 8, 1992.

DINING OUT?

Remember that throughout the rest of this year Wyatt's Cafeteria will give the church 10% of what you spend. Just ask for a "church receipt" and turn it in to the church office.

**PLAN AHEAD...
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
Sunday, December 15, 1991**



I WILL DO MORE

- I will do more than belong -- I will participate.
- I will do more than care -- I will help.
- I will do more than believe -- I will practice.
- I will do more than be fair -- I will be kind.
- I will do more than forgive -- I will work.
- I will do more than earn -- I will enrich.
- I will do more than teach -- I will inspire.
- I will do more than give -- I will serve.
- I will do more than live -- I will grow.
- I will do more than be friendly -- I will be a friend.

-- William Arthur Ward

**Spotlight
on
Education**



Dewey Howard

If you missed Sunday night's devotional by the Timothy class boys, you missed a truly uplifting event. The young men did a tremendous job leading songs, reading scriptures, wording prayers, and giving talks. And let's not forget our young ladies. Our Tabitha class girls gave a charming tea for some of our women. Keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to grow up in the Lord.

At the risk of leaving out some others, I failed to mention last week Scott Carruth, Scott Epperson, and Gary Ables who have helped in training the Timothy class boys.

Have you heard the parable of the wise and foolish coffee makers? There was once an education minister who announced that there would be coffee and orange juice on Sunday morning in the fellowship hall before Bible study began. Only he forgot to plan ahead and make sure that there was coffee available to make. We will try again this Sunday to have a time of fellowship and visiting from 8:30 to 9:00 before class begins. Come and begin your Sunday in this wonderful way!

TEACHERS - TEACHERS - TEACHERS and those who would like to teach. Remember to complete and return your teacher questionnaire to me or to the church office as soon as possible. These will help me and our coordinators better know our teachers and in what classes you would most like to work.

"GREAT WORDS OF THE BIBLE"

| | |
|------------|----------------------|
| December 1 | Righteousness |
| 8 | Sanctification |
| 15 | Special Goals Sunday |
| 22 | Lord |
| 29 | Fellowship |

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard. . . .For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

Psalm 133

| Records | Sunday Nov. 17 | Sunday Nov. 10 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 344 | 354 | 610 |
| Worship A.M. | 496 | 452 | 700 |
| Worship P.M. | 372 | 344 | 537 |
| Wed. P.M. | 224 | 231 | 243 |
| Contribution | \$11,619.18 | \$11,557.14 | \$11,214.53 |
| Building Fund | \$439.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 24, and Wed. P.M., Nov. 27, John Cliver, ph. 593-5075.

Attendance is not for the building of records but for the building of Christians.

Prayer and Care

L.H. Mathews, brother of Dub Mathews, suffered a heart attack last week in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Monroe Mayer, Jim Mayer's dad, had surgery on Monday in Victoria, Texas. His condition is serious. The family has requested our prayers.

Frank Aven is scheduled to have tubes put in his ears on Thursday at Tyler Square.

Continue to remember Leon Santos, Joe Lemmons (Marian Rowe's brother), Belle Sloan (Jean Oliver's sister), Vickie Bagley (Shirley Denman's sister-in-law), and Ruth Reid (Margie Hunt's sister) during their time of illness. There are others in our church family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes. Remember them in prayer and care.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Family of God
(I Timothy 3:14-15)

P.M. The boys from our Timothy Class will conduct the service (James 1:22)

Serving Sunday

Announcements Dr. Roger Knight
Prayer George Daugherty
Scripture Scott Epperson
Dismiss Walter Farrer

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Dr. Roger Knight
Prayer Ken Culpepper
Scripture Jeremy Epperson
Dismiss Alan Fisher

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

David Daughtry Wally Dawkins
David Demic Harold Denman
David Frick Mark Gregory
Casey Culpepper Josh Hone

GREETERS

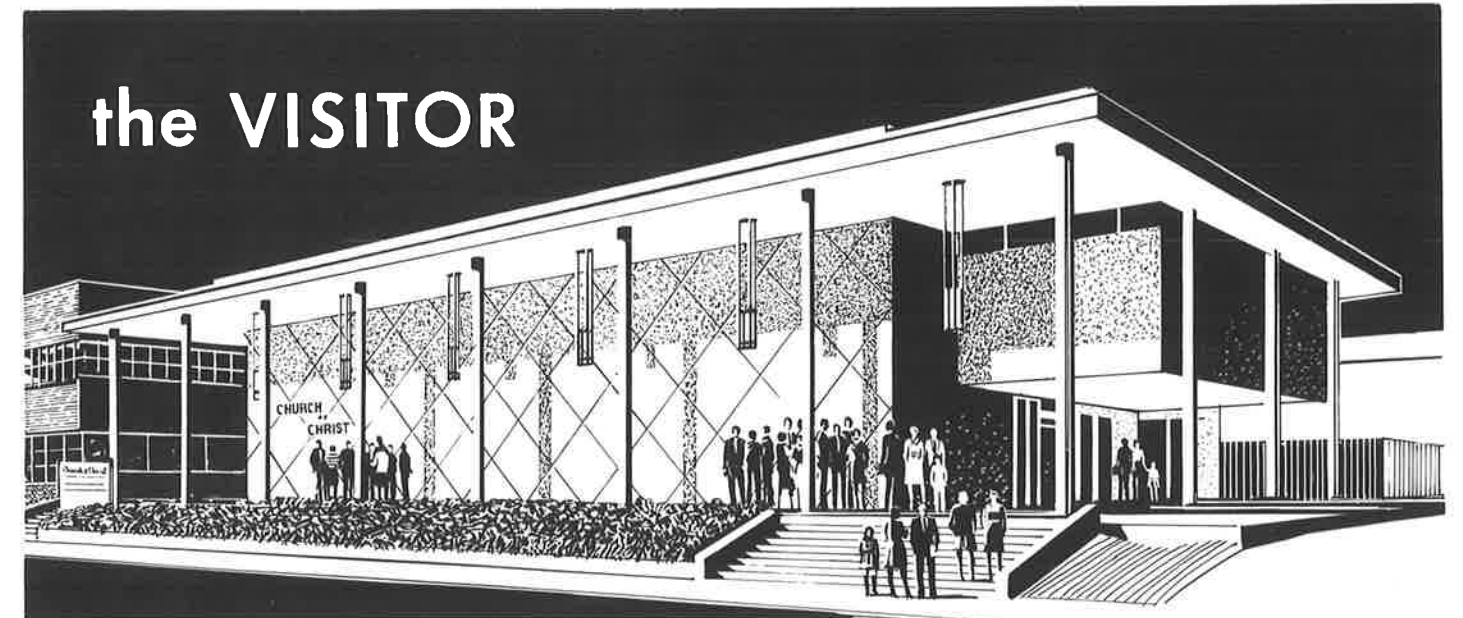
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 "YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT
 HATH BEEN SAID, THOU
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 AND HATE THINE ENEMY.
 BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, LOVE
 YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS THEM
 THAT CURSE YOU, DO GOOD
 TO THEM THAT HATE YOU,
 AND PRAY FOR THEM WHICH
 DESPITEFULLY USE YOU, AND
 PERSECUTE YOU."
 --Matt. 5:43,44

YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE

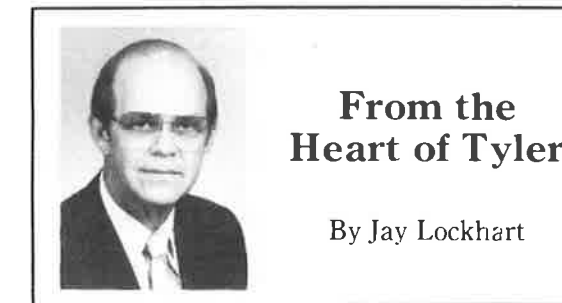
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

One Nation Under God Update

The last 4.7 million brochures in the One Nation Under God Campaign were mailed to New York State October 18. Since July 1, when the Campaign began, there have been over 170,000 responses to the nationwide mail-out. Over 300 conversions, as a result of the brochure mail-out and associated efforts conducted by local congregations, have been reported.

Holiday Schedule

On Wednesday evening, November 27, we will have a Thanksgiving devotional in our auditorium. On December 25, our elders are suggesting we spend the evening with our families. On January 1, we are all invited to the year-end singing at Glenwood at 7:00 p.m.

Eastern Europe

Last year when the Berlin Wall came tumbling down signifying the end of the more than forty year era of the Iron Curtain, Christians from across the U.S. made special contributions to send people, Bibles, and religious literature into Eastern Europe. West Erwin gave \$10,552.00 to this special effort and we designated a portion of our contribution for Scott and Lisa Owings who were working with Eastern European Mission in Vienna, Austria. The Owings have just completed three and a half years of work in Vienna where Scott produced a European edition of the World Bible School course. Under his direction, over 30,000 courses in various languages were distributed. As a follow-up on WBS students, the Owings initiated and helped coordinate English Using the Bible campaigns which proved to be effective tools for Bible teaching. The curriculum for the 30 lessons in the course was written by Scott and Lisa and was used in several cities as well as in the Soviet Union. The Owings have now returned to the States and Scott is serving as Missionary in Residence at Harding University.

**Youth
Notes
by
Danny Snell**



Thanks to Tommy & Donna Lowrance and Greg & Cyndie Wagner for hosting the Middle School Devo this past Sunday night. We had a great time together singing and playing one giant game of spoons.

Thanks also to Terry & Chad Frick, Keith Harris, Kelly Ross and Mark Tate for helping with the moving job last Saturday. You guys are great!

*** Thought for the Day:**

John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come,

or should we expect someone else?" When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Luke 10:18-23

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All who signed up to go on the Middle School retreat this weekend need to be at the building at 5:30 on Friday. Be sure to bring appropriate clothing for the weather and your sleeping stuff. We will be returning Saturday at 4:45.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All high school students are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after the evening assembly. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat
Nov. 24 High School Activity

Welcome New Member

We are happy to welcome Bob Ragon into the the West Erwin church family. His address is Route 22, Box 247, Tyler 75704, phone 592-9909. He is a gospel preacher and has worked for some time as a missionary.



Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, flowers and candy. It was so good to see and hear from each of you. Old friends grow dearer as years go by! My surgery was a success.

With our love,
Ray and Dell Lott

Dear Church Family;

How can we ever express how much we appreciate the prayers, your concern and love shown to us these past two months? All we can say is "God Bless You" and we love you.

Frank and Ruth Crosser

Thank you for expressing your love and concern for our family with the lavender gladiolas and carnations in a beautiful spray arrangement.

Love,
The Edith Jones Family
(Ruth & Frank Crosser)

WYATT'S WILL CONTRIBUTE

Beginning September 1 and continuing throughout December, each time you eat at Wyatt's, they will make a contribution of 10% of the value of all meals purchased by our congregation. Each time you eat at Wyatt's ask for a "church" receipt. Turn these in to the church office and once a month these will be mailed to Wyatt's and they will contribute 10% of the total amount.

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THE SEARCH

Tapes Used in Saudi Arabia

This Sunday, Jim and Sue Barnett will be visiting in Tyler while they are on leave from Saudi Arabia where Jim flies planes for King Fahd. The Barnetts use our SEARCH tapes to teach English to Greek sailors on King Fahd's ship and to teach people in a non-denominational group made up of people from literally all over the world. West Erwin goes all the way to Saudi Arabia! Meet Jim and Sue this Sunday!

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**Spotlight
on
Education**

Dewey Howard

PUNCTUALITY. . . . Schools and coaches demand it. One better not be habitually late for the job if he/she wishes to stay employed. Try showing up ten minutes late for an airline flight. Why, then, would a Christian be late for class and worship? What are we teaching our children?

4th and Elm bulletin -- Sweetwater, TX

FROM 8:30 TO 9:00 EVERY SUNDAY MORNING we invite all of you to join us in the fellowship hall for a delightful time of fellowship and visiting before our Bible study begins. We will serve coffee and orange juice for anyone who would like to take part. Let's use this time to encourage one another and to start out our Sundays in a splendid way.

The Timothy and Tabitha classes on Sunday evenings have been a very beneficial time for some of our boys and girls. **Marc and Dana Tate, Laurie Dawkins, and Steve Linscomb** are to be commended for leading these classes. This Sunday the boys will conduct our evening worship assembly for us. Make it a point to be present and to participate with them.

Thanksgiving is less than a week away. And most of us in this country will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate our blessings. Remember to give God thanks first. Next Wednesday night we will do just that. All classes will meet in the auditorium for a special devotional time to express our thanks to God. Join the rest of us with your family to sing and give praise to God.

The Sunday morning ladies class taught by Sue Starnes and Bernice Majors will have a Christmas dinner together in the home of Bernice Majors on Sunday, December 8, after the morning assembly. If you are in this class group, be sure and mark this occasion on your calendar.

"GREAT WORDS OF THE BIBLE"

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| November 24 | Covenant |
| December 1 | Righteousness |
| 8 | Sanctification |
| 15 | Meekness |
| 22 | Heavenly Places |
| 29 | Fellowship |

| Records | Sunday Nov.10 | Sunday Nov.3 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 354 | 373 | 383 |
| Worship A.M. | 452 | 502 | 484 |
| Worship P.M. | 344 | 367 | 345 |
| Wed. P.M. | 231 | 277 | 226 |
| Contribution | \$11,567.14 | \$11,494.11 | \$12,576.42 |
| Building Fund | \$534.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 17, and Wed. P.M., Nov. 20, Ray Womack, ph. 561-5227.

Prayer and Care

Foy Hodnett expects to be dismissed from Mother Frances on Wednesday.

Vicki Bagley, sister-in-law to Shirley Denman, remains in critical condition at M.D. Anderson in Houston.

Belle Sloan, Jean Oliver's sister, has been moved to the Rehab Center, 4th floor at Medical Center Hospital.

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Jim and Mary Mullicane, friends of Ken and Cathy Culpepper, have requested our prayers in regard to pregnancy complications she is experiencing.

Ruth Reid, sister of Margie Hunt, is seriously ill in Andrews, Texas.

Pray for Joe Lemmons, brother of Marian Rowe, as he begins further treatment following brain surgery at M.D. Anderson.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
 A.M. The Father Seeks True Worshippers
 (John 4:23-24)
 P.M. Building Bridges to the Bereaved #5
 (Psalm 121:1-8)

Serving Sunday

Announcements Ira Wilson
 Prayer Edgar Bullard
 Scripture Clinton Culpepper
 Dismiss Brian Daughtry

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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 Prayer Dan Cullinan
 Scripture Bobby Perry
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David Daughtry Wally Dawkins
 David Demic Harold Denman
 David Frick Mark Gregory
 Casey Culpepper Josh Hone

GREETERS

Henry and Becky McRuiz
 Bill and Ruth Mezell
 Charles and Phyllis Rachui

Thank You

Dear Christian family,
 I was sitting on my knees, holding my physical sister's hand, as Roberta Tindall and Odell Sessions came to see about us ... and I knew how much my spiritual sisters meant to me. I know others of you came, and I was not there. I thank you.

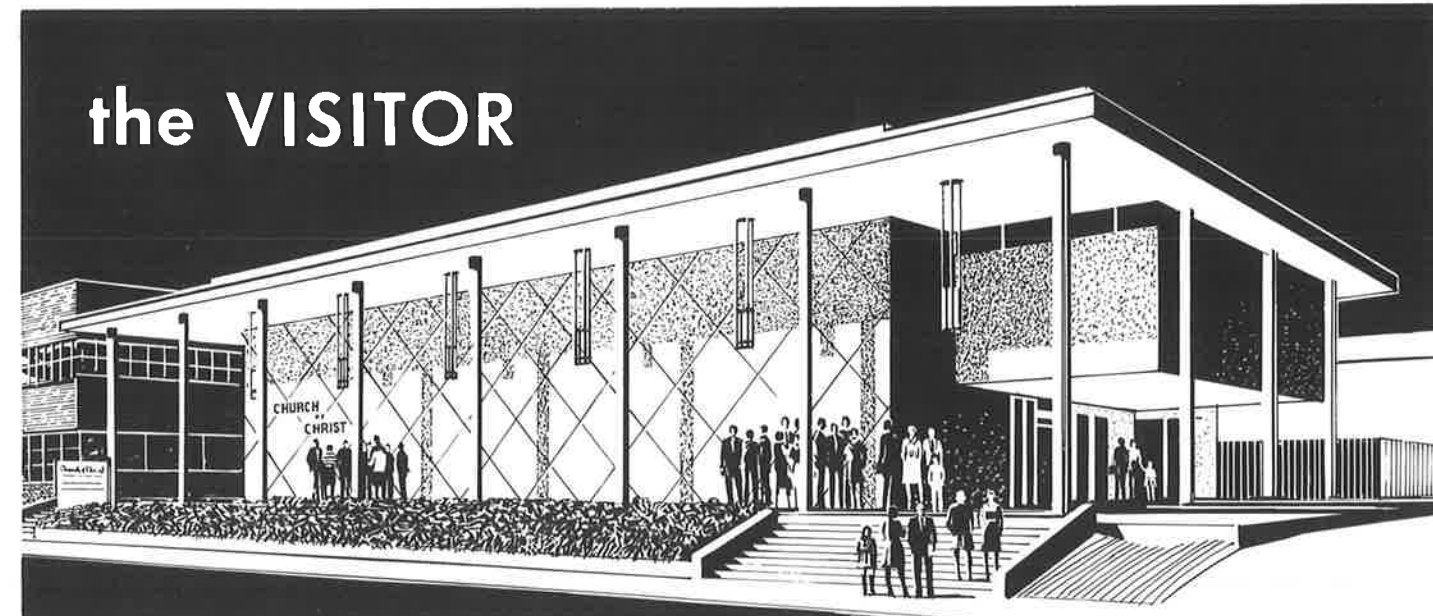
She is now in the "Physical Therapy" section for up to 8 weeks. Thank you for prayers and visits.

Jean Oliver



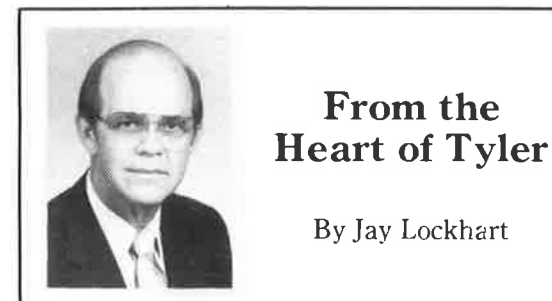
Bible Classes
 Sunday - 9:00 A.M.
 We ♥ Visitors!

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"His delight is in the law of the Lord" -
 Psalm 1:2

Were You In Bible Class Last Sunday?

The late Ira North said it over and over again: "As goes the Bible school, so goes the church." And he was right! The Madison, Tennessee church, where Ira North preached for so many years, was and is living proof of what happens when a church places great emphasis upon Bible school -- it is perhaps the largest church in our brotherhood and has one of the largest Bible schools in the world. Churches that grow and serve and reach out into their community and the world are made up of people who are seriously into a study of God's Word and into fellowship with each other -- opportunities provided in part by Bible classes. But someone may be heard to say, "I don't like what we are studying," or "I really don't care for my teacher," or "I don't feel welcome in that class." Now granted, we need the best materials possible for study; the best trained and prepared teachers we can have;

and we should make every effort to make every person in our classes feel welcome and wanted. However, there is a basic flaw in the above mentioned reasoning, a flaw often found in regard to Bible classes as well as worship assemblies. That flaw is this: many think the purpose of classes and worship is primarily to receive. I deny that premise and affirm the primary purpose of both classes and worship is to give. In worship we are to give praise to God, give remembrance to Jesus Christ, and give encouragement to each other (see Hebrews 10:19-25). In classes we should give excitement about studying God's Word, give participation to the discussion, and give encouragement to the teacher and the class members. Whether in Bible classes or worship, if we give what we should we will receive what we need. Be in Bible classes and worship this Sunday!

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**Youth
Notes**
by
Danny Snell



Thanks to Amy Pickens and Lisa Snell for helping with the high school activity this past Sunday.

It was great to hear Rudolf Rischer this past Wednesday night. The work that has gone on in Germany in the past years has been monumental to the Lord's church. With dedicated men like Rudolf, the church will continue to grow all over the world.

*** Thought for the Day:**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Attention all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students, November 22 & 23 is the date for our retreat. All of the churches from Tyler will be participating in this unforgettable weekend. Kenny Shaver from the Duncanville church will be our resource person and he is really a great guy. This is going to be one of the best retreats ever, so don't miss out on it. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please sign up on the list by Sunday Nov. 17.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All middle schoolers are reminded of the activity planned this Sunday night after the evening assembly. Plan to come and be a part of this time together.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Nov. 17 Middle School Activity
Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat
Nov. 24 High School Activity

Welcome, New Members!



We are happy to have a picture this week of Fred and Adele Mumford so that all might know who they are. They live at 5 Diamond Head Bay in Frankston, Texas, phone (903) 876-4365. They came to us from the Watters Road church in Pasadena, Texas and recently made known their wish to be a part of the West Erwin family.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The young married's class will be hosting the Christmas Banquet on December 13. Sweet Sue's will cater the dinner and entertainment will be provided by members at West Erwin. Cost will be \$9.00 per person. If you are interested in helping with the entertainment, please contact Jay Lockhart, Jr. or Kelly Ross. Mark your calendar now! You won't want to miss this fun time together.

Coming to Palestine and Whitehouse

November 17th
THE SWEET EXPRESSIONS
from Austin
Whitehouse Church of Christ
2PM
Crockett Rd. Church of Christ
in Palestine - 6PM

This twelve member acapella chorus teaches God's Word through song for churches in Texas and beyond. Come and bring a friend and be a part of the fellowship with one or both of these congregations.

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I would like to order _____ books at \$7.00 each.

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Wedding Invitation

Together with our parents
Mr. and Mrs. Ronney Oberg
and

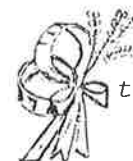
Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas Kuhn
we invite you to be with us
as we begin our new life together
on Saturday, November twenty-third
nineteen hundred and ninety-one
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Colonial Hills Baptist Church

7330 South Broadway
Tyler, Texas

If you are unable to attend
we ask your presence
in thought and prayer
Lynda Cheryee' Oberg
and

Jeffrey Thomas Kuhn
Reception following ceremony

Shower Invitation



You're invited
to a bridal shower
honoring
Rachel Albright
bride-elect of
Jerry Huff

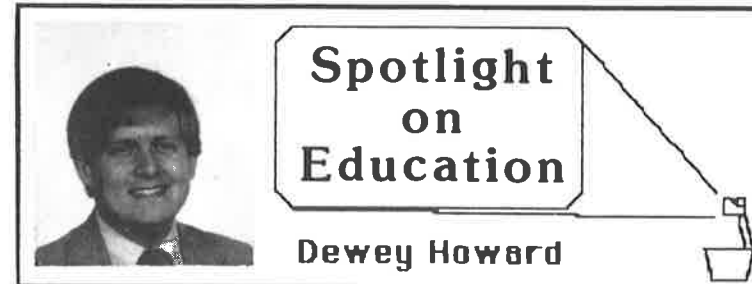
Sunday, November 17, 1991
2:30 - 4:00
at the home of
Carolyn Womack
1608 Yosemite

Selections: Dillard's and Foley's
Ladies, please consider this your
personal invitation.

Before It's Too Late

If you have a tender message,
Or a loving word to say,
Do not wait till you forget it,
But whisper it today;
The tender word unspoken,
The letter never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent—
For these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait;
So show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

—Frank Herbert Sweet



GREAT WORDS OF THE BIBLE is the topic that we are studying in our Sunday morning adult classes for the next few weeks. Each week we will be taking a close look at a number of words that are foundational to our faith and life in Christ. A special thanks goes to Jay Lockhart who is developing the study material for our teachers. A schedule for our classes appears below. Use your concordances, topical Bibles, and other study aids to prepare yourself for each week of study.

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| November 17 | Mercy |
| 24 | Covenant |
| December 1 | Righteousness |
| 8 | Sanctification |
| 15 | Meekness |
| 22 | Heavenly Places |
| 29 | Fellowship |

I had a good meeting with the education committee last Sunday. We made a good start on a number of things that we need to be doing in our education ministry. We will have three groups who will be working with me in our program of work.

* A planning team will work to improve every aspect of the ministry. They will be organizing special events, teacher training opportunities, and other activities to help all of us at West Erwin.

* Our coordinators will work to enrich our Bible classes. They will be teacher-helpers recruiting, supporting, assisting and equipping the top-quality teaching staff who serve us at West Erwin.

* A curriculum supervisory team will work to enhance and improve the curriculum materials that we use at West Erwin. They will help to insure that we have the best to offer our learners in each of our classes.

In the next few weeks we will be selecting persons to serve in these capacities, and I will be sharing their names with you.

Please pray for each of these groups as they strive to serve us in these important roles. God will be doing some mighty things in our education ministry. Let us devote ourselves to following His call as He leads us!

| Records | Sunday Nov. 3 | Sunday Oct.27 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 373 | 380 | 404 |
| Worship A.M. | 502 | 530 | 490 |
| Worship P.M. | 367 | 355 | 371 |
| Wed. P.M. | 277 | 253 | 255 |
| Contribution | \$11,494.11 | \$9,241.40 | \$10,336.98 |
| Building Fund | \$504.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 10 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 13, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

Prayer and Care

Vicki Bagley, sister-in-law to Shirley Denman, was scheduled for a bone marrow transplant on Wednesday at M.D. Anderson.

Harvey Grier remains in Medical Center Hospital, room 2508.

Angela Howard was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Monday after having had surgery last Friday.

Belle Sloan, Jean Oliver's sister, is showing improvement. She is in Medical Center, room 3373.

Ruth Reid, sister of Margie Hunt, is seriously ill in Andrews, Texas.

Joe Lemmons, brother of Marian Rowe, was scheduled for surgery on Wednesday at M.D. Anderson. His condition is critical. The family would appreciate your prayers.

Continue to remember these and others that are ill at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
 A.M. Abounding In The Work Of The Lord (No.2)
 (I Cor. 15:58; 16:7-16)
 P.M. Building Bridges To The Bereaved (No.4)
 (Psalm 37:1-8)

Serving Sunday

Announcements Faber Cauthen
 Prayer Ferman Carpenter
 Scripture Scott Carruth
 Dismiss Milburn Cook

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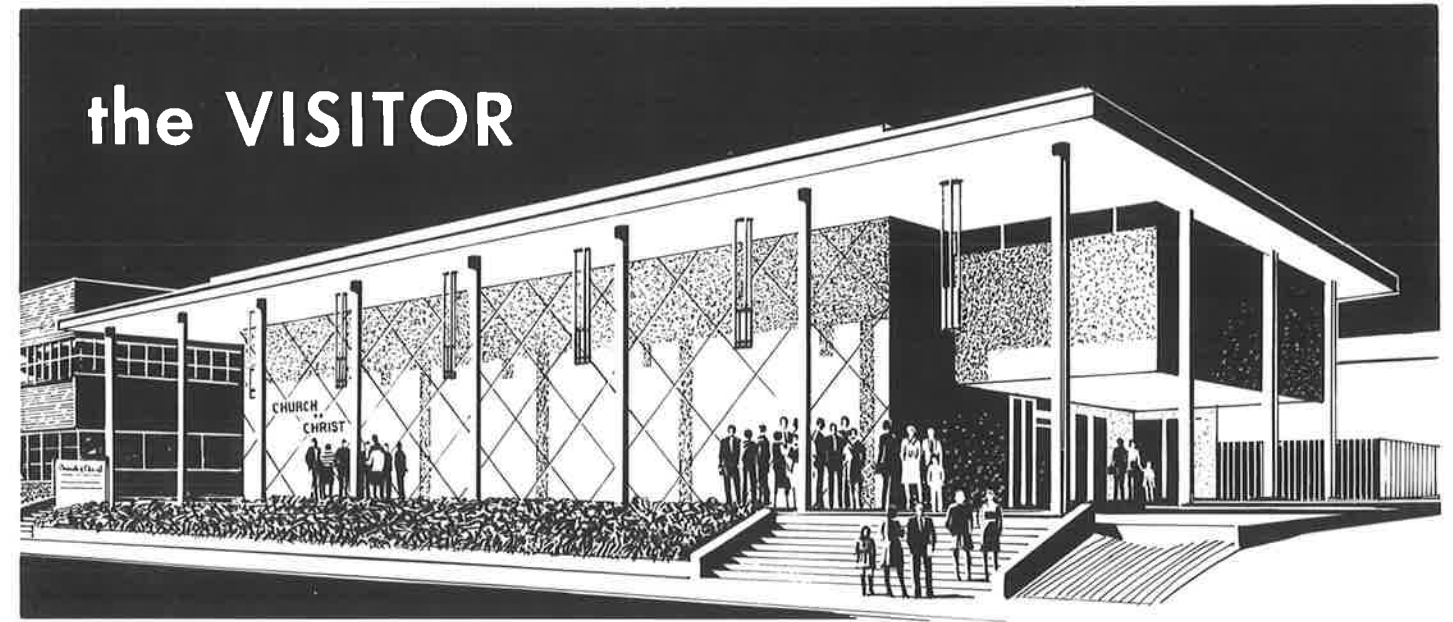
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Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to Frank and Ruth Crosser in the death of Ruth's sister, Edith Jones. Funeral services are pending at this writing (Wednesday) in North Little Rock, Arkansas.


Boles Home Truck

The Boles Home Grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 9 - 13. Present needs are: CHOCOLATE CHIPS & PECANS, DRY CEREAL, PANCAKE SYRUP, BLACK PEPPER, BRUSHES AND COMBS, HAND LOTION, GARBAGE BAGS. They will be glad to use whatever can be supplied. Also, if you can supply baby food jars, ribbon, lace scraps, any size or shape buttons, old jewelry, beads, cord, small chains to be used for craft classes. Your willingness to help is appreciated.



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From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

From The Heart Of Tyler

"A History of the West Erwin Church of Christ"

Nelda Browning served as church secretary at West Erwin for twenty-nine years and is eminently qualified to write the history of this congregation. Last week we received 1000 copies of this history from the printer and we are most pleased with the results. The book has 8½X11 pages with the cover in heavy glossy white paper and the entire work is of the highest quality. The information covers the church from its beginning in 1885 to the ground breaking for our new auditorium in 1991. The writing is well done and informative and there are pictures galore throughout the book. Not only does this history contain facts and figures, but

there are many interesting anecdotes which Nelda collected from many sources making the book entertaining reading. We are certain that our current members will want to purchase a copy of this invaluable work and we know that many former members will want a copy as well. Elsewhere in The Visitor this week there is an order blank that readers of our bulletin can use to order a copy of our history. Clip it out and send it with your check for \$7.00 (payable to West Erwin Church of Christ) and we will mail it to you postage paid. Our purpose in the \$7.00 charge is to recover our costs for printing, shipping, postage and handling. Order yours today!

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Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks

Thanks to all the middle school gang for coming to the activity last Thursday. The original costumes were fantastic! Thanks to **Greg & Cyndie Wagner and Lisa Snell** for hosting the evening.

Thanks also to **Ray Vannoy and Dewey Howard** for teaching classes for me the past few weeks. Thanks also to **Scott Epperson** for teaching the middle school class on a regular basis. You guys are doing a great job.

* Thought for the Day:

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." I Peter 2:21-22

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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Nov. 10 High School Activity
- Nov. 17 Middle School Activity
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Margaret Rhodes, daughter of Dennis and Karen Stansbury, was baptized Sunday afternoon by **Danny Snell**. We rejoice with her in the decision to live her life for Christ.

Welcome, New Members!

We are happy to welcome **Vickie Russell**, 7101 Waljim, #111, Tyler, ph. 534-5287 into our fellowship at West Erwin. She came Sunday to place membership with us. She is a teacher at ETCA.

Discovery Days



Discovery Days enjoyed a "Family Day Outing" at Herrings Wilderness on October 24th. There were 53 moms and dads, children and grandparents who enjoyed the fellowship together. A special thank you to **John Cliver** who helped to make this possible by driving our bus. This was one day which will be remembered many years to come.

Barbara Oberg, Director

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All who are 55 or over (you do not have to be retired) are invited to be a part of this group. Make your plans to come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship.

NURSERY WORKERS

We want to thank the following mothers and daughters for keeping the Toddler Nursery on a volunteer basis on Sunday mornings. **Gail** and **Joanna Vannoy** served for the month of September, **Frances** and **Amanda Broome** in October and **Cathy** and **Chantel Haney** have signed up for the month of November. We are grateful to **Debbie Graham** for serving as substitute. **Jeannie Ross** is the regular attendant for Sunday evenings. **Fleta Butler** is the attendant for the infant nursery.

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and

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If you are unable to attend
we ask your presence
in thought and prayer
Lynda Cheryee' Oberg
and

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Reception following ceremony



50th Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O. Howard
request the pleasure of your company
at the Fiftieth Anniversary
of their marriage
Saturday, the sixteenth of November
Hawkins Public Library
corner of Blackbourne/Green Streets
Hawkins, Texas

No gifts, please 2 till 4:30 p.m.

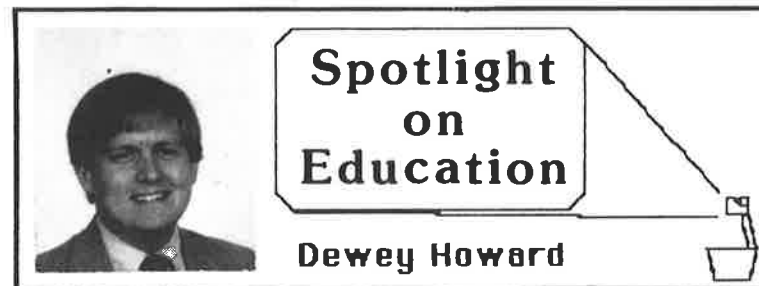


The family of Clyde Lane wants to thank you for the kindness shown to us during the loss of our brother, Arthur Lane, and for the nice cards, flowers, visits, and your prayers.

In Christian Love,
Clyde Lane family

My family was touched by your love in sending the beautiful pink carnation spray for my sister's funeral. It was deeply appreciated and reminded us again of our love for all the dear Christians at West Erwin.

Paul & Signa Stanley



Spotlight on Education

Dewey Howard

Angela and I want to express our appreciation to you for your prayers and concern during Angela's stay in the hospital. Your words of kindness and encouragement really lifted us up. Thank you so much for the visits, meals, cards, babysitting, and other acts of love you showed us.

Our education meeting for coordinators and committee members has been rescheduled for this Sunday, November 10 -- same time, same place (4:30, in my office). Make your plans to be there. We have a lot of items to discuss.

This Sunday begins a new series of study for our adult classes. "Great Words of the Bible" will lead us through an examination of several words that are key to our faith and life in Jesus. Bring your Bibles and join us every Sunday for our time of fellowship and study.

I'M GLAD I AM A TEACHER

How many times have I heard a fellow Christian say, "Oh, you mean you teach a class of little kids? Oh, you poor thing. You are a glutton for punishment." My mental reaction to such a statement is, "You poor thing. If you have never tried it, you don't know the wealth of blessings you are missing."

Poor thing indeed! There are few moments so precious as seeing the dancing eyes of a little child as he sees the big fish (made of a bleach bottle) literally swallow up Jonah (a puppet), and then to see relief come and his whole body relax and settle against his chair when he sees that "God took care of Jonah and He will take care of me, too--if I obey Him." Or, the excited voice of a little one tugging at mother or daddy to "come to see the ten lepers that Jesus made well."

Me a poor thing? When I hear from three rows back the loud whisper, "Mommy, that's my teacher." Or when I receive the most moving, most enjoyable, most blessing-filled hour of the week; no, I wouldn't trade all that for a comfortable chair in a quiet adult classroom. Who knows, that Bible class I teach may lead someone to Heaven who otherwise might not have known the way. Sorry Friend, that poor thing isn't me!

By a Happy Teacher -- Southaven, MS

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 380 | 387 | 336 |
| Worship A.M. | 530 | 514 | 470 |
| Worship P.M. | 355 | 344 | 371 |
| Wed. P.M. | 253 | 271 | 255 |
| Contribution | \$9,241.40 | \$10,037.70 | \$10,336.98 |
| Building Fund | \$413.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 3 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 6, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

Attendance is not for the building of records but for the building of Christians.

Prayer and Care

Harvey Grier is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 2508, for tests.

Angela Howard is scheduled for a surgical procedure for gallstones on Friday at Mother Frances Hospital.

Belle Sloan, sister of Jean Oliver, had brain surgery last week at Medical Center Hospital. Her condition is serious.

We rejoice with Roy Clark in the good report he received from tests this week.

Zona Crone had eye surgery on Tuesday at Town Square.

Ray Lott, former member and elder at West Erwin, is scheduled for shoulder repair surgery at Medical Center Hospital on Friday.

Joe Lemmons, brother of Marian Rowe, has returned to M.D. Anderson in Houston. He is not doing well at this time.

Loyd Rutledge moved to Community Hospital, Skill Care Unit, on Wednesday for recuperation from hip surgery.

Continue to remember these and others that are ill at home, our shutins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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Prayer Tony Adams
Scripture Gary Broome
Prayer Sam Bailey

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Daryl Anderson Dale Blackstone
Charles Barnett Bill Butler

GREETERS

George and Dorothy Daugherty
Scott and Donna Epperson
Mary Gaiser

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Hamlin, Texas for Alta Myrtle Kidd, Paul Stanley's sister.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in Vivian, Louisiana for Lois Armstrong, sister of Bill Endsley.

We extend our sincere sympathy to these families in their loss of loved ones.

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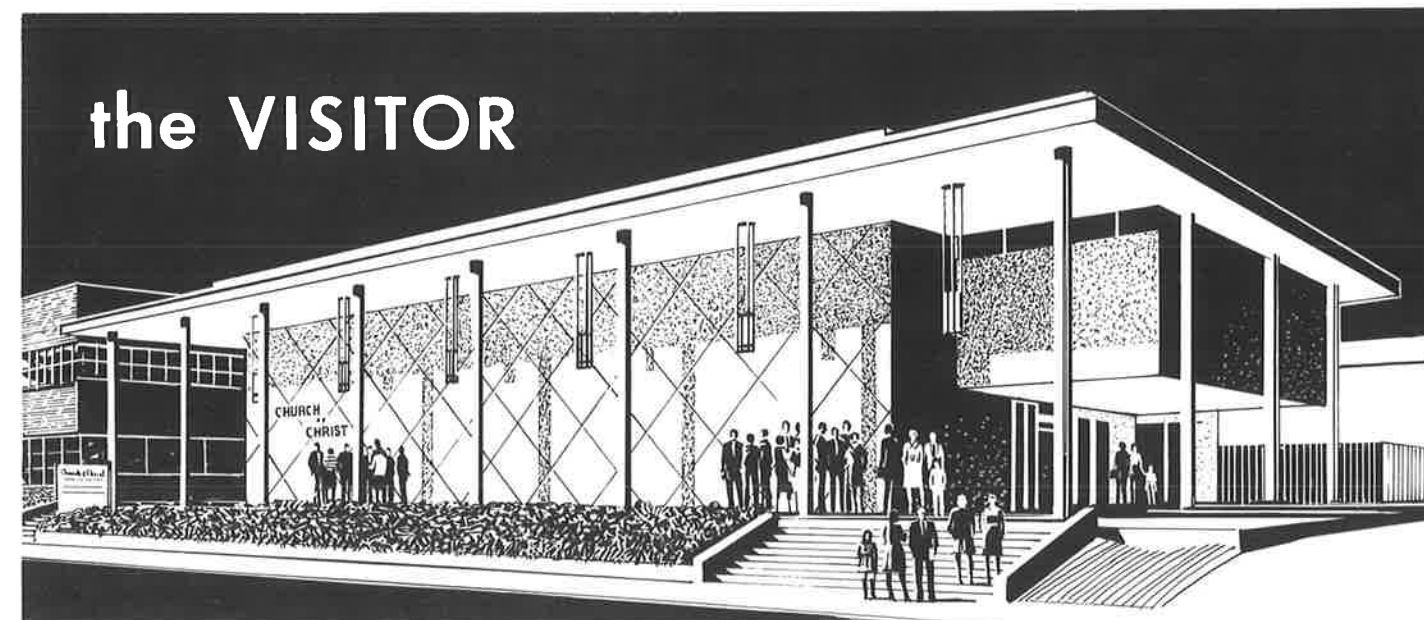
What a joy it will be to assemble together!

See you then!

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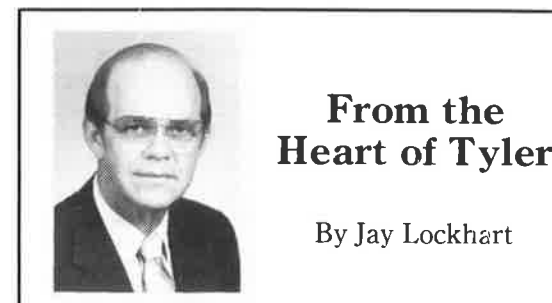
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"She shall be called woman" - Genesis 2:23

Women

God must have a special love for women. He chose one to be the mother of His Son. No woman denied or betrayed Jesus. Women were the last to leave the cross and the first to the empty tomb. Throughout the Bible women have played prominent roles in God's plan -- think of Sarah, Jochabed, Deborah, Esther, Ruth, Mary, Dorcas, Priscilla, Lois, and Eunice. Today we are impressed by what women mean to the church (women are more religious than men, you know). Women teach classes, manage church offices, prepare meals for the bereaved and the needy and various fellowship gatherings, teach thousands through World Bible School, make a benevolent center run smoothly, and care for children in church nurseries. Additionally, women are great encouragers of elders, deacons, preachers, and Bible class teachers. How important women are to the cause of Christ! This fact has been demonstrated

again this fall in two Ladies Bible classes -- one a long-time part of our regular schedule and the other a brand new experience. Interest in the Wednesday morning class has surged this fall and the new Wednesday evening class has passed all expectations. These classes, for ladies and taught by ladies, have an air of excitement about them that has affected all of us. Women are important to God, to the church, to the community, and to all of us. Thank God for women who serve so effectively and are almost embarrassed if somebody notices.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. Abounding In The Work of The Lord
(I Cor. 15:58 - 16:7)
P.M. Building Bridges To The Bereaved #3
(Psalm 40:1-5)

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks

A special Thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone for hosting the high school hayride and the Bible Hour carnival this past Saturday. Thanks also to all the high schoolers for planning this activity and especially to Scott Carruth, Becky Blackstone & Kim Sublette for coordinating the event. Great Job Gang!

Thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone and James & Connie Sublette for doing an outstanding job with the Bible Hour program.

Thanks to Ken Culpepper, Linda Hone, Kathy Portwood & Lisa Snell for hosting the middle school activity last Saturday night. It was a great time of fun and fellowship.

Congratulations!

Congrats to Cindy Carruth for being selected to the All Region Choir. Way to sing Cindy!

* Thought for the Day:

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching'.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Thanks to the Elders and the Fellowship ministry for providing an opportunity for us to "spur one another on" at the All-Church Fellowship last Sunday. It was great!

Combined Activity

All middle and high schoolers are reminded of the activity planned this Sunday night after the evening assembly. Plan to come and be a part of this time together.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Nov. 3 Combined Activity
Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat

Happy Birthday



NOVEMBER (4) Jeff Blackstone (5) Joni Armstrong, Mary Evelyn Grier, Cheryl Johnson (7) Lisa Higginbotham, Opal Mathews, Blake Stansbury, Carson Tate (8) Stacey Lockhart (9) Vickie Cauthen, Stuart Suggs, Allie Wren.



Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful green plant. We appreciate your love and kindness, your calls and your prayers. You're very special to us!

In Christian Love
Archie & Faye Kennard
Joni Smith

Brethren:

The church family at West Erwin has meant so much to me and my family. During the past two years you have been a great blessing to us. I just wish I could name each individual that has helped me so tremendously, but in the end it probably would include most every member at West Erwin. We will never forget the generous "love offering". Several came to my house and cleaned the yard and cut down seven trees, which also provides us with ample firewood for the winter. We enjoyed the food which the "Lunch Bunch" prepared on Tuesdays and the men delivered it right to my kitchen table. The time you spent visiting with me in the hospital and at home, and the time you took to be with Nancy and Charis during the difficult times were greatly appreciated. Several have brought food, which is always uplifting. Words cannot express what it means when you donate blood at the Stewart Blood Bank. We have estimated that I have used approximately 200 to 250 units of blood in the past 1 1/2 years, of which you have helped replace the units. Above all, your prayers were needed and appreciated. Without your prayers, today would not be what it is.

Although each day continues to present its challenges, please remember us and pray for us. You have been so wonderful.

In Christian love,
Jim, Nancy & Charis McCoy

Dear Brethren,

We would like to express our gratitude for the meal you prepared for us. We enjoyed it and appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.

Thanks again,
Lauren Brown
Tri-C Correspondent

Life becomes right when. . .

*Resentment becomes understanding;
Fear becomes trust;
Selfishness becomes love;
Dissatisfaction becomes truth;
Taking becomes serving.*

via Fairfield, IL

Shower Invitation



You're Invited to a Bridal Brunch honoring Cheryee Oberg bride-elect of Jeff Kuhn Saturday, November 2 11:00 - 12:30 at the home of Sue Skipper 617 Purdue

Selections: Dillard's & Season's Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Wedding Invitation

Love was meant to be shared with parents, family and friends
Melissa and Jeffrey
have found love in each other
Because you have shared in their lives

by your friendship and love we invite you to celebrate with us the marriage of our children on Saturday, the ninth of November Nineteen hundred and ninety-one at two o'clock in the afternoon West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Ingram
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy J. Parrish

Reception

following ceremony

The Petroleum Club Downtown
Tyler, Texas

Area Meetings

The Chandler St. Church of Christ
Kilgore, Texas

invites you to

A Seminar on Aging

for Young and Old

with

Virgil Bentley

November 8 - 10

Fri. 7:00 P.M.

Sat. 10:00 - 12:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Sun. 9:00 and 10:00 A.M.

The Gilmer Church of Christ

invites you to a

Gospel Meeting

with

A.W. Chism of Fort Smith, Ark.

November 3 - 5

Sun. 9:45, 10:45 A.M., 6:00 P.M.

Mon. & Tues. 7:00 P.M.

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

What a weekend we had at West Erwin!

* The Bible Hour kids had a Halloween party over at the Blackstones on Saturday evening. Thanks to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone for the wonderful job that they do with our children.

* The Younger Couples class had a Halloween party Friday evening at the fellowship hall. Jay and Stacy Lockhart did an excellent job putting it together. Be kind to some of our young couples, though, as some of them did less than an admirable job in the Newlywed Game.

* Sunday was a delightful day! Danny Snell reminded us in a meaningful way of the holiness of God, and what our response to our God should be. The fellowship meal, then, Sunday night was a warm and edifying time as a family.

Praise God for a church family that likes to spend time together!

The education committee and coordinators need to remember their meeting in my office this Sunday, November 3, at 4:30. It is very important that you be there as we begin to make plans for an ever-growing education ministry.

With 1991 coming to an end (I know. . . .so soon?!), it is time to take a break in our Brothers Keepers units and get ready for 1992. Three men have been selected by the elders to work together to lead this ministry next year: Jack Garner, Hillard Hughes, and Elmer Miles. I will be working with them as well. In the next few weeks we will be looking at ways to make Brothers Keepers even more effective for the church than it has been in the past. If you have any input for these men, please talk with one of them or with me soon.

This Wednesday night, November 6, Rudi Rischer will speak to the adult classes. He serves as a missionary in Augsburg, Germany. Rudi will give a report of the work in Germany, and how the events in recent months has affected the work. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

As the holiday season comes upon us, many of our class groups will be having get-togethers. Be looking for these and plan now to participate. If those who are planning activities will give me the details of their gatherings, I will include them in this column. (I apologize for not announcing the activities from this past weekend.)

| Records | Sunday Oct.20 | Sunday Oct.13 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 387 | 383 | 336 |
| Worship A.M. | 514 | 497 | 470 |
| Worship P.M. | 344 | 369 | 357 |
| Wed. P.M. | 271 | 266 | 242 |
| Contribution | \$10,037.70 | \$11,549.95 | \$11,185.03 |
| Building Fund | \$495.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 27 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 30, Gary Cain, ph. 581-3719.

Prayer and Care

Loyd Rutledge fell and broke his hip Sunday. He had surgery on Tuesday at Medical Center.

Vicki Bagley, sister-in-law to Shirley Denman, is having tests done this week to prepare for a bone marrow transplant probably next week at M.D. Anderson.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shutins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last Saturday for Arthur Lane, brother of our Clyde Lane.

Funeral services were held on Sunday for Ruth Johns, mother of our Archie Kennard.

We extend our love and sympathy to these families in their loss.



Ray and Linda Maxwell are the proud parents of a new baby girl, born Monday, October 21 in West Point, Nebraska. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and has been named Courtney Ray.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Louis Jones
Scripture Jeff Konczak
Dismiss Don Ingram

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer C.B. Hardin
Scripture Hoyt Hughes
Dismiss David Haney, Jr.

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Bob May Larry Henry
Rob Hilliard J.N. Metcalf

LORD'S SUPPER - P.M.

Scott Carruth

GREETERS

George and Dorothy Daugherty

Scott and Donna Epperson

Mary Gaiser



We're getting together..

REMEMBER THE ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 27, 1991

TIME

The clock of life is wound but once

And no man has the power

To tell just when the hands will stop -

At late or early hour.

NOW is the only time you own;

Live, love, toil with a will -

Place no faith in TOMORROW for

The clock may then be still.

Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set Your Clock BACK One Hour



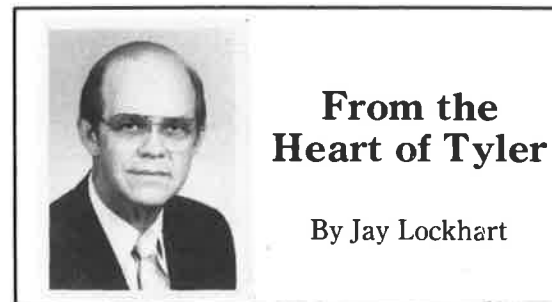
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

A Lottery For Texas?

Next Tuesday Texans will go to the polls to vote on a number of issues, one of which is whether or not Texas will have a lottery. Proponents of the lottery suggest that if Texas has a lottery the financial problems of the State Government will be solved and a state income tax will be avoided. As Christians I believe we must oppose a lottery for Texas. Note these facts:

1. Lotteries raise less than 2% of a state's total budget and 90% of the states with a lottery also have an income tax.
2. Recovering gamblers attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings readily testify to the increase in compulsive gambling as a result of the lottery.
3. Lotteries are based on greed and prey upon poorer citizens.
4. Lotteries are in direct competition with legitimate businesses.
5. Lotteries interfere with dollars budgeted for family needs.

6. The lottery's get-rich-quick appeal undermines the values of disciplined work habits, thrift, prudence, and perseverance.
7. Lotteries violate Biblical teaching in regard to exploitation of others (James 5:1-4), work (II Thes. 3:10-12), and covetousness (Ephesians 5:5).

It's not enough to passively oppose a lottery--"the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." On this issue we encourage you to vote "No."

Preaching Sunday



This Sunday morning our Youth Minister, Danny Snell, will be preaching and in the evening, Charles Stelding, who works with the Campus Christian Center, will be with us.

Youth

Data From Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks

Thanks to Earl & Melinda O'Quinn for hosting the high school activity this past Sunday night. It was a real treat to enjoy that kind of fellowship and pizza.

This week I will be in Lubbock at the Youth Minister's Seminar. I look forward to this time every year. It is a wonderful experience to be with such a large group of youth ministers and share this time of learning and encouragement. I know some of you are wondering why on earth would anyone want to be with a group of youth ministers for an extended period of time and I asked myself that same question. Maybe, the old saying holds true, "Birds of a feather flock together." I'll let you know how it goes.

Attention; If you made a pledge for "Taking Steps To End World Hunger", Please don't forget to turn it in. Walkers, please have all your pledges collected by this Sunday, Oct. 27.

* Thought for the Day:

"Sometimes I would like to ask God why He allows poverty, famine, and injustice when He could do something about it."

"Well, why don't you ask Him?"

"Because I'm afraid God might ask me the same question."

-- Columnist Ann Landers, 8-20-88

Most of us can do more than we think we can, but usually do less than we think we have.

--Bits and Pieces, 5-85

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Oct. 26 High School Halloween Party
- Oct. 27 All-Church Fellowship
- Oct. 31 Middle School Halloween Party
- Nov. 3 Combined Activity
- Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat

New Members



The Robert Hilliard family is a welcome addition to our church family. Robert and Kathy and sons, Chad and Wesley, live at 3035 Orr Drive, ph. 595-4506. Their daughter, Shannon, is a student at the University of North Texas in Denton, Chad is a student at Tyler Junior College and Wesley is in kindergarten at E.T.C.A.

We are happy to welcome Fred and Adele Mumford into our family at West Erwin. They live at 5 Diamond Head Bay, Frankston, Texas, ph. 876-4365. They formerly worshipped with the Watters Road church in Pasadena, Texas.



Dear Members,

Thank you so much for the calls, visits, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. I really enjoyed all the cards and flowers.

Love,
Sharen Chambless

Thank you all for your prayers, visits, cards and calls on my behalf. It is truly a blessing to have so many Christian friends.

Love,
Jeanie Brookshire

CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC.

Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., is presently accepting applications from couples for placement of infants. Couples should be flexible in accepting the possibility of alcohol and/or drug abuse during the pregnancy. Interested families please call Margaret Ballew, (915) 677-2205.

Tri-C Carnival

The Campus Christian Center is hosting their annual HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL at 1415 South Baxter on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost is .50 per person with proceeds going to Christian Services of East Texas.

Shower Invitation



You're Invited to a Bridal Brunch honoring Cheryee Oberg bride-elect of Jeff Kuhn Saturday, November 2 11:00 - 12:30 at the home of Sue Skipper 617 Purdue Selections: Dillard's & Season's Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

50th Anniversary

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In honour of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Roddy their daughters

request the pleasure of your company at a Reception on Sunday, the twenty-seventh of October Nineteen hundred and ninety-one from two until four in the afternoon Troup Church of Christ Troup, Texas

No gifts, please

Area Meetings

Broad Street Church of Christ 440 West Broad Street Mineola, Texas

Presents Dr. Roger Allen Tyler, Texas

In a seminar on Parenting Teens With "Common Sense Discipline" Saturday, November 2 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Babysitting will be provided) *****

You are cordially invited to a series of Gospel lessons with Maxie Boren of Longview, Texas November 3-6 Tatum Church of Christ Hwy. 43 South, Tatum, Texas Sunday A.M. services 10:00 & 11:00 Sun. - Wed. 7:30 P.M.

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

Exciting Uplifting Challenging Dynamic

Those are some of the words I would use to describe last Sunday's education ministry gathering. 102 persons showed up to share a meal together and to share their hopes, dreams, and goals for West Erwin. This is the kind of involvement we will need -- in all of our ministries -- if we are to continue to make this church a powerful and effective force for God in this world.

Many good and thoughtful ideas came from our meeting together. Some suggested that we have a series of singing classes for young and old to help us grow in our praise to God. There was interest expressed in improving the curriculum materials for our Bible classes. A greater variety in our adult curriculum was recommended. And more opportunities for teacher growth was requested. Many other ideas came as well. In the next few weeks and months we will be working to make these ideas a reality in our education program.

I owe some special thanks to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, James and Connie Sublette, Lynn Harrison, and Esther Wilson for working to prepare and clean up from the supper. And thanks to Fleta Butler and a host of middle school teens for caring for the children during our meeting.

Keep the ideas and comments coming! This is just the beginning for us. If you were unable to attend the sandwich supper, please make it a point to talk with me about your hopes and dreams. My door is always open for you. Together, with God's strength and guidance, we will grow in our service to Him.

It is time for the education committee and departmental coordinators to get together. Mark Sunday, November 3, at 4:30 in my office for this meeting.

BABIES -- 0-24 months: We have a brand new class for you. Each Wednesday evening we have a Bible class made just for you. You will be learning about God and how he loves you so much. Several ladies will be working together to show you God's wonderful love and care. Bring your parents with you. They have classes, too.

| Records | Sunday Oct.13 | Sunday Oct.6 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 383 | 377 | 336 |
| Worship A.M. | 497 | 507 | 470 |
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 20 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 23, Gary Cain, ph. 581-3719.

Attendance is not for the building of records but for the building of Christians.

Prayer and Care

Frank and Ruth Crosser have gone to North Little Rock to be with her sister and brother-in-law, Floyd and Edith Jones, who are seriously ill.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shutins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held last Saturday in Benton, Kentucky for Beulah Morrow, great-grandmother of Stacey Lockhart. We extend our love and sincere sympathy to Stacey and Jay and all the family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. A Glorious Calling (#2)
(Ephesians 1:7-14)



P.M. Building Bridges To The Bereaved (#2)
(Psalm 42:6-11)

Serving Sunday

Announcements Ray Vannoy
Prayer Jamon Kirby
Scripture Grant Knight
Dismiss Tommy Konczak

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Ray Vannoy
Prayer Archie Kennard
Scripture Dr. Roger Knight
Dismiss Elmer Miles

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Bob May Larry Henry
Rob Hilliard J.N. Metcalf

LORD'S SUPPER-P.M.

Luke Ingram

GREETERS

Milburn and Jan Cook
Ken and Cathy Culpepper
Harold and Shirley Denman



THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER...

Be careful of your thoughts; they may become words at any moment.

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.

An admission of error is a sign of strength rather than a weakness.

It's not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game even starts.

One person with a dream is equal to 99 who only have an interest.

Unless the heart is full, even a rich man is poor.

Sunday will be another Lord's day.

It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters.

What a joy it will be to assemble together!

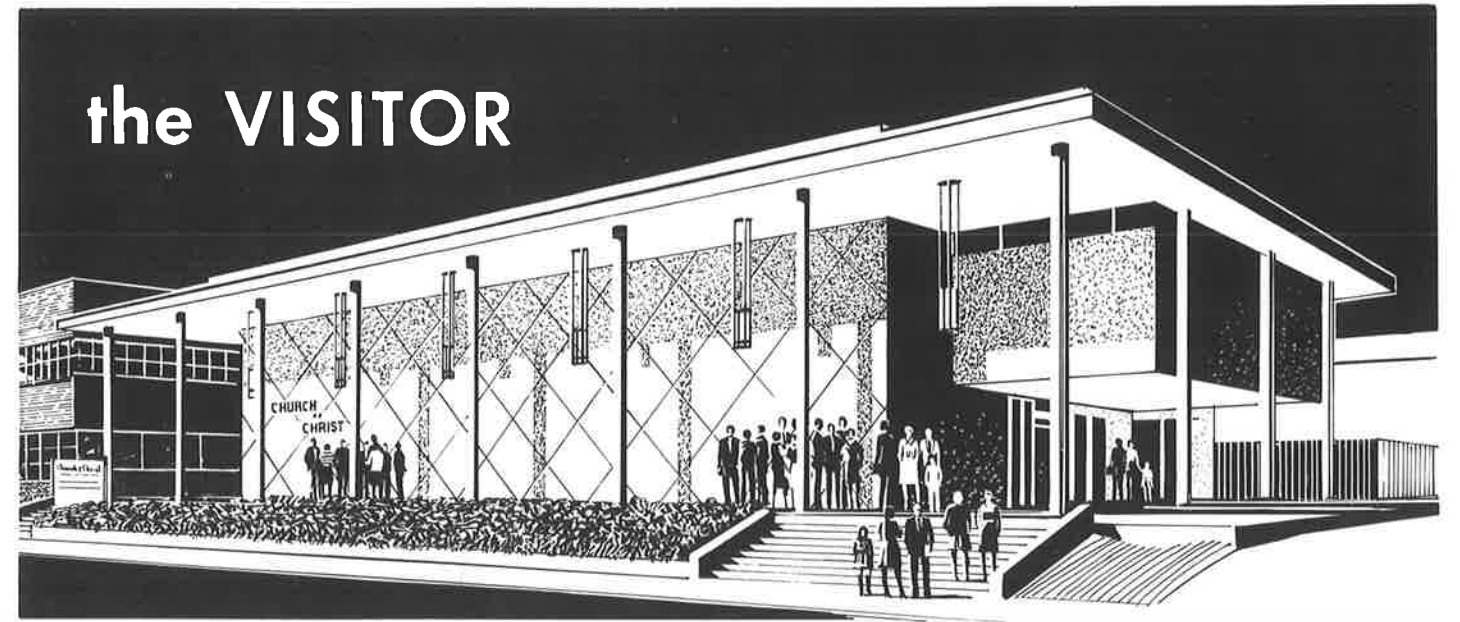
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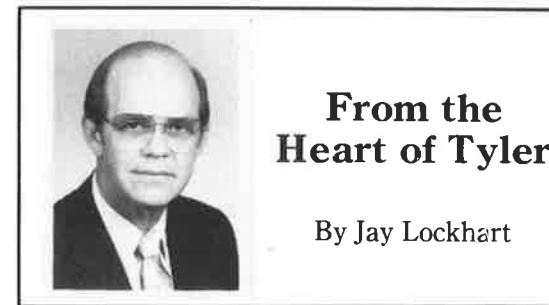
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

A Medley of Matters


I enjoyed a good meeting with my friend, David Lusk, and the great Webb Chapel church in Dallas several days ago, and last week I had an excellent Family Seminar with Jim Mabery and the wonderful Hot Springs Village church. I regret that my time away from West Erwin has been all too frequent in the last half of the year, but I am happy to say that I will be away just one more Sunday in 1991 -- a Family Seminar in Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 27. Danny Snell will be preaching at the morning assembly on the 27th and Dr. Charles Stelding, Director of the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College, will be presenting a program at the evening service.

I have heard many good things about Dewey Howard's sermon on October 6. He is truly a multi-talented man who, in addition to being a capable preacher, is an outstanding song leader and by training and experience

a great religious education man. We're happy to have Dewey as a part of the West Erwin team. Also, I want to thank Freeman Morgan and Ray Vannoy for teaching for me this summer and fall on Wednesday nights. These guys are special.

Your response to the sermons last Sunday was greatly appreciated. This Sunday we will conclude the two-part sermon on Sunday morning dealing with A Glorious Calling, God's purpose and plan for the church. On Sunday evening we will continue a series of six or so studies on Building Bridges To The Bereaved as we present lesson two. Understanding grief, knowing where we are in the grief process, and learning how to minister to those in grief are important things to consider and since we have said so little about this difficult subject it is good for us to consider the problem of grief. Thank you for your encouragement.

Youth
Data
 From
Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks

We had a really great middle school devo this past Sunday. Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Greg & Cyndie Wagner and Lisa Snell.

Taking Steps to End World Hunger

This past Saturday several of our teens along with others from Tyler and Athens participated in the 1991 Manna Project. Most of the teens walked a total of ten miles to raise money and awareness of the problems faced by many who have to walk several miles every day for the necessities of life. Thanks to the efforts of those who walked and those who helped raise money, at least \$800 was donated for this cause. That total is just for those at West Erwin and the number is still rising. Thanks to those who walked and helped: Andy, Jenilyn & Fleta Butler, Cindy Carruth, Jonathon Lowrance, Jason O'Quinn, Joanna Vannoy. Thanks to the following for providing radio communications and helping sponsor: Elmer & Nila Miles. Jerry Leatherwood, Lisa Snell and Doug White.

*** Thought for the Day ***

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:37-40
What have we done to help? --- Taking Steps to End World Hunger.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Oct. 20 High School Activity
- Oct. 27 All - Church Fellowship
- Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat

Happy Birthday



OCTOBER (19) John D. Brem, Mary Haws, Bill McCain (20) Dorothy Bell, Wanda Frick, Lila Herder, Fred Powell (22) Cora Hughes, Marc Lemons, Nila Miles, Edythe Trentham (23) Ember Johnson, Carolyn Stitt (24) Billie Ingram, Kim Lemons (25) Loyd Rutledge (26) Forest McFadden, Ed Stitt.

Thank You!

Dear West Erwin Friends,

There are no words to express my appreciation for the many words of concern, acts of kindness, food brought, telephone calls, cards, visits to our home, many prayers, and help of all kinds by many people during the seven years of Weldon's illness and during the past week. My family and I will be eternally grateful. Thank each one of you so much. We love you.

Laverne Keith
 Tom and Kay
 Brian and Mary
 Tim and Suzanne

To The Church,

We are so grateful to everyone for the kindness and care during Hazel's and my illness - for all the flowers, calls, cards, visits, food and especially your prayers. A special thanks to those who went to the hospital during the critical hours.

Sincerely,
 Moselle White
 Hazel Morgan

Divorce Recovery Workshop

The Glenwood Church of Christ will host a Divorce Recovery Workshop on Sunday afternoon, October 20, from 4:00 until 5:45 in their Fellowship Center. There is no fee for the seminar, but registration is required. Anita Brock, author, lecturer and counselor in the area of divorce and divorce recovery, will be the speaker.

Medina Grocery Truck Due

The truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of October 28-November 1. The item for West Erwin is SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS. A six months supply is 160. Any non-perishable food, detergents, hair care products, etc. is appreciated as is cash donations which are used to purchase perishable foods. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Wedding Invitation

Dr. and Mrs. Don A. Peek
 and
 Mrs. James H. Fry
 invite you to share in the joy
 of the marriage uniting their children
 Lisa Ann
 and
 Sean Patrick

This celebration of love will be
 on Saturday, the nineteenth of October
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-one
 at two o'clock in the afternoon
 Westover Hills Church of Christ
 8332 Mesa Drive
 Austin, Texas

50th Anniversary

1941 1991

In honour of the
 Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
 Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Roddy
 their daughters

request the pleasure of your company
 at a Reception
 on Sunday, the twenty-seventh of October
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-one
 from two until four in the afternoon
 Troup Church of Christ
 Troup, Texas

No gifts, please


THANKS TO THE BENEVOLENT WORKERS
 Attn: Quilters in the Benevolent Committee

Dear Ladies,
 Benevolence is shown in many ways. Yours is in the form of the beautiful quilts. The work of love and dedication can sure be seen in your special handwork.

May God bless you continually in all the work you do. There are lots of people out there that need special help in some way or another. God uses all in different ways to meet those needs.

Thanks for your benevolent spirit.
 For the Children,
 Danny Duggan
 Director for Development
 Cherokee Children's Home

Your thoughtfulness meant much more than any words can say. Thank you very much. My nephew and I send our deepest thanks to you (Modena Jones) and the others, your wonderful program and above all your wonderful church. Thanks to all.
 Edna Epperson
 George Johnston



**Spotlight
 on
 Education**

Dewey Howard

Keep this Sunday night free!

October 20, 1991
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Education Ministry Sandwich Supper

Bring sandwiches, finger foods, chips, dips, or desserts to share.

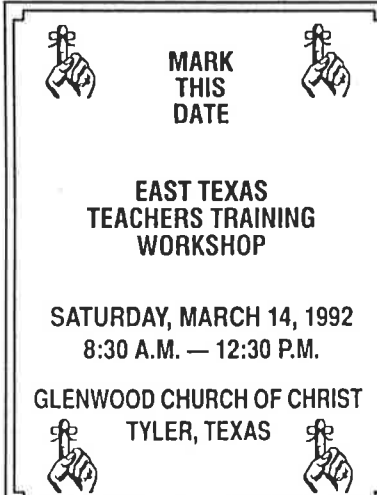
Also bring your dreams, goals, thoughts, and comments concerning our education ministry.

Everyone interested in the education ministry is encouraged to come: teachers, helpers, parents, adult learners, etc.

Child care will be provided.

Mark on your calendars:

- "Church Singing Workshop" October 27-30
 Carthage church of Christ
- "Bible Teacher's Swap Shop" November 2
 Crockett Road church of Christ -
 Palestine



MARK THIS DATE

**EAST TEXAS
 TEACHERS TRAINING
 WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1992
 8:30 A.M. — 12:30 P.M.**

**GLENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
 TYLER, TEXAS**

| Records | Sunday Oct. 10 | Sunday Sept. 29 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 377 | 372 | 384 |
| Worship A.M. | 507 | 490 | 512 |
| Worship P.M. | 320 | 368 | 353 |
| Wed. P.M. | 244 | 288 | 245 |
| Contribution | \$11,053.90 | \$11,094.50 | \$10,447.91 |
| Building Fund | \$453.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 13 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 16, George Hearne, ph. 593-8731.

Prayer and Care

Sharen Chambless is doing well following surgery on Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. She will go home on Thursday.

Edith Jones, sister to Ruth Crosser, remains seriously ill in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Diane Leek's surgery was postponed. She is home awaiting results of further testing done in Atlanta.

Joshua Farabee had surgery in Shreveport last Friday. He is home and doing well.

Fay Woodruff, Fern Bench's sister, has been dismissed from the hospital.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shutins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Monday for Weldon Keith. Our love and sincere sympathy is extended to Laverne and Mary Hunt and all the family.

**WISDOM IS KNOWING
WHEN TO SPEAK YOUR
MIND AND WHEN TO
MIND YOUR SPEECH.**

Serving Sunday

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Dannie Skipper
Scripture Jim Mayer
Dismiss Archie Lowry

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Jay Lockhart, Jr.
Scripture Jeff Hone
Dismiss H. M. Minnis

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Charles Rachui Henry McRuiz
Tommy Lowrance Bill McCain

LORD'S SUPPER - P.M.

Henry McRuiz

Thank You!

A note of appreciation because you've been especially kind. For the cards and especially your prayers, thank you very much.

Bea Massey
(Ruby Cliver's mother)

Will You Help?

If possible, will you give blood at Stewart Blood Center to the West Erwin church account #6286. Your help is appreciated.

HAROLD TAYLOR'S BOOK

There are several copies available in the church office of Harold Taylor's new book Holy Spirit Elders: God's Way To A Dynamic Church! The cost is \$11.95 each.

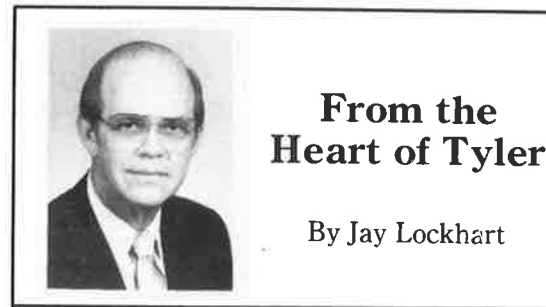
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" - Mark 2:17

Advertising

You've seen them -- the ads for churches: "The Friendly Church"; "A People Who Care"; "A Going Church For A Coming Lord"; "A Power Packed Church"; etc. For some churches a more accurate advertisement might be: "Sinner Unwelcome"; "Don't Expect Anyone To Speak To You"; "We Don't Care About You, But We'd Like To Have Your Money"; "Welcome -- If You Dress, Talk, and Look Like Us"; "Our Methods Are On A Par With Scripture": etc. I wonder what those on the outside really think of us, even with our well-worded and well-meaning slogans? When someone comes into our assemblies, we should overwhelm them with genuine friendliness and concern. We should be big enough to welcome any who come whether they are just like us or not. We would also do well to remind ourselves that the church is not an honor society for the

perfect, or for those who agree with me, but more like a hospital for sick folks -- all of us having the same illness. Those who are sinners, who are hurting, who are in need, who need a friend, and who are hungering for the Living Bread should feel welcome in our assemblies. What do we really advertise by our words, attitudes, and responses to people? Let us remember that our Pattern said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."


SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - A Glorious Calling
(Ephesians 1:1-6)

P.M. - Building Bridges to the Bereaved
(John 11:20-36)

Youth
Data
 From
Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks!

Thanks to Ray & Gail Vannoy for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday night in their home. We had a great time and enjoyed sharing our most "embarrassing moments" with each other.

Thanks to Larry & Sandra Henry, Greg & Cyndie Wagner and Lisa Snell for sponsoring the State Fair trip last Saturday. It was a really fun day.

Taking Steps to End World Hunger

God has used young people in the churches of Christ in a powerful way over the last 7 years to reach out to a hurting world. Through the Manna Project our young people have had a dramatic impact on the lives of over 225,000 people in some of the poorest nations on earth. They have provided emergency supplies, agriculture training, safe water supplies, education, medical treatment, job skills and most importantly the Gospel through mission congregations of the churches of Christ. Through the Manna Project young people have carried out the largest sustained youth effort on behalf of the hungry in history! This year our teens will be participating in the Manna Project by joining hundreds of others in congregations across the U.S. by "Taking Steps to End World Hunger." Please help sponsor our teens for this walkathon on Oct. 12.

* **Thought for the Day:** While no longer much of a threat in developed nations, measles, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, tuberculosis and poliomyelitis, kill an estimated 5,000,000 children each year in the Third World. The World Health Organization reports that \$2 per child would be enough to vaccinate every newborn in the developing world against all six of these childhood killers. To date, less than 10% of all children in the Third World have been immunized. **What can we do to help? --- Taking Steps to End World Hunger on October 12.**

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Oct. 12 Taking Steps to End World Hunger
- Oct. 13 Middle School Activity
- Oct. 20 High School Activity



Bridal Shower

You're Invited
 to a Bridal Brunch
 honoring
 Melissa Ingram
 bride-elect of Jeff Parrish
 Saturday, October 12
 11:00 - 12:30
 at the home of
 Mrs. Don Weathers
 3401 Heines
 Selections: Dillard's & Foley's
 Ladies, please consider this your
 personal invitation.

**Annual Boy Scout
 Pancake Breakfast**

Plan to come to the 9th annual Boy Scout Troop 354 Pancake breakfast from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 12, 1991, at the Fellowship Center of the Shiloh Road church. Note the change in meeting place. Adult tickets are \$2.00; child tickets are \$1.00. They may be purchased from scouts or at the door on October 12.

BENEVOLENT REPORT

For the months of August and September 1,241 people were served from our Benevolent Building. Approximately \$4,664.50 in clothing was dispensed, \$110.00 in food was distributed and 27 Bibles were given (Spanish and English).

Welcome, New Members!



We are glad to have a picture this week of Blake Stansbury, son of Dennis and Karen Stansbury, who was baptized recently by Danny Snell.

We are happy to welcome Lauren Brown into our family at West Erwin. Lauren lives at 3408 Shady Trail, Tyler, phone #592-2160. She is from Emory, Texas and is a student at TJC.

Discovery Days

Discovery Days program has been richly blessed lately largely because of the wonderful love shown by West Erwin members. Charles Hickman was so kind in making jelly with our 4 year olds. Then three lovely ladies, Chris Drummond, Jane Jones, and Carolyn Welborn prepared, served, donated and hosted our Mother's Brunch. It was wonderful. Thank these members for the fine works they have done with Discovery Days.

Barbara Oberg, Director
 * Please save your empty baby food jars, small containers with lids, and jelly jars. We need them for Discovery Days projects. Thank you.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Christian child-care agencies throughout the United States are encouraging congregations and families to focus on October 13, 1991 as a National Day of Prayer for Children. This day coincides with a designation by Congress of National Children's Day.

Christian Services of East Texas is asking that all congregations in the area emphasize children in our congregations, children in need, and services to children and families. Some congregations plan to dedicate the entire service to this National Day of Prayer, including the message from the pulpit.


ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is now collecting items for their annual Baubles and Bargains Auction and Garage Sale. Anyone having items they would like to donate (old or new), please drop them by the school office or call 561-8642 and we will arrange to pick up your donation.

Thank you!
 ETCA - PTF

Area Meeting

H. A. (Buster) Dobbs
 is holding a Gospel Meeting
 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ
 in Marshall, Texas
 October 13 - 16
 Sunday 10:20 & 6 p.m.
 Monday - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.



**Spotlight
 on
 Education**

Dewey Howard

Sunday night, October 20, is the night for you to join me in the fellowship hall to give your input concerning the education ministry at West Erwin. Everyone interested is invited and urged to attend -- teachers, helpers, Children's Church and Bible Hour staff, parents, etc. What I would like to hear from you are your dreams, goals, thoughts, and comments concerning our education ministry. I will also use this time to tell you a little about my own dreams.

This time for fellowship and sharing will begin after the evening assembly with a sandwich supper. Please bring sandwiches, finger foods, chips, dips, or desserts to share with the group. (Oh, and remember to bring your ideas.) Your children are invited to eat with us, and then child care will be provided during the discussion time. We will be finished by 9:00.

A reflection on last Sunday: I really appreciate the way you received my sermon on Sunday. You truly have a way of encouraging me in my work with you. It wasn't so much the compliments that encouraged me. Nor was it the "passing grade" that you gave me. The true blessing came when many of you said, "That has made a difference in my life today." I have heard only too often, "If only _____ had been here to hear this lesson. He really needed it." Thank you for letting God's Word personally touch your life as well!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

* The Carthage church of Christ is sponsoring a "Church Singing Workshop" October 27-30. Ken Helterbrand of the North MacArthur church in Edmond, Oklahoma will be conducting the workshop. The sessions are designed to improve congregational singing. A special session for song leaders is planned as well.

* The Crockett Road church in Palestine is hosting their 4th annual Bible Teacher's Swap Shop on Saturday, November 2. See me for additional information. If enough from West Erwin would like to go, we will take a group in the church van.

*** REMEMBER TO LET GO AND GROW TODAY ***

| Records | Sunday Sept. 29 | Sunday Sept. 22 | Year Ago |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 372 | 409 | 382 |
| Worship A.M. | 490 | 545 | 508 |
| Worship P.M. | 368 | 420 | 341 |
| Wed. P.M. | 288 | 366 | 228 |
| Contribution | \$11,094.50 | \$10,063.46 | \$11,964.15 |
| Building Fund | \$531.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 6 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 9, Gary Broome, ph. 592-2289.

Prayer and Care

L. W. MacFall had eye surgery Monday at DeHaven Eye Clinic.

Hazel Blanton, mother of Donna Maples, has been dismissed from Medical Center Hospital.

Fay Woodruff, sister of Fern Bench, is hospitalized in Dallas. Her surgery went well.

Frank Crosser had tests this week and will be going to Dallas for further evaluation as soon as it can be scheduled.

Floyd and Edith Jones, sister and brother-in-law to Ruth Crosser, are both seriously ill in North Little Rock, Arkansas. His condition has improved after having surgery.

Diane Leek is scheduled for angioplasty type surgery on Thursday in Paces-Ferry Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

Joshua Farabee's surgery is scheduled for Friday, October 4 in Shreveport.

Bernie Beard has been moved to Park Place, room 210.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shutins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Forest McFadden
Prayer Ira Wilson
Scripture Don Weathers
Dismiss Robert McLemee

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Forest McFadden
Prayer Doug McKee
Scripture Melvin Maples
Dismiss James Phillips

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Charles Rachui Henry McRuiz
Tommy Lowrance Bill McCain

LORD'S SUPPER-P.M.

Lee O'Neal

GREETERS

Rick Higginbotham Jerry Huff
Tommy and Jerry Konczak
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Area Meetings

A Special Invitation to you and your family Gospel Meeting

Pritchett Church of Christ located 2 blocks south of Hwy.155, Pritchett Community October 6 - 9

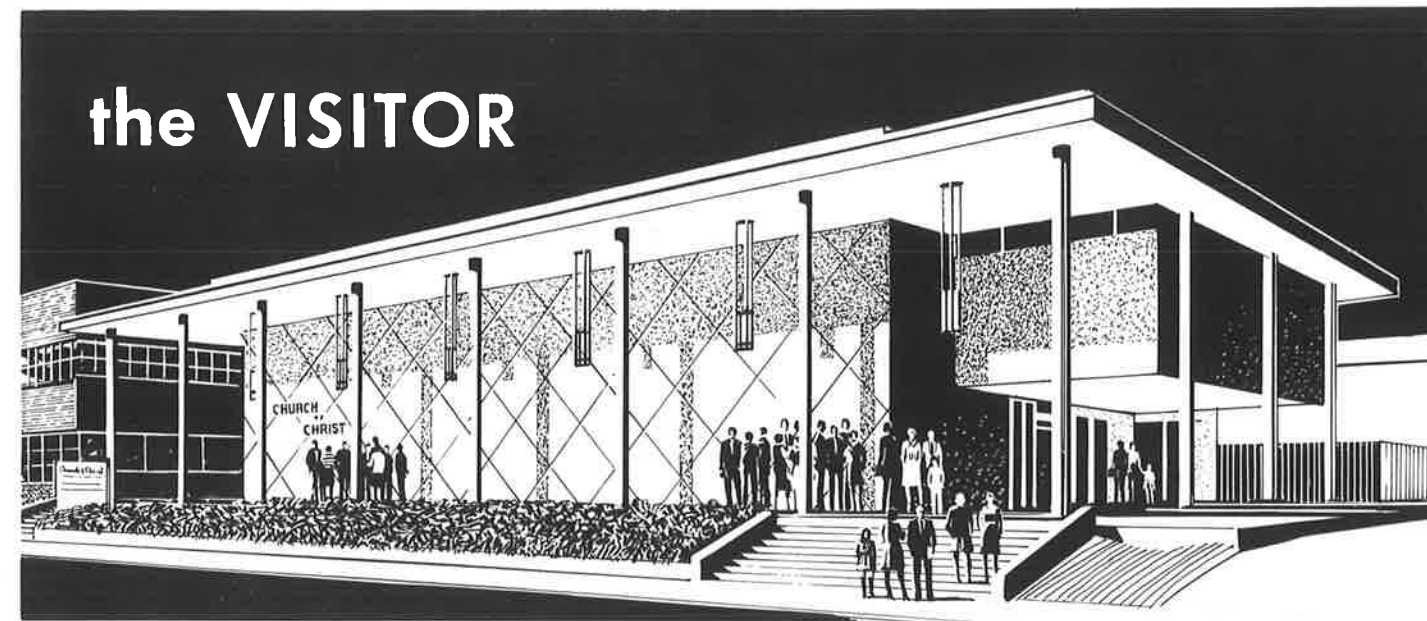
Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Week night Services 7:30 p.m.

Dan Manuel

will be teaching on

What is the role of GOD IN YOUR LIFE?

The Music Ministry of the Shiloh Road Church of Christ will present a performance of the Shiloh Singers, Sunday night, Oct. 6, at 7:30 at the Shiloh building. All are invited.




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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Preaching Sunday

This Sunday Dewey Howard, our new Education Minister, will be preaching at West Erwin at the morning assembly. Dewey comes to us with impressive credentials and we are excited about having him and his family with us. You will want to hear his first sermon at West Erwin!



Chester Amidon, Jr., Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, will be presenting a program on the work of Christian Services at the evening assembly. Jay Lockhart is in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas in a gospel meeting.

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* **Thought for the Day:** In the United States, there is one doctor for every 500 people. In Ethiopia, there is only one doctor for every 69,629 people. Over 5,000,000 children die each year of dehydration caused by drinking from unsafe water supplies. UNICEF claims that for approximately 5 cents per treatment, Oral Rehydration Therapy could save 82% of those affected. **What can we do to help? --- Taking Steps to End World Hunger on October 12.**

State Fair

All middle and high school families are invited to go to the State Fair of Texas on Saturday, Oct. 5. We will be leaving at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 9:00 p.m. It is a really great experience to see all the exhibits and enjoy the fair spirit. The gate price is \$6.00 (we have coupons that saved \$2.00) and you will also need money for your meals.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Oct. 5 State Fair
- Oct. 6 Combined Activity
- Oct. 7 Monday Night Bible Study
- Oct. 12 Taking Steps to End World Hunger

NEWS FROM RAY MAXWELL - West Point, Nebraska

Dear Brethren;

I pray that this letter finds you all in good health and active in the Lord's work there in Tyler. Since I last wrote you, many things have happened that have involved the church here in West Point.

To begin, I would like to thank you all for the help we had from your congregation this summer. It was the best VBS that we have had to date. It did much to help us in this town. We contacted each family that sent children and had a very good response from each one. There were no negative comments. Some of the families continue to study with us through correspondence. None have committed to a personal study.

We waited until the last week of August and the first week of September to receive the "One Nation Under God" mailing. The towns like Omaha said that it took about a month before they got anything in the mail about responses so we are still waiting for them.

We have converted the Dale and Laura Hipps. I told you about them in one of the letters I have written to you. They have 3 children and one on the way in November. They have proven their love for God and are a real asset to the church here. We also have a woman who lives 20 miles east of here that is a Christian and is meeting with us. Her husband is not a Christian so it is a great labor for her to bring her 2 children and assemble with us. I am encouraged by her faith. We are also studying with a family who moved into the area and used to meet with an Assembly of God church. They have met with us on the Lord's Day and continue to meet with us on Wednesday nights.

We have also had to move to another school house in the country. We did not have the money to build on our property in town and we outgrew our present building. We didn't have room for all the classes for the children we have. At last count we have 18 children under the age of 11 with 2 more due in 2 months. It is a much larger building with indoor plumbing and a basement for classes and fellowship.

I married a couple that has consented to continue their study with me. The husband was raised in the church in Alabama and the wife has no church background at all. Please pray for all the people I have mentioned to you in this letter. God is opening doors for us here. I ask for the wisdom that he supplies to plant the seed and be patient for the harvest.

Linda is getting along okay so far in her pregnancy. We have passed the critical time and are only 6 weeks away from our due date in November. The whole family is excited about the approaching time.

I will bid you farewell for now and send you my love and prayers with this letter. Please say hello for me to those who came and helped with VBS, especially the Philpots and the Snells.

In His service,
Ray Maxwell

Response

Cheryee Oberg came recently to ask for the prayers of her church family. She stated that she is going through a big change in her life and she wants to be the example that she should be. It is our privilege to pray with and for her as she seeks to be all that she wants to be.



Bridal Shower

You're Invited
to a Bridal Brunch
honoring
Melissa Ingram
bride-elect of Jeff Parrish
Saturday, October 12
11:00 - 12:30
at the home of
Mrs. Don Weathers
3401 Heines
Selections: Dillard's & Foley's
Ladies, please consider this your
personal invitation.



Dear West Erwin Family,

Your sweet spirit of love was felt in our hearts and in our home in the recent loss of our precious Jeff.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, wonderful food, and many visits and calls. We love you so very much!

Alma Biggs, Mike and Beckie

Thank you, church family, for your expressions of concern about the health of my sister, Thelma Page, over the past two years. Her agony is over and I am comforted by that thought and the cards and flowers I have received from you expressing your love and sympathy.

Marikate Davis

Dear West Erwin Family,

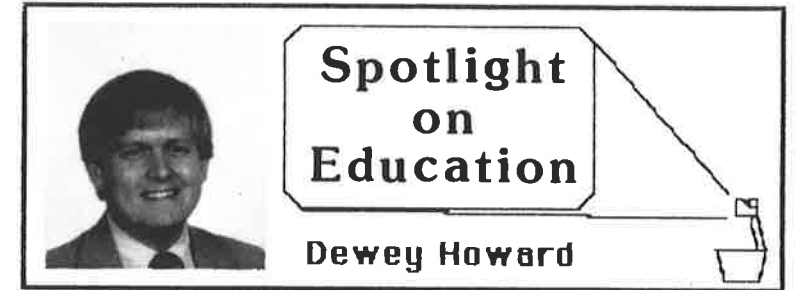
Thank you for your expressions of love and concern shown to me and my family in the loss of my brother, E. C. Brown. Your cards, calls, food, personal visits and beautiful plant were greatly appreciated.

May God bless each of you. Please continue to pray for us in these difficult times.

In Christian love,
Chloe, Roy and family

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have a "Harvest Time" picnic at Brookshire's Recreation Area on October 10 at 6:00 P.M. Please call Opal Mathews at 593-5102 or Peggy Garner at 592-7686 to RSVP and let us know what you will bring. In case of bad weather the picnic will be in our Fellowship Hall.



The move has been made, and it is so good to have Angela and Kayla here in town with me. You have all been so gracious to us during our move. Now that we are here, I look forward to working diligently with you to make our education ministry all that God would have it to become.

Speaking of doing just that, very soon I would like to meet with everyone who works in the education ministry. I would like very much to get to know you and hear your thoughts and dreams. Continue looking here and in the announcements as to a time for this meeting.

ON LOVING OUR CHILDREN

Bringing up children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord means
Living His story
Telling His stories
Communicating His judgments
Pouring out His gracious reassurances,
Living an open confession
before our children's eyes
of our specific sinfulness
and His holiness.

Speaking the "truth in love"
without regard for appearances--
with the utmost regard for truth.

Speaking love within the truth, at
all times caring for the little
eyes that yearn for us with
unspeakable sighs.

Children are provoked to anger by
absentee busybodies, dashing do-gooders,
"successful" Daddies,
who are always too busy
to know and be known
by their children.

Children get angry and depressed by
distracted listeners, by all those parents
who have not yet decided
to be Jesus to their
precious children.

-- Jim Reynolds --

| Records | Sunday Sept. 22 | Sunday Sept. 15 | Year Ago |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 409 | 407 | 378 |
| Worship A.M. | 545 | 552 | 518 |
| Worship P.M. | 420 | 475 | 365 |
| Wed. P.M. | 366 | 252 | 234 |
| Contribution | \$10,063.46 | \$10,514.08 | \$10,933.60 |
| Building Fund | \$442.00 | | |
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 29 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 2, Melvin Maples, ph. 849-3747.

Prayer and Care

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Bea Massey, mother of Ruby Cliver, had successful angioplasty surgery last Thursday.

Joshua Farabee's surgery will be rescheduled for a later date.

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Fay Woodruff, sister of Fern Bench, is hospitalized in Dallas.

Floyd and Edith Jones, sister and brother-in-law to Ruth Crosser, are both seriously ill in North Little Rock. He was scheduled to have heart surgery on Wednesday.

John D. and Ruby Brem have moved to Colonial Manor temporarily. They had fire damage in their home.

Diane Leek is to have gallbladder surgery in Paces-Ferry Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

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LORD'S SUPPER - P.M.

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Forest and Mary McFadden

Sympathy

Graveside services were held on Tuesday at Memorial Park for E. C. Brown, brother of Chloe Clark.

Graveside services will be held in Hillsboro on Wednesday for Thelma Page, sister of Marikate Davis.

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to these families.

Sunday will be another Lord's day.

It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters.

What a joy it will be to assemble together!

See you then!

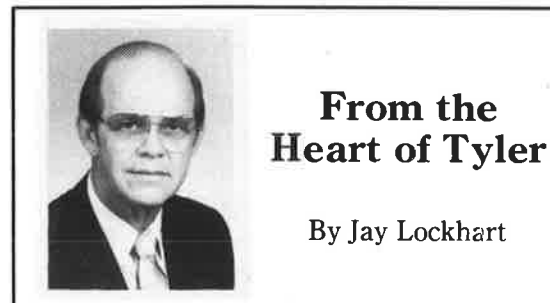
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



YOU ARE INVITED

TO HEAR

HAROLD TAYLOR

SUNDAY, A.M. & P.M.


SEPTEMBER 29, 1991

Harold Taylor, our stateside missionary, will be preaching at our morning and evening assemblies this Sunday. Jay Lockhart is in a meeting with the Webb Chapel church in Dallas.

"One Nation Under God" Campaign Update

Over 96.5 million homes in the United States have received the One Nation Under God brochure and over 150,000 responses have been received from every state and some foreign countries. Texas leads the response list with about 12,000, but Louisiana, Ohio, Georgia, Florida, California, and North Carolina have had over 5000 responses each. Responses continue at the rate of thousands a week and are expected to continue for another 45-60 days. Additional funds are needed to mail out the final 5 million brochures and Horace Burks, deacon of the Sycamore church in Cookeville, Tennessee, said, "We're pushing hard to finish this phase of the campaign. We definitely are not finished with this work ... not by any stretch of the imagination." There have been over 35 requests for Bible Correspondence courses from people in our area which have been sent to us by the Sycamore church.

Youth
Data
 From
Danny



Danny Snell

Thank You!

Dear West Erwin Family:
 The family of Bessie Thorn extends our thanks to you for all prayers, flowers, phone calls, cards, and words of sympathy offered to us in the loss of our loved one. May God Bless You All.

In Christian Love,
 Lela Duncan and Family

Thank you for your kindness and expression of love shown at the time of the loss of our brother, Vernon Pitts. Your sympathy is a great comfort to us. The red carnations were greatly appreciated. Remember us in your prayers.

In Christian Love,
 Gus and Cathy Krewall
 Irene Taylor
 Sharen Chambless


The family of Frances Walters acknowledges with deepest thanksgiving and appreciation for the kindnesses toward us during Frances' illness and death.

In Christian Love,
 Jean Walters
 for the family

Thanks for the many calls, cards, flowers and donations to the building fund in our memory. They mean so much in times of sorrow.

Elva Lee Williams
 and
 Dovie Hodges Family

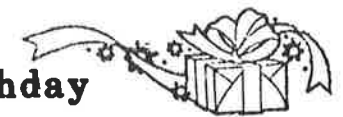
The Search



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

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have a "Harvest Time" picnic at Brookshire's Recreation Area on October 10 at 6:00 P.M. The hot dogs and buns will be furnished but we need members to bring chips, salads, desserts, or relish trays. Please call Opal Mathews at 593-5102 or Peggy Garner at 592-7686 to RSVP and let us know what you will bring. The 55+ groups from area churches have been invited to join us. Dress will be as we did in days of old. Prizes will be given for "best dressed." In case of bad weather the picnic will be in our Fellowship Hall.



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER (28) Abby Adams, Cheryee Oberg (29) Brody Clark, Janiece Johnson, Justin Metcalf, Adela Scogins, Ellie Steele (30) Mary Butler, Gary Colston
 OCTOBER (1) Cooper Goodson, Michelle Linscomb (2) Gwen Shuford (3) Kelly Finley, Sandra Nelson, Jeanie Wood (4) Whitney Bobbitt, Hillard Hughes, Foy Richey (5) Rob Butler, Julie Frick.

And The Lord Added. . .

Blake Stansbury, son of Dennis and Karen Stansbury, 725 Jeffrey in Tyler, was baptized Sunday by Danny Snell. We rejoice with Blake and his family in his decision to make this important commitment early in life.

Area Meetings

Dr. Douglas Dean of Pepperdine University will be the speaker for a seminar on "Creation vs. Evolution" at the Church of Christ in Seagoville on September 29 - Oct. 1. This is the congregation where Ferman Carpenter, Jr. preaches.


 The Music Ministry of the Shiloh Road Church of Christ will present a performance of the Shiloh Singers, Sunday night, Oct. 6, at 7:30 at the Shiloh building. All are invited.

BENEVOLENT NEEDS

We have a great need for clothing for our Benevolent outreach, especially children's clothing and men's clothing - slacks, shirts, jeans, shoes. There is also a need for bedding - sheets, blankets, etc. Because of your help, we are able to help the needy of our community.

"The garments we place on the backs of the needy will soon fade away, but the garments we place on our souls by doing this small act to the needy will last into eternity."

...Anon.



SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION
 Dewey Howard

As you read this bulletin, Angela, Kayla and I are finally on our move to Tyler. We have been praying about this time for quite a while now. And we know that you have been praying for us as well. We look forward to building a close and lasting relationship with you as we all help one another grow in the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The education ministry of the church has a special place in my heart. It is a ministry that strives to lead all -- men, women, teens and children -- into a deeper and closer relationship with God. It introduces persons to the loving grace of God that has been extended to us through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ. And it teaches all of us ways to respond to that grace appropriate to the Christian lifestyle -- a lifestyle that transforms us more and more into the likeness and image of Jesus. As I work along side you in the education ministry, I hope that we can strengthen this ministry: the children and adult Bible classes, teachers' training opportunities, VBS, class group activities, small group gatherings, retreats, etc. In so doing, we will all come to know God and one another in deeper and more personal ways.

In the next few weeks I look forward to getting to know the education committee and coordinators who serve West Erwin. Theirs is often a frustrating and lonely job. Nonetheless, it is a vital responsibility to the life of the educational efforts of the church, for they are the ones that strengthen, improve, and actuate this ministry. They deserve your full support and prayers as they carry on their tasks.

I look forward to getting to know the rest of our education staff: teachers, helpers, and others. Each one of them needs to see this as their ministry to the members of this church and this city. Without them, there would be no educational program of the church.

I already appreciate the staff and the elders of West Erwin. God has provided a talented group of people to lead the way.

May God richly bless this family as we move forward together with His strength and power to become what He wants us to become!

We had a great crew here Saturday evening for our family time at the "Center". Over 30 folks worked and played for several hours. A whole lot was accomplished and the "Center" looks so much better. Thanks to the following families and their friends: the Blackstones, Broomes, Carruths, Eppersons, Nelsons, Sublettes and Vannoys.

About 20 of us had a great time at the area skating Sunday night. There were about 70 from the area present to enjoy this time together.

* Thought for the Day: Worldwide refugees are displaced by war, famine and natural disaster. They are people who have lost homes, possessions, homeland and many times their families. They flee their homeland when survival is no longer possible. The number of refugees worldwide, is quickly approaching 16,000,000. 80% of these end up in the already poor Third World countries. Nearly 80% of all refugees are women and children. Fully 50% of all refugees worldwide are under 16 years of age. **What can we do to help? --- Taking Steps to End World Hunger on October 12.**

State Fair

All middle and high school families are invited to go to the State Fair of Texas on Saturday, Oct. 5. We will be leaving at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 9:00 p.m. It is a really great experience to see all the exhibits and enjoy the fair spirit. The gate price is \$8.00 and you will also need money for your meals. Please let me know if you are interested in going.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sep. 29 Brothers Keeper Meeting
- Sep. 30 Monday Night Bible Study
- Oct. 5 State Fair
- Oct. 12 Taking Steps to End World Hunger

| Records | Sunday Sept. 15 | Sunday Sept. 8 | Year Ago |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 407 | 365 | 404 |
| Worship A.M. | 552 | 486 | 510 |
| Worship P.M. | 475 | 387 | 353 |
| Wed. P.M. | 252 | 279 | 242 |
| Contribution | \$10,514.08 | \$11,289.02 | \$11,778.90 |
| Building Fund | \$421.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 22, and Wed. P.M., Sept. 25, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

Prayer and Care

Hazel Morgan is in room 542 at UT Health Center. She expects to be dismissed Thursday.

Bea Massey, mother of Ruby Cliver, is scheduled for furthur surgery on Thursday.

Winnie Belle Moore, grandmother of Rhonda Haws, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Jeannie Brookshire, mother of our Melissa and Stacey Brookshire, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. She had surgery on Tuesday.

Hazel Blanton, mother of Donna Maples, is scheduled for surgery on Thursday at Medical Center Hospital.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shutins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon for Jeff Biggs.

Funeral services were held in Shreveport on Monday for J. T. Loyd, brother-in-law of Bill Endsley.

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to these families in their time of grief.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer James Sublette
Scripture Dr. Ralph Rowe
Dismiss John Portwood

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Fred Powell
Scripture Pat Patten
Dismiss John Pike

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Randall Wilson David Taylor
Neil Vannoy Jason O'Quinn

LORD'S SUPPER - P.M.

Randall Wilson

GREETERS

Matt and Rhonda Haws
George and Ruth Hearne



Change of Address

We had a letter from Barbara (Graves) Weatherman this week. She stated, "I would like to thank each and every one of my brothers and sisters for their prayers and support. The prayers in my behalf were answered and for this, I thank the Lord every day." She has relocated to: 4309 58th Street, #A, Lubbock, Texas 79413.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. They That Serve Well As Deacons
(I Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13)

P.M. Special Men For Special Tasks
(Acts 6:1-14)

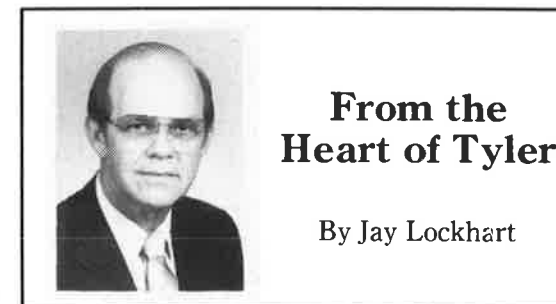
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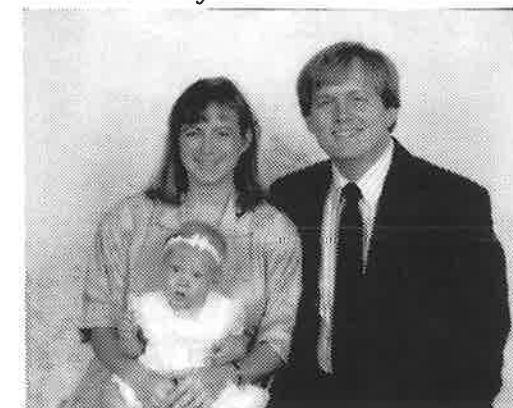


From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Welcome To The Howards

Last Sunday we formally welcomed Dewey, Angela, and Kayla Howard to Tyler and the West Erwin church where Dewey will be serving as our Minister of Education. Dewey will be working in all phases of our work, but his primary duties will be in education. Because of Dewey's training and experience in the educational program of the church and his desire to help us build a strong educational program, we are expecting great things of him. We are excited about having the Howards with us and want to do all we can to make their transition period as smooth as possible. Angela and Kayla returned to Levelland Monday and will be back in Tyler in about two weeks after, hopefully, selling their house. Dewey will be staying with his parents in Ben Wheeler until the family can get settled in Tyler.




Additional Deacons

About two weeks ago the names of thirteen men were placed before the church as prospective deacons. When we recently appointed seven additional elders, five of them came from our deacons reducing the total number of deacons to eleven. Our elders immediately began to consider appointing additional deacons, so the names of the men listed below were suggested to the church and, with no scriptural objections being presented to our elders, they will be formally appointed this Sunday.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Gary Broome | Keith Harris |
| Ken Culpepper | Steve Linscomb |
| Don Drummond | Jay Lockhart, Jr. |
| Alan Fisher | Melvin Maples |
| Terry Frick | Don Peek |
| David Haney | Kelly Ross |

Marc Tate

Youth
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 From
Danny



Danny Snell

We welcome the Dewey Howard family to West Erwin this week. We are really looking forward to having Dewey as a part of the team here. His expertise in the education field will be a valuable asset to this church. Dewey, Angela and Kayla, Welcome to Tyler.

* Monday Night Bible Study will not meet again until September 23.

* Thought for the Day: One out of every four people on earth do not have access to safe drinking water. In Ethiopia, less than 8% of the people have access to uncontaminated water supplies. The World Health Organization estimates that over 80% of all disease in the Third World is directly related to contaminated water. *What can we do to help?*

Family Time at the Center

Saturday night, Sep. 21, all middle and high school families are invited to the "Center" for an evening of fellowship. The times will be from 4:30 - 9:00 and we will order Pizza for supper. We are planning to spend time cleaning, goofing around, and playing games. Invite your friends and come and enjoy the evening together.

Area - Wide Skating

All teens are invited to go skating on Sunday, September 22, at Applebee's Skating Rink. There will be teens from all the churches in Tyler and Whitehouse. The cost will be \$3.00 plus whatever you eat. We will return to the church lot at 9:30. Make plans to be a part of this great time of fun and fellowship.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sep. 21 Family Time at the Center
- Sep. 22 Area - Wide Skating
- Sep. 23 Monday Night Bible Study
- Sep. 29 Brothers Keeper Meeting
- Oct. 12 Taking Steps to End World Hunger



Bridal Shower

You're invited to a Bridal Brunch honoring Lisa Peek bride-elect of Sean Fry Saturday, September 21 11:30 - 1:00 at the home of Mrs. K. Max Haws 3302 Parliament

Selections: Foleys and Dillards

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



Discovery Days


Discovery Days fall semester is well under way. The teachers are really doing an excellent job with the children we have in our care. Please take time as you visit the East Texas Fair to look at the exhibits. Each class has made a project to enter in the fair. The 2's have made pickles, the 3's have made strawberry jelly and the 4's have made a quilt. To further enrich our study of "the Fair", Charles Hickman will be making jelly in our 4 year old class as our special guest. Have fun at the fair and peek at Discovery Days' special projects in the exhibit section.

Barbara Oberg

TODDLER NURSERY

Beginning Sunday, September 15, Jeannie Ross will be the regular attendant for the Toddler Nursery on Sunday nights. Until we can find someone to take the Sunday morning hour, volunteers will continue to be used. If you are interested in this work as a volunteer or on a regular basis, please call the church office.

The Search



Each Sunday
 KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.
 KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.
 Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

Area Meetings

You Are Invited To A Gospel Meeting To Hear DAVID BROWN of Austin, Texas at the Church of Christ Corinth Road, FM Road 768 Jacksonville, Texas September 22 - 25
 Sunday: 9:30 & 10:20 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
 Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

You Are Cordially Invited to the Fourth Sunday Singing September 22, 1991, at 2:30 P.M. Whitehouse Church of Christ Come and join in the singing of praises to God our Father

POWER FOR TODAY

We have received Power For Today books for October/November/December 1991. These are available for you to pick up in the north foyer.

Kindness

Kind HEARTS are the GARDENS,
 Kind THOUGHTS are the ROOTS,
 Kind WORDS are the FLOWERS,
 Kind DEEDS are the FRUITS.

BULLETIN DIGEST

"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



Great Days With Melvin Weldon

We are indebted to Melvin Weldon for bringing us the inspiring and most practical series this week which helped us develop as persons. In one of the sessions Mel focused on positive and negative people and said, "The more Christian we are, the more we will identify with the positive." Here is his list:

| Negatives | Positives |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Doubts | Acceptance, Faith |
| Fears | Confidence |
| Pessimism | Optimism |
| Feels Inadequate | I Am Capable |
| Thinks "I am weak" | I Am Strong |
| Thinks "I can't" | I Can Do It |
| Angry, Hostile | Understanding, Merciful |
| Grouchy | Cheerful, Friendly |
| Morbid and Sour | Joyful, Happy |
| Dishonors Others | Respectful |
| Degrades Others | Encourages Others |
| Destroys Others | Helps Others |
| Selfish/Inconsiderate | Considerate |
| Defensive | Secure |
| Uncommunicative | Shares of Self |
| Critical/Condemning | Shows Appreciation |
| Looks for Faults | Looks for Good |
| Blames Others | Accepts Responsibility |
| Bored and Unhappy | Enthusiastic |
| Low Motivation & Energy | Motivated |
| Depression/Despair | Hopeful |

Which are you?



Timely Advice For God's People

- If you are impatient, Sit down quietly and talk with Job.
- If you are just a little strongheaded, Go and see Moses.
- If you are getting weakkneed, Take a good look at Elijah.
- If there is no song in your heart, Listen to David.
- If your faith is below par, Read Paul.
- If you are getting lazy, Watch James.
- If you are losing sight of the future, Climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

..Borrowed

| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Sept. 8 | Sept. 1 | Ago |
| Bible Class | 365 | 362 | 413 |
| Worship A.M. | 486 | 482 | 536 |
| Worship P.M. | 387 | 311 | 365 |
| Wed. P.M. | 279 | 284 | 240 |
| Contribution | \$11,289.02 | \$12,898.22 | \$10,733.25 |
| Building Fund | \$650.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 15, and Wed. P.M., Sept. 18, John Cliver, ph. 593-5075.

Prayer and Care

Winnie Belle Moore, grandmother of Rhonda Haws, is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. She suffered a broken hip.

Jeff Biggs was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday.

Foy Hodnett expects to go home Wednesday or Thursday.

Edythe Trentham was in Mother Frances Hospital but has returned to Woodcreek Nursing Center.

Jeannie Brookshire, mother of our Melissa and Stacey Brookshire, is scheduled for surgery at Medical Center Hospital on Tuesday.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Carnegie, Oklahoma on Wednesday for Vernon Pitt, brother of Cathy Krewall and Irene Taylor and uncle of Sharen Chambless.

Funeral services were held in Canton on Sunday for James Weaver, uncle of Ann McMinn.

Funeral services are pending at Burks Walker for Dovie Hodges, sister of Elva Lee Williams.

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to these families.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Ray Vannoy
Scripture Robert Stokes
Dismiss Jimmie Philpot

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Foy Richey
Scripture Kelly Ross
Dismiss Guy Potts

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Mark Waggoner Wade Weathers
Walker Weathers Bo Wiegreffe

LORD'S SUPPER - P.M.

Walker Weathers

GREETERS

Matt and Rhonda Haws

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Area Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend a GOSPEL MEETING

at the

LaPoynor church of Christ

LaRue, Texas

September 16-18

7:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday with **Steve Weeks**, our new minister. Come hear the Good News about Jesus and meet our new preacher!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

We encourage all ladies who can to attend the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class. Fern Bench is directing a study on the book of Colossians. A nursery will be provided for preschool children. Make your plans to be there. You'll enjoy it!

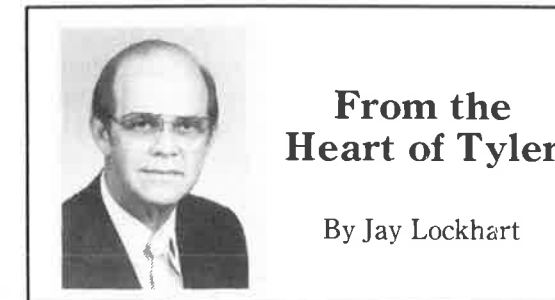
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Meet Melvin Weldon

Melvin Weldon is the Pulpit Minister for the MacArthur Boulevard church in San Leandro, California and has been preaching for almost fifty years. He has also been engaged in private counseling for the past twenty-five years. Mel received his training at Abilene Christian University and has spent most of his life working in California. He was married to Sue Barrett Weldon for forty-five years until her death earlier this year. He is the father of three grown children. In preparing to come to us, Mel stated, "There are dynamic forces at work in our lives which control us and often dominate us. Many of these come from our experiences in early childhood and still affect us as adults. These forces can be a blessing or a curse to us. If we understand what is really happening to us and know what we can do about it, we can take control of our lives and change the curses into blessings."

His presentations will be very practical and everyone will benefit from them--young people as well as adults. Come and bring your friends!

- Sunday - 9:00 a.m.:
The Human Factor In Coping With Life
- 10:00 a.m.:
The Power of Mental Programming
- 6:00 p.m.:
The Power of Believing
- Monday - 7:30 p.m.:
The Power of Positive Focus
- Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.:
The Power of Affirmation
- Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.:
The Power of Self-Image



Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

We had a good parent-teen meeting this past Sunday with a large and energetic crowd present. We appreciate all the dedicated parents who care so much about their teens and the youth program. Please watch the mail for the new youth calendar and youth directory.

* Monday Night Bible Study will not meet again until September 23.

* Thought for the Day: Half the deaths of children under five worldwide, are related to malnutrition. Most malnourished children who survive will suffer some form of irreversible brain damage or stunted growth. Approximately 40,000 children under the age of five die each day due to malnutrition and related causes. That figure represents the death of one child every two seconds. What can we do to help?

Combined Activity

All middle and high schoolers are invited to the combined activity this Sunday. We will be going out to eat together. Please bring \$5.00 for supper. Make plans to be a part of this great evening.

Area - Wide Skating

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Sep. 15 Combined Activity
Sep. 15-18 Meeting - Melvin Weldon
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Selections: Foleys and Dillard's

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to George and Alice Stephenson on their 55th wedding anniversary on September 15. George was pulpit minister at West Erwin from 1968 to 1981. They "retired" to their hometown of Collinsville, Texas where George expects to be preaching this Sunday.

Wyatt's Will Contribute

Beginning September 1 and continuing throughout December, each time you eat at Wyatt's, they will make a contribution of 10% of the value of all meals purchased by our congregation. Each time you eat at Wyatt's ask for a "church" receipt. Turn these in to the church office and once a month these will be mailed to Wyatt's and they will contribute 10% of the total amount.

The Search



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Welcome, New Members!



We are happy to welcome Greg and Cyndie Wagner, Wesley and Meggie, into our family at West Erwin. Wesley is in 6th grade and Meggie is in kindergarten in Brownsboro. Their address is P.O. Box 1475, Chandler, Texas 75758, phone 849-2012. They formerly worshipped with the church in Brownsboro.

Welcome Howards!

We're excited about the coming of Dewey, Angela, and Kayla Howard. We look forward to many years of working together to serve Christ.

Potpourri

A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something.

A baby is God's opinion the world should go on.

God gave man a mouth that closes, and ears that do not; which should tell us something.

Most of us carry a stumbling block around. We cover it with a hat.

Egotism is the art of seeing things in yourself that others cannot see.

Our College Students

Remember our college students as they prepare themselves spiritually and intellectually for the years ahead.

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| Joni Armstrong | Tyler Junior College |
| Jeff Blackstone | Tyler Junior College |
| Stacey Brookshire | Tyler Junior College |
| Brody Clark | Louisiana Tech |
| Amy Daughtry | Stephen F. Austin University |
| Brian Daughtry | University of Texas at Tyler |
| Mike Downing | Kilgore Junior College |
| Amy Fisher | Harding University |
| Amy Harrison | Tyler Junior College |
| Matt Herder | Tyler Junior College |
| Luke Ingram | Tyler Junior College |
| Michael Lowrance | Tyler Junior College |
| Kim Maples | Tyler Junior College |
| Melissa Marts | Abilene Christian University |
| Cheryl Murphy | Tyler Junior College |
| Rachael Nunn | University of North Texas |
| Chris Oberg | Tyler Junior College |
| Amy O'Quinn | Abilene Christian University |
| Traci O'Quinn | Abilene Christian University |
| Amy Pickens | Tyler Junior College |
| Katie Powell | University of North Texas |
| Steve Rachui | Abilene Christian University |
| Andrea' Rolf | University of Texas at Tyler |
| Michelle Steffee | Texas A&M |
| Chris Starnes | Missouri State College |
| Robby Scott | Abilene Christian University |
| Cheryl Welborn | Abilene Christian University |

EACH LIFE AFFECTS ANOTHER'S

We may not always realize that everything we do affects not only our lives but touches others, too. For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share. Yes, everytime you offer someone a helping hand, Every time you show a friend you care and understand, Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give You'll help someone find beauty in this precious life we live. For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways bring love, And giving is the treasure that contentment is made of.

---Amanda Bradley

| Records | Sunday Sept. 1 | Sunday Aug. 25 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 362 | 400 | 417 |
| Worship A.M. | 482 | 549 | 636 |
| Worship P.M. | 311 | 371 | 394 |
| Wed. P.M. | 284 | 262 | 243 |
| Contribution | \$12,898.22 | \$10,432.93 | \$12,911.06 |
| Building Fund | \$464.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 8, and Wed. P.M., September 11, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

Prayer and Care

Foy Hodnett is in room 474 at Mother Frances Hospital.

Hazel Morgan expected to be dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday.

Jeff Biggs is now at home.

Jim McCoy is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 2275.

James Weaver, Ann McMinn's uncle, is critically ill in Mother Frances Hospital, room 384.

Beulah Bedford was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday.

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother, is now at home in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Orville McElroy, brother-in-law of Leona McElroy, is recuperating from surgery in Fort Worth, Texas.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

*HE KNOWS,
HE LOVES,
HE CARES...*

Serving Sunday

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Leon Welborn
Scripture Earl O'Quinn
Dismiss Ben Young

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Danny Snell
Scripture Stan Mallory
Dismiss Jeremy Wiggains

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Mark Waggoner Wade Weathers
Walker Weathers Bo Wiegrefe

LORD'S SUPPER - P.M.

Wade Weathers

GREETERS

Robert and Pat Stokes
James and Connie Sublette

Sympathy

Graveside services were held on Tuesday for Louise Clark, sister-in-law of Roy Clark.

Funeral services were held on Thursday in Kemp, Texas for Bessie Thorn, Lela Duncan's sister.

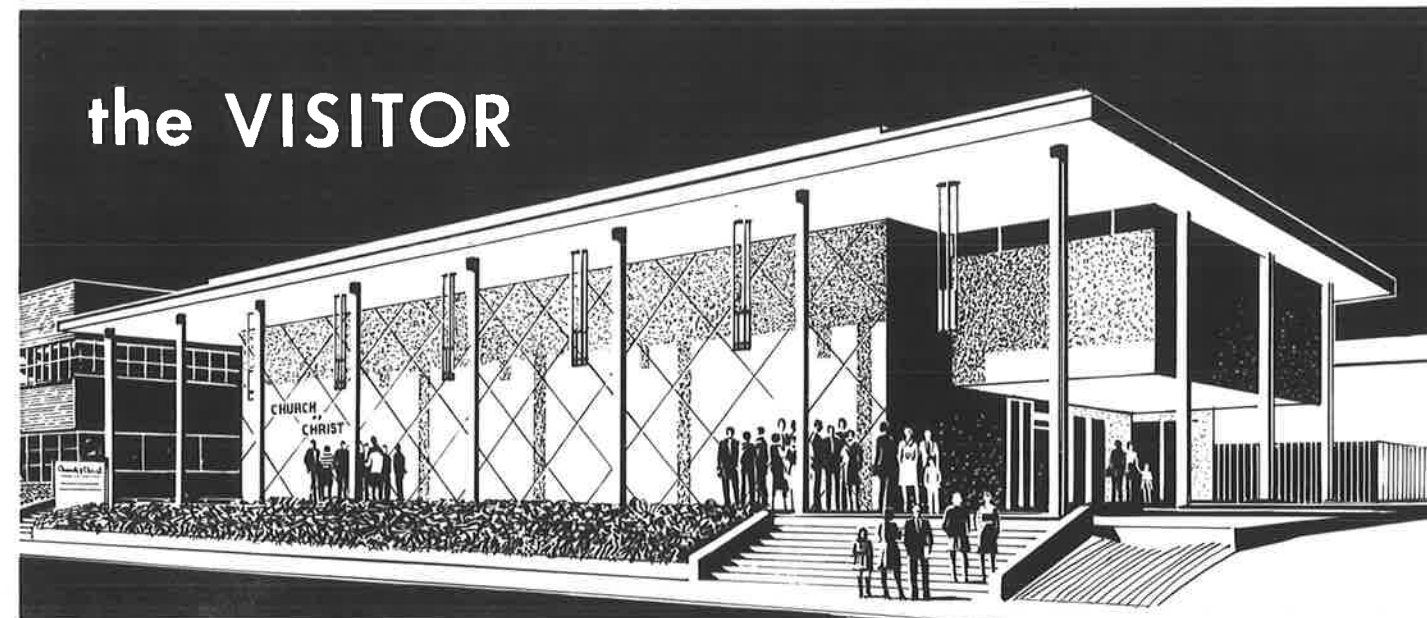
We express our love and sympathy to these families.

"Your attitude determines your altitude."

"Goals are met when we coordinate our efforts with those of others."


"Coming together is a beginning ... keeping together is progress ... working together is success."

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Hear **Bob Scott** speak on World Christian Broadcasting September 8 at all services



Dewey Howard Accepts West Erwin Position


Dewey Howard, of Levelland, Texas, has accepted the invitation of the West Erwin elders to become our Minister of Education. Dewey and his wife Angela and their daughter Kayla will be with us by September 15. Dewey is well qualified for his work with us as he has earned his Master's degree in Religious Education from Abilene Christian University and has worked as an Educational Director for four years. His rich background will enable him to help us have the best Bible School program possible at West Erwin. We welcome the Howards to our family.

Hear **Mel Weldon** speak on The Power Within September 15-18



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Danny Snell

Last Sunday night we had a great time with the middle and high school gang. Thanks to Les & Carolyn Carruth and Marc & Dana Tate for hosting it. Thanks to Scott Carruth for doing the Devo. You did a great job Scott.

* Monday Night Bible Study will not meet again until September 23.

* Thought for the Day: 15 to 20 million people will die this year of malnutrition and related causes. Over 75% of these people will be children. How can we help?

Parent - Teen Meeting

All students of grades 6-12 and their parents need to make plans to be at our planning meeting on Sunday, Sep. 8. This will be an important meeting so please make plans to attend. If you haven't received information in the mail, please let me know.

Combined Activity

All middle and high schoolers are invited to the combined activity on Sunday, Sep. 15. Make plans to be a part of this great evening.

Area - Wide Skating

All teens are invited to go skating on Sunday, September 22 at Applebee's Skating Rink. There will be teens from all the churches in Tyler and Whitehouse. The cost will be \$3.00 plus whatever you eat. Make plans to be a part of this great time of fun and fellowship.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sep. 8 Parent - Teen Meeting
- Sep. 15 Combined Activity
- Sep. 15-18 Meeting - Melvin Weldon
- Sep. 22 Area - Wide Skating
- Oct. 12 Taking Steps to End World Hunger

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends at West Erwin,
 Your caring and concern for us during Virgil's illness and at the time of his death and your continued interest are very much appreciated by my family and I. Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, food, and all the many ways you have shown your loving Christian spirit to us.

I also appreciate your love and support for my Mother and Daddy, Roy and Chloe Clark. They are very special and I am thankful for the way your church family cares for them.

A special "thanks" to Jay Lockhart and Danny Snell for their ministry to us.

In Christian Love,
 Brenda Crocker and Family

We want to thank our family at West Erwin for all the many prayers, visits, and calls and to all the Bible classes while Snow was in the hospital.

We love you all,
 Snow and Edna

Dear West Erwin Family,
 The family of Walter Billings acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the flowers, visits, cards, calls and food during the sudden illness and loss of my brother. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christian Love,
 Tommy, Jerry, & Jeff Konczak

The family of Travis Malone acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful azalea plant, the many cards of sympathy, especially your prayers, your calls and words of comfort. May the Lord bless each of you.

In Christian Love,
 Zona Crone and family

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

You won't want to miss the beginning of the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M. on September 11. They will meet in the Heritage Room and will begin a study of Colossians with Fern Bench as teacher. Make your plans to be there!



Discovery Days

Discovery Days hosted a Luau on August 15 in honor of our summer program. There were 66 mothers, dads, grandparents, and children in attendance. Our thanks to our summer staff: Vicki Cauthen, Jeannie Ross, Betty Strait, and Sheila Taylor.

Our fall classes have started with much excitement. Please stop by and admire the classrooms.

Barbara Oberg, Director



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Nancy Audeen Thedford and Gregory Stephen Healey were married in Denver, Colorado on Wednesday, September 4. She and Clint and Steven will be moving to Denver the weekend of September 21. Greg is already living and working there. Our love and best wishes go with this family as they begin a new phase in their lives. We will miss them but hope they will be very happy in their new home and will come back to visit often.

Area Meeting

The Fairfield Church of Christ invites you to a Gospel Meeting September 8 - 13 F. I. Stanley of Rogers, Arkansas Special Speaker Weekday Services: 11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

PRISON MINISTRY

A group of our families will be gone this Sunday to participate in the prison ministry at the Coffield Unit in Palestine, Texas. This is an important ministry and we are glad that some in our congregation have agreed to give of their time to be a part of it.

Fall Bible Class Schedule

Bible School - September 1991

| Age or Grade | Room | Teacher |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---|
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | | |
| NURSERY | Coordinator: | Jeanine Hughes |
| Beginners | 109 | Jeanine Hughes Jo Butler |
| <u>EARLY CHILDHOOD</u> | | |
| 2 Year Olds | 102 | Coordinator: Barbara Oberg Velma Lemons Sherry Miles |
| 3-4 Year Olds | 208 | Sue Skipper |
| Kindergarten | 201 | Jim Mayer Priscilla Mayer |
| <u>PRIMARY</u> | | |
| 1st Grade | 215 | Coordinator: Connie Sublette Tina Harris Charisse Smith |
| 2nd Grade | 206 | Marian Rowe |
| 3rd Grade | 204 | Fran Starnes Judy Clark |
| <u>JUNIOR</u> | | |
| 4th Grade | 214 | Coordinator: Gary Broome Ruby Cliver |
| 5th Grade | 306 | Donna Epperson |
| <u>JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH</u> | | |
| 6, 7, 8th Grades | 302 | Coordinator: Danny Snell Scott Epperson |
| 9 - 12 Grades | 303 | Danny Snell |
| <u>YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS</u> | | |
| Adult 7 | 305 | Don Peek Jerry Huff |
| <u>ADULT</u> | | |
| Adult 1 | Aud. | Faber Cauthen |
| Adult 2 | 301 | Hillard Hughes |
| Adult 3 | Heritage | Stan Clark |
| Adult 5 | Chapel | Ira Wilson |
| Adult 6 (Ladies) | 108 | Sue Starnes Bernice Majors |
| Adult 8 | F. Hall | Roy Bench |
| Adult 9 | 304 | Forest McFadden |
| Adult 10 | 106 | Stan Mallory |
| Young Marrieds | 104 | Jay Lockhart, Jr. |
| <u>WEDNESDAY P.M.</u> | | |
| 2 & 3 Year Olds | 102 | Kathy Portwood Jeri Prestidge |
| 4 & 5 Year Olds | 208 | Michelle Linscomb |
| 1st & 2nd Grades | 206 | Gary & Julie Ables |
| 3rd Grade | 204 | Debbie Graham |
| 4th & 5th Grades | 306 | Wally Dawkins Laurie Dawkins |

| Records | Sunday Aug. 25 | Sunday Aug. 18 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 400 | 387 | 432 |
| Worship A.M. | 549 | 506 | 432 |
| Worship P.M. | 371 | 364 | 383 |
| Wed. P.M. | 262 | 266 | 242 |
| Contribution | \$10,432.93 | \$9,040.93 | \$12,461.50 |
| Building Fund | \$490.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 1, and Wed. P.M., September 4, Ray Womack, ph. 561-5227.

Prayer and Care

Hazel Morgan is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. She suffered a heart attack on Tuesday and underwent successful angioplasty.

Jeff Biggs is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital, room 483. His condition has improved.

James Weaver, Ann McMinn's uncle, is critically ill in Mother Frances Hospital, room 384.

Beulah Bedford is recuperating from surgery in Mother Frances Hospital, Room 380.

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother, is in Camden-Clark Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Attention Parents of 4th, 5th, 6th Graders!

There will be a meeting Sunday afternoon at 5:30 for parents and children (ages 10-13) to learn more about a new training class for these ages. Boys and parents will meet in the chapel. Girls and parents will meet in the Heritage Room.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Ray Vannoy
 Prayer David Haney
 Scripture Wally Dawkins
 Dismiss David Daughtry
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Ray Vannoy
 Prayer Marc Tate
 Scripture Wayne Harrison
 Dismiss Kurt Gesse

GREETERS
 Robert and Pat Stokes
 James and Connie Sublette

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Durant, Oklahoma for Travis Malone, brother of Zona Crone and uncle of Carolyn Philpot. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Area Meeting

The Broad Street Church of Christ Announces its Seminar on:

ADDICTION/CO-DEPENDENCY
 September 7 & 8
 Saturday - 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday - 10:00 and 10:50

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 1, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
 A.M. A Model For Ministry #3 (Acts 17:1-9)
 P.M. A Model For Ministry #4 (I Thess. 3:6-13)

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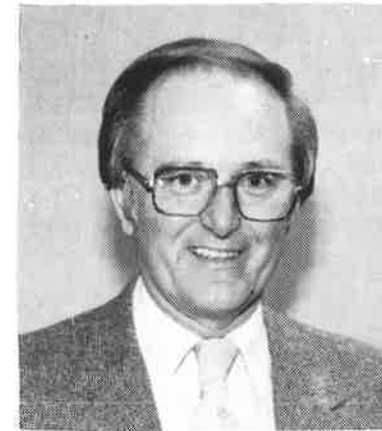


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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

Two Super Events!

Bob Scott Is Coming



Bob Scott, President of World Christian Broadcasting, will be at West Erwin September 7 and 8 for two exciting days. The WCB story is thrilling and Bob will be speaking three times at our assemblies: at Bible Study (Junior High through Adults) and during morning and evening worship assemblies. Additionally, he will be meeting with our elders on Saturday for a short seminar on Shepherding and with our mission committee on Sunday afternoon. Bob is an elder of the Highland church in Abilene, a preacher of the Gospel, and holds a doctorate in education from U.C.L.A. Be sure to hear him!


Melvin Weldon At West Erwin

Melvin Weldon of San Leandro, California will be with us for four great days, September 15-18. Mel comes to us with a half century of studying the Bible and preaching experience and twenty-five years of counseling. His messages will be very down-to-earth and practical and you can be assured that both you and your friends will benefit from these lectures which will be presented in a non-threatening atmosphere. The messages will include:

- The Human Factor In Coping With Life
 - The Power of Mental Programming
 - The Power of Believing
 - The Power of Positive Focus
 - The Power of Affirmations
 - The Power of Self-Image
- Hear Melvin Weldon, September 15-18.



Youth
Data
 From
Danny



Danny Snell

School has begun and another year will fly by. Teens, we have had a great summer together, let's not lose sight of what we are all about. Most of all let's not forget whose we are. Changing the world isn't an impossibility with God and the church is His tool to do just that. It is our prayer that we will let God use us to that end.

Last Sunday afternoon, a bunch of us went to the Briarcliff Village and took part in their afternoon worship assembly. Thanks to all the teens and adults who did an outstanding job in representing the West Erwin church.

The area wide back-to-school prayer meeting this past Sunday was great. Thanks to Larry & Sandra Henry for going and for all the teens who prayed for their schools.

* Monday Night Bible Study will not meet again until September 23 due to Labor Day and our church meeting.

Parent - Teen Meeting

All students of the grades 6-12 and their parents need to make plans to be at our planning meeting on Sunday, Sep. 8. This will be an important meeting so please make plans to attend.

Combined Activity

All middle and high schoolers are invited to the combined activity on Sunday, Sep. 1. We have some very special things planned for that evening, so plan to be a part of it. Please bring a dollar to help with the food.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Sep. 1 Combined Activity
 Sep. 8 Parent - Teen Meeting

Happy Birthday



SEPTEMBER (1) Barbara Valentine (2) Denton Phillips (4) Modena Jones, Leona McElroy (5) Frances Atkins, Suzanna Cauthen, Joyce McClenny, Chris Starnes (6) Stan Clark, Jim McCoy (7) Moselle White.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Melissa Brookshire! She graduated on August 23 as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She completed her studies with honors, on the Dean's List.

ATTENTION COLLEGE AGE!

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, September 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Campus Christian Center (TRI-C)
 1415 South Baxter
 Tyler, Texas 75701
 Free Ice Cream
 EVERYONE WELCOME

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354 RALLY

The annual rally of Boy Scout Troop 354 will occur on Monday, September 9, 1991, in the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood Church of Christ. Parents and boys who are age 11 (or have completed the 5th grade) through age 17 are invited to attend this information meeting.

Wedding Invitation



Mr. and Mrs. Henry McRuiz
 request the honor of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter
 Jana Lynn
 and
 Mr. Kevin Lane Tiller
 on Saturday,
 the thirty-first of August
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-one
 at two o'clock in the afternoon
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 Tyler, Texas
 Reception following

Welcome, New Members!

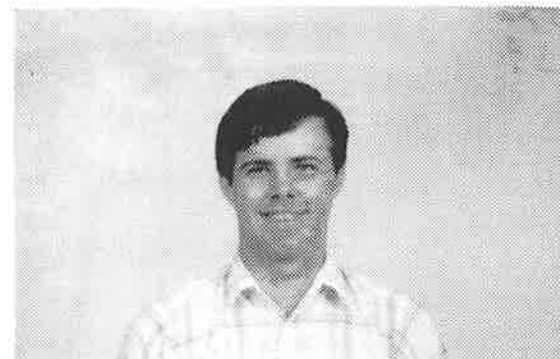
We are very happy to welcome two new families and a young single into our fellowship.



Delbert and Sandra Nelson, came Sunday to place membership with us. Marcie is a junior at Robert E. Lee and Mandy is in 8th grade at Hubbard Middle School. They live at 813 David, ph. 581-6071. They moved to Tyler recently from Tomball, Texas.



Jim and Launa Armstrong, and daughter, Joni, live on Route 2, Box 2104, ph. 849-2144. Joni is a student at Tyler Junior College. They formerly worshiped with the church in Van.



Mike Downing, 9077 CR 135, Flint, ph. 894-7397, has been visiting for some time and we are glad to welcome him as a member here.

GUEST EDITORIAL

A bulletin article by Dick Marcear recounts a bit of simple research provided by a person who visited 18 different congregations of the church of Christ to find out how they treated visitors. The congregations were given a rating based on the following scale:

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| a smile | 10 points |
| a greeting | 10 points |
| an exchange of names | 100 points |
| an invitation to return | 200 points |
| introducing someone else | 1000 points |
| introducing the preacher | 2000 points |

Eleven of the congregations received less than 100 points. Five scored less than 20 points. His conclusion: The building may be comfortable, the doctrine may be biblical, the preaching and singing may be interesting and uplifting, but if no one takes any notice of the visitor, he isn't likely to return.

"Practice hospitality" is a divine requirement, not an elective. The word hospitality means "love of strangers." We show hospitality by being kind, considerate, and helpful to those we do not know.

Watch for strangers at our assemblies and in our Bible classes. They may not be keeping score on a survey sheet, but you can be sure we are being evaluated, and we are by our conduct showing the stranger what the church of the Lord is like.

BLOOD BANK

We need as many members as possible to go to Stewart Blood Bank and donate blood to our account number 6286. Our supply is seriously depleted and this is a valuable service that is important to many in our congregation. Thank you for your help.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

You won't want to miss the beginning of the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 A.M. on September 11. They will meet in the Heritage Room and will begin a study of Colossians with Fern Bench as teacher. Make your plans to be there!

BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1991

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|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 387 | 350 | 365 |
| Worship A.M. | 506 | 507 | 515 |
| Worship P.M. | 364 | 366 | 346 |
| Wed. P.M. | 266 | 285 | 248 |
| Contribution | \$9,040.93 | \$10,536.87 | \$10,345.12 |
| Building Fund | \$549.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 25, and Wed. P.M., August 28, George Hearne, ph. 593-8731.

Prayer and Care

Jim McCoy was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday.

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother, is now at home in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Onie Mason, Billie Morgan's mother, is recuperating from surgery in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Dorothy Shaffer, a former member at West Erwin.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Walter Billings, brother of Jerry Konczak.

Funeral services were held at Memorial Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon for Velma Cooper, stepmother-in-law of Mary Gaiser.

We extend our love and sympathy to these families.

Serving Sunday

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Announcements | Paul Stanley |
| Prayer | Dr. Roger Knight |
| Scripture | Steve Linscomb |
| Dismiss | Wade Weathers |

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Announcements | Paul Stanley |
| Prayer | Doug McKee |
| Scripture | Jack Garner |
| Dismiss | Don Drummond |

GREETERS

Paul and Signa Stanley
James and Ellie Steele

We ♥ Visitors!

**GOD IS GREATER THAN
ANY PROBLEM YOU NOW
HAVE OR EVER WILL
HAVE!**



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 25, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M.-A Model For Ministry #1

(I Thess. 1:1-5)

P.M.-A Model For Ministry #2

(I Thess. 1:6-10)

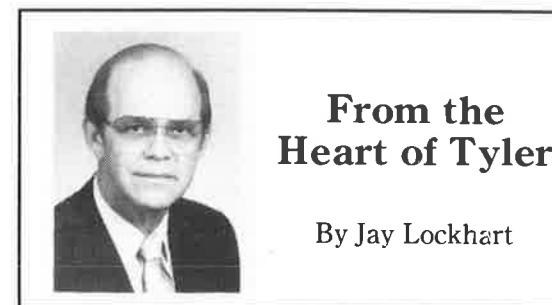
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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart


"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God"
- I Peter 4:11

Believing The Bible

For nearly two hundred years in America the churches of Christ have appealed for a return to the New Testament as the rule of faith and practice. We have said, "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak. Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent." Our emphasis has been the restoration of New Testament Christianity. I agree with this position. If we give up our efforts to be the church of the Bible and our call for restoration, we have no right to exist. Some of our brethren have abandoned the restoration plea as impractical or unnecessary. Others hold to the plea but in practice believe restoration is holding to antiquated methods and human opinions. Most of us continue to make the plea for restoration and believe we must hold to Biblical truth but that truth is not threatened by seeking better ways to accomplish our work. There are some in our fellowship who accept the plea for

restoration, who accept the Bible as the basis of belief, but whose practical belief of the Bible is questionable. Any time a person accepts Biblical truth with which he agrees and ignores the other plain teaching of Scripture, his belief of the Bible is questionable. We can believe the plan of salvation, how we are to worship, and the frequency of the Lord's Supper, but what does this mean if we ignore "justice, mercy, and faithfulness"? What does it matter if our hearts are filled with bitterness, anger, and dissention? What does it profit if we close the door to our own forgiveness by being unforgiving? We need to hold to the things we have affirmed through the years about the authority of Scripture and the restoration of New Testament Christianity. But to complement that stance we also need to "rend our hearts and not our garments" as we seek to live the truth we have espoused in our attitudes and treatment of each other. Otherwise our real belief of Scripture is rightly to be questioned.

Youth
Data
 From
Danny



Danny Snell

Briarcliff Worship

This Sunday, Aug. 25, we will be going to the Briarcliff Village Retirement Center to participate in their worship assembly. All middle and high school students are asked to be at the church lot at 2:30 and we will ride over there together for the 3:00 assembly. Our young men will be conducting the service. Please plan to participate with us this Sunday.

Monday Night Bible Study

Plan to join us Monday night for our Bible Study. We will meet at 7:00 in the Family Activity Center. Bring your Bible and invite a friend.

Attention:

Teens, Parents & Teachers

You are invited to an area wide back to school devo Sunday night Aug. 25 at the Shiloh Rd. Fellowship building. This will be an exciting time together with the area teens & parents and will be a great way to begin the new school year. The area teens united in Prayer to make a stand for God in the new school year: what a statement that will make! Make plans now to be there.

Combined Activity

All middle and high schoolers are invited to the combined activity on Sunday Sep. 1. We have some very special things planned for that evening, so plan to be a part of it.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Aug. 25 Worship Service - Briarcliff
- Aug. 25 Area Devo to Start School
- Aug. 26 Monday Night Bible Study
- Sep. 1 Combined Activity
- Sep. 8 Parent - Teen Meeting



AUGUST (25) Katie Lemons, Charles Rachui, Matt Tate (26) Steve Linscomb (27) Pauline Smith, Michelle Steffee (28) Marikate Davis (29) Penny McDonald (30) Odell Sessions (31) Jan Cook, Bob Morgan.



Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the love and concern shown to us and our family with visits, cards, calls, food and your prayers during the illness and loss of our son-in-law and brother-in-law. Also we want to express our appreciation and love for your continuous prayers during my continuing health problems. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christian Love,
 Roy and Chloe Clark
 Allen and Sherry Bobbitt & family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Words alone cannot express how much we appreciate the food, cards, flowers, visits, and calls during my recent illness. It certainly did help Nerene and I to get through this very difficult time in our lives. We will always keep in our hearts the love and kindness you have shown to me and my family.

In Christian Love,
 Don and Nerene Ingram

Dear West Erwin Family,

The family of Frances Walters acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you very much for the sympathy extended to us during our loss of Frances. The food was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 Carrie Lake



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The real measure of your wealth is how much you would be worth if you lost all your money.

New Members



We are happy to have a picture this week of Lorene Colbert. She placed membership with us recently and lives at 1312 East Lawrence, ph. 593-4112.

Baptism

Claire Scott was baptized last week by Jay Lockhart. She recently moved to Austin, Texas, and will be worshipping there.



Lillian Colbert is now living with her daughter-in-law, Lorene Colbert, at 1312 East Lawrence, 75702, ph. 593-4112.

Pattie Tate has moved to 5100 Sweetbriar Lane, #516, 75703, ph. 534-9797.

Wedding Invitation



Mr. and Mrs. Henry McRuiz
 request the honor of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter

Jana Lynn
 and

Mr. Kevin Lane Tiller
 on Saturday,
 the thirty-first of August
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-one
 at two o'clock in the afternoon
 West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas
 Reception following

**Wednesday Morning
 Ladies Bible Class
 To Begin September 11!**

The first meeting of the Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Class will be at 10:00 A.M. on September 11 in the Heritage Room. Fern Bench has been asked by our elders to be the teacher and coordinator of the class. Fern, and Roy, her husband of forty-four years, has been at West Erwin for just over a year, having come to us from the Lake Highlands church in Dallas. She is the mother of two children: Michael, a developer in San Diego, California, and Neva Davis, a reading teacher in Henderson, Texas. Fern has been a Bible class teacher for twenty-two years, having taught primary children for twelve years and having been a teacher/helper for the Ladies Class in Dallas for ten years. Fern brings a rich background to the class and all ladies are invited to be present for the first meeting when she will begin a study of Colossians and it will be super! If you have small children and need a sitter, call the office.

COMING EVENTS WHICH YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

September 8 - Bob Scott, President of World Christian Broadcasting, will be with us all day to tell the marvelous story of what W.C.B. is accomplishing in Russia, China, and other places.

September 15-18 - Melvin Weldon, San Leandro, California, will be with us for four exciting days and will help us identify the dynamic forces at work in our lives that, if properly used, can bless our lives. More later ... but be assured that you won't want to miss this. Bring someone!

**BROTHERS',
 KEEPER
 Groups
 Meet
 Sunday
 Evening**

Check with your unit leader or the bulletin board in the north foyer for times and places.

Make your plans to attend your unit meeting. Your presence will help you and others.

| Records | Sunday Aug. 11 | Sunday Aug. 4 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 350 | 373 | 397 |
| Worship A.M. | 507 | 490 | 514 |
| Worship P.M. | 366 | 350 | 340 |
| Wed. P.M. | 285 | 236 | 222 |
| Contribution | \$10,536.87 | \$11,278.84 | \$12,503.71 |
| Building Fund | \$167.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 18, and Wed. P.M., Aug. 21, Gary Cain, ph. 581-3719.

Prayer and Care

Jim McCoy was moved to a room from ICU Wednesday at Mother Frances Hospital.

Ruth Dobbs was dismissed from the hospital on Monday.

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother, is now at home in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Onie Mason, Billie Morgan's mother, is in the hospital in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Walter Billings, brother of Jerry Konczak, is critically ill in Medical Center Hospital.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to the family of Frances Walters. She passed from this life on Saturday and graveside services were held on Monday.

ATTENTION TEACHERS

All teachers, please check your classroom for surplus supplies and return anything not currently in use to the workroom. Workroom supplies have been seriously depleted.

Serving Sunday

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Announcements | Dannie Skipper |
| Prayer | Billy Terrell |
| Scripture | Lowell Wiggains |
| Dismiss | Harley Turner |
| 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY | |
| Announcements | Dannie Skipper |
| Prayer | Robert Stokes |
| Scripture | Larry Henry |
| Dismiss | George Daugherty |
| GREETERS | |
| Paul and Signa Stanley | |
| James and Ellie Steele | |

Area Meeting

Back to the Bible
Gospel Meeting
Johnny Ramsey
August 19-22
7:30 P.M. each evening
Highway 31
Church of Christ
Brownsboro, Texas




SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 18, 1991
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. The Struggle For Maturity
(I Corinthians 2:14-3:7)
P.M. Growing Churches #4
(II Corinthians 3:1-3,18)

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"Let your words be few" Ecclesiastes 5:2.
"Be slow to speak" James 1:19.
"If anyone ... does not bridle his tongue ... this man's religion is vain" James 1:26.
"Every careless word that men shall speak, they shall give account in the day of judgment" Matthew 12:36.
"The tongue ... is an unruly evil full of deadly poison" James 3:8.
"Let no unwholesome communication proceed out of your mouth" Ephesians 4:29.
"Do not speak evil of one another" James 4:11.

Words

Words are vehicles of communication and can accomplish great good. God used words to reveal His message to us. Words can teach, encourage, and help. Solomon said that the words of the wise are goads (Ecclesiastes 12:11), that is, wise words can motivate people to do what is right. In the same passage Solomon said words are nails, that is, they can unite people and hold them together. Words can compliment, bring joy, and inform. However, there is another side to the use of words. Words can do harm, hurt, divide, and destroy. Perhaps that is the reason so much Biblical emphasis is placed upon the control of our words:

In every circumstance we would probably do well to speak less than we all do. But especially we need to set a guard upon our mouths when repeating things we hear about others. Hearsay and gossip do not belong in the Christian's vocabulary. Let us pray with the Psalmist: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

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Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

This past week several of us went to Abilene for the Learning to Lead Camp for the 4,5,6 grades. It was really a good session of camp with nine of ours attending. Thanks to Amy O'Quinn for going and doing a special job teaching. Thanks also to Lisa for letting Shannon go with me to camp. It was a very special week for us.

Thanks to the following for taking care of things for me last week: Jo Butler, Scott Epperson, James Sublette and Ray & Gail Vannoy.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Julie Scott who went to the Tennis Nationals last week in San Diego. There were 122 competitors representing the top 8 tennis players in each state. Tough Competition! Julie won 3rd place in the nation. **WOW!** Way to go Julie.

Congrats also to Gena Henry who participated in the North East Texas Swim meet this past weekend. Gena faired very well improving greatly on personal best times. Way to go Gena!

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Tonight is the last of the 1991 Summer Youth Series. This has been a very good year with some of the largest attendance in recent years. All of the lessons have been great and the service project went very well with many needed school supply items collected for several Childrens Homes. Thanks to all of you who made the 1991 Summer Youth Series a great success.

Attention:

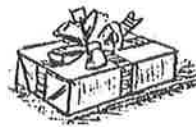
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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Aug. 19 Monday Night Bible Study
- Aug. 18 Combined Devotional
- Aug. 25 Area Devo to Start School

Happy Birthday



AUGUST (18) Chad Frick, Misty Malone (19) Teri Bradshaw, H. Guy Potts (20) Earl O'Quinn, Claire Scott, Pete Wallace (21) Robert Hawkins, James Sublette, Walker Weathers (22) Daryl Anderson, Beulah Bedford, Tracy Lemons (23) Freeman Morgan, Ronney Oberg, Brant Prestidge.

Thank You!

The family of Ione Henderson acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful spray of pink carnations, the many cards of sympathy, the calls and prayers. The thoughtfulness helps in our time of sorrow.

In Christian love,
Douglas Reed Family
Charles Lemons Family

Thank you for your prayers, visits, calls, food and cards during my surgery and recovery. I love you all.

Cora Hughes

Thanksgiving and progress report: My brother, Joe Lemmons of Brownwood, will begin his 4th chemotherapy series since his surgery last November for a brain tumor. In a recent evaluation the tumor appears smaller. He is able to conduct his business and is enjoying eating again. God bless you for your prayers on his behalf.

Sincerely,
Marian Rowe

BENEVOLENT WORKS

Our Benevolent Building is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 until 11:30 to assist those from our community in need. Thus far this year 226 families (adults and children) have been served. \$242.18 worth of food has been distributed; 78 Bibles have been given to persons requesting them (both in Spanish and English).

Response

Priscilla Mayer came on Wednesday evening to ask for the prayers of her church family for stronger faith.

Welcome, New Members!

We are happy to welcome Rachel Albright, 10800 Kiamichi Drive, 75703, ph. 534-8975, into the West Erwin family.

We are glad to have pictures this week of some of our newer members.



Rachel Albright-membership August 11



Andrea' Rolf-membership July 14



Stacey Brookshire-membership July 14



Kathy Williams-baptized July 14

by Don Davis

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?

I have read various periodicals over the last few years regarding churches being alive or dead. Jesus gave a tragic statement to the church at Sardis in Revelation 3:1, "You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." Please look over the following article and see what kind of church you are attending.

LIVE CHURCHES have space problems - parking, classrooms, etc; DEAD CHURCHES have no worry about space.

LIVE CHURCHES are always changing things; DEAD CHURCHES don't have to - they just stay the same.

LIVE CHURCHES have noisy children and young people; DEAD CHURCHES are quiet and serene.

LIVE CHURCHES have a shortage of staff; DEAD CHURCHES have a surplus.

LIVE CHURCHES are always overspending; DEAD CHURCHES have ample bank accounts.

LIVE CHURCHES struggle to remember new names; DEAD CHURCHES - everybody knows everybody - for years.

LIVE CHURCHES have a problem developing new leaders; DEAD CHURCHES don't - they use the same ones over and over.

LIVE CHURCHES operate on faith; DEAD CHURCHES operate on sight.

LIVE CHURCHES strain to learn and serve. DEAD CHURCHES have already learned everything - they like the status quo.

LIVE CHURCHES evangelize; DEAD CHURCHES fossilize!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Parents at West Erwin, Sunday morning Children's Worship is entering a new season. If your children haven't been attending, now is the time to get them started. Great worship training and living Bible stories!! We start a study of the life of Jesus in September. Load up and bring your friends' children too. See you this Sunday!

Kelly Ross and Rick Higginbotham

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 373 | 374 | 394 |
| Worship A.M. | 490 | 549 | 515 |
| Worship P.M. | 350 | 326 | 301 |
| Wed. P.M. | 236 | 249 | 299 |
| Contribution | \$11,278.84 | \$10,249.53 | \$11,655.36 |
| Building Fund | \$493.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 11, and Wed. P.M., August 14, Keith Harris, ph. 839-3826.

Attendance is not for the building of records but for the building of Christians.

Prayer and Care

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother, is in Camden-Clark Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Onie Mason, Billie Morgan's mother, fell and broke her hip this week in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Several of our members have recently been hospitalized but are now at home. Continue to remember these, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to the family of Virgil Crocker. Funeral services were held at Loyd James Funeral Home last Saturday. He was the son-in-law of Roy and Chloe Clark.

HE KNOWS,
HE LOVES,
HE CARES...

Serving Sunday

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Hillard Hughes
Scripture Louis Jones
Dismiss Jimmie Philpot

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Leon Welborn
Prayer Glynn Starnes
Scripture Fred Powell
Dismiss Charles Hickman

GREETERS

Bob and May Helen May
J.N. and Ginger Metcalf
Fred and Sara Powell

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Dan and Jan Magee on the birth of a son born in Houston on June 8. His name is Michael Dan and we appreciate the proud grandparents, Carroll and Cherrie Magee, for letting us know about their family addition. The parents and grandparents are former members at West Erwin.



Sunday Sermon Topics

Sermons for Sunday, August 11, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Who Wins?

(James 4:11)

P.M. Growing Churches (No.3)

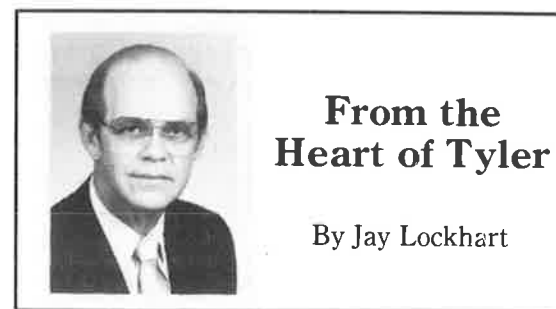
(Acts 11:19-26)

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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sharpe, Kentucky Celebrates 150th Year!

It was a joy to be with the Sharpe, Kentucky church for my fifth meeting with that church as it celebrated 150 years of service in West Kentucky. Gerald Baker is the effective preacher for this good church and all those who were involved in the meeting were excited when as many as 450 people were present for Sunday to worship with their church of perhaps 125 members.

The New Building

I know you are noticing the rapid progress being made on our building over the last 30 days. The roof is almost completed, the brick is going on, and soon they will be working on the inside. Whether or not they meet the November target date remains to be seen but we are on the way. This building will be a wonderful tool as we build with God.

One Nation Under God

The One Nation Under God Campaign reports that \$8 million have been contributed toward the goal of \$10 million, over 90,000,000 brochures have been mailed, and there have been nearly 100,000 responses received from the Reader's Digest ad, the brochure, and the TV program. West Erwin, as well as other congregations in the Tyler area, have received a large number of requests for Bible Correspondence Courses from the Cookeville, Tennessee church which is receiving the responses and is sending names to churches in the area of the addresses received.

A Growing Church

Don't forget what we have said about the study of growing churches: the members have attitudes of excitement, expectancy, and enjoyment of worship and service; programs must be geared to serving, reaching, and activating people; specified vision; quality in being the best they can be; lifestyles of the people reflect daily what they believe; prayer is vital; and there is emphasis on reaching and nurturing youth. More Sunday.

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Danny Snell

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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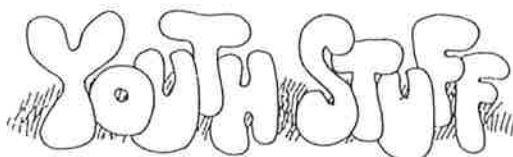
SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Tuesday night, August 13, we will meet at 7:10 and go together to the University church in Tyler. Carol Lee will be the speaker and you need to bring NOTEBOOK PAPER.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

All Middle and High School students are invited to the Monday Night Bible Study in the "Center". Bring your Bible and a friend and join us for this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.



IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

August 11 Middle School Devotional
August 12 Monday Night Bible Study
August 25 Briarcliff Nursing Home



Appreciation

Dear Brothers and Sisters of West Erwin, Alma Faye and I want to express our love and thanks to you for all you have meant to us over the past thirteen years. You will be safely tucked in the memory of our hearts until eternity and then we can spend that timeless dwelling place together.

We especially want to thank you for the lovely going away party you gave us and for the generous money gift. We will use that to purchase something special so that each time we see it we will be reminded of your love for us.

We have now moved into our new temporary home in Dallas. Our new address is 2511 Wedglea Drive, Apt.1008, Dallas 75211. Our telephone number is (214) 946-4657. The church is located at 2442 West Jefferson Blvd. and the phone number is (214) 339-3191.

We have already had a number of visitors from West Erwin for which we are thankful and we extend an invitation to all who might be visiting in the Dallas area to come to see us.

Again, may I express our deepest gratitude for such great Christian friends. We hope our paths cross again.

Sincerely,

Wes and Alma Faye Price

To the West Erwin Church,

It is with much love and appreciation that we send this thanks for your wonderful concern, your prayers, the beautiful flowers and cards sent during the illness and death of our Dad, Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather.

We will always keep in our hearts the love you have expressed at this time in our lives.

In Christian Love,

Faye and Archie Kennard

Joni, Erica and Bradley Smith

We would like to express appreciation to all who have been so generous in sharing vegetables and fruit from their gardens for those who prepare meals on Tuesdays for the elderly, shutins, and some who are ill. Besides saving on the budget, nothing compares to homegrown for fresh taste. The cooks and the recipients of the meals are very grateful.

Thanks from the "Lunch Bunch"

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If folks can't find happiness in themselves, there isn't much use for them to look anywhere else!



Happy Birthday



AUGUST (11) Ferman Carpenter, Hoyt Hughes, Daisy Lee Old (12) David Graves (13) Ginger Weathers (14) Patsy Young, Ashley Leek (16) Lauren Gregory, Rhonda Harris, Marjorie Davis, Angela Mallory, June Walker.

Welcome, New Members!

We are happy to welcome Lorene Colbert, 1312 East Lawrence, phone 593-4112, into our family at West Erwin. She recently moved to Tyler from Claremore, Oklahoma to help take care of her mother-in-law, our Lillian Colbert.

We are glad to have pictures this week of some of our newer members.



John and Ella Cliver, Abby and Sam placed membership with us on July 21.



Andrea Usrey

baptized June 30.



Donna Ferguson

baptized July 14.

Sunday will be another Lord's day.

It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters.

What a joy it will be to assemble together!

See you then!

Young At Heart

Shiloh Road Primetimers (55+) invite you to join in the fun and fellowship as we end the "dog days of summer" with an ole' fashion homemade ice cream supper. Be our guest at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ, Friday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP by August 14 to J.D. or Sherry Osborn, ph. 581-4850, or Travis or Betty Hunt, ph. 839-2931. or Odell or Dorothy Strickland, ph. 839-4546.

Area Meetings

A Cordial Invitation

To Attend Our

Gospel Meeting

August 11-15, 7:30 p.m.

Murphy Phillips

Weatherford, Texas

Shady Grove Church of Christ

(FM Rd. 1795 and 1002)

BUT ONCE

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do of any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, pray always. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self - think of others. Do as you would be done by - these are the tried links in contentment's golden chain.

Malcolm James McLeod

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of a mature Christian lady to keep the toddler nursery on a regular basis for Sunday morning and evening. If you are interested please call the church office - 592-0809.

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| Bible Class | 374 | 353 | 378 |
| Worship A.M. | 549 | 535 | 491 |
| Worship P.M. | 326 | 306 | 327 |
| Wed. P.M. | 249 | 247 | 236 |
| Contribution | \$10,249.53 | \$9,170.20 | \$10,805.52 |
| Building Fund | \$388.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 1, and Wed. P.M., August 7, Melvin Maples, ph. 849-3747.

Prayer and Care

Walter Farrer had a surgical procedure at Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday.

Foy Hodnett has been moved to Room 496 in Mother Frances Hospital. He expects to go home this week.

Don Ingram was dismissed from the hospital on Monday.

Roy Clark was scheduled to begin radiation treatments this week.

Virgil Crocker, the Roy Clarks' son-in-law, is critically ill at Medical Center Hospital.

John and Josh Tindall, grandsons of Guy and Nettie Potts, had tonsillectomies on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lonnie Kidd, Paul Stanley's sister, is seriously ill in the Hamlin Hospital.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Bob and Betty Bray on the birth of a new grandson, born to Don and Sherrri Reed on July 24. Max Alan weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and is 20 inches long.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Faye Kennard in the death of her father, O. W. Pierce. He was also the grandfather of Joni Smith and Marc Tate. Funeral services were held in Rusk, Texas on Sunday.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Velma Lemons in the loss of her mother, Ione Henderson. She was the grandmother of Marc and Bart Lemons and Sherryl Miles. Funeral services were held in Borger, Texas on Tuesday.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Scott Epperson
Scripture Alan Fisher
Dismiss Bill Butler

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Jeff Konczak
Scripture Jeremy Epperson
Dismiss Tommy Lowrance

GREETERS

Bob and May Helen May
J.N. and Ginger Metcalf
Fred and Sara Powell



In mid-August THE SEARCH program will be produced on Wednesday evening during a specially formed "TV Class" in the auditorium. Those who are interested in assisting with cameras and other production duties should contact Don Drummond. Special training will be provided.

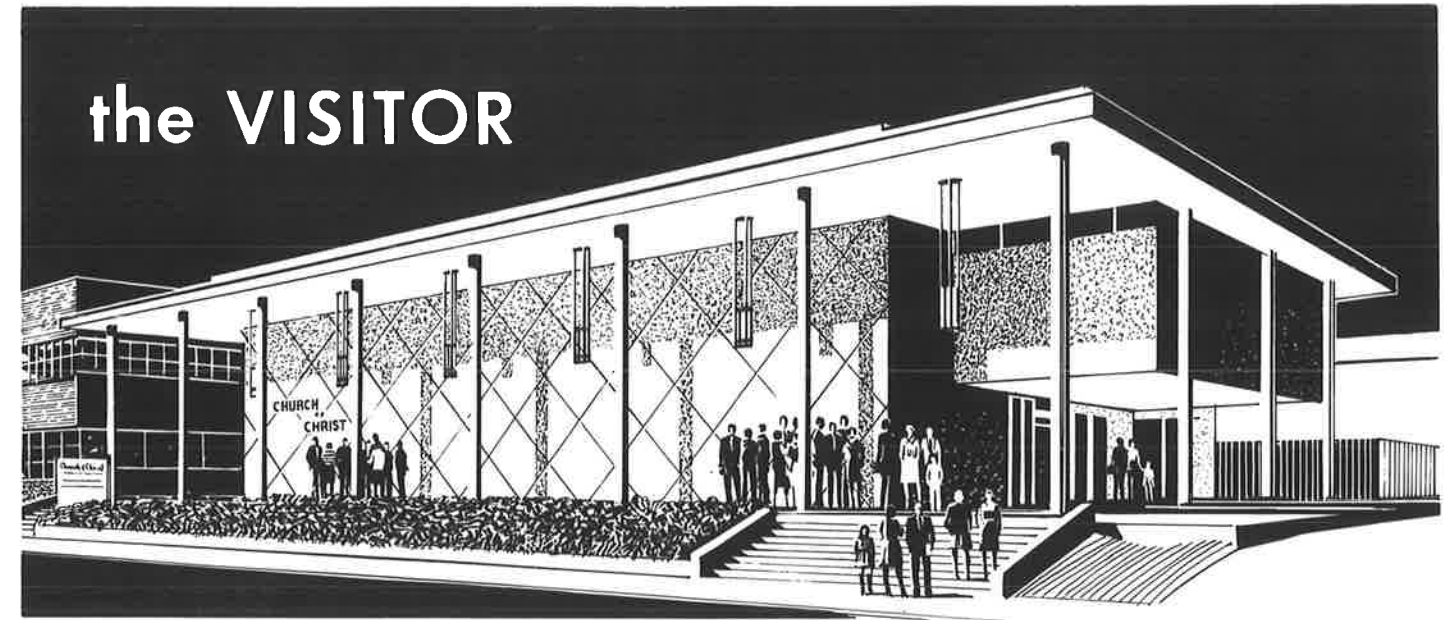


CAUTION! BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Parents need to be aware of where their children are before and after services. Be especially cautious to keep them away from the construction area, both in the new building and the parking area. This is for their safety. **WE WILL USE ONLY THE NORTH ENTRY UNTIL ALL CONSTRUCTION HAZARDS ARE REMOVED.**

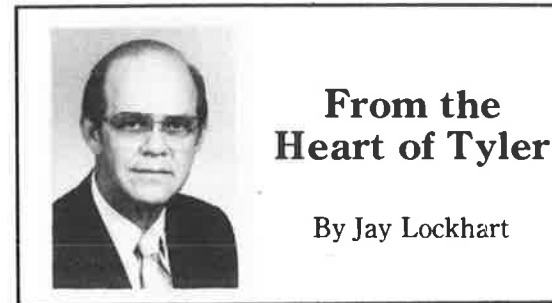
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

What Makes A Church Great?


I believe you will agree with me when I say the West Erwin church has unprecedented opportunities right now. In the last month we have had 25 responses, with 8 baptisms. Our new building, with seating for over 1000, will soon be under roof and we anticipate using this building as a wonderful tool to continue our growth for God in the Heart of Tyler. In recent times we have been reminded that the churches of Christ actually declined in membership in the 1980's. At the same time studies have been conducted to determine why churches that are growing grow. Can we learn anything from these studies? Do growing religious groups have any growth principles which we can use while, at the same time, being loyal to God's word? As a church we must see our Godgiven mission as revealed in Scripture and do all we can to fulfill

that mission. At the same time we must be open to any methods that will help us and that are in harmony with the Scriptures. As individuals we must see that our mission is much bigger than anyone's opinions or desires and we must cooperate fully in the work and growth of the church. With these facts in mind, I want to present a short series of messages on What Are The Characteristics of a Growing Church? We will examine growth principles from the Scriptures and we will look closely at methods used by growing churches. So this Sunday:

A.M. A Growing Church
(Acts 2:36-42)

P.M. A Growing Church
(Acts 14:23-28)

Youth
Data
 From
Danny



Danny Snell

Soul lift 1991

This past Sunday and Monday twenty two of us went to the Soul Lift Youth Rally at Six Flags. This year's Soul Lift was a truly great experience. There were over seven thousand people at the youth rally Sunday in the Dallas Fair Park Coliseum. David Leeson spoke and shared with us his experience of living with the homeless in the streets of Dallas. His presentation was very eye opening and sad. It is amazing the number of people in this world who have nothing but the clothes on their back. We should all be very grateful of what we have and never forget to share that with others.

Thanks to Larry & Sandra Henry and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors and to Stuart and Marisa Suggs for keeping Shannon.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVO

This coming Sunday Night all high schoolers are invited to the devo. Plan to bring a friend and enjoy this great evening together.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Tuesday night, August 6, we will be going to the Northside church in Longview. We will leave from the church lot at 6:20 and return at 10:30. The Northside youth will be speaking and you need to bring **BALLPOINT PENS.**

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Aug. 4 High School Devotional
- Aug. 4-9 Learning to Lead 4-6 Grade
- Aug. 6 Summer Youth Series
- Aug. 11 Combined Devotional
- Aug. 12 Monday Night Bible Study
- Aug. 18 Middle School Devotional
- Aug. 25 Area Devo to Start School



August (4) Clara Haynes, Kimberly Jordan, Pat McCarley (5) Hazel Morgan (6) Jack Grier, Edna Hodnett, Jan Knight, Jimmie Philpot, (7) Lamern Bailey, Gary Cain (8) Brooke Taylor (9) Nancy McCoy (10) Linda Terrell.



Discovery Days

Discovery Days is pleased to announce the addition of a new class this fall semester. This class will be taught by Rhonda Haws and promises to offer many exciting learning experiences for the children attending. Other staff include Jeannie Ross, Sheila Taylor, Bettye Strait, and Barbara Oberg. There are only a few openings in these classes. For more information, please call Barbara Oberg at 581-1806.

GLENWOOD THURSDAY SCHOOL

Thursday School at the Glenwood Church of Christ is now registering for fall. They have openings in nursery through 3 years of age. Call 592-3858 for more information.

Greetings from New York

Pablo Molina called the church office this week and sends greetings from New York City. He would like to thank all the congregation for their continued support and prayers. He requests special prayers for Dalys Aguilera, a 23 year old Venezuelan lady who has been diagnosed with terminal leukemia.

Young At Heart

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Make your plans to be there and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship.

Response

Lynn Harrison came Sunday evening stating that "Life is hard and I am weak. I know that I can do all things through Him but I need the prayers of my church family for strength." Lynn is to be commended for the courage to ask for the help we all need.



Dear West Erwin Family,
 Thank you for your prayers, the flowers, cards, and food. The children and I will always remember your many expressions of sympathy. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Rose Teel
 David III
 Terry & Jeff Oberle

Dear West Erwin Family,
 Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, and flowers during the sickness and loss of my sister, Tommyann Curry.

In Christian love,
 Velma Lemons

The beautiful spray of flowers from the West Erwin Church, sent in memory of my brother, Jack Young, was comforting to all of our family.

Your many expressions of love since we returned home reminds us once again of how special each of you are to us.

May God richly bless you,
 Signa and Paul Stanley

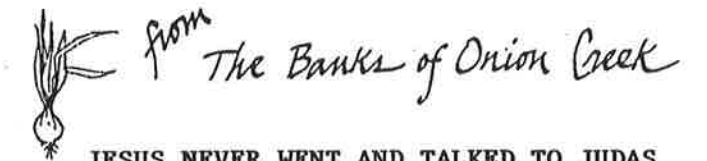
AREA SINGING

You are cordially invited to attend the Sixth Annual "A NIGHT OF SONGS" August 9, 1991 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Van Church of Christ 207 Cherry Street Van, Texas

Come enjoy fine singing fellowship and refreshments

BOLES HOME

Boles Home in Quinlan, Texas is currently in need of houseparents, social worker, and secretary. If you are interested, please call (903) 883-2204.



JESUS NEVER WENT AND TALKED TO JUDAS

(Charles Hodge, the colorful preacher for the Duncanville church, always has something to say. In what follows he again says something--JPL).

We preach better than we practice...but we all know about the offender and offended (Matthew 5, Matthew 18). Go...keep it private. This would end church troubles before they began. But what do you do when a staff member is undermining you, an elder needs to repent or resign, a clique-leader is out to get you? Don't apply Matthew 5, Matthew 18! You cannot talk to a Judas! You can only make bad matters worse! Judas had already betrayed Jesus--he was not loyal to Him! You cannot correct one who is not loyal to you. Judas had a hidden agenda.

Jesus did talk to (rebuke) Peter (often), James and John, Nathaniel, Philip...but never Judas! In III John, the Beloved Old Apostle never told sweet Gaius nor a young preacher to tie into Diotrephes. We lose too many young preachers that way! Courage is one thing; stupidity is another. You never win by talking to a Diotrephes.

- What did Jesus do?
- ... He taught publicly and privately for over a year about the betrayer.
- ... He dipped the bread prophetically into the dish.
- ... Come "Kiss Time" Jesus warned Judas - not for Judas to save Jesus but for Judas to save Judas.
- ... Jesus did not run Judas off. He did not publicly expose/berate him.
- ... He did have as little to do with him as possible. He was always on guard around Judas.
- ... He never went and talked with Judas.
- ... Jesus allowed Judas to hang himself.

LOVE is silence when your words would hurt.
LOVE is patience when your neighbor is curt.
LOVE is deafness when the scandal flows.
LOVE is thoughtfulness for another's woes.
LOVE is promptness when duty calls.
LOVE is courage when misfortune falls.

| Records | Sunday July 21 | Sunday July 14 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 353 | 407 | 371 |
| Worship A.M. | 535 | 580 | 491 |
| Worship P.M. | 306 | 283 | 280 |
| Wed. P.M. | 247 | 246 | 205 |
| Contribution | \$9,170.20 | \$11,444.82 | \$9,231.14 |
| Building Fund | \$475.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 28, and Wed. P.M., July 31, Gary Broome, ph. 592-2289.

Prayer and Care

Foy Hodnett is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. He is some improved.

Edna Hodnett is ill at home with shingles.

Cora Hughes was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday after having had surgery on Monday.

Don Ingram had surgery on Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. He is progressing well.

Mary Cash, mother of Peggy Johnston, has returned to Lindale Nursing Center.

Harvey Grier had successful treatment for kidney stones last Friday.

Ann McMinn had day surgery at Mother Frances Hospital on Monday.

Roy Clark was hospitalized for tests at Medical Center this week.

Virgil Crocker, the Roy Clarks son-in-law, is in Medical Center Hospital, Room 6612, for treatment.

Jean Walters is now at Eastview Nursing Home.

Janie Cauthen underwent a tonsillectomy on Tuesday.

John and Josh Tindall, grandsons of Guy and Nettie Potts, are scheduled for tonsillectomies on Wednesday.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Serving Sunday

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Prayer Bob Threadgill
Scripture Jerry Huff
Dismiss David Demic

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Edgar Bullard
Scripture Jay Graham
Dismiss K. Max Haws

GREETERS

Bill and Ruth Meazell
Mark and Paige Morris
Charles and Phyllis Rachui

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Signa Stanley in the death of her brother, Jack Young, on Monday. Funeral services were in Stamford, Texas on Wednesday.

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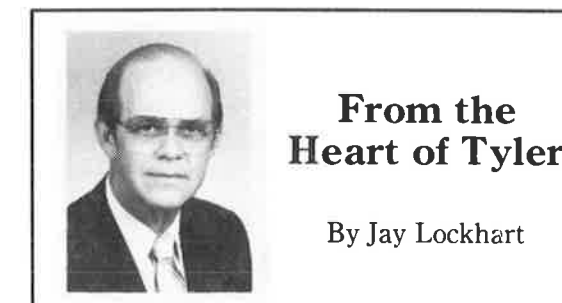
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The Dickson Tent Meeting

Last week I preached in a tent meeting at the fairgrounds in Dickson, Tennessee. The meeting saw thirteen congregations working together in beautiful harmony as audiences averaging about 1000 attended six nights of meetings. The weather cooperated and the nights were pleasant, though the song leader, Kip Walker, and the preacher worked in shirt sleeves. It was thrilling to see the cooperation of churches, every detail well planned, and people respond to the invitation of Jesus, some for baptism and some for prayer.

One Nation Under God

Most households in America have received the "One Nation Under God" brochure and over 110,000 responses have been received in Cookeville, Tennessee. Late last week 5000 responses a day were being received. One thing we need to remember is that the brochure is not for us (the church) but for outsiders and outsiders are responding.

World Christian Broadcasting

Last week, while in Tennessee, I visited the offices and studios of World Christian Broadcasting in Franklin, Tennessee. W.C.B. uses an international short wave radio station located in Anchor Point, Alaska to preach the message of Christ to most of the 1.2 billion Chinese in the Peoples Republic of China, 289 million people in the Soviet Union, and millions in other parts of the world. This is a unique work and I hope we can learn more about it in the near future.

Dr. Terry Johnson To Preach

This Sunday, Dr. Terry Johnson, President of Oklahoma Christian University will be preaching at both assemblies while I am in West Virginia visiting my mother and dad and in Kentucky for a meeting with the Sharpe church which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. I hope to be home Friday to preach on Sunday, August 4. Be prayerful.

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

We had a great combined activity last week. Thanks to Larry & Sandra Henry and James & Connie Sublette for putting it together.

Beginning this Sunday, James Sublette will be teaching the middle school class through the month of August. I know it will be a great class.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Tuesday night, July 30, we will be going to the church in Big Sandy. We will leave from the church lot at 6:45 and return at 10:00. Lanny Mullins will be speaking and you need to bring SCHOOL GLUE.

Soul Lift

This Sunday at 2:00 pm, we will be leaving for the Soul Lift Youth Rally at Fair Park in Dallas. The Youth Rally will be Sunday evening at 5:30 and we will spend Sunday night with the Midtown church in Ft. Worth. Monday morning we will go to Six Flags for an incredible day of FUN! Monday night at the park, ECHO, Acappella and AVB will be giving a concert. We plan to return to West Erwin at 1:00 a.m. The theme for Soul Lift is **OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS** and the focus is on giving to the needy in this world. Everyone is asked to bring canned food. It will be collected together and distributed to various needy organizations. If everyone brought just one can, that would be almost 5 tons of food. Imagine if everyone brought 2 cans! You can see the possibilities. Plan to bring whatever you can. The dress for Six Flags is Mid-thigh length shorts and full shirts. If you have any questions, give me a call.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July 28-29 Soul Lift at Six Flags
July 30 Summer Youth Series
Aug. 4-9 Learning to Lead 4-6 Grade



JULY (28) Harley Turner (29) Bryan Chambless, Wendy Culpepper, Charles McCoy (30) Kimberly Maples (31) Steve Denman, Jerry Huff, L.W. MacFall AUGUST (1) Ralph Rowe (3) Dorothy Babb, Dale Blackstone, Michelle Colston, Jeannie Glasscock, Jason Harris.

Responses

John and Ella Cliver, their daughter, Abby, their son, Sam, came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. They live at 3606 Glendale, Tyler, 75701, ph. 593-5075. John is the son of John and Ruby Cliver.

Barbara Graves came Sunday requesting the prayers of her brothers and sisters in Christ to help her through a difficult time in her life.

Shauna Hanna also came to ask for the prayers of her church family to give her strength to help her with a difficult situation in her life and the faith that God will show her the way.

Gospel Meetings

One Nation Under God
GOSPEL MESSAGES
July 28-31

Dan Manuel, Speaker
Sunday-9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Monday thru Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Chandler Street Church of Christ
Kilgore, Texas

You are invited to hear
Dr. Arlis Wood of Oklahoma City
Speak on
"SELF-ESTEEM FOR
CHILDREN AND PARENTS"
August 2 & 3
Friday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Broad Street Church of Christ
Mineola, Texas

THE SOUNDS OF GLORY
August 1, 7:30 P.M.
Crockett Road Church of Christ
Palestine, Texas

Wedding Invitation

Two lives, two hearts

joined together in friendship

united forever in Love.

Katherina Marie Ingram

and

Matthew Harvey Goodson

together with our parents

request the honour of your presence

as we are united in Marriage

on Saturday, July twenty-seventh

nineteen hundred and ninety-one

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

Fellowship Hall



Bridal Shower

You're invited
to a Bridal Brunch
honoring
Jana McRuiz
bride-elect of Kevin Tiller
Saturday, July 27
11:00 - 12:30
at the home of
Mrs. Don Weathers

Selections: Dillard's and Foleys



We want to express our appreciation to you for remembering us during this time of sadness in the loss of my father, George Hulsey. All your signatures on the many cards we received, reminded us of the happy 29 years we spent in your midst.
Hulen & Dorothy Hulsey

What Are My Responsibilities To The Local Church?

When Jesus brought the church into existence, He established it in local congregations. The church, therefore, had no regional, national, or international headquarters. There were local churches in Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth, and other cities. The church was organized in local churches with their elders, deacons, and other members. When people were saved they were added by the Lord to church "universal," but they worshipped and served in the church "local." Paul planted local churches and wrote his epistles to local churches. In the New Testament we find instruction for life within the local church. In the book of Acts, Luke tells us that Paul and Barnabas "ordained elders in every church" (Acts 14:23). Christians are admonished to "obey those who rule over you and be submissive, for they watch for your souls" (Hebrews 13:17). In our worship we are to "stir up one another to love and good work" (Hebrews 10:24-25). It is the height of presumption for one to believe he can be a Christian "at large" and do his own thing without an obligation to the local church. We are to attend worship with the local church in order to encourage each other (Hebrews 10:24). We are to be in subjection to elders in the local church (Hebrews 13:17). We freely and of our own volition place ourselves under the oversight of elders and we have an obligation to follow their direction. That means we attend worship, we serve, and we give of our means to further the cause of Christ. To fail to support the local church with our time, our talents, and our treasures is rebellion. If that isn't true, why isn't it?

- Jay Lockhart

BROTHERS'

KEEPER

Groups

Meet

Sunday

Evening

Check with your unit leader or the bulletin board in the north foyer for times and places.

Make your plans to attend your unit meeting. Your presence will help you and others.

| Records | Sunday July 14 | Sunday July 7 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 407 | 344 | 404 |
| Worship A.M. | 580 | 477 | 514 |
| Worship P.M. | 283 | | 321 |
| Wed. P.M. | 246 | 260 | 222 |
| Contribution | \$11,444.82 | \$9,988.08 | \$10,599.91 |
| Building Fund | \$1,576.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$14,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 21, and Wed. P.M., July 24, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

Attendance is not for the building of records but for the building of Christians.

Prayer and Care

Mary Cash, mother of Peggy Johnston, is a patient at Medical Center Hospital. She does not need visitors at this time but would appreciate cards.

Harvey Grier is scheduled for day surgery for kidney stones on Friday, July 19 at Medical Center Hospital.

Ann McMinn is scheduled for day surgery at Mother Frances Hospital on Monday, July 22.

James Weaver, Ann McMinn's uncle, is in ICU in the Kaufman Hospital.

Hazel Gunter, grandmother of Vicki Cauthen, is in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.

Jean Walters is a patient in University Park Hospital.

O.W. Pierce, father of Faye Kennard, remains in the hospital in Rusk, Texas.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to Velma Lemons in the death of her sister, Tommye Ann Curry, on Sunday, July 14. Funeral services were in Borger, Texas.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer James Sublette
Scripture Don Peek
Dismiss Jim Mayer

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer John Steffee
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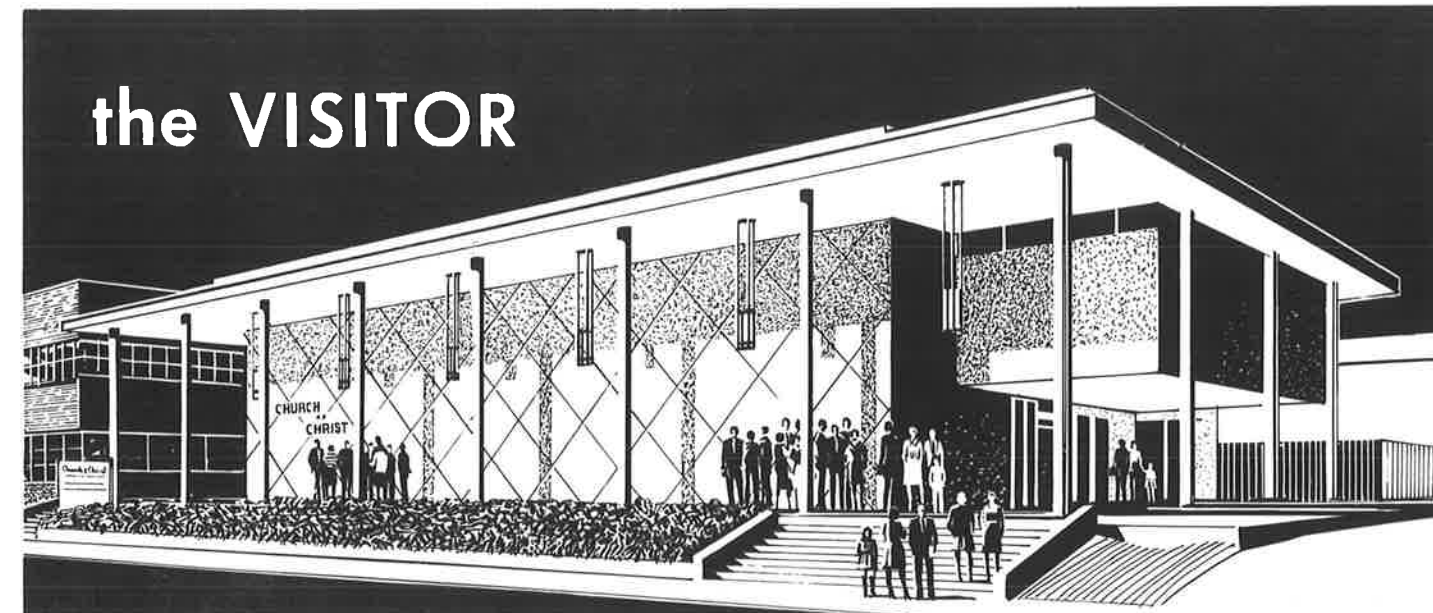
SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1991

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. If The Foundations Are Destroyed (Psalm 11:1-7)
6:00 P.M. The Wings of Eagles (Isaiah 40:28-31)

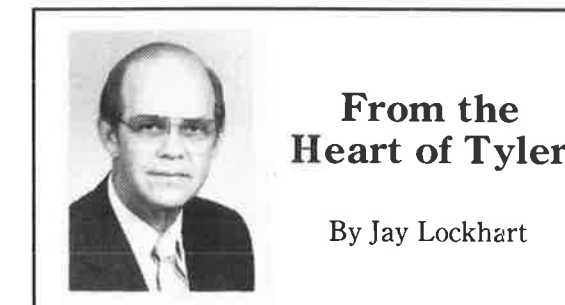
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From the
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Nebraska Campaign

We are all delighted to have the Snells, the Philpots, and our youth campaigners home after a most successful week in West Point, Nebraska. I know you were glad to hear Danny's report and to learn not only of the good week our group had but of the excellent workers we have in Nebraska in the Ray Maxwells. Our decision to become involved in that work was a good one.

Albert Winstanley Speaks

In my fifty-three years there have been many people who have influenced my life and a few who have influenced me profoundly. One of the few is Albert Winstanley. I first met him in 1968 and have seen in him a man who is "an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." When I hear him speak I feel, he has just come from the presence of God. When I see him I know he has been with Jesus. When I am with him I want to be a better person. I'm so glad you heard him on Wednesday evening, July 10!

Dickson County Fair Grounds

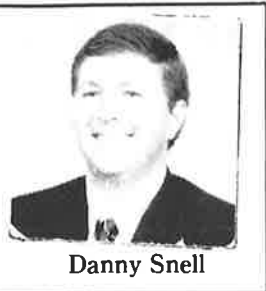
This week I am in a meeting in Dickson, Tennessee which is scheduled to close Friday evening, July 19. I plan to be home on Saturday to preach Sunday, July 21. This is an unusual meeting. First, it is a cooperative meeting of the churches of Dickson County. Second, it is in a 1500 seat tent located in the Fair Grounds! How long has it been since you have attended a tent meeting! Do you remember those hand-held fans furnished by the local funeral home? What about the sawdust aisles? And with those hot July nights in Tennessee, the preacher has probably come out of his jacket each night. More later on that.

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Last Saturday twenty of us returned from the mission trip in West Point, Nebraska. It was an incredible week! Words cannot begin to express how awesome it was. Our teens truly outdid themselves. God blessed us as He has done in West Point with the Maxwells. Ray is just what this church needs as our state-side Missionary in West Point, Nebraska. Thanks to all of those teens who went and made the trip special: Scott Carruth, Jeremy and Jessica Epperson, David Haney, Angie Hendrix, Gena Henry, Jeff Konczak, Andi Lane, Missy Marts, Amy and Jason O'Quinn, Amy and Matt Pickens, Robby Scott, Michelle Steffee and Neil Vannoy. A very special "Thanks" to Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors. They deserve a huge "Thanks" for going above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks also to those who helped in various ways on the homefront; Scott Epperson, Larry Henry, Hillard Hughes and Phil Marts.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us Monday night for our Bible Study. We will meet at 7:00 in the Family Activity Center. Bring your Bible and invite a friend.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Tuesday night, July 23, we will be going to the church in Gilmer. We will leave from the church lot at 6:45 and return at 10:30. Nathan Crawford will be speaking and you need to bring MAP COLORS & CRAYONS.

Soul Lift

All middle and high school students are invited to go to the Soul Lift Youth Rally at Six Flags. The dates are July 28-29 and the tickets are \$15.50. You must sign the list in the north hall by this Sunday, July 21.



JULY (21) Jeanine Hughes (22) Don Drummond, Mary McFadden, Arden Turner (23) Ethel Parker, Marc Tate, Mark Waggoner (24) Nicole Aven, Andy Butler, Holly Harrison, Matt Herder (25) Pam Lemons (27) Heather Ketchum.



Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and your many expressions of love and concern for Brittany during her recent surgery and recovery. She continues to improve.

Sincerely,
Matt, Rhonda, Casey, & Brittany

GOSPEL MEETING

"One Nation Under God"

GOSPEL MEETING

Dr. Cliff Ganus, Jr., Speaker

Alan Hampton, Song Director

July 21-24

Monday - Wednesday

Devo-7 a.m. - Evening Service 7 p.m.

Carthage Church of Christ

1309 West Panola

Carthage, Texas



Change of Address

Loyd Rutledge is now at Park Place, 2459 East Fifth, Tyler, 75701.

The Marc Tate family has moved to 219 Ridgecrest, Tyler, 75701.

Margaret Talley is now at Heritage Oaks, 1112 Gibbins Road, Arlington, Texas, 76011. She would appreciate hearing from her friends in Tyler.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

| | |
|------------|----------------------------|
| July 21 | High School Devo |
| July 22 | Monday Night Bible Study |
| July 23 | Summer Youth Series |
| July 28-29 | Soul Lift at Six Flags |
| Aug. 4-9 | Learning to Lead 4-6 Grade |

Wedding Invitation

Two lives, two hearts

joined together in friendship

united forever in Love.

Katherina Marie Ingram

and

Matthew Harvey Goodson

together with our parents

request the honour of your presence

as we are united in Marriage

on Saturday, July twenty-seventh

nineteen hundred and ninety-one

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

Fellowship Hall



A happy heart transfigures all the world for us. It finds something to be thankful for in the most trying sorrow. Let us try to see the beauty and the goodness of God. The Psalmist tells us, "The world is full of the goodness of the Lord." How much of it do you see? Open your eyes and stop grumbling, and then your experience will start songs of praise in your heart to the Giver of all good.

- Selected



Bridal Shower

You're invited
to a Bridal Brunch
honoring
Jana McRuiz

bride-elect of Kevin Tiller

Saturday, July 27

11:00 - 12:30

at the home of

Mrs. Don Weathers

Selections: Dillards and Foleys

Welcome, New Members!

Congratulations to Kathy Williams, Route 2, Box 618, Lot 27, Tyler, 75704, and Donna Ferguson, Route 2, Box 618, Lot 38, Tyler, 75704. These two young ladies were baptized into Christ Sunday morning after much study with Mrs. Otelia Sills.

Stacey Brookshire came Sunday morning to be identified with the West Erwin church. Stacey lives on Route 17, Box 348, Tyler, 75704.

Andrea Rolf also came on Sunday to place membership with us. Her address is 414 East Eighth, Tyler, 75701. Andrea recently moved to Tyler from Dallas, where she worshipped with the Highland Oaks church.

We are very happy to welcome these young ladies into our growing family at West Erwin.

Benevolent Needs

We have a great need at this time for clothing for children and teenagers. Because we do not have storage room, please bring only in season, clean, usable clothing. There is also a need for grocery sacks. Your help makes it possible for us to help the needy of our community and is very much appreciated. Thank you.

HE KNOWS,
HE LOVES,
HE CARES...

TV Outreach

A lady from our community made a special trip to the church office recently to tell us that she watches THE SEARCH and is very impressed with the quality Bible teaching on that program. She heard that we were in the midst of a building program and wanted to make a contribution to our building fund. She just wanted to have a part in our work and to "shake the hand of an excellent Bible teacher." (She made a \$1000.00 donation to our building fund).

The Search



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

| Records | Sunday July 7 | Sunday June 30 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 344 | 366 | 381 |
| Worship A.M. | 477 | 587 | 493 |
| Worship P.M. | | 361 | 357 |
| Wed. P.M. | 260 | 241 | 163 |
| Contribution | \$9,988.08 | \$10,974.80 | \$12,659.96 |
| Special | \$5,610.13 | (One Nation Under God) | |
| Building Fund | \$561.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 14, and Wed. P.M., July 17, John Cliver, ph. 593-5075.

Prayer and Care

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother is at home in Parkersburg, W.V.

O.W. Pierce, father of Faye Kennard, has been returned to the hospital in Rusk, Texas. He is very seriously ill.

Tommye Ann Curry, Velma Lemons' sister, is critically ill in Amarillo, Texas.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Theo Fultz, who was a member of the church in New Summerfield. Mr. Fultz had been hospitalized for some time in Tyler and passed away on Tuesday.



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Beware of half truths
.... You probably have the wrong half!**

Serving Sunday

Announcements Ray Vannoy
Prayer Phil Marts
Scripture Archie Kennard
Dismiss Jamon Kirby

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Ray Vannoy
Prayer Ray Womack
Scripture Rob Hilliard
Dismiss Charles McCoy

GREETERS

Rob and Carmen Hilliard
Ray and Carolyn Womack

In Appreciation

The reception given in our honor was another act of love and kindness from our West Erwin family. We found your contribution in our behalf very overwhelming and appreciated.

We love you all!

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone

Bulletin Mailing List

We will continue mailing the bulletin to our members each week. For others now receiving our bulletin who wish to continue doing so, please return the label portion of your bulletin by July 31 to:

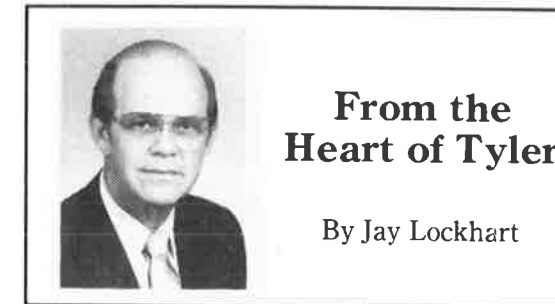
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

A Great Day

Last Sunday was one of those "mountain top experiences" for the West Erwin family. At the invitation Nicholas Godson responded to be baptized, followed by Wanda Lee Turner who was also immersed. Steve and Michelle Linscomb, Michael Lowrance, Howard and Florene Adams came to place membership with us. These joined Chuck and Ruth Barnett, Andrea Usrey, and Jon Lowrance who were baptized last week. We welcome all of these into our family!

Guest Speaker

This Sunday morning Charles Allcorn of Dallas will preach at West Erwin and on Sunday evening Danny Snell will give a report on the mission trip to Nebraska while I am in a cooperative meeting under a big tent at the fair grounds in Dickson, Tennessee. Be prayerful!

One Nation Under God

On Sunday evening over 1300 of us from the Tyler area assembled in Caldwell Auditorium for an hour of singing followed by a combined evening assembly. Our thanks to Harold Taylor for his inspiring message and to Chris Parker for leading the singing for the worship hour and for coordinating the hour of singing at 6:00. Our Gary Ables, along with some good helpers, got 400 of our song books to and from Caldwell. Thanks Gary! And a big thank you to Chris and Cody Ables for coming to the building Monday to put all the books back in their places. It was a good evening at Caldwell and many were saying we should do that often. Was this the largest number of our brethren ever to assemble in Tyler? I'm told that 1200 was the previous high. Is that a fact? How many assembled in Harvey Hall a few years ago?

Special Contribution

You gave over \$5000 last Sunday to the "One Nation Under God" Campaign and more will be given later. Thanks to everyone who participated in this special contribution.

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Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

This coming Tuesday night, July 16, we will be going to Alpine in Longview. We will leave at 6:15 and return about 10:30. Aggies for Christ will present the program and you need to bring rulers.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 15 Monday Night Bible Study
July 28-29 Soul Lift at Six Flags
Please sign your name to the sheet posted in the north foyer if you plan to go to Soul Lift.

NEWS FROM WEST POINT, NEBRASKA

The following is a condensed letter from Ray Maxwell in West Point, Nebraska:

We have had a very busy spring getting ready for the active summer this year. One of the hard parts of being a minister in a small congregation of young Christians is that you have to be an elder, deacon, counselor, evangelist, teacher, as well as take the necessary time to be a father and husband to my family. I see God's wisdom of having different people fill each of these roles.

I am glad to report that a new convert who had fallen back into the world has been restored after much study.

We are currently trying to set up a study with the family of a teenager who is already studying with us and responding very well. Another young family of 5 are studying with us but not yet on a consistent basis.

We are still working on help to build a building on property we now own clear from the bank. I believe that this is God's will and know when the time is right for Him to grant us help, He will. Until then, we continue to pray, work, and wait.

We have also been very busy getting ready for VBS, meeting and follow-up that we will be doing in July. I have been very pleased with the zeal and labors of the church here in preparation for this great time in July. We are following up on the "One Nation Under God" mailing during our meeting.

We are happy to report that we are expecting a child in November. Please pray for a healthy full term child. Kristi, Michael, and Jessica are all having fun together and enjoying the summer. It looks like we have too many things going on to allow us a vacation this summer.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my labors here. May God bless you in your labors for Him there. God Speed.

In His Service,
Ray Maxwell



Happy Birthday

JULY (14) Don Ingram, Grant Knight, (15) Robby Bryant, Lorene Venable (16) Ann McMinn, Ginger Metcalf, Joanna Vannoy (17) Jenilyn Butler, Jo Butler, Mary June Goodson, Dex Hickey, Linda Marts (18) Mimi Aven, Delle Bullard, Keith Harris, Tracy Starnes (19) Pauline Kennedy, Roger Knight, Courtney McDonald, Jean Oliver, Bobby Perry, Cecille Wiggains (20) Bob Bray, Laurie Dawkins, Jim Paul.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin family,

I want to thank you very much for the prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital. They all meant a lot to me to know you cared.

In Christian Love,
Lerah Williamson

Thanks to all of you for your concern during my recent illness, to all who visited, offered prayers on my behalf and to those who prepared food for Bill and me.

In Christian Love,
Elizabeth and Bill Endsley

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, the cards, the food, the calls, the visits, and especially your prayers during my recent illness.

Les and Carolyn Carruth

Welcome, New Members!



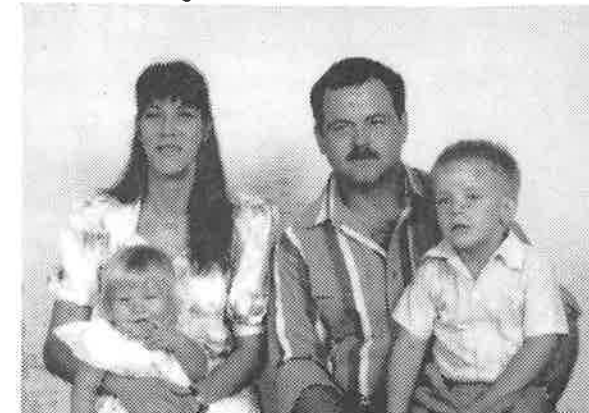
Mrs. Wanda Lee Turner was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. She has been visiting for some time and also studying with David, Terry and Kim Frick. She lives at 10610 Kiamichi Drive, Tyler, 75703, ph. 534-8153. We share her joy in this decision.

Nicholas Goodson, son of Cooper and Mary June Goodson, was baptized on Sunday morning. Nicholas is to be commended for making this commitment at an early age.

Andrea Usrey was baptized by her dad on Sunday, June 30. We congratulate Andrea for making this important decision.



We are happy to have a picture of Dorothy Babb this week and to welcome her home again.



We rejoice in the decision of Charles (Chuck) and Ruth Barnett to be baptized into Christ by Jay Lockhart on Monday, July 1. They have two pre-school age children, Isaac (age 3), and Shelby (10 months). Their address is Route 2, Box 1802, Arp, Texas, 75750. Ruth is the sister of Jim McDonald.



Howard and Florene Adams, 400 Holly Oak, Tyler, 75703, ph. 561-8259, came Sunday to place membership with us. Florene is the mother of Tommy and Ron Lowrance.



It is a pleasure to welcome Steve and Michelle Linscomb and their young son, Tyler, into our fellowship. They moved to Tyler from Columbus, Ohio. They will be a valuable asset to our work here. Their address is 805 South Vine, ph. 595-3506.



Ronald and Otelia Sills, Route 2, Box 618, #13, 75704, recently moved to Tyler and wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church. They formerly worshiped with the South 11th and Willis church in Abilene. They have five children, Glenda (age 8), Janet (5), Melissa (4), Christopher (3), and Ashley (1½).



Tommy and Donna Lowrance came Wednesday night, July 3, to make known their decision to be a part of the West Erwin family. They have two sons, Michael and Jon. Jon was baptized into Christ on Friday, July 5, and Michael came on Sunday to place membership with us also. Their address is Route 17, Box 178, Tyler, 75704, ph. 595-2579.

| Records | Sunday June 23 | Sunday June 16 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 384 | 396 | 413 |
| Worship A.M. | 543 | 553 | 520 |
| Worship P.M. | 390 | 302 | 320 |
| Wed. P.M. | 258 | 247 | 210 |
| Contribution | \$11,059.38 | \$11,903.26 | \$10,543.52 |
| Building Fund | \$430.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 30, and Wed. P.M., July 3, Clinton Culpepper, ph. 877-3956.

Prayer and Care

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother is receiving further treatment in Camden-Clark Hospital in Parkersburg, W.V.

Thelma Bennett was hospitalized briefly this week in Mother Frances Hospital.

Les Carruth was dismissed from Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday after having had an emergency appendectomy last Thursday.

We learned this week that Ralph Old was hospitalized recently for surgery but is now at home and doing well.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

We share in the sorrow of the Teel family in the death of Dave Teel. Funeral services were held last Saturday morning at Loyd James Funeral Home. We extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Teel and all the family.

Funeral services were held in Abilene on Tuesday for C.A. Cockrell, father-in-law to Melody Haws Cockrell. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Serving Sunday

Announcements Roy Bench
Prayer Henry McRuiz
Scripture Pat Patten
Dismiss John Portwood

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Roy Bench
Prayer Mike McMinn
Scripture Don Peek
Dismiss Leon Santos

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

John Pike Fred Powell
Earl O'Quinn Jimmie Philpot

GREETERS

Jack and Peggy Garner
Henry and Becky McRuiz

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Freeman and Billie Morgan on the birth of a new grandson. Kirkland Daniel Morgan was born on June 21 in Thousand Oaks, California to Randall and Kim Morgan. He weighed in at 8 lb. 13 oz. and is 21½ in. long.

No Bulletin Next Week

THE VISITOR will not be published next week due to the postal regulations for second class mail.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1991

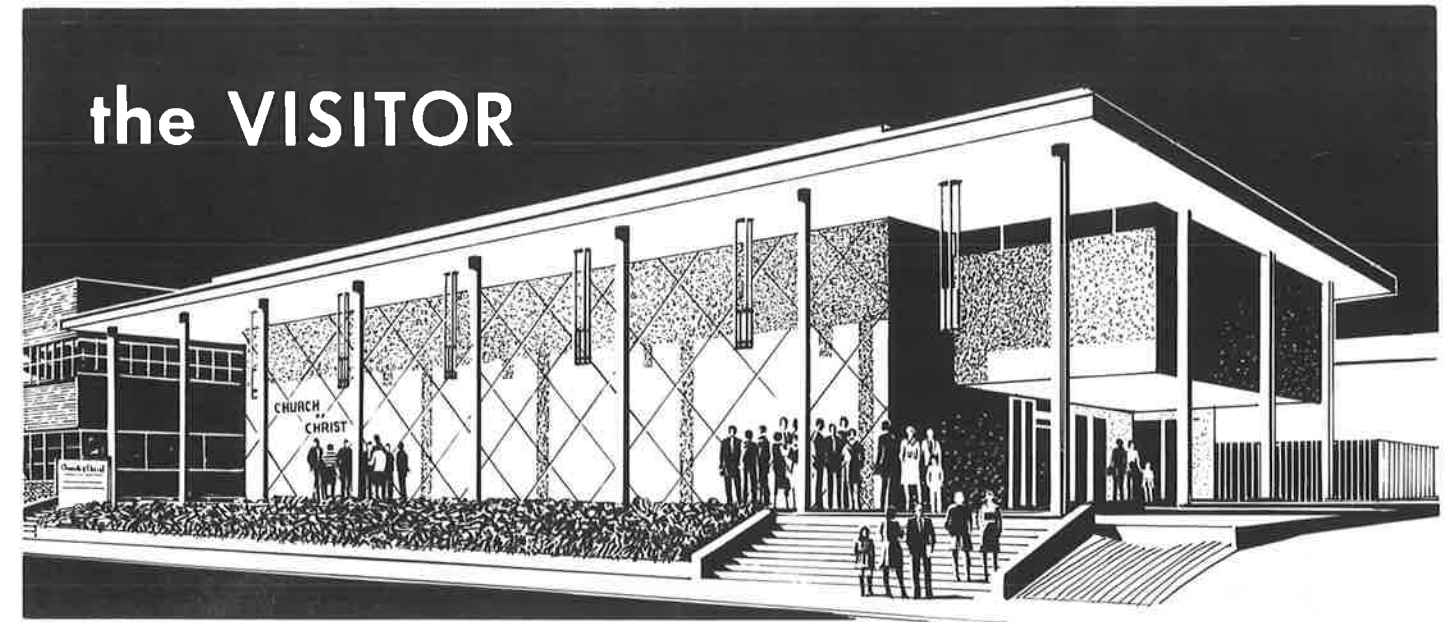
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. They Appointed Elders In Every Church (Acts 14:21-23)

6:00 P.M. The Other Judas (John 14:19-23)

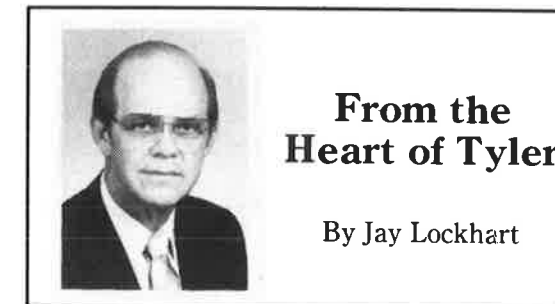
REMEMBER BROTHERS KEEPER SUNDAY NIGHT

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Elders To Be Appointed This Sunday

This Sunday we will appoint seven men as additional elders of the West Erwin church. These men, including Stan Clark, Phil Marts, Freeman Morgan, James Sublette, Ray Vannoy, Leon Welborn, and Ira Wilson will be appointed during our morning worship assembly. This will be a Red Letter day for the church and we hope you will be present for all services.

Wes Price To Dallas

Last Sunday the current chairman of our elders, Joe McBee, announced the resignation of Wes Price as Associate Minister of the West Erwin church to assume the position of Pulpit Minister of the Sunset church in Dallas. Wes will begin preaching at Sunset on Sunday, June 30. During the six and one half years of my association with Wes I have found him to be effective in many areas of church work, with exceptional expertise in our Brother's Keeper program, visitation, and home Bible studies. He will continue to be effective in these areas at Sunset and additionally will be a good pulpit preacher because he is an exceptional Bible student with keen insights into the scriptures. As Wes and Alma Faye leave us we bid them godspeed and wish for them every success in their new work.

"One Nation Under God"

In keeping with our mailing permit, there will be no Visitor next week, so I want to remind you of the city-wide "One Nation Under God" meeting at Caldwell auditorium on Sunday evening, July 7. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a singing under the direction of Chris Parker. The service at 7:00 P.M. will feature Harold Taylor as the speaker. Most congregations in Tyler, including West Erwin, and several in the surrounding area will dismiss their regular evening services in order to attend. What a wonderful opportunity for hundreds of Christians to assemble in a cooperative meeting for worship! It will be great, so don't miss it.

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Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Last week twelve of our middle schoolers went to Abilene for Learning to Lead Camp on the ACU campus. It was a great week and was truly beneficial to our group. Thanks to Lisa Snell for giving a week of her time and energy.

Thanks to Bill Blackstone for leading the singing at our Summer Youth Series. Bill did a fantastic job and we appreciate his help.

Thanks to Larry and Sandra Henry for taking the youth to the Summer Youth Series last week. Thanks to James Sublette and Hillard Hughes for teaching for me last week. I appreciate all of you who help with the youth program.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us Monday night for our Bible Study. We will meet at 7:00 in the Family Activity Center. Bring your Bible and invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

This coming Tuesday night, July 2, we will be going to the Broadway church in Tyler. We will leave from the church lot at 7:10 and return at 10:00. Norman Archibald will be speaking and you need to bring SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS.

* Please note that the SYS for July 9 will be in Athens. We will leave at 6:30 and return at 10:30. Plan to bring POCKET FOLDERS.

IMPORTANT DATES

| | |
|------------|--------------------------|
| June 30 | Mission Trip Meeting |
| July 1 | Monday Night Bible Study |
| July 2 | Summer Youth Series |
| July 5-13 | Mission Trip |
| July 7 | Middle School Devo |
| July 28-29 | Soul Lift at Six Flags |



JULY (1) Gary Cain, Jay Graham, Wes Price (3) Larry Henry, Linda Hone, Cathy Krewall (4) Jeff Hone (6) Les Carruth, Donna Maples (7) Betty Jo Barajas, Carmen Hilliard, Jo Northcutt (8) Spencer Braly, Ruby Cliver, Billie Bob Hickman (9) Rebecca Center, John Cliver, Roland Coats, Charlie Hickman, Cindy Patten (10) Cynthia Johnson (11) Velma Lemons, Paul Stanley (12) John Portwood, Brad Taylor.

NOTE OF Thanks...

Dear Christian Friends,

Jeff and I want to thank each of you for your many expressions of love during the past two years of his illness. Especially for the blood given by so many.

Thanks, too, for the visits, cards, food, and above all, the many prayers offered for him. We love you so much! May God bless you. Thank you!

Jeff and Alma Biggs

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Christian Services of East Texas, we want to thank you for your continued support. Without you, we would not be able to save families and children of this area.

The agency is doing well and growing daily. Please keep us in your prayers as we make decisions for the future.

For the children,
Don and Melea Edwards

In Appreciation

All are invited to a Reception (Coffee and Dessert) Honoring Wes and Alma Faye Price Monday, July 1, 1991 7:30 P.M.



West Erwin Church of Christ Fellowship Hall Please come and show your appreciation for thirteen years of work with the West Erwin congregation.



You are invited to a Bridal Shower Honoring Kathy Ingram bride-elect of Matt Goodson Sunday, July 7, 1991 at the home of Mrs. Ray Womack 1608 Yosemite 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. Selections: Foleys

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Discovery Days

"Discovery Days" is anticipating a full enrollment this fall. In order that we may plan for these children it is necessary to extend our enrollment at this time. Please contact Barbara Oberg at 581-1806 if your child is between 2 and 4 and would like to attend this fall.

New Members



We are happy to have a picture of Wayland and Wendi Hicks so that all might know who they are. We are glad to have them as new members of our family at West Erwin. They were baptized recently by Jay Lockhart. Their address is 15636 Regian Drive in Lindale, Texas, phone 882-5665.

Welcome home to Dorothy Babb. She came Sunday to make known her desire to be identified as a member of the West Erwin family. Her address is 728 Oxford, 75703, ph. 534-9116. We are very happy to have Dorothy work and worship with us again.

Here and There

By Wes Price



The Lord's church is the dearest institution on the face of the earth. I love it with all my heart and soul and have no regrets that I have been blessed with 27+ years of full-time ministry. The last thirteen of those have been with some of the sweetest people one can find among God's redeemed. I have cherished these years. You have been a blessing to me and my family and we will never forget you. My mind is racing with all the myriad experiences we have shared together, some good and some bad. However, even in the bad, we have been strengthened for future service in His kingdom.

It is never easy to say "good-bye" and I am at a loss to say exactly what I feel. That word, "good-bye" seems so shallow and empty. But allow it to be full and overflowing with the love we feel for you and for these years we have enjoyed together. I believe I am the better for it and I thank you for allowing me to be your servant. I hope that even in some small way I have returned some value in return.

We will continue to pray for the success of this congregation as it faces the future with new leaders and new challenges. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as well as we begin a new phase in our service to the church. We will be back to visit on occasion and we certainly look forward to having you visit us in our new home and work in the Dallas area. We will give you addresses at a later date when we get settled. Think kindly of us often and we will you in return. God bless.

Yours in Christ,
Wes Price

Be Looking forward to the ...

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

City-wide meeting in Caldwell Auditorium, Sunday night, July 7, at 6:00 ! Hundreds of Christians will assemble ! Great singing ! Great preaching by Harold Taylor

| Records | Sunday June 16 | Sunday June 9 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 396 | 378 | 364 |
| Worship A.M. | 553 | 479 | 598 |
| Worship P.M. | 302 | 338 | 327 |
| Wed. P.M. | 247 | 202 | 227 |
| Contribution | \$11,903.26 | \$10,492.66 | \$10,810.62 |
| Building Fund | \$372.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 23, and Wed.P.M. June 26, James Sublette, ph. 593-3578.

Prayer and Care

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother remains in Camden-Clark Hospital in Parkersburg, W.V.

Brittany Haws had surgery on Wednesday at Mother Frances Hospital.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Jack and Johnnie Stringer. Funeral services were held in Canton on Tuesday for Johnnie's brother-in-law, Eldera McCarty, who passed away last Saturday.

Please remember Steve and Stacey Higginbotham in their time of grief in the loss of their newborn son on June 8.

"LET'S GO!"
"AND THE PEOPLE HAD A
MIND TO WORK"

Serving Sunday

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture Jim Mayer
Prayer Mark Morris

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Joe McBee
Prayer Doug McKee
Scripture Ron Oberg
Dismiss Robert McLemee

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

John Pike Fred Powell
Earl O'Quinn Jimmie Philpot

GREETERS

Jack and Peggy Garner
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And The Lord Added. . .

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1991

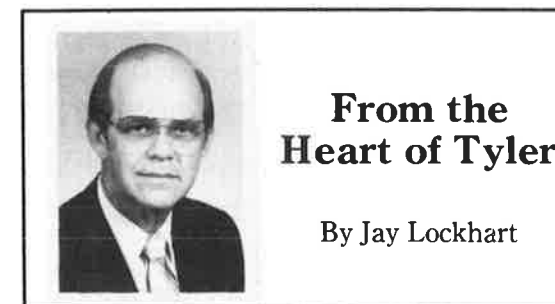
By Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. Rescued
Matthew 9:9-13
6:00 P.M. The Unknown One
Luke 6:12-19

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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

The "One Nation Under God" Campaign

The Sycamore church in Cookville, Tennessee had a dream -- to place the plea to return to New Testament Christianity in every home in America! To make the dream a reality, the Sycamore brethren did these things:

- *Made a commitment and paid for an ad in the Reader's Digest...
- *Made a commitment to have an ad in the TV Guide...
- *Made a commitment to produce 102 million full color brochures...
- *Made a commitment to ADVO Systems to distribute the brochures to every home in the country...
- *Made a commitment to the Christian Satellite Network to produce a two hour television program with a possible reach of over 2000 stations coast to coast...

*Made a commitment to produce a Bible Correspondence Course that will be sent to supporting congregations along with the response they receive...

Of course, the dream cannot be realized without the help of brethren across the nation. On Sunday morning, June 30, we will take a special contribution to help in this work and on Sunday night, July 7, we will have an area-wide meeting in Caldwell Auditorium to openly declare our support of this important campaign. More later! Be involved.

The Marketplace

I want to add my word of appreciation to all of those who worked so hard to insure the success of our VBS, The Marketplace. A job well done!

Additional Elders

Last Sunday our elders placed the names of seven men before the church for approval to serve as elders. We plan to formally appoint Stan Clark, Phil Marts, Freeman Morgan, James Sublette, Ray Vannoy, Leon Welborn, and Ira Wilson. Be prayerful and supportive.

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From

Danny



Danny Snell

WOW! This has been a fantastic week! We had a super turnout at the Summer Youth Series this past Tuesday. 300-plus attended the opening of the 1991 S.Y.S. at West Erwin. Jim Hackney delivered an exceptional lesson based on the S.Y.S. theme, "Just Do It." A hearty thanks to all our teens and adults who helped by working and making that great homemade ice cream. There are too many names to mention, so thanks to all who made it happen.

MARKETPLACE A.D. will be remembered as one of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever! It was fantastic to see the overwhelming response of the West Erwin members and friends in preparing and carrying out this wonderful event. West Erwin is very blessed with so many who are so talented. The Marketplace would not have been possible without the leadership of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone. They deserve a very special thanks for such a fantastic job. Many children were blessed by the Marketplace.

COMBINED DEVO

All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to the Devo after services this Sunday night. Plan to come and bring a friend.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center." Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

This coming Tuesday night, June 25, we will be going to the Crockett Road church in Palestine. We will leave from the church parking lot at 6:15 and return about 10:30. Please bring a box of Kleenex.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 23 Combined Devo
- June 24 Monday Night Bible Study
- June 25 Summer Youth Series
- July 5-13 Mission Trip
- July 28-29 Soul Lift at Six Flags

Marketplace Postmortem

Our West Erwin family really outdid themselves Saturday. If honor needs to be bestowed upon anyone, it needs to be shared by all the wonderful people who gave of their time, money, enthusiasm and goods. Never before in this church's history have I witnessed a project that involved so many people, both members and non-members. Carolyn and I want to thank all of you for your willingness to do whatever it took to complete the Marketplace.

A special thanks goes to Velma Lemons for coordinating the pre-school Marketplace. She did an outstanding job with the 50-60 preschool children that attended.

For fear of omitting someone, we won't try to list everyone that was involved in Marketplace. Without the constant help of Elmer and Nila Miles, Clint Thedford, James Phillips, and our daughter Becky, many things would not have been completed.

Last, but definitely not least, my deepest gratitude goes to Wes Price for unselfishly giving time above and beyond the call of duty.


The West Erwin family uniting for this common cause is what really created this unique day.

We love you!
Dale and Carolyn Blackstone



SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Everyone is invited to help honor Dale and Carolyn Blackstone Sunday night for their outstanding work in our "VBS Marketplace". Activities will be at the home of the Hillard Hughes'. Be there to say thank you and enjoy fellowship and food. Come and go from 7:30 to 9:00.



The Search

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



JUNE (23) LaFern Bench, Roy Bench, Joshua Hone, Bob Threadgill (24) Lynn Harrison, Bob May (26) Gloria Daughtry, Robin Kerner, Amy O'Quinn (27) Judy Clark (28) Cameron Ables, Jerry Dunn, Stephanie Miles, Christine Parsons (29) Diane Denman, Kyle McRuiz.



The following note was received from the church in Andover, Kansas, where we participated in aid for tornado victims:

The love of Christ is truly evident in your gift of Brotherly love.

Thank you . . .
In His Service,
Andover Church of Christ

I would like to thank everyone at West Erwin for the food and prayers during the sudden loss of my grandfather. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Debra Philpot & family



Discovery Days

The school age children at Discovery Days are studying about "Places Far Away" this summer. It would be so nice if they had items to make these units more meaningful. If you have anything from Alaska, Europe, Africa, Hawaii, China/Japan or other places far from here that we could borrow, please contact Barbara Oberg, Sheila Taylor or Vicki Cauthen.

Thank you,
Barbara Oberg

Here and There

By Wes Price



June 30, will be the date for the next Brothers Keeper Unit Meetings. Please mark your calendar and reserve that date to be with your unit. Your unit leader will call you about the location of the host home and what to bring. Look forward to having a good time with your unit members.

Our presentation to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone was certainly appropriate enough, but cannot possibly tell how grateful we are for the tireless work they contributed to making the Marketplace VBS the glowing success that it was. Of course they were joined by considerably more than a hundred more folks who are also to be commended for their work. One other person we should not forget and who has shown like a star every year for the past seven in our VBS effort, is Velma Lemons. Her usual role has been to take care of the two-year olds, but this year she took on the entire Pre-school department and did a fantastic job in seeing that these little ones had a memorable experience as well. Thank you, Velma, for your significant contribution to this effort. And we want to reinforce, all of you who participated in whatever way, a big round of applause and a chorus or two from the angelic hosts. Thanks, thanks, thanks.

Be Looking forward to the ...

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"

City-wide meeting in Caldwell Auditorium,
Sunday night, July 7, at 6:00 !
Hundreds of Christians will assemble !
Great singing !
Great preaching by Harold Taylor
More later ...

Take Time To Pray

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | 378 | 379 | 366 |
| Worship A.M. | 479 | 505 | 493 |
| Worship P.M. | 338 | 356 | 326 |
| Wed. P.M. | 202 | 234 | 226 |
| Contribution | \$10,492.66 | \$12,037.42 | \$10,377.42 |
| Building Fund | \$610.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 16, and Wed. P.M., June 19, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

Prayer and Care

Lela Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's mother is in Camden-Clark Hospital in Parkersburg, W.V. She has pneumonia.

Elizabeth Endsley had thyroid surgery on Tuesday at Medical Center Hospital.

Lerah Williamson is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 2520. She is suffering from phlebitis.

H.M. Minnis had eye surgery as an outpatient Wednesday morning.

Seth Cunningham, brother-in-law to James Phillips, is in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo for chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer. They have requested our prayers.

Chris Drummond is at home following gall bladder surgery on Thursday of last week.

Loyd Rutledge is in Doctors Memorial Hospital for tests.

Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Serving Sunday

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Jeff Hone
Scripture Grant Knight
Dismiss Melvin Maples

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Rick Higginbotham
Scripture Jay Lockhart, Jr.
Prayer Archie Lowry

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Phil Marts Bob May

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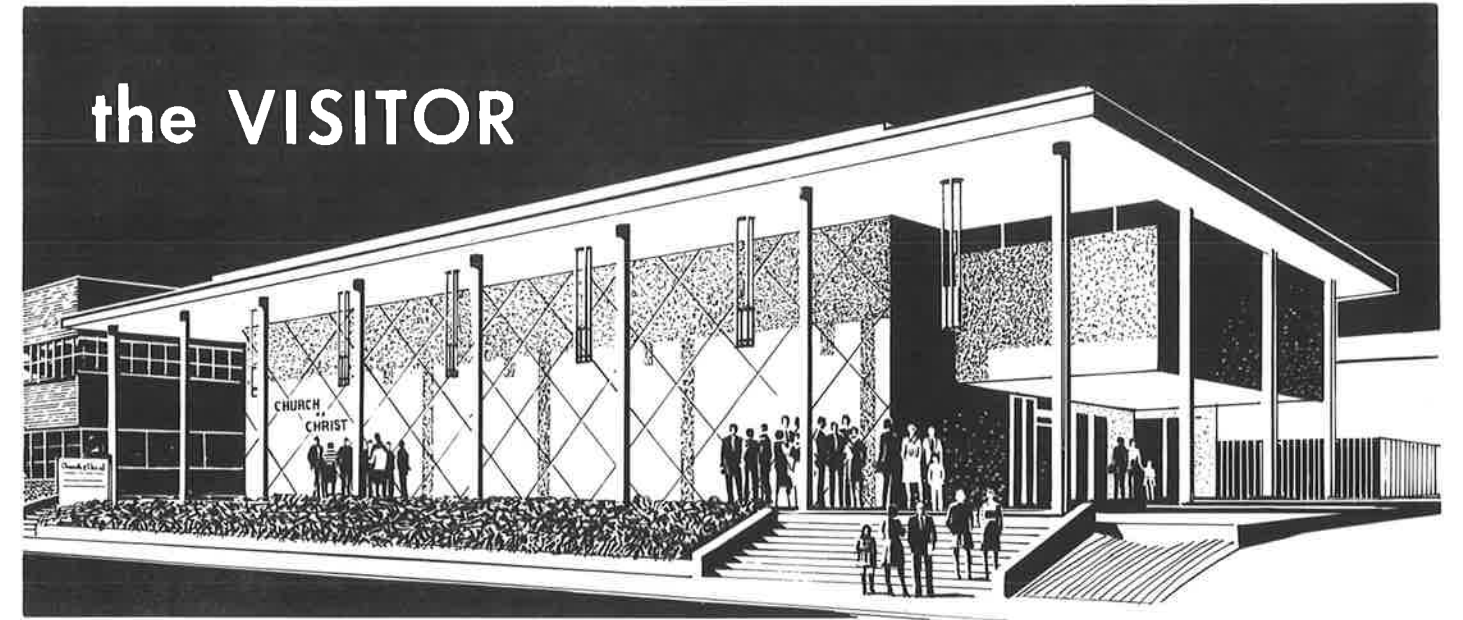
We will continue mailing the bulletin to our members each week. For others now receiving our bulletin who wish to continue doing so, please return the label portion of your bulletin by July 31 to:

West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas 75702

HARDEMAN NICHOLS will be our guest speaker for Sunday, June 9, 1991 Morning and Evening Assemblies

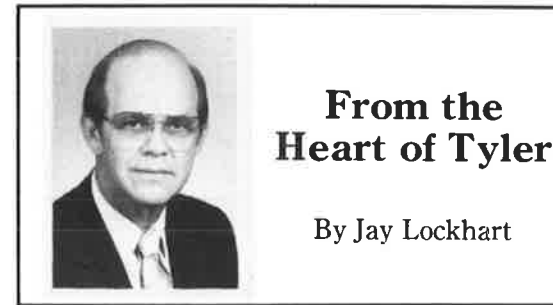
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Education

In a recent article on the editorial page of the Tyler Morning Telegraph, James J. Kilpatrick made sobering observations about the accrediting process of higher education in this country. Accreditation is extremely important for colleges and universities. Federal aid, private foundation support, students in need of federal grants and loans are all dependent upon being accredited. For a school to be denied accreditation is to make it an outcast. The Middle States Association is the largest of six regional accrediting agencies in America and holds the power of life and death over all four-year member colleges in six Eastern States. Until 1988 Middle States made its rulings for accreditation upon such things as: How many books are in the library? What basic courses are included in the curriculum? How many Ph.D.'s are on the faculty? Et.al. But all of that has changed. Now Middle States is

threatening religious schools with the loss of their priceless accreditation if they fail to provide evidence of "diversity" and "pluralism." Most recently Middle States threatened to withdraw accreditation from a religious seminary because, being opposed to ordaining women as preachers, it refused to have women on its board. Middle States said that was a no, no. The Seminary is taking it to court. As an agency of the government, it is no business of Middle States as to whether or not a religious school has women on its board. The issue for us is that if accrediting agencies begin involving themselves in the inner workings of religious institutions, they may be telling them, including our Christian schools, who will be on faculties, what will be taught, etc. In matters of academics, let the schools measure up. In matters of policy, direction, goals, ideals, let the agencies mind their own business. We need to pray for President Bush's new Educational Secretary, Lamar Alexander, who is sympathetic toward the schools and can stop this nonsense (I Timothy 2:12).

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

We had a really good turnout for our Parent-Teen Meeting this past Sunday. Thanks to all who came and furnished the food.

*** Please note the following:**

There will be no Monday Night Bible Study on June 17 due to the Learning to Lead Camp in Abilene.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

This coming Tuesday night, June 18, we will be going to the South Main church in Henderson. We will leave from the church lot at 6:30 and return at 10:00. Noel Whitlock will be speaking and you need to bring ERASERS.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 15 Vacation Bible School
- June 16-21 Learning To Lead Camp
- June 18 Summer Youth Series
- June 23 Combined Devo
- July 5-13 Mission Trip
- July 28-29 Soul Lift at Six Flags

Summer Youth Series 1991

| When | Where | What to Bring |
|---------|------------|----------------------|
| June 18 | Henderson | Erasers |
| June 25 | Palestine | Kleenex |
| July 2 | Broadway | Spiral Notebooks |
| July 9 | Athens | Pocket Folders |
| July 16 | Longview | Rulers |
| July 23 | Gilmer | Map Colors & Crayons |
| July 30 | Big Sandy | School Glue |
| Aug. 6 | Longview | Ballpoint Pens |
| Aug. 13 | University | Notebook Paper |



JUNE (16) Emily McDonald, Ann Nail, John Portwood (17) Louise Seaberry, Fred Strait, Grace Walker (18) Shelly Henry (19) Stella Buckner, Mike Holcomb, Ricky Kerner (20) Vivie Canter, Don Slaughter, Lowell Wiggains (21) Sherry Bobbitt, Faye Kennard (22) Amy Daughtry.

Building Update



Last Tuesday morning twin beams were hoisted into place on our new building! The beams, measuring 93 feet in length, will support the super structure of the auditorium and with them in place we will be seeing some real changes on the construction site to the south!



We want to thank you for your loving concern and prayers. The spray of red carnations and daisies were a beautiful tribute to David's mother. We appreciate your remembering us during this trying time.

Sincerely,



David and Virginia Demic

We want to thank the church for all the gestures shown to us while we attended the West Erwin church. We will always remember the lovely people there.

Sincerely,

Adrain & Fern Scruggs

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Bible. It has so many helpful notes and references. I am sure I will enjoy using it. Thank you again.

Amy Pickens

Thank you for the Bible. I like it a lot. It was so nice of you to remember me at this time.

Thank you,
Chris Oberg

Response

Sheryl Miles came Sunday morning requesting prayers in her behalf from her brothers and sisters in Christ.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to John D. and Ruby Brem! They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 14.

NEW ADDRESS

Margaret Talley has moved to the Heritage Oaks Nursing Center, 1112 Gibbins Road, Arlington, Texas 76011.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Guest Editorial...

LET'S BE THE CHURCH

I have been trying to get a handle on the 90's. I am a great reader of books and have been reading about the 90's because I want to prepare for what is going to happen. I want to have a vision for this church to minister in the new context of the 90's and on into the 21st Century. Among the books I have read are Dying for Change (in other words, if the church doesn't change it is going to die), Habits of the Heart, The Struggles for the American Soul, Choices for the Churches, The Frog in the Kettle and Mega Trends in the Year 2000.

I have read these and a dozen more and have gotten so confused! I have almost come to the point of "paralysis of analysis." But let me tell you what I have decided to do. I am going to keep reading books but I am going to stick with the book I have read the most for the longest - the Bible. I am going to base my ministry and the ministry of this church on what this book says, and you know what it says? "You appeal to the heroic dimension in the human heart." That is the key to life - to give yourself away for Jesus Christ so that you have more capacity to give away. The key to a church's life is its outward look, not its inward look.

A confused, chaotic, convulsing world, gasping for life and breath, will not be touched by a tame church, mouthing time-worn cliches and platitudes. To affect a dirty world, it will take a clean church; to infect a sad world, it will take a joyous church; to inspire an apathetic world, it will take a convicted church; to challenge a dying world, it will take a live church; to heal a sick world, it will take a healthy church.

Let's be a church willing to sacrifice, willing to risk. Let's be a church whose strength is equal to its task; a church claiming all the gifts of the Spirit, all the power available, and all the authority given. Let's be a church with Godly gusto, prevailing prayer and demonstrative determination to win the battles of life.

Don't you want to do that here? Not for anyone's credit but for the glory of Christ!

- Douglas F. Parsons

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| Worship P.M. | 356 | 253 | 271 |
| Wed. P.M. | 234 | 215 | 142 |
| Contribution | \$12,037.42 | \$11,518.33 | \$12,313.64 |
| Building Fund | \$6559.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |
| MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 9, and Wed. P.M. June 12, Keith Harris, ph. 839-3826. | | | |

EACH LIFE AFFECTS ANOTHER'S

We may not always realize that everything we do affects not only our lives but touches others, too. For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share. Yes, everytime you offer someone a helping hand, every time you show a friend you care and understand, every time you have a kind and gentle word to give you'll help someone find beauty in this precious life we live. For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways bring love, and giving is the treasure that contentment is made of.

---Amanda Bradley

YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE

Serving Sunday

| | |
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| Announcements | Hillard Hughes |
| Prayer | Robert Hawkins |
| Scripture | Wynne Weathers |
| Dismiss | Larry Henry |
| 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY | |
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| Scripture | Don Ingram |
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Prayer and Care

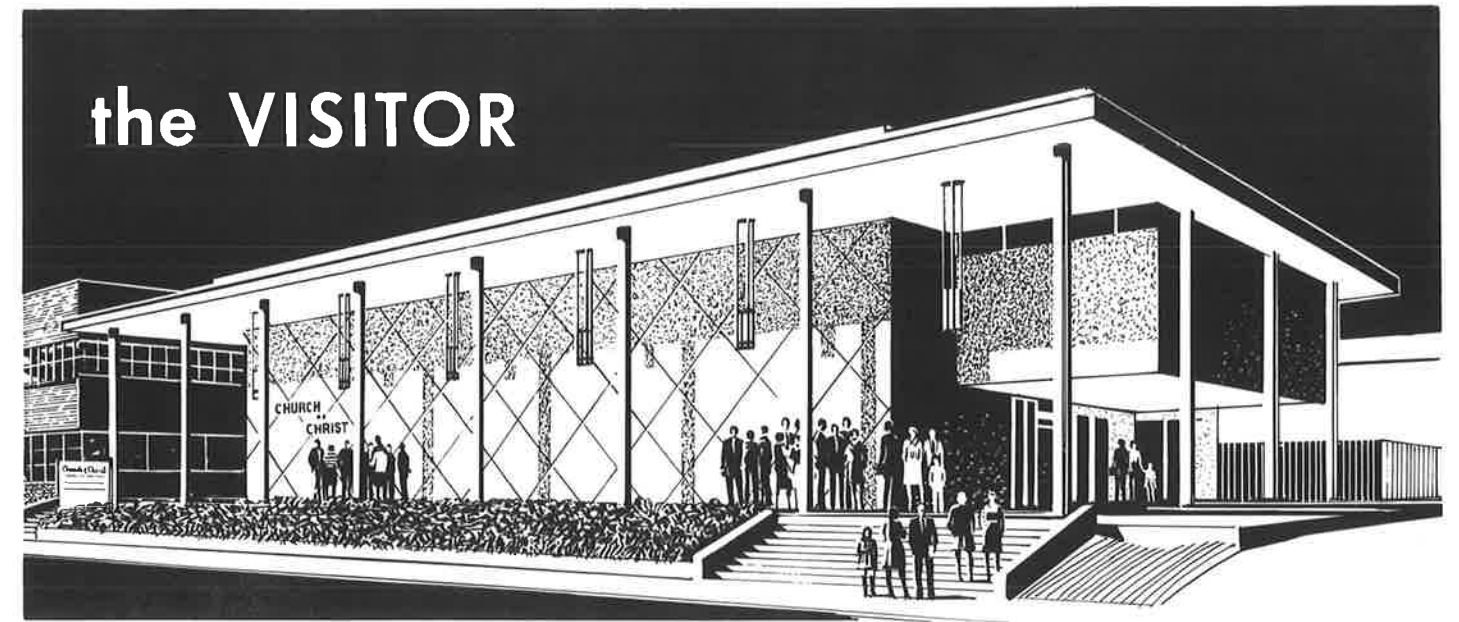
"Sissy" LaRue is in Medical Center Hospital with a broken hip.
Loyd Rutledge is in Doctors Memorial Hospital for tests.
Edythe Trentham is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.
Continue to remember these and others who were recently hospitalized but are now at home, our shut-ins, and those in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1991

By Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. Certainty Out Of Doubt
(John 20:19-29)
6:00 P.M. The Betrayer
(Matthew 26:20-25)

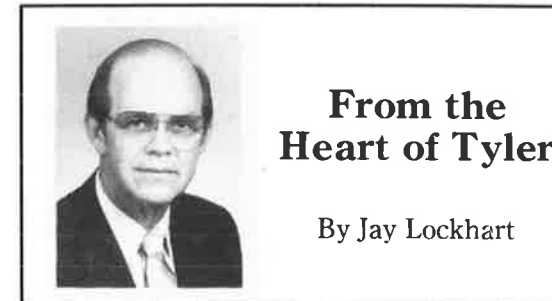
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"Shepherd the flock of God" I Peter 5:2

Elder Selection

After four weeks of intensive study in Bible classes and sermons, we are entering the final phase of selecting additional elders for the West Erwin church. What does the New Testament teach about the selection process? Very little, really. In Acts 14:23 the Scripture says that Paul and Barnabas appointed elders in every church. Titus 1:5 shows that the young preacher Titus appointed elders. In Acts 6 there were men appointed to a special work of service (they were not elders and some have said they might have been the first deacons, though they are not called that) and the apostles told the church that it should pick out "from among you" those who were to serve. However, this is an unclear directive for us in that the apostles were in the church at Jerusalem, there apparently were no elders at that point in time, and the apostles were exercising

expediency in having the very people who were unhappy about the care of certain widows to select the men to look after their needs. Left with no clear procedure as to the selection process, sometimes the existing elders of a congregation place names of potential elders before the church for approval or they have the church submit names of men to be considered. Both practices have characterized the West Erwin church in the past. This time our elders are asking the congregation to submit names for additional elders. You should sign your list, seal it, and place it in the blue box in either foyer not later than this Sunday evening, June 9. By June 16 we hope to have the names of these men presented to the congregation with formal appointment by June 30. If you would like to participate in the selection process, submit your list of names by this Sunday night!

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

All Middle and High School and those going into 6th grade are invited to the Planning Meeting this coming Sunday Night in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend. This will be an eating meeting, so watch the mail for what to bring.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

This coming Tuesday night, June 11, will be the first of the Summer Youth Series. West Erwin will be hosting it & Jim Hackney will be our Speaker. This year's theme is "Just Do It" based on James 1:22 which says, "Do not merely listen to the Word ... Do what it says." One of the things we want to "DO" is to supply a need for our Children's Homes. Each week we will be asked to take a specific item of school supplies to give to these children. You need to bring PENCILS to our meeting. The SYS has always been an uplifting experience for everyone and we hope you can be a part of that.

MISSION TRIP

This coming Sunday at 5:00, we will have a very important meeting for all those planning to go on the Mission Trip. We will be meeting in room 205. Please make plans to be present.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

| | |
|------------|-----------------------|
| June 10 | Parent - Teen Meeting |
| June 11 | Summer Youth Series |
| June 15 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 16-21 | Learning To Lead Camp |
| July 5-13 | Mission Trip |

Please
PRAY

Please continue to pray for my brother, Joe Lemmons, who is beginning a second round of chemotherapy in Brownwood, Texas. He has had a remarkable strength and quality of life since undergoing surgery for brain cancer six months ago. He and his family feel that prayers everywhere have been abundantly answered and want to thank you for your continuing concern and prayerful support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Marian Rowe

To Bulgaria

Traes Howard, son of Mickey and Donna Howard and grandson of Jean Oliver and Glen and Del Howard, left, along with another young man, on Tuesday, June 3 for Romania. They will then go into Bulgaria to work as missionaries for three months. He took Russian at A&M to prepare for this work, sponsored by the North Richland Hills church. Last year Traes went to Africa with a large group and taught for six weeks. Please pray for the work and the safety of these young men.



Moving

Adrain and Fern Scruggs have moved to Palestine, Texas to be nearer their family. Their address is 709 Crestline.

Ira and Lola Wright and their son Ted are moving back to the Sherman area. We will miss these two fine families but wish them happiness in their new homes.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Harlingen, Texas on Monday for Lottie Demic, the mother of our David Demic. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held on Thursday in Athens, Texas for Cato Shera, a gospel preacher known by many at West Erwin. Our love and prayers go out to these families in their loss of loved ones.

Happy Birthday



JUNE (9) Gary Ables, Clinton Culpepper, Mark Gregory (10) Mago Barajas, Carolyn Carruth, David Haney, Cynthia Johnson, Sheila Taylor (11) Elizabeth Endsley, Pat Patten, Tanya Wiggains (12) Ralph Old, Ashley Tate, Glenda Turner (13) Harold Browning (15) Kevin Braly, J.N. Metcalf, Stephanie Muller, Jason Patten.

Young At Heart

The Young at Heart group will meet for a covered dish supper Thursday evening, June 13 at 6:30 P.M. Make your plans to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship.



Thank you very much for the NIV Study Bible that you gave me for graduation. I really appreciate it and the love and support you have shown me through the years.

Love,
Missy

Video Outreach

A few weeks ago Del Masters of Twin Falls, Idaho was visiting in our area and saw THE SEARCH. He has been involved for some time in a service he provides for small churches in mission areas called Video Bible Outreach. Del makes copies of sermons on video and sends them to these churches to use in classes and worship. The churches which use his service help with the expense of producing and mailing the tapes, if they can. He has collected a large library of tapes which he has made at various college lectureships and received from churches. Del has asked West Erwin to send THE SEARCH tapes to him for copying and distributing among these smaller churches. We are grateful for the opportunity to expand our TV ministry.

Here and There

By Wes Price



It is with just a note of sadness that we tell you of the coming move of Ira and Lola Wright along with their son Ted to the Sherman area where they lived for so many years before coming to Tyler. We will miss them and pray that God's richest blessings will be with them.

All V.B.S. workers take note! Time is running out for preparation for your particular market in Marketplace. We need to take advantage of the time remaining to get all things ready for that special day, June 15. Besides the special work times posted, you may have access to the Center any time you need to simply by asking for a key from the office staff. Let's not get caught short. Saturday, June 15, will be here before you know it.

It was great to hear from our Building Committee and especially to hear that we will now be able to see greater progress in its construction. We hope that we will be able to use the south entrance this coming weekend, but just a quick glance in that direction will tell you whether or not it's available. If the guard fences are gone, it will be a good sign that it's open.

We ended a great year of study with the Wednesday Ladies Class this past week. Then a delightful luncheon followed. I am so thankful for the generosity of those ladies. They surprised me with a lovely gift certificate. My most humble thanks to all who had a part in this gift.

In essentials, UNITY;
In nonessentials, LIBERTY;
In all things, LOVE.

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| Wed. P.M. | 215 | 236 | no count |
| Contribution | \$11,518.33 | \$10,320.95 | \$8,599.73 |
| Building Fund | \$501.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |
| MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 2, and Wed. P.M. June 5, Gary Cain, ph. 581-3719. | | | |

Prayer and Care

Frances Walters has moved to The Clairmont, 900 South Baxter.
 Elizabeth and Hoyt Hughes are now at home.
 John Brem is in Medical Center Rehab Center.
 Pat Ragsdale has been dismissed from Medical Center Hospital.
 Jeff Biggs is ill at home.
 Bernice Mauhar, Kelly Ross' grandmother, is seriously ill in Las Vegas.
 "Sissy" LaRue is in Medical Center Hospital with a broken hip.
 Continue to remember these and others who are ill at home, shut-in, or in nursing homes in prayer and care.

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Ed and Carolyn Stitt. They are the proud grandparents of Carolyn Macall, born to Russell and Mary Lynn Gilpin on May 25. She weighed in at 6 lb. 14 oz.

Sermons for Sunday, June 2, 1991

By Jay Lockhart
 10:00 A.M. How A Church Selects Elders
 (Philippians 1:1-6)
 6:00 P.M. When Zeal Meets Knowledge
 (Acts 1:12-14)



Serving Sunday

Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Faber Cauthen
 Scripture Don Drummond
 Dismiss Jimmie Harris
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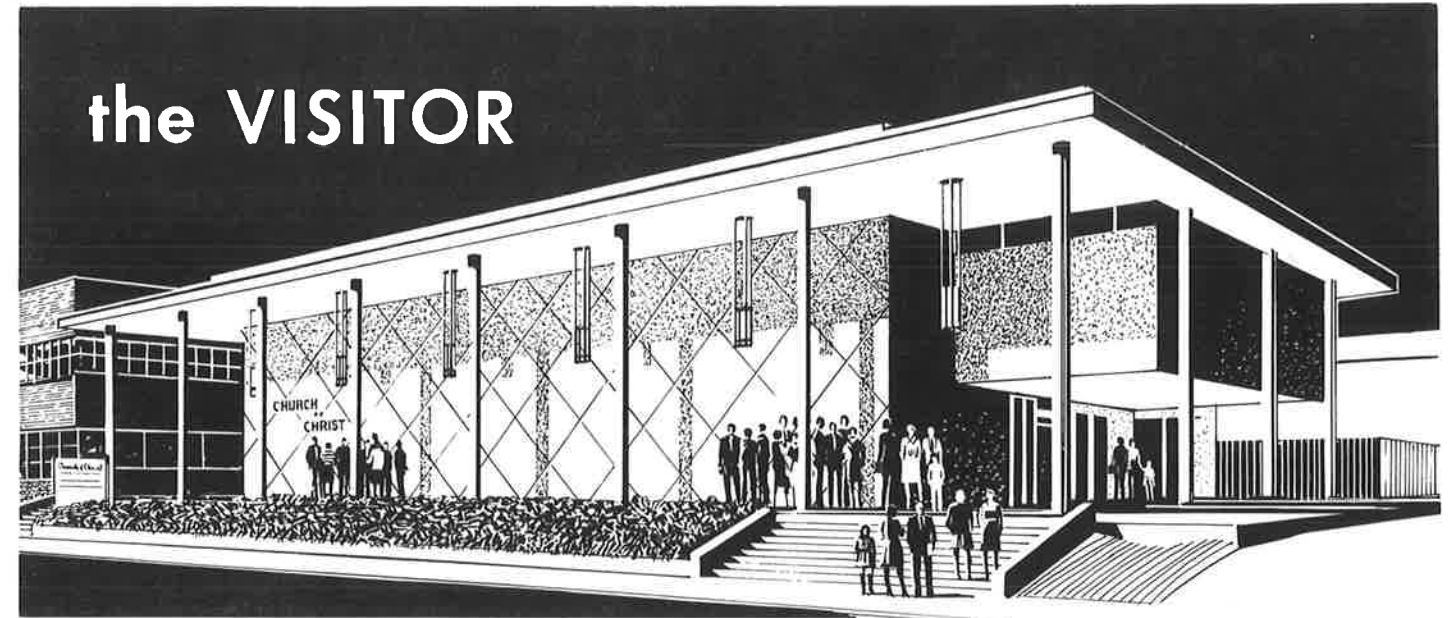


Work days for next week are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 to 10:00. If you want to work on your own, please check with the church office for a key.
 Registration is open to friends of West Erwin. Forms need to be in as soon as possible.
 SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED: 2 liter bottles, OLD scissors, daggers, swords, lances, spear-heads, plow blades, tips for oxgoads, sickles, forks, axletrees, axes, smaller pins, rings, seals, fibulae, images, figurines, hair curlers, and small instruments, also a black wash pot and old bellow.

SYMPATHY

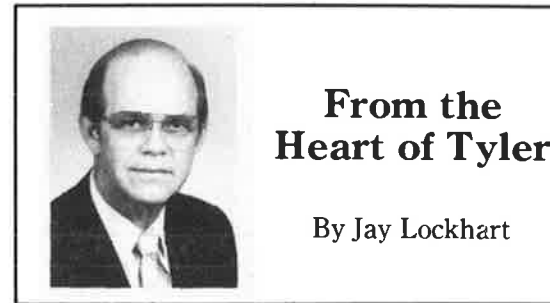
We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of John Dale Mackey. Funeral services were on Friday morning at Tyler Primitive Baptist Church. He was the nephew of Janie Hicks and Modena Jones and cousin to Louis Jones and James Phillips.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"They ordained elders in every church" Acts 14:23

A Leader

Suppose you were asked to name the leader in the church who impressed you the most—who would you name? I don't know the name of the person you would name, but I know something about him. I have an idea that the best leaders you have known were men who allowed you to see into their hearts; who showed genuine concern for you as a person; who hurt and even wept with those in the church who were hurting; who, when they were unsure, said so; who, when they struggled, admitted it; who were strong but nevertheless human and real; who manifested in word and deed the humble spirit of Christ. Am I right? On the one hundred fiftieth birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Carl Sandburg, the distinguished poet, historian, and student of Lincoln, made a speech before a joint session of Congress in which he described a very great leader with very human characteristics. While Lincoln, of course, was no church leader, Sandburg's words do apply:

Not often in the story of mankind does a man arrive on earth who is both steel and velvet, who is as hard as a rock and as soft as drifting fog, who holds in his heart and mind the paradox of terrible storm and peace unspeakable....


We are reminded of a great church leader who said:

But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you were very dear to us.... in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, that you might follow our example (I Thess. 2:7-10).

When one has a humble desire to serve and seeks to develop the loving heart of Christ, he has the makings of a great leader.

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Youth
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Danny Snell

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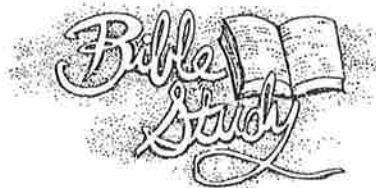
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped make the JR/SR Banquet possible. Thanks also to those who went as sponsors: Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Ken and Cathy Culpepper, John and Susan Steffee and Lisa Snell.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Gena Henry for being selected as the Outstanding Student of the year by the American Legion. Way To Go Gena!

COMBINED DEVO

All Middle School and High School students are invited to the combined Devo. Plan to come and enjoy this special time together.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". We are studying the book of Romans. Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

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|------------|-----------------------|
| June 2 | Combined Devo |
| June 11 | Summer Youth Series |
| June 15 | Vacation Bible School |
| June 16-21 | Learning To Lead Camp |
| July 5-13 | Mission Trip |

Discovery Days



Discovery Days will complete its third year at West Erwin on May 28. A great part of its success goes to the teaching staff. May I personally thank Charisse Smith, Jeannie Ross and Sheila Taylor for their love and the work they do with these children. For those of this congregation who express interest in our preschool and pray for us daily, we are grateful and ask for your continued support.

Our summer program begins June 11th. You may be interested to know that our classes are full and we have a waiting list. There will be almost 50 children in our program this summer. We are excited as Vicki Cauthen and Sheila Taylor will head up our school age program. Betty Strait and Cheryl Murphy will assist Jeannie Ross and myself in our preschool program. As we look forward to a new year let us remember the precious children in our care.



The Junior and Senior classes would like to thank everyone who made it possible to have the JR/SR Banquet Friday night. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Thank you for the Bible. It's really pretty and it will be of great use!
Thank you again!

Cheryl Murphy

Happy Birthday

JUNE (2) Dale Hickey (3) Gena Henry, Melissa Ingram, Elmer Miles (4) Cheryl Welborn (5) Carolyn Womack (6) C.B. Hardin, Dennis Stansbury, Garrett Sublette (7) Sue Paul (8) Chris Ketchum.

Medina Grocery Truck Due

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of June 3-7. The item for West Erwin is Chocolate Drink Mix, but they will be happy to accept any non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, school supplies or cash donations to be used for milk, meat, fruit and vegetables. Our goal for Chocolate Drink Mix is 180 lbs. This is a 6 month supply for the Home. Thank you for your help.

Area Meetings

A Special Series Of
Evangelistic Services
Norman Miller of Daingerfield, Texas
June 2 - 5

TIME
Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Weekdays at 7:30 p.m.

Pritchett Church of Christ
Located 2 blocks south of Hwy.155,
Pritchett Community
WE INVITE YOU TO BE OUR GUESTS

Patton Lane Church of Christ
Invites You To Hear
Brother Dean Brookshire
June 2 - 5, 1991
Sunday Services: 9:30am; 10:30am; 4:00pm
Lunch will be served at the building
Sunday noon - followed by singing at 2:30pm
Mon.-Wed. Evening Worship - 7:00pm

The New Summerfield Church of Christ
Invites you to study the Word of God
With
Jimmy Allen, Professor, Harding University,
Author, Lecturer and Gospel Preacher.
June 16 - 19, 1991
Survey of Romans: 10:00 to 12:00 A.M.
Monday through Wednesday (June 17-19)
Sunday, June 16, 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Jay Witt, Song Leader

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Without prayer no work is well done.

New Members

We are very happy to introduce **Roland and Joy Coats** as new members of West Erwin. They recently made it known that they want to work and worship with us. They live at Hide-Away Lake, 529 Dogwood, Lindale, Texas, phone 882-4739. Welcome to our family!



Here and There

By Wes Price



We are pleased to announce our Summer Quarter teaching staff. They are:

| Class | Room | Sunday Teacher | Wed. Teacher | Room |
|---------|------|---------------------------------|---|------|
| Nursery | 109 | Jeanine Hughes/ Jo Butler | | |
| 2 Yrs. | 102 | Velma Lemons | 2 & 3 Scott Carruth/ Becky Blackstone | 102 |
| 3 & 4 | 208 | Sue Skipper | 4 & 5 Martha Waggoner | 208 |
| 5 Yr. | 201 | Cathy Culpepper | | |
| First | 215 | Charisse Smith Sheila Taylor | Jeannie Ross | 215 |
| Second | 204 | Donna Epperson | 2nd & 3rd Dana Tate | 204 |
| Third | 206 | Ginger Metcalf | | |
| Fourth | 214 | Carolyn Carruth | 4th & 5th Marc Tate | 107 |
| Fifth | 107 | Patsy Fisher | | |

We welcome all new teachers to our summer teaching program. May we suggest to parents that you take time to get acquainted with your child's new teacher and encourage them to be cooperative in both attendance and classroom activities. Remember that these teachers are doing volunteer service and they do it with no other desire but to see that all our boys and girls learn God's word as they should. Let's join hands in an effort to support and encourage these teachers.

Departmental Supervisors remain the same:

- Nursery: Jeanine Hughes
- Pre-school: Barbara Oberg
- Primary: Connie Sublette
- Junior: Alma Faye Price
- High School: Danny Snell

May I add my congratulations to all our graduating seniors. They deserve our heartiest applause for the significant accomplishment. We can be justifiably proud of what they stand for and the faith they have embraced. Let's send them on to new heights of success for the praise of God's glory.

We thank their parents for entrusting their precious pilgrimage thru our Bible School Department. Just think, they go from us with a little bit of each of those dedicated teachers who worked so hard to instill the message of the gospel in their hearts and souls. Let's don't forget that significant contribution our church school makes.

| Records | Sunday May 19 | Sunday May 12 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 366 | 374 | 393 |
| Worship A.M. | 502 | 632 | 567 |
| Worship P.M. | 295 | 270 | 355 |
| Wed. P.M. | 236 | 241 | 218 |
| Contribution | \$10,320.95 | \$12,759.68 | \$12,195.76 |
| Building Fund | \$3,620.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 26, and Wed. P.M. May 29, George Hearne, ph. 593-8731.

Prayer and Care

Frances Walters is still a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 3525.

Elizabeth Hughes expects to be dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital this week.

John Brem has been dismissed from Medical Center Hospital.

Pat Ragsdale is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Onie Mason, Billie Morgan's mother, fell and injured her back. She lives in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Continue to remember these and others who are ill at home, shut-in, or in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sunday Sermon Topics

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 26, 1991

By Jay Lockhart
 10:00 A.M. A Qualified Leadership
 (Titus 1:5-9)
 6:00 P.M. What Can We Expect Of Leaders?
 (I Timothy 3:1-7)

Serving Sunday

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Announcements | Wes Price |
| Prayer | John Cliver |
| Scripture | Dan Cullinan |
| Dismiss | Ken Culpepper |
| 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY | |
| Announcements | Mike Cauthen |
| Prayer | Milburn Cook |
| Scripture | Clinton Culpepper |
| Dismiss | Walter Farrer |
| SERVING LORD'S SUPPER | |
| Scott Epperson | Terry Frick |
| Wayne Harrison | Jerry Huff |
| GREETERS | |
| Dale and Carolyn Blackstone | |
| Henry and Becky McRuiz | |

Happy Birthday

MAY (26) Brad Chambless, Lillie Knight (27) Vera Boss, Frances Walters (28) John Scott (29) Dorothy Davis (30) Andrea Usrey JUNE (1) Sharon Ketchum, Leon Welborn, Justin Wiggins.

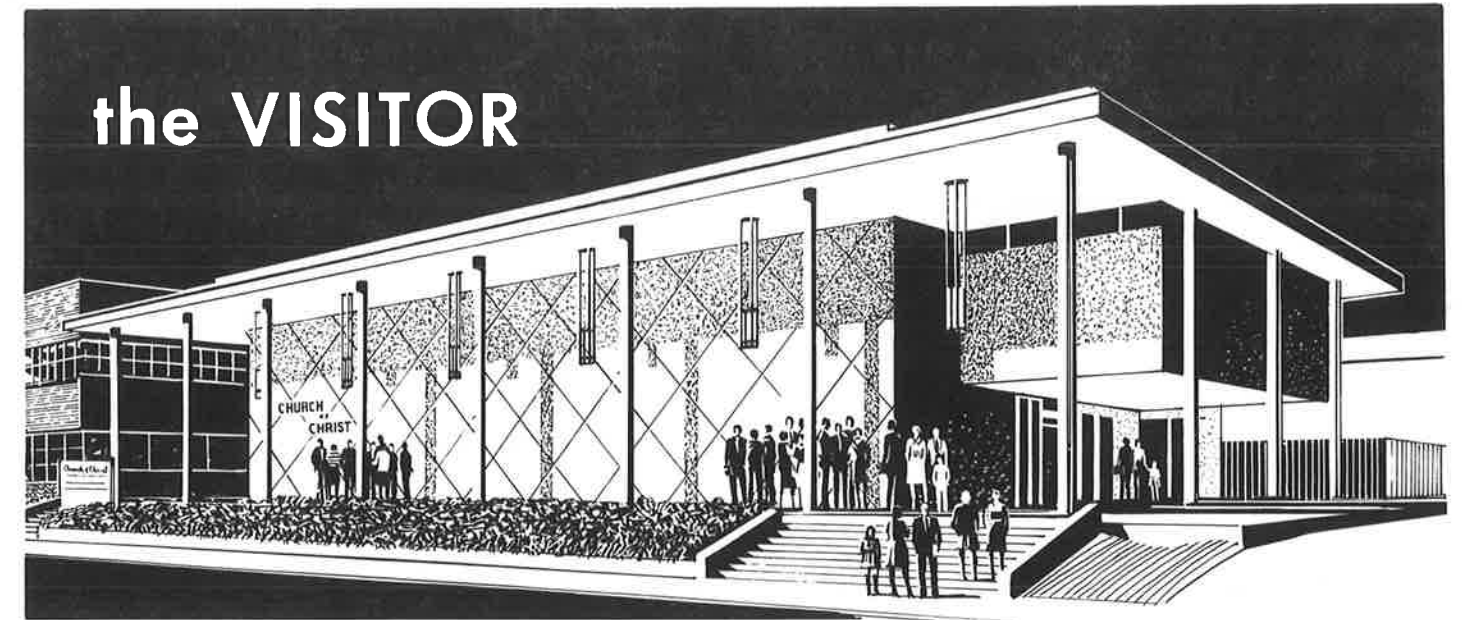
BAPTISM

We rejoice with the Sublette family in the baptism of Tiffany by her dad on Sunday evening. We congratulate Tiffany for her faith and obedience to the Gospel. She is the daughter of James and Connie and the granddaughter of Monroe Sublette.



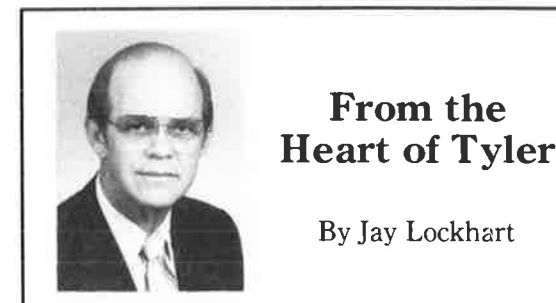
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"If you can find a man"
 - Jeremiah 5:1

The Importance Of One

Jeremiah is best remembered as the prophet who wept during the decline and fall of the nation of Judah. He witnessed the needless destruction of the city and wrote his book of Lamentations as he looked upon her ruins. Not long before Jerusalem fell, God said through the prophet, "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man (emphasis mine-JPL), one who seeks justice and seeks truth, and I will forgive the city" (5:1). God was asking for a man, one man. It seems to me that throughout the Bible, in every generation, God raised up men at just the right time to accomplish a significant work. Consider Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, the Writing Prophets, Paul and countless others. These people made themselves available and they

were used powerfully by God. You may be thinking, "Yes, but that was then and this is now, and God doesn't do things like that any more." If that's the way we think, no wonder so many lead powerless, impoverished lives! No wonder we expect little to happen and get what we expect. Listen! One person available to God can be used of God to accomplish unbelievable things. Does God rule in the affairs of men (Daniel 4:32)? Does God work in and through His people (Philippians 2:13)? Is God able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we think or ask according to His power within us (Ephesians 3:20)? To Esther, Mordecai said, "Who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). Esther answered the call and her whole nation was saved! Throughout all the years God has done His greatest work through people, individuals, who made themselves available. The importance and power of one. Why don't you be the one?



Brody Clark, a Lee High School graduate, was a 3 year letterman in football, was chosen MVP, All District Tight End, All District Defensive End, and All East Texas Defensive End. He was regional finalist in Power Lifting, was chosen Most Handsome, was a member of the Spanish Club, the Principal's Advisory Committee, and the FCA. He was awarded a football scholarship to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, LA. where he plans to major in criminal justice. He is the son of Stan and Judy Clark.

Luke Ingram is the son of Don and Nerene Ingram. He is a Lindale High School graduate, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, was a BIONIC student, and was active in Tennis, Metal Trades, and FFA. Luke plans to attend TJC.

Melissa Marts is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She played Varsity golf (4 years), D-FY-IT (4 years), D-FY-IT Advisory Board (2 years), First National Bank Student Board (2 years), Peer Assistance Leader (3 years), Student Council, NHS (3 years), Theatrical Texans (4 years), FCA (4 years), Fellowship of Christian Students, Basketball (2 years). She is listed in Who's Who Among American Students, is an honor graduate, was school mascot, District Medalist in golf (2 years), Youth in Government Award, First National Bank Student Board President 1990-91, and won the Computer Award. She plans to major in marketing at ACU. She is the daughter of Phil and Linda Marts.

Cheryl Murphy, daughter of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, is a graduate of Lindale High School. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, was a BIONIC student, was in DECA Club, Z Club, D-FY-IT (3 years), on the Swim Team, NHS - 3 years, and was a member of Brigadettes Award Winning Drill Team. She has been awarded a 2 year full Scholarship at TJC, after which she plans to go to SFA and major in Elementary Education.

Chris Oberg, a Lee graduate, is the son of Ronney and Barbara Oberg. He was an office aide, played with the Red Raider Band for 4 years, achieved rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 354, is in Order of the Arrow - an honorary fraternity. Chris plans to go to TJC and major in Electronics.



Brody Clark



Luke Ingram



Melissa Marts



Cheryl Murphy

Congratulations Grads 1991

A GRADUATE'S PRAYER

Father, I have knowledge,
So will you show me now
How to use it wisely
And find a way somehow
To make the world I live in
A little better place
And make life with its problems
A bit easier to face.
Grant me faith and courage
And put purpose in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee
In the most effective ways.
So all my education,
My knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment
As I learn to do Thy will.
And may I ever be aware
In everything I do
That knowledge comes from learning,
And wisdom comes from you.



Chris Oberg



Amy O'Quinn



Michelle Steffee



Chris Starnes



Robby Scott



Amy Pickens



Michelle Steffee, daughter of John and Susan Steffee, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. She was a two year Southern Belle Drill Team member, was in Key Club, Jets/Jaz, French Club, and NHS. She was accepted and attended the Presidential Class room, was a two year member of the Mentor Program. She was accepted into the Honors Program at A&M, where she received the Lechner Fellowship and plans to major in Elementary Education.

Chris Starnes, a Robert E. Lee graduate, is the son of Glynn and Fran Starnes. He was a member of the FCA, Spanish Club, played Varsity Baseball for 3 years, Varsity Football - 2 years, member of D-FY-IT. He was chosen District and All East Texas in Baseball in his junior year, second team All-District in football in his junior year, and was MVP in baseball 2 years in a row. Chris plans to major in criminal justice.

Robby Scott, son of John and Gale Scott, is Salutatorian of Lee School. He was on Varsity Tennis Team (4 years), State Champions in Team Tennis (1987-88), State Competitor in Boys Doubles (1991), Spanish Club (2 years). He was in NHS, Youth Leadership Organization, Nominee for Boys State (1990), All-District Math Competitor (3 years), TASSP Academic Excellence Award Winner and Commended Scholar (1991). He will be a Pre-Med major at ACU.

Amy Pickens, the daughter of Randy and Linda Pickens, is a graduate of Lindale High School. While in High School she was in NHS, D-FY-IT (secretary), French Club (President), Peer helpers, was on A/B Honor Roll 4 years, served as Representative for Wood County Co-op Summer Youth Program, Young Rotary Citizens Award, BIONIC student, graduated 10th in her Class, and was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to TJC. After two years at TJC, she plans to go either to A&M or SFA.

Amy O'Quinn, the daughter of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn, ranked 7 in her graduating class at Robert E. Lee. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, was chosen Best Counselor at NCA youth cheerleader camp, was District 2X2 Lion's Club Queen (First runner-up for State Queen), Homecoming Queen finalist, Valentine's Sweetheart - first runner-up, Most Valuable Cheerleader 90-91. She was a member of NHS, German Club (vice-president), Key Club, Jets/Jaz, Sophomore Cheerleader, 2 year Varsity cheerleader, Senator-at-large in Student Senate, and D-FY-IT. She will be a Pre-Med major at ACU. She received scholarships from the Women of ACU, Optimist, Lion's Club, and an ACU Academic scholarship.



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| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
| | May 12 | May 5 | Ago |
| Bible School | 374 | 335 | 405 |
| Worship A.M. | 632 | 510 | 578 |
| Worship P.M. | 270 | 351 | 345 |
| Wed. P.M. | 241 | 245 | 226 |
| Contribution | \$12,759.68 | \$12,408.48 | \$13,164.54 |
| Building Fund | \$978.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |
| MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 19, and Wed. P.M. May 22, Melvin Maples, ph. 849-3747. | | | |

Prayer and Care

Elizabeth Hughes is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital, Room 488.

Lillie Knight has returned to Colonial Manor after being hospitalized with a stroke last week.

Margaret Talley has been moved to Terrell State Hospital, P.O. Box 70, Ward C-1, Terrell, Texas, 75160.

Continue to remember these and others who are ill at home, shut-in, or in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Sympathy

Dr. C.C. McDonald, a leading medical pioneer, and a long-time member of the West Erwin church died last Thursday, May 9, in a Tyler hospital. He was the grandfather of our Jim McDonald.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday in Mt. Selman for Bessie Westberry, aunt of J.N. Metcalf.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Bastrop, Texas for Pallie Reeves, great-aunt of Connie Sublette.

We extend our sincere sympathy to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

Announcements C.B. Hardin
Prayer John Dale
Scripture Danny Snell
Dismiss Matt Haws

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wally Dawkins
Prayer Dale Blackstone
Scripture Rob Hilliard
Dismiss Charles Hickman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Gary Cain Kurt Gesse
Daryl Anderson Brian Daughtry

GREETERS
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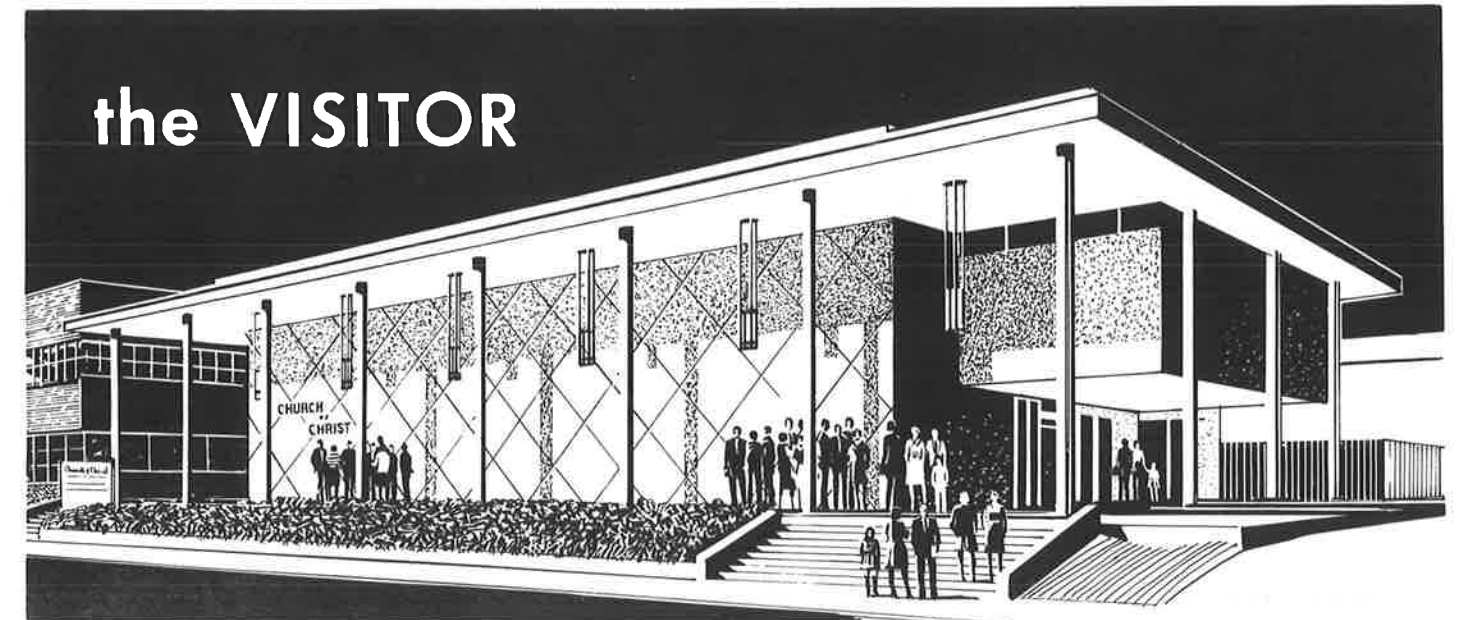
June 15

Last Call! This is the last week for West Erwin only registration for Marketplace. Beginning next week other congregations and the community will be invited to register. Because of space the numbers will be limited, so please sign your children up as soon as possible.

"LET'S GO!"
"AND THE PEOPLE HAD A
MIND TO WORK"

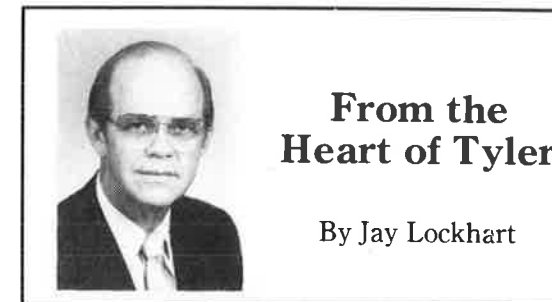
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Plans For

Elder Selection Proceed

Last Sunday we began our four week preparation for the selection of additional elders with our Bible classes and the morning sermon dealing with Leadership. This Sunday we will continue by studying Servant Leadership in our classes and the sermon will be A Model For Leaders. Be present! Be excited! Be involved!

Sunday Sermon Topics

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 19, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. A Leadership Model
(1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

6:00 P.M. Goodness And Mercy
(Psalm 23:1-6)

Congratulations

To Our Seniors

Next week much of our bulletin will contain pictures and profiles of our High School graduating seniors. Congratulations, seniors, upon reaching this milestone in your education, and may God bless you in every path you take.

All-Church Fellowship

This Sunday evening, following our worship assembly, we will enjoy our Springtime All-Church Fellowship meeting in the building on the west parking lot. Please plan to attend and bring sandwiches, chips, dips, and desserts. Utensils and drinks will be provided. Our thanks in advance to the John Steffees, the Wayne Harrisons, and our Fellowship group for making the plans and setting up the facilities for this event.

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks to John & Cathy Portwood, Ken & Cathy Culpepper and J.N. & Ginger Metcalf for helping host the Middle School devotional this past Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Julie Scott. She and her Tennis Doubles partner are the Texas State Tennis Champions in Class 5A! Congrats also to Amy O'Quinn for being selected as the First Runner - Up to the State Lions Club Queen. Great going Gals!

* SENIORS, Don't forget to have your pictures taken this Sunday.

MISSION TRIP

This coming Sunday at 5:00, we will have a very important meeting for all those planning to go on the Mission Trip. We will be meeting in the chapel. Please make plans to be present.

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Thank You

West Erwin Congregation,

We appreciate so very much all the wonderful things that have been done to help us through some really trying times. Your expressions of sympathy for us, the family and loved ones of Jack, has really healed our hearts.

Also, at this same time the illness of John D. and Ruby has been easier because of your loving care and concern.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.



K. Max & Mary
June Haws
Ruby & John Brem

To our West Erwin Family,

Ellie and I wish to take this opportunity to say thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards, calls, and every word of kindness and sympathy shown at the death of my brother, Wade Steele. May God bless each one of you.



James Steele

Dear West Erwin Christians,

Gary and I want to thank you for the cards, visits, food, and especially your prayers during my recent illness. A special thanks to all the beautiful ladies that helped us with Frank at Discovery Days and picking up our kids after school. You don't know how much this meant to us. We love every one of you.

In Christian Love,
Mimi and Gary Aven

ATTENTION SINGLES!

Be at the church building at 2:30 on Saturday in order to leave for the Ranger game.

MEMORY VERSE for Sunday - Romans 1:16

MEDINA GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Medina Grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 3-7. The item for West Erwin is CHOCOLATE DRINK MIX, but they will be happy to accept any non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, school supplies or cash donations to be used for milk, meat, fruit and vegetables. Our goal for Chocolate Drink Mix is 180 lbs. which is a 6 month supply for the Home. Thank you for your help.



New Baby

Congratulations to Rebecca and Kevin Dunn on the birth of a new baby daughter born Monday, May 13, at 4:18 p.m. in Abilene, Texas. She has been named Kathryn Faye. She weighed 6 lb. 10½ oz. and is 19 inches long. Wes and Alma Faye Price are the proud grandparents.



MAY (19) Billy Terrell (20) Doris Kennedy, Lester Warburton (21) Chad Holcomb, Dub Mathews, Jim McDonald, Sherryl Miles (22) Hattie Epperson, Frank Crosser (23) Tony Adams, Michael Fulford, Jonnie Steffee, Jean Walters (24) Margie Hunt, Louis Jones, Jana McRuiz, Meagan Morris (25) Melinda Bunt, Kyle Stowers.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The defensive driving course for those over 50 will be taught on June 19th and 20th at 8:30 to 12 noon each day at the Fellowship Hall by the AARP. A fee of \$8.00 per person will be collected at the first class session. If you are interested in attending you may contact Foy Richey at 597-3078 on or before June 15th. You may qualify for as much as 10% deduction on your automobile insurance.

HOMECOMING

You Are Cordially Invited
To Our Homecoming
May 19, 1991
Eastern Hills Church of Christ
2705 East Travis
Marshall, Texas

Bible classes at 9:30
Worship Services at 10:15
Lunch will be provided

Here and There

By Wes Price



Don't forget that this coming Sunday evening following our worship services, we will enjoy an all-church fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. Additional information will be found elsewhere in this bulletin. Invite your friends to be our guests and let's enjoy letting them see the great fellowship that members of West Erwin have.

The A.C.U. Bible Teachers Workshop is set this year for the week of July 21-24. It is not too early for you to begin planning on being part of the group that will attend. Please let me know if you plan on attending and I will put your name on the reservation list.

Guest Editorial...

What We Look For Determines What We Find

When Jesus became aware that two of John's disciples were following him, He stopped and asked, "What seek ye?" They, maybe in doubt of what they really did want, answered, "Master, where dwellest thou?" Jesus replied, "Come and see."

The question which Jesus raised was of tremendous importance both to them and to us. Until we know what we're looking for, what our purpose is, we cannot make logical decisions or set meaningful directions. Andrew and John were obviously impressed by what had been said about Jesus, but had not yet had opportunity to know what He had to offer or decide to commit their lives to Him. Many of us, like many who heard Him speak while He was on earth, never get beyond a casual interest; Jesus never becomes a life-changing purpose.

If I understand that what I look for often determines what I find, part of the battle is already won. Our own attitudes have far more to do with the reactions of others to us than anything else. My acceptance of your smile as an act of love may well be the result of my attitude toward you, else your smile might mean something else. When I see another in a questionable position or relationship, is the problem him or me?

What are we looking for? Do we approach the worship with an eager expectation of being uplifted by the singing and other meditation? A troubled heart can destroy the effectiveness of the inspiring singing which we are privileged to have. Minds closed to the truth or overwhelmed by other things will never be touched by the Word. How do we feel about each other? Undoubtedly some leave our assembly commenting on the fact that "nobody spoke to me," while dozens spend considerable time after each service in joyous fellowship. What are we looking for?

...Selected



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

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| Records | Sunday May 5 | Sunday April 28 | Year Ago |
| Bible School | 335 | 354 | 400 |
| Worship A.M. | 510 | 479 | 524 |
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| Wed. P.M. | 245 | 235 | 220 |
| Contribution | \$12,408.48 | \$10,591.36 | \$11,766.95 |
| Building Fund | \$613.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |
| MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 12, and Wed. P.M. May 15, Ira Wilson, ph. 561-0750. | | | |

Prayer and Care

Lillie Knight is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, Room 2525. She has suffered a stroke.

Earnestine Mallory was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday.

Amy Smith, Gail Scott's sister, is in Medical Center Hospital. She has spinal meningitis.

Bessie Thorn, Lela Duncan's sister, is in Presbyterian Hospital in Kaufman, Texas after having had a massive stroke.

Margaret Talley has been moved to Terrell State Hospital.

Continue to remember these and others who are ill at home, shut-in, or in nursing homes in prayer and care.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 12, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. The Biblical Concept of Leadership
(Acts 1:1-3)

6:00 P.M. A Table, An Anointing, A Cup
(Psalm 23:1-6)

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Ferman Carpenter
Scripture Bill Butler
Dismiss Gary Aven

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Bob Bryant
Prayer Harold Browning
Scripture Gary Broome
Dismiss Alan Fisher

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Gary Cain Kurt Gesse
Daryl Anderson Brian Daughtry



June 15

Marketplace registration is ready to begin! Registration forms are available in the west foyer. West Erwin families will be allowed to register 2 weeks before registration is opened to other congregations and to the community. It will be on a first-come/first-served basis, so please sign your children up as soon as possible.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

A good thing to remember.
a better thing to do -
work with the construction gang,
not with the wrecking crew.

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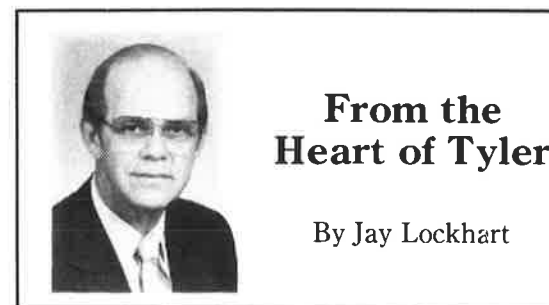
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

West Erwin To Appoint Additional Elders

We feel most comfortable using the term "elder" which is fine since it is Biblical, but we also know that the terms "bishop" or "overseer" and "pastor" or "shepherd" are equally scriptural as all of these words refer to the same group of men in the New Testament. In Acts 20, Paul called the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet him at Miletus (verse 17) and referred to their work as overseers and admonished them to shepherd the church (verse 28). For some time our present elders have felt the need for additional elders, so beginning this Sunday our Bible classes (Teens through Adults) will study the theme of Leadership for four weeks. The sermons will also focus upon Leadership and during the next month you will be asked to participate in the selection of additional elders and you will be informed as to the selection process. This is a most important time for the church and we want as many of our members as possible involved in the selection of elders. The class and sermon subjects are:

Classes

May 12 - The Biblical Concept of Leadership
May 19 - Servant Leadership
May 26 - Qualities and Roles of Elders
June 2 - Relationships

Sermons

The Heart of The Leader
A Model For Leaders
Qualified Leaders
The Procedure of Elder Selection

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

A few Wednesday nights ago, Jeff Konczak did an outstanding job bringing us the devotional message. It is exciting to see young people with the desire and ability to tell others about their Christianity. Thanks Jeff for a job well done.

Thanks to Scott & Donna Epperson for helping with the combined activity last Sunday night. We had a good time together and all seemed to enjoy trying to bust the "PINATA" or at least taking a swing at me! It was a fun evening.

* SENIORS, Don't forget to have your pictures taken this Sunday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All Middle Schoolers are invited to the devotional this Sunday Night. Invite a friend and plan to come.

MISSION TRIP

We had our first meeting for the Mission Trip this past Sunday and had a great turnout. If you missed it and you want to go, you need to talk to me A.S.A.P.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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Thank you for your cards, calls and prayers. I am recovering nicely from knee surgery with loving thoughts of your concern.

Clelia Fay Elliott

A TRUE CHRISTIAN

A true Christian is not perfect, but is striving toward perfection...Is humble, not proud or haughty...Is more interested in reading the Bible than reading worldly magazines all the time...Would rather worship God on Sunday than go to a ball game or fishing or camping...May be ridiculed, but is respected...May be called a square but is in reality a building block...Is not branded a "hypocrite" by outsiders...Is the best kind of neighbor to have...Is what I pray that my children will desire to be, and that I may be the kind of influence to help rather than hinder them in being.....

Selected

APPRECIATION TO ROBERT HAWKINS

On behalf of the elders and the congregation, I want to express our appreciation to Robert Hawkins for all of the good work he has done for the West Erwin church and especially for the service he gave as an elder of the congregation. For health reasons Robert stated by letter to the church on Sunday, May 5, that he could no longer serve as an elder and as adult coordinator in our Bible school. Robert will continue to help in any way his health will permit (he is writing the material on Leadership to be used in our Bible classes over the next four weeks). Thank you, Robert, for serving so well and thank you, Jody, for supporting him in this work.

Joe McBee,
Chairman of the Elders

NEW ADDRESS

Sister Lerah Williamson is now at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Janette and David Ingram. Her new address is 523 Berkshire, Longview, Texas 75601. We miss her but our love and best wishes go with her to her new home.



Search Mail

Your television program (I believe March 30 on KETK Jacksonville) was outstanding. Your message could not have been better, both for believers and non-believers. The scenery was perhaps the prettiest I've seen.

Enclosing a check to help on your future television appearances.

Jacksonville, TX

My family and I look forward every Sunday morning to your teaching on THE SEARCH. We learn a lot from your teaching and we appreciate the effort that you and West Erwin are making on behalf of the Lord. Please send me a copy of last Sunday's lesson.

Hallsville, TX

Your program is one of the best on the TV. Keep up the good preaching. Thank you for making these lessons available to the people to study in their homes.

Canton, TX



Bridal Shower

You are invited to a Bridal Brunch Honoring Joelle Butler bride-elect of David Brown Saturday, May 11, 1991 At the home of Mrs. Hillard Hughes 3704 Birdwell 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 Selections: Dillard's and Service Merchandise

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our hats are off to Barbara Oberg and her staff of dedicated teachers in our Discovery Days School. This year has been a great one. The school has won overwhelming approval of parents who have entrusted their children into its care. Enrollment has been at capacity and we feel it could be increased considerably if we had additional space and teachers. That will come in time, but not at the expense of quality. Barbara has assured me that we will not overload the system so that our teachers would be unable to perform their best. Help me congratulate Barbara and her staff.

Discovery Days will continue this summer and will include classes for grade school children, grades one through five. Openings are still available for ages three and four as well. Children must be pre-registered to be admitted. If you are interested, please contact Barbara now for placement. No drop-ins will be permitted since this complicates scheduling, so we ask that parents be aware of this fact. A waiting list will be available for those who miss enrollment.

If you are interested in this school for any of your children, please act now.

Our first all-church fellowship for 1991 was originally set for Sunday, May 26, the traditional date of our monthly Brothers Keeper fellowship meetings. However, because the high school baccalaureate will be held that Sunday, we will move that all-church fellowship to Sunday night, May 19. Please mark that date and save it for a loving time together in our Fellowship Hall following the evening worship service. More details will be given later.

The more serious part of Vacation Bible School Marketplace will now proceed at top speed. June 15th will be upon us rather quickly. If you are participating, pull out all the stops. It will be a great experience. If you are in need of special supplies, please see me or Dale Blackstone and we will see that it is obtained. The sooner we know, the easier it will be to supply that need.

It is especially important that you pre-register your children. We will be giving priority for available space to our own, then we will open that registration up to all outsiders on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please register your children NOW.

Why haven't you been in Sunday school lately? Is it because you have better things to do with your time? Is it because you don't have an interesting enough teacher? Is the subject matter boring or unimportant? I believe that you will find an answer to all these objections in your own heart. Come join us Sunday morning at 9:00.

| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | April 28 | April 21 | Ago |
| Bible School | 354 | 330 | 360 |
| Worship A.M. | 479 | 539 | 469 |
| Worship P.M. | 239 | 324 | 335 |
| Wed,P.M. | 235 | 220 | 335 |
| Contribution | \$10,591.36 | \$11,363.28 | \$10,720.11 |
| Building Fund | \$893.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 5, and Wed. P.M., May 8, John Cliver, ph. 593-5075.

Prayer and Care

Mimi Aven is still a patient at University Park Hospital.

Sam Bailey is scheduled for further treatment for kidney stones on Thursday.

Elizabeth Hughes had cataract surgery on Tuesday.

Charles McCoy had laser treatment on his eye on Tuesday and Bill Endsley had laser treatment on his eye on Wednesday.

Continue to remember Bernie and Vera Beard; John D. and Ruby Brem; Fern Scruggs; Velma Lemons' sister, Tommie Curry; and Elizabeth Wilson, Esther Wilson's sister, in prayer.

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy goes to James Steele on the death of his brother, Wade Steele. At this writing funeral services are pending in Silverton, Texas.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1991
By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. The Sons of Thunder
(Mark 3:13-19)

6:00 P.M. The Comfort of His Rod and Staff
(Psalms 23:1-6)



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Prayer Don Slaughter
Scripture David Demic
Dismiss Charles Hickman

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer K. Max Haws
Scripture Wayne Harrison
Dismiss Tommy Konczak

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Harold Denman Rick Higginbotham
Bill McCain Randall Wilson

GREETERS

Jimmie and Ruth Harris
Jim and Priscilla Mayer

Congratulations

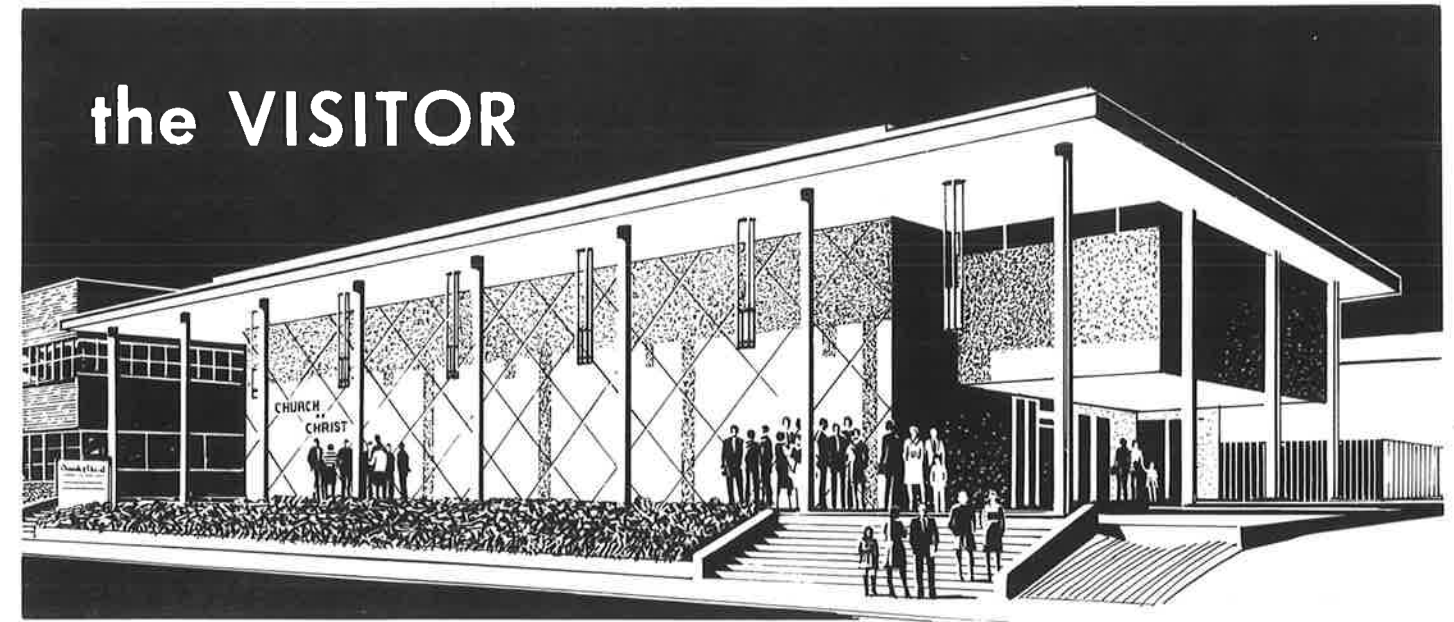


Congratulations to Dr. Marian Rowe for her selection as one of the nominees for Woman of the Year. She goes about her way quietly doing good and her beautiful Christian spirit shines wherever she is. We're happy to see honor bestowed upon one so deserving for the much good that she does. We're proud of you too, Marian!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

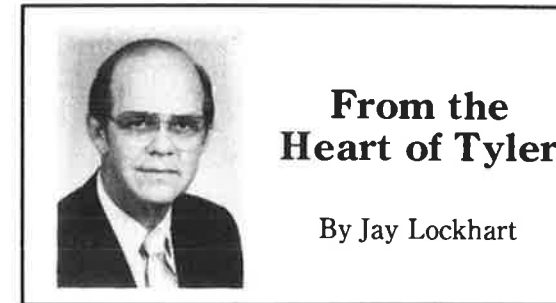
The only trouble with learning from experience is that the test comes first!

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Honor to whom honor is due" Romans 13:7

Did You See What I Saw?

When you begin to single out people in the church for their labors of love you get in hot water quickly because you always miss someone. But, I'm going to risk it because I see so much around our building that many may miss. Take, for example, our Discovery Days School with the incomparable Barbara Oberg. What a fantastic job she does week in and week out in directing this school and what great helpers she has in Charisse Smith, Jeannie Ross, and Sheila Taylor. Another group which works behind the scenes and does a fantastic job is our television crew: Sam Bailey (we couldn't do it without him), Keith Harris, Hillard Hughes, and Mike McMinn. And those guys on the sound system, Jack Stringer, and Les Carruth (who also keeps our computer

information up to date). Then there is James Phillips, who in addition to his custodial duties, does anything he is asked to do around our building. What more could be said about the women and men who work weekly in our benevolent center and the women who cook every Tuesday for the elderly and shut-ins. And who can forget the endless tasks performed by our Bible class teachers and our artists like Gary Broome and Sherry Peek. Finally, there are all the rest-- those who attend, serve, pray, study, live right and who are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. You are the folks who make it go. May your tribe increase as we, like the woman who was complimented by Jesus, do what we can.

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

This past Saturday 19 of our Middle Schoolers went to the Duncanville church and participated in a day of activities with 150 others from the Dallas area. It was called "SUPERSTARS" and we had a great time together. Our 2 teams were such good sports and ranked 10th and 11th out of sixteen. They really did great working together as teams. A very special "THANKS" to Ginger Metcalf for coaching a team. THANKS also to Lisa Snell for a long day of help.

CONGRATULATIONS!

There are several of our teens who have Congratulations in order this week. Jason O'Quinn and the Hubbard 8th Grade Academic Pentathlon Team placed 2nd in their Regional Meet. Holly Harrison was chosen as Sophomore Class Favorite. Robby and Julie Scott won Regionals in Tennis Doubles. The following were selected as MVP's in their respective areas: Brody Clark in Football, Chris Starnes in Baseball, Robby Scott in Tennis and Amy O'Quinn in Cheerleading. Congrats to all of these we know about and to all of our kids who excel in so many different things.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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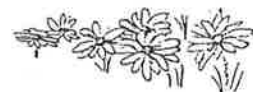
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Thank you for your love and concern during my recent illness. I have been strenghtened through your prayers and encouraged by your visits, calls and cards. Please remember me in your prayers as I continue to recover.



In His love, Phyllis Rachui

The family of Daisy MacFall acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. We want to thank the church for all you did for us during our time of loss. You blessed us in so many ways and we really appreciate it. The food was exceptionally good. Thank you so much!

The L.W. MacFall family



June 15

BIBLE TIMES MARKETPLACE

Just want to remind all you Marketplace workers that June 15th is only 6 weeks away. Many workers have kept me posted on how their preparations are progressing. Work will soon be moving to the "Center." The roof is finally completed, so building of booths can begin at your convenience. Work days and evenings will be scheduled within the next two weeks. If you have any needs or questions before work days begin, please call Dale Blackstone at 595-0130.

Items still needed: animal skins, empty thread spools, and paint brushes (large and small).



Bridal Shower

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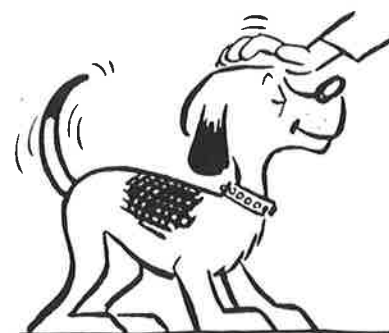
BENEVOLENT NEEDS

There is a great need at this time for summer clothing, clean and in good repair, for children and adults. Because of lack of storage room, please save winter clothes until the fall of the year. Your help is very much appreciated.

YOUNG AT HEART

Remember the Young at Heart covered dish supper Thursday evening, May 9, at 6:30 P.M. Make your plans to come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship.

Sentence Sermon



Man's Best Friend

Maybe a dog is known as man's best friend because he wags his tail—not his tongue.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Guest Editorial...

LET'S GO TO CHURCH

In a certain mountain village several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave his townspeople. At last he decided to build them a church. No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered for the unveiling of the new church they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted since there are no windows?"

The nobleman pointed to many brackets recessed in the walls. Then he gave to each family a lamp which they were to bring with them when they came to worship. "Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted," said the nobleman. "When you are not here that area will be dark. This is to remind you that if you do not come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

Hebrews 10:23-31 gives the following reasons for going to church. When we go to church, we hold fast to our profession of faith. We are admonished to never waver from our profession of faith. What is that profession? Simply this: I am a sinner, Christ is Lord, He died for me and redeemed me from my sins. I was baptized in Christ and into the fellowship of His church. I am now a disciple of Jesus Christ and in fellowship with all the other redeemed. I am to hold fast to that profession.

Let's go to church to encourage others. "and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." (10:24)

Let's go to church to exalt the risen Christ. "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as some are doing..." Why did he say that? Because assembling is of supreme importance when the risen Lord is present.

Let's go to church because not going is a willful sin. Hebrews 10:26 is the beginning of one of the most scathing, scorching, startling passages in the entire Bible. Neglecting the assembling is a willful sin and the consequences are terrific.

Be an influence for good. Do not neglect the coming together of saints to worship the Lord. You will be missed. The saved will be discouraged by your habitual absence. ...Douglas F. Parsons

| Records | Sunday April 21 | Sunday April 14 | Year Ago |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 330 | 330 | 402 |
| Worship A.M. | 539 | 463 | 578 |
| Worship P.M. | 324 | 360 | 375 |
| Wed. P.M. | 220 | 244 | 240 |
| Contribution | \$11,363.28 | \$10,762.05 | \$12,927.78 |
| Building Fund | \$948.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 28 and Wed. P.M., May 1, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

Prayer and Care

John D. Brem is scheduled to be moved to Colonial Manor, Room 333, on Thursday.

Sam Bailey was dismissed from Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday, after undergoing successful treatment for kidney stones.

Clelia Fay Elliott was scheduled for outpatient surgery on Wednesday morning at Medical Center Hospital.

Continue to remember Ruby Brem; Joyce Albright, Leanne Knight's mother; Velma Lemons' sister, Tommye Curry; Everett Richards, Edna Hodnett's brother; Jim Paul; Elizabeth Wilson, Esther Wilson's sister; Catherine Wood, Jeannie Wood's mother-in-law, in prayer.



"You can never do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it may be too late!"

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Glynn Starnes
 Scripture David Daughtry
 Dismiss Charles Seaberry

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Grant Knight
 Prayer Jay Graham
 Scripture Cooper Goodson
 Dismiss Rob Hilliard

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Harold Denman Rick Higginbotham
 Bill McCain Randall Wilson

GREETERS
 Jimmie and Ruth Harris
 Jim and Priscilla Mayer

Love is...

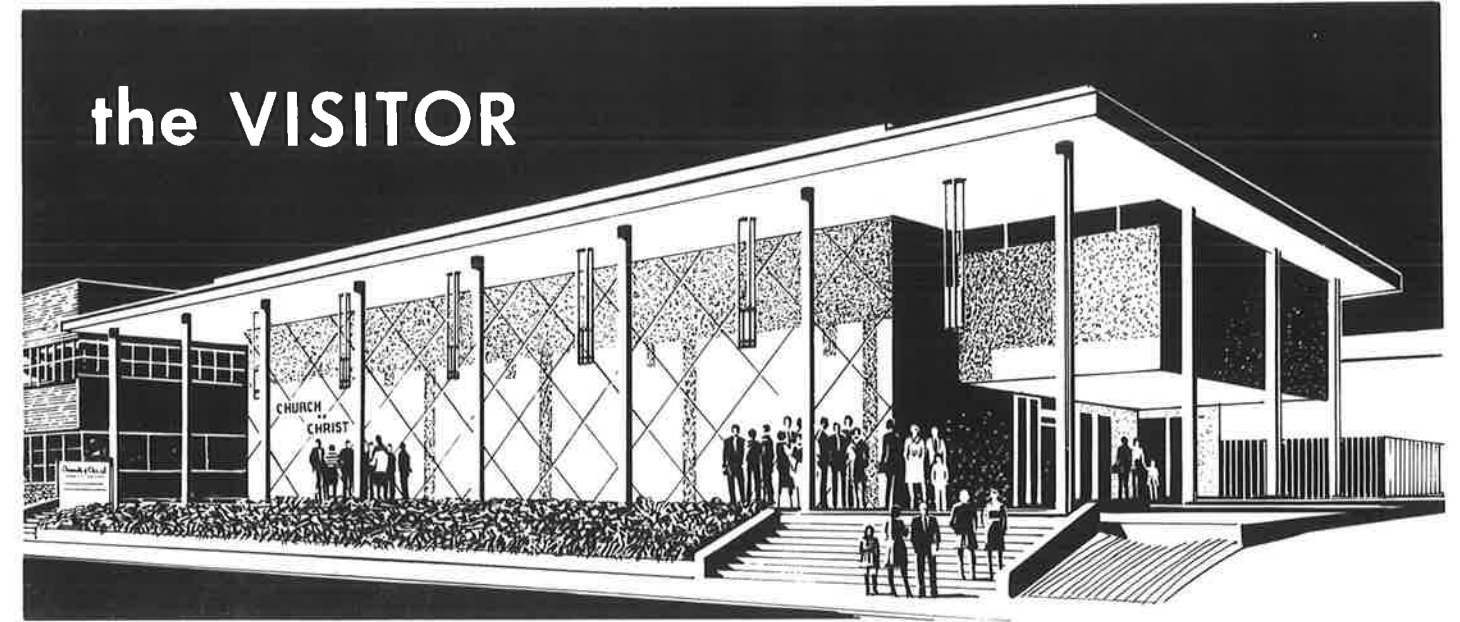
"Love is silence when your words would hurt.
 Love is patience when your neighbor is curt.
 Love is deafness when the scandal flows.
 Love is thoughtfulness for another's woes.
 Love is promptness when duty calls.
 Love is courage when misfortune falls."

Take Time To Pray

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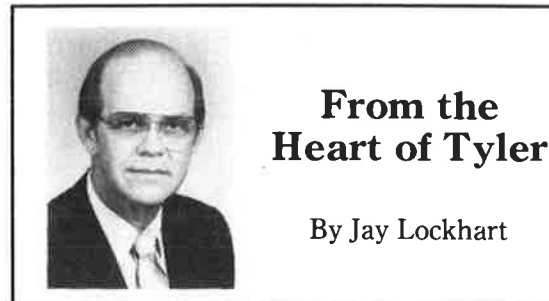
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sunday Evening Special

At our 6:00 P.M. service, Bill Franklin and Gene Stephens, elders of the White Rock church in Dallas will be with us to report on the important work which we and they do in Mexico. You will remember that our John Cliver and Henry McRuiz recently returned from a tour of Mexico where they spent nine days along with Bill and Cora Franklin visiting several important places of work, including the school of preaching at San Christoval. The slide presentation Sunday evening will present the theme of Tell Me The Story of Jesus and will be followed by a question and answer period. Be here if you can.

Men's Retreat

Be sure to sign up for our Men's Retreat, May 3-4! We want as many as possible to be present for Friday night and Saturday. However, if you cannot come Friday, be there from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Saturday. It will be an important time. Don't miss it!

National Secretary Week

This week secretaries across the country are being honored with their very own week. It's a good time to express our much deserved appreciation to our church secretaries: Frances McBee, Jo Butler, and Carolyn Blackstone. Thanks, ladies, for what you do and for what you mean to all of us.

Robert Hawkins - 50 Years of Preaching

Sunday morning, April 28, Robert Hawkins will be preaching at our ten o'clock assembly in the absence of Jay Lockhart who is in a meeting in Houston. You will be pleased to know that this Sunday's sermon will commemorate fifty years of preaching which Robert has done. Hawkins, who serves as one of the West Erwin elders is a scholar, a counselor, an administrator, a preacher, and a true Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. It is a pleasure to have Robert Hawkins in our pulpit this Lord's Day.



Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks to Don & Nerene Ingram, Tommy & Jerry Konczak and Melvin & Donna Maples for hosting the High School Devo this past Sunday. The food and fun were Great!

OOPS!

In the Bulletin last week, Jessica Epperson was noted as being selected as J.V. Cheerleader. We goofed, she is a Varsity Cheerleader at Lindale High. Sorry Jessica and Congrats again!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Michelle Steffee who was recently accepted by the Texas A&M University Honors Program. The Honors Program also selected her as the recipient of the Four Year Lechner Scholarship for Academic Achievement. Congrats also to Misty Malone who made the Southern Belle Drill Team. Way to Go Gang!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPERSTARS

On Saturday April 27 we will going to the Duncanville church to enjoy a day of Activities with them. We will be leaving at 6:45 A.M. and return at 10:00 P.M. Don't forget to bring your sack lunch.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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APRIL (28) Jennifer Knight (29) Anita Hidalgo (30) Anthony Aven, Shirley Denman, David Frick, Ray Vannoy MAY (1) Aline Beard, Wesley Price (2) Don Peek, Lerah Williamson (4) Clay McDonald.

Thank You

It does help when fellow Christians let you know with cards and phone calls that they care. Thanks a lot and pass the good feeling on to others when you can.

With Christian Love, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes



I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughtful deeds, cards, calls, visits, and especially your prayers. A very special thanks to the "lunch bunch" for the delicious food on Tuesdays. Your love and care is appreciated.

Love, Leona McElroy



Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for the delicious meal you prepared for us on April 8. Our semester will soon be over and we wish to thank everyone at West Erwin who has helped during the year.

In Christian love, Tri-C

The Search

Jay Lockhart, speaker



THE SEARCH can now be seen on Cable 25 on Tuesday mornings from 11:30 to 12:00 noon. It will continue to be on KLTV, Channel 7 on Sunday mornings at 8:00 A.M. also. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch the program.

Sympathy

Daisy MacFall, one of our members who had been a shut-in for some time, died last Thursday morning. Funeral services were held at Memorial Funeral Home at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday. We extend our love and sympathy to her husband, L.W., and the family.



June 15

MEN'S RETREAT

We need for you to sign up as soon as possible for the upcoming Men's Retreat at Lone Star, May 3-4. This is a very important meeting. Your presence is needed!

ATTENTION SINGLES

April 29 Bowling - 8:15 P.M.

Memory verse: John 1:1

Get your glove ready for the Ranger game on May 18th!

Tragedy in the BIBLE CLASS

The Vacant Chair and

The Unopened Bible



ARE THEY Yours?

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25



Here and There

By Wes Price



Most of our Brothers Keeper Units are set for their meetings this coming Sunday night after worship. Here is a list of those who are meeting:

Table with 3 columns: Unit No., Unit Leader, Host Home. Lists units 1 through 16 with their respective leaders and host homes.

Why not make your plans to attend your unit meeting? It will do you good and you will be able to do others good by your presence.

Ray Vannoy's presentation as a representative of Boles Home to June Walker in honor and memory of Ross Walker was a beautiful act of love and respect. It is such a good feeling to enjoy the recognition of others.

Just by coincidence, I ran into Alan Sowders at a restaurant here in Tyler this week. In our visit, I learned that he is retiring from that role soon after 30 years of service. We congratulate him on this significant achievement and wish him well in his retirement. His retirement home will be near Grapeland where he will be serving them as pulpit minister.

Work is progressing on our V.B.S. Market Place for this summer. You have been so helpful in bringing the needed supplies and we appreciate your help. Workers are now finishing work on the roof of that building (The Center) and it will soon be available for you to begin building your market. We deeply appreciate Dale Blackstone's tireless work in organizing and bringing this new concept to its beginning. As we move closer to that all-important date, let's not letdown. June 15th will be here sooner than you think.

| Records | Sunday April 14 | Sunday April 7 | Year Ago |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 330 | 316 | 443 |
| Worship A.M. | 463 | 438 | 672 |
| Worship P.M. | 360 | 325 | 330 |
| Wed. P.M. | 244 | 231 | 213 |
| Contribution | \$10,762.05 | \$10,665.10 | \$11,039.88 |
| Building Fund | \$473.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 21 and Wed. P.M., April 24, David Haney, ph. 561-2133.

Prayer and Care

John D. Brem is in Mother Frances Hospital, Room 458. He has suffered a stroke.

Phyllis Rachui is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital, Room 380. She is having tests.

Elizabeth Wilson, Esther Wilson's sister, is scheduled for open heart surgery on Thursday in Texarkana.

Jim Paul had successful open heart surgery in Nashville Baptist Hospital last Friday. He is progressing well.

Catherine Wood, Jeannie Wood's mother-in-law, is critically ill in Community Hospital.

Continue to remember Joyce Albright, Leanne Knight's mother, and Velma Lemons' sister, Tommye Curry, and Everett Richards, Edna Hodnett's brother, in prayer.



PLEASE NOTE:

While construction is underway, we need to observe the barriers around the construction area to avoid personal injury.

Serving Sunday

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 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Lowell Wiggains
 Scripture Leon Santos
 Dismiss John Pike

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements James Sublette
 Prayer Jason O'Quinn
 Scripture Ralph Rowe
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 Gary Aven Walker Weathers
 Mark Waggonner Wade Weathers

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Welcome Home Paul!




Many prayers were answered with the safe arrival home of Paul Waggonner. Paul served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Saudi Arabia. He is shown here with his mother.

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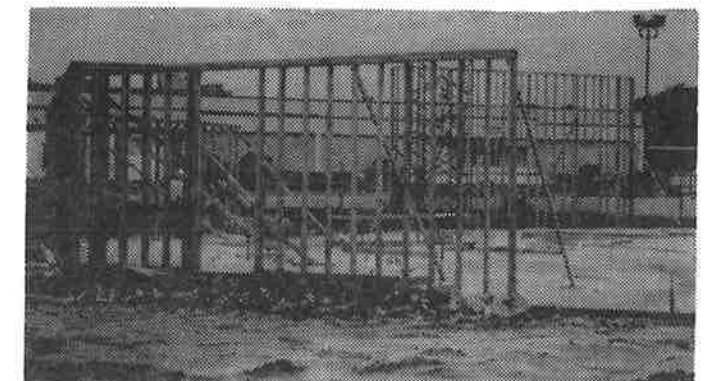


From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

"So We Built The Wall"

(Nehemiah 4:6)

It isn't the wall of Jerusalem being built, but the walls of our new auditorium are going up! The foundation was laid last week and the walls appeared this week. What a great time this is for the West Erwin church! The progress on our building generates excitement in our hearts as we look forward to a great tool to be used in our service to God. In a few days the steps on the south side of our present foyer will be in place and we can begin to use the south entrance again. The inconvenience of new construction is easy to deal with when we anticipate the future.



Men's Retreat

(May 3-4)

By now all the men of the congregation should have received the letter explaining in some detail the upcoming Men's Retreat at the encampment at Lone Star, May 3-4. This will be such an important meeting that we are urging all of our men to think most seriously about going. We need for you to sign up on the sheets in the north hallways this Sunday. Your presence is really needed for this one, so please make your plans to attend. More later!

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From

Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks to John and Kathy Portwood and Ken and Cathy Culpepper for helping with the Middle School activity last Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in High School are invited to the Devo this coming Sunday night. Invite a friend and plan to come and enjoy the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Scott Carruth for being selected for Honorable Mention on the All District Soccer Team. Scott plays soccer in Whitehouse. Congrats also to Jessica Epperson and Kimberly Sublette for being chosen as J.V. cheerleaders at Lindale and Robert E. Lee. Way to go Gang!

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APRIL (21) Mary Hunt (23) Amanda Lemons, Mildred Morgan (25) Mark Morris (27) Priscilla Mayer.

Thank You

We want to thank you for your love and concern for us since we have been sick. For all the cards, calls, visits, good food and prayers, especially your prayers, we are really grateful. We hope to be well again someday and be back in church. Thanks again. We love you.

Vera and Bernie Beard



Thank you so much for every expression of concern shown to me, Stan, and our family during this critical time. All of you who have sent cards, flowers, served us food, called to inquire, and come to visit, have encouraged me more than you know.

Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I continue to recover. May the Lord's richest blessings be on you all.

Love,
Ernestine Mallory



The following note was received from Jonathan Paul this week:

Dear Jay,

Please pass my thanks on to the congregation. Your prayers, support and encouragement have meant a great deal during the difficult time that was "Desert Storm." I look forward to seeing you all back home.

Cordially,
Jonathan

Medina Grocery Truck Due

The Medina Home Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of June 3-7. The item for West Erwin is Chocolate Drink Mix, but they will be happy to accept any non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, school supplies or cash donations to be used for milk, meat, fruit and vegetables. Our goal for Chocolate Drink Mix is 180 lbs. This is a 6 month supply for the Home. Thank you for your help.



Discovery Days

Discovery Days is now enrolling children ages 2 through 5th grade for our summer program. Our classes meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 2:15. Special classes and activities are being planned for each age group. If your child would like to be a part of our fun summer please contact me at 581-1806 or 592-0809. Because of the interest in the school age program we will have to limit this class. For information please call me.

Barbara Oberg

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy goes to the Haws family in the loss of K. Max's brother, Jack Haws, on Monday, April 15, in Paris, France. He is survived also by a sister, June Haws Allen of 2400 Hollylane, Newport Beach, California 92661. Memorial services will be held in France. If desired, memorials may be made to the West Erwin Church of Christ building fund.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Tex Williams, director of World Bible School, will be holding a workshop meeting for WBS teachers on April 21 at 4:00 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.

Gospel Meeting

Welcome
To A Series of Gospel Meetings with
MID MCKNIGHT
April 21-24
Whitehouse Church of Christ
(Hwy. 110)
10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Sunday
7:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
10 am Tuesday Ladies Bible Class
Men Welcome * Luncheon to Follow
ILLUSTRATED TRIP THROUGH
THE NEW TESTAMENT

Here and There

By Wes Price



The ladies of West Erwin are invited to be guests of the Alpine church in Longview on Saturday, April 27. Polly Cline and Judy Smith are guest speakers and will be speaking on the topic, "God's Woman." The program will last from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided and a pre-school nursery will be available. The Alpine church is located at 610 East Loop 281.

A special note to all the men of the West Erwin congregation. Please make your plans to attend the men's retreat scheduled for the weekend of May 3 and 4. Sign up sheets are located in the hallway in our Education Building. The larger the number who attend, the greater the effectiveness for the future growth of this congregation. Let's encourage each other to attend.

May we again call upon you to be patient with all the inconveniences that our new building is causing. We have had to relocate a number of classes and activities and there will yet be others. But just think, in just a few months, we will be in our new auditorium and then all these things will be resolved.

We were privileged to welcome Paul Waggoner back from Saudi Arabia on Tuesday of this week. We share the thanksgiving of his parents for his safe return. It has been a real treat to our nation's pride to see all the wonderful "welcome home" celebrations which have been sponsored and promoted by the media.

Since parking is now a premium on our west parking lot, may we ask that those who come earliest to worship services use the parking areas across West Erwin. All of the corner is available and the head-in parking in front of the buildings is also usable.

We especially want you to observe the handicap parking signs immediately adjacent to our entrance. Please leave these for those in need.



YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE

| Records | Sunday April 7 | Sunday Mar. 31 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 316 | 425 | 391 |
| Worship A.M. | 438 | 675 | 527 |
| Worship P.M. | 325 | 308 | 315 |
| Wed. P.M. | 231 | 204 | 237 |
| Contribution | \$10,665.01 | \$14,608.96 | \$11,115.50 |
| Building Fund | \$1,299.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 14 and Wed. P.M., April 17, Clinton Culpepper, ph. 877-3956.

Attendance is not for the building of records but for the building of Christians.

Pray for

Joyce Albright, Leanne Knight's mother, is seriously ill in Lafayette, Indiana.
 Elizabeth Endsley had cataract surgery on Tuesday.
 Jeff Biggs had cataract surgery on Wednesday.
 Jeff Willis, former member at West Erwin, is a patient at Mother Frances Hospital.
 Ron Tyler, who was at one time Bible Chair Director at TJC, is hospitalized in California. His condition has improved.
 Continue to remember Velma Lemons' sister, Tommye Curry, in prayer. She is critically ill.
 Jack Haws, brother of K. Max, remains in serious condition in France.

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Trust

Said the robin to the sparrow,
 I would really like to know
 Why these anxious human beings
 Rush about and worry so.
 Said the sparrow to the robin,
 Friend, I think that it must be
 That they have no heavenly Father
 Such as cares for you and me.
 ..Author Unknown

The Search



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

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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Tulsa Homecoming

I enjoyed a wonderful morning last Sunday with the 29th and Yale church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I preached in the mid-70's. This good church was celebrating its 35th anniversary with a Homecoming...and did they ever come home! Over 600 assembled for the morning worship and most stayed for a delightful "Dinner on the Grounds." I spoke at 9:00 and 10:00 before flying home to preach at West Erwin at 6:00. It was so good to see so many folks I had not seen for years and to renew old friendships, and it was encouraging to see the progress being made by 29th and Yale. Bill Thrasher is the very capable preacher and has two talented men working with him, Mike Schroeder (Youth) and J.W. Hosey (Education). The church is served by three good men as elders and seventeen deacons.


What Makes The Difference?

Last fall during the Texas State High School Playoffs, one Saturday found the temperatures well below freezing and the chill factor near zero. Yet loyal fans of two state power houses sat in a stadium in Waco and cheered for their teams...for three hours! Why? Because they loved their team.

People regularly fill theaters to watch the award winning movie, Dances With Wolves...for three hours! Why? You tell me. Men and women crowd golf courses to play eighteen holes of golf...for three hours! Why do they do it?

People come to worship. If they are not out in an hour they become upset. Why can we sit out in the weather, watch movies, or play golf for three hours, but limit the Lord's day to the Lord's 59 minutes? I wonder what God thinks about our priorities! I remember reading somewhere, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Youth
Data
From
Danny



Danny Snell

Last Sunday night we had a great time at the combined activity, the food was great and so was the fellowship. Thanks to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone and Scott and Donna Epperson for hosting the evening.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Everyone in Middle School is invited to our Devo this coming Sunday after the evening assembly. Invite a friend to come and be part of this great time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to Robby Scott for a recent recognition. Robby was chosen as the TASSP Academic Excellence Award winner and as the Robert E. Lee State Representative. Congrats to Julie Scott for winning 1st place in the girls 14-19 age category in the recent 10K Azalea Trail Run. Congrats also to Amy O'Quinn for going on to Regional Competition as the Lions Club Queen. Way to go Gang!

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Thank You

Thank you very much for the beautiful cards, visits, food and loving concern. A special thanks for your prayers on my behalf. You have made our hearts glad and our faith stronger. We appreciate and love every one of you.
 Odell Sessions and family



I'm never surprised, just amazed, at all the ways you all find to show your love and concern. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards and food have meant a lot to me. I have so much to be thankful for and you are high on my list. Thanks to each of you for helping make my life worthwhile.

In Christian love,
 Pattie Tate



West Erwin members,

Our family would like to thank each and everyone of you for all the gifts and wishes for the new baby in our life. All were very much appreciated.

Steve and Diane Denman

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nancy McCoy for being chosen teacher of the year from her campus and for being one of the five finalists for the district. No one could be more deserving of any honor that might be bestowed upon her. Nancy IS No.1!

Building in progress

It's impossible not to be excited as we watch the process of building going on. Let's make a commitment for the growth to be within as well as without.



Potpourri

HYMN FEST '91

The Daingerfield Church of Christ invites you to their annual singing Hymn Fest on April 19 from 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. Along with experienced song leaders leading congregational singing, "Family Reunion", "His Way", "Gethsemane", and "New Creation" will be featured. Come and enjoy fine singing and fellowship!

GOSPEL SINGING

The Franklin Church of Christ invites you to join them for congregational singing on April 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The "Embers Quartet", "Sounds of Glory", the "Lamplighters" and the "Voices of Praise" will be featured along with song leaders from around the state. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome!

THURSDAY SCHOOL

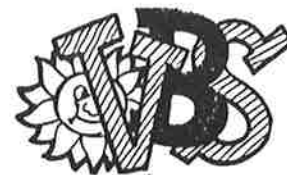
Pre-registration for Thursday School at Glenwood Church of Christ is underway every Thursday in April from 9:30 to 1:30. Classes are provided for nursery through three years old.

LADIES RENEWAL DAY

The Rusk Church of Christ is having a special Ladies Day on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Brunch will be served at 9:45. The theme is "Recycle Your Life For Christ."

World Bible School

Tex Williams, director of World Bible School, will be holding a workshop meeting for WBS teachers on April 21 at 4:00 at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.



JUNE 15

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our men's softball team is off to a good start on the new season. If the reports I've received are accurate, then they have won three out of the first four games. We wish them good luck with their new season. They are now in a higher league than last year which means they will be playing a tougher schedule. Games remaining for April and May are as follows:

- Monday, April 15, 8:20 p.m. on Field L1
- Monday, April 22, 7:25 p.m. on Field L2
- Monday, April 29, Bye
- Monday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. on Field L4
- Monday, May 13, 10:10 p.m. on Field L1
- Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. on Field L3
- Monday, June 3, 8:20 p.m. on Field L3

All of these games are played on the fields at Lindsey Park on Spur 364. Join them for some fun as often as you can.

Congratulations to Sue Starnes and her Ladies Class on Sunday morning. They were 100% in attendance in spite of the hour loss due to the daylight savings time change AND a move to a new classroom. The room change was necessary because of construction on our new building and changes being made to our present facilities.

In addition to this change, our library at the present time will be inactive for lack of space. Library books are now in storage. As soon as we can, we will be re-locating the Library.

It was not unexpected, but we did suffer considerable loss in attendance due to the time change last Sunday. Now that we have adjusted to that hour loss, let's pick up the pace and be present for Bible Study next Sunday morning.

And speaking of Bible classes, didn't our men do well Sunday morning in giving us a brief description of their new studies to begin on Wednesday night. We hope many of you will want to participate in one of these classes. We are especially interested in the large number of folks who do not come on Wednesday night. We can't help but believe that you are missing something. Please give it a try. You will profit by it.

| Records | Sunday Mar.31 | Sunday Mar.24 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 425 | 347 | 391 |
| Worship A.M. | 675 | 436 | 519 |
| Worship P.M. | 308 | 324 | 334 |
| Wed. P.M. | 204 | 200 | 245 |
| Contribution | \$14,608.96 | \$9,687.98 | \$12,818.34 |
| Building Fund | \$830.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 7 and Wed. P.M. April 10, Ray Womack, ph. 561-5227.

The Sick

Fern Scruggs is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, Room 3505.

Ernestine Mallory had surgery on Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. She received a good report.

Pattie Tate was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday.

Betty Strait has gone home from the hospital. She is suffering from kidney stones in both kidneys.

Everett Richards, Edna Hodnett's brother, is scheduled for surgery on Friday at UT Health Center. He is in serious condition.

Tommye Curry, Velma Lemons' sister, is critically ill in Amarillo.

"Happiness"

"The happiest people are those who discover that what they should be doing and what they are doing is the same thing."

"Happiness is like your shadow. Run after it and you will never catch it, but keep your face to the sun and it will follow you."

"If folks can't find happiness in themselves, there isn't much use for them to look anywhere else!"

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture David Frick
Dismiss Marc Tate

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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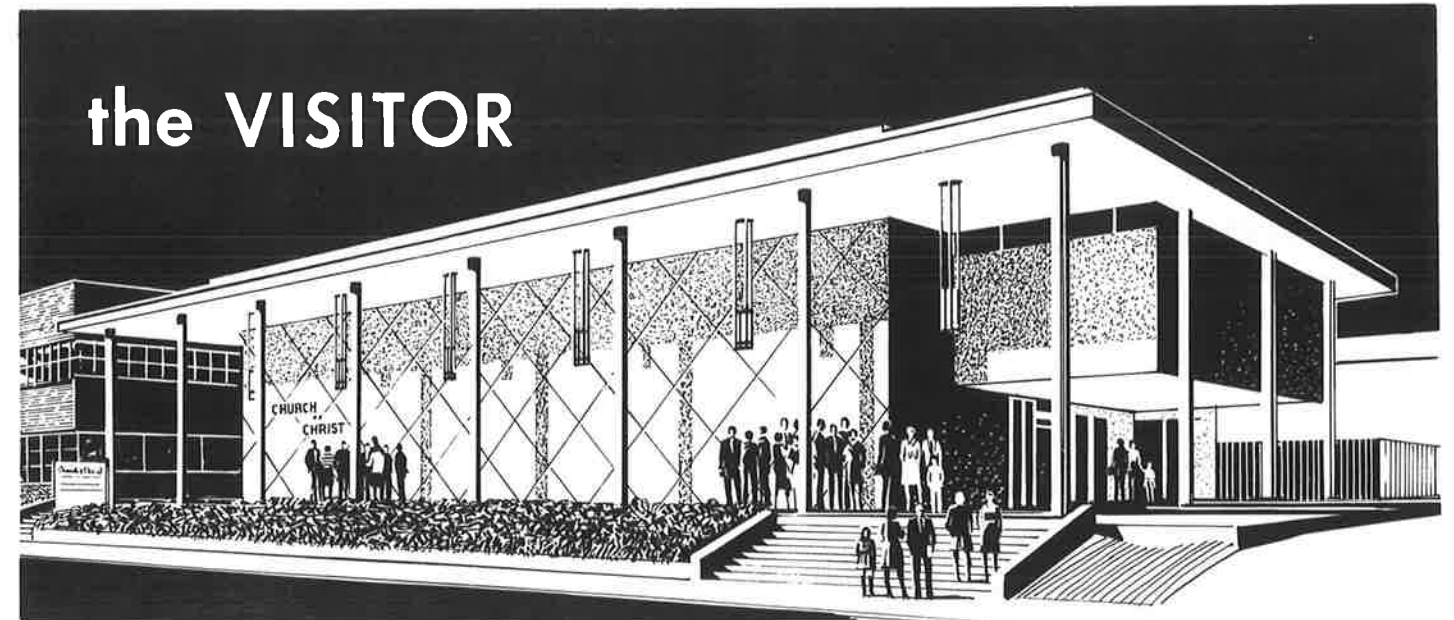
GREETERS

Gussie Beaty
Mary Dawson
Matt and Rhonda Haws
Charles and Billie Bob Hickman

HE KNOWS.
HE LOVES.
HE CARES...

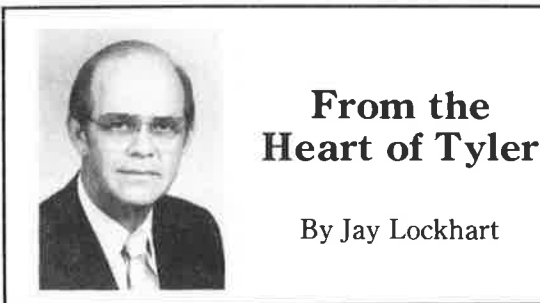
BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Church of Christ sponsored Boy Scout Troop #354 is having their 5th annual spaghetti dinner at the Fellowship Center of Glenwood Church of Christ on April 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adult tickets are \$2.50 and children's tickets are \$1.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the 6th or may be obtained from any Scout or Committee member. Plan to come and enjoy a tasty dinner and help our scouts have a successful fund-raising effort.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



Guy Caskey To Preach

Guy Caskey, who works full-time with Mission Printing in Arlington, will be preaching at the morning worship hour only at West Erwin this Sunday. Jay Lockhart, who will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma to speak at the 35th anniversary celebration of the 29th and Yale Church (where he preached in the mid-70's), will be preaching at 6:00 P.M.

Caskey has been actively involved in mission for most of his life having spent about nine years in South, Central, and East Africa, nearly one year in Rhodesia, over four years in Johannesburg, and three years in Tanzania where he directed the School of Preaching from 1957-60. Guy was

instrumental in getting the hospital established at Chimala where over 30,000 people a year are helped. Of course, our West Erwin Benevolent Center is directly involved with Chimala. While in Africa, Guy was keenly aware of the need for religious printed materials and determined to find volunteer helpers to print gospel literature in the languages of the people. In the past ten years these 120 volunteers have published 200 titles in 30 languages which have been sent to 90 countries. In 1990, 16,500,000 pages were printed by Mission Printing, with which Caskey and the others work, and this literature was placed into the hands of 15 million people. Much of the material printed by Mission Printing is used by the teachers in World Bible School. Hear Guy Caskey Sunday morning.

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| Wes Price - Associate | Danny Snell - Youth |
| Harold Taylor - Mission | Jerry Huff - Singles |
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| Ladies Bible Class | 10:00 A.M. |
| (Sept. through May) | |
| Bible Class | 7:00 P.M. |
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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

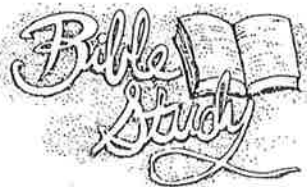
Last weekend, sixteen of us went to Dallas for the annual L.T.C. convention. This was the first year for West Erwin to participate. Not knowing what to expect at the convention, it turned out to be a really great event. Our young people did such a fantastic job in representing this church and we all should be very proud of them and their efforts. A special Thanks to Scott and Donna Epperson, James and Connie Sublette and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors and coaches and providing such wonderful support to our kids. The following young people went as participants and observers: Cindy Carruth, Scott Carruth, Hattie Epperson, Jeremy Epperson, Jessica Epperson, Jessica Epperson, Cheryl Murphy, Garrett Sublette, Kim Sublette and Tiffany Sublette. Congrats to Scott for receiving an EXCELLENT and SUPERIOR rating in SPEECH and EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH. Conrats to Cindy, Hattie, Jeremy, Jessica, Garrett, Kim and Tiffany for receiving a 5-A rating in BIBLE READING. They were ranked on a scale of 0-100 and all of them had a 95 or greater! Cindy, Hattie, Jessica and Garrett also won a MEDAL for their score of 98 or above. Garrett also won a Scholarship to Learning to Lead Camp this summer. We are already making plans for next year's L.T.C. CONGRATULATIONS GANG for a job well done!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All Middle and High School students are invited to the combined devo this Sunday night. Invite a friend and plan to come.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPERSTARS

On Saturday, April 27 we will be going to the Duncanville church to enjoy a day of activities with them. All Middle School students are invited to attend. More details will be available next week.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". We are studying the book of Romans. Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.

Time Change



Remember to change your clocks on Saturday so you'll be on time for Bible class Sunday morning. Spring forward one hour!

Thank You

You have touched our hearts with your love and concern. The beautiful cards, visits, food and flowers were all special.

Please continue to pray for me to have a complete recovery as we begin further treatment.

May God richly bless each of you.

Signa Stanley

Camp Deer Run

Forms for Camp Deer Run are in the foyer. Please feel free to pick one up if you are interested.

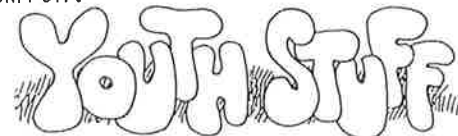
Young at Heart

Remember the Young at Heart covered dish supper Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 P.M. Make your plans to come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship.

Happy Birthday



APRIL (13) Sledge Clinkscales, Robby Scott (16) Fern Scruggs, Zorado Sherman, Myra Turner (17) Dorothy Daugherty, Marie Threadgill (18) Debbie Graham, Tiffany Sublette (19) Amy Harrison, Laneva Russell (20) Marie Arnold, Charisse Smith.



IMPORTANT DATES

- April 6 A.C.U. High School Day
- April 7 Combined Devotional
- April 8 Monday Night Bible Study
- April 27 Middle School Superstars
- May 24 JR.-SR. Banquet
- May 26 Baccalaureate Service
- June 11 Summer Youth Series
- June 15 Vacation Bible School
- June 16-21 Learning to Lead Camp
- July 5-13 Mission Trip
- July 28-29 Soul Lift

Wedding Anniversary

"SURPRISE"

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The daughter of

Earle and Marie Arnold

invites you to a reception in honor of their

Sixty-fourth Wedding Anniversary

on Saturday, April 6, 1991

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Cace's Seafood Restaurant

7011 South Broadway

Your presence is the greatest gift we could receive

No others are necessary

Change of Address

Pat Patten Family
5000 Edinburgh, #504
Tyler, Texas 75703

Loyd Rutledge
3500 South Vine, #306
Tyler, Texas 75701

ATTENTION SINGLES!

Meet at the Golden Corral Saturday night, April 6 at 6:30 P.M. for food, fun and fellowship.

Memory verse for Sunday
Ephesians 5:1-2

Gospel Meeting

How to get what you want
...and want what you get!

Willard Tate will speak on
"Abundant Living"

April 5-6

Friday, 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, 9-Noon

Child care provided
Shiloh Road Church of Christ

1801 Shiloh Road
Tyler, Texas

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our Four Week Wednesday night studies will conclude with this week's lesson. A new series of studies will begin on Wednesday night April 10. These new studies and teachers are as follows:

"Life Without End" taught by Jim McCoy in Room 104 (Wes' office).

"Lord Help Me, I'm Hurting" taught by Hillard Hughes in Room 301.

"Taking a Look at Theology" taught by Forest McFadden in Room 110.

Of course, Jay's study on "The Bible and the Middle East" will continue in the auditorium, and Carolyn Womack's Ladies Class will continue in Room 106.

All of our World Bible School teachers will want to be aware of a new class for them to be conducted on Wednesday nights and taught by Robert Hawkins. This will continue for four weeks and will meet in Room 304.

Don't forget to change your clocks this week for Daylight Savings Time. Move your clock ahead one hour so you will not be late for Sunday morning Bible class.

May I add my congratulations to our young people for their performance in last week's contest in Dallas and to their parents for the excellent way they encourage their children. We also congratulate Danny for the leadership he has shown in helping prepare them for this event.

What a great joy it was to worship with that tremendous number who were in worship Sunday morning! I'm sure that many visitors did not sign a registration card, but 87 did sign. We are always glad to have a large number of visitors, but especially on a special holiday.

Many of our own were away for the same reason, so we will be happy to see them return this next Sunday. See you in Bible Study Sunday morning. (P.S. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so as not to be late!).



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 347 | 409 | 384 |
| Worship A.M. | 436 | 560 | 502 |
| Worship P.M. | 324 | 412 | 355 |
| Wed. P.M. | 200 | 286 | 244 |
| Contribution | \$9,687.98 | \$11,941.57 | \$13,832.48 |
| Building Fund | \$308.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 31, and Wed. P.M., April 3, James Sublette, ph. 593-3578.

The Sick

Roy Clark is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Signa Stanley is at home following surgery last Thursday.

Odell Sessions is recuperating at the home of her granddaughter in Dallas.

Tommye Curry, Velma Lemons' sister, is critically ill in Amarillo.

A.Z. Aven has returned home after having surgery at Medical Center on Monday.

Jack Haws, brother of K. Max, is still quite ill in France. His address is:

Clinique Medicale de Brunoy
38 Rt. de Brie, 91800 Brunoy, France.

Responses

Vivie Canter came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. Come And See

(John 1:43-46)

6:00 P.M. Green Pastures And Still Waters

(PsaIm 23:1-6)

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Paul Stanley
Scripture Mark Morris
Dismiss Joe McBee

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Prayer Robert Stokes
Scripture Billie Ingram
Dismiss John Portwood

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New Address

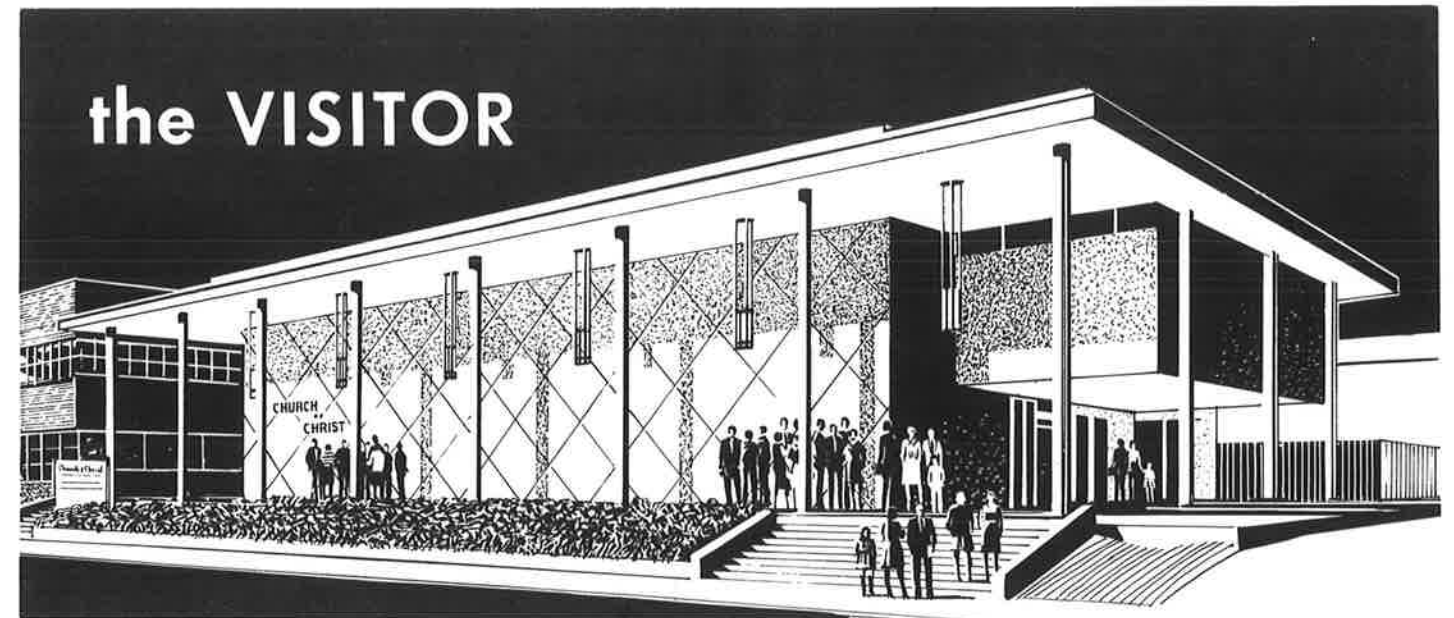
Frances and Jean Walters have moved to Bldg. B, Apt.#2 at The Villa, 3323 Garden Valley Rd., Tyler, 75702. The telephone no. is 597-7586.

5th Sunday Singing

The 5th Sunday singing will be held at the Patton Lane Church of Christ this Sunday at 2:30.

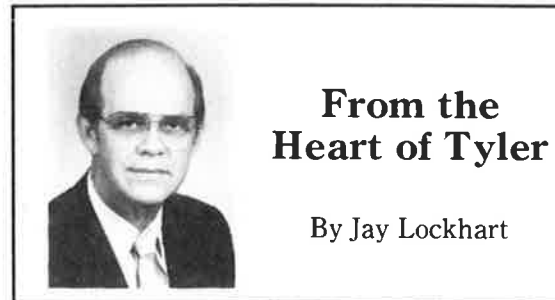
Aggies for Christ

The Aggies for Christ will present a program Saturday night, March 30, 7:00 P.M. at the Broadway Church of Christ. All are invited.



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"Preach the gospel to every creature" - Mark 16:15

Reaching The Unreachable

This Saturday night at 7:30 the Springtime Special of THE SEARCH, "The Tomb Was Empty," will air on KETK, Channel 56 (channel 10 on the cable). That's in the middle of the N.C.A.A. basketball semi-finals, but our past experience shows us that everyone doesn't watch basketball. We expect a very large viewing audience of perhaps 65,000 people. A special thanks to Don Drummond for doing the contact work with the station, and for helping us with the technical aspects of the production of the program. We pray that God will use this program to touch many with the gospel.

Why Churches Grow

The following nine principles for church growth come to us from a study made by Dr. Paul Benjamin, Director of the National Church Growth Research of Washington, D.C., via Bill Thrasher of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Methods change, but principles do not. That's why the recent study fits the reasons for the growth of the 1st Century church.

1. Churches that grow genuinely want to grow (Acts 2:42).
2. The members are not timid about telling others what they believe (Acts 8:4).
3. They constantly, in one way or another, say to the community, "We want you" (Acts 5:14).
4. They teach and preach Bible facts to change lives (Acts 3:6).
5. They are Biblically conservative (Acts 4:19-20).
6. They constantly start new congregations (Acts 8:5; 10:18; 10:21; et.al.).
7. They have a clear, distinctive message (II John 9-10).
8. They want the preacher to teach them how to minister to others (Acts 4:34-35).
9. They consider evangelism as an all-important thrust (Acts 5:42).

It is interesting that while dynamic worship, buildings, and contributions are important, neither the recent study nor the book of Acts emphasize these things in growth.

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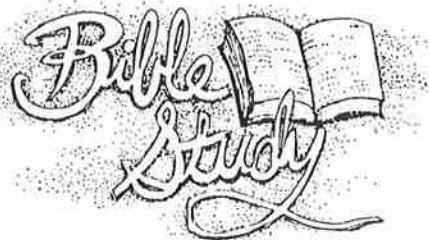
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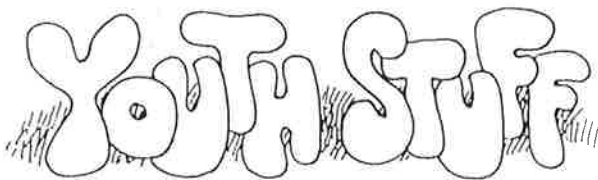
Danny Snell

This week-end eight of our teens will be participating in the Leadership Training for Christ Convention in Dallas. They will be doing Bible reading, Scripture memorization, speech and extemporaneous speaking. Please pray for the success of these young people: Cindy Carruth, Scott Carruth, Hattie Epperson, Jeremy Epperson, Jessica Epperson, Garrett Sublette, Kimberly Sublette, and Tiffany Sublette. The Eppersons, Sublettes, and Snells will be going as sponsors.



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APRIL (4) June Chapel, Glenn Thedford (5) Kelly Ross (6) Sharen Chambless, Melissa Mari's (7) Thelma Bennett (8) Jamie Jordan, Evelene McCarty (9) James Steele, Helen Wright (11) Paul Cauthen, Stephen Pack, Stephen Rachui.



Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be hosting a Luncheon, Art Show, and Balloon Release, Thursday, April 4th in honor of Texas Children's Week and the Week of the Young Child. Please take time to look at the art on display.

Thank you,
Barbara Oberg, Director

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Thanks!
Bill Moore
Committee Chairman

Area Meetings

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting to hear Wayne Jackson of Stockton, California at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas on March 31st thru April 3rd. Times: Sunday 9:30 A.M., 10:20 A.M., and 6:00 P.M.; Monday thru Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola is presenting a seminar on "Helping Our Parents As They Grow Older" on April 6 & 7. Times are: Saturday 7:30 P.M., Sunday 10:00 A.M., 10:50 A.M., 6:00 P.M.

Appreciation

Our sincere thanks to everyone for all the expressions of love, concern and visits these past few weeks. We especially thank you for your prayers. They HAVE helped, so please continue to remember us, as we still have a little more ahead of us.

Also, thanks to the Young-at-Heart for the lovely plant.

In Christian Love,
Frank & Ruth Crosser

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, calls, food and loving concern. It was all very much appreciated and so thoughtful.

In Christian Love,
Barbara & Lacey Brady

Thank You

Thanks to the individuals who contributed money on Wednesday night to feed the basketball team from Northeastern Christian College in Villanova, Pa. The Glenwood congregation had fed them four nights and we fed them on Friday and Saturday.

MANY OF US LOSE CONFIDENCE IN
PRAYER BECAUSE WE DO NOT
RECOGNIZE THE ANSWER
WHEN IT COMES.

We ask for strength:
God gives us difficulties to
make us strong.

We pray for wisdom:
God sends us problems to solve.

We plead for prosperity:
God gives us brains with which
to work and think.

We ask for courage:
God gives us dangers to overcome.

We pray for favors:
God gives us opportunities.

We plead for abundance:
God gives us talents.

We pray for patience:
God gives us trials.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Guest Editorial..

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH?

"I have read various periodicals over the last few years regarding churches being alive or dead. Jesus gave a tragic statement to the church at Sardis in Revelation 3:1, 'You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.' Please look over the following article and see what kind of church you are attending.

LIVE CHURCHES have space problems - parking, classrooms, etc.; DEAD CHURCHES have no worry about space.

LIVE CHURCHES are always changing things; DEAD CHURCHES don't have to - they just stay the same.

LIVE CHURCHES have noisy children and young people; DEAD CHURCHES are quiet and serene.

LIVE CHURCHES have a shortage of staff; DEAD CHURCHES have a surplus.

LIVE CHURCHES are always overspending; DEAD CHURCHES have ample bank accounts.

LIVE CHURCHES struggle to remember new names; DEAD CHURCHES - everybody knows everybody - for years.

LIVE CHURCHES have a problem developing new leaders; DEAD CHURCHES don't - they use the same ones over and over.

LIVE CHURCHES operate on faith; DEAD CHURCHES operate on sight.

LIVE CHURCHES strain to learn and serve. DEAD CHURCHES have already learned everything - they like the status quo.

LIVE CHURCHES evangelize; DEAD CHURCHES fossilize!"

.. Don Davis



SEE YOU SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASSES AT 9:00 A.M.

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| Worship A.M. | 560 | 560 | 527 |
| Worship P.M. | 412 | 380 | 277 |
| Wed. P.M. | 286 | 207 | 200 |
| Contribution | \$11,941.57 | \$12,317.66 | \$10,542.10 |
| Building Fund | \$601.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

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The Sick

Odell Sessions is doing well after surgery in Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas.

Roy Clark is recuperating from pneumonia.

Allie Wren is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital, room 407.

Frank Crosser underwent surgery at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas on Tuesday. He will return home Wednesday.

Tommye Curry, sister of Velma Lemons, remains in an Amarillo hospital after surgery.

Floyd Sokoloski, the father of Pam Lemons, continues to be patient in Mother Frances.

Jack Haws, brother of K. Max, remains in very serious condition in France.

Vera Beard is at home after suffering a mild stroke on Sunday.

New Grandbaby

James William was born to Todd and Julienne Stewart in Snider on Tuesday, March 19. He weighed 6 lbs. 3½ ozs. and is 21½ inches long. The proud grandparents are Bill and Jo Butler. Mary Butler is the great grandmother.

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Wally Dawkins
Scripture Foy Richey
Dismiss George Daugherty

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Library News

During our time of construction, we will not have our library books available. Because work will be done in the library area, the books have been packed away in boxes. Look for our new library in our new facilities!

New Address

Moselle White
7318 Holly Oaks
Tyler, Texas 75703

Margaret Talley
Chandler Nursing Center
300 Cherry Street
Chandler, Texas 75758

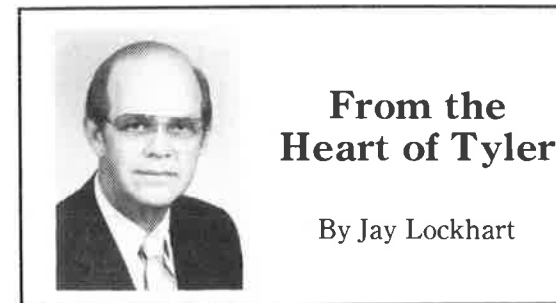
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Break up your fallow ground..."
Jeremiah 4:3; Hosea 10:12

The Ground Is Broken!


Last Sunday was an historic day for the West Erwin church as we observed the official Groundbreaking for our new 1200 seat auditorium. The new auditorium, which will be constructed at a cost of \$650,000, will be occupied by the end of 1991. We congratulate our elders for making the decision to demonstrate the church's commitment to remain in The Heart of Tyler, and we express our gratitude to our Building Committee (Don Slaughter, Chairman; Gary Ables, Matt Haws, Milburn Cook, Lowell Wiggains, and John Steffee) for all the work done to bring us to this milestone in our history. As the ground has been broken to receive the new building, let us all now break up the fallow (uncultivated, unreceptive) ground of our hearts to be receptive to the will of God in our lives. Broken ground for buildings only provides us with an opportunity. What

goes on in our hearts and lives determines the direction, the growth, and the success of the church.



Joe McBee, Elder
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Dr. Robert Hawkins, Elder
Ferman Carpenter, Elder

Youth
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From
Danny



Danny Snell

It has been really great to have George Bailey here this past week for our meeting. His messages were very encouraging and his ideas were thought provoking. God has blessed us with an excellent meeting.

Thanks to Melvin and Donna Maples and Gary and Frances Broome for hosting our Middle School devo this past Sunday. Thanks also to Jason O'Quinn for doing an excellent job for our devotional.

GAME NIGHT AT THE "CENTER"

Everyone is invited to our first Game Night at the "Center" Friday, March 22. It will be open from 6:30 till 11:00. There will be refreshments and lots of games including ping pong, foosball, and basketball. Come and join this fun evening.

COMBINED DEVO

All Middle and High School students are invited to the devo Sunday night. We will be going out to eat pizza and then back to the "Center" for more fun activities. We will be finished at 10:00. After all, it is Spring Break!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Amy O'Quinn for several recent awards. Amy won the Soroptomist Award and also was chosen as the Lion's Club queen. Both of these awards included scholarships. Way to go, Amy!

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". We are studying the book of Romans. Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Message From The Elders

Congregations like people have personalities, reputations and a particular character about them. The West Erwin congregation has a distinctiveness about it that makes it unique and of particular interest to many Christians.

West Erwin is a church where the members genuinely love each other, as shown in real care and concern for each person. An extensive benevolent program grows out of this concern for both the members of the congregation and people who can be helped in any way.

The congregation appreciates real Bible and Christ-centered teaching and preaching in its quest for the souls of men. It is known for its good works in many areas of service because it loves all good. The leaders and members stand firm on the faith of the New Testament, yet are progressively looking for every possible new and fresh way to present this message.

We wish this personality to be truly biblical and show itself in truth and love. Join with us in constantly reliving the uniqueness of Christ who dwells in us.

Thank You

My church family made my illness much less painful. Your visits, cards, flowers, food and especially your prayers were appreciated so very much. Thank you. I love you.

F. C. Carpenter

Shower Invitation

Baby Shower
Honoring Diane and Christina Denman
West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 24, 1991
4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

New Baby

Roy and Chloe Clark are the grandparents of Ashley Elizabeth born March 12 in Illinois to Wayne and Cynthia Clark.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Grace Walker in the loss of her sister-in-law, Edna Burch. Services were held last Saturday.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (27) Wynne Weathers (28) Brooke Cauthen, Jessica Epperson, Rhonda Hendrix, Joe McBee, Phyllis Rachui (29) Earle Arnold, Bill Endsley, Amy Pickens (30) Henry Starnes (31) Mark Adams, Matt Haws
APRIL (1) Cameron Cobb (2) Traci O'Quinn, Doug Smith, Randall Wilson (3) Ruth Dobbs, Charles Harris, Robert McLemee, Gail Vannoy, Ira Wright.

Responses

Cindy Patten came recently asking for the prayers of her church family.

Rene Morales, son-in-law of Gussie Beaty, was baptized after worship services on Sunday evening by John Portwood. Rene and Linda live in Rusk, Texas and will be worshipping there.



Josh Hone, son of Jeff and Linda Hone, was baptized on Sunday morning by his father. Josh is to be commended for making the decision to put on Christ at an early age.



Brant and Jeri Prestidge recently made it known that they wish to work and worship at West Erwin. We are happy to have a picture of them this week so that all may know who they are.

Here and There

By Wes Price



The ladies of West Erwin have been invited to be guests of the Rusk church on Saturday, April 13, for a special ladies lady entitled "Recycle Your Life!" Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00. A brunch will be served.

Some of the Brothers' Keeper Units will be meeting this coming Sunday evening instead of the last weekend of the month which is Easter Sunday. Your unit leaders will advise you of your unit's schedule.

There was such an air of excitement around here Sunday with the freshly turned earth clearly marking the place where our new auditorium will be built. Although a little behind, the "groundbreaking" ceremony certainly served to focus our attention of this wonderful new adventure. I can't help but remember brother Bailey's comment when he congratulated us for this visionary planning. "Let it be a steppingstone, not a stumbling block." Amen, Brother! We have every confidence that this will be for the future glory of the West Erwin family. It not only will lift our sights, but it will also lift our spirits as we look to the future of growth and prosperity in the name of and for the glory of God.

You will want to mark your calendars for March 30. Channel 56 of Jacksonville will present the holiday special by Jay Lockhart at 7:00 p.m. in the evening. This is a departure from the usual channel 7, but we believe it will be a great move. No matter the move, the message will be inviting and challenging to those who watch. It will be especially good to invite your friends to tune in.



See You In Bible School

| Records | Sunday Mar. 10 | Sunday Mar. 3 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 394 | 365 | 400 |
| Worship A.M. | 560 | 485 | 572 |
| Worship P.M. | 380 | 322 | 354 |
| Wed. P.M. | 207 | 208 | 222 |
| Contribution | \$12,317.66 | \$10,649.62 | \$12,266.21 |
| Building Fund | \$695.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 17, and Wed. Eve., March 20, Gary Cain, ph. 581-3719.

VBS

MARKETPLACE UPDATE

Preparations for Marketplace are proceeding on schedule. Workers not able to attend last Sunday's meeting should pick up a copy of assignments and layout in the south foyer. If you have any questions, please call me or the church office.

Dale Blackstone

NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ANNOUNCED:

A new adult Bible class for those interested in Group Discussion is now meeting on Sunday mornings in room 307. Dr. Roger Knight is discussion leader for the present month.

Our Young Married Couples (those in their 20's) have formed a new class on Sunday morning. This class meets in room 104 (Wes's office). If you fit into this age category, come join them for a new beginning.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 17, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. Do You Love Me More Than These?
(John 21:15-19)

6:00 P.M. Portraits of Jesus In The Gospel of John
(John 20:30-31; 21:24-25)

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Edgar Bullard
Scripture Ira Wilson
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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The Sick

Walter Barnes, Nancy Bragg's father, had successful open heart surgery on Monday. His condition is good.

Odell Sessions is in Zale Lipsky Hospital in Dallas. She was to have an arteriogram on Wednesday and surgery scheduled for Thursday.

Lacey Brady, Barbara's husband, is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital with heart problems. He was recuperating from emergency gall bladder surgery.

Roy Clark is still ill at home with pneumonia.

Floyd Sokoloski, Pam Lemons father, is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital.

Tommye Curry, Velma Lemons' sister, had a brain tumor removed on Monday in Amarillo, Texas. She is in critical condition.

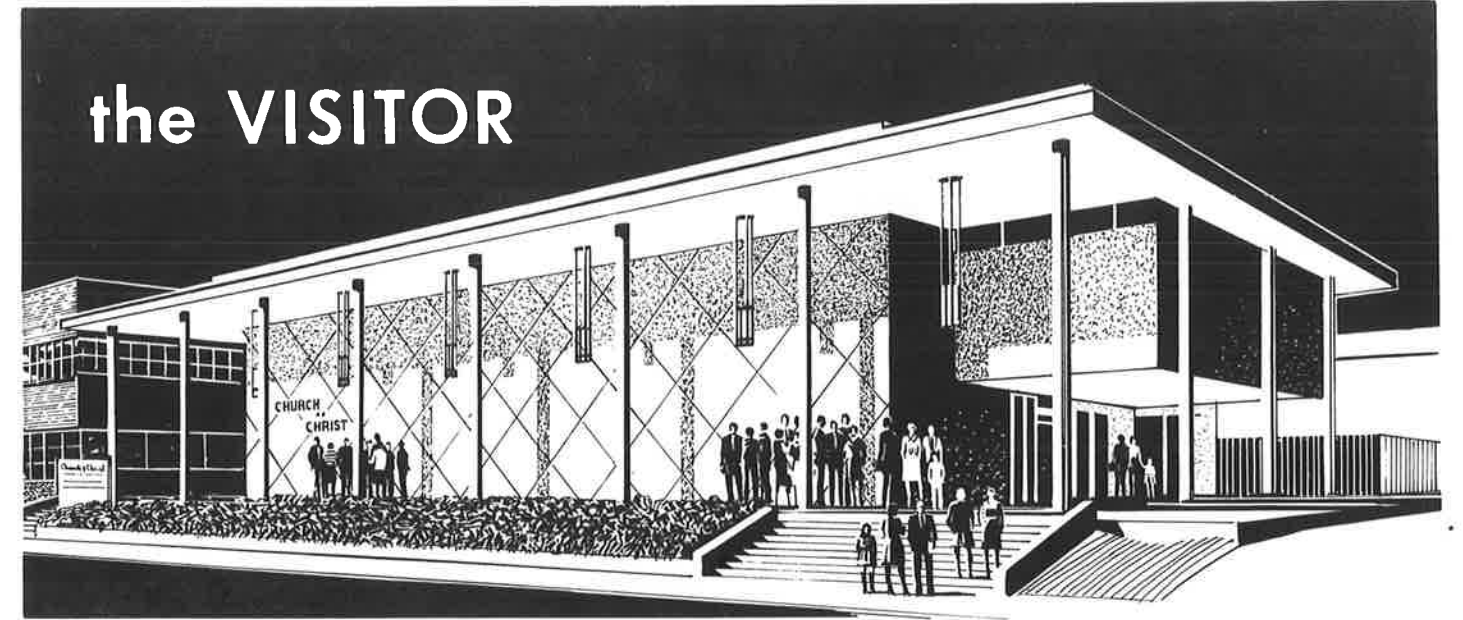
Births

Stan and Lisa Denman are the parents of a new baby daughter, born March 6, in Pittsburg, PA. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and has been named Merritt Kathleen.

Cristina Paige was born to Steve and Diane Denman on Wednesday, March 13. Harold and Shirley Denman are the twice-blessed grandparents.

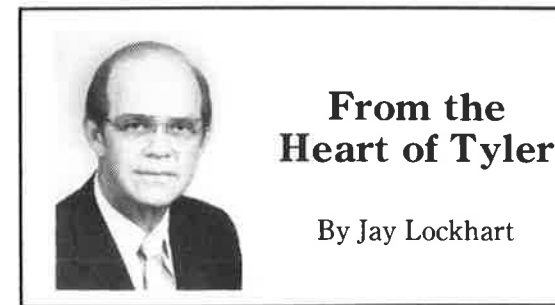
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By Jay Lockhart

"All glorified God for that which was done" - Acts 4:21

Our Gratitude

We all express our appreciation to George Bailey for the practical, Biblical, helpful, and inspiring messages he presented during our recent meeting. George is unique in so many ways, not the least of which is his skillful use of the Scriptures in his lessons--most of the time he lets the Bible say what he wants to say. That's the reason his messages are "crammed full" of quotation of Scripture. Additionally, George uses phraseology that is "catchy" and cannot be easily forgotten. We are indebted to brother Bailey and thankful to God for his coming.

Hodge Says

The bulletin published by the Duncanville church and edited by Charles Hodge is one of the bulletins one wants to read. Especially does one want to read Hodge's column, "From the Banks of Onion Creek." Hodge writes gems of challenging truth. In his most recent column Hodge says of those who use the Scripture concerning placing a "stumbling block" in the path of a "weak brother" with a "weak conscience" to selfishly have their own way and to stop every good work: "The word is 'stumble' not 'grumble,' and it is 'weak consciences not hard heads.'" Then Hodge makes the point that to stumble means a man is moving, progressing. You can't cause a man who is seated or standing to stumble. "Paul protects the man 'moving.' Don't trip him! Paul does not protect the spectator on the sidelines fussing at the participants. Paul does not protect the critics hurling accusations at the workers." Good job, Hodge!

REMEMBER THE GROUNDBREAKING THIS SUNDAY !

Youth

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From

Danny



Danny Snell

It has been really great to have George Bailey here this week for our meeting. He is an exceptional speaker and has delivered some very thought provoking messages.

This past Sunday several of us spent the day going to our nursing homes and also to Briarcliff Retirement Center. Our teens did an excellent job of conducting the worship assembly for them. Thanks to the following for giving their day in service: Heath Adams, Becky Blackstone, Cindy Carruth, Scott Carruth, Jeremy Epperson, Jessica Epperson, Chantel Haney, David Haney, Cheryl Murphy, Robby Scott and Neil Vannoy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Cindy Carruth for being inducted into the Whitehouse Junior National Honor Society. Congrats also to Jessica Epperson for being chosen for the Broadway Square Mall Teen Fashion Board. Great going Girls!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All Middle School students are invited to the Devo this coming Sunday night at Melvin and Donna Maples home. We will leave on the bus after church and return at 9:00. Invite a friend and plan to come and enjoy the evening.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". We are studying the book of Romans. Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00.

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Message From The Elders

We commend each of you who are involved in the many good works of the congregation. It is desired that each member select a work or works to do for the glory of the Lord and His church. There are works for shut-ins, as calling the sick and absentees and writing letters, and projects for the more active, as visitation, personal evangelism and benevolence.

We commend the couples who have consented to go March 17th to see the prison ministry with the group from Shiloh Road. If you would like to join them for the trip or to see the work at a later time, please contact O. L. Smith at 561-2250, or the church office to be added to this group.

May the Lord stimulate all of us to love and good works!

Gospel Meeting

Come, share with us in a series of Gospel Meetings with John Gipson as speaker, March 24-27. Sunday services are at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and weeknight services are at 7:00 P.M. at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine, Texas.

Cook Books

"Dinner on the Ground", a 304-page cookbook filled with hundreds of recipes of delectable dishes submitted by the best cooks across the country, is still available in the church office. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go directly to Central Texas Children's Home, a state-licensed home for physically and emotionally abused children ages 6 to 17.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart covered dish supper has been changed from the 14th to Thursday, the 21st of March. Make your plans to be there!

Baby Shower

The baby shower for Diane Denman has been changed from March 17 to March 24, from 4:00 to 5:30 at the Fellowship Hall.



MARCH (21) Harvey Grier, Ernestine Mallory (22) Ruth Harris (23) Ben Young (25) Betty Bray, Mary Gaiser (26) Virginia Pike, Art Rowland .

In Appreciation

Your loving concern shown through prayers, visits, cards, calls and food was deeply appreciated. Thank you.

In Christian love,
Guy Potts

The family of Vera Grayson acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you much for the pink carnations for our sister.

Frances Hamby

It was very thoughtful of you and we want to thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, and food.

In Christian Love,
Adrain and Fern Scruggs

Power For Today

We have received Power For Today books for April/May/June 1991. These are available for you to pick up in either foyer.

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome Wynne and Ginger Weathers into our church family at West Erwin. This is a homecoming for Wynne, son of Don and Wanda Weathers, and we are happy to have Wynne and his lovely wife back home. Their address is 19441 Lakeshore Drive, phone no. 839-5113.



Here and There

By Wes Price



Guest Editorial...

MAKE UP YOUR MIND AHEAD OF TIME

Do you want to save a lot of time and hassle? The best way is to make decisions now in anticipation of the future.

Jesus warned his followers that persecution would come, and with the trials would be opportunities to witness (Luke 21:12-19). Then He told them, "But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves" (v.14).

Jesus knows the value of making prior commitments. By forethought we can anticipate certain situations, and out of our value system we can decide beforehand how we will deal with them. Here are some examples:

ASSEMBLING WITH THE CHURCH. When I was growing up I didn't feel I was "made to go to church". It was a simple fact; Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. Why make the decision each time? If worship and fellowship are important, then make the decision beforehand.

SUPPORTING THE LORD'S WORK MONETARILY. The Bible teaches purposing, planning ahead how much will be given. "First-fruits" giving is a demonstration of faith in and love for the Lord. Why decide each time? Plan ahead so the Lord won't get left-overs.

LIVING DAILY FOR JESUS. The devil works over-time. But by deciding beforehand what companions you will have and not have, where you will go and not go, what you will do and not do, what speech you will use and not use, you can save time and emotional energy. Jesus will be glorified as you let your light shine.

DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH. Making a prior commitment to a daily devotional time of Bible study, prayer and meditation will make growth much easier. Spiritual goal-setting works!

- Bob Mize.

"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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|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 365 | 371 | 392 |
| Worship A.M. | 485 | 516 | 525 |
| Worship P.M. | 322 | 343 | 369 |
| Wed. P.M. | 208 | 218 | 187 |
| Contribution | \$10,649.62 | \$11,028.01 | \$10,486.64 |
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| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 10, and Wed. P.M., March 13, George Hearne, ph. 593-8731.

VBS

MARKETPLACE UPDATE

There will be a meeting for all Marketplace workers and personnel on Sunday, March 10, at 5:00 P.M. in the auditorium. We will cover all assignments so everyone will know what they will be doing. We still need more workers and would love to have YOU!

Items still needed for Marketplace include: burlap, shoe strings or leather straps, fabric, spools, thread and lumber. If you can help with these, please call the office at 592-0809 or Dale Blackstone at 595-0130.

Benevolent Needs

There is a need for all sizes of clothing for our Benevolent Center. Children's clothing is most important, but there is also need for men and ladies clothing, jeans, shoes, etc.

Boles Home Truck Due

The Boles Home truck will be in our area the week of March 11-15. Please check the list of needed items in the foyer.

E.T.C.A.

The big annual garage sale for E.T.C.A. will be held on March 14, 15, and 16. If you have items that you might donate, (furniture, toys, whatever) call the school and the items will be picked up.

Take Time To Pray

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 Scripture Don Ingram
 Dismiss Grant Knight

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GREETERS

George and Ruth Hearne
 Bob and Mildred Morgan
 Billy and Lynda Terrell

The Sick

Sledge Clinkscales was able to go home from the hospital.

Ruth Dobbs is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Jack Haws, brother of K. Max Haws and a former member of West Erwin, is still ill in Paris, France.

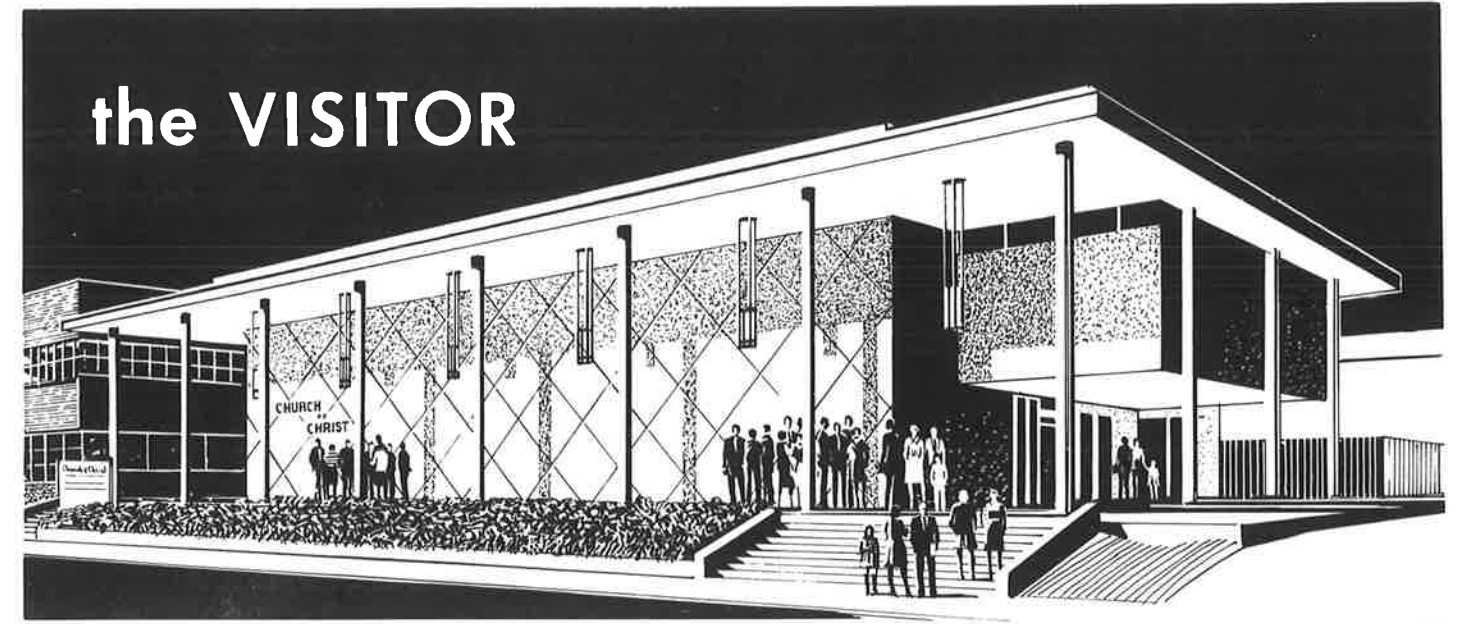
Virgil Crocker, son-in-law of the Roy Clarks, is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Walter Barnes, Nancy Bragg's father, is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital.

Marie Thornton, Linda Mart's great aunt, from Pittsburg, Texas had open heart surgery at Mother Frances Hospital on Thursday of last week. She is doing well.


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George Bailey



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

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GEORGE BAILEY

MARCH 10 - 13

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Sunday 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M.
 Monday through Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

George Bailey, Dallas, Texas, is an internationally known lecturer who has preached on every continent. His broad background of training and experience, his love for people, and his gentle spirit eminently qualify him for his assignment in Tyler.

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Danny



Danny Snell

We would like to take this opportunity to say "Thanks" to Earl and Melinda O'Quinn, Phil and Linda Marts, and Audeen Thedford for hosting our High School Devo this past Sunday night. That had to be one of the largest sandwiches I've ever seen!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chris Oberg for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. This past Saturday night Chris had his Eagle Court of Honor. He worked very hard for his Eagle and will always be proud of that. Congrats to Chris and to Ron and Barbara for this achievement.

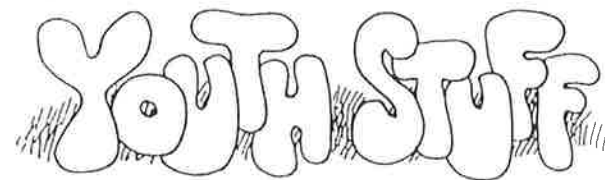
BRIARCLIFF

Sunday, March 10 is our day to conduct the worship services at the Briarcliff Village Retirement Center. Our plans are to leave after the morning assembly and go out to eat and then take communion to the Nursing Homes. Following that we will go to Briarcliff for a time of worship at 3:00. All Middle and High School students are invited to be a part of the activities of this day.



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Message From The Elders

Hallelujah! The time has come for our new auditorium to be constructed. As the announcement was made last Lord's Day, the bids have been accepted and the contracts signed. The excavation for foundations will begin in a few days. If you have not already been giving the 1% extra contribution for this purpose, please begin now. We must meet our budget during the construction period as well as when we get into the the building.

We commend the planning committee for their excellent work and thank each of you for your patience in this long awaited beginning. The inconvenience in adjusting our parking customs and the annoyance of the construction itself will be a small price to pay for having added space and seeing our congregation grow. We hope you will catch the enthusiasm of the hour and help us take advantage of the opportunities before us. Let us together rise to the occasion with renewed vision and faith that God has a great work here at West Erwin to perform.

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

In Appreciation

I want to thank you for all your love and concern shown to me and my family during my illness. Thank you also for the food, the cards, calls, visits and most of all your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Ruth Meazell

We want to thank everybody, all the classes, for the cards, visits, phone calls and especially your thoughts and prayers while Foy was in the hospital.

We love you all,
Foy and Edna Hodnett

Young at Heart

Remember the Young at Heart covered dish supper Thursday evening, March 14 at 6:30 P.M. Make your plans to come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship.

Happy Birthday

MARCH (14) Chris Kindred, Melba Moore (15)
Kevin Maples, Melvin Maples, Nita Miller (17)
Mark Cauthen, Carla Lemons (18) Rose Teel (19)
Nerene Ingram, Myrtle Land, Benjamin Taylor,
Denise Wilson (20) Janie Hicks, Martha Jo Rowland, David Taylor, Audeen Thedford.

Discovery Days

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from a parent of a former student of the Discovery Days preschool program.

"I have searched long and hard to try and find a preschool program since we moved that even comes close to offering the loving, nurturing environment provided by Discovery Days. Overall, your program is unrivaled by any of the preschools I have visited in my search. What seems to be missing in these programs, is the special love all of you seem to have for your students. In addition to providing well designed socialization and learning activities, you really loved them - and both they and their parents knew that. Christopher's first 'school' experience could not have been better. Thank you for everything you did for us!"

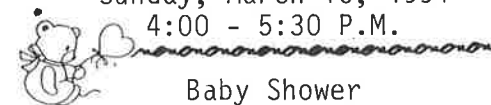
In sincere appreciation,
S.B.N.

M.D.A. Poster Child

Miss Amanda Hunt, daughter of Richard and Shirley Hunt and granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt, was recently selected to represent MDA as the 1991 East Texas Poster Child. Amanda will help to raise funds for MDA's valiant fight against 40 neuromuscular diseases.

Shower Invitations

Baby Shower
Honoring Debra Philpot
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Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 17, 1991
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Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Our sincerest congratulations to Chris Oberg on receiving the Eagle Scout Award this past week. He was honored last Saturday evening at a special Scout meeting. We also extend our congratulations to his parents, Ron and Barbara Oberg for their help and guidance so that he could achieve this significant award, the highest the Scouting Organization awards.

Our meeting with George Bailey is virtually upon us. Have you made arrangements to be present for each of the services? Please do so. You won't want to miss a single service. Your guests will also receive a blessing, so invite friends and neighbors to come with you.

In connection with our meeting, all adult classes will be combined in the auditorium for a special message from brother Bailey. Come join us at 9:00 A.M. for this Bible class.

All our Bible class teachers are invited to attend a Teacher Training Workshop at the Shiloh Road church this coming Saturday, March 9th, beginning at 9:00 A.M. and continuing until noon.

Classes conducted for grades 1-6 will receive instruction in classroom management by Bobbie Solley, associate professor at U.T. Tyler and a specialist in this area. Grades 7-12 will be taught by Tim Henderson from the Trinity Oaks church in Dallas.

We encourage all teachers to attend.

Now, how about that for an announcement? Don Slaughter made the exciting announcement about our building program. It is finally more than just a dream. In connection with this announcement, we will want to be present on Sunday, March 17th, for a special ground breaking following the Sunday morning worship service to be conducted on the south parking lot. Now many of you who have become accustomed to parking on that lot will need to begin looking for other places. Along with that inconvenience will come the need for a lot of patience as we go through the building program. Let's let this be a marvelous prelude to a new look not only in physical structures, but in attitude as well. It's now time to roll up our sleeves and get on with the work to which we have been called. The building is not the solution to our growth problem, it is only a tool which we can use to accommodate more folks in our congregation. We need every member doing his or her part to effect this growth. Let's get busy for the Lord!



See You In Bible School

| Records | Sunday Feb.24 | Sunday Feb.17 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 371 | 371 | 411 |
| Worship A.M. | 516 | 475 | 519 |
| Worship P.M. | 343 | 304 | 360 |
| Wed. P.M. | 218 | 219 | 179 |
| Contribution | \$11,028.01 | \$10,142.92 | \$10,430.26 |
| Building Fund | \$470.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 3, and Wed. Eve., March 6, Melvin Maples, ph. 849-3747

VBS

MARKETPLACE UPDATE

A meeting to discuss final assignments will be held March 10 at 5:00 P.M. in the auditorium. If you have decided the part you would like to play in our Marketplace adventure, please let me know as soon as possible. Those not indicating their preference by next week will be assigned before our meeting.

Items still needed include: fabric for tunics, aluminum pie tins, coffee cans, dowels (any size or length), old rugs or blankets. Thank you for your response.

Dale Blackstone

The Sick

Sledge Clinkscales is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Thelma Bennett had surgery at Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday as an out patient.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. The Tomb Was Empty
(John 20:1-10)

6:00 P.M. Why We Believe In The Resurrection
(John 20:19-29)

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Jay Graham
Scripture David Haney
Dismiss Louis E. Jones

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

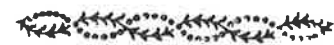
Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Mark Gregory
Scripture Larry Henry
Dismiss David Haney, Jr.

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Luke Ingram Jeff Konczak
Neil Vannoy Chris Oberg

GREETERS

George and Ruth Hearne
Bob and Mildred Morgan
Billy and Lynda Terrell



ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR
Sunday, Mar. 3, 4:00 P.M.
Shiloh Road Church of Christ

"Love Conquers All" is the theme to be presented by Mrs. Renee' Schmucker and Mr. Don Johnson of the Smith County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, here at the Shiloh building on Sunday, March. 3, at 4:00 P.M. This seminar is specifically for teen-agers and their parents, but is open to all others interested in this subject on how the consequences of drug abuse can be prevented and/or treated.

New Address

Gussie Beaty
10483 FM Rd. 344E
Whitehouse, Texas 75791
Phone no. 839-7276

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Paschall
4021 West Northgate #222
Irving, Texas 75062


We will miss the Paschalls but wish them well in their new home.

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Is War Ever Moral?

The above stated question comes to mind when nations face one another on the battlefield, e.g., the Middle East. Milton Gonsalves, in Fagothey's Right and Reason, Ethics In Theory and Practice, says, "If war can be said to be the ultimate in social failure, the history of the human race is marked in every century with the blood of those failures." War is the result of human greed, envy, hate, ambition, and passion. Must an injustice by one nature simply be suffered, or is there a right to resist? Can any moral justification be made for a nation to fight against invasion? Most people would take a position somewhere between militarism (the normal means by which a nation plays out its role in history) and pacifism (bloodshed is so wrong in itself that to use it even for defense is to use an evil means for a good end). Those who believe there is moral justification for

war argue something like this: The state has a natural right to exist and to preserve its existence. Conditions may be such that the only means available for preserving its existence against an aggressor is war. Therefore, according to this view, a nation has the right to wage war. Further, if morality demands that a nation never go to war for any reason, only immoral states would finally exist (read that one again!). If nations cannot protect the lives and liberties of its citizens, it fails in its chief function. This protection might lead to war by a wronged nation and its friends against an aggressor. If one reaches the conclusion that nations may go to war under certain conditions, a second question must be asked: "How is the war to be conducted?" Can a deliberate slaughter of innocents be justified? Was it just for the U.S. to drop the A-bomb on Japan, killing thousands of innocents in order to save countless lives of our military personnel, as well as citizens of Japan, who would have died in an invasion of Japan's mainland? Here are some questions: Is the cause just? Is war a last resort? Will war accomplish the rightful objective? Does Romans 13:1-7 have any bearing on the morality of war? Do we sometimes have to choose between the lesser of two evils?

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Youth

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From
Danny



Danny Snell

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning this Sunday, March 3, Jay Lockhart will be teaching the High School Bible class. The topic of study will be "Christian Evidences." Make a special effort to be a part of Sunday morning class and you will benefit greatly from this study.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

This coming Sunday night the high school group will be together for our devotional. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this great time together.

BRIARCLIFF

Sunday, March 10 is our day to conduct the worship services at the Briarcliff Village Retirement Center. Our plans are to leave after the morning assembly and go out to eat and then take communion to the Nursing Homes. Following that we will go to Briarcliff for a time of worship at 3:00. All Middle and High School students are invited to be a part of the activities of this day.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan to join us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". We are studying the book of Romans. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00. Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 3 High School Devotional
- March 4 Monday Night Bible Study
- March 10 Briarcliff Day
- March 29-30 L.T.C. Convention
- April 7 A.C.U. High School Day
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In Appreciation

My sister, Ruby Pittman, and I want to thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, calls and flowers during her illness. Your concern for us is appreciated more than words can convey.

I love you all,
Pattie Tate

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful outpouring of love shown at Mother's funeral. The flowers, food, cards, singing and love meant so much. We'll always remember the beautiful service.

We love you all,
The family of Amie Roberts

I would like to thank everyone for all your concern, the flowers, cards, prayers, and every expression of sympathy at the death of my mother, Ima Hedgecough.

Jessie Smith

(This was accidentally omitted from last week's bulletin.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We just wanted to write and thank you for sending over the delicious spaghetti and salad. It is really nice for us to be able to get together on Mondays and eat and fellowship together. We wouldn't be able to do it without you.

Thanks again,
Mark Mullings, Correspondent
Campus Christian Center

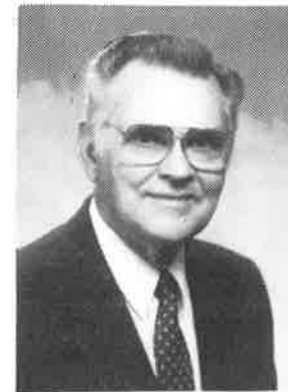
Happy Birthday

MARCH (7) Becky McRuiz (8) Barbara Graves, Casey Haws (9) Merle Lane, Ila McLemee (10) Randy Davis, Katie Heath, John Powell (11) Erin Aven, (12) Darryl Hendrix, Pamela Wiggains.

New Members

We are happy to welcome Brant and Jeri Prestidge back home. Their address is 1330 Belmont, telephone number 592-7720. Jeri is the daughter of John and Kathy Portwood and the granddaughter of Gussie Beaty.

Ron Lowrance came Sunday to be identified as a member of the West Erwin family. His address is 7131 Richfield Drive, Tyler, phone no. 561-8046. Ron grew up at West Erwin and we are glad to have a man of his talent to work and worship with us again.



George Bailey

Mark your calenders! George Bailey will be with us on March 10-13 for Four Exciting Days! Service times are: Sunday 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M.

Area Meetings

You're invited to attend our meeting with George Bailey, scheduled for March 3-6. We're looking forward to our meeting and hope you can join us.

Alpine Church of Christ
1100 Loop 281 East

The Tatum Church of Christ is hosting a seminar titled "Is The Bible the Word of God?" on March 15-17. The seminar director is Dr. Bert Thompson. A cordial invitation is extended.

Shower Invitations

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Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Let's begin today by expressing our gratitude to all our Brother's Keeper Unit Leaders and to the host homes for this past Sunday night's meetings. It is also in order for us to thank each of you who participated in these fine home meetings. We hope more and more of our members will want to participate.

Our men's softball team is presently being formed but there is still room for more of you who want to play. Contact Billy Terrell or Kelly Ross. Look for an announcement about their next meeting and practice in this Sunday's update.

We are still in need of blood donors. If you have not made a date to visit Stewart Blood Bank, please do so as soon as possible.

The following article came from the bulletin of Glenn Sargent in Marion, Alabama. I thought it made a valid point.

"I recently read a little quotation from Reader's Digest that said, "It isn't so much how busy you are; but why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted." That sounds good, but I've known a few bees that got swatted as well. In the church, we seemingly have our share of bees and mosquitoes. Some people work at building the church, while others expect the church to exist for their physical needs. One gives honey; the other sucks the life-blood from the body. One group wants to serve, and the other wants to be served.

Unfortunately, the bee often gets swatted. Those doing much of the work of the church are criticized because they didn't do it the way someone else thought it should be done. Others are criticized because the lesson they worked hard to prepare wasn't interesting enough to suit another, and perhaps others are "swatted" in that they visited the wrong people (meaning not the one doing the swatting).

Let's protect the bee. We certainly don't want him to become an endangered species. In fact, while we are at it, let's change a few mosquitoes into bees. That's something we can do that science can't!"

- Robert T. Oliver

| Records | Sunday Feb.17 | Sunday Feb.10 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 371 | 375 | 359 |
| Worship A.M. | 475 | 494 | 500 |
| Worship P.M. | 304 | 390 | 321 |
| Wed. Eve. | 219 | 258 | 240 |
| Contribution | \$10,142.92 | \$10,965.56 | \$ 9,439.52 |
| Building Fund | \$187.00 | | |
| Weekly Budget | \$13,503.88 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 24, and Wed. Eve., February 27, Ira Wilson, phone 561-0750

VBS

MARKETPLACE UPDATE

Last Sunday evening's Marketplace meeting was very well attended. If you were not able to attend, we still have handouts to explain shops and other work to be done. Contact Dale Blackstone or Wes Price if you would like one.

We are still in need of the following items for Marketplace: sheets or other fabric, lumber or wood, plastic swimming pools, hay, dried gourds, and coffee cans.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Dale Blackstone

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the thoughtful visits and prayers. We appreciate the beautiful spray and all the things that each of you have done. Without our brothers and sisters in Christ, we would not have been able to get through the sickness and loss of our loved one.

In Christian Love,
J.N. and Ginger Metcalf

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Jack Garner
Scripture Ken Culpepper
Dismiss Cooper Goodson

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Kurt Gesse
Scripture Jeremy Epperson
Dismiss Charles Harris

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Morris Hallman Rob Hilliard
Don Drummond Walter Farrer

GREETERS

John and Ruby Cliver
Dan and Winifred Cullinan
Charles and Louise Seaberry

The Sick

Foy Hodnett was able to go home from the hospital on Wednesday.

Ruth Meazell is recuperating from a heart attack in Mother Frances Hospital.

Ferman Carpenter had surgery on Monday at Medical Center Hospital.

Guy Potts is scheduled for surgery on Friday.

Miranda Smith, Charisse Smith's young daughter, is scheduled for a tonsillectomy on Friday.

Frances and Jean Walters will be moving on Friday to The Villa on Garden Valley Road.



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

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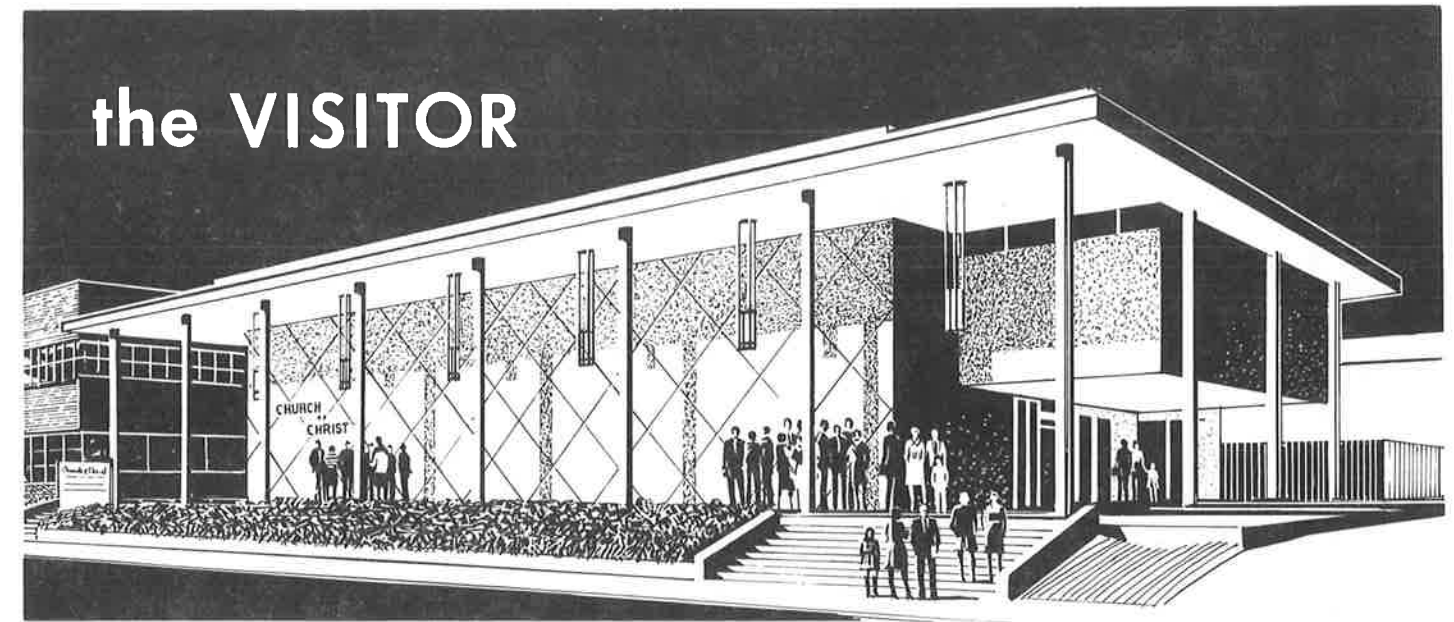
SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. The Cross Of Christ
(John 19:1-7, 14-18)

6:00 P.M. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit(No.6)
(Romans 8:26-30)

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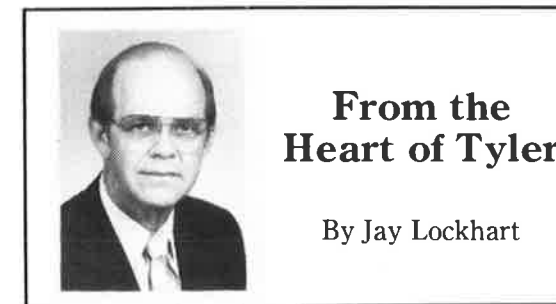
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart


Four Exciting Days

Four days in March (10-13) will give the West Erwin church six opportunities to hear George Bailey preach the gospel in the Heart of Tyler. George has been to West Erwin several times before, most recently in 1986 for a series of meetings similar to this visit. George Bailey began preaching at age fourteen and most recently preached over fourteen years for the University church in Abilene and in 1972 began work with the church in Dallas, where he served fifteen years as an elder. He is now engaged full time in evangelistic work in the USA and foreign countries. He has traveled extensively on all continents, visiting over a hundred countries, and has preached in area-wide municipal auditorium campaigns throughout the USA as well as South Africa,

Australia, England, Scotland, Switzerland, and Israel. George has also preached in Moscow, Volgograd, and Rostov, Russia, at the opening of the 1964 New York World Fair, and on the Herald of Truth radio and TV programs for three years. George Bailey is recognized throughout the brotherhood of the churches of Christ as a faithful, dynamic, and loving preacher of the Word. Plan to hear him during Four Exciting Days. Service Times: Sunday - 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M. and Monday through Wednesday evenings - 7:00 P.M.



Youth
Data
From
Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks to Les and Carolyn Carruth, Ron and Barbara Oberg and also to Gail Vannoy for hosting the High School Devo this past Sunday night. For those who came, we had quite a challenge finding certain books of the Bible. By the way, we are still looking for books 19 and 20!

Thanks also to Carolyn Blackstone and several others who cleaned up the Fellowship Hall last Saturday.

OOPS!

Last week in our list of Thank you's for the Valentine Banquet helpers, I neglected to mention Earl and Melinda O'Quinn. Thanks folks for your help!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

All Middle and High School students and families should have received a packet of information regarding the L.T.C. Conference. Please attend a 5:30 meeting in the chapel Sunday afternoon to finalize some of the details about the conference. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY


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Hear
George Bailey

March 3-6 Sunday
 9 a.m. & 10 a.m.
 Sunday - Wednesday 6 p.m.
 7 p.m. nightly



Alpine Church of Christ
 Longview, Texas

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (27) Rusty Bryant, Matt Goodson, Jane Jones, Steven Mabry (28) Faber Cauthen, David Haney, Ed Hunt, Archie Kennard, Gus Krewall, Sherry Peek, Sue Starnes MARCH (1) Benjamin Smith, (3) Patsy Fisher, Alla Minnis, Tyler Morris, George Stephenson (4) Melanie Goodson, Dave Teel (5) Sara Powell (6) Jeff Biggs, Marc Usrey.

New Baby

Congratulations to Marc and Debra Philpot on the birth of a baby boy, born on Wednesday, February 13. He has been named Tanner Marc. Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot are the proud grandparents and Zona Crone is the great-grandmother.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to J.N. and Ginger Metcalf and the family at the death of J.N.'s father, Buddy Metcalf. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon in Winona.

E.T.C.A.

Items are needed by E.T.C.A. for their big annual garage sale on March 14, 15, and 16. If you have items that you might donate, (furniture, toys, whatever) call the school and the items will be picked up.

Boles Home Truck Due

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of March 11-15. Listed below are items particularly needed at this time. They will be glad to use whatever items can be supplied, however. SHAMPOO, PAPER PLATES AND CUPS, CANNED PEARS AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, HOT CHOCOLATE MIX (individual packets and regular sizes), KLEENEX. Your willingness to help is very much appreciated.

Congratulations Chris!

Congratulations to Chris Oberg who will receive his Eagle Scout award next Saturday, March 2, in a ceremony in our Fellowship Hall. He is a member of Troop 354 and is a senior at Robert E. Lee High School.

Ronney and Barbara Oberg

and

Boy Scout Troop 354

request the honor of your presence

at the

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

for

REX CHRISTIAN OBERG

Saturday, March 2, 1991

7:00 P.M.

West Erwin Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Sunday
February 24

Brother's
Keepers



BROTHERS KEEPER UNIT MEETINGS

February 24, 1991

| Unit | Leaders | Host Homes |
|------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1. | Harrison | Don Peek |
| 2. | Hughes | Melvin Maples |
| 3. | Harris | To Be Announced |
| 4. | Stringer | Dub Mathews |
| 5. | Terrell | Roy Bench |
| 6. | Cook | Tommy Konczak |
| 7. | Huff | To Be Announced |
| 8. | Clover | John Clover (noon) |
| 9. | May | Pat Patten |
| 10. | Bullard | June Walker |
| 11. | Phillips | Barbara Graves |
| 12. | Cauthen | Fellowship Hall-P.M. |
| 13. | Dawkins | Fellowship Hall-P.M. |
| 14. | Culpepper | Fellowship Hall-P.M. |
| 16. | Garner | Fellowship Hall-noon |

Here and There

By Wes Price



Harold Taylor's series will conclude with his lesson this week. The following week we will have a guest speaker, then beginning with the first Wednesday night in March we will initiate a series of mini-courses consisting of three (3) four week courses to close out the spring series. Two of our courses which were temporarily postponed this quarter will resume on Wednesday night, March 6. They are the Young Ladies Class with Carolyn Womack and the Marriage Enrichment series in the chapel. All those who previously attended these classes are asked to return for the completion of their series.

Jay Lockhart will begin a new series of lessons in the auditorium entitled the Bible and the Middle East. We are excited about two new offerings which will begin on the first Wednesday night in March. They are: (1) Don Peek teaching the mini-series entitled "Living in Two Worlds" which will meet in Room 110 and (2) John Steffee teaching a course called "Who Do You Think You Are?" which will meet in Room 301 upstairs over the south foyer. We will announce the other mini-series as that time approaches. We encourage you to give these new classes a try. We believe that you will enjoy them.

All young men (?) who are interested in our soft ball team are asked to come to practice on Sunday afternoon February 24, at 12:30 P.M. at Lindsay Park. An entry fee is required so bring money. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Ross or Billy Terrell.

Congratulations to Bill and Helga Blackstone. He has been selected as the new pulpit minister of the church in Pritchett. We enjoyed their fellowship for a brief period, but rejoice with his return to full time work. I understand that Helga will continue her business here in Tyler, so those of you who know the quality of work which she does will be able to continue to use her services.

Thanks to Sue Starnes for teaching my Ladies Class this week while I am away enjoying part of the lectureship at A.C.U. Robert and Jodie Hawkins are also enjoying the lectures.

Most of our Brothers Keeper Units are scheduled for the regular meeting this coming Sunday night, February 24. Make your plans to join them for an enjoyable evening together. A schedule of host homes will be found in another part of the bulletin.



"He who does not enjoy Christian fellowship on earth will never enjoy heaven."

| Records | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
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| | Feb.10 | Feb. 3 | Ago |
| Bible School | 375 | 393 | 402 |
| Worship A.M. | 494 | 555 | 544 |
| Worship P.M. | 390 | 318 | 373 |
| Wed. Eve. | 258 | 197 | 242 |
| Contribution | \$10,965.56 | \$11,110.45 | \$12,106.60 |
| Building Fund | 659.00 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 17, and Wed. Eve., Feb.20, John Cliver, ph. 593-5075.

VBS

Your response to Jay's announcement about our Marketplace VBS to be held on June 15 was almost overwhelming. We still need more volunteers to help before, during, and after the event. If you didn't get to sign up last Sunday, you can still do so this week. A meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, February 17, at 5:00 P.M. in the auditorium to explain how Marketplace will operate. We will have handouts for all shops and personnel.

A variety of materials are needed for Marketplace. If you could donate or loan any of the following items, please call the church office at 592-0809 or Dale and Carolyn Blackstone at 595-0130 so we can arrange for pickup or tell you where to deliver.

Needed items:

White or colored sheets, burlap, shoestrings or leather straps, small hay bales, cloth materials, old plastic swimming pool, wood scraps (2X2; 2X4; 2X6, etc.), lead slugs, aluminum pie tins, knitting yarn, any size dowels, low pile carpet scraps, plastic upholstery fabric, mortar and pestles, coffee cans, old rugs and blankets, clay or pottery water jugs or bottles, large pillows, and plywood.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. That Incredible Trial

(John 18:12-27)

6:00 P.M. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit(No.5)

(Acts 2:32-41)

| MINISTERS | |
|--|----------------------|
| Jay Lockhart-Pulpit | |
| Wes Price-Associate | Danny Snell-Youth |
| Harold Taylor-Mission | Jerry Huff-Singles |
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Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Edgar Bullard
Scripture Scott Epperson
Dismiss Greg Davis

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Paul Stanley
Prayer Clinton Culpepper
Scripture Alan Fisher
Dismiss Jack Grier

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Morris Hallman Rob Hilliard
Don Drummond Walter Farrar

GREETERS

John and Ruby Cliver
Dan and Winifred Cullinan
Charles and Louise Seaberry

The Sick

Frank Crosser went to M.D. Anderson on Wednesday for tests and evaluation to be done on Thursday of this week.

Buddy Metcalf, J.N. Metcalf's father, is still critically ill at home.

Jean Walters is a patient at University Park Hospital.

Gospel Concert

THE EMBERS QUARTET will present a Gospel Concert Saturday, February 23rd, at 7:00 P.M. at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Join the Embers for good old gospel singing and praise to the Lord.

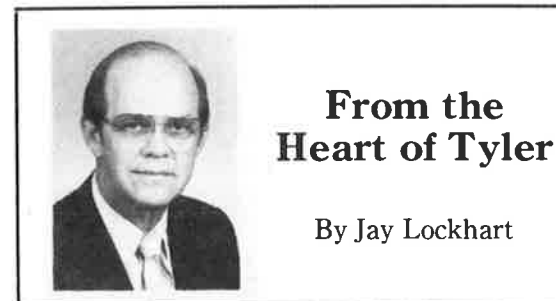
GEORGE BAILEY WILL BE AT WEST ERWIN FOR A GOSPEL MEETING MARCH 10-13

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"For the sake of the hope of Israel" - Acts 28:20

The Hope of Israel

There is no question but that the nation of Israel was the chosen people of God (Lev. 20:26). God gave to Israel the promised land of Canaan upon the condition of faithfulness to Him (Deut. 30:15-20). After the United Kingdom of Israel had continued for 120 years under three kings (Saul, David, and Solomon), the Kingdom divided into North and South, Israel (about ten of the twelve tribes) and Judah (the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin). The Northern Kingdom lasted about 230 years before it disappeared in its rebellion in the Assyrian Captivity. There is no doubt but that the Assyrian invasion of Israel was the Judgment of God (II Kings 17:7-23). About 116 years later, Judah was taken into Babylonian Captivity for her rebellion (II Chron. 36:15-21), but God saved a remnant through whom He would fulfill His promise to bring the Messiah into the world through Judah (Isa. 1:9 et.al.). So Judah, in the providence of God, was brought back to the

land of Israel following seventy years in Babylon. Finally, Jesus came and as a nation the Jews rejected Him and God judged the nation by the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 (Matt. 24). The crucified, resurrected Lord, gave a worldwide commission to His disciples (Mk. 16:15) and brought the church into existence (Acts 2), where there is neither Jew nor Gentile (Gal. 3:28). It is not a matter of who you are but whose you are that is important to God. "He is not a Jew who is one outwardly" (Rom. 2:28). The descendants of Abraham are those who through faith in Christ have been baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-28), and they are the heirs of God (Gal. 3:29). It is through the acceptance of the gospel that God honors a man, any man, regardless of his bloodline, "and so (in this way, by the gospel--JPL) all Israel (any in Israel who are saved--JPL) shall be saved" (Rom. 11:26). Paul never expected every single Israelite to be saved, but hoped to "save some of them" (Rom. 11:14) through his preaching of and their obedience to the gospel. Israel's hope is not in being Israelites according to the flesh, but is in Christ. This is the hope of Israel...and of every man!

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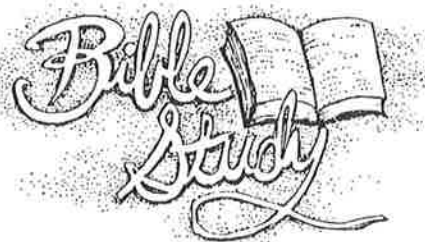


Danny Snell

There are not many things more gratifying than to see how much love a parent shows for their kid. Sunday, our parents hosted the annual Valentine Banquet for the Youth Group. It was truly a "classy" evening. Our group of parents outdid themselves with such tremendous effort and love. Thanks to the following folks who helped in various ways: Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, James and Connie Sublette, Ray and Gail Vannoy, Larry and Sandra Henry, Donna Epperson, Stan Clark, Les and Carolyn Carruth, Gary and Frances Broome, Paige Morris, Jim and Billye Usrey, Mike and Vicki Cauthen, Gail Scott, Lisa Snell, Kim Sublette and all the other parents who helped with food.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All High School students are invited to our devo this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall after the evening assembly. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Plan on joining us for our Bible study every Monday night in the "Center". We are studying the book of Romans. We start at 7:00 and finish about 8:00. Bring your Bible and a friend to enjoy this special time together.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 17 High School Devotional
- Feb. 18 Monday night Bible study
- Mar. 10 Briarcliff Day
- Mar. 29-30 L.T.C. Convention
- April 7 ACU High School Day
- May 24 JR.-SR. Banquet
- May 26 Baccalaureate Service
- June 11 Summer Youth Series
- June 15 Vacation Bible School
- June 16-21 Learning to Lead Camp
- July 5-13 Mission Trip

Thank You

We wish to thank you for all the love and concern and visits, cards and food, prayers and flowers. A special thank you for the lovely meal prepared for the family at the loss of our father and husband.

The family of Homer Williamson

Dear Christian Friends,

I appreciate all the prayers, calls, and cards from the Benevolent workers, Ladies Bible Class, and the Tuesday cooks, and others that thought of me during my eye treatments. My eye is doing well at this time but treatments are continuing.

Please continue to pray for my recovery.

Yours in Christian love,

***** Leona McElroy

I have never experienced such love and concern shown anyone as I have for myself in my recent health problems. There is so much power in prayer. Thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls and cards. Because of payers, I am fine and my problem is minor.

In Christian love,
 Archie Lowry

Reaching Out

BENEVOLENT CENTER

Summary 1990

Twenty-five boxes of items consisting of bandages, diaper shirts, pillowcases, nurses uniforms, soap pieces, eyeglasses, men's pajamas, utility bags, cup towels, and various items of medicines were sent to Chimala Mission Hospital.

Locally 713 families and 1,728 children were served. Clothing valued at \$27,710.00 and food valued at \$927.00 has been distributed from the Benevolent Building. Twenty-eight quilts were distributed and \$561.16 was spent for lodging. Fifty-one Bibles were given for study.

There is now an urgent need for children's clothing, jeans, and men's shoes. About 25-30 people work each week on Tuesday and/or Thursday but your help and care is necessary for this work to be done.

The Tuesday Lunch Bunch served 2080 meals in 1990.

Boles Home Truck Due

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of March 11-15. Listed below are items particularly needed at this time. They will be glad to use whatever items can be supplied, however. SHAMPOO, PAPER PLATES AND CUPS, CANNED PEARS AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, HOT CHOCOLATE MIX (individual packets and regular sizes), KLEENEX. Your willingness to help is very much appreciated.



FEBRUARY (20) Alma Biggs, Brandon Chambliss (22) Gary Broome, Crissy Kerner (23) Roberta Tindall (26) Agnes Ables, Dayne Harris, Jay Lockhart, Jr.

Anniversary Celebration

The children of
 Foy and Edna Hodnett
 invite you to a reception
 in honor of their
 Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
 on Sunday, February 17, 1991
 2:30-4:00 P.M.
 Church Fellowship Hall
 No gifts, please

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Mike C. Culpepper
 request the honor of your presence
 at the marriage of their daughter

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 to

 Troy Dale Mingee

 on Saturday

 the sixteenth of February

 nineteen hundred and ninety-one

 at three o'clock in the afternoon

 Broadway Church of Christ

 Tyler, Texas

Can You Help?

It has come to our attention that the punch bowl that belongs to the church has been broken. If anyone has one they would like to donate or if you would like to contribute toward a replacement, please call the church office.

Here and There

By Wes Price



What an unbelievable response! Nearly 100 have already volunteered to serve in this year's Vacation Bible School. Even more gratifying, over 40 of those were first timers, folks who have not served in V.B.S. We are grateful for your response and for the prospects of a very successful effort this year. Please reserve that date, June 15 for this special event.

We are still in need of blood donors. Several have responded to last week's plea, but a larger balance is needed to keep up with anticipated needs. Go by Stewart Blood Bank at 815 South Baxter and they will be glad to see you.

With the return of fair weather, we should be seeing larger and larger numbers in our Bible Classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. We hope you will think seriously on what you and your family are missing when you don't attend. Give it some thought, and give us some of your time on Sundays and Wednesday nights. It really will be of the greatest benefit to you.

Parents, we need your help. Some of the children have been making the rounds in our upstairs hallways and classrooms without supervision. No real damage has been done, but we would like for you to help us see that your children are not left without supervision. Our greatest fear is for their safety. We would hate for an injury to occur. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to keep the servicemen and women in your prayers as the conflict in the Middle East continues. We are thankful for our President's decision to keep the group troops in place for a longer period of time. It will surely result in the preservation of life. Above all, pray that this war will be concluded soon and our men and women can return to us safely.

We are grateful for the series that Harold Taylor has been giving us on Wednesday nights. It will have its effect on our involvement in personal soul winning which is very much needed so that this church can continue to fulfill its mission. In all this, please consider the place you fill in reaching the lost. Not every one can be a teacher, but those teachers need prospects and you can surely touch someone in your sphere of influence for the sake of the gospel. Let your light shine!

Take Time To Pray

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 393 | 354 | 379 |
| Worship A.M. | 555 | 490 | 534 |
| Worship P.M. | 318 | 343 | 403 |
| Wed. Eve. | 197 | 251 | 211 |
| Contribution | \$11,110.45 | \$10,492.66 | \$11,373.71 |
| Building Fund | \$420.00 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 10, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 13, Ray Womack, ph. 561-5227

Prayer List

Jean Walters has been returned to University Park Hospital.

Archie Lowry had tests as an outpatient on Tuesday.

Buddy Metcalf, J. N. Metcalf's father, is critically ill in UT Hospital.

Ruby Pittman, Pattie Tate's sister, is still a patient at Mother Frances Hospital. She has improved.

Dickey Masters, Dena Masters' father, is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Clellie McRuiz, sister-in-law to Henry McRuiz, remains in Mother Frances Hospital.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. The Powerful Christ

(John 18:1-11)

6:00 P.M. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit(No.4)

(I Corinthians 12:4-11)

| MINISTERS | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Jay Lockhart-Pulpit | Danny Snell-Youth |
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Roy Bench
Scripture Bill Butler
Dismiss Kevin Braly

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Dan Cullinan
Scripture Brody Clark
Dismiss Mago Barajas

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Arnold and Agnes Ables
George and Dorothy Daugherty
Tommy and Jerry Konczak
Pattie Tate and Roberta Tindall

Cans for Children

Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for your participation in our 1990 "Change for Children" campaign. The total amount contributed by the West Erwin congregation was \$768.30.

Your members are certainly to be commended for their generosity, and I would appreciate your expressing my thanks to them on behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Christian Services of East Texas. Your contribution will go a long way in helping us serve the many needy East Texas children whose families come to us for foster care assistance each year. With the help of generous, caring Christians, we will continue to meet those needs and make an impact for good in those lives.

We solicit your prayers and your ongoing commitment as we work together in His service. May the new year bring God's richest blessings to your work there at West Erwin.

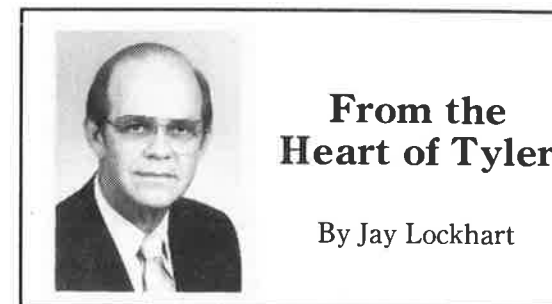
For the children,
Wayne Propst, President
Board of Directors

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart


God and Israel

I was at the car wash. While I was waiting for my car, I was talking with a woman who was also getting her car washed. Our conversation turned to the war in the Persian Gulf and she said, "Of course, the Jews are the people of God...." I didn't pursue that, but driving home I couldn't get her statement off my mind. So many people believe what the woman said. Do you? Was she right? There is no question but that Israel was God's special people. "Israel is my son" (Ex. 4:22). "O Israel:... you are Mine" (Isa 43:1). However, before God brought Israel into the promised land, He gave them warnings of rejection if they rejected Him in the "if...then" statements of Leviticus 26. God gave Israel a law at Mt. Sinai which was designed to bring them to Christ (Gal. 3:24). When the nation rejected Christ, God judged the nation with the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 (see Matt. 24). In Romans 2:28-29, Paul shows that the real Jew today is not dependent upon a fleshly

lineage. In Romans 11, Paul shows that Israel has been broken off as a branch because of unbelief and Gentiles are grafted in because they believe. In Gal. 3:26-29, Paul shows who the true children of God are: "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, ... for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed (emphasis mine--JPL), and heirs according to the promise." Abraham's children have believed in Christ, have been baptized into Christ, and are the true Israel of God (Gal. 6:16). Before we get carried away with conditional promises which God made to Israel, conditions they did not meet, we should remember that God does not deal with men today upon the basis of their physical lineage, but He does regard any man as His who is in Christ. In the final analysis, the Bible describes the people of God as the church, and so should we.

"And if you are Christ's,
then you are Abraham's seed"
- Galatians 3:29

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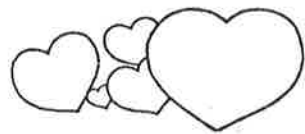


Danny Snell

YOUTH STUFF

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Feb.10 | Valentine Banquet |
| Feb.11 | Monday Night Bible Study |
| Feb.17 | High School Devotional |
| Mar.29-30 | L.T.C. Convention |



VALENTINE BANQUET

All Middle and High School students are invited to the Valentine Banquet on Sunday, February 10, after the evening assembly. This will be a very fun evening and you don't want to miss this one! If you wish invite a friend to enjoy the fun also. We will be finished about 9:15.



*Everybody needs a hug.
 It changes your metabolism.*

...Leo Buscaglia

We had a great time with our Middle School group Sunday night. We all piled in the bus and went bowling after church. It was great fun to see everyone bowl with such great form and talent! Thanks to Melvin and Donna Maples for going as sponsors.

*HE KNOWS,
 HE LOVES,
 HE CARES...*

Remember To Pray For

Our young men in the armed forces - MARK ADAMS, STANLEY AYLOR, CHRIS COATS, MARK FRICK, WILLIAM GEORGE, GREG HEALEY, SEAN HIDALGO, JAMES HUNT, RAMON IVEY, STAN JAMISON, STEVE JONES, JONATHAN PAUL, MICHAEL RUTHERFORD, TONY SESSIONS, ERIC SIMMONS, GLENN THEDFORD, PAUL WAGGONNER, AND GREG WEISLER.

Thank You

Thank you for the food, flowers, cards, calls, and prayers following my recent accident. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.
 Moselle White

Bilak in Bullard

Stephan Bilak will speak at the Bullard Church of Christ on Thursday, February 14, at 7:00 P.M., rather than on January 31, as originally announced. He will report on the Lord's work in Russia and especially the Ukraine. All are invited.

Young at Heart

Remember the Young at Heart covered dish supper Thursday evening, February 14 at 6:30 P.M. Make your plans to come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!

New Member



We are happy to welcome Jena Jones into the fellowship of the West Erwin church. Jena lives at 111 Samuel and is a teacher/coach at Whitehouse Middle School. Her phone number is 593-5568. She is the granddaughter of Modena Jones.

"I am the Light of the World."

John 3:3



FEBRUARY (11) Bob Bryant, Marisa Suggs, Carolyn Welborn (12) Julie Ables, Joe Clark, Lillian Colbert, David Daughtry, Alice Stephenson (13) Lacy Armstrong, Carla Fulford, Jena Jones (14) Laverne Keith (15) Denise Sadler (17) Dru Dawkins, Denece Jones, Alan Fisher.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul Knight, son of Roger and Jan Knight, who passed the CPA exam in Houston recently.

Attention Parents

Parent's Night Out
 TRI C Valentine Service Project
 Friday, February 15
 6:30 to 10:30 P.M.
 1415 South Baxter
 2 year olds through 5th grade
 Games, Songs, Puppets, Snacks, & Movie
 NO CHARGE!!!

VBS

ALL NEW ONE DAY VBS
 Would you and your family like to travel back in time during Bible days to visit a marketplace with shops, drama, and live animals?

Attend a meeting February 17 at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel to find out all the details. No one is too old or too young.



We share in the sorrow of the Williamson family in the death of Homer Williamson on Tuesday of last week. Funeral services were held at our building on Friday at 2:00. We extend sympathy to sister Williamson, Jeanette and David Ingram and all members of the family.

We express sympathy to Jessie Smith in the death of her mother, Mrs. Ima Hedgecough. Her funeral was held in Troup at 2:00 on Friday.

Here and There

By Wes Price



The Childrens' Bible Hour which meets on Sunday evenings during our worship time is alive and well. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, James and Connie Sublette, are doing an outstanding job in teaching these primary children the Bible. This past Sunday they hosted a banquet in their honor and invited parents to see a little of how much they have learned over the past year. Also honored were Ray and Gail Vannoy for their past work with this fine teaching program.

I know that I speak for all the parents whose children attend when I tell all these folks how very much we appreciate their dedication to this teaching ministry. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

HELP! We need a host of members to make a trip over to the Stewart Blood Bank and "pump" a few units into our account. We are at an all-time low since we began this good work. Ask them to credit your donation to the West Erwin Church of Christ, account number 6286. There is no way we can tell you how valuable this account is, but if you need to know ask someone who has had to have a blood transfusion.

More and more frequently, we have requests for special use of our Fellowship Hall, both by our own members and outsiders. May we call your attention to the guidelines which our elders have established for such reservations. Reservations can be made with the church office on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. Church activities of our members have preference. Those who are not members must receive special permission from our elders before use can be granted. For these, there will be a \$25.00 charge for the cost of utilities and a \$15.00 charge for custodial care per day or any part of a day.

For those who frequently use this facility, please observe the posted rules for "clean-up" following any activity.

We still have not received a Talent Survey Card from many of our members. Will you please help us in this matter as soon as possible. When we have these, then we will begin to use them as a basis for selecting members for the various activities and ministries. It is vital that your card be available so you can be included in the areas of service you desire. Thank you.

The ladies of the South Main church in Henderson have invited the ladies of West Erwin to be their guest at a Special Day this Saturday, February 9 beginning at 9:00 and continuing until 2:30. If we have enough who need transportation, we will be taking the church bus. Please call the church office for reservations. The guest speaker will be Polly Cline.

We ♥ Visitors!

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| Worship A.M. | 490 | 520 | 585 |
| Worship P.M. | 343 | 375 | 335 |
| Wed. Eve. | 251 | 232 | 229 |
| Contribution | \$10,492.66 | \$11,784.68 | \$10,168.02 |
| Building Fund | \$303.00 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 3, 1991 and Wed. P.M., Feb.6, Clinton Culpepper, ph.877-3956

The Sick

Bernie Beard was admitted to Medical Center on Tuesday for tests. He is in room 2528.

Ruby Pittman is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. She is improved.

Leo Carnley, Denice Wilson's father is in Medical Center Hospital, treatment pending.

Buddy Metcalf, J.N. Metcalf's father, is seriously ill.

Thank You

Your kind expression of sympathy is appreciated. Thank you for the prayers, cards and the beautiful azalea plant in memory of our sister, Mary Yates.

Dub and Opal Mathews

All of us that work in the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program want to thank you for providing the excellent facilities for our training sessions. Your hospitality was outstanding and Mr. Phillips helped us in a fine manner.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Billy Smith, Local Coordinator

Take Time To Pray

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 Dismiss Lee O'Neal

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 Scripture Neil Vannoy
 Dismiss David Haney

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 Mark Cauthen Mike Cauthen

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 George and Dorothy Daugherty
 Tommy and Jerry Konczak
 Pattie Tate and Roberta Tindall

NEW BABY



Welcome to Paige Louise Lemons, born Tuesday, January 29 to Kim and Tracy Lemons. She weighed in at 7 lb. and 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Paige is the granddaughter of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Homer Williamson, one of our long-time members, on Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services are pending at Loyd James Funeral Home at this time (Wed. A.M.).

AT THE END OF LIFE


At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love served. - Hugh Black

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon" - Revelation 16:16

Is The Middle East Conflict The Beginning Of Armageddon?

Few subjects have received more attention by the religious community than the "battle of Armageddon." Whenever there is an outbreak of hostility in the Middle East (open hostility is always just beneath the surface in this explosive part of the world), people begin to think of Armageddon. When the Allies began to bomb Iraq, did that mark the beginning of the Battle of Armageddon and the end of the world? Armageddon means "mountain of Megiddo" and is located in the land of Israel, near the Valley of Jezreel. Throughout ancient history, the Valley of Jezreel has been a battlefield, and Armageddon refers to a battle. But what is the battle? Notice what John, the author of Revelation says in chapter 16. In verse 13 he saw unclean spirits "like frogs." Did John see frogs? No, he saw unclean spirits like frogs. Second, he saw the dragon (Satan--12:9), the beast (human government used by Satan--13:1-10), and another beast, the false prophet (false religion used by Satan--13:11-18). It becomes obvious to the student of Scripture that "dragon," "beast," and "another beast" (false prophet) are figurative terms, i.e., symbols which represent something else. If "dragon,"

"beast," and "another beast" (false prophet) are figurative, may not "Armageddon" be symbolic of something other than a battle fought with tanks and bombs in a literal plain of Palestine? It was near Megiddo that Saul, Israel's first king, and Josiah, Judah's reformer king, died in battle. It was near Megiddo that God gave victory in seemingly hopeless situations in the days of Gideon and Deborah. To the first readers of Revelation, the question was not the six day war in 1967 or the bombing of Iraq in 1991. The question for them was, "Who will win in this spirited struggle between good (the cause of God) and evil (the cause of Satan)? Today, if we make Armageddon a physical battle on the plains of Jezreel, the combats keep changing because the enemy keeps changing (in the 1940's it was Germany, in the 1950's it was Red China, in the 1960's and 70's it was Russia, ad finium). The Battle of Armageddon is a spiritual battle between right and wrong, good and evil, God and Satan. The book of Revelation shows that good (the cause of God) will win over evil (the cause of Satan). Each of us fights the battle as we decide whether or not we will be on the side of God. Those who choose the cause of right, can and will, by the power of God, be victorious. The question for every man is: Am I in Christ, clothed with Christ, and seeking to serve Christ? (Gal. 3:26-29). A physical battle in Israel between the nations? No! Rather, it is a personal battle with evil as we serve God, the ultimate Victor.

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell



VALENTINE BANQUET

All Middle and High School students are invited to the Valentine Banquet on Sunday, February 10, after the evening assembly. This will be a very fun evening and you don't want to miss this one! You may invite a date but please plan to come with or without a date. There will be more details later.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 3 Middle School Devotional
- Feb. 4 Monday Night Bible Study
- Feb. 10 Valentine Banquet
- Feb. 11 Monday Night Bible Study
- Feb. 17 High School Devotional
- Mar. 29-30 L.T.C. Convention

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Leadership Retreat 1991 is again looked back upon by several of our teens as one the highlights of the year. There were 275 people from 25 churches present at this year's retreat. We learned about the life of Peter and spent some great quality time in fellowship with other Christians from Northeast Texas. We are already looking forward to next year. Thanks to Lisa Snell for being a sponsor and such a great supporter. Thanks to all who went and made it such a good retreat: Heath Adams, Jeremy Epperson, David Haney, Robby Scott, Chris Starnes, Clint Thedford, Mitch Walters, Jessica Epperson, Missy Marts, Julie Scott, Michelle Steffee, Kim Sublette.

Message from the Elders

The elders, deacons and ministers of West Erwin have been spending much time recently setting goals for the 1990's. Serious thought and prayer have gone into the plans and projections for the church during the present decade and the whole future of the congregation. Dreams of growth and expansion cover the following areas:

Physical facilities - 1,000 seat auditorium, additional classrooms, expanded fellowship/family center, increased benevolent work space, remodeled office/library facility and additional parking.

Numerical growth - a membership of 1,000 or more, Bible School attendance of 1,000, the auditorium filled and a balcony added, baptisms of one or more each week.

Spiritual growth - continued love and interest in others, reaching out to the lost, increased Bible study, prayer and commitment to God, expanding our teaching program and an interest in every good work.

Pray, work and give that these goals may be attained!

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Christian Homes of Abilene needs a mature Christian couple (whose children are out of their home) to work as maternity houseparents in a home for unwed mothers. Housing and salary are provided and the husband is free to seek employment outside the home. Relief time is provided. If interested, contact Charlene Walker at (915) 677-2205. (Single female applicants may be considered if no qualified couples apply).

New Members



We are very happy to welcome Laura Armstrong and her children, Lacy and Bud to our church family at West Erwin. Lacy is in the 9th grade at Brownsboro High School and Lance, Jr. (Bud) is in 7th grade at Brownsboro Junior High. Their address is P.O. Box 1125, Chandler, Texas, ph. 849-2700.



Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY (4) Cindy Carruth, Loyd Nail (5) Ruby Brem, Chris Drummond, Carolyn Philpot (6) Chris Oberg, Signa Stanley (7) Helga Blackstone, Meeta Clucas, Frances Phillips, Leon Santos. Rav Womack, Ted Wright (8) Jeri Prestidge, Ira Wilson (9) Arlene Lockhart, Lisa Snell, Jeremy Wiggains (10) Bernice Andrews, Kathryn Cauthen, Clara Riley.

Discovery Days

"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives Him who sent me..." Luke 9:48

Discovery Days is a preschool enrichment for children ages 2 to 4 years of age. Children come on Tuesday and Thursday to a day planned with activities they are sure to remember. This is the third year Discovery Days has been a part of West Erwin. There are 30 children enrolled this spring semester. Please remember me in your prayers as I make plans for Discovery Days and the wonderful children in our care.

Lord, you have given me work to do. You have allowed me to touch the lives of children. Thank you for this trust. And as I ply my trade, help me to view it as did Priscilla and Aquilla and Paul in stitching. My real business being that of teaching the good news of God's love to children.

Barbara Oberg, Director
Discovery Days Preschool Enrichment

DID YOU KNOW?

Barbara Oberg just returned from the University of Alabama where she spoke at the Alabama Association for Young Children. On Thursday of this week she will be at Trinity Valley Junior College in Athens where she will speak to the East Texas Association for the Education of Young Children.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Whoa! Did our Bible school attendance take a nose dive last Sunday or what? We were down considerably from previous weeks and we can't blame it on the weather. It is true that some of our young people were out with Danny Snell, but many of our adults were out of town. Let's hope the situation does a turnaround by next Sunday. We'll look for you in class then.

Good reports are coming in from the Brothers Keeper units which met last Sunday night. We thank you for your generosity in hosting these meetings as we launch a new year of fellowship. There are some units which will be meeting this coming Sunday night. The lists are still posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer. Check it out.

May we encourage you to remember our men in uniform during the current distress. Their names are listed in the south foyer.

Our benevolent center continues to do a marvelous job each week as it aids needy families with clothing and food. There is such a warm inviting atmosphere in that place that I urge those of you who have never visited it to do so. You'll come to see why so many ladies want to participate.

Their work and spirit is equalled in every way on the other side of that building where a crew of ladies prepare meals each week. The good food that is cooked each Tuesday is so good that it is rumored that some have gotten sick so that they can stay home that day and be treated to a delicious, hot meal. Now I'm not one to encourage you to get sick just to try it, but if you are, you will find out the delicious truth. Keep up the good work folks!

Excitement continues to build with our building committee. The time is near when contractors will be selected to start on our new auditorium. Then we'll begin to see the fulfillment of a dream. We thank these men for their continued work in bringing us to the "dream-fulfillment" stage of this work.

Attention members of the Young Adult Bible Class. You are invited to a Valentine party on Saturday evening, February 9, at the home of Rex and Cynthia Johnson. The party will be at 6:30 and will be for adults only. You may make reservations by calling Matt Haws or Terry Frick.



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

| Records | Sunday Jan.20 | Sunday Jan.13 | Year Ago |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 400 | 419 | 454 |
| Worship A.M. | 520 | 556 | 596 |
| Worship P.M. | 375 | 385 | 420 |
| Wed. Eve. | 232 | 216 | 155 |
| Contribution | \$11,507.68 | \$11,813.28 | \$11,216.27 |
| Buiding Fund | \$277.00 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 27 and Wednesday Eve., Jan.30, David Haney, 561-2133.

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
Announcements Wes Price
Prayer Ray Vannoy
Scripture Archie Kennard
Dismiss Luke Ingram

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Announcements Freeman Morgan
Prayer Lowell Wiggains
Scripture Pat Patten
Dismiss Louis Jones

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Ben Young Jamon Kirby
Elmer Miles Don Weathers

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Don and Christine Drummond
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Rob and Carmen Hilliard
Don and Sherry Peek

**BROTHERS'
KEEPER
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Sunday
Evening**



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. Sorrow Turned To Joy
(John 16:16-33)

6:00 P.M. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit (#2)
(John 14:16-18,26;15:26-27;16:7-14)

The Sick

Leo Carnley, Denise Wilson's father, had surgery at Medical Center Hospital on Monday.

Ruby Pittman, Patti Tate's sister, is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital following surgery.

Paul Stanley is doing well following surgery on Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Buddy Metcalf, J.N. Metcalf's father, is seriously ill in UT Hospital.

Martha Moore, Rhonda Haws mother, is at home following tests at Mother Frances Hospital.

Ruby Pearson, Claudia Griffis' aunt is still quite ill in Mt. Pleasant.

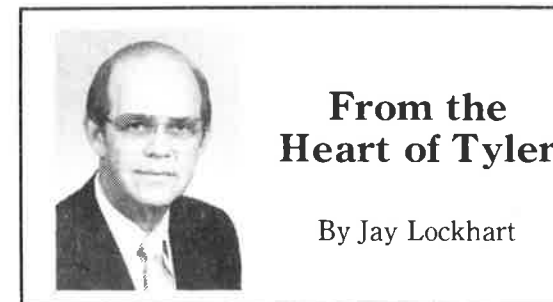
Sympathy

Lisa Snell's great-grandmother, age 104, died last week in Lamesa, Texas.



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By Jay Lockhart

"Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia"
- Galatians 4:25

The Jews And Arabs


The present conflict in the Middle East has raised questions about the people involved: Who are the Arabs? What relationship do they have to the Jews? Are they descendants of Abraham? While tracing the lineage of the Arabs is not without difficulty, we can make some observations. We know that Abraham had a son of promise named Isaac. Through Isaac, and his son Jacob, the nation of Israel came into being. (You will remember that Jacob's name was changed to Israel and the tribes of Israel came through Jacob's sons--Genesis 32:28; 50:25). They were not called Jews until about the time of the Babylonian captivity (from Judah, as ten of the twelve tribes of Israel were lost in Assyria and Benjamin was absorbed into Judah--shortened to Jews--II Kings 16:6), but later the term was extended to embrace all the descendants of Abraham through Jacob. Abraham also had a son by a handmaiden, Hagar, whose name

was Ishmael. Most Arabs claim that they are descendants of Abraham through Ishmael (Genesis 25:12-18). After the death of Abraham's wife, Sarah, he married Keturah, who became the mother of six sons, representing six Arab tribes South and East of Palestine (Genesis 25:1-6). The descendants of Abraham through Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah have been feuding since their inception and are enemies today in the Middle East. The Arab alliance in the Middle East includes Egypt, Syria, et.al., and is the avowed enemy of Israel and the friend of the Palestinians, Arabs who have become largely a people without a country since the formation of the State of Israel which dominates the region once called Palestine.

Next week: Is the Middle East conflict the beginning of Armageddon?

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LEADERSHIP RETREAT

At this reading, several of our teens will be in Lone Star at the annual Leadership Retreat. We have been attending this retreat for the past three years and it has proved to be one of the best area wide gatherings in all of Texas. There will be over 30 churches and 250 people together for a beneficial time of study of the life of the Apostle Peter and great fellowship. Please pray for us this weekend to benefit the most we can from this opportunity.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

All Middle and High School students are invited to the Monday Night Bible Study on January 28 in the "Center" across Erwin Street. We will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00 P.M. Come and bring your Bible. Invite a friend. We will be studying Romans 2.
 Leadership Retreat January 25-27
 Monday Night Bible Study January 28
 Valentine Banquet February 10

Pray For

Please add to your prayer list: Greg Healey, serving in the Air Force in the Persian Gulf; Paul Waggonner, Mark Waggonner's brother, and Jonathan Paul, a former member at West Erwin, are also serving in the Middle East. Others from our congregation serving in the Armed Forces are Mark Adams, Mark Frick, Glenn Thedford, James Hunt, son of Ed and Margie Hunt, and Tony Sessions, grandson of Claude and Odell Sessions.

Message from the Elders

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, in the church, we had places of genuine caring and concern - places of love and fellowship with each other? Are you looking for that "heavenly place" where real love and acceptance prevails, where you can be yourself, your better self? Wouldn't it be great to be able to confess one's faults to others and pray for them without fear of anyone betraying your trust? Where is the family spirit, on a smaller scale, found in a larger congregation? Do any of these exist today? The answer is that what is wished for does exist in the church at this very time in several places and programs. But no where do we experience it more delightfully than when we meet with our BROTHER'S KEEPER UNITS. It is here that we come to the finest of the "heavenly places" of this congregation. Meet with your unit this coming Lord's Day.

E.T.C.A.

Items are needed by E.T.C.A. for their big annual garage sale on March 14, 15, and 16. If you have items that you might donate, (furniture, toys, whatever) call the school and the items will be picked up.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for all the thoughtful deeds, the food, cards, beautiful flowers, many visits, and most of all your prayers. My eye continues to be about the same.

Yours in Christ,
 K. Max Haws

We want to thank everyone who provided food for our noon meals last semester. A special thanks to Lyn Harrison and Cathy Culpepper who coordinated West Erwin's meals.

Please continue to pray for our work.
 In His Service,
 Tri-C

New Members



Welcome home to Mark and Janie Cauthen and their children, Allison (age 10), Paul (almost 5), and Suzanna (16 months). Mark is the son of Faber and Kathryn Cauthen and Janie

is the daughter of Jim and Sue Paul. Their address is 1705 Devonshire, 75701, telephone #561-3878. We are very pleased to have this fine family home again.



Happy Birthday

JANUARY (28) Jimmie E. Brown, Rick Kerner (29) Cheryl Murphy (30) Scott Epperson, H.M. Minnis, Johnnie Stringer (31) Charis McCoy, Pat Stokes
 FEBRUARY (2) Bill Blackstone, Rozener Strait (3) Jay Lockhart, Billye Usrey.

Take Time To Pray

Greetings...

Dear Brethren;
 I just wanted to take this time to tell you all how much we enjoyed our trip to Tyler. You showed us great hospitality and kindness. We wish we could have stayed longer and gotten to know more of you better, but schedules just wouldn't allow it. Thank you very much for your love and kindness. I know that God is glorified by you.

We did make it home okay but it took us 18 hours. Needless to say, when we got home we were ready for bed. We did have an enjoyable New Year's Eve with the brethren here as well.

We look forward to our working together and our visit to Tyler this summer. Until then, thank you all very much again and God Speed in your labors for Him.

In His service;
 The Maxwells
 Ray, Linda, Kristi,
 Michael, and Jessica



Dear Brethren:
 I am sure that things have come back to the normal with you and that you are as busy as always. Even though we also did have holidays in our country, I still spent most of those days in my office. First, who would preach and teach if the preacher doesn't do it and second, if I do not go to the office, things pile up and I have to do them later on anyway! I did have some hours to rest, though, and to enjoy with my family. I am glad that it did not continue to snow as it did around the middle of December. My back was hurting already. Our church people are returning from holiday trips and things get back to everyday routine. We have still a lot of illness among our members.

Greetings and love to everyone.
 In Him,
 Rudolf

Here and There

By Wes Price



One way or the other, the war in the Middle East certainly changes our view of life. We now have those whom we know and love involved in a conflict that could result in loss of life. While that may be a morbid view of things, it should cause us to re-affirm our dependence upon God. While our daily prayers have been prayers of thanksgiving and praise, they now include, and rightly so, the solemn request that God protect our loved ones and return them safely to us. The names of those men whom we know are: Mark Adams, Mark Frick, Greg Healey (Audeen Thedford's close friend), and her son, Glenn Thedford, Paul Waggonner, James Hunt, Tony Sessions, (Claude and Odell Session's grandson), and Jonathan Paul. If you know of others, let us know so that we may include them. We are not sure where all of these young men are located but we do know that Paul Waggonner is in Saudi Arabia on the front lines. Don't forget to remember them in your prayer each day.

This coming Sunday will mark the first of our Brother's Keeper family unit meetings in the various homes of our members. While most of them meet following services Sunday night, one unit always meets at noon in our Fellowship Hall. A list of times and places for these meetings is located in this bulletin. Please find your unit number and where it is to meet. Let's let this renewal for this special fellowship be the best in attendance ever. If you have never been, give it a try. You may be just the person someone else needs for support and encouragement. It will also do you good.

**SEE YOU IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!
 BROTHER'S KEEPER UNIT MEETINGS**

January 27, 1991

| Unit | Leaders | |
|------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Harrison | Wayne Harrison |
| 2. | Hughes | Hillard Hughes |
| 3. | Harris | C. Harris, 921 Golden Rd. |
| 4. | Stringer | Jack Stringer |
| 5. | Terrell | Billy Terrell |
| 6. | Cook | Alan Fisher - Feb. 3 |
| 7. | Huff | To Be Announced |
| 8. | Cliver (noon) | Cliver, 3606 Glendale |
| 9. | May | May, 1805 DeCharles |
| 10. | Bullard | Roy Clark |
| 11. | Phillips | G. Daugherty(tentative) |
| 12. | Cauthen | Fellowship Hall - P.M. |
| 13. | Dawkins | Fellowship Hall - P.M. |
| 14. | Culpepper | Fellowship Hall - P.M. |
| 16. | Garner | Fellowship Hall - noon |

| | Sunday Jan.13 | Sunday Jan.6 | Year Ago |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 419 | 396 | 423 |
| Worship A./M. | 556 | 534 | 565 |
| Worship P./M. | 385 | 380 | 363 |
| Wed. Eve. | 216 | 252 | 230 |
| Contribution | \$11,813.28 | \$16,287.99 | \$11,792.47 |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 20 and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 23, James Sublette, 593-3578.



Rebecca Burke, 10 month old daughter of Bill and Meredith Burke and granddaughter of Ray and Carolyn Womack, is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 421, with a kidney infection.

Ruby Pearson, Claudia Griffis' aunt is critically ill in Mt. Pleasant.

Buddy Metcalf, J.N. Metcalf's father is seriously ill at home.

Fern Scruggs had tests as an outpatient this week.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Vera Grayson, one of our members at West Erwin.

Mary Yates, sister to Dub Mathews, was buried in Brownwood on Monday of this week.

Bill Paschall's grandmother, Doris Paschall, was buried in Palestine this week.

Memorial services were held on Monday in Mt. Pleasant for Butler Cox, Claudia Griffis' uncle.

**HE KNOWS,
HE LOVES,
HE CARES...**

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Mark Waggoner
Dismiss Don Peek

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Stan Mallory
Prayer Jim Marshall
Scripture Chris Starnes
Prayer Rex Johnson

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Ben Young Jamon Kirby
Elmer Miles Don Weathers

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

Don and Christine Drummond
Bill and Ruth Meazell
Rob and Carmen Hilliard
Don and Sherry Peek

Bilak in Bullard

Stephan Bilak, who has spent thirty years working for the Lord with people in the Slavic world of the Ukraine, will be at the Bullard Church of Christ on Thursday, January 31, at 7:00 to speak on the Lord's work in Russia and especially the Ukraine. All are invited.

Sermons For Sunday

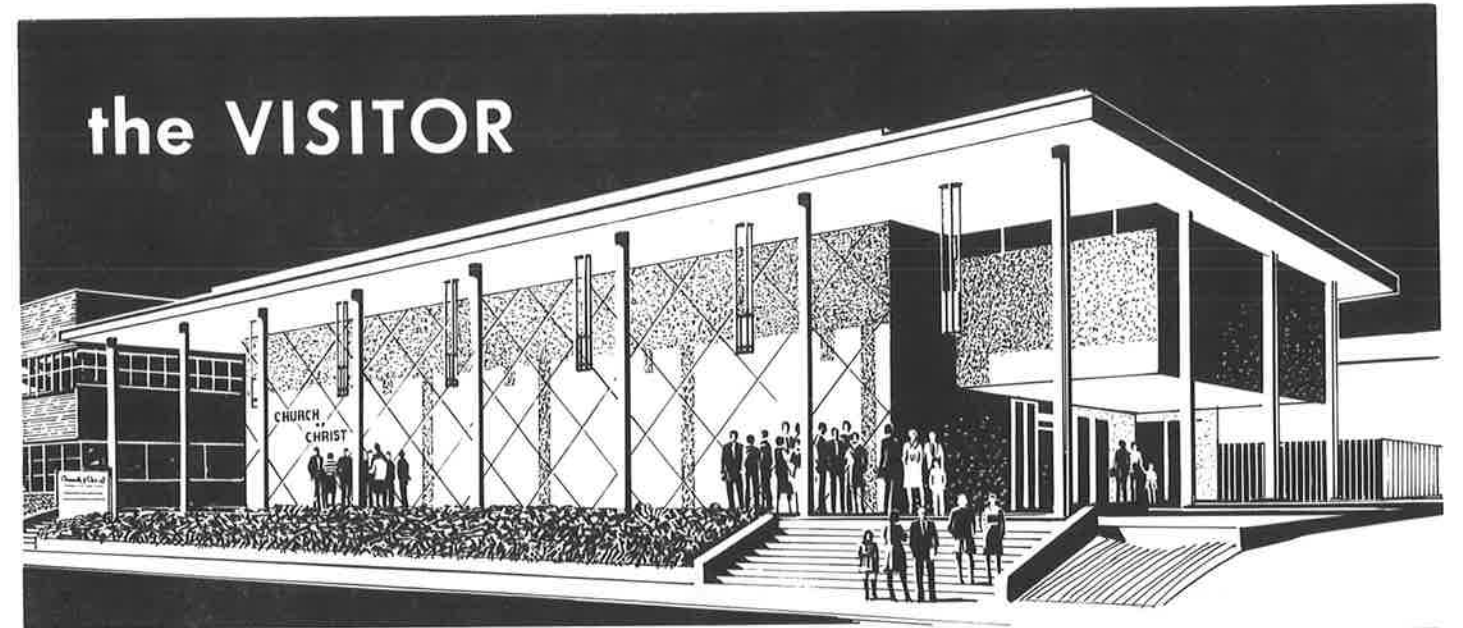
SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. The Church And The World
(John 15:18-27)

6:00 P.M. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit
(John 16:1-15)

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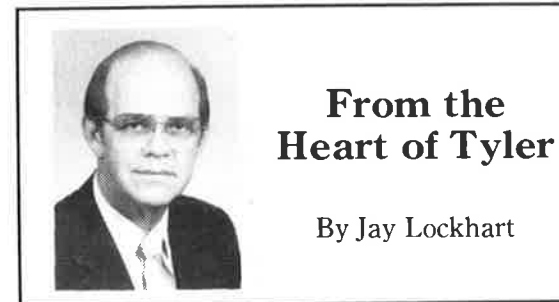
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"Be ... slow to speak"
- James 1:19

Gashmu Says

When Nehemiah returned from Babylon to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, Sanballet, Tobiah, and Geshem (perhaps also Gashmu) formed a confederacy to oppose the work. They mocked, threatened, and enticed Nehemiah to compromise, but all to no avail. Finally, they settled upon a strategy that they felt would surely stop the work. They started a rumor! Like most rumors, it grew as it was repeated. They would tell the Persian king who had given Nehemiah permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild that "the Jews are planning to rebel," and "Nehemiah is planning to make himself a king," and "in fact, a king has already been proclaimed." And upon what evidence were these reports circulated? "Gashmu says!" That's it! "Gashmu says."

Who is Gashmu? We know little about him. If he is Geshem, the ally of Sanballet and Tobiah, we know he is an Arab (Neh.6:1), but little more. Isn't that the way rumors start? "Gashmu says." We do not usually even bother to put names to our rumors. We say, "Someone said ...," or "They are saying..." or "Lots of folks are saying..." or "Have you heard?" Why do we like gossip or rumor? Why do we repeat it? Why do we listen to it? Why don't we check out the story? Why don't we go to the source? If we cannot discover the source, why don't we drop it? In our love of rumor, we ignore the teaching of both Testaments: "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer in the land" (Lev.19:16); "Speak not evil one of another" (Ja.4:11); "Put away... all slander" (I Pet.2:1). When rumor is spoken, it has to have an ear, so the hearer is as guilty as the speaker. It's true, isn't it? -- people are funny. However, "Gashmu says" is no laughing matter!

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Thanks to all those folks who came to the Parent-Teen meeting Sunday. It was a very beneficial meeting to the Youth Program. The people nominated to serve on the Youth Committee will be "inducted" this coming Sunday night at our combined devotional.



Leadership Retreat

All High Schoolers are invited to the Leadership Retreat in Lone Star on January 25-27. This is one of the best area retreats we have ever been a part of. There are currently 30 churches signed up to come and there will be over 200 people present. The theme this year is "A Servant's Heart". This will be a study of the Apostle Peter. Make plans now to go to the Leadership Retreat. Cost is \$15.00 per person. We will leave at 6:00 P.M.



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| Combined Devotional | January 20 |
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| Valentine Banquet | February 10 |

Message from the Elders

Thanks to Brother Lockhart for the budget presentation this past Lord's Day and to each of you for your kind acceptance of it. The budgeted amount of \$13,503.88 per week has little or no cushion in it. It must be met if we are to do the work that has been planned, and we have committed ourselves to, for the year. The many good works in which we are involved are reflected in the budget. It is our challenge to be "Renewed to good works", and we can easily meet the amount. The budget is realistic if our priorities are set straight and the contribution of each member is made available each week. It will take faith, love and perseverance to make it. We are the kind of Christians who accept challenges, and we urge our best effort in 1991.



The family of Mildred Rowe acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the flowers, cards, calls and prayers at the death of Ralph's mother. Your expressions of love and concern helped us through a difficult time and we deeply appreciate your support.

Ralph and Marian Rowe

We want you to know how special you've made us feel and how very much we appreciate you. We will always remember your thoughtfulness. Thank you for caring about us.

Yours in Christ,
Sledge and Celestine Clinkscales

Thank you for the beautiful spray you sent for George Young's funeral service. Your kind expression of sympathy is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mira Young

(George Young was Ben Young's brother).

Cook Books

Announcing a dinner on the ground you won't want to miss! Dinner on the Ground, a 304 page cookbook filled with delicious recipes is available in the church office for \$10.00. Proceeds will go directly to Central Texas Children's Home, a state-licensed home for physically and emotionally abused children ages 6 to 17. Established in 1969 and located approximately three and one half miles south of Austin, the Home is funded primarily through voluntary contributions.



JANUARY (20) Frances McBee, May Helen May, Jerri Pickens, Patsy Slaughter (22) Nicholas Goodson, Mac McCarty, Katie Powell (24) Foy Hodnett (25) Jimmie Harris, Rachael Nunn (26) Carolyn Blackstone, Cathy Haney (27) Walter Dawkins, Mikey Cauthen.



Search Mail

Please send me five printed copies of last week's lesson. Mr. Lockhart is to be commended for his outstanding lessons. His study and research shows in his teaching.

I hope someday to visit your services.

Thank you kindly,
Wills Point, TX

I recently heard one of your lessons on cassette tape. It was excellent. I would sure appreciate a copy in print.

If you have other written lessons available I would appreciate a list of them. Keep up the good work with your TV ministry. I am looking forward to hearing more.

Hilo, HI

Each Sunday morning we enjoy your lesson. We are shut-in more often than not but we have had lots of years not shut-in. It's good to have a program such as yours to watch.

Fruitvale, TX

World Bible School

We need a corrected list of all World Bible School teachers so that you can receive the Newsletter and other information to assist teachers. If you are currently involved or would like to be involved in this work, please call the church office and give us your name. Thank you.

Wes Price is in New Orleans this week, Monday through Thursday to attend the Education Director's Conference.

Here and There

By Wes Price



Guest Editorial..

THE GOOD LIFE

When our society speaks of success and "the good life," it most often defines them in terms of what we have and where we are. These concepts rarely point to what we are.

So it is important for us to remain youthful, trim, and well-groomed. These are the keys to a pleasure-seeking lifestyle. Girls must be beautiful to be desirable, and guys must be athletic and well-heeled to catch them.

Power and popularity are also critical to success in America. All of us know their symbols: titles, office size, salary, and invitations to the right events by the right people.

Then there is the compulsion to produce, to achieve, and to get results. So the pressure is on to steal an account or to do something unethical to make a profit. Lies are told. Figures are juggled. Friends are betrayed.

Finally, of course, there is the real yardstick of "the good life." Money. Or at least the appearance of money. Big house. Fancy car. Expensive clothes. Membership in the right clubs. Vacations to the chic spots. There is a frightfully realistic speech in the 1987 movie Wall Street in which Michael Douglas, playing the dollar-thirsty takeover specialist Gordon Gekko, says: "Greed is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit."

Please don't misinterpret the biblical message about youth, health, popularity, and money. Not one of them is judged. Not a single one of them is evil. But to define human worth in terms of any or all of them is evil.

To live one's life in pursuit of one or more of these things to the neglect of God, relationships, family, or integrity is wrong. To look down on, mistreat, or shut your compassion from the people who are at the bottom of the "ladder of success" is to compromise your own humanity.

Jesus met a man once who had all the things most people envy. He was young, popular, and rich. And when that man asked the Lord about eternal life, Jesus told him to sell everything he had and give it to the poor. Talk about getting a shock! And when the man decided his bank accounts and holdings meant more to him than Christ, his fate was sealed.

And so is ours if anything means more to us than Him.

..Rubel Shelly

| Records | Sunday Jan.6 | Sunday Dec.30 | Year Ago |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Bible School | 396 | 251 | 407 |
| Worship/A.M. | 534 | 316 | 516 |
| Worship/P.M. | 380 | NS | 363 |
| Wed. Eve. | 252 | 90 | 226 |
| Contribution | \$16,287.99 | \$9,222.00 | \$9,965.97 |
| Building Fund | \$4,651.00 | | |

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 13 and Wednesday Evening, Jan. 16, Keith Harris, 839-3826.

The Sick

Patsy Rowe, sister-in-law to Dr. Ralph Rowe is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Please continue to remember K. Max Haws in prayer that he may have a full recovery.

Sympathy

Funeral services were held in Hope, Arkansas on Tuesday afternoon for Sweeney Copeland, a former member at West Erwin. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

For as he thinketh

Proverbs 23:7a

From "The Diary of Anne Frank"

This was written by Anne Frank, a fourteen year old girl, during her hiding with her family during World War II from the Nazis, who were persecuting them and the Jewish people.

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. If I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again."

Sermons For Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1991

By Jay Lockhart

A.M. The True Vine

(John 15:1-8)

P.M. Chosen For A Purpose

(John 15:11-17)

Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Wes Price

Prayer George Daugherty

Scripture Gary Cain

Dismiss Randy Davis

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Bob Bryant

Prayer Harold Browning

Scripture Scott Carruth

Prayer Brian Daughtry

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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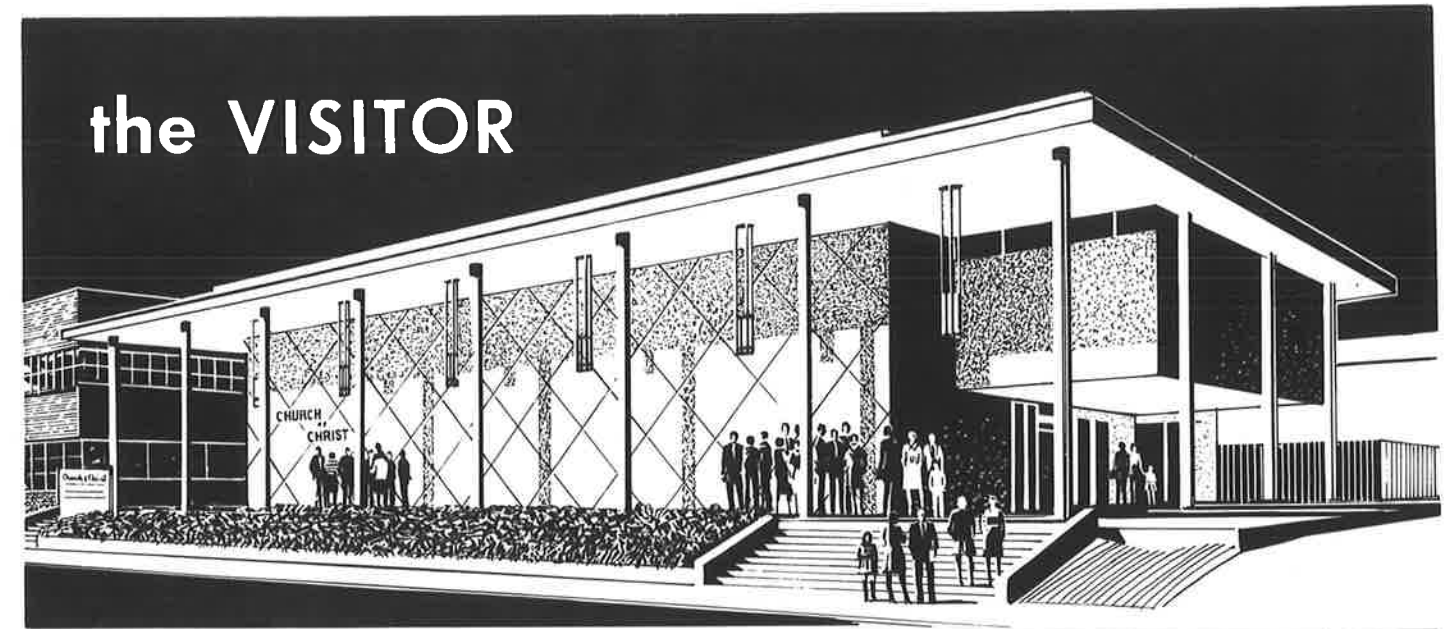
Randy and Linda Pickens

Appreciation

The presentation Sunday morning following the worship was a delightful surprise. I will treasure the beautiful plaque, the kind words from Jay, and your many expressions of good wishes. Making the decision to retire was difficult, but I am excited and looking forward to being at home. When working with great people in a challenging work, time does seem to "fly". To say I will miss being in the church office after 29 years, is an understatement. It has been a blessing to me to serve as one of the church secretaries. Thank you for every kindness and expression of love. Our prayer is for the continued growth of the West Erwin Church family.

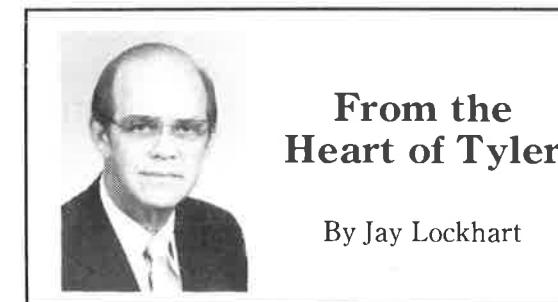
Love,
Nelda Browning

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

"Honor to whom honor is due"
- Romans 13:7



Nelda Browning Retires

After serving the church at West Erwin for twenty-nine years as secretary, Nelda Browning retired December 31 to devote her time to being a homemaker. For all these years Nelda has been effective and faithful in her work. She knew so much about the inner workings of the church office and when questions needed to be answered about happenings over the past three decades, where something is kept, or who is in charge of what, Nelda was the one to ask.

Nelda became a real fixture in the church office and she will be missed. Last Sunday, following our morning worship, a plaque was presented to Nelda honoring her many years of service and the congregation had opportunity to show its appreciation to her. In thirty years of preaching, I can sincerely say that I have worked with no church secretary who has been more loyal, more faithful, or a better supporter of her preacher than has been Nelda Browning. She will be busy in her retirement being a wife to Harold, one of our deacons, being a grandmother to her five grandchildren, and in finishing the writing of her history of the West Erwin church to be published this year. In our church office, Frances McBee, will continue to serve; Jo Butler will move from part-time to full-time; and Carolyn Blackstone will be working on a part-time basis. The office is in quite capable hands, I'd say!



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Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

The new year started off on a good note with our devotional this past Sunday. Everyone present had an opportunity to express their desires for the youth group. It is wonderful to see all who have such great expectations and those who will carry them out. The only thing that will stop our group is itself. Let's all do our share in building the West Erwin youth group.

Thanks to Les and Carolyn Carruth for hosting the New Years Eve party. It takes a brave couple to open their home for an activity that extended into the next year! Thanks also to the Vannoys and the Broomes for helping with the party.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heath Adams was baptized Sunday night. It is wonderful to see the Lord add a new soul to His church. We rejoice with Heath and this new great step he is taking.

THANK YOU!

Lisa, Shannon and I would like to say thanks to all of you for the wonderful Christmas gift. "Ya'll" never cease to amaze us. Thanks also for the opportunity to spend another year with such an awesome bunch of teens and parents. WE LOVE YOU!

Parent - Teen Meeting

This Sunday, January 13, we will have our regular meeting of the minds. This will be a time of fellowship and planning. You should receive a letter with details. If not, ask me this Sunday morning. Plan to be a part of this Special Meeting.

Message from the Elders

"We wish to express our appreciation to each member of the congregation for his/her cooperation and support during 1990. Your faith, loyalty and love have been a source of encouragement and strength to us and the work here. We solicit your continued mutual backing and participation in the programs for 1991. Our commitment for "Renewal to Good Works" necessitates wholehearted cooperation in this new year. May all our work be to God's glory and praise!"

And The Lord Added. . .

Heath Adams, 2314 McKenzie, was bapitized by Danny Snell on Sunday evening, January 6. He is the nephew of Jimmie and Ruth Harris.

Responses

Rick Higginbotham came Sunday evening requesting prayers of his brothers and sisters to help him in his desire to live his life for the Lord.

Change of Address

Jo Northcutt has moved to Southview Nursing Center. Her new address is 3505 Old Jacksonville Hwy. Remember all our shut-ins and those in nursing homes with visits and prayers.

Banquet Pictures

The pictures taken at the Christmas banquet are in the church office. You may come by and pick yours up at your convenience.

Dates To Remember

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Parent Teen Meeting | January 13 |
| Monday Night Bible Study | January 14 |
| Leadership Retreat | January 25-27 |

All High Schoolers are invited to the Leadership Retreat in Lone Star on January 25-27. This is one of the best area retreats we have ever been a part of. There are currently 30 churches signed up to come and there will be over 200 people present. The theme this year is "A Servant's Heart". This will be a study of the Apostle Peter. Make plans now to go to the Leadership Retreat. Please sign up by this Sunday. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Birthdays



JANUARY (13) Alma Pitzer, (14) Roy Clark, (15) Ruth Crosser, Kurtis Gesse, Danny Snell, (17) Frances Broome, Casey Culpepper, Pauline Daughtry, Peggy Garner, Wayne Harrison, (18) Bernice Majors, Clint Thedford, (19) Bob Center, Gussie Beaty, Juanita Lowry

Thank You

Dear Family,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, and all kindness during my hospital stay. God bless each of you.
Guy Potts

To our Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Dwight and I are back in Georgia trying to get back to a normal routine. I have to travel to Atlanta once a week to see the doctor. I have been back in the hospital one time since returning to Georgia. The antirejection medication is causing some side effects, but this too shall pass.

Dwight and I want to thank each and every one for the cards, calls, visits and most of all for your love and prayers offered during my transplant.. That Sunday night when the beeper went off and I was told they had a liver for me, I knew that was an answered prayer and God just kept right on answering our prayers and blessing us during this hard time in our lives. We couldn't have made it without all of you at West Erwin and especially Wes.

Don't ever forget to pray, for I am a walking answered prayer. God bless you all

Dwight and Diann Leek

"You can never do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it may be too late!"

Here and There

By Wes Price



It was a real joy this past Sunday to return to our regular Sunday routine with a good attendance for Bible study and worship. The ice and bad weather played havoc with attendance the two previous weeks. Let's hope that we have seen the last of interruptions from the weather.

Thank you for your cooperation last Sunday with the new Talent Survey forms in our classes. We still need to emphasize them, however, because many of our folks were not in class. We will have a supply in each of the classrooms again this Sunday and we ask that teachers distribute them again. These forms are so necessary to helping supply workers for the various programs and assignments.

We realize that some of the items mentioned may seem vague to you, but just do the best you can and if we have any questions, we'll get back to you.

With the coming of January, we will resume our monthly fellowship in the Brothers' Keeper Units. Our next meeting will be the last Sunday of January, the 27th. Of course the weekly work of checking on the needs of unit members has continued. We can't possibly say enough to our unit leaders for the good work they do in keeping in contact with our members.

It's good to get back to our regular routine, and one of the things I have looked forward to is our Ladies Class on Wednesday mornings. We have a great group of ladies who join us each week, but we would like to encourage you to join us for this enjoyable get-to-together. Not only do we enjoy the study of God's word, we also enjoy being together and being encouraged one by the other. Come join us!



SEE YOU SUNDAY IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Records

| | Sunday | Sunday | Year |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | Dec. 30 | Dec. 23 | Ago |
| Bible School | 251 | 97 | 373 |
| Worship/A.M. | 316 | 141 | 525 |
| Worship/P.M. | No Service | No Service | 286 |
| Wed. Eve. | 90 | 235 | 270 |
| Contribution | \$9007.00 | \$5196.50 | \$11,445.87 |
| Building Fund | \$ 215.00 | | |

The Sick

K. Max Haws is still recuperating from surgery for a detached retina.

Moselle White suffered a broken arm and is now in Houston with her daughter.

Jean Walters is now back at Clairmont Nursing Home. She and Frances Walters are in room 136.

Please continue to remember Florence Morgan, Freeman Morgan's mother, who is recovering from a broken hip in New Orleans. Also, Joe Lemmons, Marian Rowe's brother, is receiving treatment at M.D. Anderson. Remember these, along with our members in nursing homes and shut-ins in prayer and in deed.

New Baby

Charles and Velma Lemons are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl born January 1 to Clark and Pat Lemons in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was named Caitlin Marie and weighed in at 5 lb and 8 oz and is 18½ inches long.

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers, cards, and your prayers at the death of Ben's brother. We truly appreciate your concern.

Ben and Patsy Young

It Won't Work



Serving Sunday

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Wes Price
 Prayer Ferman Carpenter
 Scripture Marc Tate
 Dismiss Arnold Ables

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Wally Dawkins
 Prayer Gary Aven
 Scripture Darryl Anderson
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 Clinton and Louise Culpepper
 Randy and Linda Pickens

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have a covered dish supper for their regular meeting on Thursday, January 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Make your plans to be there!

Congratulations

Best wishes to Angela Kay Eudy and Richard Wayne Walters, who were united in marriage by Jay Lockhart in Austin, Texas on December 21, 1990. Both bride and groom were former members at West Erwin. Wayne is the son of our Sandra Walters.

**Unless
 You Use It**

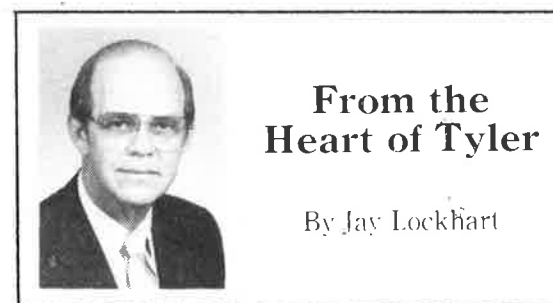
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the
 Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Ice Again!

Last Sunday was almost a repeat of the week before, wasn't it? For the second straight weekend we had ice and sleet on Saturday night and Sunday. On the first icy weekend we had just under 100 for Bible classes and about 135 for worship with no evening assembly. Then last Sunday just under 300 for classes and over 300 for our assembly with no evening service. I'm happy that over 300 people heard Ray Maxwell preach, but we were all disappointed that we could not have a "full house." Many have been unable to be in worship for over two weeks. Let's all who can possibly be here Sunday be in our places for a great day to begin the new year! See you Sunday!

"And sent them" - Luke 10:1

West Point, Nebraska

It was wonderful having the Ray Maxwells with us last weekend and it was a privilege to have Ray speak to us about Nebraska during our Bible Study hour and to preach at our morning assembly. His love for his home state, his dedication to the Lord, and his commitment to take the gospel to West Point and the surrounding areas were so apparent in his presentations. When we decided to support someone in the mid-west and began planning and praying about this work, the Lord sent us Ray Maxwell! Ray is a native Nebraskan and wants to spend his life working in his home state. How fortunate we are to have fellowship with this family! We will support them financially, but let us remember to support them by our prayers and by writing them. As a matter of fact, why not write them a note this week and tell them how happy we are to have the opportunity to work with them? May God bless Ray, Linda, Kristi, Michael, and Jessica as they work in West Point!

Their address is: Ray Maxwell
 Route 2, Box 131
 West Point, NE 68788

Youth

Data

From

Danny



Danny Snell

Following is an article by Randy Brown. Please consider these thought provoking words from this good friend:

In the past two weeks I've made an observation. Last week while preaching in Vanderbilt, Texas, I was given the opportunity to spend my days with my family and the friends I grew up with. This week we've been back into the usual routine, if any of our lives can be called routine. In all of this it seems to me most of the suffering people endure is somehow associated with separation.

Our families are not only separated geographically, but emotionally. Children and grandchildren may live hundreds, if not thousands, of miles away from grandparents. But more importantly, husbands and wives and parents and children may live thousands of miles apart emotionally. The things that are most important to Dad may have little, if any, importance to Mom and the children's activities may be just mere distractions to take the family apart. It seems that each family member has their own agenda and their own demands so we find our homes being places where each family member spends some time, but there's never time for the family to be together.

And we wonder why all of us hurt!

There seems to be no place for connection, no place to be together, no place for community. All of the things that demand our time, work, school, sports, hobbies, exercise, even church seem to lend to a feeling of disconnectedness. Where can we find a place to be together? A place where we have the time to be connected instead of separated.

It seems to me in the coming years as our world becomes even more complex and places more demands on us our only hope and the families only hope is the Body of Christ. The church must become a place where we find community. A place where we find time to be together. A place where we can retreat from the hectic schedule we so easily fall into.

As we celebrate the Lord's supper each Sunday we need to be aware of our connectedness, not just to the Lord but to each other. By remembering the Death, Burial, and Resurrection we call to mind what makes us all Brothers and Sisters. Our faith in the Christ.

This Sunday shouldn't be another day of rush and hurry, but a day to relax and to recreate. A day to take refuge in the community of the Cross.

Holiday Remembrances

Many calls and notes of appreciation have come to the church office in response to the fruit baskets or poinsettias given by the church during the holidays. Remembrances were sent to the following:

Bernice Andrews, Frances Atkins, Earle and Marie Arnold, Aline Beard, M.B. and Vera Beard, Beulah Bedford, Thelma Bennett, Gussie Beaty, Stella Buckner, John and Ruby Brem, Mary Butler, Vivie Canter, Kathleen Carroll, Mary Cash, Mozelle Cash, Lillian Colbert, Zona Crone, Pauline Daughtry, Marikate Davis, Ruth Dobbs, Ford and Tommie Egbert, Bill and Elizabeth Endsley, Vera Grayson, Leona Hardin, Adela Scogins, Katie Heath, Janie Hicks, Cora Hughes, Gladys Holcomb, Faye Holland, Modena Jones, Weldon and Laverne Keith, Pauline Kennedy, Lillie Knight, Arthur Lane, Myrtle Land, Ann Layton, Mary Lock, Homer and Evelene McCarty, Leona McElroy, L.W. and Daisy MacFall, Melba Moore, Jo Northcutt, Christine Parsons, Clara Riley, Loyd Rutledge, Bessie Sawyer, Adrain and Fern Scruggs, Gwen Shuford, Henry and Sue Starnes, Rozener Strait, Zorado Sherman, Edythe Trentham, Homer and Lerah Williamson, Bessie Willis, Ira and Lola Wright, Grace Walker, Frances and Jean Walters, Allie Wren, Doc Wright, Foy and Edna Hodnett, Margaret Talley, Lois Hoppers, Mr. and Mrs. George Neyman, and Nita Miller.

New Address

Mary Cash
508 Pierce Street
Lindale, Texas 75771
Phone 882-7830

Youth
Happenings:



Combined Devotional Sunday, January 6, 1991
Monday Night Bible Study January 7, 1991
Youth Leadership Retreat January 25-27

Leadership Retreat

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Just for today...

For just one day, we can do anything we set our hearts on. So, for this day only, let us resolve to be unafraid of life, unafraid of death, unafraid to be happy and vow to enjoy the beauty around us and believe only the best of others.

Just for today, let us live this day only. Let's forget yesterday and tomorrow and not try to solve the whole problem of life in one fell swoop.

Lincoln said people are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be. He was so right! We must vow to adjust ourselves to what is - our family, our business, our opportunities. To try to make the world over to suit us is a big order. If we cannot have what we like, we can like what we have. So, just for today, let us be agreeable, responsive, cheerful and kind. Let us look our best, walk softly, praise people for what they do and not criticize them for what they cannot do. When we find fault, let's overlook it. Don't you feel thankful when you get a second chance? Remember that the next fellow would appreciate it, too.

Birthdays

JANUARY (6) Jan Knight, Edna Hodnett, Jimmie Philpot, Jack Grier (7) Lamern Bailey, Gary Cain (8) Brooke Taylor (9) Nancy McCoy (10) Linda Terrell (11) Angel Gregory (12) Earl Clucas, Kimberly Steffee, Clay Kirby, Winnie Cullinan, Tommy Konczak

Chimala Mission News

Dear Christians,

My computer girl left. She tried to show me how to work it, but I still can't make it print. Back to the pen and paper again.

Thank you so much for the four boxes you sent July 17, 1990. The uniforms and baby shirts were really needed. We have an average of six babies every day and the baby shirts really go fast.

We have really been busy with company for 2 months, plus crates and boxes from the States. The Woodalls from Sulphur Springs came for six weeks so that let us get away for a week to go to Malawi. Then we took them to Ruaha Game Park and really had a great time.

Sorry this is short. I have many to write.

In Christian love,
Leah Savage

Here and There

By Wes Price



I hope your holidays were as enjoyable as mine. I don't remember ever having a more joyous time with my family. We were privileged to have all of our children and their spouses home, and it was great. God blessed our home greatly during these holidays. I hope your holidays were as great.

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And now on to the future! The new year is upon us and, as usual, we need to set our sights high so that each year God gives us will be spent with great determination and zeal. Only glance backward for a moment, then look to the ways you can improve your spiritual well-being. One suggestion that I can make is that you take up the good habit of daily Bible reading. A good schedule of daily reading will help you stay on track. We also have a good supply of the One Year Bible which divides the scripture readings into the number of days in a year. If you would like to have one, come by my office. The cost is only \$10, which is well under the cost in book stores. Put attendance at all the services of the church high on your list of priorities for the new year. It will serve you well in your journey toward spiritual maturity.

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I am pleased to announce that our elders have requested Harold Taylor to present a series of lessons to all our adults each Wednesday evening, beginning January 9th. We believe this will be just what this church needs as it prepares for the last decade of the 20th Century. Make your plans to be present for all of this series. You will be receiving more information by mail. Watch for it!

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We would like to remind all of our ladies that the Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 9. Come join us in our continuing study of the Gospel of Luke.

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The Building Committee has reported that bids are now being prepared on the construction of our new auditorium. Be praying that we will see this good work under way in just a few weeks.