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Bible Class	312	360	368
Worship A.M.	472	549	511
Worship P.M.	308	332	295
Wed. P.M.	229	248	213
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 24 and Wed. P.M., December 27, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Signa Stanley** had bypass surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Louise Culpepper** was hospitalized for tests but is now at home. **L.G. Drennan** is in Medical Center Hospital. **Helen and Kim Chambers** both had surgical procedures at Mother Frances this week. **Launa Armstrong** has begun chemo treatment. **Edna Hodnett** was in Mother Frances Hospital earlier in the week but is now at home. **Don McCune** is in the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas. **Juanita Lowry** is recuperating at home from recent bypass surgery. **Darrell Shogry**, Joy Shogry's father-in-law, is in Tyler Rehab Hospital, room 102. **Garon Hallman**, Kevin Sustaire's uncle, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Geneva Gehring**, James Gehring's mother, had surgery Thursday at Mother Frances Hospital. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are receiving treatment, ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes.

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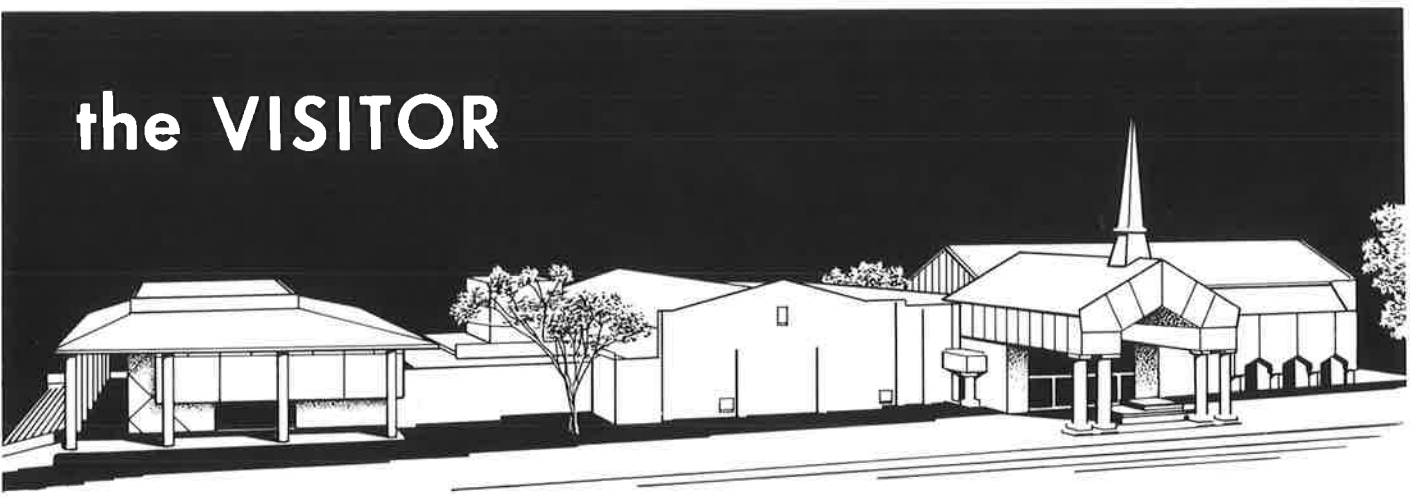
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Henry McRuiz  
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Forest McFadden  
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Scripture Danny Snell  
Dismiss Matt Carpenter  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
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James Sublette Marc Tate  
Ray Vannoy Glynn Starnes  
Billy Terrell Wade Weathers  
GREETERS  
Don & Norma Durham  
John & Ruby Cliver

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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, December 24, 1995**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. **A Man, A Woman, And A Child**  
(Luke 2:25-35)  
P.M. **Three Keys To Success**  
(James 3:13-18)

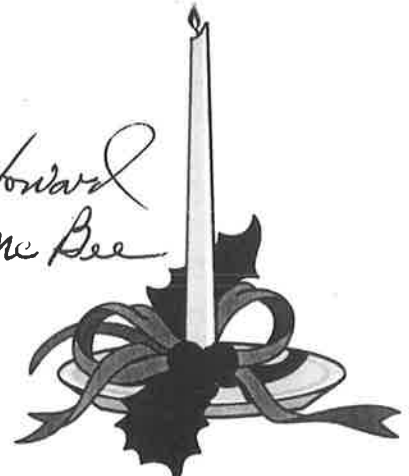


*The West Erwin Church of Christ  
office staff and their families wish you...*

*Season's Greetings  
And Every Good Wish  
for  
The New Year*

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS

Thanks to all of those who went with us to look at the beautiful lights around town this past Sunday night. Thanks to the Elzens, Hones, and Scroggins' for hosting the evening.

### CROATIA RELIEF BOXES

Thanks to all of those who helped pack boxes this past Tuesday. We had a great turnout with over five churches represented. We packed a total of 100 boxes. We will be transporting them to Dallas on January 4 to be loaded on a container that day.

### BACKPACKING RETREAT

On Wednesday, Dec. 27 a group of eighteen of us from West Erwin will be going to the Ouachita National Forest for a 3 day Backpacking Retreat. We will be spending 3 nights on the trail and hiking some 27 miles. **We need your prayers for safety, good weather, and that God will work in our lives.**

### BIBLE QUIZ

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### LTC

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet Dec. 31.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

Just a note to say hello to all and that Megan and I are doing okay. Megan is doing very well in school. Received mostly E's on her report card along with the rest being S's. Loves school and church. Very good at memorizing scriptures. I'm very proud of her except some discipline problems, which I'm trying hard to keep on top of. We miss the church and all of our friends there at West Erwin. We have never gained the friends here that we did there. It gets quite lonely for friendship at times so Megan and I keep very busy with all of her activities. She plays soccer, has a dance & singing class, and a Bible study class, plus church. She thrives on being busy. It either keeps me young or getting older. Can't decide just which. Say hello and happy holidays to all.

Much love,  
Wanda & Megan Turner

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West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for allowing me to have my wedding at your church. It was very beautiful. I appreciate all that was done to make that day special. Thanks again.

Jennifer Thompson Bostick

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Dear Members,

Words are not adequate to express our many thanks for all your help over the years. Our Aunt Pauline truly loved all of you.

Thanking you in God's name with love,  
Sledge Wayne & Edward Killion  
Alice Faye Killion Stockton  
(nephews & niece of Pauline Kennedy)

### WITH SYMPATHY

Memorial services were held last week in Arlington for Foy Bellows, a former West Erwin member. Bill Smoots, a friend of Greg Wagner, was killed in a motorcycle accident last weekend. The mother of Dave Jenkinson, preacher at the Troup church of Christ, died in England recently. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends in their loss of loved ones.

### NEBRASKA UPDATE

Ray Maxwell called last week to let us know that everything is going well and on schedule with their building. Without any major delays, they should be in the building around Christmas. He expressed his sincere thanks for all our prayers on their behalf.

### CAN YOU HELP?

There is a need for ladies to help with cooking on Tuesday mornings in February. This is a rewarding ministry and you will enjoy the fellowship with other ladies as you do this good work. Louise Seaberry will head up this group. If you can help, please contact Louise at 849-6294 or Billie Morgan at 533-1648.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome **Buddy Elrod** into the West Erwin family. He has been attending here for some time and we know he will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. His address is 5100 Sweetbriar Apt. 506, 75703, ph. 561-8572.

### HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCES

Many calls and notes of appreciation have been received from people who received pointsettias or fruit baskets during the holidays. Remembrances were sent to the following: Florene Adams, 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, Dean & Maurine Brookshire, Henry & Mozelle Brown, Jimmie Brown, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Jo Butler, Mary Butler, Vivie Canter, Tillie Carpenter, Mozelle Cash, June Chapel, Chloe Clark, Roland & Joy Coats, Lorene Colbert, Ruth Crosser, Zona Crone, Dan & Wini Cullinan, Pauline Daughtry, Dorothy Davis, Marikate Davis, Mary Dawson, Ruth Dobbs, Tommie Egbert, Lela Duncan, Clelia Elliott, Elizabeth Endsley, Mary Gaiser, Mary Evelyn Grier, Claudia Griffis, Lauree Hale, C.B. & Dot Hardin, Leona Hardin, A.Z. & Lena Hays, Katie Heath, Edna Hodnett, Gladys Holcomb, Beatrice Holland, Cora Hughes, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Laverne Keith, Myrtle Land, Clyde & Merle Lane, Ann Layton, Velma Lemons, Bernice Majors, Dub & Opal Mathews, Homer & Evelene McCarty, Calvin & Dorothy Mannen, Nancy McCoy, Penny McDonald, Nita Miller, H.M. & Alla Minnis, Frances Moore, Hazel Morgan, Daisy Old, Jean Oliver, Christine Parsons, Alma Pitzer, Mary Richey, Leon & Louise Santos, Adela Scogins, Gwen Shuford, Ron & Otelia Sills, Henry & Sue Starnes, Jonnie Steffee, Rozener Strait, Margaret Talley, Pattie Tate, Lawton & Bea Taylor, Rose Teel, Gloria Thigpen, Roberta Tindall, Harley & Myra Turner, Lorene Venable, Grace Walker, June Walker, Pete & Kathryn Wallace, Jean Walters, Moselle White, Elva Williams, and the men who made deliveries: Harold Browning, Faber Cauthen, John Cliver, Jack Garner, Don McCune, Claude Sessions, and Ray Womack.

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## Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

We will have our usual schedule during the next two weeks with just a few exceptions.

- This Sunday morning, December 24, all adults will meet together in the auditorium for class. (Children will have their regular classes.)
- Sunday morning Children's Church will only have class for the 2-year-olds during the worship hour on December 24 and 31. The Sunday night preschool class and Bible Hour will not meet on December 24, but will resume on the 31st.
- Wednesday evening, December 27, will be the annual year-end singing for Tyler area churches. This year the singing will be here at our building. Make your plans to attend this wonderful time of praise. (If you would like to lead a song or two, meet at the front of the auditorium at 6:45.)

### Rich Holiday Memories for the Family 7 Tips for Busy Dads and Moms

The peaceful presence of a loving father and mother is one of the greatest gifts any child can receive during the holidays. These ideas will help build a lasting legacy of rich family memories during the holidays.

1. If you have a fond memory of a Christmas tradition, reaffirm it. Or create new traditions, like baking a big batch of cookies for your children's teachers or your fellow workers, going for a drive to look at the Christmas lights, singing carols for the neighbors, or building a snowman in the front yard (this will be really challenging for those living in the sun belt).
2. Once a week, gather the family and take turns opening the Christmas cards you receive. Read each one aloud and pray for each of the senders.
3. Go shopping for some new Christmas ornaments and have each family member choose one which best represents the past year of their life, or one which reflects their hopes for the coming year.
4. Make an audio or video tape with everybody talking about the highlights of the past year. This will become an heirloom for years to come.
5. Make plans to attend Bible class and worship on Sunday whether your family is at home or away visiting.
6. Reflect an attitude that exudes an atmosphere of peace. Wouldn't it be great if our kids started saying (because of our restful spirit and attitude), "Hey, what's wrong with Dad?"
7. Above all, read the Bible with your children. Then offer a family prayer of thanks, mentioning everyone present by name and affirming and blessing some aspect of their character.

Adapted from suggestions by  
Ken Canfield, National Center for Fathering

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 Scripture Michael Lowrance  
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PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Don Ingram

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 Prayer Jim Mayer  
 Scripture Jonathan Lowrance  
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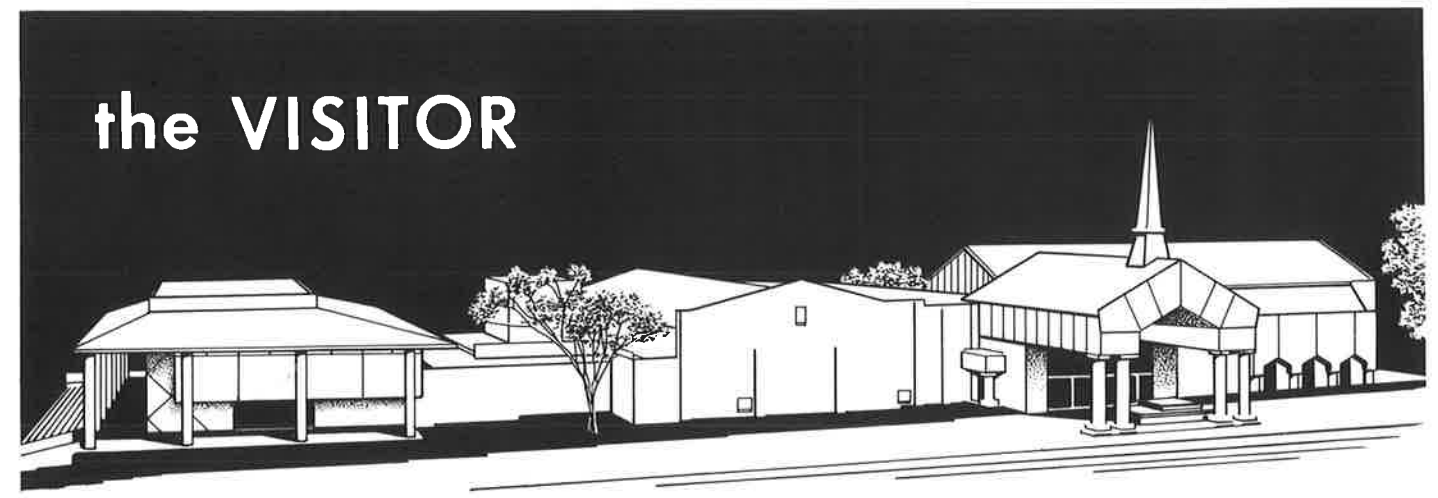
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 Ray Vannoy Glynn Starnes  
 Billy Terrell Wade Weathers

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Faber & Kathryn Cauthen  
 Henry & Becky McRuiz

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 17, 1995**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

- A.M. **More Than Conquerors** #3  
(Romans 8:31-39)
- P.M. **The Shepherd King** (6)  
"The Vision of the King"  
(II Samuel 5:1-5)

**FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE**

The Scriptures are profound, yet simple; written in few words, yet comprehensive. What a simple, profound, comprehensive statement Paul makes in just a few words as he says, "Here is something that avails, is of great benefit; faith working through love" (see Galatians 5:6). Paul affirms that I believe and therefore act, motivated by love. First, there is faith or belief. My faith determines the direction my life will take. Whether my life is characterized by fear or confidence depends on my faith. Faith will drive out fear or fear will drive out faith. The principle of faith allows me to face life with confidence as I believe in God, trust God for His promises, and seek to do His will. Second, faith always longs to demonstrate itself, not for self-glory but to glorify the object of faith. Faith's attitude toward God is Samuel saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant hears." Faith is Abel offering, Enoch walking, Noah building, and Abraham going. This kind of working faith is living rather than dead, active rather than passive, and profitable rather than unprofitable. Third, there is love. This is the supreme

motivation for all of our activity. That's why Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). John adds, "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments" (I John 5:3). It was love that motivated Mary to give a precious gift, worth nearly a year's wage, to Jesus (John 12:1-8). Love motivates to give and faith determines what the gift represents in regard to my ability. These are some things for us to consider as we anticipate our giving for the year-end special contribution on Sunday. We would do well to also consider them as we plan our regular weekly giving for the coming year. The model is faith. The method is action. The motivation is love. As Paul put it: "faith working through love." God will always bless us for this kind of loving active faith.

- "He who sows bountifully" - 2 Corinthians 9:6
- "Abound in this grace also" - 2 Corinthians 9:7
- "I am testing the sincerity of your love"-  
2 Corinthians 9:8

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS

What a wonderful time we had at our Holiday party this past Saturday. A very special thanks to Arnold & Agnes Ables for the use of their lake house for the big event. A special thanks to our hosts and sponsors: Gary & Julie Ables, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, and Jeff & Linda Hone. Thanks to all for the great stocking!

Thanks to all of those who provided gifts for the young lady at Boles Home.

### COMBINED ACTIVITY

Everyone is invited to the activity this Sunday night after church. We will be going to look at the lights around the area. More details will be available Sunday morning.

### CROATIA RELIEF BOXES

We will be packing relief boxes for the Croatia Call on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 9:30 and eat pizza at 11:30. Please bring \$2.00 for the pizza. Several youth groups will be here to help. Be There!

### BIBLE QUIZ

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Dec. 17.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Friends at West Erwin,

The family of Cleatus (Buck) Davis acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers sent in memory of our loved one. He will surely be missed but thoughtful friends like you all help to make each day brighter. Thanks again.

The Davis family  
(Johnnie Stringer's brother)

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We cannot express how much your contribution meant to the whole family and all the friends at the funeral of Bill Baker. As we came into the sanctuary you were singing "I'll Fly Away" and it was a great thrill for us. Many people commented to us how unusual and refreshing it was to have you singing as the congregation was seated.

Dad did not tell us much about how he wanted his funeral to be. As a matter of fact, the single thing that he told us was that he wanted the West Erwin singers from the West Erwin Church of Christ to sing, if it was possible. None of the rest of the family knew about the group or how to contact anyone who was in the group, except Steve Shepherd, son-in-law, who found out that Dewey Howard was the leader. Steve made contact with Dewey late Saturday night and we were truly blessed by the turnout and support that you gave us. As we looked back at the group singing before the service, we could recognize several who knew Dad personally, and that blessed our hearts even more.

We appreciate your effort and the beautiful, worshipful music which praised God and honored Dad.

Sincerely,  
The family of Bill Baker

### CAN YOU HELP?

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### SORRY TO LOSE...

Daryl Anderson has requested our prayers that he will find employment as he moves to the Dallas area. He states that he will miss everyone at West Erwin and he will be missed here but we wish him well as he makes this move.



"He spreads His wings over them, even as an eagle overspreads her young, She carries them upon her wings as does the Lord His people"  
- Deut. 32:11

### THE SEARCH



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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Myra Mason** into our West Erwin family. She recently moved to Tyler and is with her mother, Mary Richey, at 3006 Orr Dr., 57702, ph. 597-3078.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Earle Arnold. Floyd Huff, Jerry Huff's uncle died last Wednesday in Houston. Prayers have been requested for the family of Nelson Trimble (Rachel Huff's boss) in the loss of his father. Graveside services were held Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Averyt Smith, a member at University. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

The spiritual gain for the Weigh Down Workshop for this quarter greatly overshadowed any physical weight loss -- just ask any of the participants. Should you want to be a part of this fantastic Bible study, come to our next orientation meeting on January 7, 1996. Contact Ruth Ellis or Angela Howard for details.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

1. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another person for what you can do.
3. Never spend money before you have earned it.
4. Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap.
5. Beware of pride. It will cost you far more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. Remember that we seldom repent of having eaten too little.
7. Remember that nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. Remember that worry will cause much pain over things that will never happen.
9. Take things always by the smooth handle.
10. When angry count ten before you speak. If very angry, count to one hundred.

- Thomas Jefferson

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### Spotlight on Education

by Dewey Howard



**This Sunday is your last chance to indicate** on your attendance card how you would like to be involved in our Koinonia fellowship program in 1996. Would you like to be in a noon group, a p.m. group, or both? Think about it and let us know Sunday. An information sheet will be available in the foyer with more details if you would like one. We hope these groups will be ready to meet in January.

We will be making a change in the way we divide up the PM groups for 1996. We will be going back to the old "zone" method. As much as we can, we will group families that live in the same area of Smith County as each other. Not only will this allow you to get to know other West Erwin members who live close to you, but this way Lindale folks won't have to travel to Whitehouse for their Koinonia get-togethers at night, and visa versa.

And one more thing about Koinonia. Here is a handy pronunciation guide for those of you who still do not know how to say it: koy-nō-NEE-uh.

**The group that put the holiday banquet together** did an outstanding job! It was one of the best ever. Around 200 people enjoyed the evening Friday night. If you have not done so yet, be sure to express your appreciation to those who presented this special occasion for us.

**Our singles are having a special night of caroling** on Monday, December 18. We will meet in the Albertson's parking lot (Troup at the Loop) at 6:00, do some visiting around, and then eat together afterwards. Come and enjoy this evening together. Remember to bring your "goodie" for the caroling. If you need more information, call Stephanie Pate or Teri Bradshaw.

### If you Haven't Got Anything Good to Say . . .

You remember the rest of this line, don't you? Momma always used to say, "If you haven't got anything good to say about someone, don't say it at all." I think Momma knew the words of the wise man:

"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life." (Prov. 10:11)

"The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom." (Prov. 10:31)

"The lips of the righteous know what is fitting." (Prov. 10:32)

Momma knew that what I say is a reflection of and an influence upon who I am on the inside. How important is it, then, that Christians be persons who encourage, compliment, strengthen, and build up with our words. The writer of Hebrews instructs, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24).

Am I an encourager or a discourager? Do I build up or tear down? Do I feel that God has given me a gift for criticism? There is no such thing! "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things. . . . And the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:8-9).

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #6 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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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**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Tommy Lowrance  
Scripture Archie Lowry  
Elder's Prayer Stan Clark

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Calvin Mannen

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Stan Clark  
Prayer Melvin Maples  
Scripture Tim Marshall  
Dismiss John Mayer

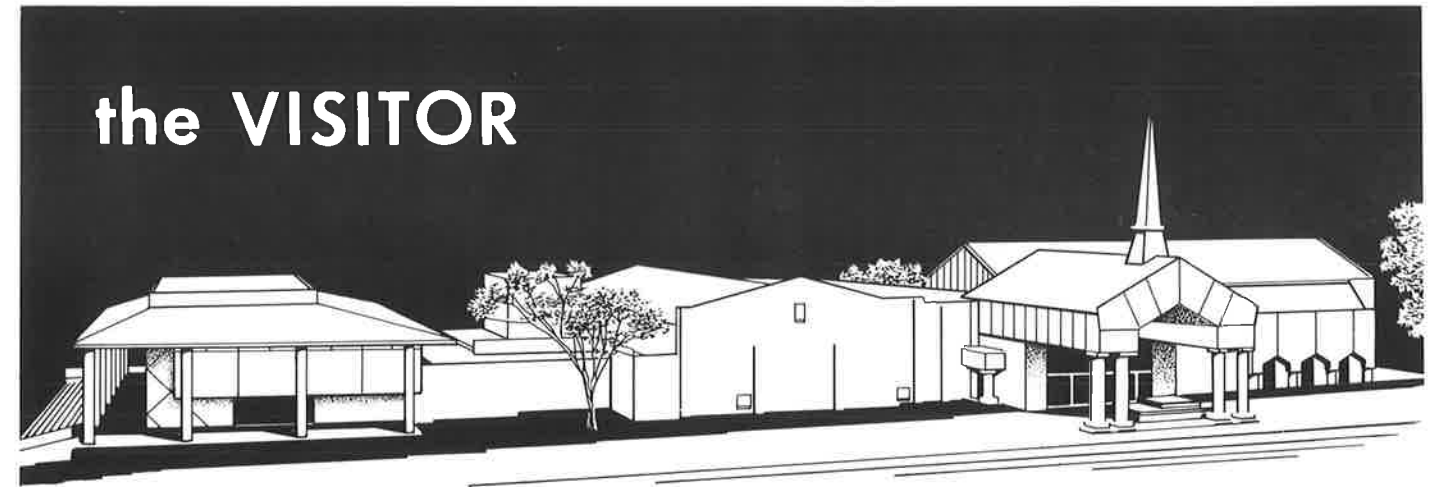
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Doug Ragsdale Fred Powell  
Dannie Skipper John Shaw  
John Steffee Charles Rachui

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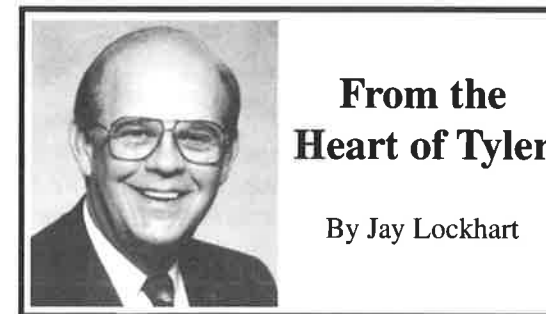
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**Sermons for Sunday, December 10, 1995**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **More Than Conquerors #2**  
(Romans 7:4-6)  
P.M. **The Shepherd King (5)**  
"Mission Impossible"  
(I Samuel 28:1-2)

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

Last Sunday our elders challenged us to participate in our annual year-end special contribution. In the past this contribution has been used for several worthwhile projects from increased mission work to building renovation. This year the contribution will be used for some needed physical improvements around our building including the remodeling of our old chapel, providing additional office space, and improving our parking area west of the Center. We have needed to do these things for some time and now is the time to do them. We hope you will participate in the special contribution as you are able. Not only will we have an opportunity to take part in the special contribution, but this is a good time, as we approach a new year, to evaluate our regular giving as well. Listen to the words of Malachi: "Bring all your tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this, ... if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (3:10). Of course we may miss the wonderful truth of this passage by responding to it by saying, "Oh, that's the Old Testament and we are not commanded to tithe."

Obviously this passage is the Old Testament (do we believe the Old Testament and is the principle not still true?), and we are not commanded to tithe (the New Testament, rather than setting a percentage for us to give, puts us on our honor to give as we prosper and to give cheerfully, literally to give "hilariously" -- I Corinthians 16:2 and II Corinthians 9:7). It is interesting that some folks seem to believe that while everything in the Christian system is better than what Israel had under Moses in the Old Testament (better priesthood, better sacrifice, better promises, better hope, better inheritance, better covenant -- see the book of Hebrews) we can please God by giving less than they did. It seems to me that the tithe would be a good place for the Christian to begin. Our giving is directly related to our love for God (Paul said, "I am testing the sincerity of your love" -- II Corinthians 8:8) and our faith in God (that He will supply our needs -- II Corinthians 9:8). Here is a tried and tested principle: when we give to God we accomplish more with what is left than we could have had we not given. It's true. And in addition to that, God will bless us abundantly. Think about it.

## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### HOLIDAY PARTY

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### GIFTS FOR BOLES HOME

Our gift project this year will be for a young lady at Boles Home. She is 10 years old and has a wish list posted by the youth board. Please sign up for a specific item. We need to deliver them to Boles Home by Sunday, Dec. 10.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz is Monday Jan. 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 at Broadway. The text is over Joshua 1-12. Pick up your study sheets by the youth board ASAP.

### CROATIA RELIEF BOXES

We will be packing relief boxes for the Croatia Call on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the Fellowship Hall. Several youth groups will be here to help. Please plan to come and share your time and energy to help others.

### LTC

The time is fast approaching for Leadership Training for Christ to begin. Lots of plans are being made for the 1996 LTC Convention and we are really excited about the theme, "**Be Strong and Courageous.**" Start thinking about the events you want to participate in and what you want to do. More information later.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 9 Youth Holiday Party  
Dec. 17 Combined Activity  
Dec. 19 Croatia Relief Packing Day  
Dec. 27-30 Backpacking Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Team #2 will meet Dec. 11.

### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the calls, visits, and prayers during my recent surgery. I appreciate your care and concern.

Henry McRuiz

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To my family in the Lord,

I wish to thank you for remembering my 65th birthday. You made my day.

Loving you,  
Frances Moore

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We deeply appreciate the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother. The flowers were beautiful and we love our church family at West Erwin. Thank you.

Johnnie & Jack Stringer

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Brody Clark**, son of Stan and Judy Clark, on being named defensive player of the game in the Bulldog's 59-14 win over Northern Illinois recently. He recorded 14 tackles, one forced fumble, and a sack in the contest. Brody is a line-backer at Louisiana Tech and is a senior this year.

### NEW CHRISTIAN

**Whitney Bobbitt**, daughter of Allen and Sherry Bobbitt and granddaughter of Chloe Clark, was baptized into Christ by her dad on Wednesday, November 29, at the Shiloh Road church. We rejoice with Whitney and her family in this important decision in her life.

### GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The **Boles Home** Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of December 11. West Erwin is asked to furnish 5 lb. bags of FLOUR, REFRIED BEANS, LIQUID SPIC-N-SPAN. Any other item that you would care to donate will be greatly appreciated.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Buck Davis, Johnnie Stringer's brother, died last Friday morning. Services were held Sunday at the Wills Point Church of Christ. Eville Pate, Stephanie Pate's grandmother, died last Tuesday in Center. Cissy Coffman, wife of Burton Coffman (well known in the brotherhood) died last Friday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

**"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

### THE SEARCH



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

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

The Weigh Down Workshop for this quarter is officially over. The total weight loss has been about 185 pounds. The spiritual gain has greatly overshadowed any physical weight loss -- just ask any of the participants. Should you want to be a part of this fantastic Bible study, come to our next orientation meeting on January 7, 1996. Contact Ruth Ellis or Angela Howard for further details.

### NEWS FROM TOGO

"We hope that the Lord is blessing you all as he is us. We're taking the day easy recuperating from our retreat with the church leaders. All went well. The new churches are all eager to learn and evangelize. Of the eight churches who sent delegations, six chose sights to start planting new churches. Of the two that did not choose to plant new works, one is the Lome church which was created before we came and is hesitant to try new things or accept our encouragement and the other is a three member church that the Lome church started over a year ago yet too small to start anything new. They also made plans for evangelizing their own villages and towns more. We pray that the Lord will bless them. We focused on leadership training, how to teach and how to evangelize. Women from the churches came and cooked to keep us going. We had about 50 men and 12 women come. What a blessing! Thanks for the help on the retreat. We are praying that this will be a great tool for the Lord.

Important: Please make our new telephone number known. You can now call us direct. Our number is 228-34 03 72. There is no operator hassle. Praise the Lord. We hope to be on Internet very soon.

Brenda is doing well. Still a little all day sickness (Whoever thought of morning sickness didn't have a clue. Must have been a man).

The Harmatan (Sands from the Sahara) came yesterday and will linger a couple of weeks keeping everything cool (high in the upper 70's & lower 80's). Then just in time for Christmas its going to get hot. Brenda and I are going on a vacation during the holidays to Lome just to have some R & R. God Bless you all.

Jeff & Brenda

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by Dewey Howard

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6TH ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH  
HOLIDAY BANQUET

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1995

7 PM • \$9 A PERSON

- Our all-church banquet is this Friday night! A lot of planning and hard work has gone into this evening of fun and fellowship. We hope to see you there.
- If you did not have an opportunity to reserve a spot, we want you to come anyway. We still have a few spots available. We want you to be a part.
- The West Erwin Talent Review this year promises to be one of the best. Every age group is represented in this year's show. Thanks to all of these who have placed their reputations on the line! This is one you will not want to miss!
- The banquet is brought to you by the Young Adult Cluster Class. Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate what they've done.

**During the next couple of Sundays**, you will be asked to indicate on your attendance card how you would like to be involved in our Koinonia fellowship program in 1996. Would you like to be in a noon group, a p.m. group, or both? Think about it and let us know Sunday on the back of your attendance card. Information sheet will be available in the foyer with more details if you would like one. We hope these groups will be ready to meet in January.

**A new series of Wednesday studies has begun** for our adults. Become a part of one of these, and keep your spiritual fire kindled during the cold winter months.

<i>The Search</i>	Small Auditorium	Jay Lockhart
<i>Spiritual Discipline: Holy Exercise for Holy Fitness</i>	112	Forest McFadden
<i>The Kings: Rulers of God's Covenant</i> (discussion)	113	Don Durham
<i>A Worthy Woman</i> (class for women)	Heritage Room	various women
<i>Sing Joyfully</i> (singing class)	Fellowship Hall	Dewey Howard
College & Singles	305	Stan Clark

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #5 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*



# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## THANKS!

We had a great time going out to eat this past Sunday night. Thanks to all of those who went.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

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## BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz is Monday Dec. 4 from 7:00 - 8:00 at Shiloh Rd. The text is over Acts 21-28 and the Super Quiz will be over the whole book of Acts. We will have a study session Sunday Dec. 3 at 4:30. Pick up your study sheets by the youth board ASAP.

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## IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Dec. 3 Bible Quiz Study Session
- Dec. 3 Combined Activity
- Dec. 4 Bible Quiz at Shiloh Rd.
- Dec. 9 Youth Holiday Party
- Dec. 19 Croatian Relief Packing Day
- Dec. 27-30 Backpacking Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
 'Gamer's Team #1 will meet Dec. 3.

## IN APPRECIATION

Many thanks for the cards and calls following my surgery. It really meant a lot to me.

Pauline Daughtry

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Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you so much for the frito pie lunch and the cobblers. They were delicious! Thank you for your continued support.

In Him,  
 Tri-C

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Dear West Erwin church,

I want to thank every one of you from the bottom of my heart. Everything you do is greatly appreciated. I want to thank you again for all of your love and support.

In Christian Love,  
 Shelley Henry

## GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of December 11. West Erwin is asked to furnish 5 lb. bags of FLOUR, REFRIED BEANS, LIQUID SPIC-N-SPAN. Any other item that you would care to donate will be greatly appreciated.

## WITH SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn of the death on Monday night of Pauline Kennedy, longtime West Erwin member. Services are pending at this writing (Tuesday morning) with Caudle Funeral Home in Lindale. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all her friends and family.

## YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will be going to "Santa Land" on December 5 to see the holiday lights. The bus will leave the church building at 5:00 p.m. We will eat dinner at Juanita's before seeing the lights. Cost will be your dinner plus \$2.00 or \$3.00 to pay for gas and bus fees to enter the park. We will return between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Peggy Garner or Billie Bob Hickman.

## AREA EVENT

The Church of Christ meeting at Quitman and Center Streets in Gladewater invite you to participate in their special "Homecoming" day, Sunday, December 3, 1995. Schedule: Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. At noon all are invited to share a meal and a time to visit together.

*"Your example is powerful beyond measure"*

## the search



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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Mr. and Mrs. James Hugh Haudin  
 have the honour of announcing  
 the marriage of their daughter  
 Stacey Lynn*

to

*Mr. David Kent Gregory  
 Saturday, the eighteenth of November  
 nineteen hundred and ninety-five  
 Cox Chapel  
 Highland Park United Methodist Church  
 Dallas, Texas*

*Please no gifts, only your  
 loving thoughts and prayers.*

## LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK

1. Compliment three people every day.
2. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
3. Be the first to say hello.
4. Live beneath your means.
5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
7. Forget the Joneses.
8. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
11. Be kinder than necessary.
12. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
13. Keep your promises.
14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
15. Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
16. Leave everything better then you found it.
17. Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
18. When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
20. Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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- o This Sunday will be your last opportunity to reserve a spot for our holiday banquet.
- o If you have reserved a spot and have not paid, please do so this week.
- o We are in need of Mexican items to decorate for the banquet. If you have something you would be willing to let us borrow, please bring it to my office.
- o Be a part of the West Erwin Talent Review! You still have time to get your act together. Musical or non, dramatic or non, *talented or non*, be a part of this year's entertainment. Talk with Trey and Joy Rousseau or me as soon as possible.
- o Take advantage of the free child care provided. If you will be using our child care, please call the church office this week so that we can prepare adequately.

## Koinonia 1995 has been good for the West Erwin family!

I appreciate each of this year's group leaders for working so diligently to make it so successful. All who have participated in the Koinonia groups have grown closer together and have made relationships with persons they would not otherwise have had an opportunity to meet. Tell each of our leaders what a good job they have done.

### Noon Leaders

Melvin & Nina Crow  
 Jim & Launa Armstrong  
 Billy & Lynda Terrell  
 Bob & Marie Threadgill  
 Dan & Wini Cullinan  
 John & Kim Mayer

### PM Leaders

Roy & Fern Bench  
 Don & Mary Jo Crowder  
 Alan & Patsy Fisher  
 Louis & Jane Jones  
 Larry & Winona Shankle  
 Wade & Diane Weathers  
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
 Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot  
 Garry & Lena Goswick

Praise God for what He has accomplished in our fellowship this year!

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\*\*\* Noon K-Group #4 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*



Records	Sunday Nov. 19	Sunday Nov. 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	397	353	419
Worship A.M.	541	471	542
Worship P.M.	328	284	352
Wed. P.M.	233	235	257
Contribution	\$14,920.70	\$12,593.98	\$13,026.60
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$919.70 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 26 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 29, Melvin Crow, ph. 839-7543.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Earle Arnold** is in Medical Center for tests. **Pauline Kennedy** is recuperating at The Clairmont. **Jonnie Steffee** is in Medical Center, room 5513, after surgery last Thursday. **Joe McBee** is at home and doing well after back surgery last Thursday. **Mozelle Cash** had eye surgery Tuesday. **Henry McRuiz** is scheduled for outpatient surgery at Mother Frances on Nov. 27. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is in Medical Center Hospital. **Ruby Pierce**, Claudia Griffis' aunt, remains critically ill in Mt. Pleasant. **Linda Maxey**, Don and Carolyn McCune's daughter-in-law's mother, had cancer surgery Wednesday. **Kay Lynn King**, granddaughter of Alma Biggs, is in Plano Medical Center. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**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	Dewey Howard - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Danny Snell - Youth		Bible School .....9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....10:00 A.M.
		Morning Worship .....10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Evening Worship .....6:00 P.M.	Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland		
Harold Taylor		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
		Christian Service Center .....9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
<b>ELDERS</b>		.....11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts		
James Sublette	Ira Wilson		
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn		
	Ray Vannoy		
	Joe McBee		

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 Scripture Ed Hunt  
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Jerry Huff

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 Prayer Bill Hawkins  
 Scripture Marvin Hollingsworth  
 Dismiss Brett Hone

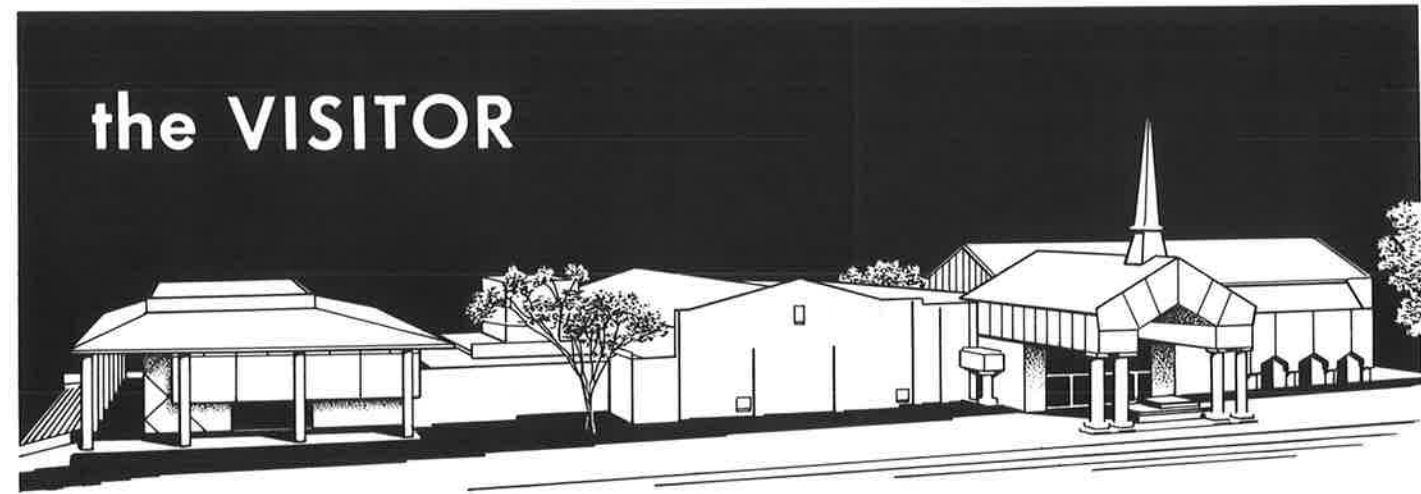
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**From the  
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By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, November 26, 1995**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **The Newness Of The Spirit**

(Romans 7:4-6)

P.M. **The Shepherd King (3)**

"From Adullam To EnGedi"

(I Samuel 18:1-9)

**HAVE YOU QUIT?**

When Jesus brought the church into existence, what did He wish to accomplish? The church is the "called out" people of God (I Peter 2:9-10). We are called by the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14) and in our proper response to the gospel we become "the called" (Romans 1:6). As the "the called" we have been reconciled to God and one another (Ephesians 2:13-16), we have been forgiven through the blood of Christ (Acts 2:38; Ephesians 1:7), and we are the family of God (Ephesians 2:19). Our purpose as the church is to glorify God in worship and in life (Ephesians 3:21). Jesus purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28), and He has given us the privilege to be a part of it as in obedience we were added to the number of the saved (Acts 2:38, 47). Since the church has been in the mind of God from eternity past (Ephesians 3:11), since Christ gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25), since it means so much to us, we would never leave it, would we? Yet, it is a sad fact that many do leave. Most do not intend to leave; they just begin to neglect their involvement and wander away. Things begin to crowd our active

involvement with the church out of our lives. One of the ways this shows itself is in our attendance in worship assemblies and our support of other church activities. Many things may hinder us, from a dying faith to personal problems to busyness, but the fact is that many do quit. Every week I receive a list of 70 to 80 names of West Erwin members who have not been in worship from six weeks to two years. Some of these have physical problems which keep them away (they would love to be here), but the majority have quit. Probably most of these folks didn't intend to quit -- they just allowed one thing and then another to keep them away until it was easy to miss. What do they miss? They miss times of praise in worship to God, times of remembering the Christ at His table, and times of mutual fellowship and edification with the church -- things we desperately need. No wonder God said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). We are the church. We are to be the church. Are you? Or, have you quit?

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## Youth Notes

by  
**Danny Snell**



### THANKSGIVING...

This is a special time of the year for most families including ours. Here are a few of the things I am thankful for: a wonderful church to work with, the best group of teenagers in the world, a wise and spiritual eldership, a staff that loves each other and the church, folks who really want to teach our teens, young people who want to be servants, our teens who pray a lot, parents who are always there for the group, those of you who always say encouraging words, two daughters who love their daddy, a wife who is always there for whatever job needs to be done and who always loves me, but most of all our God that has blessed our lives beyond measure. This is just a glimpse of all the blessings I enjoy. I hope that you can see how God blesses your life. Thanksgiving, a great time of the year.

### THANKS!

We had a great time on the middle school retreat this past weekend. It was one of the best yet. Thanks to Jeff Hone for going as a sponsor and to Cindy Carruth, Casey Culpepper, and Tiffany Sublette for going as junior counselors. Thanks to our group for making it so special.

Thanks to James & Connie Sublette for hosting the devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time!

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the youth group and their families are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. Join us for a great time.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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Womack's Team #4 will meet Nov. 27.

### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the many acts of kindness shown me following my surgery. The prayers, flowers, cards, food and visits meant so much to us. Your love and concern will always be remembered.

Larry Shankle

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### LETTING GO

I reached one day, the end of my rope,  
Battered by life, in a world of no hope.  
My cry into heaven was one final plea,  
An answer, Oh God, I need DESPARATELY!  
His counsel seemed strange and quite unexpected,  
Just two words I heard and barely detected.  
I think the world thought I was crazy, you know,  
When I took His advice and simply, "LET GO."  
My trust and His faithfulness, there became one,  
I received what He did, through Jesus, His Son.  
It was hardly an even exchange, you see,  
Grace upon Grace - FOR LIFE - GUILT FREE.  
We walked a few steps, just Jesus and me,  
He said, once more, "Let Go - Be Free."  
I looked in my heart and found a tight grip,  
On grudges and hurts - THAT GRIP HAD TO SLIP!  
A step or two and I hit a snaggage,  
What in the world is this excess baggage?  
Worry and fear were my tight grasp,  
Lord, change my thinking - I LET GO THIS CLASP!  
Freeing that load let us pick up the pace,  
Right up to the point - I fell flat on my face.  
Arrogant price - as if His Gift weren't free,  
Humility counts - OTHERS BETTER THAN ME.  
With this great new idea, I then raced ahead,  
Whoops! I forgot - I'm supposed to be led.  
His thoughts and His ways - they are higher than mine,  
I "Let Go" my ideas - SO HIS CAN SHINE.  
Walking with Him in this earthly life,  
Learning to leave - envy, anger, and strife.  
Many more lessons, I'm sure lie ahead,  
Remind me again, 'twas "LET GO," HE SAID.  
But just like the first time, the exchange won't be even,  
For things of this world - THEY'RE ALWAYS WORTH LEAVIN'!  
And "letting go" in my heart and my hands and my head,  
MAKES ROOM TO RECEIVE HIS TRUE LIVING BREAD.  
- Virginia Shepherd (via the Burleson Bulletin)

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### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The Campus Christian Center, 1415 South Baxter (at TJC) is sponsoring Parents Night Out on Friday, December 1, from 6:30 - 10:00, \$5.00 for first child, \$3.00 each additional child. Call 593-3331 for information or reservations.

### THE VICTOR

If you think you are beaten, you are.  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you like to win but think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you're lost.  
For out in the world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will.  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you are outclassed, you are.  
You've got to think high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man.  
But soon or later, the man who wins  
Is the man who thinks he can.  
- C.W. Longenecker

### AREA EVENT

The Church of Christ meeting at Quitman and Center Streets in Gladewater invite you to participate in their special "Homecoming" day, Sunday, December 3, 1995. Schedule: Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. At noon all are invited to share a meal and a time to visit together.

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (NIV) Colossians 3:12-15*

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- o Space filled up quickly on Sunday morning, but we still have some seats left. You will have an opportunity to reserve a spot over the next two weeks.
- o Enjoy the West Erwin Talent Review! We still have room for several more acts. Get yours planned and turn it in to Dewey soon.
- o Take advantage of the free child care provided.
- o Brought to you by the Young Adult Cluster Class.

**Get your talent together for the Holiday Banquet!** This is always the highlight of the dinner (at least, those of us who do the performing would like to think so!). Musical or non, dramatic or non, *talented or non*, be a part of this year's entertainment. Talk with Trey and Joy Rousseau or me as soon as possible.

**A new series of Wednesday night electives** is set to begin on Wednesday, December 6. Make our Wednesday evening study a key part of your week -- every week. It will make a real difference in how your week goes.

**We want to welcome Daniel and Kim DuPree** as coordinators of our primary aged Bible classes. They are joining Kelley Bell in helping me oversee this area of our teaching ministry. Our coordinators have an important job of making sure our Bible classes are staffed and have the resources they need. Often it is a thankless job. Make sure that you let each of our coordinators know how much you appreciate their hard work. And especially join with me in letting Daniel and Kim know that we appreciate them.

**We ordered several extra songbooks** at a discount. We will have these books in the foyer for the next several weeks. If you would like to purchase one or more for yourself or as a gift, place \$8.25 in the box in the foyer for each book that you take. These are blue in color so that they can be easily distinguished from the maroon books in the auditorium. Get one and use it for your own personal devotion during the week!

\*\*\* No Noon K-Group meeting this Sunday due to holiday \*\*\*

Records	Sunday Nov. 12	Sunday Nov. 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	353	420	415
Worship A.M.	471	633	602
Worship P.M.	284	412	343
Wed. P.M.	235	243	222
Contribution	\$12,593.98	\$12,907.72	\$13,677.55
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$1,407.02 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 19 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 22, Terry Frick, ph. 581-2412.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Pauline Kennedy** is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 385. **Jonnie Steffee** is in Medical Center, room 5513. She is scheduled for surgery on Thursday. **Joe McBee** is scheduled for back surgery Thursday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Larry Shankle** is recovering at home from recent surgery. **Mozelle Cash** is scheduled for eye surgery next Tuesday. **Henry McRuiz** is scheduled for outpatient surgery at Mother Frances on Nov. 27. **Gary Helms** had laser surgery on his eye last week. **Ruby Pierce**, Claudia Griffis' aunt, remains critically ill in Mt. Pleasant. **Helen Donaldson**, Michael Millsap's grandmother, is in Mother Frances Hospital. **Linda Maxey**, Don and Carolyn McCune's daughter-in-law's mother, is scheduled for cancer surgery Wednesday. **Dale Dews**, Scott Dews' mother, is very ill. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**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	
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**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jamon Kirby  
 Scripture Josh Hone  
 Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Grant Knight

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Ray Vannoy  
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 Scripture Jesse Jackson  
 Dismiss Curt Jordan

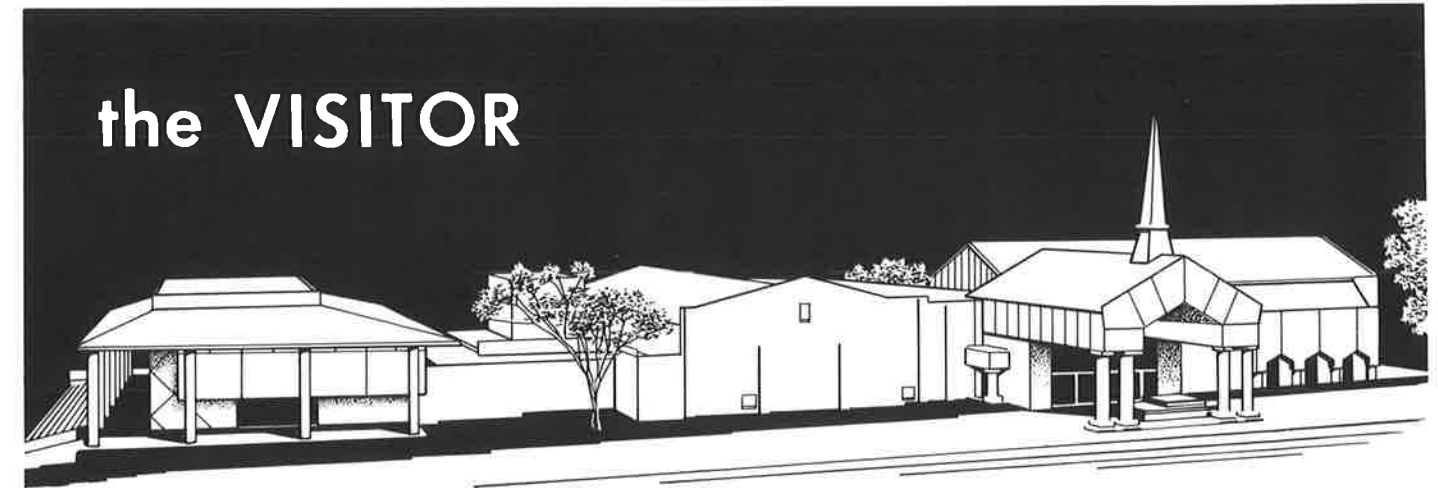
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Casey Culpepper Milburn Cook  
 Ken Culpepper Melvin Crow  
 Wally Dawkins Danny Craddock  
 David Demic Don Crowder

GREETERS

Melvin and Nina Crow  
 Billie and Norene Ingram

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!



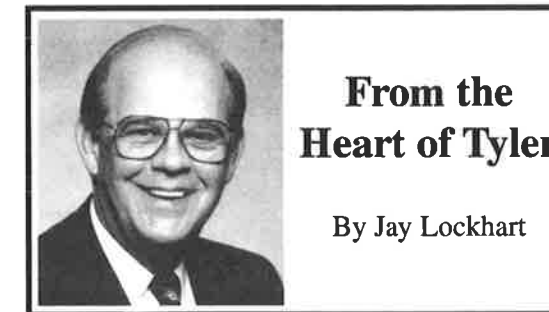
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*The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler*



**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, November 19, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **Free To Be Slaves**  
 (Romans 6:15-18)

P.M. **The Shepherd King (2)**  
 (1 Samuel 17:40-47)

**Rediscovering A Lost Art**

Consider these scenarios: He was a single, mid-twenties man with no family ties in this new city. He attended church services that Sunday morning and the worship was inspiring, the people were friendly, but he was left alone as he made his way to the car. It would have been so nice to have been invited to lunch by someone. A young couple attended a Bible class. It was a good study with an excited teacher and plenty of discussion. On their way home this couple observed that most people in the class scattered after the bell rang--seemingly so busy they had no time to squeeze anyone else into their agendas. An older couple in their seventies used to attend church, but now that their health was not as good as it had once been, they seldom attended church. They watched sermons on TV, spent a lot of time at home, and went out only when necessary. What do these people, who live in different circumstances, have in common? They have neither received or extended hospitality to others in the body of Christ. These folks are typical of many others. Why is the extension of hospitality on the decline? Some reasons are

cultural. We are transient and the effort to develop friendships through hospitality seems futile. We live in isolation and we can be rather independent as we separate ourselves from personal relationships. We are busy and have little time to be hospitable. We are satisfied with our inner circle of friends and have no room for others. Yet, the New Testament is clear: "And above all things have fervent love for one another, ...be hospitable to one another without grumbling" (1 Peter 4:8-9); "given to hospitality" (Romans 12:13). Hospitality was one of the measurements Paul gave for evaluating widows (1 Timothy 5:10) and for those who would be church leaders (1 Timothy 3:2). To carry out the mandate of hospitality will require the sacrifice of time, comfort, and self-absorption, but it's worth it. So, away with the self-justifying platitudes ("My time is so limited"; "My house is so small"; "My circle of friends are so important for me," et.al. Abraham could have said all the things we say, but he practiced hospitality and, guess what? He entertained angels without knowing it (Genesis 18:3-5; Hebrews 13:2). We need to rediscover the lost art of hospitality!

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## Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



### THANKS!

We had a great time painting Aline Beard's house this past Saturday. Thanks to all of those who helped: Ashli Bryant, Casey Culpepper, Cathy Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Brett Hone, Jeff Hone, Josh Hone, and Charlie Scroggins. It never ceases to amaze me that our young people always rise to meet every challenge. May God bless you for that.

### WALK-A-THON FOR CROATIA

A large group from the churches in East Texas have continued to raise funds to purchase food for the Croatian Call. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, contact one of our teens or myself. In December we will be purchasing and packing the relief boxes.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 17-18 is our annual City Wide Middle School Retreat. We will be going to Lone Star and spending the weekend together with teens from all over the Tyler area. The theme is: "A Tale of Three Kings". Cost is \$10.00. We will be leaving from West Erwin at 5:15 Friday and returning Saturday at 5:00. Pray for the success of this retreat.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz is Monday Dec. 4 from 7:00 - 8:00 at Shiloh Rd. The text is over Acts 21-28. Pick up your study sheets by the youth board ASAP.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Nov. 17-18	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 19	High School Activity
Nov. 26	Out To Eat
Dec. 3	Combined Activity
Dec. 4	Bible Quiz at Shiloh Rd.
Dec. 9	Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 27-30	Backpacking Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Nov. 19.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the lovely plant, the many cards of sympathy with such words of comfort and your prayers for my family during the loss of my father.

It has been such a blessing to have family like you.

In Christian love,  
Debbie and Elizabeth Davis

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During Amos' illness you were so nice to think of us in such a thoughtful way. Thank you for all your cards, visits, calls and prayers. Don't think we could have made it without them.

In Christian Love,  
Amos and Clelia Fay Elliott

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Dear Members of West Erwin,

I wanted to say thank you for your prayers, money and gifts that you gave me. I appreciate all of you for what you have done to help me during the time following the fire at the mobile home. I couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you,  
Mike Downing

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Thank you very much for your support of Danny and Lisa in the loss of Lisa's granddad, Lewis Prather. The flowers you sent were a comfort to all of us.

Jim & Estelle Strother  
for all the Prather Family

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We are overwhelmed by the love and care shown to us at Bill's death. Every prayer, call, card, visit, every hug, pat on the back and comforting word, all the wonderful food and flowers have helped us more than we can tell you. We will be forever grateful to you for every act of kindness during this difficult time. Please continue to remember us all in your prayers.

Thank you,  
Jo Butler & all the family

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I take this opportunity to thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and meals that my Christian family provided following my knee surgery. It's very humbling to know so many care. I love you.

Milburn Cook

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With sincere appreciation for your kindness. Thank you for remembering me during my surgery.

Love,  
Betty Jo Barajas

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

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### THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCHEON

Whether you're short on cash, a long way from home or just tired of eating alone, we invite you to share Thanksgiving with us. The Lord Jesus Christ is providing the food. Many great cooks are preparing the feast. And best of all, the food, fellowship and fun are free. Come give thanks with us! Lunch will be served at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ at the corner of Shiloh Road and Paluxy from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have questions, or need transportation, call 561-7992.

### GOSPEL MEETING

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Jamestown Church of Christ with Johnny Ramsey Sunday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., November 20 and 21 services at 7:00 p.m. They are located at Jamestown on FM 1253.

### WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Jo Butler, Mary Butler, Marisa Suggs, Julienne Stewart, and Joelle Brown in the loss of Bill Butler. Services were held at Lloyd James on Thursday.

Services for Effie Prather, grandmother of Lisa Snell, were held Monday in Lamesa. Our love is with Lisa and all the family at this time.

### SISTERS IN SERVICE

The West Erwin Sisters In Service will be taking up money for gifts for our missionaries: the Ray Maxwell family, Harold and Betty Taylor and the Rafael Falcon family. Gifts have been mailed to Jeff and Brenda Holland. See Connie Sublette, Lisa Snell or Arlene Lockhart for more details or to make your donation.

### GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home Grocery Truck will be in our area the week of December 11. West Erwin is asked to furnish 5 lb. bags of FLOUR, REFRIED BEANS, LIQUID SPIC-N-SPAN. Any other item that you would care to donate will be greatly appreciated.

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## Spotlight on Education

by *Dewey Howard*



**Come participate in a special Thanksgiving Devotional** on Wednesday evening, November 22. 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 auditorium. God will be honored, and you will be richly blessed.

### Teachers, please make a note of these:

- When this quarter is over at the end of November, return your teaching materials to the workroom. This includes unused visual aid materials, teachers manuals, student workbooks, and teaching materials from 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.
- By the time you receive this bulletin, the material for the Winter Quarter should be in and ready for you to pick up. Come by the office to get your curriculum and resources for the new quarter.

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\*\*\* Noon K-Group #3 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*



## Youth Notes

by  
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### THANKS!

A very special "Thanks" to all of those who helped with our day of praise and thanksgiving. It was a great day!

Thanks to Linda Hone and Cathy Scroggins for taking care of the Bible Quiz at West Erwin this past Monday night.

### WALK-A-THON FOR CROATIA

Thanks to all of those who participated in the Walk-A-Thon this past Saturday. There were about 50 people from across the area who participated. We are still raising funds for this project. The money raised will be used to purchase food for relief boxes that will be shipped to a relief center which is overseen by the church in Zagreb. We will purchase the food and pack it at West Erwin and then transport the boxes to Dallas. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, contact one of our teens or myself. Thanks to the following for walking and helping: Chris Ables, Cody Ables, Nichole Aven, Ashley Bryant, Courtney Craddock, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Meagan Morris, Charlie Scroggins, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell.

### YOUTH WORKDAY

This Saturday is our workday at Aline Beard's in Chandler. We will be meeting there at 8:00. We will finish when the job is done. If you can help, please come.

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### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Nov. 11 Workday at Aline Beard's  
Nov. 17-18 Middle School Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Team #2 will meet Nov. 13.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for remembering us with your support. Often we look around and see everything here and realize it is all from the love and generosity of people like you. We all enjoyed visiting West Erwin recently. We got a new girl last week. Nellie is 11 and in the 5th grade. The little girls are happy to have a new playmate! Our family now numbers 11!

Thanks again,  
Doug and Jill Stickler  
Tipton Home

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Landon Gregory! On Saturday, October 28, he placed second in the Small-Fry Fishing Festival held at Howe-Baker Engineers. The event's main purpose was to raise money for research for the American Cancer Society.

### WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Claudia Griffis in the death of her aunt, Nona Thomas. Services were held Sunday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant.

### HOMECOMING

Congratulations to the Broadway Church of Christ as they celebrate 20 years of service to the Lord in Tyler. The celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 19, 1995. Lunch will be served following the worship assembly.

### Something to think about...

W. Clement Stone, founder of Success magazine said:  
"There is very little difference in any of us; but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude, and the big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

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### All I Ever Needed To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world this would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it still is true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.  
- Robert Fulghum

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by Dewey Howard

### Songs of Faith and Praise, our new songbooks, are in!

These new hymnals will truly help us as we continue to grow in our worship at West Erwin. Not only does this book contain the great songs that we know and love, but it also has several new songs -- songs we do not all know yet, but songs we will learn to love just like the old ones.

Why purchase new songbooks?

The worship of God's people has always focused on the past, the present, and the future. Go back and read the passages that describe worship in the Old and New Testament. They praised God for the mighty deeds He had done for them. Their hymns rehearsed the great and marvelous workings of God. (Read Psalm 90. The earliest psalm was written by Moses!) Furthermore, they praised God for His continued blessings. Each generation of God's people renewed their worship with new songs of praise and thanksgiving. (Take a look at Ex. 15, Deut. 31:19, Judges 5, 1 Kings 4:32, 1 Corinthians 14:26.) Finally, they praised Him for the hope that He gave for tomorrow. He was the God would never forsake His people.

We will always hold the old songs close to our hearts. These are the songs that we grew up with and that tie us to our rich heritage of faith. The worship of God people, however, must never become static. Each generation must express their faith in God with new songs in the language of their day. This is what God's people did throughout the story of the Bible, and this is what we must do today if our worship is to stay alive and vibrant. Let us enjoy this time of renewal in our worship. "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD." (Ps. 40:3)

Some of you have expressed an interest in having a new songbook of your own. We have ordered several extra songbooks at a discount. These are blue in color so that they can be easily distinguished from the maroon books in the auditorium. We will have these books in the foyer for the next several weeks. If you would like to purchase one or more of these, place \$8.25 in the box in the foyer for each book that you take.

The 6th Annual All-Church Holiday Banquet will be on Friday night, December 8. Over the past several years, this occasion has become a highlight of our church calendar. *Everyone is invited to come enjoy this night together.* You must reserve your spot early. Space is limited and it fills up fast. We will have persons in the foyer during the next few weeks for you to purchase your ticket. The cost is \$9.00/person. Childcare will be provided. Along with the banquet will be our West Erwin Talent Review. Whether you would like to do something alone or with a group, get your talent together and let me know as soon as you can that you would like to participate in this year's entertainment.

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #2 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Most PM K-Groups meet this Sunday evening. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday Oct. 22	Sunday Oct. 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	341	382	381
Worship A.M.	527	550	579
Worship P.M.	311	360	316
Wed. P.M.	264	272	273
Contribution	\$12,204.37	\$13,421.95	\$13,062.03
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$1,796.63 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 29 and Wed. P.M., Nov. 1, Marvin Hollingsworth, ph. 566-8773.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Pauline Kennedy** had a hip replacement following a fall. She is in Mother Frances Hospital. **Pete Wallace** expected to be dismissed from Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday. **Gary Helms** is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 590. He has a growth on his retina. **Earle Arnold** is recovering from gall bladder surgery. **Kim Jordan** had gall bladder surgery last Friday at Medical Center. She is recuperating at home. **K. Max Haws** had cataract surgery on Tuesday. **Opal Carr**, Thelma Carr's mother-in-law, had surgery for lung cancer Tuesday at Medical Center Hospital. **Ruby Pierce** and **Nona Thomas**, Claudia Griffis' aunts, are both critically ill in Mt. Pleasant. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are undergoing treatment, ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes.

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Robert Hilliard

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 Prayer Louis Jones  
 Scripture David Hanley  
 Dismiss David Haney, Jr.


SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Bill Meazell Michael Lowrance  
 Forest McFadden Jim McDonald  
 Joe McBee Mike McClenny  
 Bill McCain Henry McRuiz

GREETERS

Paul & Signa Stanley  
 Ray & Gail Vannoy

**Don't Forget!**  
**TIME CHANGE!**  
**FALL BACK**  
**1 Hour**  
**Saturday night**  
**Be on time for Bible Class Sunday!**

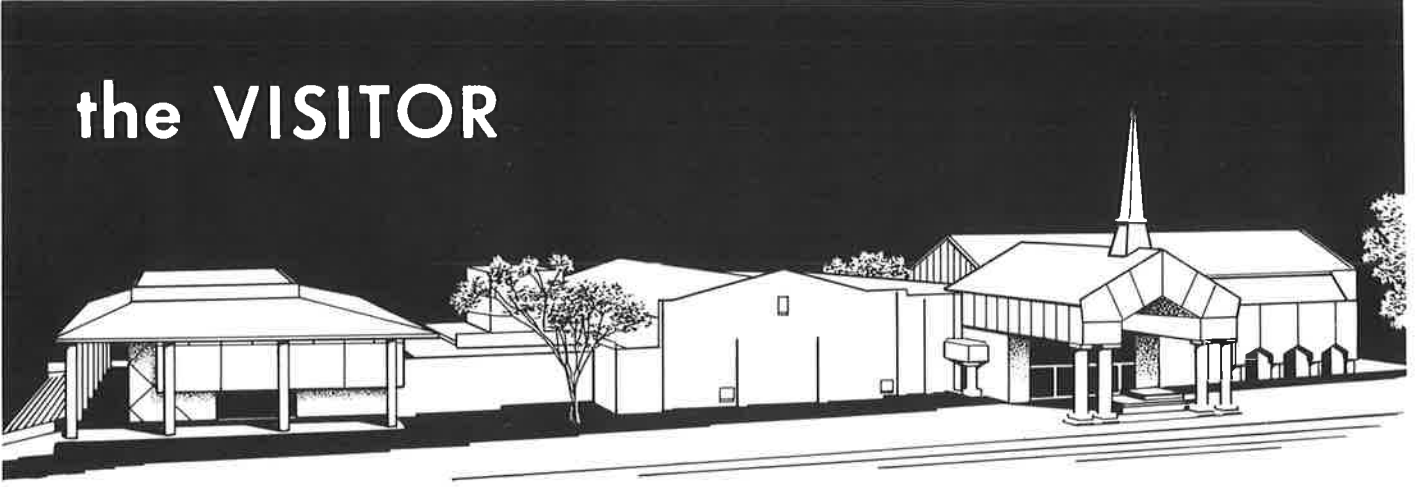


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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
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**Sermons for Sunday, October 29, 1995  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **Come Home**  
 (Romans 5:1-11)
- P.M. **Turning The Heart To God**  
 (I Samuel 16:1-12)

**THIS SUNDAY MORNING IS THE TIME**

We need to do a couple of things as we approach this weekend (October 29): first, we need to remember to set our clocks back one hour, and second, we need to be in Bible class as we aim for our goal of 500. Here's how we can reach our goal: be in town this weekend; be present at 9:00 o'clock (that's 10 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time!); and even if you are not enrolled in a Bible class, attend this Sunday. We'll be studying the life-changing letter of Paul to the Romans and you will be blessed by coming. A word to our adults: if you don't know which class to attend, come to the old auditorium and be a part of 150 students!

**NEW SERMON SERIES**

As you know, during the six months that our Sunday morning adult Bible classes are studying the book of Romans the Sunday morning sermons will be based on the same text as our classes. Beginning Sunday evening, October 29, I will be preaching for the next few months a series of sermons on the life of Israel's greatest king, David, which I am calling The Shepherd King. The Bible says that the things "written before were written for our learning" (Romans 15:4). David's life gives us example, insight, warning, dedication, faith, victory and defeat. Study with us as we look at the life of the one God said was "a man after His own heart" -- The Shepherd King.

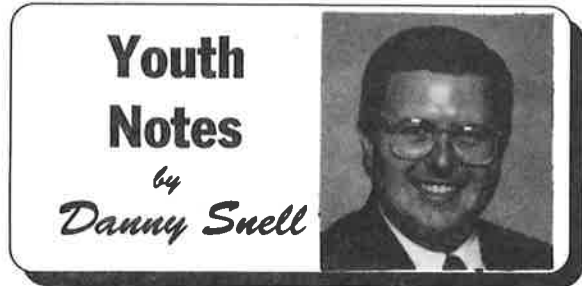
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 "No one can walk backward into the future."  
 - Hergesheimer

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 "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Emerson

"We make a living by what we get, and a life by what we give."  
 - Churchill

"Success is never final, and failure is never fatal; it's courage that counts."  
 - Grit

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**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who went to Harding's High School Days this past weekend. It is always a great privilege to visit our Christian Colleges and see the great opportunity that they offer to our young people. Thanks to Les & Carolyn Caruth and Danny & Maggie Craddock for going as sponsors.

**WALK-A-THON FOR CROATIA**

Saturday, Nov. 4 is the date for the Area Wide Walk-A-Thon for Croatia. We will be walking 10 miles that day to raise awareness of those in Croatia who are refugees and families caught in the midst of war. The money raised will be used to purchase food for relief boxes that will be shipped to a relief center which is overseen by the church in Zagreb. We will purchase the food and pack it at West Erwin and then transport the boxes to Dallas. Those who are going to participate need to sign the list by the Youth Board ASAP. If you would like to make a donation to this cause, contact one of our teens or myself.

**CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL**

Sunday, October 29 is the date for our annual Children's Fall Festival. All of those in the youth group and their families are asked to sign up to run a booth for the festival. We have had very large crowds over the last few years and expect an even larger one this year. We need all the help we can get. There is still a need for people to help with the booths. The sign up list will be by the Youth Board. We will have the Center open Sunday afternoon for those who need to set up and check their booths. If you wear a costume, please make it tasteful and not scary. *All of those involved in the Fall Festival need to attend a very important meeting at 5:15 in the Center.*

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet Oct. 23.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you all so very much for the cards, prayers, phone calls, visits and food before and after my surgery.  
Mozelle Cash  
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Dear Friends,  
Our thanks to you and the lovely ladies from the West Erwin congregation for visiting with us and for the quilts you brought for our kids. It won't be very long and those quilts will feel very good on their beds. Thank you for sharing with us and for your interest in our work.

In Him,  
Wanda Boney  
for Christs' Haven  
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Thank you for a rainbow of an evening. That was the most fun time ... you "young uns" are special. 'Twas so much fun to see and hear the yesteryear sing and danced by the now group! Fun. Thanks for the memories. When will you take your show on the road? West Erwin is my mother congregation and when I'm there - O how the memories flood my heart. Time marches on and in a very special way, when that many people can gather and enjoy fun, food and fellowship.

Love you all!  
Kathleen & Edwin Rasco

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We need cookies for the Fall Festival this Sunday night. Ladies, if you can help with this, please bring your cookies Sunday morning. You may leave them in the church office.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We are pleased to welcome **Jon and Norma Sorrells** into our growing family at West Erwin. They came Sunday to make known their wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset to the work here. Their address is Route 3, Box 644, Jacksonsville, 75766, ph. 795-3673.

We rejoice with **Jade Marshall** in her new birth! She was baptized into Christ by her grandfather in Mt. Pleasant last Sunday. She is the daughter of Tim Marshall who recently placed membership with the family here. Their address is P.O. Box 131352, 75713.

**GOOD MORNING GOD**

*You are ushering in another day untouched and freshly new, so here I come to ask you God if you'll renew me too.*

*Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday, and let me try again dear God to walk closer in Thy way.*

*But Father I am well aware I can't make it on my own, so take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.*

**GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

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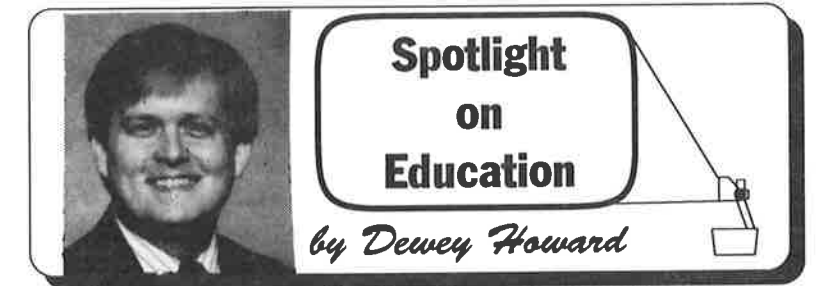
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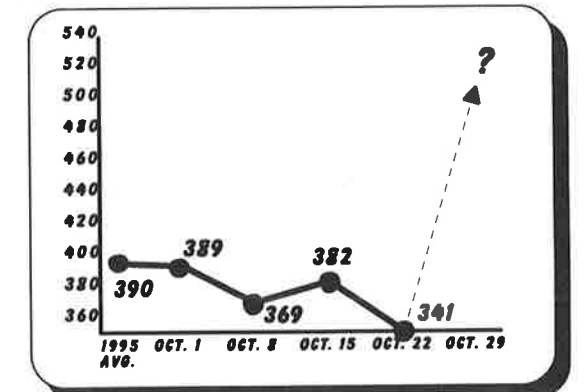
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**We have one more Sunday of our Coming Home Month.**

October has been a month when several of us have been traveling. Well, this Sunday it is time to come home. We want to have **500** in our Bible classes and **over 600** in our worship assembly. If each of our classes reaches their intended goal, we will have 576 in our Bible study time. Come enjoy the day with your West Erwin family. The Lord has certainly been good to us. Sunday will be a great day!



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9-12th grades	20	35
College Adults	-	12
Young Adult Clusters	63	100
Boomers	20	35
50-70's	44	60
Mixed Ages	20	26
Ladies	8	12
Auditorium	105	150

**Coming Up at West Erwin:**

- o A Day of Celebration and Praise ..... November 5
- o All-Church Banquet ..... December 8

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #1 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*



Records	Sunday Oct. 15	Sunday Oct. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	382	367	332
Worship A.M.	550	591	502
Worship P.M.	360	392	360
Wed. P.M.	272	239	256
Contribution	\$13,421.95	\$14,862.09	\$12,362.85
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$579.09 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 22 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 25, David Haney, Jr., ph. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Earle Arnold was hospitalized last weekend but is now at home. He is still very ill. Jonathan Lowrance was hospitalized last weekend but is now at home. Mozelle Cash had eye surgery Tuesday. Darryl Hendrix had gall bladder surgery Monday. He is at home and doing well. Betty Jo Barajas is recovering at home from recent surgery. K. Max Haws is scheduled for cataract surgery next Thursday. Opal Carr, Thelma Carr's mother-in-law, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She is scheduled for surgery Tuesday at Medical Center Hospital. Ruby Pierce and Nona Thomas, Claudia Griffis' aunts, are both critically ill in Mt. Pleasant. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are undergoing treatment, ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes.

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer K. Max Haws  
 Scripture Nicholas Goodson  
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Robert Hilliard

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Phil Marts  
 Prayer Mark Gregory  
 Scripture Mike Downing  
 Dismiss Casey Haws

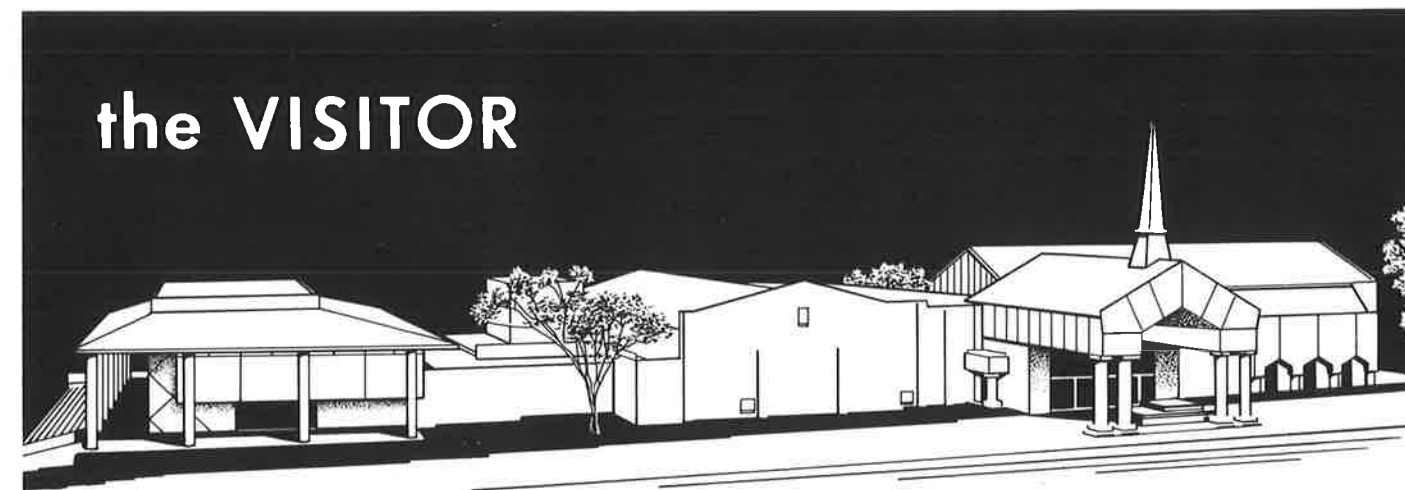
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Bill Meazell Michael Lowrance  
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**GREETERS**

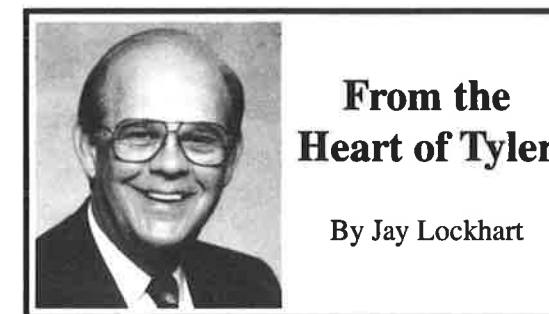
Jim & Priscilla Mayer  
 Elmer & Nila Miles

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**CONNECTING**

Here is an important concept for our spiritual lives: do we connect? A few days ago Edwin White spoke to us about our relationship with God as he presented "A Sense Of Presence." Did we connect? When we worship on Sunday, are we just attending or are we really worshipping? Do we connect? When we open the Word, are we asking what does God want me to do? Do we connect? Once upon a time during heavy rains and flash flooding, two people were swept along in the raging waters. As they approached a bridge, some men on the bridge reached down to rescue them. One connected but one did not. It was pretty important. Do we connect?

**HODGE IS HERE SUNDAY**

Charles Hodge will be preaching at all services Sunday while I am at Edgewood. Hodge has spoken at West Erwin on our Summer Series and for an Area-Wide Meeting. You will want to hear him Sunday.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, October 29, is particularly significant for us. That day is the conclusion of a month long emphasis upon *Coming Home*. We hope as many of us as possible will be in class at 9:00 a.m. as we have set a goal for 500! Since this will be the Sunday that Daylight Savings Time ends, it should be easy for us to reach the goal. If you are not presently in Bible Class on Sunday mornings, make a real effort to be here on the 29th!

Then, on the first Sunday of November (the 5th) we will share a day of praise together as we emphasize thanksgiving for how the Lord has blessed us over the past year. Put these events on your calendar and make them a part of your life.

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal." -- Hannah More

"If something is worth doing, there is a way to do it." -- Harold Hazelpip

"Money is a terrible master, but an excellent servant."

-- P.T. Barnum

"Great goals are never reached by following the line of least persistence." -- William Arthur Ward

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# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the combined devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time together. Thanks for helping us celebrate Jordan's 1st birthday. As with Shannon's 1st, it will always be special to our family that you were a part of that. Thanks to the following hosts: Cathy Culpepper, Ken & Debra Elzen, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Paige Morris.

## HARDING HIGH SCHOOL DAYS

This weekend a group of us will be at Harding University for their annual high school weekend. Please pray for our safety.

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## IN APPRECIATION

We have lost someone very special ... Thank you for sharing our grief. For the many prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers - all of the expressions of your concern and love for our mother, we are most grateful. Perhaps only those of us who really knew what she had gone through these past few years can fully understand how she must be rejoicing. She loved all of you dearly.

Our heartfelt appreciation,  
The family of Lillian Colbert

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Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. The flowers you sent were beautiful.

The Thomas Ables family

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Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thanks so much for the prayers on our behalf during our pregnancy and recent delivery of our son Carson. These prayers are the very reason Carson waited until 37 weeks and is healthy at 6 lb. 6 oz. Thanks so much.

In Christian love,  
Doug, Dana, Katie, Shelby  
& Carson Crow

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the delicious Monday lunch you provided. The chicken spaghetti, salad, bread and desserts were wonderful. Thank you for your continued support of our group.

In Christ,  
Tri-C

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## AREA EVENTS

You're invited to a **Gospel Meeting** with Ron Lowrance at the Arp Church of Christ October 22-26, 7:30 p.m. each evening. The theme is "Strengthening the Body."

The **Fourth Sunday Area Wide Singing** will be at the Arp Church of Christ on October 22 at 2:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and sing praise to God.

The **Cherokee Home For Children** will host an **Auction** on their campus Nov. 4, 1995, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Come early and look the items over before the auction begins. Something for everyone and some very special items to be auctioned. Will accept donated items and take some things on consignment.

On November 9, 1995 "Doc" & Mayme will celebrate their **50th Wedding anniversary**. You are invited to attend a reception in their honor on Sunday, October 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Jennings House Women for ACU Museum, 1602 Campus Court, ACU, Abilene, Texas. Acknowledgments such as cards and letters will be placed in a memorable scrapbook and presented to them on their anniversary. When mailing please forward to Mrs. Barbara Churchill Vest, 2121 Avenue Q, Anson, Texas 79501. Mother and Dad would surely appreciate your stopping by the Museum and celebrating with them this very happy occasion. Your presence will be their greatest gift. We look forward to seeing you there. Note: "Doc" and Mayme Churchill were married on November 9, 1945 by Brother T.B. Thompson. "Doc" got out of the army at Camp Fannin and was married two hours later.

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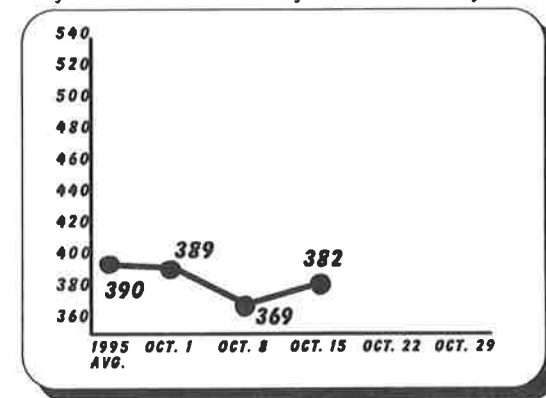
## Spotlight on Education

by *Dewey Howard*



## Attendance for Bible class is back on the right trend.

We have really missed some of you the last couple of weeks. We're glad you're back. It's just not the same around here on Sunday mornings without you. As our *Coming Home Month* comes to a close over the next two weeks, we need even more of you back. On October 29 we need your help having over 500 in our Bible classes. What a joy it will be when that many people are all gathered to study God's word and to give one another love and encouragement! Be in Bible class for the next two weeks. Make sure that your children are in class. Your family at West Erwin needs you here. We'll see you this Sunday at 9:00!



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Remember A Day of Celebration and Praise -- November 5!

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Worship A.M.	591	563	546
Worship P.M.	392	336	340
Wed. P.M.	239	282	273
Contribution	\$14,862.09	\$14,218.18	\$14,020.40
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$861.09 over budget)	

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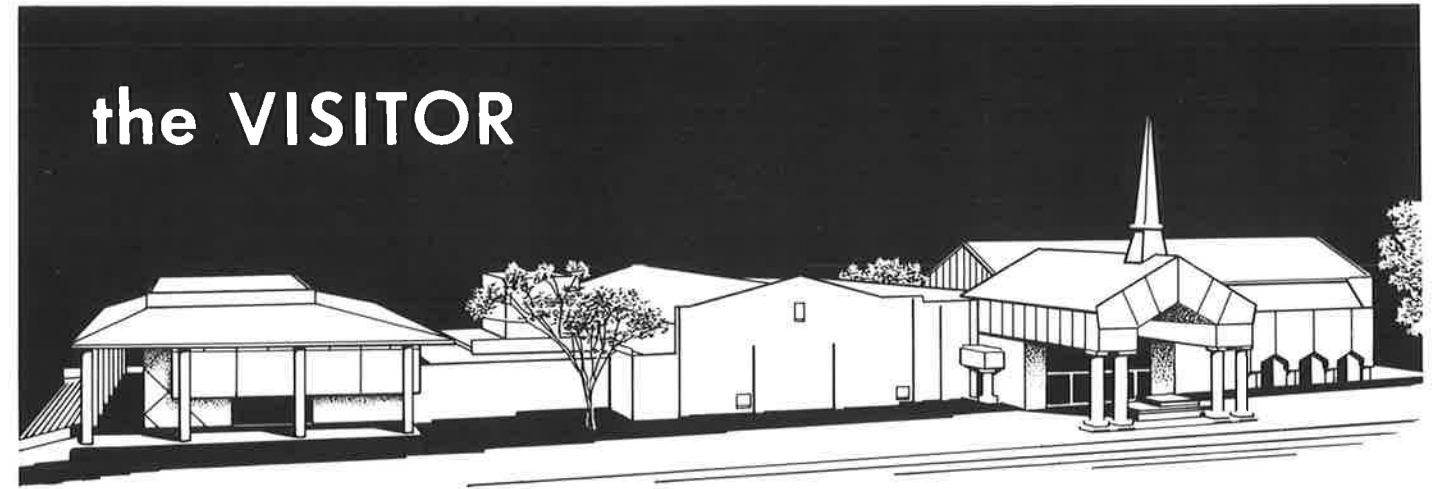
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 Elder's Prayer Stan Clark  
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 Scripture Jack Garner  
 Dismiss Joseph Elerson  
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**Sermons for Sunday, October 15, 1995**  
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 A.M. **What Advantage Do You Have?**  
 (Romans 3:21-26)  
 P.M. **The Freedom That Truth Brings**  
 (John 8:31-36)

**A TIP OF THE HAT**

We are indebted to **Edwin White** for his presentation last Sunday on **A Sense Of Presence**. While what he said may have passed right over the heads of some, for others of us he struck us in the heart. We were enlightened, challenged, and encouraged. We were convicted, disturbed, and transformed. We agree with Edwin: All of our problems in failing to live the Christian life and the problems we face within the church are related directly to the bigger problem of misunderstanding the sense of Presence. We are grateful to Edwin White for his coming to us and for his teaching us. You have ordered more than 130 of the books and many are requesting the tapes. Call the office if you want to be included.

Also, I want to thank **Don Drummond** for the careful editing and the great introductions he does for THE SEARCH. Last Sunday I viewed the first part of the program carefully. It was an introduction to our current series on Romans and Don's expertise and genuine interest in our TV ministry was most apparent.


Additionally, thanks to **Forest McFadden** for editing "Looking At The Search", a monthly presentation featuring the happenings surrounding THE SEARCH. It is a well done publication and most informative in its content. Incidentally, wasn't that a great story Edwin White told us about what our tape ministry was accomplishing in Saudi Arabia and Angola? I'm sure Forest will feature the details soon, but by the grace of God supporters of THE SEARCH have had fruit borne to their accounts in places most of us have never been.

And I want to thank **Sue Starnes** for her faithfulness in her life, her teaching, and in the beautiful and well done posters she does for helping us advertise upcoming events. Sue, you do a great job and we appreciate your work!

To all of you I want to say, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5). Let's have a great day Sunday!

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Oops! We forgot to say "Thanks" to Frances Broome for helping with the singing class. Sorry, Frances!

**COMBINED DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church in the Fellowship Hall. Bring \$2.00 for pizza. You can help us celebrate Jordan's 1st birthday! We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together.

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- Nov. 17-18 Middle School Retreat

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Tate's Team #3 will meet Oct. 15.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
We would like to thank you for making us feel so welcome in the church. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us to move in our home. We are very grateful to each and every one at West Erwin.

In Christian Love,  
The Butterworths

**CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS**

CSET has a new address:  
Christian Services of East Texas  
1810 Shiloh Road, suite #501  
Tyler, Texas 75703  
Main Line 509-0558, Fax Line 509-0577, 1-800-765-1589

**"Give me a pure heart - that I may see thee; a humble heart - that I may hear thee; a heart of love - that I may serve thee; a heart of faith - that I may abide in thee."**

**AREA EVENTS**

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**TRI-C CAR WASH**

The Campus Christian Center, 1415 South Baxter (at TJC) is having a Car Wash Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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The wedding scheduled for Saturday, October 14 has been canceled.  
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**the search** Each Sunday  
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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



**RESPONSE**

Brian Walker, a young single, came Sunday to ask for prayers that the eyes of his heart be opened wider to the presence of God.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Fred and Sandra Wingate on the birth of a new grandson! Jacob Aaron Wingate was born Friday, October 6, in Waco to Mark and Cheryl Wingate. He is 20 inches long and weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. Mary Dawson is the proud great grandmother.

**GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

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**AT DAYS END**

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over and its toiling time is through!

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting,  
With the day that's slipping fast  
That you helped a single brother  
Of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over  
What you did or said?

Does the man whose hopes were fading  
Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it  
Was it well or sorely spent?


Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar  
of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber,  
Do you think God will say,  
You have earned one more tomorrow  
By the work you did today?

-- Charles M. Bahner

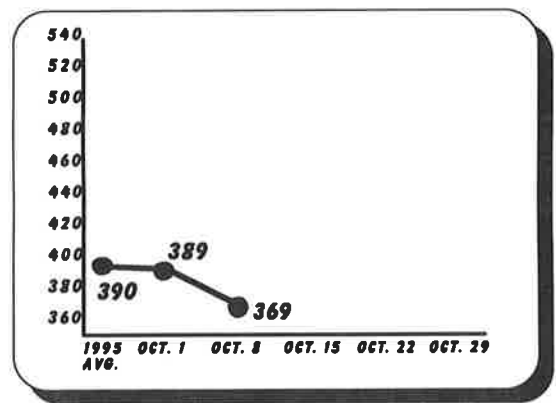
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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*



**Timothy and Tabitha Classes resume this Sunday.** All young men 10-13 years and young ladies 5th-8th grades are encouraged to participate. An exciting year of learning is in store for you. Thanks to Marc and Dana Tate, and Laurie Dawkins for leading these classes.

**On October 29, we want to finish Coming Home Month** with over 500 in our Bible classes. A look at our attendance for this month, however, would give you the impression that we have the wrong idea of *Coming Home Month*. We want to **grow** in our Bible classes this month -- not decrease. Make it a point to be in Bible class through the rest of October. Make sure that your children are in class. Your family at West Erwin needs your presence. We'll see you this Sunday at 9:00!



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Young Adult Clusters	63	100
Boomers	20	35
50-70's	44	60
Mixed Ages	20	26
Ladies	8	12
Auditorium	105	150

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #5 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	Oct. 1	Sept. 24	Ago
Bible Class	389	407	372
Worship A.M.	563	594	533
Worship P.M.	336	365	320
Wed. P.M.	282	282	260
Contribution	\$14,218.18	\$13,005.52	\$12,324.68
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$217.18 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 8 and Wed. P.M., Oct. 11, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Florene Adams** was hospitalized with heart problems but is now at home. **Mertis Smith**, Joy Coats' mother, has returned to the Lindale Nursing Home. **Beverly Hale**, Clint Hale's mother and Lynda Terrell's sister, has begun chemo treatment. **Art Graham**, Jay Graham's dad, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **Velma Cooney**, Mike Cooney's mother, is improved in Fort Worth. **Fred Rousseau**, Trey Rousseau's father, is very ill. **Earl McGuire**, Robert Hilliard's grandfather, is now at home. **John Dickenson**, Mary Dawson's brother-in-law, is scheduled to begin chemo treatment. **Joe Lunsford**, Ann Cantrell's grandfather, is very ill in Dallas. **Eric Kimmey**, 3 year old friend of Mark and Angel Gregory, is terminally ill. **Jimmie Dunlap**, Carlton Cormier's secretary is having tests for a brain aneurysm. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others in our family and loved ones of our family that are undergoing treatment, ill at home, shut-in and in nursing homes.

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Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
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Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
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WEDNESDAY	
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(Sept. through May)	
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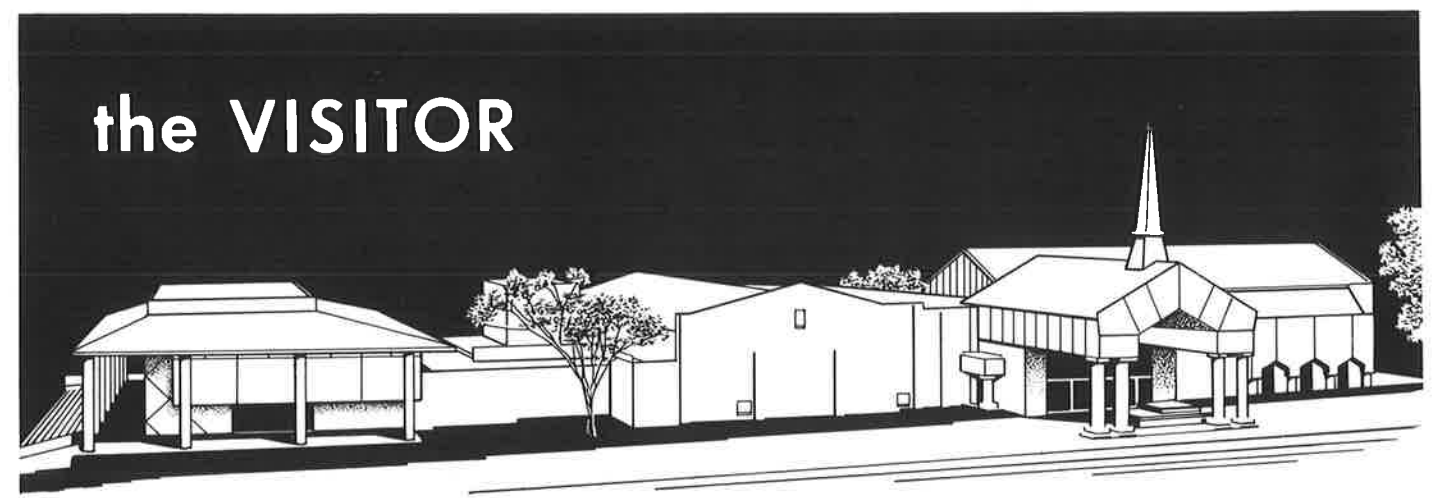
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

This Sunday  
**"A SENSE OF PRESENCE"**

with  
**Edwin White**  
 of Phoenix, Arizona




**Edwin White**

**9:00 a.m. All Adults and Teens in Auditorium**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship**  
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**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who have assisted with the singing in our Wednesday night classes: Ray & Gail Vannoy, Jerry & Rachel Huff, Jeff & Linda Hone, Ray & Carolyn Womack, and Dale Blackstone. Singing is a vital part of the worship of the church and it is important that we grow in this area. God wants us to respond to Him in our worship and not just sit there silently.

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Team #2 will meet Oct. 9.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Class is happy to announce that **Dr. Marian Rowe** will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, October 18. Ladies from other congregations in town have been invited to meet with us. Marian is Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas at Tyler, and has received many honors. Her special interest is the care of Alzheimer patients. This Christian lady will present a lesson of interest and help to all. You are invited to meet with us at 10:00 a.m., October 18, in the small auditorium.

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Ken Crawford, Bill Mezell's brother-in-law.

Services were held last Saturday in Winnsboro for Thomas Ables, Arnold Ables' brother and Gary Ables' uncle.

Services were held Monday in Madill, Oklahoma for Noel Ad-erholt, Roberta Tindall's uncle.

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


**THINK ABOUT IT....**

"A Christian shows what he is by what he does with what he has."

"Blaming your faults on your nature does not change the nature of your faults."

"Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech."

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We are very happy to welcome **Ed and Karen Butterworth** into our growing West Erwin family. They have been attending here since moving to Tyler recently from Hot Springs, Arkansas. They have two young children. Davis is 2 1/2 and Madison is 10 months old. Ed is manager of Camelot Music Store and Karen is a teller at City National Bank. They live at 702 West Fifth, 75701, ph. 596-0944.

**WEDDING INVITATION**

*Love was meant to be shared  
with parents, family and friends  
Because you have shared in our lives  
by your friendship and love, we  
Sherryl Miles  
and Carl Bohanon  
invite you to celebrate with us  
our marriage  
on Saturday, the 14th of October, 1995  
at 4 o'clock in the afternoon  
at the West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, TX*



**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Melvin and Nina Crow on the birth of a new grandson! Carson Douglas Crow was born Friday, September 29, in Dallas to Doug and Dana Crow. He weighed 6 lb. 6 oz.

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

Discovery Days has a need for plastic ring carriers from six-pack drinks, also large juice tins. If you have some of these you can share, please bring them to the church office.


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**CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

Christian Homes of Abilene, an adoption agency supported primarily by churches of Christ, will present an international adoption seminar in Tyler on Thursday, October 19, 6:30 to 9:30 at the Shiloh Road church of Christ, 1801 Shiloh Rd. Call Malinda Smith at 1-800-592-4725 to register. There is no cost to attend.

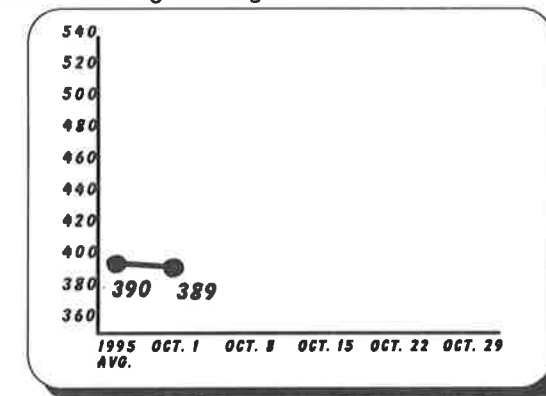
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By October 29, we want to finish *Coming Home Month* with over 500 in our Bible classes. Each of our Bible classes has made attendance goals for that Sunday. Each person that we have means someone who is being filled with God's word. It also means someone who is encouraging -- and being encouraged by -- the family of God. Be in Bible class each Sunday of October. Make sure that your children are in class. Pray that God will richly bless us during *Coming Home Month*.



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Worship A.M.	594	580	533
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Wed. P.M.	282	262	260
Contribution	\$13,005.52	\$14,844.14	\$12,324.68
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$995.48 under budget)	

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

Alla Minnis had outpatient tests Wednesday. Elva M. Williams was dismissed Tuesday from Mother Frances Hospital. Mertis Smith, Joy Coats' mother, is in Mother Frances Hospital. Velma Cooney, Mike Cooney's mother, is hospitalized in Fort Worth. John Dickenson, Mary Dawson's brother-in-law, is in Medical City in Dallas after having a cancerous kidney removed. Joe Lunsford, Ann Cantrell's grandfather, is very seriously ill in Dallas. Christine Peek, Don and Sherry Peek's daughter-in-law, had surgery Wednesday in Dallas. Paul Mitchell, Kim Mayer's uncle, was dismissed from Medical Center Saturday. Continue to remember in prayer and care Sandra Henry, Jonnie Steffee, Cecil Burch, Greg Wagner's stepfather, and Charlene Hubbard, Diane Weathers' mother, all undergoing treatment, and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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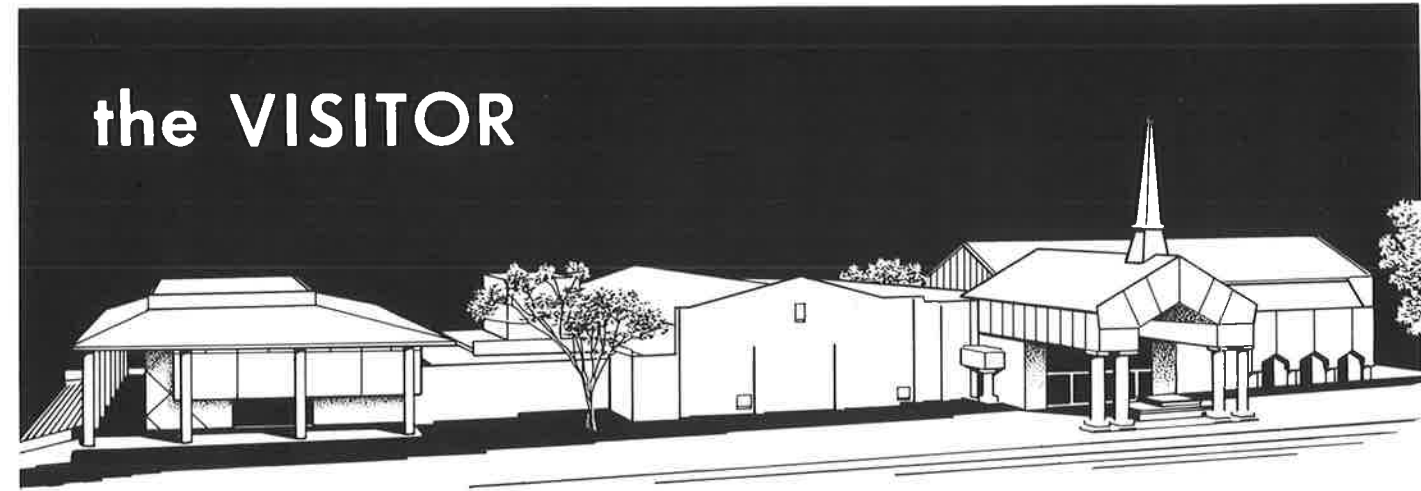
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 Matt Haws Robert Hilliard  
 K. Max Haws Ed Hunt

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**Sermons for Sunday, October 1, 1995**

- A.M. Rick Hall  
Christian Services of East Texas
- P.M. Lanny Witt  
East Texas Christian Academy

**JUST THINKING**

You may have noticed in the newspaper the advertisements for the Dallas Summer Musicals. Or you might have attended one or more of them over the years. Each season several well known musicals are performed at Fair Park in Dallas. I've attended a few of them through the years myself and I have noticed some interesting things. First, people pay an average of about \$50.00 a person to attend and apparently no one believes it costs too much. Second, even though there are several thousand in attendance, most everyone arrives at least thirty minutes early and almost no one is late. Third, although the presentation lasts for two hours or more, no one seems to complain and no one leaves early. Fourth, after the show is over people stand around and talk about how good it was and when they can return for another presentation. I'm not thinking so much today of the summer musicals ... I'm thinking about the church.

**PREACHERS FOR SUNDAY**

We welcome **Rick Hall**, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, and **Lanny Witt**, Director of East Texas Christian Academy, as our speakers this Sunday.

Jay Lockhart is speaking at the International Bible College Lectureship in Florence, Alabama.

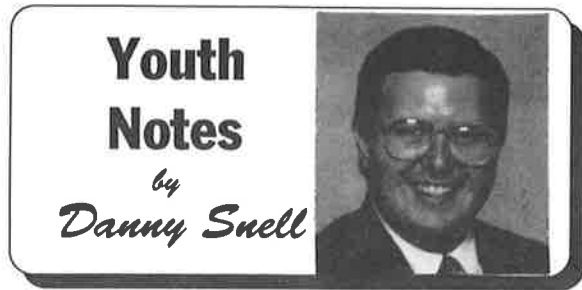
**LOOKING AHEAD**

- October** (the entire month) - **Come Home Campaign**
- October 8** - **Edwin White** and **A Sense Of Presence**
- October 22** - **Charles Hodge**
- November 5** - **Day of Praise**

Schedule:  
 9:00 a.m. - Bible Classes.  
 10:00 a.m. - Worship  
 11:30 - Catered Lunch  
 12:30 - Praise Assembly  
 (no 6:00 p.m. service on November 5)

Why a Day of Praise? Over the past year we have set some goals and dreamed some dreams. We prayed about these goals and dreams in nearly every worship assembly. God answered those prayers and we want to designate a day of thanks and praise as we prepare to meet new challenges in 1996. Be involved in all of these events!

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- Nov. 17-18 Middle School Retreat

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

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for the love and concern shown to me and my family during my last test. We appreciate so much the food, calls, and cards, but most of all your prayers. Please continue to pray for me that my treatment will work.  
In Christian love,  
Ann McCoy & family  
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Thank you so much your encouragement during Henry's last hospitalization. Each card, call, visit, and word of care and concern was appreciated.

Henry & Sue Starnes  
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Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for your continuing support. It allows us to make this more like a "normal" home and family for the girls. We were able to buy a Bible for Laura's 14th birthday with her name on it. It is very special to her. Fall is upon us and the girls are busy with schoolwork and extra activities.  
Thanks,  
The Sticklers

**AREA EVENTS**

The Holly Lake Church of Christ in Big Sandy, Texas is hosting a lectureship from October 15 - 18 which will include five speakers: Bill Banowsky, Ronnie Wiggins, Art McNeese, Jay Lockhart, and Mike Warner. The theme will be "There IS A God". More details later.

The South Washington Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas invites you to their Homecoming on October 8 with Bible classes at 9:30, Worship at 10:30, lunch, singing and fellowship from 1:00 until through, and the evening Worship at 6:00.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Saturday at the Wilson Bartlett Funeral Home in Alba for Corene Riley, Kathy Hilliard's aunt.  
Services were held last Sunday for the baby of Sandra Eschberger, Evelyn Messer's daughter.  
We share in the sorrow of June Chapel and Lorene Colbert and all the family in the death of Lillian Colbert last Sunday evening. Services were held at our building on Thursday morning.  
Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We are very happy to welcome **Tim and Pam Doss** back home to West Erwin. They were members here several years ago and have come home again. They came Wednesday evening to make known their wish to be identified with the family here. Their address is 15632 CR 1145, 75704, ph. 597-5336.

**Jarrett and Cynthia Hale** are a welcome addition to our West Erwin family. They come to us from the Pine Tree church in Longview. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together for Christ. Jarrett is a reporter for KETK Region 56 and Cynthia is an Accounting clerk with Lindsey Morden Claims Services. Their address is 2112 Aberdeen, 75703, ph. 581-2931.

**RESPONSE**

Ruth Ellis came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family to help her as she strives to put God's will ahead of her own.

**FROM TOGO**

The following letter was sent to Dale Blackstone and the missions committee:  
We found this map of Togo in a little store in Lom'e and wanted to send it to the church to say "Thanks" for your prayers and support over the past year. West Erwin is such an important part of the work here in Togo. Without the prayers of everyone in Tyler, we wouldn't have made it through our first year here in Togo. As it is, God has richly blessed us and the work and has answered many, many prayers. We thank Him over and over, especially for you at West Erwin.

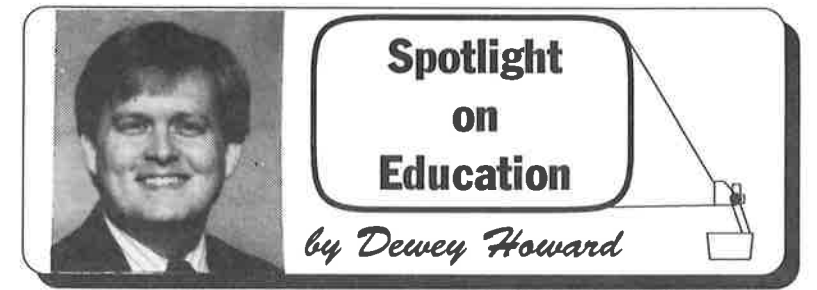
I hope you can find a place to hang the map at the building so it will remind people of the work they are doing here in Togo. The animal close to the town of Tabligbo on the map is a goat (just in case you were wondering). God bless you all.

Love in Christ,  
Jeff and Brenda

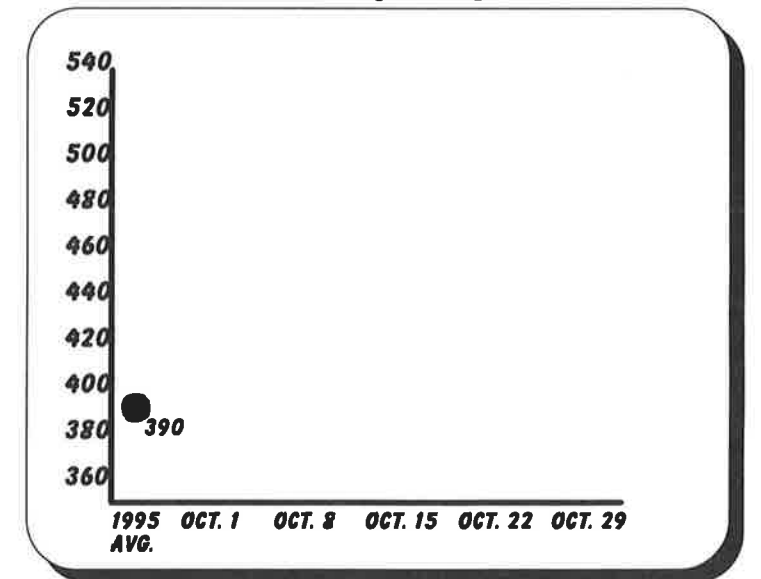
You may be only  
**ONE**

but you're important.  
No one can do for you what God wants you to do  
**Be in your place this week.**

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**It's time for our Bible class drive through October.** By October 29, we want to finish *Coming Home Month* with over 500 in our Bible classes. Each of our Bible classes is making attendance goals for that Sunday. Will you help us reach our goals? Be in Bible class each Sunday of October. You will grow from our Bible study together, and you will greatly encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ. It's great to be a part of God's family. There is nothing better than being together getting to know our God better. Pray that God will richly bless us during October. Then do what you can to encourage others to "be home" in our Bible classes during *Coming Home Month*.



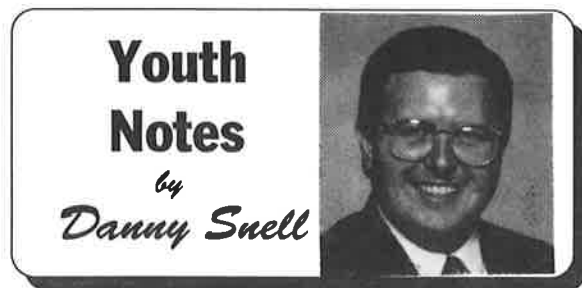
**WANTED: Someone to love 1st Graders** with God's word. Something wonderful has happened in the life of Martha Boykin. (You may want to ask her about it sometime!) But it will take her away from the 1st Grade class for this quarter. We need someone to step in and teach that class through November. If you would be willing to help us out, give Kelley Bell or me a call. The kids will love you for it.

**Right with God**  
A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans  
Lesson 4 for Sunday, October 1:  
**And the Verdict Is . . . "Guilty!"**  
Romans 3:1-20

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**CITY-WIDE DEVO AT SHILOH RD.**

All of those in middle and high school are invited to the City-wide Devotional at the Shiloh Rd. church on Sunday, Oct. 1. This will be a great time together with a great part of the evening devoted to singing. Plan to attend. More details next week.

**HARDING HIGH SCHOOL DAYS**

Our annual trek to Harding is coming up soon. It is a whole month earlier than in years past due to some scheduling changes. The dates for this year are Oct. 20-22. This is a great opportunity to explore the campus and see if Harding might be the place for you. All of those in the high school group are invited to attend. If you plan to go, please sign up on the list by Oct. 11.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

The next Bible Quiz is Monday, Oct. 9, from 7:00 - 8:00 at the Shiloh Rd. church. The text is over Acts 8-14.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet Sept. 25.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Church family,  
Guy and I thank you for your visits, cards, food and calls. We especially thank you for your prayers. We are very blessed by God and you.

Love,  
Nettie Potts  
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Words cannot express the gratitude in my heart for the cards, letters, and especially the many prayers sent my way during some very "trying" times. Thank you and God bless you every one.

Ruby O'Quinn  
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Dear Church family,  
Words cannot express our gratitude for all the expressions of love and comfort. Your calls, visits, cards and food were all appreciated beyond measure.

In Christian love,  
Teen Matysiak, Jeannie Wood,  
Jackie Biggar, Nancy Marek  
& Tina Decker

**WITH SYMPATHY**

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**AREA EVENTS**

**ELEVENTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY FALL LECTURESHIP**

"James And Practical Christianity" is the theme for the fall lectureship series at the University church October 1 - 4. Speakers are Perry Hall, Darron Fantroy, Allen Green, Todd McRay, Dan Manuel, and Leamon Keele. See bulletin board in foyer for details.

The LaPoynor Church of Christ is hosting the **Area Wide 4th Sunday Singing** on Sunday, September 24, beginning at 2:30. In conjunction with the singing they are having an Open House for their new Education/Fellowship annex. Johnny Anders will bring a short inspirational message. Come and enjoy the afternoon activities!

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Registered at Dillard's and Target  
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granddaughter of Lorene Venable)*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Stacey Brookshire** on her recent graduation from Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in Marketing. She has accepted a position in Austin, Texas and will be moving there this week. Our very best wishes go with her as she begins this new phase in her life.

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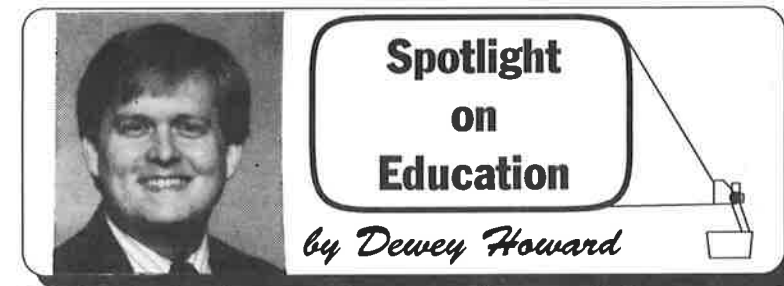
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**October is shaping up to be an exciting month for us** here at West Erwin. Are you planning to be here every Sunday during **Coming Home Month**? We need you to be a part of these exciting 5 weeks. On October 8, Ed White will be with us to speak on "A Sense of Presence." On October 22, Charles Hodge will be our guest. Then on October 29, we want to finish **Coming Home Month** with over 500 in our Bible classes and over 600 in our worship assembly. Keep praying that God will richly bless us during October. Then do what you can to encourage others to "be home" for **Coming Home Month**.

*Reflections: Do You Remember When?*

How many special occasions do you try to remember? We try to remember birthdays, anniversaries, significant days in history, and more. We like to observe those special days in special ways to remember the important times in our lives. What special days do you share with others?

This week marks three special occasions for me. This week begins my fifth year of work with the family here at West Erwin. It is also the anniversary of my first date with Angela eleven years ago. This time next year we will be able to celebrate the week that we moved into our new house here in Tyler. So many special things. So many wonderful memories. So many reasons to thank God for His blessings in my life. These are the occasions that keep life fresh and alive.

Do you remember the special occasions that you have had with your Lord? Are there some special days or moments that stand out in your mind as you think about your relationship with Him? When were you baptized? When do you remember first experiencing a faith that you could call your own? What special worship times have you had? When were you first moved by the reality of Jesus' death on the cross? When have you been especially impressed with the awesome-ness of our God? These are the times that keep our faith fresh, alive, and active. These are the reasons that we are so excited to share with others what our good God can do for them.

Praise God for the special times in our lives!

**Right with God**

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

Lesson 3 for Sunday, September 24:

**Being Religious Doesn't Make You Right**  
Romans 2:1-29

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #2 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday Sept. 10	Sunday Sept. 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	430	384	411
Worship A.M.	626	601	502
Worship P.M.	381	325	370
Wed. P.M.	262	272	288
Contribution	\$12,555.62	\$22,483.06	\$13,477.05

Weekly Budget \$14,001.00 (\$1,444.38 under budget)

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 17 and Wed. P.M., Sept. 20, Scott Dews, ph. 561-1992.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Ann McCoy got a good report following a heart cath Monday. Thelma Henley has been hospitalized for tests. Aline Beard is back at her home. Ruth Dobbs is now at home. Henry Starnes is temporarily in Glenview Nursing Center. Mary Kay Kennedy, Mary Richey's daughter, had surgery Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. Horace Hardin is recovering from bypass surgery in Dallas. Paul Mitchell, Kim Mayer's uncle, is very ill in Medical Center, room 3306. Crystal Coats, Dale Blackstone's cousin, had brain surgery Tuesday in Lubbock. Danielle Henry, 5 year-old friend of the Snells, is hospitalized in Plano. Continue to remember in prayer and care Sandra Henry, Teen Matysiak, Jeannie Wood's mother, Charlene Hubbard, Diane Weather's mother, Cecil Burch, Greg Wagner's stepfather, now undergoing radiation treatment, Dana Crow, Melvin & Nina Crow's daughter-in-law, and Joe Lunsford, Ann Cantrell's grandfather.

**Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462**

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

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

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.
WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.
	11:30 A.M.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer David Daughtry  
 Scripture George Daugherty  
 Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Don Durham

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Freeman Morgan  
 Prayer Dan Cullinan  
 Scripture Gary Cain  
 Dismiss Jay Culpepper

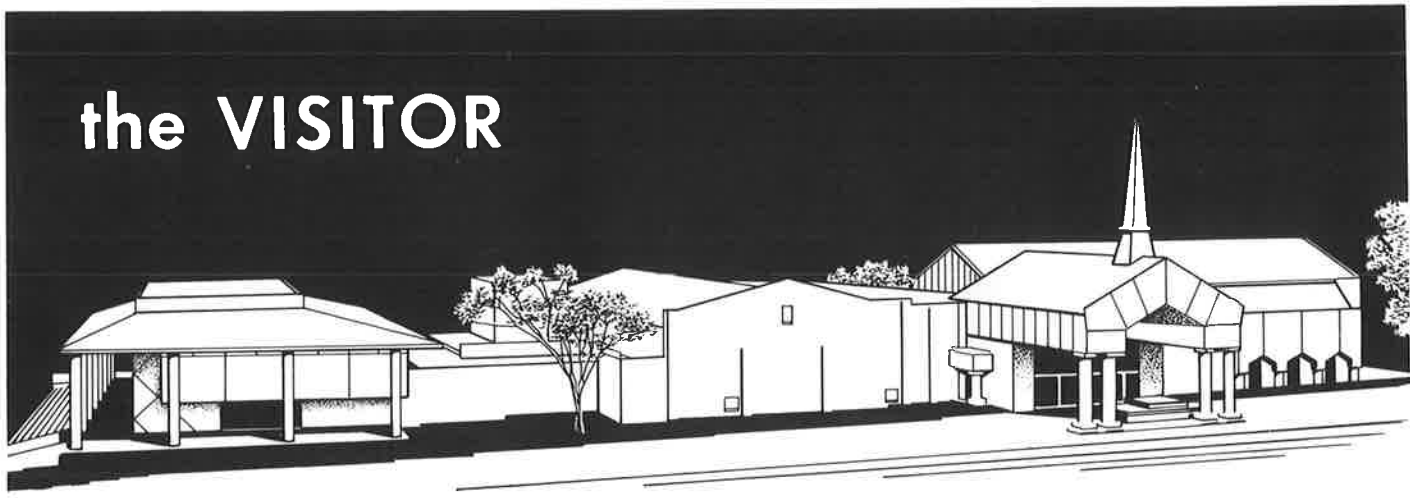
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Alan Fisher Scott Dews  
 Harold Denman Rick Fedell  
 Daniel DuPree Jeff Fennell  
 Don Drummond Don Durham


GREETERS

George & Ruth Hearne  
 Fred & Sara Powell

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, Sept. 17, 1995**  
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
 A.M. I Have God's Revelation: Now What?  
 (Romans 1:18-32)  
 P.M. The Freedom That Truth Brings  
 (John 8:31-36)

**THE ROMANS SERIES**  
 We were pleased last Sunday to have had 430 in Bible classes and 626 in morning worship as we begin in earnest our six month series on romans. Our adult classes are all studying this life-changing book and the morning sermons are based on the same text used in the classes. We will grow spiritually through these studies and I want to urge you to be present for class and worship each week. Thanks to Dewey Howard for preparing the study guides for the classes.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SHILOH**  
 The Shiloh Road church had 780 in attendance last Sunday morning as they had their annual Friends Day. What a tremendous success that was! Congratulations!

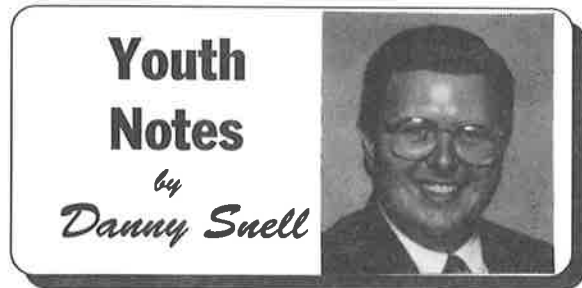
**LOOKING AHEAD**  
 All of October - Our "Come Home" Campaign. This is an effort to encourage people who are not with our church family each week to become involved with us. Some have already returned. Be prayerful. Be present. Be active. Let's average over 600 in worship for the entire month with 500 in Bible classes on October 29.

**October 8 - A Sense Of Presence with Edwin White**  
**October 22 - Preaching by Charles Hodge**  
**November 5 - Day of Praise** for what God has done. All church catered fellowship meal after morning worship. Afternoon assembly at 12:30. No evening service.

**A SENSE OF PRESENCE**  
 Meet Edwin White: Married to Patricia and father of three children and grandfather of four. Educated at Harding University. An elder and minister for the Eastside church in Phoenix for 25 years. Writer for various publications and is the author of the book A Sense of Presence. Lectured at Harding University, Yosemite, Blue Ridge, and Red River Encampments, Abilene University, Lubbock University, York College, and International Bible College. President of Board, Red River Family Encampment; Executive Director, Grand Canyon Family Encampment. Alumni Citation for Distinguished Ministry, Harding Graduate School, 1991.



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**BIBLE QUIZ**

We had a great turnout at our first Bible Quiz this past Monday. Seven churches were represented by 62 young people. This was our largest attendance in two years. Thanks to the following young people for a job well done: Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Chris Elzen, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Garrett Sublette, and Joanna Vanoy. The next Bible Quiz is Monday Oct. 9 from 7:00 - 8:00 at the Shiloh Rd. church. The text is over Acts 8-14. Pick up your study sheets ASAP.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

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**THINK ABOUT IT....**

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." -- selected

**IN SYMPATHY**

Our hearts were saddened by the death of G.C. "Doc" Wright, long-time West Erwin member. Funeral services were held at the West Erwin church Saturday afternoon.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at Memorial Funeral home for Hermann Matysiak, Jeannie Wood's father.

Services were held Tuesday in Carnegie, Oklahoma for Shawn Kinder, Cathy Krewall's nephew.

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"It's difficult to say good-bye when someone we love dies, to know we'll miss the laughter and the love found in their eyes yet much emptiness and heartache, much loneliness and sorrow, will be eased by cherished memories living on in us tomorrow."

-- Author Unknown

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The **Weigh Down Workshop** coed class will meet each Thursday night at 7:15 in the Heritage Room beginning on September 7. Michael Millsap and Ruth Ellis will lead this group. Another group, for ladies only, will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 in the Heritage Room, beginning September 10. This group will be led by Angela Howard. It's not too late to register!  
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*The honour of your presence is requested at the marriage of*  
*John Thomas Meazell*  
*to*  
*Amanda Renae Petty*  
*on Saturday, September 16, 1995*  
*at 7:00 p.m. o'clock*  
*at the Church of Christ, 420 West Erwin*  
*Tyler, Texas*  
*P.O. V.P.*  
*849-2105*  
*\*\*\*\*\**  
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*and*  
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**MISSING**

The tablecloth for the large table in the Fellowship Hall is missing. If you borrowed it and forgot to return it, please return it as soon as possible. It is needed this weekend.

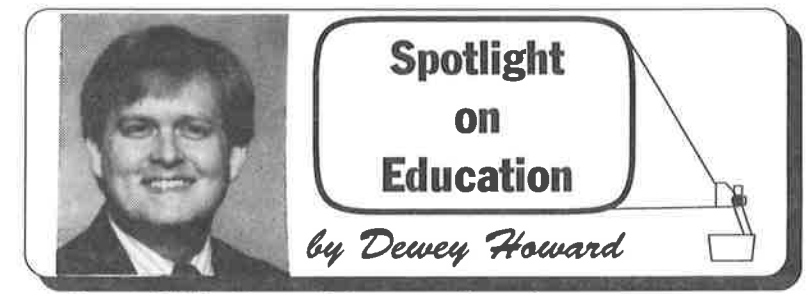
**ATTENTION: WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

If you need home repairs done and are not sure what the going rates are or are unsure of contractors to use, you may call Alan Fisher at 561-3848. He will be glad to suggest reputable people or give an estimate of what he thinks the job may cost.

"There is very little differences in any of us; but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude and the big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

W. Clement Stone, of Success Magazine

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	Room	Sundays	Wednesdays
Beginners	110	Jeanine Hughes Jo Butler	Marisa Suggs Karen Fedell Ginger Weathers
Toddlers	108	Velma Lemons Nina Crow Louise Seaberry	Angela Howard Kim Mayer
2's	107	Claudia Griffis Mary June Goodson	Vikki Cooney Launa Armstrong
3's	103	Stephanie Pate Michael Lowrance	Lisa Snell teenage girls
4's & Pre-K	104	Kim Lemons	Kevin & Shelly Sustaire
Kindergarten	201	Pam Fennell	Gary & Mimi Aven
1st Grade	202	Martha Boykin	Julie Ables
2nd Grade	203	Debra Elzen	Marsha Richardson
3rd Grade	204	Marie Styron	
4-5th Grades	207	Dannie Skipper	LaDawn Ragsdale

**Events coming up elsewhere you may want to know about:**

- o **Singles Seminar at Shiloh Road**  
"I Am Responsible Regardless. . ."  
Guest Speaker: "Big" Don Williams  
Saturday, September 16, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- o **How to Achieve Success Without Failing Your Family**  
League Street church in Sulpher Springs  
Guest Speaker: Paul Faulkner  
Saturday, September 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2:00-4:15 p.m.

**Right with God**

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

Lesson 2 for Sunday, September 17:

**The World Deserves What It Gets**  
Romans 1:18-32

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #1 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*

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Bible Class	384	405	373
Worship A.M.	601	608	563
Worship P.M.	325	Area meeting	1,150
Wed. P.M.	272	271	283
Contribution	\$22,483.06	\$24,390.75	\$43,171.95
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$8,482.06 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 10 and Wed. P.M., Sept. 13, Terry Frick, ph.581-2412.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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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
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**SERVING SUNDAY**

**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Mike Cooney  
 Scripture Wally Dawkins  
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**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

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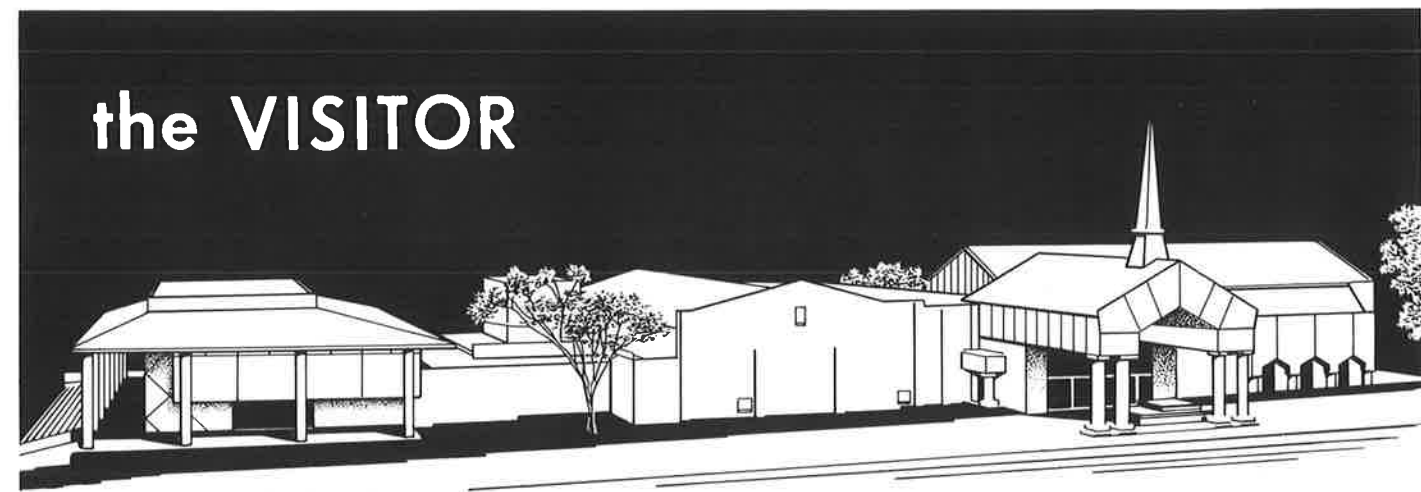
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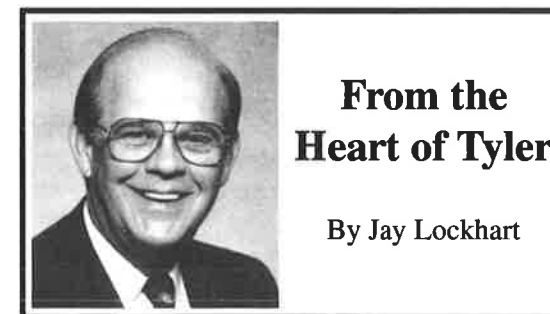
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**Sunday will be another Lord's Day. It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters. What a joy it will be to assemble together! See you then!**



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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, Sept. 10, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. I Am, But Are We?  
 (Romans 1:14-17)  
 P.M. The Freedom That Truth Brings  
 (John 8:31-36)

**A SENSE OF PRESENCE**

In just one month (October 8) **Edwin White** will be with us for a great day as he will speak three times on A Sense Of Presence, a recognition that God is with us. Edwin has preached for the past 25 years for the Eastside church in Phoenix, Arizona -- that lengthy ministry with one church tells us in itself that this man has a message to share. A few years ago Edwin wrote a little book by the title of his messages to us and it has enjoyed a wide circulation. You will see as you hear him that he lives within a "sense of presence" and you will be encouraged by his presentations. Look at your calendar and if at all possible be present for all services on October 8. I can assure you that you will be glad you did.


**COME HOME CAMPAIGN**

October is our month long *Come Home Campaign* and Edwin White's visit will be in conjunction with the campaign. Also in October (the 22nd) **Charles Hodge** will be preaching at West Erwin and we all know that Hodge will challenge us, stir us, and

help us with a clearer vision of our work in the Kingdom. The month of October promises to be an exciting time for the building up of the church. October is the first full month after summer and the beginning of school which has no holiday weekends. It is a time when we are settling into a more normal routine and, therefore, a good time to prioritize our schedules and to be fully involved in church activities. Here's what we want to do in October: encourage our members who have been inactive in the past months to "come home" -- not simply to attend our worship assemblies and classes a time or two, but to dedicate themselves to faithful involvement with the Lord and His church; have a surge in Bible class attendance on Sunday mornings as we enter the study of the Book of Romans and culminate the month with 500 in classes on October 29; and have over 600 worshippers every Sunday during the month. These three goals are attainable. Let's do our best. Be planning to fully participate and be praying for those who need to "come Home." It will be a great month!

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who came to the combined activity this past Sunday night. It is great to have all of those boxes for Croatia packed even if we ran short of toothbrushes by 140! Many families will be impacted by your generosity and hard work to assemble these relied boxes. Last count was 156 boxes. Thanks to Gary & Julie Ables, Cathy Culpepper, and Jeff & Linda Hone for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday night.

Thanks to Ken Culpepper for filling in for me this past Wednesday night. Thanks to folks who do a great job teaching in the youth classes: Jim Bell, Grant Knight, and Michael & Michelle Millsap.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Amanda Broome for being selected to be on the REL Legend Yearbook staff. She also has ads for sale! Way to go!

**SIX FLAGS TICKETS**

We have several Six Flags tickets available. The cost is \$16.00 and they are good for any day this season.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

Bible Quiz begins on Monday night, September 11 from 7:00 - 8:00 at the Broadway church. The first test is over Acts 1-7. Practice session will be Sunday at 4:30. Make plans to be a part of this great time of learning God's word and some great fellowship.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Team #2 will meet Sept. 11.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the love and concern shown to me during my illness. I appreciate so much the food, calls, visits and beautiful cards, especially am I grateful for all your prayers.

In Christian Love,  
Jimmie E. Brown

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Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you so much for the love and concern you've shown since the death of my sister. It helps to know our friends are praying for us during this difficult time. The flowers, food and every card have meant so much. Continue to remember our family in your prayers.

Wade & Diane Weathers

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Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you for remembering us with your support and prayers. Our girls are back in school and loving it. Getting ready for 7 meant a lot of clothes shopping and school supplies. The girls all appreciate the help you give our cottage and the Home.

Thanks again,  
The Sticklers

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for caring about me and my family this past summer. We appreciate all of your acts of kindness, especially your prayers. I would not want to be in "deep water" without having a loving, caring family like you.

Sincerely,  
Frances Broome & family

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Thank you for the kind words and the beautiful cards I received in the death of my uncle. I love each and every one of you.

In Christian Love,  
Mimi Aven

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**WEDDING INVITATION**

The honour of your presence  
is requested at the marriage of  
John Thomas Meagell  
to  
Amanda Renae Pelly  
on Saturday, September 16, 1995  
at 7:00 p.m. o'clock  
at the Church of Christ, 420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas

R.S.V.P. 849-2105

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

You are cordially invited to join  
with friends and family in celebrating  
the fortieth anniversary of  
Corrie and Jamie Holland  
on Saturday, the ninth of September  
nineteen hundred and ninety-five  
from two until four in the afternoon.  
Rose Room, Rose Garden  
Tyler, Texas  
No Gifts Please


**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

All ladies who do not work away from home are invited to be a part of the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class. The first class session will be Wednesday, September 13, at 10:00 o'clock in the chapel. Fern Bench will be the teacher and will continue the study of the Gospel of Luke. Invite a friend and enjoy this class as we grow spiritually in knowledge and fellowship. A children's class will be provided.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Bill Hawkins on the birth of a new granddaughter! BrieAnn Mae was born August 28 in Frisco, Texas to Jeff and Penny Hawkins. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz.

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by Dewey Howard

**Right with God**

**A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans**

Our new Sunday series gets underway in our adult classes this Sunday. This series can be the most significant study you have ever participated in. Paul's letter to the Romans has the power to transform your life. To give God every opportunity in your life, remember Jay's final three points from his sermon last Sunday night:

- o **Before class - Prepare.** Read the text for Sunday's session during the week. Use the study guide before you come to class to dig into the text. Pray for your teacher's preparation, and pray that God will prepare your heart to receive His word during the class study.
- o **During class - Discipline.** Bring your Bible and open it up during class. Bring a pen and take notes from the discussion in class. Jot down things that you learn from the text right in your Bible. Participate in the class discussion with the things that you have gained from your own study of Scripture from the week.
- o **After class - Meditate.** Spend some time on Sunday afternoon or evening reflecting on the passage that we studied that morning. Decide to make whatever changes God want you to make in your life by doing the exercise in the "Focus on Tomorrow" section of the study guide. Pray that God will transform your life with His word each and every day.

Allow God to make His difference in your life this fall. Encourage others by being involved with one of our Sunday morning class groups. Getting together with other Christians to study God's word is one of the best ways to spend your time. Make it a regular part of your week -- EVERY WEEK!

Lesson 1 for Sunday, September 10:  
**"To all in Rome. . ."**  
**Romans 1:1-17**

**The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** has resumed for the fall. If you have not been able to enjoy this uplifting time of Bible study and fellowship, you have really missed out on a treat. All ladies are encouraged to make Wednesday mornings a bright spot in your week. Child care is provided. We'll see you here at the building at 10:00 next Wednesday morning!

The study for this fall: *The Gospel of Luke*

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #6 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*  
\*\*\* PM K-Groups meet this Sunday evening. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday August 27	Sunday August 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	385	373
Worship A.M.	608	551	563
Worship P.M.	Area meeting	337	1,150
Wed. P.M.	271	282	283
Contribution	\$24,390.75	\$12,988.25	\$43,171.95
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$10,389.75 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 3 and Wed. P.M., Sept. 6, Fred Powell, ph.593-5229.

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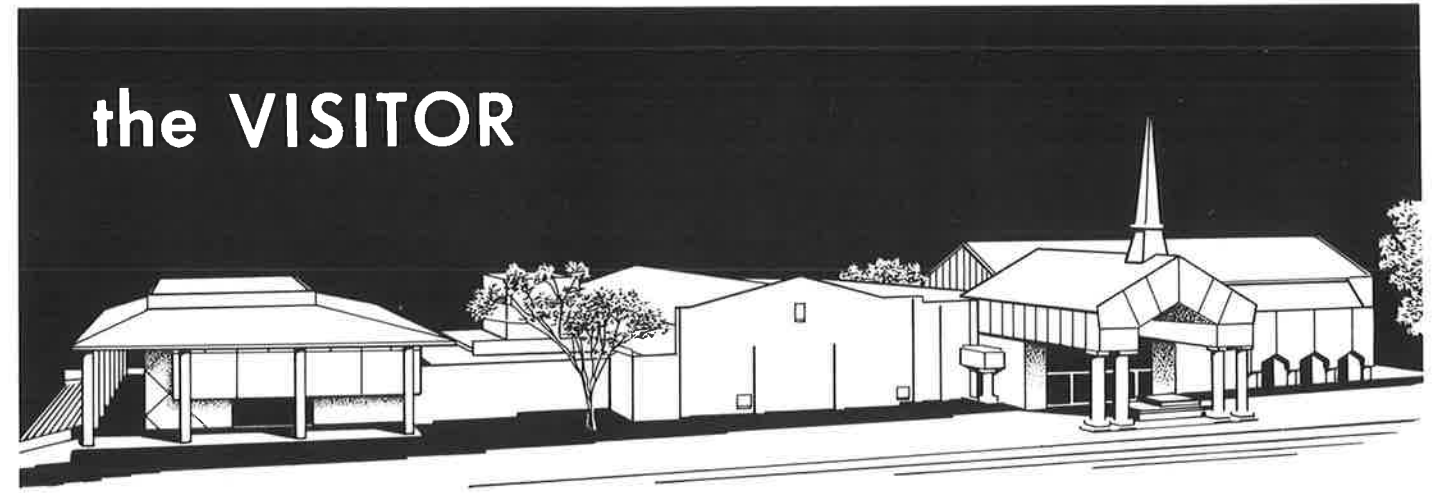
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 Matthew Carpenter Dwayne Bryant  
 Paul Brumitt Harold Browning

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Ray and Cindy Bradford in the death of her stepbrother, Richard McClusky. Services were held Thursday at the Trinity Baptist church in Norman, Oklahoma.



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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the Heart of Tyler**  
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**Sermons for Sunday, Sept. 3, 1995**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Set Apart For The Gospel  
 (Romans 1:1-7)

P.M. The Freedom That Truth Brings  
 (John 8:31-36)

**ROMANS -- THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

This Sunday is the last holiday weekend of summer, but a time we have selected to begin an exciting new six month series in all adult Bible classes -- the Book of Romans. What a tremendous study this promises to be. Over the next half year we want to saturate ourselves with this important piece of inspired literature. Romans is a comprehensive statement of the plan of God for making men righteous. Someone has observed: "If you get Romans, God gets you." We plan to coordinate the Sunday morning sermons and our Bible class studies in order that we can receive the greatest possible impact of this marvelous book. Study helps and guidelines have been made available to all of our classes so that each student can come to class having made some serious preparation. If you are not currently enrolled in a Bible class this would be a great time to begin. This Sunday all classes will meet together in the new auditorium for an introduction to the Book. This week's schedule looks like this:

Bible Class - 9:00 a.m.: The Man Who Wrote Romans  
 Worship - 10:00 a.m.: Set Apart For The Gospel  
 (Romans 1:1-7)

Worship - 6:00 p.m.: The Freedom That Truth Brings  
 (John 8:31-36)

**COME HOME CAMPAIGN**


We want to begin now to emphasize our *Come Home Campaign* scheduled for the entire month of October. Announcements have already been made, but the real work and diligent prayer begins now. Here's what we wish to accomplish: (1) We want to encourage all of you members who have not been active or who have been spasmodic in assembling with us to return on a regular basis; (2) We want to emphasize that we curtail, during October, activities which take us away from West Erwin on Sundays. We are well aware of the fact that sometimes you must be away but we are asking that you be present every Sunday in October if possible; (3) We want to average over 600 worshippers on each Sunday of October and we want to push our Bible class attendance to over 500 on October 29. Be prayerful. Be involved.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

One of the highlights of October will be the coming of **Edwin White** on October 8 for three messages on God: A Sense of Presence. Edwin is a talented communicator of the Word who has preached for the Eastside church in Phoenix for 25 years and his messages will thrill our hearts and strengthen our lives. Don't miss this. More to come!

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**THANKS**

Thanks to all of those who came to the Middle School Scavenger Hunt at Shiloh Rd. this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout with all of the area churches attending. Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Michael & Michelle Millsap, and Lisa Snell for sponsoring this event.

**COMBINED DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night after worship. Bring \$3.00 for Pizza. We will be packing the remaining Croatia food boxes.

**SIX FLAGS TICKETS**

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Gamer's Team #1 will meet Sept. 3.

**BAPTISM**

We rejoice with Jennifer Chambers, daughter of David and Helen Chambers, in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism on Sunday morning. Jennifer is in the 7th grade at E.T.C.A. The Chambers' address is 5757 Ramblewood, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-6419.

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Due to an overwhelming response to the **Weigh Down Workshop** some changes have been made. MEN are now included in the seminar. There will be a coed class on Thursday nights at 7:15 in the Heritage Room beginning on September 7. Michael Millsap and Ruth Ellis will lead this group. Another group, for ladies only, will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 in the Heritage Room, beginning September 10. This group will be led by Angela Howard. It's not too late to register!

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**AREA EVENT**

The Clearview church, located on Hwy 110 approximately one mile west of Mt. Sylvan and two miles southeast of the intersection of I-20 and Hwy 110, invites you to hear TERRY RUSH of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday night, Sept. 8, at 6:45 p.m. and on Saturday morning, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. Terry Rush is a nationally known meeting and workshop speaker, and his theme for this two day session will be "A Time of Renewal and Commitment." If you would like further information regarding this, please call the Clearview church office at 882-8949 or Mike Biggs at 882-6903.


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**AREA-WIDE MEETING**

The Area-wide meeting last Sunday night at Shiloh was a great success. Glenn Owen blessed us with his message and over 1000 attended. These meetings demonstrate the love, good will, and unity among the Christians who attend. We look forward to our next time together!

**The SEARCH**



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

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**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

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The class study will begin Wednesday, September 13, at 10:00 o'clock in the chapel. Fern Bench will be the teacher and will continue the study in the Gospel of Luke. Come and enjoy the warm fellowship of this class.

Remember:  
Brunch - Sept. 6, 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall  
Class - Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m. - Chapel

**NEED HELP?**

If you need home repairs done and are not sure what the going rate is to have the work done, you may call Alan Fisher at 561-3848 and he will be glad to give you an estimate of what he thinks the job should cost.

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**Right with God**

**A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans**

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**Children's Worship resumes this Sunday.**

After a much needed break for the summer months, our Children's Worship program for ages 2 through Pre-K will get underway again this Sunday morning. Kelly and Jeannie Ross and Velma Lemons do an outstanding job planning these worship experiences for our children. Be sure to tell Kelly and Jeannie how you can help.

**AN IMMATURE FAITH CAN BE CHARACTERIZED BY . . .**

1. *Too strong a need for certainty.* Not all questions can be answered. The word "faith" implies that one cannot know everything. Mature faith can live comfortably with some uncertainty -- placing all certainty in God.
2. *Too small a view of God.* No one can know everything about God. Often ideas of God are too small, too limiting, too self-serving.
3. *Self-centeredness.* An immature faith seeks only a reward for oneself. It centers too exclusively upon one's own personal needs.
4. *A lack of surprises or challenges.* Vibrant faith often makes surprising demands upon a person. It confronts him where he least expects it.
5. *A one-time faith decision rather than a lifelong journey.* Immature faith lets the believer think that he or she has "made it," that one is on the inside while others are on the outside. It refuses to see faith as a lifelong series of decisions and stages.
6. *A structure of beliefs rather than a responsiveness of faith.* A person holds fast to a set of theological beliefs and thinks of faith as a collection of carefully selected convictions rather than seeing faith as more fluid and dynamic -- more responsive to the divine relationship.
7. *A privatized rather than a personalized focus.* A private faith has no interests in being shared with others. A personalized faith is deeply personal, but it is also shared in relationships.

-- adapted from *Faith Shaping*  
by Stephen Jones

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



Records	Sunday August 20	Sunday August 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	414	371
Worship A.M.	551	597	558
Worship P.M.	337	356	350
Wed. P.M.	282	260	187
Contribution	\$12,988.25	\$14,393.86	\$13,755.44
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$1,012.75 under budget)	

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
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.
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Christian Service Center .....9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
	(903) 592-0809
	11:30 A.M.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Roy Bench  
 Scripture Ray Bradford  
 Announcements & Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Faber Cauthen

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Area-Wide Assembly

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Glenn Owen, guest speaker

5:00 p.m. singing

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

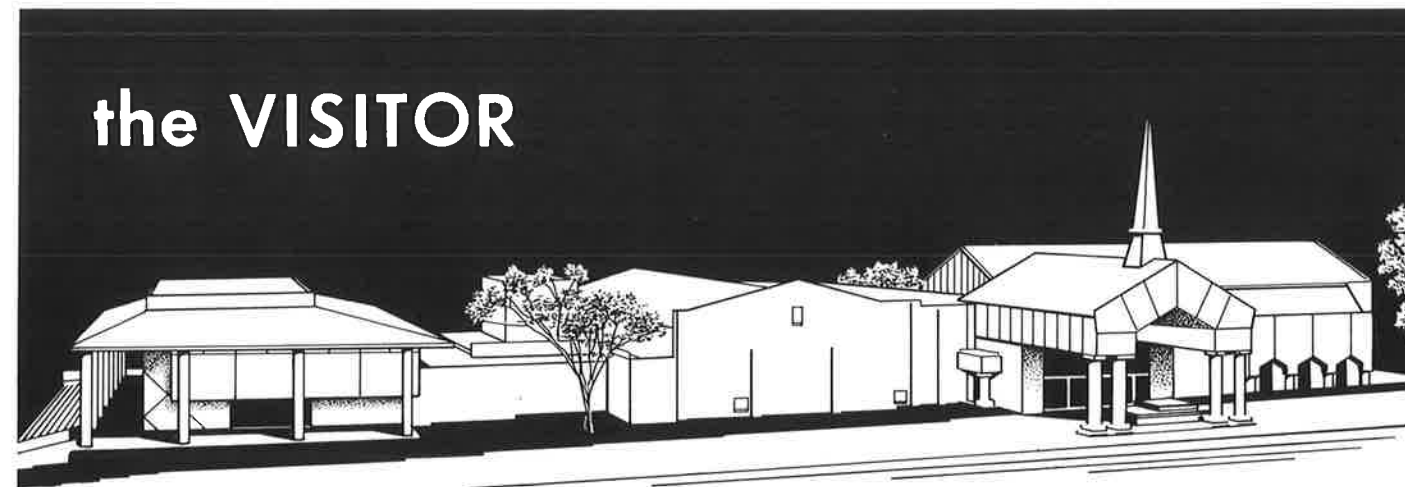
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 Gary Broome Jim Armstrong  
 Matthew Carpenter Dwayne Bryant  
 Paul Brumitt Harold Browning

GREETERS

Faber & Kathryn Cauthen

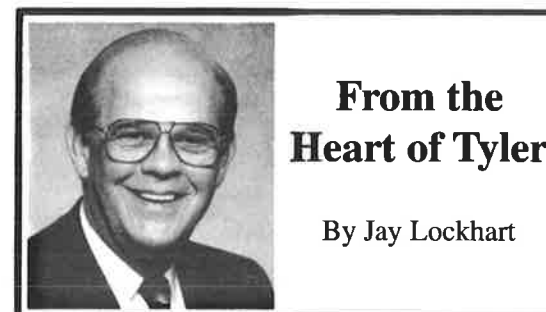
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

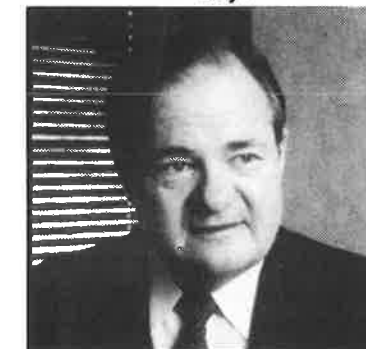
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you: may those who love your salvation always say, "The Lord be exalted!"

Psalm 40:16

**AREA WIDE MEETING THIS SUNDAY NIGHT!**

A few years ago the churches of the Tyler area decided an annual area wide meeting on a Sunday evening in the fall of the year would be helpful for promoting fellowship among the congregations. The first such meeting was held in Caldwell auditorium. Since then the meetings have been held alternately at the West Erwin and Shiloh buildings. This year it was decided to have two such meetings, one in the spring and one in the fall. August 27 is the date for this meeting, Shiloh is the place, and Glenn Owen is the speaker. Owen is a business man in Abilene as well as being an effective communicator of God's Word. He has preached since his college days, has served churches in Texas, has served ten years as a missionary in Brazil (1961-1970) where he was founder and speaker on a daily radio program in Portuguese and Spanish which was heard on 28 radio stations, and from 1970-1974 he was the founder and speaker on a Mexican radio program sponsored by the Herald of Truth. From 1982 to the present Glenn has worked with the Herald of Truth as Director of Foreign Programming (Spain, Mexico, Ukraine, Russia). Since 1978 he has been an elder with the Highland church in Abilene and during this time has preached in 19 foreign countries in three languages, was the first Herald of Truth TV speaker in Ukraine, and was the speaker on the first

Herald of Truth TV programs broadcast simultaneously to all 15 republics of the former Soviet Union. He is currently the campaign speaker and coordinator for the Herald of Truth work in Ukraine and Russia. Glenn Owen will be a blessing to all of us this Sunday.




**Glenn Owen**

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. - Glenn Owen preaching at Shiloh
- 10:00 a.m. - Glenn Owen preaching at West Erwin
- Subject: "Getting To Know God"
- 5:00 p.m. - Singing at Shiloh
- 6:00 p.m. - Area wide Meeting at Shiloh with Glenn Owen
- Subject: "One Hand Washes The Other"

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP**

This past Sunday we led the worship at Briarcliff Village Retirement Center. A special thanks to all of those who came and helped with this effort: Chris Ables, Cody Ables, Gary Ables, Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Maggie Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Brady Dawkins, Danielle Rousseau, Joy Rousseau, Cathy Scroggins, and Charlie Scroggins.

**SIX FLAGS TICKETS**

After our trip to Six Flags in July, we got stuck with several extra tickets. If you are planning a trip to Six Flags in the near future, please consider buying the tickets from us. The cost is \$16.00 and they are good for any day this season. Thanks for your help.

**VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT**

This coming Sunday night we will be going to the Shiloh Rd. church for the City-Wide Assembly and afterwards participating in the Middle School Video Scavenger Hunt. This will be quite an exciting evening with all of the churches in Tyler participating. You will be divided into teams from each church. We will probably have 2 teams from West Erwin. You will need to eat before you come or bring a sack supper as there will not be time after the assembly. Parents need to pick up your kids at 9:15 at Shiloh. Don't miss this one!

**BIBLE QUIZ**

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**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

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- Sep. 10 Bible Quiz Study Session
- Sep. 11 Bible Quiz at Glenwood

**WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY**  
Visitation Turnover Dinner  
Monday, Aug. 28  
6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall  
Please Join Us For This Important Ministry

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thanks for all the prayers while I was in the hospital. Now as I am recovering I am still in need of them. Also, thanks for all the calls, visits, cards and food. I have enjoyed every one of them.

Love to all,  
Ruth Crosser

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for all your cards, flowers, prayers, and love during my mother's illness. It is truly a comfort to know one has a wonderful Christian family to lean on.

Bobby Perry

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Due to an overwhelming response to the **Weigh Down Workshop** some changes have been made. MEN are now included in the seminar. There will be a coed class on Thursday nights at 7:15 in the Heritage Room beginning on September 7. Michael Millsap and Ruth Ellis will lead this group. Another group, for ladies only, will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 in the Heritage Room, beginning September 10. This group will be led by Angela Howard. Registration fees are due no later than September 1.

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**AREA EVENTS**

You're invited to a **GOSPEL MEETING**  
with Charles Hodge of Duncanville, Texas  
September 10-13, 1995  
Sunday services 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
Monday through Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Church of Christ  
700 Post Oak Road  
Fairfield, Texas


**BOY SCOUT TROOP #354**

Boy Scout Troop #354, a Church of Christ sponsored scout pack, has a spiritual emphasis, moral teaching, is service oriented and believes in doing good deeds. The Kick-Off Rally to begin a new year of scouting will be on Tuesday night, August 29, at the Shiloh Road building. This pack is for boys ages 11 to 18. If you are interested in being a part of this or if you just want to come and see what's going on, we look forward to seeing you on August 29!

**THINK ABOUT IT....**

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

**The SEARCH**



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

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

If you play or have a musical instrument and are willing to share an hour with small children, please contact Marsha Richardson at Discovery Days at 592-0809 or 566-6574.

**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 invited 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!


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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Armitta Raley, a member at the University church. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

*In essentials, UNITY;  
In nonessentials, LIBERTY;  
In all things, LOVE.*

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

**As you come for our Wednesday night Bible study**, you will notice that our devotional period before class is back. This is a time meant for the family at West Erwin to share news and information, offer an opportunity for prayer and concern, and focus our minds on Jesus Christ as we begin our study time together. Be here at 7:00 to participate with your brothers and sisters in this period of worship and fellowship. And then be ready for our adult electives that begin at 7:15.

**Our young children will go directly to their Bible classes** at 7:00 and stay in class for the entire hour. If you have a child who is age 0 through pre-Kindergarten, please take him/her to class as you arrive at 7:00.

**Let our Wednesday nights give you the lift you need during the week! And while your at it, be the encourage someone else is looking for in the middle of their week.**

**Right with God**

**A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans**

This is the title of our new adult study that will begin on Sunday, September 3. Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome is a rich book describing the relationship that God has provided for us through Christ Jesus. How does one become "right with God"? What do I have to do to be "right with God"? How do I know that I have done enough to be "right with God"? Is it possible to be "right with God" when you consider the things that I have done (and still do) that displeases Him? If I am "right with God," why do I still struggle with sin in my life? What difference does being "right with God" make in my life -- and I mean, what *real* difference that I have see and hold and touch?

These and other questions will be a part our Sunday morning adult study this fall. Each week we will take a portion of the book of Romans and dig into its meaning for our relationship with God. Jay's sermons in the morning worship assemblies will dovetail with our study from Romans for each Sunday. Plus, you will have a study guide to take with you each week so that you can prepare for the study in Bible class each Sunday morning.

Romans is a book that will change your life! Become a part of one of our Sunday morning class groups this fall.

**Pray for our Sunday morning classes.** Our teachers are preparing themselves for a great fall study. Our young adult cluster class is making changes to make our time together even better and more beneficial. Our other adult classes are preparing to reach out more in fellowship and study. God has a great fall in store for us! *You need to be a part.*

**\*\*\* Noon K-Group #5 meets this Sunday. \*\*\***

Records	Sunday August 13	Sunday August 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	366	400
Worship A.M.	597	567	527
Worship P.M.	356	325	389
Wed. P.M.	260	251	287
Contribution	\$14,393.86	\$12,023.00	\$14,325.02
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$392.86 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 20 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 23, Don Ingram, ph.509-8955.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Doc Wright** fell and broke his hip last Saturday. He is in Mother Frances Hospital following surgery on Sunday. **Dub Mathews** had a biopsy as an outpatient on Monday. **Jimmie Brown** is ill at home with shingles. **Jimmie Harris** fell in Colorado and broke several ribs. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center, room 3318. **Ernest and Corene Riley**, Kathy Hilliard's aunt and uncle, are in Medical Center following a car accident. She is in ICU and he is now in rehab. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is now in East Texas Rehab Center. **Dana Crow**, Melvin & Nina Crow's daughter-in-law, is having pregnancy complications in Coppell. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's husband, is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Floia Payne**, former West Erwin member, is in Mother Frances Hospital after suffering a stroke. **Joe Lunsford**, Ann Cantrell's grandfather, is very ill after beginning treatment for lymphoma.

**Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462**

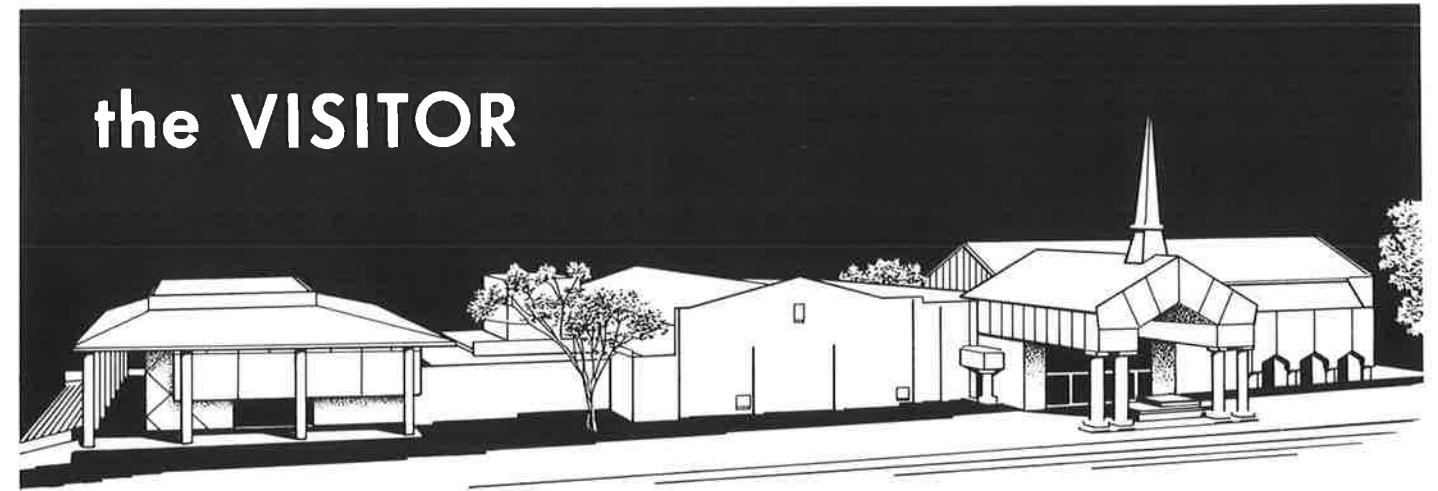
Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit		
Dewey Howard - Education	Danny Snell - Youth	
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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
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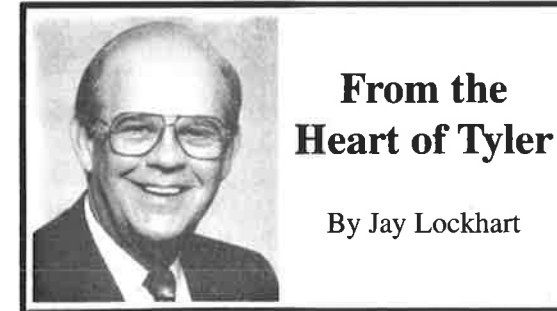
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	11:30 A.M.

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Gary Broome  
Scripture Daryl Anderson  
Announcements & Elder's Prayer Stan Clark  
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Jim Bell  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Stan Clark  
Prayer Harold Browning  
Scripture Cody Ables  
Dismiss Dale Blackstone  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Greg Wagner Mark Waggonner  
John Wallace Wade Weathers  
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**Sermons for Sunday, August 20, 1995**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. Fanning The Flame  
(Matthew 8:5-13)  
P.M. The Freedom That Truth Brings #3  
(John 8:31-36)

**COME HOME**

Last Sunday we reached 700 members at West Erwin with the coming of Kenny and Gina Elerson. How the Lord has blessed us over the past year! However, as we consider our 700 members a problem emerges. We usually have between 530 and 600 in our Sunday morning worship assembly. Of this number, approximately 150 are visitors and children. This means that 400 to 500 of our members are present on a typical Sunday. To look at it another way, 200 to 300 of our members are absent each week! Last Sunday 150 members were absent or did not sign cards and an additional 76 members have been absent more than six consecutive weeks. Some of these are sick or shut-ins. Out of 700 members we will always have those who are away visiting, out of town on business, or vacationing. But the sad fact is that some of our members, like the Corinthian are spiritually "weak and sick ... and many sleep" (I Corinthians 11:30). What can we do? Let me suggest three things:

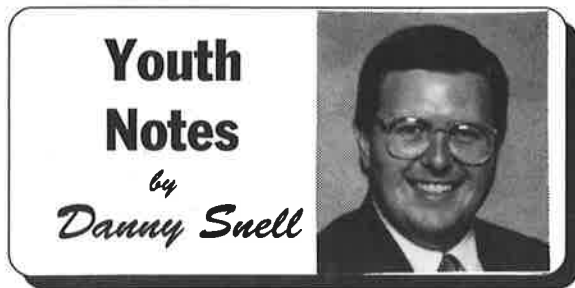
1. Our Come Home Campaign. Beginning now and culminating in the entire month of October we will be

emphasizing our *Come Home Campaign*. We will be praying, visiting, and encouraging those who are not attending worship in an effort to involve them in church life. Our elders, those who shepherd, are concerned about those who have wandered away and they are working to reclaim them. They solicit our help.

2. Recognize That We May Have Failed. In some way we may have failed those who are not attending. Perhaps we could have greeted them more warmly when they came; we could have done more to make them feel welcome and a part of us; we could have done more to meet their needs; we could have loved them better.

3. Let's Be Here More Often. Sometimes we must be away. We may be sick; we need a vacation now and then; there are obligations elsewhere. But, let's give more diligence to being "at home." Yearn to be with our church family when you must be away. Don't just look for someplace to go for out-of-town weekends. These are great days for this church. Be involved!

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**CROATIAN CALL**

A special thanks to all of those who helped pack boxes this past Friday. There are over 100 boxes already completed and an additional 20 that are partially completed. You have also given quite a generous sum of money to buy food to fill boxes. I never cease to be amazed at your generosity for worthy causes. We are still purchasing food so if you want to help, just let me know.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

Bible Quiz begins on Monday night, September 11. The text for this fall is Acts. The first test is over Acts 1-7. 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 can work together to answer the fifty questions on the test. You will have only 12 minutes to take the test. Tests are open Bible. 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. Even though tests are open Bible, they still are difficult, and you will not do well unless you have read and studied. We will go to a different Tyler congregation each month. The time 7:00-8:00 will include a short devo, the test, refreshments, and announcing the scores. Make plans to be a part of this great time of learning God's word and some great fellowship.

**BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP**

We will lead the worship at Briarcliff Village Retirement Center this coming Sunday afternoon. All of those in the 6-12 grade and their parents are needed to participate. We will meet at West Erwin at 2:15 and return around 4:15.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Aug. 20 Briarcliff Worship
- Aug. 20 Combined Devotional
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Tate's Team #3 will meet August 20.  
Visitation Turnover Dinner - Aug. 28

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Church Family,  
I wish to express my appreciation for the many calls, cards, visits and prayers in behalf of Harley during his stay in the hospital and now his beginning recovery at home.  
Sincerely,  
Myra Turner  
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Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you for all the loving-kindness shown to Elizabeth and me during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate the many dishes of food brought to our home, the luncheon served to our family members, all the beautiful cards, your friendship and most of all your prayers. We are blessed to be a part of the family at West Erwin Church of Christ.

In Christian Love,  
Debbie & Elizabeth Davis  
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We appreciate so much the love and concern that has been expressed by our church family. We are grateful for the cards, the beautiful spray of flowers, and especially your prayers.

With love,  
Melvin & Donna Maples

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Here's a way to change your life inside and out. The *Weigh Down Workshop* teaches how to turn to God rather than food in good times and bad. This workshop includes video tapes, audio tapes, group discussion and workbooks. The orientation for this biblically based weight loss program will be held Sunday night, August 20, in the old auditorium after our worship assembly. There is no obligation this first night. Come and see if this program is for you.  
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**ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING**

There will be an elders and deacons' meeting on Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. at El Charro on Fifth Street. Please make your plans to be there.

**AREA EVENTS**

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Kenneth and Gina Elerson and children \*Christopher and \*Ashten, came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin church. They have been attending here for some time now and we are very pleased to welcome them into our family. Kenneth, a brother of our Joe Elerson, is a carpenter and Gina is a homemaker. Christopher will be in first grade in Van ISD and Ashten is three years old. Their address is Route 1, Box 245-A, Ben Wheeler, 75754, ph. 852-3604.

**TEACHING CHRISTIANITY IN MAJOR RUSSIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGIONS**

"I am so convinced for the need of our children to learn the Bible so as to develop morals, etc. Our generation is lost but the hope of our country is in the generation now being taught and you have the opportunity for doing that." - Vladimar Skovropnikov, Superintendent, Altai Region Russian Public School District.

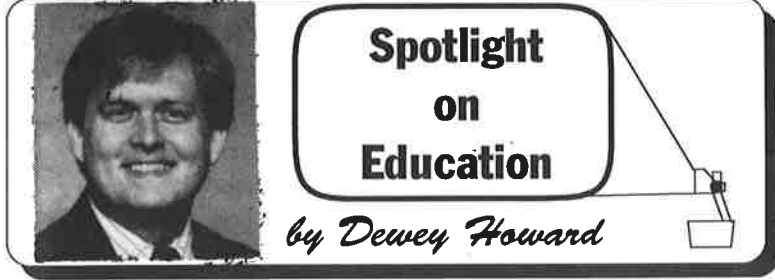
The communist used the schools as their primary instrument of teaching atheistic communism to their young people who were the next generation of Russia. Today the trend is going in the other direction. Top Russian educators are now asking that we train their teachers how to teach Christianity as part of their regular curriculum in their public schools. The Russians have seen the devastating effects of atheistic communism. More than any other nation on earth at this time they feel the future is in their children. The best way to reach Russia is through their children. Specifically the two Russian public school regions into which we have been invited are the Altai and Omsk Regions. Mr. Skovropnitov, whom we quoted at the beginning of this article, was the first one to formally request for training in the Altai district.

These two school regions are: located in Central Russia; geographically larger than Texas; have over 1,600,000 students; have signed contracts that state the training of their teachers will be ongoing and exclusive to churches of Christ. This has been underway for about two years.

EEM translated the curriculum that is being used, prints and delivers it to the school regions and provides the Bibles for the training of the students. The new Russian children's Bible is also being supplied to Russian schools.

The special contribution for EEM at the Tyler city wide meeting on August 27 will go toward providing the curriculums, Bibles, and children's Bibles which are being used by our brethren who go over to train the Russian teachers. EEM is the only source for these materials in Russian. **What an opportunity! How can we not take full advantage?**

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**Teachers' Meeting  
Sunday, August 20!  
5:00 in the Fellowship Hall**

Notice the time change for this Sunday's meeting.  
I'll see you Sunday!

**This Sunday is Promotion Sunday** for our young children. If your child is 2, 3, 4, 5 or entering Kindergarten, this is a special day for him/her. Help your child find his new class this Sunday. Your child will go directly to the age group that he or she will be as of September 1. Make this Sunday a great day for you and your child by being in our Bible classes. And celebrate the growth of your child as he or she goes into a new class.

Beginners (0-14 months)	Room 110
Toddlers (15-24 months)	Room 108
2-year-olds	Room 107
3-year-olds	Room 103
4-year-olds & Pre-K	Room 104
Kindergarten	Room 201

**New Wednesday Adult Electives begin August 23!** Our Summer Speaker Series has been truly enriching as we have focused on "Great Is Our God!" But with the school year begun, it is time to get back into our regular schedule. This Wednesday will be the beginning of a seven-week series of adult electives on Wednesday nights. Several good studies are planned with teachers who have worked hard to get their materials ready. Choose the elective that you find most helpful, and let's use Wednesday nights this fall to grow together in God's love.

- o **The Good Life: A Study of John's Letters**  
Small Auditorium ..... Ira Wilson
- o **Your Questions, God's Answers!**  
**A Bible Study of Marriage Relationships**  
Room 112 ..... Dewey Howard
- o **Out of the Depths: The Psalms Ladies Class**  
Heritage Room ..... Kathy Portwood
- o **The Kings: Rulers of God's Covenant Men's Discussion Class**  
Room 113 ..... Don Durham
- o **College and Singles**  
Room 303 ..... Stan Clark

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #4 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday August 6	Sunday July 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	366	360	336
Worship A.M.	567	542	532
Worship P.M.	325	302	273
Wed. P.M.	251	258	NC
Contribution	\$12,023.00	\$12,759.85	\$19,901.15
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$1,978.76 under budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 13 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 16, Melvin Crow, ph. 581-6988.			

#### PRAYER AND CARE

**Jimmie Brown** is ill at home with shingles. **Frances Broome** got a good report after a biopsy last Thursday. **Ruth Crosser** is recuperating at home after surgery. **Melinda O'Quinn** is recovering at home. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center, room 3318. **Kim Jordan** is at home and feeling better. **Ernest and Corene Riley**, Kathy Hilliard's aunt and uncle, are both in Medical Center ICU following a car accident last Thursday. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is in Medical Center, room 5505. **Dana Crow**, Melvin & Nina Crow's daughter-in-law, is having pregnancy complications in Coppell. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is recuperating after knee replacement surgery in Lytle, Texas. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's husband, is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital.

#### WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Nina Crow and all the family in the recent loss of her sister-in-law, Bertha May Roberson.

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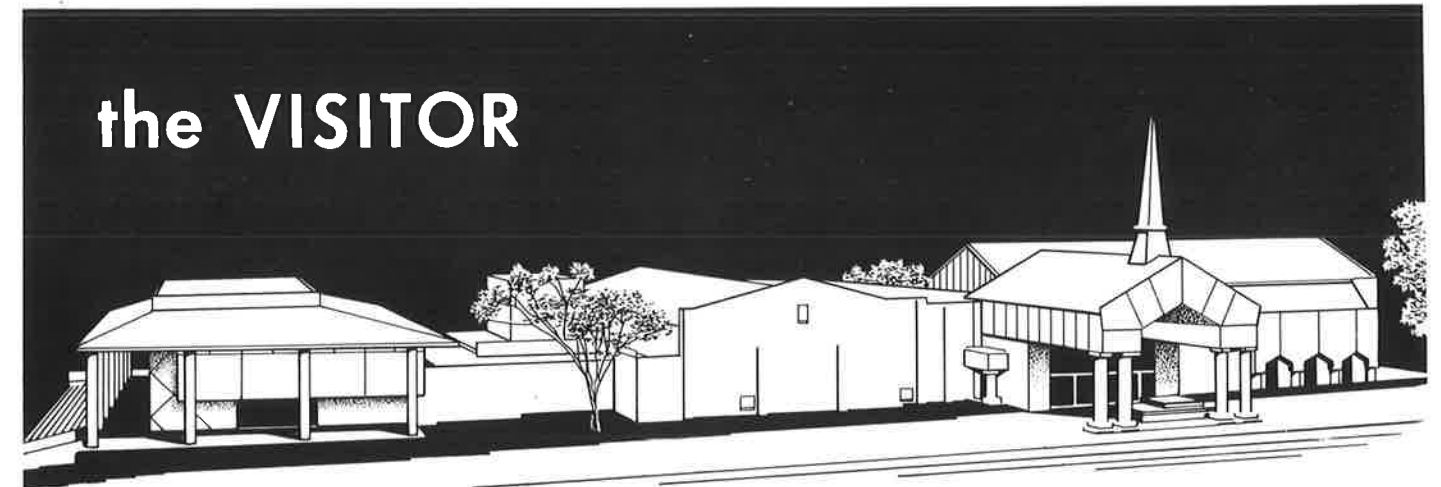
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Tony Adams  
Scripture James Ball  
Announcements & Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson  
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Ira Wilson  
Prayer Gary Aven  
Scripture Chris Ables  
Dismiss Chuck Barnett

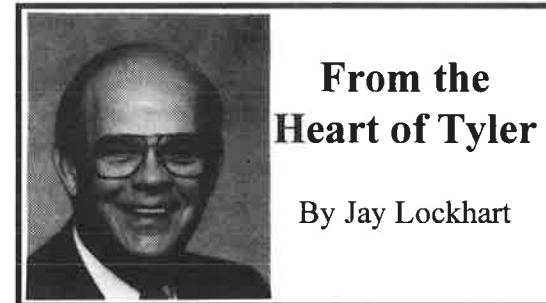
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### From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

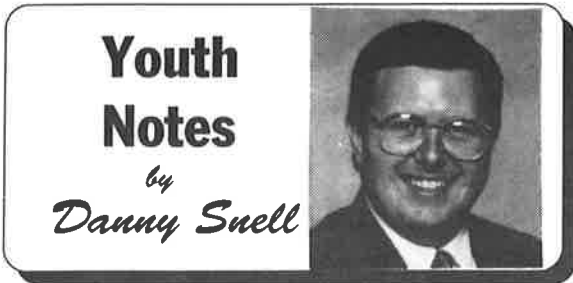
**Sermons for Sunday, August 13, 1995**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. From Spectator To Seeker To Servant  
(Titus 3:1-7)  
P.M. The Freedom That Truth Brings #2  
(John 8:31-36)

**WEST ERWIN NEARS 700 MEMBERS**  
Over the past year we worked and prayed for an additional 100 members and God richly blessed us -- 12 months after we began to pray we had received 101 new members! Now, as we continue to grow, our total membership approaches 700 (at this writing we have 698 members). As we grow we want to involve our new members according to their talents and comfort level. Bible classes, KOINONIA Groups, special service areas, visitation, and, of course, our worship assemblies provide excellent opportunities for involvement. We are grateful for our growth and the enthusiasm we are seeing everywhere. However, we are alarmed that we have so many members who seldom attend our church meetings. Therefore, beginning now we are going to build up to a *Come Home Campaign* for the month of October. This will be an effort to enlist our inactive folks in the life of the church. Every Sunday in October we will be placing emphasis upon *Come Home*. Sermons, announcements, visitation, and special interest and concern will concentrate on *Come Home*. You will be hearing much more about this. Be involved. Help us.

**EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION**  
Last Sunday **Richard Baggett**, who works with Eastern European Mission and who has visited with us several times in the last few years, made an appeal during our morning worship hour for us to be involved in a special contribution to help print Bibles for Russia. Each year on the last Sunday of August we have an area wide joint worship service (this year the meeting will be at Shiloh) and the special contribution will be taken at that meeting, Sunday night, August 27. Be prepared to participate. (See related article inside).

#### ELDERS TO MEET

Each Sunday afternoon at 5:15 two of our elders will be available for consultation with any of our members who might wish to talk with them about any matter at all. The meeting place will be in the office area of our building (the northwest entrance) and this week the elders who will be present are **Joe McBee** and **Ira Wilson**. You are welcome to come by.



**REACHING RUSSIA'S CHILDREN**

"If you don't do anything else for Russia be sure you help us teach our children about God. It is our only hope." *Consensus statement of many Russian parents and educators*

Now that communism has collapsed in Russia many Russians have come to the conclusion that it was a tragic mistake. There is a widespread and growing sentiment that the only hope for Russia is in the children of Russia and especially to return to teaching them about God.

"It is true that our country has many problems; however, the greatest problem we have is that God does not live in our land any longer. Seventy years ago we closed Him out of our country, and it has caused so many problems in our society we cannot count them. It has undermined and caused great caverns to run beneath our society and made it collapse. We must put God back into our country and we must begin with our children."

- Mr. Evgeny Kurkin, deputy Minister of Education for the Republic of Russia

**EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION** has responded to this opportunity and need by initiating its "Reaching Russia's Children" campaign. This campaign is composed of providing:

1. A new Russian Children's Bible,
2. A 24 lesson curriculum for training Russian school teachers to teach Christianity in their public schools, and
3. Russian Bibles.

**IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN READ ABOUT**

- Teaching Christianity in Russian public schools which are larger than Texas and have over 1,000,000 students.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

**Aug. 13 Back To School Prayer Devo for teens, parents, & teachers at the Shiloh Church of Christ (Bring \$2.00 for pizza)**

**Aug. 27 City-Wide Meeting & MS Devo**

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Powell's Team #2 will meet August 13.  
Visitation Turnover Dinner - Aug. 28

**IN APPRECIATION**

It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving family. Thank you for your care and concern during my recent illness and hospitalization.

Phyllis Rachui

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Dear Christian Family,

Although nothing can take away my feeling of loss in losing my mother, your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and sweet expressions of sympathy have helped lighten my sorrow. My family and I feel cradled in God's loving hands through your love and thoughtfulness. We are grateful.

With love,  
Maggie & Danny Craddock

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Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for remembering us in your prayers, for the beautiful spray of flowers, and for remembering us during our time of need.

Mrs. Robert McCain & Family  
(Bill McCain's family)

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Thank you for all the cards, flowers, and your encouragement to Cindy and to us during her illness and death. We appreciate all who came to visitation and the memorial service for her.

Pat, Jason & Melissa Patten

(Memorials may be made to World Bible School at Broadway)

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Break the magnetic pull of the refrigerator! God does not intend for food to control us. Break the focus on food and be free of "yo-yo" dieting! **Weigh Down Workshop** is a 12-week program with spiritual emphasis. There are no special foods, no fat grams to compute! Come and bring a friend. Orientation will be Sunday, August 20, immediately after the evening assembly. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Call Ruth Ellis or Angela Howard for more information.

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**NEW ARRIVALS**

Keith and Cheryl Wilson, Arlington, are the happy parents of Alexander Derrell Wilson. He was born Wednesday, July 26, and weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. Jeremy is the big brother and Ira and Esther Wilson are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Velma Lemons on the birth of a new granddaughter. Haliagh Nicole was born Wednesday, August 2, to Bart and Karen Lemons. She weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Jennifer and Amanda are proud big sisters.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

**Drew and Jayne Fitzgerald** came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. They stated that they believe West Erwin can and should be the place where they can put down roots. We are very pleased to welcome them into the family here. Drew is a coach/teacher at Tatum and Jayne is an RN at Mother Frances Hospital. They live at 10926 CR 2250, 75707, ph. 566-6822.

**Mrs. Gary (Eleanor) Nunn** made known her decision on Sunday to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. She has been attending here for some time now and we are very happy to welcome her into our growing family. She lives at 101 East Sheridan, 75701, ph. 595-6556.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Wednesday at the Gunter Church of Christ for J.C. Maples, Melvin Maples' father. Services were held Thursday at Landmark Baptist Church for Judy Perry, Bobby Perry's mother. Glen Duncan, husband of Bill Endsley's niece, died recently in Texarkana. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Shirley Elrod, a member at University and known by many at West Erwin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

**BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE**

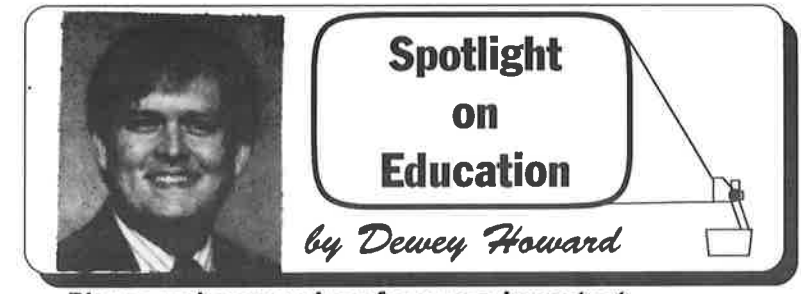
*If you have a tender message,  
Or a loving word to say  
Do not wait till you forget it, But whisper it today;  
The tender word unspoken, The letter never sent,  
The long forgotten messages,  
The wealth of love unspent -  
For these some hearts are breaking,  
For these some loved ones wait;  
So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

- Frank Herbert Sweet

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

There is a need for paper towel rolls and toilet tissue rolls for Discovery Days projects. If you can help, please bring these to the church office.

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Please make your plans for a very important...

**Teachers' Meeting  
Sunday, August 20!**

The fall quarter is about to begin and a lot of exciting things are happening in the West Erwin Education Ministry. If you are a teacher or helper -- or would like to start -- you need to be at this meeting. Our time together will be in the fellowship hall after our evening assembly.

**Listening Assistance is now available.** The main auditorium has been equipped with a personal listening assistance system for those who have difficulty hearing in our assemblies. This system makes use of pocket-sized, wireless receivers with small earphones that bring the speaker's voice directly to the listeners' ears. Because it is wireless, a person using one of these receivers can sit in the auditorium anywhere he or she wants. The receivers are available in the sound booth at the back of the auditorium. Check one out as you come into the worship assembly, and return it as you leave. The receivers are available for purchase if you would like to have your own personal receiver to keep with you.

**Our Discovery Days Preschool Enrichment** is getting ready for another year. The new director, Martha Waggoner, has been hard at work this summer putting plans together for the year. I am excited about what I see so far! Discovery Days begins its school year on Tuesday, August 15. Put the Discovery Days program on your prayer list. This is a unique opportunity for the nurturing of children as well as for outreach into our community. Be sure to let Martha and the other Discovery Days teachers know that you appreciate what they do.

**Parents of young children:** Have your children in class on Sunday, August 20. This is the day that they will promote to their new classes. More information next week.

**Coming in the next few weeks:**

- o New Wednesday electives ..... August 23
- o City-wide assembly at Shiloh Rd. .... August 27
- o New Sunday Study ..... September 3

**Great is Our God!**  
1995 Summer Speaker Series  
**Wednesday, August 16**  
**"He Is Great to be Praised"**  
Eddie Messer, Athens

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #3 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	July 30	July 23	Ago
Bible Class	360	364	336
Worship A.M.	542	570	532
Worship P.M.	302	363	273
Wed. P.M.	258	218	NC
Contribution	\$22,299.14	\$12,759.85	\$19,901.15
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$8,298.14 over budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 6 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 9, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Frances Broome** is scheduled for a biopsy Thursday at Medical Center. **Ruth Crosser** is in room 2237 at Medical Center after surgery Wednesday. **Melinda O'Quinn** was hospitalized Monday in San Antonio with E-Coli. **Edna Hodnett** has a cracked rib. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center, room 3318. **Kim Jordan** entered Medical Center last Friday for tests. **Judy Perry**, Bobby Perry's mother, is very ill at home. **J.C. Maples**, Melvin Maples' father, is recuperating from kidney surgery in Sherman. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is some improved in Medical Center, room 5505. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is recuperating after knee replacement surgery Monday in Lytle, Texas. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's husband, is in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Jeanine Ibrahim**, friend of Sandra Brewster, is very ill in Riverside, CA. **Jimmie Dunlap**, Carlton Cormier's secretary, is undergoing tests for a brain aneurysm, possibly facing very delicate surgery.

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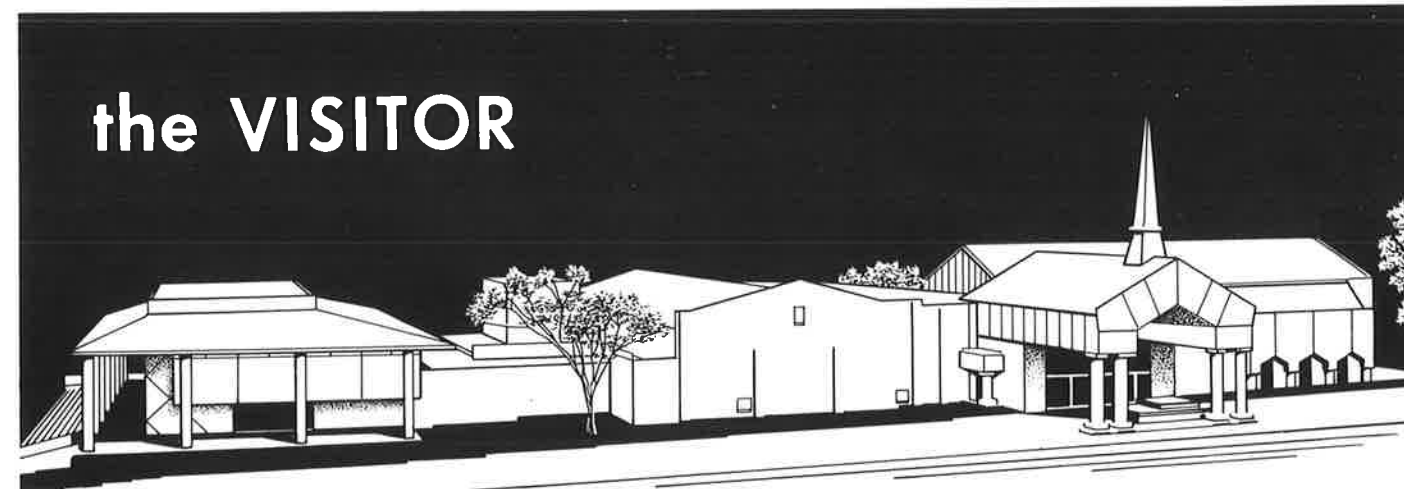
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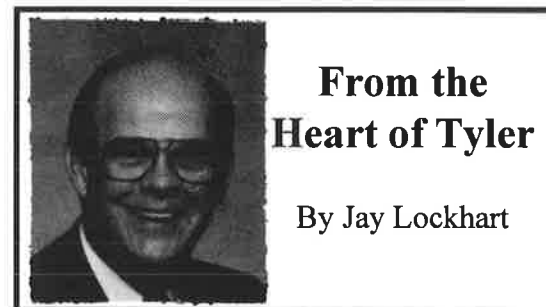
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<b>SUNDAY</b>		
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<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	
	11:30 A.M.	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.	
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<b>SERVING SUNDAY</b>	
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Marc Tate
Scripture	James Hardin
Elder's Prayer	Leon Welborn
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE	
Jamon Kirby	
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	David Demic
Scripture	Matt Carpenter
Dismiss	Stan Perkins
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER	
Matt Tate	Billy Terrell
Marc Tate	Dannie Skipper
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, August 6, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. Christ: The Unconquered Centerpiece Of History (Matthew 4:1-11)
- P.M. The Freedom That Truth Brings (John 8:31-36)

**ELDERS - PREACHERS SESSION**

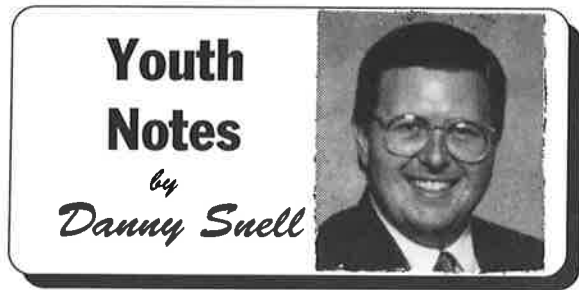
On Saturday, August 5, your elders and preachers will be in a day-long planning session which will focus upon immediate and long range goals for the West Erwin church. Over the past year we have reached, with the Lord's help, some significant goals. Last summer we began to pray that the Lord would give us 100 additional members during the year. On July 2 we received our 101st new member for a net gain in membership of about 90. Also, during the early part of this year we began praying for our Come And See Campaign in April. During the Campaign we averaged about 100 in attendance at each service above what we usually expect and we had 23 responses with 9 baptisms. We praised God for the Campaign success. Additionally, we have had a heart hunger for reaching into Eastern Europe. We have been looking for someone to send and you have given money toward their support. Now, it seems, God has sent us a family for Eastern Europe. These are exciting times and God is blessing us. So what shall the future hold? What will be our thrust be

now? Be prayerful about the planning session Saturday.

**ON THE HORIZON**

As we look to the future, there are some exciting things coming up. Our annual **Area-Wide Meeting** will take place Sunday evening, August 27, at the Shiloh building. **Glenn Owen**, who has done so much work in Eastern Europe, will be our speaker and will be talking about Russia. More about this later. In September our Adult Bible Classes will begin a study of Paul's letter to the Romans. During this six month study the Sunday morning sermons will be coordinated with the classes and that will be an exciting series for us all. October will bring a month-long Come Home Campaign as we seek to reclaim those who have fallen away. Be praying. October will also bring **Edwin White** who speaks three times on "A Sense Of Presence," a moving, practical series on God, and **Charles Hodge** will be with us in October to help us in the Come Home Campaign. We're going to be busy but all of this is exciting.

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**THANKS**

Thanks to all of those who went to Six Flags with us on Monday. It was quite a wet day! Even through the rain, we had a great time. Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Kevin & Shelley Sustaite, and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Summer Youth Series last Tuesday. We had a great turnout with over 250 present. Thanks to those adults who helped with the evening: Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Danny Craddock, Laurie Dawkins, Karen Fedell, Paige Morris, Lisa Snell, & Ray Womack.

**CROATIAN CALL**

The service project for the ETSYS this year is "The Croatian Call." There is a constant need for food and supplies to be sent to Croatia. If you would like to make a donation to this cause instead of buying the groceries, we will buy the food for you. Please make a check to West Erwin and give it to me ASAP. If you have not turned in your completed list yet, please do so by **Thursday, August 10.** Please note date change.

Friday, August 11 will be our packing day at the West Erwin building. All of those in the middle and high school groups are needed to help that morning for packing all of the boxes.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jason Bryant whose Little League team went to the State Playoffs. They placed fourth in the state! Jason was also selected to the Dr. Pepper Little League All Stars Game which took place in conjunction with the Major League All Stars Game at The Ball Park in Arlington. He also took part in the pre-game activities for the All Star Game. You know, the game that the rest of us just get to watch from the couch! Way to go Jason!

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Aug. 10 TYP Workday 9:00-4:00**
- Aug. 11 Croatia Packing Day**
- Aug. 13 Back To School Prayer Devo**
- Aug. 27 City-Wide Meeting & MS Devo**

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
 Garner's Team #1 will meet August 6.  
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**IN APPRECIATION**

Words seem so inadequate when we try to thank our Christian family for the many prayers and loving concern for Charles' sister, Martha Trostel. Although she is not in remission she feels good and her faith is strong. Please continue to keep Martha and her family in your prayers. May God's grace and love be with each of you.

Charles & Louise Seaberry

Dear Jay and Church Family,

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the beautiful flowers, prayers and comfort you have given us during our time of sorrow with the loss of our dear brothers, Robert McCain and James Malone. May God bless you.

Bill and Ruby McCain

**VIDEO BIBLE OUTREACH**

Video Bible Outreach, a personal ministry started in 1983 by Del and Clara Masters, is a non-profit user-supported ministry serving congregations of the churches of Christ of very limited resources and who are without a located minister. Their video library has hundreds of pulpit sermons and Bible class studies, (many of which are by Jay Lockhart from THE SEARCH). Congregations may use the library according to their particular needs. If you know of a congregation that might benefit from the services offered by this unique ministry, you may contact the church office here at 592-0809 or write to Del and Clara Masters at 1523 Borah Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. We can highly recommend them.

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Weight loss through spiritual gain. It's a win/win situation! Join us for the **"Weigh Down Workshop,"** a twelve-week weight loss program. No food list, no exercise, no calorie counting! Orientation meeting Sunday, August 20, following the evening worship assembly. The first class meeting will be Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage room. Call Ruth Ellis or Angela Howard for more information.

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Diane Weathers' sister died recently in Port Neches, Texas. Diane and Wade have been there with the family during this difficult time but are now back home.

Dick Davis, Debbie Davis' husband and Elizabeth's father, died Friday. Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Graveside services were held Monday at Dover Cemetery in the Carroll community for James Malone, Ruby McCain's brother.

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

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Trey, Joy, Danielle and \*Jordan Rousseau came Wednesday night to make known their desire to work, serve and be recognized with this congregation. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time now and we know they will be an asset to the work at this place. They live in Troup at 17966 West Lakeview Drive, 75789, ph. 839-2793.

Kyle Willoughby came Sunday to make known his wish to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. Kyle is a young single. His address is P.O. Box 8202, 75711, ph. 534-5730.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations and best wishes to **Johnnie Stringer** on her retirement from T.B. Butler Publishing Co. She worked there for 25 years, 16 years of that time as receptionist/switchboard operator. We'll miss having her next door during the week but we wish her much happiness in her retirement.

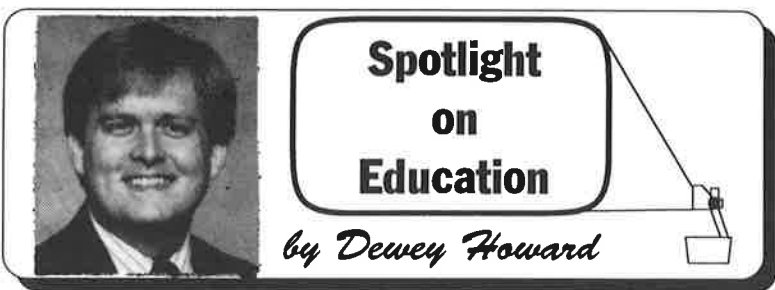
Congratulations to **Robby Scott** for winning the 1995 Arthur Ashe Collegiate Award at Abilene Christian University. This award is presented by *Tennis* magazine and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. He was named the winner of the award for men's tennis in NCAA Division II. ITA and *Tennis* magazine honor exemplary players in each division of collegiate tennis for their outstanding sportsmanship and leadership on and off the court. Robby plans to begin medical school in 1996 after serving a year as assistant coach at Abilene Christian.

*"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."*

**NEW ADDRESS**

We have a new address for Vicki Russell: 5908 Northwest Dr. #205, Mesquite, 75150, ph. (214) 682-9550. We will miss Vicki but wish her well in her new home.

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**Raising Faithful Kids in a Fast-Paced World**

by Dr. Paul Faulkner

Sunday mornings through August at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**All young adults are invited** to a Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-Off on Saturday, August 5, sponsored by the Sunday morning Cluster Class. Get your favorite (or most unique) homemade ice cream ready for this event. The ice cream will be judged and prizes will be awarded. (If you don't have an ice cream freezer, come on anyway. Somebody has to eat all this ice cream!) Of course the evening will be complete with "live" entertainment. The festivities will be in our fellowship hall beginning around 6:30. For more details, call Jeannie Ross.

**Listening Assistance is now available.** The main auditorium has been equipped with a personal listening assistance system for those who have difficulty hearing in our assemblies. This system makes use of pocket-sized, wireless receivers with small earphones that bring the speaker's voice directly to the listeners' ears. Because it is wireless, a person using one of these receivers can sit in the auditorium anywhere he or she wants. The receivers are available in the sound booth at the back of the auditorium. Check one out as you come into the worship assembly, and return it as you leave. Several tried these out for the first time last Sunday, and their response was very favorable.

**Add this to your prayer list!** A team of men and women have begun working with me to plan a calendar of events at West Erwin designed for community outreach. I met with some of these persons for the first time last Sunday, and I was encouraged and uplifted by their excitement. Details about this outreach endeavor will be coming at a later date. But for now, keep up in your prayers. If you have an interest in helping with this planning team, let me know.

**Coming in the next few weeks:**

- o Early childhood promotion ..... August 20
- o New Wednesday electives ..... August 23
- o City-wide assembly at Shiloh Rd. .... August 27
- o New Sunday Study ..... September 3

**Great is Our God!**  
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**Wednesday, August 2**  
**"God's Credibility Crisis"**  
**Ronnie Wiggins, Dallas**

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #2 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*



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Bible Class	364	371	352
Worship A.M.	570	581	600
Worship P.M.	363	386	366
Wed. P.M.	218	229	235
Contribution	\$12,759.85	\$14,113.80	\$12,563.62
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$1,241.15 under budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 30 and Wed. P.M., Aug. 2, David Haney, Jr., ph. 581-2670.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Phyllis Rachui** was hospitalized for tests but was dismissed Wednesday. **Ruth Dobbs** is improved and may be go home on Wednesday. **Sandra Park** had a D&C on Tuesday. **Adela Scogins** is recovering at home from recent eye surgery. **Judy Perry**, Bobby Perry's mother, is very ill at home. **J.C. Maples**, Melvin Maples' father, had a kidney removed last Thursday in Sherman. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is very critically ill in Medical Center. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery July 31 in Lytle, Texas. **Patsy Bullard**, Cathy Culpepper's mother, had a heart cath Monday. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's husband, is now in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship .....10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....10:00 A.M.
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Evening Worship .....6:00 P.M.	(Sept. through May)
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**SERVING SUNDAY**

**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Don Peek  
Scripture David Newton  
Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

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Announcements Hillard Hughes  
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Scripture Brett Hone  
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**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

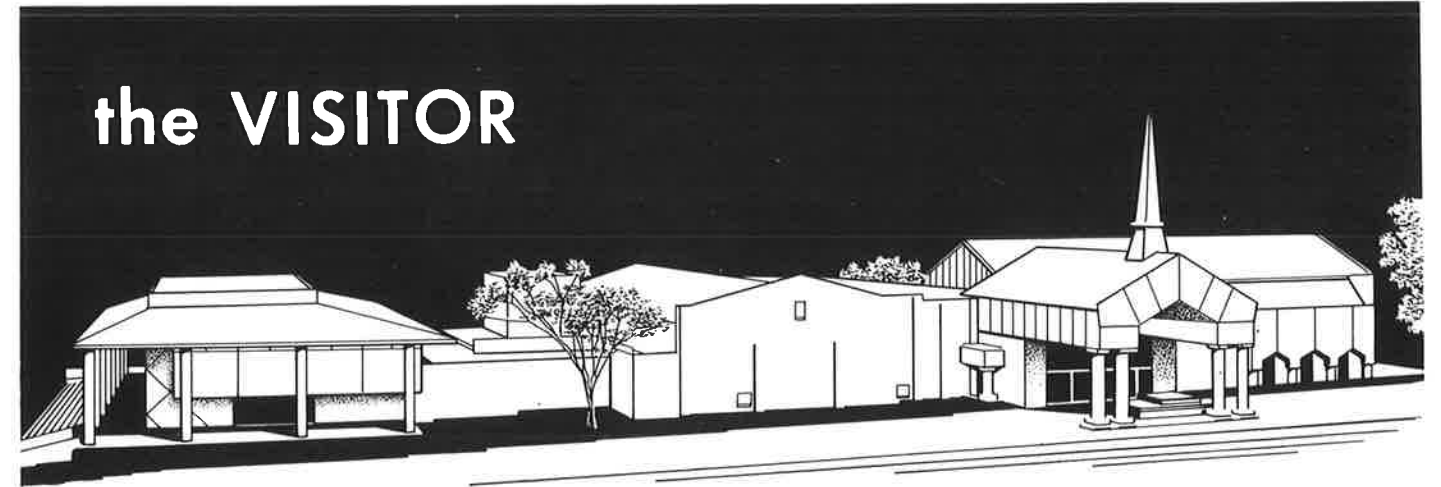
Matt Tate Billy Terrell  
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John Steffee James Sublette  
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**GREETERS**

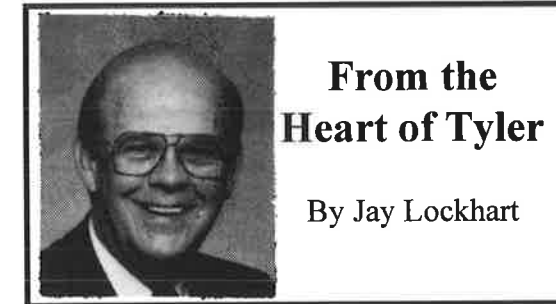
Alma Biggs & Pattie Tate  
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**WITH SYMPATHY**

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to the Craddock family in the death of Maggie's mother on Tuesday. Services will be held Saturday in Winona, Mississippi.



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**Dr. Terry Johnson, who has just been named Chancellor of Oklahoma Christian University of Arts and Science after serving so well as President of that excellent school for the past twenty years, will be preaching at both services this Sunday, July 30, at West Erwin.**

**DOUG MCKEE**

We first met Doug McKee when he moved to Tyler several years ago. Soon after coming to our city Doug made a decision to become a Christian and immediately became a vital part of our Singles Group and a diligent Bible student. At about the time he met and married Melinda, Doug decided to enter full-time ministry and entered Preston Road School of Biblical Studies in Dallas. Upon his graduation, Doug began to search for just the right place to work and last Sunday was his first day as Pulpit Minister of the church in Holiday, Texas, just south of Wichita Falls. We congratulate Doug upon his accomplishments and commend him to the work he will be doing. Doug and Melinda, who are expecting their first child early next year, will do well in Holiday. We are proud of them.

**BOBBY PERRY**

Bobby and Cheryl Perry have meant so much to us over the past few years as they have been deeply involved in the life of this church. Bobby decided some time ago to enter full-time ministry and last Sunday he began his work as Youth Minister and Song Leader with the church in

Frankston. We wish Bobby and Cheryl our best and bid them godspeed as they enter their new work.

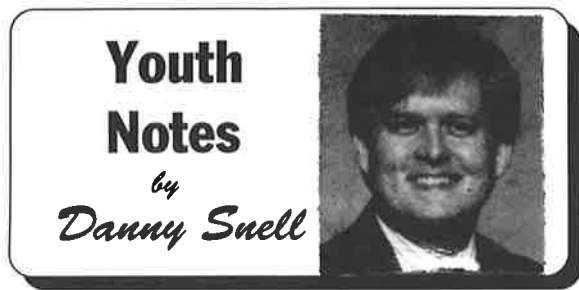
**DANNY SNELL AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Everyone who knows Danny Snell and our Youth Group finds nothing to surprise them in the following letter which I received this week. We are grateful for Danny, his family, those who work with them in our Youth Program, and our young people.

"We at Pine Top Lodge had the privilege of having the West Erwin Church of Christ Youth Group at our motel on July 14, 1995.

You can be very proud of your youth group and Danny Snell, your youth director and all other sponsors on the trip. This group was the most courteous, respectful, and delightful group that we have ever had at this motel. As Mr. Snell can tell you, I have many reservations about youth groups. You can be assured that your youth group or any one else from your church will be welcome at any time.

Thank you for letting us serve you and God bless."  
signed by Opal Mock, owner



**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

The 1995 East Texas Summer Youth Series has come to a close. The service project has been a great success once again. Many Croatian families will be helped by your efforts. Thanks to all of those who went to the SYS this year and to those who went as sponsors.

Thanks to all of those who helped with our hosting of the final SYS. The Snow Cones were great!

**CROATIAN CALL**

The service project for the ETSYS this year is "The Croatian Call." There is a constant need for food and supplies to be sent to Croatia. If you have not turned in your completed list yet, please do so by Sunday, August 13.

**SOUL LIFT YOUTH RALLY**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Cody Ables and Jared Metcalf for making the Tyler West Little League All Stars. They were one game short of making it to the state playoffs. Way to go guys!

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- Aug. 13 Back To School Prayer Devo

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
 Gamer's Team #1 will meet August 6.  
 Visitation Turnover Dinner - Aug. 28

**IN APPRECIATION**

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for your help and concern in the death of our daughter, Stacey Leigh Morrow Lockhart. The more than a thousand people who came to share our grief; all the flowers, food, cards, and especially the prayers offered in our behalf were an outpouring of care we can hardly believe. As deep as our grief is, "We are not as those who have no hope." May God bless each of you as only he is able.

III John 2,  
 The Morrows  
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Thank you for all the prayers, telephone calls, cards, visits, and every act of care and concern shown when I had eye surgery recently.

Dorothy Mannen

**VIDEO BIBLE OUTREACH**

Video Bible Outreach, a personal ministry started in 1983 by Del and Clara Masters, is a non-profit user-supported ministry serving congregations of the churches of Christ of very limited resources and who are without a located minister. Their video library has hundreds of pulpit sermons and Bible class studies, (many of which are by Jay Lockhart from THE SEARCH). Congregations may use the library according to their particular needs. If you know of a congregation that might benefit from the services offered by this unique ministry, you may contact the church office here at 592-0809 or by writing the Masters at 1523 Borah Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. We can highly recommend them.

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The Lord delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, and the Lord can deliver you from bondage with food.

"Weigh Down Workshop," coming in September. Call Ruth Ellis or Angela Howard for more details.

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Wednesday for Brittany Ann Rogers, infant granddaughter of Garry Goswick's sister, Margaret Rogers.

Services were held Monday at Burks Walker Tippitt for Robert McCain, Bill McCain's brother.

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

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 Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!**

We are very pleased to welcome **Dee Ann Cormier** into the West Erwin family. Dee Ann is the wife of Carlton Cormier who was recently baptized into Christ. She is already a member of the body of Christ and would like to work and worship with the family here. Their address is 11373 Chisum Trail, 75703, ph. 581-4876.

**RESPONSE**

Jimmie Philpot came Sunday to request our prayers in his behalf that he might have a stronger commitment to Christ and turn his burdens over to Him.

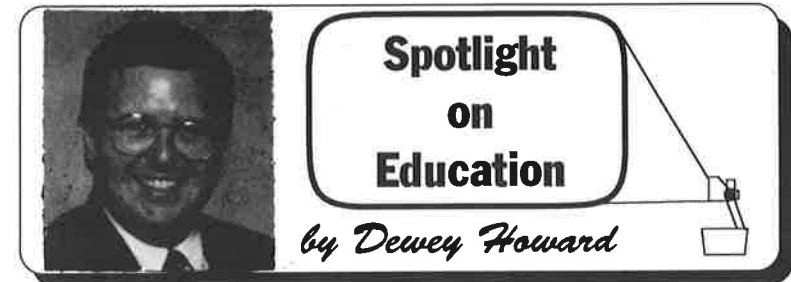
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**TEN MISTAKES TO AVOID**

- \*Remorse over yesterday's failure.
- \*Anxiety over today's problems.
- \*Worry over tomorrow's uncertainty.
- \*Waste of the moment's opportunity.
- \*Procrastination with your present duty.
- \*Resentment of another's success.
- \*Criticism of a neighbor's imperfection.
- \*Impatience with youth's immaturity.
- \*Skepticism of our nation's future.
- \*Unbelief in God's providence.

-- author unknown

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**If you are a young adult, you are invited** to a Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-Off on Saturday, August 5, sponsored by the Sunday morning Cluster Class. The ice cream will be judged and prizes will be awarded in several different categories. And of course the evening will be complete with "live" entertainment. Start getting your homemade ice cream together. (If you don't have an ice cream freezer, come on anyway. Somebody has to eat all this ice cream!) The festivities will be in our fellowship hall beginning around 6:30.

**I'm Glad I Am a Teacher**

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

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

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

-- Selected --

**Great is Our God!**  
 1995 Summer Speaker Series  
**Wednesday, August 2**  
**"The Grace of God"**  
**Dan Manuel, Crockett Rd.**

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #1 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	July 16	July 9	Ago
Bible Class	371	352	352
Worship A.M.	581	535	600
Worship P.M.	386	312	366
Wed. P.M.	229	295	235
Contribution	\$14,113.80	\$11,956.34	\$12,563.62
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$112.80 over budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 23 and Wed. P.M., July 26, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center CCU. **Adela Scogins** had eye surgery Thursday at Tyler Square. **Judy Perry**, Bobby Perry's mother, is very ill at home. **Harley Turner** is now at home, still undergoing therapy. **Dorothy Mannen** and **Jonnie Steffee** are recovering from recent eye surgeries. **J.C. Maples**, Melvin Maples' father, was scheduled for kidney removal Thursday in Sherman. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is much improved in Medical Center. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery July 31 in Lytle, Texas. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's husband, continues to show improvement in Mother Frances, room 349. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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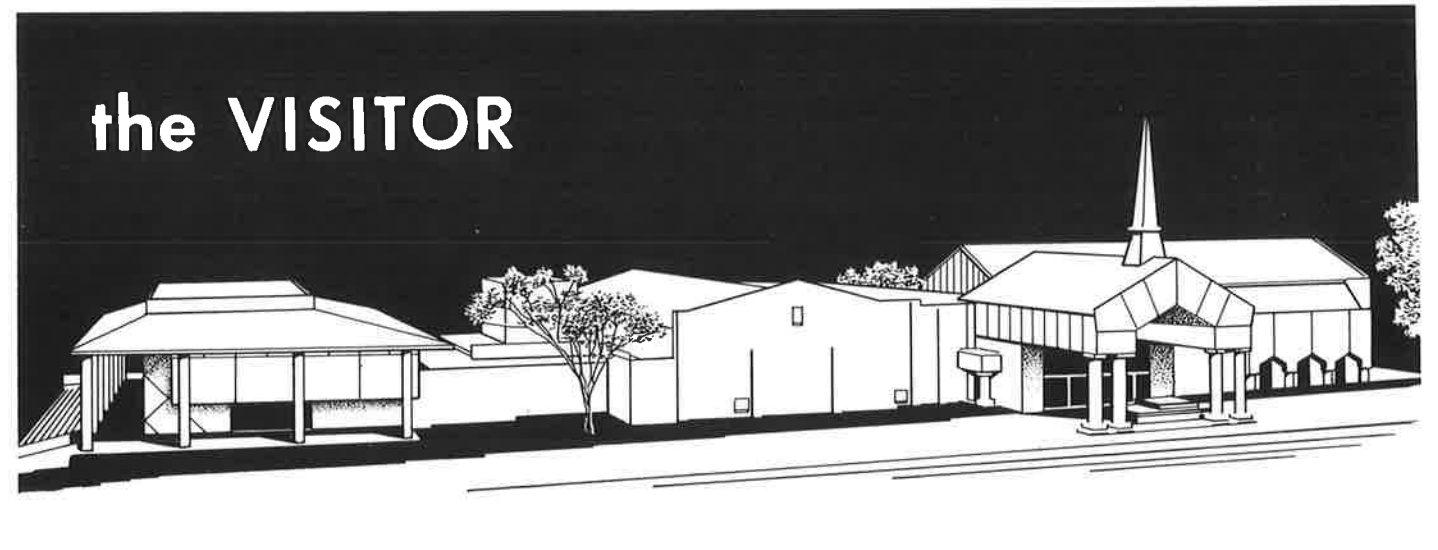
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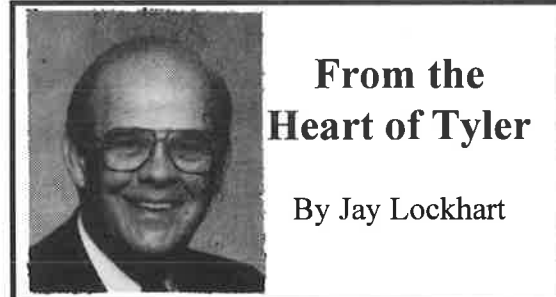
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		Bible Class .....
		7:00 P.M.
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**  
Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Ben Young  
Scripture Lowell Wiggains  
Elder's Prayer James Sublette  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Fred Wingate  
**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Robert Hilliard  
Scripture Randall Wilson  
Dismiss Mark Waggonner  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
Charles Rachui Doug Ragsdale  
Jimmie Philpot Guy Potts  
John Shaw Mark Waggonner  
John Pike Brady Dawkins  
**GREETERS**  
Alma Biggs & Pattie Tate  
Charles & 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 23, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. Where Is Your Faith?  
(Luke 8:22-25)
- P.M. Change Agents: An Analysis  
(II Timothy 4:1-5)

**HELPFUL WORDS**

Here are some words that have encouraged me. Maybe they will encourage you, too.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows."

"The race is not always to the swift ... but to those who keep on running."

"Success is a journey, not a destination."

"We cannot adjust the wind ... but we can adjust the sails."

"Opportunity always involves some risk. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first."

"The sky's the limit when your heart is in it."

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together."

"Enthusiasm is like a ripple in the water ... it spreads."

"I can complain because a rosebud has thorns or I can rejoice that a thorn bush has roses ... it's up to me."

"There is an island of opportunity in the middle of every sea of difficulty."

"Without challenge there is not achievement."


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

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm."

"Nothing happens unless first a dream." -- Carl Sandburg

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP**

The 1995 Nebraska Mission Trip is now in the pages of the history books. It was one of the best ever! In preparation for the trip we continually prayed for 150 children to come to the West Point VBS. God graciously answered our prayers with 152 children the final day. This was a 25% increase over last year's attendance. Wow, what a week! We also experienced tremendous heat with the bank thermometer reading 115 on Wednesday. It was definitely a "Hot Time in the Old Town!" We traveled through the Ozarks on the way home and saw some truly beautiful scenery. God has created some incredible places on this earth. Heaven must really be beautiful! A special thanks to all of those who made this trip possible. To God be the Glory!

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

West Erwin will host the last of the East Texas Summer Youth Series this coming Tuesday night. Chris Frizzell from Granbury will be our speaker and will close out our study on the "Resident Aliens: In The World, But Not Of The World." Chris will address the role of the church in the world. All of those in the youth group and their parents need to be here at 6:30 to help with parking, greeting, cleanup, and refreshments. We will be finished at 9:15. Plan to be here.

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**SOUL LIFT YOUTH RALLY**

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- July 27 TYP Workday 9:00-4:00
- July 31 Soul Lift at Six Flags

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet July 24.  
Visitation Turnover Dinner - Aug. 28

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Christian Friends,  
Thank you so much for your many expressions of kindness and support during my days of confinement and the loss of Jamon's father. The cards, food and flowers were so greatly appreciated. We love you all!

Jamon and Clay Kirby  
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To Our West Erwin Family,  
In a time of need we always find the best of friends that care and love one another in our church family. During my father's recent illness and death you showed your love and concern with flowers, cards, visits, and most of all your prayers.

We have learned how important our church family is to us. In a time of need you are always there. There are really no words to express how much we love and appreciate all you have done for our family. Continue to remember our family in your prayers for the days ahead.

In Christian Love,  
Robert, Kathy, Chad &  
Wesley Hilliard  
Winnie Bell  
John & Shannon Donaghey  
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Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for the help you give us. Some of the "extras" we're enjoying this month are fresh fruit for our cottage. Summer has brought some changes, including two new girls, Amanda, 15, and Laura, 13. We enjoyed visiting West Erwin recently. It means so much to us to know that so many there are thinking of us and care.

Doug, Jill, Megan & Meredith Stickler

P.S. Tell Modena and the Benevolent Room Ladies that Jaime loved the clothes!

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Can you stop in the middle of a candy bar and have no desire to finish the last half?

**COMING SOON!**

"Weigh Down Workshop," a spiritual weight loss program. Watch for details!


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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Graveside services were held Friday at Cathedral in the Pines for Adrian Scruggs. Adrian and Fern attended West Erwin before moving to Palestine. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family in their loss of a loved one.

**THERE IS A NEED FOR PAPER SACKS IN THE BENEVOLENT CENTER.**

**THE SEARCH**  
Each Sunday  
KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.  
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**WEDDING INVITATION**

*This day I will marry my best friend  
the one I laugh with, live for, love  
Toni Wynette Wright  
daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wright  
and Benjamin Scott Petty  
son of Mr. & Mrs. Perry Petty  
hope that you will join in this celebration  
on Saturday, the twenty-second of July  
nineteen hundred and ninety-five  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
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Reception immediately following*


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**IT'S A BOY!**

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by Dewey Howard

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Our Sunday morning Children's Church program will be taking its annual break beginning this Sunday, July 23. (A class for 2's and the regular attended nurseries will continue through the break.) The coordinators of Children's Church will be using this time to regroup and plan activities for the fall. We appreciate everyone who works in and helps with this ministry. Special thanks goes to Kelly and Jeannie Ross for organizing Children's Church, and to Velma Lemons for putting together the materials each Sunday morning. Children's Church for all children up through Pre-K will resume on Sunday, September 3.

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**Keep these on your calendars:**

- o ACU Summer Workshops ..... July 23-26
- o Promotion Sunday for Young Children ..... August 20
- o City-Wide Assembly (PM) ..... August 27  
Glen Owen, speaker
- o Fall Quarter Begins ..... September 3
- o "A Sense of Presence" ..... October 8  
Ed White, speaker

**Great is Our God!**  
1995 Summer Speaker Series  
**Wednesday, July 26**  
**Ralph Draper, Kilgore**

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #6 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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Bible Class	352	367	361
Worship A.M.	535	588	560
Worship P.M.	312	386	325
Wed. P.M.	295	308	310
Contribution	\$11,956.34	\$17,091.66	\$11,812.96
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$2044.66 under budget)	
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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Harley Turner** is in Medical Center, room 4416, recovering from a broken hip. **Jonnie Steffee** had successful eye surgery Tuesday in Dallas. **Dorothy Mannen** had eye surgery Tuesday in Dallas. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's husband, is recuperating from a broken hip at Medical Center, room 2531. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's husband, is in Mother Frances, room 349. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

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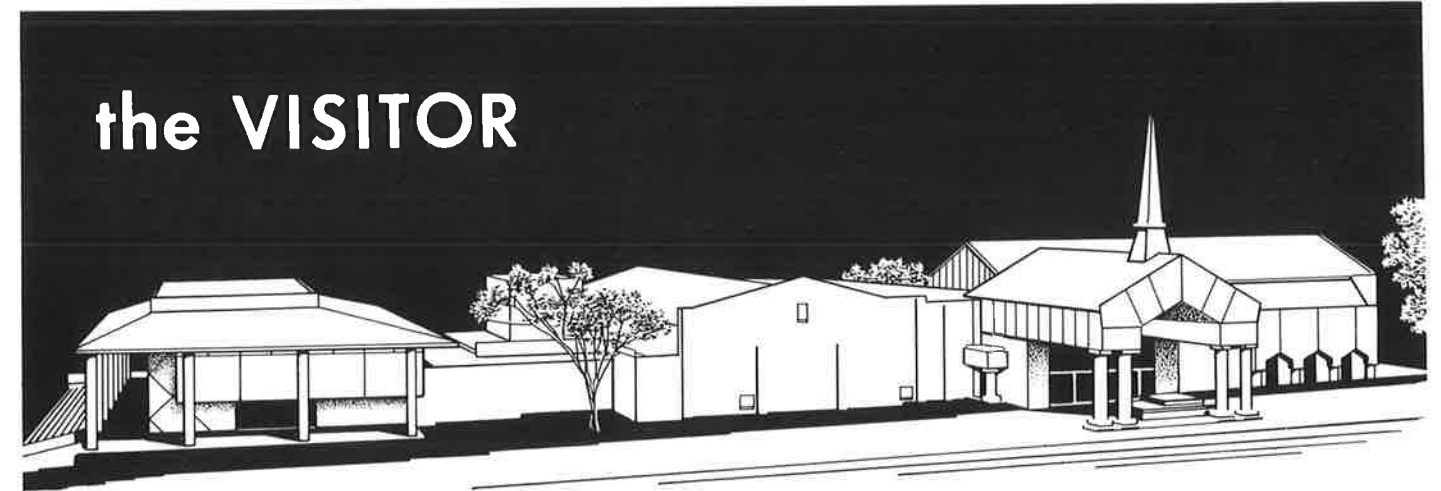
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George and Dorothy Daugherty  
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**SPECIAL EVENT**

The **Gospelaire**s will present an evening of singing at the West Erwin church immediately following the worship assembly Sunday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this!




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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, July 16, 1995  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. You Have Life ... Now Grow!  
(I Peter 1:22-23)
- P.M. When Addition And Subtraction Equal Multiplication (II Peter 1:2-11)

**TO OUR WEST ERWIN FAMILY**

Your loving response following the death of our daughter-in-law, Stacey, has overwhelmed us. Your tears, your prayers, your words, and your deeds have all worked together to comfort our hearts. In addition to numerous phone calls and visits, we have received, I'm sure, over 300 cards of sympathy and condolences from Tyler and around the country. People all across our brotherhood have helped us in our grief by loving expressions of concern. To one and all, and especially to our family at West Erwin, we express our heartfelt gratitude for every manifestation of your love. Thank you.

The Jay Lockharts

**THE 100**


Just about a year ago we began to pray that God would use us to bring 100 additional members into our church family during the year. In our public and private prayers over the past twelve months we have continued to pray and on the first Sunday in July we reached 101 new members. A number of these were baptized, many placed membership, and others were restored and placed membership. During the year we lost a few members who moved away and some have died, but our net gain has been almost ninety. We are convinced that God has answered our prayers and we praise Him for His blessings.

**SWEET REASONABLENESS**

In preaching recently from Philippians 4, I was intrigued by that line which reads, "Let your gentleness be known unto all; the Lord is near" (4:5). The word translated "gentleness" (NIV) or "moderation" (KJV) is found just five times in the New Testament and is difficult to translate. About the best that we can do is "sweet reasonableness" (Barclay). It is a spirit easily seen but difficult to put into words. It speaks of one who has a beautiful spirit about him even when he is disappointed; even when he doesn't receive what he thinks he should; even when he is mistreated by others. In 2nd Corinthians 10:1 Paul uses "gentleness" in reference to Christ as he appeals to the Corinthians by the "gentleness of Christ" to respond to him in the right way. Peter helps us here when he says that when Christ was reviled "He reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously." When Paul says to the Philippians, "The Lord is near," his words correspond to Peter's, "But committed Himself to Him ...." You can have a beautiful spirit, no matter what happens, when you remember the Lord is near to help you respond to the situations like Christ would.

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**THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT**

TYP will meet together this Thursday from 9:00 - 4:00. There are several yards that we will be mowing and cleaning so wear your work clothes and join us in a day of hard work.

**SOUL LIFT**

There is a sign-up list for Soul Lift on the Youth Bulletin Board. The date is July 31 and the cost is \$16.00.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

The SYS will be at the Crockett Road church in Palestine on Tuesday, July 18. We will leave West Erwin at 6:15 and return about 10:15. The theme this year is "Resident Aliens - In the world, but not of the world."

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Tate's Team #3 will meet July 16.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We rejoice in the new birth of **Meagan Morris<sup>99</sup>**, daughter of Mark and Paige Morris. Meagan was baptized into Christ by her dad on Wednesday evening, June 28. She is to be commended for making this important decision early in her life. They live in Whitehouse at 12733 South Hillcreek Rd., ph. 839-3179.

**James<sup>100</sup> and Ann<sup>101</sup> Hardin** came Sunday, July 2, to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. James is the son of C.B. and Dot Hardin and "grew up" here so it is a homecoming for him and we are very pleased to welcome them into our growing family. They live at 6807 Hollytree Circle, 75703, ph. 561-4344.

**Ron<sup>102</sup> and Kay<sup>103</sup> Wilson** came Sunday, July 9, to be identified with the West Erwin family. They have been worshipping with us for several weeks and we are very happy to welcome them into the fellowship here. Their address is 5105 Old Bullard Road, Apt. P-1, 75703, ph. 509-0175.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

**Scott Carruth** came last Sunday to request the prayers of his church family as he left, along with 10 other Harding University students, for Nigeria, West Africa, where they will be doing mission and clinical work. Our prayers go with them that their trip may be safe and successful.


**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Cameron Cobb**, son of Kristy Cobb and grandson of Barbara Brady, on receiving a full scholarship to attend Perry-Mansfield School of Performing Arts in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The scholarship was awarded based on audition and interview. He will be performing the leading role as "Orlando" in Shakespeare's "As You Like It," the mainstage production of the summer on July 20 and 21. Cameron is a student in SMU's School of Fine Arts, a selective program admitting only 30 students a year out of a pool of more than 900 auditioning in 19 U.S. cities. He also won Best Actor awards at 26th and 27th annual SFA High School Summer Theatre workshops.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Graveside services were held last week at Cathedral in the Pines for Joshua Michael Hutchins, infant son of Mike and Jill Hutchins. Mike is the brother of our Mark Hutchins. Graveside services were held last Thursday at Memorial Garden near Gladewater for W.V. Kirby, Jamon Kirby's dad. Services were held last Thursday at the Bullard Church of Christ for Lois Vaughan, Chris Vaughan's grandmother. Ernest Bell, Cathy Hilliard's dad, died last Friday evening. Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families in their loss of loved ones.

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**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Words cannot express the appreciation I feel for each of you. The love and concern shown my family at the loss of my wife and Lindsay and Parker's mother were overwhelming. The flowers, cards, and prayers offered on our behalf have been unbelievable. We can't thank you enough. Thank you again for everything you have done for my family.

"I always thank God as I remember you in my prayers because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brethren, have refreshed the hearts of the saints." Philemon 1:4,5,7.

Jay, Lindsay, & Parker Lockhart  
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Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you for being such a loving caring group of people. Your prayers and expressions of concern for me over the past two months have helped greatly while I was waiting for the outcome of my tests. I love you.

Jeanine Hughes  
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For our brethren at West Erwin,  
We want to thank you all for making our annual trip to Tyler a very enjoyable one. We really appreciate the time we have to spend with you, though this year being a shorter visit, the time went so fast. A special thanks to those who had us in your homes or took us out for meals. Our family of six is a lot to take on!

We had a good trip home. We know we had many people praying for us. Upon arriving home Ray contacted the architect about the building plans, then we quickly resumed VBS preparations. I believe we are just about ready now and are looking forward to working with your youth group again. They're a neat bunch of kids and the adults that come aren't so bad either!

Thanks again for everything and please pray that the efforts being made for VBS will open doors in West Point.


Yours in Christ,  
Ray & Linda Maxwell & family  
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Dear West Erwin family,  
I want to thank you for always being there for my family. Thank you for the Bible. I will use it daily so that I may grow in the Lord. Thank you again for all of your love and care.

In Christian Love,  
Gena Henry

**FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL**

Everyone is invited to the 1995 "Family Bible School" Monday through Friday, July 17 - 21 from 7 til 8:30 p.m. at the Carthage Church of Christ. There will be classes for cradle roll through adult. Adult teachers are: Jay Lockhart (Monday), Mike Warner (Tuesday), Dean Campbell (Wednesday), Dan Manuel (Thursday), and John Gardner (Friday).



**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

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**Have you checked out the teacher bulletin board** outside of my office lately? There is a chart that lists our Bible classes through the youth, and teachers for those classes through next summer. Several have already volunteered to teach in one of the classes for the fall quarter. If you want to spend this fall nurturing our children with the love of God in one of our classes, reserve your spot soon. Space is filling up quickly. Talk with me or one of our Bible class coordinators for more information. And thanks to all of you who spend some of your time sharing yourselves and God's word in our Bible classes!

**Keep the education ministry in your prayers** over the next couple of months. Through the end of the summer we will be setting some goals and making some plans for the future. Some exciting things are on the horizon that I can't wait to tell you about in the coming weeks. But we need your prayer-help to see these things through to completion.

**Keep these on your calendars:**

- o ACU Summer Workshops ..... July 23-26
- o Promotion Sunday for Young Children ..... August 20
- o City-Wide Assembly (PM) ..... August 27  
Glen Owen, speaker
- o Fall Quarter Begins ..... September 3
- o "A Sense of Presence" ..... October 8  
Ed White, speaker

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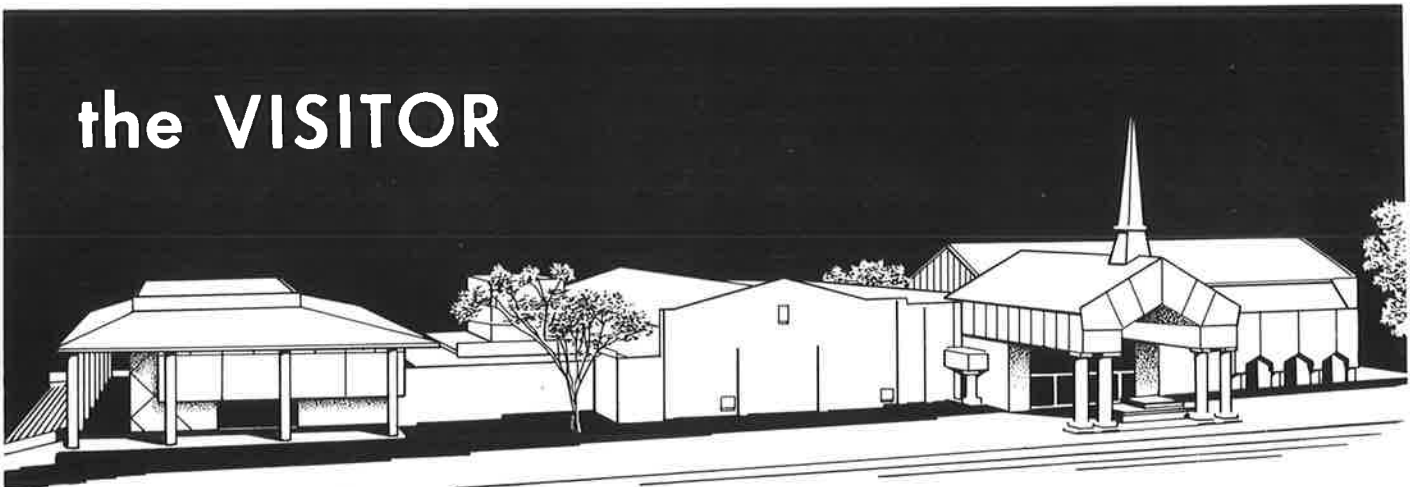
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 Bob & May Helen May  
 Elmer & Nila Miles

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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, July 2, 1995  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. A Voice Is Heard In Ramah  
(Jeremiah 31:15-17)

P.M. The Quest For Contentment  
(Philippians 4:6-19)


**TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OUT OF NONSENSE**

**Stacey Morrow Lockhart**, 28, died on Friday, June 24, from injuries sustained when the van she was driving went out of control on a rain slick Interstate Highway in Kentucky and collided with a tractor-trailer rig. Her two children, Lindsay, 4, and Parker, 2, passengers buckled in safety belts in the van received only minor injuries. Because of the force of the collision, a buckled seat belt could not save Stacey. We, who knew her best and loved her most, are trying to make some sense out of nonsense. Yes, the whole thing is nonsense. It's nonsense for a 28 year-old wife and mother to die. It's nonsense for children 4 and 2 to have no mother. It's nonsense for a 30 year-old husband and father to be a widower. It's nonsense for a mother to die before she sees her children start to school, learn to ride a bike, play on the team, get a driver's license, graduate from high school, and get married and have kids. It's nonsense. Are we angry? You bet we're angry ... and hurting and numb ... and trusting. How are we to make any sense out of this nonsense? First, God didn't do this to us. Did God know this was going to happen? If He wanted to could He have stopped it? Yes. Did He make it happen? Never! Someone asks, "Isn't it the Lord's will?" This

question assumes that everything, good and bad, is the will of God, that God makes everything happen. But this is not true. Many things happen that are not the Lord's will. The tragedy of Eden, the lost world, the Nazi holocaust, and the Oklahoma City bombing were not the Lord's will. If these terrible things are caused by God, how could He be loving and good? Bad things happen because we live in a fallen world where sin has come, not because God singles us out for tragedy. Second, since sin and suffering are a part of this world, we know that God's people are not exempt from pain. We will remember that we are just passing through this world and we will think more of heaven. When a Christian loved one dies, we have a richer investment there. Third, we will trust God all the more because we believe He will stand by us, strengthen us, and, yes, He will yet bring something good out of this nonsense. And through it all our pledge to Stacey is to do all that we can to help train her children in the right way and to tell them the story of their mother over and over and over again so that they will never forget the mother who bore them and the heritage she left them.

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**THANKS**

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for hosting the devotional this past Sunday night. Hearts were heavy with sorrow in the losses of several friends from those present. Let us continue to pray for the Lockhart family and the family of Adam Bryant's friend Noel.

**NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP**

All of those going to Nebraska need to be at a meeting this Sunday at 4:30 in the Heritage room. You need to meet with your class groups and work on your lessons. Your \$25.00 fee needs to be paid by Sunday, July 2.

**NEBRASKA SEND-OFF DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to a devotional in the Fellowship Hall Sunday night after church to pray for and help those going to Nebraska next Thursday. We will be finished at 9:00.

**4TH OF JULY PARTY**

Join us for a celebration at the home of Trey & Joy Rousseau. Maps and details will be available in class Sunday. Join us for a great time.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

There will be no SYS on July 4. We will be going to Henderson on Tuesday, July 11 for our next SYS. We will leave West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:00.

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- July 4 Party at the Rousseau's
- July 6-15 Nebraska Mission Trip
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet July 2.

**RESPONSES**

In listing the new members last week we failed to list **Charlie Scroggins**, son of Doug and Cathy Scroggins, as a member. Charlie is number 98 in answer to our prayers to God to send us 100 new members this year. The Lord has blessed us greatly and the addition of these new members brings the added responsibility to grow in service to him.

**David Newton** came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family as he strives to make his life right with God and to try to repair and rebuild his marriage.

**Dalton Simmons** also came to ask for prayers and forgiveness from the church and from God for the things in his life that are not pleasing to God.

**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

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**I WILL DO MORE**

- I will do more than belong, I will participate.
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  - 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.
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- William Arthur Ward

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Love to all,  
Daisy Lee Old  
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Dear West Erwin Family,

Your wonderful outpouring of love to us in the loss of Stacey is appreciated more than we can ever say. Thank you for everything you have said to us and done for us. We love you.

The Jay Lockhart Family

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Stacey Morrow Lockhart was killed in a car accident last Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held in Benton, Kentucky on Sunday afternoon. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Jay, Jr., Lindsay and Parker, the Paul Morrow Family, Jay and Arlene Lockhart and all the family.

Sterling Ables, Arnold Ables' uncle and great uncle of Gary Ables, died Monday. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon in Black Oak, Texas. He was 99 years old. We extend our love and sympathy to all the family.

**STACEY LOCKHART MEMORIAL**

A memorial trust fund has been started in honor of Stacey Lockhart. For any who wish to participate in this, the address is: The Stacey M. Lockhart Memorial Trust, %Bank of Benton, 1012 Main Street, Benton, Kentucky 42025.

**AT THE END OF LIFE**


*At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it; but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love was served.*

- Hugh Black

**Are YOU praying daily for the 100?**

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4. Parents who speak well of the classes, pointing out the good things.
5. Parents who are fair-minded, agreeable, and unselfishly helpful to the teacher with all the classroom problems.
6. Parents who appreciate, and express their appreciation, for the efforts of others to help their children.
7. Parents who are real partners with class teachers in the greatest work in the world.
8. Parents who set a time to help their children get their Bible lesson.
9. Parents who maintain discipline at home so the teacher will have no discipline problems in the classroom.
10. Parents who teach their children proper attitudes of worship, in the classroom and public worship services.

-- via Burseson, Texas

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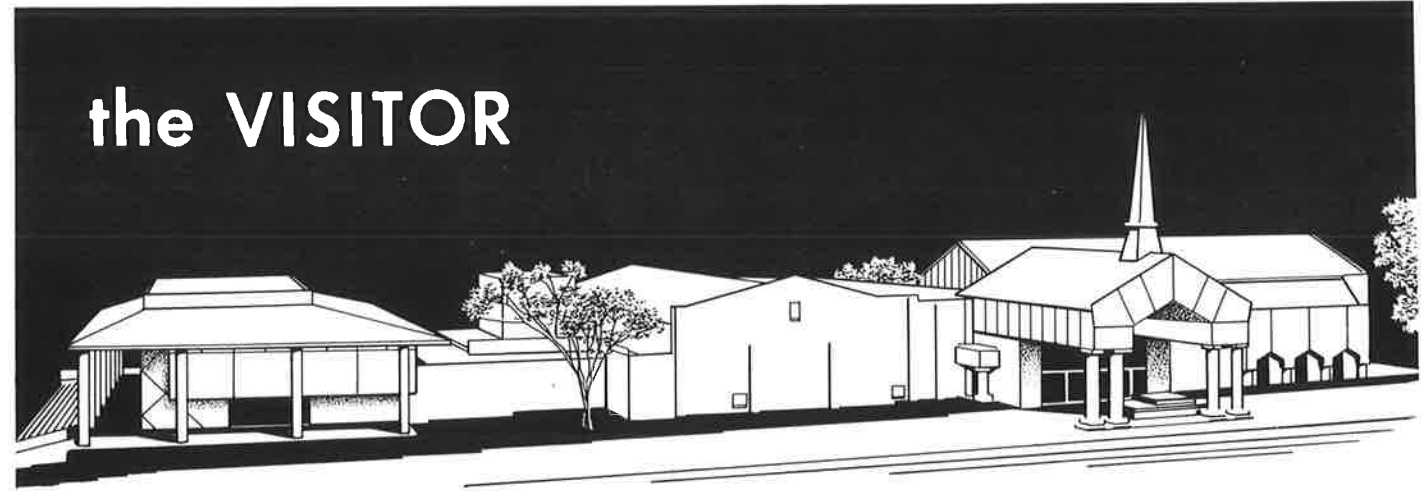
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 Tony Adams Daryl Anderson  
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There will be no bulletin next week due to U.S. Postal regulations regarding second class mail.




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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, July 2, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. A Voice Is Heard In Ramah  
(Jeremiah 31:15-17)
- P.M. The Quest For Contentment  
(Philippians 4:6-19)


**TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OUT OF NONSENSE**

**Stacey Morrow Lockhart**, 28, died on Friday, June 24, from injuries sustained when the van she was driving went out of control on a rain slick Interstate Highway in Kentucky and collided with a tractor-trailer rig. Her two children, Lindsay, 4, and Parker, 2, passengers buckled in safety belts in the van received only minor injuries. Because of the force of the collision, a buckled seat belt could not save Stacey. We, who knew her best and loved her most, are trying to make some sense out of nonsense. Yes, the whole thing is nonsense. It's nonsense for a 28 year-old wife and mother to die. It's nonsense for children 4 and 2 to have no mother. It's nonsense for a 30 year-old husband and father to be a widower. It's nonsense for a mother to die before she sees her children start to school, learn to ride a bike, play on the team, get a driver's license, graduate from high school, and get married and have kids. It's nonsense. Are we angry? You bet we're angry ... and hurting and numb ... and trusting. How are we to make any sense out of this nonsense? First, God didn't do this to us. Did God know this was going to happen? If He wanted to could He have stopped it? Yes. Did He make it happen? Never! Someone asks, "Isn't it the Lord's will?" This

question assumes that everything, good and bad, is the will of God, that God makes everything happen. But this is not true. Many things happen that are not the Lord's will. The tragedy of Eden, the lost world, the Nazi holocaust, and the Oklahoma City bombing were not the Lord's will. If these terrible things are caused by God, how could He be loving and good? Bad things happen because we live in a fallen world where sin has come, not because God singles us out for tragedy. Second, since sin and suffering are a part of this world, we know that God's people are not exempt from pain. We will remember that we are just passing through this world and we will think more of heaven. When a Christian loved one dies, we have a richer investment there. Third, we will trust God all the more because we believe He will stand by us, strengthen us, and, yes, He will yet bring something good out of this nonsense. And through it all our pledge to Stacey is to do all that we can to help train her children in the right way and to tell them the story of their mother over and over and over again so that they will never forget the mother who bore them and the heritage she left them.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS**

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for hosting the devotional this past Sunday night. Hearts were heavy with sorrow in the losses of several friends from those present. Let us continue to pray for the Lockhart family and the family of Adam Bryant's friend Noel.

**NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP**

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**NEBRASKA SEND-OFF DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to a devotional in the Fellowship Hall Sunday night after church to pray for and help those going to Nebraska next Thursday. We will be finished at 9:00.

**4TH OF JULY PARTY**

Join us for a celebration at the home of Trey & Joy Rousseau. Maps and details will be available in class Sunday. Join us for a great time.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

There will be no SYS on July 4. We will be going to Henderson on Tuesday, July 11 for our next SYS. We will leave West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:00.

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- July 2 Nebraska Trip Devotional
- July 4 Party at the Rousseau's
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- July 22 Mexico Trip Reunion
- July 25 West Erwin Hosting the SYS
- July 31 Soul Lift at Six Flags

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet July 2.

**RESPONSES**

In listing the new members last week we failed to list **Charlie Scroggins**, son of Doug and Cathy Scroggins, as a member. Charlie is number 98 in answer to our prayers to God to send us 100 new members this year. The Lord has blessed us greatly and the addition of these new members brings the added responsibility to grow in service to him.

**David Newton** came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family as he strives to make his life right with God and to try to repair and rebuild his marriage.

**Dalton Simmons** also came to ask for prayers and forgiveness from the church and from God for the things in his life that are not pleasing to God.

**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

**NEBRASKA MISSION TEAM**


On Thursday, July 6, a group of about 26 from West Erwin will be going to West Point, Nebraska for our mission trip. This will be our fifth VBS in West Point and we hope and pray that it will be the best yet.

Please continue to pray for these going to Nebraska next week: Nichole Aven, Amanda Broome, Ashli Bryant, Cindy Caruth, Danny Craddock, Courtney Craddock, Maggie Craddock, Ken Culpepper, Casey Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Chris Elzen, Nick Goodson, Chantel Haney, Shelley Henry, Josh Hone, Janiece Johnson, Chris Ketchum, Heather Ketchum, Henry McRuiz, Danny Snell, Jordan Snell, Lisa Snell, Tiffany Sublette, Garrett Sublette, Kevin Sustaire, and Matt Tate.

**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

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**IN APPRECIATION**

Thanks to all my precious Christian friends. Your kindness was appreciated more than words can say. The spray was beautiful. Thank you very much.

Love to all,  
Daisy Lee Old  
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Dear West Erwin Family,

Your wonderful outpouring of love to us in the loss of Stacey is appreciated more than we can ever say. Thank you for everything you have said to us and done for us. We love you.

The Jay Lockhart Family

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Stacey Morrow Lockhart was killed in a car accident last Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held in Benton, Kentucky on Sunday afternoon. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Jay, Jr., Lindsay and Parker, the Paul Morrow Family, Jay and Arlene Lockhart and all the family.

Sterling Ables, Arnold Ables' uncle and great uncle of Gary Ables, died Monday. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon in Black Oak, Texas. He was 99 years old. We extend our love and sympathy to all the family.

**STACEY LOCKHART MEMORIAL**

A memorial trust fund has been started in honor of Stacey Lockhart. For any who wish to participate in this, the address is: The Stacey M. Lockhart Memorial Trust, %Bank of Benton, 1012 Main Street, Benton, Kentucky 42025.

**AT THE END OF LIFE**


*At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love was served.*

- Hugh Black

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- ◆ Equipping Women for Ministry Workshop
- ◆ Leaders in Christian Education Workshop
- ◆ Ministers Renewal Workshop

We still have several open spots to take people with us to the ACU workshops. If you have never gone, you are in for quite a treat. The workshops are always a time of spiritual renewal and personal rejuvenating as a teacher. Take a few days this summer to grow in your ministry to God. West Erwin will help with your expenses for the ACU Workshops. Sign the registration sheet on the table in the foyer or talk with me for more information.

**Some Things Teachers Like in Parents**

1. Parents who attend Bible classes regularly.
2. Parents who help their children attend Bible classes regularly.
3. Parents who help their children to be in Bible class on time.
4. Parents who speak well of the classes, pointing out the good things.
5. Parents who are fair-minded, agreeable, and unselfishly helpful to the teacher with all the classroom problems.
6. Parents who appreciate, and express their appreciation, for the efforts of others to help their children.
7. Parents who are real partners with class teachers in the greatest work in the world.
8. Parents who set a time to help their children get their Bible lesson.
9. Parents who maintain discipline at home so the teacher will have no discipline problems in the classroom.
10. Parents who teach their children proper attitudes of worship, in the classroom and public worship services.

-- via Burseson, Texas

**Great is Our God!**  
1995 Summer Speaker Series

**Wednesday, July 5**  
**"God of the Covenant"**  
**Mike Armour, Skillman**

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #3 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday June 18	Sunday June 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	407	338	365
Worship A.M.	628	521	582
Worship P.M.	324	314	327
Wed. P.M.	228	251	266
Contribution	\$12,786.73	\$11,890.60	\$15,225.14
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$1,214.27 under budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 25 and Wed. P.M., June 28, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Juanita Lowry** entered Mother Frances on Monday and was dismissed on Wednesday. She has been diagnosed with an ulcer. **Ruth Dobbs** is some improved in Medical Center Hospital. **Rosa Douglas** was scheduled for surgery on her vocal chords Thursday at Medical Center. **Clay Kirby** is recovering at home. **Mrs. R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's mother, is improved in Medical Center Hospital. **Mark Cauthen** is recuperating at home from recent surgery on his back. **Roxie Fowler**, known by many at West Erwin, is scheduled for extensive and critical cancer treatment. **Barbara Scott**, former West Erwin member, was scheduled for surgery last Thursday in Houston. **Margaret Rogers**, Garry Goswick's sister, has a new granddaughter born in Ft. Worth 30 days prematurely. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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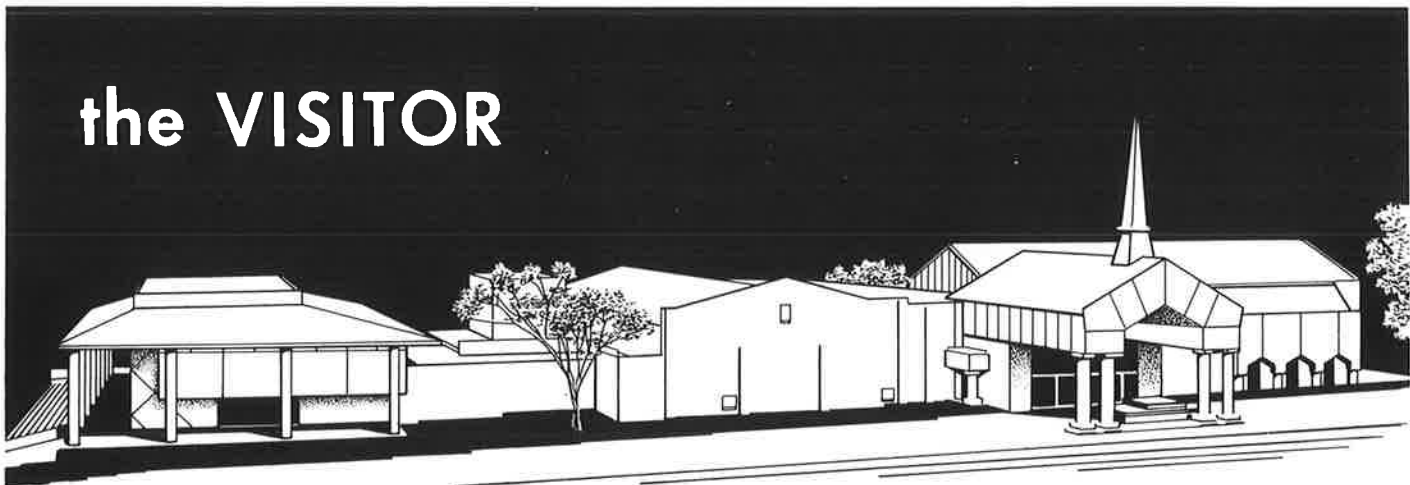
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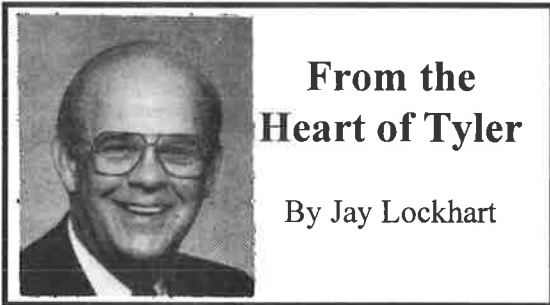
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Paul Stanley  
 Scripture John Shaw  
 Elder's Prayer Stan Clark  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
 Dannie Skipper  
**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Leon Santos  
 Scripture Larry Shankle  
 Dismiss Charles Seaberry  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Randall Wilson Wade Weathers  
 Ira Wilson Fred Wingate  
 Leon Welborn Lowell Wiggains  
 Ray Womack Jeremy Wiggains  
**GREETERS**  
 Bob & May Helen May  
 Elmer & Nila Miles



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**From the Heart of Tyler**

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**Sermons for Sunday, June 25, 1995  
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. The Quest For Contentment  
 (Philippians 4:1-11)
- P.M. The Quest For Contentment (2)  
 (Philippians 4:6-19)

**MEASURING SUCCESS IN THE CHURCH**

How is success measured in the church? Or, more specifically, how does one go about measuring success in a local congregation? When brethren begin to talk about churches it isn't long until two questions come up: what is your membership? and, what is your contribution? These are not bad questions. It can be verified by Scripture that God is interested in numbers -- He must be because He sure tells us a lot about numbers. He says there were 3000 added on Pentecost; then the number grew to 5000; and finally the disciples were multiplied. You can almost hear the sadness in Jesus' voice when he says many go in at the wide gate and few find the narrow gate. We join God in our interest in numbers. But is how many we have a correct gage for success? Or, for that matter, is the size of the contribution the gage? On Monday morning, in many church offices, the first thing we want to know is, how many attended and how much was the contribution? However, these things are really relative, aren't they? I have preached for churches that had 200 on Sunday morning and were elated, but we would not be real pleased if we had 200 next Sunday at West Erwin. Even if we meet our budget every Sunday, God may not be pleased if our giving falls short of our abilities. Perhaps we should

formulate a different set of questions and measure success by a totally new criteria. Here are some suggestions: How many people are we reaching for Christ? Is there concrete evidence of spiritual growth in the lives of our people? Are we seeking to reclaim those who have fallen away? Do we see God as the One who is high and lifted up and worthy of our praise? Do we conscientiously remember the Christ who died for us? Are we studying the Word? Are we giving sacrificially? Do we truly worship in spirit and in truth? Do we plan for the future with faith in God or by sight, depending on ourselves? Do we make a real effort to encourage and exhort one another? Is there love in our midst for God and each other? Are we more interested in the spiritual than we are in the material? Are we pleasing God? Are we growing into the image of Christ? Are we denying ourselves and taking up the cross daily and following Christ? These are the kind of questions we need to be asking. But it is more difficult to ask and answer these so we will probably keep asking on Monday mornings, "How many were in Bible classes?" and "How much was the contribution?" ... but, how then shall we know if we are succeeding?

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS

Thanks to all of you for praying for us the last few weeks on our out of town trips. We know that safety in travel and successful trips came our way because God answered those prayers. Keep praying!

Thanks to Lisa Snell, Stephanie Griffith, Cindy Carruth, Amanda Broome, Jason O'Quinn, and Jeff King for going to the Learning to Lead Camp with us this past week and doing an awesome job teaching. It was a great session of camp.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

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### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

We will be going to Kilgore on Tuesday June 27 for our next SYS. We will leave West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:00.

### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

TYP will meet together this Thursday from 9:00-4:00. There are several yards that we will be mowing and cleaning so wear your work clothes and join us in a day of hard work.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

June 25 Combined Devotional  
June 27 Summer Youth Series  
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet June 26.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Sandra Brewster<sup>93</sup>** came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin family. She has been attending here for several months and states that she knew it was time to give God her best. We have come to know her great heart and special talents and are very pleased to welcome her into our growing family. She lives in Winona at 16630 CR 363, ph. 877-3603.

**Don<sup>94</sup>** and **Carolyn<sup>95</sup> McCune** came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. They come to us from the church in Whitehouse with the highest recommendations from the elders there. They have been very active in the work there and we know they will be an asset to the church here. Their address is 19733 South Pine View Trail, Larue, 75770, ph. 849-3202.

**Doug<sup>96</sup>** and **Cathy<sup>97</sup> Scroggins** and their sons, **Charlie** and **Christopher**, have been attending here for some time and we know they will be a valuable addition to the work here. We are very happy to welcome this family into the West Erwin family. Their address is 17923 West Lakeview Drive, Troup, 75789, ph. 839-7624.

The Lord has blessed us with these additional members with their talents and abilities to join together with us in service to Him.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you all for everything you have done for me and my family while I was in the hospital and while I was recovering at home. It was so encouraging to receive all of the flowers, phone calls, visits, and food from you. We would like to thank you most of all for all the prayers and the love you have shown to us.

Love,  
Kelley Bell  
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To our West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express our gratitude for all your love and concern shown us during the birth of Krista. The prayers, phone calls, visits, food, and the lovely plant have reminded us once again of what a wonderful loving and caring family you are. We are so proud to be a part of this family!

We Love You,  
Jerry, Rachel & Krista Huff

### WITH SYMPATHY

Ralph Old, Daisy Lee Old's husband and brother-in-law of Tillie Carpenter, died early Thursday morning. Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon in Daingerfield.

Adriel Hall, mother of Marcus Hall and a member of the West Erwin church in the 40's, died last Tuesday. Services were held in Jasper, Texas on Saturday.

Robbie Fleet, an elder in the Glenwood Church of Christ, died Saturday evening. Services were held Tuesday morning at the Glenwood building.

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### WEDDING INVITATION



April Dawn Roberson  
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together with their parents  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberson  
and  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith  
invite you to share in the joy  
when they exchange marriage vows  
and begin their new life together  
the twenty-fourth of June  
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Reception following

### FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be hosted by the Arp Church of Christ in Arp, Texas at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 1995. Come join in this time of praise to God.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Kelli Faubus, daughter of Don and Pam Faubus and granddaughter of Jack and Johnnie Stringer, was selected Publicity Committee chairperson for Abilene Christian University's Students' Association. The committee is in charge of publicizing events that take place on campus.

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## Some Things Christian Parents Like in a Teacher

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3. Teachers with good personality, with the disposition, manners, poise, and balance that exemplifies Christian faith and character.
4. Teachers who strive for good order, courtesy, and respect on the part of the pupils.
5. Teachers who expect and require good behavior in their classes.
6. Teachers who study, really study, their lessons, adapting them to the needs of the students.
7. Teachers who are genuine in faith, faithfully trying to live each of the lessons they teach.
8. Teachers who are in the classroom by the time the first student arrives.
9. Teachers who are constantly looking for new and better ways of presenting the lesson.
10. Teachers who have an interest in the student's home life.

Next week: "Some Things that Teachers Like in Parents"

## Great is Our God!

1995 Summer Speaker Series

Wednesday, June 28  
"God Is Holy"  
Randy Daw, Broadway

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #2 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

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Scripture John Portwood  
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Wade Park

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

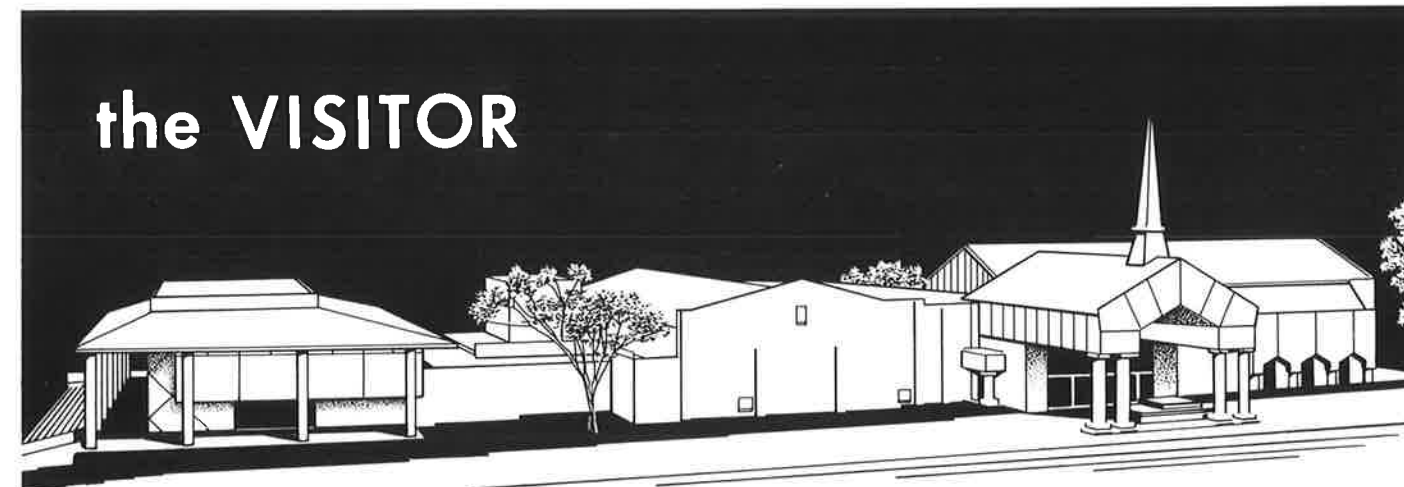
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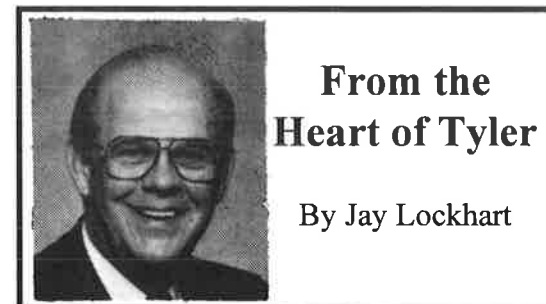
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*The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler*



**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, June 18, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. Put On The Whole Armor Of God (1)  
(Ephesians 6:10-13)
- P.M. Put On The Whole Armor Of God (2)  
(Ephesians 6:14-20)


**DECISIONS**

God made us with the freedom of choice. He had to. He had to if we were to fulfill the purpose for which we were made. Our purpose is to love God. That has always been our number one response to God. Under the Old Testament law Moses challenged ancient Israel to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5). Jesus said the greatest commandment was to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). The love of God is to keep His commandments (I John 5:3) and without love we are nothing (I Corinthians 13:2). Love is a decision, and if I am made to love God I must have the power of choice. So we make choices -- some relatively unimportant and some of great importance. Among the most important decisions I must make is, in the words of Joshua, to "choose you this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). But many others are important, too, and some of these decisions have far-reaching effects upon others. Consider, for example, the decisions made as parents, and the impact they have on our children. As we decide our priorities our

children see our attitudes concerning God, family, money, job, and other people. Look closer -- we make a seemingly little decision about whether or not to be in Bible classes. If we decide we will be habitually late for class or we will miss for almost any reason, a strong message is sent to our children and we should not be surprised that they choose not to attend at all when they are grown up and on their own. We may protest by saying, "I always taught them that Bible classes and worship were important," but its still true: "Actions speak louder than words." We may say that church is important, but what are the children seeing? The same question may be asked in regard to the way we spend our money (do they know we set aside the first generous percentage for God's work?), the way we treat people (is there a genuine concern for others?), and the way we live before them (do they see that we really follow Christ?). Remember this: "The decisions parents make have a tremendous impact upon future generations." Your faithfulness does not guarantee that your children will be faithful, but the likelihood is much improved.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS**

Thanks to Ken Culpepper, Angela Howard, Mark Hutchins, Henry McRuiz, Joy Rousseau, and Shelly Sustaire for helping to make our recent Mexico Mission trip such a success.

Thanks to Scott Carruth, Rick Fedell, Hillard Hughes, Grant Knight, Michael Millsap, and Bobby Perry for teaching the youth classes. We really have a great group of people who help teach in the youth ministry.

**THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT**

All middle school and high school students are encouraged to participate in the Thursday Youth Project. We will meet at the church building at 9:00 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m. There are several yards that we will be mowing and cleaning so dress appropriately. Join us for this special time together.

**NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP**

All of those going to Nebraska need to be at a meeting this Sunday at 5:00 in the Heritage room. You need to meet with your class groups and work on your lessons.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

The East Texas Summer Youth Series for Tuesday June 20 will be in Athens. We will leave at 6:15 and will return about 10:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Resident Aliens - In the world, but not of the world."

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- June 20 Summer Youth Series
- June 22 Thursday Youth Project
- June 27 Summer Youth Series
- July 6-15 Nebraska Mission Trip

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

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin Family,  
We appreciate the many cards and prayers during the loss of my mother. The spring flowers were beautiful.  
In Christian love,  
Mozelle and Henry Brown

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Robby Scott** on receiving the Abilene Christian University's Trustees Award. The award is given to students for the honor and recognition they have brought to ACU through achievement, character and devotion. Robby was captain of the men's tennis team, he and his partner were national doubles champions and he has been MVP, three-time tennis All-American and a member of the Phi social club. He is an Eagle Scout, Optimist Club award winner, dean's list honoree and Intramural Athlete of the Year, and will be an assistant coach on ACU's nationally ranked men's and women's tennis team.

**MISSIONS**

Charles Rachui, Missions Committee Chairman, has requested the Missions Committee, all the people who went to Mexico, and all other interested parties come to a meeting Sunday afternoon, June 18, at 4:30 in the chapel to review the Mexico video and talk about missions in Mexico and Nebraska.


**CONTROLS**

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.  
You can't control the contour of your countenance, but you can control its expression.  
You can't control the other fellow's opportunities, but you can grasp your own.  
You can't control the distance that your head shall be above the ground, but you can control the height of its contents.  
You can't control the other fellow's annoying faults, but you can see to it that you yourself do not develop or harbor provoking practices.  
You can't control hard times or rainy days, but you can bank money now to boost you through both.  
Why worry about things you can't control when you can keep yourself busy controlling the things that depend on you.

**BENEVOLENT WORK**

During the months of April and May 175 families were served from our Benevolent Center, with approximately \$3,145 in clothing given to the needy of our community.  
"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."

**the search**



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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

**WEDDING INVITATION**

*April Dawn Roberson*  
and  
*William Anthony Smith*  
together with their parents  
*Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberson*  
and  
*Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith*  
invite you to share in the joy  
when they exchange marriage vows  
and begin their new life together  
the twenty-fourth of June  
nineteen hundred and ninety-five  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
Tyler, Texas

*Reception following*

**AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

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**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 human,  
Enough hope to keep you happy,  
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*

**WOW! It was a "HOT" day in the park Saturday!** Not only was the temperature and humidity up for the Family Bible Fair in Bergfeld Park last Saturday. The excitement and joy of learning were abundant as well. If you were with us, you know what a great day it was. Getting a good count for an event like this is always difficult, but based on the registration we had between 600-700 people out in the park again this year. Pictures of the day along with a video will be in the foyer this Sunday for you to enjoy.

My special thanks to all of you who helped make the Bible Fair such a great day. Around 40 people from West Erwin allowed God to use their time and talent for this event. Thank you for your love for Him, His Word, and His little children!

- Ruth Barnett · Jo Butler · Teri Bradshaw · Amanda Broome · Allison Broome · Gary Cain · Carolyn Carruth · Ken Elzen · Debra Elzen · Chris Elzen · Jennifer Elzen · James Gehring · Sharon Gehring · Cooper Goodson · Mary June Goodson · Warren Gray · Stephanie Griffith · Josh Hone · Dennis Kingsbury · Velma Lemons · Tommy Lowrance · Donna Lowrance · John Mayer · Kim Mayer · Joe McBee · Nancy McCoy · Paige Morris · Stephanie Pate · Jeff Phillips · Doug Ragsdale · LaDawn Ragsdale · Danny Snell · Kevin Sustaire · Shelly Sustaire · Gail Vannoy · Lorene Venable · Brian Walker · Ray Womack · Carolyn Womack

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- ◆ Elders and Church Leaders Workshop
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Won't you take a few days this summer to give your ministry for God a well deserved boost? Enjoy the training, fellowship and encouragement of fellow Christians at the ACU workshops. West Erwin will help defray some of your expenses. Sign the registration sheet on the table in the foyer or talk with me for more information.

**Have you been upstairs lately?** Our summer quarter teachers have worked hard the last few weeks to give their class rooms "that summer look." They know how important the class room is to the learning environment. Take a moment to see them. Then let our teachers know how much you appreciate all they do!

**Great is Our God!**  
1995 Summer Speaker Series  
Wednesday, June 21  
"How Great Thou Art"  
Stanley Lockhart, San Angelo

\*\*\* There is no Noon K-Group meeting this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	June 4	May 28	Ago
Bible Class	379	346	350
Worship A.M.	557	530	532
Worship P.M.	329	340	317
Wed. P.M.	280	256	284
Contribution	\$13,328.92	\$11,612.75	\$11,602.85
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 11 and Wed. P.M., June 14, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Thomas Holland**, Beatrice Holland's son, had a heart attack and heart surgery recently in Dallas. **Tony Elzen**, Ken Elzen's dad, had surgery Tuesday in Minden, Louisiana. **Bettye Price** has been diagnosed with shingles. **Roxie Fowler**, daughter of Rodney and Charlotte Rhea and known by many at West Erwin, is scheduled for extensive and critical cancer treatment. **Ralph Old**, Daisy Lee Old's husband, is in Mother Frances Hospital. **R.L. McKinney**, Freida Starr's father, has been very ill. Her mother, **Jean McKinney**, is recuperating from recent surgery. **Velma Shirley**, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is improved and has returned to a nursing home. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Don Ingram  
 Scripture Matt Pickens  
 Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

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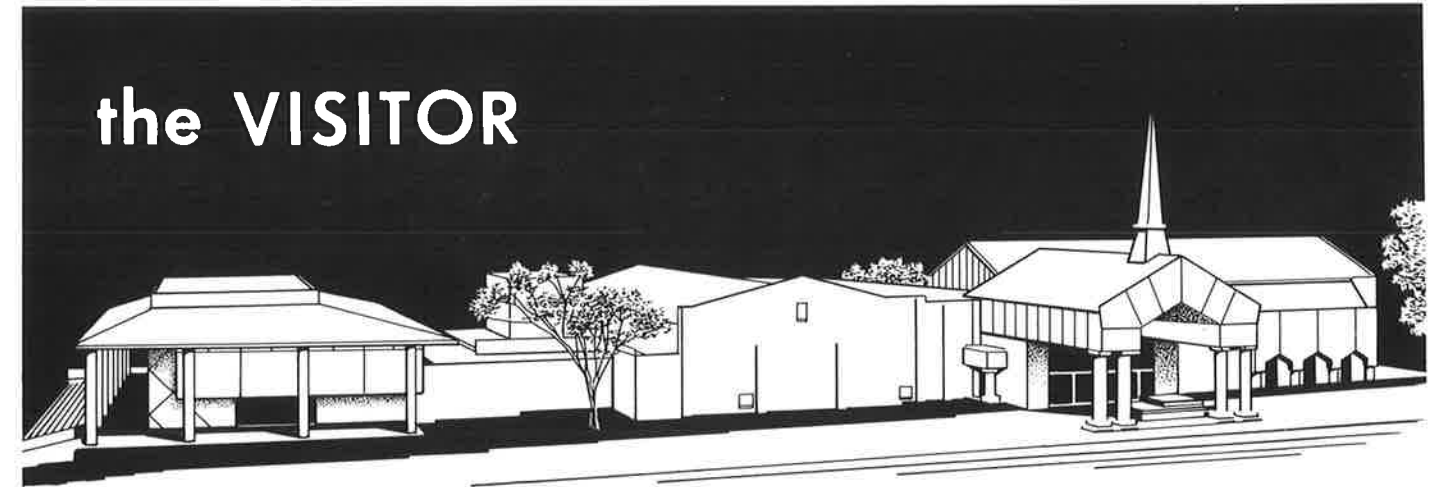
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By Jay Lockhart

**Harold Taylor**  
 will be preaching  
 at West Erwin  
 Sunday, June 11

**THE PROCTOR AND GAMBLE SYMBOL**

Every so often an explosive issue comes to our attention that sets for a strong emotional response on our part. One of these has been the issue that is brought up every few years that atheists are about to influence national law makers to pass legislation which will put an end to all religious broadcasting. We get excited about something like this and when we are encouraged to write our congressmen to protest we do it ... only to find out later there is no such legislation. Over the past ten years we have heard again and again that the Proctor and Gamble trademark, the half moon and thirteen stars, is a symbol of Satanism. Most recently we have been told that the president of Proctor and Gamble appeared on the Phil Donahue show on March 1, 1995, and declared that the trademark was indeed a symbol of Satan worship and that he had decided to go public with the admission because "there are not enough Christians to make any difference." Talk about an explosive issue! So we received mail-outs urging us to boycott Proctor and Gamble products lest we promote Satanism. I have a copy of such a mail-out which has no signature, no return address, and no

indication as to its origin. I also have in my possession a column by Ann Landers which denies the allegation, an article from the Journal of the American Family Association that denies the claim against P & G, a copy of a letter from Phil Donahue denying that the president of P & G has ever been on his show, a news release from P & G denying that Satanism charge and showing the man in the moon and thirteen stars have been the trademark of the company since the 1860's, and another news release showing that P & G obtained a \$75,000 monetary judgment against a couple who made false and malicious statements associating P & G with Satanism. Now, I'm not promoting P & G products. You decide if you will use them. However, before we promote a rumor or organize a boycott, let's be sure we have our facts straight. Rumors are a dime a dozen: it was rumored that Jesus planned to destroy the temple in Jerusalem, that Jesus told John he would not die until Jesus' second coming, and that Paul took a Gentile into the temple ... but all three rumors were false. Lovers of truth will seek to get the facts and then act upon the facts as those who have the mind of Christ.

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## Youth Notes

by  
**Danny Snell**



### MEXICO MISSION TEAM

Thanks for all your support and encouragement for our recent Mexico Mission.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Nebraska need to be at a meeting this Sunday at 5:00 in the Heritage room. You need to meet with your class groups and work on your lessons.

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. Details in class Sunday.

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series for Tuesday June 13 will be at the Broadway church in Tyler. Please meet there at 7:15. We will be finished at 9:00. The theme this year is "Resident Aliens - In the world, but not of the world."

### LEARNING TO LEAD CAMP

All of those going the camp this week need to meet at 7:30 to leave. More details to follow in the mail.

### THINK ABOUT IT...

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

"God made you as you are in order to use you as He planned."

"People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

June 10	Vacation Bible School
June 11	High School Activity
June 13	Summer Youth Series
June 11-16	Learning To Lead Camp
July 6-15	Nebraska Mission Trip

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

### IN APPRECIATION

It is so nice to be remembered! Thanks for the cards, calls and prayers.

I love you,  
Ruth Mezell  
\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for all the love and support you gave us - all your prayers, visits, food, and encouragement. You have the heart of a servant.

God Bless,  
Marshall Clinkscales

### THE VALUE OF A SMILE

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against your will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

### COLLEGE GRADUATE

**Amy Howard**, the daughter of Mickey and Donna Howard and the granddaughter of Jean Oliver, graduated from Methodist School of Nursing in Lubbock on June 2. She will be working in the dialysis department of the hospital as a Registered Nurse.

### NEW ARRIVAL!

Congratulations to Jim and Launa Armstrong on the birth of a new grandson! Mitchell Ross was born to Von and Stacy Armstrong on June 1. He weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and is 19 1/4 inches long.

### GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents are the people who always have the time

To listen to your troubles and lend another dime.

They're there for your commencements,

Your concerts and your hikes.

Some love to take you fishing, others ride with you on bikes.

Grandparents are the people who will always be there,

To help and hug and hold you and have corny jokes to share.

For grandparents are the people who,

No matter what you do,

Will give the best of presents: Their endless love for you.

### the search



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### AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?

Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over and its toiling time is through!

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting, with the day that's slipping fast

That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed ?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does the man whose hopes were fading Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber,

Do you think that God will say,

You have earned one more tomorrow

By the work you did today?

- Charles M. Bahner

### AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Winterfield Methodist church in Longview for Zemly Richardson, mother of Mozelle Brown and grandmother of Gloria Daughtry. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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

### Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

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## Spotlight on Education



by **Dewey Howard**

# FAMILY 95 BIBLE FAIR

*Heroes of the Bible*

This Saturday, June 10

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bergfeld Park

All families are invited! Bring your friends and a picnic lunch for a great day of Bible-learning activities.

**Family Bible Fair '95 is here!** There will be around 20 different activities for you to enjoy, plus a time of good ol' VBS singing in the amphitheater from 11:30 to 12:00. If you have children age 15-months through 5th grade, this event is made just for you. (If you don't have children in this group, you'll enjoy it, too!) Our teams are busy getting their booths together for this exciting day. We are hoping for close to 1,000 participants in this year's Bible Fair. We'll see you there!

### It is time to think about the ACU Summer Workshops.

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## Great is Our God!

1995 Summer Speaker Series

Wednesday, June 14

"God, Our Father"

Mike Warner, Shiloh Rd.

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #1 meets this Sunday for lunch. \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Most PM K-Groups meet this Sunday evening. \*\*\*



Records	Sunday May 28	Sunday May 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	346	403	348
Worship A.M.	530	585	541
Worship P.M.	340	336	372
Wed. P.M.	256	285	243
Contribution	\$11,612.75	\$14,177.38	\$13,222.06
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 4 and Wed. P.M., June 7, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Kelley Bell** is recuperating at home. **Betty Strait** got a good report from her tests last week. **Thelma Henley** tests showed no cancer and her problem is treatable. **Clay Kirby** is at home with a broken leg. The **Joe Elerson** family have all been ill at home. **Velma Richardson**, mother of Mozelle Brown and grandmother of Gloria Daughtry, is critically ill in Longview. **R.L. McKinney**, Freida Starr's father, has been very ill. Her mother, **Jean McKinney**, had day surgery Wednesday. **Velma Shirley**, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is hospitalized in Austin. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Don and Norma Durham on the birth of a new grandson! Andrew Donald was born May 31 in Dallas to Shane and Tammie Durham. He weighed 9 lb. 2 oz.

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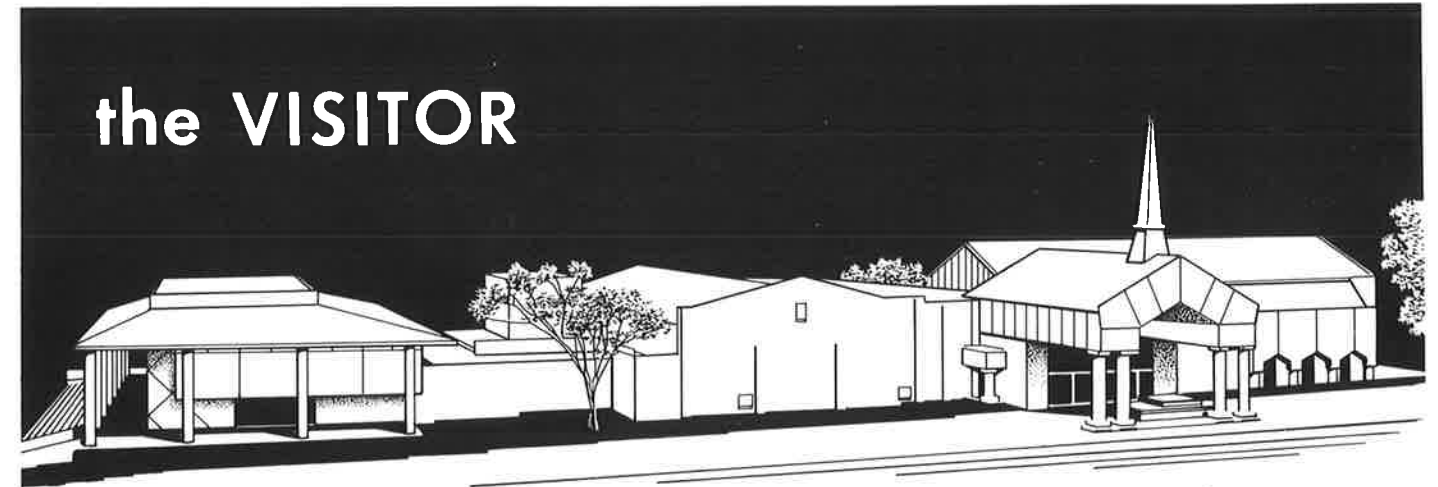
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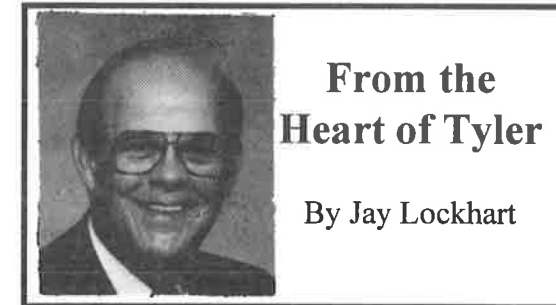
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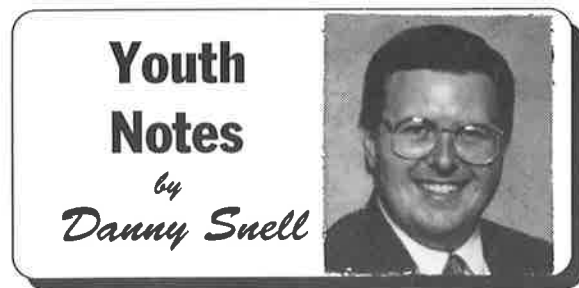
- A.M. How Can I Handle Grief And Loss? (Psalm 13:1-6)
- P.M. The Apostles Of Christ: Who? What? How? (Luke 6:12-16)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Summer is always busy and exciting ... filled with significant events. This week it all starts with the Mexico trip. Sixteen adults and young people will be led by **Danny Snell** to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. This is a work we began to support last year and the trip, which will begin Thursday and conclude next Wednesday, will be a service project as our group will be painting the preacher's house and the church building in Nueva Rosita. We wish for them a safe and profitable trip -- let's be praying each day. Next week we will begin our Summer Series of visiting speakers on Wednesday evening and, as usual, we have an impressive line up. Although many of us will be vacationing during the summer, when you are in town be sure to take advantage of these opportunities. Also, the summer brings the Tuesday evening Youth Series for several weeks, the City-wide one day VBS at Bergfeld Park, June 10; and Learning to Lead, June 11-16. July will include the Nebraska Mission trip (7-15) and the Abilene Workshops (23-26). This summer also includes the Area-wide

meeting, this time at the Shiloh building, for which **Glenn Owen**, who is an elder in the Highland church in Abilene and who has done extensive work in Russia, will be the speaker. The date is August 27. Don't miss that. This Sunday we begin a new Adult Bible Class series -- One Holy Hunger. This would be a great time for you to enroll in one of our adult classes! Later this fall a group from West Erwin will be going to Cuba for the purpose of nurturing the more than twenty new converts who are now in Christ largely due to the efforts of **Don Weathers**. Then on October 8 **Edwin White** will be here to speak on a A Sense Of Presence, the title of his recent book. All of these events will enhance our opportunities for spiritual growth over the next few months. One last thing: in July of last year we began to pray that the Lord would give us 100 additional people during the following twelve months. That number now stands at 92 with about one month to go. Praise God! When we reach the 100 our membership will be at the 700 mark.

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**NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP**

All of those going to Nebraska need to be at a meeting this Sunday at 5:00 in the Heritage room. You need to meet with your class groups and work on your lessons.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY**

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. Details to be given in class Sunday.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

Tuesday, June 6 will be the first of the 1995 East Texas Summer Youth Series. We will be going to the Alpine church in Longview. We will leave West Erwin at 6:15 and return at 10:00. The theme this year is "Resident Aliens - In the world, but not of the world." You will find out more about the service project at the first meeting.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- June 1-7 Mexico Mission Trip
- June 4 Middle School Activity
- June 6 Summer Youth Series
- June 10 Vacation Bible School
- June 11-16 Learning To Lead Camp
- June 11 High School Activity
- July 6-15 Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Gamer's Team #1 will meet June 4.

**IN APPRECIATION**

To our dear church family,  
You have heard our cry once again. Our hearts are breaking and you are with us. Every card, call, visit, dish of food, pat on our shoulder and the beautiful flowers, is God's love to us through your hands.  
We only ask that you pray for us as we wait to see our Marty once again.

All our love,  
The Family of Marty Mallory  
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To Our Family at West Erwin,  
We want to thank everyone for all the prayers, food, cards and love shown our family during Amand'a illness and death. We feel so blessed to have had her with us for 7 short years!

In Christian Love,  
Ed & Margie Hunt  
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Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for my Bible I received at Bacalaureate. It is a great tool I can always use and always refer to the rest of my life. Thanks, and may God bless you always.

In Christian love,  
Jason

**GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

The Medina Children's home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 5-9. West Erwin has been asked to supply NAPKINS. A six-month supply is 350 packages.

**SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT....**

- "The man who is rowing the boat has no time to rock it."
- "As a man grows older and wiser, he talks less and less."
- "Friends are imperfect people who put up with each other's imperfections."
- "It isn't our position but our disposition that makes us happy."

**SPECIAL GOSPEL SONGFEST**

You are cordially invited  
to a Special Gospel Songfest  
Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.  
Hallsville Church of Christ

Meet with other Christians to sing songs of praise and joy to God. Bro. M.T. Baird, writer of "When the Clouds Roll By" and Bro. Robert S. Arnold, writer of "No Tears in Heaven" will be honored. (There is a map in the foyer by the office area for your convenience).

**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!**

**Carlton Cormier<sup>91</sup>** was baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening. We rejoice with him in this most important decision and we are glad to welcome him into the West Erwin family. He and his wife, DeAnn, live at 11373 Chism Trail, 75703, ph. 581-4876.

We are very pleased to welcome **Rosa Douglas<sup>92</sup>** into the growing West Erwin family. She came Sunday to make known her wish to work and worship with the family here. She comes to us from the Memorial church in Houston. We ask God's blessing as we seek to serve Him together. Her address is 519 1/2 South Chilton, 75701, ph. 597-0980.

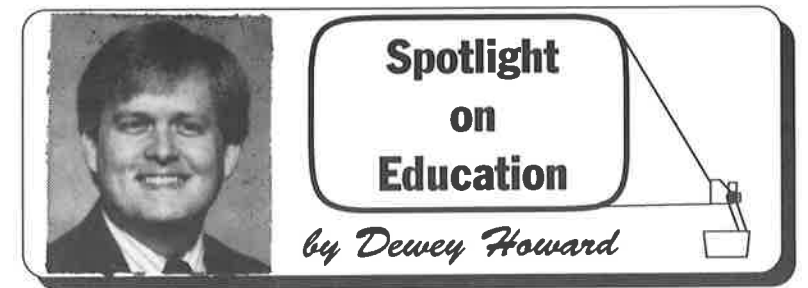
**THE BRIDGE YOU'LL NEVER CROSS**

It's what you think that makes the world  
Seem sad or gay to you;  
Your mind may color all things grey  
Or make them radiant hue.  
Be glad today, be true and wise,  
Distinguish gold from dross;  
Waste neither time nor thought about  
The bride you'll never cross.  
There's useful work for you to do,  
For hand and brain and heart;  
There's urgent human service, too,  
In which to take your part;  
Make every opportunity  
A worth-while gain, not loss;  
The best is yours, so do not fear  
The bride you'll never cross.  
If life seems drab and difficult,  
Just face it with a will;  
You do not have to work alone  
Since God is with you still.  
Press on with courage toward the goal,  
With truth your shield emboss;  
Be strong, look up and just ignore  
The bride you'll never cross.

- Grenville Kleise

**Are YOU praying daily for the 100?**

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CHILDREN GOING INTO :	ROOM
Grade 1	202
Grade 2	203
Grade 3	204
Grades 4 & 5	207
Grade 6	301

**FAMILY 95**  
**BIBLE FAIR**  
*Heroes of the Bible*

**Family Bible Fair '95 is almost here!** On Saturday, June 10, all families are invited to Bergfeld Park for a day of Bible activities and fun. From 9:30 to 1:00 there will be 20 different activities for you to enjoy, including a time of good ol' VBS singing in the amphitheater from 11:30 to 12:00. If you have children age 15-months through 5th grade, this event is made just for you. (If you don't have children in this group, you'll enjoy it, too!) Our teams are busy getting their booths together for this exciting day. We are hoping for close to 1,000 participants in this year's Bible Fair. Invite your friends to come along with you.

**One Holy Hunger begins in most of our adult classes** this Sunday, June 4. Our Sunday adult study through the summer will take us on an exploration of more than just the facts about God. We will uncover a God who relentlessly pursues us with His love and eagerly invites us to fill the craving He has placed within each of us for Himself. Come meet God this summer!

**Great is Our God!**  
1995 Summer Speaker Series  
Wednesday, June 7  
**"God Will Take Care of You"**  
Gene Glaeser, Boles Home

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #6 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday May 21	Sunday May 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	403	393	380
Worship A.M.	585	687	558
Worship P.M.	336	355	312
Wed. P.M.	285	230	249
Contribution	\$14,177.38	\$14,302.14	\$13,417.12
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 28 and Wed. P.M., May 31, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Kelley Bell** is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 316. She has been diagnosed with viral (non-infectious) meningitis. **David Haney** is at home and feeling better. He got a good report from his tests. **Velma Shirley**, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is hospitalized in Austin. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**Take Time:**

- To **think**. It is the source of power.
- To **play**. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To **read**. It is the fountain of wisdom
- To **pray**. It is the greatest power on earth.
- To **love and be loved**. It is a God-given privilege.



**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Dan Payne  
 Scripture Dr. Stan Perkins  
 Elder's Prayer James Sublette

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Wade Park  
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Don Peek  
 Scripture Jimmie Philpot  
 Dismiss Jeff Parrish

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Mike McMinn Jim McDonald  
 Jim Mayer Forest McFadden  
 John Mayer Joe McBee  
 Henry McRuiz Mike McClenny

**GREETERS**

Don and Norma Durham  
 John and Ruby Cliver

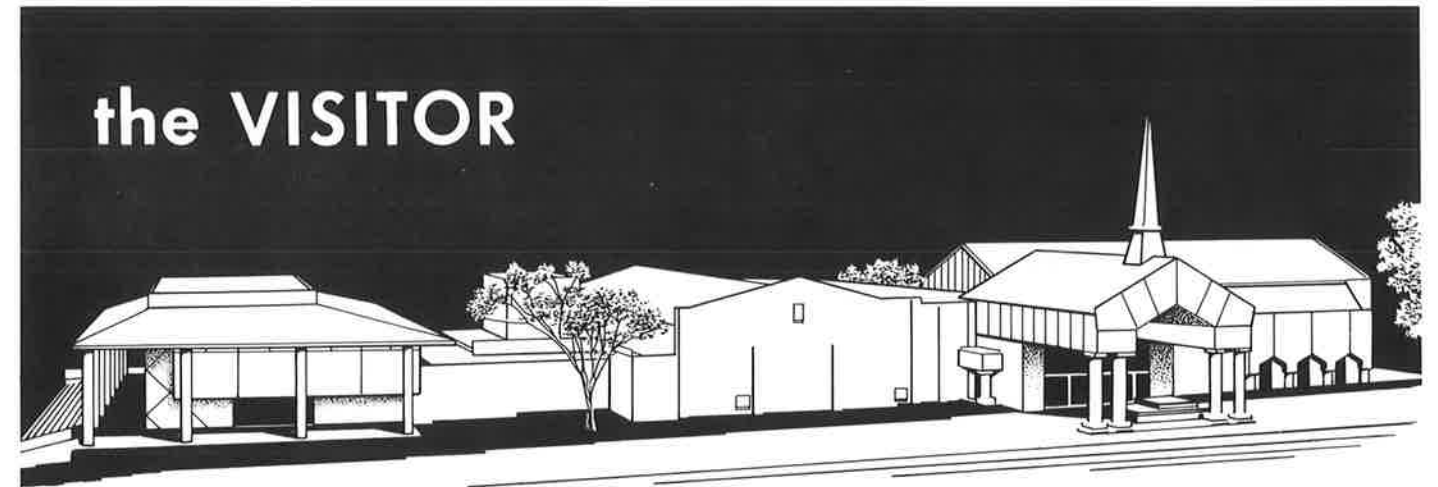
**Sunday** will be another Lord's Day. It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters. What a joy it will be to assemble together! **See you then!**

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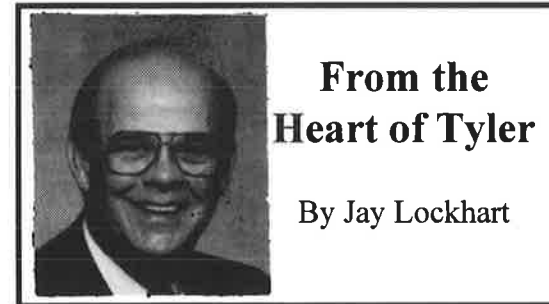
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, May 28, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

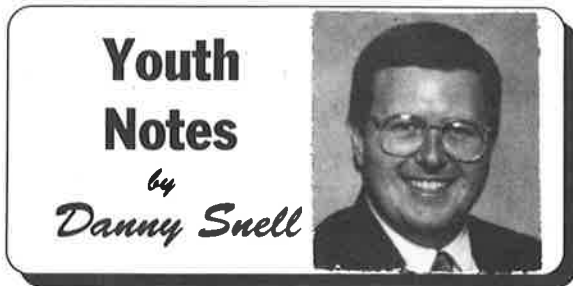
- A.M. Seeing Baptism For The First Time...Again (Galatians 3:26-29)
- P.M. The Call Of God (I Peter 2:9-10)

**REFLECTIONS**

**Lanny Henninger** has preached for the University church in Austin for 24 years and writes a column each week for the bulletin at University called Reflections. Lanny is a most thoughtful writer and I want to share some things he has written over the past few months with you. Reflecting upon the demise of The Houston Post, a newspaper he knew from his youth, Henninger said, "After more than a century in business the Post closed its doors last week, victim of spiraling costs, declining circulation, competitive forces, and who knows what else. A not-so-gentle reminder to all who may be listening. Do not presume on a storied past ... do not neglect mundane but essential details ... do not forget to take care of home base. Few things are more common than benign neglect. Or more lethal. Today I'm recalling those early years and The Houston Post but my mind is on church ..." In another Reflections Lanny commented, "In what is arguably the most favored line from John F. Kennedy's brief presidency he said: 'Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.' Inflated rhetoric or a summons to sacrifice? You decide. While

you're at it, decide too if church - that amorphous community of resurrection people - is a place of sacrifice. Does church exist primarily to cater to our wishes? Or is it a call to arms? Church is one of the very few arenas where 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Taken seriously, this means our fundamental question is never 'What's in it for me?' Rather, 'How may I help the church in her ministry of reconciliation?' This distinction is crucial. The former thinks only in terms of gross receipts; the latter - when and if it happens - ignites a fire which consumes the world." It seems the church is always here for us, doesn't it? But, should not the real question be: What am I doing for the church family for which Christ died? The question is not: What's in it for me? but what am I giving of time and talents and treasures to promote the Cause of Jesus Christ? May the blessings of God fall abundantly upon those countless individuals who give and are never concerned about what they get, who are more concerned about what they can do than who can do something for them.

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**THANKS!**

Thanks to Jeff & Linda Hone, Ken & Debra Elzen, and Cathy Culpepper for hosting the combined devotional this past Sunday night. It was a very special time together to honor our seniors. Memories were shared and tears were shed. The importance of Christian friendships is once again reinforced and we are reminded that **we all** play an important roll in the life of the church. Thanks to those who made it such a special evening.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Leigh Ann McClenny who was selected as Drum Major for the Lindale Jr. High Band for the '95-'96 school year.

Congratulations to Mandy McClenny for being selected as the Outstanding Freshman Girl at Lindale High School. Way to go girls!

**NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP**

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*Garner's Team #1 will meet June 4.*

**IN APPRECIATION**

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 wife, mother, and grandmother.

In Christian love,  
 Family of Mary Terry

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You all take such good care of us -- no wonder we love you so! Thank you for the beautiful spray sent to Bill's funeral and for every kindness shown to our family.

Sara and Fred

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Your kindness and concern have meant so very much and will always be remembered. Thank you for your kindness.

The Family of Myrlis Martin  
 (Bill Endsley's sister)

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Marty Mallory, son of Stan and Ernestine Mallory, died last Thursday. Services were held Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Sledge Clinkscales, long time West Erwin member who has been a shut-in for the last several years, died Monday and graveside services were held Friday at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

**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 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 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."  
 - Selected

**THE SEARCH**  
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**COLLEGE GRADUATE**

Jeffrey T. Konczak graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. The emphasis for this degree were: Math/Science, Business, and Hispanic Studies. He obtained this degree in 3 years with a GPA of 3.44. He has passed the LSAT exam and is waiting to hear from law schools.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Jerry and Rachel Huff on the birth of a new baby daughter on Monday, May 22. Krista Brianne weighed 6 lb. 8 oz.

**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.

**AREA EVENTS**

**THE SWEET EXPRESSIONS**  
 a twelve member chorus from Austin  
 will be at the  
 Frankston Church of Christ  
 Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.  
 and at the  
 Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine  
 after the 6:00 p.m. services  
 Sunday, May 28

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**Once you have finished with the Memorial Day Weekend,** get ready for the excitement that begins in our education ministry for the summer. Several things are ready to go within the next couple of weeks. Get ready to **GROW** this summer through our opportunities for Bible study and ministry. Have your children involved in our summer program so that they, too, can **GROW** in the love of God. Below are some of the things we have to look forward to in the next couple of weeks.

☀ **Family Bible Fair '95 is Saturday, June 10.** Our teams are busy getting their booths together for this exciting day. We are hoping for close to 1,000 participants in this year's Bible Fair. With your help, we can do it! Plan to be in Bergfeld Park to enjoy *Family Bible Fair '95*. This is a wonderful out-reach opportunity, not to mention a fun way to participate in Bible learning.

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☀ **On Wednesday nights this summer,** we will enjoy another Summer Speaker Series. *Great Is Our God!* is the theme for the series this summer as we invite speakers from our area to share God's word with us. Who is the God that we worship? How does he work in our lives? How does He want us to respond to His love most appropriately and advantageously? Get ready to come to know God very personally this summer!

**Thanks for your help in supplying pantry items** for Cherokee Children's Home. James and Frances Phillips are leaving this weekend to take these goods to Cherokee. James' pickup was loaded with boxes full of the canned goods that you brought. We appreciate James and Frances for making this trip. And praise God for the generosity that you have shown over the past couple of months! Our children are to be commended.

**\*\*\* No Noon K-Group meeting this Sunday due to holiday. \*\*\***

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Bible Class	393	371	333
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David Haney, Jr., ph. 581-2670.

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**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 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 and true links in contentment's golden chain."  
.... Malcolm James McLeod

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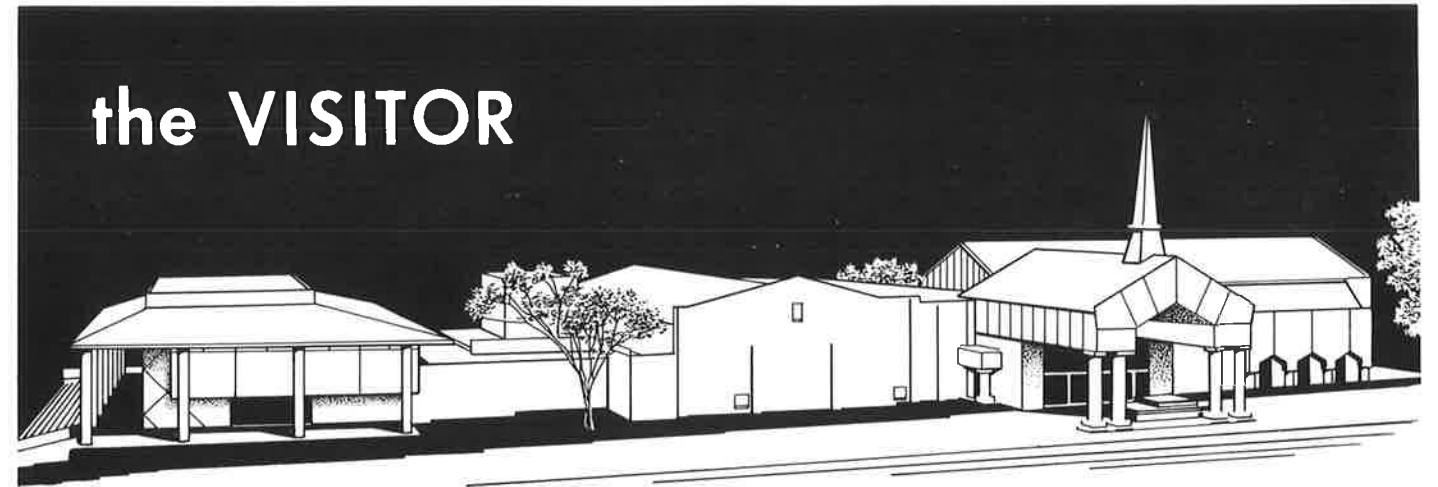
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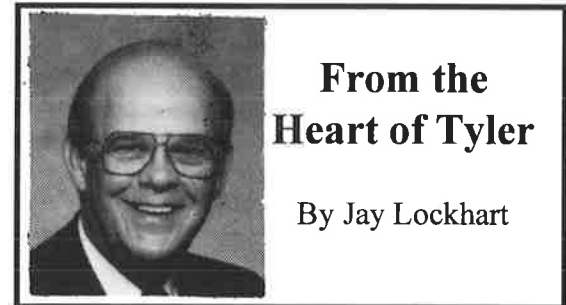
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Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Melvin Maples  
Scripture Hoyt Hughes  
Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan  
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Ed Hunt  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Dub Mathews  
Scripture Chad Hilliard  
Dismiss Josh hone  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Mike McMinn Jim McDonald  
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**Sermons for Sunday, May 21, 1995**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The Why, What, and How of Conversion  
(Colossians 2:6-14)  
P.M. Jesus: Refocusing The Picture  
(Luke 4:16-21)

**HAPPENINGS AROUND WEST ERWIN**

What a great number we had in our morning assembly last Sunday! We had all sections of the auditorium comfortably full and nearly 700 folks were counted with many visitors present. Because of the holiday many of our people were out of town but we had a wonderful influx of out of town and in town folks. We were blessed.

Our membership now stands at 682 and our goal of 100 new members within the year is at 90. We have every reason to believe that God will give us the additional people in the next few weeks. Praise Him!

As we approach the summer months we anticipate an exciting Summer Series for Wednesday evenings. Our slate of speakers include: **Gene Glaeser, Mike Warner, Stanley Lockhart, Randy Daw, Mike Armour, Robert Oglesby, David Allen, Ralph Draper, Dan Manuel, Ronnie Wiggins, and Eric Cupp.** Each of the speakers will be discussing some aspect of God and His nature. When you are in town,

put the Summer Series in your schedule and you will receive a blessing.

Others who will be preaching at West Erwin this year include **Harold Taylor, Gene Glaeser** of Boles Home, **Dr. Terry Johnson** of Oklahoma Christian University, and **Charles Hodge** of Duncanville. A featured series for the fall will be the visit on October 8 of **Edwin White** of Phoenix, Arizona, who will be speaking three times on A Sense of Presence, a study of God. I heard him lecture on this theme, upon which he has written a most insightful book, last year at International Bible College and it is superb information.

Another thing I am looking forward to is our annual Area-Wide meeting the last Sunday of August when **Glen Owen** of Abilene will be the speaker. These are great opportunities for us to grow in the Lord. Pull up to the table, eat heartily and drink deeply!

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# Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



**A graduate's Prayer**  
 Father, I have knowledge,  
 So will you show me now  
 How to use it wisely  
 And find a way somehow  
 To make the world I live in  
 A little better place  
 And make life with its problems  
 A bit easier to face.  
 Grant me faith and courage  
 And put purpose in my days,  
 And show me how to serve Thee  
 In the most effective ways.  
 So all my education,  
 My knowledge and my skill  
 May find their true fulfillment  
 As I learn to do Thy will.  
 And may I ever be aware  
 In everything I do  
 That knowledge comes from learning,  
 And wisdom comes from you.

### "HONOR THE SENIORS" DEVO

Join us Sunday night after Baccalaureate at the Fellowship Hall for our going away devo for the seniors. Bring \$2.00 for Pizza. We will be finished at 9:15.

### JR.-SR. DAY

The date is Saturday May 20. We will leave the church lot at 1:00. Thank you for your donation to the youth fund for this cause.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- May 21 Baccalaureate
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- June 1-7 Mexico Mission Trip
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
 Womack's Team #4 will meet May 22.

## CONGRATULATIONS - SENIORS 1995



**Gena Henry**, daughter of Larry and Sandra Henry, plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University with a major in Psychology and minor in Theatre. In her senior year, she was president of the Drama Club, Honor Thespian for having over 60 pts (she had 101 pts), all star cast for Lisa in the play David and Lisa and was selected as MVP in swimming. She was on the varsity swim team for three years, Drama Club 3 years, National Honor Society 3 years, Drug Free Youth in Texas since

6th grade, was named to Who's Who Among High School Students, participated in National Engineering Design Competition in Jr. year, went to regional in 3 relay events in Jr. Year and graduated as an advanced Honor student in top 10% of her class at John Tyler High School.



**Jason O'Quinn**, a Robert E. Lee graduate, was a member of the Robert E. Lee Marching and Concert Band for four years and served as section sargent, was Vice-President of the Key Club, member of Student Senate, German Club, Bible Club, and D-FY-IT. He was chosen as class favorite in his junior year. Jason is the son of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn and plans to major in Psychology at Abilene Christian University.

Seniors not pictured are **Kristina Dyson**, **David Hanley**, and **Matt Helms**.

### COLLEGE GRADUATE

Congratulations to **Amy O'Quinn**, daughter of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn, on graduating Valedictorian of her class with a BS in Biology from Abilene Christian University. In her senior year she was Homecoming Queen nominee, President of Tri Kappa Gamma Social Club, Secretary of Alpha Honor Society, member of W Club and was named Optimist Club Outstanding Youth of Abilene. She was also named to Who's Who, was chosen to be a University Scholar, a V.W. Kelly Scholarship nominee, and was named Honor Woman. She will begin Medical School in San Antonio in August.

### GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck is due the week of June 5-9. West Erwin has been asked to supply NAPKINS. A 6 month supply is 350 packages. Cash donations to be used to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables also are appreciated.



### BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring  
 Terry Shaw  
 Saturday, May 20,  
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Hall



Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Katherine Diane Weathers was born Wednesday, May 10 to Wade and Diane Weathers. She was 22 inches long and weighed 9 lb. 4 oz. Caroline is the proud big sister. Don and Wanda Weathers are the happy grandparents and June Walker is the great grandmother.

Bailey Colton Hukill was born Monday, May 15 to Tony and Michelle Hukill. He weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. Robert and Anita Hidalgo are the proud grandparents and Earle Arnold is the great grandfather.

### IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin church of Christ

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and phone calls. The concern you expressed in so many ways was a source of encouragement to me during my illness. I am happy that my mother (Zona Crone) has so many good friends among you!

Mary Ann McClenny  
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Dear Christian Family:

Thank you tons for the beautiful spray of flowers and the many prayers, calls, cards and other offerings of kindness! It's nice to know so many wonderful people care on these our saddest days!

With God's love,  
 Richard, Shirley & Brad Hunt  
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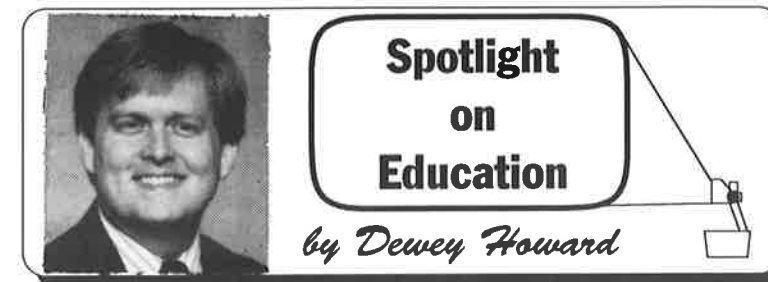
We would like to thank you for your many prayers for our loved one during her extended illness, and the beautiful red carnations. Your expressions of love will never be forgotten. God bless you.

Family of Faye Coleman  
 (Sister of Louise Santos)

### PRAYER REQUEST

Teresa Coomer came Sunday to request our prayers to help her to be a better mother and to be a Christian for her family.

**Are YOU praying daily for the 100?**



## Spotlight on Education

by *Dewey Howard*

**One of the greatest experiences in the work** of the church is available to you through the summer months. We still have a few children's classes that need teachers, helpers, and Grandmas or Grandpas. If you would like to be involved in the lives of our children in this way, talk with me or one of our coordinators as soon as possible.

**Remember to bring your canned goods** for Cherokee Children's Home. This is the last week to contribute goods in our drive! James Phillips will be making a trip to Cherokee over the Memorial Day weekend to deliver all the things you have brought. Let really end our food drive in a big way this week!

**Our Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** has dismissed for the summer. But the Bible learning and relationships that have grown will last far beyond the next 3 months. The ladies class on Wednesday mornings is one of the best programs we have in the education ministry. God has blessed this class richly. Thanks to all of our ladies who have participated this year. An extra special measure of appreciation goes to **Fern Bench** who has given so much of her time and energy in leading this group. **Nelda Browning** and **Patsy Young** also deserve our thanks for the way that they have led the class with Fern.

The Ladies Bible Class will resume in September. Add its preparation to your prayer lists through the summer.

# FAMILY 95 BIBLE FAIR

*Heroes of the Bible*

**Our teams for Family Bible Fair '95** are getting ready! Our city-wide VBS in Bergfeld Park will be held on June 10. Bible stories, games and activities will be set up in the park for families to enjoy and learn together. We still have plenty of places that we need for people to be involved. Let me know soon how you can help. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity, not to mention a fun way to participate in Bible learning.

### Keep these on your calendar:

- o New quarter begins ..... June 4
- o K-12th grades promote classes
- o Family Bible Fair '95 ..... June 10 (City-wide VBS in Bergfeld Park)

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #5 meets this Sunday. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Most PM K-Groups meet this Sunday evening. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday May 7	Sunday April 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	371	380	345
Worship A.M.	525	538	544
Worship P.M.	300	347	310
Wed. P.M.	230	422	236
Contribution	\$13,672.83	\$12,168.73	\$13,108.15
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 14 and Wed. P.M., May 17, Melvin Crow, ph. 581-6988.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Doc Wright** was hospitalized last weekend but is now in Briarcliff Village Health Center. **Sandra Henry** was dismissed from Mother Frances last Thursday. **Buddy Bell** got a good report following a biopsy last Friday in Dallas. **Jeanine Hughes** got a good report Monday in Dallas. **Elaine Elliott**, Clelia Faye Elliott's daughter-in-law, is doing well after surgery Tuesday in Plano. **Frances Walsler**, Dewey Howard's grandmother, had surgery Monday in Dallas. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Henry McRuiz  
Scripture John Mayer  
Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Forest McFadden  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Archie Lowry  
Scripture Clay McDonald  
Dismiss Kevin Maples

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
Jon Lowrance Phil Marts  
Tommy Lowrance Michael Lowrance  
Grant Knight Stan Mallory  
Dr. Roger Knight Billie Ingram

**GREETERS**  
Faber and Kathryn Cauthen  
Henry and Becky McRuiz

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!**

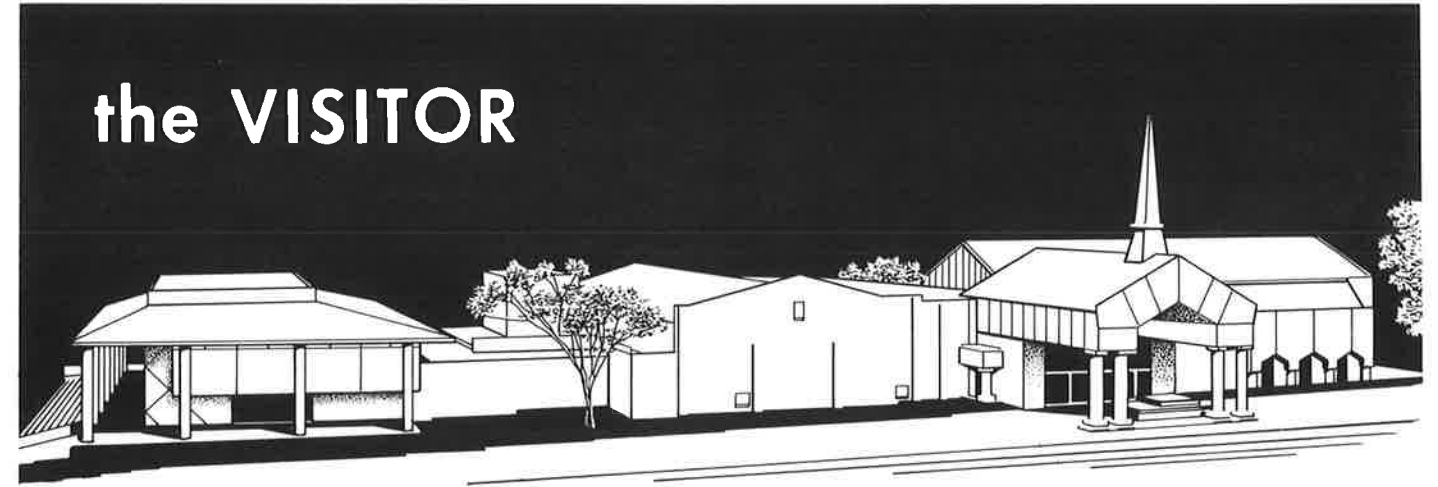
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Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.


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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
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Bible School	9:00 A.M.
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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.
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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, May 14, 1995**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. Christ Still Disturbs  
(Matthew 20:1-16)  
P.M. Sons of Encouragement  
(Acts 4:32-37)

**A WORD OF GRATITUDE**

I want to thank all of you for the encouragement and support you gave to me preceding, during and following our recent campaign. I received notes of encouragement from some children's classes, from our Ladies' class, and from several of you after the campaign had ended. Thanks to each and every one for your thoughtfulness and concern.

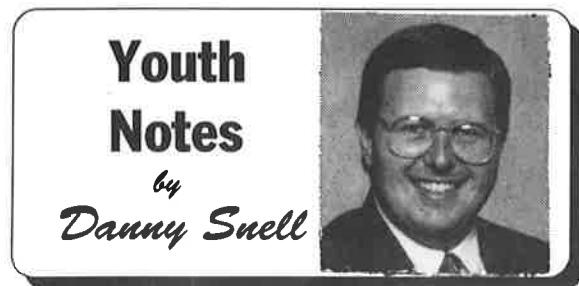
**EASTERN EUROPE**

Wasn't it great to have **Tatiana Andreeva** and **David Worley** along with **Richard Baggett** visit with us this week. Tatiana spoke to a great Ladies' class on Wednesday morning and then both Tatiana and David spoke to women and men respectively Wednesday evening. The current opportunities in Russia and other European countries are truly exciting and we must take advantage of all of them while we can. Let's pray for the wisdom and faith to seize the moment. What wonderful times these are!

**MORE WORDS OF GRATITUDE**

We are fortunate to have **Danny Snell** working with our young people. His leadership is apparent in the excellent showing our lads recently made during Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas. Many of you saw a demonstration of the talents of some of your young men as they led our worship service last Sunday evening. And what about the speaking ability of **Chris Elzen**! We are proud of you, young people. Also, I am excited about the planning **Dewey Howard** is doing for our Adult Bible Classes which will carry us through the next several months. This planning includes coordinating our Sunday morning Adult Classes with the Sunday morning sermons as we study together the book of Romans this fall. This series really has life changing opportunities and we look forward to the challenge. Thanks, Dewey, for leading us in this direction. Finally, I want to thank **Richard Baggett** for his teaching and preaching last Sunday and **Ira Wilson** for his willingness to teach in a most effective way for me every time he is needed.

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**THANKS**

Thanks to Gary & Julie Ables, Agnes Ables, James & Connie Sublette, Paige Morris, Linda McClenny, Maggie Craddock, Carolyn Carruth, Michelle Kuechle, Linda Hone, Frances Broome, Cathy Culpepper, Dana Tate, Stephanie Griffith, Lisa Snell, and Debra Elzen for hosting the LTC Reception this past Sunday night. Thanks to all the others who made all of LTC possible this year. We had over 150 present for an exciting evening of honoring our young people and sharing our successes with each other. We are already looking forward to LTC 1996.

**JR.-SR. DAY**

For many years the Tyler churches have been hosting an evening to honor our Jrs. and Srs. This year we will all be going to the Magic Time Machine in Dallas and attending a Rangers game. The date is Saturday May 20. Please make a donation to the youth fund for this cause.

**MISSION TRIPS**

This summer many of our young people will be involved in our mission trips. The first week of June we will be taking a group of high school students to Nueva Rosita, Mexico to work on their church building. In July we will be going to West Point, Nebraska to conduct the annual VBS. As you can see, our young people will be very busy this summer because of their love for God. Let us pray for and encourage them to that end. May God bless us in these efforts.

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Tate's Team #3 will meet May 14.

**NEW MEMBER**

We are very pleased to welcome **Melissa Moore<sup>90</sup>** and her little daughter, Kelsey, into the West Erwin family. Melissa has been visiting for some time with Melissa Parrish. She was baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening. Her address is 1618 Timberview, 75703, ph. 534-9102.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. We want to thank the church for all the help and concern shown during the loss of my mother, Sofia Delgado.

We love you,  
Mago and Betty Jo Barajas  
\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for all the calls and beautiful cards. Most of all, for your prayers during this difficult time.

Ruby McCain  
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To My West Erwin Family,

Your special touch of love and kindness has lifted the burden of my illness and has given me the strength to keep fighting. Thanks for all you do for me and my family. I cherish every card, prayer and visit.

In Christian Love,  
Sandra Henry  
\*\*\*\*\*

Robert and I want to thank the wonderful men of West Erwin for helping us to move last Saturday. It was one of the most beautiful demonstrations of love for one another. The work was hard, heavy and long. We appreciate it so much and will never forget you.

In Christian Love,  
Ann & Robert Colley

**SORRY TO LOSE...**

Dorris Humble recently moved to Brownsboro to be nearer to her family. She is now worshipping with the church in Athens. She will continue to attend here occasionally. We will miss seeing her on a regular basis, but we wish her much happiness in her new home and her new church home.

We will also miss Robert and Ann Colley. They had been a part of this family for only a few months but their dedication to the Lord's work made an impact while they were here. Their new address is 1705B Onion Creek Village, Roundrock, TX 78664.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Friday in Texarkana for Myrlie Martin, Bill Endsley's sister. Graveside services were held Saturday at Memorial Cemetery for Faye Coleman, Louise Santos' sister. Mary Terry died Friday afternoon and services were held Monday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home. She will be greatly missed by her West Erwin family. Bill Powell, Fred Powell's brother, died Monday morning. Services were held Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families in their loss of loved ones.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

"Her children arise up and call her blessed" - Proverbs 31:28



**BABY SHOWER**

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Terry Shaw Saturday, May 20 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall



Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

**WEDDING INVITATION**

*Mrs. Raymond Porter requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Judy Lynn and Mr. Shane Kelly Wilmoth on Saturday, the twentieth of May Nineteen hundred and ninety-five at seven o'clock in the evening Green Acres Baptist Church Tyler, Texas*

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations Steve and Diane Denman on the birth of a baby boy on May 3! Sean Michael weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. Christina is the proud big sister. Harold and Shirley Denman are the happy grandparents and Aubrey Denman is the great grandfather.

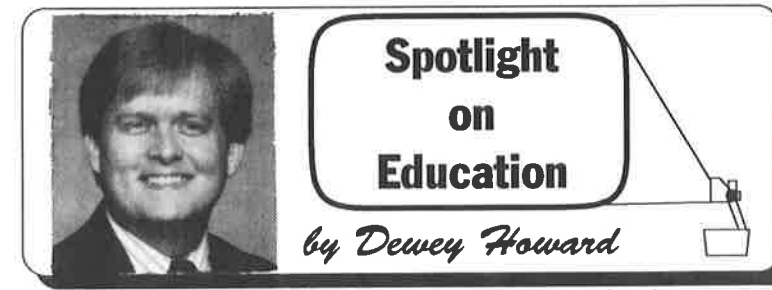
**AREA MEETING**

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting with Floyd Rose from Toledo, Ohio at the Piedmont Church of Christ in Gilmer May 15-19. Sunday services are at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. with lunch served from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. - afternoon service after lunch. Week night services will be at 7:45.

**Are YOU praying daily for the 100?**

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**Summer Quarter Teachers:** Your material for the summer months of Bible classes is now in and ready for you to pick up. You may stop by the offices anytime during the week, or get with me on Sunday or Wednesday. I appreciate your desire to love our children through your ministry of teaching this summer. Let's get ready for a good quarter.

If you would like to be involved in the lives of our children through the summer as a Bible class teacher, we still have a few spots open. Talk with me or one of our coordinators as soon as possible.

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**Remember to bring your canned goods for Cherokee Children's Home. Just a couple of weeks left in our drive!**

**The next Singles Bible Study is this Monday night, May 15,** at the home of Danny and Maggie Craddock. The topic this week is "Questions about Relationships" and will include a discussion of several questions that were submitted by our singles a few weeks ago. If you have not been attending these Bible studies every other week, you do not know what you are missing! Bring a friend, and join us at 6:45 for supper and the discussion that follows.

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Worship A.M.	623	691	504
Worship P.M.	445	282	328
Wed. P.M.	210	233	248
Contribution	\$19,112.33	\$12,709.73	\$12,762.85
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 30 and Wed. P.M., May 3, Delbert Nelson, ph. 581-6071.

**Ruth Dobbs** is now at home. **Terry Frick** is at home and doing well following neck surgery last week. **Janet Sills** broke her arm last week. **Lois Vaughan**, Chris Vaughan's grandmother, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, is recuperating at home from back surgery. **R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's dad, is recovering from back surgery. **Myra Chandler**, Fleta Butler's mother, is now at home. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Noel Aderholt**, Roberta Tindall's uncle, is much better and may go home by the weekend. **Ruby DeVaney**, Faye Kennard's aunt, has been diagnosed with lymphoma in Houston. **Amanda Hunt**, Ed and Margie Hunt's granddaughter, is very ill at home. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

Remember our shut-ins

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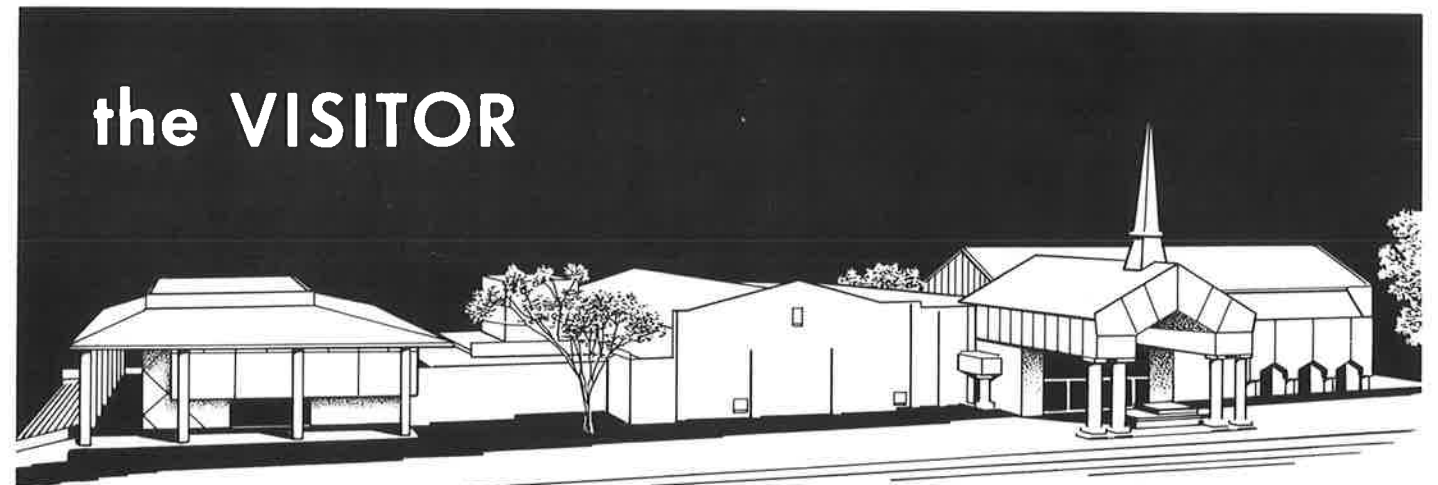
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Scripture Luke Ingram  
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Scripture Curt Jordan  
Dismiss Archie Kennard  
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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, April 30, 1995**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. Hope, The Anchor Of The Soul  
(Hebrews 6:13-20)  
P.M. The Power Of Christ  
(Matthew 12:22-29)


### REFLECTIONS UPON THE "COME AND SEE CAMPAIGN"

As I write these reflections the "Come and See Campaign" has one night remaining. What kind of week has it been? First, we stand in awe once again at what God does through us when we truly commit ourselves to doing something specific for Him. We prayed, planned, and exhorted ourselves for at least two months and when the time for the campaign came, God blessed us. Second, we are impressed by what people can accomplish, with God's help, when they unite themselves in a common cause. That unity could be seen from the meals served before our services each night to the classes for children offered during the services to the invitations extended to and accepted by our friends to the attendance at each service. Third, I am ever moved by the way people respond to the gospel. Never have I presented a series of messages received as well by so many as during this week. This is another indication of the power of prayer: those who preach better when many are praying for them and those who hear hear better when many are praying for them. Add to this the fact that through Tuesday night we have been blessed with 13 responses: three for baptism; three for membership; and seven for restoration and/or prayers. My heart overflows with thanksgiving. I am grateful to God for the way He has blessed us. I am grateful to Christ for dying for us. I am grateful to the Holy Spirit for giving us

the written Word. I am grateful to our elders for placing their confidence in me. I am grateful to **Forest McFadden** for conducting those three prayer meetings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the meeting began. I am grateful to **Dale Blackstone** and **Velma Lemons** for coordinating the classes for children each night. I am grateful to the classes who prepared the meals and to those who led in planning those meals. I am grateful to **Stan Clark** for giving the welcome each night, to **Dewey Howard** and **Gary Ables** for leading the singing, and to **Danny Snell** for bringing the Word to us before each sermon. I am grateful to every person who prayed, invited, and attended our meeting. Someone asked me if I was satisfied with the meeting. I said I am not satisfied--pleased, but not satisfied. As long as one of our members was absent without cause; as long as one person left the meeting unsaved; as long as one Christian remains without commitment, we can never be satisfied. However, we all are pleased at the success of the campaign -- the attendance, excitement and response all speak of success. We are pleased ... and we believe our Father is pleased too! By the way, for the five assemblies, through Tuesday evening, we averaged 465 at each service. Thanks to **Don Drummond** and the rest of THE SEARCH crew, we will present all the messages of the campaign on TV over the next several weeks.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**COME & SEE CAMPAIGN**

The Come & See Campaign has been a powerful meeting. This congregation has put forth a marvelous effort to reach others for Christ. Many people have been touched by God's Word and their lives eternally changed. Thanks to Jay for doing an outstanding job in delivering the messages. Thanks to the teens and their parents for helping with the singing before each assembly. It was wonderful! Let us continue to grow and show others that there is no better way than God's way.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins for making the most powerful decision in all of life. Monday night Brady took on His Lord in Baptism. Let us continue to encourage and pray for him and his new life.

Congratulations to Heather Ketchum for being selected to the Robert E. Lee Southern Belles Drill Team. Way to go Heather!

**JR.-SR. NIGHT**

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**COMBINED ACTIVITY**

All of those in the youth group are invited to the Tyler Family Fun Park for miniature golf this coming Sunday night. Cost is \$2.50 and parents can pick you up there at 9:00. Invite a friend to join the fun.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Apr. 30 Combined Activity
- May 7 LTC Celebration & Reception
- May 20 Jr.-Sr. Night
- May 21 Baccalaureate
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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Gamer's Team #1 will meet Apr. 30.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

We are very pleased to welcome **Thelma Carr<sup>76</sup>** into our family at West Erwin. Mrs. Carr was a New Testament Christian and after seeing our TV Special, she came and spoke at length with Jay and stated her desire to be a part of the Lord's work here. She and her husband, Donald, live at 4351 State Hwy 110N #22, 75704-8330, ph. 533-1439.

**Mike<sup>77</sup> and Vikki<sup>78</sup> Cooney** have been visiting with us for some time and came Monday night to make known their desire to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. They are a welcome addition to our growing family. They formerly worshipped with the Pleasant Ridge church in Arlington. Their address is 1019 Santa Rosa, 75701, ph. 581-7804.

We rejoice with **Brady Dawkins<sup>79</sup>**, son of Wally and Laurie Dawkins, in his decision to be baptized into Christ Monday night. Brady is a talented young man and has impressed us with his abilities in leading singing and making devotional talks while in the Timothy class. We share in the pride of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents in his accomplishments and especially in his decision at a young age to follow Jesus.

**RESPONSES**

**Ruth Barnett** came Sunday morning to request the prayers of her church family to help her deal with the grief she's facing after her dad's death and for faith and strength in her spiritual life.

**Kevin and Shelly Sustaire** came to ask for strength and guidance as a family in raising their little daughter, Ashley. They need encouragement and asked for forgiveness when they reject God.

**Marvin Hollingsworth** requested our prayers to help him to be strong in the faith and to do the things that are right.


**Richard Goolsby** came to ask for prayers to help him deal with the difficulties in life that he faces on a regular basis.

**AREA EVENTS**

You are invited to hear a special series of **Gospel Messages** by **Charles Hodge** May 7 -10 at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas. Sunday - 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday - 12:05 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Lunch will be served Monday thru Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.)

You are invited to share in the celebration and recognition of the 60th Anniversary and homecoming of the **North Tenneha Church of Christ** May 6-10th. The male chorus of the church will host a musical on Saturday, May 6th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, May 7th, W.F. Washington of the Golden Heights church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida will begin a 4 day revival. Sunday services will include the 9:00 a.m. revival followed by morning worship at 10:15. Dinner will be served in our Renaissance Center from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. The anniversary service will begin at 2:30 p.m. Services Monday thru Wednesday will begin at 7:30 p.m.

*The Search*



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**BRIDAL SHOWER**

You're invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower honoring April Roberson  
Bride-elect of Tony Smith  
on Sunday, May 7  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Selections: Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank all of you so much for your telephone calls and beautiful cards. The flowers were beautiful. Each call, each card and words of encouragement is greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,  
Billie Bob Hickman

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Pattie Tate on the birth of a new great grandson! Bryan Joseph Jamieson was born to Stan and Stephanie Jamieson on April 17. He weighed 8 lb. 14 oz. and is 21 inches long.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Mago and Betty Barajas in the death of his mother, Sofia Delgado, last Sunday. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

**DISHES**

Ladies, please check the dishes in the foyer by the office area and also back of the old auditorium. There are dishes returned from the Snell's home, the Suggs' home, and the Tri-C (by the office) as well as others that have been here for some time.


**VIDEOS OF THE SPECIAL**

There have several requests for video tapes of the special TV program of THE SEARCH from last Tuesday evening. We now have two copies in the tape library that are available to be checked out.

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

Our "Come and See" Campaign may be over, but we cannot allow the "come and see" spirit to end with it. When the disciples asked Jesus where He was staying, Jesus said, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:39). The world around us is full of people who need -- *and want* -- to know Jesus. They may not be able to call Him by name, but they know that they have an emptiness that they have not been able to fill. Some of these are friends of yours. Won't you invite them to "come and see" the satisfaction for their hunger? Invite them to "come and see" your relationship with the Father. Bring them to "come and see" our worship. Give them an opportunity to "come and see" our Bible study. Live such a godly life that they can "come and see" Jesus living through your actions. The church needs the "come and see" spirit throughout the year, not just for one special week. How will you continue to bring people to Jesus today?

**A new series of Wednesday adult electives** begins on Wednesday, May 3. Several studies are planned that will help you grow as a child of God. There is a place for everyone. Pick up one of the brochures describing our classes in the foyer. While you are at it, give a brochure or two away to friends of yours who could benefit from our study. Let's keep the "Come and See" spirit alive throughout the year!

	Room	Teacher
<i>The Search: Timeless Principles from Mt. Sinai</i>	Auditorium	Jay Lockhart
<i>Growing in Self-Confidence</i>	111	Dewey Howard
<i>Raising Faithful Kids in a Fast-Paced World</i>	112	Video series by Paul Falkner
<i>Foundations for the Church</i> (Discussion for men)	113	Don Durham
<i>From There to Here</i> (Class for women)	Heritage Room	Various women
College & Singles	305	Stan Clark

**Keep these on your calendar:**

- o PM Koinonia Leaders meeting ..... April 30 5:00 in Heritage Room
- o Bible class coordinators meeting ..... May 7
- o City-wide ladies class with ..... May 10 Tatiana Andreeva (10 AM)
- o New quarter begins ..... June 4 K-12th grades promote classes
- o Family Bible Fair '95 ..... June 10 (City-wide VBS in Bergfeld Park)

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #3 will meet for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday April 9	Sunday April 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	391	376	389
Worship A.M.	613	580	589
Worship P.M.	352	882	345
Wed. P.M.	221	261	267
Contribution	\$14,229.91	\$13,877.90	\$15,402.95
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 16 and Wed. P.M., April 19, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Archie Lowry** was in Medical Center for tests on Tuesday. **Ruby McCain** has been undergoing tests and had a CAT scan Tuesday at Medical Center. **Calvin Mannen** had eye surgery Monday in Dallas. **Elva M. Williams** has been dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital. **Ralph Old**, Daisy Lee Old's husband, is in Mother Frances, room 490. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Amanda Hunt**, Ed and Margie Hunt's granddaughter, is very ill at home. **Julie Hunt**, Ed and Margie's daughter-in-law, is improved in a San Antonio hospital. **Bernie Baur**, preacher for the Southside church in Tyler, will be taking radiation treatments for 30 days in Temple. **Jerry Morman**, Homer Harris' (preacher for the Lakeside church in Flint) stepson, had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Prayer Jerry Huff  
Scripture Marvin Hollingsworth  
Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Robert Hilliard

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer A.Z. Hays  
Scripture Darryl Hendrix  
Dismiss Charles Hickman

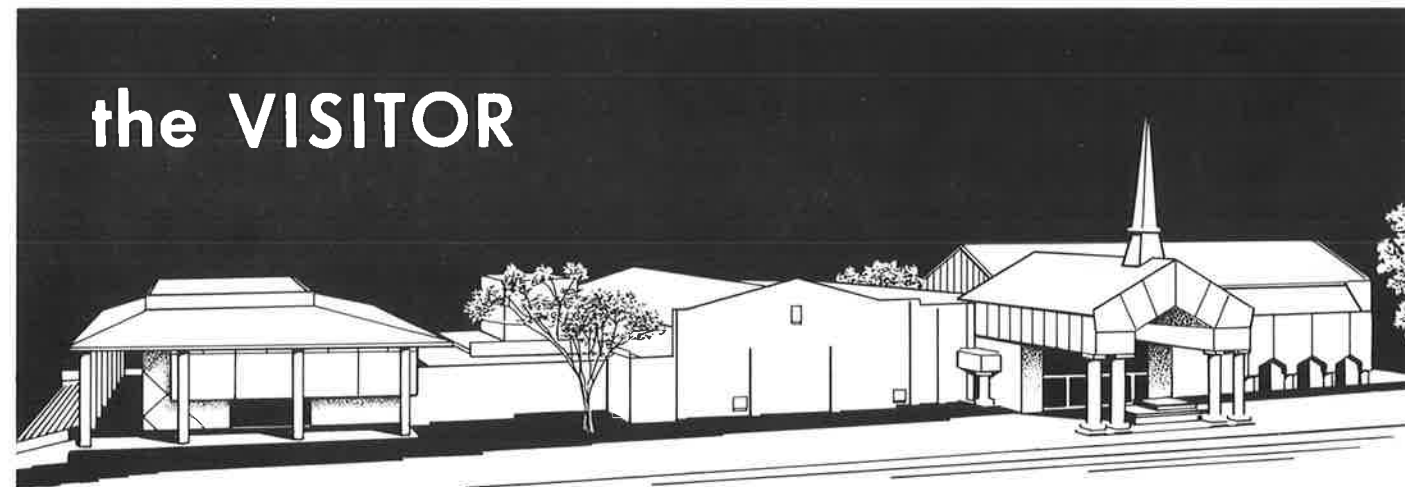
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Cooper Goodson David Frick  
Mark Gregory Terry Frick  
Rick Fedell Larry Henry  
Walter Farrer Chuck Gillam


**GREETERS**

John and Ruby Cliver  
Ben and Patsy Young

**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, April 16, 1996**

**By Dr. Jay Lockhart**


A.M. When To Stop Praying (Exodus 14:10-18)  
P.M. The Slaves Bill Of Rights (Luke 17:7-10)

**ACTS CHAPTER 29**

The book of Acts is a thrilling account of the beginning and growth of the church for which Christ died. Why is the Book called Acts? Is it intended to be the Acts of the Apostles? or the Acts of the Holy Spirit? or the Acts of the Early Church? In fact, it is all three. The Apostles are focused in the Book, especially Peter and Paul. The Holy Spirit is on nearly every page as He immerses, empowers, teaches, guides, and accompanies the apostles. However, the church is also prominent as the saved are added to it, it is persecuted, it prays, it assembles, it feared, and it grew. But, as Barclay observes, the Book of Acts is a book without an ending. It traces the journeys of Paul from Antioch to Rome and just leaves him there in his own rented home, receiving guests, and preaching the Word. Why such an abrupt ending? Perhaps God didn't intend for the Book to have an ending. Perhaps God intends for us to continue the activities of the Book. Perhaps we are writing Acts chapter 29. The story goes on! As Paul took the Gospel from Antioch to Rome, so we take the Gospel from Tyler to Togo, Nebraska, to Mexico, to

Eastern Europe and beyond ... and let us not forget: to Tyler and East Texas. We are now in the final stages of preparation for our Come And See Campaign, April 23 - 26. What can we do in the final days before the campaign? Resolve to be present for every meeting beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday (make every effort to be on time by getting up 15 minutes earlier than usual). Follow up the contacts you have made and encourage them to attend (go by and pick them up?; meet them in the foyer?). Be praying daily for the lost, the three people you have been thinking about, delinquent members, and all who are involved in leading the campaign. Pass out the rest of the brochures (we have already passed out about 1800). Join in the three come and go prayer meetings to be led by **Forest McFadden** from 7:00 til 9:00 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Prepare your heart. Get ready. Get set. It's almost time for GO! Thank you for caring, for working, and for giving us confidence.

**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Ken Culpepper, Henry McRuiz, Charles Rachui, and myself on our upcoming Mexico trip.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

As you read this article, over 70 of us from West Erwin will be attending the 1995 Leadership Training for Christ Convention at the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas. For many, this will be one of the most memorable events of the year. There are over 3,700 young people from all over the south-west attending and participating in events. Please pray for our safety and our purpose. To God be the glory! Following is a list of those going: Cameron Ables, Chris Ables, Cody Ables, Gary Ables, Julie Ables, Anthony Aven, Erin Aven, Nichole Aven, Allison Broome, Amanda Broome, Frances Broome, Gary Broome, Adam Bryant, Ashli Bryant, Dwayne Bryant, Ashleigh Cantrell, Garrett Cantrell, Cindy Carruth, David Chambers, Helen Chambers, Jennifer Chambers, Kimberly Chambers, Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Cathy Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Chris Elzen, Debra Elzen, Jennifer Elzen, Ken Elzen, Melanie Goodson, Nick Goodson, Julie Maddox, Stephanie Griffith, Brett Hone, Jeff Hone, Josh Hone, Linda Hone, Ryan Huey, Heather Ketchum, Jessica Kuechle, Michelle Kuechle, John Mayer, Leigh McClenny, Linda McClenny, Mandy McClenny, Mike McClenny, Nancy McCoy, Meagan Morris, Paige Morris, Mandy Nelson, Vicki Russell, Danny Snell, Jordan Snell, Lisa Snell, Shannon Snell, Connie Sublette, Garrett Sublette, James Sublette, Kim Sublette, Tiffany Sublette, Ashley Tate, Carson Tate, Dana Tate, Marc Tate, Matt Tate, Joanna Vannoy, Ray Vannoy, Pamela Wiggains, and Tanya Wiggains.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

Bible Quiz for this school year is over. Our young people did an outstanding job studying the Life of Moses and the book of John. At the award ceremony Monday night, our teams brought home several trophies and ribbons ranging from 3rd Place to 1st Place. Our purpose is not to bring home trophies but to learn the Word of God. Trophies don't change lives, but God does. For that we are thankful.

Congratulations to those who participated in Bible Quiz this year: Cindy Carruth, Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Garrett Sublette, and Joanna Vannoy.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Apr. 14-16 **LTC 1995**
- Apr. 23-26 **Come & See Campaign**
- May 20 **Jr.-Sr. Night**
- May 21 **Baccalaureate**
- June 1-7 **Mexico Mission Trip**
- June 11-16 **Learning To Lead Camp**
- July 6-15 **Nebraska Mission Trip**

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Tate's Team #3 will meet Apr. 16.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I want to express my appreciation for all of the beautiful cards, the notes of encouragement, and calls the last few weeks. Thank you for caring.

Dot Hardin  
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During Daddy's illness and death your love and concern for me and my family have meant so much. Thank you for the flowers, food, cards, and hugs. The Blackstones and Perrys are very fortunate to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Love,  
Carolyn Blackstone & Family  
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Many thanks to all who remembered me with cards and calls during my recent illness, especially the groups. It helps to know you care.

Pauline Daughtry

**BIBLE HOUR**

There will be no Bible Hour on Sunday evening, April 16.

**IN SYMPATHY**

Funeral services were held last Friday in Little Rock, Arkansas for F.D. Knight, Dr. Roger Knight's brother. Doris Hunt, Billie Bob Hickman's sister, died last Saturday morning in Loop, Texas following a lengthy illness. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

**EACH LIFE AFFECTS ANOTHER'S**


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

**TV VIEWERS WRITE US....**

We frequently get letters from viewers of THE SEARCH and we would like to share some of their comments with you.

"Please accept the enclosed donation. I have been receiving your tapes for over a year now and I can tell you they keep me going. Jay Lockhart has to be the best teacher/preacher I have ever heard. Thanks so much for everything. This ministry must be a blessing to many people's lives." - Columbia, MO

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**NEW MEMBERS**

Herman<sup>74</sup> and Teen<sup>75</sup> Matysiak, parents of Jeannie Wood, have made known their wish to be identified with the West Erwin family. They are both in poor health and unable to attend services but it is important to them that they have a church home. We are pleased to welcome them into our family and want to help them in any way that we can. They live at 5074 FM 2661, 75704, ph. 593-5615.

**AREA EVENTS**

You are invited to hear Harold Taylor at the Whitehouse Church of Christ April 16 thru 19. The theme is "Building a Mighty Force For God." Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday services are at 7:00 p.m.

**HONOR A GODLY MOTHER**

You can honor a Godly woman and provide for a little child at the same time. Your donation (min. \$45.00) to Medina Children's Home will place a brass leaf with your special lady's name on our permanent tribute tree. Also the woman you honor will receive a letter from MCH describing the honor along with a package of one dozen note cards and envelopes from you as a Mother's Day present. These colorful cards were designed by Medina Children's Home children. We will even mail these for you. You and the lady you honor will be invited to the 1996 Appreciation Dinner at Medina when the tree is dedicated.

**Honor a special lady in your life and give a child an opportunity to experience a Christian family.**

See the church office for details.


**Think about it....**

"God made you as you are in order to use you as he planned."

"You may be only one but you're important. No one can take your place. No one can do what God wants you to do. Be in your place this week." - borrowed

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**THE MIND OF CHRIST** Are you growing each day in THE MIND OF CHRIST?

**CHRIST** Be sure to take a study guide with you from your Sunday morning Bible class.

A new plaque has been added to the children's library recognizing those who have donated items for our children. Many of these have been given in memory of a loved one; some are simply out of a desire to have good reading materials and Bible learning resources for our children. All are out of great love and interest for God's young ones. Stop by the children's library in room 205 and take a look at the names on this plaque. My appreciation goes to all of you who have given to the children's library over the years.

Our "Come and See" Campaign is only a week away! All of our adult Bible classes on Sunday, April 23 will meet in the auditorium for Jay's lesson, "God, My Father." Invite your friends to come and be with you in our Bible study hour at 9:00 as well as for our worship assembly.

All of our children will have their normal Bible classes on Sunday, April 23. Encourage your children to invite their friends for our campaign. Their friends will thoroughly enjoy what our teachers do in our Bible classes. Then remember that classes for all of our children through 3rd grade will be offered throughout the campaign. Dale Blackstone, Kelly Ross, and Velma Lemons are hard at work organizing the classes for these age groups.

**April 23-26 will be a great week at West Erwin!**  
**"Come and See!"**

Family Bible Fair '95 will be held on Saturday, June 10. Every other year the churches in Tyler join together for a city-wide VBS effort in Bergfeld Park. The theme for Bible Fair '95 is "Heroes of the Bible." Broadway, Glenwood, Shiloh Road, and West Erwin are all involved in this year's event. Each church will put together several Bible activity centers for families to enjoy. Some of these are Bible story centers, others are games and activities that apply or reinforce Bible lessons.

It is time to get West Erwin's part in the Bible Fair together. If you would like to be involved in this event, talk with me about it. There are several ways to participate. This will be a great outreach event for our city. In 1993 we had over 700 people participate in the Bible Fair. Let's allow God to open doors to people's lives through our efforts.

**\*\*\* There will be no Noon K-Group meeting this Sunday due to the Easter holiday. \*\*\***

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Bible Class	424	396	389
Worship A.M.	568	559	589
Worship P.M.	366	330	345
Wed. P.M.	227	272	267
Contribution	\$12,762.20	\$14,387.80	\$15,402.95
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 2 and Wed. P.M., April 5, Scott Dews, ph. 561-1992.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Mary Terry** is very ill in U.T. Health Center, room 507A. **Joe McBee** was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Monday. **George Hearne** was hospitalized last Wednesday with chest pain but went home on Sunday. **Dot Hardin** is recuperating from recent surgery. **David Byas**, Bettye Price's son-in-law, has an incurable kidney disease and is now being treated with medication. **Jim Mims**, brother-in-law of Shirley Denman, fell and injured some ribs. During examination doctors found a nodule on his lungs. He is in Medical Center, room 3533. **Bill Bruce**, a former member at West Erwin, is seriously ill. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

*Remember our shut-ins*

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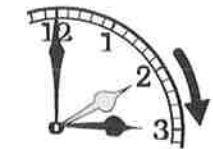
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Prayer Wayne Harrison  
Scripture Matt Haws  
Elder's Prayer James Sublette  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
David Haney

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Area-Wide Meeting  
with  
Albert Winstanley

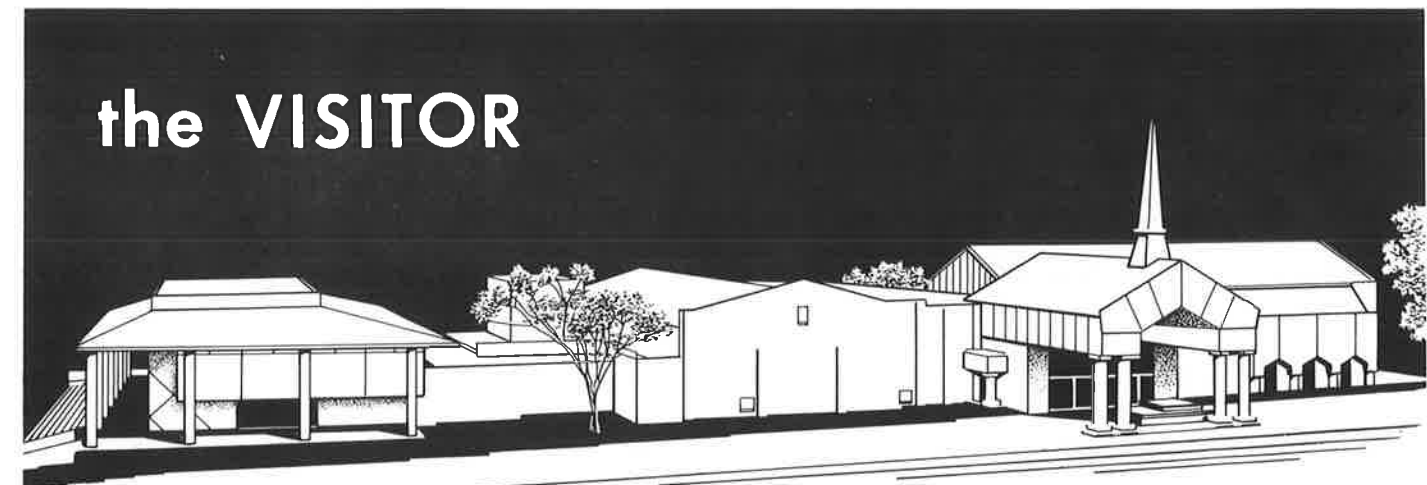
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
Daniel DuPree Scott Dews  
Ken Culpepper David Demic  
Wally Dawkins Harold Denman  
Don Durham Don Drummond

**GREETERS**  
Mike and Ann McMinn  
Jim and Priscilla Mayer




**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME  
BEGINS SUNDAY!**

Set your clocks FORWARD  
one hour Saturday night.



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**From the  
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, April 2, 1995**

- A.M. Albert Winstanley, guest speaker
- P.M. Area-Wide Meeting  
Albert Winstanley

**AUGSBURG**  
In a report from Augsburg, dated April 1, **Rudy Rischer** reported that on Sunday, February 12, the church appointed its first elders since the beginning of his work there more than 20 years ago. This is a real milestone for this church and the church in Germany. He also reported that Christel's health was improving.


**THIS SUNDAY**  
We hope you are making your plans to be with us for all assemblies Sunday as we host **Albert and Jean Winstanley**. The schedule of their visit with us will include: Albert taping THE SEARCH with me on Wednesday evening; Albert teaching the class that meets in our old auditorium on Sunday morning; Albert preaching at our morning worship service on Sunday; Albert speaking at our Area-Wide Meeting on Sunday evening; and Albert and Jean having their meals with our members each day, Wednesday through Sunday. It will be a rare treat for us, so don't miss it!

**MOMENTUM IS BUILDING**  
As we approach the first of April the countdown for our **Come And See Campaign** begins in earnest--just three weeks from now. During the next 21 days give some real emphasis to some things that will help the Campaign to be successful in every way. First, let's dedicate the four days (April 23-26) to full participation in the Campaign. Be present for every meeting. Talk about the Campaign with your family and decide together to make it a priority. Second, use the brochures (available in the foyer) to advertise and to invite. Let's remember that we can make our invitations more effective if we go by to pick up people or if we plan to meet them in the foyer. Third, be prayerful. When you pray with your family remember to pray for the Campaign in specific ways; for the three you have been thinking about; for the worship leaders; for the speaker; for yourself. When you have friends in your home, remember to pray. In leading prayers in worship and in classes, remember the Campaign. Fourth, be excited about the Campaign; talk it up for the next three weeks; and when the time arrives be at every meeting early, greet everyone warmly, and worship with enthusiasm. Fifth, if you have young children take advantage of our classes and Bible Hour each evening and tell those you invite about these opportunities. Let's do all we can. God will bless us.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who came to the performance by Harding's Belles & Beaux. Thanks to those who helped with housing the group: Daryl Anderson, Les & Carolyn Carruth, Danny & Maggie Craddock, James & Connie Sublette, and Ray & Gail Vannoy. A special thanks to Les Carruth for taking care of all the details and arrangements.

Thanks to Jim & Kelley Bell and Jerry Huff for teaching the youth classes last week. We really have a great group of folks who help teach in the youth ministry.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Chantel Haney, Mandy Nelson, and Tiffany Sublette for being selected as varsity cheerleaders at Robert E. Lee. Three of the ten cheerleaders at Lee are our West Erwin girls! Way to go!

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

Bible Readers need to have your passage picked out. Puppets will meet at 4:00. Your fee needs to be paid by Sunday, April 9. LTC is only three weeks away! Are you ready? Remember, "Life In His Name."

**BIBLE QUIZ**

The last Bible Quiz will be Monday, Apr. 10, at Shiloh Rd. John 15-21 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board. There will also be a Super Quiz over the whole book of John.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
*Garner's Team #1 will meet Apr. 2.*

**RESPONSES**

Betty Jo Barajas came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for courage to face the physical problems and mental stress that she is experiencing at this time, also for her mother-in-law who is very ill in Mexico. Her goal is heaven and she asks for spiritual strength that she may reach that goal.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear friends,  
We want to send our heartfelt thanks to you for the many visits, calls, and prayers we received during our son Jon's hospital stay in Tyler. How much your love and concern meant to us during this stressful time away from home.

Truly there are angels among us! It is wonderful to belong to such a wonderful Christian family.

In Christian love,  
Liz Lewis and family  
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Dear Friends,  
Allen and I want to thank you for your calls, cards, and prayers during the past several weeks. I am feeling much better and getting back on my feet again. It is comforting to know so many of you care and have been concerned.

We love you,  
Sherry & Allen Bobbitt  
Chris & Whitney  
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Thanks! The care and concern of a Christian family is a true blessing. Thanks so much for the prayers, visits, and calls made on my behalf during my recent surgery.

Kim Frick

**IN SYMPATHY**

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Melvin Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's dad and Becky Blackstone and Cheryl Perry's grandfather.


Cecil Bullard, Edgar Bullard's brother died last Saturday in Chesapeake, Virginia. There will be a full military service in Arlington Cemetery at a later time.

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

**AT THE END OF LIFE**

"At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love was served."  
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The Daingerfield Church of Christ invites you to their upcoming **Tenth Annual Hymn Fest** on Friday night, April 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. They are located on Hwy. 11 in Daingerfield.

You are invited to a **Gospel Meeting** to hear Shan Jackson of Palacios at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville April 2-5. Sunday services are 9:30, 10:20 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services are at 7:00 p.m.


**SMITH COUNTY HISTORICAL MEETING**

The Smith County Historical Society will meet in our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. Nelda Browning will be the guest speaker and will tell about the history of the West Erwin Church of Christ. Everyone is invited.

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"The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all - doing nothing!" - Ben Franklin  
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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*



**KOINONIA**

This Sunday, April 2, we will resume our Koinonia fellowship ministry. The leaders are in place, the groups have been divided, the first meeting dates have been set, and now all we need is for you to participate.

Koinonia is a wonderful opportunity to share some of yourself with others in the family at West Erwin. They in turn have a chance to share themselves with you. We will have two different types of groups going on this year.

1. *Noon groups* will meet each week for lunch in the fellowship hall after our Sunday morning worship. We have six groups again this year -- each group will meet every sixth week. In addition to providing an opportunity for the West Erwin family to be together, this is an ideal time to invite our Sunday morning guests to have lunch with us and get to know us more personally.
2. *PM groups* will meet for supper in homes on the second Sunday of each month. Eight groups are organized that will follow this schedule. The home groups are smaller in number and provide a more "homey" atmosphere for fellowship. We also want to invite our Sunday night guests in our worship assemblies to be a part of these meetings. Keep an eye out for guests to invite every second Sunday.

This week, you will be contacted with information about your group number and your first meeting date. Mark that date on your calendar and get ready to enjoy some delightful fellowship. We need you to be a part! Koinonia is just not the same when you are not there.

(Some of you who have come to West Erwin in the past couple of months may not have had a chance to sign up for our PM groups. Talk with me soon if you are interested in knowing more.)

\*\*\* Noon K-Group #1 will meet for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*

I need to correct some trip information I gave a couple of weeks ago. I mentioned that our benevolence workers would be taking a trip to Cherokee Children's Home at the end of May. There are some trips planned, but I had the wrong dates, places, and people. About 18 of our workers will be going to Sunny Glen Children's Home on April 5-8. At the end of May, James Phillips will be taking the pantry items that we are collecting in our children's classes to the Cherokee Home. Isn't it great that we have so many who are taking their time to show love to those who need it most?! Thanks to all of you who are making these trips.

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Worship A.M.	559	573	580
Worship P.M.	330	385	370
Wed. P.M.	272	245	240
Contribution	\$14,387.80	\$14,102.43	\$12,493.05
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 26 and Wed. P.M., Mar. 29, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Joe McBee** had successful surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Calvin Mannen** had surgery on his shoulder on Monday and is scheduled for eye surgery at a later date. **Ray Bradford** had an outpatient procedure on his back Wednesday. **Debra Elzen** is being treated for blood clots in her leg and is improved. **Shelly Sustaire** has been ill at home for a couple of weeks. **Pauline Daughtry** has been ill at home with the flu. **Joy Lord**, a frequent visitor at West Erwin, recently had cancer surgery and has requested our prayers. **Bill Bruce**, a former member at West Erwin, is seriously ill. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Julie Hunt**, Ed and Margie Hunt's daughter-in-law, is recuperating from hip surgery. Continue to remember these and others of our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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 Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan

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 Prayer Jack Garner  
 Scripture Terry Frick  
 Dismiss Nicholas Goodson

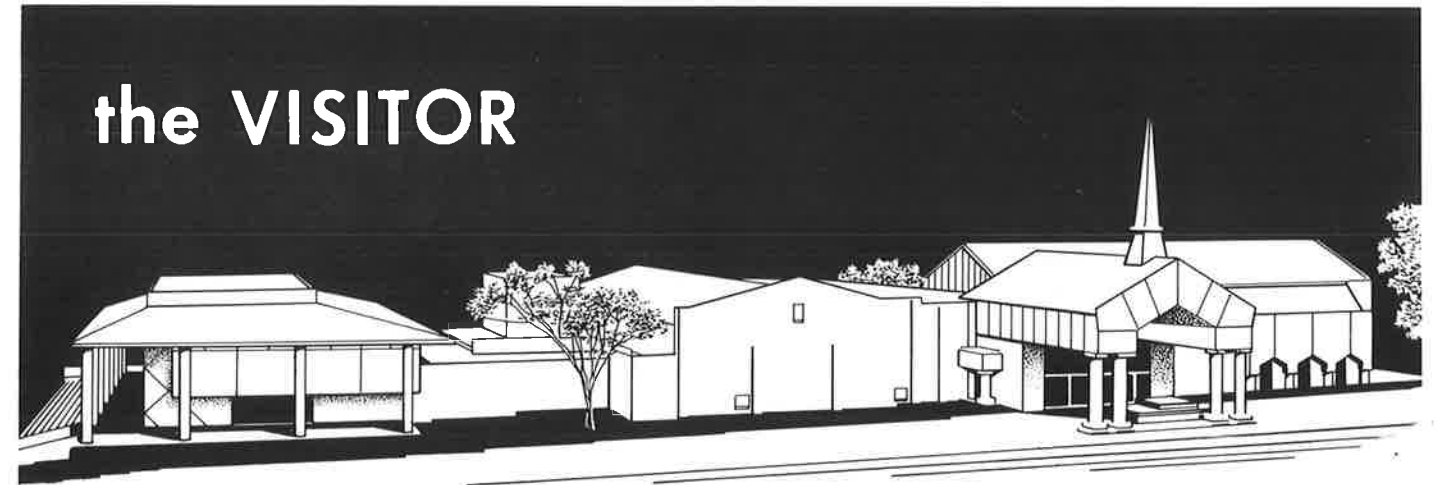
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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
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**Sermons for Sunday, March 26, 1995  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. He Calls Me (#3)  
Mark 14:3-9  
P.M. Come and See  
John 1:43-51

**COMING EVENTS**

There are several important events on the West Erwin calendar. Some of these events involve our youth and their parents, our singles, our senior citizens, and other groups within the church. However, some of these are for all of us ... and our friends and acquaintances. Here are these events designed for us all:

1. From The Heart of Tyler, With Love. This is the theme for the Springtime Special of THE SEARCH to be seen April 18, at 6:30 p.m. on KETK. This special will be designed to do two things: to give our friends in the East Texas area a clearer view of who we are and what we are seeking to accomplish from the heart of Tyler, and to promote our upcoming Come And See Campaign (April 23-26). I think you will appreciate the way the special unfolds. We plan to begin the program on the square of downtown Tyler as we talk about changes and the changeless in our world. Then we will move to our building and talk about the 110 year history of the West Erwin church. The emphasis in this segment will be upon people as we interview several folks who are representative of the West Erwin work. The final part of the special will be in an informal setting in our new auditorium as we emphasize the appeal for New Testament Christianity. I think you'll like it. An added

feature of this special is that we will have two "commercials" during the half hour which will focus upon the Come And See Campaign. A special thanks to **Don Drummond** and his business partner, **Danny Shepherd** for helping put the special together.

2. Area-Wide Meeting. It's always encouraging when a thousand or so brethren from the Tyler area meet together on a Sunday evening (we have had four of these in the recent past). Enthusiasm runs high, singing is great, and fellowship is sweet. On Sunday evening, April 2, brethren from several congregations will meet at West Erwin for singing (5 o'clock) and for the area-wide meeting (6 o'clock). We are fortunate to have **Albert Winstanley** as our speaker. I can't tell you how good all of this is going to be!
3. Come and See Campaign. The countdown has begun - just over 30 days until the Campaign. Some urgent questions: Am I committed? Have I written down my three names? Am I praying each day? Will I take full advantage of my opportunities? Can Christ count on me? We need everyone for this one!

**Be Praying for the COME AND SEE CAMPAIGN**

# Youth Notes

by  
**Danny Snell**



## BELLES & BEAUX

Harding University  
presents the  
Belles & Beaux  
in concert  
at the West Erwin Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, March 25 from 7:30 til 8:30.

Sponsored by the Department of Music at Harding, these accomplished vocalists and musicians present an outstanding program of popular music that appeals to all. There is something for everyone, so bring your family and friends.

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to go out to eat with us at Maz-zio's this coming Sunday night after worship. In-vite a friend to enjoy this fun time together.

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### WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Frank's Team #4 will meet Mar. 27.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Michael Millsap**<sup>71</sup> was baptized into Christ last Friday evening. We rejoice with him in his new birth and in his upcoming marriage to **Michelle Colston**. Michelle came Sunday to request our prayers concerning their upcoming marriage, that they might always keep God as the focal point in their lives and that they will be good Christian parents for Brandon. Their dedication is to be commended and we know that they will be an asset to the work here. Michael's address is 8414 Cambridge #2, 75703, ph. 534-4893.

We are very happy to welcome **Bobby**<sup>72</sup> and **Cheryl**<sup>73</sup> Perry back home to West Erwin. They have been living in Georgia and recently moved back home. We know that they will be blessing to the Lord and to us as we work together for Him. Their address is 724 South Porter, 75701, ph. 592-7846.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Family,

Your concern, expressed by telephone calls and many wonderful cards, meant so much to me these past few weeks. I especially appreciate your prayers and continue to solicit these on behalf of my family. Thank you for caring.

June Chapel

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Dear West Erwin Family,

In the past few weeks I have learned that you are the grace of God that is sufficient to sustain and refresh. Through my surgery, and now in recovery, your prayers, gifts, words of comfort and expressions of love have been overwhelming. Thank you so much, and may God continue to bless you.

Forest and Mary McFadden

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We want to say how very much we appreciate your outpouring of love and sympathy through the many cards and flowers we received, also words of comfort at a time of love and grief. May God bless each and every one.

Edgar & Delle Bullard

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Dr. & Mrs. Donald Richardson  
The Family of Hester Richardson  
(Delle Bullard's sister)

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To West Erwin Church Members,

Your concern during my illness has meant so much to me. Thank you for all your prayers and all other acts of love and kindness.

In Christian love,  
Jonnie Steffee

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### TRI-C CAR WASH

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### AREA EVENTS

John Thompson, former minister of the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Texas will be speaking in a **Gospel Meeting** there on the theme: Evangelistic Lessons From Acts March 26 - 29. Weekday lessons are at 12:00 noon (brown bag lunch and lesson) and at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

You are invited to attend the **Fourth Sunday Singing** on March 26 at the LaPoynor Church of Christ (1.5 miles west our God together in song! For more information call Steve Handley at 876-4334.

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### Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard



Our children's classes are having a canned food drive during the months of March, April, and May for the Cherokee Children's Home. Boxes have been set up in each class room for your children to place canned goods and pantry items on Sunday morning and Wednesday night when they come to class. At the end of our drive, we'll tell you how much food was collected and which classes collected the most.

Let's work together to serve some children who need our help. Give your children the opportunity to experience the joy of service. Take them to the store with you. Let them pick out some canned goods to bring each week. And let's watch these boxes overflow with food for Cherokee Children's Home.

**The bi-weekly Singles Bible Study** will meet this Monday, March 27. Make your plans to come and bring a friend as we get together for Bible study and fellowship. *Growing Healthy Relationships* is the topic that we have been working on. This week we will discuss "The Meaning of Love." Join us at Danny and Maggie Craddock's home for this enriching time together.

### THE MIND OF CHRIST

Are you growing each day in THE MIND OF CHRIST?  
Be sure to take a study guide with you from your Sunday morning Bible class.

**"What has happened to Koinonia."** you have asked? Plans are to get our groups going again the first of April. We have had a difficult time finding leaders for each of our groups (in fact, I still need about 3 couples to help in this role).

In the coming week or so, you should receive information about your new Koinonia Group and your first gathering. These have always been delightful times of fellowship, and things are being done to make them even more special. Decide now to enjoy the rich relationships you will make through Koinonia. Your love for others will be returned with love for you. Let's make 1995 a growing year for fellowship!

### Are you praying daily for these events?

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Dayne Harris**, son of Keith and Tina, suffered a slight skull fracture in a bike accident last Sunday afternoon but was dismissed from the hospital on Monday. **Kim Frick** had day surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Melvin Crow** had eye surgery Tuesday. **Sherry Bobbitt** was in Medical Center for tests on Tuesday. **Joe McBee** is scheduled for surgery March 22 at Mother Frances Hospital. **Rozener Strait** is ill at Glenview Nursing Center. **Zorado Sherman** is back at Glenview Nursing Center after having a stroke. **June Chapel, Marikate Davis, Norma Durham, Beatrice Holland, Jonnie Steffee** and **Forest McFadden** are all recuperating at home. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Julie Hunt**, daughter-in-law of Ed and Margie Hunt, had hip surgery last week at Brooke Hospital in San Antonio. **David Byas**, son-in-law of Bettye Price, had surgery March 9 in Fort Worth. **Mildred Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' mother, is doing well after surgery Monday in Abilene.

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Scripture Daniel Dupree  
Elder's Prayer Joe McBee

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**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

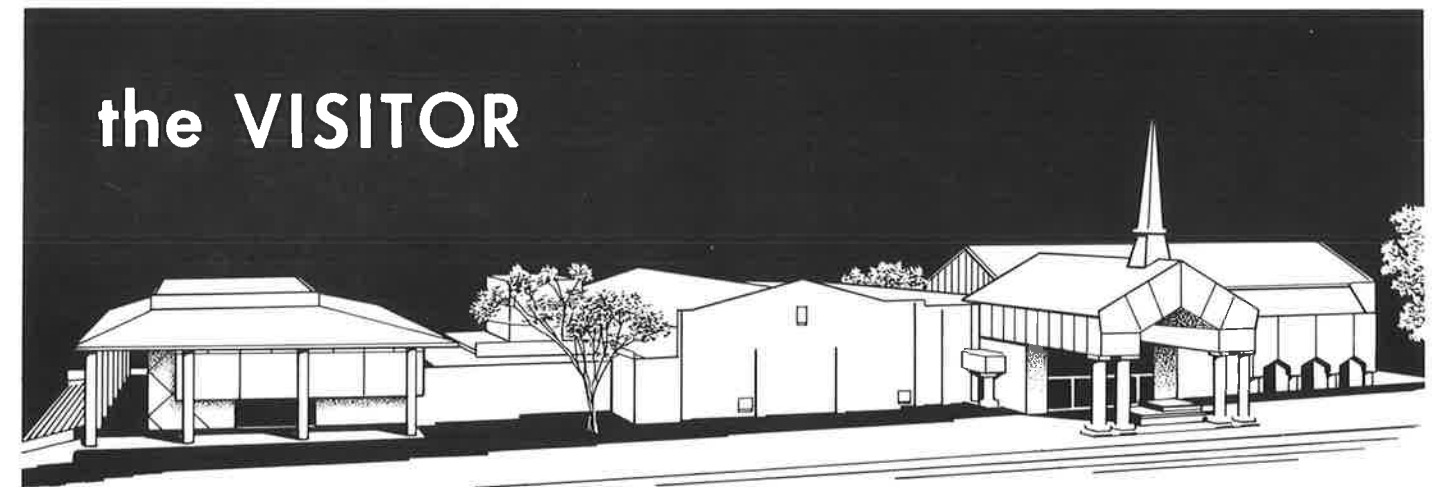
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- A.M. He Calls Me (#2)  
Mark 8:34-38
- P.M. Why Are The Watchmen Silent? (#3)  
Acts 4:7-12

**I WENT AND SAW AND HEARD**

Last Sunday night, after our evening assembly, I attended the Awards Program for our Bible Hour kids. Not only did those present (primarily parents and grandparents of the kids) enjoy a good hot dog and chili supper, but we were given a demonstration of what the Bible Hour people have accomplished. The Bible knowledge of those young people is amazing. Some may say, "We need the message of the Bible, not just the facts," but it has been my experience that if we do not know the facts we do not know the message either. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who served the meal (I saw **Connie Sublette, Gail Vannoy, Kelly and Jeannie Ross, and Paige Morris** doing this -- maybe others were involved as well), but especially to those who have worked untiringly in this program: **Dale and Carolyn Balckstone** have been the bulwarks of the program and have received significant help from **James and Connie Sublette, Ray and Gail Vannoy**, as well as **Tiffany and Garrett Sublette**. Others have helped, too. Thanks to you all for a job well done!

**TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19**


Following our assembly on Sunday evening, March 19, our elders are inviting us to stay in the auditorium for a few minutes for a "Town Meeting" of the church. Our shepherds have some ideas and plans they want to share with us and they want our input. All men, women, and young people are asked to attend.

**AREA-WIDE MEETING**

We are all looking forward to the visit of our friends from England, **Albert and Jean Winstanley**, March 29 - April 2. Albert will be taping THE SEARCH with me on Wednesday, March 29, and will preach at West Erwin on Sunday morning, April 2. That night we will host an Area-Wide meeting. This is going to be great! Make your plans!

**Be Praying for the COME AND SEE CAMPAIGN (April 23-26)**

**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

We had over 180 people from Tyler attend the Lock-in at Celebration Station this last weekend. Thanks to those from West Erwin who helped sponsor this fun event: Gary Aven, Bob Bryant, Dwayne Bryant, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, and Michelle Kuechle. We always appreciate those who are willing to go the extra mile (or sleepless night) for the sake of our young people.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Carla Lemons for being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Moore Middle School. Way to go Carla!

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To the West Erwin Church of Christ,  
Your kindness and generosity overwhelms me during my illness as you send me the most delicious meal each week, the food, cards, visits, and telephone calls are very much appreciated. The gorgeous chrysanthemum has really brightened the dark dreary days for me this week. I hate to see it wither and fade. I'm reminded of Isaiah 40:8 that says, "The grass withered, the flower faded, but the word of God shall stand forever." Thanks for everything.

Beatrice Holland

**COMMENDATION**

The Timothy class received the following letter and we wanted to share it with you.

Dear Young Men,

My husband and I feel very privileged to have been visiting West Erwin on Sunday, February 19th when the Timothy class led the evening services. You all did a wonderful job and should feel very proud. The song leading, scripture reading, and the devotionals were all done with such a manner that brought tears to my husband's eyes. You see, it brought back memories of growing up at West Erwin and doing what you did that Sunday night. Back then it was not called Timothy Class but someone took it upon themselves to encourage the young men. I commend the leader of the Timothy Class and all of you young men for your work at West Erwin. You are an asset to the church and both of us are so glad we were there to share in your services. May God bless each of you, and guide you in your work!


Sincerely,  
Col. & Mrs. Ramon Ivey

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Funeral services were held last Tuesday in McKenzie, Tennessee for Hester Richardson, Delle Bullard's sister.  
Graveside services were held in Calhoun City, Mississippi last Saturday for Jewel Philpot, mother of Jimmie Philpot.  
Graveside services were held Monday at Celeste Cemetery near Quitman for Dreyfus Aven, great uncle of Gary Aven.  
John Wallace, John Wallace's dad, died Monday in Selma, Alabama. Services are pending at this time (Wednesday a.m.).  
Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is not law." Galatians 5:22-23  
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**MISSION TRIP**

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**BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE**

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

- Frank Herbert Sweet

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

**THE MIND OF CHRIST**

Are you growing each day in THE MIND OF CHRIST through your daily Bible study? Be sure to take a study guide from your Sunday morning class each week. Grow in THE MIND OF CHRIST!



A group of our benevolence workers are planning their annual trip to Cherokee Children's Home at the end of May. They always take several items with them to help with some of the needs of the children there. This year along with the other things they will take, they want to take canned goods to stock the pantry at Cherokee.

Our children's classes will have a canned food drive during the months of March, April, and May for the Cherokee Children's Home. A box will be set up in each class room for your children to place canned goods and pantry items each Sunday morning or Wednesday night when they come to class. At the end of our drive, we'll tell you how much food was collected.

Let's work together to help out some kids who need our help. Give your children the opportunity to experience the joy of service. Take them to the store with you. Let them pick out some canned goods to bring each week. And let's watch these boxes overflow with food for Cherokee Children's Home.

**The bi-weekly Singles Bible Study** will not meet this week due to the public schools' Spring Break week. Several of our singles have plans to be out of town. Get ready for March 27 as we get together again for the Bible study. "Growing Healthy Relationships" is the topic that we have been working on. Join us at Danny and Maggie Craddock's home for this enriching time together.

**Are you praying daily for these events?**

- o City-Wide Assembly April 2
- o "Come and See" Campaign April 23-26
- o Family Bible Fair '95 June 10

Records	Sunday Mar. 5	Sunday Feb. 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	398	368
Worship A.M.	567	584	558
Worship P.M.	341	284	362
Wed. P.M.	238	197	263
Contribution	\$14,446.61	\$13,055.26	\$14,706.60
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 12 and Wed. P.M., Mar. 15, David Haney, Jr., ph. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Marikate Davis** is now at home and is being treated for ulcers. **Zorado Sherman** is in Doctor's Memorial following a massive stroke. **Rozener Strait** is ill at Glenview Nursing Center. **Jonnie Steffee** entered Medical Center on Monday for tests. She is in room 6617. **Beatrice Holland** was hospitalized but is now at home. **Sherry Bobbitt** has been undergoing tests. **Norma Durham** is recovering at home from recent surgery. **Forest McFadden** continues to recover at home. **June Chapel** is recuperating at home. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Mark Cauthen** got a good report after surgery last week. **Julie Hunt**, daughter-in-law of Ed and Margie Hunt, is in Brooke Hospital in San Antonio for surgery on her hip. The Hunt's granddaughter, **Amanda Hunt**, is recovering at home from pneumonia. **Kristi McCollum**, granddaughter of Charles and Ann McCoy, is recuperating at home from kidney surgery. **Emma Richards**, Edna Hodnett's niece, is doing well following surger for a brain tumor last week in Dallas. **David Byas**, son-in-law of Bettye Price, is scheduled for surgery March 9 in Fort Worth. **Mildred Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' mother, is scheduled for surgery March 13.

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Prayer Scott Dews  
Scripture Dickey Dale  
Dismiss Mike Downing

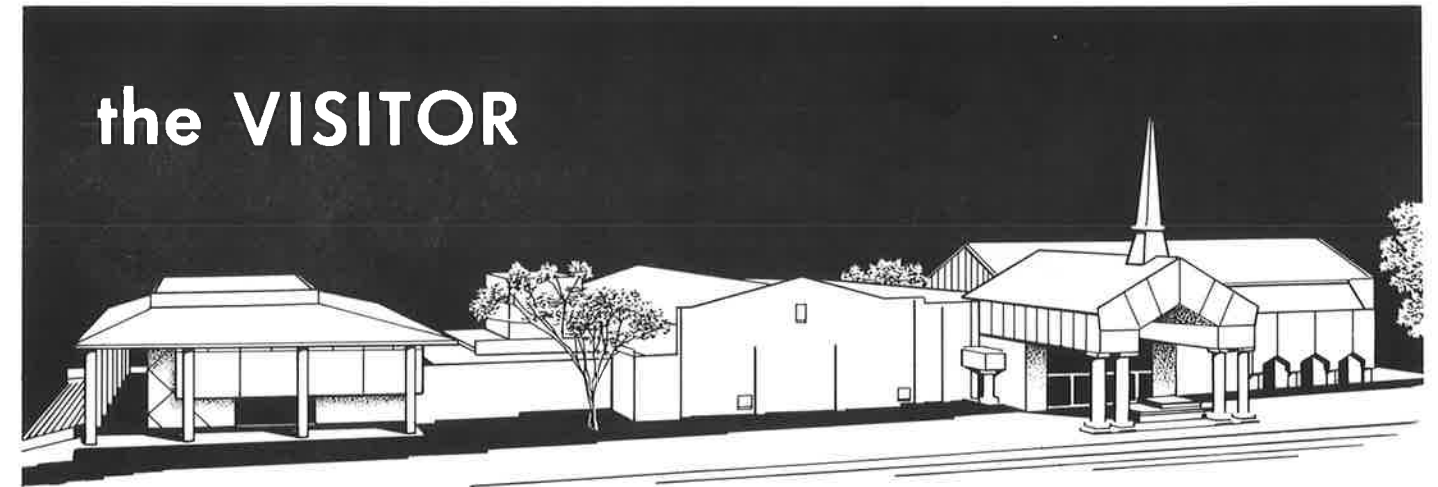
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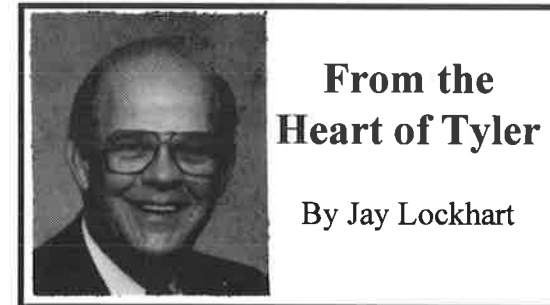
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, March 12, 1995  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. He Calls Me (1 of 3)  
(I Samuel 3:1-10)

P.M. Why Are The Watchmen Silent?  
(Matthew 14:22-23)

**ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

Some of us will be interested in attending an Estate Planning Seminar, presented by Milton Fletcher and Bill Spann of Abilene Christian University's ACU Foundation. The seminar will be conducted in our Fellowship Building on Wednesday evening, March 22, from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. (please note the one hour and thirty minute time frame). The program will include such things as: Estate Planning Objectives, Four Ways to Transfer Assets to Others Without Taxes, Wills, Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuity, Life Estate Agreements, and a Question and Answer period. This seminar is designed to help us in our planning; it is free of charge, and is not a fund raiser. If you can benefit from this session plan to attend.

**WINSTANLEYS ARRIVE MARCH 21**

Albert and Jean Winstanley, who have been supported by the Glenwood church in their work in England for more than twenty-five years, will be in Tyler from March 21 - April 3. They will be with the Glenwood brethren from March 21 through 28 and with us at West Erwin from March 29 through April 2. During their stay with us Albert will be filming THE SEARCH with me on Wednesday

evening, March 29, will be preaching at our morning assembly on April 2, and will be preaching for an Area-Wide meeting at our building on Sunday evening, April 2. We remember the Winstanleys from their visit with us a few years ago and appreciate them as faithful workers in the kingdom through the years. Albert is a powerful preacher and a recent are-wide Elder-Preachers meeting decided to invite him to speak for the first of two are-wide meetings which we plan for 1995. What a great day this will be!


**ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS**

We have often wondered who looks after the automobiles of our retired folks, especially our widows--oil changes, grease, tire pressure, minor tune-ups and repairs. We have some people at West Erwin who would like to offer this service to those who need it and the cost would only be for supplies. If you could use such a service, call the church office or write on the back of your attendance card next Sunday.

**Be Praying for the COME AND SEE CAMPAIGN  
(April 23-26)**

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to Matt & Rhonda Haws and Earl & Melinda O'Quinn for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday night. It was great!

Thanks to the following who helped with the Briarcliff Worship Sunday afternoon: *Chris Ables, Cody Ables, Gary Ables, Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Chris Elzen, Debra Elzen, Brett Hone, Jeff Hone, Josh Hone, and Garrett Sublette.* It is a real blessing to be able to spend this time together in worship with the folks at Briarcliff Village Retirement Center.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

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**CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN**

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**BIBLE QUIZ**

Bible Quiz will be Monday Mar. 13 at Glenwood. We will start at 7:00 and end at 8:00. John 10-14 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board. We will practice Sunday at 5:00.

**HARDING'S BELLES & BEAUX**

A wonderful pop-music group from Harding Univ. will be at West Erwin on Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 for a performance. We are in need of 6 families to house them Saturday night. See me for more details. Don't miss this one!

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Mar. 10 Celebration Station Lock-In
- Mar. 12 LTC Work Session
- Mar. 13 Bible Quiz at Glenwood
- Mar. 25 Harding's Belles & Beaux
- Apr. 14-16 LTC 1995
- June 1-7 Mexico Mission Trip
- June 11-16 Learning To Lead Camp

**WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY**  
Powell's Team #2 will meet Mar. 13.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class has a special treat in store on Wednesday, March 15. **Sally Rasco Paden** recently returned after a two-year work in Italy with her husband, Harold, and will be the guest speaker that day. You won't want to miss it!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Ray Womack** took the bronze medal recently in the age 70-74 60-meters at the USA Master Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Reno, Nevada Convention Center. He also placed fifth in the 60-meter high hurdles. Congratulations, Ray!

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**BENEVOLENT WORK**


There is a need for all sizes in clothing, especially men's shoes, socks, underwear and children's clothing. Please bring in season clothing, clean, and in good repair. We can also use dishes, cookware, small appliances, furniture or anything else to be used in the home (all in working order). If you would like to donate items for this work, the Benevolent Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or you may bring donations to the church office week days from 8:30 to 5:00.

**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; and they will come but will only grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the 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.

--via West Helena, AR

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With love,  
Tri-C Family



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This is the title of the new study we began Sunday morning. Paul exhorts us to "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. . . ." (Philippians 2:5) This study will help us identify from Scripture the traits of the Christlike mind, and develop in our lives in very practical ways the virtues of the mind of Christ. Get ready to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2) as we dig into THE MIND OF CHRIST.

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**Grow in THE MIND OF CHRIST!**

**We began a new series in our Wednesday night classes** as well this week. Enjoy one of these classes as you participate in the study of God's word.

	Room	Teacher
<i>The Search: Timeless Principles from Mt. Sinai</i>	Auditorium	Jay Lockhart
<i>2 Corinthians</i>	111	Robert Colley
<i>A Growing, Living Faith</i>	112	Dewey Howard
<i>Foundations of the Church</i> (Discussion for men)	113	Don Durham
<i>The Servant's Discipline</i> Video series especially for elders and deacons	Chapel	Phil Marts
College & Singles	305	Stan Clark

**In the hectic pace of the last few weeks, I have not taken** an opportunity to tell all of you how much my family appreciates the care and concern you showed during Matthews recent illness and time in the hospital. Your encouragement and strength helped at a time when we needed it the most. Thanks for your calls, prayers, notes, and visits. It is truly a blessing to be a part of the family of God. You make the rough times go so much smoother.



**BABY SHOWER**

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Marisa Suggs

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Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

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**TAKE TIME**

Take Time:

- To **think**. It is the source of power.
- To **play**. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
- To **read**. It is the fountain of wisdom.
- To **pray**. It is the greatest power on earth.
- To **love and be loved**. It is a God-given privilege.

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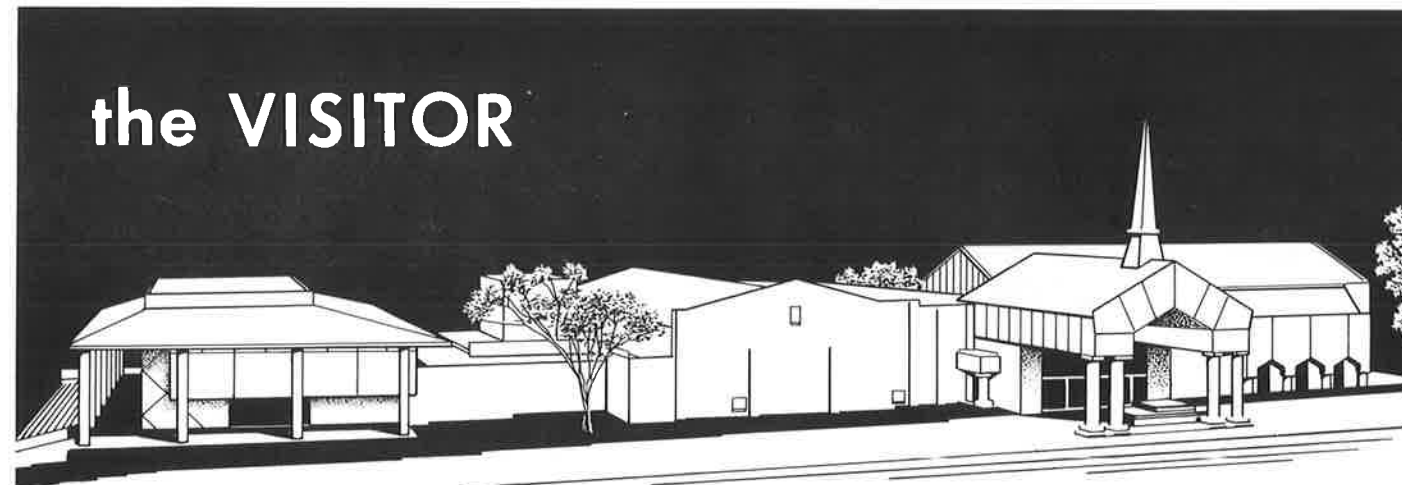
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**Sermons for Sunday, March 5, 1995  
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A.M. What Shall This Man Do?  
(John 21:15-22)

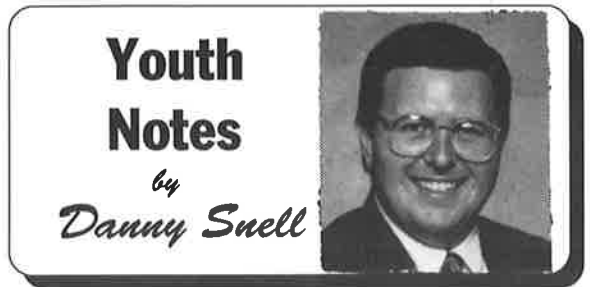
P.M. Why Are The Watchmen Silent?  
(Ezekiel 33:1-9)

**DID YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAID?**

There are more than 200,000 words in the English language but we use only about 600 in conversation each day. Yet these 600 words have 1500 definitions! No wonder we have difficulties in communication. No wonder we have to clarify what we mean. Most of the time we know what we mean when we communicate with others, but there are times when we convey to people things we do not mean and things we do not want them to think we mean. This happened in the Bible. I would imagine that one minute after Cain asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?", he wished he hadn't asked it that way. Moses didn't mean to take credit that belonged to God alone when he asked, "Must we bring forth water...?" but he missed the promised land for it. Peter must have wished he hadn't said it when he blurted out the momentous lie, "I do not know the man!", but he did say it and could never forget. Sometimes we say what we don't mean. When asked, "How are you?", we may respond, "Fine" even though we have a 102

degree temperature. "How do you like my dress?" may bring a response like, "It's lovely!", while we are thinking, "Why would anyone be seen in public in that rag?" We may sing in church, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord," or "Oh, How I Love Jesus," or "I'll go where you want me to go," but the real issue is, do we mean what we say? Sometimes actions do speak louder than words. In our upcoming Come and See Campaign, we will be saying by our support, "I love Christ and His church. I love this church. I believe the gospel is important. I am concerned about the lost. I am interested in the encouragement and up-building of the brethren." What will we be saying if we choose not to be involved? And is that what we want to be saying to God, our brethren, the community? Think about it. We really need your support for this one. Commit yourself to these four days, to these six hours. It's not much to ask or to give to the One who gave His all for us.

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**THANKS!**

Thanks to Dewey Howard and all of those who put on the wonderful dinner for the West Erwin teachers. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of Christians who are willing to teach God's wonderful love to those of all ages. We are especially blessed to have those who teach the youth classes. Hats off to you for sharing your lives with our young people.

**BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP**

We will be doing the worship assembly for the Briarcliff Retirement Center this coming Sunday afternoon from 3:00-3:45. Everyone is needed to come and help, including parents and folks of all ages. Our young men will be leading the worship time. Please meet at West Erwin at 2:30 and we will take the bus. After the assembly, we will come back to West Erwin to work on LTC.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

Bulletin Boards will meet at 5:00 and need to be finished ASAP. Puppets will meet at 4:00.

**COMBINED ACTIVITY**

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night. Invite a friend to come and be a part of this great evening together.

**CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN**

Friday, March 10, is the date for the Lock-in at Celebration Station. We will be leaving at 9:30 Friday night and returning for breakfast early Saturday morning. Cost is \$20.00 which needs to be paid by Wednesday, March 8. The sign-up list is posted by the Youth Bulletin Board. Deadline for signing up is March 5. You are welcome to invite one friend to go and if transportation allows at a later date, others may be invited.

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**WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY**  
*Garner's Team #1 will meet Mar. 5.*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are very pleased to welcome **David<sup>67</sup>** and **Kay<sup>68</sup> Hanley**, and their sons, David (18), Kevin (15), and Daryn (8), back home to West Erwin. They were members here several years ago before moving away and have been attending here for some time since coming back to Tyler. Their address is 1123 Powers, 75701, ph. 533-1060.

**Charles<sup>69</sup>** and **Freida<sup>70</sup> Starr** and daughter Monica (6) have made known their wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church. Monica enjoys being a part of our Bible Hour. They live in Chandler at 8263 FM 315 N, 75758, ph. 849-4450. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing family.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICES 1975 - 1995  
 CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN**

Christian Services of East Texas is embarking on its 21st year as a licensed child-placing agency serving hurting families all over East Texas regardless of race, creed, color or religion. The primary focus is foster care, although other services include adoption services in cooperation with other agencies, maternity counseling and information/referral services. The agency is led by a twelve member Board of Directors made up of men and women who are active members of Tyler, Longview, and Henderson churches of Christ. **Marc Tate** from West Erwin is serving as current President of the Board of Directors. **Marian Rowe** served as social worker for the agency in its infancy.

Christian Services is supported by a number of area churches of Christ. West Erwin has been one of its largest supporting churches since the beginning. Not only is the agency blessed by having individuals from West Erwin who give on a regular basis to this ministry, but the congregation has always responded when needs arise. Financial support is also provided by individuals who give through the memorial/honorarium program. The agency also receives some corporate matching gifts and limited grant funds.

Currently having twelve foster families to serve children in crisis, we are fortunate to have families from West Erwin respond to the calling of serving as foster parents. **Danny and Lisa Snell, Jerry and Debbie Hastings, and Wade and Sandra Park** are all certified to serve as foster, group home, or relief parents. Other foster families are from other congregations in Tyler and in the East Texas area. There is a growing need for more foster families, especially in the Tyler area.

During 1994, CSET served 36 children in foster care, which is an 80% increase over 1993. The Group Home in Whitehouse successfully completed its first year of operation in service to children, housing 8 of these 36 children. This home was truly a gift from God, and we continue to look for ways to serve children and glorify Him through its use. We are in the process of developing ways that area churches may become more involved in a personal way by providing needed services and goods for the home on a regular basis. If you would like more information about Christian Services, please call 592-3850.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

The Tri-C, 1415 S. Baxter, will have Parent's Night Out Friday, March 10 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. for children ages 2 through 5th grade. The cost is \$5.00 for the first child and \$3.00 for each additional child. Please call 593-3331 for more information and to make reservations.

**IN APPRECIATION**

We would like to thank all of you for the wonderful food, the flowers, cards, kindnesses and many prayers for Mother. She had a deep love for her brothers and sisters at West Erwin and dear God in heaven. God bless you.

The Family of Helen Wright  
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the visits, phone calls, many cards, food and prayers. Your kindness and sweet expressions of faith will never be forgotten. I am so glad that Don and I are members of the West Erwin family.

Thank you,  
 Norma Durham  
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Perhaps you sent a card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of Ophelia Rackcliff  
 (Leon Santos' sister)

During a time like this we realize how much our church family means to us. The spray of white carnations was so pretty. Your expression of sympathy is appreciated.

Yours in Christ,  
 Leon & Louise Santos



**BABY SHOWER**

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Marisa Suggs

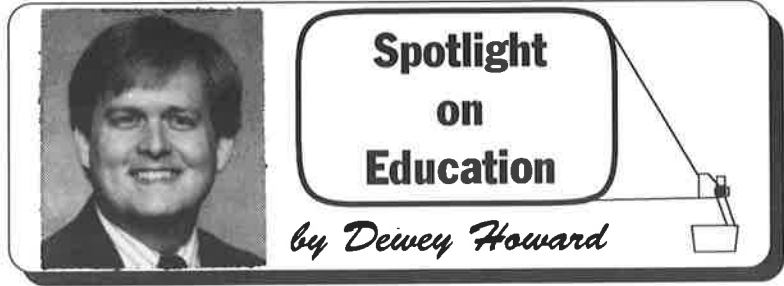
Saturday, March 11 - 2:00 until 4:00 at the home of Arlene Lockhart 3312 Oak Village Drive

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

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 YOUNG AT HEART will meet Thursday, March 9, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.  
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**Are YOU praying daily for the 100?**

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*Hats Off to our Teachers!*

**Sunday night was a delightful experience** as we took some time to say, "Thank!" to you who have worked in our teaching ministry over the past year. You who have taught and helped in Sunday morning classes, Wednesday evening classes, the workroom, VBS, Bible Hour, Children's Church, and other special events -- West Erwin owes a great deal to you and we appreciate you for loving us, teaching us, and caring for us.

Over 200 people worked in the education ministry over the past year. And while we appreciate all of these, we honored several people for special accomplishments from the past year. I want you to know about these so that you can add your own bit of thanks.

**First time teachers at West Erwin**

- |                |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Cindy Bradford | Norma Durham   | Mary Poulsen    |
| Kim DuPree     | Sandra Wingate | LaDawn Ragsdale |
| Kim Mayer      | Jeff Parrish   | Shelly Sustaire |
| Ruth Ellis     |                |                 |

**Year-Round Teachers for 1994**

- |                |                 |                |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Jeanine Hughes | Jo Butler       | Marisa Suggs   |
| Velma Lemons   | Claudia Griffis | Stephanie Pate |
| Danny Snell    | Jay Lockhart    | Hillard Hughes |
| Ray Vannoy     | Roy Bench       | Fern Bench     |
| Sue Starnes    | Jeff Fennell    | Stan Clark     |

**Pioneers for Starting Something New**

- |                      |                |                        |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Jane Jones           | Jan Cook       | Billie Morgan          |
| Donna Maples         | Lisa Snell     | Hillard Hughes         |
| Jeff Hone            | Danny Craddock | Wally Dawkins          |
| Matt Haws            | Jerry Huff     | Shane Wilmoth          |
| Kelly & Jeannie Ross |                | John & Mary Poulsen    |
| John & Terry Shaw    |                | Stuart & Marisa Suggs  |
| Mark & Angel Gregory |                | Gary & Julie Ables     |
| Steve & Diane Denman |                | Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale |
| Don Durham           |                |                        |

**Workshop Teachers in 1994**

- |                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Dale & Carolyn Blackstone | Gail Vannoy |
| Velma Lemons              | Joan Jordan |
| James & Connie Sublette   |             |
| Angela Howard             |             |

**Coordinators for the Education Ministry**

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tommy & Donna Lowrance    | Angela Howard         |
| Jim & Kelley Bell         | Danny Snell           |
| Mary June Goodson         | Gary & Frances Broome |
| Kelly & Jeannie Ross      | Frances McBee         |
| Dale & Carolyn Blackstone | Velma Lemons          |

**Honored by Gospel Advocate as one of their Teachers of the Year**

- Tommy and Donna Lowrance  
**Lifetime Achievement Award**  
 Sue Starnes

At West Erwin, we have some of the best around. Praise God for His abundant blessings in our teaching ministry.

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	Feb. 19	Feb. 12	Ago
Bible Class	369	394	383
Worship A.M.	526	564	526
Worship P.M.	310	381	345
Wed. P.M.	263	252	NC
Contribution	\$11,233.93	\$14,327.66	\$15,490.20
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 26, and Wed. P.M., Mar. 1, Melvin Crow, ph. 581-6988.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Forest McFadden** had surgery Wednesday at Medical Center Hospital. **Jonnie Steffee** is in Medical Center, room 6606. She has diverticulitis. **Lisa Snell** is at home and awaiting further treatment after a gall bladder attack Tuesday night. **Chelsea Dale**, 5-year old daughter of Dickey and Beth Dale, is ill at home with pneumonia. **Norma Durham** is recuperating at home from recent surgery. **Harold Browning** is ill at home with pneumonia. **June Chapel** is ill at home with pneumonia. **Simone Peoples** is undergoing therapy following a car accident. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Melvin Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's dad, is in U.T. Health Center. Preliminary reports were good on **A.Z. Aven**, Gary Aven's dad and a former West Erwin member. He is having further tests. **Krista McCollum**, granddaughter of Charles and Ann McCoy had kidney surgery Wednesday at Medical City in Dallas. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother is ill. **David Byas**, son-in-law of Bettye Price, is scheduled for surgery March 9 in Fort Worth.

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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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(903) 592-0809	

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Dan Payne  
 Scripture Ken Elzen  
 Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Robert Colley

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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 Prayer Faber Cauthen  
 Scripture Danny Craddock  
 Dismiss Dan Cullinan

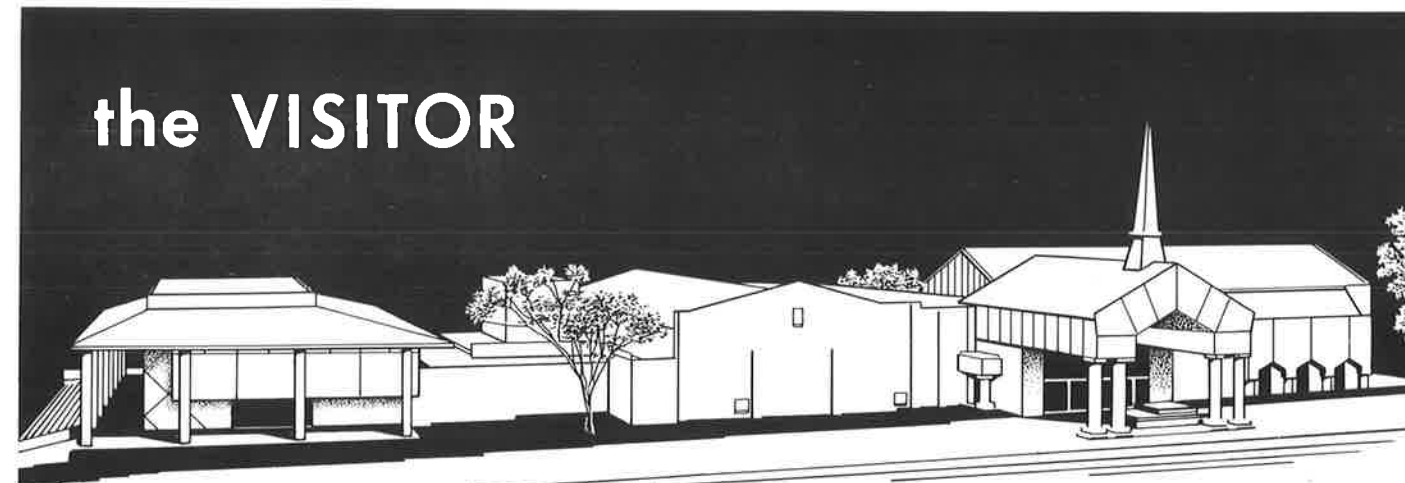
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Henry Brown Bob Clemmons  
 Paul Brumitt Earl Clucas  
 Dwayne Bryant Bob Bryant  
 John Cliver Faber Cauthen

GREETERS


John & Ruby Cliver  
 Charles & Louise Seaberry

Ellen Sessions, sister-in-law of Claude Sessions, died Tuesday night in Jacksonville. Services are pending at this time (Wednesday morning). Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.



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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, February 26, 1995  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. Who's Number One?  
 (Colossians 1:13-23)  
 P.M. When Life's Music Is Out Of Harmony  
 (Psalm 73:25-28)


**COME AND SEE CAMPAIGN SET FOR APRIL 23-26**

Last Sunday **Ira Wilson**, chairman of our elders for this quarter, announced that the West Erwin elders had invited me to preach in our spring series of meetings, April 23-26. This invitation is humbling to me because, first, not many preachers receive an invitation like this and, second, I feel inadequate. You will be hearing a great deal about this upcoming meeting over the next two months, but for right now I want to share three observations with you. First, there are those who tell us the day for this kind of meeting is over. It could be that they are right, but I'm not ready to join them. It is true that we have more pressures on our time than we have ever had, but the problem may be more of a heart problem than a time problem. There is a time and a place for preaching -- God put a pretty high priority on it as He gave us our world-wide commission (Mark 16:15) and the examples of His Son and Paul, His apostle. Someone has sold us a bill of goods when they have told us that preaching is no longer relevant. I'm almost amused when I hear of a seminar or workshop where someone gets up before a large audience and expounds for 45 or 50

minutes on the idea that the only effective way to teach people is in classes or small groups for short segments of time. I'm not minimizing small groups or teaching in segments of time, but there is a place for preaching. People who believe the world is lost, that the church needs edified, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation and for the building up of the church, will always appreciate preaching and will support special efforts to proclaim the message with attendance and enthusiasm. Second, we need to be more aware of those who need the gospel. This is not the 50's and 60's, but there are people who are searching and, while it may be more difficult to fill a building, there are those who will come if we do ... and if we will ask them. Third, we really do need your help for this meeting -- your interest help, your prayer help, your attendance help, your inviting help. In the weeks ahead we will be sharing other specific things you can do to help, but for now, please mark your calendar (April 23-26) and commit yourself now to give your full support.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to Gary & Frances Broome, David & Helen Chambers, Marie Styron, and Scott Dews for hosting the activity Sunday night. Thanks to Matt Helms and his band for an excellent concert. It was a great time together!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Ashleigh Cantrell for being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Holloway Middle School.

Congratulations to Matt Tate for making the freshman Baseball team at Robert E. Lee High School. Way to go Gang!

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

Bulletin Boards will meet at 5:00. Please remember that the deadline for Pre-Convention events is Feb. 26. All Pre-Convention projects must be turned in to me by Sunday.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY**

The activity scheduled for Sunday night has been postponed so that everyone can attend the Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

**CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN**

Friday, March 10, is the date for the Lock-in at Celebration Station. This is a city wide event and most of the other churches in Tyler will be going. We have the whole place reserved exclusively. We will be leaving sometime Friday night and returning for breakfast early Saturday morning. Cost is \$20.00 which needs to be paid by Wednesday, March 8. The sign-up list is posted by the Youth Bulletin Board. Deadline for signing up is March 1. You are welcome to invite one friend to go and if transportation allows at a later date, others may be invited. Sign up ASAP.

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- Mar. 25 Harding's Belles & Beaus
- Apr. 14-16 LTC 1995
- June 1-7 Mexico Mission Trip
- June 11-16 Learning To Lead Camp

**WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY**  
Womack's Team #4 will meet Feb. 27.

**IN APPRECIATION**

A very special thanks for the cards, visits, prayers, calls, and words of concern for me during my recent surgery and illness. A special thanks to those that brought me food and drove me to the doctor before I was able to drive again.

In Christian love,  
Bill Endsley  
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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Helen Wright, long-time member at West Erwin, died Friday night. Funeral services were held Monday morning at Burks-Walker-Tippitt.

Services were held Saturday in Alvin, Texas for Ophelia Radcliff, Leon Santos' sister.

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their time of sorrow.

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**IN LOVE WITH LIFE**

*If you don't like life, it's the way you're living,  
A little less taking, 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!*

*"It isn't our position but our disposition that makes us happy!"*

*The Search*



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

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER**

**Aubrey Denman<sup>66</sup>** came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin family. He is the father of our Harold Denman and we are very pleased to welcome him into our growing family. His address is Route 5, Box 495, CR 495, 75706, ph. 882-9156

**RESPONSE**

**Dalton Simmons** has requested the prayers of his church family to help him with language problems. It is our privilege to pray one for another.

**Can you help?**  
Could you contribute 30 minutes of your time each week or even each month to help your fellow Christians? If you could make a phone call, or a visit, remember a birthday, or just send a card to let our shut-ins or those in nursing homes know that we are thinking about them, it would help them and it would help you too. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call Jack Garner, at 592-7686.

**BIBLE HOUR**


There is a need for empty egg cartons to be used in the Bible Hour program. If you have some you can donate, please bring them to the church office or give them to Dale or Carolyn Blackstone.

**WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL**

*YOU CAN'T CONTROL the length of your life - but you can control its width and depth.  
YOU CAN'T CONTROL the contour of your face - but you can control its expression.  
YOU CAN'T CONTROL the weather - but you can control the atmosphere of your mind.  
WHY WORRY about things you can't control, when you can keep yourself busy controlling the things that depend on you?*

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

*Hats Off to our Teachers!*

*Teacher Appreciation Dinner*

*in the Fellowship Hall*

*on Sunday, February 26*

*following our evening worship assembly.*

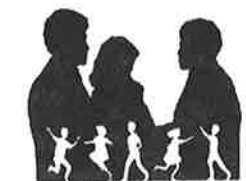
*Child care provided*

*Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, February 24 - 592-0809*

**THE MIND OF CHRIST**

This is the title of the new Sunday morning study to begin on March 5. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. . ."* (Philippians 2:5) This study will help you identify from Scripture the traits of the Christlike mind, and develop in your life in very practical ways the virtues of the mind of Christ. Get ready to be *"transformed by the renewing of your mind"* (Romans 12:2) as we dig into THE MIND OF CHRIST.

**East Texas Teacher Training Workshop**



**Saturday, March 4, 1995**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Alpine Church of Christ**  
**Longview, Texas**



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Bible Class	394	396	383
Worship A.M.	564	562	526
Worship P.M.	381	340	345
Wed. P.M.	243	284	NC
Contribution	\$14,327.66	\$14,106.89	\$15,490.20
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 19, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 22, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Norma Durham** is now at home. **Helen Wright** is in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital. **Matthew Howard**, son of Dewey and Angela, was hospitalized Tuesday night because of dehydration. **Harold Browning** is ill at home with pneumonia. **Archie Lowry** is now at home. **A.Z. Aven**, Gary Aven's dad and a former West Erwin member, has been diagnosed with cancer. He is scheduled for further tests this week in Tyler. **June Chapel** is ill at home with pneumonia. **Gilbert Kasperek**, former West Erwin member, is in Mother Frances, room 461. **Simone Peoples** is undergoing therapy following a car accident **Josh Tindall**, Guy and Nettie Potts' grandson, was scheduled for an MRI on Wednesday. **Martha Trostel**, Charles Seaberry's sister, last cancer report was not good. Doctors have decided on a wait and see approach for **Amanda Hunt**, granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother is ill. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital.

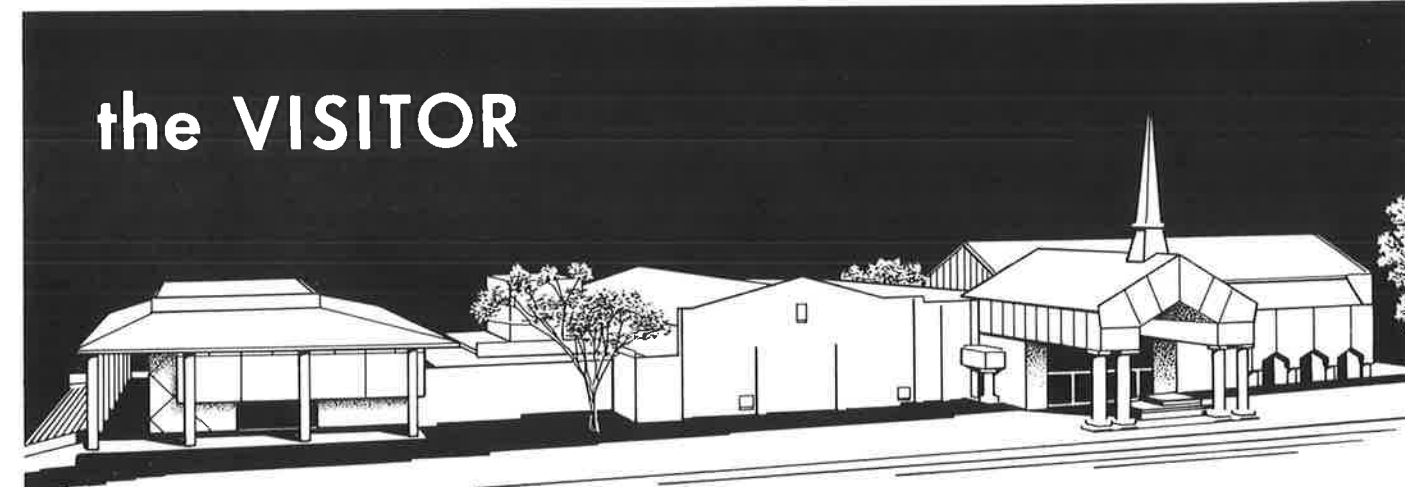
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Danny Snell - Youth	Harold Taylor	Bible School .....9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>	Ray Maxwell	Morning Worship .....10:00 A.M.	(Sept. through May)
Jeff Holland	Harold Taylor	Evening Worship .....6:00 P.M.	Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.
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Ray Vannoy			
Joe McBee			

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 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Edgar Bullard  
 Scripture Melvin Crow  
 Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
 Bob Clemmons  
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 Prayer Faber Cauthen  
 Scripture Danny Craddock  
 Dismiss Dan Cullinan  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Harold Browning Gary Aven  
 Gary Broome Jim Armstrong  
 Jim Bell Dale Blackstone  
 Roy Bench Raymond Bradford  
**GREETERS**  
 John & Ruby Cliver  
 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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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
 By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, February 19, 1995**

A.M. Is There Any Word From The Lord?  
 (Jeremiah 37:16-21)  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart

P.M. Timothy Class Presentation


**SOME THINGS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE**

We know something about negotiations. Negotiations are discussions between two or more parties carried on for the purpose of reaching an agreement. Informal negotiations take place in families between husbands and wives or parents and children, and formal negotiations are conducted in large corporations between management and employees. Negotiations sometimes require third-party mediators and professional negotiation teams and when negotiations break down families break up and companies experience strikes. There is a strike going on right now in professional baseball because management and players cannot reach an agreement. Negotiations imply give and take and compromise. In disagreements both sides may be called upon to give a little so that an agreement can be reached. In many areas this is good and necessary. However, there are some things that are non-negotiable. I read recently of an accountant who had a Christian for a client. The accountant was amazed that while most of his clients wanted him to keep them out of trouble no matter what it took, when the Christian got into a difficult situation he always told the accountant the

same thing: "Do what is right." Integrity was non-negotiable with him. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world .... Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify you Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). Jesus shows that the light that penetrates the darkness is in our own good works. Joseph M. Stowell wrote in Moody Monthly (Feb., 1995): "Good works are the result of unflinching righteous living, of unqualified submission to the leadership of Jesus Christ, of unquestioned, non-negotiated allegiance to the authority of His Word. Sometimes that involves the tough stuff of refusing to cheat in the marketplace. Loving our enemies. Consistently loving our wives and husbands. Raising our children in a way in a way that produces a stable and fruitful home. Trusting God in the face of even devastating trouble and loss. These kinds of good works create compelling stories that can't be ignored." If we are to be the light of the world, we must remember two things: (1) The world is watching, and (2) our commitment to Christ is non-negotiable!

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**THANKS!**

What a wonderful event our young people put on last Sunday. Parents, you should be very proud of your teens and the honor they showed you. It is very clear that you have raised them well. The food was incredible and the entertainment was perfect. It is very impressive that they did the whole thing by themselves. There are too many names to mention them all, but these three coordinated the event: Gena Henry, Mandy Nelson, and Tiffany Sublette. Way to go gang and congratulations for a job well done!

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

Video Bible Drama will meet Sunday at 3:30 and Bulletin Boards will meet at 5:00. Please remember that the deadline for Pre-Convention events is Feb. 26.

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- May 21 Baccalaureate

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Powell's Team #2 will meet Feb. 13.

**IN APPRECIATION**

We want to thank our West Erwin family for all of the flowers, plants, calls, cards and genuine concern during our time of grief. Also a big thank you for the ladies who coordinated and prepared the food for us. We love you all.

Jim & Jan McDonald & Family  
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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 Buddy McDonald. Your prayers, the supper, the cards and visits helped so much.

In Christ's love,  
Jackie McDonald  
Ruth & Chuck Barnett & family  
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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."

*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**

John Wallace<sup>63</sup> is a welcome addition to the West Erwin family. John recently married Cheryl Welborn and has been attending here for some time. Their address is CR 4912, Route 1, Box 587, Apt. D, Ben Wheeler, 75754, ph. 833-1763.


We are very pleased to welcome Frank<sup>64</sup> and Charlene<sup>65</sup> Steed into the West Erwin family. They placed membership here on Sunday and wrote "In the few weeks we have visited, your friendliness and love has made us feel we are a part of the West Erwin family. We feel we have found our church home and want to be counted in your '100'." They are both employed at the U.T. Health Center and live at 18061 Blackfoot Drive (mailing address P.O. Box 2226), Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-5552.

**A TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDFATHER**

He always has a smile or grin  
A kind hello for all his friends  
A loving heart and words so true  
He always knows just what to do  
Many people come through his life  
He always eased their pain and strife  
He loved to talk, to recall your name  
And once he knew you, you weren't the same  
A friend for life you had become  
A cap, a pen, he'd give you one  
And all the time you shook your head  
Amazed at all the things he had said  
He gives to all who cross his way  
Loves his Lord and his time to pray  
At ninety-five, he's going strong  
He'll tell you if you're right or wrong  
Words can never ever te  
About this man we know so well  
How he is so solid like a rock  
Our fine dear friend we all call "Doc"  
This poem was written for G.C. "Doc" Wright by his grandson, Dennis. We wanted to share it because we think everyone will enjoy and appreciate this well deserved tribute. Doc is a long-time member at West Erwin and now resides at the Briarcliff Retirement Center.

**Are YOU praying daily for the 100?**

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

**Spring Quarter Teachers:** Your materials for the new quarter are in and ready for you to pick up. If you are teaching in the elementary department, stop by the church office to pick up your material. If you are teaching young children, get with me. Let's get ready for another great quarter!

**Appreciate your response to our plea** for workroom helpers. Several came up to me and let me know that they would be glad to help our teachers. We will get you to work soon. And we can still use others who will do what they can for our Bible classes. Our workroom coordinators have several items sitting in the workroom that need to be completed. Some of these are items that you can take home with you, work on them, and then bring back to the building. If you can help with this, please talk with me, Frances Broome, or Mary June Goodson.

**The new issue of Ideashop Magazine** is out on the table by my office. TEACH Newsletter is also on that table. Stop by and pick each of these up. They are always full of useful ideas and tips for Bible classes. The ideas in these resources are ones that you can begin to use this week. We purchase these through the education budget for you to use. Take one, read it, take whatever ideas you can use, and then pass it on to someone else. Take advantage of every opportunity out there to grow in your ministry of teaching.

**Make your plans to attend the Teacher Appreciation** dinner on Sunday, February 26. We will use this occasion to show an extra measure of gratitude for all of you who worked in the education ministry during this past year. Whether you taught in a Bible class, worked in VBS, helped in Children's Church, put in some time in the workroom -- this dinner is in your honor. The dinner will be after the evening assembly and last no later than 8:45. If you will be able to attend this occasion, please RSVP to the church office. Child care will be provided. *We appreciate what you do!* We want to show you on Sunday, February 26.

**Our reorganized Koinonia groups** should be ready to begin in the next few weeks. We are still in need of a few leaders for our groups. If you would like more information about being a leader, please come talk with me. You will enjoy getting to know and love a group of people at West Erwin, some of whom you may not know very well yet.

**Keep these dates on your calendars:**

- o Teacher Appreciation Sunday - February 26
- o East Texas Teacher Training Workshop - March 4
- o Spring Quarter begins - March 5
- o Food Drive in our Bible classes - March and April
- o "Come and See" Campaign - April 23 to 26
- o "Heroes of the Bible": Family Bible Fair '95 - June 10

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Bible Class	396	440	311
Worship A.M.	562	646	529
Worship P.M.	340	NC	322
Wed. P.M.	284	284	265
Contribution	\$13,893.02	\$13,893.02	\$15,348.05
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 12, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 15, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**George Stephenson**, former West Erwin minister, was hospitalized over the weekend with congestive heart failure but is now at home. **Marikate Davis** is recovering at home from surgery. **Norma Durham** is in Mother Frances Hospital room 384 after surgery on Monday. **Guy Potts** is at home. **Les Carruth** is recuperating at home. **Helen Wright** will be taking chemo treatments once a month for the next several months. **Amanda Hunt**, granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt, has a tumor and is having further tests this week. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother is ill. **Taylor Portwood**, great niece of John and Kathy, is in room 317 at Mother Frances. **Dan Holland**, Teresa Coomer and Jeff Holland's uncle, is doing well after by-pass surgery. **Mary Newton**, David Newton's mother, is recovering from surgery in Houston. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Kirby Curry**, Velma Lemons' nephew, is now at home in Amarillo.

**Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462**

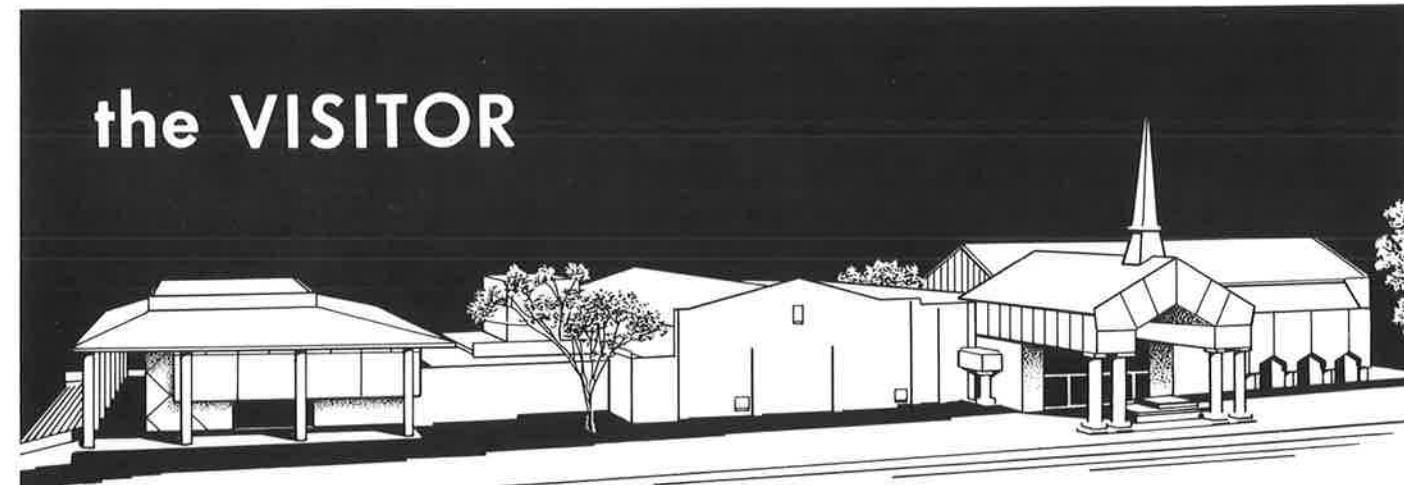
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 Prayer Robert Hilliard  
 Scripture Chuck Barnett  
 Dismiss John Steffee  
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, February 12, 1995**  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart

- A.M. The Thrill Of Persuasion  
 (II Corinthians 5:11-16)
- P.M. If It's Worth Doing  
 (Luke 10:38-42)

**Who-Dun-It?**

I am impressed by how many good and worthwhile things have been accomplished by unnamed people who did their work behind the scenes out of public notice. During World War II, one of the greatest rescue operations involved the saving of thousands of trapped British soldiers at Dunkirk. Who piloted the boats? In the days of slavery in this country, many black slaves were led to freedom and safety by the "underground railroad." Who were these people? Six million Jews were murdered in Europe during the Nazi holocaust, but thousands of others were saved by people who hid them at the risk of their own lives. Who were they? Every day we drive cars we did not build, drink water from faucets we did not make, wear clothes we did not sew, read newspapers we did not print, and eat food we did not grow. Who built, made, sewed, printed, planted? In the New Testament, Acts 11 tells of one of the most significant events in history. For the first time the gospel was preached to Gentiles and we are not even told the names of the people who did it! Things happen around West Erwin every day which are done by unheralded and quiet people who look for no recognition for themselves. On Sunday mornings we ask everyone present in our assemblies to sign attendance cards. How did those cards get in the racks and who

sharpened the pencils? When we come to our building and the doors are unlocked, the restrooms are clean, the heat is on. Who does this? Each week you receive a church bulletin. How did it get prepared and mailed? When you park in our lots someone watches your car against theft. Who is it? On Tuesdays about fifty meals are prepared for shut-ins. Who does this? People come to our benevolent center on Tuesdays and Thursdays where they find a group of people ready and willing to help them. Who are these folks? On Homecoming we went from our worship assembly to the Center where we were served a catered lunch. Who pays for it? Who serves it? We have 666 members at West Erwin. Hundreds are always present for our assemblies, ever ready to help and encourage, never complaining or hindering. Who are these quiet, unassuming, faithful people? People teach our children. Who are they? Young people go to mission fields to help in any way they can. Who does this? Sometimes we name people and commend them and it is right to do so (Romans 13:7). But how grateful we are for so many people who will serve though they are never named and people who are perfectly content to do good leaving us to ask, "Who dun it?"

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## Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



### THANKS!

Thanks to Mandy Nelson and her family for hosting the high school devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time together even though it was short.

Thanks to Jeff Hone and Ken Culpepper for teaching class the last several weeks.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Video Bible Drama will meet Sunday at 3:30 and Bulletin Boards will meet at 5:00. Please remember that the deadline for Pre-Convention events is Feb. 26.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday Feb. 13 at West Erwin. We will start at 7:00 and end at 8:00. John 6-9 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Feb. 12 LTC Work Session
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### WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Powell's Team #2 will meet Feb. 13.

*The West Erwin Youth Group  
wishes to invite you,  
their parents,  
to a  
Valentine's Banquet  
in your honor.  
Sunday February 12, 1995  
West Erwin Fellowship Hall  
7:00 until 9:00  
Dress is Sunday attire*

### IN APPRECIATION

It is a great privilege to be a member of such a caring family. Your expression of condolence is greatly appreciated.

Esther and Ira Wilson

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Dear Family,

Ray felt so good with his surgery we felt we cheated to receive so much attention. But that was just a prelude for all the cards, food, visits, calls, prayers, and hugs we've received from you through Carrye's death and Mom's sudden surgery. God's plan for comfort does work! We have been wonderfully comforted. Thank you.

Love,

Carolyn, Ray, and Marikate

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Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the love you wrapped Nettie and I in during my recent hospital visit - the visits, cards, calls and especially the prayers. We love and appreciate you.

Guy and Nettie Potts

### BENEVOLENT CENTER

The Benevolent Center is in need of grocery sacks or plastic bags. They also have had a special request for a large size ladies coat and/or warm clothing. The Benevolent Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m.

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### TEN MISTAKES TO AVOID

- \* Remorse over yesterday's failure.
- \* Anxiety over today's problems.
- \* Worry over tomorrow's uncertainty
- \* Waste of the moment's opportunity
- \* Procrastination with your present duty
- \* Resentment of another's success
- \* Criticism of a neighbor's imperfection
- \* Impatience with youth's immaturity
- \* Skepticism of our nation's future
- \* Unbelief in God's providence.

Author Unknown

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The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 20. Listed below are items they have requested. However, if there are other items you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ZIPLOC BAGS (Quart & Gallon sizes), 33-GALLON TRASH BAGS, DISHWASHER DETERGENT.

### 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

Ken<sup>66</sup> and Debra<sup>57</sup> Elzen and their son, Chris<sup>66</sup>, and daughter, Jennifer, have made known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Chris was baptized into Christ Wednesday night. We are very happy to welcome this family to West Erwin. Their address is 16787 Shadyridge, 75703, ph. 561-6889.

We rejoice with April Dawn Roberson<sup>69</sup> and William Anthony (Tony) Smith<sup>60</sup> in their decision to put on their Lord in baptism Wednesday night. They are a young couple engaged to be married, and they are to be commended for their decision to begin their new life in Christ. April lives in Ben Wheeler, Route 1, Box 548, 75754, ph. 852-5374. Tony's address is Route 3, Box 3355A, Ben Wheeler, 75754, ph. 852-3198.

We are very pleased to welcome Robert<sup>61</sup> and Ann<sup>62</sup> Colley into our growing West Erwin family. They came Sunday to place membership with the church here. Their address is 16352 Plumridge Circle, 75703, ph. 509-3059.

### WEDDING SHOWER



You're invited to a  
Wedding Shower  
honoring

Laura McClenny Bellar

on Saturday, February 11, 1995

at the home of

Gina Jarman

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Come and Go - 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Selections at Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

### THINK ABOUT IT....

"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 for others."

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## Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

The East Texas Teachers Training Workshop is less than a month away. Wouldn't it be great if we could take a van or bus load of our teachers to the workshop? Pick up one of the brochures in the foyer or outside my office describing the workshop. Then, if you will be going to the workshop, please sign the registration page on the bulletin board outside my office. You need to sign this sheet whether you will be riding in our van or taking your own transportation. Alpine needs to know an approximate number to plan for the workshop. Let's get ready for a delightful day.

Can you help us help teachers? Our workroom coordinators are in need of persons who can help them prepare materials for our teachers. They have several items sitting in the workroom that need to be completed. These are items that you can take home with you, work on them, and then bring back to the building. If you can help with this, please talk with me, Frances Broome, or Mary June Goodson.

The new laminator has arrived! My column had this same announcement a little over a year ago. Many of you are aware, however, of the problems that we have had since that time. Finally (and hopefully), we have resolved those problems and are ready to begin using the laminator again. The laminator is available to any of our teachers. Please read the instructions for the laminator carefully. These are located on the wall beside it. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday is planned for Sunday, February 26. We will use this day to show how grateful we are to all of you who worked in the education ministry during this past year. A dinner in your honor is planned for that evening. If you will be able to attend this occasion, please RSVP in the church office. We appreciate what you do! We want to show you on Sunday, February 26.

### The Bi-Monthly Singles Bible Study continues to grow.

This last week we had the largest number of singles gathered for the Bible study that we have had in the two and one-half years that I have been involved with them. A lot of good things are happening in our young singles group. If you are not a part of their activities, or if you know of someone who needs to be, come find a group of people to love and be loved by. The next Bible study will be Monday, February 20, at the home of Danny and Maggie Craddock.

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Marikate Davis** expects to be in ICU at Mother Frances for a couple of days following surgery on Wednesday. **Clyde Lane** got a good report from M.D. Anderson - no recurrence of cancer, will be treated for a skin graft infection. **Norma Durham** is scheduled for surgery at Mother Frances Hospital on Monday, February 6. **Les Carruth** is at home and doing well following by-pass surgery last Wednesday. **Helen Wright** began her first series of chemo treatments at Mother Frances on January 30. **Dan Holland**, Teresa Coomer and Jeff Holland's uncle, is doing well after by-pass surgery last Friday in Kingswood. **Mary Newton**, David Newton's mother, had surgery Thursday in Houston. **Nita Miller** is in M.D. Anderson in Houston. Remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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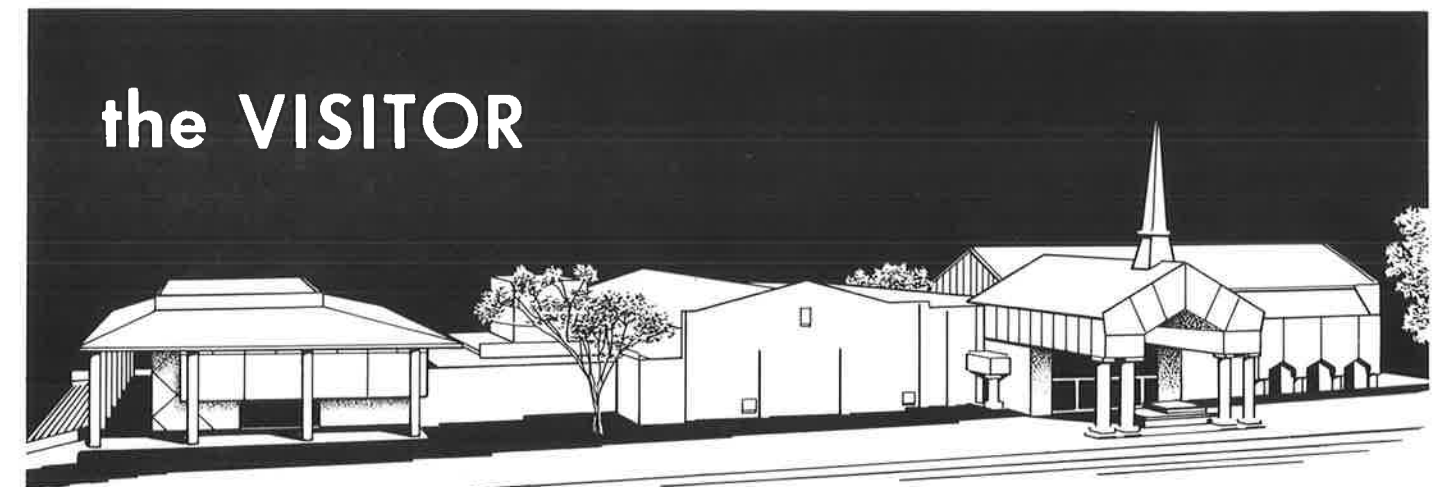
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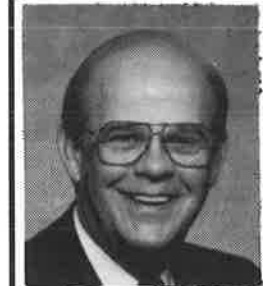
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 Prayer Gary Aven  
 Scripture Gary Broome  
 Dismiss Harold Browning  
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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sunday, February 5, 1995:**  
 A.M. West Erwin 1995 Ministry Presentation  
 Freeman Morgan  
 P.M. With Loving Kindness I Have Drawn You (Jeremiah 31:1-3)  
 Dr. Jay Lockhart


**DO YOU REALLY HAVE A CHOICE?**

When God made man He gave him the power of free choice and action. Man can make decisions and he has responsibilities for those decisions. However, there are areas in our lives to which God has specifically spoken and in these areas our only choice is whether or not we will obey God. Pope John Paul II is the author of the best seller "Crossing The Thresholds of Hope" which deals with some big questions, one of which is in the Pope's words, "The problem of Hades" (but the discussion shows clearly that he really meant hell - JPL). According to the book, Hades (hell) is a problem because God gave Jesus to be the savior of men and God wants all men to be saved, but the Bible speaks of those who will go to eternal punishment. "If God desires this (salvation - JPL) ... can man be damned, can he be rejected by God?" Terry Mattingly, of Scripps Howard News Service, suggests that there are five major camps regarding the question: (1) All who do not accept Christ will be damned. (2) Salvation is through Christ, but God will be fair to those who never heard the gospel. (3) Jesus is the only source of salvation, yet his work is seen to differing degrees in the world's religions. Those who embrace these religions are

really seeking Christ and will be saved. Damnation is reserved for those who totally reject God. (4) Jesus is one of many ways to God. If torment exists, it is for a small number of truly evil people. (5) God saves everyone and ultimately there is no torment. Now, my question is this: Are we at liberty to choose any of these and what Scripture would we cite to substantiate our choice? Let's look at another area. U.S. News and World Report (April 4, 1994) stated that 80% of the American people consider the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, but 48% believe there is no one set of values that is right. My question is this: Is it unreasonable to hold the position that the Bible is God's Word and then reject it as the only basis of values? Is that our decision to make anyway? Here are some other areas. Does one have the right to decide how he will become a Christian, or has God made that decision? Does one have the right to decide how he will worship, or has God made that decision? Does one have the right to decide if he will attend all the services of the church, or has God made that decision by asking us to honor the leadership of our elders? In the final analysis the choice we have is whether or not we will obey God.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to Jeff & Linda Hone for hosting the Homecoming Special. We all had a great time and enjoyed the great chili and hot dogs. Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Lisa Snell for helping as sponsors.

Thanks to all of those who went on the Servant Retreat this past weekend. It was a time of renewal and "Dreaming". We dreamed about our world being a better place and what it will take to make it so. As Christians, we need to lead the way to making it better. May God bless us in that dream.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

Reservations have been made for LTC 1995 and we are excited. Video Bible Drama will meet Sunday at 4:00 and Bulletin Boards will meet at 5:00.

**HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the high school group are invited to Mandy Nelson's home for the devotional this coming Sunday night. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this great time together.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

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**VALENTINE BANQUET**

Sunday, Feb. 12, will be our Valentine Banquet. The parents of the youth group will be the honored guests. Make plans to be a part of this fun evening.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Feb. 5 LTC Work Session
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**1995 LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**  
"LIFE IN HIS NAME."

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

**IN APPRECIATION**

For the past two months everyone at West Erwin has been wonderful to our family. Your love, support, and concern helped us get through all the tough times. Thanks for all the cards, visits, food, and especially for all your prayers. A special thanks to those who sat with me during the surgeries. We love you more than ever.

Sincerely,  
Les, Carolyn, Scott & Cindy

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Thank you for all the cards, prayers, calls and words of comfort and concern following the death of my brother, Carl Hearne.

George Hearne

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The family of Vivian Mauldin acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The Mauldin Family  
Gussie Beaty and Family

**IT WAS A GOOD DAY**

Homecoming '95 was a great success in every way. Over 440 people were present for Bible classes and our adults and teens enjoyed an inspirational hour focusing, through Scripture and song, upon Christ and Christians as lights under the direction of **Dewey Howard**. Then for our worship assembly 646 people, including many visitors, were present for praise, remembrance, and encouragement. Following worship about 500 folks were treated to dinner in the Center, the cost of which was donated by a few of our members. We are indebted to them and to **John Steffee, Wayne Harrison, Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Bobby and Cheryl Perry, Marc and Dana Tate**, and many others who helped get the Center ready and who served the food. Following the good meal many people stayed for the afternoon meeting and we enjoyed honoring **Modena Jones** for her years of faithful service at West Erwin, especially for her work in our Benevolent Center. Modena has been a member at West Erwin since 1925 and has been here longer than any other current member. Thanks to all who made the day such a wonderful experience.

-- JPL

**SCOUT SUNDAY**

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their families who are members of the Church of Christ are invited to Scout Sunday on February 5, 1995. It is hosted this year by the Broadway Church of Christ, South Broadway at Cumberland Road. Bible classes are at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30. A potluck lunch will be served following the worship service. All families attending the lunch are being asked to bring a meat dish and either a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert. For additional information contact Nancy Shelton at 566-6693.

*"Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty"*

- (seen on a bumper sticker)

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER**

**Don E. Scott<sup>55</sup>** made known his wish to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family on Sunday. He has been attending here for some time now and we are very pleased to welcome him into our growing family. His address is 13542 CR 2241, 75707-9622, ph. 566-1449.

**WEDDING SHOWER**

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Laura McClenny Bellar  
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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Monday in Shreveport for James Harris, Esther Wilson's brother.

E.W. (Buddy) McDonald, husband of Jackie and father of Jim McDonald and Ruth Barnett, died Sunday. Graveside services were held at Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at the Glenwood church on Tuesday for Carrie Womack, daughter-in-law of Ray and Carolyn Womack.

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

**BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 20. Listed below are items they have requested. However, if there are other items you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated. LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ZIPLOC BAGS (Quart & Gallon sizes), 33-GALLON TRASH BAGS, DISHWASHER DETERGENT.


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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

**Homecoming '95 was a great day!** The spirit of the day was uplifting and enriching. 440 were in our Bible classes at 9:00, then 646 worshipped together at 10:00. And wasn't the lunch wonderful. I don't know all of their names, but the persons who made lunch run so effectively deserve an extra measure of appreciation. They made our fellowship very enjoyable.

Praise God for giving us a family at West Erwin! We have an impressive heritage from Him. What a brilliant future He has in store for us!

**East Texas Teacher Training Workshop**



**Saturday, March 4, 1995**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Alpine Church of Christ**  
**Longview, Texas**

**The East Texas Teachers Training Workshop** is about a month away. Wouldn't it be great if we could take a van or bus load of our teachers for the workshop? Pick up one of the brochures in the foyer or outside my office describing the workshop. Then, if you will be going to the workshop, please sign the registration page on the bulletin board outside my office. You need to sign this sheet whether you will be riding in our van or taking your own transportation. Alpine needs to know an approximate number to plan for the workshop. Let's get ready for a delightful day.

**Teacher Appreciation Sunday is planned** for Sunday, February 26. We will use this day to show how grateful we are to all of you who worked in the education ministry during this past year. A dinner in your honor is planned for that evening. If you will be able to attend this occasion, please RSVP in the church office. *We appreciate what you do!* We want to show you on Sunday, February 26..

Records	Sunday Jan. 22	Sunday Jan. 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	407	397	374
Worship A.M.	580	572	551
Worship P.M.	377	311	338
Wed. P.M.	259	294	275
Contribution	\$13,567.40	\$15,500.70	\$12,686.60
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 29, and Wed. P.M., Feb. 1, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Les Carruth had a heart cath on Tuesday and by-pass surgery on Wednesday morning at Mother Frances Hospital. Helen Wright will enter Mother Frances on January 30 for a series of chemo treatments. Jared Jordan was hospitalized overnight for dehydration but was dismissed on Tuesday. Nita Miller is in Terrell State Hospital. Kirby Curry, Velma Lemons' nephew is taking radiation treatments at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, receiving treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is not law." Galatians 5:22-23

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Tony Adams
Scripture	Daryl Anderson
Elder's Prayer	Freeman Morgan

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jim Armstrong

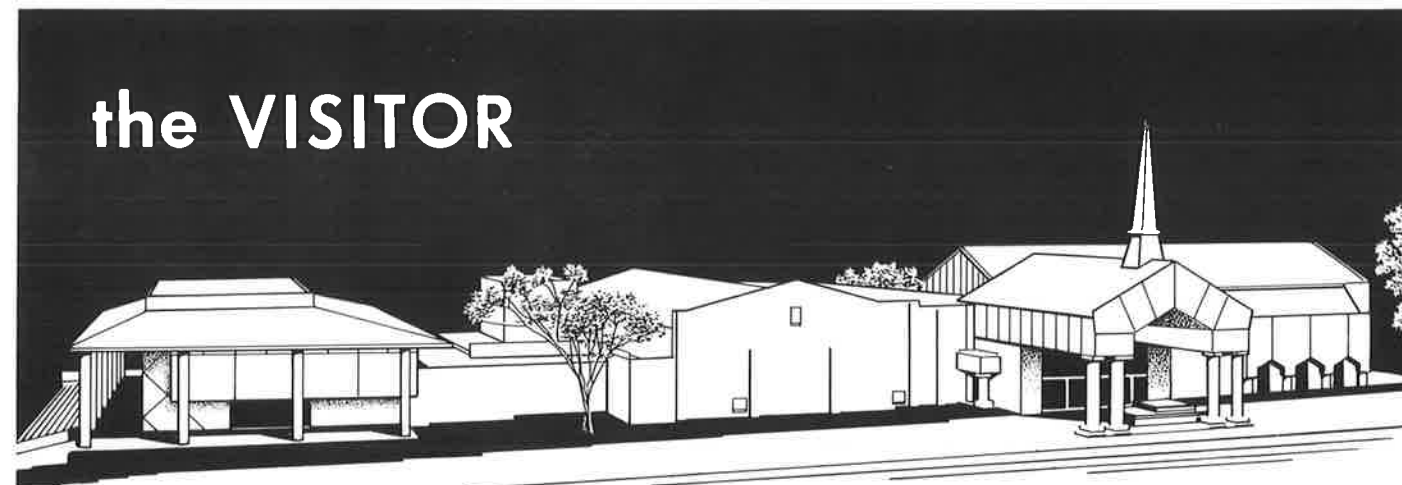
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Fred Wingate	Ben Young
Shane Wimoth	Ray Womack
Randall Wilson	Tony Adams
Ira Wilson	Arnold Ables


GREETERS

Alma Biggs & Mary Dawson  
Fred & Sara Powell

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, January 29, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. Putting It Into Words  
(1 Peter 3:8-16)
- P.M. Here I Raise My Ebenezer  
(1 Samuel 7:12)


**FELT NEEDS**

There is much being said in the religious community about felt needs. The idea is this: everyone has what he feels are his needs and if we are to effectively approach them for or attract them to Christ we must meet those needs. I believe this is true as far as it goes, but it is an inadequate and incomplete approach if we are to accomplish what Christ wants us to do in this world. You see, we can meet the felt needs of people and never meet their real needs -- we can give people what they want and fail to give them what they need. It is possible to make people feel good and never bring them to salvation or spiritual growth. Notice how Jesus ministered to the felt needs of people. In John 2, when Jesus attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee, a host ran out of wine. The felt need was for wine because the host would be embarrassed if the wine ran out. Jesus met the felt need by changing the water into wine, but he went further by using the miracle to turn the eyes of people toward himself so that they could see his glory. In Luke 19 Zacchaeus had a felt need of

seeing Jesus. Jesus met that need by going home with Zacchaeus but shared with him the greater need of salvation. In Acts 16 the Philippian jailor had the felt need of job security. Paul met that need by saying, "We are all here," but he met the greater need of forgiveness by sharing the gospel with the jailor. We can see from these examples that meeting felt needs is fine, but must not be an end in itself -- real needs must also be met. People must be given what they want so that doors can be opened to share with them what they need. In a family the felt needs of children may be to eat ice cream instead of vegetables or to have recess instead of math class. We have no difficulty in making decisions about these matters. People may feel the need to express their views in Bible class or to be entertained in worship but unless God's Word is taught and unless we worship in spirit and in truth, the rest doesn't matter. In the final analysis the question is not, "What do I feel my needs are?", but rather, "What do I really need?"

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all who came to the Parent-Teen Meeting last Sunday. We had a great turnout and many folks signed up to host activities. There are several slots still open, so let me know if you would like to help.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

Reservations have been made for LTC 1995 and we are excited. The theme for LTC 1995 is "Life in His Name."

**SERVANT RETREAT**

This weekend about ten of us will be attending the annual Servant Retreat in Glen Rose. We are expecting over 200 from north and east Texas. Please keep us in your prayers this weekend.

**HOMECOMING SPECIAL**

Sunday, January 29, is the annual West Erwin Homecoming. This will be a special day with an all-church luncheon and special classes. We will be meeting at the Hone's at 4:30 for the Superbowl. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this time together.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

Bible Quiz will be Monday Feb. 13, at West Erwin. We will start at 7:00 and end at 8:00. John 6-9 will be the text. Pick up your copy of the text by the youth bulletin board.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Jan. 27-29 Servant Retreat
- Jan. 29 Homecoming Special
- Feb. 5 LTC Work Session
- Feb. 5 High School Devo
- Feb. 12 Banquet for Parents
- Feb. 13 Bible Quiz at West Erwin
- Mar. 10 Celebration Station Lock-In
- Apr. 14-16 LTC 1995

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

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet Jan. 30.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Words can't express the gratitude I feel for the many acts of kindness so many of you have shown during the illness and death of my sister, Robbie Bullinger. The prayers, food, calls, the beautiful spray of white carnations and the many, many cards has made this very difficult time easier and I thank each of you for your thoughtfulness. How great it is to be a part of such a caring group of people.

Joy and Roland Coats  
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I want to express my appreciation for all the cards, visits, calls, and the delicious food brought to me, also for the blood given for me during my surgery. I am especially grateful for your prayers and concern during my illness. Please continue to pray for my recovery.

Helen Wright  
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Thank you very much for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers and other support during the illness and death of my dad. Being a part of the West Erwin family is special. We appreciate your love and concern.

Charles and Phyllis Rachui  
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Thank you for your concern, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness means so much.

In Christian Love,  
Harold and Shirley Denman

**HOMECOMING PREPARATION**

In preparation for our Homecoming Sunday there will be a workday at the Center on Saturday morning, January 28, from 8:30 until about noon. The Center needs to be cleaned and tables and chairs need to be set up for our noon meal on the 29th. All men are encouraged to come and help.

**VIDEO BIBLE OUTREACH, INC.**

A brief update on the work done through Del and Clara Masters and Video Bible Outreach: Grand Coulee, Washington resumed with us after a period of 9 months when they had a preacher/member who moved away; Albion, Idaho for more than four years has from time to time expressed how helpful and edifying Jay's preaching has been; Chinook, Montana on numerous occasions tells us how effective Jay is in relation to their church growth; the church at Brigham City, Utah which has been served for eight years is now able to have a located preacher - be happy with us in getting fired!

**WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**HOMECOMING JANUARY 29**  
Exciting Bible Class Hour w/ Combined Adult Class 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Assembly 10:00 a.m.  
A Time of Praise, Remembrance & Encouragement  
Catered Lunch at the Center 11:30 a.m.  
Brief Afternoon Service 12:30 p.m.  
**Be there and bring someone with you!**

**NEW MEMBERS**

We rejoice with the Dale family as they are united in Christ. **Dick Dale**<sup>49</sup> came Sunday to be restored and place membership with the West Erwin family. His wife, **Rebecca Dale**<sup>50</sup>, put on her Lord in baptism. Their address is 5021 Morningside, ph. 597-6101.

**Dickey Dale**<sup>51</sup>, their son, was also baptized into Christ. Dickey and his wife, Beth, and two little daughters, Chelsea and Casey, live in Chandler. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 652, 75758, ph. 849-4248.

We are also pleased to welcome **Garry**<sup>52</sup> and **Lena**<sup>53</sup> **Goswick** into our growing family. The Goswicks recently moved to Tyler from Kingswood and have been visiting here for several weeks. They live at 5933 Creekside Circle, 75703, ph. 509-0254.

**Dalton Simmons**<sup>54</sup> recently placed membership with the West Erwin church. He lives at 13470 Choctaw Drive, 75709, ph. 533-9301.

We are very happy to welcome all of these into our growing West Erwin family and ask God's blessing as we seek to serve Him.

**WITH SYMPATHY**


Funeral services were held last Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist church for Vivian Mauldin, Gussie Beaty's sister and Kathy Portwood's aunt. Services were held Wednesday at Boren-Conner Funeral Home in Jacksonville for Sallie Mae Heard, Denise Wilson's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

**Homecoming '95 is this Sunday, January 29!** What a great day this will be, just as it has been in the past few years. Stay home this Sunday and spend the day with your West Erwin family.

Our adult Bible classes will have a special combined class in the auditorium this Sunday. It will be a time of praise as we exalt our Lord and reflect on His presence in our lives. You will be richly blessed during this inspirational time together. You won't want to miss it!

All of our children's classes will meet as usual. If you are teaching this quarter and would like your class to enjoy the Bible class time with the adults in the auditorium, you are more than welcome to do so. Talk with me if you would like more information.

Let us celebrate our identity as God's family as we gather this Sunday!

**There is a new bulletin board in the main foyer** that you need to take a look at. This board will feature activities of the Young At Heart group at West Erwin. It will be continually updated with pictures of past events and with information about future activities. If you are over 55, you will want to keep an eye on this bulletin board. It is located on the east side of the foyer across from the training room. Thanks to Forest and Mary McFadden and Ray and Carolyn Womack for getting this board started.

**The East Texas Teachers Training Workshop** is a little over a month away. It will be at the Alpine church in Longview this year, and it promises to be one of the best programs we've had. Wouldn't it be great if we could take a van or bus load of our teachers for the workshop? Pick up one of the brochures in the foyer or outside my office describing the workshop.

**Stewart Regional Blood Center has expressed a need** for blood in the East Texas area. Their supply of all types of blood has gotten to a critical level, and they would appreciate any help you can give them. Our account with Stewart has also gotten low. We keep several credits of blood on hand to give to our members when a need arises. Take a moment over the next couple of weeks and give blood to the Stewart Center. Let them know that you want the credits to go toward the West Erwin Church of Christ account.

**Watch for these dates:**

- o Teacher Appreciation Sunday - February 26
- o East Texas Teachers Training Workshop - March 4
- o Food Drive in our Bible classes - March and April
- o Spring Gospel Meeting - April 23 to 26
- o Family Bible Fair '95 - June 10



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Bible Class	390	388	385
Worship A.M.	545	560	572
Worship P.M.	357	329	330
Wed. P.M.	261	NS	233
Contribution	\$13,237.70	\$14,105.65	\$12,918.10
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 15, and Wed. P.M., Jan. 18, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

**Buddy Bell** has begun another series of treatments. **Helen Wright** is at home following surgery last Thursday. **Bill Endsley** is at home. **Elizabeth Endsley** is in Briarcliff Nursing Center while Bill is recuperating from surgery. **L.G. Drennan** is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Nita Miller** is in Terrell State Hospital. **Carl Hearne**, George Hearne's brother, is now in a nursing home in Ft. Worth. **Randy Welsh**, an employee of Haws Roofing Co., remains in Parkland Hospital in Dallas. **Leon Rachui**, Charles Rachui's father is very ill in Austin. **Allie Wren**, mother of Phyllis Rachui and Rose Teel, has requested our prayers. **James Malone**, Ruby McCain's brother, is having cancer treatment. **Jesse Owensby**, relative of Pattie Tate, is in Mother Frances Hospital. Remember these and others in our family and loved ones of our families that are ill at home, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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#### SERVING SUNDAY

##### 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Greg Wagner  
Scripture Wade Weathers  
Elder's Prayer Stan Clark

##### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Ray Womack  
Scripture Louis West  
Dismiss Randall Wilson

##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Fred Wingate

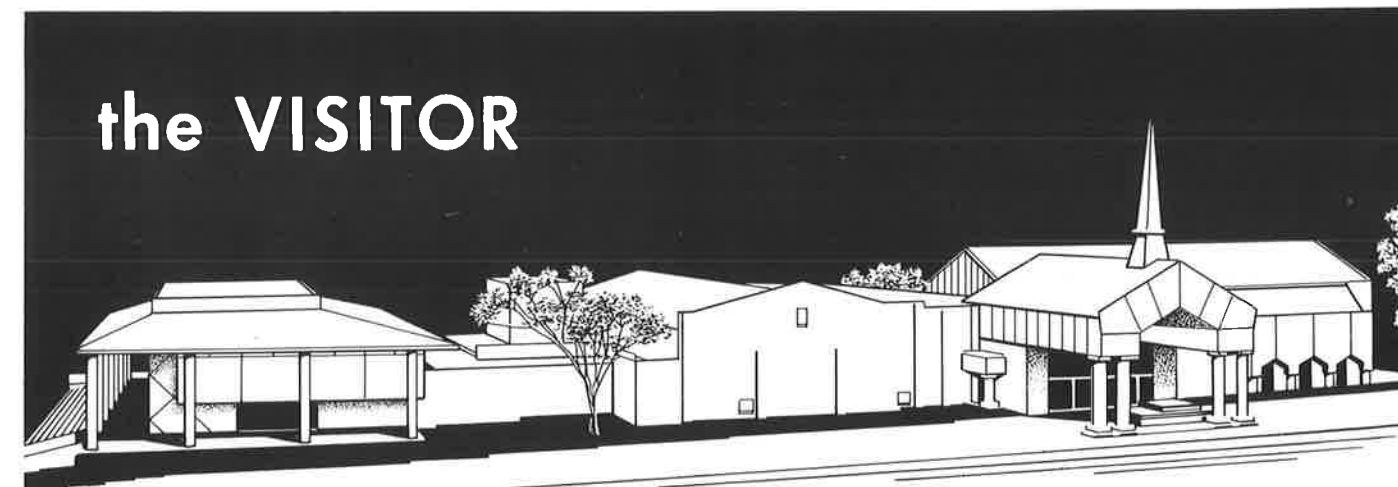
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Don Weathers Wade Weathers  
Walker Weathers Wynne Weathers  
Leon Welborn Louis West  
Bo Wiegrefe Lowell Wiggains

##### GREETERS

Jack & Peggy Garner  
Mike & Ann McMinn

Loye Denman, Harold Denman's mother and Steve Denman's grandmother, died Tuesday night. Funeral services will be held at Lloyd James Funeral Home at 10:30 on Saturday. We extend our sincere sympathy to all the family.



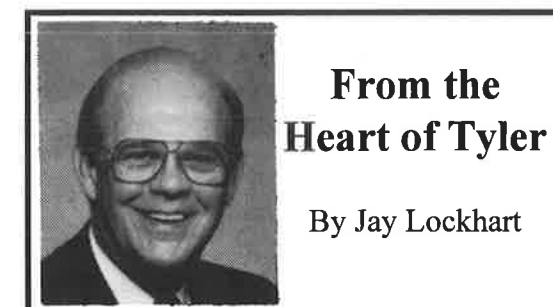
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### From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

#### Sermons for Sunday, January 15, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. You Can Change The World  
(Matthew 5:13-16)

P.M. This Word That We Preach  
(I Corinthians 15:1-11)

### 'Twas The Night Before Sunday

"John, you need to come to bed! It's almost midnight and tomorrow is Sunday."

"I'll be there in a minute. I'm watching Saturday Night Live and it's so funny."

"What time do we need to set the alarm for so we can get to Bible class by 9 o'clock?"

"Oh, set it for 8 o'clock -- Sunday morning is the only time I get to sleep in since I work all week and I have a early tee time at the golf course on Saturday."

"But we can't get ready and get to class in an hour."

"Oh well, the first ten minutes of class don't matter anyway -- we can be a little late."

"John, it's nearly 8 o'clock! Get up and help me get the kids ready for Bible class."

"Ummm ... give me just five more minutes."

"Have you studied your Bible class lesson?"

"Nah! I don't like the material. Where is my Bible anyway?"

"It's in the car where you left it last Sunday."

"It's ten after nine ... you take the kids to class while I park the car."

"I sure hope we get out of church on time today. Isn't kickoff at 12 noon?"

"John, you slept during church again today."

"I know, but I didn't get enough sleep last night ... let's get home. Anyway, I didn't get much out of church today. Did you write a check for the contribution? We don't have much in the account since I had to buy a new motor for the boat."

"Are we going to church tonight?"

"Naw, the kids didn't get a nap and are fussy and I'm not feeling so good."


"Good morning, John. Glad to see you on the job so early today. Did you have a good weekend? By the way, we had a great Sunday down at the Sunrise Community Church yesterday. How about going with me sometime?"

"Naw, I couldn't do that. I have a church that I'm a member of."

Oh, I didn't know you were a Christian ...."

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to Jeff & Linda Hone and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors for the Dallas trip this past Saturday. We had a great time and enjoyed the ice skating. By the way, the new bus is fantastic!

**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 have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible. All of those who signed up need to meet this coming Sunday at 5:30 in the Chapel. All of those who signed up for the Video Bible Drama need to meet at 5:00.

**COMBINED DEVOTIONAL**

All middle and high school students are invited to come to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. High school girls bring sandwiches, high school boys bring 2-Liter drinks, middle school girls bring desserts, and middle school boys bring chips and dip. Join us for this inspiring evening.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

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- Jan. 15 Combined Devotional
- Jan. 22 Parent-Teen Meeting
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1995 LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST  
"LIFE IN HIS NAME."

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Powell's Team #2 will meet Jan. 16.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I want to express my appreciation for all the cards, visits, calls, and food during my knee surgery, and most of all for the prayers and concern for me.

Leona Hardin  
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Thank you so much for all the nice things you all have done for me. The flowers so colorful and bright, the candy was real good also. Thanks again.

As ever,  
Elva Williams  
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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, caring and concern for my brother, Carl Hearne. He is now in a nursing home. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

George Hearne

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Dannie and Sue Skipper on the birth of a new grandson. Dylan Wade Pratt was born in Searcy, Arkansas to Rick and Susan Pratt on January 6. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz.

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Roland and Joy Coats and to all the family in the death of her sister, Robbie Bullinger. Services were held at the Turnpike church of Christ in Grand Prairie last Saturday.

**WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**HOMECOMING JANUARY 29**

Bible study	9:00 a.m.
Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Catered Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Service	12:30

**Be present and invite others!**



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  
WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**WEDDING INVITATION**

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Welborn  
and  
Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Cheryl Elizabeth  
to  
Mr. John Kilpatrick Wallace  
as they become one in Christ  
on Saturday, the fourteenth of January  
nineteen hundred and ninety-five  
at half past seven in the evening  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas  
Reception following  
Petroleum Club

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Jeff Fennell and Pam Garrett were married at our building on Sunday, January 1, 1995. We extend to them our best wishes for a long and happy life together. Their new address is 701 Shiloh Rd. #413, 75703, ph. 534-3911.

Jeff and Pam would like to thank the Singles and the Cluster Classes for the wedding gifts given to them.

**NEW ADDRESS**

Dorris Humble  
Route 1, Box 217  
Brownsboro, Texas 75756  
ph. 852-3224


**TAKE TIME:**

To **think**. It is the source of power.  
To **play**. It is the secret of perpetual youth.  
To **read**. It is the fountain of wisdom.  
To **pray**. It is the greatest power on earth.  
To **love and be loved**. It is a God-given privilege.

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**Spotlight on Education**  
by Dewey Howard

**We had a good turnout for the Open House** for the new Children's Library. I hope you are as excited as I am about how this room can and will be used to benefit our children. Thanks to Paige and Tyler Morris for putting together the refreshments for this event.

Use the Children's Library. Take your children to it from time to time to check out good books to read. If you are teaching a children's class, take your class to the library to use books that apply to your study in a given session. Enjoy this unique resource with your children!

**Our new class for young children 14-24 months** began last Sunday in room 105. This class is specifically designed to meet the needs of children as they learn how to walk, and it makes use their new curiosity to discover the love God has for them. Velma Lemons teaches this class on Sunday mornings, and Angela Howard and Kim Mayer teach on Wednesday nights. Have your children here at every opportunity to grow from what these ladies have to offer them!

**Are you a part of our growing Bible class ministry?!** Each Sunday and Wednesday sees our numbers grow as more and more men, women, and children come to learn from God's word. **We need YOU as much as you need US.** Take advantage of these opportunities that some in our world can only dream about being a part of.

**East Texas  
Teacher Training  
Workshop**



**Saturday, March 4, 1995**  
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January 5, 1995	THE VISITOR		Vol. 26-No. 1
<b>Records</b>	Sunday Jan. 1	Sunday Dec. 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	388	224	391
Worship A.M.	560	518	555
Worship P.M.	329	NS	363
Wed. P.M.	NS	226	NS
Contribution	\$14,105.65	\$12,847.00	\$14,463.53
Weekly Budget	\$13,984.42		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 8, and Wed. P.M., Jan. 11, Scott Dews, ph. 561-1992.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

**Buddy Bell** was scheduled to begin another series of treatments the first of January. **Helen Wright** entered Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday for surgery on Thursday. **Bill Endsley** had gall bladder surgery Wednesday. **L.G. Drennan** is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Michael Majors**, Bernice Majors' grandson, is now at home. **Mike Downing** had a bone scan last Friday but will not know the results for awhile. **Carl Hearne**, George Hearne's brother, remains very ill in Ft. Worth. **Robbie Bullinger**, Joy Coats' sister, is very ill at home. **Randy Welsh**, an employee of Haws Roofing Co., remains in Parkland Hospital in Dallas. **David Starnes**, son of Henry and Sue and brother of Glynn, is now at home. **Herman and Teen Matysiak**, parents of Jeannie Wood, are both having serious health problems. **James Malone**, Ruby McCain's brother, is having treatment for cancer.

#### SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Doug Ragsdale  
 Scripture Mark Hutchins  
 Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer George Daugherty  
 Scripture Kevin Sustaire  
 Dismiss Mike McClenny

#### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Ben Young

#### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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

#### GREETERS

Jack & Peggy Garner  
 Mike & Ann McMinn

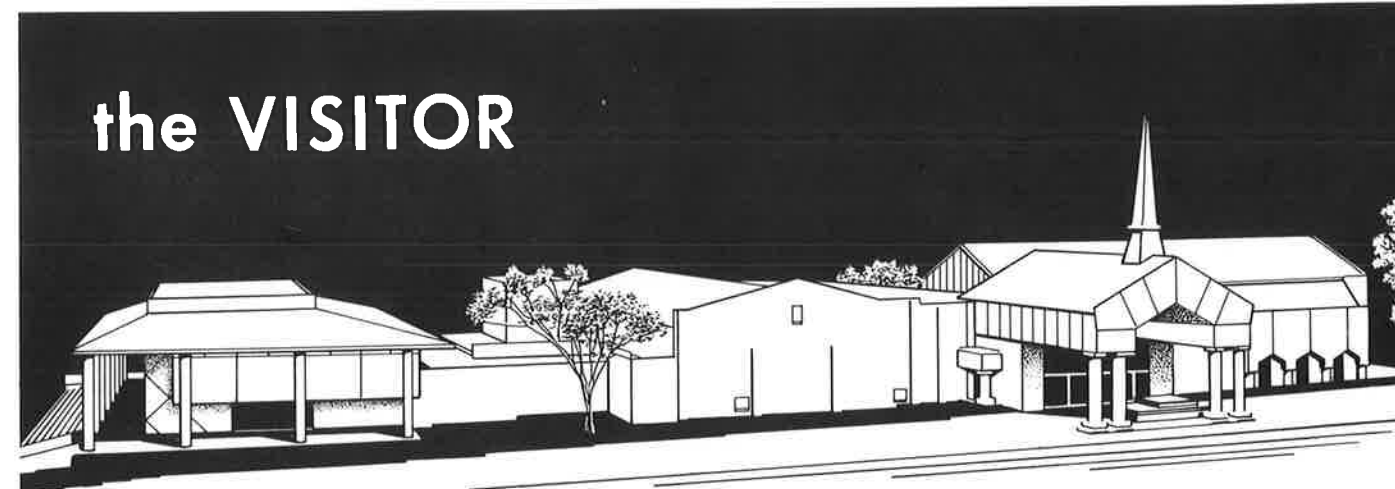
**Sunday** will be another Lord's Day. It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters. What a joy it will be to assemble together! **See you then!**

### Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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

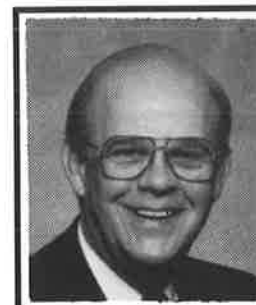
<b>MINISTERS</b>		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth	
Dewey Howard - Education		
<b>MISSIONS</b>		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
<b>ELDERS</b>		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.	
Morning Worship .....	10:00 A.M.	
Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.	
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		
Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.	
	11:30 A.M.	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A.M.	
(Sept. through May)		
Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.	
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420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133		
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



### From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

#### HOMECOMING '95!

Since we entered our new auditorium on the last Sunday of January, 1992, we have designated that Sunday each year as Homecoming for the West Erwin church. This year, on January 29, we want to invite all former members of West Erwin to come home and enjoy the day with us. Our day will include an exciting Bible class hour at 9:00 a.m., a worship assembly of praise, remembrance, and encouragement at 10:00 a.m., a catered meal served by our fellowship group in the Center at 11:30, and a brief service at 12:30 which will close the day for us. Make your plans to be with us for a great day on January 29.

#### SERMON SERIES

This Sunday I plan to begin a series of messages which will focus upon the greatest thrill a true Christian can experience, the life-blood of a local church, and one of the real reasons we are in the world. This Sunday morning's sermon will be entitled Experiencing Life's Greatest Moment. I hope you can be present for every message in the series, but if you must miss one or more of them, please get the tapes. It's that important. On Sunday evening I will be presenting a lesson I have entitled When The Laugh Is On You. Be with us!

#### ALBERT AND JEAN WINSTANLEY TO VISIT

Since the late 1960's the Glenwood church has supported Albert and Jean Winstanley in their work in England. The Winstanleys, natives of Great Britain, have spent their lives in service to the Lord in England and are some of the most dedicated Christians I have ever met. You will remember that they visited with us about 3 1/2 years ago and Albert preached at an evening service. The Winstanleys will be in Tyler from March 28 through April 11 and Albert will be preaching at our assemblies on April 9. More later about this.

#### THEY SAID IT

"The average Christian readers are not looking to grow or to be stretched but rather to be confirmed in the set of beliefs they already have."

-- John Fisher  
 Publishers Weekly

"At the end of your life you will not regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal, but you will regret time not spent with your spouse, your children, or your friends."

-- Barbara Bush  
 Home Life

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## Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



### THINK ABOUT IT...

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

A great prayer to start the new year!

### THANKS!

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper for hosting the New Year's Eve party. We had a great time and enjoyed your new house.

Thanks to the Hones, Culpeppers, and Bryants for going with us to Mazzio's Sunday.

### ICE SKATING

We will be going to the Galleria Mall in Dallas on Saturday, Jan. 7. We will be Ice Skating at Prestonwood Town Center first and then going to the Galleria. Skating will cost \$5.50 if 15 or more skate. You will also need money for meals.

### 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.

### 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. We will have a study session this Sunday at 4:30.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Jan. 8 Bible Quiz Study Session  
Jan. 8 Combined Devotional  
Jan. 9 Bible Quiz at Glenwood  
Jan. 22 Parent-Teen Meeting  
Apr. 14-16 LTC 1995

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Gardner's Team #1 will meet Jan. 8.

### IN APPRECIATION

At this time of sorrow there is nothing more comforting than our faith in the Lord and the love and concern you have shown to our families. We deeply appreciate every act of kindness. We thank God for such a wonderful church family.

Modena Jones  
Louis and Jane Jones

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The family of L.H. Mathews acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. The spray of red carnations were so pretty.

Dub & Opal Mathews

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for everything you have done for me. The prayers in my behalf, the cards, phone calls, visits and the delicious food. We appreciate it so much.

We love you,  
Hulen and Mary Terry

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Susan Steffee** was honored recently because of outstanding performance. She was chosen to be in a select group of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Academy IV.

**Michelle Colston** was also honored by TISD as "another example of quality staff" in her certification in the TISD accounting department as a Texas school business specialist.

### 1994 BENEVOLENT REPORT

For the year of 1994, the Benevolent Center served 571 families with approximately \$23,000 in clothing, 112 Bibles, \$61.00 in food, \$100.00 in miscellaneous household items and 47 quilts.

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

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume at 10:00 a.m. on January 11. All ladies are encouraged to attend. You will be enriched and uplifted by the lessons taught by Fern Bench and the fellowship with your sisters in Christ.



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  
WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Welborn

and

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Cheryl Elizabeth

to

Mr. John Kilpatrick Wallace  
as they become one in Christ  
on Saturday, the fourteenth of January  
nineteen hundred and ninety-five  
at half past seven in the evening  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas  
Reception following  
Petroleum Club

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Jeff Phillips  
5100 Sweetbriar #804  
Tyler, Texas 75703

Lerah Williamson  
515 East Erwin #403  
Tyler, Texas 75702  
ph. 535-7253

Derryl & Jeannie Wood  
P.O. Drawer L  
Arp, Texas 75750  
ph. 859-2350  
Seabrook ph. (713) 474-2228 - (This is where they are much of the time now).

### WITH SYMPATHY

Levi Walker, nephew of Wanda Weathers, (Rex Walker's grandson) was killed last weekend in an accident in Tennessee. Alan Anderson, Odell Session's brother-in-law, died recently. Cleo Vallone, sister of John Brem and aunt of Mary Haws, died December 23 in Houston. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their time of sorrow.

### Are YOU praying daily for the 100?

Our Mission Statement

### TO GLORIFY GOD

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

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## Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

**PARENTS OF BABIES AND TODDLERS:** Our 0-24 month class has grown to the point that a new walkers class has become needed. The new class for young children around 15-24 months will begin this Sunday in room 105. This class is specifically designed to meet the needs of children as they begin to learn how to walk. Children will be promoted out of the beginners class to this toddler class when you (the parent) and the baby class teachers feel the time is right. Velma Lemons will teach this class on Sunday mornings, and Angela Howard and Kim Mayer will teach the class on Wednesday nights. Have your children here at every opportunity to grow from what these ladies have to offer them!

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*You are invited to a special*

*Open House*

*of the newly refurbished Children's Library*

*Sunday, January 8, 1995*

*5:15 - 6:00 p.m.*

*Refreshments will be served.*

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**The new Children's Library** is ready for use. In fact, it is already being used by some of our children's classes. David and Virginia Demic have done an outstanding job of getting the library back into shape, attractive, and functional. Come participate in our open house this Sunday and see what we have to offer our children. Then use the library with your children and with your Bible class. It will wonderfully bless them.

**We have had a great response to the new 1995 Koinonia!** I appreciate your excitement and eagerness to restart the noon groups and begin the new p.m. groups. Over the next few weeks we will be selecting group leaders and assigning the groups. If you still have not had an opportunity to indicate your preference of noon or p.m. participation (or both), give the church office a call. Meanwhile, keep your eyes and ears open for the new groups coming soon.

### Coming soon in 1995:

- o West Erwin Homecoming - January 29
- o Teacher Appreciation Sunday - February 26
- o East Texas Teachers Training Workshop - March 4
- o Food Drive in our Bible classes - March and April
- o Family Bible Fair '95 (VBS) - June 10