

Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	Dec. 18	Dec. 11	Ago
Bible Class	368	336	339
Worship A.M.	511	525	473
Worship P.M.	295	305	279
Wed. P.M.	213	265	175
Contribution	\$32,273.20	\$11,128.43	\$13,205.40
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 25, (No service here on Wed. Dec. 28), Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

PRAYER AND CARE

Buddy Bell will begin another series of treatments the first of the year. **Carl Hearne**, George Hearne's brother, is hospitalized in Ft. Worth. **Milburn Cook**, **Mary Hunt**, and **Leona Hardin** are all recovering at home from recent surgeries. **Z.T. Craver**, Karen Stansbury's father, is recuperating from surgery in Longview. **Grace Greer**, Pauline Daughtry's sister, has gone back to Southview Nursing Home. **Aline Beard** is now at home. **Robbie Bullinger**, Joy Coats' sister, is very ill. **Leslie Carruth**, Les' dad, is now in a rehab hospital in Denton. **Randy Welsh**, an employee of Haws Roofing Co., remains in Acute Care at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. **David Starnes**, son of Henry and Sue and brother of Glynn, is in room 108 at Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Pat Stokes** is now at her daughter's home. Remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved one of our family who are ill at home or in nursing homes.

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Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Scripture Glynn Starnes
 Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

John Steffee

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

No evening assembly on Dec. 25

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

John Shaw Danny Skipper
 Dennis Stansbury Paul Stanley
 Ed Stitt John Steffee
 James Sublette Robert Stokes

GREETERS

Paul & Signa Stanley
 Ray & Gail Vannoy

IN SYMPATHY

L.H. Mathews, Dub Mathews' brother, died Tuesday night in Nacogdoches.

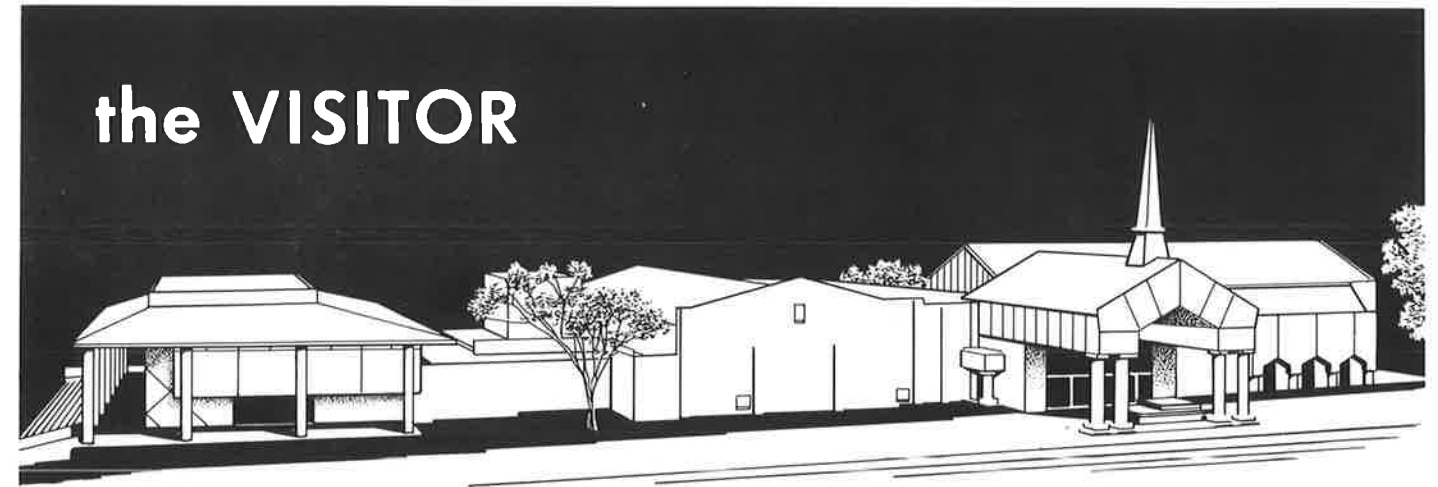
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Season's Greetings
 from the office staff

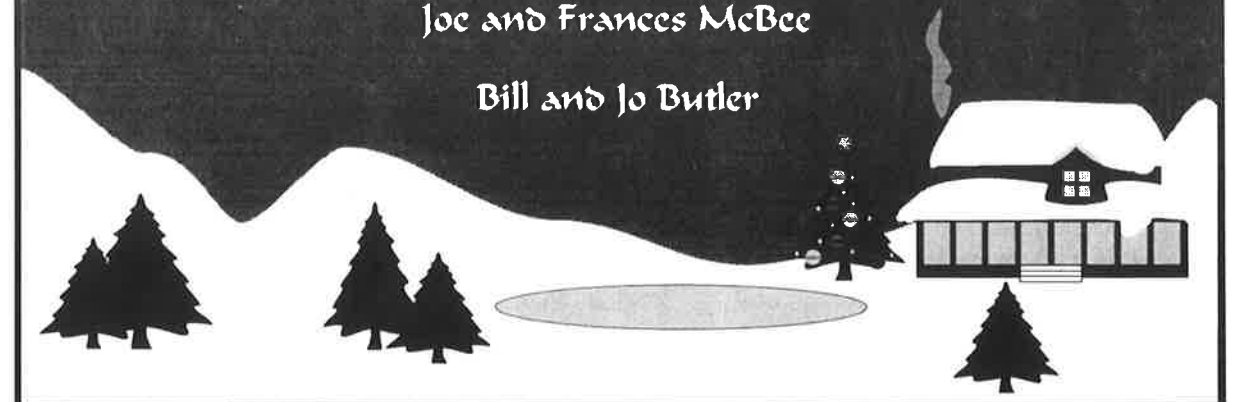
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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



REFLECTIONS ON 1994...

Reflect with me on some of the memories of the last 12 months. Servant Retreat, The largest LTC ever, Camp of "Paradise", The largest TYP attendance ever, Grass that wouldn't quit growing, Painting the house, West Point and the 122 ("I'm so glad I got to come."), Branson, Piedras Negras, Jose and Lou, Goat Cheese, Red Sauce, Super Pollo, and... As you recall, it has been a great year! Let's make 1995 better!

THANKS!

Wow! What a great party. Thank you so much for the wonderful gift basket. We are looking forward to trying the Jalapeno Mustard and the other "green stuff!" Thanks to the Hones for hosting the party and to all of the teens and their families for making it so special!

Thanks to all of those who brought gifts for the children in Christian Services. These children will have a happier holiday because of you. Thanks for your generosity.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We need a commitment from all of those who are planning to attend LTC 1995 A.S.A.P. so that the housing reservations can be made. The theme for LTC 1995 is "Life in His Name." If you not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Make plans to bring in the new year with us. More details to come in the mail, so be watching.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Jan. 9 at Broadway. We will start at 7:00 and end at 8:00. John 1-5 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board.

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- Dec. 31 New Years Eve Party
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- Apr. 14-16 LTC 1995

1995 LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST
"LIFE IN HIS NAME."

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Gardner's Team #1 will meet Jan. 1.

IN APPRECIATION

Your every act of kindness is so appreciated - for the food, cards, calls and flowers - we appreciate them so much. But most of all the prayers that have been prayed for Ron and me. Please remember us daily - we need so much.

Love,
Florene Adams

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to express my appreciation for all the food, flowers and visits during my surgery and later. Especially grateful for your prayers and concern for me. Thanks is so inadequate to you. I have a long way to go but with your help and God's blessings I'll make it. A special thanks to the elders for their concern and prayers. Thanks again for your continuing help and prayers.

In Christian love,
Ron Lowrance

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits, words of encouragement and the delicious food you provided during my recent illness. Most of all, I thank you for your prayers which aided my recovery. Our sincere thanks, love, and God's blessing to all.

Milburn & Jan Cook

Many calls and notes of appreciation have come to the church office in response to the poinsettias and fruit baskets given by the church during the holidays. Remembrances were sent to the following: Florene Adams, Earle Arnold, Frances Atkins, Sam & Lamern Bailey, Aline Beard, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Beulah Bedford, Thelma Bennett, Alma Biggs, Vera Boss, John Brem, R.L. & Myrtis Brock, Henry & Mozelle Brown, Jimmie Brown, Harold & Nelda Browning, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Mary Butler, Vivie Canter, Tillie Carpenter, Mary Cash, Mozelle Cash, Chloe Clark, Sledge Clinkscapes, Roland & Joy Coats, Lillian & Lorene Colbert, Ruth Crosser, Zona Crone, Dan & Wini Cullinan, Pauline Daughtry, Dorothy Davis, Marikate Davis, Mary Dawson, Ruth Dobbs, Tommie Egbert, Bill & Elizabeth Endsley, Mary Gaiser, Mary Evelyn Grier, Claudia Griffis, Lauree Hale, C.B. & Dot Hardin, A.Z. & Lena Hays, Katie Heath, Charles & Billie Bob Hickman, Edna Hodnett, Gladys Holcomb, Beatrice Holland, Cora Hughes, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Laverne Keith, James & Doris Kennedy, Pauline Kennedy, Myrtle Land, Velma Lemons, L.W. MacFall, Bernice Majors, Dub & Opal Mathews, Homer & Evelene McCarty, Calvin & Dorothy Mannen, Nancy McCoy, Penny McDonald, H.M. & Alla Minnis, Frances Moore, Hazel Morgan, Ralph & Daisy Old, Jean Oliver, Christine Parsons, Alma Pitzer, Guy & Nettie Potts, Leon & Louise Santos, Mary Richey, Gwen Shuford, Ron & Otelia Sills, Henry & Sue Starnes, Jonnie Steffee, Rozener Strait, Zorado Sherman, James & Ellie Steele, Margaret Talley, Odessa Tannery, Pattie Tate, Rose Teel, Hulen & Mary Terry, Gloria Thigpen, Roberta Tindall, Lorene Venable, Grace Walker, June Walker, Pete & Kathryn Wallace, Jean Walters, Moselle White, Elva Williams, Doc Wright, Helen Wright, and for those who made the deliveries: Faber Cauthen, John Cliver, Jack Garner, Claude Sessions, Paul Stanley, Ray Womack.

"The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example."

There will be no bulletin next week due to 2nd Class Postal permit regulations.

WITH SYMPATHY

Dickey Masters, son-in-law of Modena Jones and brother-in-law of Louis Jones, died on Monday. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Shiloh church.

Services were held in Fort Worth Wednesday for Neva Nell Curtis, John Poulsen's grandmother.

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

NOW ENROLLING FOR SPRING
Discovery Days
Preschool Enrichment Program
Tuesday and/or Thursday
8:30 - 2:15



An affordable developmental program designed especially for children 6 weeks through 4 years. Limited spaces available. Director: Rhonda Haws
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS


The holidays are upon us once again. It seems to come a little faster every year. Each year also brings us a little closer to our brethren at West Erwin. More often than not we feel that we reap so much from our relationship with you. I guess that's why we want to be sure and let you know at times like this how much we appreciate all of you. And we pray God will bless each of you richly as we have been blessed.

With love from your fellow servants,
Ray & Linda Maxwell and family

Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

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Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*

Our Bible class schedule will make a few changes during the holidays. Make a note of these changes.

- o After you spend some time with your families early Sunday morning, December 25, join the West Erwin family at 9:00 for a time of study and fellowship. This Sunday, all men, women and children will gather in the auditorium for a special combined class. Get ready for a delightful and inspirational time together as we share this time as families. (Children up through 2-years-old will have class as usual.)
- o Wednesday, December 28 is the annual City-Wide Year-End Singing. This year the singing will be at the University church building at 7 p.m. Make your plans to be with this group of Christians singing praises to God as 1994 comes to a close. There will be no Bible classes here at our building.
- o Our Bible classes will get back to their regular schedule on Sunday, January 1.

The Young Adult Cluster Class will have a New Year's

party on Friday, December 30, in the fellowship hall. Bring your kids, finger foods and games, and come enjoy the time together. The festivities will begin at 7:00 and continue until you decide it is time to go home.

Ways to give your love at Christmas:

1. Spend a family time by the Christmas tree giving each other written gifts of affirmation. You can do this at least two ways:
(a) Round Robin Style. A sheet of paper with each person's name at the top and the words, "I love you because you. . ." Let each person write a note on each page, then pass it to the next person until all have added their words of love.
(b) Individual notes to each person. Have plenty of stationery or paper for everyone to write a note to each member. (Let preschoolers dictate notes while parents write.) Then each person can read out loud so all can share.
2. Tape a length of butcher paper on the wall and encourage children to draw a Christmas story with markers. Take it on Christmas afternoon to a person who's lonely and doesn't get to be with family.
3. Make Christmas placemats for someone in the hospital or a grandparent. Use blue posterboard or construction paper; let children cut snowflakes of white paper and glue on posterboard (or cut out pictures from old Christmas cards or magazines); then cover with clear contact paper.
4. Have a family "program" on Christmas Eve, or any night, each member planning a song, drawing, poem, drama, or scripture and keeping it a secret until his or her turn.

Start a new Christmas tradition of love for your family this year!

(From Jayma Savage, "Ways to Give Your Love at Christmas.")

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PRAYER AND CARE

Milburn Cook is at home and doing well after surgery last week. **Leona Hardin** is recovering at home from knee surgery. **Z.T. Craver**, Karen Stansbury's father, is recuperating from surgery in Longview. **Grace Greer**, Pauline Daughtry's sister, is in Mother Frances. She suffered a broken hip Tuesday. **Aline Beard** is now at her nephew's home in Athens. **Robbie Bullinger**, Joy Coats' sister, is very ill in a Dallas hospital. **Claude Sessions** is doing well after recent surgery. **Leslie Carruth**, Les' dad, is hospitalized in Lewisville. He has a broken hip. **Randy Welsh**, an employee of Haws Roofing Co., is in Acute Care at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. **David Starnes**, son of Henry and Sue and brother of Glynn, is in room 108 at Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Pat Stokes** is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. Remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved one of our family who are ill at home or in nursing homes.

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 Prayer John Pike
 Scripture Jesse Payne
 Dismiss Bradley Burris

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Marc Tate

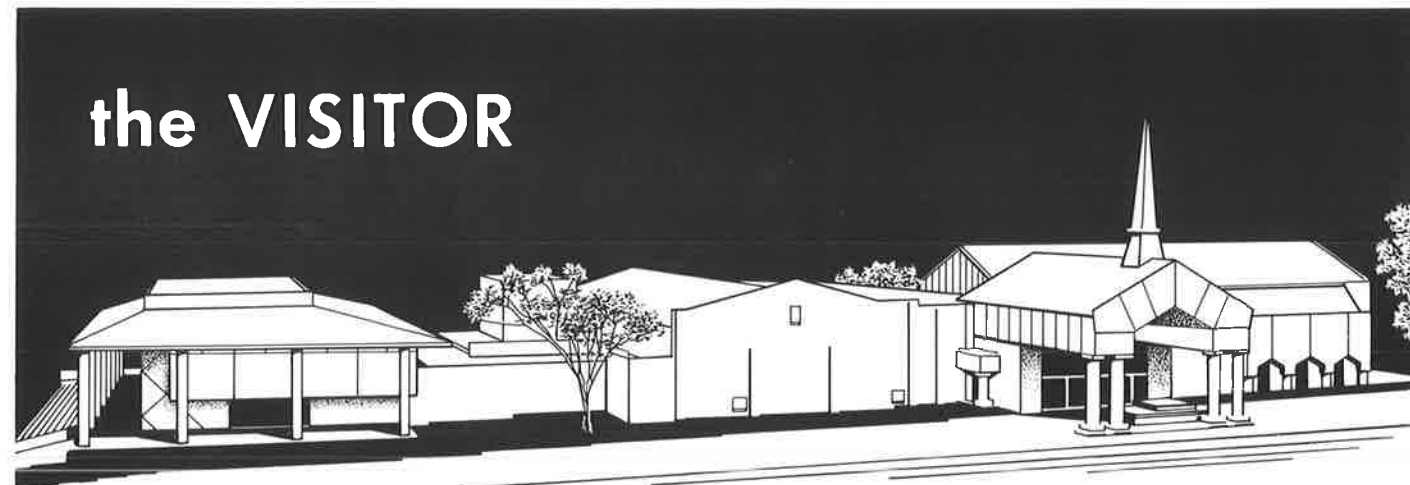
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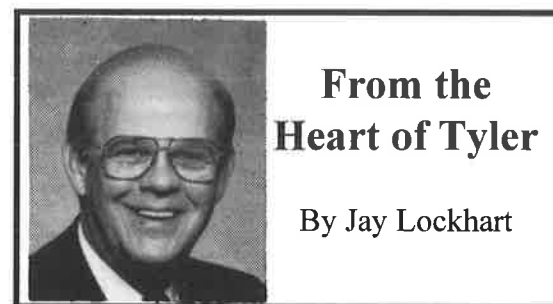
GREETERS

Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall
 Elmer & Nila Miles

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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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, December 18, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Heaven Came Down
 (Acts 2:22-32)

P.M. The Ultimate Issue
 (Luke 2:41-52)

Charles Coil Passes Away

Charles Coil, founding president and chancellor of International Bible College, died at home December 1, 1994, after a lengthy illness. He was 64. Funeral services were conducted at I.B.C. in Florence, Alabama, December 3, by Harold Taylor and Jimmy Allen (Allen was Coil's college roommate). Dennis Jones, president of I.B.C., said of Coil: "I can't say enough good things about someone who was as gracious a Christian as brother Coil. He was beloved by the staff and students here, reared a fine family with his wife Maye, and touched more lives than many of us ever will. His influence reached around the world.... His wisdom and gentlemanly spirit will be sorely missed by all of us here." Charles Coil did local church work for several years before entering full-time meeting work (he preached over 700 gospel meetings nationally and internationally, including Eastern and Western Europe and the Near, Middle, and Far East. In 1971 he became founding president of I.B.C. and served in that capacity, along with his evangelistic work, for 19 years. In 1990 he became chancellor of the college and actively served and promoted the college. When I delivered some speeches at I.B.C. in 1993


Charles Coil introduced my sessions and encouraged me privately even though he was at that time very ill. It was the kind of man he was -- always thinking of others. Charles Coil was a great servant in the kingdom and will be missed by all who knew him.

Special Contribution

This Sunday we will have opportunity to participate in our annual year-end special contribution! And this year we are interested in completely underwriting the entire first year of a missionary family's support in Eastern Europe. A team of workers is preparing to enter Bulgaria in 1995 and we want to be a part of this exciting work. The Glenwood church is already committed to the work in Bulgaria and our elders and Mission Committee are currently doing the necessary background work in order to make a final decision. We estimate that the first year's work will be \$35,000. We are hopeful we can give that amount above our regular contribution this Sunday. Please note: we will take one contribution on Sunday and everything we give above our regular budget will be applied to missions. Do what you can and thank you.

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to Traci Brown and Jeff & Linda Hone for going as sponsors to Holiday In The Park at Six Flags this past Saturday. Thanks to Dannie Skipper and McDonalds for providing tickets.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

This is a special time of the year for most families and they exchange gifts as a way to celebrate the holidays. Not all families are as fortunate as we are. There are many children whose family situations don't allow for them to exchange or even receive gifts. As a part of our ministry, we will be helping two children who are a part of Christian Services of East Texas. Their names are Melissa (age 5) and Kristy (age 20 months) and they live in Athens. We are also providing for B.J. (age 2) and Karen Hannah. Young people, let's make this a special Christmas for Melissa, Kristy, B.J., and Karen. Please check their wish list and bring your gift by Monday Dec. 19.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We will begin the registration process Sunday and a commitment will be needed from each person going so that the housing reservations can be made. The theme for LTC 1995 is "Life in His Name." Our sign-up day was Sunday. If you not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible.

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Tate's Team #3 will meet Dec. 18.

IN APPRECIATION

Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and words of encouragement is greatly appreciated. The surgery at U.T. Health Center was successful and U.T. H.C. care was excellent. Our sincere thanks, love and best wishes to all.

Claude & Odell Sessions

The TJC Campus Christian Center would like to thank you for providing the Monday noon lunch on December 5. We appreciate your continued support and love.

Love in Christ,
TJC Tri-C

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts while my husband was in Cuba. It is wonderful to know that I always have a church "home" to come home to. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Traci O'Quinn Brown

Dear Friends and Family,

Megan and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the kindness and love you showed us while we lived in Tyler. There are so many of you that have written us since we have lived in Arizona. We appreciate all of your letters and especially the Visitor being sent to us.

We miss our friends there but do feel we've made the right move. Megan loves school and is doing so very well - growing up fast. We are surrounded by the mountains and she calls them her mountains. Likewise our home her house so she is very secure in our move. We attend church here. It is not like there. It is very small and not many children but Megan seems happy with the church also and looks forward to Sundays. So security seems to be in this area also. Say hello to all for us and Merry Christmas and a great New Year in 1995.

Much Love,
Wanda Turner & Megan


WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Old in the death of their brother, Eugene Tigert. Services were held Monday in Biloxi, Mississippi.

BIBLE HOUR SCHEDULE

There will be no Bible Hour class on Sunday evenings, December 25 and January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.

Are YOU praying daily for the 100?



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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Melissa Marts Green will receive her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Abilene Christian University on December 16. Melissa is the daughter of Phil and Linda Marts and the wife of Dee Green.

Katie Powell, daughter of Fred and Sarah Powell will receive her Master's Degree in Museum Science on Saturday from Texas Tech.

Congratulations to **Stacey Brookshire** on being named to the Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin University. She will graduate in August.

I AM A VISITOR

"I am a visitor and sometimes I see things your church members don't notice. I can appreciate things you take for granted and be repulsed by things you have learned to accept. Your church building may be beautiful and your sermons inspiring but I notice little things that are important to me.

When I walk in the door, I feel like a stranger - that's what I am. So it means a lot when someone welcomes me with a friendly greeting. I don't mean the preacher but one of the "regular" members. It's nice when they want to know my name, and even better when they want to know me. They try to help me feel at ease. They show me where my Bible class meets; they introduce me to someone else and I make two friends.

Someone invites me to sit with them in the worship service. The person next to me is not a fantastic singer but he sings enthusiastically, like he really means what the song is saying. Everyone is participating and the people seem to be enjoying their worship. I am not used to that, but it makes me feel good.

Later, I forgot what the building looked like or even what the sermon was about, but I remember where I met people who loved God and each other. People who loved me. I want to come back soon so I can find out what makes them that way.!"


- Selected

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Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*

Koinonia is about to be reorganized for 1995. Some new things are planned for our Koinonia Groups as we go into 1995:

- o You will have an option between two kinds of groups in 1995. Our noon groups will meet as they do now -- on Sundays after the morning worship. Each group will meet for a meal in the fellowship hall every sixth or eighth week. In addition, we will add p.m. groups that will meet in homes after the evening assembly on Sundays. These will be smaller groups that meet once a month. Be an active part of one of these. Or enjoy both types of groups if you like!
- o More will be done with the group meetings themselves to make our times together edifying and uplifting.

This Sunday you will be given an opportunity to indicate whether you would like to participate in a noon group or a p.m. group. Be thinking about that, and come Sunday ready to indicate your choice.

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Ways to give your love at Christmas:

1. Make a tape of your family talking, singing, joking, etc., to cheer up someone you love who lives in another town.
2. Make some homemade Christmas paper ornaments or snowflakes, one for your family (put this year's date on it) and some for others who live alone or in the rest home.
3. Light a candle an hour before bedtime, turn out the lights, tell a Christmas story, sing carols, and tell a special memory of a past Christmas.
4. Plan a "Christmas surprise" for a neighbor. Fill a basket with food and/or homemade items, take it to the door, ring doorbell, then run and hide. Talk about the joy of giving instead of receiving with your children.

(From Jayma Savage, "Ways to Give Your Love at Christmas." More next week!)

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Dismiss Brant Prestidge

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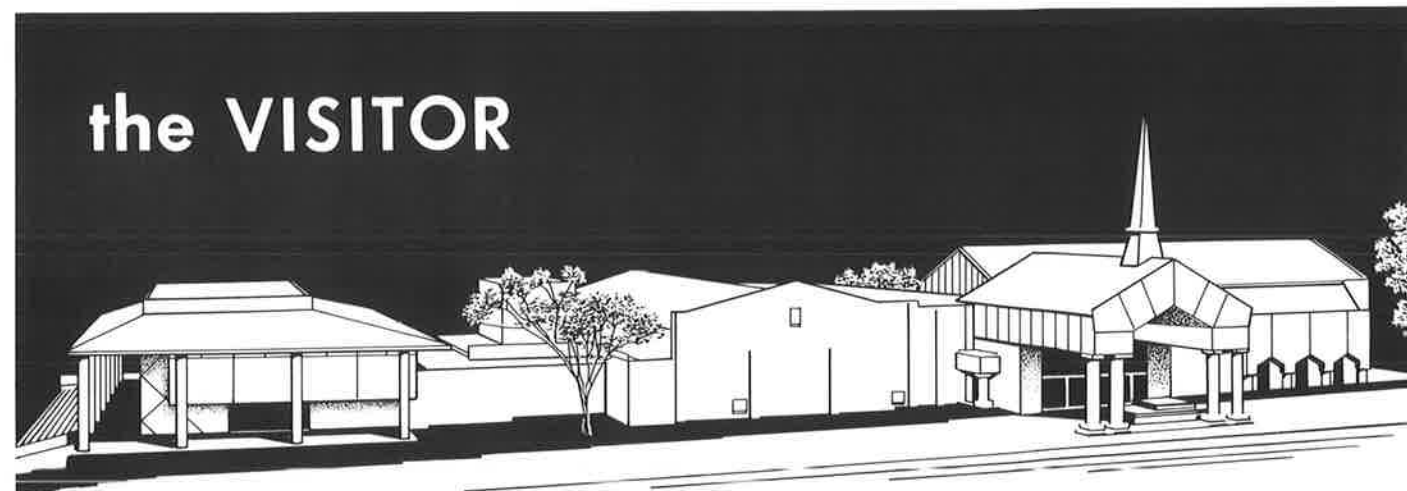
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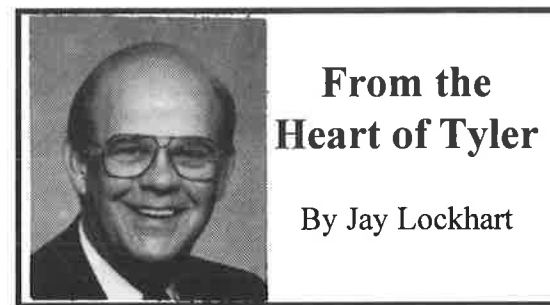
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, December 11, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. A Community In Fellowship
(Acts 2:42-47)
P.M. How To Build A Community In Fellowship (Romans 15:1-7)

Jeffrey Dahmer

You heard it in national news programs. You read about it in newspapers. Jeffrey Dahmer was murdered by a fellow inmate in a Wisconsin prison. There were various reactions to Dahmer's death. He himself had killed seventeen people and had cannibalized some of them. Some family members of Dahmer's victims said he got what he deserved. Others said they had forgiven him. How do you feel about it? Dahmer was recently in the news in another way when the Christian Chronicle reported that he had been baptized by Roy Ratcliff, minister of the Madison church of Christ, following his study of Scripture by a correspondence course sent to him by a sister in Christ. Some rejoiced while others doubted the sincerity of Dahmer and whether or not God would forgive such a sinner as he. There was once another man who had killed people, not seventeen but hundreds and maybe even thousands. He was an angry man who honestly believed he was doing right in taking the lives of others. Later he found that he was wrong and, upon learning the truth, was baptized. In recalling his former life, this man looked upon himself as the


greatest of sinners and as the Apostle Paul he said,

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern (emphasis mine - JPL) to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life." (I Timothy 1:15-16)

If Dahmer sincerely responded to the gospel God forgave him and we do not have to judge his motive -- God does that. Those who question this need to reevaluate their concept of the gospel. Do we believe God will not forgive some people no matter what? Do we recognize that our "respectable sins" are as offensive to God as Dahmer's are to us? Do we believe that after all is said and done God saves us because we are pretty good folks? We would do well to pause right now and thank God for His grace that makes salvation possible for us ... and for the chief of sinners.

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to Traci Brown and Jeff & Linda Hone for going as a sponsors on the high school outing this past Sunday night.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Saturday, Dec. 10, is the day for our trip to Six Flag's Holiday In The Park. Ticket cost is \$5.00. You will also need money for meals. We will be leaving at 12:00 noon Saturday and returning at 12:30 A.M.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

This is a special time of the year for most families and they exchange gifts as a way to celebrate the holidays. Not all families are as fortunate as we are. There are many children whose family situations don't allow for them to exchange or even receive gifts. As a part of our ministry, we will be helping two children who are a part of Christian Services of East Texas. Their names are Melissa (age 5) and Kristy (age 20 months) and they live in Athens. Young people, let's make this a special Christmas for Melissa and Kristy. Please check their wish list and bring your wrapped gift by Monday Dec. 19.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to the West Erwin teams for doing an outstanding job for the fall Bible Quiz. Along with numerous ribbons, the teams won trophies for 4th Place and 1st Place for the total points for the fall. Way to go!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We will begin the registration process Sunday and a commitment will be needed from each person going so that the housing reservations can be made. The theme for LTC 1995 is "Life in His Name." Our sign-up day will be Sunday Dec. 11 after the evening assembly.

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- Jan. 9 Bible Quiz at Glenwood

1995 LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST
"LIFE IN HIS NAME."

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Powell's Team #2 will meet Dec. 12.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank each of you for your cards, visits, calls and your prayers. Continue to pray for me that I will soon be with you again.

In Christian Love,
H.M. & Alla Minnis

We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers during my recent illness. We appreciate your concern.

Buddy & Jackie McDonald

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to John and Ruby Cliver in the death of her uncle, Elmer Reeves. Funeral services were held Sunday in Trinity, Texas.



BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of December 12. Listed below are items needed. However, if there are other items that you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated. PLASTIC WRAP, CHOCOLATE SYRUP, FLOUR.

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 just forget yesterday and tomorrow and try not 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 also 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."

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed until January 11. If you have not been attending this class, put it in your New Year's resolutions. You'll be glad you did.

The Search



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

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Capt. James⁴⁵ and Audrey⁴⁶ Ball are a welcome addition to our West Erwin Family. They moved to Tyler recently from Key West, Florida following his retirement from the military. They live at 22671 Diamond Bay Drive, Frankston, 75763, ph. (903) 876-2715.

William A. (Bill)⁴⁷ and Judy⁴⁸ Smith came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin church and to request our prayers that they might be better Christians. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing family. They formerly worshipped with the church in Edgewood but have been visiting here for some time. Their address is Route 3, Box 3355A, Ben Wheeler, 75754, ph. 852-3198.

May God bless us all as we seek to serve God together.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joni Armstrong! She will graduate from the University of Texas at Tyler on December 16 with a B.A. in Elementary Education.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Harold and Shirley Denman on the birth of a new granddaughter! Mikayla Kay was born December 5 to Mike and Jeannie Gallegly. She weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long.

MAY YOU HAVE


Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

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Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*

KOINONIA: fellowship, communion, sharing close relationship

Koinonia is about to be reorganized for 1995. A group of people has been working with me to reorganize and revitalize our fellowship groups for next year. I am excited about the plans that they put together, and I think you will be happy with them as well. Our present Koinonia groups were assigned two years ago. So, right after the beginning of the year, we will reassign the groups so that you will have an opportunity to become closer to others in our family here at West Erwin.

Several other changes are in the works as well:

- o West Erwin has grown over the past two years to the point that it is time to add more groups to our noon Koinonia. In 1995, we will have 8 groups instead of 6 to rotate meetings on Sundays.
- o You will have an option between two kinds of groups in 1995. Our noon groups will meet as they do now -- on Sundays after the morning worship. Each group will meet for a meal in the fellowship hall every eight week. In addition, we will add some p.m. groups to meet in homes after the evening assembly on Sundays. These will be smaller groups that meet once a month.
- o More will be done with the group meetings themselves to make our times together edifying and uplifting.

Over the next two Sundays you will be given an opportunity to indicate whether you would like to participate in a noon group or a p.m. group. Be thinking about that, and come Sunday to get more information.

THANKS to all who helped plan the all-church banquet this year. So many persons worked together to put on, what I think, has been the best Christmas banquet West Erwin has ever seen. It's amazing what can happen when so many folks join their God-given talents together to accomplish a project. Thanks to all of you who made our time together so delightful -- from those of you who decorated, to those who entertained, to those who planned the menu, to those who worked the reservation table, to those who donated door prizes, to those who helped clean up. My special appreciation goes to Kelly and Jeannie Ross who gave a lot of extra time to plan this year's banquet.

All of us who planned the banquet this year hope you all enjoyed it!

421 in Bible class last Sunday! Our largest class attendance this year! Let's have over 400 again in class this Sunday. We will close out 1994 in a big way. See you then!

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Records	Sunday Nov. 27	Sunday Nov. 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	390	419	340
Worship A.M.	552	542	492
Worship P.M.	322	352	328
Wed. P.M.	NC	257	131
Contribution	\$12,593.10	\$13,026.60	\$12,106.35
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 4, and Wed. P.M., Dec. 7, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Les Carruth is at home and doing well following angioplasty Monday. **Claude Sessions** is doing well after surgery Monday at U.T. Health Center and expects to go home Thursday. **Buddy McDonald** is in Medical Center, room 2533, following a heart attack. **Calvin Mannen** was scheduled for eye surgery Tuesday in Dallas. **Randy Welsh**, an employee of Haws Roofing Co., is improved and may get to come home Friday. **Bill Bruce** needs our prayers as he is having serious health problems. **David Starnes**, son of Henry and Sue and brother of Glynn, suffered another stroke. He is in Medical Center Hospita, room 2502. **Rozener Strait** recently had a stroke at Glenview Nursing Home. **Pat Stokes** is showing improvement and expects to go to her daughter's home soon. Remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved one of our family who are ill at home or in nursing homes.

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Prayer Fred Powell
Scripture Dan Payne
Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

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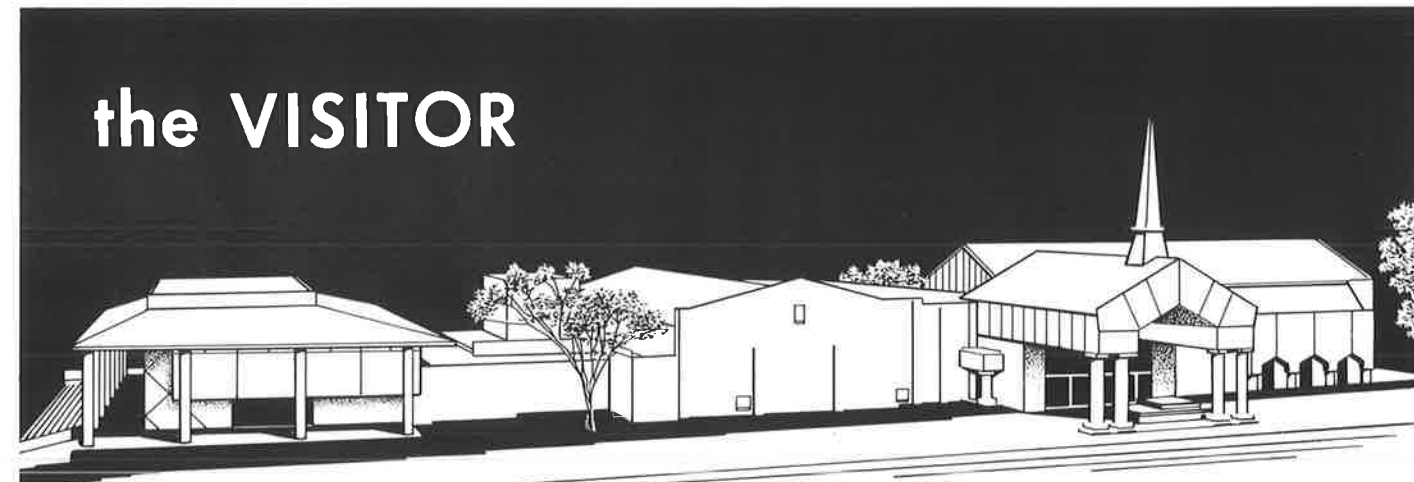
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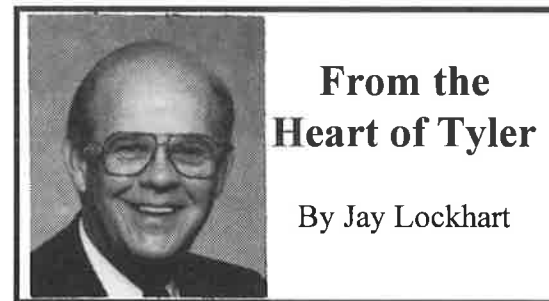
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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, December 4, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Assembly
(Hebrews 10:19-25)

P.M. Being Convicted By Their Conscience
(John 8:1-11)

IT SEEMS ODD TO ME


Recently Susan Smith of Spartanburg, South Carolina was on the cover of TIME magazine. A few weeks before she had appeared on national television as a grieving mother who said her two young sons, Michael and Alex, had been abducted and the sympathy of the nation was extended to her. Then we learned that in reality there had been no abduction, but that Susan had in fact murdered her sons by strapping them in their car seats and submerging the car in a lake so that they drowned. Along with her picture on TIME's cover was the question: "How could she do it?" Our nation is in shocked disbelief. However, if Susan had killed her sons a few months before their births by having them aborted, as thousands of mothers do each year, she would not have been on the cover of a national magazine and scarcely anyone would have noticed. Doesn't that seem odd to you? It does to me.

Something else seems odd to me. Dr. Flavil Yeakley, Jr., who has done as much study in church growth as anyone in the churches of Christ, has recently published a booklet, Separating Fact From Fiction, emphasizing church growth patterns. Yeakley observes that among the 15 largest religious groups in America, the seven that are growing are generally more conservative than the

eight that are declining. He also notes that the growing churches are clearly more distinctive in their message than those in decline. Further, among historical heirs of the Restoration Movement, the two groups that have retained a distinctiveness and a conservative theology (the churches of Christ and the Christian church) are growing and the one that has adopted a liberal ecumenical theology (the Disciples of Christ) has declined more than any of the other major religious groups in America. We need to maintain a distinctive and conservative theology, not just because it works (which it does), but because it is right. The point of view advocated by some that if the church is to grow in the 90's it must place less emphasis upon distinctive and conservative theology is just simply not true, not only from a Biblical perspective but from the hard facts of church growth. In being the church we must avoid two errors: (1) We must avoid a narrow, judgmental, sectarian spirit which causes us to be what we disavow -- a denomination; and (2) We must avoid abandonment of the plea for New Testament Christianity which plea has brought us to be what we have become -- Christians only. To fall into either error seems odd to me. Does it to you?

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Youth Notes
by **Danny Snell**



THANKS!

Thanks to Jim Bell for teaching the youth classes this last Sunday.
Thanks to all of those who went to Maz-zio's this past Sunday night for the combined activity. Thanks to Jeff and Linda Hone for going as sponsors.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Saturday Dec. 10 is the day for our trip to Six Flag's Holiday In The Park. Ticket cost is \$13.95. You will also need money for meals. You must sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 7. The sign up list is posted by the youth bulletin board.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Dec. 5 at Glenwood. We will start at 7:00 and end at 8:00. Numbers 25-27, 31-36, and Deut. 31-34 will be the text. There will also be a Super Quiz which covers all of the passages from this fall. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board. We will practice this Sunday at 4:30.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are working on the plans for LTC 1995 and everyone needs to begin thinking about what events you want to participate in. We will begin the registration process in a few weeks and a commitment will be needed from each person going so that the housing reservations can be made. The theme for LTC 1995 is "Life in His Name." Our sign-up day will be Sunday Dec. 11.

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"LIFE IN HIS NAME."

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Gamer's Team #1 will meet Dec. 5.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,
You have encouraged our hearts by your many wonderful acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital and since coming home. I am continuing therapy and have much to accomplish. We are especially grateful for your prayers for a complete recovery. Harold and I feel so blessed to be a part of this great congregation of Christian people. We love you dearly.
Nelda Browning

Charles' sister, Martha Trostel, got a good report after recent surgery and tests and she will begin chemo the first of December. We would like to express our thanks for your prayers and your concern. Please continue to pray for her recovery.
Charles & Louise Seaberry

THE POWER OF ONE

You may be only ONE but you're important.
No one can take your place.
No one can do for you what God wants you to do.
Be in your place this week.
Let the Bible light your path.

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK


The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of December 12. Listed below are items needed. However, if there are other items that you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated. PLASTIC WRAP, CHOCOLATE SYRUP, FLOUR.

TODAY

Outside my window a new day I see,
And only I can determine what kind of day it will be.
It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay
Or boring and cold, unhappy and gray.
My own state of mind is the determining key
For I am the only person I let myself be,
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,
Or be selfish and think just of myself.
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun,
Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.
I can be patient with those who may not understand
Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can,
But I have faith in myself and believe what I say,
And I personally intend to make the
BEST OF EACH DAY!!
....Author Unknown

Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

The Search Each Sunday
KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We rejoice with Joy (Mrs. David) Shogry⁴⁴ in her new birth. She was baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening and we are very happy to welcome her and her children, Steven, Mary, and Kevin, into our family at West Erwin. Joy is the daughter of Paul and Linda Brummit. Her address is 10725 Clear Cove Drive, 75703, ph. 534-0249.

ATTENTION, WEST ERWIN LADIES

The Tabitha Class
Would Like To
Invite You To
Celebrate
The Season By
Joining Them For
A Christmas Tea
On
Sunday, December 4
2:00 - 3:30
West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Please consider this your personal invitation


TIMELY ADVICE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

If you are impatient,
Sit down quietly and talk with Job.
If you are just a little strong-headed,
Go and see Moses.
If you are getting weak-kneed,
Take a good look at Elijah.
If there's 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.
via The Exhorter
Mt. Juliet, TN

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A Candy Cane Christmas
5th Annual All-Church Banquet
Friday, December 9, 1994
7 p.m. • \$10 a person

- o Dress: Semi-formal
- o Catered by Sweet Sue's Restaurant
- o Child care provided at the building
- o Brought to you by the Young Adult Cluster Class

This Sunday and Wednesday are your last opportunities to reserve yourself a place for this year's banquet. We have just a few more places open. Join the West Erwin family for this delightful

New Wednesday Electives begin December 7:

The Search: God's Child Faces Trials	SmAud	Jay Lockhart
The Most Excellent Way: 1 Corinthians	111	Danny Snell
Strike the Original Match (Marriage and Family)	112	Leon Welborn
Inside-Out Christianity (Class for women)	Heritage Room	Carolyn Womack
Foundations of the Church (Discussion for men)	113	Don Durham
College and Single	305	Stan Clark
Cluster Equipping Class	114	Dewey Howard

Did you know that we have an active and growing group of singles here at the West Erwin family? You may be someone (or know of someone) that could use the friendship and involvement that this group provides. There are several activities that this group does during the month to strengthen and encourage one another. They are a valuable part of the life of this church and they ought to be commended.

We had 390 in Bible class Sunday! Not bad for a holiday weekend. That makes November our best month for class attendance all year. Thank you for participating in our Bible class ministry. It helps you in your walk with God, and it helps the West Erwin family. Let's have over 400 again in class this Sunday. See you then!

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Bible Class	419	400	376
Worship A.M.	542	567	513
Worship P.M.	352	334	438
Wed. P.M.	257	255	239
Contribution	\$13,026.60	\$13,788.65	\$12,903.64
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 27 and Wed. P.M. Nov. 30, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

PRAYER AND CARE

Randy Welch, an employee of Haws Roofing Co., was seriously injured in an accident last Friday. His condition is critical but stable after surgery on Monday. **Jean Walters** has been ill at home with the flu. **Lee Tindall**, Roberta Tindall's son and Nerene Ingram's brother, is at home and doing well after by-pass surgery last week. **Nelda Browning, H.M. Minnis, Warren Gray, and Ron Lowrance** are all recuperating at home. **Nita Miller** is in Trinity Valley Hospital in Palestine. **Pat Stokes** is showing improvement and expects to go to her daughter's home soon. **Summer Buckalew**, Carolyn Blackstone's 3-year old cousin, was dismissed from Children's Hospital on Wednesday. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, is having back problems. **Bea Massey**, Ruby Cliver's mother, is now at home in Livingston. Remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved one of our family who are ill at home or in nursing homes.

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 Prayer Henry McRuiz
 Scripture Jim Mayer
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts

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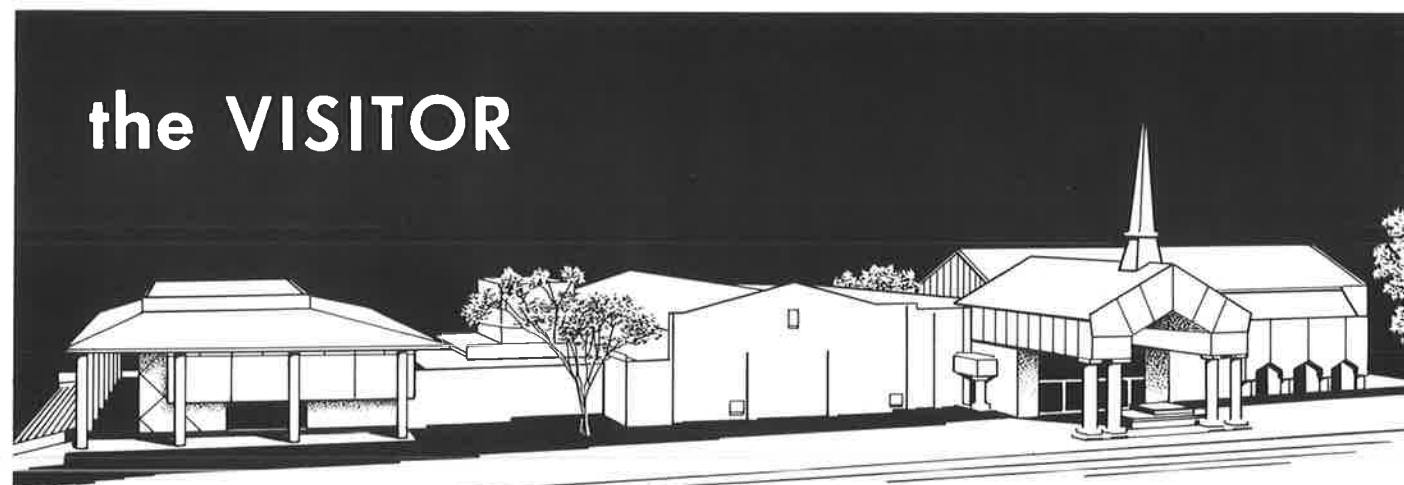
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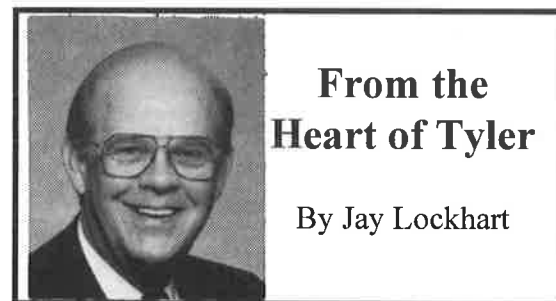
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By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, November 27, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

- A.M. At The Right Moment He Comes
(John 6:15-21)
- P.M. When A Little Is A Lot
(John 6:5-14)

"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS" (I Thessalonians 5:18)

The fourth week of November is one of my favorite holidays. It's a time of national and personal reflection upon how greatly we have been blessed ... and there's no commercialism (with the one possible exception of the poultry industry seeking to persuade us to eat turkey because the pilgrims did!!?). The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us of those pilgrims who first braved the stormy North Atlantic ocean to come to the New World and that nearly half of the 103 who came did not survive that first year. It also reminds us that the beautiful harvest of the next year prompted William Bradford to declare a day of thanksgiving in the fall of 1621. Thanksgiving reminds us of the birth of a nation -- the land of the free and the home of the brave -- in 1776 and the proclamation of George Washington calling for a day of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26, 1789. We are reminded of our Independence Day -- July 4, 1776 -- and that in the more than 200 years of our history America has become the greatest nation in the world and the envy of all other peoples. Why is America great? One reason is, in the words of the well known

song, "God has shed His grace on thee." God has blessed this nation with an abundance of natural resources and the ability to literally feed the rest of the world. Another reason America is great is because it was built upon the principles of God and the Bible and has respected the dignity and freedom of the individual. In many instances we have gone far from the intentions of the founding fathers and we do have a lot of internal headaches, but America remains the greatest nation on earth and we are thankful to be a part of it. Additionally, we are reminded by placing emphasis upon thanksgiving of the blessings of home, family, and friends, and we remember our spiritual blessings: salvation, providence, membership in God's family, and the hope of heaven. When we count our blessings we can give thanks in everything, even the bad things that happen to us, knowing that God is still God and He is at work in everything to bring about good in the lives of those who love Him. Thanksgiving is a nice time of the year ... and a part of the Christian's life on a daily basis.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to Mark Hutchins, Rachel Huff, Linda Hone, Cindy Carruth, and Matt Carpenter for going as sponsors on the Middle School Retreat. This was one of the best retreats we have had. We also had the largest attendance since we began this city wide event. Thanks to all of those who went and made it so special.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Melanie Goodson and Jennifer Knight whose soccer team won 1st Place in the City of Tyler Under 12 Girls Fall Season. They also placed 1st and 2nd (three times) in tournaments. Way to go girls!

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"LIFE IN HIS NAME."

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Womack's Team #4 will meet Nov. 28.

IN APPRECIATION

To: West Erwin Church of Christ:

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for your calls, visits, cards, gifts, flowers and most of all your prayers during my recent hospital stay. Gaynelle and I are so grateful for Jay Lockhart and our loving, caring Christian family. We love you.

Thanks,
Warren Gray

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." - Psalm 107:8, 9

"... If you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." - Proverbs 2:1-8

"Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." - Psalms 100:4-5

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - II Corinthians 9:11, 12

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of December 12. Listed below are items needed. However, if there are other items that you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated. PLASTIC WRAP, CHOCOLATE SYRUP, FLOUR.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday for Oran Roddy, Patsy Fisher's uncle. Services were held last Friday for Evalyn McCoy. Services were held last Sunday in Canton for Carmen Hogue. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

The Search



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

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with Jill Proell⁴² in her new birth. She was recently baptized into Christ and we are very happy to welcome her and her two young sons, Jared (age 10) and Josh (age 9), into our family at West Erwin. Their address is P.O. Box 783, Bullard, 75757, ph. 825-3366.

Chris Vaughan⁴³ has been attending here for several weeks and has made known his wish to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. He is a welcome addition to our growing family. His address is P.O. Box 134, Bullard, 75757, ph. 894-7424.

ATTENTION, WEST ERWIN LADIES

The Tabitha Class
would like to
invite you

to be their honored guest
for a Holiday Tea
at the

West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 4
2:00 - 3:30

Please consider this your personal invitation

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Robby Scott on being selected as one of the Outstanding Young People in Abilene by the Optimist Club. The young people, nominated by their professors, were honored at a reception on November 15. We're very proud that two of "our" young people were honored as outstanding young people in Abilene.

A HAPPY HEART

"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 do you see of it? 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

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Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

A Candy Cane Christmas

5th Annual All-Church Banquet

Friday, December 9, 1994
7 p.m. • \$10 a person

- o Enjoy the West Erwin Talent Review - several acts have been planned, get yours turned in to Dewey soon.
- o Take advantage of the free child care provided.
- o Brought to you by the Young Adult Cluster Class.

Only 2 more weeks to reserve yourself a place. Space has filled up quickly. We have just a few more places open. Join the West Erwin family for this delightful time together!

New Sunday Adult Class Studies begin December 4:

Auditorium Class SmAud God's Plan for the Ages
Jay Lockhart

50-70's HR In Step with the Spirit
Roy Bench

Boomers 111 Be Satisfied: Looking for the Answer to the Meaning of Life
Ray Vannoy

Young Adults FH The Blessing: Receiving and Giving Unconditional Acceptance
Cluster Groups

Mixed Ages 112 A Survey of the Book of Acts
Stan Mallory

Ladies 114 2 Timothy
Sue Starnes

College Adults 305 Chosen for Riches
Jeff Fennell

Check out the new bulletin board outside my office.

There is a place for you to indicate how you would like to be involved in the West Erwin teaching ministry for the next year. You can sign up for a specific class in a specific quarter. Or you may prefer to volunteer as a permanent substitute. Or you could help us in the workroom on Sunday or Wednesday one month out of the year. Please use this bulletin board as a additional way to communicate with us how you want to be used as a teacher or helper.

Four Sundays in a row of over 400 in Bible Class!
Let's keep growing!

Records	Sunday Nov. 13	Sunday Nov. 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	400	415	365
Worship A.M.	567	602	447
Worship P.M.	334	343	302
Wed. P.M.	255	222	239
Contribution	\$13,788.65	\$13,677.55	\$12,850.50
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 20 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 23, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.

PRAYER AND CARE

Les Carruth had a heart cath Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Lee Tindall**, Roberta Tindall's son and Nerene Ingram's brother, is doing well after by-pass surgery Monday at Medical Center. **Nelda Browning** expects to go home this week. **Ron Lowrance** is recuperating at home. **Warren Gray** has been dismissed from Medical Center. **H. M. Minnis** is doing well following back surgery and expects to go home this week. **Curtis Skyver**, Jerry and Debbie Hastings' son-in-law, has been diagnosed with meningitis at Medical Center. **Nita Miller** is in Trinity Valley Hospital in Palestine. **Pat Stokes** is showing some improvement in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Summer Buckalew**, Carolyn Blackstone's 3-year old cousin, is in rehab at Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, is having back problems. Remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home or in nursing homes.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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MISSIONS	
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ASSEMBLIES	
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Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
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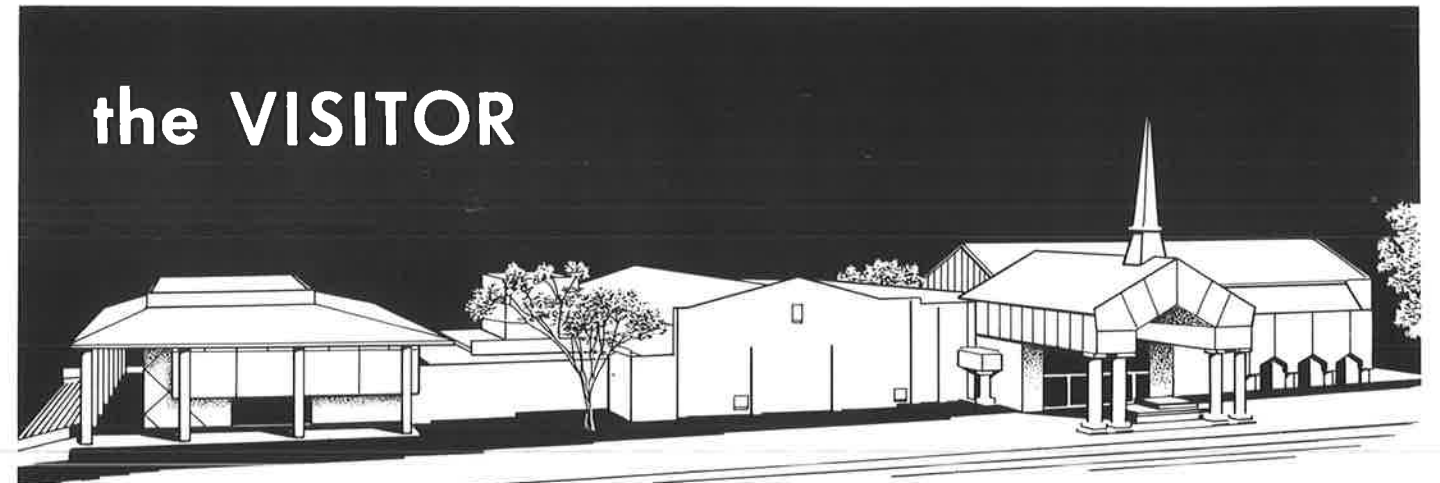
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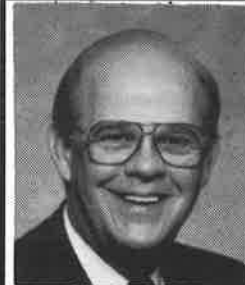
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 Edgar & Delle Bullard

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, November 20, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. As Many As Received Him
 (John 1:1-5, 11-14)
 P.M. Disciples Indeed
 (John 8:31-36)

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS

On Wednesday evenings my class meets in the old auditorium and is the taping session for THE SEARCH. We are currently engaged in a study of the book of Job which we are calling "A Child Of God Faces Trials." All of us are familiar with Job's story, especially that he had everything, lost everything, and regained everything. What we know best about Job is found in the first two chapters and the last chapter of the book. We are not so well acquainted with Job's struggles in chapters 3 - 41. Job was a man of integrity and faith, but in his suffering he was confused, he felt abandoned, and he felt betrayed. Job did not understand why he was suffering and since God did not answer his "whys" Job wished he had not been born and that he could now die. Job reminds us of the consequences of faulty reasoning. Job reasoned that God blesses the righteous and since he was righteous, why was God causing him to suffer. However, Job's

reasoning was faulty in that the righteous are not exempt from suffering and God was not causing his suffering. Faulty reasoning led Job to faulty conclusions: God may not be just or He may not care for me. Faulty conclusions led Job to a faulty world view: there is little advantage to serving God. A faulty world view led to cynicism: nothing good will happen. Cynicism led to despair: it is better to die than to live. Through Job's suffering God allowed him to grow spiritually and to see his faulty reasoning had only added to his pain. The lesson for us is obvious: if we wish to draw correct conclusions, which will affect all of the other areas of our lives, we must reason correctly and seek to have correct premises from which we can draw our conclusions. A careful study of the Bible and a gathering of all the facts available will help us in our reasoning... and in our conclusions.

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Nov. 20.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your calls, visits, cards and flowers are a precious remembrance to us in the loss of Dad. May God bless each one of you.

The A.O. Mallory Family
Stan and Ernestine

I want to thank each and everyone of you for all the cards, food, and flowers you sent during the death of my father. I also want to thank the singers for making my father's service so beautiful which enlightened our hearts with God's love. Thanks again for all your prayers and thoughtfulness.

Your sister in Christ,
Ginger Metcalf

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

November is a special time for the Thanksgiving holiday which most of the world observes. We are able to celebrate thanksgiving every day because of the dedication and faithfulness of friends in supporting this great ministry.

With so many children from different backgrounds, High Plains Children's Home always has a variety of needs. Members of West Erwin, thank you for your special donation of the 20 beautiful handmade quilts. It will help provide our children with important and necessary needs of life. Thanks again! You made the day of all our children in care! May God continue to bless your generosity.

Craig Howard, Director

THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCHEON

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ will host their annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon for those less fortunate or alone. The hours are from 11:00 until 2:00 and transportation is provided for those who might need it. Check the posters in the foyer or call the Shiloh Road church for more details.

"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU"

"Wouldn't this old world be better,

If the folks we meet would say:

'I know something good about you'

And then treat us just that way!

Wouldn't it be more pleasant,

If the good that's in us all

Were the only things about us

That folks bothered to recall!

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy

If each hand clasp warm and true

Carried with it this assurance:

'I know something good about you!'

Wouldn't life be lots more happy

If we'd praise the good we see

For there's such a lot of goodness

In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice this

Fine way of thinking too?

You know something good about me,

I know something good about you!"

Author Unknown

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Lauree Hale⁴¹ made known her wish Sunday to be recognized as a part of the West Erwin family. She attended here for many years and we are very happy to welcome her back home. Her address is 326 West Wilson, 75702, ph. 593-5263.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Tri-C students invite all Young at Heart, Golden Agers, Prime-Timers, Pure Gold, etc. to an afternoon of games on Sunday, November 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Tri-C, 1415 South Baxter. Bring your dominoes, Skip-Bo or any other games. For more information, please call 593-3331.

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HEART AND HOME

Ron Rose's newsletter, a monthly, quick-read digest on family strengths and character development is packed with proven suggestions, hand-on information, inspirational stories, and just the right amount of humor. Ron is making this resource available at a special rate as a follow-up to his time with us. Get the next 12 issues of Heart & Home sent directly to your home for only \$12 (normal rate is \$15). Get an effective "strong families mini-workshop in your mailbox" each month. Send your check to Heart & Home, Box 820971. Ft. Worth, TX 76182.

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Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

Come participate in a special Thanksgiving Devotional on Wednesday evening, November 23. Our normal Wednesday night classes will not meet on this night. Instead, we will take this opportunity to express an extra measure of thanks to God -- for who God is and for what He has done in our lives. Everyone will be together in the small auditorium. God will be honored, and you will be richly blessed.

Three Sundays in a row of over 400 in Bible Class! 400 were together in our Bible classes Sunday morning -- and that with a group of our teens at Harding over the weekend. Our Bible class attendance typically experiences a slump during the late fall and winter. But with your help we can prevent that slump from hitting us this year. We have some of the best teachers that you will find in our brotherhood. Continue to take advantage of what they have to offer. We'll see you here on Sunday!

I want to thank all of you who participated in the Education Ministry Planning Session last Sunday. Over 50 people dreamed and planned and looked to the future for what the Lord can do through us here at West Erwin. Thank you for your enthusiasm and for the ideas that you generated. The next T.E.E.M. Newsletter will summarize the ideas that came out of our meeting. Watch for that, and watch for the way the education ministry will take shape in 1995. Remember to always pray for God's richest blessings as we move forward in our ministry.

TEACHERS, please make a note of these:

- o When this quarter is over at the end of November, return your teaching materials to the workroom. This includes visual aid materials, teachers manuals, student workbooks, and other teaching materials that came out of the workroom. If you find some things that have been left in your room from previous quarters, please return these as well. We appreciate your help.
- o The material for the Winter Quarter is in and ready for you to pick up. Come by the office to get your curriculum and resources for the new quarter.

Have you hugged a teacher lately? Several of our teachers will be rotating out of their classes at the end of this quarter. They have been doing an outstanding job of leading us and our children in a discovery of God's word. You know that, I know that, but have you told them that you know that? This Sunday and Wednesday, tell your teacher how much you appreciate the effort that he/she puts into your class. Let your child's teacher know that you are glad that he/she is helping you teach your child about God. Help your children express their appreciation to their teachers. Make this Sunday a "Hug-A-Teacher Day"!

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Bible Class	415	437	407
Worship A.M.	602	592	528
Worship P.M.	343	465	339
Wed. P.M.	222	241	278
Contribution	\$13,677.55	\$12,248.16	\$13,276.10
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 13 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 16, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.

PRAYER AND CARE

Nelda Browning is in Mother Frances rehab following knee replacement surgery. **Ron Lowrance** is recuperating at home. **Warren Gray** is in Medical Center, room 3532, for tests. **H. M. Minnis** is scheduled for back surgery Thursday. **Walter Farrer** is in Mother Frances, room 463. **Ray Bradford** is having outpatient treatment on his back Wednesday. **Pat Stokes** is showing some improvement in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Carolyn Hughes**, Hillard's sister-in-law and Hoyt and Elizabeth's daughter-in-law, is at home and is some better in Austin, Texas. **Summer Buckalew**, Carolyn Blackstone's 3-year old cousin, is in rehab at Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, is having back problems. Remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home or in nursing homes.

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 Prayer Jamon Kirby
 Scripture Jon Lowrance
 Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

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 Prayer Doug Ragsdale
 Scripture Kevin Maples
 Dismiss Archie Lowry

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 Delbert Nelson David Newton
 Earl O'Quinn Jason O'Quinn
 Wade Park Jeff Parrish

GREETERS

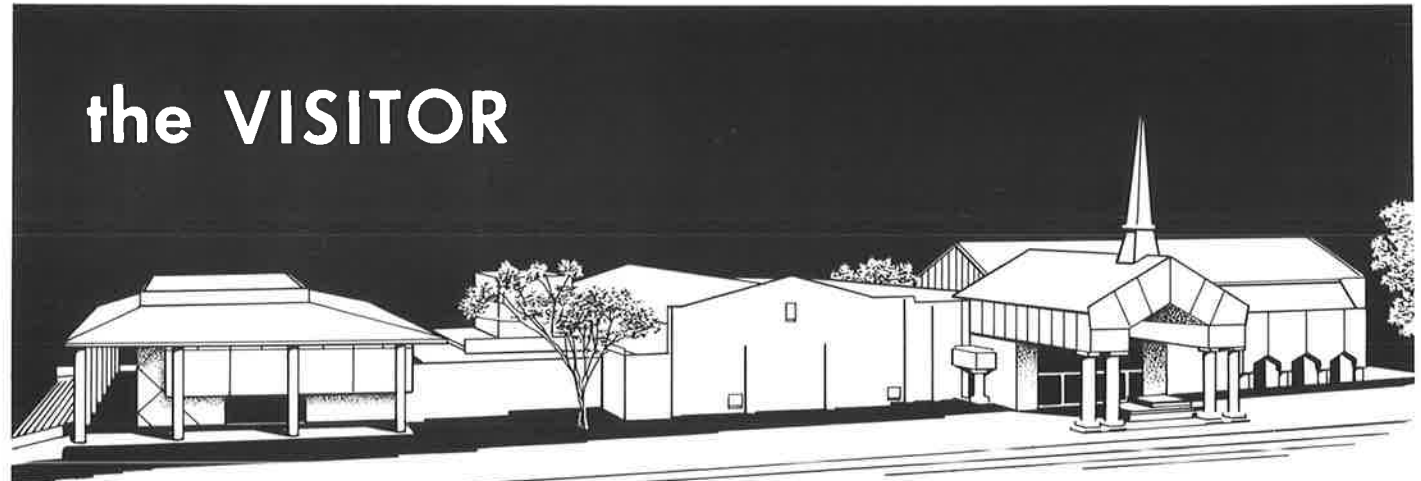
Ben & Patsy Young
 Don & Norma Durham

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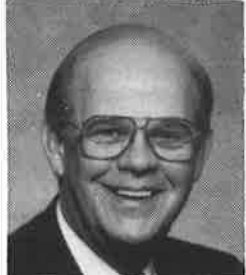
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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, November 13, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Forgiven!
 (Ephesians 4:25-32)
 P.M. The More Pressing Issues
 (Matthew 23:23-28, 37)

GREAT ATTENDANCE!

Two weeks ago we almost reached the 600 mark in our worship assembly on Sunday morning as we had 592 (our largest number in some time). Then last Sunday we surpassed 600 with 602 present. That is wonderful! Only on special occasions have we had over 600 since we have been in our new building, which we entered almost three years ago. Last Sunday, without any special goals or any holiday, we broke that barrier and we are happy about it. Now, let me share with you some interesting numbers. With the coming of the computer we have a lot of statistical information available to us. We currently have 653 members representing 381 families. There are 841 people who are associated with this church -- members plus children. On a given Sunday we have approximately 50 visitors. That means we have nearly 900 possible "attenders" on Sunday -- members, children, and visitors. Why do we

rejoice when we have only two-thirds that many in worship -- where are the other 300? We have about 100 people on our rolls who have missed from 6 to 75 consecutive Sundays. For all practical purposes most of these have quit attending all together. Additionally we have several of our members who are shutins at home or in nursing homes. And each Sunday we have from 125 to 175 of our active members who miss because of sickness, being out of town, etc. So there you have it -- 300 people (quite a nice sized congregation in itself) absent each week because of things beyond their control or because a decision was made to be absent. When you plan to be away -- and we must sometimes - do not suppose it makes no difference. You are missed. Do you suppose we could plan to be at home on weekends more next year? Just something to think about.

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THANKS!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brooke Taylor for making the All Region Orchestra. Brooke plays the violin at Hubbard Middle School. Way to go Brooke!

HARDING HIGH SCHOOL DAYS

Please pray for the group going to Harding this weekend. They will be leaving Friday and returning Sunday afternoon.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Nov. 14 at Shiloh Rd. Meet at Shiloh Rd. at 6:45 and we will be finished at 8:00. Numbers 1-3, 10-14, 16-17, and 20-24 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board. We will practice Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

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Nov. 13 Bible Quiz Practice
Nov. 14 Bible Quiz at Shiloh Rd.
Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

1995 Leadership Training For Christ
"Life in His Name"

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Powell's Team #2 will meet Nov. 14.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and cards during the time of the loss of our loved one, Imogene Steel Wroten. We also thank you for the prayers for Carolyn Blackstone's father. Prayer changes things. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Love,
Melvin & Bertie Steel

At the death of my aunt and during all Dale's medical tests, every kind gesture from our West Erwin family was greatly appreciated. Your prayers and all the cards have meant so much. Please continue to remember us during the illness of my dad and recovery of my cousin. We love you!

Carolyn Blackstone & family

We attended the Fall Festival on October 30 and we just wanted to thank everyone who helped out with this event, physically and financially! The kids had so much fun and the youth of your church did a great job with the booths. Thanks again for allowing the community to join in on such a fun event!

Sincerely,
Gina, Danielle & Ty Barr

To My West Erwin Family,

I want to thank you for all the expressions of love and concern during my recent stay in the hospital and recovery at home. Your many cards, visits, flowers and especially your prayers were appreciated and helpful for my recovery.

In Christian love,
Chloe Clark

Thanks so much for every act of kindness during the illness and death of Ford. The food, visits, cards and plants are appreciated.

Tommie Alice Egbert

To our brethren at West Erwin,

We are very grateful to you for sending Dewey and Angela to West Point for the teaching seminar. They gave us some great ideas and we will benefit greatly from their time here.

Yours in Christ,
Ray & Linda Maxwell & Family

To those in Tyler!

Thanks so much for all the great things you have done for us. We are truly grateful.

Walter, Becky Luebert & Family
The Franklins, Judy Hansen
Mary Lou Bolter, Gladys Ventris
Cheryl Perchal

"Your example is powerful beyond measure"

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home for Bill Rozell, Ginger Metcalf's dad.

Services were held at the Broad Street Church of Christ on Monday for A.O. Mallory, Stan Mallory's father.

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



James and Sharon Gehring came Sunday to place membership and to request our prayers that they be a better Christian family. They are the parents of Shelly Sustaire and Sharon is the daughter of Ruth Crosser. They come to us from the Broad Street church in Mineola. Their address is 301 Jeffries, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-7866. We are very pleased to welcome them into our growing West Erwin family.

PARENTING

Parent Services Center, Inc. presents: "Raising Moral Children in an Immoral Society." Topics will be: Parent Choices and Decisions for Their Children; Activities and Alternatives to Society's Pressures; Helping Empower Children to Build Their Inner Confidence. It will be held at the Parent Services Center at 836 South College from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 1994. The cost is \$15.00 per family and you need to call (903) 595-2235 for reservations. Child care will be provided with advance reservations.

BUT ONCE

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or 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

Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image Of Christ
Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging

West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin * Tyler, TX 75702

Spotlight on Education

by Dewey Howard

We need you at the

Education Ministry Planning Session

this Sunday evening, November 13. We will meet in the fellowship hall after our evening assembly. A meal will be provided and child care will be available for the meeting time. All we ask you to bring is \$1 or \$2 per person to help cover the cost of the meal and your dreams and ideas. We will use this time to evaluate, dream and plan for 1995. **Everyone interested in the education efforts of the West Erwin family is encouraged to participate.** We did this last year and came up with several great ideas that have helped make 1994 a wonderfully productive year. I hope you will attend.

Two Sundays in a row of over 400 in Bible Class! 415 men, women and children were together at the West Erwin building to allow God's word to work in their lives. Let's keep this trend going. It encourages our teachers and it improves our Bible study efforts. Thanks for participating in the West Erwin Bible class ministry. We'll see you here on Sunday!

A Candy Cane Christmas
5th Annual All-Church Banquet
Friday, December 9, 1994
7 p.m. • \$10 a person

- o Enjoy the West Erwin Talent Review - several acts have been planned, get yours turned in to Dewey soon.
- o Take advantage of the free child care provided.
- o Brought to you by the Young Adult Cluster Class.

Begin this Sunday to reserve yourself a place. You will be given the opportunity to pick the seat you want for the dinner. Do this early; space is limited and the banquet fills up quickly.

Our Koinonia Ministry has concluded for 1994. For two years now our present groups have shared time together at noon on Sundays for lunch. Thanks to all of you who have helped make Koinonia a positive time for members and guests alike. It has helped us become a little more acquainted with our fellow brothers and sisters at West Erwin.

We are in the process of making plans to reorganize Koinonia for 1995. We will be reassigning the groups and we may make a few changes in the way the groups work. Please pray for our Koinonia Task Force as they discuss this work. And get ready for a new year of Koinonia (which means "fellowship") for the West Erwin family!

Records	Sunday Oct. 23	Sunday Oct. 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	381	332	415
Worship A.M.	579	502	529
Worship P.M.	316	360	358
Wed. P.M.	273	256	287
Contribution	\$13,062.03	\$12,362.85	\$12,633.86
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 30 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 2, Scott Dews, ph. 561-1992.

PRAYER AND CARE

Ron Lowrance is in U.T. Health Center, ICU. He had his lower leg amputated Wednesday. **Ray Womack** is doing well following angioplasty on Wednesday. **Warren Gray** is recuperating at home from knee surgery. **Vic Mason**, Billie Morgan's dad, had a heart attack and is having tests in Natchitoches, LA. **Henry McRuiz** had day surgery last Thursday at Medical Center. **Pat Stokes** is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Nelda Browning** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Nov. 2. **Summer Buckalew**, Carolyn Blackstone's 3-year old cousin, is in critical condition in Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. **Bill Rozell**, Ginger Metcalf's dad, is now at home. **Billy Tigert**, brother of Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Old, is recuperating from heart surgery at home in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Bea Massey**, Ruby Cliver's mother, is now in the Rehab Hospital in Humble. Remember these and others who are ill at home or in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Dr. Roger Knight
 Scripture Calvin Mannen
 Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Don Ingram
 Scripture Josh Hone
 Dismiss Chad Hilliard

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Tommy Lowrance

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jim McDonald	Forest McFadden
Robert McLemee	Mike McMinn
Henry McRuiz	Bill Meazell
J.N. Metcalf	H.M. Minnis

GREETERS

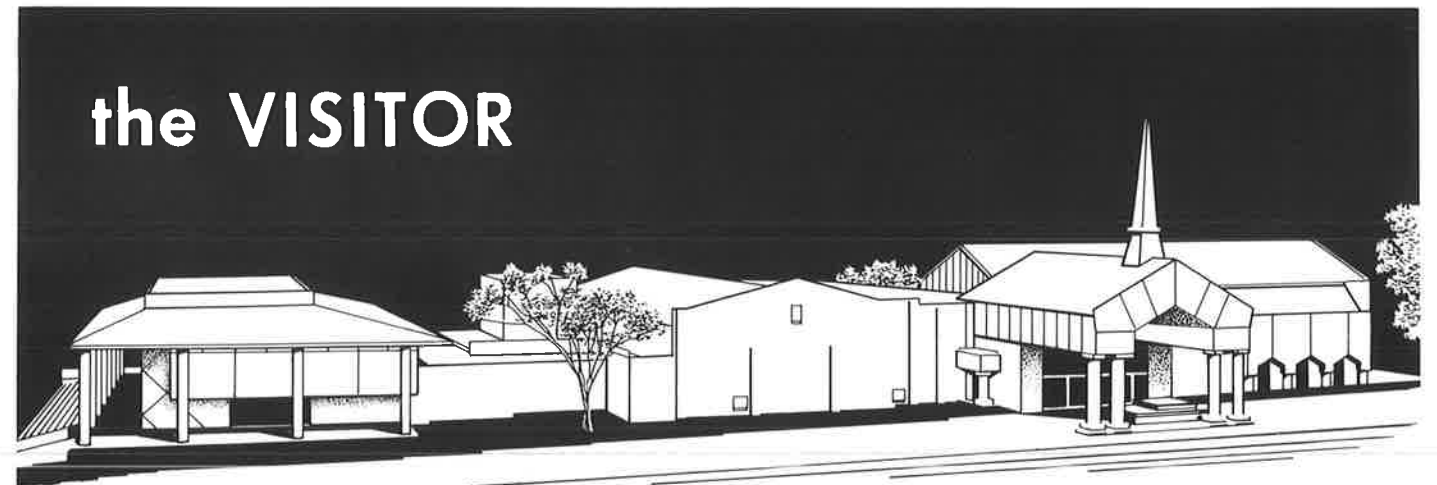
Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes
 Jim & Priscilla Mayer

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!**

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

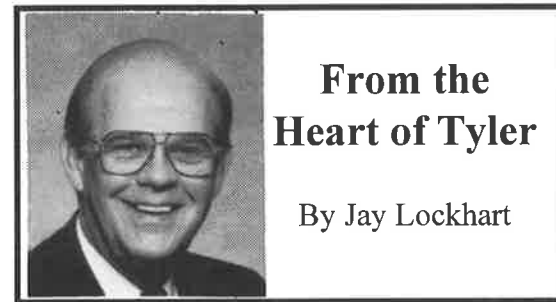
Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell Jeff Holland	Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts Ray Vannoy	Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
James Sublette	Ira Wilson Joe McBee	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
			(903) 592-0809
		11:30 A.M.	



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, October 30, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Abounding Grace
 (Romans 5:20 - 6:4)
 P.M. His Grace Reaches Me
 (Ephesians 2:1-10)

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT NETWORK TELEVISION?

Many of us loathe much of what is aired on TV -- the violence, the profanity, the humanistic philosophies. What can we do? A number of options are open to us. Most of us will do nothing. Some of us will wring our hands. Some will condemn. Some will take the time to commend good television. I hope we will belong to the latter group. We have a real opportunity before us, but we must take advantage of it now. Many of us saw the CBS premiere of Christy last April, a story based on the best selling novel by Catherine Marshall (the wife of Peter Marshall and author of A Man Called Peter) whose mother was the inspiration for the novel. The television premiere was seen by 43 million viewers and was followed by six episodes in the Spring before being canceled. The popular series has received more letters and phone calls than any other show in the network's history. Fans have urged CBS to continue the series and the network has ordered 13 additional episodes of Christy to reserve as a mid-season replacement. A Thanksgiving special of the show is already scheduled for

November. Christy is family television at its finest -- it contains good values, integrity, honesty, no blood and guts, no vulgarity, just good, clean family entertainment. Television folks are absolutely stunned at the reception of a show like this. It is of the same type of programming as Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman, already a hit on national TV. Quite a contrast to other shows which promote no worthwhile values, but to the contrary, lewdness and vulgarity. You know what they are. Now, what can you do? This week you can write to:

Mr. Peter Tortorici, President
 CBS Entertainment
 7800 Beverly Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90036

In your letter commend wholesome family entertainment and especially Christy. Urge him to return Christy to the TV screen and thank him for his consideration. There is a silent majority in our country. We belong to it and it's time for us to speak. This is our opportunity. Do it this week! Thanks.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to all of you for the meals, gifts, and prayers for Jordan. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you for letting us be a part of that family. Please continue to pray for us. Now, if only we could sleep at night!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Justin Metcalf who raised the Grand Champion Heifer for the FFA Stock Show in Van. Way to go Justin!

FALL FESTIVAL

We need all of those who signed up to help with the Fall Festival to make sure your booths are ready and decorated by Sunday afternoon. The Center will be open all day Sunday for preparation. Bring your costume and change after church Sunday night. Bring a bag of wrapped candy to be used as prizes.

HARDING HIGH SCHOOL DAYS

The dates for the trip to Harding are Nov. 11-13. We will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. All of those in grades 9-12 are invited. This is a great opportunity to check out the college life and begin making plans for attending a Christian College. Please sign up by the youth bulletin board if you plan to go. Deadline for signing up is Oct. 30.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Nov. 14 at Shiloh Rd. Meet at Shiloh Rd. at 6:45 and we will be finished at 8:00. Numbers 1-3, 10-14, 16-17, and 20-24 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Garner's Team #1 will meet Nov. 6.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren:

I love you. You have been so good to me in so many ways, just saying thank you is not enough, but I can say I love you as a wonderful Christian group of people. Jay, you, Dewey and Danny are doing a good job in teaching about Christ and His love. The benevolent group, lunch group, and teachers are doing a wonderful job and the church is growing because of it. The elders and deacons are leading the church in the right way, I think. May God bless all of you.

Aline Beard

We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, calls, cards, and beautiful flowers for our brother Murray. Your love and concern will always be a comfort to us all.

In Christian love,
Charles & Ann McCoy
Alma Biggs

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held in Lindale last Thursday for Thelma Davis, Jan McDonald's grandmother. Services were held Sunday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Ima Gene Wroten, Carolyn Blackstone's aunt, who was killed in a car accident last Thursday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their time of sorrow.

THE PERFECT PSALM

Perfect salvation: The Lord is my shepherd.

Perfect satisfaction: I shall not want.

Perfect rest: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

Perfect refreshment: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Perfect restoration: He restoreth my soul.

Perfect guidance: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.

Perfect protection: I will fear no evil.

Perfect company: Thou art with me.

Perfect provision: Thou preparest a table.

Perfect consecration: Thou anointest my head.

Perfect joy: My cup runneth over.

Perfect care: Goodness and mercy shall follow me.

Perfect destiny: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Anyone who is interested in participating in a Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 5, please sign the list in the foyer no later than Sunday, October 30 or talk to Hillard Hughes, Phil Marts or Louis Jones.

Are YOU Praying Daily For The 100?

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Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging
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WEST ERWIN WINNERS

Congratulations to Sherry Peek, Jo Rowland, and Sue Starnes! Their superior artistic talents were recognized as they were each awarded ribbons in the recent Palette of Roses competition.

SINGLES DEVOTIONAL

All singles are invited to participate in a Devotional at 6:30 on Thursday, November 3, in our fellowship hall. Danny Snell will be the speaker.

E.T.C.A. CARNIVAL

Tickets will be available at the door for E.T.C.A.'s Carnival on Saturday, October 29, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at "The Center." There will be games and food. Come join us for this fun time!

WORDS OF WISDOM

Pray, don't find fault with the man
Who limps or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears
Or struggled beneath his load.
Don't be cruel with the man who sins
Or pelt him with words or stones;
Unless you are sure that
You have no sins if your own. - selected

FALL BACK



Be sure to turn your clocks **back** one hour this Saturday so you will be on time to Bible Class on Sunday morning.

"The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all - doing nothing!" - Ben Franklin

You are invited to the
West Erwin Fall Festival

Sunday, October 30

7:15 - 9:00

"The Center"

All of those from birth to 5th Grade are invited to enjoy the Carnival Booths.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun!

Refreshments will be served.

Each family needs to bring a bag of wrapped candy by Sunday.

Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

A new series for our Wednesday Adult Electives will begin on Wednesday, November 2. This will be a mini-series through the month of November. We have been growing in our Wednesday night Bible classes. Make sure your family is here for each and every session. It is a priority you will never regret.

- **The Search: God's Child Faces Trials**
Jay Lockhart Small Auditorium
- **Becoming (Class for women)**
Arlene Lockhart Heritage Room
- **Pssst! Great Teaching Begins Here**
Dewey Howard Room 112
- **College and Young Singles**
Stan Clark Room 305
- **Young Adult Cluster Equipping Class**
Hillard Hughes Room 111

Feature Films For Families is a production company committed to providing quality family entertainment that (1) strengthens traditional values and (2) refuses to use the violence, profanity and "adult material" that most movies today have in abundance. I have been very impressed with the quality of their productions. They have good story lines and plots, the production quality is good, the values each movie illustrates are needed in today's world, and their prices are as reasonable as any you will find. Let me know if you would like more information.

Our Hope for Families seminar was a great time of encouragement and challenge for our families. Ron Rose had some wonderful messages reminding us of our responsibilities and blessings in family. If you missed this delightful day -- any part of it -- you need to get the tapes and listen to it. It will make a difference for your family.

Those of you who helped with the potluck lunch did a terrific job as usual. I wish I knew all of the names of those who helped set up, clean up, and made sure the potluck ran smoothly. We appreciate you for your service to our West Erwin family. Without you we could not have had such a fine day.

Remember these points from Sundays lessons:

Six Traits of Strong Families

1. Strong families do things together.
2. Strong families demonstrate their commitment to one another.
3. Strong families show appreciation for one another -- even in failure.
4. Strong families find ways to communicate with each other.
5. Strong families are pulled together by crisis.
6. Strong families have a spiritual core.

Four Things We Must Teach Our Children

1. We must teach our children to stand for something.
2. We must teach our children to learn from failure.
3. We must teach our children to live for God.
4. We must teach our children to honor their heritage.

*** Koinonia #5 meets this Sunday. ***

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	Oct. 16	Oct. 9	Ago
Bible Class	332	385	415
Worship A.M.	502	546	529
Worship P.M.	360	340	358
Wed. P.M.	256	273	287
Contribution	\$12,362.85	\$14,020.40	\$12,633.86
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42	((Total for bus \$61,224.10))	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 23 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 26, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Pat Stokes is now in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Henry McRuiz** had day surgery Thursday at Medical Center for carpal tunnel syndrome. **Bill Rozell**, Ginger Metcalf's dad, is in U.T. Health Center. **Billy Tigert**, brother of Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Old, had heart surgery last week in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Bea Massey**, mother of Ruby Cliver, suffered a broken hip in Livingston. **Charles Evans**, Ellie Steele's brother, is very ill in Lubbock. **Morris and Kathleen Sandlin**, Sharon Ketchum's parents, are both very ill in Paris, Texas. **Ford Egbert** is now at home. **Dorothy Brownlow** is ill at home. **Jordan Rousseau**, grandson of Calvin and Dorothy Mannen, is doing well following surgery last week. **F.D. Knight**, Roger Knight's brother, is very ill in Little Rock. **Martha Trostel**, Charles Seaberry's sister, had a setback in her cancer treatment. Continue to remember these and others who are ill at home or in nursing homes in prayer and care.

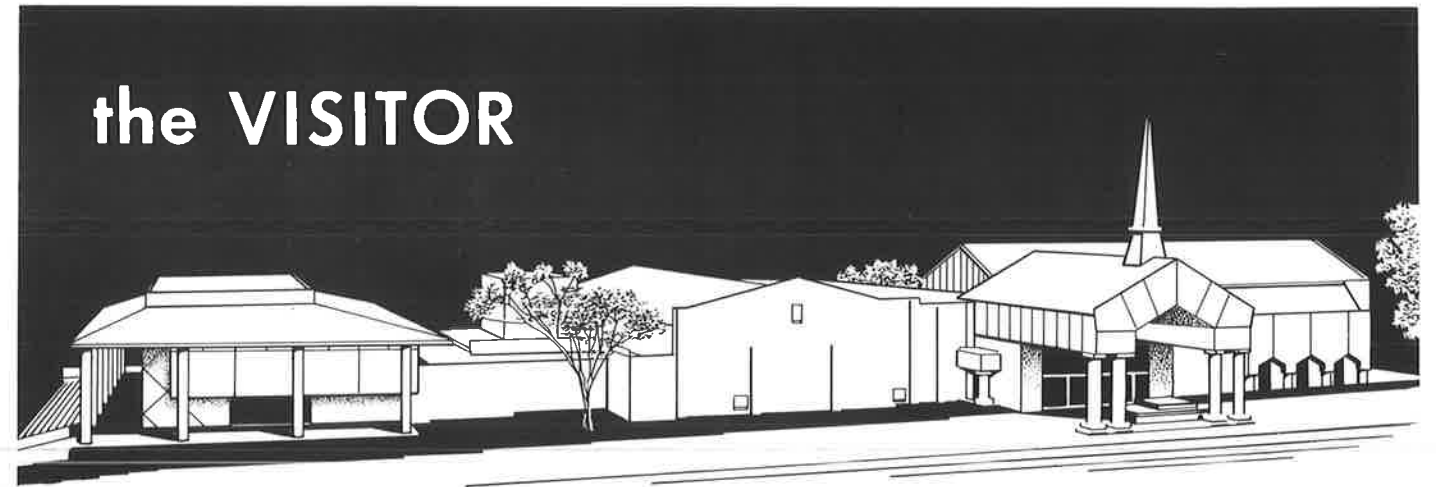
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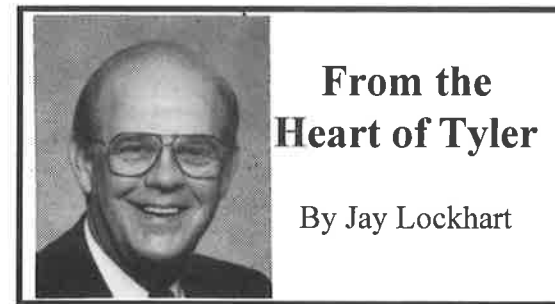
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 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Robert Hilliard
 Scripture Marvin Hollingsworth
 Elder's Prayer James Sublette
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer David Haney
 Scripture Matt Haws
 Dismiss Jimmie Harris
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Jeff Hone
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Jim McDonald Forest McFadden
 Robert McLemee Mike McMinn
 Henry McRuiz Bill Meazell
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

I APPRECIATE YOU

Last Sunday night was simply overwhelming! We enjoyed a good day in our worship assemblies and then ... what a wonderful outpouring of love following our evening service! That video brought tears to my eyes as I reflected with you upon the years. And where have ten years gone? It seems as only yesterday that we came to you with anticipation and intrepidation. What would the future hold? What would God do with us? How would we succeed in the "New Beginning"? Now, ten years later, we know. As we look upon a church which outgrew its former facility, which is at peace, which is reaching out into the whole world with the gospel, and which is being used by God to be "light from the heart of Tyler," we can simply say with exclamation: "Oh, what God has done!" (Numbers 23:23). My thanks is expressed to God who has made all things possible. Thanks to the **elders** of this church who, along with their wives, put the program together for Sunday evening. Thanks to **Don and Chris Drummond** for doing the video. Thanks to **Jane Jones** and **Clay Kirby** for the poem. Thanks to **Helen Beard** for the poetry she wrote. Thanks to **Danny Snell** and his encouragement. Thanks to **Hillard Hughes** for ... for ... for nothing! And thanks to all of you for your love and encouragement. It was a wonderful evening.

Sermons for Sunday, October 23, 1994 by Ron Rose

- 9:00 - Six Traits of Strong Families
- 10:00 - Four things We Must Teach Our Children
- 12:00 - Potluck Lunch - Rituals and Traditions
- 6:00 - The Missing Ingredient for 90's Families

RON ROSE WILL BE HERE SUNDAY

The West Erwin church will be blessed this Sunday with the coming of **Ron Rose** for a *Hope For Families* seminar. He will be speaking four times:
 9:00 - Six Traits of Strong Families
 10:00 - Four Things We Must Teach Our Kids
 12:00 - Potluck Lunch - Rituals and Traditions
 6:00 - The Missing Ingredient for Families of the 90's
 Ron comes to us with 25 years experience in church ministry and with 14 years of concentrated emphasis on how to build strong families. He has held marriage and family seminars in 34 states and we are privileged to have him with us.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI SAID IT

"Preach the gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." Of course, the gospel is good news which is to be told. However, it's so important to remember that to effectively tell the story we must be transformed by the gospel ourselves and then live the gospel before a watching world. Whjen from changed lives we live the gospel, opportunities come to proclaim the message.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



WOW!

It's A Girl!

Jordan Danielle Snell

October 16, 1994

Thanks for your answered prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Amy O'Quinn for being nominated as Homecoming Queen at Abilene Christian University. Way to go Amy!

Congratulations to Erica Smith for being selected to the Principal's Honor Roll at T.K. Gorman. Congratulations to Bradley Smith for being elected as the 6th Grade Student Council Representative. Way to go gang!

FALL FESTIVAL

We need all of those in the 6-12 grade to sign up to host this fun time. Parents are also asked to sign up for a job. Last year, we had several hundred people to come for the evening. This year we expect even more. We need everyone, so make plans now to be a part of this event. The list of events is posted beside the youth bulletin board.

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Womack's Team #4 will meet Oct. 24.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Danny, Lisa, and Shannon Snell on the birth of Jordan Danielle Snell on Sunday evening, October 16. She weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Lawton and Bea Taylor are the proud great grandparents.

LADIES FALL FLING

All ladies are invited for an evening of food, fun and a feast in the Word. Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 27, at 6:30 and come join us in the fellowship building. Please bring finger food.

TRI-C HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The annual Tri-C Halloween Carnival will be at their building at 1415 South Baxter on Thursday, October 27 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. There will be a Fun House and games for all ages. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for a small cost. For more information, please call 593-3331.

WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL

We need cookies for the West Erwin Fall Festival on Sunday, October 30. If you are willing to bake cookies, please indicate how many you will bring on the sheet in the foyer.

E.T.C.A. CARNIVAL

Tickets will be available at the door for E.T.C.A.'s Carnival on Saturday, October 29, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at "The Center." There will be games and food. Come join us for this fun time!

WEST ERWIN WINNERS

We learned that **Joni Smith** won two ribbons at the East Texas State Fair in knitting and crocheting. Congratulations, Joni! We have a lot of talented people at West Erwin and we're always glad to hear about their accomplishments.

GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The **Medina Children's Home** Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of October 24 - 28. We have been asked to furnish CHILI (200 cans is a 6-month supply). Cash donations are also appreciated as it is used to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables.

BENEVOLENT WORK

There is a need for jeans, sizes 32 through 42 and shirts (all sizes) in our Benevolent Center. Your help is very much appreciated.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Anyone who is interested in participating in a Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 5, please talk to Hillard Hughes, Phil Marts or Louis Jones. More details later!

FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION

An orientation for prospective foster parents will be held Saturday afternoon, October 22, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood Church of Christ in Tyler. If you are interested in finding out more information about becoming a foster parent for Christian Services of East Texas, this will be just the opportunity you've been looking for to get your questions answered. Please call Sally Miller at 592-3850 or 1-800-765-1589 for more information or directions.

IN APPRECIATION

Our Dear West Erwin Family:

We miss you, each and every one! We want to thank you for all the many kindnesses and the love shown to us during the 3 1/2 years we were with you. Everyone of you are special to us, but some are "extra" special and you know who you are.

Our new address is 722 Willow Creek, LaPorte, TX 77571, telephone #722-471-8676. Anytime any of you are in this area we would love a call and/or a visit.

We would really appreciate receiving a weekly bulletin and a new pictorial directory would be very special to us.

We thank God for letting us be a small part in the most loving, caring, sharing Christian family we have ever known. We will continue to pray that you will be richly blessed and guided.

We love you all always,
Fred & Adele Mumford

Thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy, the beautiful spray of flowers, and food provided by the Koinonia group during the time of Dad's death. Your prayers and concern during this past year have been greatly appreciated.

Lynda Terrell

The lunch provided Monday, October 10, was greatly appreciated. We would all like to thank you for your continued support. Thank you again.

TJC Tri-C

To our Family at West Erwin,

Your many expressions of love through your prayers, cards, calls and visits have meant so much to us during my illness. Thank you for concern and continue to pray for my recovery.

In Christian love,
H.M. Minnis

Are YOU Praying Daily For The 100?

You are invited to the
West Erwin Fall Festival
Sunday, October 30
7:15 - 9:00
"The Center"

All of those from birth to 5th Grade are invited to enjoy the Carnival Booths. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun! Refreshments will be served.

Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

HOPE FOR FAMILIES

With **Ron Rose**

October 23, 1994

9:00 **Six Traits of Strong Families**

10:00 **Four Things We Must Teach Our Kids**

12:00 **Potluck Lunch - Family Rituals and Traditions**

6:00 **The Missing Ingredient for Families of the 90's**

Today's families need every advantage. Strengthen the hope for your family as you participate in this seminar.

Join us for the potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall during the *Hope for Families* seminar Sunday. This will be quite an enjoyable time as Ron Rose speaks to us on "Family Rituals and Traditions." This is an area that Ron has done a lot of work in. The things he will have to share will be a real treat for your family. We do plan to have child care for children 2 through 5 after lunch while Ron speaks.

The workshop in West Point, Nebraska went very well!

Around 20 people from the West Point, Fremont, and Norfolk areas attended the sessions for ideas and encouragement. There are some good things going on in East Nebraska, and the West Erwin family can be proud that we have a small part in it. Ray and Linda Maxwell and the rest of the West Point family send their love and greetings. Thank you for your prayers as my family and I made the trip. Thanks also to the elders for giving us this opportunity to build up the church in West Point.

The Sunday Night Children's Church needs some additional help. The number of children on Sunday nights has risen to the point that we need some more workers. Please talk with me, Frances McBee, or Carolyn Philpot if you would be willing to help in some way.

Our Bible class coordinators are beginning their search for teachers for the Winter Quarter (December through February). They may be calling you to teach or help in one of our Bible classes. Please prayerfully consider your role in our Bible class ministry for the Winter. Say, "Yes!" when they call you to participate. Better yet, call one of them or me to volunteer to work during this three month period. The success of our Bible class ministry depends on you. Allow God to use you to mold young lives for Him.

*** No Koinonia meeting this Sunday. ***

*** Join us for lunch with Ron Rose. ***

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Records	Sunday Oct. 9	Sunday Oct. 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	344	415
Worship A.M.	546	481	529
Worship P.M.	340	344	358
Wed. P.M.	273	257	287
Contribution	\$14,020.40	\$10,991.12	\$12,633.86
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42	(Special for bus \$41,074.10)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 16 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 19, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Pat Stokes suffered another stroke last Friday. She is in room 405 at Mother Frances Hospital but does not need visits at this time. **Bill Rozell**, Ginger Metcalf's dad, is in U.T. Health Center. **Billy Tigert**, brother of Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Old, had a heart attack last Friday. He was scheduled for surgery on Monday in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Robbie Bullinger**, Joy Coats' sister, did not get a good report after surgery last Friday. **Bea Massey**, mother of Ruby Cliver, suffered a broken hip in Livingston. **Melvin Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's father, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **Charles Evans**, Ellie Steele's brother, is very ill in Lubbock. **Morris and Kathleen Sandlin**, Sharon Ketchum's parents, are both very ill in Paris, Texas. **Ford Egbert** is in Mother Frances, room 395. **Dorothy Brownlow** is ill at home. **Jordan Rousseau**, grandson of Calvin and Dorothy Mannen, was tentatively scheduled for surgery last week. **F.D. Knight**, Roger Knight's brother, is very ill in Little Rock.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

<p>MINISTERS Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit Dewey Howard - Education Danny Snell - Youth</p> <p>MISSIONS Harold Taylor Ray Maxwell Jeff Holland</p> <p>ELDERS Freeman Morgan Phil Marts Ray Vannoy James Sublette Ira Wilson Joe McBee Stan Clark Leon Welborn</p>	<p>ASSEMBLIES</p> <p>SUNDAY Bible School9:00 A.M. Morning Worship10:00 A.M. Evening Worship6:00 P.M.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M. (Sept. through May) Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY Christian Service Center9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.</p> <p>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809</p>
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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Terry Frick
Scripture Nicholas Goodson
Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer K. Max Haws
Scripture Charles Harris
Dismiss David Haney, Jr.

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Mark Gregory

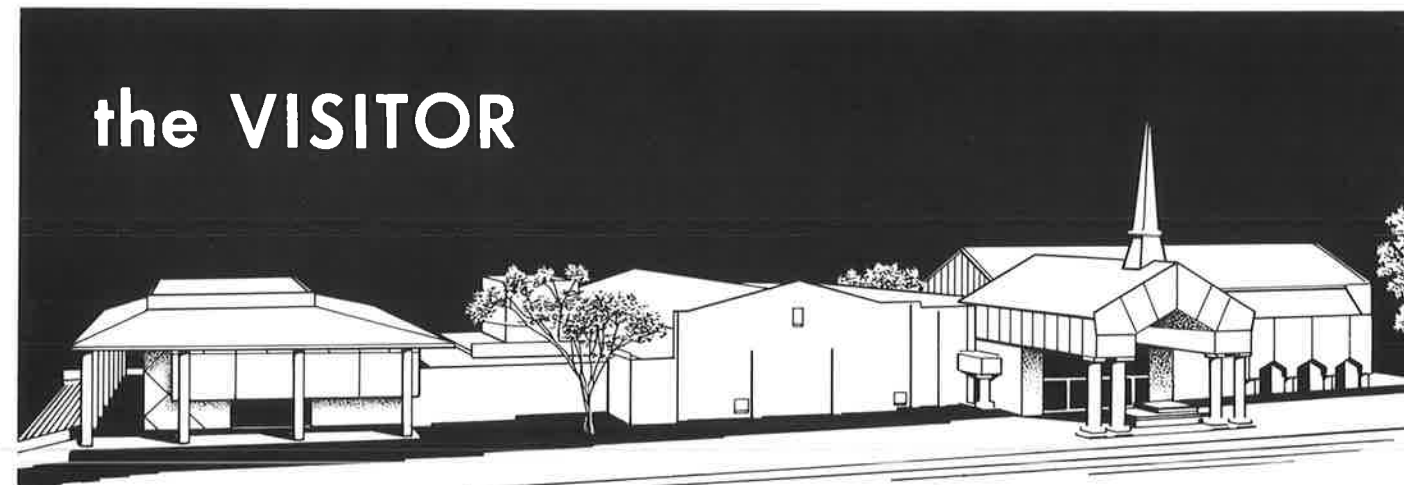
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Mike McClenny Charles McCoy

GREETERS

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WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS 75702-7133 592-0809

The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, October 16, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Brokenness: The Key To Relationship
(Psalm 51:10-17)

P.M. How Can I Live Within The Will Of God?
(John 4:20-24)

THANK YOU

I want to thank you for the overwhelming response to last Sunday morning's sermon. I have never, in the past ten years, enjoyed such a response. You have responded well so many times ... but Sunday was by far the best. Why was that? I want to think it happened for a variety of reasons. First, I believe we have been conditioning ourselves for last Sunday for several weeks. We have been studying about worship, perhaps in a way we have not experienced before. We have been placing special emphasis upon worship -- preparation, participation, and consciousness -- that we have not done before. Second, because of some special lectures I have prepared for other places and the intensity of study for those lectures, I have been filled with the need for a renewal in our worship assemblies. Third, as a church we are experiencing, on a new level, the keeping of "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Without this unity and love we could not worship as we have. Fourth, we have a growing awareness of God, "the Holy One of Israel, in (our) midst." Fifth, there is more thought and planning being put into our worship than ever before. Sixth, many of us have a growing anticipation in regard to worship. Seventh, we are a

growing church with new people coming to us nearly every week and this adds to our interest and excitement. Eighth, more of us are encountering God in worship and taking Him with us into the marketplace through the week. When we add all of this up we have more meaningful worship assemblies, better preparation, better singing, prayers that pour out our hearts before God, giving that better represents our ability, more thoughtful communion, and, yes, better presentation and reception of sermons. Let's keep going!

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Also, I want to thank all of you who participated in the special contribution for our bus and van last Sunday. So many gave and our goal was reached and our weekly budget was reached as well. Thank you for your generosity.

HOWARDS TO WEST POINT

This weekend Dewey and Angela Howard are with the church in West Point, Nebraska for a Teacher Training Workshop. We are thankful for their abilities in this area and we are glad the West Point people can profit from their expertise.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Wendy Culpepper for being selected as Winona High School Homecoming Princess. Way, to go Wendy!

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HARDING HIGH SCHOOL DAYS

The dates for the trip to Harding are Nov. 11-13. We will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. All of those in grades 9-12 are invited. This is a great opportunity to check out the college life and begin making plans for attending a Christian College. Please sign up by the youth bulletin board if you plan to go. Deadline for signing up is Oct. 30.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Nov. 14 at Shiloh Rd. Meet at Shiloh Rd. at 6:45 and we will be finished at 8:00. Numbers 1-3, 10-14, 16-17, and 20-24 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to go on the City Wide Middle School Retreat on Nov. 18-19. Mark your calendars an plan to go.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Oct. 16 Meeting for Fall Festival
Oct. 30 Fall Festival
Nov. 11-13 Harding High School Days
Nov. 14 Bible Quiz at Shiloh Rd.
Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Oct. 16.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome **Betty Price**³⁷ into the West Erwin family. She came last Wednesday evening to make known her desire to work and worship with the family here. Her address is 3307 South Keaton, 75701, ph. 597-9199.

Teresa Wishard³⁸ is a welcome addition to our growing family at West Erwin. She has been attending here since moving back to Tyler from Paris, Texas and we are pleased by her decision to place membership with us. Her address is 323 Chimney Rock #1524, 75703, ph. 581-6935.

LADIES FALL FEAST

All ladies are invited for an evening of food, fun and a feast in the Word. Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 27, at 6:30. Please bring finger food and come join us in the fellowship building.

TRI-C HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The annual Tri-C Halloween Carnival will be at their building at 1415 South Baxter on Thursday, October 27 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. There will be a Fun House and games for all ages and hot dogs and drinks available for a small cost. For more information, please call 593-3331.

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AREA LECTURES

You're invited to hear a series of lessons on the subject: "CHRISTIAN GRACES" October 16-19, at the Hallsville Church of Christ. Special speakers are Cleo Scott, Chris White, Steve Vogl, Dan Manuel, and Mike Warner. Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

WITH SYMPATHY

Murray McCoy, brother of Alma Biggs and Charles McCoy, died Sunday evening. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. A nephew of Sherron Warren and Debbie Davis was killed in a motorcycle accident last week. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Anyone who is interested in participating in a Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 5, please talk to Hillard Hughes, Phil Marts or Louis Jones. More details later!



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

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR...

You're invited
to join in the celebration
honoring

Dr. Jay Lockhart

for ten years of service for the Lord
at the West Erwin Church of Christ
on Sunday, October 16, 1994

There will be a program in the auditorium
immediately after our worship service
followed by a reception
in our Fellowship Hall

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Members of West Erwin Church of Christ,

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and food. We all need these things. My mother is getting better - her enzyme level was 840+ and after two chemo treatments it is 420+. We still have a long way to go to 37. Please keep praying, it's working.

Love,
Gena Henry

Dear Christian Friends at West Erwin,

I am thoroughly convinced that you are the most beautiful people on the face of the earth. What a blessing you have been to me during my surgery and recovery. I realize the power of God's presence because there have been many prayers offered up to God in my behalf. I am reminded of James 5:16 as he tells us "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I appreciate every kind deed that was rendered to me such as encouragement, the numerous visits, cards, gifts, telephone calls, food and many other nice things. All this has helped my time spent in confinement. It was so pleasant that sometimes I wondered if I might have died and gone to heaven. How wonderful heaven must be. My hope and prayer is that I will be reunited with my loved ones and dear friends in that grand and glorious place beyond the bright blue called Heaven where there will be no more disappointments, sickness no more, sadness, goodbyes, or tears where death never comes. Where we will enjoy love, peace, and happiness for all eternity in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks for everything.

Beatrice Holland

Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image Of Christ
Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging

West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin * Tyler, TX 75702

Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

Jay and Arlene Lockhart -- 10 years and counting! This weekend we will spend some time honoring a very special couple who has blessed this church in many wonderful ways over the past decade. I've only known them for just over three years, but in that short time they have been a real blessing to my family.

Jay is a true man of God and a student of the Word. The time that he spends in study is evident every time he speaks. When I came to West Erwin, I needed someone from whom I could learn and from whose wisdom I could benefit. I have learned a lot from him about being honest with Scripture and how to grow a healthy church. I wish you could sit in on one of our staff meetings as we discuss the work here at West Erwin. Jay has a great love for this church, and we are truly blessed to have him in our family.

Arlene, too, has been a great blessing to me. The description of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 has Arlene's name in it. She has demonstrated for me the art of showing true hospitality. Furthermore, Arlene is one of our best ladies class teachers. I am always confident that she will do a tremendous job when she is teaching a class. She was one of the organizers of our women's ministry at West Erwin. Sisters In Service has been indelibly marked with her creativity and wisdom.

Thank you, Jay and Arlene, for allowing God to use you so wonderfully for me and for the West Erwin family. Thank you for teaching us, for loving us, and for helping us see God a little more clearly.

HOPE FOR FAMILIES

With Ron Rose

October 23, 1994

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6:00 Secrets of Lifetime Marriage
Today's families need every advantage.
Strengthen the hope for your family as you participate in this seminar.

The Sunday Night Children's Church needs some additional help. Frances McBee and Carolyn Philpot do a great job each week providing activities for our young children during the evening assembly. But the number of children has risen to the point that they need some more workers. Please talk with me, Frances, or Carolyn if you would be willing to help us in some way.

*** Koinonia #4 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	Oct. 2	Sept. 25	Ago
Bible Class	344	372	415
Worship A.M.	481	533	529
Worship P.M.	344	320	358
Wed. P.M.	257	260	287
Contribution	\$10,991.12	\$12,324.68	\$12,633.86
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 9 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 12, Melvin Crow, ph. 581-6988.

PRAYER AND CARE

Leon Santos is in Mother Frances Hospital. Melvin Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's father, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Hazel Morgan is now at Park Place. Morris and Kathleen Sandlin, Sharon Ketchum's parents, are both very ill in Paris, Texas. Murray McCoy, Charles McCoy's brother, is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital. Ford Egbert is in Mother Frances, room 395. Dorothy Brownlow is ill at home. Beatrice Holland is now at home. Laverne Keith is recuperating at home from a cracked pelvis. Dale Blackstone is improved but is still having tests. H.M. Minnis was dismissed from Mother Frances Tuesday. F.D. Knight, Roger Knight's brother, is very ill in Little Rock. Ethel Harris, Jan McDonald's grandmother, is in room 3307 at Medical Center. Remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Dewey Howard - Education		Bible School9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell Jeff Holland	Morning Worship10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts Ray Vannoy	Evening Worship6:00 P.M.	Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
James Sublette	Ira Wilson Joe McBee		
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
		Christian Service Center9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
			(903) 592-0809

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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Wayne Harrison
 Scripture Walter Farrer
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Jack Garner
 Scripture Clint Hale
 Dismiss James Ellis

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

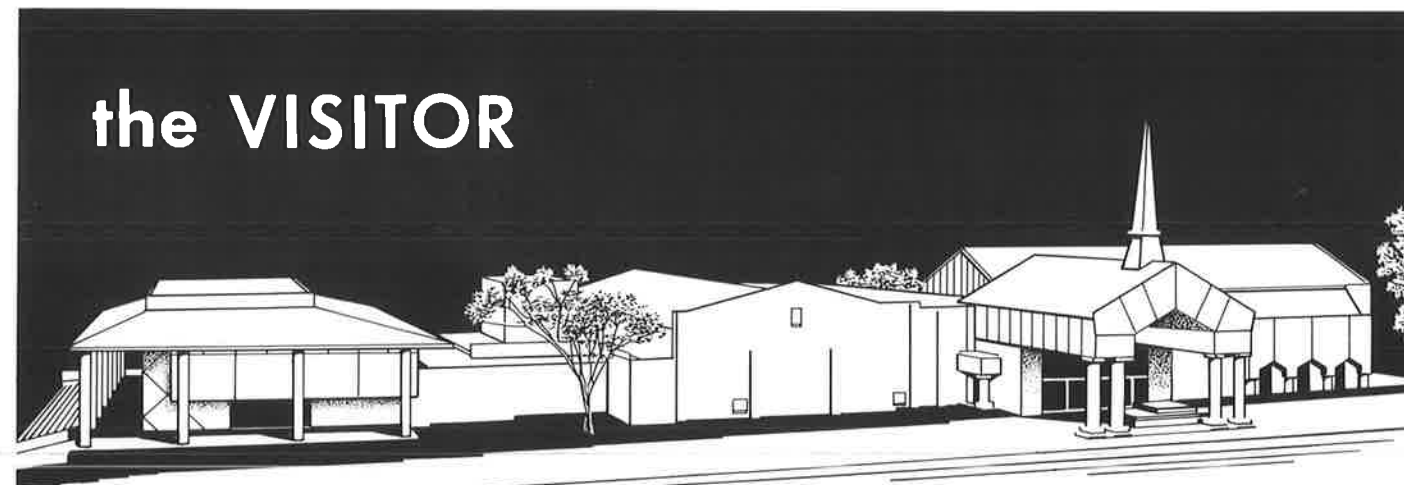
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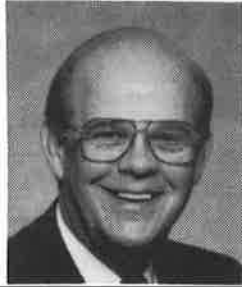
GREETERS

John & Ruby Cliver
 Mary Dawson & Mary Gaiser



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, October 9, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Worship Is The Solution -- What's The Problem? (Rev. 4:8-11)
 P.M. Learning To Worship (John 4:20-24)

SERMON REVIEW

What would you do if you suddenly became aware of the presence of God? You don't know? I do! I know because the Bible Tells us of what others did when when confronted by God.

1. We would be filled with fear - Moses was afraid when he felt the presence of God (Exodus 3:6). Israel trembled when she experienced God's presence at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16). When Isaiah "saw the Lord" he cried, "Woe is me" (Isaiah 6:1,5). When the people of Jesus' day realized He was God among men they were "filled with fear" (Luke 5:26).
2. We would be silent - Habakkuk said, "Let all the earth keep silence before him" (Habakkuk 2:20). In the presence of God there was silence in heaven for half an hour (Revelation 8:1).
3. We would fall down - When John saw the resurrected Christ, when the 24 elders were before God's throne, and when the 24 elders saw the Lamb they all fell down (Revelation 1:17; 4:10; 5:14).
4. We would worship - When Moses received from God the Ten Commandments for the second time, he worshipped (Exodus 34:8). When the disciples saw the Christ of the empty tomb, they worshipped (Matthew 28:9-10).

Here's another question: Where is God? In our lives and in our worship assemblies, where is God? "He is not

far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). "I am with you" (Matthew 28:20). "Great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst" (Isaiah 12:6). "There I am in their midst" (Matthew 18:20). When Jesus came He was "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

Here's a final question: In light of the fact that God is where we are and in light of what people in the Scriptures did when confronted by the presence of God, what attitude should we display when we are in a worship assembly? In life?

MEXICO TRIP


Joe McBee and Henry McRuiz will be in Nueva Rosita, Mexico this weekend looking into the possibility of supporting Rafael Falcon as a preacher in this city of 130,000. We'll be looking forward to their report. Pray for them.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION SUNDAY

Following our regular contribution this Sunday, we will pass the collection trays a second time to take a special contribution to help replace our bus which was destroyed by fire. In keeping with the announcement made by one of our elders, Stan Clark, last Sunday, a new bus will cost about \$48,000 and about \$15,000 will come from insurance coverage. Any gifts exceeding what is needed will be applied to the purchas. Thanks for your help.

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Oops! We left off Ann Cantrell from the list of those who helped with the workday last week. Thanks for a job well done.

Thanks to those who helped with the Briarcliff Worship this past Sunday: Ashleigh Cantrell, Garrett Cantrell, Courtney Craddock, Brady Dawkins, Casey Haws, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Jason O'Quinn, Ann Cantrell, Jeff Hone, and Jean Oliver. The folks at Briarcliff really appreciate this time together.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Oct. 10 at Broadway. Meet at Broadway at 6:45 and we will be finished at 8:00. We will practice this Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00 in the Heritage Room. Exodus 12-20, 32-34 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board.

FAMILY NIGHT

All of those middle and high school and their parents are encouraged to spend Sunday evening with your family. The family is an important entity and we want to dedicate one Sunday night a month for you to spend with your family. Take this opportunity and make a special effort to build on your relationships together.

FALL FESTIVAL

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- Oct. 9 Bible Quiz Practice
- Oct. 10 Bible Quiz at Broadway
- Oct. 30 Fall Festival
- Nov. 11-13 Harding High School Days
- Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Powell's Team #2 will meet Oct. 10.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR...

Romans 13:7b

The Elders have set aside Sunday, October 16, to honor our preacher, **Dr. Jay Lockhart**, for ten years of service for the Lord at the West Erwin Church of Christ. Plan to come and join in the celebration in our fellowship hall after worship services that night. More details later!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, October 9, 1994 has been designated by the U.S. Congress as a day to encourage prayer for children. On this National Day of Prayer for Children, please pray especially for Christian Services and the other 82 agencies supported by churches of Christ that are striving to reach out to hurting children and their families.

YOUNG AT HEART

The West Erwin Young at Heart group will be hosting a hot-dog supper at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, at Brookshires farm for all the Tyler area churches. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship together!

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday morning at Hilliard Funeral Home in Van for Earl Null, Lynda Terrell's dad and Clint Hale's grandfather. Jeff Hone's grandfather, Henry Rasmussen, died last week in San Francisco. Services were held Saturday in Fairview, Utah. He was over 100 years old. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

BENEVOLENT WORK

During the month of September 134 families, representing 641 people were served from our Benevolent Center. Approximately \$2,683.00 in clothing was dispersed and 26 Bibles were given to those requesting them.

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." - Matt. 5:16

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The Search

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KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.
Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



NEW MEMBER

We rejoice with **Bill Hawkins**³⁶ in his new birth. He was baptized into Christ on Monday afternoon. He has been visiting at West Erwin for several weeks and we are very pleased to welcome him into our growing family. His address is 15577 North Peninsula Road, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 566-1356.

IN APPRECIATION

God's richest blessing was when I accepted Christ with a band of Christians under the old "brush arbor" known now as the "Heart of Downtown." Brother McKenzie baptized me. The warmth of our love has never died. Thanks for the kindness shown me through the years. I love you. Thanks for loving me.

Lorene Venable

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers in my behalf and the care and concern shown to me and to my family during my surgery and time of recuperation.

Tony Adams

Thank you for all the concern, the cards, calls, and prayers extended us during the loss of our uncle. We love all of you.

Bill & Ruth Meazell

Thanks so much for the furniture and eye-glasses. A special thanks to Faber Cauthen, Gary Ables, Henry McRuiz, Jack Stringer and Robby Scott. May God bless all of you.

In Christian love,
Nita Miller

My Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

Your many expressions of love through your prayers, cards, calls, food and visits have meant so much to me and my husband during my illness. Thank you for your concern and continued prayers for my recovery.

In Christian love,
Barbara Brady

"Your example is powerful beyond measure"


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October 23, 1994

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Today's families need every advantage. Strengthen the hope for your family as you participate in this seminar.

Do you have a Happy Meal toy you would like to give?

Angela and I will be going to West Point, Nebraska on October 15 and 16 to conduct a teachers training workshop for the church Ray and Linda Maxwell work with and several others in the area. We are in the search of some small toys like those that come in Happy Meals and Kids Club Meals to illustrate some lessons for this workshop. We have already received several, but we could always use more.

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare to encourage the teachers in West Point.

**5th Annual All-Church Banquet
Friday, December 9, 1994**

The date has been set and preparations are well underway. This is always one of the highlights of the West Erwin family and we hope you will plan to be a part of it. You will be given a chance to reserve your place beginning in November. The young adult class plans this event each year. We have several new members here who have come in the last year that we want to especially encourage to come. You will be so glad you did.

You need to be getting your talent together for the 5th Annual West Erwin Talent Review. This is one of the best parts of our all-church banquet each year. Several acts are already coming together. Don't be left out of this year's entertainment. Talk with me if you would like to know more.

Mark your calendars now for the next ETTTW! The East Texas Teachers Training Workshop is always a quality program of speakers that will help you become a more effective Bible class teacher. Saturday, March 4, 1995 is the date for the next workshop. It will be held at the Alpine church in Longview. Let's fill up a bus with a big group.

***** Koinonia #3 meets this Sunday. *****

Records	Sunday Sept. 25	Sunday Sept. 18	Year Ago
Bible Class	372	380	415
Worship A.M.	533	513	529
Worship P.M.	320	342	358
Wed. P.M.	260	282	287
Contribution	\$12,324.68	\$12,260.80	\$12,633.86
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 2 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 5, Terry Frick, ph. 581-2412.

PRAYER AND CARE

Melvin Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's father, has been diagnosed with lung cancer at U.T. Health Center. **Dorothy Brownlow** is very ill at home. **Beatrice Holland** is recuperating from surgery at Park Place. **John Paul Coomer's** surgical procedure has been rescheduled for October 4. **H.M. Minnis** is in Mother Frances, room 570. **Glynn Starnes** had day surgery Wednesday at Tyler Square. **F.D. Knight**, Roger Knight's brother, is very ill in Little Rock. **Ethel Harris**, Jan McDonald's grandmother, is now in room 3307 at Medical Center. **Marshall Phillips**, James and Frances Phillips' son, has been hospitalized in Abilene with kidney stones. **John Hopkins**, Cynthia Johnson's uncle is showing improvement. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809	

SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer David Frick
 Scripture Dan DuPree
 Elder's Prayer Stan Clark

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Cooper Goodson
 Scripture Mike Downing
 Dismiss Danny Snell

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jeff Fennell

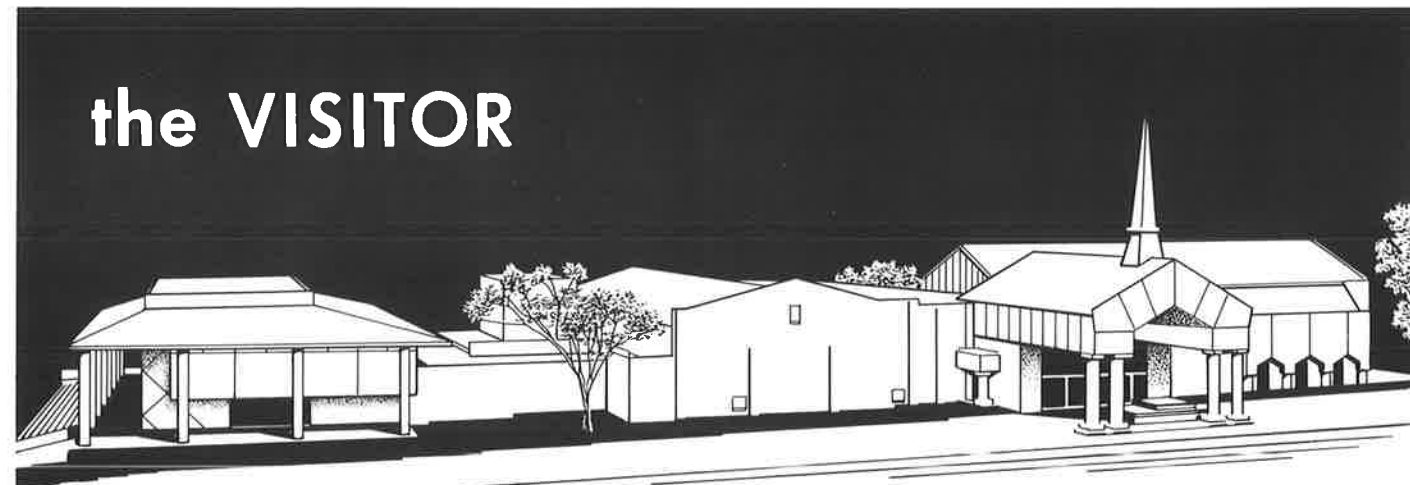
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jonathan Lowrance Michael Lowrance
 Tommy Lowrance Archie Lowry
 Stan Mallory Calvin Mannen
 Kevin Maples Melvin Maples


GREETERS

Fred & Sara Powell
 Charles & Louise Seaberry

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



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, October 2, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
 A.M. The God We Worship
 (Isaiah 6:1-8)
 P.M. Preparing For Worship
 (Psalm 63:1-5)

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

This Sunday night, following our evening worship assembly, we will be hosting the newcomers to West Erwin at a sandwich, chips, and dips supper in our fellowship building. Our elders will be introducing the 75 new people who have come to us since our last newcomers' dinner. It will be a joyous occasion and we want to urge all of our family to plan to attend. Since we will be having a large number as guests, we need to bring plenty of sandwiches, chips, etc. -- enough for our personal families and our newcomers. I want to thank **John Steffee** and **Wayne Harrison** in advance for seeing that everything in the fellowship hall is in place and ready. Also, a big thanks to others of you who will help John and Wayne. Be present for worship both Sunday morning and evening and stay for the newcomers' fellowship -- it will be a great meeting!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This past week I received a letter from **Wayne Boshears**, President of the Board of Directors of Christian Services of East Texas concerning the National Day of Prayer for Children, a day set aside by the U.S. Congress to remember our children. We want to remember our children all through the year but on Sunday, October

9, we want to pray in a special way for Christian Services of East Texas and the other agencies supported by churches of Christ who minister to hurting children and their families. As we pray in our assemblies on October 9, let's remember the children.

THE MISSING ELEMENT

Bill Gothard is quoted in Current Thoughts and Trends magazine as saying: "We have weak churches because we have weak families; we have weak families because we have weak marriages; we have weak marriages because we have weak husbands and fathers; we have weak husbands and fathers because no one has ever trained them." On Sunday, October 23, Ron Rose will be at West Erwin to help us -- don't miss this!

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday we will be focusing on worship as we talk about The God We Worship in the morning and Preparing For Worship in the evening. Let's come with greater anticipation for worship, more conscious thought about worship, and renewed interest in worship. You won't be the same after Sunday! See you then.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the work project this past Saturday. Following is a list of those who worked so hard to finish painting the house: Chris Ables, Cody Ables, Erin Aven, Nichole Aven, Allison Broome, Amanda Broome, Lauren Gayle Brown, Ashleigh Cantrell, Garrett Cantrell, Cindy Carruth, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Casey Haws, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Jeanette Styron, Pamela Wiggains, and Tanya Wiggains. A special thanks to those adults who helped: Gary Ables, Gary Broome, Scott Dews, Nancy McCoy, James Phillips, and Marie Styron.

Thanks to Mandy Nelson, Pamela Wiggains, and Tanya Wiggains, for planning the combined activity at Chili's. It was great!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jason O'Quinn for being nominated as Homecoming King for Robert E. Lee High School. Jason was also elected as Senator at Large. Way to go Jason!

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Oct. 10 at Broadway. Exodus 12-20, 32-34 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board A.S.A.P.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

The scheduled high school activity for Sunday night has been canceled due to the Newcomer's Fellowship. Plan to come and welcome all of those new folks to West Erwin and especially all the teens.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Oct. 2 Newcomer's Fellowship
Oct. 9 Family Night
Oct. 9 Bible Quiz Practice
Oct. 10 Bible Quiz at Broadway
Nov. 11-13 Harding High School Days
Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

◆ "Croatian Call" ◆

Please turn in your boxes Sunday.

Thanks for all you have done for this project.

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Powell's Team #1 will meet Oct. 3.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, October 9, 1994 has been designated by the U.S. Congress as a day to encourage prayer for our children. Christian Services of East Texas has asked that you use this National Day of Prayer for Children to pray for Christian Services and the other 82 agencies supported by churches of Christ that are striving to reach out to hurting children and their families.

BENEVOLENT WORK

There is, as always, a need for children's clothing in our benevolent work. Bring only clean clothing in good repair, please. Your help is very much appreciated.

"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."

NEW GREAT GRANDSON

Congratulations to Gloria Thigpen on the birth of a new great grandson. Derek Scott Middleton was born on September 14 to Brent and Sandi Middleton. He weighed 9 lb 13 1/2 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday in East Peoria, Illinois for Joyce Albright, Leanne Knight's mother. Casey Mezell. Bill Mezell's uncle, died last Saturday in Eastland. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families in their loss of loved ones.

NEVER AGAIN!

NEVER AGAIN WILL I SAY, "I CAN'T" for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I ADMIT LACK, for "My God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I FEAR, for "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (I Tim. 1:7)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I HARBOR DOUBT AND LACK OF FAITH, for "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I ALLOW SUPREMACY OF SATAN OVER MY LIFE, for "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in your world." (I John 4:4)


NEVER AGAIN WILL I ADMIT DEFEAT, for God "always causeth us to triumph in Christ." (II Cor. 1:14)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I LACK WISDOM, for, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I BE WORRIED AND FRUSTRATED, "Casting all my care upon Him; for He careth for me." (I Peter 5:7)

NEVER AGAIN WILL I BE IN BONDAGE, for "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there will be liberty." (II Cor. 3:17)

Via Centerville, TN



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

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers and words of encouragement during a trying time. We are grateful for answered prayers.

Max & Mary Haws

Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank each of you for all your prayers, all of the beautiful cards, and your concern for me during my sick spell. They all mean so much to me. I think I will be back making jelly again before long.

In Christian Love,
Charles Hickman

GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The **Medina Children's Home** Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of October 24 - 28. We have been asked to furnish CHILI (200 cans is a 6-month supply). Cash donations are also appreciated as it is used to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables.

EAST TEXAS FAIR

Once again, several in our family have received awards for excellence in their work at the East Texas Fair. Those that we know about are Angela Howard, Wanda Weathers, Ross Weathers, and Sue Starnes. Congratulations to all!!

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."

"Excellence can be attained if you ...

*Care more than others think is wise,

*Risk more than others think is safe,

*Dream more than others think is practical,

*Expect more than others think is possible."

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

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Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

Congratulations once again to our Timothy and Tabitha Class participants. Sunday night we recognized these young men and women for what they have learned as Christian young people. Encourage our young people in their growth in God's love. We have some of the best!

Timothy Class

Chris Ables
Cody Ables
Christopher Bobbitt*
Garrett Cantrell
Jay Culpepper
Brady Dawkins
Russell Fedell
Chad Frick
Casey Haws*
Brett Hone
Clay McDonald
Bradley Smith
Blake Stansbury

Tabitha Class

Erin Aven
Nicole Aven
Allison Broome
Lauren Gayle Brown
Ashli Bryant
Ashleigh Cantrell
Courtney Craddock
Wendy Culpepper*
Melanie Goodson
Shelley Henry*

Jennifer Knight
Carla Lemons
Leigh McClenny
Mandy McClenny*
Erica Smith
Brandy Starnes
Jeanette Styron
Ashley Tate

*Graduated from Timothy and Tabitha Sunday night

We appreciate Marc and Dana Tate and Laurie Dawkins for the tremendous job that they do with the Timothy and Tabitha Classes. They devote quite a bit of time to this program to make it meet the needs of our growing young people.

The **Timothy and Tabitha Classes** resume this Sunday, October 2. All boys age 10-13 years and girls in grades 5-8 are invited to participate. They meet in the class rooms upstairs from the main foyer during our six o'clock assembly on Sunday nights.

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*** Koinonia #2 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Sept. 18	Sunday Sept. 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	380	411	415
Worship A.M.	513	502	529
Worship P.M.	342	370	358
Wed. P.M.	282	288	287
Contribution	\$12,260.80	\$13,477.05	\$12,633.86
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 25 and Wed. P.M., Sept. 28, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

PRAYER AND CARE

Melvin Maples had surgery on a broken arm Tuesday at Medical Center. The preliminary report was good on K. Max Haws biopsy on Monday. Beatrice Holland had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. Garrett Cantrell was scheduled for an upper endoscopy at Children's Medical Center on Friday. John Paul Coomer had a surgical procedure on Friday. Johnny Valle, Irene Barena's brother, is in Medical Center. Tony Adams, Barbara Brady, Louise Culpepper, C.H. Hickman and Elizabeth Hughes, are recuperating at home. F.D. Knight, Roger Knight's brother, is very ill in Little Rock. Leonard Romans, Ann Cantrell's father, is now at home. John Hopkins, Cynthia Johnson's uncle, has been moved to the VFW hospital in Waco. Lois Hoppers, former West Erwin member, is in Trinity Valley Hospital in Palestine. Ethel Harris, Jan McDonald's grandmother, is now in room 3307 at Medical Center. Continue to remember Sandra Henry, Ann McMinn, Pat Stokes, Harley Turner and others who need our prayer and care.

SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Wally Dawkins
Scripture Ken Culpepper
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer David Demic
Scripture Clinton Culpepper
Dismiss Harold Denman

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Don Durham

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jonathan Lowrance Michael Lowrance
Tommy Lowrance Archie Lowry
Stan Mallory Calvin Mannen
Kevin Maples Melvin Maples

GREETERS

Fred & Sara Powell
Charles & Louise Seaberry

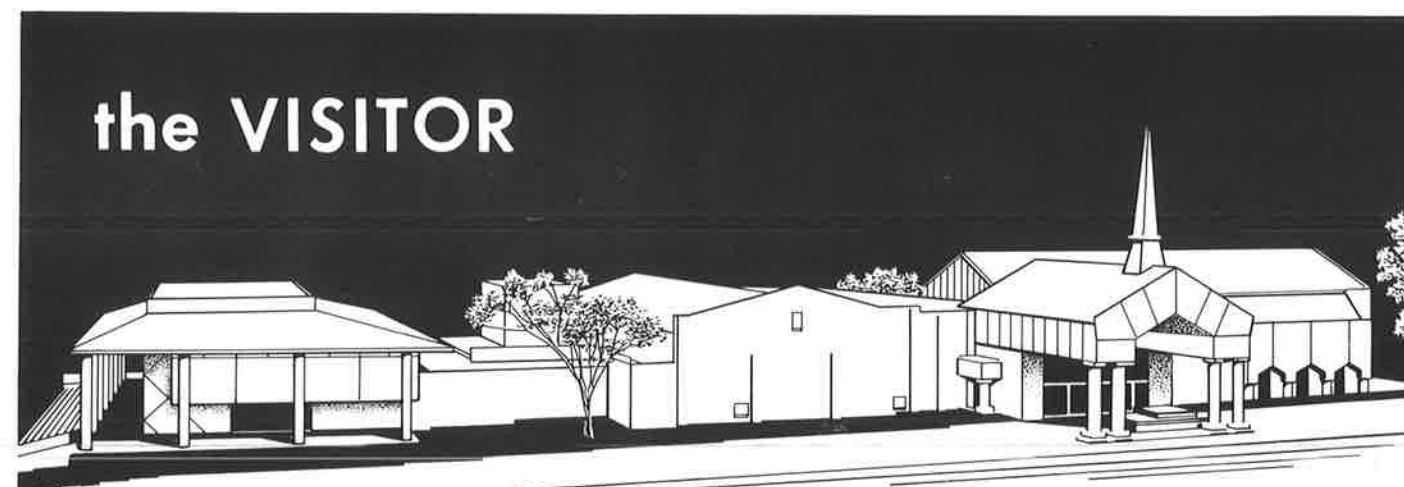
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MISSIONS		
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ELDERS		
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ASSEMBLIES	
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From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, September 25
A.M. Where In The World Is The Church?
(I Peter 2:4-10)
P.M. Flying In Formation
(Acts 4:32-35)

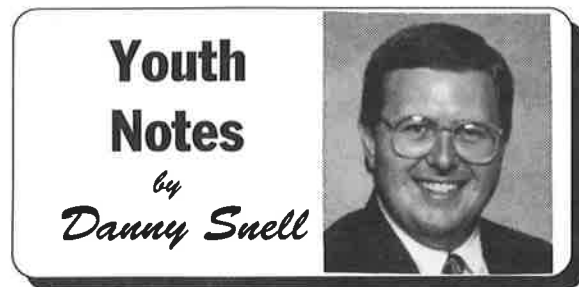
INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE
This week I am scheduled to deliver three speeches at the 23rd Annual Workshop of International Bible College in Florence, Alabama. The theme this year is Worship Styles of the 90's and my speeches will focus on "Rediscovering the Dynamics of Worship." Harold Taylor will keynote the kickoff session of the workshop on Wednesday night.

PREACHING THIS SUNDAY
In my absence this Sunday, Dewey Howard will be preaching Sunday morning and Sunday evening Danny Snell will preach and Marc Tate will be making a special presentation to our Timothy Class boys. It will be good -- encourage everyone!

SPECIAL THANKS
I want to thank those men who effectively and willingly teach for me when I am away. In recent days Forest McFadden, David Frick and Don Peek have helped in this work and I want to thank these brothers for a job well done.

TAKE TIME
Take time to laugh.
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to think.
It is the source of power.
Take time to play.
It's the source of perpetual youth.
Take time to read.
It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray.
It is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to love and be loved.
It is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly.
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to give.
It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to work.
It is the price of success.

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the Parent - Teen Meeting this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout. If you missed the meeting, please pick up a calendar in the box by the youth board.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Gena Henry for being nominated as Homecoming Queen for John Tyler High School.

Congratulations to Wendy Culpepper for being nominated as the Freshman Class Homecoming Princess.

Congratulations to Tiffany Sublette and Matt Tate for being elected to the Robert E Lee Student Senate.

Way to go gang!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

Sunday night we will be going to Chili's for supper. All middle and high school students are invited. Please bring money for your supper. We will be finished at 9:00. Thanks to Mandy Nelson, Tanya Wiggains, and Pamela Wiggains for planning this outing. Several activities in the future include a scavenger hunt and crud wars! Join us at Chili's.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Oct. 10 at Broadway. Exodus 12-20, 32-34 will be the text. All of those in the 6-12 grade are encouraged to participate in Bible Quiz. We had two teams this past Quiz and they both did well. Make plans to be a part of Bible Quiz.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sep. 24 Youth Workday
- Sep. 25 Supper at Chili's
- Oct. 2 Newcomers' Fellowship
- Oct. 10 Bible Quiz at Broadway
- Oct. 15 Middle School Hobo Dinner
- Oct. 30 Fall Festival
- Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

◆ "Croatian Call" ◆

Please turn in your boxes by the end of September.

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Womack's Team #4 will meet Sept. 26.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

We are very pleased to welcome **Debbie Davis**³⁵ and her daughter **Elizabeth** into our growing family. They made known their desire Sunday to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They have been visiting here for several weeks and we look forward to our work together for the Lord. Debbie is the sister of Sherron Warren who placed membership recently. Their address is 5001 Forestwood, 75703, ph. 534-5660.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Teresa Coomer came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family as her son, John Paul, faces a surgical procedure this week. We are grateful for the power of prayer and for the privilege of praying for one another.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday for Sidney Hidalgo, Anita Hidalgo's father-in-law.

Weldon Richardson, Marsha Richardson's brother-in-law, died last week in Colorado.

Services were held Tuesday in Texarkana for Gordye Johnson, Lorene Venable's sister-in-law.

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

MATURITY

Maturity is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence or destruction.

Maturity is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of long-term gain.

Maturity is perseverance, the ability to sweat out a project or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging setbacks.

Maturity is the capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint or collapse.

Maturity is humility. It is being big enough to say, "I was wrong." And when right, the mature person need not experience the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so."

Maturity is the ability to make a decision and follow through. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities and then do nothing.

Maturity means dependability, keeping one's word and coming through in a crisis. The immature are masters of the alibi. They are conflicted and disorganized. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, former friends, unfinished business and good intentions that never materialize.

Maturity is the art of living in peace with what we cannot change, the courage to change what we know should be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.

- Selected

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

THANK YOU

Your cards, phone calls and other personal expressions of interest in my well-being have been encouraging to Dorothy and me. We are grateful for our loving Christian family.

Calvin Mannen

We would like to express our thanks for your prayers during Ethel's illness, surgery and her continuing recovery. A special thanks to the Benevolent Group for the beautiful card. Please continue to remember us during her time of recuperation.

Homer and Ethel Harris

Dear West Erwin Members,

I appreciate all the concerns shown me during my recent hospital stay. Thank you.

Robert McLemee

You think of the nicest things to do. Words cannot express my thanks for all your expressions of love after my surgery.

Joan Jordan

Dear Church Friends,

Many thanks for all the calls, cards, visits and food sent during my illness.

Harley Turner

TENTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY FALL LECTURESHIP

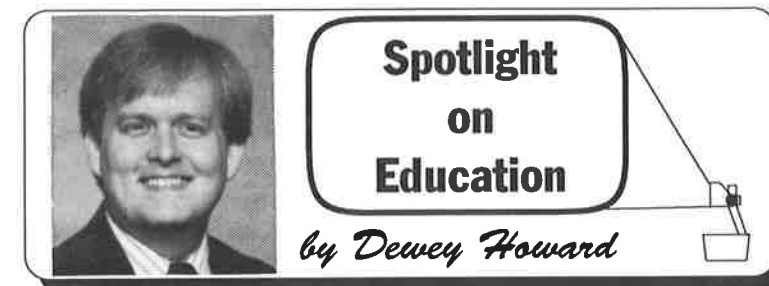
University Church of Christ, 922 Old Omen Road
 October 2 - 5 *Theme: World Evangelism
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Last week began my fourth year of ministry with you. It just seems like yesterday that my family and I moved into Tyler and started getting to know all of you. A lot has happened in the last three years -- for us personally and for the church corporately. God has wonderfully blessed me and my family with a church family that loves us. He has wonderfully blessed this church with quality teachers who love His word and the students they teach. Thank you for putting up with me for the past three years, and may God richly bless us as enter this fourth year together. I just know that He's not finished with us yet!

Do you remember The Great Stairway Dress-Em-Up?

Back in the Spring we asked our children to submit ideas for murals to brighten our stairway areas in the building. Bible story pictures came in from children from age 3 through young teens. Well, the Summer's hectic schedule caused us to postpone plans for the stairways. But now, it's time to resume the project.

Sunday I met with several of our West Erwin artists to discuss how we should proceed with the project. I got really excited just listening to them talk about the possibilities. You will be seeing some things happen with this project toward the end of the year and into next year.

To all West Erwin children: Our artists loved the drawings that you have submitted. It's not too late to give us more ideas for the stairways. The more ideas they have to work with the better. All children can participate. If you are a very young child, ask your parents to help you. Get out a piece of paper and draw, sketch, color, or paint a picture of a Bible story or of Bible times and give it to me as soon as you can. The Great Stairway Dress-Em-Up is underway again.

NEWS FLASH: The smoke machine has been found!!! (And, NO, it has not been in my office all of this time.) Thanks to whomever returned it.

HOPE FOR FAMILIES
With Ron Rose
October 23, 1994

- ☞ **Six Traits of Strong Families**
- ☞ **Four Things We Must Teach Our Kids**
- ☞ **The Missing Ingredient for Families of the 90's**
- ☞ **Secrets of Lifetime Marriage**

Today's families need every advantage. Strengthen the hope for your family as you participate in this seminar.

*** Koinonia #1 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Sept. 11	Sunday Sept. 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	380	392
Worship A.M.	502	548	542
Worship P.M.	370	355	NS
Wed. P.M.	288	238	238
Contribution	\$13,477.05	\$16,258.80	\$15,245.55
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 18 and Wed. P.M., Sept. 21, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.

PRAYER AND CARE

Tony Adams got a good report after surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Fred Mumford got a good report after a heart cath Monday. Warren Gray is doing well following eye surgery on Monday. Barbara Brady is ill at home. Elizabeth Hughes is ill at home with shingles. Elizabeth Endsley is now at home. Charles Hickman is at home but still is not feeling well. Aline Beard is recuperating from surgery at the home of her nephew in Athens. Calvin Mannen is still recuperating from an injury to his leg. F.D. Knight, Roger Knight's brother, is very ill in Little Rock. Leonard Romans, Ann Cantrell's father, is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. John Hopkins, Cynthia Johnson's uncle, is very ill in Waco. Weldon Richardson, Marsha Richardson's brother-in-law, is very ill with cancer in Colorado. Lois Hoppers, former West Erwin member, is in the cardiac unit at Trinity Valley Hospital in Palestine. Ethel Harris, Jan McDonald's grandmother, is in Medical Center, room 4471. Continue to remember Sandra Henry, Pat Stokes, Harley Turner and others who need our prayer and care.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDER'S		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School.....9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class.....10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.	Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center.....9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Melvin Crow
Scripture Bob Bryant
Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Danny Craddock
Scripture Don Crowder
Dismiss Casey Culpepper

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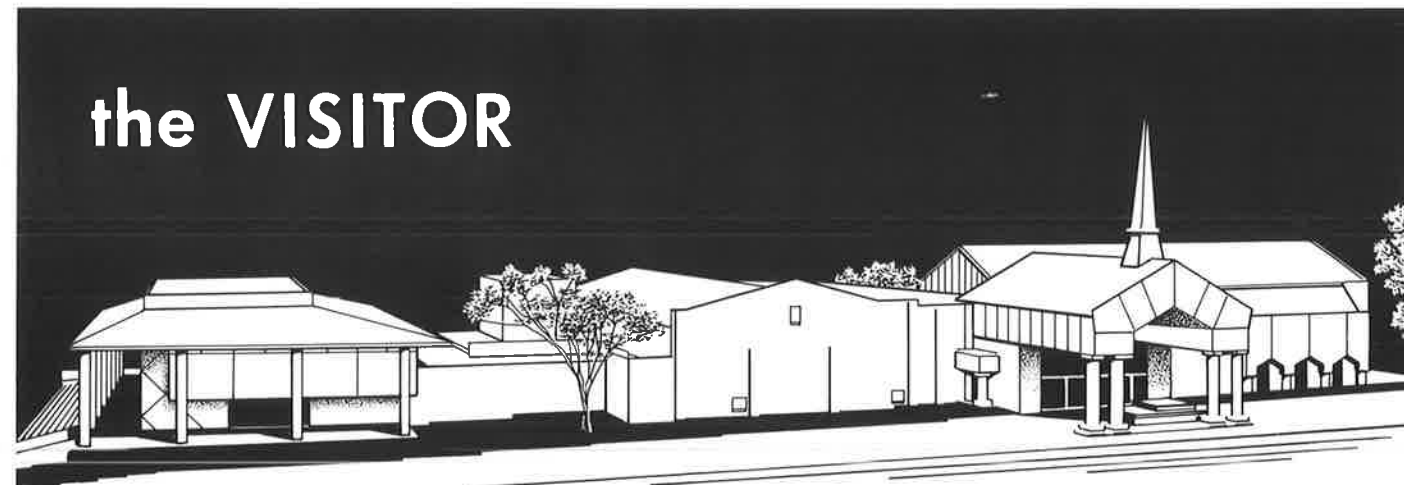
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Gus Krewall Roger Knight
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GREETERS

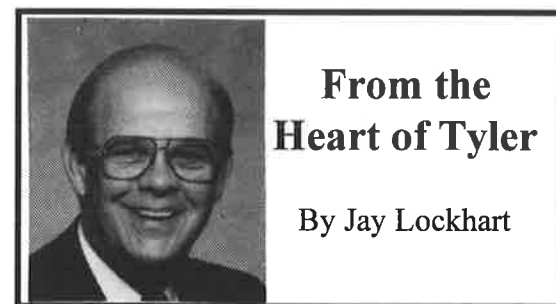
Don & Norma Durham
Bill & Ruth Mezell

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



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, September 18
By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. Let's Ask Some Questions About Worship (Hebrews 10:19-25)
P.M. More Questions About Worship (Isaiah 1:10-17)

OCTOBER 2

This is another significant date for us -- October 2. On this day we will be honoring those who have come to us over the past year at our Newcomer's Fellowship. We will meet in the fellowship building following our evening service and our elders will introduce our newcomers and tell us something special about each one. It will be a good time. More details later.

BIBLE SCHOOL

It was good to see the surge in our Bible School attendance last Sunday as we began a new quarter. Much of that increase was due to the great participation of the three classes of Dewey Howard, Hillard Hughes, and Danny Craddock which have a new format this quarter -- the Cluster Classes. I heard good things. We all need to be in Bible class -- let's have over 400 this Sunday!

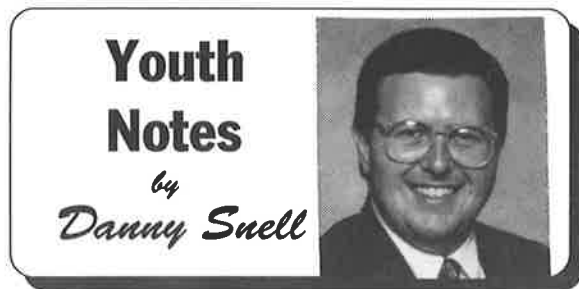
OUR GROWING FAMILY

Since July 1, we have had thirty-four additions to the West Erwin family. The people who have come are of all ages and are the kind of folks who will help us as we seek to serve the Lord in this place. We welcome each one and look forward to God's continued blessings as we grow for Him, both numerically and spiritually.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of travel."
"Half of life is 'if.'"
"Criticism is something we can avoid easily -- by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing."
- Aristotle
"The question should never be who is right, but what is right."
- Glenn Gardiner

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REMEMBER?

As most of you know, someone burned our bus this past weekend. This was not just any bus; it was a bus full of memories. Do you remember some of those fantastic times? See if these jog your memory: the summer of three blowouts, the many Summer Youth Series trips, the trips to Six Flags, the many retreats and youth conferences, the several trips to LTC, the mission trip to Albuquerque, the ski trip to Leadville, the mission trip to Raton (with no suspension), four great mission trips to Nebraska, the tons of VBS material we got on the bus, the first Harding trip with the scary backfires, the many hundreds of hours of uncontrollable laughter spent on the bus, so many hours of beautiful singing and praying, the many friends you made while sitting by them on the bus, and...

Yes, it was a special bus, but it only helped to provide those great memories. You, the awesome teens of West Erwin really made those memories special. We are indebted to the late Ross Walker who made this bus possible so many years ago. Thanks to God for delivering us safely so many times.

THANKS!

Thanks to Danny & Maggie Craddock and Jeff & Linda Hone for hosting the Bible Quiz last Monday. We had about 70 young people from the Tyler area for the first Bible Quiz.

PARENT - TEEN MEETING

All of those in the Youth Group and their parents are asked to attend our Parent - Teen Meeting Sunday, Sep. 18, after the evening assembly. This will be an eating meeting so watch the mail for what you need to bring. This will be a very important meeting and we need everyone to make plans to be there.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sep. 18 Parent - Teen Meeting
- Oct. 10 Bible Quiz at Broadway
- Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

"Croatian Call"

Please turn in your boxes by the end of September.

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Tate's Team #3 will meet Sept. 18.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS
Sherron Warren³² made known her wish to work and worship with the West Erwin family on Sunday. She has been visiting here for several weeks and is a welcome addition to our growing family. She comes to us from the Crockett Road church in Palestine. She lives at 6113 Plantation, 75703, ph. 561-6049.

We are very pleased to welcome John³³ and Kim³⁴ Mayer back home. John is the son of Jim and Priscilla Mayer. He recently graduated from A&M and is employed at Brookshires. This young couple will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord at this place. Their address is 400 West South Town Dr. #605, 75703, ph. 581-0553.

Richard Goolsby came Sunday night to request the prayers of the church as he is going through a difficult time in his life.

"A man's greatness is measured by his kindness; his education and intellect by his modesty. His ignorance is betrayed by his suspicions, prejudices, and criticisms. His real caliber is measured by the consideration and tolerance he has for others."

"He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor."

Proverbs 21:21

TV VIEWERS WRITE US...

Following are some excerpts from letters received from viewers of THE SEARCH. The "Terms of Endearment" series just completed was a very popular and much requested series. To date we have sent 71 series of tapes (5 tape series) and 18 single tapes to people requesting them. This is in addition to the 100+ sent regularly each week. More than 50 of the books Five Steps You Can Take To Help Save Your Family have been sent.

We enjoy the program so much. We never miss it unless we're out of town. It's really uplifting. My family doesn't get to hear it because they're too far away so please send the series to the following people...
Alto, TX

You have a wonderful TV program and May God continue to bless you richly. I will be using the material requested to teach a young ladies class on how to make marriage better. I taught your series on Prayer in our Ladies Bible Class.
Oakwood, TX

I enjoy hearing you every time you teach us. Please send me the book you mention. Thank you very much.
Quitman, TX

I enjoy the TV program very much. I really enjoy your lessons and the way you teach them, my life is blessed by them. Keep up the good work.
Longview, TX

I listen to Brother Lockhart every Sunday morning. I love his lessons so much. Please send me the book about 5 steps to save my family. Thank you so much.
Kilgore, TX

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

IN APPRECIATION

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us...your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Zach D. Norton.

Billie Osburn & Family

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the Bible and the book In His Steps. Both will be helpful in my Christian life.

Love,
Becky Blackstone

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Fern Bench will be the teacher for Ladies Bible Class beginning Wednesday, September 21, in the Heritage Room. All ladies, who are not working away from home, are invited to attend.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Chloe Clark on the birth of a new great granddaughter. Hanna was born to Jim and Beverly Roberson in Athens. She weighed 5 lb and is 18 1/2 inches long.

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

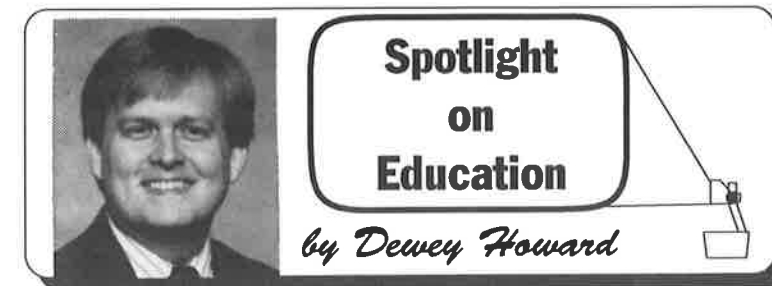
The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of September 19. Listed below are items they have requested. However, if there are other items you would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated. COOKING OIL, CANNED CHILI, CANNED FRUIT & SPAM.

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

Are YOU praying Daily for The 100?

Our Mission Statement
TO GLORIFY GOD
Everyone Growing Into The Image Of Christ
Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin * Tyler, TX 75702



Were you in class Sunday morning? If not, you were in the minority! We had our best class attendance of the year last Sunday. 411 were assembled in various Bible study classes to learn from God's word. What a great start to what promises to be a great Fall. Several ideas are being worked on to keep improving what we do in our Bible classes. Listen for the opportunities for growth that are coming, and participate as you are able in helping us build one another in the likeness of Christ.

Our Young Adult Cluster Class began in a grand way

Sunday morning. I must apologize for my lack of faith. I expected and prepared for 60 adults to attend the class last Sunday. But when all was said and done, we had 81 young adults together to begin what will be a growth-producing experience in Bible study and fellowship. But the excitement did not end there. 136 young adults and their families showed up at the Ables' home for a time of food and fellowship. (At least, 136 is how many Gary was able to count!) Thank you for surprising me. And please be patient with us as we make adjustments to the unforeseeable problems that inevitably come up when getting a new class started. Study your lesson for Sunday and come prepared to participate in the discussion. Let's grow together as we seek to become "humble people for noble purposes."

TO A TEACHER

You who give yourself so earnestly
Sunday after Sunday without pay
In either gold or silver of the realm,
Remember this: There is a chance today
That in your giving you may give, unpriced,
To some heart, a new vision of the Christ.
Remember that the careful words that you speak
May cling in memory of a lifetime through;
That a quick gesture to accent a truth
May make an imprint on some mind, of you;
That if there is a new thought you can bring
It may unseal some hitherto dry spring;
And if you please the Master at your task
There is no greater thing the heart can ask.
Grace Noll Crowell

PARENTS: Sometime before the quarter is over, remember to tell your child's teacher how much you appreciate her. Our teachers are on your team wanting to help you bring your child up in the love of God. Let them know that you are glad to have them.

*** Koinonia #6 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Sept. 4	Sunday August 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	380	373	392
Worship A.M.	548	563	542
Worship P.M.	355	1,150	NS
Wed. P.M.	238	283	238
Contribution	\$16,258.80	\$43,171.95	\$15,245.55
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 11 and Wed. P.M. Sept. 14, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

Charles Hickman was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday. **John Hopkins**, Cynthia Johnson's uncle, is having heart problems in Waco. He also suffered a stroke. **Weldon Richardson**, Marsha Richardson's brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer in Colorado. **Aline Beard** had surgery on Tuesday at Medical Center in Athens. **Ethel Harris**, Jan McDonald's grandmother, is in Medical Center, room 4471. **Calvin Mannen** injured his leg last week. Continue to remember **Sandra Henry, Pat Stokes, Harley Turner, Elizabeth Endsley** and others who need our prayer and care.

WITH SYMPATHY

George Miller, Alice Stephenson's brother, died recently in San Francisco. Services were held Monday for Lee O'Neal. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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Dewey Howard - Education	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
(Sept. through May)	
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer John Cliver
Scripture Dan Cullinan
Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Bob Clemmons
Scripture Gary Cain
Dismiss Gary Broome

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Milburn Cook

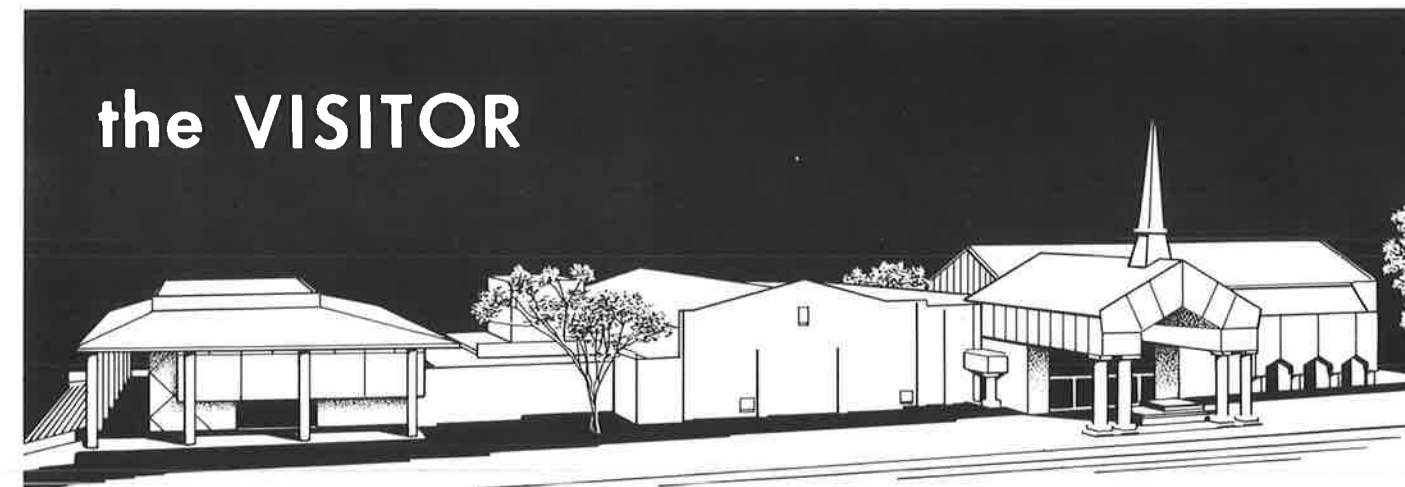
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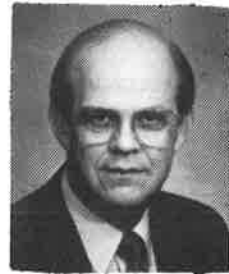
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our new church directory will be off the press soon, but this very useful tool in the work of the local church did not just happen. First, there was the cooperation of nearly all of our families in having their pictures made. Without your help the directory could not be used as effectively as it can with you in it. Thank you for your help. Second, there were those who worked at the picture taking sessions to make sure appointments were carried out in an orderly way. Thanks to you. Third, there were those who served at the sign-up tables to help our folks get scheduled for their pictures. Thanks. Fourth, a special thanks to **Frances McBee** and **Jo Butler** for their tireless efforts in signing people up for pictures, for preparing the alphabetized list of our members, and for doing the picture layouts for the directory. Thank you, ladies. Fifth, thanks to **Mike McMinn** and **James Phillips** for making the activity pictures which will enhance the directory. Thanks, guys. Sixth, and last but by no means least, thanks to **Melvin** and **Donna Maples** for the coordination work they did to make everything run smoothly. Thank you. Putting a church directory together is a big job, but the way so many of our folks worked together, they made a big job

seem simple. This useful directory will be in your hands soon.

NEW CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY


This Sunday begins a new quarter for our Bible classes. This would be a great time for you to begin attending regularly if you are not now doing so. I'm excited about the line up of adult classes for this fall and I'm looking forward to leading the Auditorium Class in a study we are calling God's Plan For The Ages. In this study we will be looking at the Content, the Author, the Time, the Keys, and the Christ in each of the books of the Old Testament as we seek to discover the message of each book and see how it fits with the others to form the canon of the Old Testament Scriptures. If you are not now enrolled in an adult class, join us Sunday.

"Your testimonies also are my delight ...
Behold, I long for your precepts ...
And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I love ...
How sweet are your words to my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth ..."

Psalm 119:24, 40, 47, 103

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to Ken and Cathy Culpepper and Lisa Snell for hosting the devotional this past Sunday night.

PARENT - TEEN MEETING

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BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will begin on Monday Sept. 12 at West Erwin. Exodus 1-11 will be the text for the first quiz. All of those in the 6-12 grade are encouraged to participate in Bible Quiz. There are 4 grade divisions: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12. Students may move up in an age group, but not down. Teams can be from 1 to 5 members who work together to answer the fifty questions on the test. You will have only 12 minutes to take the test. Tests are open Bible. You do not have to have the same team members each month. Places are announced for the teams in each division. You will not ever be embarrassed in any way if you do not do well on a particular test. The purpose is to help you learn more about the Bible, not to see who is the smartest. We will be practicing this Sunday at 4:00 in the Heritage Room. Make plans to be a part of Bible Quiz.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sept. 11 Bible Quiz Practice
- Sept. 12 Bible Quiz at West Erwin
- Sept. 18 Parent - Teen Meeting
- Oct. 10 Bible Quiz at Broadway
- Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Powell's Team #2 will meet Sept. 12.

IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,
Thank you very much for the study Bible you gave me at graduation. This will be a helpful aid when studying the scriptures. I will keep you in my prayers while I am away at school.

Love,
Neil Vannoy

I want to thank each and every one for the cards, calls, flowers, and especially for all of the many people who took the trouble to visit with me in the hospital.

Ellie Steele

GOOD NEWS FROM TOGO

Charles Rachui received a fax from Jeff and Brenda Holland. They, along with the rest of the team, have found housing that has exceeded their fondest dreams. They are renting from the Assistant Director of Ports and had no problems with getting everything through customs. They have found a pick-up for a good price with no added taxes so they will have transportation when all the paper work is completed. The entire team seems to be happy and doing well. We will give you their new address as soon as it is available to us.

BENEVOLENT WORK

During the month of August 407 people, representing 102 families, were helped through our Benevolent Center. Twenty-one Bibles were given to those requesting them.

There is a need at this time for children's school clothes. If you can help with this need, please bring clean, in season, clothing.

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." Matthew 5:16


AGING TO PERFECTION

The Prestoncrest Church of Christ Young at Heart in Dallas, Texas will present "Aging to Perfection", an all day learning experience, on September 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Special guests: Dr. Prentice Meador, Dr. Timothy Young and "Hallal". Please call 1-800-326-9019 for reservations. When voice mail answers, press 2222, leave your name, phone number and how many! You won't want to miss the devotion, workshop, praise, games, fun, speakers, fellowship, food and education!

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Dan and Wini Cullinan on the birth of a new great granddaughter. Brooklyn Kimber Baker was born to Andy and Melanie Baker in Houston on August 30. She weighed 8 lb. 1/2 oz.

The Search



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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will begin Wednesday, September 14, 1994 with a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall at 11:00 A.M. All women of West Erwin and their guests are invited to participate. Please bring a salad and come. The first class will be September 21 in the Heritage room. Fern Bench will teach the class.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are in need of two ladies to care for children during Ladies Bible Class this fall. This is a paid position and involves caring for children from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. each Wednesday. If you are interested in this, please call Fern Bench or Dewey Howard as soon as possible.

A ROAST FOR A COACH

Jim Armstrong has retired after 35 years in Education. Join us as we honor him for his contributions on Saturday, September 10 at the West Erwin church Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Henry and Becky McRuiz, ph. 593-1973.

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of September 19. Listed below are items they have requested. However, if there are other items you would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated. COOKING OIL, CANNED CHILI, CANNED FRUIT & SPAM.

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 weak-kneed,
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.


via The Exhorter

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Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

<<< **Young Adult Cluster Class** >>>
<<< **begins this Sunday.** >>>

Get ready for a Bible learning experience like you have never had before! A new class begins this Sunday, September 11, for all young adults at West Erwin. This includes young singles and married couples who are in the 20's to early 40's age range. Bible study, fellowship, and care for one another will be the emphasis for this class. "What is a cluster class," you ask? Well, come Sunday and find out. The class will meet in the fellowship hall.

Sunday night after the evening worship, all young adults are invited to Gary and Julie Ables' home for a time of food and fellowship. We want to use this time to get our new class started in a first-class way. Bring your family with you and finger foods to share, and enjoy our time together.

My special thanks to the group of young adults who have been working with me to get this class off the ground. About 20 to 30 of us have been planning and praying for this class. It is because of their work and excitement that this class will be so good for us. Sunday will be a great day!

The Sunday morning Children's Church is underway for the Fall. Good things are in store for our children with loving, nurturing adults. Please let Kelly and Jeannie Ross know when you can help them in Children's Church. One Sunday out of the year is all they ask, and there is no preparation before class required.

If you are a middle school or high school teen and would like to help with Children's Church periodically, you need to talk with Kelly Ross. Please do not go into the Children's Church class rooms unless you have checked with Kelly first. We want your help, but we need to coordinate how many we have in the classes each Sunday.

Get ready for a Sunday that will strengthen your family! Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 23. That is the day that Ron Rose will be with us. *Hope for Families* is a seminar that will strengthen your marriage, your relationship with your children, and your own confidence as a mate and/or parent. Ron has spent the better part of his life helping families become stronger. More details will come to you soon, but for now reserve October 23. Make sure you are in town for a day that will enrich your family.

For your prayer list this week:

- ▶ The "100"
- ▶ Our Fall Bible class teachers
- ▶ Our children as they settle into a new school year
- ▶ Our parents as they help their children grow in the Lord

*** Koinonia #5 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	August 21	August 14	Ago
Bible Class	373	367	393
Worship A.M.	563	552	555
Worship P.M.	1,150	346	328
Wed. P.M.	283	276	222
Contribution	\$43,171.95	\$11,645.26	\$15,245.55
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 4 and Wed. P.M., Sept. 7, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.

PRAYER AND CARE

Charles Hickman is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 421. **John Hopkins**, Cynthia Johnson's uncle, is having heart problems in Waco. **Ellie Steele** expected to be dismissed from Mother Frances on Wednesday. **Aline Beard** will enter Medical Center in Athens Monday for surgery for vitral hernia on Tuesday. **Elizabeth Endsley** is now at Briarcliff Nursing Center. **Ethel Harris**, Jan McDonald's grandmother, is in Medical Center, room 2505. **Anthony Aven** required stitches in his eye and a hand splint following a go-cart accident last week. **Calvin Mannen** injured his leg while mowing last week. **Harley Turner** is at home but is continuing therapy. **Sandra Henry** is continuing chemo treatment. **Pat Stokes** is continuing outpatient therapy.

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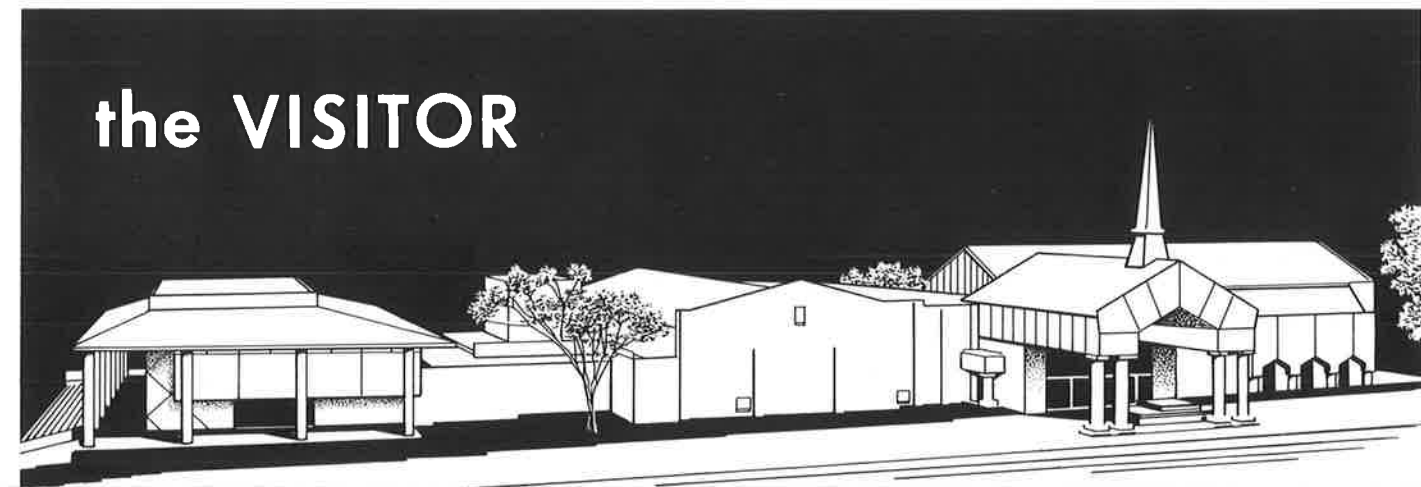
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Sunday will be another Lord's Day. It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters. What a joy it will be to assemble together! **See you then!**



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, September 4, 1994

by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
 A.M. My Hopes And Fears
 (II Corinthians 11:1-3)
 P.M. My Joys And Sorrows
 (Romans 9:1-7)


CITY-WIDE MEETING

Our fourth annual (there is some confusion on whether this was the 3rd or 4th, but Caldwell Auditorium, West Erwin, Shiloh, and back at West Erwin makes four, doesn't it?) was a success in every way. Our prayers, planning, and purpose were all rewarded with a great event. Our count registered 1150 present and our special contribution for the printing of Bibles for Eastern Europe is at \$32,089.15 and growing each day. **Richard Baggett**, who works full time in the U.S. with Eastern European Mission, brought us some exciting information about the work and possibilities in the former Iron Curtain countries. **Mladen Jovanovic** thrilled us, challenged us, and informed us. It was a moving sight to see the area youth present Mladen with those 102 boxes, representing the amount of goods collected by young people during the summer for Croatia. And when **Danny Snell** challenged us to take those 102 boxes and fill them for Croatia, every box was taken. The cooperation and fellowship exhibited during the evening was wonderful and surely all will agree that it was a great night. There are so many people to thank: **Fleta Butler, Velma Lemons, Claudia Griffis** and a host of helpers for the child care; **Dale Blackstone** and

many helpers for Bible Hour; **Gary Ables** for coordinating the 5 o'clock singing, for leading the singing at 6 o'clock, and for organizing the parking crew consisting of a group of guys who are reported to have done an excellent job; **Louis Jones** and **Melvin Maples** for getting the special contribution totals to us so quickly; **Keith Harris** for having the physical facilities ready; **Don Drummond** for providing the closed-circuit TV for the overflow crowd; **Les Carruth** and **Jack Stringer** for making it possible for us to be heard; the area preachers (**Mike Warner, Perry Hall, Bernie Baur, Tommie King, J.C. Tate, and Randy Daw**) for leading in the service; **Richard Baggett** and **Mladen Jovanovic** for sharing; those who gave; and most of all we thank God for opening doors, multiplying the seed we sow, and for blessing us with a great day. I think we can say with a great deal of confidence that the consensus was that there should be a 5th Annual City-Wide Meeting!

 Upcoming Events: Newcomers Dinner - October 2
 Ron Rose on Building Strong Families - October 23

Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to all of the teens and parents who helped with the presentation this past Sunday night. It was an exciting thing to see. So many people in Croatia will be blessed by your efforts. Over 100 boxes were sent to Croatia and another 100 were picked up Sunday. Thanks for showing so much interest. To those who still want to fill a box, you may pick one up at my office. Mladen gave a very touching message about the plight of the Croatians and the need for us to help however we can. Please continue to pray for Croatia and the work in Eastern Europe.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Adam Bryant for being selected as 1st Chair Trombone in the Whitehouse High School Marching Band. Way to go Adam!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

Leave Sunday night open for a great time together. Some fun plans are in the works and you don't want to miss it.

BIBLE QUIZ

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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Sep. 4 Combined Activity
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- Nov. 18-19 Middle School Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Garner's Team #1 will meet Sep. 4.

Thanks to all who made the Visitation Dinner such a great meeting. Let's continue to pray for this ministry.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome **Dr. Stan²⁸** and **Suzanne²⁹ Perkins** into our growing West Erwin family. Stan is an Anesthesiologist at U. T. Health Center and Suzanne is an attorney. Suzanne is the daughter of Jamon and Clay Kirby so this is a homecoming for her. They live at 904 Beth Drive, 75703, ph. 561-7560.

We are happy to welcome **Jerry³⁰** and **Rachel³¹ Huff** back home to West Erwin. They have been working with the church in Troup but have recently moved back to Tyler and wish to work and worship with the family here. Their address is 10712 Kiamechi Drive, 75703, ph. 534-8549.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Members:

I appreciate all the prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls during my recent hospital stay. I know the power of prayer is working in my life and I love you all.

Ann McMinn

To our West Erwin Family,

We'd like to thank you all for your hospitality and kindness you once again showed our family while we were in Tyler. It's always such a pleasure to visit with you and make new friends and renew old ones.

We've been quite busy since returning home. The garden is very fruitful. I've been canning and freezing - stocking up for winter. The kids are finishing their 4-H projects for the fair this weekend, then school starts Monday. Never a dull moment!

Some of the members of the church here have mentioned getting cards and letters from some of you there. They are just tickled to hear from you.

Thank you all for all you have done and continue to do.

In Christian Love,

Ray and Linda Maxwell & Family

Dear Christian friends at West Erwin Benevolent Center,

Thanks so much for remembering me. You just made my day!

Jo Warner

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Pleasant Retreat Methodist church for Zach Norton, Billie Osburn's father. Priscilla Strickland, Lisa Snell's grandmother, died last week in Wiggins, Mississippi. Otelia Sill's brother died in the Philippines. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their time of loss.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mark and Michelle Winters on the birth of a son on Monday, August 29. Mason Everett weighed 8 lb 14 oz. and is 20 inches long. Christine Parsons is the proud great grandmother.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish dinner on Thursday, September 8, 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 this time of fellowship.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will begin Wednesday, September 14, 1994 with a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall at 11:00 A.M. All women of West Erwin and their guests are invited to participate. Please bring a salad and come. The first class will be September 21 in the Heritage room. Fern Bench will teach the class.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are in need of two ladies to care for children during Ladies Bible Class this fall. This is a paid position and involves caring for children from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. each Wednesday. If you are interested in this, please call Fern Bench or Dewey Howard as soon as possible.

CUB SCOUT PACK 354

What is Pack 354? It's more than just another Cub Scout Pack! Pack 354 is sponsored by members of the churches of Christ for Scouting. We are a service oriented Pack which believes in doing good deeds. Of course, we have fun in the process of building stronger bonds between parents and their sons. You will find spiritual emphasis and moral teaching at our Pack Meetings. At each Pack Meeting we have a "Cubmasters Minute" which is a brief lesson in spiritual training.

Unique to our Pack is our Good Turn Activities which are conducted once a month in which our Cub Scouts visit one of the area churches and help in a benevolence or mission work. Last year we averaged about 20 scouts and almost as many adults for each activity. Although not all of our Cub Scouts come from families who attend the church of Christ, a large majority are from such families. If you have a son (or grandson) in 1st through 5th grade, and they are interested in joining Scouting, we will be holding our Rally Night for new and joining members on September 12 at the Shiloh Road Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. This is independent from the school rally nights and for our Pack only. Please come join us. If you need more information, please contact Jon Murry at 597-0420 or Don McLaugherty at 566-3583.

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK WILL BE HERE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19.


Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image Of Christ
Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin * Tyler, TX 75702



Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*

West Erwin appreciates all of you who helped make Sunday so special. Thanks to you who cared for children during the evening assembly. Thanks to you who ushered and helped with parking. Thanks to the camera and sound crew. And thanks to all of you who participated in a great day! Sunday was truly an inspiring day, wasn't it?!

New adult Bible studies begin next week. Plans are underway this fall to improve the fellowship and service in our Bible class groups. Be a part of our growing family!

Adults - Sunday Mornings

	Room	Teacher
God's Plan for the Ages Auditorium	SmAud	Jay Lockhart
Positive Christian Living 50's-70's	Heritage Room	Roy Bench
Positive Christian Living Boomers (40's & 50's)	111	Ray Vannoy
Positive Christian Living Mixed Ages	113	Harold Denman
Humble People for Noble Purposes Young Adults	Fellowship Hall	Cluster Class
1 & 2 Timothy Ladies	114	Sue Starnes
Improving Your Serve College	305	Jeff Fennell

Wednesday Night Adult Electives

	Room	Teacher
The Search	SmAud	Jay Lockhart
Strike the Original Match	112	Hillard Hughes
Fitting It All Together (Class for women)	111	Kathy Portwood
Now the People of God (Discussion for men)	113	Don Durham
College & Singles	305	Stan Clark

On Wednesday, September 7, we will go directly to our classes and spend the full hour in Bible study. We will be trying this new format during the fall in an effort to enrich the time that we have for Bible study. Our adult teachers are preparing some great classes to give us spiritual meat each time we are together. Our children's teachers are looking forward to nurturing the kids through God's word. Help us make Wednesdays the highlight of everyone's week.

*** No Koinonia meeting this Sunday due to Labor Day. ***

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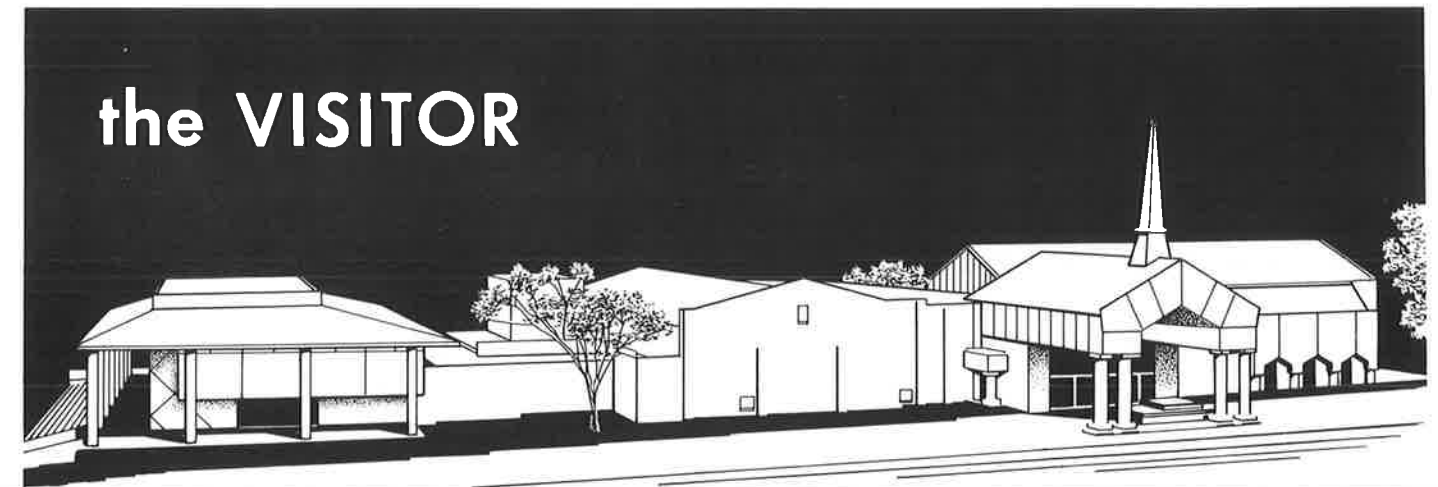
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City(Area)-Wide Meeting

with

Mladen Jovanovic

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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, August 28, 1994

A.M. Crossroads Of The Heart
 (Ephesians 6:10-13)

P.M. City-Wide Meeting at West Erwin
 with Mladen Jovanovic


"Now When The Day ... Had Fully Come" - Acts 2:1

Well, it's here! That day we've been planning for -- the Fourth Annual City (Area)-Wide Meeting. Three years ago the churches of Tyler rented Caldwell Auditorium for the first meeting. The second meeting, a year later, took place in West Erwin's new auditorium. Last year we met at Shiloh and, now, the fourth meeting is back at West Erwin. The spirit of cooperating fellowship, and love demonstrated for this upcoming event has been marvelous throughout the planning period. Excitement has been building since we learned that **Mladen Jovanovic**, evangelist for the Lord in Croatia, would be our speaker. We will be thrilled as we hear of the opportunities the Lord has opened up in Eastern Europe. Please remember these things as we approach this Sunday night:

1. The singing will begin at 5 o'clock with leaders participating from area churches.
2. At 5:30 our youth ministers and young people will present Mladen 102 boxes representing the amount of goods the youth of East Texas collected for Croatia during the summer.

3. At 5:45 **Richard Baggett**, who works with Eastern European Mission, will bring us up to date on recent accomplishments of EEM.
4. At 6 o'clock we will worship with **Gary Ables** and area preachers leading us and then Mladen will speak.
5. Following Mladen's presentation a special contribution for EEM and Croatia will be taken to be used in printing Bibles.
6. Nursery, Bible Hour, and classes will be provided for the 6 o'clock service only.
7. Closed-circuit TV will be available in our old auditorium for our overflow.
8. Park in our remote lots to expedite parking for older and handicapped people.
9. Richard Baggett and Mladen Jovanovic will be conducting combined classes in our auditorium Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.
10. Be present at all assemblies Sunday and enjoy a great day. **See you then!**

Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to Gary & Julie Ables, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for helping host the Wildcatters game last Friday. We all had a great time watching some great baseball!

ANNUAL CITY WIDE WORSHIP

The annual worship assembly of the Tyler churches will be Sunday, August 28 at West Erwin. This is a very important time for area Christians to be united. Mladen Jovanovic from Croatia will be speaking. A special presentation about the "Croatian Call" will be made by area teens at 5:30. A special collection will be taken up for Eastern European Missions and their Bible printing ministry. We will have an opportunity to put God's word in the hands of some who have never seen a Bible before. What an awesome privilege and responsibility. Don't miss it!

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
-Visitation Turnover Dinner-
-Monday, August 29-
-7:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall-
All who are a part of the Visitation Ministry and all others who are interested in this ministry are invited to attend this Potluck Dinner for information and reorganization.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome **Mark²⁶** and **Alisa²⁷** Hutchins and sons, **Chad** (age 9) and **Spencer** (age 6) into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset to this church as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 3110 Tallow Oak Circle, 75707, ph. 581-5835.

"POWER OF ONE" BRINGS A SIBERIAN PROFESSOR TO CHRIST

The power of one! Joseph saved his entire family from starvation. Moses interceded for Israel and God relented from His decision to destroy the obstinate nation. David killed Goliath. Esther saved her people from a decree of annihilation. Jonah saved Nineveh, although reluctantly. A boy who offered his lunch was blessed by Christ, as it fed 5,000 people. Paul turned the Gentile world upside-down for Christ.

The power of one! Early in 1989, Keith Balfour, who was a college student in Cleveland, Ohio sent \$15 to Eastern European Mission, Houston, asking that three Russian New Testaments be mailed in his name to contacts in the Soviet Union. He included a word of encouragement for those receiving them to write to him.

When Eastern European Mission personnel received Balfour's letter, they mailed the testaments to three names on EEM's computer list.

One of those who received a testament was Eugen Shusharin, a university professor in Novosibirsk, a large city in the heart of Siberia. Fluent in English, he wrote Balfour, thanking him for the Bible. A steady correspondence developed, with tracts and articles about the church exchanged. As a result, Susharin wrote to EEM requesting a correspondence course in Russian.

Before long he wrote Balfour again, requesting baptism. Balfour discovered that a group of Christians from Smyrna, TN, was going to Novosibirsk for two weeks in February 1991. He gave that group Susharin's address. Contact was made. Susharin and his wife were taught further and both were subsequently baptized.

Susharin has a doctorate in chemistry and is completing a master's degree in Bible at David Lipscomb in Nashville, TN.

There are now four congregations in Novosibirsk. The Smyrna church, along with North Atlanta, GA, church and a number of individuals, works closely with these groups of new Christians in Novosibirsk. All of this, the power of one!

This Sunday night, August 28, you will have an opportunity to help by giving money for the printing of Bibles for EEM and the Croation work. Mladen Jovanovic of Croatia will be the featured speaker for our Area-Wide Meeting and will tell us more about the opportunities available to us in Eastern Europe. Singing will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Worship Service will be at 6:00 p.m.

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of September 19. Listed below are items needed, however, if there are other items that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. **COOKING OIL, CANNED CHILI, CANNED FRUIT & SPAM.**

WEDDING INVITATION

*Desiring God's will for their lives
and believing that includes each other
Melissa and Dee
together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marts
and
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Green
invite you to share in their joy
as they are united in the Lord Jesus Christ
on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of August
nineteen hundred and ninety four
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas
Reception following
Plaza Windmill Club*

CONGRATULATIONS

Samantha McKenzie Fedell was born on Saturday, August 20 to Rick and Karen Fedell. She weighed 9 lb. 14 oz. Russell, Cody, Payton and Tanner are the proud big brothers.

Sadie and Matthew Smyer would like the world to know that they have a new baby brother! Cameron Miles was born August 12 to Tim and Rashell. He weighed 8 lb. and is 21 inches long. (The Smyer's now live at 5603 Porsche in Austin, TX).

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Edgar and Delle Bullard and all the family in the death of Doris Daniel, Edgar's brother-in-law. He died Sunday in Gallatin, Tennessee.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your visits, cards, concern and most of all your prayers while my father, Ernest Bell, was in the hospital.


Thank you,
Kathy Hilliard

GOSPEL MEETING

Hear Johnny Anders preaching the Gospel of Christ at the Quitman & Center Church of Christ in Gladewater, Texas August 28-31. Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services are at 7:00 p.m.

"Pray as if everything depended on God, and work as if everything depended on man."

Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*



West Erwin has some of the best teachers around!!!

My special thanks to all of you who taught during the summer months. With summer vacations and activities, I know that it was not always easy to fulfill your class room commitments. Thank you for allowing the Lord to work through you.

And my appreciation and prayers go with you who will be teaching this fall. Falls just get busier and busier each year. Several of you have made sacrifices to commit to our Bible class ministry in September. May God grant you an extra measure of His wisdom and strength as you lead our learners.

Fall Quarter Children's Classes

	Room	Sundays	Wednesdays
Beginners	110	Jeanine Hughes Jo Butler	Marisa Suggs Jennifer Hale
2-year-olds	107	Velma Lemons Claudia Griffis	Pamela Garrett Linda Brumitt
3-year-olds	103	Stephanie Pate Kathy Hilliard	Paige Morris Chris Hadjison Joe McBee
4-year-olds	104	Tommy and Donna Lowrance	
Kindergarten	201	Sheila Taylor	Jim and Kelley Bell
Grade 1	202	Lynda Terrell	Kim DuPree Sandra Wingate
Grade 2	203	Sylvia Carpenter	
Grade 3	204	Teri Bradshaw	Frances Phillips
Grades 4 & 5	207	Gail Vannoy	LaDawn Ragsdale

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A new class for all young adults (20's, 30's, 40's) gets started on September 11. I am really excited about the plans for this class. We will experience Bible study and fellowship like never before. **You will want to be a part of this!** September 11 will be a big day for kicking off this class. Mark your calendars and be on time. Get ready to grow in your faith!

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Prayer	Tony Adams
Scripture	Jim Armstrong
Elder's Prayer	Phil Marts

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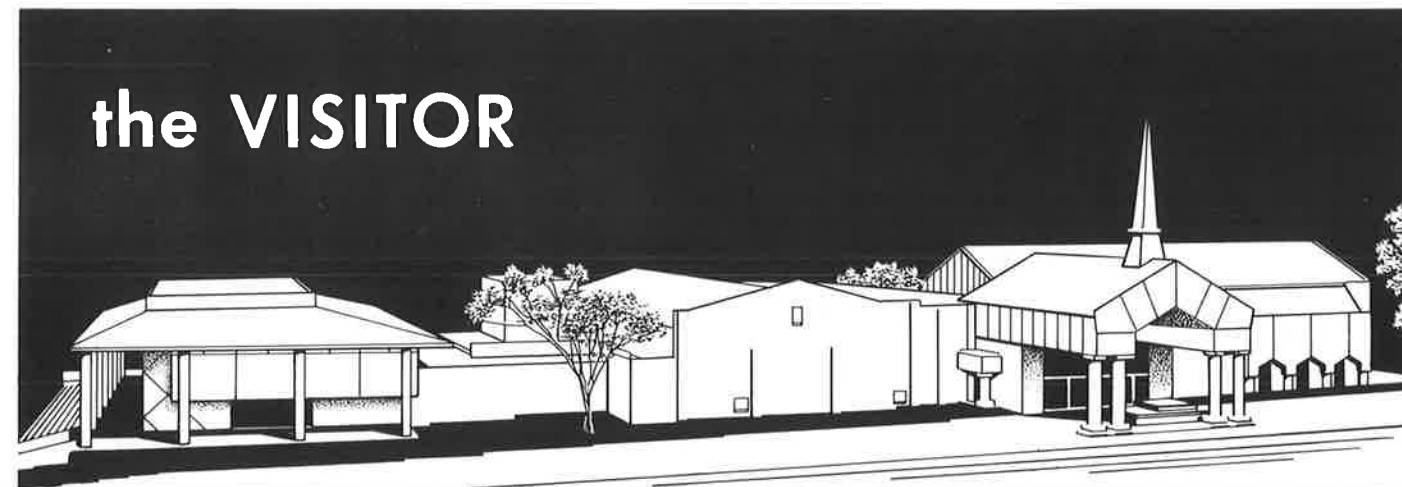
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Darryl Hendrix	Larry Henry
Charles Hickman	Chad Hilliard
Marvin Hollingsworth	Robert Hilliard

GREETERS

Mary Dawson and Mary Gaiser
Ray and Carolyn Womack

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!**



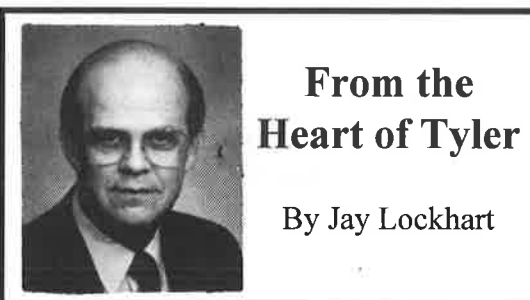
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, August 21, 1994

A.M. You Who Are Spiritual
(Galatians 6:1-10)

P.M. Walking In The Spirit
(Galatians 5:22-26)

THE 100

Just about six weeks ago we began talking about "the 100" -- do you remember? In these six weeks we have been blessed with the coming of 25 additions to our church family. We are so pleased that people are wanting to find a home at West Erwin. We are thankful that we are viewed as a friendly, united, happy church that seeks to meet the needs of young and old within Biblical guidelines. As we continue to grow, excitement is generated throughout the entire church. We know why this is happening, don't we? Keep it up! God will give us "the 100."

6:00 P.M. Area-Wide meeting with Mladen preaching (Nursery and children's classes and Bible Hour for children through 4th grade) Closed-circuit TV will be provided in our old auditorium for overflow.

What a day! Don't miss this one!

Note: Following Mladen's presentation there will be a special contribution taken for the printing of Bibles for Eastern European Mission and the Croatia work.

CITY-WIDE MEETING

In just over a week the fourth annual area-wide meeting of the church will take place in our building. I'm excited about the coming of Mladen Jovanovic, evangelist from Croatia, and Richard Baggett, worker with Eastern European Ministries. Please note the schedule for the day:

9:00 A.M. Mladen and Richard meet with combined classes
10:00 A.M. Morning Assembly
5:00 P.M. Singing and Special Presentation to Mladen by our Youth
(There will be no nursery or classes offered during this hour).

PAUL STANLEY

It has come to my attention that our **Paul Stanley**, a captain in the United States Army during World War II, has been nominated for induction into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor that Officer Candidate School can bestow on one of its graduates. The induction dinner and ceremony will be held on September 8 and 9 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Paul, who is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, and Signa will travel to Georgia for the presentation. Congratulations, Paul!

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for helping host the pizza and Putt Putt activity this past Sunday night. Thanks to all who came and made it such a great time.

WILDCATTERS GAME

We will be going to the Tyler Wildcatters game on Friday, Aug. 19. Tickets will be \$4.50 for reserved seating. Meet at West Erwin at 6:30 and we will ride the bus to the game. It will be great fun!

CITY WIDE PRAYER MEETING

All 6-12 grade and their parents are invited to Glenwood for our annual Back to School Prayer Meeting Sunday night, Aug. 21. Dinner will be served. We will be finished at 8:30. Be there!

ANNUAL CITY WIDE WORSHIP

The annual worship assembly of the Tyler churches will be Sunday, August 28 at West Erwin. This is a very important time for area Christians to be united. Mladen Jovanovic from Croatia will be speaking. A special presentation about the "Croatian Call" will be made by area teens at 5:30. Don't miss this one!

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will begin on Monday Sep. 12 at Shiloh Rd. Exodus 1-11 will be the text for the first quiz. All of those in the 6-12 grade are encouraged to participate in Bible Quiz. More details to come.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Aug. 19 Wildcatters Game
Aug. 21 Back to School Prayer Devo
Aug. 28 City Wide Meeting at W. E.
Sep. 12 Bible Quiz at Shiloh
Oct. 10 Bible Quiz at Broadway

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Womack's Team #4 will meet Aug. 22.

-Visitation Turnover Dinner-

-Monday, August 29-

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome **Scott Dews**²¹ back to West Erwin. He is a paint contractor and lives at 1213 Webb Street in Daingerfield but has been attending here regularly for some time and wishes to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family.

Jerry²² and **Debbie**²³ Hastings and son, **Jeremy**, came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin church. We welcome them into our growing family. They are associated with Christian Services of East Texas. Their address is 7102 Gatewood, 75703, ph. 561-4025.

We are pleased to welcome **Kevin**²⁴ and **Shelly**²⁵ Sustaire and little daughter, **Ashlie**, into the West Erwin family. Shelly is the granddaughter of our Ruth Crosser. Their address is 257 Hawl Central, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-4990.

TEACHING CHRISTIANITY IN RUSSIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Who would have believed even a few short years ago we would be invited to teach Christianity in Public High Schools in Russia? Not only is it fact now, but it is a growing trend. Here is one example...

In the summer of 1992 the superintendent of the Alti Public School District met members of the church during a campaign to Barnaul, Siberia. He asked if brethren from the church would write a curriculum that would be used to teach Christianity in the Alti Region Schools. The curriculum was written by brethren from Dallas, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Sunset School of Preaching. The training of the teachers has completed its third phase. Over 500 teachers have been trained so far and the training will be ongoing. The Alti Region has 180,000 students.

Eastern European Mission (EEM) has two major roles in the effort. First, EEM has provided and is continuing to provide the Bibles for the training of the teachers and to give the students for their studies. Second, EEM has translated the curriculum into Russian and is printing the curriculum in Russian.

This is just one example of several opportunities of teaching Christianity in Russia Public Schools. Two other large school districts next to the Alti Region have asked that we come train their teachers. HOW CAN WE SAY NO?

On Sunday night, August 28, you will have an opportunity to help in this work. Mladen Jovanovic of Croatia will be the featured speaker for our Area-Wide Meeting and will tell us more about the opportunities available to us in Eastern Europe. Singing will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Worship Service will be at 6:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

Boy Scout Troup 354 will begin its new 94-95 calendar year on September 19, 1994. We will be meeting in the fellowship area at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Boys age 11 (or have completed 5th grade) through age 17 are invited to attend and join the scouting experience. Anyone interested in the Scouting Program chartered by the Churches of Christ for Scouting is invited to visit and become a part of our efforts to help our youth grow into good Christian young men.

Ronny Jones, Troup Committee Chairman

WEDDING INVITATION

*Desiring God's will for their lives
and believing that includes each other*

Melissa and Dee

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marts

and

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Green

invite you to share in their joy

as they are united in the Lord Jesus Christ

on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of August

nineteen hundred and ninety four

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

Plaza Windmill Club

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of September 19. Listed below are items needed, however, if there are other items that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. COOKING OIL, CANNED CHILI, CANNED FRUIT & SPAM.

WITH SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held on August 10 in Texas City for Marjorie Lile, sister-in-law of Rebecca Center (Bob's sister). We extend our sincere love and sympathy to all the family.

IN APPRECIATION

To My Church family,

Thanks for the words of sympathy on the death of my sister-in-law, Paralee Butler Neill. She was the last of my husband's seven sisters. She is missed for we shared memories of raising our families at the same time.

With much love,
Mary E. Butler

GOSPEL MEETING

Hear Johnny Anders

Preaching the Gospel of Christ

Quitman & Center Church of Christ

Gladewater, Texas

August 28-31

Sunday Services: 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

Promotion for our Young Children is this Sunday, August 21!

It seems only yesterday when our children were just _____-years-old, doesn't it? But they do grow up. It is delightful to see them develop new skills, new capabilities, and new responsibilities. It is even more exciting to see them develop in the Lord -- to see God's love grow in them with each passing year.

Our children ages 2 through Kindergarten will experience another stage of growth this Sunday. Sunday is the day for them to promote to their next Bible classes. **The class age that your child should attend is the age that he or she will be as of September 1, 1994.** Help your child find his new class this Sunday. Meet her new teacher for the fall. Celebrate this wonderful time of growth with your child this Sunday!

Age Group	Room Number
2-year-olds	107
3-year-olds	103
4-year-olds & Pre-K	104
Kindergarten	201

Summer Quarter 1st through 5th grade teachers continue with their classes through the end of August. New teachers for these ages will begin on September 4 and 7.

I heard something good about someone! I was talking with a couple of our college students last week and they spoke very enthusiastically about our classes for college adults on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. They said that Jeff Fennell, who teaches the class on Sunday mornings, has been helping the college group make exciting plans for strengthening their relationships and their time together in and out of class. And they really like the class Stan Clark teaches Wednesday nights September through May. He does an outstanding job of bringing life-changing lessons from God's word that the college group take with them as they grow in their walk with God. Way to go, Jeff and Stan! Thank you for sharing yourself with our college adults.

If you are a college student, make Bible study a regular part of your weekly schedule.

A Season of Prayer Wednesday, August 24 & 31

*** Koinonia #3 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday August 7	Sunday July 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	333	336	355
Worship A.M.	524	532	550
Worship P.M.	279	273	387
Wed. P.M.	263	NC	220
Contribution	\$11,530.35	\$19,901.15	\$12,377.82
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 14 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 17, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

PRAYER AND CARE

Elizabeth Endsley is in Medical Center, room 2535. **Bill Endsley** is also not feeling well. **Armita Raley**, former West Erwin member, had bypass surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Dick Armstrong**, Bea Taylor's brother, is now at home in Taylor, Texas. **Ann McMinn** is taking chemo treatment. **Harley Turner** is in Medical Center Rehab, room 4422. **Randy McLane**, Mary Poulsen's nephew, is in room 4452 at Medical Center. **Sandra Henry** has begun chemo treatment in Tyler. **Ernest Bell**, Kathy Hilliard's father, has been dismissed from Medical Center. **Pat Stokes** is continuing outpatient therapy. **Judy Perry**, Bobby Perry's mother, is at home but is continuing treatment.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Clara Sims. Funeral services were held Thursday at the University church.

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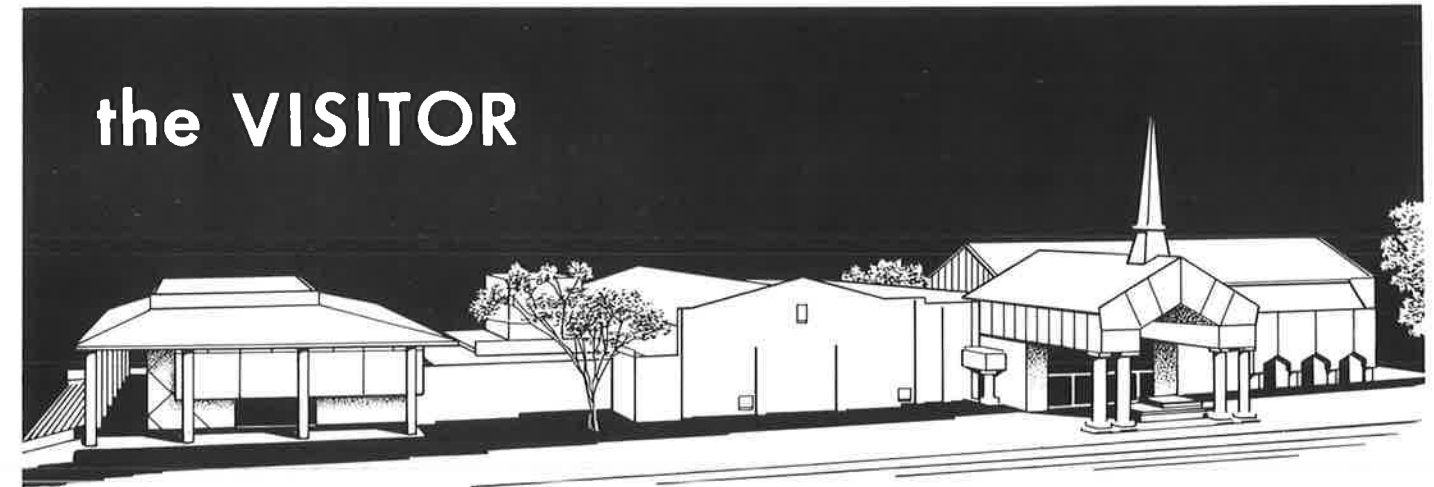
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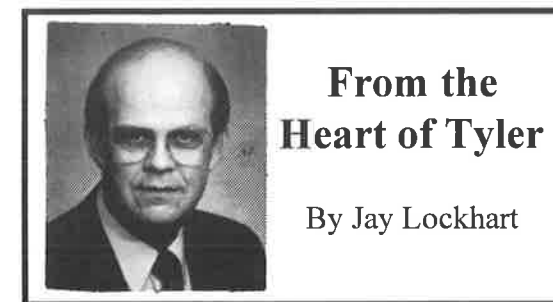
NEW GRANDCHILDREN

Zachary Wayne Wingate was born August 9 to Tony and Kim Wingate. He weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. Fred and Sandra are the proud grandparents and Mary Dawson is the great grandmother. **Kory Leigh Jones** was born August 8 to Jeff and Kelly Jones. She weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. Louis and Jane Jones are the happy grandparents and Modena Jones is the great grandmother. Congratulations to all!



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, August 14, 1994

A.M. All Things New
(II Cor. 5:17-6:2)

P.M. The Cross Still Calls Us
(Mark 10:35-45)

DO IT ANYWAY

This article's author is unknown but the thoughts are excellent.

DO IT ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered - love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives - do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies - succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow - make good happen anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable - be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds - think big anyway.

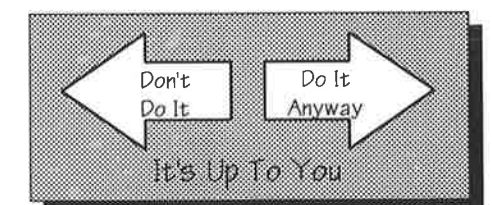
People favor the underdogs but follow only top dogs - fight for some underdog anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight - build anyway.

People really need help but may attack if you help them - help people anyway.

Give the world your very best and you'll get kicked in the teeth- give the world your very best anyway.

REMEMBER CONSEQUENCES



Are you praying daily for the 100?

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by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to James and Connie Sublette for hosting the Nebraska Reunion last Friday. It was a very special time together with the Maxwell family. Thanks to all who helped with food and pictures.

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for helping host the devotional this past Sunday night. Young people, remember to pray for the one whom you drew.

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All middle and high school students are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night at the Family Fun Park. You will need to bring \$4.50 for miniature golf and pizza.

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

Thanks to all of the young people and adults who helped with the TYP this summer. You are to be commended!

WILDCATTERS GAME

We will be going to the Tyler Wildcatters game on Friday, Aug. 19. Tickets will be \$4.50 for reserved seating. Please sign the list by the Youth Board by Sunday. Families are invited. It will be great fun!

CITY WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL

PRAYER MEETING

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Tate's Team #3 will meet Aug. 15.

-Visitation Turnover Dinner-

-Monday, August 29-

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Sharon Lowe²⁰ is a welcome addition to our growing West Erwin family. She has been attending here for some time and we are very pleased by her decision to work and worship with us. Her address is 12-B Garrett, 75703, ph. 534-1030.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the food, moral support and the beautiful gifts given to our family for the birth of our new daughter, Annie Marie. We love you and appreciate everything everyone has done.

The Coomer Family,
William and Teresa, John Paul
and Annie Marie

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of September 19. Listed below are items needed, however, if there are other items that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. COOKING OIL, CANNED CHILI, CANNED FRUIT & SPAM.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Wynne and Ginger weathers on the birth of William Russell on Saturday, August 6. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Wendy is the happy big sister and Don and Wanda Weathers are the proud grandparents.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group has been invited to an ice cream supper at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ on Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you can participate in this fellowship and have not yet signed up, please do so no later than this Sunday.

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.

FROM ATHEIST TO MEMBER OF THE CHURCH IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION - THE STORY OF DR. VALIRIE KOSMENKO

Dr. Valirie (as we call him) is a medical doctor in the town of Lugansk in the Ukraine of the former Soviet Union. Having grown up under the atheistic communist system, he did not believe in God. However, with the collapse of communism and the break up of the Soviet Union, political openness and personal freedom came to that part of the world. One of the results of the political openness was that atheism was no longer enforced. In fact, religious freedom and even resurgence have become the order of the day.

In early 1992 Dr. Valirie obtained a Bible supplied by Eastern European Mission (EEM). He read his Bible and began his journey to belief. Inside the cover was a list of other Bible based publications available from EEM. Dr. Valirie wrote and asked to receive the WBS correspondence course (both the Bible and correspondences were in Russian). During the next several months Dr. Valirie studied the Bible by mail with the EEM personnel in Vienna. At the end of several months of consistent study, Dr. Valirie contacted EEM in Vienna and stated that he wanted to become a Christian. He said he wanted to be baptized but there were no other Christians in town to do it. Murry Czczotka, head of EEM's Vienna operation, arranged to meet Dr. Valirie in Kiev, Ukraine. Dr. Valirie took his one weekend per month off and rode the train 18 hours each way to meet Murry Czczotka. After several hours of face to face Bible study Dr. Valirie was baptized in Christ.

Since his conversion Dr. Valirie has gone back to his home town where he has converted his wife, father, and nephew (that we know of so far). He also holds Bible studies and buys advertisements in the town's newspaper for Bibles and studies (with his own money).

Dr. John Sudbury, president of EEM, and Murry Czczotka have made a follow up trip to further study with Dr. Valirie. They also delivered some medical textbooks given by doctors in America who are members of the church. Dr. Valirie has established the church in his home town and continues to be active in teaching and spreading God's word.

This true story is but one of thousands. However, it is representative of the kind of things that have happened many times as a result of EEM making God's word available in 17 languages in the former Soviet Union. There is a current misconception that Bibles are readily available and cheap in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe - THIS IS NOT TRUE. Dr. Valirie would probably not have gotten a Bible had it not been provided by EEM. There are many more "Dr. Valiries" that can be reached. The only limiting factor is funds. Won't you help EEM provide God's Word to those who are eager to receive it? It will change their lives...forever.

Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

School begins for our children next week. What an exciting time of year it is. New school clothes, new school supplies, new teachers, new schools (for some), new -- and old -- friends. . . all of this and more makes for excitement, expectation, anticipation, and even a bit of stress. Spend the next few days in fervent prayer for our children. Pray that God will walk beside and guide our children as they begin this new school year. In today's world, He knows they need all the help they can get!

Bible classes are offered for our children every week. What an exciting time each Sunday and Wednesday is as teachers prepare to bring lessons from God's word to our children. Fascinating Bible stories, fun learning activities, age-appropriate application, loving teachers, Christ-like friends. . . all of this and more makes for excitement, expectation, anticipation, and the resources for coping with stress. Have your children here for Bible class at every opportunity -- Sundays and Wednesdays. In today's world, He knows they need all the help they can get!

Keep these on your calendars! The Fall is about to begin.

- ▶ Our young children (ages 2 through Kindergarten) will promote to their new Bible classes on Sunday, August 21. They will go to the age group that they will be as of September 1.
- ▶ Mladin Jovanovic, the missionary from Croatia who will speak for our area-wide worship, will teach a combined adult class on Sunday morning, August 28. This is an opportunity will not want to miss!
- ▶ The Wednesday nights of August 24 & 31 will be special seasons of prayer. We have recently witnessed the power of prayer in the life of the West Erwin family. Let us gather before the throne of God on these two evenings to continue the prayer-power for the Fall.
- ▶ New adult studies begin on Wednesday, September 7 and Sunday, September 11. Watch for more details.
- ▶ Speaking of something new. . . A new class for all young adults will begin on Sunday, September 11. Believe me, you'll want to be a part of this!

Summer Speaker Series

August 24

Jesus Is the Answer

for...

Family
Dan Manuel
Crockett Road, Palestine

*** Koinonia #2 meets this Sunday. ***

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Bible Class	336	368	335
Worship A.M.	532	561	476
Worship P.M.	273	343	275
Wed. P.M.	NC	266	263
Contribution	\$19,901.15	\$11,834.30	\$12,915.87
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 7 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 10, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE

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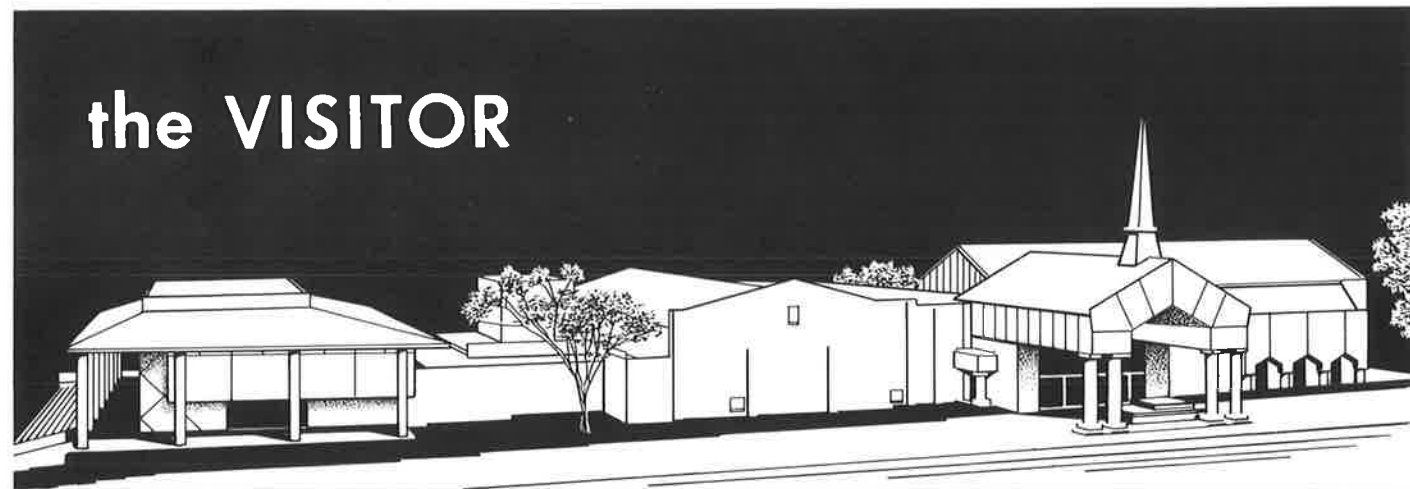
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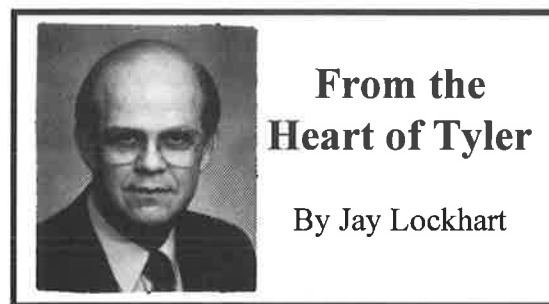
WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Thursday at Rose Hill Cemetary for Jewel Gann, a former West Erwin and Glenwood member and known by many here. We extend our sympathy to all the family.



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Sermons for Sunday, August 7, 1994

A.M. Ray Maxwell
 Patience Through Prayer
 (James 5:7-11, 13-18)

P.M. Harold Taylor

What Determines If Children Remain Faithful to God, Or Fall Away?

The following article comes from the Wood Avenue church in Florence, Alabama where my friend, David Sain, preaches.

Faithful Christians all over the world are very concerned about the drop-out rate of young people - say those thirty years old, and younger.

AND WE OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED.

It is a tragic thing to see boys and girls, and young men and women, who were so thrilled with Bible study as little fellows, grow cold, unconcerned, and uninterested in the Lord's work as they grow older in years. When their faith should be growing stronger, it is not growing at all. How can one help but fall away?

Some congregations have made in-depth studies of all the factors available concerning all their young people, with the purpose of seeing what could be done to help solve the problem.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

- More youth programs? No!
- More youth rallies? No!
- Special teachers? No!

From the material that has been published in these studies, one central truth has begun to come to the surface.

Faithfulness of the young people to Jesus does not have anything to do with special programs or special teachers. It is not dependent on whether they are members of a large or small congregation. The single most important value is their own immediate family.

READ THAT AGAIN.

One congregation discovered that where both parents were faithful to the Lord - that includes active interest and participation in the church programs - 93% of the young folks remained faithful.

If only one of the parents was faithful, it plunged to 23%. Where parents were only reasonably active, only 53% of the young folks maintained their faith.

In those cases where both parents attend infrequently, the percentage of their children who remained faithful dropped to 6%.

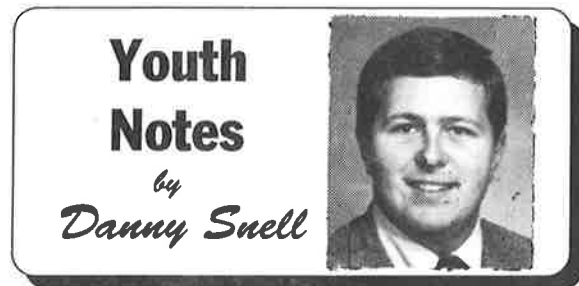
THAT IS SOBERING!

Do you want your children to be faithful to God, and go to heaven?

THEN LEAD THEM!

Are you praying daily for the 100?

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THANKS!

Thanks to Jeff Hone and Kelly Ross for teaching last week in the youth classes.

Thanks to Gary & Frances Broome for hosting the middle school activity last Sunday night.

MEXICO MISSION

This past week a group of ten of us spent several days in Piedras Negras, Mexico helping with a campaign. It was a very beneficial mission trip for our group and the church there. We handed out around 10,000 invitations to the meetings that were held each night. On Sunday morning we witnessed the baptism of four young ladies from the city. It was truly an awesome experience. Thank you for praying for us and the success of this trip. A special thanks to Ken Culpepper, Angela Howard, and Vicki Russell for going as sponsors. Good has truly blessed us this summer!

NEBRASKA MISSION TEAM

The Ray Maxwell family will be here with us this week and we will be hosting them on Friday night, August 5. All of those who went to Nebraska and their families are invited to join us for the evening.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All middle and high school students are invited to the combined devotional this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special time together as we welcome the new group of sixth graders to the youth group. Don't miss this one!

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

August 11, will be our last work project for the summer. Make your plans to be a part of this great time together as we serve others. We will start at 9:00 and finish at 4:00. Wear appropriate clothing.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Aug. 7 Combined Devotional
- Aug. 11 Thursday Youth Project
- Aug. 21 Back to School Prayer Devo

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
 Pott's Team #2 will meet Aug. 8.
 -Visitation Turnover Dinner-
 -Monday, August 29-

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS
 We are very pleased to welcome Warren¹⁸ and Gaynelle¹⁹ Gray into our growing West Erwin family. They recently made known their desire to work and worship at this place. Their address is 11596 CR 290, 75707, ph. 566-1747.

IN APPRECIATION
 We deeply appreciate all the prayers, cards, food, and kind words of comfort and support you all afforded us recently during our time of grief. It is a great joy to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Mike and Ann McMinn

WITH SYMPATHY
 Otelia Sills' uncle, not her father as previously reported, died in the Philippines last week. Midge Kurfees, Nettie Poits' aunt, died Sunday in Garland. Our sincere sympathy is extended to these families in their time of loss.

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE
 The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of September 19. Listed below are items needed, however, if there are other items that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. COOKING OIL, CANNED CHILI, CANNED FRUIT & SPAM.

REACHING RUSSIAN CHILDREN WITH THE STORY OF JESUS
Newsweek magazine, January 4, 1993. Quote from a Russian school teacher: "That millions of Russian children do not know the story of Jesus is a tribute of sorts to some 75 years of compulsory atheism in their schools. During the Communist era, the official model of morality was Lenin. Now that belief is gone and this is why we have to turn to Jesus. Either the children will learn from his example or they will turn to crime, drugs and alcohol."

The people of Russia are turning to faith in God. There is a very strong desire to have something better for their children. Here is the text of one of the thousands of letters Eastern European Mission (EEM) has received requesting Bibles for children. "Dear friends,
 I'm writing you because I need your help. I live in Russia. For a long time children and even grownups could not read neither the Bible or any other religious book. If we had read these books, there shouldn't be such situation in Russia now. Nevertheless, our great culture is reviving. Maybe our children will know what it is to believe in God. Would you be so kind as to send a Bible to our family? We'd be very thankful, it'll really help us.
 Thank you ever so much.

Your friends in Russia, the Kasjonnovas"
 EEM has reached an agreement to provide a quality children's Bible in Russian. The beginner's Bible is one of the top selling children's Bibles in the U.S. EEM has translated the Beginner's Bible into Russian and the initial printing will take place by the end of May 1994.

WEDDING INVITATION
 Our joy will be more complete if you can share in the marriage of our daughter Katie Ann Philpot to Steven Paul Wolfgang on Saturday, the sixth of August nineteen hundred and ninety-four at twelve noon West Erwin Church of Christ 420 West Erwin Street, Tyler, Texas Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Philpot Reception following: Fellowship Hall

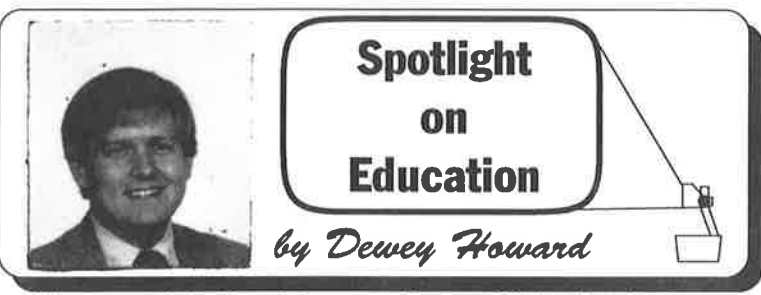
AREA MEETINGS
 You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Church of Christ on Hwy. 64 in Ben Wheeler August 7 - 10. Sunday services are 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Weeknight services are at 7:30. The guest speaker is Dave Miller of Hurst, Texas. He is the host and speaker of the TV program "The Truth In Love" on KTVT 11 and also directs the Brown Trail School of Preaching.

 The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola invites you to attend their Gospel Meeting with Paul Pollard of Harding University, August 7-10. Sunday services are at 10:00 and 10:50 a.m. with lunch served at 12 noon and the evening service at 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services are at 7:30 p.m.

NEW GRANDSON!
 Congratulations to Elmer and Nila Miles on the birth of a new grandson! Eric Wolfgang YBarra was born in Pasadena on July 25 to Jessie and Angie YBarra. He weighed 6 1/2 pounds.

CONGRATULATIONS!
 Jason Bryant and his baseball team, the Whitehouse Braves, won the state championship baseball tournament last Friday in Athens. This is the second consecutive year the Braves have won the state championship.

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 Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
 Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging
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If you want to teach in one of our children's classes this Fall, now is the time to let one of our coordinators know. The Fall Quarter is just around the corner and we still have a few classes that need teachers. Talk with Tommy and Donna Lowrance or Angela Howard if you prefer the young children, or talk with Jim and Kelley Bell if you want to work with elementary-age children. Or, of course, you can let me know. West Erwin has some of the best teachers around. Won't you be a part of this ministry? You'll be so glad that you did!

Young Children will promote to their new class on Sunday, August 21.

The Sunday morning Children's Worship will take their annual break during the month of August. Velma Lemons and Claudia Griffis will have a class for the 2's, but there will be no classes for the 3's, 4's and 5's. They use this time to regroup and plan Children's Worship for the Fall. Let those who work with this program know how much you appreciate them. While you're at it, volunteer to help for one Sunday during the next year. Children's Worship will resume on Sunday, September 4.

Think About It . . .
 One of the greatest privileges a Christian has is magnifying God through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs! Someone has said, "Hymn singing is NOT for singers, but for believers. The important question is not, 'Do you have a voice?' but 'Do you have a song?'"
The worshipper who sings. . .drinks more deeply of the message of the hymns. The Gospel as found in our hymns parallels that of the Scriptures.
The worshipper who sings. . .draws more closely to those who worship with him.
The worshipper who sings. . .expresses his faith by lifting his voice in praise of God.
The worshipper who sings. . .upholds the service, making it finer and richer for his fellow worshippers, the minister, the church, and Almighty God. "Dear God, make us willing instruments in your hands. Take our voices, let us sing always, only for our King!"

via *Weekly Visitor*
Nashville, TN

Summer Speaker Series August 10
Jesus Is the Answer
 Ralph Draper
 Kilgore

*** Koinonia #1 meets this Sunday. ***

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Records	Sunday July 24	Sunday July 17	Year Ago
Bible Class	368	352	375
Worship A.M.	561	600	528
Worship P.M.	343	366	341
Wed. P.M.	266	235	274
Contribution	\$11,834.30	\$12,563.62	\$11,371.52
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 31 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 3, Melvin Crow, ph. 581-6988.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Karyn Park, daughter of Wade and Sandra, had tubes put in her ears on Monday. **Calvin Mannen** had eye surgery Monday in Dallas. **Harley Turner** is Medical Center Rehab, room 4422. **Randy McLane**, Mary Poulsen's nephew, is now in room 4452 at Medical Center. **Buddy Bell** returned to Dallas Thursday for further tests and a biopsy. **Irene Taylor** is recuperating from surgery at home. **Sandra Henry** will not return to M.D. Anderson but will be taking chemo in Tyler. **Ernest Bell**, Kathy Hilliard's father, is in Medical Center, room 4417. **Judy Perry**, Bobby Perry's mother, is at home but is continuing treatment.

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Otelia Sills in the death of her father, Pascual Gacilos, in the Philippines on Tuesday.

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Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Evening Worship6:00 P.M.	Bible Class7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
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	11:30 A.M.
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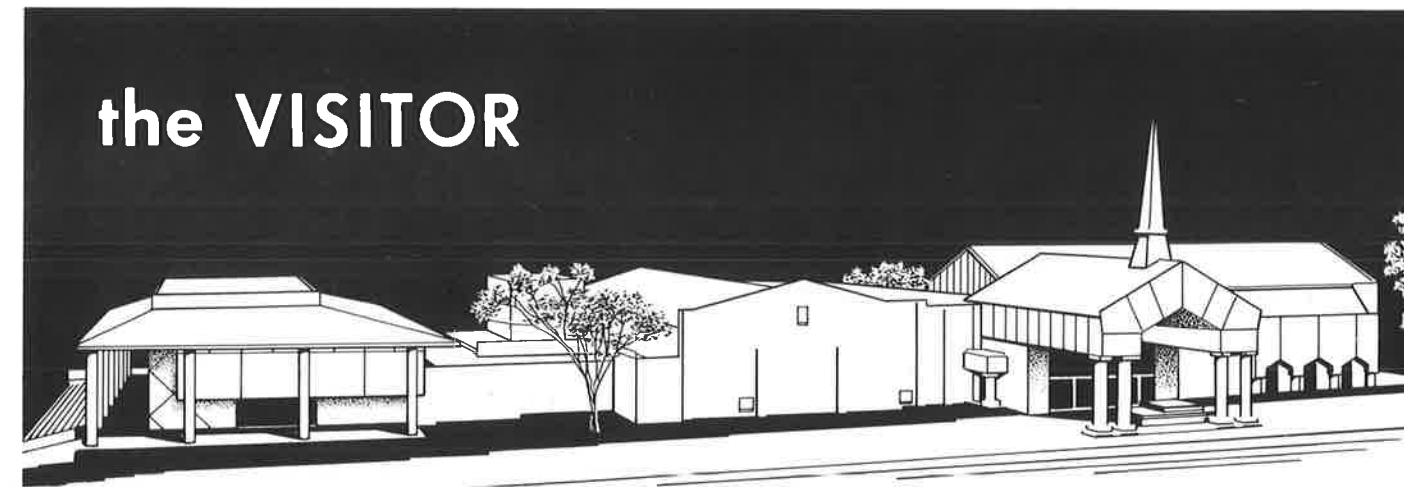
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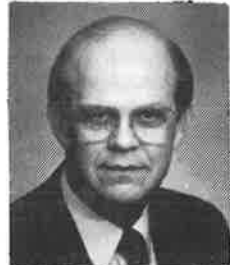
Pattie Tate and Roberta Tindall
C.H. & Billie Bob Hickman

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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**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 31, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. And The Savior Wept
(Luke 19:37-44)

P.M. I Know Something - Now What?
(Colossians 1:9-12)

MISSIONS AND EXPECTATIONS


If one were to ask what the mission of the New Testament church is, what better answer could be given than this: "The mission of the church is the salvation of the lost and to the end of fulfilling our mission we preach the gospel, we care for those in need, and we edify the body of Christ." Isn't that it? Perhaps it could be worded differently or better, but that's it, isn't it? To fulfill this mission we do any number of things that fall under the headings of preaching the gospel (pulpit, personal Bible studies, TV, correspondence courses, inviting to worship, missionary work at home and abroad, e.g., West Point, Nebraska, Mexico, Togo, Harold Taylor, et. al), caring for the needy (orphan homes, Benevolent Center, providing food, etc.), and edification (youth programs, KOINONIA groups, Bible classes, preaching, church fellowship meals, etc.). We all would agree then that our missionary work is vital to the fulfilling of our mission as the church and through the years West Erwin has been heavily involved in missions. What brings us to this question: What do you expect of missions? How do we

measure the success of Harold Taylor's work? Mexico work? The Search? Togo? West Point? In evaluating these works, we might do well to evaluate ourselves. Do we expect more of them than we do ourselves? If our mission work away from Tyler should demonstrate the same zeal for growth that I show at home, would I be satisfied with it? In the weeks and months ahead we need to individually commit ourselves to these things: (1) I will be a faithful, dedicated Christian; (2) I will be supportive of every good work in which the church is involved; (3) I will be positive about Christ and the church; (4) I will praise more than I criticize; (5) I will be soul-conscious; (6) I will worship with the church in spirit and in truth; and (7) I will be prayerful. The Lord is going to give us 100, you know!

Are you praying daily for the 100?

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to Jeff Hone and Cathy Culpepper for going to Soul Lift as sponsors. A very special thanks to Dannie Skipper for donating all of those tickets.

Thanks to Wade Park for teaching class last week. Thanks to Missy Marts and Amy O'Quinn for teaching the Wednesday night girls class. Thanks for a job well done!

MEXICO MISSION

As you read this bulletin, ten from West Erwin will be in Piedras Negras, Mexico helping with a campaign. Please remember to pray for us individually and collectively as we attempt to share the gospel with others. Thank you for supporting us both physically and spiritually. Your generosity has and will bless people everywhere. Following is a list of those going to Piedras Negras: Amanda Broome, Matt Carpenter, Casey Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Gena Henry, Angela Howard, Heather Ketchum, Vicki Russell, Tiffany Sublette, Danny Snell, and Lou Seckler from the Herald of Truth.

NEBRASKA MISSION TEAM

The Ray Maxwell family will be here with us next week and we will be hosting them on Friday night, August 5. All of those who went to Nebraska and their families are invited to join us for the evening. More details to follow.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

A special thanks to all of the young people for participating in the 1994 East Texas Summer Youth Series. You are to be commended for doing an outstanding job in collecting food for the "Croatian Call." Many families will benefit because of your generosity. Thanks!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July 27 - Aug. 1 Mexico Mission Trip
July 31 Middle School Devotional

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Cauthen's Team #1 will meet July 31.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Fred¹⁶ and Sandra¹⁷ Wingate made known their wish to place membership with the family of God at West Erwin on Sunday. They will be an asset to the work here and we are very happy to welcome them into our growing family. (Sandra is the daughter of Mary Dawson). They recently moved here from Jacksonville and their address is 6701 Hollytree Circle, 75703, ph. 581-6440.

NOTE FROM THE HOLLANDS

What a month! It has been almost exactly a year since we arrived in Tyler to work with you and on your behalf. We have finished seven intense months of language school in France. And we arrive in Togo on July 30.

Our heads are spinning, but God has been a constant focal point for keeping us on His course. Praise Him! We want to thank you all for your prayers, letters, and the video messages we have received. We thank God for you.

Please continue to pray for us, your involvement with us, the people of Togo, and the work that we will soon begin.

We miss all of you more than you know! Your faces are painted in our memories. We love you.

Your co-workers for the Father,
Jeff and Brenda Holland

Temporary address in Togo: Chez Eglise du Christ, BP 61707, Lome, Togo, West Africa.

IN APPRECIATION

To my West Erwin Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank you all for the wonderful love and care you gave while I was in the hospital and home with the flowers, many cards and especially the prayers. Thank you for being who you are.

In Him,
Sherry Peek

To the West Erwin Church of Christ:

I would like to thank all the parents who allowed their children to come to West Point and help with our VBS this year. It was a great one. About 1/2 of the church in West Point committed the Wednesday before our VBS to a day of fasting and prayer in behalf of this VBS. The results were the setting of new records in attendance and contacts. We had 94 children on the first day (a new record). We followed with 115 on Tuesday, 112 on Wednesday and 122 on Thursday (a new record high). There were 59 non-church families who sent their children. Three of those families are now setting times for Bible studies. The power which God supplies is awesome. Thank you for doing your part in His plan.

Ray Maxwell
for the West Point church

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday for Katie Hacker, Jim Bell's grandmother. Services were held Tuesday in Weches (near Crockett) for Sam Pilkington, Opal Mathews' brother-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their time of loss.

There will be no Children's Worship for the month of August.

WEDDING INVITATION


*Our joy will be more complete
if you can share in the marriage of our daughter
Katie Ann Philpot
to
Steven Paul Wolfgang
on Saturday, the sixth of August
nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at twelve noon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin Street, Tyler, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Philpot
Reception following: Fellowship Hall*

CHRISTIAN SERVICES UPDATE

1994 has been a very busy year for CSET. Since the beginning of the year, twenty-four(24) children have been served in foster care including eight (8) children who have been or are currently being served at the Group Home in Whitehouse. This agency would not be in existence if it weren't for the diligent foster parents/group home parents that give so much of themselves in service to children; nor would we be able to serve if it weren't for the many servants of Christ who give so generously of their money. You might be asking yourself how you might help Christian services. Here are some ways

1. Pray for the foster families/group home parents/agency staff and the children/families we serve.
2. Strongly consider becoming a foster parent yourself. We'll be happy to give you more information.
3. If you are not already a regular contributor of Christian Services, become one. Even \$10 a month given on a regular basis adds up.
4. If you work for a company or corporation that has a matching gift program, your donation will be doubled or even tripled in some.
5. Memorial or Honorarium gifts are a meaningful way of remembering someone special. Thank you for your support of Christian Services.

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Spotlight on Education
by Dewey Howard

Parents -- God's Special Tutors

When the first child was born, Eve exclaims, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord" (Gen. 4:1). When God placed the first baby into the arms of Adam and Eve, He was giving this child a special set of tutors. Though parents do not have any experience or education, they will be the most significant force in the child's life. Fathers and mothers have the awesome responsibility of building character into the child. There are four building blocks that each parent needs to use in developing their children as God wants.

- **Parental Love:** In the 13th Century, Frederick II conducted an experiment with fifty orphans. He wanted to know what language they would speak if they never heard a word spoken. The nurses were told not to hold, speak to, or fondle the babies. The experiment failed because every one of the infants died. Children need to be touched, cuddled, held, kissed, etc., so they will grow up knowing love. Paul told the older women to teach the younger ones how to love their children (Titus 2:4).
- **Parental Discipline:** Love is not a substitute for discipline. A doctor speaking in Los Angeles said, "The greatest social disaster of this century is the belief that abundant love makes discipline unnecessary." Read the Proverbs and you'll see the need for discipline. (Prov. 3:11; 12:13-24; 19:18)
- **Parental Instruction:** At the beginning, a child is unable to distinguish between the voice of God and the parent. The child is fortunate when the parental voice is synonymous with God. Read Isaiah 54:13 on the result of instruction.
- **Parental Example:** One of the most asked questions I hear is, "Should a parent force his child to go to church?" The answer is yes. Other habits that are needed at times have to be forced. What makes a child rebel is not being forced to go to church, but rather seeing parents at home who are hypocritical. When what the parents enforce is inconsistent with their example, their children will grow up hating the church. In 2 Timothy 1:5 Paul knew what kind of man Timothy was because he knew the example of his mother and grandmother

Give us parents who realize their responsibility as special tutors. Your children's souls will be influenced by how well you perform as a parent.

Dick Marceau
via Bulletin Digest

Summer Speaker Series August 3
Jesus Is the Answer
for...
Your Failures
David Allen
Pine Tree, Longview

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Bible Class	352	361	356
Worship A.M.	600	560	522
Worship P.M.	366	325	333
Wed. P.M.	235	310	235
Contribution	\$12,563.62	\$11,812.96	\$12,457.77
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 24 and Wed. P.M., July 27, Terry Frick, ph. 581-2412.

PRAYER AND CARE

Doc Wright was dismissed from Mother Frances Tuesday and is now in Briarcliff Nursing Center. **Harley Turner** is Medical Center Rehab. **Randy McLane**, Mary Poulsen's nephew, is in Medical Center ICU following a car accident on July 10. **Jerald Dobbs**, Ruth Dobbs' son, had facial surgery for cancer Tuesday at John Sealy Hospital. **Buddy Bell** will return to Dallas later this month for a biopsy. **Sherry Peek** is now at home. **Irene Taylor** was scheduled for surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Sandra Henry** returned to M.D. Anderson on Monday for further evaluation. **Ernest Bell**, Kathy Hilliard's father, is in Medical Center, room 4417. **Judy Perry**, Bobby Perry's mother, is in Medical Center Hospital. **Chelsea McCaslin** (attended Discovery Days) is blind with a viral infection in her eyes. **Wanda Vandiver**, from Fairfield, is receiving treatment at M.D. Anderson.

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Freeman Morgan	ELDERS				Bible Class
James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
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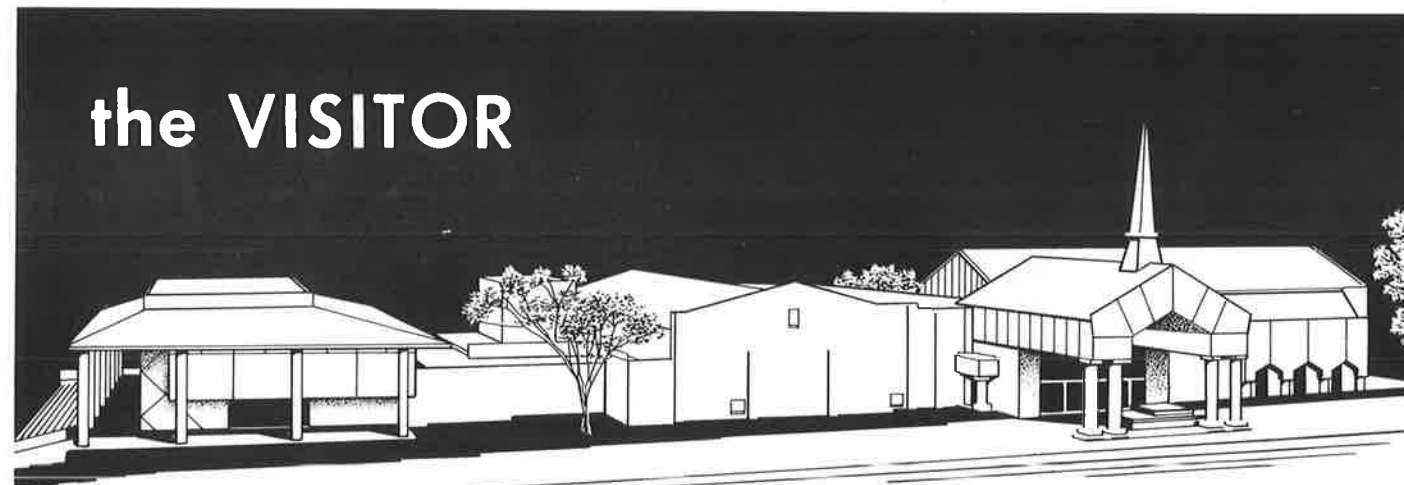
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Mark Gregory Jay Graham
David Haney, Jr. Frank Griffin
C.B. Hardin David Haney
Keith Harris Charles Harris

GREETERS

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone
Faber & Kathryn Cauthen
Alma Biggs & Chloe Clark

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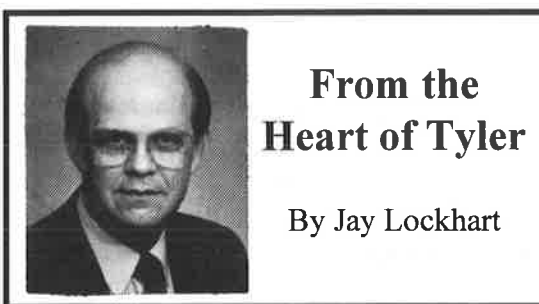
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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 24, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Essence of Worship
(Psalm 95:1-11)

P.M. The Watershed Of My Faith:
Do I Matter To God?
(Isaiah 49:13-18)

THE ESSENCE OF WORSHIP

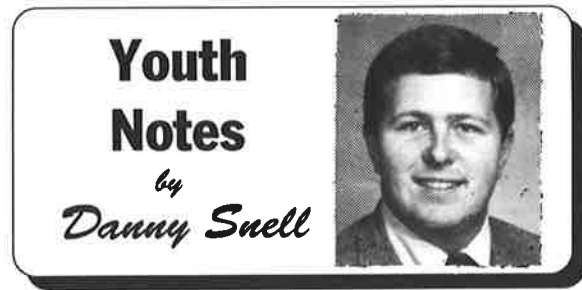
One of our greatest privileges as God's people is worship. Yet true worship may be one of the most difficult things that we do. Most of us have received little instruction as to how to worship (we've been taught much on how to worship from the standpoint of what we are to do but little on the practical aspects of how to effectively use those avenues as real worship). Worship is difficult because it involves the inward self (attitudes, frame of mind, from the heart) as well as the outward self. Additionally, worship is difficult because we have a tendency to think that worship is primarily for us, and it is not. This attitude is seen in that someone may leave the assembly and say, "I didn't get much out of that," as if worship is primarily for us. When our reaction to worship is, "I don't like that song," or "The prayer was too long," or "Did you see his tie?," are we not concluding that worship is primarily for us? Also, worship is difficult because we have assembled with the church through the years and we may allow worship to become commonplace or ordinary and may become too casual about it all. This Sunday we are going to probe again the worship of God as we discuss The Essence of Worship. There

is so much we need to know about worship, so much to understand, so much to practice. I feel inadequate, but I'm going to try. Come and help me and let's try to discover the essence of worship and to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

AREA-WIDE MEETING

August 28 needs to be circled on all our calendars. That's the date for our area-wide meeting with Mladen Jovanovic as our speaker. We plan to have a singing at 5:00 p.m. which will include a special presentation to Mladen by area teenagers, and our other assembly will be at 6:00 p.m. There will be a nursery provided and classes for children ages 2 through 4, and Bible Hour for 5 years old through 4th grade at the 6:00 p.m. hour only. We're expecting to fill our auditorium and provide closed circuit TV for the overflow crowd. What an evening! Don't miss it!

Are you praying daily for the 100?



THANKS!

Thanks to the Bryants for taking care of the Summer Youth Series last week.

Thanks to Robby Scott and the others who helped with the TYP while we were in Nebraska. It is great to have so many to count on.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Our Nebraska Mission Team returned home safely Saturday night. West Point will never be the same, we hope. Thanks for the many prayers on our behalf. They were answered. God blessed us on this mission trip and many seeds were planted in West Point. On our biggest day for VBS, 122 children attended. This number has grown six fold in six years. God has opened many doors. Let us continue to pray for the growth of the West Point church and the Maxwell family. Our mission team is to be commended for a job well done. West Erwin, you can be proud of our group; they represented you well. This trip would not have happened if not for the support and work of the sponsors. A special thanks to these adults: Danny & Maggie Craddock, Ken Culpepper, Frances Broome, and Ginny Helms. We are looking forward to next year!

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The final Summer Youth Series will be July 26 at the Eastern Hills church in Athens. We will leave from the parking lot at 6:30, and we will be returning at 10:00. We will not be stopping on the way home that night. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. The theme for this week is **A Soldier's Prayer**. This will be our last opportunity to bring the items for "The Croatian Call." All of the boxes will be turned over then.

SOUL LIFT

Monday, July 25, is the date for the annual Soul Lift Youth Rally at Six Flags. We will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. on Monday and return at 12:30. Ticket cost is \$15.00.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July 25 Soul Lift Youth Rally
July 26 Final Summer Youth Series
July 27 - Aug. 1 Mexico Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
 Womack's Team #2 will meet July 25.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome **R.L.¹⁴ and Myrtis¹⁵ Brock** to Tyler and into the West Erwin family. They are the parents of Judy Clark and recently moved here from Longview. Myrtis has some ongoing health problems but they will be attending here when health permits. Their address is 406 Boyd, 75703, ph. 534-1067.

IN APPRECIATION

To our Church family,

We thank you so much for the food, cards, and telephone calls, most of all for your prayers and love.

In Christian love,
 In Remembrance of our Jimmy,
 Katie Heath & family
 The Veal family

A Thank You

Blessings to all of you who called or sent cards, for your care and concern since Leon's illness - since June 15, his first heart problems, and his recent stay in Mother Frances Hospital. You are a special group.

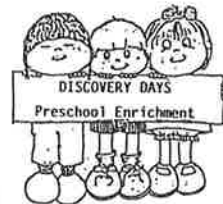
Blessings and peace,
 Leon and Louise Santos

BASSINET SHOWER

The Bassinet Shower, set up in the new foyer is for our two latest family additions:

Caroline (Calley) Martin Waggoner, born to Mark and Martha Waggoner on June 17.

Annie Marie Coomer, born to William and Teresa Coomer on July 1.



DISCOVERY DAYS

Now enrolling for fall, Discovery Days will be accepting a limited number of babies (ages 2 months to 22 months) into their new Infant and Toddler Care program in addition to the Preschool Enrichment classes for ages 22 months through 4 years. The hours are from 8:30 to 2:15 on Tuesday and/or Thursday. For more information call Rhonda Haws at 561-3574.

THINK ABOUT IT

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

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.
 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.
 It doesn't take a lot of muscle to give the heart a lift.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Clint and Jennifer Hale

announce

their marriage

on Saturday, July 16, 1994

At home in Tyler

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Glynn and Fran Starnes on the birth of a grandson! Chandler (Chance) Christopher Mabray was born July 13 in Phoenix, Arizona to Craig and Shannon Mabray. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Henry and Sue Starnes are the proud great grandparents.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at the Bullard Church of Christ for Fred Stripling, grandfather of Daniel DuPree.

Rick Fedell's grandmother died last Friday in Elkhart, Indiana.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday for Paralee Neill, sister-in-law of Mary Butler.

Our sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

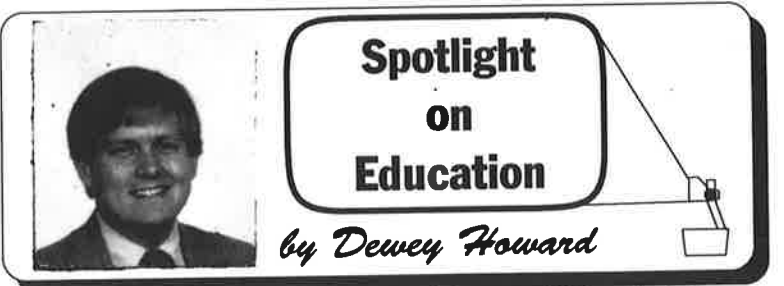
SORRY TO LOSE...

Steve and Michelle Linscomb and sons, Tyler and Grant moved last week to Lubbock where Steve has accepted a position with KLBK, Channel 13. Steve served well as a deacon and the family endeared themselves to West Erwin in many ways. We wish them happiness and success as they begin their work in Lubbock.

Wanda Lee Turner and Megan have impacted our lives and it has been a joy to have them as part of our family here. They will continue to be an asset to the Lord's work as they move to Phoenix, Arizona. They will be greatly missed but we wish them the best in their new home.

Ann Nail is now worshipping with the church in Athens. She used her time and talents well at West Erwin and she will be missed.

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TO GLORIFY GOD
Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging
West Erwin Church of Christ



Do you need something to enrich your Bible study? The new book from the *Faith in Focus* series from Sweet Publishing is out. The book is *One Holy Hunger* by Mike Cope. If job stress, time pressures, financial strains, too many demands, or troubling relationships are getting you down, then this book can help. Mike asserts, "The emptiness left by today's hectic pace is actually a Holy Hunger -- a special call from God to discover true happiness, success and power." He believes that God has put within each one of us something that deeply yearns for a relationship with Him. Unfortunately, too many of us try to satisfy that yearning with other things. Only when we seek to be close to our Creator can we fill the void that is left there without Him.

Beginning this Sunday, this book will be available in the foyer for you to take with you and use in your personal Bible study. The cost of the book is \$8.95. A box is provided next to the books for you to place your money. Let me invite you to take advantage of this study. "Dare to hear God's call amid life's mad rush."

Now that VBS is over, I am busy studying the results of the needs and interests survey that we took in May. A lot of good information is coming from what you told us. I am excited about what will be coming up for us this fall. Please pray that God will guide what we hope to accomplish for Him this fall. You'll be hearing more about these plans soon!

ACU Summer Workshops
July 24-27, 1994
Bible Teachers Workshop · Elders and Church Leaders Workshop · Equipping Women for Ministry Workshop · Leaders in Christian Education Workshop · Ministers Renewal Workshop
 What a great experience the ACU Workshops are every year. Several from here will be on their way to Abilene this weekend for the workshop. The West Erwin church will provide the registration fee and the housing fee for anyone going from here. Call me if you can go to one, two, or three days of the workshop. You'll be glad you did!

Summer Speaker Series July 27
Jesus Is the Answer
 for...
Self-Control
Al Neal
Carthage

*** Koinonia #5 meets this Sunday. ***

July 14, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol.25-No.27
Records	Sunday July 10	Sunday July 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	361	339	373
Worship A.M.	560	527	518
Worship P.M.	325	317	296
Wed. P.M.	310	405	241
Contribution	\$11,812.96	\$16,627.21	\$13,424.32
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 17 and Wed. P.M., July 20, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.

PRAYER AND CARE

Buddy Bell will return to Dallas later this month for a biopsy. **Sherry Peek** was dismissed from Medical Center on Wednesday. **Kim Martinez**, Kelley Bell's sister, has been dismissed from U.T. Health Center. **Myrtis Brock**, Judy Clark's mother, is in Medical Center Hospital. **Katie Hightower**, Evelyn Messer's mother, had a pacemaker implant recently. **Pete Wallace** had emergency glaucoma surgery last week. **Leon Santos** is recuperating at home. **Pat Stokes** is continuing outpatient therapy. **Christine Parsons** is now at her son's home. **Sandra Henry** was dismissed from Medical Center on Tuesday. **Ernest Bell**, Kathy Hilliard's father, is now in room 2532 at Medical Center. **Jeannie Wood** is in Houston for therapy following knee replacement surgery. **Wanda Vandiver**, from Fairfield, needs our special prayers as she is receiving treatment at M.D. Anderson.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

MINISTERS		
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MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M. (Sept. through May)
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Don Peek
Scripture Lowell Wiggains
Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Gary Broome
Scripture Don Drummond
Dismiss Gary Aven

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jim Armstrong

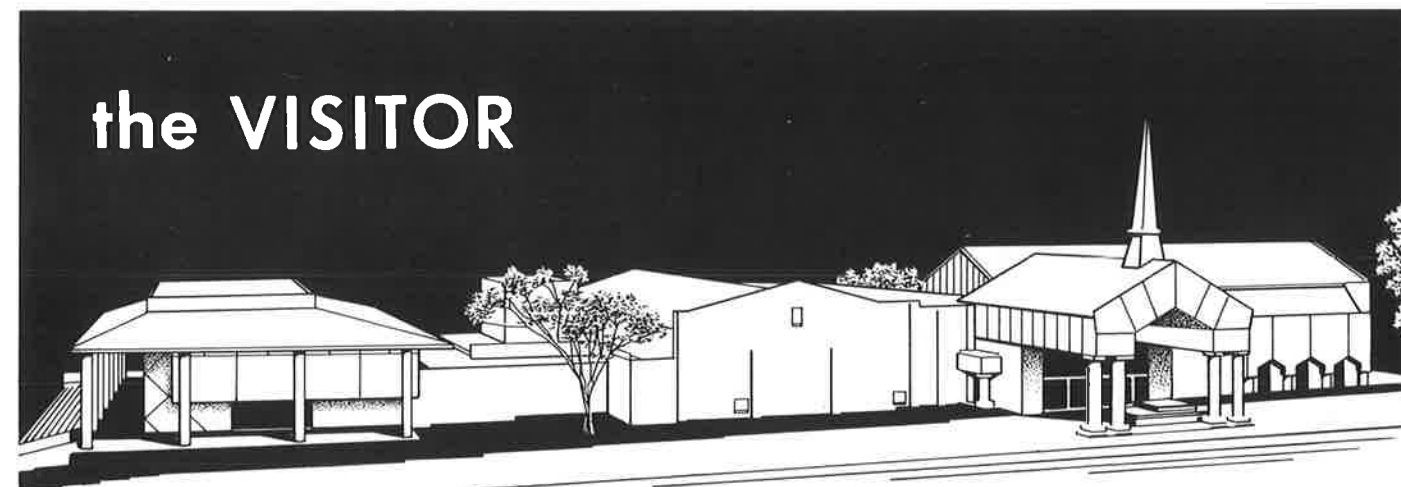
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Mark Gregory Jay Graham
David Haney, Jr. Frank Griffin
C.B. Hardin David Haney
Keith Harris Charles Harris

GREETERS

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone
Faber & Kathryn Cauthen
Alma Biggs & Chloe Clark

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!**



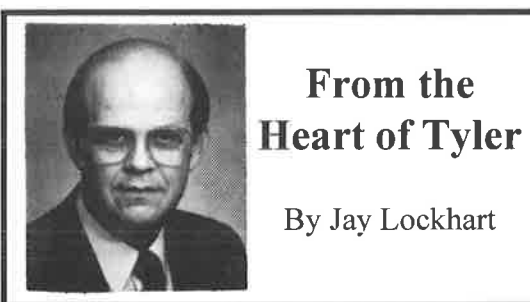
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 17, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Rejoice!
(Philippians 2:1-2, 17-18; 3:1; 4:4)
P.M. By The Gift Of Grace
We See The Mystery
(Ephesians 3:1-7)

COMMENDATION

I want to commend **Phil Hurley**, President and General Manager of KETK-TV, Region 56, for his stand in taking special precautions to provide East Texas with a "family-sensitive" newscast at 6 p.m. on weekdays, i.e., to use careful standards to avoid gruesome, violent or offensive video in bringing us the facts we need for our protection, information and education at the time when young children may be watching. To be more specific, Hurley is determined to avoid showing pictures of dead bodies unless there is an unusually compelling reason to do so; to avoid videotape of grieving relatives of victims of crime; to avoid covering non-fatal stabbings and shootings; to avoid pictures of people if they are near naked or acting in an overtly lascivious manner; and to balance the coverage of crime tragedies with concern for the victims and their families. We appreciate the concern and courage of Phil Hurley and KETK.

SUMMER SERIES

This summer I have spoken on Wednesday evenings at Frankston, Corsicana and Mineola and I am scheduled to be at Skillman in Dallas, Shiloh in Tyler, and in Rusk. Those who will be at West Erwin for the rest of the summer are **Randy Daw** from Broadway, **Al Neal** from Carthage, **David Allen** from Pine Tree in Longview, **Don Crawford**

from Rusk, and **Dan Manuel** from Palestine. These are great opportunities for all of us.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

THE SEARCH Committee, composed of **Don Drummond**, Chairman, **Keith Harris**, **Don Crowder**, **Robert Hilliard**, **Melvin Maples** and **Forest McFadden**, are working hard to make certain that we make the very best effort possible to adequately follow up on responses to our current series "Terms of Endearment." Thanks to these men for a job well done. Tell your friends to tune in at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays for this series on relationships which will be seen for the next seven Sundays. We need your prayers!

CITY-WIDE MEETING

August 28 will be a Red Letter day in Tyler! It's our 4th annual City-Wide meeting (really Area-Wide). **Mladen Jovanovic** will be our guest speaker and will be speaking about the Lord's work in his strife-filled land of Croatia. We will take a special contribution that night for Eastern European Missions and Mladen's work in Croatia. You won't want to miss this! Sunday evening, August 28, singing at 5:00, services at 6:00.

Are you praying daily for the 100?

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**Youth
Notes**
by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who have helped with preparing our mission team for Nebraska and who have helped in teaching the youth classes.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Our Nebraska Mission Team will be returning from West Point on Saturday, July 16. Please remember to pray for us individually and for our group during this mission. Following is a list of those going. Allison Broome, Amanda Broome, Adam Bryant, Matt Carpenter, Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Nick Goodson, Chantel Haney, Matt Helms, Shelley Henry, Josh Hone, Chris Ketchum, Heather Ketchum, Mandy Nelson, Matt Pickens, Kim Sublette, Tiffany Sublette, Pamela Wiggains, Tanya Wiggains, Danny Craddock, Maggie Craddock, Ken Culpepper, Frances Broome, Ginny Helms, & Danny Snell.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series for July 19 will be at the Henderson church. We will leave from the parking lot at 6:30 and we will be returning at 10:15. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. The theme for this week is *Prisoners of War*. Bring your items for "The Croatian Call."

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

July 21 is the day for our next youth project. We will meet at 9:00 and return at 4:00. Join us for this special time together.

SOUL LIFT

Monday July 25 is the date for the annual Soul Lift Youth Rally at Six Flags. We will be leaving early on Monday morning and return late that night. Please sign the list on the youth board if you are planning to go. Ticket cost will be between \$15.00 and \$18.00.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- July 7-16 Nebraska Mission Trip
- July 17 Out to Eat
- July 19 Summer Youth Series
- July 21 Thursday Youth Project
- July 25 Soul Lift Youth Rally
- July 27 - Aug. 1 Mexico Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Tate's Team #1 will meet July 18.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome Dan¹¹ and Susan¹² Payne and children, Jesse¹³, Nikki, and Malcolm into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset to the work here. They have the Captain D's Seafood Restaurant franchise in Tyler. Their address is 11354 CR 2249, 75707, ph. 566-9347.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

I wanted to express my sincere thanks for the Bible. It is beautiful and will remind me each day of my special friends at this church. All of your support for my family and I is greatly appreciated. Thanks for all that you do.

With Love,
Kimberly Sublette

West Erwin Church of Christ,
I really appreciate the Bible and everything you have done for me. I'll never forget the last 2 1/2 years and my roots here. Thanks.

Chris Ketchum

Thanks for all the kindness shown to me during my illness, the prayers, visits, cards and calls. I do pray that I can soon be back with you.

Christine Parsons

Thank you all so much for the prayers, for the flowers and all your kindnesses.

In Christian Love,
Thelma Henley

ANGEL FLIGHT, INC.

Angel Flight, Inc. is a non-profit Texas Corporation dedicated to the free air transportation of medical patients, blood, and organs for those who cannot access such transportation by ordinary methods. It is composed of all volunteers whose time, efforts, money and aircraft are donated free of charge to the execution of mission flights. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this program, please call Joyce Young at 800-433-5689. (We learned of this program through Sandra Henry's experience with them. They take her to M.D. Anderson for her treatments).

TYLER HOSPICE

Tyler Hospice is a service designed to serve families faced with terminal illness with the best possible quality of care and compassion. Volunteers are the heart of this program. Anyone interested in volunteering may call 592-9703 or drop by their office at 423 S. Beckham. They have a training session scheduled to begin on July 12.

NEW ADDRESSES

- Rick & Karen Fedell
14577 Peninsula
Whitehouse, TX 75791
ph. 839-9038
- Rex & Cynthia Johnson
813 Elaine
Tyler, TX 75703
ph. 534-8221

WEDDING INVITATION

Doctor and Mrs. Lee Roger Knight
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter



Amy Elizabeth

to

Mr. Christopher Eugene Lowery

on Saturday, the sixteenth of July

One thousand nine hundred and ninety-four

at half after seven in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

and afterwards at the reception

Willow Brook Country Club

DISCOVERY DAYS

Now enrolling for fall, Discovery Days will be accepting a limited number of babies (ages 2 months to 22 months) into their new Infant and Toddler Care program in addition to the Pre-school Enrichment classes for ages 22 months through 4 years. The hours are from 8:30 to 2:15 on Tuesday and/or Thursday. For more information call Rhonda Haws at 561-3574.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to William and Teresa Coomer on the birth of a baby girl on Friday, July 1. She has been named Annie Marie. Jon Paul is the proud big brother.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Tuesday for Jack Henley, Thelma Henley's husband and Jean Oliver's brother-in-law. Vallie Barnett, Sandra Henry's grandmother, died in Bonham last week. Jimmy Heath, Katie Heath's son, was buried last Saturday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to these families in their time of loss.

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**Spotlight
on
Education**



by Dewey Howard

VBS was great! Over 150 people put their talents together and allowed God to work in fantastic ways for our VBS week. My special thanks to the planning team who worked with me in planning VBS: Kelly Ross, Velma Lemons, Angela Howard, Ronnie and Cyndie Brown, Marc and Dana Tate, Odell Sessions, and Laverne Keith. Below are the names of the others that I know of who worked in some way to make VBS happen. Thanks also to you who came to VBS, invited others, encouraged others, and prayed for a great week. Praise God for his incredible blessings!

VBS attendance: Mon - 296 Tue - 303 Wed - 405 Thur - 335

- Gary Ables · Julie Ables · Joni Armstrong · Launa Armstrong · Gary Aven · Mimi Aven · Anthony Aven · Erin Aven · Frank Aven · Nichole Aven · Fern Bench · Thelma Bennett · Dale Blackstone · Carolyn Blackstone · Becky Blackstone · Vera Boss · Martha Boykin · Cindy Bradford · Teri Bradshaw · Gary Broome · Frances Broome · Amanda Broome · Lauren Gale Brown · Nelda Browning · Linda Brumitt · Dwayne Bryant · Adam Bryant · Ashli Bryant · Bob Bryant · Robbie Bryant · Delle Bullard · Jo Butler · Gary Cain · Joyce Carney · Les Carruth · Cindy Carruth · Mozelle Cash · Tuffy · Helen Chambers · June Chapel · Christina Cheinvichai · Crissy Choice · Glenda Clark · Ruby Cliver · Joy Coats · Casey Cooper · Danny Craddock · Maggie Craddock · Courtney Craddock · Michelle Crocker · Zona Crone · Ruth Crosser · Nina Crow · Mary Jo Crowder · Wini Cullinan · Cathy Culpepper · Casey Culpepper · Wendy Culpepper · Jay Culpepper · Dorothy Daugherty · Wally Dawkins · Laurie Dawkins · Steve Denman · Diane Denman · Mike Downing · Don Drummond · Lela Duncan · Norma Durham · Jeff Fennell · David Frick · Terry Frick · Mary Gaiser · Chuck Gilliam · Linda Gilliam · Mary June Goodson · Nicholas Goodson · Mark Gregory · Angel Gregory · Claudia Griffis · David Haney · Keith Harris · Tina Harris · Drew Harris · Mary Haws · Matt Haws · Casey Haws · Ruth Hearne · Katie Heath · Gary Helms · Ginny Helms · Larry Henry · Sandra Henry · Gena Henry · Shelley Henry · Robert Hilliard · Marvin Hollingsworth · Hillard Hughes · Jennifer Johnson · Joan Jordan · Kim Jordan · Faye Kennard · Heather Ketchum · Michelle Kuechle · Carla Lemons · Michelle Linscomb · Jay Lockhart · Arlene Lockhart · Stacey Lockhart · Tommy Lowrance · Donna Lowrance · Michael Lowrance · Jonathan Lowrance · Melvin Maples · Linda Marts · Priscilla Mayer · Joe McBee · Frances McBee · Mandy McClenny · Leigh Ann McClenny · Ann McCoy · Nancy McCoy · Jim McDonald · Jan McDonald · Clay McDonald · Forest McFadden · Mary McFadden · Nila Miles · Alla Minnis · Paige Morris · Mandy Nelson · Wade Park · Sandra Park · Melissa Parrish · Stephanie Pate · James Phillips · Frances Phillips · Jeff Phillips · Jersey Porter · Mary Poulsen · Fred Powell · Sara Powell · Katie Powell · Mary Richey · Jeannie Ross · Vicki Russell · Robby Scott · Terry Shaw · Erica Smith · Danny Snell · Lisa Snell · Glynn Starnes · Fran Starnes · Sue Starnes · Trecia Starr · Jack Stringer · Johnnie Stringer · Marie Styron · Connie Sublette · Tiffany Sublette · Marisa Suggs · Patty Tate · Lynda Terrell · Leonard Thompson · Roberta Tindall · Gail Vannoy · Neil Vannoy · Joanna Vannoy · Diane Weathers · Ginger Weathers · Rhonda Weathers · Carolyn Welborn · Cheryl Welborn · Brook West · Justin Wiggains · Pamela Wiggains · Tanya Wiggains · Esther Wilson · Randall Wilson · Denise Wilson · Ray Womack · Carolyn Womack

Summer Speaker Series

July 20

Jesus Is the Answer

for...

Broken Relationships

**Randy Daw
Broadway, Tyler**

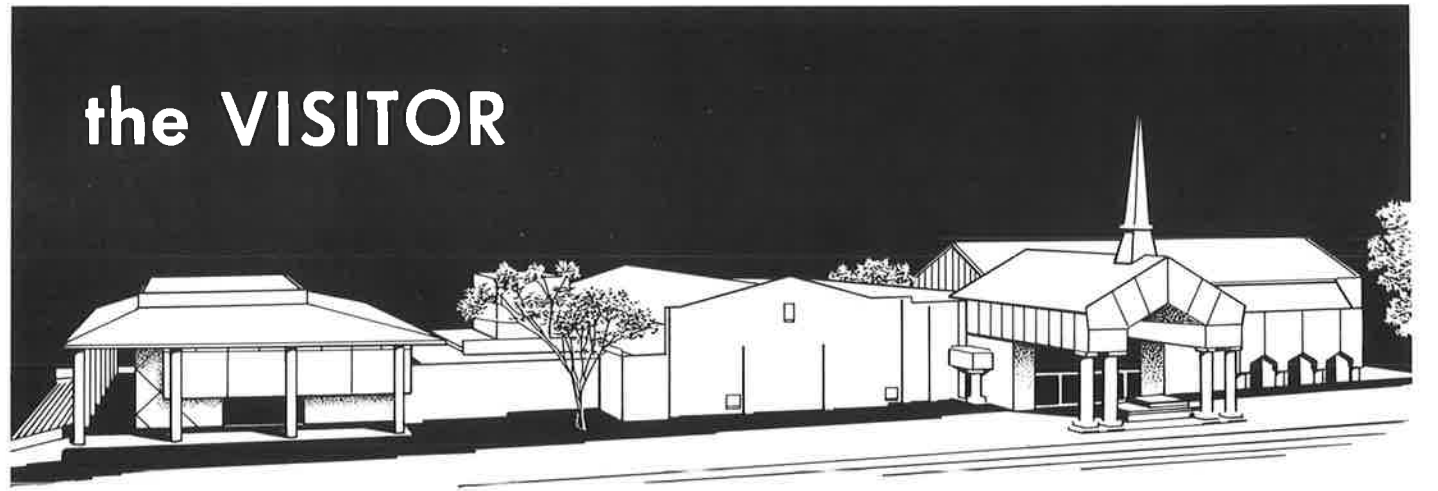
June 30, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol.25-No.25
Records	Sunday June 26	Sunday June 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	327	365	333
Worship A.M.	523	582	511
Worship P.M.	328	327	335
Wed. P.M.	290	266	237
Contribution	\$15,686.41	\$15,225.14	\$12,964.08
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 3 and Wed. P.M., July 6, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Aline Beard had eye surgery Wednesday at Medical Center. **Leon Santos** is recuperating at home from a heart attack. **Carvin Burran**, Opal Mathews' brother, is receiving treatment in Crockett for a brain tumor. **Mertis Brock**, Judy Clark's mother, is very ill in Longview Regional Hospital. **Pat Stokes** is at home but will be going for outpatient therapy each weekday. **Christine Parsons** is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Sandra Henry** went to M.D. Anderson on Tuesday for treatment. **Ernest Bell**, Kathy Hilliard's father, is now in Medical Center, room 4423. **Jeannie Wood** is receiving therapy in Houston following knee replacement surgery. Please continue to remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERVING SUNDAY
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Jim Bell
 Scripture Jim McDonald
 Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer David Haney
 Scripture Melvin Maples
 Dismiss Neil Vannoy
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Faber Cauthen
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Rick Fedell Jeff Fennell
 David Frick Terry Frick
 Jack Garner Kurt Gesse
 Chuck Gillam Cooper Goodson
GREETERS
 Phil & Linda Marts
 Forest & Mary McFadden
 Marc & Dana Tate

THE VISITOR
 There will be no bulletin next week due to postal regulations for third class mailing.




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MISSIONS Harold Taylor Ray Maxwell Jeff Holland		SUNDAY Bible School.....9:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.	WEDNESDAY Ladies Bible Class.....10:00 A.M. (Sept. through May) Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
ELDERS Freeman Morgan Phil Marts Ray Vannoy James Sublette Ira Wilson Joe McBee Stan Clark Leon Welborn		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY Christian Service Center.....9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	
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From the Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 3, 1994
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart
 A.M. On Being Of The Same Mind
 (Philippians 4:1-3)
 P.M. A Worry-Free Life - It Sounds
 Good But Is It Possible?
 (Philippians 4:4-9)

TEACHERS TO ACU WORKSHOP

For the past ten years Dale and Carolyn Blackstone have been the key people in the best Bible Hour learning program that I have ever seen. Bible Hour, designed for children (K-Grade 5) takes a tremendous amount of preparation (one look at the rooms indicates that) and dedication (Dale and Carolyn have that). And each year when we have opportunity to meet with the children and teachers for a demonstration of their accomplishments, it is astounding as to what the children retain in Bible knowledge. Bible Hour is not just imparting facts but "tons" of visuals that come from creative teachers. Other adults who help with Bible Hour include James and Connie Sublette and Gail Vannoy. There are also some teenagers who help periodically. Bible Hour provides a real service to the whole church and we appreciate the leadership provided by the Blackstones.

be teaching four one-hour sessions on Wednesday of the workshop on "Bible Hour and Primary Classes Made Irresistible." Gail Vannoy, Velma Lemons, Becky Blackstone, Joanna Vannoy, and Marie Styron will be helping in Abilene. Joanne Jordan, Gary Broome, and Frances Broome have helped prepare materials, paintings, and songs for the Workshop. We are privileged to have so many talented and selfless people at West Erwin and we are honored that ACU has recognized some of these by inviting them to participate in the Teacher's Workshop. We also appreciate the fact that for many years the elders at West Erwin have seen the wisdom of providing our teaching staff with the opportunity to attend the Teacher's Workshop by designating a part of our Educational Budget for the expense. We're proud of our teachers.

This summer the talents of our Bible Hour folks will be shared on a broad scale as Dale and Carolyn have been invited to conduct a class on Bible Hour at the ACU Teacher's Workshop, July 24-27. They will

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the VBS. It was a wonderful week and you are to be commended. Thanks to Dewey Howard for organizing such a successful event.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Our Nebraska Mission Team will be leaving for West Point on Thursday, July 7 at 8:00 p.m. Please remember to pray for us individually and for our group during the next few weeks. Following is a list of those going: Allison Broome, Amanda Broome, Adam Bryant, Matt Carpenter, Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Nick Goodson, Chantel Haney, Matt Helms, Shelley Henry, Josh Hone, Chris Ketchum, Heather Ketchum, Mandy Nelson, Matt Pickens, Kim Sublette, Tiffany Sublette, Pamela Wiggains, Tanya Wiggains, Danny Craddock, Maggie Craddock, Ken Culpepper, Frances Broome, Ginny Helms, Lisa Snell, and Danny Snell.

All of those who are going to Nebraska need to attend the meeting this coming Sunday at 4:00 in the Chapel. All participants and their parents need to come for a very important meeting at 5:15 in the Chapel. Please make every effort to be present.

➤Please pray for our mission trips.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series for July 5 will be at the Gilmer church. We will leave from the parking lot at 6:30 and we will be returning at 10:15. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. The theme for this week is "**Be Alert.**" Bring your items for "The Croatian Call."

The Summer Youth Series for July 12 will be at the Northside church in Longview. We will leave from the parking lot at 6:15 and we will be returning at 10:30.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July 5	Summer Youth Series
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 12	Summer Youth Series
July 25	Soul Lift Youth Rally
July 27-Aug. 1	Mexico Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Cauthen's Team #1 will meet June 3.

NEW MEMBERS

Dickey¹ and Beth² Dale and their children Chelsea (age 5) and Casey (age 3) made known their wish to be a part of the West Erwin family last week. Their address is 4359 FM 315, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-4248. This is a correction from the address listed in last week's bulletin.

Joe³ and Sherry⁴ Elerson and their three children, Melissa⁵ (age 14), Joseph⁶ (age 11), and Kyler (2 months) are a welcome addition to our growing family. Their address is Route 3, Box 3146-A, Ben Wheeler, Texas 75754, ph. (903) 852-7234.

Doug⁷ and LaDawn⁸ Ragsdale and their children, LaManda⁹ (Age 18), Bradley¹⁰ (age 14), Michael (age 3) and Maggie (age 2) have been attending here for some time and we are very happy that they have chosen to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Their address is P.O. Box 1598, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-0220.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,

I know this is only the beginning of the road to my recovery but I wanted you to know how much I appreciate your love, support, cards, flowers, food and prayers. You have given me the strength to fight cancer. Thank you for caring.

In Christian Love,
Sandra Henry

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for sending the beautiful flowers. We appreciate your loving concern for our family. (The Paul Bell family)

Gratefully,
Rosiland Bell & family

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, July 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 this time of fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Robby Scott** on being named to the GTE first-team academic All-America squad for the 1993-94 school year. He is a junior at ACU and was the only Texas collegiate student-athlete named to the 15-member first, second or third teams. He carries a 4.0 grade average in biology. He is a three-time All-American on the court and was a semifinalist in singles at the NCAA Division II men's national tennis tournament this spring.

IN LOVE WITH LIFE

If you don't like life, it's the way you're living,
A little less taking, and a little more giving,
A little less hating, a little more loving,
A little more helping, not so much shoving,
A little more smiling, and not so much strife,
And soon you'll be in love with life!



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jennifer Johnson bride-elect of Clint Hale
Sunday, July 10
4:00 - 5:30
Fellowship Hall

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

WEDDING INVITATION

Doctor and Mrs. Lee Roger Knight
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Amy Elizabeth

to

Mr. Christopher Eugene Lowery
on Saturday, the sixteenth of July

One thousand nine hundred and ninety-four

at half after seven in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

and afterwards at the reception

Willow Brook Country Club

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held on Tuesday in Seminole, Texas for Roy McMinn, father of Mike McMinn.

Services were held this week in Overton for Catherine Wood, mother of Derryl Wood.

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Mike and Ann McMinn and Derryl and Jeannie Wood and their families in their loss of loved ones.

Think about it ...

"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."

Our Mission Statement

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of

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Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

Then and Now

From a poem by June Fuqua

As a VIP I do remember
VBS with its responsibilities
Some of us -- with love -- relinquished valuable vacations
Knowing precious children -- all ages would attend.

Two weeks was then the allotted time recommended
From nine in the morning
Came children from near and far
To be taught and good book -- play --
Eat -- be cared for -- and to get a gold star.

We who were teachers -- had problems --
And not just a few
We searched together with calm serenity
Our lessons to prepare.

Our enthusiasm became great as we studied God's Word --
Why you might ask? Was because of God's love
For we realized we needed knowledge to share
For each and every child who would be there.
We asked for patience and strength from above.
This made each and every burden much easier to bear.

Of course we grew tired, but a good tired it was.
But with a good nights rest --
We could go on tomorrow
To do our very best.

A few years go by -- VBS cut in half
One week instead of two as it was in the past.
Children came and went -- grew up and took our place.
Could it have been we who were the faithful servants
That had taught them in the past?
Are we paving the way for the next generation --
Remembering that it is the Genesis of God's will
For all to grow up -- be gentle -- be humble and
Enjoy God's love in all Christian Graces.

Many dedicated helpers were and are concerned
They have spent many hours working -- searching --
Putting together the very best for your teaching curriculum.
May we all appreciate and thank them for their efforts.
Never critical -- just praise for the efficient effective aids
In Bible teachings.

Thanks for a great VBS week!!!
I'll say more about it in the next bulletin.

*** No Koinonia meeting this Sunday due to holiday ***

June 23, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol.25-No.24
Records	Sunday June 19	Sunday June 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	365	350	327
Worship A.M.	582	532	464
Worship P.M.	327	317	312
Wed. P.M.	266	284	198
Contribution	\$15,225.14	\$11,602.85	\$12,318.85
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 26 and Wed. P.M., June 29 Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Aline Beard is scheduled for eye surgery Wednesday, June 29 at Medical Center. **Leon Santos** suffered a heart attack recently in Austin. He is now at home. **Dub Mathews** entered Medical Center on Monday for treatment. **Carvin Burran**, Opal Mathews' brother, is hospitalized in Crockett for treatment for a brain tumor. **Florene Adams'** test was canceled last Sunday. **Mertis Brock**, Judy Clark's mother, is Longview Regional Hospital. **Pat Stokes** is at home but will be going for outpatient therapy each weekday. **Christine Parsons** is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Sandra Henry** will be returning to M.D. Anderson about every three weeks for treatment. **Glen Warner**, former West Erwin member, is in Mother Frances, room 376. **Ernest Bell**, Kathy Hilliard's father, is in Mother Frances, room 416.

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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Evening Worship6:00 P.M.	Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
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Christian Service Center9:00 A.M.	
	11:30 A.M.
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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Danny Snell
 Prayer Paul Stanley
 Scripture Terry Frick
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts

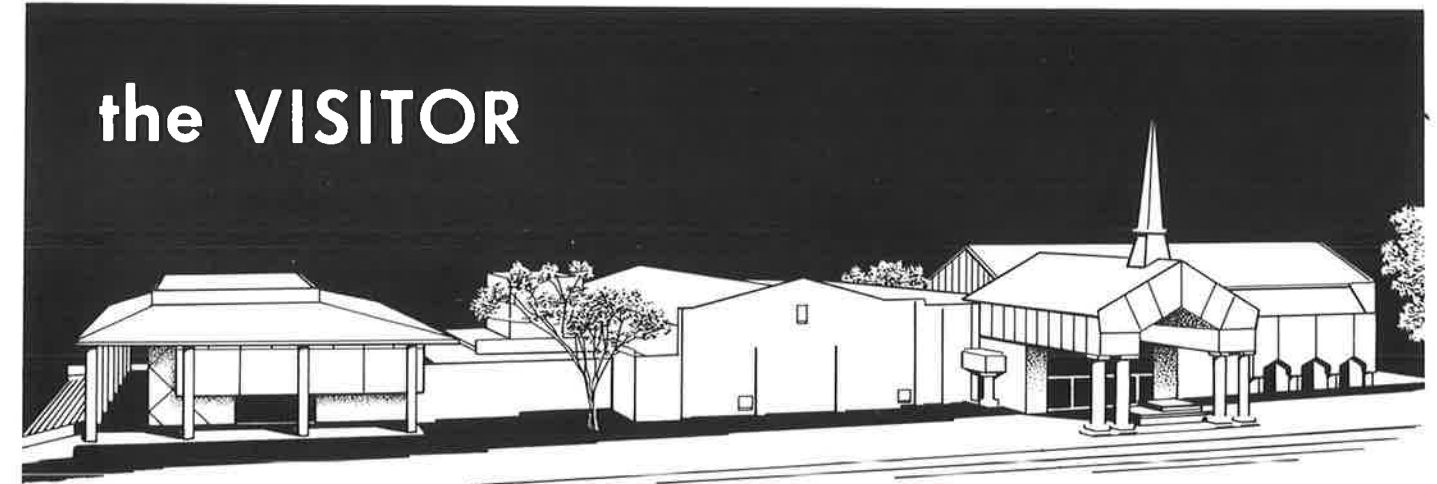
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Danny Snell
 Prayer Tony Adams
 Scripture Wynne Weathers
 Dismiss Archie Lowry

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Jim Mayer

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Harold Denman Steve Denman
 Mike Downing L.G. Drennan
 Don Drummond Don Durham
 Bill Endsley Walter Farrer

GREETERS
 Fred & Sara Powell
 Charles Rachui
 John & Susan Steffee

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!



WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS 75702-7133 592-0809

The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, June 26, 1994
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. A Saint's Philosophy Of Life (Philippians 3:12-16)
- P.M. Marching To A Different Drummer (Philippians 3:17 - 4:1)

THIS IS FOR REAL

Every so often over the years we have received letters stating that people like Madeline Murry O'Haire are going to put an end to religious broadcasting on radio and television and we are asked to write letters, sign petitions, and do what we can to oppose these actions. We then find out that it is all some kind of hoax. But now we are facing a real crisis that may change all that we do in the media.

A proposed law called the "Fairness in Broadcasting Act" is in committee in both the House of Representatives and Senate in Washington. If this an act becomes law, TV and radio stations will be forced to offer opposing views when a program is broadcast involving a "controversial issue of public importance." If this law is passed it will dramatically affect our efforts to preach the gospel. Nearly everything we believe falls into the category of "controversial issue of public importance." Especially is this true in the area of morality. TV and radio stations would be obliged to allow persons who disagree with us to have free air time to answer us. Rather than being tied up in legal or regulatory battles with special interest groups, the station will simply not sell air time to us. A second result of the passing of this legislation is that in presenting the truth on a "controversial issue" we open the door for an "equal time" response by special

interest groups and thus become involved in promoting their agendas.


Members of the church must speak up. This Sunday there will be copies of a petition at strategic places throughout our building. Take a moment and sign the petition opposing the passage of this bill in Congress. You must print your name and address on the petition and sign it to make it valid. The petition will be sent to Randy Becton, speaker for the Herald of Truth "In God We Trust" campaign and elder in the Highland church in Abilene, who will hand deliver the petitions to the chairmen of the appropriate congressional committees in Washington. Let's be heard on this matter.

All adults will meet together in the auditorium for the Bible Class hour because of the preparations for our Vacation Bible School. Dr. Jay Lockhart will present: How To Find Perfect Harmony (Colossians 3:12-14).

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS!

Thanks to Jeff & Linda Hone for hosting the middle school activity this past Sunday. Thanks to all those who came and made it a great evening.

Thanks to Gary & Frances Broome and Dwayne Bryant for sponsoring the Summer Youth Series last week.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who are going to Nebraska need to attend the meeting this coming Sunday at 4:30 in the Chapel. Please make every effort to be present.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many of you are helping with VBS this year and more are still needed. We will be meeting this coming Saturday at 9:00 for the VBS workday. Everyone who can help is needed. Some are needed to hand out flyers all over town and some are needed to decorate and work on sets and others are needed to do whatever is left. Please come!

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

We will not be attending the Summer Youth Series on June 28 due to our Vacation Bible School that evening.

The Summer Youth Series for July 5 will be at the Gilmer church. We will leave from the parking lot at 6:30 and we will be returning at 10:15. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. The theme for this week is "**Be Alert.**" Don't forget "The Croatian Call."

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

Our next Thursday Youth Project will be June 30. We will meet at 9:00 and return at 4:00. There are several yards that we will be mowing and cleaning, so dress appropriately. Be there!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- June 27-30 Vacation Bible School
- June 30 Thursday Youth Project
- July 5 Summer Youth Series
- July 7-16 Nebraska Mission Trip
- July 25 Soul Lift Youth Rally
- July 27-Aug. 1 Mexico Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Womack's Team #4 will meet June 27.

IN APPRECIATION

We wanted to express our sincere thanks to everyone in the congregation whose prayers were heard by God during our job search. While we regret it has resulted in moving away from wonderful friends, God has blessed us through those prayers. Thank you so much.

Steve & Michelle Linscomb

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy shown to me during the recent illness and death of my brother, Dr. Jack Chapel.

In Christian love,
Dorothy Davis

To West Erwin Church,

Thank you for the Bible given to me for graduation. It is the one book I know that will help me make many decisions in my life.

Love,
Matt Pickens

We wanted to thank all of our Christian friends at the West Erwin church for the many expressions of love and care in the loss of our loved one. The beautiful flowers, your cards, food, visits and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Earle Arnold
Anita Hidalgo & Family

SOME ITEMS NEEDED FOR NEBRASKA TRIP

As the time for the Nebraska Mission Trip draws near, there are several items that are needed to be used in that Vacation Bible School. Your help is very much appreciated.

1. Two liter plastic bottles (clean, please)
2. Large margarine tubs

HELP NEEDED!!

Anyone who will be willing to provide transportation or hand out flyers for Vacation Bible School! We will meet at the church building at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25. We plan to "canvass the town." This is a way that everyone can help. See you then!

THE IMPORTANCE OF FORGETFULNESS

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, **forget** your neighbor's faults. **Forget** all the slander you have ever heard. **Forget** the temptations. **Forget** the fault-finding, and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. **Forget** the peculiarities of your friends, and **remember the good points** which made you fond of them. **Forget** all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. **Blot out** as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come but will only grow larger when you remember them, and the constant acts of meanness, or worse still, malice will only tend to make you more familiar with them. **Obliterate everything disagreeable** from yesterday; write upon today's clean sheet those things lovely and lovable!borrowed

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome (1) Dickey and (2) Beth Dale and their children, Chelsea and Casey, into the West Erwin family. Beth is the daughter of Billie Osburn and they have been visiting here for some time. They will be an asset to this family as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 7952 Edgar Lane, Tyler, 75708, ph. 597-2975.



Walker Waggonner announces the birth of a new baby sister, Caroline Martin Waggonner, on June 17. She weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. Mark and Martha are the happy parents, Sara and Fred Powell are the proud grandparents and Grace Walker is the great-grandmother. Congratulations to all!

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jennifer Johnson bride-elect of Clint Hale Sunday, July 10 4:00 - 5:30 Fellowship Hall
Selections: Dillard's & Service Merchandise
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.


BENEVOLENT WORK

In season, clean children's clothing and men's socks are needed for the Benevolent Center.

"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

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Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*

This week is the week. . . .

"Welcome to Bible Story Land"
VBS 1994

June 27-30 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Activities for all ages, birth to adult

We need your help in making this a great week. Invite your friends and neighbors. One of our purposes for VBS is to introduce the West Erwin family to our community. We need you to get the word out. Only you can do it. There are some who only have you to tell them. Brochures advertising VBS are available in the foyer for you to pick up and take to your friends. Encourage your children to invite their friends. Bring their parents to the adult seminar. We have a great week coming!

Saturday is a workday to prepare for VBS. The building will be open at 9 a.m. for anyone who can help us get ready. There are several jobs that will need to be done. Come when you can; leave when you need to.

A group of our folks will be canvassing areas of Tyler on Saturday inviting people to our Bible Story Land. Please participate in this effort if you can. The more that come to help, the more people will know about our exciting week. Be here at 9 a.m. to go around our neighborhoods.

Finally, PRAY for a great VBS week. A lot of folks have put a lot of work into our VBS week. Pray for God's special blessings on our efforts. Pray that he will be glorified, that Jesus will be exalted, and that new doors of opportunity will be opened to teach others about His love.

**ACU Summer Workshops
July 24-27, 1994**

Bible Teachers Workshop • Elders and Church Leaders Workshop • Equipping Women for Ministry Workshop • Leaders in Christian Education Workshop • Ministers Renewal Workshop

Summer Speaker Series

July 6

Jesus Is the Answer

for. . .

Life's Purpose
Harold Taylor
Carrollton

*** Koinonia #2 meets this Sunday ***

June 16, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol.25-No.23
Records	Sunday June 12	Sunday June 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	350	348	363
Worship A.M.	532	541	533
Worship P.M.	317	372	246
Wed. P.M.	284	243	184
Contribution	\$11,602.85	\$13,222.06	\$10,431.44
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 19 and Wed. P.M., June 22 Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Pat Stokes is in Medical Center Rehab, room 4415. **Christine Parsons** is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Sandra Henry** will be returning to M.D. Anderson in about three weeks for additional treatment. **Jack Henley**, Thelma Henley's husband, is now at home. **Tony Arisco**, young friend of the Mark Morris' family, is still very ill in Children's Hospital in Dallas. **Glen Warner**, Mike Warner's dad and a former West Erwin member, is in Mother Frances following surgery on Tuesday. Continue to remember these and others in our family and loved one of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for George Seagler, former West Erwin member. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family in their loss.

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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Danny Snell
 Scripture Rick Fedell
 Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer David Newton
 Scripture Larry Shankle
 Dismiss Jeff Fennell

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Melvin Crow

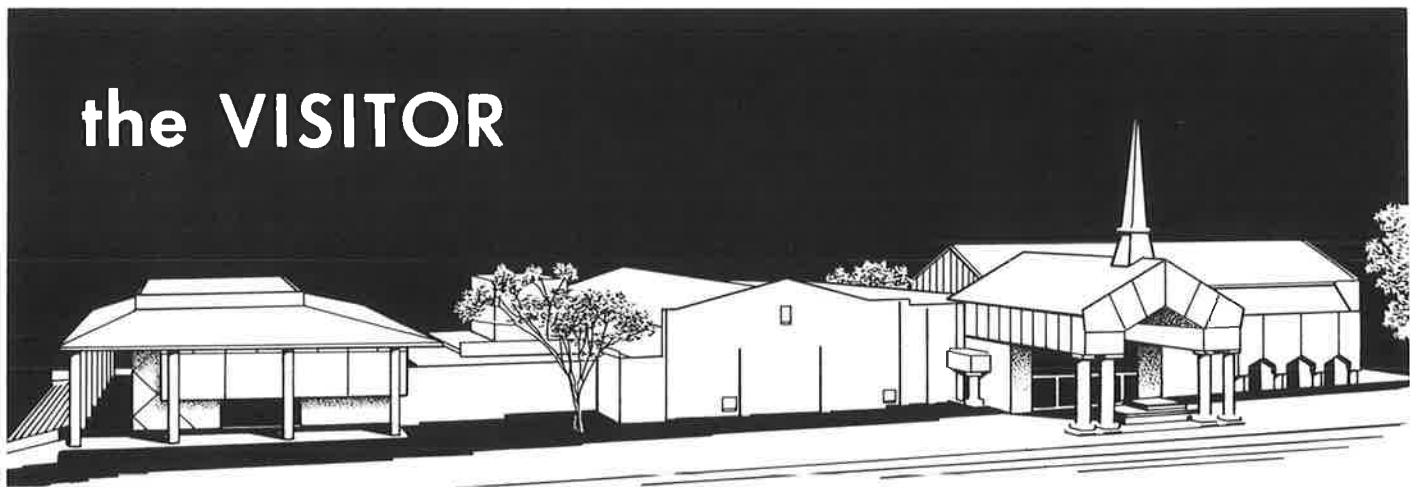
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Harold Denman	Steve Denman
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Don Drummond	Don Durham
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**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, June 19, 1994
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. How's Your Health?
(II Corinthians 13:5-10)
- P.M. Where Does Your Confidence Lie?
(Philippians 3:1-11)

POTPOURRI

There are so many people in this church who are followers of the Barnabas model -- they are encouragers (Barnabas means "son of exhortation"). You encourage me in my preaching and in my teaching. Being complimented is not the motive for preaching -- I want to think that most preachers preach because, like Jeremiah, they have a fire burning in their bones and they must preach. But encouragement from brethren means so much and your response to last Sunday evening's sermon on "When Faith Is Wounded" overwhelmed me. Thank you for caring.

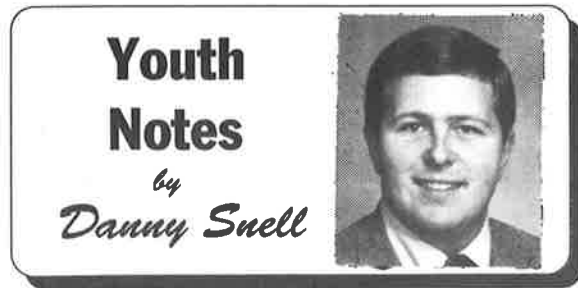
There is a lot of activity around here this summer. Classrooms are being "spruced up"; VBS teachers are getting everything ready for June 27-30; **Danny Snell** is leading the young people in work projects, camp, and two mission trips (Nebraska and Mexico); **Dewey Howard** is preparing for more great Bible classes in the fall; **Dale Blackstone** is leading a group of teachers who will be presenting their expertise at the ACU Bible Teachers Workshop (July 24-27); the Summer Youth Series and our Wednesday night Summer Speaker Series are in full swing; and the **Knight and Marts** weddings are just around the corner (July 16 and

August 27). Add to this our regular activities, and West Erwin is really buzzing this summer.

When I was a boy it was not uncommon to see horse-drawn wagons (yes, there were cars, but once in a while you would see a horse!). I noticed that horses wore something called "blindners." Blindners were a part of the harness and fit on the outside of the horses' eyes so that they could see only straight ahead. Blindners were to conceal any activity that might "spook" the horse. The activity was real but the horse didn't see it and not seeing it made him comfortable. Isn't it interesting that people sometimes wear spiritual blinders? They see in Scripture only what they want to see and any truth which is not pleasing to them they cannot see because of blinders. Whatever the Word says to me I need to hear ... even if it is a bit unsavory and demands a change in my life. We sometimes remain unchanged because we do not listen and failing to listen leaves us where we are -- and God doesn't want us to stay there!

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THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who have been coming to the TYP workdays. A special thanks to Ginny Helms for going as a sponsor. Keep up the good work gang.

Thanks to Ray & Gail Vannoy and Earl & Melinda O'Quinn for hosting the high school activity this past Sunday.

Thanks to Scott Carruth, Wade Park, Marc Tate, and Ray Vannoy for teaching over the last couple of weeks.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who are going to Nebraska need to attend the meeting this coming Sunday at 4:30 in the Chapel. Please make every effort to be present.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the 6th grade and the middle school group are invited to the activity this Sunday night. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series for June 21 will be at the Shiloh Rd. church. We will meet there at 7:15 and we will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. The theme this week is *The Struggle*. Don't forget "The Croatian Call."

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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- June 21 Summer Youth Series
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- June 27-30 Vacation Bible School
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- July 25 Soul Lift Youth Rally
- July 27-Aug. 1 Mexico Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet June 20.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church & Jay Lockhart,
Thank you so much for the NIV study Bible and the book *In His Steps* that you gave me for graduation. While I, away at college these books will be a constant reminder of the love and support the West Erwin family has shown to me. These books will provide me with the spiritual guidance that I will need as a young adult away from home. Although I have only been a part of the West Erwin family for a year you have all been very receptive of my family and I. I will never forget you.

Love,
Gayla West

Thank you so much for the NIV study Bible and the book entitled *In His Steps*. I have already begun to read the book and I have enjoyed it so far. I know my study Bible will come in handy. I have wanted one for a long time now. Although I have been a West Erwin only a short time, I have really had a wonderful experience. I will miss everyone once I am gone but I know that myself along with all of the other graduates will be in your constant thought and prayers.

Thank you again,
Heather West

All of our family wish to express sincere appreciation for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, food - all of your expressions of concern - during the illness and loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

God bless all of you,
June Chapel and family



From Our Heart to Your Heart

VIDEO BIBLE OUTREACH

Below is an excerpt from a letter from Del and Clara Masters of Twin Falls, Idaho. West Erwin sends video tapes to them regularly and they in turn share them with small churches with no located preacher.

"Think of you often; listen to your excellent lessons regularly along with six little congregations in Saskatchewan, Washington, Montana, and Idaho. We plan to develop other flyers including them in our mailings with the hope to stimulate an interest in deeper study.

So many loving sermons and lessons from Jay to share with Video Bible Outreach brothers and sisters in the northwest. We see these video cassettes as a God blessed treasure. Again and again God blesses us in our special fellowship with West Erwin. Will you please somehow communicate this to the congregation."

We love you as HE taught us how,
Del and Clara Masters

ADDRESS CHANGES

- Rex & Cynthia Johnson 813 Elaine, 75703
- Ray & Linda Maxwell 977 11th Road Beemer, NE 68716-9775

SHOWER INVITATION

You are invited to a Bridal Brunch honoring Missy Marts bride-elect of Dee Green

Saturday, June 18, 11:00-12:30 at the home of Carolyn Welborn 504 Hyde Park

Selections: Dillard's, Foley's & Service Merchandise

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

SOJOURNERS

A group of "Sojourners" with which John and Ruby Cliver were working were written up in the York, Nebraska newspaper recently in reference to their work at York College. This group is made up of retired people who volunteer their time, motorhoming across the country to help churches of Christ and Christian colleges. Check the bulletin board in the foyer by the office for the newspaper article. John and Ruby Cliver, Ed and Margie Hunt and Thelma Bennett, from West Erwin, participate in this good work

GOSPEL MEETING

The Tatum Church of Christ invites you to hear Johnny Ramsey in a series of Gospel Meetings June 26-29. Sunday services are at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Weekday services are at 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Congratulations to **Kathy Boykin**, daughter of Gerald and Martha Boykin, on her graduation from Stephen F. Austin University *magna cum laude* with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentration in English.

Our Mission Statement

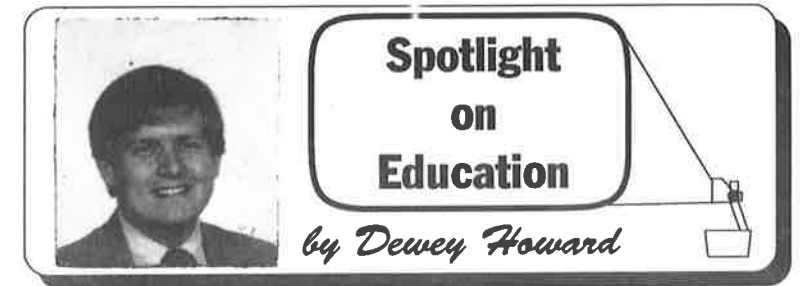
TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image of

Christ

Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging

West Erwin Church of Christ



"Welcome to Bible Story Land"

VBS 1994

June 27-30 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Activities for all ages, birth to adult

Our Bible discovery week is coming up soon! I hope your family has made plans to participate. Invite your friends and neighbors. You will be so glad you did.

"Terms of Endearment" is the title of the adult seminar that will be conducted concurrently with our VBS. Our own Jay Lockhart is presenting this series of messages that will strengthen marriages and families. Who do you know that could benefit from this seminar? Won't you invite them to attend?

If you can help with some last minute loose ends this week, please let me know. We have something for you to do!

Brochures advertising VBS are available in the foyer for you to pick up. Take several with you and pass them out to your neighbors and friends. Encourage your children to invite their friends. Bring their parents to the adult seminar. We have a great week coming! You need to be a part of it.

Please note these changes in our Sunday morning class lineup:

- ▶ The 50's age group taught by Ira Wilson will not meet during the summer months. Please participate with another class over the next couple of months. This class plans to resume in the fall.
- ▶ The 30-40's age group taught by Hillard Hughes will change room locations. Beginning this Sunday, you will meet in the fellowship hall.
- ▶ The 20-30's age group taught by Dewey Howard will also make a change. Your new location will be in room 301, upstairs above the main foyer.

As our Bible class ministry grows it is sometimes necessary to make a few changes. Thank you for your patience as these changes take place. Let's work together to grow in our Bible study as the family of God at West Erwin.

Summer Speaker Series

June 22

Jesus Is the Answer

for...

A Crushed Self-Image

Mike Armour
Skillman, Dallas

*** No Koinonia meeting this Sunday due to Father's Day ***

June 9, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol.25-No.22
Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	June 5	May 29	Ago
Bible Class	348	323	411
Worship A.M.	541	513	530
Worship P.M.	372	282	346
Wed. P.M.	243	250	235
Contribution	\$13,222.06	\$10,586.91	\$10,431.44
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 12 and Wed. P.M., June 15, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Pat Stokes is in Medical Center Rehab, room 4415. **Christine Parsons** is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Anna Wiggains**, Lowell Wiggains' mother, is recuperating from heart surgery at home. **Sandra Henry** went to M.D. Anderson Tuesday for treatment. **Marie Arnold** is very ill in Medical Center, room 2503. **Jack Henley**, Thelma Henley's husband, is now in Woodcreek Nursing Home. **Margaret Grayson**, Jo Butler's sister-in-law, had by-pass surgery Monday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. **Al Byrd**, Cathy Culpepper's uncle, had angioplasty this week in Los Angeles. **James Phillips** had foot surgery Tuesday at Tyler Square. **Jeannie Wood** had knee replacement surgery May 26 in Houston. Continue to remember these and others in our family and loved one of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

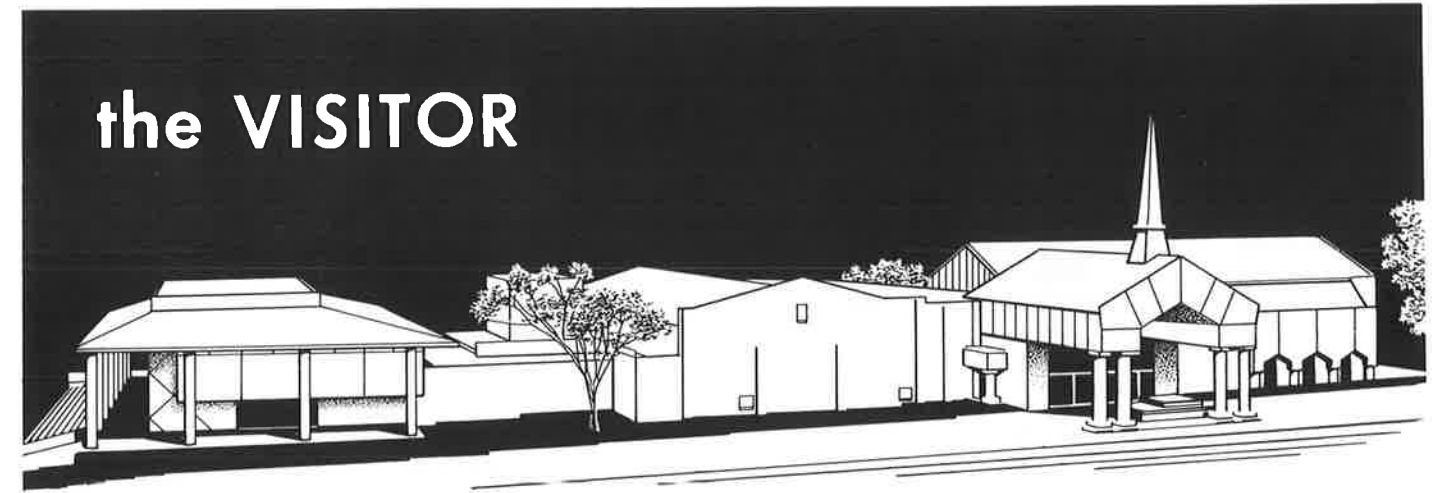
SERVING SUNDAY
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Steve Linscomb
 Prayer Wally Dawkins
 Scripture John Cliver
 Elder's Prayer Stan Clark
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Steve Linscomb
 Prayer John Portwood
 Scripture Jeff Hone
 Dismiss H.M. Minnis
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 A.Z. Hays
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Casey Culpepper Clinton Culpepper
 Ken Culpepper George Daugherty
 Brian Daughtry David Daughtry
 Wally Dawkins David Demic
GREETERS
 Elmer & Nila Miles
 Paul & Signa Stanley
 Ray & Gail Vannoy

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!

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn		(903) 592-0809



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler

**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, June 12, 1994
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. People Need People
(Philippians 2:19-30)
 P.M. When Faith Is Wounded
(Isaiah 40:27-31)

RELIGION IN AMERICA

Our country was founded upon the principles of the Bible and the founding fathers had enough respect for God and His Word to have the words "In God We Trust" inscribed upon our coins. We have come (or gone) a long way in the 218 years of our history as a nation. According to the Barna Research Group, here is where we are now: most Americans reject the notion of absolute truth; a growing population of people, now up to one-third of the population, do not believe in the God of the Bible, but have other notions about who or what God is; most adults do not believe Satan is a real being; most people believe it does not really matter what god you pray to; nearly two-thirds of our nations' adults contend that the choice of one religious faith over another is irrelevant because all faiths teach the same basic lessons about life; about half of our nation believe Christ was an imperfect man (Barna's Research data as quoted in TEACH magazine, summer, 1994). The attitudes seen in our nation are also seen in the church. We are so occupied with material things, with making a living, with getting ahead, with our own pleasures that we have little impact upon the thinking of our

communities because God has little impact upon our lives. We do not make a decision to leave God out of our lives -- we just become so involved with other things that we let spiritual matters slip. It's an attitude. Our parents and grandparents had to make livings, raise children, and seek rest from toil, just as we do. They were not bombarded by so many luxuries that to us are essentials; they were generally not as prosperous; but neither were they so aloof in their spiritual lives. They knew what they believed; they tried to live what they believed; and they supported what they believed! God was as real to them on Monday as on Sunday. For us, God doesn't seem all that real on Sunday. Our ancestors gave us a great spiritual heritage -- we were handed that heritage on a silver platter. We fought no battles, we experienced no struggles, we made no sacrifices. Now we see the fruit of our easy acceptance of our religion - what is easily gained is hardly ever highly regarded. It makes one wonder about the future. All of us would do well to remember that the call of Christ is still a demand for commitment, but it is also a call to life ... real life.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the Parent-Teen meeting this past Sunday night. It was one of the largest groups ever. Thanks to all of our new 6th grade families who have come into the group. **Welcome!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mandy McClenny for receiving the Perfect Attendance Award and the Outstanding Girl's Basketball Award.

Congratulations to Leigh Ann McClenny for receiving the Sixth Grade Outstanding Reading Award. Leigh Ann was also elected to the Student Council and chosen as Drum Major. Way to go Mandy and Leigh Ann!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who are going to Nebraska need to attend the meeting this coming Sunday at 5:00 in the Chapel.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the Vannoy's Sunday night. Don't miss it.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series for June 14 will be at the Alpine church in Longview. We will meet at 6:30 and we will be back at 10:15. Bring a couple of dollars for stopping on the way home. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. The theme this year is **Soldiers of the Cross**. The service project is "The Croatian Call." We will be putting together care packages for Croatia.

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

Our next Thursday Youth Project will be June 23. We will meet at 9:00 and return at 4:00. There are several yards that we will be mowing and cleaning, so dress appropriately. Be there!

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Pott's Team #2 will meet June 13.

IN APPRECIATION

To my Church,

Thank you very much for the use of the walker, but most of all the prayers you have offered in my behalf. I could not have gotten along better and I'm sure the good Lord had me in His sight. I appreciate you.

Odessa Tannery

I would like to thank each of you for every kindness shown to me during my illness. The cards, calls, food and visits were very much appreciated.

Kathryn Wallace

I want to thank the wonderful Christians at West Erwin for your visits, cards and calls during my illness. Most of all, thank you for your prayers in my behalf.

In Christian love,
Anna Wiggains

BAPTISM



Ashleigh Cantrell was recently baptized into Christ. She is the daughter of Reese and Ann Cantrell. Their address is 1609 Willow Bend, 75703, phone 561-2172.

Brett Hone, son of Jeff and Linda Hone, was baptized into Christ by his father last Sunday evening. We rejoice with him in this very important decision. Their address is 909 Elaine, ph. 561-4286.



We are very pleased to welcome **Daniel and Kim Dupree** into our growing West Erwin family. Kim is the daughter of Melvin and Donna Maples and they have been attending here since their marriage. Daniel is a school administrator and Kim is a registered nurse. Their address is 320 Crestview, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-4258.

AREA MEETING

The Holly Lake Church of Christ invites you to hear Max Lucado, pulpit minister for the Oak Hills church in San Antonio and a well known speaker, missionary, and host of a daily radio program on June 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. Directions are on the bulletin board in the foyer by the offices.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. James W. McCoy
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter

Charis Lynette
to

Brett Alan Weiss
son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Weiss
on Saturday, the eighteenth of June
nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Smithfield Church of Christ
North Richland Hills, Texas

(Directions are available at the church office)

SHOWER INVITATIONS

You're invited
to a Bridal Shower
honoring

Katie Philpot
bride-elect of
Steve Wolfgang

Saturday, June 11, 2:30 - 4:00
at the home of Carolyn Welborn
504 Hyde Park

Selections: Service Merchandise, Dillard's
Colors: Navy, Red, White, Yellow

You are invited
to a Bridal Brunch
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Missy Marts
bride-elect of
Dee Green

Saturday, June 18, 11:00-12:30
at the home of Carolyn Welborn
504 Hyde Park

Selections: Dillard's, Foley's & Service
Merchandise

Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally.

SECRET SISTERS

The Secret Sister's group will have a hamburger cook-out Sunday night, June 12, following worship services at the home of Ray and Carolyn Womack. You will be contacted about what to bring. Husbands are invited.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Saturday for Dr. James Chapel, husband of June Chapel and brother of Dorothy Davis and Hazel Fagan. Services were held last week in Borger for Vida Parker, Velma Lemons' aunt. We extend our love and sympathy to these families in their time of sorrow.

Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

"Welcome to Bible Story Land"

VBS 1994

June 27-30 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Activities for all ages, birth to adult

Our Bible discovery week is coming up soon! I hope your family has made plans to participate. Invite your friends and neighbors. You will be so glad you did.

We need cookies, cookies, and more cookies for VBS. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer beginning this Sunday for you to volunteer to supply 3 dozen cookies. *We need to start a new list, so please sign up even if you signed an earlier list.* Thanks for your help!

ACU Summer Workshops

July 24-27, 1994

Bible Teachers Workshop • Elders and Church Leaders Workshop • Equipping Women for Ministry Workshop • Leaders in Christian Education Workshop • Ministers Renewal Workshop

What a great experience the ACU Workshops are every year. You need to be a part of it, if you can. The West Erwin church will provide van transportation, the registration fee, and the housing fee for anyone going from here. Reserve your place for housing on the list in the foyer. Because of changes in reservation procedures, we need you to sign the list as soon as possible.

A new series of lessons begins this Sunday for our Sunday morning adult classes. Our adult teachers do an outstanding job preparing each week to bring something from God's word to encourage us, convict us, challenge us, and motivate us. Pray for your teachers every day.

Summer Speaker Series

June 15

Jesus Is the Answer

for...

Materialism

Rick Atchley

North Richland Hills, Ft. Worth

*** Koinonia #1 meets this Sunday. ***

May 26, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol. 25-No.21
Records	Sunday May 22	Sunday May 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	380	333	378
Worship A.M.	558	525	498
Worship P.M.	312	328	318
Wed. P.M.	249	245	247
Contribution	\$13,417.12	\$13,320.50	\$11,748.37
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 29, and Wed. P.M., June 1, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Pat Stokes is showing some improvement following a stroke last Sunday. She is in room 581 at Mother Frances. **Christine Parsons** is recuperating from hip surgery at Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Anna Wiggains**, Lowell Wiggains' mother, is recuperating from heart surgery at Mother Frances Hospital. **Sandra Henry** went to M.D. Anderson June 27 for further evaluation. **Eugene Tigert**, brother of Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Lee Old, is very ill with cancer in Biloxi, Miss. **Marie Arnold** is seriously ill in Medical Center, room 2516. **Martha Trostel**, Charles Seaberry's sister, has begun treatment in Dallas for lymphoma. **Jack Henley**, Thelma Henley's husband, is very ill in Medical Center, room 2522. **Jeannie Wood** was scheduled for knee replacement surgery May 26 in Houston. **Tony Arisco**, a young friend of Mark and Paige Morris, is very ill in Children's Hospital in Dallas.

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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES		
SUNDAY		
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY
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		Bible Class
		7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
		(903) 592-0809

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Robert Stokes
Scripture	Jason O'Quinn
Elder's Prayer	Leon Welborn
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Randall Wilson
Scripture	Terry Frick
Dismiss	Archie Lowry

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Don Crowder

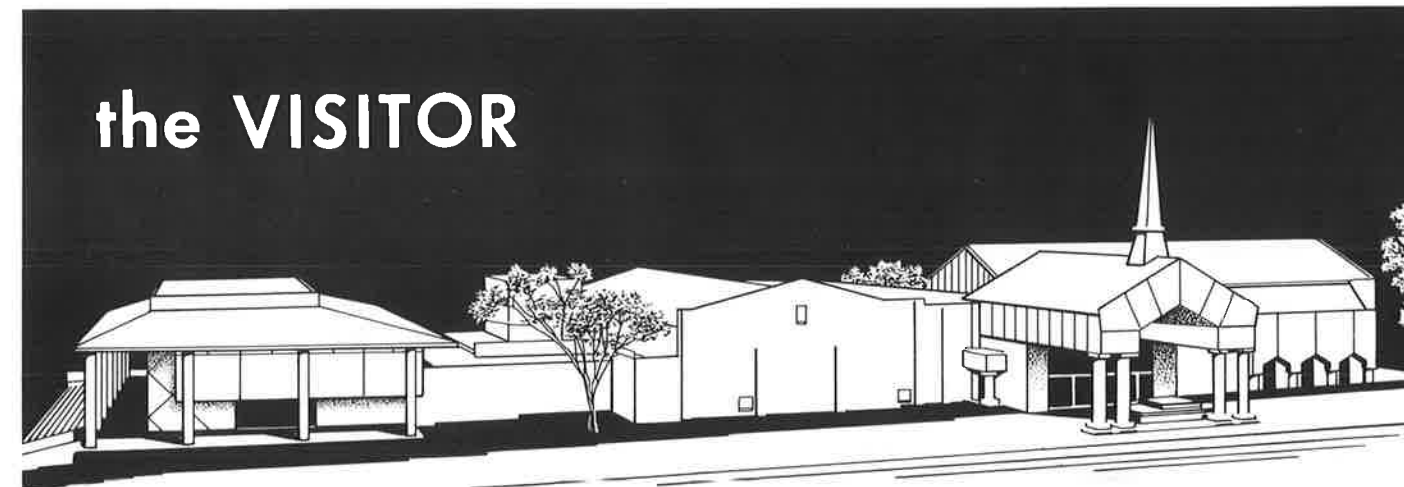
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Earl Clucas	Scott Carruth
Paul Colson	Milburn Cook
Danny Craddock	Melvin Crow
Don Crowder	Dan Cullinan

GREETERS

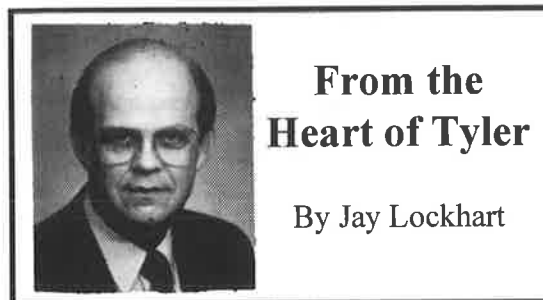
Edgar & Delle Bullard
John & Ruby Cliver
Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall

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See you then!



WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS 75702-7133 592-0809

The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 29, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

- A.M. How Do You Talk To Yourself?
(Philippians 1:12-21)
- P.M. In Search Of The Holy Grail
(Colossians 2:8-15)

The Best People I Know


I am convinced that the very best people on earth are members of the church and some of the best are a part of the West Erwin family. When a need arises you are there to meet that need whether it be sickness, bereavement; whether it be weddings or newborns; whether it be newcomers or visitors to our assemblies. Though many of you serve quietly behind the scenes, you do your work with efficiency and love. You worship in spirit and in truth, you demonstrate the joy of salvation, and you are encouragers to all who love the church of the Lord. You are the salt of the earth and the Lord is pleased with your service as you continue to grow into the likeness of Christ/ The value of people like you is beyond calculation and the church is healthy because of you. We never have to wonder if you will be involved -- you decided that long ago and when the need is there you respond.

I want to think that these words describe most of us, but the hard fact is that they do not describe all of us, do they? Why is that? We should be the happiest,

the most excited, and the most peaceful people on earth. We should be joyful because we belong to Him. We should be excited because we enjoy the greatest blessing of all: the forgiveness of every sin; the providential care of God in our lives; and the hope of heaven. We should have peace within our hearts because we have peace with Him. Therefore, our times together as the church should be times of exuberant praise, full participation, and joyful anticipation. The worship and service of God must never become ordinary or commonplace or drudgery. For those who remember who we are and what we have in Christ, living as Christ wants us to live will be nothing short of the greatest of privileges. So let's stop and think. Since we are the most blessed of people, let's give of our best to the Master in every area of our lives. This is practical, you know. It shows itself in the way we think and talk, in the way we treat each other, in the way we support the local church, and in our attitudes toward what is most important. See you Sunday for a great day.

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET

Thanks to all of you who gave to the annual Jr.-Sr. Banquet fund. Without your help it would not have been possible. Thanks again for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jason O'Quinn for being chosen as Junior Class Favorite and Trumpet Section Sergeant at Robert E. Lee. Congratulations also to Nicholas Goodson who was chosen as the "Most Outstanding Band Student" for Hubbard Middle School, two years running! Way to go Jason and Nicholas!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who are going to Nebraska need to attend the meeting this coming Sunday at 5:00 in the Heritage Room.

Those who have expressed an interest in the Mexico Mission Trip need to see me and get your name on the list ASAP. Those in the 9-12 grade are eligible.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us for a great time together this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

June 2 will be our first of the Thursday Youth Projects. We will meet at 9:00 and return at 4:00. There are several yards that we will be mowing and cleaning, so dress appropriately. Don't miss it!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- May 29 Combined Devotional
- June 2 Thursday Youth Project
- June 5 Parent - Teen Meeting
- June 7 Summer Youth Series
- June 12-17 Learning to Lead 7-9 Gr.
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Cauthen's Team #1 will meet June 5.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,
Your expression of sympathy at the death of my sisiter was appreciated. I thank you for the flowers, cards, and food. Your every act of kindness will aleways be remembered by me and my family. It is a blessing to be a Christian.

K. Max Haws

We wish to express our appreciation for the love shown through your cards, calls, cards and flowers in the passing of our mother.

James & Doris Kennedy
and the Kennedy Family

To our wonderful friends at West Erwin, we want to thank you for your support during this time. The calls, cards, food and most of all your prayers. Christian friends are one of life's richest blessings! Mac is improving and we look forward to being back soon.

Evelene & Mac McCarty

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of June 6-10. West Erwin is asked to furnish FRUIT COCKTAIL. They are also appreciative of cash donations to be used to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables.


ALL-SPORTS CAMP

A day-camp for boys and girls ages 8-14, ALL-SPORTS CAMP provides opportunities to experience many different sports and recreational activities. Campers will be grouped according to age and interest area. Campers should arrive at the Health and Physical Education Center at 8:00 a.m. each morning and should be picekd up at 5:00 p.m. each afternoon. There will be a brief orientation at 8:00 a.m. Monday morning and parents are welcome to attend. Tuition is \$85 per camper per session and enrollment is limited to the first 48 campers to register. Tuition includes all camp activities, lunch and a T-shirt. Registration deadline: June 6. Camp Director: Daryl Anderson. For more information call Community Services, 903-510-2552.

JEFF AND BRENDA HOLLAND

Jeff and Brenda Holland send everyone here at West Erwin greetings! Anyone who would like to send a "Hello" to them can give a message to Michelle Kuechle and she will send it through E-mail. Messages and words of encouragement from the young marrieds would especially be welcome. (There are letters from the Hollands on the bulletin board in the foyer by the office if you would like to share them).

THE SEARCH



Each Sunday - 8:00 A.M.
KETK - Channel 56
Dr. Jay Lockhart, Speaker

NEW MEMBERS



We are pleased to have a picture this week of **Jennifer Duncan** so that all may know who she is. She is a student at TJC and works in sales. She was baptized into Christ recently and we are happy to welcome her into our growing family. Her address is 2600 South Robertson, 75701, ph. 592-4187.

We are very glad to welcome **Marc Philpot** and his children, Tanner (age 3) and Mallori (age 1 1/2) back home. He came last Sunday to make known his wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church. Their address is P.O. Box 1622, Lindale, 75771.

Mike and Ann McMinn came Sunday to request the prayers of their church family as they strive to overcome circumstances in their lives that they feel have taken them away from the Lord.

DISHES RETURNED


Dishes taken to the home of Matt and Rhonda Haws have been returned. They are in the foyer back of the old auditorium. Ladies, please check to see if you have dishes here.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Heath Adams 16986 CR 2203 Arp, TX 75750 ph. 566-5178	Sherry Landsdown Kristina Dyson 117 East First, 75701
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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.



Spotlight on Education
by *Dewey Howard*

Thank you for your help with the Analysis of Educational Needs last Sunday. We received around 250 surveys back, and the information you gave us will be essential to the planning that is done for adult learning experiences for the next year beginning in September.

We could use more completed surveys! If you were not able to turn in a survey on Sunday, some are available on the table in the foyer. This is an anonymous survey, so we do not need your name. Instead, we need an idea of what you feel you need from the educational ministry in the next year. Please complete a survey and leave it in the box available in the foyer.

We will report the findings from the surveys as soon as the results have been tabulated and some plans have been formulated based on the results. Pray for the team who will be working on this project. Pray that God will guide us as we look at the future for our adult Bible studies.

Promotion Sunday for Grades K through 12 is June 5. This is also the beginning of our Summer Quarter of Bible classes. What an exciting time it is for our kids when they move up from one grade level to the next. It is a visible sign that they are growing. Make your plans to be in class that Sunday. (The first Wednesday of the new quarter will be June 8.)

On June 12, the staff of Stewart Blood Center will be here in our fellowship hall to take your blood. The West Erwin family maintains an account with the blood bank so that it can be used when our members are in need of it. The account has gotten rather low, and we need your help in getting it back to a useful level. Beginning this Sunday, May 29, you will be given an opportunity to sign up for a specific time to give blood. Please help us fill this life-giving need.

ACU Summer Workshops
July 24-27, 1994

Bible Teachers Workshop · Elders and Church Leaders Workshop · Equipping Women for Ministry Workshop · Leaders in Christian Education Workshop · Ministers Renewal Workshop

What a great experience the ACU Workshops are every year. You need to be a part of it, if you can. The West Erwin church will provide van transportation, the registration fee, and the housing fee for anyone going from here. Reserve your place for housing on the list in the foyer.

*** No Koinonia meeting this Sunday. ***

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Bible Class	333	345	373
Worship A.M.	525	544	546
Worship P.M.	328	310	346
Wed. P.M.	245	236	234
Contribution	\$13,320.50	\$13,108.15	\$12,176.91
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 22, and Wed. P.M., May 25, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.

PRAYER AND CARE

Sandra Henry will go to M.D. Anderson later this month for further evaluation. **Eugene Tigert**, brother of Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Lee Old, is very ill with cancer in Biloxi, Miss. **Kathryn Wallace** is recuperating from surgery at home. **Nina Crow** is at home and doing well. **Lynn Mallory**, Stan Mallory's mother, is recuperating from surgery at home. **Marie Arnold** is in Medical Center, room 2516. **Martha Trostel**, Charles Seaberry's sister, will begin treatment in Dallas immediately for lymphoma. **Helen Wright** had successful surgery Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Jack Henley**, Thelma Henley's husband, is very ill in Medical Center, room 2522. **John Crumpler**, Joni Smith's father-in-law, is in Medical Center Hospital. **Dalton Harris** had tubes put in his ears Tuesday at Tyler Square. **Jeannie Wood** is scheduled for knee replacemnet surgery May 26 in Houston.

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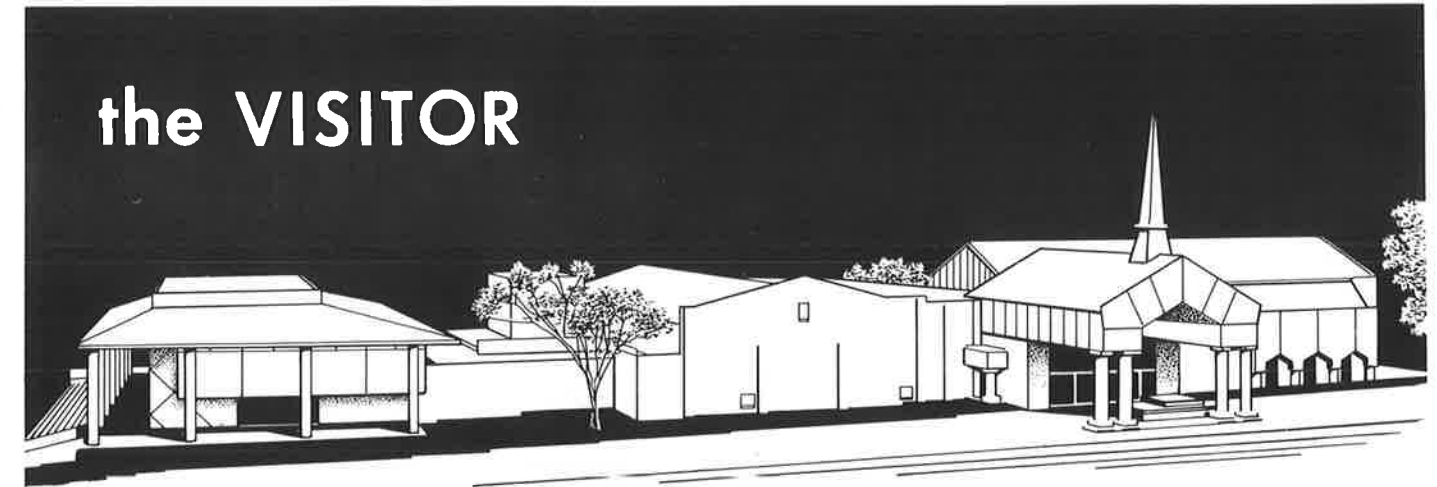
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WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Gussie Beaty and her family in the death of her brother, Bill Key. Services were held Wednesday in Albany.



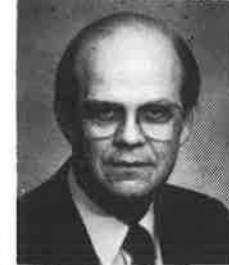
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 22, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Rising Above Our Circumstances
(Philippians 1-11)
P.M. Conflict Management
(John 17:20-23)

THE BODY

Various are the descriptive terms used in the New Testament to teach us about the church, but perhaps none is more meaningful than the word "Body." The church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). For one third of a century Jesus lived in this world in a physical body. He no longer has a physical body but he does have a body in this world -- the church. When we think of the church as the body of Christ a number of important truths press in upon our minds. The first is that Christ is the head of the body and has all authority in directing the affairs of the body (Matt. 28:18). Second, the church as Christ's body is made up of many members, all of which are important and needed (I Cor. 12:14-21). Third, the body is to be united -- there should be no schism in the church (I Cor. 12:25). Fourth, the members of the body are to love each other (I Cor. 12:25-26). Fifth, this body is to be nurtured, built up, edified (Eph. 4:16). It's this last point that I want to emphasize. If the physical body is to live, it must be nourished, it must be fed. As members of Christ's body we must be concerned about our spiritual nourishment. This means we must be serious about Bible

study, our nourishment. We are to "earnestly desire the sincere milk of the Word that we may grow" (I Pet. 2:2). Worship gives us the opportunity as we study the Word in preaching. Bible classes give us this opportunity as we come together to open the Word. Our Educational Ministry, headed by our talented **Dewey Howard**, works very hard to offer classes on Sundays and Wednesdays designed to meet our spiritual needs. Our teachers do their very best in preparing and conducting their classes so that they will be meaningful. In an effort to get our input into the classes to be offered over the next year we will take a few moments before our worship period next Sunday to fill out an "Analysis of Educational Needs For Adult Classes." Be prepared to receive your survey form as you enter the auditorium this Sunday and to fill it out with Dewey's help (you can probably have most of it done before our beginning time at 10 o'clock). We will take the forms up immediately after completion. Please help us as we seek to discover and meet adult needs in our Bible classes ... and plan to take advantage of the opportunities for growth which our classes provide.

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Heath Adams is the son of Cherry Arcega and is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School.

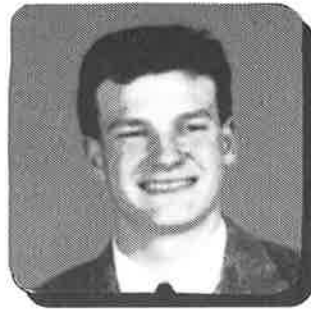
Becky Blackstone is a graduate of Lindale High School. She served as JV and Varsity cheerleader, participated in D-Fy-It; DECA; FHA; Spanish Club; Art Club; and was in National Honor Society. She plans to attend TJC, then Stephen F. Austin and major in Business. Becky is the daughter of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone.

Andy Butler graduated from Bullard High School where he lettered in Tennis 4 years, was chosen as MVP Jr. & Sr. year, went to State Finals Jr. & Sr. year; lettered in Track 1 year and in Cross Country 1 year and was chosen MVP Jr. & Sr. year. He was in Band 3 years; Spanish Club 2 years; Track 2 years; Cross Country 2 years; Tennis 4 years; served as Student Council representative for Sr. class and participated in D-Fy-It 4 years. He plans to pursue tennis on college level. He is the son of Fleta Butler and Bob Butler and the grandson of Mary Butler.

Cameron Cobb, son of Kristy Cobb and the grandson of Lacey and Barbara Brady, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee where he was International Thespians Troupe 2040 President for 2 years. He was very active in the theatre department (15 plays); participant in Texas Educational Theatre Assoc. State Conference (2 yrs.); Brickstreet Playhouse, summer '92; SFA Summer Theatre Workshop (2 yrs); campaign manager for Student Body Vice President '93; Secretary '94. He was nominated for Class Favorite 3 yrs.; was Homecoming King finalist; Senior Class Most Talented and Class Clown; received Best Actor 2 yrs. at SFA University Summer Theater Workshop; outstanding Soph. '92 Thespian Troupe; Best Supporting Actor Thespian Troupe '93; Best Actor '94 Thespian Troupe; won District 2 yrs. in Poetry Interpretation; competed at State level in Poetry Interpretation '94; won District and Area level in One Act Plays; Best Actor in District; All-Star Cast (2 yrs.) area one-act plays. He received a Texas Jaycees Foundation Scholarship; Texas Trial Lawyers Assoc. Scholarship; Barry Jones Memorial Scholarship; the Alumni and Artistic (academic & talent) Scholarship from SMU where he plans to attend college and major in Theatre.

Chris Ketchum is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He was in the Technical Students Assoc. in his senior year; Art Club, Sr. year; played JV Tennis 2 years; JV Baseball freshman year. He has been active in the West Erwin Youth group - participating in LTC,

Seniors 1994 Congratulations!



Heath Adams



Andy Butler



Chris Ketchum



Kimberly Sublette

*..If you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding,
and if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom,
and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He holds victory in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,
for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.
-Proverbs 2:1-8*



Becky Blackstone



Cameron Cobb



Matt Pickens



Neil Vannoy



Gayla West



Heather West

Central Texas Teen Summit and Mission Trip to Nebraska. He plans to attend TJC and possibly pursue a career in Graphic Arts. He is the son of Ed and Sharon Ketchum.

Matt Pickens is the son of Randy and Linda Pickens and is a graduate of Lindale High School. He was a 3 year letterman in Baseball; was in D-Fy-It and National Honor Society. He was chosen as Most Handsome, Senior Class Favorite, Student of the Week, and was chosen for Baseball All-Tournament 2 years. He plans to attend TJC, then possibly A&M, majoring in Agriculture.

Kimberly Sublette, the daughter of James and Connie Sublette, was a nominee for Miss Robert E. Lee and was a Homecoming Queen finalist. She was Soph. cheerleader in '91-'92 and Varsity cheerleader '92-'94; Spanish Club '92-'94; Art Club; Z-Club Secretary 2 years; D-Fy-It; S.W.A.T. '90-'94; FCA; National Honor Society and was named to Who's Who Among America's High School Students 3 years. She plans to attend ACU and major in Advertising/Communications.

Neil Vannoy plans to major in Civil Engineering at A&M. He participated in Cross Country and Track Soph. year; was a member of the National Engineering Design Challenge Team Sr. year; D-Fy-It 5 years; Student Advisory Person for D-Fy-It Sr. year; Head Belle Guard Sr. year; Latin Club 2 years; President Latin Club Jr. year. He participated in Youth Group Mission trips for 4 years and teaches in Children's Worship. He is the son of Ray and Gail Vannoy and graduated from Robert E. Lee.

Gayla Lynn West is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. She has been on a dance team 3 years; Z-Club 1 year; Safe Rides 3 years; Jets Science Club 1 year. She was an honor student and won several awards in dance. Her plans include 1 year at TJC, then to UT Austin to pursue a medical career in Pre-Natal care. She is the daughter of Louis and Jean West.

Heather Ladd West, daughter of Louis and Jean West, is also a graduate of Robert E. Lee. She participated in the Explorer Club at KLTU Channel 7 for 1 year; was in dance for 3 years, Z-Club 1 year; Safe Rides 3 years; Good Sportsmanship League 2 years. She received various dance awards and was an honor student. She plans to go to TJC 1 year, then to UT Austin and major in TV Broadcast/Communications.

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Worship A.M.	544	527	540
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Wed. P.M.	236	247	229
Contribution	\$13,108.15	\$12,427.35	\$36,062.47
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 15, and Wed. P.M., May 18, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

Nina Crow is in Mother Frances, room 408. She has been diagnosed with meningitis. **Buddy Bell** is in Mother Frances, room 249. **Marie Arnold** is in Medical Center ICU. She suffered a stroke. **K. Max Haws** had foot surgery Wednesday at Tyler Square. **Cody Ingram**, Billie and Norene Ingram's grandson, is having health problems. **Martha Trostel**, Charles Seaberry's sister, is ill in Dallas and needs our prayers. **Archie Lowry** had day surgery on his hand Wednesday. **Helen Wright** is scheduled for surgery Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Jack Henley**, Thelma Henley's husband, is very ill in Medical Center, room 2522. **Mac McCarty** is now at home. **John Crumpler**, Joni Smith's father-in-law, is in Medical Center Hospital. **Odessa Tannery** is now at home. **Myrtis Brock**, Judy Clark's mother, is now at home in Longview.

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Wally Dawkins
Scripture	John Poulsen
Elder's Prayer	James Sublette

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer	John Shaw
Scripture	Bob Bryant
Dismiss	Larry Moore

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Ray Womack

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

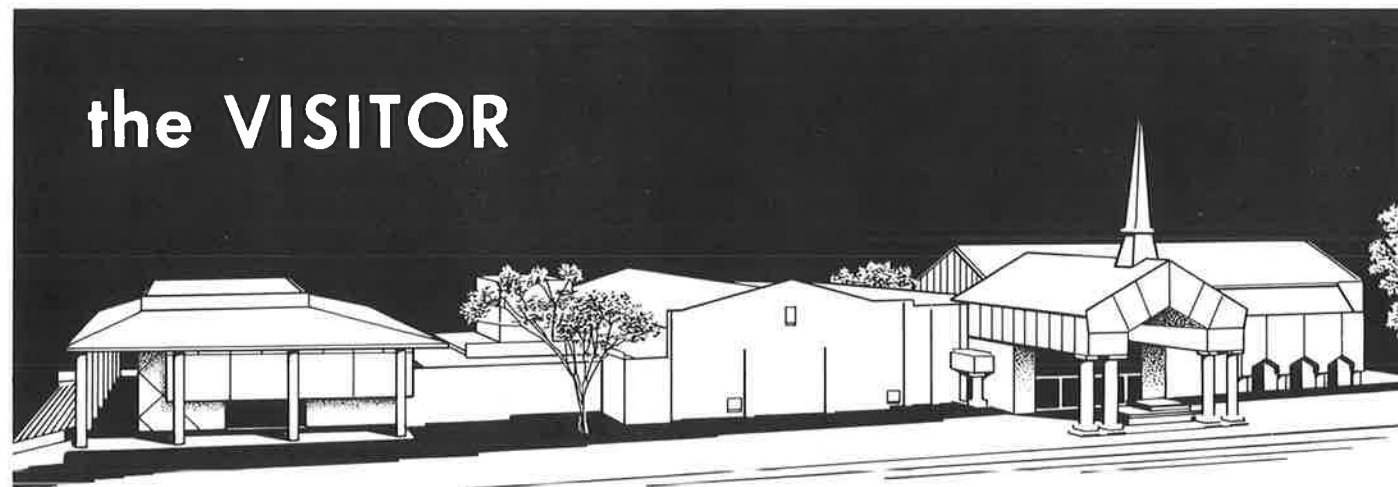
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WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to James and Doris Kennedy in the death of James' mother, Pansy Kennedy. Services were held Thursday in Lindale.



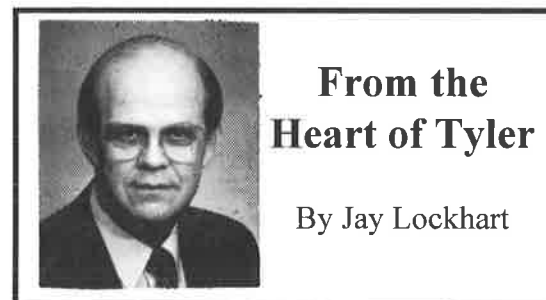
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By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 15, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Attitudes

(Philippians 2:1-11)

P.M. Why Should I Be Good?

(Romans 6:1-6)

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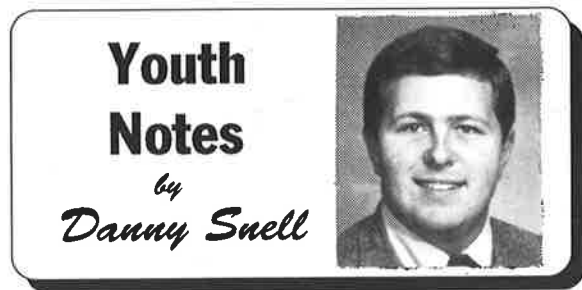
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THE POWER OF ONE

Have you considered what a difference just one person -- you -- can make? An all-time favorite movie, still shown several times on TV during the Christmas holidays, is It's A Wonderful Life. It's a story about what life would have been like in a certain town if the main character had died young instead of living out his life. It is a powerful reminder of the power of just one person's life. Consider how history might have been altered without one person who became a giant for his day -- Abraham, Moses, and Paul in the Bible and men like Ghandi in changing India's place in the world, Churchill in his leadership in Britain during the Nazi Blitz, and Roosevelt in his presidency during some of the darkest days in American history. It's the power of one. Did you know that in 1645 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England; in 1649 one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed; in 1776 one vote gave America the English language instead of German; in 1839 one vote gave Marcus Morton

the governorship of Massachusetts; in 1845 one vote brought Texas into the Union; in 1868 one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment; in 1875 one vote changed France from a monarchy into a republic; in 1876 one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the United States Presidency; in 1923 one vote gave Adolph Hitler control of the Nazi Party; in 1941 one vote saved the Selective Service system just twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor? It's the power of one. Did you know that one person with God on his side is a majority; that one person is probably responsible for you being a Christian; that one person can make the difference in somebody's eternity; that one person can make a difference in a Bible class and worship on Sunday; that one person can help make another's whole day; that one person really does make a difference in someone's life, in the life of the church, and in the life of the nation. You can be that person. Think about it!

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MISSION TRIPS

All of those who are interested in the mission trip to Nebraska are encouraged to a meeting this coming Sunday at 5:30 in the Heritage Room. All of those who are currently in the 8th grade and above are eligible to go. Parents of those teens are also encouraged to attend this meeting.

Those who have expressed an interest in the Mexico Mission Trip need to see me and get your name on the list ASAP. Those in the 9-12 grade are eligible.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Andy Butler who received the MVP Awards for Cross Country and Tennis at the Bullard High School Sports Banquet. Way to go Andy!

JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET

Thanks to all who have given to the annual Jr.-Sr. Banquet fund. If you are able to help with this, please make your donation to the West Erwin Youth Fund and give it to me or put it in the wooden Youth Box by the water fountain in the office area.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us for a great time together this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The North Tenneha congregation will be hosting the city wide Baccalaureate Service this year. Seniors need to have your caps and gowns for that service. This will be a great evening, come and enjoy.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- May 15 High School Devotional
- May 21 Jr.-Sr. Banquet
- May 22 Baccalaureate
- June 12-17 Learning to Lead 7-9 Gr.
- July 7-16 Nebraska Mission Trip
- July 27-Aug. 1 Mexico Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Tate's Team #3 will meet May 16

IN APPRECIATION

The beautiful spray you sent to our Mother's funeral is a constant reminder of your care and concern for her and for us. Sincerest thanks from our entire family.

In gratitude,
Lynn Cohen
(The family of Bessie Willis)

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the Monday noon lunch. Ya'll are a special group of people who we love dearly. We appreciate your continued love and support this year. We love ya'll.

In Him,
The Tri-C Students

We express our deepest appreciation for the cards, flowers, and personal expressions of sympathy because of the death of my sister.

George & Dorothy Daugherty

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the expressions of love and sympathy extended to us at the time of our mourning the death of my brother, James. It means so much to know that you care. The flowers sent to the funeral were beautiful. We love you all.

Dannie & Sue Skipper

We express our heartfelt thanks for your loving concern and support during our dad's surgery and upon his passing. Adverse times are so much easier to bear with the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

James & Connie Sublette
Mack & Bettie Lovering
Bill & Pamela Sublette
Mike & Stephen Sublette

BAPTISM

Jennifer Duncan was baptized into Christ last Thursday evening by Michael Lowrance following a devotional at the Tri-C. We rejoice with her in this decision and welcome her into the West Erwin family. She lives at 2600 South Robertson, 75701, ph. 592-418

RESPONSE

Dr. Mark Morris came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family as he seeks to refocus his life. He is to be commended for his faith and courage as he rededicates his life to Christ.

Billie Osburn has requested our prayers that she might live each day as she should as she faces this difficult time in her life.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mike Downing graduated from Kilgore College with a two year degree in Auto Mechanics.

Irene Barena has been accepted into the TJC School of Nursing. Her husband, Leo, was recently promoted to a supervisory position at Luby's. They also have a new address: 4676 Epps, 75708.

WEDDING INVITATIONS

Teena Janay Roberson
and
Jason Wayne Eldridge
Together with their parents
Elaine and Roy Roberson
and

Brenda and Wayne Eldridge

Invite you to celebrate the joy of their marriage
Saturday, the fourteenth of May
Nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following in the Fellowship Hall

Angela Kay Terrell
and

John Manuel III

together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Terrell
and

Mrs. Mary Manuel

invite you to share in the joy
when they exchange marriage vows
on Saturday, the fourteenth of May
nineteen hundred and ninety-four

at six o'clock in the evening
Preston Road Church of Christ

6409 Preston Road
Dallas, Texas

Reception immediately following ceremony at Doubletree Hotel at Park West, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a
Gift Brunch
honoring
Amy Knight

bride-elect of Chris Lowery

on Saturday, May 21
from 11:00 to 12:30

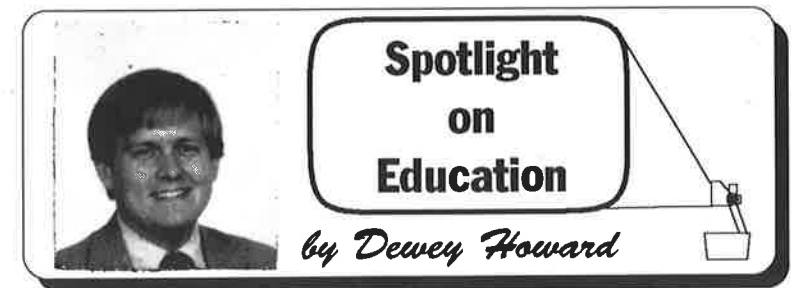
at the home of
Mrs. Edgar Bullard

3302 Green Oak Place

Selections: Dillard's, Foley's & R.L. Davis

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

The man who does things makes mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all - doing nothing!
- Ben Franklin



The Great Stairway Dress-'Em-Up

A project for all of our children

Deadline for pictures: This Sunday, May 15!

Our kids have done a great job of coming up with ideas for brightening up our stairway areas. We have displayed their drawings in the main foyer next to the east doors. Take a moment to look at them. There is one more weekend for your child to get drawings in to be considered for our stairways. Some children have submitted two or three drawings. The more the better. The deadline for all pictures is May 15.

By the way, if you are one of the children who has turned in a drawing. . . **Thanks a lot!**

Mark Sunday, June 12, on your calendars. This will be the date of our blood drive with Stewart Regional Blood Center. The West Erwin family maintains an account with the blood bank so that it can be used when our members are in need of it. The account has gotten rather low, and we need your help in getting it back to a useful level. On June 12, the staff of Stewart Blood Center will be here in our fellowship hall to take your blood. In the next few weeks you will be given an opportunity to sign up for a specific time to give blood. Please help us fill this life-giving need.

Promotion Sunday for Grades K through 12 is coming June 5. Make your plans to be in class that Sunday.

God's Child

Her neck stretches to see. Is he listening? Is he behaving himself? It was such a short time ago when she would complain, "I did not hear a word the preacher spoke," but now her thoughts are distracted for another reason.

Now her children are not beside her. They are "too big." Her arms ache for her child, squirming in her arms all through church. She stands to sing, and her body sways as if rocking a child.

Where did the years go? Was it all worth all those frustrating Sunday mornings? Sunday nights? Wednesday nights?

Oh, there he is. Look at him -- he's singing. His eyes are attentive. Her chest swells with pride. Look! There's my child. . . No, he's God's child!

Thank you, Lord, for the honor of bringing my child up in your ways.

via Bulletin Digest

*** Koinonia # 4 meets this Sunday. ***

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PRAYER AND CARE

Edwin Rasco is doing well following heart surgery last Friday at Medical Center. **Claudia Griffis** got a very good report when she went to M.D. Anderson for a check-up on Monday. **Verda Clanton**, David Taylor's grandmother, is very seriously ill in a Dallas hospital. **Mac McCarty** is improving at Medical Center Hospital. **John Crumpler**, Joni Smith's father-in-law, is in Medical Center Hospital. No visits at this time, please. **Odessa Tannery** is recuperating from angioplasty at home. **Myrtis Brock** remains in Longview Regional Hospital. **Paul Stanley** fell and broke his arm on Monday. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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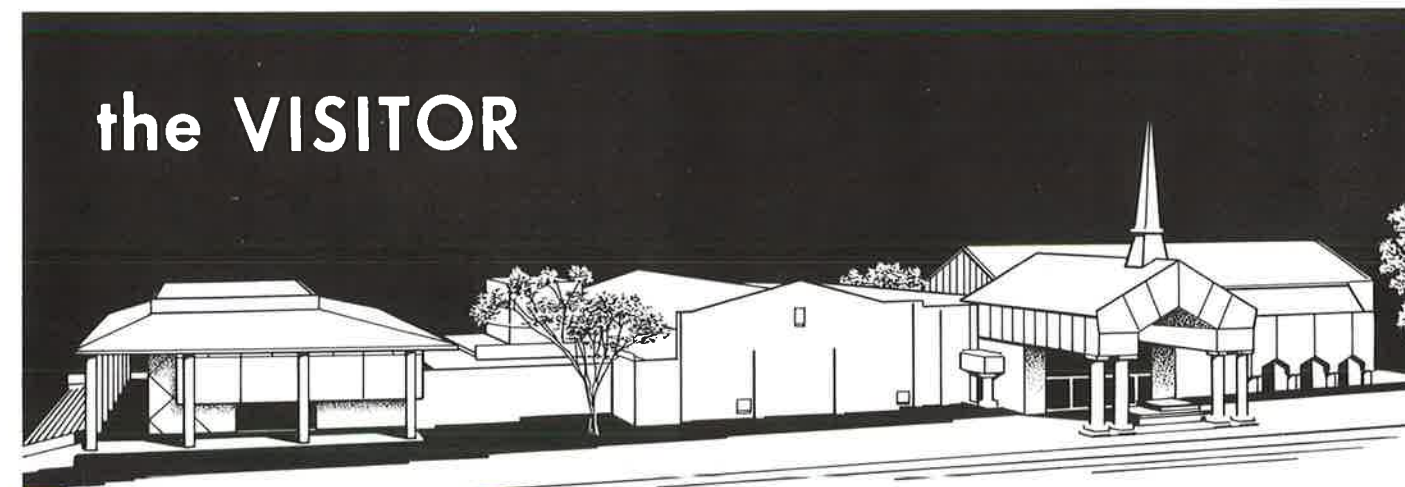
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 8, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Savior's Invitation
(Matthew 11:20-30)
P.M. The Quest For Personal Faith
(Daniel 1:8-13)

Some Well Deserved Bouquets

I want to thank some people who have done some significant things lately at West Erwin. First, I want to thank **Dewey Howard** for the good preaching he does in my absence and for that very well done TEEM Newsletter he edits. Second, thanks to **Ira Wilson** who can fill the pulpit very effectively even with short notice. Third, a big thanks to **Harold Taylor** who is always ready to help us when we need him. Fourth, I wish to thank **Don Peek** for the indepth insights he gives in teaching my classes. Fifth, thanks to **Forest McFadden** for preaching last Sunday and teaching my Wednesday night class lately. Sixth, a thank you to **David Frick** for teaching my class last Sunday morning. All of these men are extremely talented and its good to be able to count on them to serve wherever they are needed. Seventh, a big thanks to **Doug McKee** for preaching last Sunday night. Just a few years ago I met Doug after he had moved here from the Mid-West and he was a very

troubled young man. Over a period of time Doug became a Christian and began to study the Bible with intensity. His growth was rapid and two years ago he decided to enter Preston Road School of Evangelism in Dallas and begin preparing himself to preach. About that time he married Melinda and in May he will graduate from the Dallas school and continue his education in the Dallas area. In the past two years Doug has grown in leaps and bounds and has become an excellent student of Scripture. I am glad so many of you could hear Doug and encourage him in his ministry. I know it was difficult for Doug to return to his home church to preach for the first time since he began his special training, but I have heard really good reports concerning his work. We need to do all that we can to encourage young men who desire to preach the gospel and Doug is a deserving recipient of our love and concern. Do you encourage preaching?

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS!

Thanks to Velma Lemons, Chloe Clark, and Marc and Pam Lemons for hosting the middle school activity this past Sunday night. Thanks to all of those who came and made it a great evening.

MOTHERS DAY

Mothers are very important. We have all had one at some point in our lives. From giving us the needed attention at birth to helping us when we skin our knees, our moms have been there for us. The apostle Paul wrote a letter to Timothy and talked about the influence of mothers. Paul says,

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

One of the most important things our mothers have shown us is God. Their example of faith shines through every day in the way they live. Sunday is a day set aside to honor mothers. To all the mothers, Thank You! Young people, please take Sunday night as a special time for you and your family to do something special for your mother and spend the evening with her.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Andy Butler who placed 2nd in the Region III District 2AA Tennis Championship. He is advancing to the state competition May 13-14. Way to go Andy!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Pott's Team #2 will meet May 9

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and love during the loss of my brother.

Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes
Hillard & Jeanine Hughes

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

The outpouring of love and concern for us during the loss of our dear son, Paul, has made us know what a wonderful family we have at West Erwin. We already knew this but this just enforces our feelings.

Thanks for all the acts of kindness (food, cards, phone calls, visits, memorials, and the beautiful flowers). On behalf of the entire Bell family, we love you and thank you.

Buddy & Dorothy Bell
Archie & Juanita Lowry

Dear Christian friends,

Please accept our thanks for all the prayers and expressions of concern and encouragement you gave to us during the sickness and death of our dearly loved brother-in-law and fellow Christian. We wish God's blessings to all of you.

In Christian Love,
James & Frances Phillips
and family

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Stan Clark** on being selected as Boss of the Year by the Rose Garden Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 6-10. West Erwin is asked to furnish FRUIT COCKTAIL. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet. Thank you for your help.

If you would like to help some of the students at Medina Home with some special springtime expenses, please check the bulletin board in the office area for details.

CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD/FUND DRIVE

The **Cherokee Home For Children** is having their annual Bar-B-Que food/fund drive on May 28. See bulletin board in office area for more details.

WITH SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of the Sublette family in the death of Monroe Sublette on Sunday morning. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Services were held Monday in Brady, Texas for Pauline Purcell, George Daugherty's sister.

Services were held Wednesday in Siler City, North Carolina for James Skipper, Dannie Skipper's brother.

June Allen, Max Haws' sister, died Monday in Newport Beach, California. Services were held Thursday at her home.

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

BENEVOLENT WORK

There is a need for sheets (white or colored) for work at the Benevolent Center. Bring clean sheets only, please. Your help is very much appreciated.

The benevolent workers recently sent 9 beautiful quilts to the High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo.

CAMP DEER RUN

Camp Deer Run is having its annual Cleanup Day for summer camp on Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 to 4:00. Lunch will be provided for those we know are coming. There are many jobs to do from picking up sticks and cleaning to basic repair and construction. This is a great activity for youth as well as adult groups. Since much of the work is inside cleaning and fix-up, the workday will take place rain or shine.

WEDDING INVITATIONS

Teena Janay Roberson
and

Jason Wayne Eldridge
Together with their parents

Elaine and Roy Roberson
and

Brenda and Wayne Eldridge

Invite you to celebrate the joy of their marriage

Saturday, the fourteenth of May

Nineteen hundred and ninety-four

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following in the Fellowship Hall

Angela Kay Terrell
and

John Manuel III

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Terrell

and

Mrs. Mary Manuel

invite you to share in the joy

when they exchange marriage vows

on Saturday, the fourteenth of May

nineteen hundred and ninety-four

at six o'clock in the evening

Preston Road Church of Christ

6409 Preston Road

Dallas, Texas

Reception immediately following ceremony at Doubletree Hotel at Park West, 1590 LBJ Freeway,

Dallas, Texas.

Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

The Great Stairway Dress-'Em-Up continues. We will start displaying the drawings that we have received this Sunday, and I think you will be as impressed as I am with the talent of our kids. There is one more week for our children to get their drawings in to be considered for our stairways. Parents, take just a little time this week to help your children with this project. *The deadline for all drawings is May 15.*

"Jesus Is the Answer" 1994 Summer Speaker Series

Jesus Is the Answer for...

Human Forgiveness	June 8	Robert Oglesby
Materialism	June 15	Rick Atchley
A Crushed Self-Image	June 22	Mike Armour
Life's Purpose	July 6	Harold Taylor
Blessed Assurance	July 13	Mike Warner
Broken Relationships	July 20	Randy Daw
Self-Control	July 27	Al Neal
Your Failures	August 3	David Allen
Confidence	August 10	Don Crawford
Family	August 17	Dan Manuel

We have a great summer series planned. You will be blessed by the lessons our speakers will bring. You know of someone who could use one or two of these message as well, don't you? Invite them to discover the answers that Jesus provides for life's significant struggles.

Sign up to help with VBS 1994! Places are filling up quickly. We have most of the main positions taken, but we still have plenty of room for helpers, registration, ushers, refreshment crew, and more. Check out the lists on the table in the foyer and let us know how you will be involved with VBS this year.

THANKS, THANKS, and more THANKS!

- Thanks to **Sue Starnes** and **Paul Stanley** for making the new "Coming Events" frame for the foyer. This will be a wonderful way to draw our attention to activities for the West Erwin family. Hats off to their creativity.
- Thanks to **Angel Gregory** who has begun working on our bulletin boards around the building. Keeping our bulletin boards up-to-date is an important job, and I appreciate Angel's willingness and talent for seeing to this.
- Thanks to all of **YOU** who daily remember me and the education ministry in your prayers.

*** No Koinonia this Sunday due to Mother's Day. ***

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	April 24	April 17	Ago
Bible Class	365	367	313
Worship A.M.	504	513	493
Worship P.M.	328	353	306
Wed. P.M.	248	256	229
Contribution	\$12,762.85	\$13,199.65	\$11,067.45
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 1, and Wed. P.M., May 4, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Mac McCarty is in Medical Center ICU following surgery for an aneurysm. **John Crumpler**, Joni Smith's father-in-law, is in Medical Center Hospital. He needs our prayers but no visits at this time. **Odessa Tannery** is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 452. **Myrtis Brock**, Judy Clark's mother, remains in Longview Regional Hospital. **Monroe Sublette** had successful surgery Friday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Ellie Steele** was in Mother Frances for tests Tuesday and Friday. **June Allen**, Max Haws' sister, is recuperating from a light stroke at her home in California. **Glenda Clark** had surgery at Mother Frances on Monday.

Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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	Joe McBee		

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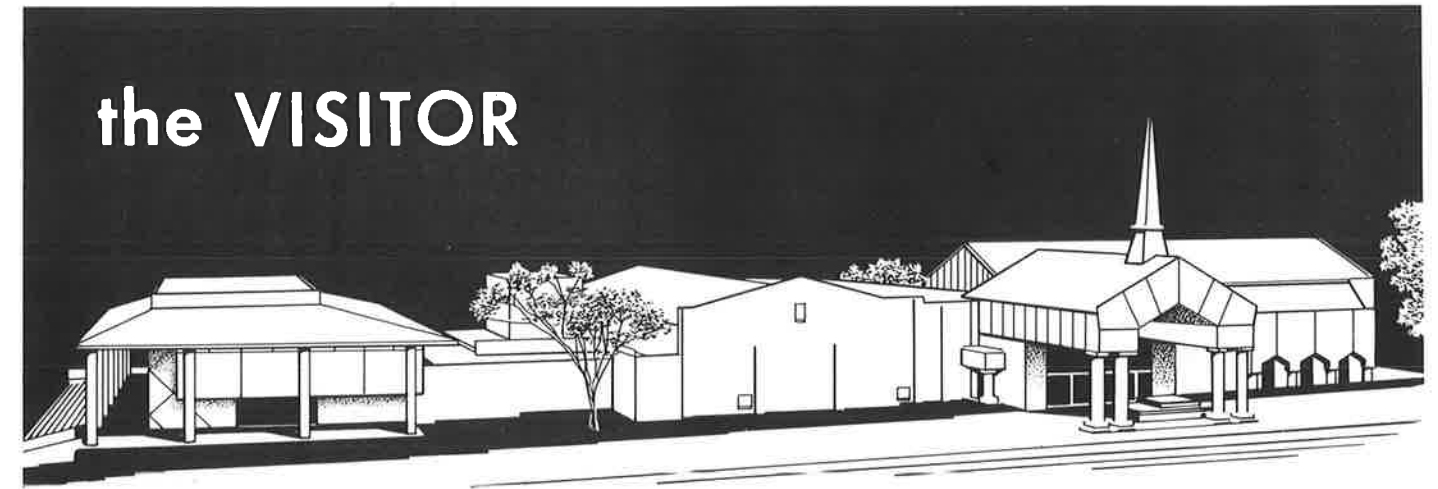
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- A.M. Facing Up To My Mortality (Hebrews 9:24-28)
- P.M. Helping Others Face Mortality (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7)

"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

Has there ever been a time when there are more demands made on our time than now? When I was growing up there was time to sit on the back porch, visit with friends, and go for drives in the country. Families spent more time together in those days. But now ... there's not enough time to do all we need to do, let alone to just relax. We have become accustomed to being on the go and there is so much to do that there is no time left over. We're in a hurry and we dash here and there, and if there should be any time left over we would look for something to do. This hurried use of time in our generation has an effect on our spiritual lives too. In worship we allot ourselves the time we can spend -- about an hour or maybe an hour and fifteen minutes if it's Sunday morning. It's hurry, hurry and cut this and cut that so we can get going. Does our pace keep us from worshipping ... or at least from getting from worship what God has designed? We need to accomplish something in worship, namely the praise of God, the remembrance of Christ, and the edification of each other (see Hebrews 10:22-25). We should concentrate upon these things more than what time it is. Additionally, we need to give ourselves time in worship to "be still

and know that" God is God (Psalm 46:10). That means time to contemplate who God is so we can see more clearly who we are. It means time for confession (personally laying before God our specific sins) and time to reflect upon what God wants us to become. Such quiet moments will bring us closer to God as we ask for and receive forgiveness and go back to life determined to serve Him more faithfully. Worship should not be hurried, endured, or boring. It won't be any of these if we take time to "be still and know that I am God." Do you need to slow down?

National Day of Prayer is May 5!

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THANKS!

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday night. We all had a great time working together and learning some teamwork skills. No obstacle is too big for those in the family of God who are willing to work as a team.

Thanks to Ken Culpepper for teaching the middle school class this past Sunday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to stay for the activity this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join us for this great time together. We will be finished at 9:00. Don't miss it!

LEARNING TO LEAD CAMP

All of those in the 6 - 8 grade need to mail your registration and deposit in for ACU's Learning to Lead Camp as soon as possible. Our session is June 12-17.

THINKING AHEAD...

In the not so far off future, we will be involved in several significant activities for the summer. Some of those include: Nebraska Mission Trip, Mexico Mission Trip, Camp, TYP (Thursday Youth Project), Vacation Bible School, Summer Youth Series, and other important youth group activities. Be thinking now about your involvement and God's desire for you in the life of the church and the youth group. Let us remember all that we do is to His Glory!

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Cauthen's team #1 will meet May 1

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family at West Erwin,

Sincere appreciation is sent to each of you for your expression of love in the flowers sent and cards and your time in visits and phone calls and your presence at the funeral home and the funeral as well as the Nursing Home.

Love and thanks,
Wanda & Bill Whitworth

Dear Jay,

Would you please convey to the congregation at West Erwin my heartfelt thanks for the loving care given during my wife, Gerry Fultz', illness and passing away on March 6. Especially thank the Lowell Wiggains who were there all the time. I'm sorry you did not get to see her before she had the massive stroke. She always enjoyed your sermons on TV when we were in the area, and getting them through the mail. She read them every one and one of her last requests was that I teach a class on Hebrews along the lines of Jay's lessons. You are doing a great work and I praise and admire you for it.

David Fultz

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Dr. Marian Rowe** on being selected as the recipient of the 1994 Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UT Medical Branch School of Nursing at Galveston. Dr. Rowe is an associate professor of nursing at UT Tyler. She holds a doctorate from UT Austin, a master's degree from TWU and bachelor's degree from UTMB Galveston. She is well known locally, statewide and abroad for her work on Alzheimer's Disease.

Congratulations to **Calvin Mannen** on winning first place in the Regional Senior Citizen's Spelling Bee at the Tyler Senior Center. Seniors from Smith, Wood and Camp counties, and from Anderson, Henderson, Van Zandt, Rusk and Cherokee counties participated in the event. He is now eligible to compete at the Senior Games in Arlington May 18.

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WITH SYMPATHY

Bessie Willis, long-time member at West Erwin who was confined for the last several years to a nursing home, died last Sunday night. Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

TV SPECIAL

In keeping with the President's proclamation that the first Thursday in May be designated as a national Day of Prayer, Dr. Jay Lockhart will present "If The Foundations Are Destroyed" on THE SEARCH on Sunday, May 1 at 8:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

To All The Ladies
of
West Erwin Church of Christ
The Tabitha Class
would like to invite you
to Tea

on
Sunday, May 1, 1994
2:00 - 3:30

West Erwin Fellowship Hall

There will be a list in the foyer for you to sign if you will be attending.

TRANSPLANT NEEDED

Leron Johnson, a student at Lubbock Christian University is in urgent need of a liver transplant. He must have this transplant in order to save his life. He and his wife, Rose, are asking Christians across the nation to give \$5.00 to help them with the \$250,000.00 needed to cover this procedure. The funds will be overseen by the elders of the Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. Please send contributions to: The Leron Johnson Fund, Green Lawn Church of Christ, 5701 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79407.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Matt and Rhonda Haws on the birth of John Ryan on April 21. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. Casey and Brittany are the proud brother and sister, Max and Mary Haws are the happy grandparents, Earl and Melinda O'Quinn are proud uncle and aunt.

Congratulations to Jean Oliver on the birth of a new great granddaughter. Ashlee Lynne Ivey was born in Houston on April 22 to Dana and Barbara Ivey. She weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and is 20 1/4 inches long.

CAMP DEER RUN

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Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

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The drawings for *The Great Stairway Dress-'Em-Up* keep coming in. I can't wait to show them to you. We have drawings from 2nd graders, 3rd graders, 4th graders, a teenager, a 5-year-old, and a 3-year-old. From these, ideas for painting the stairways leading to our 2nd floor class rooms will be chosen. We will be painting all four stairways eventually, so the more ideas we can have the better. *The deadline for all drawings is May 15.*

Maybe we out to try this for teacher recruitment: This came from of a UPI report out of Miami several years ago.

A 23-year-old woman who fatally slit her husband's throat with a carving knife has been sentenced to teach Sunday School for five years. Circuit Court Judge Thomas Lee issued the unusual sentence Wednesday for Bertha Costas, who was found guilty of manslaughter last November in the death of her husband, Richard, 27. "The important thing is trying to reclaim her life by rehabilitation," said Judge Lee, who also placed the woman on five years probation. "It's a difficult task to get people to teach Sunday School. It's something worthwhile in my book."

Please do not force us to resort to this method for teacher recruitment. Teach a quarter or two each year in our Bible classes. You'll be so glad you did.

Look at what's coming up for the education ministry:

June 5	Summer Quarter begins
June 5	Grades K-12 promote
June 8 - August 17	Summer Speaker Series
June 26 - 29	"Welcome to Bible Story Land" VBS 1994
July 24 - 27	ACU Bible Teachers Workshop
August 21	Fall Quarter begins
August 21	Young children promote

Keep on your prayer list the Elders/Preachers Retreat on May 13 & 14. Your elders, preachers and their wives will be going to build relationships and discuss the future of the West Erwin work. Every church needs to do this from time to time. Pray that God will bless this time of growth and decision-making.

*** Koinonia #3 meets this Sunday. ***

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PRAYER AND CARE

Myrtis Brock, Judy Clark's mother, remains in serious condition in Longview Regional Hospital following a heart attack last Wednesday. **Monroe Sublette** entered Mother Frances Hospital for tests on Thursday and surgery on Friday. **Buddy Bell** got a good report from the biopsy last week. **Irma Rachui**, Charles Rachui's stepmother, is recuperating in Austin from a foot amputation. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN

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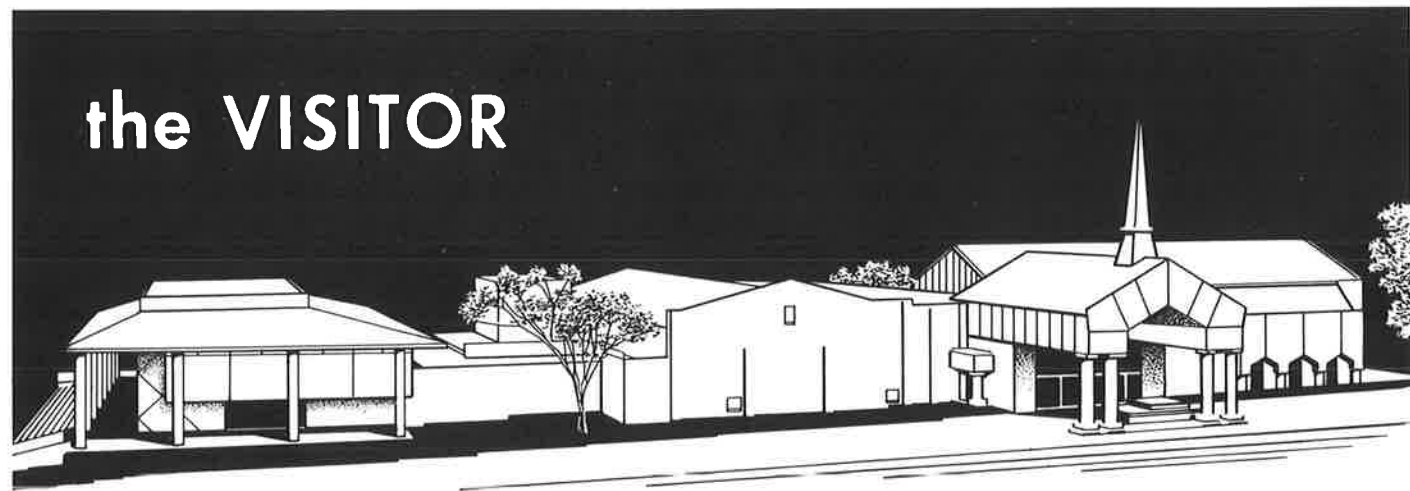
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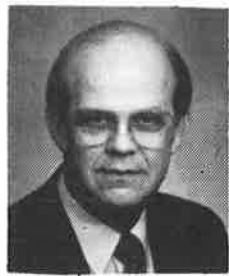
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THE SEARCH TV SPECIAL

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I Was Just Wondering

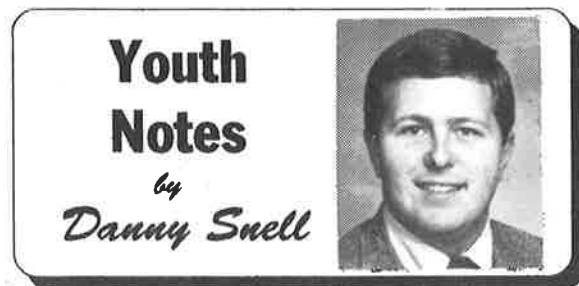
Do you ever wonder about things? With the growth of blatant crime, do you ever wonder what our neighborhoods will be like in the next century? Will our homes become fortresses? Do you ever wonder about what advances will be made in medicine over the next twenty years? Will a cure be found for cancer? Heart disease? Alzheimer's? Do you wonder about your kids and the world they will have to face in their adult years? And what about your own retirement years? Do you wonder? I wonder about all these things. Additionally, I wonder what the church will be like in the next generation. What will the issues be in 2004? Will the church still be struggling with the role of women, worship styles, legalism and liberalism? Maybe. And what will the struggles of the West Erwin church be in the next century? What will our greatest problems be? I'm neither "a prophet nor a son of a prophet" but I can see that when a cloud comes up, it's going to rain. And I believe our greatest struggle will not be with women's roles, styles of worship, legalism or liberalism. Our greatest struggle will be lethargy. The great leaders of the 50's, 60's, and 70's will all be gone in the first decades of the new century. We are the future they dreamed about

and we are their children and grandchildren. And it is a fact of spiritual life that the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations are usually not as dedicated as were earlier generations. A casual look at ancient Israel confirms this fact. We can see signs of it even now as many of us are not as dedicated or involved in the Lord's work as were our parents and grandparents. We see it in the way we set our priorities, the way we support the church, and the way we are involved in our work. I wonder what the church will be like tomorrow for our children and grandchildren in the Heart of Tyler. The answer may very well lie in what we are doing today in support, involvement, and commitment. How are we doing? How am I doing? I was just wondering

PREACHING THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, April 24, will be my last Sunday away from West Erwin until August. In my absence, **Forest McFadden** will be preaching Sunday morning and **Doug McKee**, who is one of our boys and who will be graduating soon from Preston Road School of Biblical Studies, will be preaching Sunday evening. Be sure to hear them.

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THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Briarcliff worship this past Sunday. Thanks to the following: Jim Bell, Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Maggie Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Cathy Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Casey Haws, Matt Haws, Garrett Sublette, and Tiffany Sublette. The folks at the Briarcliff Retirement Center have been so kind to us and have given us a great example to live by and inspired us to continue to have hope.

Thanks to Kelly Ross and Wade Park for teaching the youth classes this past Sunday.

Please keep our youth in your prayers as we are nailing down summer plans. We want to be God's servants in all we do.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school groups are invited to stay for the combined devotional this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join us for this great time together. We will be finished at 9:00. Don't miss it!

LEARNING TO LEAD CAMP

All of those in the 6 - 8 grade need to mail your registration and deposit in for ACU's Learning to Lead Camp as soon as possible. The dates for our session are June 12-17.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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- May 1 Middle School Devotional
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- July 7-16 Nebraska Mission Trip
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Womack's team #4 will meet April 25

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to many Christian friends at the West Erwin church of Christ who were so kind to remember me with prayers, visits, telephone calls, cards and food during my illness. My health is much improved though not quite well. I hope you will continue to pray for me. May God bless and keep you in His loving care.

Beatrice Holland

A little word of thanks for a whole lot of thoughtfulness! Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards and flowers during my recent illness.

C.H. Hickman

Thanks for the many nice things done for me during my long hospital stay, all the calls, cards, visits and food. A special thanks to Pattie Tate and Laverne Keith.

Thanks again,
Elva Williams

AREA MEETINGS

The North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to be their guests during their **Homecoming FEASTivities**, April 30 - May 4, as they celebrate 59 years in the Tyler community. Their male chorus along with several groups from Texas and the Southwest will kick off the revival through song on Saturday, May 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Arneilous Crenshaw from Oklahoma City will be the guest evangelist. Sunday services are at 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., lunch from 12:30 to 2:15, and "Praise in Song" at 2:30. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:30 p.m.

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GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 6-10. West Erwin is asked to furnish **FRUIT COCKTAIL**. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet. Thank you for your help.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held this week in Lindale for Clyde Hughes, brother of Hoyt Hughes and uncle of Hillard Hughes. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to this family.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Joanna Vannoy** and her family in her new birth. She was baptized into Christ last Friday afternoon. Joanna is the daughter of Ray and Gail Vannoy. Their address is 3323 Teakwood, 75701, ph. 597-6447.

RESPONSE

Priscilla Mayer came recently to request the prayers of her church family as she rededicates her life to Christ.

SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited to a **BRIDAL BRUNCH**

honoring Teena Roberson
bride-elect of
Jason Eldridge
Saturday, April 23, 11:00 - 12:30
at the home of
Carolyn Womack
1608 Yosemite

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

To All The Ladies
of
West Erwin Church of Christ
The Tabitha Class
would like to invite you
to Tea
on

Sunday, May 1, 1994
2:00 - 3:30

West Erwin Fellowship Hall

There will be a list in the foyer for you to sign if you will be attending.

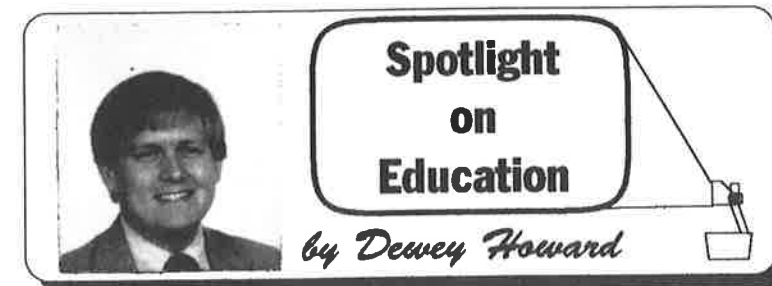
ADDRESS CHANGES

Bob & Betty Bray 11430 Timberline Ct. Flint, TX 75762 ph. 894-6412
Clint Hale 1163 FM 724 Tyler, TX 75704 ph. 593-5212

Jena Jones
1507 Kensington
Tyler, TX 75703
ph. 561-2828

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"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."
"Ask God's blessing on your work. But do not ask Him to do it for you."



Several drawings have been turned in for *The Great Stairway Dress-'Em-Up* project. The pictures are great! Thanks to the boys and girls who have turned them in so far. We still need several more. Parents, encourage your children to participate in this activity. Information should have been handed out to them in their Sunday morning class. More is available in the foyer -- or come talk with me.

"Welcome to Bible Story Land" is being prepared. Quite a few individuals stayed for the general interest meeting Sunday night. Several places to be involved have been spoken for. But there are several more available. The dates for VBS 1994 are June 27-30 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. We will have activities for children, a special series for teens, and sessions for adults. Help us pull off another first-class VBS. Contact one of these key people to become involved.

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| Babies and Toddlers | Angela Howard |
| 2's through Kindergarten | Velma Lemons |
| Grades 1 - 5 | Kelly Ross |
| Materials and Supplies | Gary and Frances Broome |
| Promotion and Advertising | Ronnie and Cyndie Brown |
| Registration and Follow-Up | Marc and Dana Tate |
| Refreshments | Odell Sessions and Laverne Keith |

Thanks to Kelly Ross, Marc Tate, and Steve Linscomb for giving of their time last Saturday to clean out some of the storage spaces in the property across Erwin Street. These spaces are used to store materials for VBS, our benevolent work, and other special activities. As you can imagine, it can become rather cluttered. We appreciate their time and hard work to make the space more usable.

Did you receive your latest **7.E.E.M.** Newsletter? We want to make sure that our mailing list for the newsletter contains all the names it needs to. If you did not receive a copy and would like to, please call the church office. **7.E.E.M.** is our attempt to keep the flow of communication and ideas alive and active within the education ministry.

My folks believed in drugs. . . . They "drugged" me to church, to school, to the cotton patch, to the barn for attitude corrections, to visit hospitals, to attend funerals, to be involved in our family. Our drugs today are the wrong drugs.
-- Charles Hodge --

*** Koinonia #2 meets this Sunday. ***

April 14, 1994	THE VISITOR	Vol. 25-No.14	
Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	April 10	April 3	Ago
Bible Class	321	318	355
Worship A.M.	549	552	566
Worship P.M.	346	300	407
Wed. P.M.	256	234	226
Contribution	\$12,094.81	\$13,875.45	\$14,948.29
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 17, and Wed. P.M., April 20, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Myrtis Brock, Judy Clark's mother, suffered a heart attack Wednesday morning. She is in Longview Regional Hospital. They have requested a special interest in our prayers. **Buddy Bell** had outpatient surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Aline Wright**, Cyndie Wagner's grandmother, is in Medical Center CCU with heart problems. **Irma Rachui**, Charles Rachui's stepmother, is doing well following a foot amputation in Austin on Monday. **Sledge Clinkscales** is in Medical Center room 2527, with heart problems and an infection. **Cole Shoemaker**, great-great nephew of Ruth Dobbs and Dorothy Babb, is in Presbyterian Hospital, ICU neo-natal unit, in Dallas. **Margaret Flynn**, Angela Howard's grandmother, is now at home in Sweetwater. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

MINISTERS Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit Dewey Howard - Education Danny Snell - Youth		ASSEMBLIES	
MISSIONS Harold Taylor Ray Maxwell Jeff Holland		SUNDAY Bible School9:00 A.M. Morning Worship10:00 A.M. Evening Worship6:00 P.M.	WEDNESDAY Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M. (Sept. through May) Bible Class7:00 P.M.
ELDERS Freeman Morgan Phil Marts Ray Vannoy James Sublette Ira Wilson Joe McBee Stan Clark Leon Welborn		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY Christian Service Center9:00 A.M.11:30 A.M.	
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SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer David Frick
 Scripture Dr. Ralph Rowe
 Elder's Prayer Stan Clark

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Matt Haws
 Scripture Wade Weathers
 Dismiss Brian Daughtry

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Fred Powell

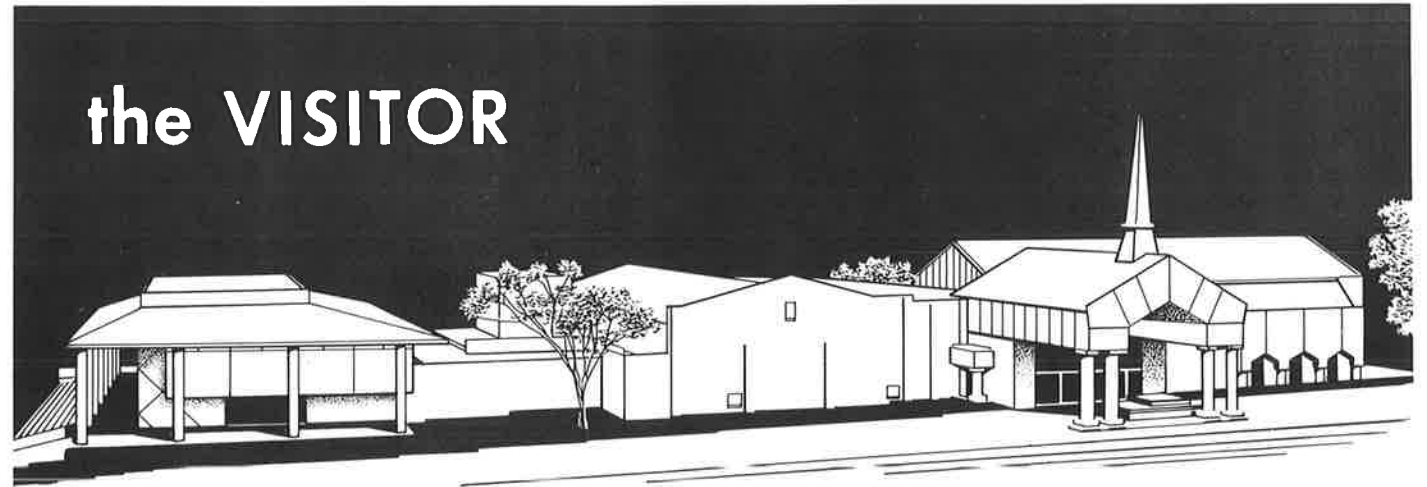
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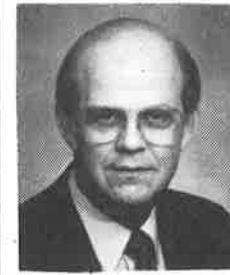
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 C.H. & Billie Bob Hickman

A Man's Greatness is measured by his kindness; his education and intellect by his modesty. His ignorance is betrayed by his suspicions, prejudices, and criticisms. His real caliber is measured by the consideration and tolerance he has for others.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, April 17, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

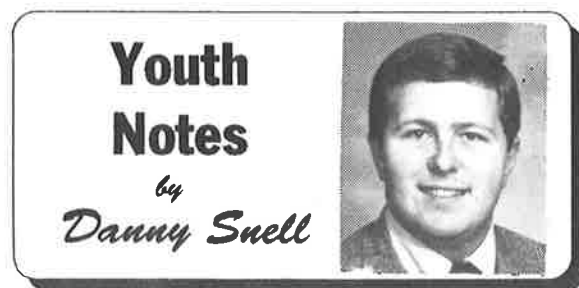
A.M. Baptism
Mark 16:15-16
 P.M. The Ascension
Mark 16:19-20

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO RESPONSIBILITY?

Ours is an age of unprecedented change. We are amazed at the changes occurring in technology. Things only dreamed about just a few short years ago are now realities. The other day I attended a meeting at Birdwell Elementary School and, following a brief assembly in the auditorium, the guests were given a tour of the school's computer lab by Birdwell students. The two elementary students who were assigned to me demonstrated their skills on the computer and completely amazed me. I couldn't turn the thing on and these two young boys were showing me how to do math problems by computer. Businesses feel they couldn't operate without their computers and many homes now have personal computers. And what about the lap-top computer used by that guy across the aisle on the airplane. Amazing! There are those telephones. They not only are used for calling but now they have call waiting, call forwarding, answering machines, and there is the phone that allows you to see the person you are talking to. And have you noticed how many people have car telephones? Why, it's become such a status symbol to have a car phone that one guy just

took a receiver in his car and held it to his ear while driving, although it was connected to nothing. These changes are helpful and are even considered necessary, but other changes in our times are disturbing. One of those changes is the refusal of many to take responsibility for their actions. A criminal is not responsible for his deeds because he was deprived as a child. An alcoholic is not responsible because he had a drinking father. One who chooses an "alternate lifestyle" is not responsible because he had a domineering mother. If a student doesn't learn, it must be the teacher's fault. If one is a misfit, it's society's responsibility and if someone else is a dropout, it's heredity's fault. This failure to accept responsibility is also seen in the church. If I like the speaker, the class, the material, the time of the service, or if I feel like it and have nothing better to do, you can count on me. But if not, don't expect me. I feel no responsibility to participate, to support, to encourage, to grow, to change. I wonder if our Savior ever weeps ... and I wonder if He ever asks, "What- ever happened to responsibility?"

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Andy Butler for placing first in the singles District 20-AA Tennis Championships. He will be advancing to Regionals later in April. Way to go Andy!

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz is over for this school year. Our young people have done an outstanding job on the books of Matthew and Genesis. Over the course of the year, our teams have taken 3 - 4th Place ribbons, 8 - 3rd Place ribbons, 4 - 2nd Place ribbons, 2 - 1st Place ribbons, 2nd Place Trophy over Matthew, and 2nd Place plaque for points over the whole year. Congratulations to all of these for a job well done: Ashli Bryant, Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Brady Dawkins, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Carla Lemons, and Joanna Vannoy.

BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP

Everyone is asked to go the Briarcliff Worship with us this coming Sunday afternoon at 3:00. West Erwin is in charge of this time of worship. We will meet at Briarcliff at 2:40 to prepare. All parents, young people, and others are asked to help. We will be finished at 4:00.

OUT TO EAT

All middle and high school are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after the evening assembly. We will be going to Mazzio's Pizza and finish at 9:00. Be there!

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY
Tate's Team #3 will meet Apr. 18.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,
Thanks for your many expressions of love and concern -- they have comforted us just as God knew they would. His design for the church family cannot be improved.

We love you all,
Marikate Davis
Carolyn & Ray Womack

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
The Jack B. Davis Family

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express our love and appreciation to all of you for all the cards, flowers, visits and especially prayers in our behalf during my lengthy illness and after Fred's accident. We are finally at home, so thankful to be here. We are both improving and are so looking forward to being with all of you in worship as soon as possible.

We love you all,
Fred & Adele Mumford

Thanks to my church family,

It seems I've been so far away for so long and yet you have felt so near to me. I know without your prayers I would never have stood the strain. To come home to all your precious notes and cards meant so much to me. Thank you all for the blessing of prayer for my family. My dad is recovering well from his surgery and will begin radium treatments hopefully next week. My mom is recovering well also and will need no other treatment for her cancer. Thank you seems to be a common phrase but I don't know how to express my appreciation and gratitude to all of you any other way. I know my God will not give me any more than I can bear so please don't forget me in your prayers.

With deep Christian love,
Sandra Nelson

The Family of West Erwin,

You know when you are in the hospital miles away from home the sound of "You can go home tomorrow" is so exciting. It is unless you are at a place alone and no way to get home. After one phone call to Velma Lemons, she informed the church of the dilemma. Later in the day the phone rang and Dewey's voice said, "Don't worry, we'll get you home." Then James Phillips called and said Melvin Crow and himself would be there. They took time from their busy day and came to Houston. I was in the very best of hands. These gentlemen treated me as a china doll. I want to thank them so very much for coming and getting me and delivering me home to little Kyle. You two men will always be special in my heart.

In Christian love,
Claudia Griffis
Kyle Stowers

To the anonymous person who gave a donation to us:

Thank you so much. Your generous gift is much appreciated.

In Christian love,
Pat & Cindy Patten

SPECIAL EVENTS

The contemporary singing group, ECHO from Amarillo, will be in concert Monday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van High School gym. There is no charge but they will take up a love offering.

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TABITHA CLASS TEA

The date for the Tabitha Class Tea has been changed to Sunday, May 1. It will be in our fellowship hall from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday for Edythe Trentham, long-time West Erwin member.

Services were held Tuesday in Borger, Texas for Seth Cunningham, brother-in-law of James Phillips.

Services were held Wednesday in Marshall for Sam Hall, cousin of Wade Park.

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their time of sorrow.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

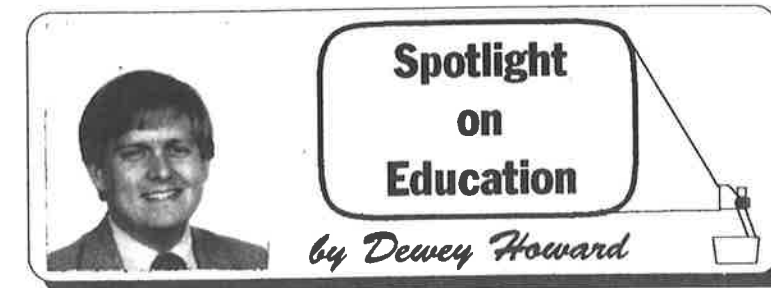
The Church of Christ chartered Boy Scout Troop 354 is having their annual spaghetti supper at the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood church on Saturday, April 30, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$2.50 and children are \$1.00 -- either may be purchased from any of our scouts or committee members. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal and help our scouts fund their activities.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Quantity is what you can count. Quality is what you can count on."

"Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important."

"Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way."



We tried to begin the Great Stairway Dress-'Em-Up project last weekend. But our brief power outage Sunday morning hindered us from getting the information for the project to most of our children. We will try again Sunday. We need our kids' help in dressing up the stairways that lead to our 2nd floor class rooms. Encourage your kids to participate. This will be a project all of us will be proud of once it is completed. And our children will have had an active part in pulling it off.

THANKS to all of you who helped with our children's classes when the electricity went out last Sunday morning. Some of our class rooms become pitch black when that happens. The situation was handled very smoothly because of your effort. (We are in the process of installing emergency lighting in each of our class rooms in case we have this happen again.)

VBS General Interest Meeting - this Sunday, April 17 immediately following the evening assembly. It is time to get to work on VBS 1994, *Welcome to Bible Story Land*. This year, as before, we have a place for everyone to be involved. Stay Sunday night for this brief information meeting. We will tell you the plans that have been made so far and how you can be involved. We are planning to have our best VBS ever at West Erwin. It will be a delightful event for our own children and a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our friends and neighbors. Won't you be a part of it?!

All men of the West Erwin family are encouraged to help with the workday scheduled at our building this Saturday, April 16. There are several projects that need to be accomplished in The Center and the other property across Erwin Street. Come and help when you can. Any help you give on Saturday will be greatly appreciated.

One of the best kept secrets at West Erwin is the fellowship meal that is served in the fellowship hall on Wednesday evenings just before our Bible study time. We know how hectic Wednesday evenings can be as you prepare to attend Bible study. Therefore, the meal is designed to make supper on Wednesday nights as convenient as possible at a minimal cost for you and your family. Several take advantage of the meal each week and thoroughly enjoy it. Give it a try for your family. It may be just what you need to give a little extra boost to the middle of your week.

*** Koinonia #1 meets this Sunday. ***

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Bible Class	318	325	355
Worship A.M.	552	500	566
Worship P.M.	300	267	407
Wed. P.M.	234	269	226
Contribution	\$13,875.45	\$9,906.27	\$14,948.29
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 10, and Wed. P.M., April 13, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Monroe Sublette is in Doctor's Memorial Hospital. He is experiencing some foot circulation problems.

Margaret Flynn, Angela Howard's grandmother, had successful by-pass surgery Monday at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Cris Holly, Guy and Nettie Potts' daughter, is doing well after an appendectomy last Wednesday in Longview.

Landon Gregory is now at home.

Claudia Griffis is scheduled to be dismissed from M.D. Anderson on Wednesday.

Elva Lee Williams is recuperating from surgery at Park Place.

Continue to remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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Dewey Howard - Education		Bible School9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
		Morning Worship10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
		Evening Worship6:00 P.M.	Bible Class7:00 P.M.
MISSIONS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Christian Service Center9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
	Jeff Holland		420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
			(903) 592-0809
ELDERS			
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts		
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Prayer Grant Knight
Scripture Wally Dawkins
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Casey Haws
Scripture Garrett Sublette
Dismiss Josh Hone

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Calvin Mannen

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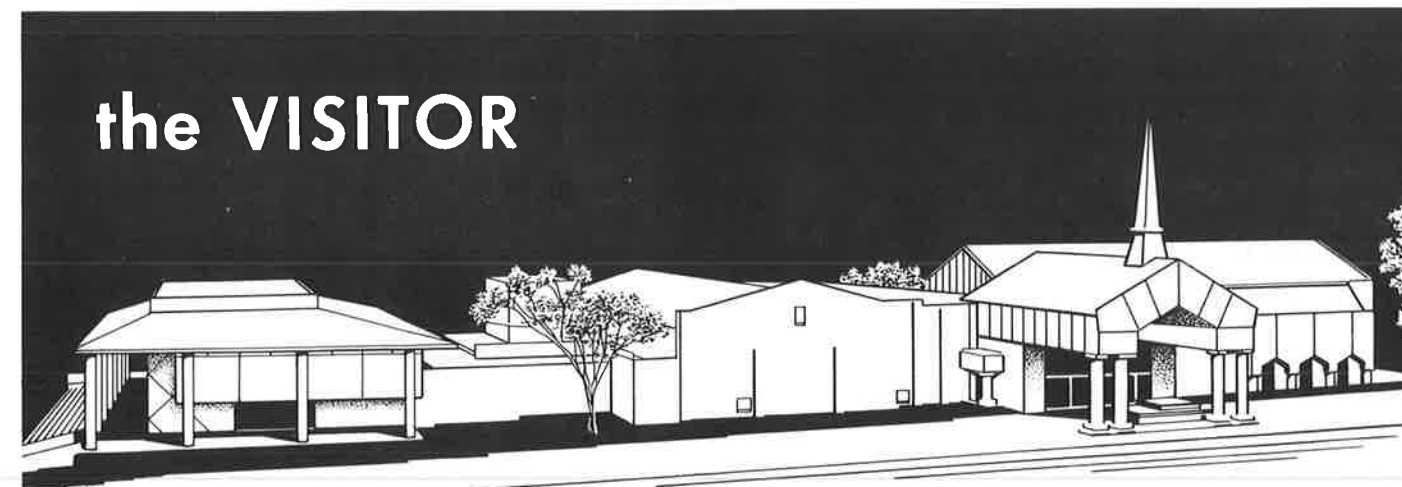
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GREETERS

Faber & Kathryn Cauthen
Don & Merene Ingram
C.H. & Billie Bob Hickman

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Buddy and Dorothy Bell and all the family in the death of their son, Paul Bell. He was killed in an accident Tuesday morning in Dallas.



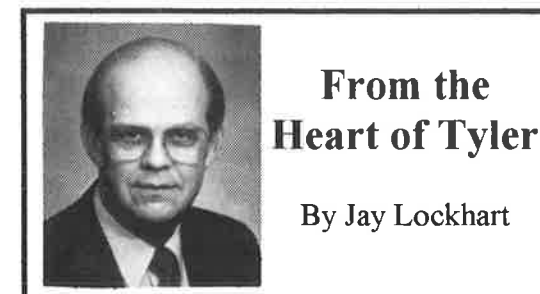
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Harold Taylor will be preaching at West Erwin this Sunday while Jay Lockhart is in a meeting with the church in Angleton.

The Final Four

When the NCAA basketball season begins in the fall every Division I team is undefeated and dreams of making the elusive "Final Four." As the season progresses it is evident that many teams will not be selected as one of the sixty-four teams that will enter the tournament, on the road to the "Final Four." Then comes "March Madness" when the field of teams, so full of excitement and anticipation, quickly shrinks to thirty-two and sixteen and eight and four. Out of all those teams that had started play in December, only four reach the national semi-finals and only two play for the championship and only one is declared the national champion. How does a basketball team reach the "Final Four" and have a chance to play for the championship? A basketball team is successful for the same reasons that businesses, families, and, yes, churches are successful.

1. Desire - No one succeeds in any worthwhile endeavor without a strong desire to win.
2. Dedication - Successful people are dedicated to their cause.
3. Loyalty - We must not only belong, but we must have a fierce loyalty to our purpose.
4. Determination - Winners are determined to win.

5. Hard Work - Bobby Knight, the colorful coach of the Indiana Hoosier basketball team, has said, "A team must not only have the will to win, but also the will to prepare." That's hard work, a willingness to do whatever is necessary in order to succeed.
6. Team Work - We must forget ourselves for the good of the team. Winning teams are not a one man show.
7. Excitement - Someone said, "I would rather have a person on my team who has average ability with an attitude of excitement than a person of superior ability without an attitude of excitement."
8. Participation - Successful teams have people who will do whatever they can to help the team.
9. Game Plan - Winners have meaningful, well thought out plans. They know where they are going and how they want to get there.
10. Perseverance - Winners never quit. They keep on when they don't want to, when they don't feel like it. They don't ever give up.

Do we have what it takes to make it to the "Final Four"?

Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



You are invited to a reception honoring all of those who participated in the 1994 Leadership Training for Christ Convention
Sunday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Refreshments will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Gena Henry for receiving Honorary Mention All Star Cast for the UIL One-Act Play, "Blithe Spirit."

Congratulations to Shelley Henry for receiving a #1 rating in her solo at a recent Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Congratulations to Erica Smith for being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

Congratulations to Chantel Haney for being selected as Varsity Cheerleader at Robert E. Lee High School.

We are proud of all of our young people and to these, a special pat on the back. Way to go gang!

BIBLE QUIZ

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Pott's Team #2 will meet Apr. 11.

IN APPRECIATION

We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. Thank you for the memorial gift sent to Christian Services of East Texas in memory of my brother, Guy Young. The many cards we received and your love and concern was a blessing to us.

Paul & Signa Stanley

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, April 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 this time of fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stacey Brookshire has been accepted for an internship with the Houston Astros this summer in their Marketing and Sales Department. Stacey is a Marketing major at Stephen F. Austin University. She will need a place to stay while she is in Houston. If you have friends or family in that area who might be interested in having a student in their home for the summer, please call the church office.

Why Do You Go To Church?

Why won't members return Sunday night? This is the wrong question ... the real question is - why did they come Sunday morning? Those who come for the right reasons Sunday morning will return Sunday night! So we keep treating symptoms and not the heart.

Do you come out of duty (fear)? Do you come to get "credit"? How many thousand times must one come? Do "brownie points" accrue in heaven? Silly, isn't it!

Why? Because these reasons are the wrong reasons. We have promoted wrong things. We attend to encourage, uplift, strenghten, edify others! Until we know this we will have attendance problems. What is the church? It is MUTUAL edification, not SELF edification! We go to serve, to help, to bolster, to praise. If you go to worship like going to a store you will never have a great interest nor loyalty.

This is the glory of Barnabas. Barnabas was not even his real name. His real name was Joseph. He was nicknamed Barnabas, the son of encouragement. What a nickname! He is our model for encouragement. I need you ... you need me. We assemble to share, aid, help one another. I am my brother's keeper.

Why do YOU go to church?

- Charles Hodge

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1608 Yosemite

Selections: Foley's & Service Merchandise
Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally.

AREA MEETINGS

The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas, invites you to join them in a "Season of Spiritual Renewal" April 17-20. Harold G. Taylor of Carrollton, Texas, will bring a series of messages from the heart of God's Word to your heart. Sunday services will be 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, they will have a brief noon service and lunch at 12:05 and evening services will be at 7:00.

The Carthage Church of Christ, 1309 West Panola, invites you to a Gospel Meeting with Gary Knighton of Shreveport, Louisiana. Sunday services: 10:20 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

The University Church of Christ, 922 Old Omen Road invites you to a Gospel Meeting on the theme of "Things Eternal" April 17 - 20. Norman Gipson of Lubbock, Texas will be the guest speaker. Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Week night services are at 7:30 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

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Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

Well done, to all of you who participated in LTC! Congratulations on your accomplishments. Your planning and preparation really paid off. Your energy and excitement encourages us who are older. My prayer is that you will continue to grow in the Lord's work and that He will continue to use your gifts and talents in wonderful ways here at West Erwin. Thanks to Danny Snell and the rest of the adults who work with these teens. It does the family at West Erwin a lot of good.

The Great Stairway Dress-Em-Up will begin this weekend. Our goal is to remodel the stairwells in our building with biblical murals and scenes. As we select what will go in the stairways, we want to involve all of our children at West Erwin. Information will be handed out to the children in their Bible classes this Sunday morning explaining how they can participate. Parents, take a look at this information and encourage your children to become involved. This will be a project all of us will be proud of!

The next Singles Bible Study will be this Tuesday night, April 12. As always, we will meet at the home of Danny and Maggie Craddock. Bring a sack supper with you at 6:45 and enjoy our time of fellowship together. Then open your Bible with us as we continue our study of *Spiritual Warfare*. This weeks topic: "Giant Slaying" -- I Samuel 17.

Finding What He Looked For!

Jim Smith went to church one Sunday morning. He heard the song leader miss a note, and he winced. He saw a teenager talking when everybody was supposed to be bowed in silent prayer. He felt like the usher was watching to see what he put in the offering plate and it made him boil. He caught the preacher in a slip of the tongue five times in the sermon by actual count. As he slipped out through the side door during the closing hymn, he muttered to himself, "Never again! What a bunch of clods and hypocrites!"

Ron Jones went to church one Sunday morning. The church sang, "A Mighty Fortress," and he thrilled to the majesty of it. He was glad to hear that the church was having a special offering for the overseas mission work. He especially appreciated the sermon that Sunday - it answered a question that had bothered him for a long time. He thought, as he walked out the doors, "How can a man come here and not feel the presence of God?"

Both men went to the same church on the same Sunday morning. Each found what he was looking for. What will you be looking for on Sunday?

-- Author Unknown --

*** Koinonia #6 meets this Sunday. ***

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Bible Class	325	389	354
Worship A.M.	500	589	514
Worship P.M.	267	345	337
Wed. P.M.	269	267	188
Contribution	\$9,906.27	\$15,402.95	\$10,392.50
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 3, and Wed. P.M., April 6, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Landon Gregory remains in Children's Hospital in Dallas with chicken pox and complications because of chemo. Clyde Hughes, Hoyt Hughes' brother, is very ill in Lindale. Becky Young, Ben and Patsy Young's daughter, is out of the hospital but is still waiting for a pacemaker implant in Abilene. Joe Garner, Jack Garner's brother, has been dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital. Elva Lee Williams is in room 375 at Mother Frances Hospital following gall bladder procedures. Claudia Griffis had surgery Wednesday in Houston. She is in M.D. Anderson, East Wing, room 226. Katie Hacker, Jim Bell's grandmother is in Mother Frances Hospital. She had hip surgery. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Bob Threadgill
Scripture	Matt Carpenter
Elder's Prayer	Leon Welborn
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Prayer	Gary Broome
Scripture	Randall Wilson
Dismiss	Jeff Parrish

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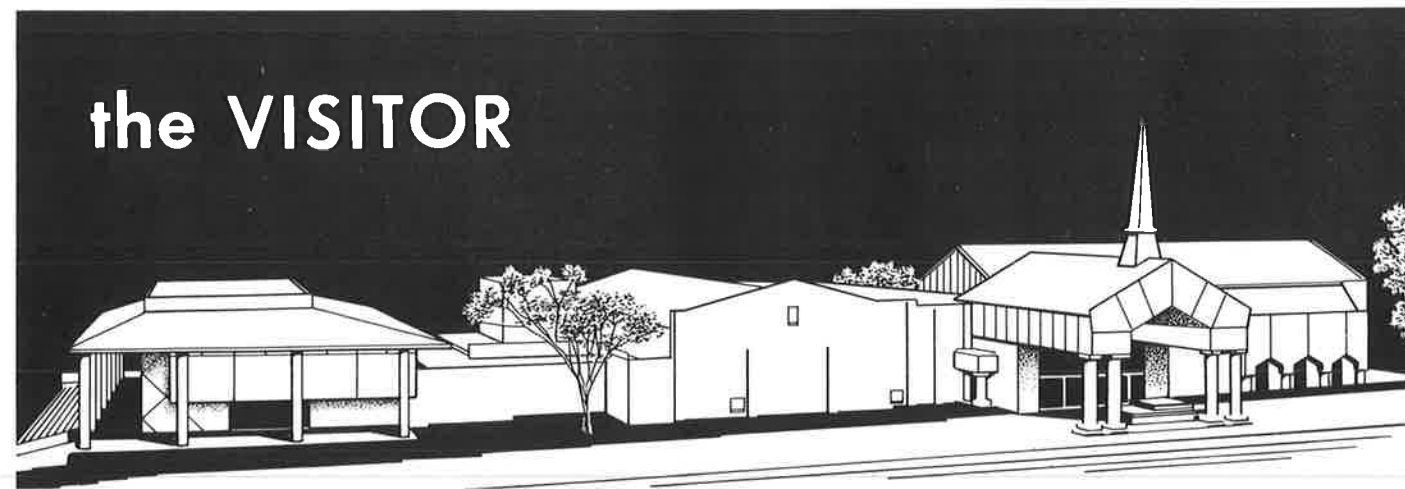
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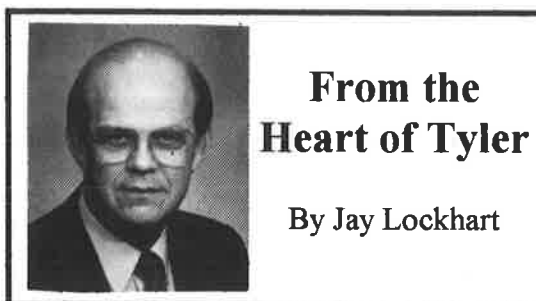
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"A FABLE"

Here is a story that came across my desk via *The Edifier*, the church bulletin of the Walnut Street church in Dickson, Tennessee, where Clarence DeLoach preaches:

Once upon a time, a man living in the twentieth century, had a new house, two cars and a boat. A color TV gleamed in his den. His family was healthy - and lo, good fortune did smile upon him.

As was his custom - when he was in town; when the fish were not biting; when he was not at the beach or camping; when company did not come; when he could manage to get up on time; when he was not too tired - he went regularly to worship.

On these occasions - some every five or six weeks - he spent his time deploring the decaying state of the church; Bible study attendance was poor and the preacher obviously discouraged. "THEY ought to do something about this", the man said. "Surely THEY can do better!"

And so vacations and days off came and went until much time had passed. And in the way of the world, this man's children grew up. They did not attend church services; they were down on church because it had not interested them in religion.

The man's health failed. One day he noticed something strange. THEY did not come to see him

**Sermons for Sunday, April 3, 1994
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. The Apostolic Model (Mark 16:9-14)
- P.M. The Final Word (Mark 16:14-20)

any more. THEY did not even visit him in the hospital - and verily he was angry. But, being of great heart, he decided to forgive THEM and go to church services once more.

But, behold, when he arrived, there was no church - not even a building. A store stood where the meeting house had been. "Where's the church?" he demanded. "Dead", was the reply. "Oh", he mourned, "THEY shouldn't have let it die!"

Food For Thought

"There is no failure except in no longer trying."

"The biggest step you take may be the one you take when meeting the other person half way."

"There are no hopeless situations - - only people who are hopeless about them."

"Use the talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

"Life is what passes us by while we are making other plans."

"Some people will believe most anything if it is whispered to them."

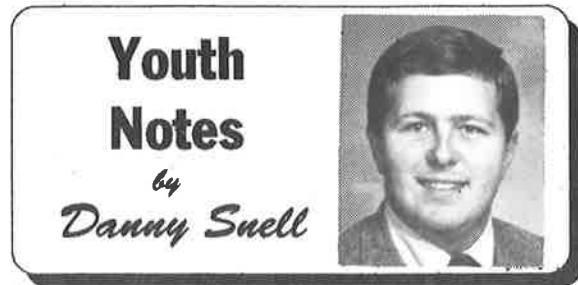
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LTC UPDATE

By the time you read this article, 64 of us from West Erwin will be well into the 1994 Leadership Training for Christ Convention in downtown Ft. Worth. There will be over 5000 Christians from all over the southwest United States. Following is a list of those attending LTC 1994: Erin Aven, Nichole Aven, Christopher Bobbitt, Sherry Bobbitt, Whitney Bobbitt, Allison Broome, Amanda Broome, Frances Broome, Cyndie Brown, Lauren Brown, Adam Bryant, Ashli Bryant, Cindy Carruth, David & Helen Chambers, Jennifer Chambers, Kimberly Chambers, Courtney Craddock, Danny & Maggie Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Melanie Goodson, Nick Goodson, Regina Helms, Brett Hone, Jeff & Linda Hone, Josh Hone, Heather Ketchum, Jessica Kuechle, Michelle Kuechle, Carla Lemons, Jonathon Lowrance, Leigh McClenny, Mandy McClenny, Mike & Linda McClenny, Jason O'Quinn, Danielle Rousseau, Brad Smith, Erica Smith, Danny & Lisa Snell, Brandy Starnes, Jeanette Styron, Marie Styron, Garrett Sublette, James & Connie Sublette, Kimberly Sublette, Tiffany Sublette, Ashley Tate, Carson Tate, Marc & Dana Tate, Matt Tate, Joanna Vannoy, Gail & Ray Vannoy. Please remember to pray for all of these.

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Cauthen's Team #1 will meet Apr. 3.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
The power of prayer is amazing when only by one person. So the power is greater when Christians here and wherever Ramon Ivey has been, prayed for him when we were so afraid. He is okay now and I thank you all for helping him by praying.
In Christian love,
Jean Oliver

To our West Erwin Family,
You will never know how much it means to get a card in the mail, a phone call, or a visit from people that you miss. It makes the pain a little easier to bear. The prayers have speeded my recovery. Thank you all.

John & Ruby Cliver

SPECIALI

Sally Rasco Paden will be guest speaker for the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class on April 13 .. Lord willing. Sally's life as a Christian began at West Erwin where her father, Edwin Rasco, served as an elder . She and her husband, Harold Paden, are working in Italy at the present time and we will be privileged to hear a report on her life and experiences as a missionary wife while she is visiting in Tyler.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Daniel & Kim Dupree 320 Crestview Chandler, TX 75758 ph. 849-4258	Rex & Cynthia Johnson 4901 Kinsey #1421 Tyler, TX 75703 ph. 534-8221
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WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home for Elizabeth Roddy, Patsy Fisher's aunt.
Services were held in Wenatchee, Washington on Monday for Guy B. Young, brother of Signa Stanley.
Services were held Wednesday in Gatesville, Texas for Jack Davis, son of Marikate Davis and brother of Carolyn Womack.
We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families in their time of sorrow.

NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Johnson was baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening. We rejoice with her in this decision and are very pleased to welcome her into our growing family. She and Clint Hale are planning a summer wedding. She is presently living with Sonny and Beverly Hale at 6497 FM 724, 75704, ph. 592-4021.

Clint Hale has made known his wish to work and worship with the West Erwin family. This young couple will be an asset to our work here and we are very pleased to welcome them into the West Erwin family. Clint's address is 6497 FM 724, 75704, ph. 592-4021.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

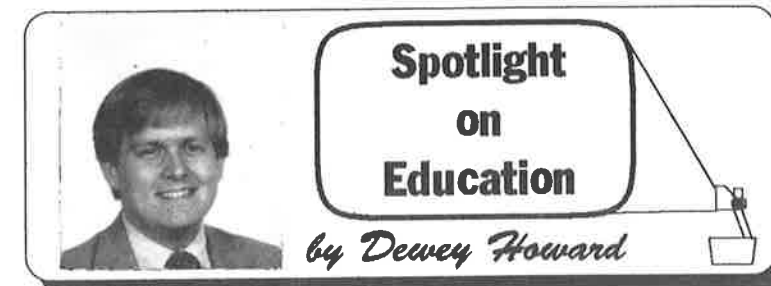
Cyndie Wagner came Sunday to request prayers on behalf of all parents that they may realize that their children are blessings from God. Their son, Wesley, brought this fact home to them recently in an act of heroism. He shot a bull that was attacking his dad and possibly saved Greg's life. This quick thinking is an exceptional reminder of just how special our children can be.

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You paid me the greatest compliment that you could have last Sunday at the end of the worship. Several of you told me that the sermon "made you think." That's what every preacher/teacher wants. Thank you for allowing God's word to speak to your hearts in a personal way.

Sunday morning's adult lesson: *Christians Must Become Christ.* Consider the following.

Walk a Little Plainer Daddy

Walk a little plainer, Daddy
Said a little boy so frail.
I'm following in your footsteps
And I don't want to fail.
Sometimes your steps are very plain,
Sometimes they are hard to see;
So walk a little plainer, Daddy
For you are leading me.

I know that once you walked this way
Many years ago.
And what you did along the way
I'd really like to know.
For sometimes when I am tempted
I don't know what to do;
So walk a little plainer, Daddy
For I must follow you.

Someday when I'm grown up,
You are like I want to be.
Then I will have a little boy
Who will want to follow me.
And I would want to lead him right
And help him to be true;
So walk a little plainer, Daddy
For we must follow you.

-- Author Unknown --

Keep VBS in your prayers and on your calendars:
June 26-29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Prayer Paul Stanley
Scripture Chuck Gillam
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Josh Hone
Dismiss Danny Craddock

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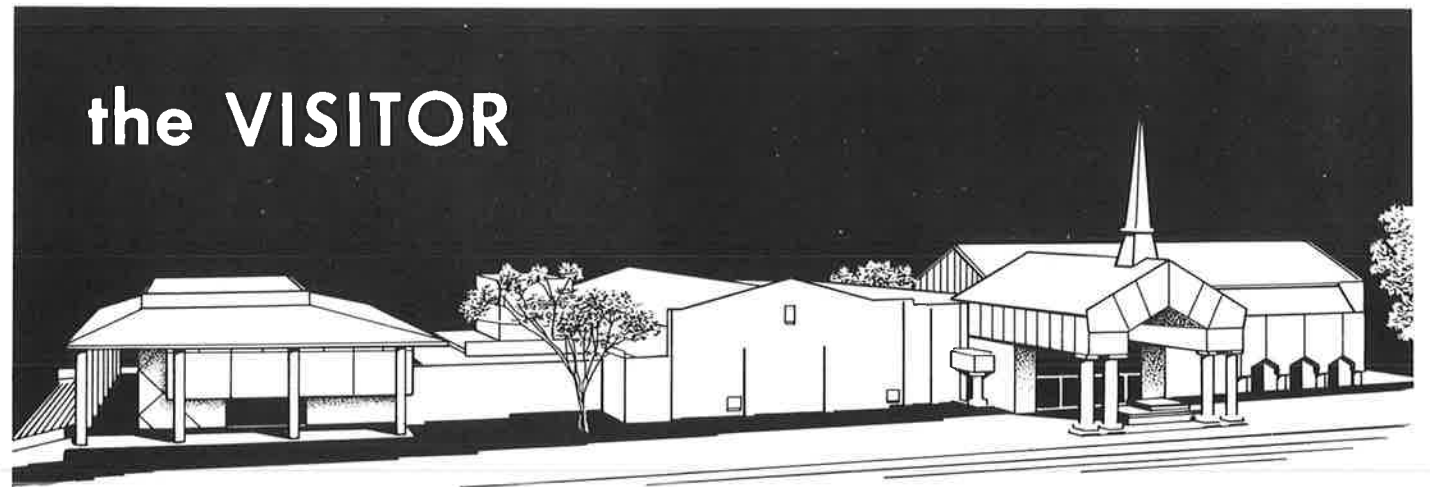
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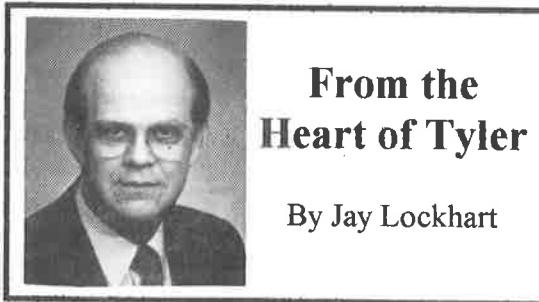
WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Otelia Sills in the death of her brother. He was killed Monday or Tuesday in the Phillipines.



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WHERE DO WE FIND SECURITY?

The Bible is always as up to date as today's newspaper. Although God's prophet, Jeremiah, spoke about 600 years before the coming of Christ, his message speaks to our hearts. In Jeremiah 7, God had a controversy with His people. He sent the prophet to the very gate of the temple in Jerusalem to meet the worshippers who came to the house of God. Jeremiah charged that these worshippers felt secure before God because they came to the right place -- the temple, and did the right things -- offered their worship (7:4). Yet God did not accept their worship because their lives were not lived in harmony with what they said (7:8-11). God challenged His people to do what was right and then He would accept their worship and they would dwell securely in their land (7:5-7). He reminded them of Shiloh, where the tabernacle had stood when Israel first came into the promised land, the place that at that very moment lay in desolation because the people had failed to hear the word of the Lord (7:12-15), God laid this on the hearts of the people: "Coming to my temple (the place of worship) and offering sacrifices (worship) never takes the place of obeying the voice of the Lord" (7:21-27 --paraphrase). They did not hearken to the voice of God and their worship

profaned the house of God (7:28-31). Jeremiah would remind us that coming to the place of worship and even doing the right things at the right place of worship never can be a substitute for hearts which are devoted to God and daily living which complements our worship. Worship is never to be isolated from life and life is never separated from worship. Jesus said that true worship is "in spirit" (in the right way with hearts dedicated to God) and "in truth" (doing the right things) -- John 4:24. As we come to the place of worship we are to approach God with "clean hands and a pure heart" (with lives in harmony with what we profess in worship -- Psalm 24:4. Judah felt secure before God because she came to the right place at the right time for the right purpose, but she failed to please God because her heart and life were not in harmony with her profession. It's something to think soberly about today. And another thing: what about those who do not even come to the place of worship?

Sermons for Sunday, March 27, 1994

Dewey Howard will preach Sunday morning
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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All middle and high school students are invited to the Devo this Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a special time together to encourage and support those who are going to LTC. Don't miss this one.

SERVICE PROJECT

Join us for our Spring Break Service Project next Tuesday, Mar 29. We will meet at the building at 9:00 and spend the day together helping some of those in need by raking, mowing and general spring cleaning. Wear appropriate clothing for hard work and bring \$5.00 for lunch money. We will return to the building at 4:30. Be There!

LTC UPDATE

ATTENTION! For those who missed the meeting last Sunday, there will be a very important meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5:30 for all LTC participants, parents, and sponsors in the chapel. PLEASE BE PRESENT!

You will need to turn in your Hotel fee of \$17.50 (per night/per person) by Sunday, Mar. 27. Please pray for LTC!

BIBLE QUIZ

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May 22	Baccalaureate

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Womack's Team #4 will meet Mar. 28.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, all the good food and the thoughtful things you did for our family during this difficult time. We all appreciate it so much.

Billie Osburn & family

Dear Church Family,

Your prayers and acts of kindness shown our family at a time of sorrow will remain with us always, and the pink carnations were so beautiful. We are deeply grateful and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Walter Malone
Bill & Ruby McCain & Family

What a blessing to have such dear friends and to know God hears your prayers in my behalf. I am on the road to recovery and glad to be back home. I look forward to being with before many weeks pass. Thank you for caring. We love you all.

Pauline & A.Z. Aven

How blessed we are to have such a wonderful church family. The comforting prayers and encouraging visits were very meaningful to Jane and me. We appreciate your care and concern.

Louis and Jane

On behalf of the Fred Strait family we would like to thank you for showing your love through flowers, calls, visits, food, and prayer. Knowing we have such a wonderful Christian family will help us through our loss.

Love,
Betty Strait
Dwain & Cheri & family
David & Sheila & family
Rozener Strait

Dear West Erwin Family,

We are so thankful to be a part of this church family! Thank you all for your prayers, your visits, calls, your cards and your concern for Archie during his angioplasty and recovery. We love you ALL!

In Christian Love,
Archie and Faye

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

Our Church of Christ chartered Boy Scout Troop 354 is having their annual spaghetti supper at the Fellowship Center of the Glenwood church on Saturday, April 30, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$2.50 and children are \$1.00 - either or committee members. Plan to come and may be purchased from any of our scouts enjoy a delicious meal and help our scouts fund their activities.

Think about it ..

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

NEW MEMBERS



John and Mary Poulsen and children, Frank and Elizabeth are a welcome addition to our West Erwin Family. John was baptized into Christ Tuesday evening and Mary made known her wish to work and worship with us. John is employed by Allstate Claims and Mary is secretary to Louis Jones and Glen Gray. Frank is five years old and Elizabeth is almost two. Their address is 1811 Circle Drive, 75703, ph. 534-5348.

RESPONSE

Teri Bradshaw has requested the prayers of her church family that she might have greater faith and be a better Christian.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Jamestown Church of Christ
Evangelist - Scotte Clark

(son of our Joe Clark)

March 27: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

March 28: Singing 7:00 p.m.

Services 7:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend
The 1994 Spring Gospel Series
of the South Main Church of Christ

402 South Main

Henderson, Texas

March 27 through 30

Guest Evangelist: George Bailey

Sunday: 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Melvin and Nina Crow, the Ronnie Brown family and the Theron Kuechle family in the death of Melvin's niece, Barbara Barksdale. Services were held Monday in Midlothian, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Wally Dawkins on being selected by the sportswriters as All-East Texas Boys Coach of the Year.

Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

"Welcome to Bible Story Land"

June 26-29, 1994

This Sunday you will be given the opportunity to begin signing up to be involved with VBS 1994. Information will be available to let you know more about the theme and format for our Bible Story Land. Key people have been selected to work with me in organizing various aspects of VBS. Talk with one of these persons to become involved in an area that you are most interested in. There is a place for everyone!

Director - Dewey Howard; School-age children - Kelly Ross; Early childhood - Velma Lemons; Babies and toddlers - Angela Howard; Supplies and materials - Gary and Frances Broome; Registration and follow-up - Marc and Dana Tate; Promotion - Ronny and Cyndie Brown; Refreshments - Odell Sessions

We are in the process of taking an inventory of the resources in the teachers' workroom. If you have items at home or in your class room that belong in the workroom, please return them as soon as possible. We especially need to find our flipcharts. Several are missing. If you are using these materials, please supply us with a list of what you have. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

The deacons are having a workday on Saturday, April 16, to clean up the storage space in our property across West Erwin Street, as well as accomplish several other projects. Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to come and lend a hand. Mark this date on your calendar and make your plans to do what you can.

The Great Stairway Dress-'Em-Up is coming! One of our goals for 1994 is to brighten up the space in the stairways leading to our children's class rooms by painting murals depicting Bible stories or Bible lands. We want our children's help in deciding what should go in those stairways. In the next few weeks we will be asking our children to help us out. We'll make this a project that all of our children can participate in. Watch for more details.

7.E.E.M. for April will be coming soon. Watch for yours in the next couple of weeks. If you have something you think would be good to include in 7.E.E.M., pass it my way. Let's make this a real "7.E.E.M." effort.

*** Koinonia #5 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Mar.13	Sunday Mar.6	Year Ago
Bible Class	380	368	412
Worship A.M.	580	558	579
Worship P.M.	370	362	381
Wed. P.M.	240	263	206
Contribution	\$12,493.05	\$14,706.60	\$13,291.58
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 20, and Wed. P.M., Mar. 23, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

Becky Young, daughter of Ben and Patsy Young, is hospitalized in Abilene. She had a pacemaker implant on Thursday. **Kelly Taylor**, niece of Bill Mezell, was flown from Abilene to Dallas on Monday for a serious respiratory problem. **Rose Teel** had knee surgery Tuesday at Medical Center. **Maggie Craddock** had foot surgery Tuesday at Tyler Square. **Ramon Ivey**, Jean Oliver's son, got a good report in San Antonio. **Archie Kennard** is now at home and doing well. **John Cliver** is at home but is having therapy as an outpatient. **John Bradford**, son of Ray and Cindy Bradford, is receiving therapy for a painful back injury. **Adele Mumford** is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. **Mimi Aven** is in University Park Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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Dewey Howard - Education		
MISSIONS		
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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES			
SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)	
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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SERVING SUNDAY

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 Prayer Glynn Starnes
 Scripture Dale Blackstone
 Elder's Prayer James Sublette
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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 Prayer Forest McFadden
 Scripture Kelly Ross
 Dismiss Melvin Maples

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Wade Park

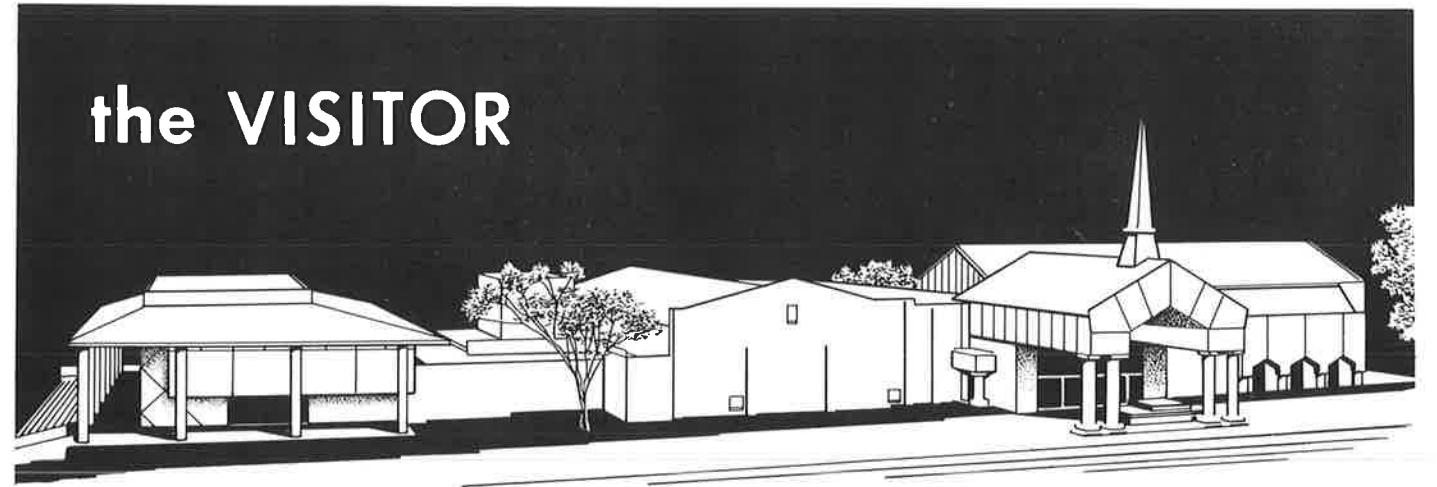
SERVING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Billy Terrell Bo Wiegreffe
 Neil Vannoy Mark Waggoner
 Greg Wagner Wade Weathers
 Ben Young Louis West

GREETERS

Ray & Carolyn Womack
 Jack & Peggy Garner
 Ray & Gail Vannoy

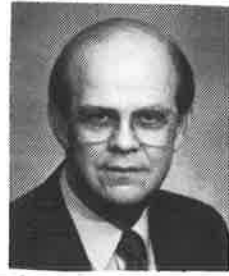
NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Don and Norma Durham on the birth of another grandson. Thomas John (T.J.) Hughes was born March 15 in Dallas to John and Tammy Hughes. He weighed in at 7 lb. 15 oz.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

OUR GRATITUDE

One of the richest blessings of my life is associating with the great people of God. This week many took advantage of the opportunity to be associated with **Clarence DeLoach** and to hear him preach the Word of the Lord. He did his work well and blessed those who heard him. Our thanks to Clarence for being with us for these four important days. And also a big "Thank you" to the ladies who provided the food for the noon meetings, especially to **Arlene Lockhart** who coordinated the whole effort and to **Odeil Sessions, Kathryn Cauthen, and Laverne Keith** for seeing that Monday through Wednesday went so smoothly.

YOUR RESPONSE

I want to express my appreciation for your response to the series of sermons from the gospel of Mark, especially your response to the recent messages on the Cross of Christ. Hopefully, as we have stood beneath the cross, we have come to a better understanding of and appreciation for the cross of Jesus. This Sunday we will journey to a garden, near the place where Jesus was crucified, and we will view the grave where his body was buried. Let's have 600 people present for The Grave In The Garden! Then on Sunday evening we will return to the garden tomb as we consider Making Sense Out Of Nonsense.

GIVE ME YOUR HEART

A recurring theme of Scripture is the plea of God for the hearts of His people. You see it in the messages of the Old Testament prophets. You see it in the teaching of Jesus. It is in the message of the New Testament letters. God is always saying, "Give me your heart." It doesn't matter what we say. It doesn't matter what we do. Unless God has our hearts our words are empty and our deeds are for no purpose. We may attend church, give money, teach classes, and serve on committees, but the question remains: "Does God have my heart?" If God has our hearts we will want to do good things, but doing good things is never a substitute for giving God our hearts. When it comes to supporting the work of this church we would do well to ask ourselves, "Does God have my heart?" We can almost hear the tears in Jesus' voice as he says, "These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me ..."

Sermons for Sunday, March 20, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Grave In The Garden

(Mark 16:9-14)

P.M. Making Sense Out Of Nonsense

(Mark 16:1-8)

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to all of those who helped with the clean up Sunday night at the Center.

Thanks to Marc Tate for teaching the Youth classes on these past few Wednesday nights.

LTC UPDATE

There will be a very important meeting Sunday afternoon at 5:30 for all LTC participants, parents, and sponsors in the chapel. PLEASE BE PRESENT!

You will need to turn in your Hotel fee of \$17.50 (per night/per person) by Sunday, Mar. 27.

Please pray for LTC!

Please consult the new practice schedule for information. 5th & 6th puppets will meet at 3:00 Sunday. 9th & 10th puppets will meet at 4:30. Also, *Sunday night will be devoted to LTC practice.* Bring \$3.00 to order Pizza and we will be finished at 9:00.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our Bible Quiz teams for doing an outstanding job this past Monday. Our teams received Second, Third, and Fourth places. Way to go teams! Next Bible Quiz will be at Shiloh on Monday, Apr. 11. The text is Genesis 38-50. Get the study sheets ASAP by the Youth Board.

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May 22 Baccalaureate
NOTE: No 6-8 Grade Devo Mar. 20

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Mar. 21.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Fellow Christians,

We were in your building last Friday for the funeral of my brother, Pete Osburn, and we want to thank you for the loving way you cared for us. It was so nice of you to prepare the lunch, since so many of our family came from out of town. We were especially impressed by the care we were given by those serving the meal.

The song service was beautiful and the eulogy was very fitting. It had enough spiritual input, but was not a sermon. I thought Brother Lockhart did an excellent job. Pete would have been pleased. Again, may I thank you for all you did for us and for Pete's wife and children. You are loving caring Christians.

In Him,
Doris Millican

Dear Church family,

I want to thank you for your love shown to me and Merle during my illness. What a blessing to have Christian brothers and sisters like you. I appreciate the nice cards, phone calls, food, visits and your many prayers. We love you.

Clyde & Merle Lane

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for your loving concern for me during my recent illness. The surgery was successful and no further treatment is needed. Thank you for the prayers, cards, and food.

In Christian love,
Penny McDonald

We want to thank you for your acts of kindness and love and sympathy that was shown and given to Walter Malone.

Bill & Ruby McCain & Family

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Dan and Wini Cullinan who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary March 19 and 20 with a family reunion at Charnwood Hill Inn bed and breakfast. They were married on March 16, 1944 in Wichita, Kansas.

SECRET SISTERS

Secret sisters organization meeting will be held Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete your information sheets before then. Bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Contact Michelle Kuechle or Cyndie Brown for details.

"Your attitude determines your altitude"

With Sympathy

Services were held Sunday in Lindale for Hazel Malone, stepmother of Ruby McCain. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ruby and to all the family in their time of sorrow.

SLACKS' VISAS APPROVED!!

Many prayers were answered last week when the Slacks visas were finally approved. Now they can concentrate their efforts on learning the language and preparing as a team for Togo.

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT TRI-C STUDENTS

This Saturday, March 19, the students at the Campus Christian Center, 1415 South Baxter, at Tyler Junior College will be having a gigantic yard sale from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come by and buy!

HYMN FEST

You are invited
to the upcoming
HYMN FEST

at

The Daingerfield Church of Christ
Friday night, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Please come and enjoy good, spiritually uplifting singing.

To Every Thing a Time

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8



Teri Bradshaw
5100 Sweetbriar #216, 75703

Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

"Wonder-full Wednesdays!" is what I call our time together in the middle of the week. This is such a delightful opportunity to get a boost in your spiritual energy as you get ready to face the rest of the week. We try to treat Wednesdays with the same quality and priority as we do Sundays: quality Bible instruction and priority time use. I hope you will take advantage of "Wonder-full Wednesdays!" to give your family the edge it needs to grow in Christ throughout the week.

Wednesday Evening Classes and Teachers:

0-24 months	rm. 110	Marisa Suggs / Karen Fedell
2-year-olds	rm. 107	Cynthia Johnson / Lynda Terrell
3-year-olds	rm. 103	Linda Hone / Linda McClenney
4-year-olds	rm. 104	Cindy Bradford / Teresa Coomer
Grades K & 1	rm. 201	Maggie Craddock
Grades 2 - 4	rm. 204	Julie Ables
Grade 5	rm. 206	Hillard & Jeannine Hughes
Grades 6-12	rm. 306	Danny Snell
The Search	SmAud	Jay Lockhart
Parents and Their Child's School	rm. 112	Wally Dawkins
Meeting God	Heritage Room	Ladies' Discussion Group
Men of God for a Modern World	rm. 111	Men's Discussion Group
College & Single	rm. 305	Stan Clark

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Bible Class	368	376	381
Worship A.M.	558	502	501
Worship P.M.	362	351	437
Wed. P.M.	263	227	201
Contribution	\$14,706.60	\$11,603.61	\$13,828.96
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 13, and Wed. P.M., Mar. 16, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

PRAYER AND CARE

Bill Golden, Sandra Nelson's father, was scheduled for tests Tuesday in Texarkana. **Archie Kennard** is in room 456 at Mother Frances Hospital but expects to go home Thursday or Friday. **John Cliver** was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday. **Pauline Purcell**, George Daugherty's sister, is now in Park Place. **Adele Mumford** is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston for further tests. **Penny McDonald** had day surgery last Friday at Tyler Square. **Jean Luce**, Nila Miller's sister, was scheduled for breast cancer surgery Wednesday in Palestine. **Charles Coil**, former International Bible College President, is in M.D. Anderson in Houston. **Pauline Aven**, Gary Aven's mother, was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

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		7:00 P.M.
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		(903) 592-0809

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Danny Snell
 Scripture Jason O'Quinn
 Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Jeff Fennell
 Scripture Faber Cauthen
 Dismiss Matt Pickens

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Rick Fedell

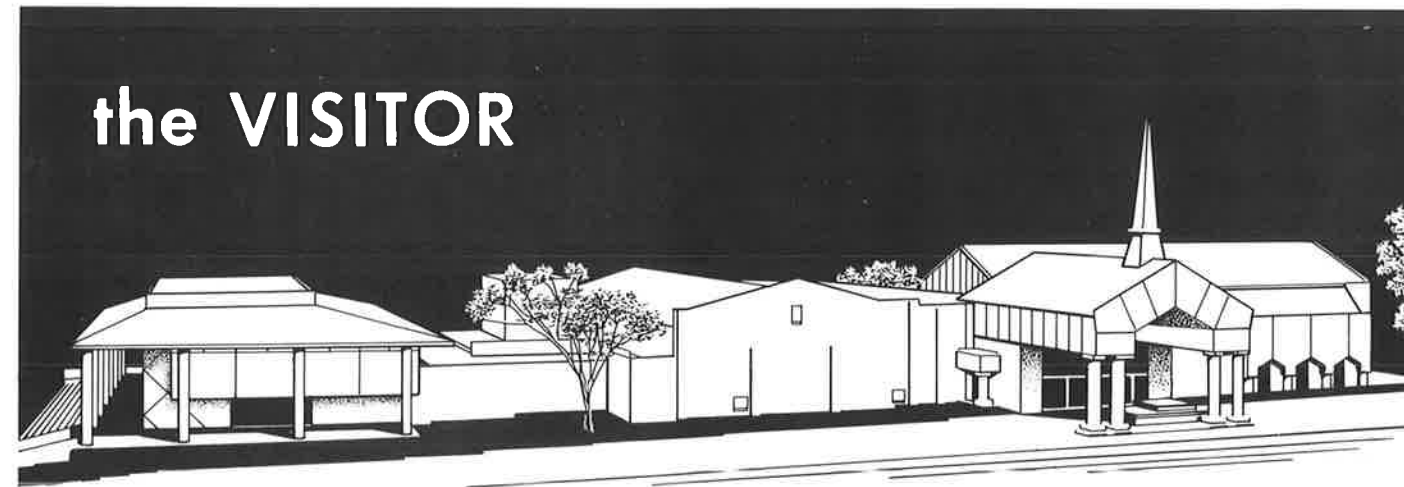
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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 Neil Vannoy Mark Waggoner
 Greg Wagner Wade Weathers
 Ben Young Louis West

GREETERS

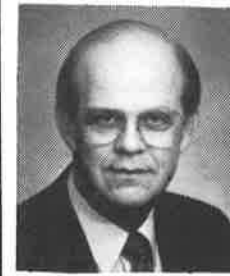
Ray & Carolyn Womack
 Jack & Peggy Garner
 Ray & Gail Vannoy

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



From the Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Meeting Begins Sunday!

Clarence DeLoach will be here Sunday to preach the gospel. Put aside everything that hinders and be present for every service. The schedule for Sunday is as follows:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (combined adult classes in auditorium to hear Clarence DeLoach)
 "Jesus, Wonderful Counselor"

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - Worship
 "Strong Families I Have Known"

Sunday: 6:00 p.m. - Worship
 "Motives For Ministry"

Monday: 7:00 p.m.
 "A Portrait of Great Leadership"

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
 "Overcoming Trial"

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
 "We Are Not Home Yet"

Noon Meetings - Monday through Wednesday we will have a brief service and lunch. The schedule will be: Begin at 12:10 sharp. Dismiss at 12:35. Lunch served by West Erwin ladies. Back to work by 1:00. Come and bring your co-workers.

Monday: "Rising From Defeat"

Tuesday: "Enemies Of Joy"

Wednesday: "That You May Have Something To Give"



Clarence DeLoach

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

We had a great time together this past Sunday night at the Sublettes. It was a time of reflection on our blessings and focus on those who have gotten themselves in a tight spot and are now relying on God. Let's remember to pray for that young man.

Thanks to James & Connie Sublette, Les & Carolyn Carruth, and Ray & Gail Vannoy for hosting the evening.

LTC UPDATE

Please consult the new practice schedule for information. 5th & 6th puppets will meet at 3:00 Sunday. 9th & 10th puppets will meet at 4:30.

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at Glenwood on Monday, Mar. 14. We will practice Sunday night from 7:00-9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$3.00 for Pizza. The text is Genesis 26-37. Get the study sheets ASAP by the Youth Board.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Mar. 6 Combined Devotional
Mar. 13 Bible Quiz Practice
Mar. 14 Bible Quiz at Glenwood
Apr. 1-3 LTC Convention

Spiritual Food For Thought

Recently, I read a sign that said, "Good Lumber, Properly Used, Has Never Failed." It reminded me of prayer. Let's replace lumber with prayer. "Good Prayer, Properly Used, Has Never Failed." God does take care of us.

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

(NIV) Luke 18:1

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Pott's Team #2 will meet Mar. 14.



Thank You

Thank you for all your loving expressions of sympathy during my brother's illness and death. I love and appreciate you all.

Ruth Graham

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for all of your calls, cards and prayers during my recent illness. Your expressions of concern were very encouraging and uplifting.

In Christian Love,
J.C. Tate

On behalf of the Harris family we would like to thank everyone for the plant, calls, visits and cards we received at the loss of our mother and grandmother. It's been a difficult year for us but your love, concern and words of encouragement have been a great comfort to us. Thank you for everything you've done for us.

Love,
Jimmie & Ruth & family
Charles & Bettye Sue & family
Keith & Tina & family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Keith and I would like to thank everyone for the food, calls and visits after the birth of Drew. He's a precious and special little boy. He's everything we prayed for. We're very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful family.

Love,
Keith, Tina, Dayne
Dalton and Drew

To our Christian Brothers and Sisters of West Erwin, We really appreciate all the cards, visits and expressions of sympathy given us in the loss of our mother. We value your love.

The Jimmie Harris family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the Monday noon lunch. Thanks for always being so supportive of us. We really appreciate your continued love and concern. We look forward to many more fun times together!

In Him,
The Tri-C Students

YARD SALE TO BENEFIT TRI-C STUDENTS

The students at the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College will be having a **gigantic** yard sale on Saturday, March 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come by and buy! If you have items you would like to donate for this sale, they can be brought to the Tri-C at 1415 South Baxter from March 9 - 16. If you need something picked up, please call 593-3331 and it will be picked up on March 12.

RESPONSE

Glynn and Fran Starnes came Sunday stating that they had "been away and wanted to come home." We pray with and for them that their lives might be as God would have them to be.

NEW GRANDBABY

Congratulations to Velma Lemons on the birth of a new grandson. Brian Charles was born March 7 in Clarksville, TN, to Clark and Pat Lemons. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz.

E.T.C.A. Auction & Dinner

The annual E.T.C.A. Auction and dinner will be held on Friday, March 18, at the Center across from the West Erwin church. The silent auction will begin at 5:50; dinner at 6:00; live auction at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 from the school or \$17.00 at the door.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of Fred Strait on Tuesday. Services are pending at this writing (Tuesday).

Mrs. David (Gerry) Fultz from Winnsboro died Sunday afternoon. Services were held in Hooker, Oklahoma.

Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home for Jack Rankin, father of Sandra Walters and uncle of James Sublette.

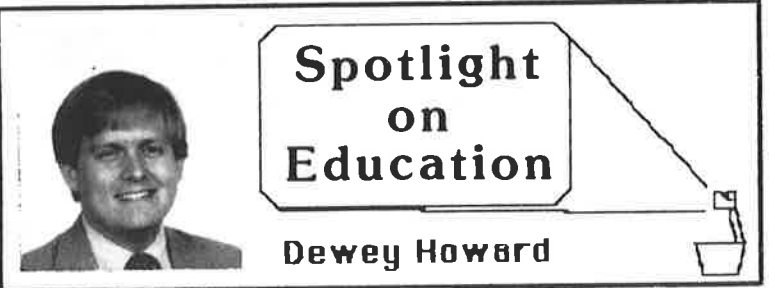
We extend our sincere sympathy to these families in their time of sorrow.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Tony Adams was named by the Industrial Technology Education Association as the outstanding technology educator in Texas. He was Chapel Hill High School "teacher of the year" in 1980 and again 10 years later. He was also district teacher of the year. The Association of Texas Technology Education gave him district and regional honors two years ago. He is held in high esteem by his administrators, his peers, and his students. Congratulations, Tony, on this latest recognition of excellence.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Billie Frazier on being selected for the outstanding alumni award of the year at Sam Houston State University at a special ceremony on March 4, 1994. Dr. Frazier is currently a professor at the University of Maryland. She is the daughter of the late John and Wyche Harris and "grew up" in the West Erwin church. She has donated some of her publications to our church library, the latest being a study on Elder Abuse.



Spotlight
on
Education

Dewey Howard

Vacation Bible School will be upon us before we know it. It has been set for the last part of June. Consider now how you want to be involved in this year's VBS. If you would like to take an active part in the planning and organizing of VBS 1994, come talk with me soon. Some delightful things are on the way!

The Spring Quarter has begun. Our teachers have started another exciting quarter of Bible study and learning. There is a place for everyone. Make a commitment to be in attendance each and every week. Our children need what our classes have to offer, and we who are adults need the regular Bible study and fellowship. Satan is on the attack in our world. We need the weekly reminder and encouragement to live Christlike in an ungodly world.

Sunday Morning Classes and Teachers:

0-24 months	rm. 110	Jeanine Hughes / Jo Butler
2-year-olds	rm. 107	Velma Lemons / Claudia Griffis
3-year-olds	rm. 103	Stephanie Pate / Kathy Hilliard Gussie Beaty
4-year-olds	rm. 104	Tommy & Donna Lowrance Nita Miller
Kindergarten	rm. 201	Laurie Dawkins
Grade 1	rm. 202	Sylvia Carpenter
Grade 2	rm. 203	Angie Hendrix / Brian Daughtry
Grades 3 & 4	rm. 204	Judy Clark
Grade 5 (I)	rm. 206	Gail Vannoy
Grade 5 (II)	rm. 207	Jena Jones
Grades 6-8	rm 302	Danny Snell
Grades 9-12	rm. 306	Jim Bell
College Adults	rm. 305	Jeff Fennell
Single Adults	rm. 304	Danny Craddock
20's & 30's	F. Hall	Dewey Howard
30's & 40's	Chapel	Hilliard Hughes
40's & 50's	rm. 111	Ray Vannoy
50's	rm. 112	Ira Wilson
50's - 70's	H. Room	Roy Bench
Ladies	rm. 114	Sue Starnes
Mixed Ages	rm. 113	Stan Mallory
Auditorium	SmAud	Jay Lockhart

*** Koinonia #3 meets this Sunday. ***

March 3, 1994	THE VISITOR		Vol.25-No.9
Records	Sunday Feb.27	Sunday Feb.20	Year Ago
Bible Class	376	331	401
Worship A.M.	502	505	555
Worship P.M.	351	280	340
Wed. P.M.	227	NC	190
Contribution	\$11,603.61	\$11,692.05	\$12,895.76
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 6, and Wed. P.M., March 9, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Archie Kennard is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital following a heart procedure on Wednesday. **John Cliver** had both knees replaced Thursday at Mother Frances. **Pauline Purcell**, George Daugherty's sister, is in room 471 at Mother Frances. **Adele Mumford** is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston for further tests. **Penny McDonald** is scheduled for day surgery Friday at Tyler Square. **Jean Luce**, Nita Miller's sister, will have breast cancer surgery next Wednesday in Palestine. **Charles Coil**, former International Bible College President, has cancer and is in M.D. Anderson in Houston. **Juanita Lowry** had eye surgery Monday. **Pauline Aven**, Gary Aven's mother, is doing well after knee replacement surgery in Dallas. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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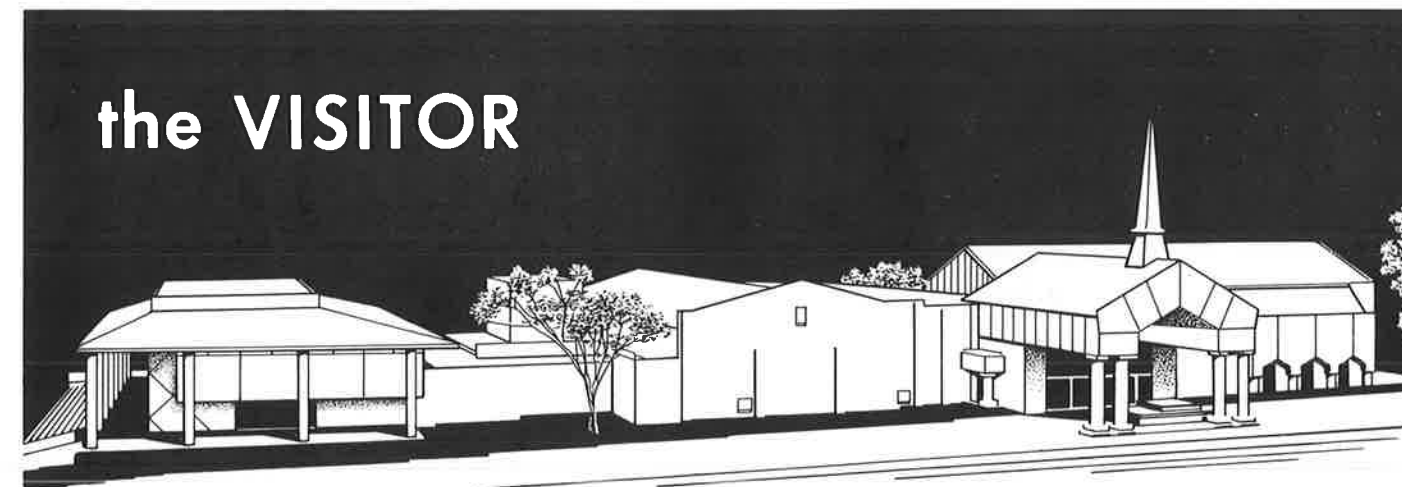
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WITH SYMPATHY

We express our heartfelt sympathy and love to Billie Osburn and to all the family in the passing of Pete Osburn on Tuesday evening. Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.



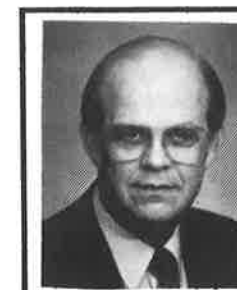
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, March 6, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Foolishness of Preaching
(II Cor. 1:18-24)

P.M. When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
(Mark 15:42-47)

Four Days In March

In just over a week **Clarence DeLoach** of Dickson, Tennessee will be with us for four important days in the life of the West Erwin church for 1994. We cannot overemphasize the urgency for the involvement of each one of us in this meeting. First, the preaching of the Gospel deserves our interest and support. If the lost are to be saved and the saved are to be built up in the most holy faith, the Word of the Lord must be preached, heard, and accepted. March 13-16 gives us an added opportunity and it's important that we take full advantage of it. If not us, who? If not now, when? Second, the involvement of us all in this effort sends forth the message loudly and clearly that we are seeking to be light from the heart of Tyler. Third, what a wonderful opportunity is ours to demonstrate our love for the Lord, His church, and His truth! So, let's set aside everything that would hinder our

full participation in this effort and let's invite, pray, and attend.

Let me thank our ladies in advance for providing the noon lunches, Monday through Wednesday, during the meeting. These meetings give us an opportunity to bring those with whom we work to the meeting. Take advantage of it!

Quotable Quotes

"The real fault is to have faults and not try to mend them" - Confucius

"The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook" - William James

"There is no failure except in no longer trying"

"Small deeds are done better than great deeds are planned" - Peter Marshall

The Embers Quartet will sing Saturday night at 7:00 at West Erwin.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to all of those who made Teachers' Appreciation Day so special. Thanks to those who have taught in the youth classes over the past several years. We have been blessed to have such great teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Gena Henry whose relay team has made the finals in district and will be going to regionals this weekend.

Congratulations to Cindy Carruth and the Whitehouse Drill Team for winning Super Sweepstakes at a competition in Houston last weekend.

Way to go Gena and Cindy!

LTC UPDATE

The new practice schedule will be out this weekend. Puppets will meet at 4:00 Sunday. Please have your Bible Reading passage turned in by this Sunday.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us for the combined devotional this coming Sunday night at the Sublette's home. The address is 615 Dorchester and we will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at Glenwood on Monday, Mar. 14. The text is Genesis 26-37. Get the study sheets ASAP by the Youth Board.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Mar. 6 Combined Devotional
Mar. 13 High School Devotional
Apr. 1-3 LTC Convention

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Cauthen's Team #1 will meet Mar. 6.

IN APPRECIATION

Your many expressions of love shown to us at the passing of my sister has touched our hearts. My family appreciated the pretty plant sent in her memory. The memorial gifts and beautiful cards remind us once again of the caring people at West Erwin.

Paul & Signa Stanley

The MRI of my broken back was bad. The doctor doesn't think I'll ever work again. He said if I lifted a patient or if a patient falls on me I could be paralyzed. They want to do surgery but I don't. Thank you for your prayers, visits and cards.

Love,
Betty Barajas

We appreciate so much the cards and expressions of sympathy for the passing away of our brother-in-law, Jerry Simpson. The West Erwin Family is very special to us.

Don & Norma Durham

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas invites you to share in the Hearts For Hurting Families Annual Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Holly Tree Country Club in Tyler. Dr. Paul Faulkner, noted author, educator, counselor and "marriage enrichment" presenter will be the after-dinner speaker. Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be obtained from Christian Services of East Texas board members or by calling the Christian Services office at 903-592-3850.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The students at the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College will be hosting a **Parents Night Out** on Saturday, March 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This will serve as a fundraiser for the students to be able to participate in various activities designed to enhance their spiritual walk. The cost will be \$3.00 per child (2 years old through 5th grade) for the evening. If you care to donate more, it would be appreciated (but not expected). Activities will be planned for the evening so your children will have a safe, fun time. Please call 593-3331 and let them know how many children you'll be bringing and their ages. They want to have adequate supervision. Please call by Wednesday, March 2.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, March 10, 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 this time of fellowship.

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home truck will be in our area the week of March 14. West Erwin is asked to donate SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA NOODLES and LAUNDRY DETERGENT.

DAY OF PRAYER

In a fax from Jeff Holland, we learned that as of February 25, the Slacks still have not received their visas for Togo. On March 5 their sponsoring congregation will have a day of prayer and fasting for them. If the visas comes through before then, it will be a day of praise. Let us also remember to pray especially for the Slacks on March 5 and as we pray daily for all the Togo team.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Don and Norma Durham on the birth of a new grandson. Michael Shane was born on February 22 in Garland to Shane and Tammie Durham.

John Andrew Berry was born in Midland on February 22 to Greg and Debbie Berry. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. Bill and Elizabeth Endsley are the proud grandparents.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James for Bonnie Sutton, Gary Broome's grandmother.

Simone Peoples' brother-in-law died last week in Oklahoma.

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

SOJOURNERS

Ed and Margie Hunt have asked an interest in our prayers as they leave on another sojourn. The Hunts and the John Clivers participate in the National Evangelism With Sojourners, as they travel from place to place, working to strengthen and encourage small churches. Teams stay with congregations up to six weeks, then return periodically to lend further help. It is a successful and rewarding ministry.

OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to our **Open House** in our new FAMILY ACTIVITY BUILDING on Sunday, March 6, 1994 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 1717 Crockett Road in Palestine. Hear "The Embers" a male quartet from San Angelo, Texas. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

"The Embers" will present a special program at West Erwin on Saturday night, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear this very talented and popular gospel singing group!

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

What a great day for some really great people! Sunday was a delightful day as we honored our workers in the education ministry. Jay's lesson on "T-E-A-C-H-E-R" was just what I needed to hear. (Do you remember the word for each letter?) Sunday night at the dinner, around 175 persons ate together, considered being "C-R-A-Z-Y" with Ray Vannoy, enjoyed the singing of *Family Reunion*, and celebrated the work and growth God brings about through us as teachers.

Several individuals helped make the day so special. My gratitude goes to all of these: *Paige Morris, Opal Matthews, Alma Biggs, Kelly and Jeannie Ross, Mary June Goodson, Gary and Frances Broome, Velma Lemons, Danny Snell, Jack and Johnnie Stringer, Charles and Ann McCoy, Jay Lockhart, Jo Butler, Ray Vannoy, Ira Wilson, Joe McBee, Marie Styron, Scott Dews, Melvin and Nina Crow, Claudia Griffis.*

Have you thanked your family's teachers this week?

UNITY

I dreamt I stood in a studio
And watched three sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's life
And they fashioned it with care.
A Bible School teacher - the tools he used
Were the Bible, and prayer and art.
The parent, with God, had a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart.
Week after week the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure.
While God labored by the parent's side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last, their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And parent and teacher agreed they would have failed
if they had worked alone.
For behind the teacher stood the Lord
And behind the parents, the Lord and home.

-- Author unknown --

*** Koinonia #2 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Feb.20	Sunday Feb.13	Year Ago
Bible Class	331	383	395
Worship A.M.	505	526	515
Worship P.M.	280	345	340
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	248
Contribution	\$11,692.05	\$15,490.20	\$13,348.37
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 27, and Wed. P.M., March 2, Melvin Crow, ph. 581-6988.

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

PRAYER AND CARE

Pauline Aven, Gary Aven's mother and a former West Erwin member, is doing well after knee replacement surgery on Monday in Dallas.

Armita Raley, former West Erwin member, is in ICU at Mother Frances following a heart attack.

Charlie Evans, Ellie Steele's brother, is very ill in Lubbock.

Mrs. David (Gerry) Fultz, member of the church in Winnsboro, is in ICU at Medical Center.

Continue to remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Alfredo Reazola
Scripture Terry Frick
Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Walter Farrer
Scripture Archie Lowry
Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

James Phillips

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dr. Ralph Rowe Claude Sessions
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Danny Snell John Steffee
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Life becomes right when...

Resentment becomes understanding;

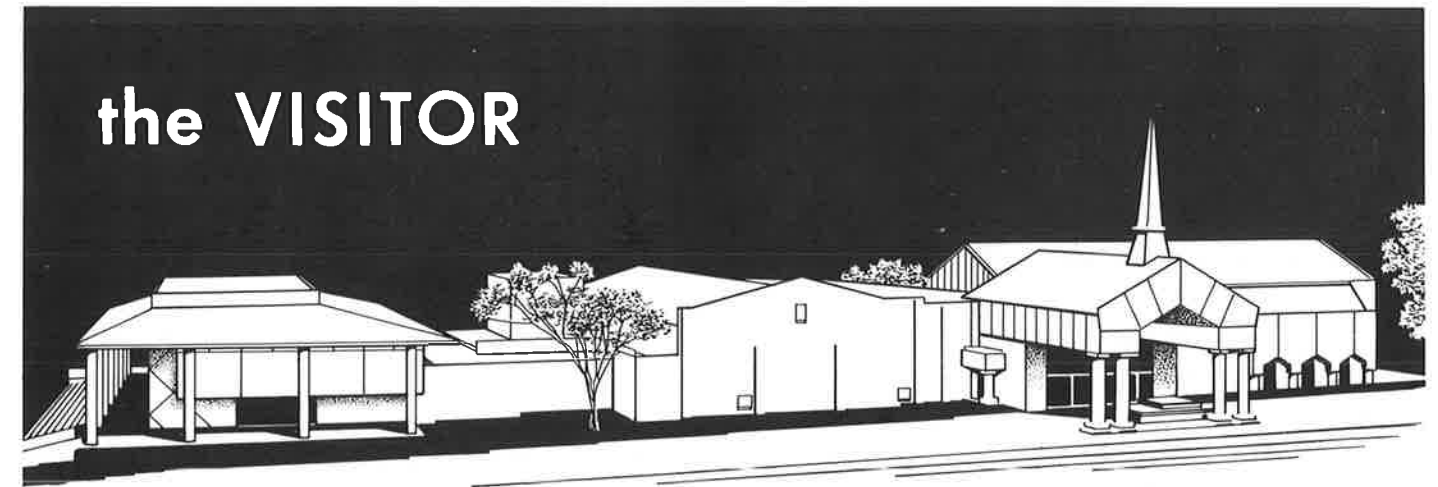
Fear becomes trust;

Selfishness becomes love;

Dissatisfaction becomes truth;

Taking becomes serving.

via Fairfield, IL



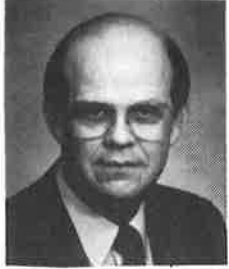
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ASSEMBLIES	
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Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
(Sept. through May)	
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
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Meet Clarence DeLoach

March 13-16 will bring **Clarence DeLoach** to us for four great days. He will be speaking to combined adult classes on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and preaching at both assemblies at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Then Monday through Wednesday he will speak at our brief noon meetings at 12:10, with lunch to follow, and each evening at 7:00.

Clarence was born in Dickson County, Tennessee in 1936 and began preaching at age 15. He is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman and David Lipscomb Universities and has conducted over 350 Gospel meetings in 22 states. Clarence has preached locally for churches in Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio and West Virginia and has conducted five campaigns in Guyana and one in Suriname, South America. He conducted a daily radio program for 28 years and has 10 years of television experience. He is the author of

three books and has produced two video series for World Bible School. In 1990 Clarence moved to Dickson, Tennessee where, in addition to his pulpit work, he conducts a weekly radio program, a weekly television program, and does five daily radio spots. He serves on the staff of Christian Bible Teacher and Voice of Truth International.

Clarence is married to the former Eddie Lowe and is the father of four grown children. He comes to us well qualified, well prepared, and highly esteemed by all who know him. Next week we will announce his subjects for the meeting -- they sound great! Make your plans.



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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to Donna Lowrance for hosting the high school devotional this past Sunday. We all had a great time.

Thanks to Danny Craddock for teaching the youth classes last Wednesday night.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Carla Lemons for some recent accomplishments. Carla won 2nd Place in Science in the Texas Academic Minority in Engineering contest and their team won a 1st Place tie and a trip to the state convention in Waco. Way to go Carla!

LTC UPDATE

The new practice schedule will be out this weekend. Please have your Bulletin Boards finished and Bible Reading passage turned in by this Sunday.

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

This Sunday will be Teacher Appreciation Day at West Erwin. We have some of the best teachers on this planet right here at West Erwin and Sunday we will honor them for their service and dedication to this important ministry. Teachers, hats off to you!

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at Glenwood on Monday, Mar. 14. The text is Genesis 26-37. Get the study sheets ASAP by the Youth Board.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 27 Teacher Appreciation Day
Mar. 6 Combined Devotional
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Womack's Team #4 will meet Feb. 28.

ATTENTION YOUNG AT HEART

The students at the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College would like to invite you to spend Sunday afternoon, February 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 with them. The purpose is for you to have an enjoyable afternoon playing board games, cards, etc., with them and other Young at Heart groups from area churches. The Tri-C students want you to enjoy their facility as they get to know you better. Bring your favorite board games - dominoes, chess, SkipBo, Uno, etc. The address is 1415 South Baxter.

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YARD SALE TO BENEFIT TRI-C STUDENTS

The students at the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College will be having a **gigantic** yard sale on Saturday, March 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The money from this sale will assist them in participating in a couple of trips this spring. These trips are designed to strengthen their faith in Christ and develop more unity. Come by and buy! If you have items you would like to donate for this sale, they can be brought to the Tri-C at 1415 South Baxter from March 9 - 16. If you need something picked up, please call 593-3331 and it will be picked up on March 12.

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THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who called, visited, sent cards and flowers, brought food, and offered prayers in our behalf during a very difficult period. Your concern is very much appreciated. My ankle is doing well, and I hope to be out soon. All of my family thinks West Erwin must be the closest place to heaven and I do too. Thanks for everything.

Ben and Patsy Young

WITH SYMPATHY

James House, brother of Ruth Graham, died last Friday in Seattle, Washington.

Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Faye Harris, mother of Charles and Jimmie and grandmother of Keith.

Services were held Sunday in Van for Burl Adams, brother-in-law of Florene Adams.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in Levelland for Ruth Black, sister of Paul Stanley.

Services were held Wednesday in Overton for Howard Holland, former West Erwin member and elder.

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

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home truck will be in our area the week of March 14. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home. However, if there are other items that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. (They do, however, have an excess of canned corn, green beans, and pork-n-beans).

SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA NOODLES
LAUNDRY DETERGENT



Bob Bryant
P.O. Box 9341, 75711-9341

Dorris Humble
2717 South Broadway #139, 75701
ph. 533-1469

Marc & Dana Tate
1009 Amherst, 75701

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

Teacher Appreciation Sunday This Sunday, February 27!

We will take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to everyone who has worked in the education ministry at West Erwin over the past 2 or 3 years. A church is only as strong as its teaching ministry. And it is the teachers and workers in that ministry that make so many wonderful things happen.

Schedule for the Day:

- 9:00 a.m. Regular Bible classes for all ages
- 10:00 Worship assembly with an emphasis on teachers of God's word
- 7:00 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Dinner for everyone who has worked in the education ministry over the past 2 or 3 years

All of us appreciate the love and instruction that we have received from faithful teachers. I, for one, have a very special place in my heart for those who devote their time to leading others in the study of God's message. You are the backbone to the growth of the church. Thank you for allowing God to use you for such an important task.

Ladies - Your Wednesday night study *From There to Here* continues this week with Wini Cullinan speaking. She will share her growth as a woman of faith on a mission field. Make your plans to feed your faith from the strength that comes from others.

Spring Quarter Teachers: Your materials for the new quarter are in and available for you to pick up. Come by the church office or see me. It's time to get ready for another Spring of growth in God's love.

T.E.E.M. is on its way to all of our education ministry staff. Watch for yours in the mail. If you don't receive yours in the coming week, and you want to make sure you are on the mailing list, give me a call. This will be a significant tool as we communicate news and ideas within the education ministry.

*** Koinonia #1 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Feb.13	Sunday Feb.6	Year Ago
Bible Class	383	311	400
Worship A.M.	526	529	550
Worship P.M.	345	322	362
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PRAYER AND CARE

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Faye Harris, Charles and Jimmie's mother and Keith's grandmother, is in Mother Frances, room 412.

Raymond Jenkins, Helen Chambers' father, is doing very well after a second surgery and should be able to go home this week. They would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concern on his behalf.

Continue to remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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 PRESIDING AT THE LORD'S TABLE
 Jeff Hone

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Jimmie Philpot Matt Pickens
 John Pike Jeff Phillips
 John Portwood Guy Potts
 Fred Powell Larry Shankle

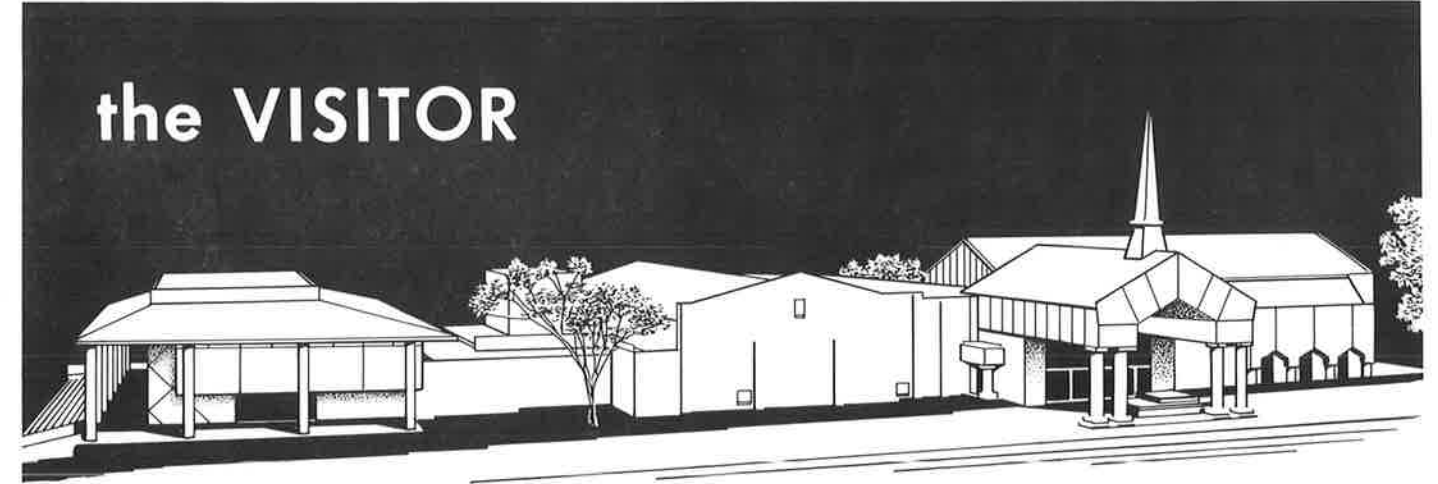
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Sermons for Sunday, February 20, 1994

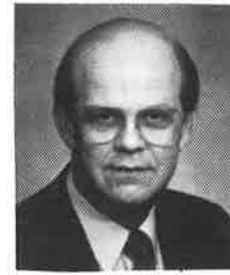
A.M. **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
 There They Crucified Him
 (Mark 15:33-39)

P.M. **The Timothy Class**
 will lead the evening worship



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION

What a fantastic budget presentation last Sunday by **Freeman Morgan**! It was the story, well told, of our work as a church family. That presentation forced some to rethink their attitudes about "Budget Sunday!" Now the challenge has been presented and, as always, our people will accept it as we move a little further in the work of the Kingdom!

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

West Erwin will have a special treat this Sunday evening when the Timothy Class will lead the worship service. We appreciate these young men and those who work with them -- **Mark Tate** and **Steve Linscomb**. Encourage all of these guys.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 13-16 is less than a month away! **Clarence DeLoach** will be here for four wonderful days. These days will benefit us only if we take advantage of them. Let's get excited! Let's get busy! Let's support the preaching of the gospel! Let's pray! Let's invite! Let's attend! There will be noon and night meetings Monday through Wednesday and at regular times on Sunday.

FAITH OR FEAR

Terry Rush has written a most challenging book entitled, **AFRAID GOD WORKS, AFRAID HE DOESN'T**. In it he talks about faith and fear. Some excerpts from the book with comments from **John Herrington** of Levelland follow.

Faith will conflict with -- especially when fear runs the church... Faith is betrayed when we spend more effort pacifying unbelieving critics than we do pleasing God ...

Faith will breathe deeper if we will be honest in our devotion to God, rather than persistently craving to keep men happy. God warns us about pleasing men.

"And such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves but our adequacy is from God" (II Cor. 3:4-5).

Unbelievers do not think God supplies. They lean on fate; they believe it just happens. Sadder still, some Christians even think this way. They believe only what they can see. But true faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to all of those who made the Valentine's Banquet such a special event. Thanks to the following families who were involved in different ways to make this event happen: Broomes, Carruths, Craddock, Culpeppers, Henrys, McClennys, Nelsons, Philpots, Snells, and Vannoys. A special thanks to Neil Vannoy and his band for providing such incredible entertainment.

LTC UPDATE

ATTENTION all LTC participants: All Pre-convention events must be turned in to your coordinator by this Sunday. Please have your Bulletin Boards finished and Bible Reading passage turned in by this Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of the high school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night. Invite a friend to join us for this great evening.

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at Glenwood on Monday, Mar. 14. The text is Genesis 26-37. Get the study sheets ASAP by the Youth Board.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 20 High School Devotional
Feb. 27 Teacher Appreciation Day
Apr. 1-3 LTC Convention

Spiritual Food For Thought

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (NIV) John 20:29

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Feb. 21.

Thank You

For the many words of sympathy and kindness to me in the loss of my sister, I would like to say thank you.

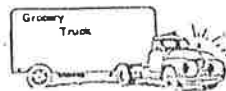
Elva Williams

ATTENTION YOUNG AT HEART

The students at the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College would like to invite you to spend an afternoon with them. The purpose is for you to have an enjoyable afternoon playing board games, cards, etc., with them and other Young at Heart groups from area churches. The Tri-C students want you to enjoy their facility as we get to know you better. Come Sunday afternoon, February 27. We'll play games from 1:00 to 4:00. Bring your favorite board games - dominoes, chess, SkipBo, Uno, etc. We're located at 1415 South Baxter.

IF WE KNEW EACH OTHER BETTER

If we knew each other better,
We would praise where now we blame,
We would know each bears his burdens,
Wears some hidden cross of shame,
We would feel the heartaches bitter
They so long alone have borne.
If we knew each other better,
We would praise instead of scorn.
If we knew each other better,
You and I and all the rest,
Seeing down beneath the surface
To the sorrows all unguessed,
We would quit our cold complaining
And a hand of trust extend.
If we knew each other better
We would count each one a friend.
We can know each other better
If we take the time to try.
Little deeds of loving kindness
Make a better by-and-by;
Just a look of understanding
Brings a touch of all mankind;
We can know each other better
Yes - seeking, we shall find.



Boles Home Truck Due

The Boles Home truck will be in our area the week of March 14. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home. However, if there are other items that your congregation collects, they are greatly appreciated. (We do have an excess of canned corn, green beans, and pork-n-beans).
SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA NOODLES LAUNDRY DETERGENT

New Members



Mrs. Reese (Ann) Cantrell recently made known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Ann and her children, Ashleigh and Garrett, are a welcome addition to our growing family. Their address is 1609 Willow Bend Dr., 75703, phone 561-2172.



We are pleased to have a picture this week of Mrs. John (Simone) Peoples so that everyone may know who she is. Simone was recently baptized into Christ. Her husband, John, is in the remodeling business and Ann is a nurse. Their address is 925 South Chilton, 75701, ph. 592-3871.

SOME GOOD OLD RULES TO FOLLOW

Before worship, SPEAK TO GOD.
During worship, LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU.
After worship, SPEAK TO EACH OTHER.

Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image Of Christ
Evangelizing ♦ Edifying ♦ Encouraging

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

I hope you will be with us on Sunday, February 27!

We will take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to everyone who has worked in the education ministry at West Erwin over the past few years. You are so important to the life and vitality of the family at West Erwin. A church is only as strong as its teaching ministry. And it is the teachers and workers in that ministry that make so many wonderful things happen. Plan to be with us on February 27.

As a part of our Teacher Appreciation Sunday, we will honor our teachers at a dinner Sunday evening. This will be in the fellowship hall after our evening assembly. All who have worked in the education ministry over the past 2 or 3 years are invited to participate with your family in this special occasion. Please RSVP in the church office by Wednesday, February 23.

Ladies - Your Wednesday night study *From There to Here* continues this week with Dorothy Daugherty speaking. She will share her growth as a career woman of faith. Let us take every opportunity to learn from the faith experiences of fellow Christians.

The next singles Bible study will be this Tuesday, February 22, at the home of Danny and Maggie Craddock. In our study of *Spiritual Warfare* this week the topic will be "When God Tears Down Barriers." Read Joshua 5:13-6:27 in preparation for our study. Come at 6:45 for supper and then enjoy the discussion. You will be so glad you did!

7.E.E.M.

Coming this month to all West Erwin teachers!

*** Koinonia #6 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Feb.6	Sunday Jan.30	Year Ago
Bible Class	311	417	424
Worship A.M.	529	606	613
Worship P.M.	322		332
Wed. P.M.	265	254	202
Contribution	\$15,348.05	\$11,503.60	\$12,530.78
Special Contribution	\$2,785.00		
Weekly Budget	\$13,828.96		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 13, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 16, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.

PRAYER AND CARE

Howard Holland, former West Erwin member and elder, is in Medical Center, room 2516. **Pauline Aven**, former West Erwin member, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery in Dallas on February 21. **Patsy Young** suffered a broken ankle in a fall. **J.C. Tate** is at home and doing well after open heart surgery. **Myrtle Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's grandmother, is recuperating from surgery for a broken hip. **Faye Harris**, Charles and Jimmie Harris' mother and Keith's grandmother, is in Mother Frances, room 581. **Ken Free**, gospel preacher at Clarksville, is now at home following open heart surgery. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

MINISTERS		ASSEMBLIES	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit		SUNDAY	
Dewey Howard - Education	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY
MISSIONS		Morning Worship10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell Jeff Holland	Evening Worship6:00 P.M.	(Sept. through May)
ELDERS			Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts Ray Vannoy	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
James Sublette	Ira Wilson Joe McBee	Christian Service Center9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Calvin Mannen
Scripture David Frick
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer A.Z. Hays
Scripture Billy Terrell
Dismiss John Shaw

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Danny Craddock

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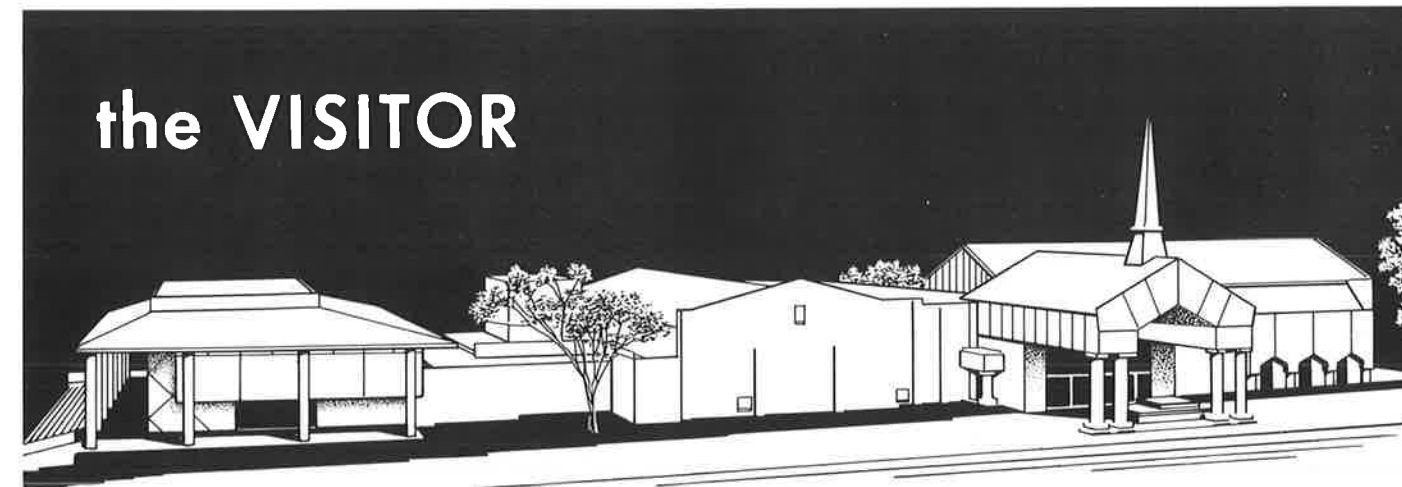
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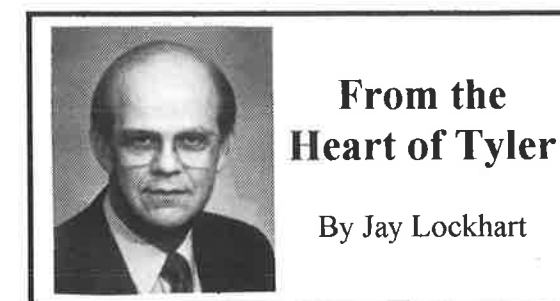
WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday in Cleburne for Ben Williamson, son-in-law of Lawton Taylor. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to this family.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

THIS SUNDAY

On Sunday morning, February 13, **Freeman Morgan**, Chairman of the Elders, will present our work program for 1994. I know that some are thinking: "Oh, no, budget Sunday!" But wait a minute. A church budget is an indicator of our spiritual life as a church and is a map to designate where we want to go this year and what we want to accomplish in the Lord's work. Of course one cannot reduce our work to dollars and cents, but a budget is a vehicle to help us get from where we are to where we want to be. And besides, the presentation this Sunday promises to be an exciting picture of the West Erwin story instead of an endless list of numbers. You'll be impressed. As Joshua said to Israel, "We have not been this way before" (Joshua 3:4). This Sunday we will chart a new course.

Sermons for Sunday, February 13, 1994 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. From The Heart Of Tyler
(II Corinthians 8:1-5)
P.M. That Incredible Trial
(Mark 14:53-65)

OUR SINCERE THANKS

You have noticed the beautiful new floral arrangement in the front of the auditorium and the greenery around the baptistry. You might ask **June Walker, Carolyn Welborn** and **Mary Haws** about who provided this extra beauty to our auditorium. Also, we express our thanks to the ones who paid for the catered meal we enjoyed at our Homecoming '94. Four or five of our members, who wish to remain anonymous, volunteered to underwrite that meal for about 500 people.

Very soon you will see another gift to the church -- a new sign for the West Erwin side of our building. It will be an attractive addition to our facilities and we are grateful to those who donated the funds for the sign.

OUR CALENDARS ARE MARKED

March 13-16, just over a month away, will bring **Clarence DeLoach** to us for four great days. During these four days Clarence will speak to us nine times: three times Sunday; noon and evening, Monday thru Wednesday. We will be blessed. Make your plans to be fully involved. More next week.

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Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the middle school devo this past Sunday night. We had a great time together playing some new old games and enjoying some great singing. Thanks to Matt & Rhonda Haws for hosting.

The ACAPPELLA concert was incredible last week. Thanks to all who made it happen.

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

This Sunday night is our Valentine's Banquet. It will be a special time together for all of our group and friends. There will be a **Style Show** featuring some of the latest fashions available today and an unforgettable performance by **"The Brick Lizard"** featuring our own **Neil Vannoy**. Plan to come and invite a friend if you want. This will be an incredible evening. Don't miss it!

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at West Erwin on Monday, Feb. 14. The text is Genesis 12-25. We will be meeting for practice Sunday afternoon at 4:00.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 13 Valentines Banquet
Feb. 13 Bible Quiz Practice at 4:00
Feb. 14 Bible Quiz at West Erwin
Feb. 20 High School Devotional
Feb. 27 Teacher Appreciation Day

Spiritual Food For Thought

As we work in the church together let us not forget one of the most important factors in our relationships with our brothers and sisters. John reminds us that love must be present in our words and actions. Think about it!

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

(NIV) 1 John 4:7-8

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Pott's Team #2 will meet Feb. 14.



Thank You

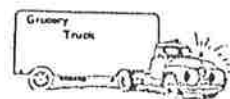
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our family would like to express our appreciation for the concern shown for Billie's father, Zach Norton, while he was in the hospital. We are not exactly sure who came to the hospital but we were told several of you visited him. It was so thoughtful of you. Thank you. He is now in the Colonial Nursing Home in Lindale. He told us if we would just leave him alone, he would do fine - so I know he is better. Thank you again. It meant a great deal to us.

In Christian love,
Pete & Billie Osburn
and family

We want to thank all of our brothers and sisters at West Erwin for their prayers and expressions of concern during the recent hospitalization of our brother, Seth Cunningham. He is at home and gaining strength and taking a new medication to lessen the pain. We thank each of you and our gracious God for all blessings.

Lovingly,
James & Frances Phillips
& Seth Cunningham



Boles Home Truck Due

The Boles Home truck will be in our area the week of March 14. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home. However, if there are other items that your congregation collects, they are greatly appreciated. (We do have an excess of canned corn, green beans, and pork-n-beans).

SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA NOODLES LAUNDRY DETERGENT

The Search



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

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from a viewer of THE SEARCH in Kennett, Missouri.

"From the first time I heard Jay Lockhart (in Kennett, Missouri while visiting my mother), I said he was the best preacher (teacher) I ever heard and that still stands. All the lessons I have heard from him teach a wonderful compelling point of wisdom ..."

Columbia, Missouri

Family Growing:

Placing Membership:



We are very pleased to welcome **Alfredo** and **Dolores Reazola** and their son and daughter **Alfredo, Jr.** and **Dolores** into the West Erwin family. Their address is 9025 CR 429, 75706, ph. 535-9382.

Ann Cantrell came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Ann and her children, **Ashleigh** and **Garrett**, are a welcome addition to our growing family. Their address is 1609 Willow Bend Dr., phone 561-2172.



Congratulations to Keith and Tina Harris on the birth of Andrew "Drew" Tilman on Saturday, February 5. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. Dayne and Dalton are the proud big brothers.

With Sympathy

Services were held Tuesday in Grapevine, Texas for Paula Morris, Patsy Young's sister-in-law.

Services were held Monday in Norman, Oklahoma for Linda Hone's grandmother.

Services were held Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for Addie Haskins, sister of Elva Lee Williams.

Services were held Wednesday in Laurel, Mississippi for Jerry Simpson, brother-in-law of Don Durham.

We express our sincere love and sympathy to these families in their time of loss.

God's answers are wiser than our prayers.

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

Are you growing with us this Winter in our Wednesday night Bible studies? Outstanding classes for all ages are offered each and every Wednesday evening here in our building. Besides *Wonder-full Wednesdays!* for our children, adults have several good opportunities as well.

- ♦ **The Search** always challenges adults with the careful, in-depth Bible study that Jay Lockhart puts into his lessons.
- ♦ **Little Big Books of the New Testament** will begin this Wednesday with Don Durham leading the discussion. When was the last time you studied Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude? These books have important lessons for our Christian lives.
- ♦ **From There to Here** is the title for our women's study through February. Billie Morgan began this series this week as she discussed how her faith has grown through the years, especially as a woman of faith married to a non-Christian husband for a time. Modena Jones will share her story of faith next Wednesday. She will give you a look into her life of faith as a Christian widow. We have a lot to learn from our examples in faith.
- ♦ **Prepare Now for Your Golden Anniversary** is a special class for couples. Roy and Fern Bench, Paul and Signa Stanley, and Ray and Carolyn Womack have made themselves available for a few weeks to discuss the things that have made their marriages so strong. Take advantage of our mature marriages and allow them to make your marriage even stronger.
- ♦ **Bible Study that Makes a Difference** has been the topic for our college and singles class. Stan Clark has been leading this study. Not only is this a great time for learning, but it is a wonderful opportunity for sharing friendships as well.

We'll see you here this Wednesday night!

February 27 - Teacher Appreciation Sunday

7.E.E.M.

Coming this month to all West Erwin teachers!

*** Koinonia #5 meets this Sunday. ***

Records	Sunday Jan.30	Sunday Jan.23	Year Ago
Bible Class	417	374	502
Worship A.M.	606	551	730
Worship P.M.		338	397
Wed. P.M.	254	275	243
Contribution	\$11,503.60	\$12,686.60	\$14,313.35
Weekly Budget	\$13,828.96		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 6, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 9, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

PRAYER AND CARE

J.C. Tate is doing well after open heart surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Myrtle Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's grandmother, is in Mother Frances following surgery for a broken hip. She does not need visits at this time. **Beatrice Holland** is now at home. **Faye Harris**, Charles and Jimmie Harris' mother and Keith's grandmother, is in Mother Frances, room 581. **Ben Williamson**, Lawton Taylor's son-in-law, is very seriously ill. **Clyde Lane** is now at home. **Cindy Patten** was hospitalized for several days but is now at home. **Ken Free**, known by many at West Erwin, is in Mother Frances following open heart surgery on Monday. **Loye Derman**, Harold Derman's mother, has been dismissed from Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Lillian Colbert** went home on Sunday. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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Dewey Howard - Education		
MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES		
SUNDAY		
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	
WEDNESDAY		
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	
	11:30 A.M.	
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SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer Dr. Roger Knight
 Scripture Fred Powell
 Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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 Prayer John Cliver
 Scripture Josh Hone
 Dismiss Matt Tate

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Stan Mallory

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

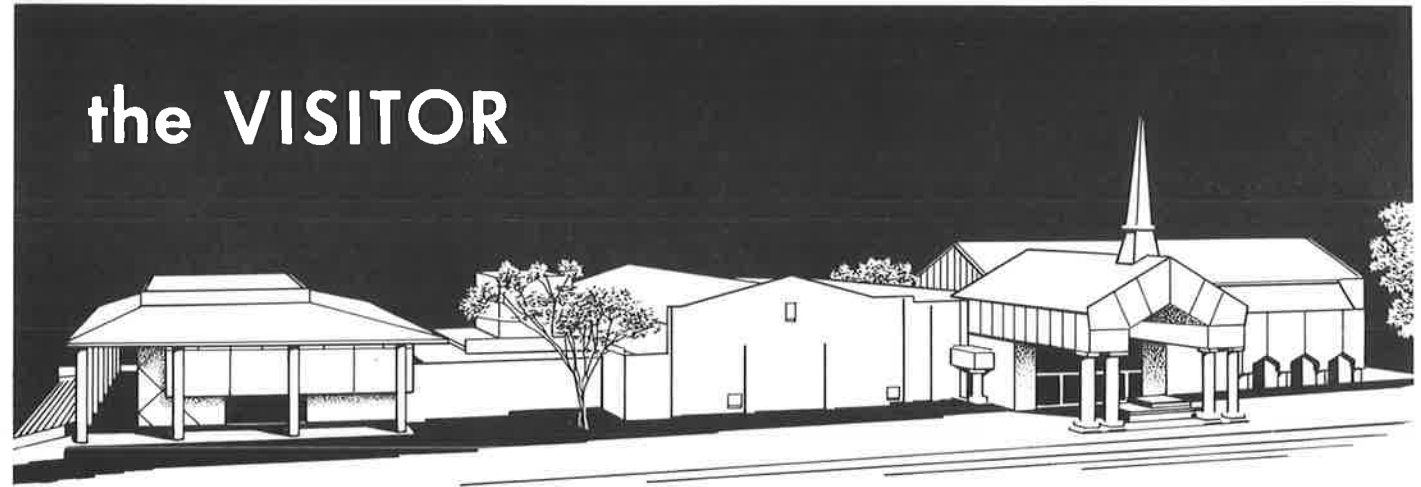
Henry McRuiz Mike McMinn
 Delbert Nelson Earl O'Quinn
 David Newton Jason O'Quinn
 Jeff Parrish John Shaw

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow
 Forest & Mary McFadden
 Phil & Linda Marts

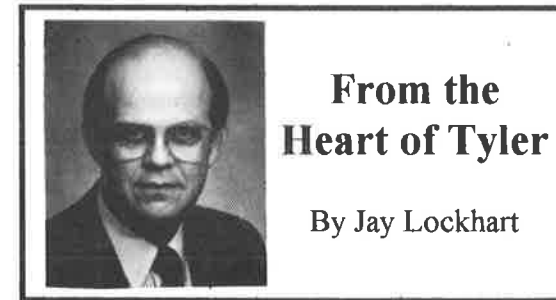
Sunday will be another Lord's day. It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters.

What a joy it will be to assemble together!
See you then!



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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
 FOR CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
 THIS SUNDAY**

HOMECOMING '94

The consensus was that it was a great day -- Homecoming '94. The weather forecast, which included not only freezing temperatures but also sleet and accumulation of snow, no doubt kept our out-of-town guests to a minimum, but the day was good. We had good attendance in classes at 9:00 a.m. and over 600 in worship. Our Fellowship Committee fed about 500 people and we had an enjoyable afternoon assembly with a very good attendance. A special thanks to **John Steffee** who took the lead in preparing the Center for our noon meal and seeing that the food was there on time and served in an expeditious manner. A whole lot of folks helped John in preparation, serving, and clean-up -- a big thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the day so enjoyable. Incidentally, our absentee list was as lengthy as usual this past Sunday. We can do better than that on special days.

A.C.U. SUNDAY

This coming Sunday various congregations in the Tyler area will have guest speakers from Abilene Christian University as we enjoy ACU Day in East Texas. **Dr. James Thompson** will be visiting with us and will teach a combined auditorium class at 9:00 a.m. with all regular adult, middle school, and high school classes being invited to participate. We welcome James Thompson to West Erwin.

OUR SPRING MEETING

The dates are March 13-16. The place is the West Erwin church building. The speaker will be **Clarence DeLoach**, pulpit minister for the Walnut Street church in Dickson, Tennessee. Clarence is a most capable teacher and preacher who worked in the Ohio Valley for nearly twenty years before preaching for the Willow Avenue church in Cookeville, Tennessee for about ten years. He has been in Dickson for the past two years. Clarence is much in demand as a speaker for gospel meetings and College Lectureships. He has preached on both radio and television for many years and is a careful student of the Bible. You will be blessed in hearing Clarence DeLoach during four terrific days in March. We plan to have both noon and evening meetings during the week. More later. It's going to be great!

**Sermons for Sunday, February 6, 1994
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. The Possible You -

A Profile of Simon Peter
 (Mark 14:66-72)

P.M. He Went To His Own Place -

A Portrait Of Judas Iscariot
 (Mark 14:18-21, 43-46)



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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

Thanks to all who made Homecoming '94 such a special day. Thanks to Jeff & Linda Hone for hosting the Superbowl Party Sunday evening. It was a great time together.

The Servant Retreat was one of the best ever and those who went will never forget the spiritual boost that came with the weekend.

ACAPPELLA CONCERT

The singing group ACAPPELLA will be in Tyler for a concert on Friday Feb. 4. They will be at Caldwell Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. See you there!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to come and invite a friend to enjoy this special time together. We will be finished at 9:00 P.M.

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at West Erwin on Feb. 14. The text is Genesis 12-25. Start studying now.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 4 ACAPPELLA Concert at Caldwell
Feb. 6 Middle School Devotional
Feb. 13 Valentines Banquet
Feb. 14 Bible Quiz at West Erwin

Spiritual Food For Thought

At the retreat this weekend, one of the activities we participated in had our hands bound together.

Present was Steve, a man with scissors who was instructed to cut loose anyone who asked him to do so. One of the group told Steve that he had it figured out. He said, "You are supposed to represent Jesus and can unbind us." He was right. He knew what to do. But...he never asked to be unbound! How true that is in life when we know what to do but don't do it. May God grant us the wisdom to do what we know we should and not miss out on the real life.

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Faber Cauthens's Team #1 will meet Feb. 6.



Thank You

Thank you for all of your loving expressions of sympathy since my mother's death. Your prayers, food, flowers, memorials, cards, calls and visits were very important to Billie and me. We love and appreciate each one of you.

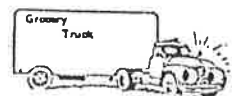
In Christian love,
Freeman Morgan

Christian Education "Pot Luck" Luncheon

Everyone is invited. Bring enough food for your family. Abilene Christian Student Recruiters will be on hand. Abilene Christian Alumni Association representatives will present a short program to bring us up to date on the exciting things that are happening at the University. The date is February 6, the time is 12:00 noon, the place is Shiloh Road Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend this very special luncheon in Tyler.

Tax-Aide (people helping people)

AARP's Tax-Aide program provides free tax assistance to low or moderate income taxpayers age 60 and older. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. For information about locations and hours of counseling sites, see newspaper notices in Tyler Day by Day (weekdays) or in Rose City Calendar (Sundays). For answers to any personal income tax questions or help for the homebound, phone 597-5171. All information is free and confidential.



Boles Home Truck Due

The Boles Home truck will be in our area the week of March 14. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home. However, if there are other items that your congregation collects, they are greatly appreciated. (We do have an excess of canned corn, green beans, and pork-n-beans).

SPAGHETTI/LASAGNA NOODLES LAUNDRY DETERGENT



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Family Growing:

Placing Membership:

We are very pleased to welcome Alfredo and Dolores Reazola and their son and daughter Alfredo, Jr. and Dolores into the West Erwin family. Their address is 9025 CR 429, 75706, ph. 535-9382.



Congratulations to Jay and Debbie Graham on the birth of Michael Preston on Thursday, January 27. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 20 inches long. Ruth Graham is the proud grandmother.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, February 10, 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 this time of fellowship.

Sorry to lose ...

Mike and Norma Holcomb, Chad and Whitney recently moved to Brandon, Mississippi. They will be missed but we wish the best for them in their new home. (Norma is the daughter of Loyd and Ann Nail).

Think about it ...

"Excellence can be attained if you...

- *Care more than others think is wise.
- *Risk more than others think is safe.
- *Dream more than others think is practical.
- *Expect more than others think is possible."

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."

Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image Of Christ

Evangelizing ♦ Edifying ♦ Encouraging

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

7.E.E.M.

Watch for this new means of communicating news and ideas in the West Erwin Education Ministry. You will be receiving this each month with information, teaching ideas, and other news of special concern to our teachers. The first issue will be out this month.

All workers in the education ministry: In you have worked in any way in the education ministry over the past few years, we have a special day in store for you. February 27 will be *Teacher Appreciation Day* at West Erwin. We want to show you in a very special way how much you mean to us in this church family. Mark this date on your calendars and make your plans to be with us that day.

New Wednesday night electives to begin next week:

For the next 4 weeks (February 9 through March 2) we will have some short series for you to enjoy on Wednesday evenings. Select the one that appeals to you the most and then plan to participate each week.

<i>The Search</i>	Jay Lockhart
<i>Little Big Books of the New Testament</i>	Don Durham
<i>Prepare Now for your Golden Anniversary</i>	Various Couples
<i>This Is My Story</i> (ladies)	Various Ladies
<i>Bible Study That Makes a Difference</i> (college/singles)	Stan Clark

While you're at it, why don't you plan to take advantage of the Wednesday night fellowship meal? It is a convenient way to have supper before coming to Bible study, while also enjoying the fellowship of the West Erwin family.

Koinonia #4 meets this Sunday.

Records	Sunday Jan.23	Sunday Jan.16	Year Ago
Bible Class	374	377	382
Worship A.M.	551	533	528
Worship P.M.	338	312	353
Wed. P.M.	275	244	216
Contribution	\$12,686.60	\$12,085.57	\$14,412.00
Weekly Budget	\$13,828.96		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 30, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 2, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

PRAYER AND CARE

Beatrice Holland is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 448. Seth Cunningham, James Phillips' brother-in-law, is improved in an Amarillo hospital. John Crumpler, Joni Smith's father-in-law, has been dismissed from Medical Center. Ben Williamson, Lawton Taylor's son-in-law, is very seriously ill. David Wade, Lela Duncan's nephew, went to M.D. Anderson to determine treatment. Raymond Jenkins, Helen Chambers' dad, had both knees replaced January 18 in Midland. Clyde Lane got an encouraging report after surgery last Friday in Houston. Loye Derman, Harold Derman's mother, is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. Lillian Colbert expects to go home on Friday. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

With Sympathy

Services were held Thursday in Tulsa, OK for Vann Pruitt, half-brother of Marie Styron and Ginny Helms. We express our love and sympathy to this family.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

MINISTERS			ASSEMBLIES		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit			SUNDAY		
Dewey Howard - Education	Danny Snell - Youth		Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY
MISSIONS			Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Sept. through May)
ELDERS			Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee	Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn			11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
			(903) 592-0809		

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer
 Scripture
 Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy
 12:30 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer
 Scripture
 Dismiss

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Henry McRuiz Mike McMinn
 Delbert Nelson Earl O'Quinn
 David Newton Jason O'Quinn
 Jeff Parrish John Shaw

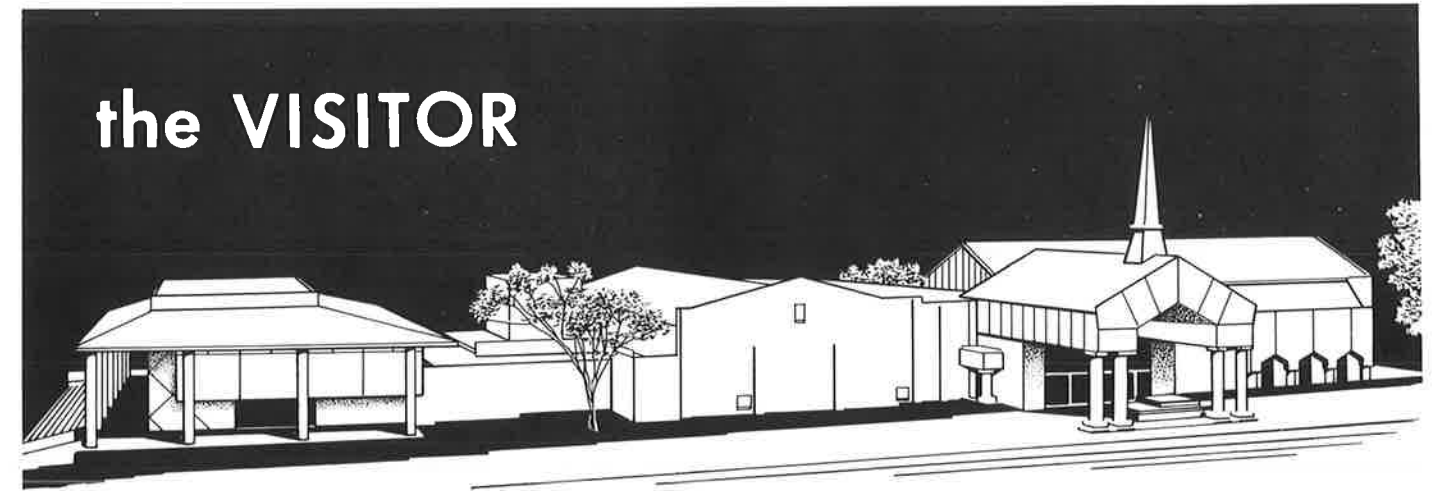
GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow
 Forest & Mary McFadden
 Phil & Linda Marts

YOUR EXAMPLE IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE


New Arrival

Taylor Nicole Bell was born Tuesday, January 25, in Longview to David and Dottie Bell. She weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and is 21 inches long. Loyd and Ann Nail are the proud grandparents and Dorris Humble is the happy great-grandmother.



WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST 420 WEST ERWIN TYLER, TEXAS 75702-7133 592-0809

The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler
 By Jay Lockhart

Sunday Is The Day!

What a great day Sunday will be! It's the Lord's Day and that makes Sundays special. We'll meet for worship as we praise God, remember Christ, and encourage each other and that makes Sundays special. Additionally this Sunday more of our folks will be in attendance, relatives will be present, friends will be invited -- it's Homecoming! Make every effort to be here for a great day. We are looking for a surge in Bible class attendance -- can we have 600 at 9:00 o'clock? We are looking for a great crowd at 10:00 o'clock -- can we have 750? Following our morning worship, our Fellowship Committee will host a lunch in the Center at 11:30. Then we will meet for an afternoon assembly at 12:30. The 12:30 service will be a special time and I know you will appreciate it. We'll be dismissed for the day at about 1:15. Be with us for all of the activities of this very special day.

They're The Salt Of The Earth

Last Sunday I was noticing our people as they were moving into the auditorium for worship. I saw people who are dependable -- we never wonder if they will be here; people who quietly serve -- they want no one to notice; people who are faithful -- they love the Lord; people who live their faith -- Christ has made a difference in their lives; people who love to worship, to study, to be with fellow Christians; people who are growing; people who care; people who are making a difference in our community. I saw people who are the salt of the earth and people with whom the Lord is well pleased. As I stood there I saw you and remembered how much I love you.

Sermons for Sunday, January 30, 1994

A.M. When Friends Disappoint Us
 (Mark 14:27-31)
 P.M. In The Midst Of The Congregation
I Will Sing (Heb.2:12)

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Youth Notes

by
Danny Snell



THANKS

We had quite a group to go out to eat with us this past Sunday night. Thanks to all those who made it such a great time.

SERVANT RETREAT

It is time for the Servant Retreat! We will leave Friday at 8:00 and return Sunday morning in time for Bible Class and Homecoming. Please pray for a spiritually successful weekend.

HOMECOMING SPECIAL

This Sunday will be West Erwin's Homecoming. Make your plans to be a part of this great day.

ACAPPELLA CONCERT

The singing group ACAPPELLA will be in Tyler for a concert on Friday Feb. 4. They will be at Caldwell Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. If you ordered tickets, please pay for them by Sunday.

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at West Erwin on Feb. 14. The text is Genesis 12-25. Start studying now.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Jan. 28-30 Servant Retreat
Jan. 30 West Erwin Homecoming
Jan. 30 Homecoming Special - the Hone's
Feb. 4 ACAPPELLA Concert at Caldwell
Feb. 13 Valentines Banquet
Feb. 14 Bible Quiz at West Erwin

Spiritual Food For Thought

27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

28 Do not say to your neighbor,

"Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow"--

when you now have it with you.

(NIV) Proverbs 3:27-28

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Faber Cauthens's Team #1 will meet Feb. 6.

In Appreciation

Dear West Erwin Family,
We want to thank you especially for your prayers. Also for your concern, visits, cards and calls during the illnesses of our aunts, daughter and me.

We love you,
Guy & Nettie Potts

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the members of West Erwin during Tanner's recent accident. Your visits, calls and most of all prayers have been greatly appreciated.

Marc Philpot Family

Dear West Erwin Family,

I know the Christmas holidays was such a busy time of year and believe me, I would have never moved at that time of year if I had had my wishes. I know everyone came back from the holidays and the Bains were gone. Jon and I just want to say thank you very much for being such a wonderful church family to us these past two years. We will truly miss you and your love and kindness.

Jon & Kelly Bain & Children

Ladies' Day

The ladies of the Van Church of Christ cordially invite you to the Third Annual Ladies' Day, Saturday, February 12, 1994. The theme of the day is HABITS OF THE LOVING HEART, taught by our own Billie Bob Hickman. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. So that they may know how many to plan for, please contact them or our church office by February 9 if you can attend.

With Sympathy

Services were held last Friday for Elton Bradshaw, grandfather of Teri Bradshaw. We extend our sincere sympathy to Teri and to all the family in their time of sorrow.



Congratulations to Freeman and Billie Morgan on the birth of a new grandson. Lucas Ryan was born to Randall and Kim Morgan on January 23 in Port Hueneme, California. He weighed 8 lb.4 oz.



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Family Growing:



Mrs. Jack (Theima) Henley came Sunday to be restored and to make known her wish to be recognized as a part of the West Erwin family. We are very pleased to welcome her into this family and commend her for the decision to rededicate her life to Christ. She is a sister to our Jean Oliver. Her address is 1445 Montgomery, 75708-9046, ph. 593-8763.



Paul Colson recently placed membership with the West Erwin family. His address is 617 Beth Drive, 75703, ph. 561-3972.



Pamela Garrett and her children, Lauren and Patrick, are welcome new additions to our family. They live at 813 Sweetgum, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-7617.

Address Corrections

Jeff & Brenda Holland
chez 1'A.F.E.B. Centre Missionnaire
50, rue des Galibouds
73200 Albertville, FRANCE

John & Terry Shaw
1812 DeCharles, 75701

Spotlight on Education

Dewey Howard

"I've Got to Find My Daddy!"

It was the situation every parent dreads most.

Last week while my family and I were in Orlando, Florida for the Christian Education Conference, we took a little extra time to enjoy the Magic Kingdom in Disney World. Kayla and Matthew thoroughly enjoyed the sights, sounds, and excitement of the place. (I must admit: Mom and Dad were pretty thrilled as well.)

At lunch time I reserved us a spot in line for one of the shows while Angela and the kids sat on a bench to rest. When the doors opened, Angela thought she heard me say, "Come on!" Kayla heard it, too, so she told her mommy that she wanted to go stand in line with me. We were only 10 or 15 feet apart from each other, so Angela permitted Kayla to get in line with me.

Someone in the line must have said, "Come on." It was not me, however. I was paying attention to something else at the time. Just as Kayla came to stand in line with me, Angela's attention was turned because Matthew began to fuss. When we looked up 30 seconds later, Kayla was no where to be seen. She had missed me in line and had gone down one of the four walkways from where we were standing. For the next 15 minutes we searched for Kayla up and down those four walkways without any success. Where had she gone?

A hundred emotions flood your heart when you've lost your child like that. Is she all right? What must she be going through? Is she terrified? How long will we be apart? Is there someone out there who will help her? Or is there someone out there who intends to hurt her? . . . Will we ever see her again?!

The story has a happy ending. We were finally reunited at the lost children's center. A woman who was visiting the park with her 8-year-old daughter had seen Kayla running down one of the walkways. She caught up with Kayla and took her to the center. Angela arrived at the center before me, and the first thing Kayla said to her was, "I've got to find my daddy!"

How many persons in our society are just like my lost little girl? They are running through life unsure of where they are or where they are going. Dangers exist on every side as they make this journey. But there is one thought that fills their minds. "I've got to find my 'Daddy'. I know there is something or someone out there that is greater than I that will give meaning to my life. Will someone please help me to find my Father?"

Therein lies our job as the church of Jesus Christ. We are in the business of finding lost individuals and helping them reunite with their Father. May God open our eyes to the lost around us!

Homecoming '94

Sunday, January 30

Bible Class Goal - 600 • Worship Goal - 750

Records	Sunday Jan. 16	Sunday Jan. 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	377	385	371
Worship A.M.	533	572	537
Worship P.M.	312	330	257
Wed. P.M.	244	233	246
Contribution	\$12,085.57	\$12,918.10	\$11,360.06
Weekly Budget	\$13,828.96		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 23, and Wed. P.M., Jan. 26, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

PRAYER AND CARE

Seth Cunningham, James Phillips' brother-in-law, is showing improvement in an Amarillo hospital. **John Crumpler**, Joni Smith's father-in-law, had successful cancer surgery last Thursday. **George Daugherty** had a surgical procedure for kidney stones last Thursday in Dallas. **Ben Williamson**, Lawton Taylor's son-in-law, is very seriously ill at home. **Zach Norton**, Billie Osburn's dad, has gone to a nursing home. **David Wade**, Lela Duncan's nephew, went to M.D. Anderson this week to determine treatment. **Elizabeth Endsley** had cataract surgery Wednesday. **Raymond Jenkins**, Helen Chambers' dad, was scheduled to have both knees replaced Tuesday in Midland. **Clyde Lane** will have additional surgery in Houston on Jan. 21. **Dr. James Chapel**, June Chapel's husband, remains in Mother Frances Hospital, room 477. **Betty Jo Barajas** is recuperating from surgery at home. **Loye Derman**, Harold Derman's mother, is in Tyler

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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
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ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
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Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
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Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer James Phillips
 Scripture Gary Broome
 Elder's Prayer James Sublette

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer John Shaw
 Scripture Neil Vannoy
 Dismiss Jeff Parrish

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Marc Tate

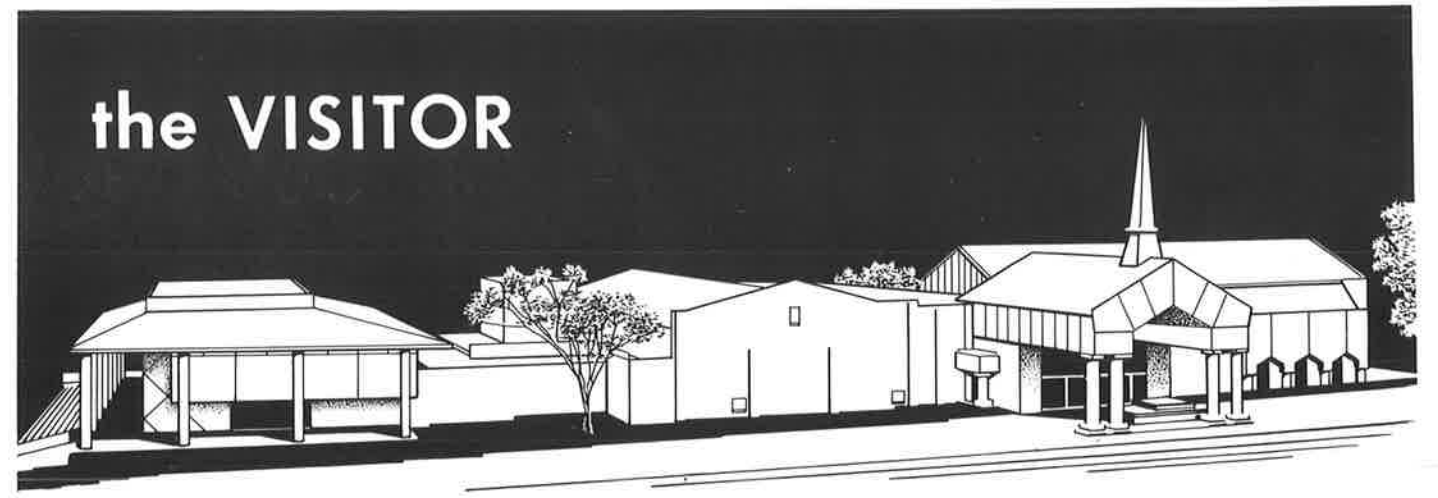
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Stan Mallory Kevin Maples
 Bob May Jim Mayer
 Mike McClenny Bill McCain
 Jim McDonald Forest McFadden

GREETERS

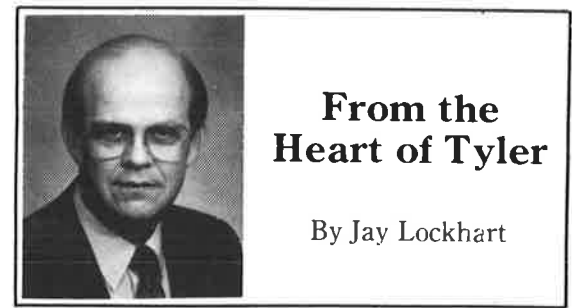
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(Prayer and Care continued)
 Rehab Hospital. **Lillian Colbert** remains in Tyler Rehab Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Circle January 30 On Calendar

Homecoming '94 is just over a week away! Do you suppose we can have 750 in worship and 600 in Bible study on that day? Of course we can, and here's how: every member of West Erwin making every effort to be in town and present; every Bible class encouraging 50% growth for that day; and former members of West Erwin coming home for the day. If we do these things, what a crowd we will have. **John Steffee** and his Fellowship Committee are making plans to feed us, our deacons and others are preparing the Center for a noon meal, and excitement is building for a great day. Don't miss it! The schedule for the day: Bible classes - 9:00 a.m.; Worship - 10:00 a.m.; Lunch - 11:30 a.m.; Final Service for the day - 12:30. It's going to be good.

Sermons for Sunday, January 23, 1994

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. My Body ... My Blood
 (Mark 14:17-26)

P.M. Gethsemane
 (Mark 14:32-36)


Gary Helms Works In Evangelism

For the past six months Gary Helms has been working with us three or four days a week in personal evangelism. Gary preaches for the Lilley's Chapel church near Daingerfield and spends Wednesdays and weekends there. He is a graduate of White's Ferry Road School of Evangelism and is as well prepared for the work he loves to do as anyone I have ever known. Gary is in the process of training a group of West Erwin members in one-on-one sessions to effectively teach the gospel to others. After extensive training several of Gary's group are ready to launch out in their work. Last Sunday we announced the baptism of **Simone Peoples** who was taught by Gary and **Phil Marts**. Gary's family, wife **Ginny**, daughter **Regina**, and son **Matthew**, attend West Erwin when they are not at Lilley's Chapel with their husband and dad. Gary is forty-two years old and has an unsurpassed zeal for teaching others and we are very pleased that he is working with us in evangelism.



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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the Parent-Teen Meeting this past Sunday night. It was eventful and SHORT! There is some important information from the meeting for all 6-12 grade families. Make sure you get your copy.

LET'S EAT!

All of those in the 6-12 grade are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church.

ACAPPELLA CONCERT

The singing group ACAPPELLA will be in Tyler for a concert on Friday Feb. 4. They will be at Caldwell Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. We have a block of thirty tickets reserved. If you want to go sign the list by the Youth Board ASAP. Tickets are \$7.00 in this block.

BIBLE QUIZ

Next Bible Quiz will be at West Erwin on Feb. 14. The text is Genesis 12-25. Start studying now.

SERVANT RETREAT

The dates for the Servant Retreat are January 28-30. The location will be Timberline Camp in Lindale. There will be teens from all over the north and east Texas area together for one purpose, to grow. It will be great!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Jan. 23** Combined Devotional
- Jan. 28-30** Servant Retreat
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- Feb. 4** ACAPPELLA Concert at Caldwell
- Feb. 14** Bible Quiz at West Erwin

Spiritual Food For Thought

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. (NIV)

Proverbs 3:3-4

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Womack's Team #4 will meet Jan. 24.

In Appreciation

To My West Erwin Family:
Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, cards, gifts, visits and food during my stay in the hospital and since I have been home. I have never felt so loved and I thank God daily for you all.

Love,
Mozelle Cash

Every time we have a crisis in our lives, we wonder how we would ever get through it without our West Erwin family. You all have been so great through Fred's sickness. We thank you for your visits and phone calls and cards. The food from the lunch bunch was a real treat. Most of all we thank you for your prayers. We know we still have some tough times ahead with the chemotherapy, and we hope you'll keep on praying for us.

With much love,
Sara & Fred

Ellie and I want to let you know that we do appreciate the love and kindness shown us (for their 66th wedding anniversary) by Jay and the West Erwin church.

James & Ellie Steele

Congratulations!

Outstanding faculty members were recognized at TJC's spring semester convocation last week. Mary Adams, English instructor, received the Watson Wise Foundation Chair for Teaching Excellence. Faculty are nominated by their peers and are judged by an external panel. Congratulations, Mary, on this recognition of excellence!



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ph. 566-5760

Monroe Sublette
615 Dorchester
Tyler, TX 75703

HOMECOMING '94

West Erwin Church of Christ
January 30, 1994

If you plan to accept the invitation to be our guest for Homecoming '94 and are not currently a member of the West Erwin church, please send us this form today.

Name: _____

Number staying for lunch: _____

Family Growing:

Simone Peoples was baptized into Christ recently after studying with Phil Marts and Gary Helms. We are very happy to welcome her into the growing West Erwin family. Her address is 925 South Chilton, 75701, ph. 592-3871.

Panela Garrett made known her wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church Sunday. Pam and her children, Lauren and Patrick, have been attending here for awhile and we know they'll be an asset to this family. They live at 813 Sweetgum Lane, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-7617.

We are very pleased to welcome **Paul Colson** into the West Erwin family. He comes to us from the Troup church and lives at 617 Beth Drive, 75703, ph. 561-3972.

With Sympathy

Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Golden Wright, Mary Adams' mother.

Graveside services will be held Thursday in Clarksville, Mississippi for Florence Morgan, Freeman Morgan's mother.

Mary Locke died last Thursday at Woodcreek Nursing Center.

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

Baby Shower


You're invited to a baby shower honoring Debbie Graham

Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
at the home of Jane Jones
1507 Kensington

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

Think about it...

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



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Spotlight on Education
Dewey Howard

Homecoming '94

Sunday, January 30

Bible Class Goal - 600

Worship Goal - 750

Let's have 600 in our Bible classes studying God's word. And let's have 750 assembled together for worship as we praise God in song, prayer, and communion. With God's help, we can make it happen. Make every effort to be here for Homecoming '94. And bring someone with you to experience the love of God at West Erwin! Spend a little time now listing three or four persons you can invite for our special day.

(1)	_____
(2)	_____
(3)	_____
(4)	_____

KOINONIA

The Koinonia Ministry began two years ago as an attempt to encourage and strengthen the fellowship of the West Erwin family. In 1994 we will be renewing our commitment to fellowship through the Koinonia Ministry.

Koinonia has three main purposes:

1. Koinonia provides regular opportunities of fellowship for the West Erwin family.
2. Koinonia extends a warm welcome to guests and visitors to West Erwin assemblies.
3. Koinonia keeps the West Erwin family informed of needs within our family. It also provides opportunities for members to help meet those needs.

We hope you will be a regular and active participant of Koinonia. Be active in meeting needs when the week for your group comes around. The health of the West Erwin family depends on your fellowship. Thank you for being a part!

***** Koinonia #3 meets this Sunday *****

Records	Sunday Jan.9	Sunday Jan.2	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	391	383
Worship A.M.	572	555	526
Worship P.M.	330	363	342
Wed. P.M.	233	NS	234
Contribution	\$12,918.10	\$14,463.53	\$13,921.91
Weekly Budget	\$13,828.96		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 16, and Wed. P.M., Jan. 19, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

John Crumpler, Joni Smith's father-in-law, is scheduled for cancer surgery Thursday at Medical Center. **Tanner Philpot**, son of Marc and Debra, is at home and doing well after his accident on Sunday. **Zach Norton**, Billie Osburn's dad, is in Mother Frances, room 596A. **David Wade**, Lela Duncan's nephew, had brain surgery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas on Monday. **Velma Lemons** had cataract surgery Wednesday. **Elizabeth Endsley** is scheduled for cataract surgery next Wednesday. **Raymond Jenkins**, Helen Chambers' dad, is scheduled to have both knees replaced on Jan. 18. **Golden Wright**, Mary Adams' mother, is in Mother Frances, room 422. **Clyde Lane** is in Houston for evaluation and possible treatment. **Bonnie Blackstone**, Dale's mother, is now at home in Morton, Texas. **Dr. James Chapel**, June Chapel's husband, is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 477. **Betty Jo Barajas** had surgery Monday at Medical Center.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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Dewey Howard - Education	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M. (Sept. through May)
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Steve Linscomb
Prayer Bob Clemmons
Scripture Walker Weathers
Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Steve Linscomb
Prayer Kelly Ross
Scripture Fred Mumford
Dismiss David Taylor

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

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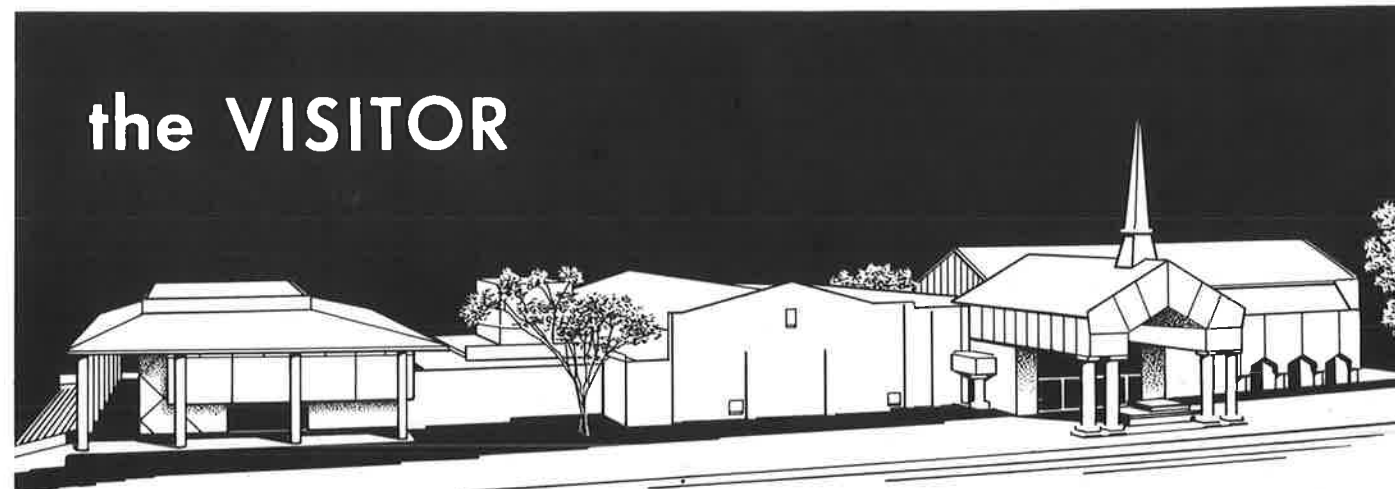
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Jim McDonald Forest McFadden

GREETERS

Elmer & Nila Miles
Paul & Signa Stanley
Ray & Gail Vannoy

(Prayer and Care continued)

Loye Denman, Harold Denman's mother, is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Lillian Colbert** remains in Tyler Rehab Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.



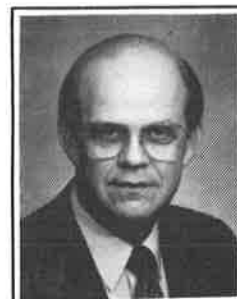
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

HOME COMING '94

ACU Day

February 6 has been designated as ACU Day in Tyler and several representatives from the university will be in town to speak at various congregations. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. James Thompson** who will also be speaking to our combined Bible classes at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Thompson directed the School of Biblical Studies in Austin before joining the faculty of ACU last year. He is a thorough student of the Word and an excellent communicator. James is the cousin of our Ernestine Mallory and coming to Tyler is a sort of coming home for him. We are privileged to have him as our guest and you will benefit from hearing him on February 6.



Sermons for Sunday, January 16, 1994


A.M. Signs Of The End
(Mark 13:1-11)

P.M. Something Beautiful For Jesus
(Mark 14:1-9)

How time flies! It's almost unbelievable that this will be the third Homecoming in our new building. When the new auditorium was opened in January of 1992 we invited the friends and families of our members and all former members of West Erwin to join us on the last Sunday of January for a celebration of our new facility and Homecoming. With over 700 people present for worship, our Fellowship Committee fed over 600 at noon, and then following a brief service in the early afternoon, we dismissed for the day. The tremendous success of that day prompted an annual Homecoming in January and this year will be number three! We are hopeful that all of our members will be in town and present for this great day. We want to urge our people to invite family and friends. And we want to encourage all former members to join us for a day of worship and fellowship. The schedule for the day will include Bible classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:00 a.m., a fellowship meal in the Center at 11:30 a.m., and our final service for the day at 12:30. Help build the excitement and be present.

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Youth Notes
by *Danny Snell*



THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the devo this past Sunday. It was neat to hear each one tell the thing they liked most about themselves and to hear the affirmation that followed. Thanks to Cathy Culpepper and Jeff & Linda Hone for helping sponsor the evening.

ACAPPELLA CONCERT

The singing group ACAPPELLA will be in Tyler for a concert on Friday Feb. 4. They will be at Caldwell Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. We have a block of thirty tickets reserved. If you want to go sign the list by the Youth Board ASAP. Tickets are \$7.00 in this block.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our Bible Quiz teams for doing an outstanding job this past Monday. We had six new participants and two new teams that took home some great ribbons! We are proud of the job you did! Next Bible Quiz will be at West Erwin on Feb. 14. The text is Genesis 12-25. Start studying now.

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

Make plans to come to the planning meeting on January 16. This will be an eating meeting and a special time together. Watch for more details.

SERVANT RETREAT

The dates for the Servant Retreat are January 28-30. The location will be Timberline Camp in Lindale. There will be teens from all over the north and east Texas area together for one purpose, to grow. It will be great!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Jan. 16 Parent-Teen Meeting
- Jan. 23 Combined Devotional
- Jan. 28-30 Servant Retreat
- Jan. 30 West Erwin Homecoming
- Feb. 4 ACAPPELLA Concert at Caldwell
- Feb. 14 Bible Quiz at West Erwin

Spiritual Food For Thought

"for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair -- every good path." (NIV)
Proverbs 2:8-9

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate and Snell's Team #3 will meet Jan. 17.

In Appreciation

Thank you for your prayers and the cards I have received from this congregation. I will begin chemotherapy in February. Please continue to pray for my recovery.
Robbie Bullinger
(Joy Coats' sister)

1993 Annual Benevolent Report

Four hundred ninety-four families were served from our Benevolent Center in 1993, representing a total of 1829 people. Clothing valued at \$20,603.50 was given; 58 Bibles were distributed (Spanish and English); \$70.00 in food was given and miscellaneous items of \$25.00. Fifteen boxes were sent to Chjmala Mission containing 281 diaper shirts and 1815 bandages and other supplies.

Update from Augsburg

We received a holiday greeting and update from Rudy and Christel Rischer. Christel had surgery for the first time on March 25, 1993 for a brain tumor and was hospitalized for 40 days for treatment and therapy. On August 2 she had another surgery, on August 26 a third surgery, and on October 18 a fourth surgery. She is better at this time.

"On the other hand we have to admit that it was a good year! We were encouraged by the fine progress which the church has made. We had four baptisms, no loss by death or unfaithfulness, one wedding, three Gospel meetings with great attendance, one seminar for church members, spiritual growth of members, three babies were born to church members. The young men's class which I am teaching is going great as well as all the other church work. Many reasons to be thankful for and to rejoice unto the Lord!"

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Quinn
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Traci Elizabeth
to
Robert Wayne Brown
son of
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Saturday, the fifteenth of January
Nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at half past four in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
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Reception following
Plaza Windmill Club

HOMECOMING '94

West Erwin Church of Christ
January 30, 1994

If you plan to accept the invitation to be our guest for Homecoming '94 and are not currently a member of the West Erwin church, please send us this form today.

Name: _____

Number staying for lunch: _____

Family Growing:

Placing Membership:



We are happy to welcome Mrs. Leobardo (Irene) Barena into the West Erwin family. Leo is employed at Luby's and Irene is a college student. Their little daughter, Jeanette, is one year old. They live at 9055 CR 427, 75706, ph. 533-8347. (Koinonia #6)




Evelyn Messer recently made known her wish to work and worship with the West Erwin family. She is employed at T.B. Butler Pub. Co. and lives at 2723 South Broadway #159, 75701, ph. 593-2009. (Koinonia #1)



Barbara Weatherman has come back home to West Erwin after living in West Texas for the last 2½ years. Her address is 4208 Edinburgh Dr., 75703, ph. 581-5390. (Koinonia #1)

Baby Shower

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Debbie Graham
Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
at the home of Jane Jones
1507 Kensington

Spotlight on Education
Dewey Howard

Homecoming '94

Sunday, January 30

Bible Class Goal - 600

Worship Goal - 750

Sunday, January 30, will be a great day for the West Erwin family. Our homecoming every year is always such a boost for us. Guests from all over will be with us to share in our special time. Whom can you invite to participate? Let's have 600 in our Bible classes studying God's word. And let's have 750 assembled together for worship as we praise God in song, prayer, and communion. With God's help, we can make it happen. Make every effort to be here for Homecoming '94. And bring someone with you to experience the love of God at West Erwin!

Have you seen any of these around your house?

- ♦ We are missing the glue gun out of the workroom. Please return it if you have borrowed it.
- ♦ Do you have any books that belong in our children's library around your house? We are in the process of reorganizing the children's library and we need to account for all of our books. Please return any books that belong in the library.

Our workroom is an important resource to everyone

who teaches at West Erwin. We have some very talented and dedicated workers in Gary and Frances Broome and Mary June Goodson who keep the workroom stocked and organized. They could use some help. If you can volunteer some time to help with the workroom every now and then, please contact me or one of these others. You can work it around your schedule, and some of the jobs can be done at home. We need help preparing and repairing materials, restocking supplies, cataloguing materials, and so on. Let us know how you can help.



We are getting a renewed start this year in Koinonia.

Please be a part. We need you!

*** Koinonia #2 meets this Sunday ***

January 6, 1994	THE VISITOR	Vol.24-No.1	
Records	Sunday Jan.2	Sunday Dec.26	Year Ago
Bible Class	391	286	366
Worship A.M.	555	546	542
Worship P.M.	363	217	371
Wed. P.M.	NS	196	NS
Contribution	\$14,463.53	\$12,490.64	\$15,565.13
Weekly Budget	\$13,828.96		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 9, and Wed. P.M., Jan. 12, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.			

Prayer and Care

Guy Potts is now at home. Adele Mumford is hospitalized in Pasadena. Golden Wright, Mary Adams' mother, is in Mother Frances, room 442. Clyde Lane had ear surgery last week and will have further treatment. Bonnie Blackstone, Dale's mother, is hospitalized in Morton, Texas. Midge Kurfees, Nettie Potts' aunt, suffered a heart attack. Nena Greer, Nettie Potts' aunt, had open heart surgery and will be going to a nursing home. Dr. James Chapel, June Chapel's husband, is in Mother Frances Hospital. Hazel Fagan, Dorothy Davis' sister, is in Medical Center, room 2508. Mozelle Cash is in Medical Center, room 3308A following knee replacement surgery. Betty Jo Barajas is scheduled for surgery on January 10. Lillian Colbert is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes in prayer and care.

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SERVING SUNDAY

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture David Demic
Elder's Prayer Stan Clark

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Jamon Kirby
Scripture Louis West
Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

John Steffee

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

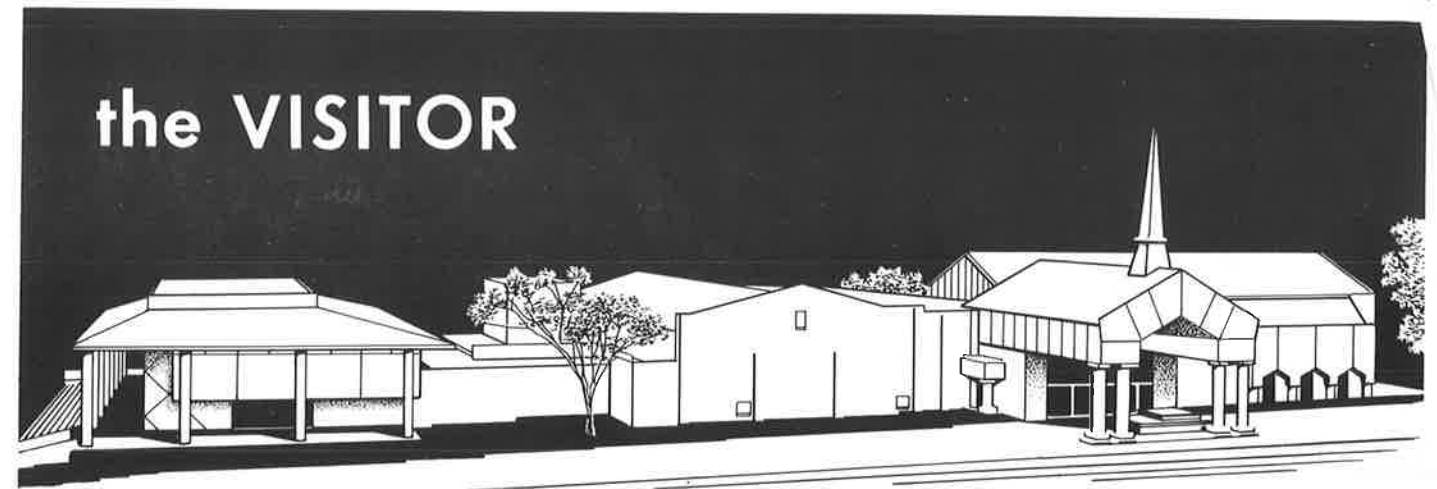
Robert Hilliard Archie Kennard
Jamon Kirby Grant Knight
Roger Knight Steve Linscomb
Gus Krewall Archie Lowry

GREETERS

Don & Norma Durham
Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes
Jim & Priscilla Mayer

With Sympathy

Erby Eikner, Brownie Eikner's husband (nephew-in-law of Modena Jones and cousin to Louis Jones and James Phillips), died early Wednesday morning. Services are tentatively set at this writing for 3:30 Thursday at Pleasant Retreat Methodist church. We extend our sincere sympathy to all the family.



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From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Homecoming '94

Mark your calendars and make your plans to be a part of West Erwin's Homecoming '94 on Sunday, January 30! Invite your family and friends to come with you. There will be Bible classes for all ages at 9:00 A.M., Worship at 10:00 A.M., with lunch at the Center at 11:30 A.M. The final service for the day will begin at 12:30. It'll be a great day! Don't miss it!

Homecoming - '94
West Erwin Church of Christ
January 30, 1994

If you are not currently a member of the West Erwin church and plan to accept the invitation to be our guest for Homecoming '94, please send us this form today.

Name: _____
Number staying for lunch: _____

Update On Jeff and Brenda Holland

Charles Rachui received a fax from Jeff and Brenda Holland after their arrival in France.

"We have arrived in France. Everything is going well. When we arrived on Tuesday we went to Leon to stay with two missionary families there. They took great care of us and helped us with language, culture, food and other needs. We were blessed by God. Before we left the U.S., we received a gift of \$100.00. That was the exact amount that each couple paid or gave to the missionaries for housing and food for Tuesday p.m. - Saturday a.m.

We took the train from Leon to Albertsville on Saturday. It was very cloudy as it is throughout most of the winter. We worshipped at a small Protestant church on Sunday. That morning it snowed about four inches, but by afternoon the snow turned to rain and melted just about all the accumulation. Today it was very sunny. We can see the mountains all around us.

Our apartment is small - about the size of the studio apartment in Tyler. We have everything we need. The people seem very nice but our communication is very limited. That should change.

We feel times of homesickness when we think about strange languages, food, and customs in two countries for three years, but God's strength bolsters our confidence daily. Give our love to West Erwin."

Jeff and Brenda

*We can receive calls from U.S. time 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Best to call around 6:00 a.m. (our 11:00 p.m.) ph. 33-79-32-43-96.

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THANKS

We had a great time bringing in the new year at the Bryants. Thanks to all those who made it special and will make 1994 a super year for the youth and this church. Thanks to Dwayne & Kathy Bryant for opening their home and to the other sponsors: Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in middle and high school are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring the following: high school girls bring dessert; high school boys bring chips and dip; middle school girls bring sandwiches; and middle school boys bring 2 liter drinks. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this time together.

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

Make plans to come to the planning meeting on January 16. This will be an eating meeting and a special time together. Watch for more details.

SERVANT RETREAT

The dates for the Servant Retreat are January 28-30. The location will be Timberline Camp in Lindale. This is one of the best retreats that our high school group participates in each year. There will be teens from all over the north and east Texas area together for one purpose, to grow. It will be great! Please fill out your reservation form ASAP so it can be mailed by the deadline which is this Sunday. Your cost will be \$25.00. Don't miss this one.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Jan. 9 Combined Devotional
Jan. 10 (Gen. 1-11) Bible Quiz -Broadway
Jan. 16 Parent-Teen Meeting
Jan. 28-30 Servant Retreat

Spiritual Food For Thought

"For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (NIV)
Proverbs 2:6

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Pott's Team #2 will meet Jan. 10.



Thank You

We would like to express our thanks for all the good things to eat, the cards and the ones who just come by and brighten our days during the holidays and all through the year. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and you certainly make our work more enjoyable.

The office staff

Dear Brethren,

On behalf of Christian Services of East Texas, thanks to all of the wonderful teenagers and others who helped provide Christmas gifts to the children we serve. May God bless all of you in a special way.

In Him,
Sally Miller

Dear Brethren:

I miss you and love you. Thank you for all the cards, calls and flowers. A special thanks to the Ladies Class and Benevolent group for their visits and gifts. I still need your prayers.

Love you,
Aline Beard

Words cannot even begin to express our appreciation. Your love and concern will be treasured. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Love,
Cindy Patten & family

Thank you for the food brought to me, the flowers, calls, visits and most of all your prayers. I appreciate your love and concern.

Pauline Kennedy

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for your visits, calls, cards, and especially your prayers during my recent visit to the hospital. Fern and I really felt your love and concern for us. We also feel very blessed by the Lord to be part of the West Erwin family.

Love,
Roy Bench

My sister, Ruby Pittman, was also my friend and like a mother to me. I miss her and treasure my memories of her. Your love and concern for her and for me has certainly shown through during her illness and her death. Thank you and thank God for all of you.

I love you,
Pattie Tate



Congratulations to Guy and Nettie Potts on the birth of a new grandson! Taylor Guy Holly was born on December 23 to Bobby and Chris Holly in Longview. He weighed 6 lb 5 oz. and was 21½ inches long.

Family Growing:

Placing Membership:

We are pleased to welcome **Barbara Weatherman** back home to West Erwin. She has lived in West Texas for the last 2½ years and is now back in Tyler at 4208 Edinburg Dr., 75703, ph. 581-5390.

Evelyn Messer has made known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome her into our growing family. She lives at 2723 South Broadway #159, ph. 593-2009.

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YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will have their monthly covered dish supper on Thursday, January 13, 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 this time of fellowship.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to James and Ellie Steele on the celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary on January 8.

With Sympathy

Services were held Tuesday at Oakwood for Grace Anders, Johnny Anders' mother.

Services were held Monday in Atlanta, Georgia for long-time missionary Don Starks.

Services are pending in Montecello, Utah for Jamye Gorman, daughter of Jewell Gann and known by many at West Erwin.

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

WATCH KETK JANUARY 8 AT 8:00-8:30 FOR "CHOOSING MORALITY"

Spotlight on Education



Dewey Howard

EAST TEXAS
**DAY OF
PRAISE**
JANUARY 9, 1994

CALDWELL AUDITORIUM
2:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Glenwood church of Christ.
Child care for infants to 4 years will be provided in the
West Erwin church building.

1994 is here! What a great year for the Lord this will be. Take a look at how the education ministry at West Erwin hopes to make 1994 a great year for the Lord in the lives of people. These are our goals this year and every year. Pray that God will bless our efforts.

GOAL: The education ministry of the West Erwin church assists persons in developing closer and more meaningful relationships with God and with one another.

HOW WE GO ABOUT ACHIEVING THIS GOAL:

- By providing Bible classes and other learning opportunities that will guide learners appropriate to their development and stages in life.
- By recruiting and training teachers who will lead Bible classes effectively.
- By challenging learner to grow in their knowledge of God's word and His will for their lives.
- By providing the best possible teaching resources and learning environments conducive to meeting the stated objectives.
- By providing special opportunities for growth relating to specific needs in life -- e.g., workshops, seminars, retreats, etc.
- By reaching out into our community to lead the lost into a saved relationship with our Lord.
- By providing opportunities for intergenerational gathers and interaction.
- By supporting the individual family units within our church family.
- By seeking out and announcing opportunities for persons to encourage and help one another.
- By providing opportunities for persons to be involved in the work at West Erwin.