

Dec. 19, 1996	<b>THE VISITOR</b>		Vol. 27-No. 50
Records	Sunday Dec. 15	Sunday Dec. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	371	361	312
Worship A.M.	486	508	472
Worship P.M.	298	317	308
Wed. P.M.	238	256	229
Contribution	\$54,695.52	\$13,447.34	\$30,726.00
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$39,534.52 over budget	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 22, (no minibus for Wednesday Dec. 25), Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Harold Browning** is in room 4483b at Medical Center following surgery. **Launa Armstrong** is awaiting results from tests. **Faber Cauthen** is at home and doing well but is not up to visits at this time. **Elva M. Williams** is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 594. She suffered a stroke. **Archie Lowry** is at home. **Aline Beard** is hospitalized in Athens. **Dub Mathews** had outpatient cataract surgery Wednesday. **Bryan Chambless** had wrist surgery Monday at Medical Center. **Buddy Bell** is scheduled for surgery Jan. 2 at Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. **Chris Elzen** was not injured in an accident on his way to church last Sunday. **Deane Scroggins**, Doug Scroggins' mother was dismissed from Mother Frances on Monday. She is very ill. Doug's dad is also having health problems. **Molly Cockrell**, K. Max and Mary Haws' granddaughter, had knee surgery Dec. 13. **Fredda DuPree**, Daniel DuPree's mother, is in Mother Frances Hospital. **Marina Mikonova**, a Russian student in Estonia, is much improved after having had an appendix rupture.

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Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.	
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**There will be no bulletin next week due to 2nd Class Postal permit regulations.**

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John Steffee Jeff Hone  
Jerry Huff Josh Hone  
Robert Hilliard Matthew Carpenter  
**GREETERS**  
Paul & Signa Stanley  
Ray & Gail Vannoy

*From The Church With Heart...  
in the Heart of TYLER.*



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**A GOOD DAY**  
It was a cold and rainy day. A number of our people were unable to be present. However, it was a warm day inside and many of our West Erwin family members gathered for worship and to give about one-fourth of the money needed to begin the first stage of our new multi-purpose building! One of the most encouraging things about the \$54,695.52 contribution was that it represented a cross section of the church -- many of our people participated by giving above and beyond their regular contributions. Others will be giving to this project before the end of the year and still others will give in 1997 enabling us to move ahead with our plans to construct this needed facility which will be used extensively in outreach, fellowship, and edification. Thanks for your support!

*Season's Greetings from the Office Staff!*



*Jay, Danny, Mike,  
Daniel, Frances, & Jo*

**Sermons for Sunday, December 22, 1996  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **"Three Decisions We Need To Make Now"**  
(II Timothy 3:14-17)
- P.M. **"Pressing Toward The Goal"**  
(Philippians 3:12-16)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### THANKS

Thanks to all of those who were a part of our annual Holiday Party. Thanks to Matt & Rhonda Haws, Rick & Karen Fedell, Grant & Leanne Knight, and Gary & Julie Ables for hosting the evening. We had a great time!

From the Snell family: Thanks for the wonderful gift from the youth group. The tree was awesome! We are constantly reminded of how special you are and what a privilege it is to be associated with the West Erwin church. Thank you!

### GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Thanks to all of those who bought gifts for the children at Boles Home. These small acts of kindness make an impact in a child's life that we can never quite measure. Thanks for sharing!

### CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

All of those in the 6-12 grade and their families are invited to go with us to tour the Christmas lights on Sunday,

Dec. 22. We will return to the building at 9:30. We will stop at a fast food establishment so bring money for supper. Join us for this great evening!

### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Join us as we bring in the new year together on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the Snell's home. More details will be coming in the mail.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 22	Christmas Light Tour
Dec. 31	New Years Eve Party
Jan. 24-26	Servant Retreat

## Outreach & Involvement

by Daniel K. Morgan

### Men's Ministry Begins At West Erwin

Sometimes great events that impact our lives go unnoticed by the multitudes. Such is the case for the "official" beginning of the Men's Ministry of the West Erwin Church of Christ. Last Saturday, on December 14th, twenty-four men of the church met for breakfast and prayer.

These men of West Erwin have dedicated themselves to become men of God who, (like the men of Issachar - 2 Chronicles 12:32), understand the times and know what we should do in our families, in the church and in our community.

If, in the book of Acts, twelve followers of the Lord turned the world upside down, what can 24 men do in Tyler? **Much, with God's help!**

- The How To Handle The Holiday Blues **Support Group** will meet on Thursday, December 26th at 7:00PM. The topic will be: "What Happens After The Presents Are UnWrapped?"

### Ministry Highlights

- There will be **NO Koinonia Group** meeting next Sunday. So Group 4 will not meet for lunch. New plans for all Fellowship Groups will be announced soon. Please watch for these very important announcements.
- Due to the busy holiday schedule, there will be **no** further **Visitation Team** meetings until next year. We are still in need of workers to form an additional team. Please see Daniel Morgan if you would like to join in this ministry.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the cards, visits, food, and prayers on my behalf during my recent surgery. Please continue to remember me in prayer as my recovery will involve an extended period of time.

Henry McRuiz

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Thank you for your prayers and the beautiful flowers. We are blessed to have a church family like you. The family of R.L. McKinney acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of your sympathy.

Freida Starr

## ANNUAL YEAR-END CITY-WIDE SINGING

The annual year-end city-wide singing will be at the University Church of Christ, 11114 Spur 248 on Wednesday, December 25 at 7 p.m. There will be no services at West Erwin that evening.

## WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Do you ever feel in bondage to food? God does not intend for food to control us. This program takes you away from dieting which is simply making the food behave. This program teaches you how to have control within. There are no special foods. The workshop includes video tapes, audio tapes, slides, group discussion and a workbook. If you are interested in breaking the focus on food and being permanently free of "yo-yo" dieting, this program may be for you. There will be an orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, in the Heritage room at the West Erwin church. Classes will begin Tuesday, January 21. You may call Rachel Huff at 534-8549 for more information.

## BLOOD NEEDED

If you can give blood, please specify that it is for the West Erwin church of Christ account #6286 at Stewart Blood Center. Your help is appreciated.

## HOLIDAY BANQUET VIDEO

Many have requested a video of the all-church holiday banquet held at the Tyler Inn & Conference Center on December 6. If you would like to have a video of this fun time, please call the church office or sign the sheet in the foyer.

### Our Mission Statement TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
Evangelizing \* Edifying \* Encouraging  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin \* Tyler, Texas

## WEDDING INVITATIONS

Fill Suzanne

daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nising  
and Scott Lynn

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carruth  
have together with the Lord  
reached a decision to unite their lives  
as one with Him

We invite you to celebrate with us  
and witness their vows

on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December  
nine hundred and ninety-six  
at eleven o'clock in the morning  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin Street

Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

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Colonel and Mrs. Rudolph John Kobarg, Jr.  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Kristin Anna

to Mr. Matthew Lee Herder  
on Saturday, the fourth of January  
nineteen hundred and ninety-seven  
at two o'clock in the afternoon

First United Methodist Church

37 East Beauregard  
San Angelo, Texas

Reception immediately  
following ceremony

The River Club  
800 West Avenue D

## SEVEN FREE GIFTS

The Gift of Praise - give several compliments daily.

The Gift of Understanding - this is what most of us wish for.

The Gift of Concession - you don't have to always win.

The Gift of Gratitude - we receive grace with gratis.

The Gift of Attention - to give someone your time, respect,  
and attention is one of the greatest gifts.

The Gift of Inspiration - "Enthusiasm" means "God within us."

The Gift of Personal Presence - eighty percent of success  
comes with "showing up." Broken hearts come when you don't.

Your greatest power is you, your presence. Give it.

## THESEARCH

Each Sunday

KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.

KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

TEACH (v.) to impart knowledge to by lessons; give instruction to; to train by practice or exercise.

Do you ever wonder about the future? When you read the newspaper or watch the news on TV do you ever think about what your life will be like in years to come? That is why many of us invest today. To offer us security and comfort in our future years. We exchange money, time, and resources for some type of return in the future.

With that in mind I would like to commend to you our TEACHERS. Those individuals who share their time, talent, and knowledge with the adults, teens, and children of this family at West Erwin. You

see, by investing in the lives of others we can greatly impact, not only our future, but that of other people we will come in contact with in the future.

Consider these words:

"One hundred years from now, It won't matter what kind of car I drove, What kind of house I lived in, How much money I had in my bank account, Nor what my clothes looked like . . . But the world may be a little better, because I was important in the life of a child."

I think these words ring true for all of us at any age. Take a few minutes today and invest a little of yourself in the life of someone else.

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Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$1,713.66 under	budget
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 15, and Wednesday Dec. 18, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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Prayer Jay Graham  
Scripture Rick Fedell  
Dismiss Jack Garner

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

David Frick

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

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Prayer Chuck Gillam  
Scripture Joseph Elerson  
Dismiss Nick Goodson

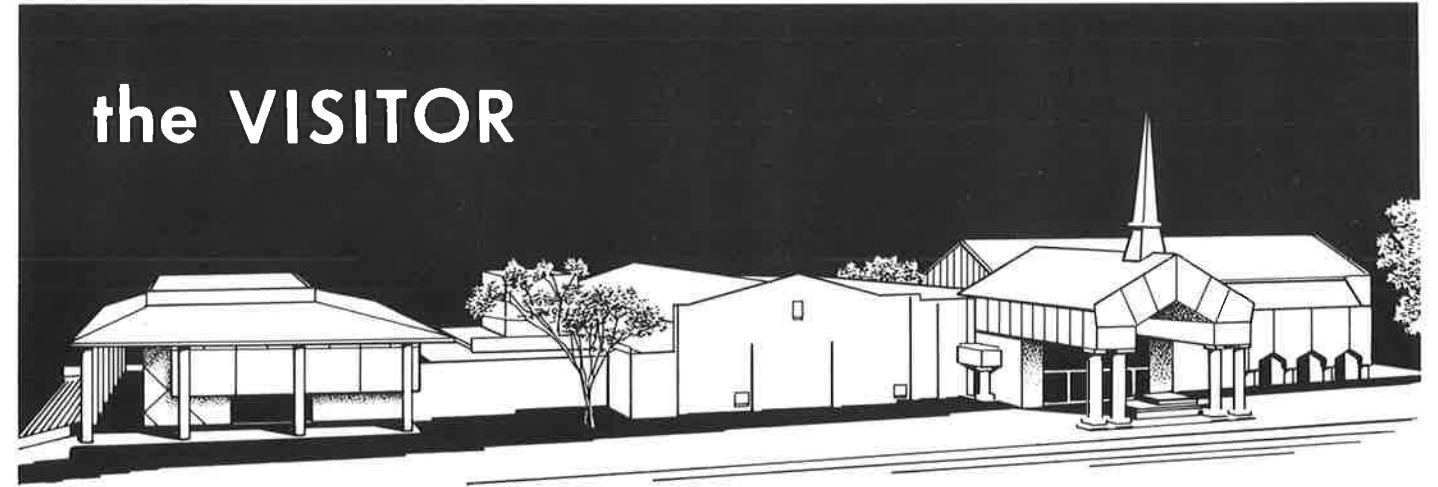
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Brady Dawkins Chris Elzen  
Wally Dawkins Ken Elzen  
Chuck Gillam Rick Fedell  
Garry Goswick Walter Farrer


**GREETERS**

Jim & Priscilla Mayer  
Elmer & Nila Miles

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



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



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

**Sermons for Sunday, December 15, 1996 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **"The Priceless Gift"** (II Corinthians 8:1-5)
- P.M. **"The Lord Has Heard"** (Genesis 16:7-13)

**OTHERS**

When God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ... He was concerned about others. When Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us ... He was concerned about others. We are never any more like Christ than when we are concerned about others. An old, old farmer was found planting trees on his farm and was asked, "Why are you planting trees that you will never live long enough to enjoy?" His reply was, "I'm planting the trees for others." That's true of a lot of things we do, too. We do them for others. This is why we are interested in being a vibrant, growing church in the Heart of Tyler ... others. Others include God whom we desire to glorify, Christ whom we want to imitate, members of our church family whom we want to edify, but also those we may yet reach for Christ. When our elders unveiled a new building program last Sunday, it was not primarily for themselves, but for others. Those who

give to this project may benefit from the use of the new facility, but the giving is more for others -- for our young families, for our youth, for generations yet unborn, and for outreach. The key word is, and must ever be ... others.

**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION THIS SUNDAY**

This coming Sunday will be the time for our traditional end of the year special contribution. This year we have a most important project toward which this contribution will go -- our new two-phased building program for the property on the north side of West Erwin. The building committee did such a good job in putting the project together, and **Matt Haws** presented it so well, and our elders have endorsed it as their vision for our future growth. Now is the time for all of us to get behind this important program and to give what we can toward making our dream a reality. It begins Sunday!



## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks to Gary & Frances Broome and Trey & Joy Rousseau for hosting the evening. Thanks to Joy for making it a colorful experience! We had a great time!

### YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

This Saturday night is our annual Youth Group Holiday Party at the home of Matt & Rhonda Haws. The time is from 6:00 - 10:00 and you will need to bring a \$3-\$5 wrapped "Fun Gift". If you need instructions please call 561-3574. Bring a friend to enjoy this wonderful time together!

### GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

As we have for the past several years, we will be sponsoring two children from Boles Home for their Christmas Wish List. Rachel is seven and Steven is four. The list is posted at the Youth Bulletin Board. Choose your item and write your name in the slot and return them by Sunday. Thanks for making a difference in these kids lives!

### COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the 6-12 grade and their families are invited to go with us to tour the Christmas lights on Sunday, Dec. 22. We will return to the building at 9:30. Join us!

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 8 Combined Activity  
Dec. 14 Youth Christmas Party  
Dec. 22 Christmas Light Tour

### IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to the men who took the time from their busy schedules to put up a fence for me. I love and appreciate you all.

Mozelle Cash

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Thank you for the cards, inquiries, food, and most of all prayers during the time of my recent surgery. May God bless you for your loving concern.

Barbara Brady

### ATTENTION MEN!

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Loggins Restaurant, 127 S. Glenwood. We need at least 20 to hold our reservations. Please sign up with Daniel Morgan or make your reservations during the Men's Ministry Bible Study at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

### Important Meeting For All Koinonia Group Leaders (AM & PM groups)

Monday, December 16th at 7:30 pm

at the Fellowship building

to plan next year's program.

You may bring desserts to share.

Coffee will be provided.

**YOUR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL!**

### INVOLVEMENT

If you have not yet filled out an involvement form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Approximately half of our people have returned their forms and we need full participation

### BLOOD NEEDED

We are in need of blood in the church account at Stewart Blood Bank. If you can give blood, please specify that it is for the West Erwin church of Christ account #6286. Your help is appreciated.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Judy Carol Thomas, Gloria Thigpen's daughter! She recently received her Master of Science degree in Human Relations and Business from Amber University.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at he Elkhart Church of Christ for R.L. McKinney, Freida Star's father. Services were held Monday in Edgewood for Helen Donaldson, Michael Millsap's grandmother. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

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Mr. and Mrs. David R. Daughtry  
and

Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Garner  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children

Amy Jeanette

and

Paul Blake

Saturday, the fourteenth of December  
nineteen hundred and ninety-six

at six o'clock in the evening

First United Methodist Church

1320 Main Street

Houston, Texas

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Dale and Carolyn Blackstone announce the marriage of their daughter, Becky, to Shane Milligan, son of Ken and Diane Millican on Friday, December 6. They are at home in Tyler.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

December 15 2's - Jim & Kelly Bell  
3's - Kevin & Shelly Sustaire  
4's - Jeannie Ross

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## Outreach & Involvement

### The Church Building

*Why Visitors*

*Return*

by Prentice Meador

[Part Four of four]

"Is the building visible? Accessible? With adequate space? Known in the community?"

**editor's note** Although we would all prefer not to spend money on and not have an emphasis on our building, the fact is, facilities are important to people. We have to spend the resources we have available in order to build facilities that meet the needs of our members. We need a place where we can minister to one another and from which we can go out to serve in the world.

But even more than this, we must build for the sake of the lost. The lost in our community desperately need what we can provide in our buildings -- teaching, caring for, and building relationships. The lost need a people and a place they can come to, so they can learn about Jesus. - Daniel K. Morgan

## Ministry Highlights

**Koinonia Group Three ( John and Virginia Pike)** will meet this Sunday, December 15th, after services. Is this the last time you will have to meet with this group this year?

**Attention:** Visitation Team Three (Ray and Carolyn Womack) will do visitation this week. Team members, please see your leaders for plans and assignments.

**To All Members Of The Church:**

**Are you interested in reaching out to people who are looking for a place to belong or a better relationship with God?** We are now recruiting and forming another team of members who want to become part of the Visitation Ministry. If you would like to join this new team of "Bridge-Builders", please contact Daniel Morgan.

## SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

Next week (December 19th) the topic of our **How To Handle the Holiday Blues Support Group** will be: "Melancholy Christmas" (Memories, Relationships, and The Loss of Loved Ones). We know this is a difficult time of both joy and sadness for many people. If we can help you get through this time in any way, please join us.



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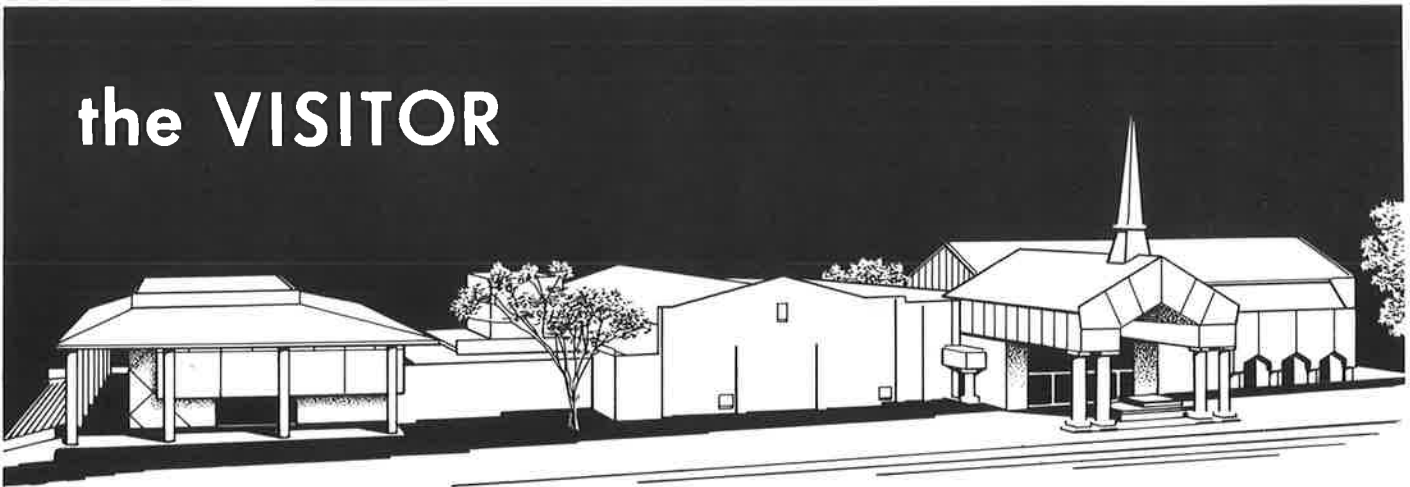
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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, December 8, 1997 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**


- A.M. **"The Past, The Present, And The Future"**  
(Philippians 3:7-14)
- P.M. **"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"**  
(Isaiah 11:1-10)

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Last evening (Tuesday) six elders, fifteen deacons, three staff members, and our building committee met in the fellowship hall for a catered dinner and a meeting designed to hear a report from the building committee on the committee's work over the past few months. Back in the summer a committee made up of **Jeff Hone, Garry Goswick, Wade Weathers, Chuck Gillam, and Matt Haws** was appointed by our elders to consider the following questions: What facilities will be needed to accommodate expected future growth of the West Erwin church? What additional facilities, if any, are needed now? What would be the most expedient way to come up with additional Bible classroom space? What use can be made of the Center (the property across West Erwin from our present facility) in the context of the committee's work? On Tuesday evening the committee brought its answers to the elders, deacons, and staff ... and this Sunday this information will be shared with the entire congregation. Make your plans to be present ... you won't want to miss this!

**WHAT THEY ASKED**  
The disciples of Jesus made this request of Him: "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). They wanted to be the kind of men He wanted them to be and they believed He wanted them to be men of great faith. Yet they saw that they fell far short of the faith Jesus taught. So they said, "Increase our faith." Do we need greater faith? As we plan for the church to be the Light From The Heart Of Tyler, do we plan with great faith? Perhaps we should ask the Lord to increase our faith. The disciples of Jesus also asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 18:1). Isn't it interesting that they heard Him preach (He was the greatest of preachers), but they never asked Him to teach them to preach. No, but they heard him pray and asked Him to teach them to pray. Do you suppose that faith and prayer are in any way related? Isn't it true that the greater our faith, the greater our dependence upon prayer? And isn't it true that the greater our dependence on prayer, the greater will be our faith? The learning of the Word of God will produce faith ... and, yes, the Word of God in our hearts brings us to our knees in prayer. Faith and prayer!

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**Youth Notes**  
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**COMBINED ACTIVITY**

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- Dec. 8 Combined Activity
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- Dec. 22 Christmas Light Tour

**BAPTISM**

We rejoice with **Russell Fedell** and his family in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism last Sunday. He was baptized into Christ in Troup by his grandfather, Richard Fedell. Russell is the son of Rick and Karen Fedell.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I would like to thank everyone for their remembrances of me during my recent hospitalization and on my birthday. The cards and your prayers were appreciated very much.

"Doc" Hillin  
(Frances McBee's dad)

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Don't forget the Young at Heart meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided. A sign-up sheet for other food will be posted in the foyer. Please plan to come and join in the fun.

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**WEDDING INVITATION**

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Daughtry  
and  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Garner  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Amy Jeanette  
and  
Paul Blake  
Saturday, the fourteenth of December  
nineteen hundred and ninety-six  
at six o'clock in the evening  
First United Methodist Church  
1320 Main Street  
Houston, Texas

**ATTENTION MEN!**

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 a.m. Reserve this date and time on your calendar. Location and further details will be announced later. To sign up, see Daniel Morgan or attend the Men's Ministry Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

**INVOLVEMENT**

If you have not yet filled out an involvement form, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may leave them in the church office or give them to one of the staff.

**GOD'S GIFTS**

Not a lofty evergreen  
Bejeweled with lights,  
Costly gifts beneath,  
But a tree stripped of its branches  
Made into a cross stark, ugly  
Makes known God's love.  
Gifts beneath: joy, peace, forgiveness,  
Life eternal. Come ... Receive...  
— Leota Campbell

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS**

- December 8 2's - Rhonda Haws
- 3's - Ruth Ellis
- 4's - Rhonda Weathers

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**Why Visitors Return**

by Prentice Meador  
[Part Three of four]

**A Place For Families With Children**

"Studies show that visitors perceive the needs of their children as a major factor in a decision to find a church. Baby-Boomers (born between 1946 and 1964), many with children, include one-third of all Americans. A church that attracts families with children will attract visitors."

**editor's note** If we really want this church to grow, we must do all we can to attract visitors, both members of the Church who are looking for a "church home" and unchurched people. And after they visit, we have to do our best to give them a reason to stay. The simple truth is, if we don't provide for the spiritual, relational and physical needs of families, visitors will go somewhere else. - Daniel K. Morgan

**Ministry Highlights**

**Koinonia Group Two (Jerry and Rachel Huff)** will meet this Sunday, December 8th, after services. When was the last time you met with your fellowship group? Well, brothers and sisters, that may be too long.

**Attention: Visitation Team One (Jack and Peggy Garner).** Please meet after evening services at the front of the auditorium to pick up your visitation cards. This is an important gathering.

**To All Members:**  
Are you interested in reaching out to people who are looking for a place to belong or a better relationship with God? We are now recruiting and forming another team of members who want to become part of the Visitation Ministry. If you would like to join this new team of "Bridge-Builders", please contact Daniel Morgan.

**SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

Do you get depressed or down during the winter? Do you ever have the "Winter Blah's" or get as gloomy as the weather outside? Then maybe you should join our Support Group at West Erwin that meets on Thursday's at 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room.

Next week (December 12th) the topic of our **How To Handle the Holiday Blues Support Group** will be: "Do I have S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder)?"

Records	Sunday Nov. 17	Sunday Nov. 17	Year Ago
Bible Class	347	379	387
Worship A.M.	509	551	579
Worship P.M.	303	330	341
Wed. P.M.	248	280	158
Contribution	\$15,635.80	\$15,690.74	\$13,830.73
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$474.80 over budget	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 4, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Archie Lowry had back surgery Monday at Medical Center. Barbara Brady is at home after recent surgery. Jonnie Steffee is in Medical Center. Ruth Dobbs is in Medical Center. Aline Beard is in the Athens hospital. Elva M. Williams is in Tyler Rehab Hospital. Florene Adams is at home. Henry McRuiz is scheduled for knee surgery Monday Dec. 2, at Mother Frances. Buddy Emmons, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, is now at home. Rosa McNutt, Debbe Davis' grandmother, is hospitalized in Fairfield. Kevin Warren, Debbe's nephew, is having tests. Maxine Goodman, Mark Waggoner's grandmother, had her leg amputated last week in Shreveport. Paul Lowe, Sharon Lowe's brother, had back surgery Tuesday at Medical Center. Helen Donaldson, Michael Millsap's grandmother, is very ill. Gerald Nelson, Debra Elzen's brother, suffered a heart attack. Kathy Krewall's brother-in-law, is very ill in OK.

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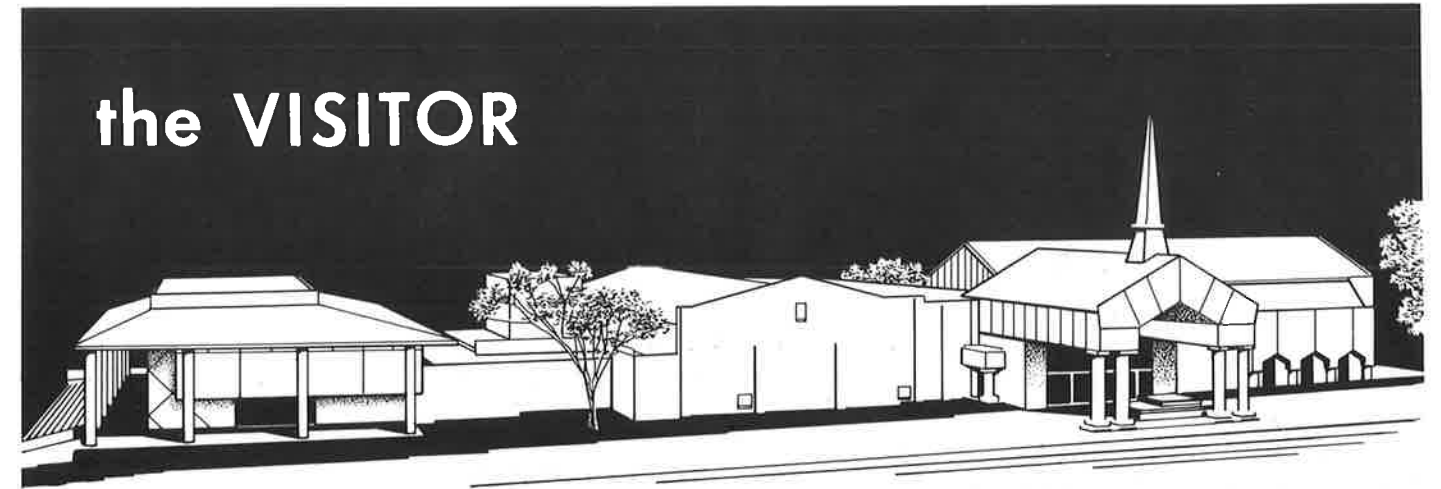
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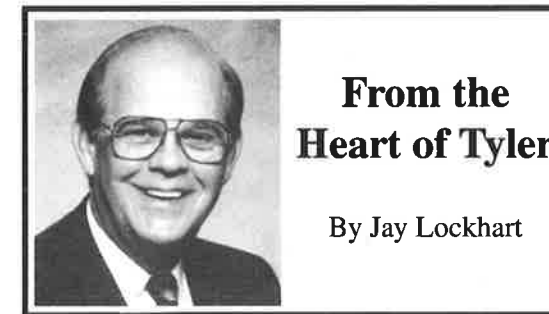
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A.M. **"Experiencing The Power"** (1 of 4)

(II Corinthians 9:6-11)

P.M. **"Three Things That Abide"** #3

(I Corinthians 13:13; Romans 12:9-21)

**DISCOVERING AND USING OUR GIFTS**

With the conclusion of our studies in Bible classes dealing with the discovery and use of our gifts of ministry, we are now prepared to involve every member of our church family in the important work which God has given us to do. We had a very good response last Sunday to our ministry forms which we passed out at the conclusion of our classes and those who were not present will be receiving one of the forms soon. We do hope to have a completed form on as many of our members as possible. Let's remember these things: God has equipped the church to do all that he wants us to accomplish; every member of the body of Christ has a gift or gifts from God, and each member must use his gift as he glorifies God, grows into the image of Christ, and helps build up the body and reach the lost and help the needy. In all of this we want to work hard at loving one another and at keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. If we will do these things then both spiritual and numerical growth will occur, God will be pleased, and we will be the 1st century church reaching out to people who need Christ as we approach the 21st century. Let's be "the church with heart in the heart of Tyler" -- a church which is Bible-based, Christ-centered, people-oriented, heart-filled, and sent out.

**THANKS TO JAMES HOLLAND**

James Holland is a multi-talented man who, along with his wife Corrie, has spent much of his life engaged in mission work: preaching in foreign lands, planting churches, and training preachers. How fitting that he should speak on the important theme of Missions as he spoke to my Wednesday night class on November 13. Thanks, James, for a job well done!

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

Beginning Sunday, December 1, 1996

Ages	Teacher	Subjects
50-70's	Roy Bench	Ephesians
50-60's	Hillard Hughes	James
40-50's	Ray Vannoy	The Marketplace
Mixed	Stan Mallory	Ecclesiastes
30-40's	Daniel Morgan	Hebrews
Singles	Mike Gravois	Issues Singles Face
20-30's	Jay Lockhart	Relationships
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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS

Thanks to ACU and John & Cheryl Wallace for hosting the high school activity this past Sunday. We had a great time!

Thanks to all who went on the middle school retreat this past weekend. This was the largest ever with over 90 people there. The weather was perfect and God blessed us in this time together. It is wonderful to have the youth groups in Tyler working together for one cause. Thanks to David & Carrie Cannefax, Lisa Snell, Casey Culpepper, and Cindy Carruth for going as sponsors.

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### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

We are confronted every day with troubles and sorrows. We are so richly blessed to be associated with such a warm, loving, and generous fellowship of Christians. Thank you so much for your kindness, prayers, and uplifting spirit made so evident in our time of need.

Wade & Sandra Park  
and Family

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for again providing our Monday lunch. We had a delicious meal of fried chicken, potato salad, rolls and cake. We greatly appreciate your love and support.

In Christ,  
The Tri-C Family

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We want to thank each one of you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls about our granddaughter, Brooke. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. She is at home and is continuing to improve.

K. Max & Mary Haws

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We owe a debt of gratitude to Dale Blackstone and to Cub Scout Pack 354 for beautifying around our building. Dale and his daughter, Becky, put in the flower bed by the new office area and the Cub Scout group planted the pansies in the flower bed on the Elm Street side our building.

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### SINGING

Remember the singing at 5:30 each Sunday afternoon in our auditorium led by Jerry Huff. This is a good way to improve our singing, learn new songs, and present our best as we sing praises to God.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Make plans to attend **PRAISE '97** at the Hallsville High School Auditorium in Hallsville on February 22, 1997, sponsored by Jubilate'. Learn songs from the newly released "Songs Of Faith And Praise" by Howard Publishing Co. For more information, contact the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview at (903) 758-0161 or (903) 663-1500.

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The Pruett Gerontology Center invites you to participate in a 5-day short course that will help you more effectively meet the needs of older members and will teach you how to equip older people for continued service in the church. The course can be audited for \$25.00 or taken for graduate or undergraduate credit. It will be offered January 6-10, 1997 at ACU's Pruett Gerontology Center and taught by Dr. Jim Hughes, the senior adult minister for the Skillman Church of Christ in Dallas. If you are interested in taking this course, please contact the Pruett Gerontology Center at (915) 674-2350.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

There will be no regular Children's Worship on Sunday, December 1, but child care and classes will be provided for infants through young 3's.

### INVOLVEMENT

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### Why Visitors Return

[Part Two of four  
by Prentice Meador.]

### The Character of the Worship Service

Do people really experience the presence of God? Does the worship celebrate Christ? Are people equipped for life? **editor's note** We saw last week one of the factors that influence whether visitors return or not is the warmth and friendliness of the members of the church. This is something that each of us do in a direct way as we come into contact with visitors every Sunday.

Prentice Meador notes above that there is also something they observe about us that encourages visitors to return. It is our relationship with God and the way we act during worship.

Remember, we don't "attend services;" we participate in worship. What do people see in you? Do you encourage others by what you do during the worship service? -- DKM

## Ministry Highlights

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**All Visitation Team members** met last Monday night to discuss plans for ministry. There are some exciting things in store for the future. This ministry is growing in strength and number but since this work is so vital to the church, we can always use more help. Please "stay tuned" for further details of how you can be involved, too.

## SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

There is still room and still time for you to join our Support Group at West Erwin that meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Heritage Room.

Next week (December 5th) our topic will be: "Who's Getting Stuffed Now?" Do you have a healthy relationship with food? Whether you sometimes overeat or even just worry about it, this can have a major source of anxiety and depression over the holidays. Maybe we can help each other get through this time with a healthier outcome. Won't you join us?

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Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$529.74 over budget	

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

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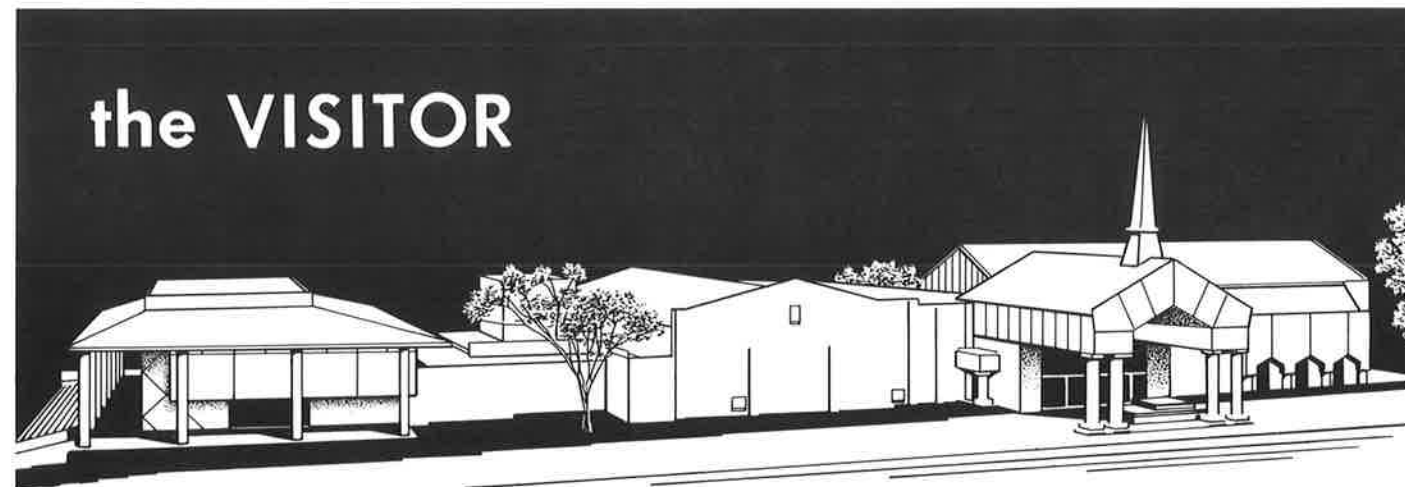
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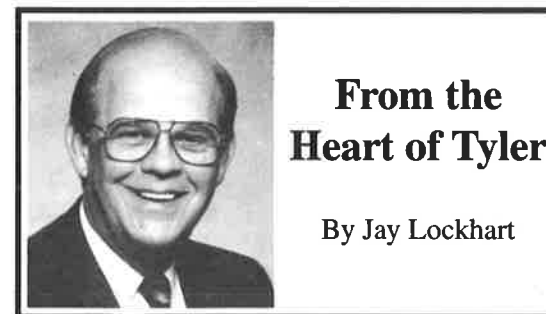
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A.M. **"Being Thankful People"**

(Psalm 100:1-5)

P.M. **"Three Things That Abide" #2**

(I Corinthians 13:13; Romans 5:1-5)

**IT'S THAT IMPORTANT**

This coming Sunday is the last study in our current Bible class series on "Spiritual Gifts" and it is ever so important that as many of our people as possible be present in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m.. sharp. You will be hearing from **Jay Lockhart**, **Daniel Morgan**, and one of our elders, **Ira Wilson**. Here are some questions which indicate how important this meeting will be:

1. Are you a member of the body of Christ? (I Corinthians 12:12)
2. Are you important? (I Corinthians 12:14-20)
3. Is it essential that every member of the body do his or her part? (Ephesians 4:16)
4. What is your gift and why is it important that your gift be used? (I Peter 4:10-11)
5. What happens if we fail to use our gifts? (John 15:2)
6. What will you do as a member of the body at West Erwin to glorify God, to promote your own spiritual growth, and to build up the body of Christ? This Sunday we will have an opportunity to answer. Be present, be involved, be faithful.

**THE QUIET PEOPLE**

I'm amazed as I look around West Erwin at the number of people we have who work for the Lord quietly, faithfully, behind the scenes and without fanfare, yet who serve in very important rolls. I think of those who serve regularly in cooking meals for the shut-ins, in seeing we have people available to lead in our worship assemblies, in benevolence, in visitation, and on and on. During our recent meeting so many ladies responding in a positive way in seeing that our noon luncheons went well (we listed their names recently on this page), and several of our folks provided child care and classes for small children during the services of the meeting. These included: Velma Lemons (who will always take the lead when asked and do it in an excellent way), Norma Sorrells, Chuck and Laurie Florence, Rhonda and Brittany Haws, Esther Wilson, Martha Waggoner, Karen Butterworth, Paige, Meagan, and Tyler Morris, Diane Weathers, Gina Elerson, Rhonda Weathers, and Ginger Weathers. Thanks to each of you!

## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS

Thanks to the Michael and Michelle Millsap for hosting the devotional this past Sunday. We appreciate the great Sloppy Joes and the powerful message. Thanks to all who came and made it a wonderful evening.

### GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

As we have for the past several years, we will be sponsoring two children from Boles Home for their Christmas Wish List. Rachel is seven and Steven is four. The list is posted at the Youth Bulletin Board. Choose your item and write your name in the slot and return them soon. Thanks for making a difference in these kids lives!

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Dec. 1	Out To Eat
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### RESPONSES

Kara Camp came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she be a better servant to Christ and His people.

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Robert and Pat Stokes will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, November 24. Congratulations on this significant and happy milestone in their lives!

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### IN APPRECIATION

To Our Church Family,

We would like to express our appreciation for the cards, calls, visits, food, and most of all your prayers while I was in the hospital and since I came home. We love and appreciate all of you.

Clinton & Louise Culpepper  
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Dear West Erwin Family:

Words can never express how much we appreciate and "thank you" for the prayers, calls, cards, delicious food and other acts of kindness shown to us during these past few weeks. Since this will be an extended confinement, we still need your prayers.

In Christian love,  
Ruth Crosser  
James and Sharon Gehring  
Kevin and Shelley Sustaie  
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Thank you all so much for the many visits and the meaningful prayers and cards that I received while in the hospital. Even today, Tuesday, I got two get well cards a week after release from the hospital.

H.M. Minnis

### LIVE...

*EACH DAY TO THE FULLEST*

*GET THE MOST FROM EACH HOUR,*

*EACH DAY AND EACH AGE OF YOUR LIFE.*

*THEN YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE*

*AND BACK WITHOUT REGRET.*

*BE YOURSELF --*

*BUT BE YOUR BEST SELF.*

### ATTENTION MEN!

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 a.m. Reserve this date and time on your calendar. Location and further details to be announced later. To sign up, see Daniel Morgan or attend the Men's Ministry Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

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## Outreach & Involvement

### Why Visitors Return

[First in a four-part series  
by Prentice Meador.]

Have you ever visited a church and wanted to return? Why? Dr. Win Arn suggests that a decision to return is the result of the following factors:

### The Friendliness and Warmth of the Church

This attitude is primarily conveyed when visitors first enter the building and when the worship service is over and people begin to leave.

editor's note - What is your part in making all of our visitors feel welcome? You may be the very person they are looking to for that warmth and friendliness. You'll be hearing more in the future about how you can be part of our "Greeters and Visitor's Guide Ministry". -- DKM

## Ministry Highlights

**Koinonia Group 1 (Melvin and Nina Crow's group)** will meet for lunch after services this Sunday. This is a change from the previously published date due to the Thanksgiving holidays. There will be no Koinonia Group the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

**All Visitation Team members** are invited to attend a special meeting this coming Monday, November 25th, at 7:30 PM. Everyone currently in visitation or interested in this ministry is asked to bring your favorite dessert and join us for a general discussion & planning session for the Visitation Ministry. Gourmet coffee, including decaf, and juices will be provided to go with your desserts.

## SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

What a great blessing to be able to have a safe and supportive place to come together with other people and share our struggles and feelings about the "Holiday Season." This is exactly what we have in our Support Group at West Erwin that meets on Thursday's at 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room. You are invited to join.

We will not have a meeting next week, November 28th, the week of Thanksgiving itself. But next week (December 5th) our topic will be: "Who's Getting Stuffed Now?", or how you can maintain a healthy relationship with food during the holidays.



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Bible Class	354	400	353
Worship A.M.	529	606	471
Worship P.M.	360	355	284
Wed. P.M.	239	239	235
Contribution	\$13,595.21	\$23,585.93	\$12,593.98
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$1,565.79 under budget	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 17, and Wednesday, Nov. 20, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Aline Beard** is in the Athens hospital, room 387b. **H.M. Minnis** is in Mother Frances, room 482. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center. She has pneumonia. **Elva M. Williams** is now at home. **Kaitlyn Gravois'** test results were good. **Harold Browning** will have surgery in December for an abdominal aneurysm. **Brooke Cockrell**, Max & Mary Haws' granddaughter, is at home in Mansfield after a discectomy last Friday. **Joan Everett**, Kathy Portwood's cousin, is in Mother Frances with serious injuries from an accident. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, is in Healthsouth R.I.O.S.A. Rehab Hospital in San Antonio. **Deanne Scroggins**, Doug Scroggins' mother, had surgery last week. **Novie Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's mother, is in Medical Center. **Georgia Cole**, Lela Duncan's grandson's wife, was seriously injured in an accident recently and will likely lose her expected baby. **Anna Holifield**, Gina Elerson's grandmother, broke her arm in a fall. Her grandfather, **W.D. Holifield**, was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday.

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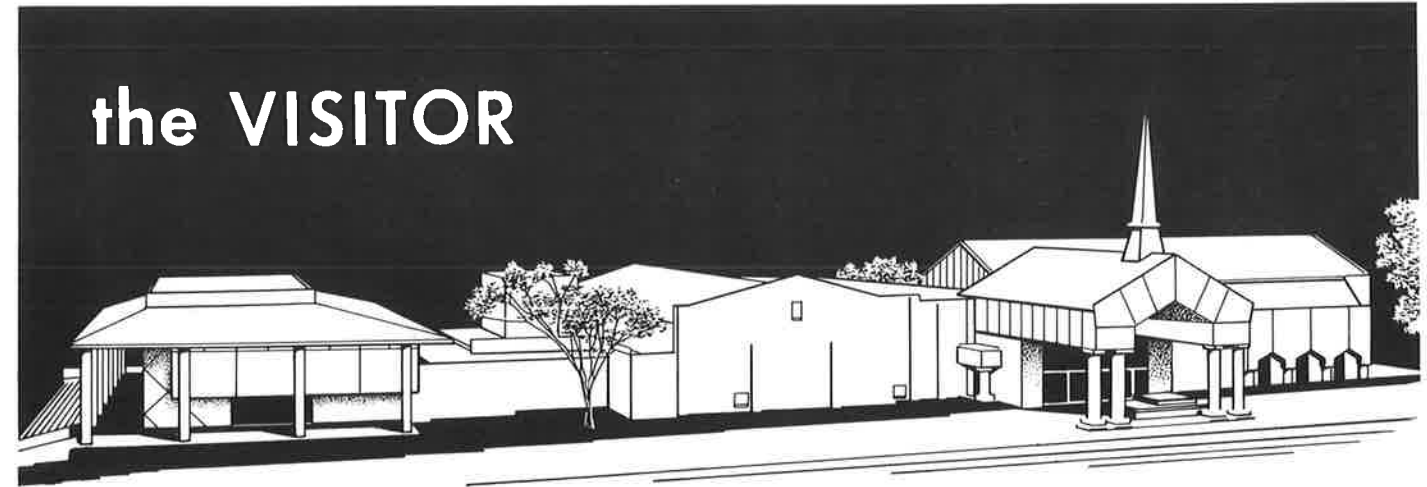
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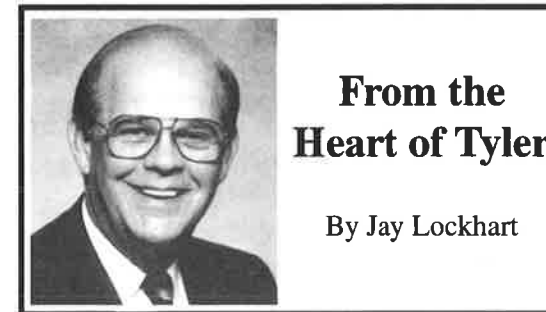
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

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**Sermons for Sunday, November 17, 1996**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Tolerance And Intolerance"**

(Romans 14:1-10)

P.M. **"Three Things That Abide"**

(I Corinthians 13:13; Romans 10:5-15)

**REFLECTIONS**

I've just been thinking ... in the last 40 days I have preached 25 times (including meetings in Kentucky, Florida, and Texas and West Erwin) and I have heard **David Sain** preach nine times during our meeting at West Erwin. What place has God given to preaching in His plan? Is what we do important? Does it make any real difference? Preaching has always been important to God and in the Bible preaching is paramount, from the preaching of Noah, the "preacher of righteousness," to the prophets, to the preaching of John the Baptist, Jesus, and the apostles. What difference does preaching really make? Paul said, "It pleased God by the foolishness of what we preach to save them that believe" (I Corinthians 1:21), and "the preaching of the cross is ... the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18). When the apostle spoke with the elders of the church at Ephesus he said "the word (the message preached -- JPL) ... is able to build you up and give you an inheritance" (Acts 20:32). I hear someone saying, "Well, in this day and time preaching is not what people want. They want .... (fill in whatever)." My answer is, "So?" There's something to be said about needs and wants. When my children were growing up what they wanted didn't always coincide with what they needed, but they got what they

needed more than what they wanted. If we believe the Word of God really has the power to change people's lives, then we all need large doses of exposure to that Word ... and one of the ways we get that exposure is through preaching. Now this question: does preaching ... and the worship of God... and interest in that which is spiritual deserve a better place in our lives than some of us give? I've just been thinking.

Brother H.M. Minnis has donated a pulpit stand to West Erwin which is in the new classroom that came about with the recent remodeling of the old chapel. H.M. made that stand many years ago with his own hands and it has been used in another place all this time. Ask him to tell you the story behind that stand. Thank you, H.M.

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**Jay Lockhart will be teaching the auditorium class this Sunday on the subject of: "The Gift of Mercy."**

## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### A TRIBUTE...

This past weekend a dear friend passed from this life. Sandra Henry was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. All children had a special place in her heart, especially those in Mrs. Underwood's class at Gary Elementary. To many of those kids, she was more than a teacher, she was their friend and mom. To all of those and many of us, in her face we saw the face of Jesus. Sandra fought a long and hard battle. She lost the battle with cancer but won the battle of life. Her reward is great. Sandra, we will miss you on this earth, but your memory will live on forever. We must continue to pray for Larry, Gena, Shelley and the rest of their family through these difficult times.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Dan Haile has been attending here for some time and has made known his desire to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. He has returned to Tyler after living in Austin for several years and we are happy to welcome him back home. He is the grandson of Dan and Wini Cullinan and lives at 19164 FM 2493, Flint 75762 (mailing address P.O. Box 264), ph. 894-8518.

### RESPONSES

Marc Philpot came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for him to be the husband, father and son that God wants him to be.

John and Mary Poulsen came recently to ask for our prayers for their family.

Kelly and Jeannie Ross asked for our prayers as they adjust to the storm damage at their home.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Sandra Henry passed from this life last Saturday afternoon. Services were held Wednesday at our building. We share in the sorrow of Larry, Gena, Shelley, and all the family and her many friends and associates.

Services were held last Tuesday in Frankston for Lola Houston, Jayne Fitzgerald's grandmother.

Services were held last Saturday in Poteau, OK for Albert Branscum, Virginia Pike's brother-in-law.

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

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### NEW ARRIVALS

Kaleb Wayne Sanford was born Nov. 7 in Houston to Tammy and Curtis Sanford. He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. Terry Shaw is the happy aunt and Jay and Arlene Lockhart are the proud grandparents.

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### SPECIAL NEED

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### CONGRATULATIONS

It was good to see Lloyd and Winifred George at our services last Sunday and to be a part of their nostalgic visit to the building where they were baptized into Christ and where they were married fifty-six years ago. Congratulations to them on this happy event in their lives!

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## Outreach & Involvement

### Involvement - A Question Of Loyalty

Wasn't Jay's message last week on Loyalty both convicting and encouraging! Truly the test of our loyalty to the Lord and to our brothers and sisters in Christ is shown in the things we say and do.

Sometimes this means we have to do what we know He wants us to do, whether we want to or not. It also means we have to be actively involved in the life of the body, faithful in giving, and just plain "in church." Will you be involved in the body?

Think about this way. Imagine how you would feel if your own son died in a fire as a result of rescuing your neighbors from their burning house, and they didn't want help you or even come to the funeral. How would you feel? Will you be here this Sunday?

## Ministry Highlights

- o **Koinonia Group 4** will meet for Lunch after services this Sunday. Which group are you in? Well, are you coming?
- o **Visitation Team 4** will meet this coming Monday, November 18th at 6:30 pm (not the fourth Monday). See Ray & Carolyn Womack.

<<<<< **!!! EXTRA !!!** >>>>>

**A GENERAL VISITATION MEETING** (not a "Turn Over Dinner") will be held on Monday, November 25th, at 7:30 PM. Please bring your favorite dessert and join us for a general discussion & planning session for our Visitation Ministry. Gourmet coffee and juices will be provided.

## SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

We had a great beginning last Thursday for our new Support Group Ministries at West Erwin. General guidelines for participating in support groups were presented as well as an overview of upcoming topics that will be covered in our group called "How To Handle The Holiday Blues."

Those who attended were enthusiastic about the blessings we expect to receive from our participation. There is nothing like a loving, supportive environment to help us get through difficult times. Next week's topic is: "Dollar & Sense? - The Role of Debt in Holiday Depression". You are invited to join us.

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Wed. P.M.	239	228	243
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Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$8,424.93 over budget	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 10, and Wednesday, Nov. 13, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.			

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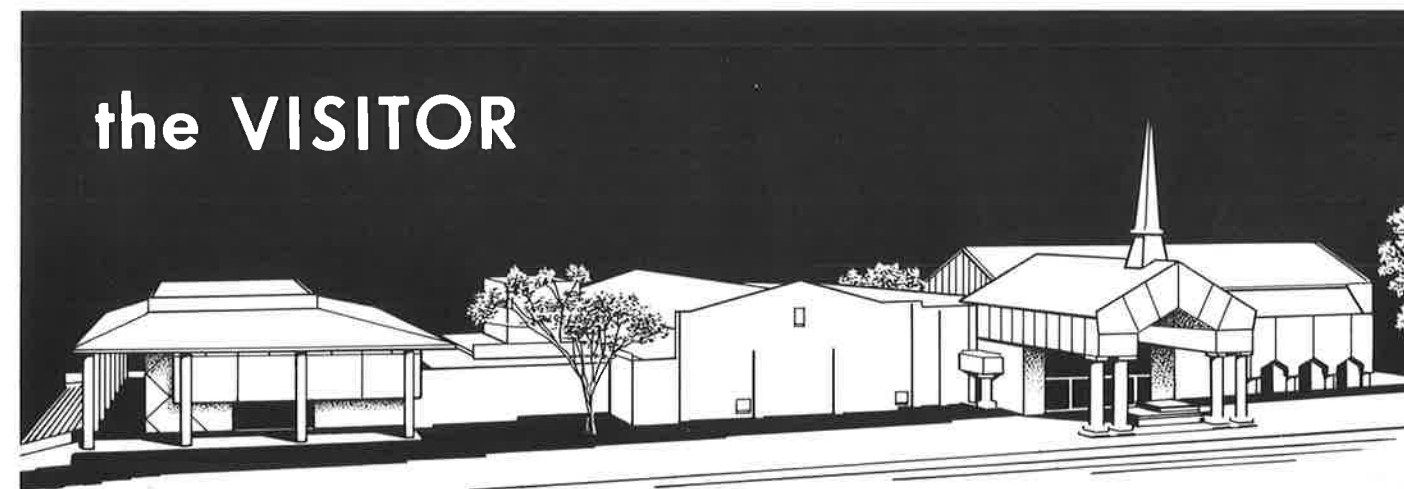
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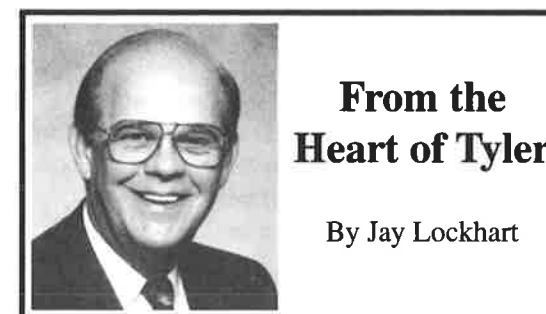
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by Dr. Jay Lockhart

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(Genesis 15:5-10, 17-18)  
P.M. **"Wrestling With God"**  
(Genesis 32:22-32)

**OUR FOUR DAYS WITH DAVID SAIN**

We enjoyed our meeting with **David Sain** which was characterized by simple, powerful, and Biblical preaching and good interest. It was apparent that David is a man of conviction who is dedicated to the proclamation of the Word and a man who loves Christ, the church, and people. We needed what he brought to us and we are grateful for his work among us.

We are indebted to all who attended the meeting and in a special way we owe a debt of gratitude to the ladies who organized, planned, prepared, and served our lunches each day. We enjoy the noon meetings during a Gospel Meeting when we can come together in the middle of the day for a brief Bible study, when we can bring our co-workers, and when we can enjoy a good lunch together. Our special thanks to **Agnes Ables**, **Laverne Keith**, **Carolyn Stitt**, and **Arlene Lockhart** for the leadership they provided and to all the ladies who brought food each day.

**STAN CLARK LEAVES ELDERSHIP**

**Stan Clark** announced on Sunday, October 27, that he is being transferred to Austin for a year or so and must leave the eldership during this time. You may not know that when Stan, who has been with the Texas Department of Public Safety for several years, took the test a few years ago for a promotion to Lieutenant he finished first in his class and earned the right to elect to stay in Tyler. Now he has been promoted to Captain and is the kind of man the D.P.S. appreciates, so expect to hear good things about Stan in the future. We are hopeful that he will be able to return to Tyler soon and resume his service with the West Erwin church as an elder.


**MIKE GRAVOIS ACCEPTS EDUCATION POSITION**

One of our elders, **Ira Wilson**, announced last Sunday that **Mike Gravois** has been asked to become our Minister of Education and that he has accepted the elders' invitation. Mike has been working part-time on an interim basis and has done such a good job that he was asked to assume full-time duties. The staff welcomes Mike!

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who came to the work-day this past Saturday. We had a great turnout and the house got painted along with a few other things! Thanks to the following: Jennifer Knight, Danielle Rousseau, Chris Ables, Courtney Craddock, Lindsey Parker, Amanda Broome, Jeffrey Knight, Russell Fedell, Cody Fedell, Jessica Kuechle, Allison Broome, Wendy Culpepper, Garrett Sublette, Kara Sharman, Cody Ables, Jay Culpepper, Charlie Scroggins, and Brett Hone.

Thanks to all of those who came to the Family Picnic this past Sunday at Pollard Park. We had a great time and a great turnout with between 40-50 people! We will do it again soon.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**

November 22-24 is the date for our city wide Middle School Retreat at Lakeview Encampment. The cost is \$15.00 and you need to sign up on the list ASAP. This will be a great time together. Don't miss it!

**BIBLE QUIZ**

The text for this fall is 1 Samuel and next quiz is over chapters 16-22. We will be meeting for our next practice session **Sunday, Nov. 10** at 5:00. The next quiz is **Monday, Nov. 11** from 7:00 - 8:00 at the Shiloh Rd. Church. Be a part of this great way to learn God's Word.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

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**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Nov. 10                   LTC Sign-Up
- Nov. 17                   Middle School Activity
- Nov. 22-24               Middle School Retreat
- Nov. 24                   High School Activity

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Friends,  
Words cannot begin to express our thanks for the many prayers and thoughts for our brother and son, Buddy Emmons. His recovery will be slow but he is doing well. Please continue to pray for him as he continues to improve in the R.I.O.S.A. Rehab Hospital in San Antonio.

Thanks again,  
Danny Snell & Bea Taylor

(If you would like to let him know you are thinking about him, you may send mail to Rex "Buddy" Emmons, % Health-south R.I.O.S.A., 119 Cinnamon Hill, San Antonio, TX 78240).  
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I want to thank Danny Snell, the teenagers, and all his crew for painting my house. I love and appreciate all of you.

Mozelle Cash

**SISTERS IN SERVICE**

If you would like to participate in giving gifts to our missionaries for the holidays, please give your donation to Connie Sublette or Arlene Lockhart as soon as possible.

**THE WAY TO HAPPINESS**

*Keep your heart free from hate. Keep your mind free from worry. Live simple, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for a week and you will be surprised.*

**BLOOD NEEDED**

We are in need of blood in the church account at Stewart Blood Bank. If you can give blood, please specify that it is for the church account #6286. Your help is appreciated.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Monday at the Eubank Funeral Home in Canton for Walter McGeehee, Kim Jordan's grandfather. He lived in Ben Wheeler and passed from this life on Nov. 1.


Jayne Fitzgerald's grandmother died last weekend. At this writing (Tuesday morning) we have no other details.

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

**GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

The grocery truck from **Boles Home** will be in our area the week of **December 9**. Their needs are: SLOPPY JOE MIX (can), SUGAR & SPAM/TREET. Any other items you wish to donate are greatly appreciated.

**the search**



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

**YOUNG AT HEART**

Don't forget the Young At Heart meeting on Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to come and join in the fun. We'll have a great meal and good fellowship! Turkey and ham will be furnished and with all the other good things you will bring, I'm sure it will be great!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

H.M. and Alla Minnis recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations on this happy and significant milestone in their lives!

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

The **Campus Christian Center** at TJC will sponsor Parent's Night Out Friday, November 8 from 6:30 'til 10:30 for children ages 2 through 5th grade. Cost is \$5.00 for 1 child and \$3.00 for each additional child. (This would be a good time to do some Christmas shopping!)

Need time to shop? A break? Visit someone? The **H.O.S.T.S.** (Singles Group) will provide Parents Night Out, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, in our fellowship hall. This is for children ages 3 - 10. Each child will need \$2.00 for pizza. Kids will have video, games, singing, etc.

**SINGING**

As of Sunday, November 3, Jerry Huff will be leading a song service at 5:30 each Sunday afternoon in the auditorium. This is a great way to improve our singing, learn new songs, and present our best as we sing praises to God.

**LADIES RETREAT**

Ladies, it's time for the Ladies' Retreat on Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9, at Brookhaven Camp in Hawkins, Texas! It will be a great time!

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**KOINONIA IN ACTION**

**On Sunday, November 17, at 5:00 p.m. we will have a money tree "shower" for Wade and Sandra Park. This is to help them in the loss they suffered in a recent fire in their home. This is what Koinonia (fellowship) is all about. Cookies and drinks will be furnished by the Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class. Contact Fern Bench for more details.**

**Ministry Highlights**

- o **Koinonia Group #3** meets for lunch this Sunday after morning services. If you are not part of a fellowship group that meets at noon, you are invited to join us.
- o **Visitation Team #2** will meet Monday night, Nov. 11, at 6:30 at the Potts' home.
- o **UPCOMING VISITATION DESSERT AND DE-CAF COFFEE MEETING** Monday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. All visitation team members are invited. We will talk about the visitation program in general.

**MISSION UPDATE**

This week's report from the church in **Tallin, Estonia** brings more great news. Anna, the teenage daughter of our new sister Lema, was baptized last Sunday. A good-sized group of teenagers, some who are members and some who are not, came to the baptism. This was important to Anna and was a great opportunity for further witnessing to the good news of Jesus. We hope that Lema's son will soon obey.

Short-term workers report they are holding English and Bible classes, 7-8 hours a day, every day, and the people keep coming. Praise God and pray for His workers.

**SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

By the time you get this bulletin we will have had the first meeting of our support group on "How To Handle The Holiday Blues." We met Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Heritage Room. In this meeting we talked about two basic things: first, *the fundamental principles of a support group*, and second, *what this group is all about.*

We meet again next Thursday at the same time **AND IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO JOIN US.** If you have ever struggled with greater anxiety, stress or depression during this time of year; or if, because of your circumstances, you expect this year to be difficult, please join us to focus on these issues in a loving, supportive setting.

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Bible Class	353	333	341
Worship A.M.	522	540	527
Worship P.M.	382	329	311
Wed. P.M.	228	235	264
Contribution	\$15,314.53	\$14,762.90	\$12,204.37
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$153.53 over budget	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 3, and Wednesday, Nov. 6, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Elva M. Williams** was admitted to Mother Frances on Tuesday. **Kaitlyn Gravois** had tests Thursday at Medical Center. **Clinton Culpepper** is recovering at home from bypass surgery. **Sandra Henry** needs our continued prayers. **Brooke Cockrell**, Max & Mary Haws' granddaughter, is scheduled for back surgery Nov. 8 at Cook's Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth. **Reba Sorrells**, Jon Sorrells' mother, is now in Greenville where she will be recuperating at her daughter's home. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, is in a Rehab Hospital in San Antonio. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, continues to have serious back problems. **Novie Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's mother, is ill at home in Troup. **Vallie Davis**, Ed Butterworth's grandmother, is showing improvement. **Elvin Wilson**, former West Erwin member, had knee replacement surgery this week in Hereford, TX.

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Mike Gravois - Education	Daniel Morgan - Involvement	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
James Sublette	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Stan Clark	Ira Wilson	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
	Leon Welborn		(903) 592-0809

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Tony Adams  
Scripture Chris Ables  
Dismiss Ray Bradford

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Jim Bell

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

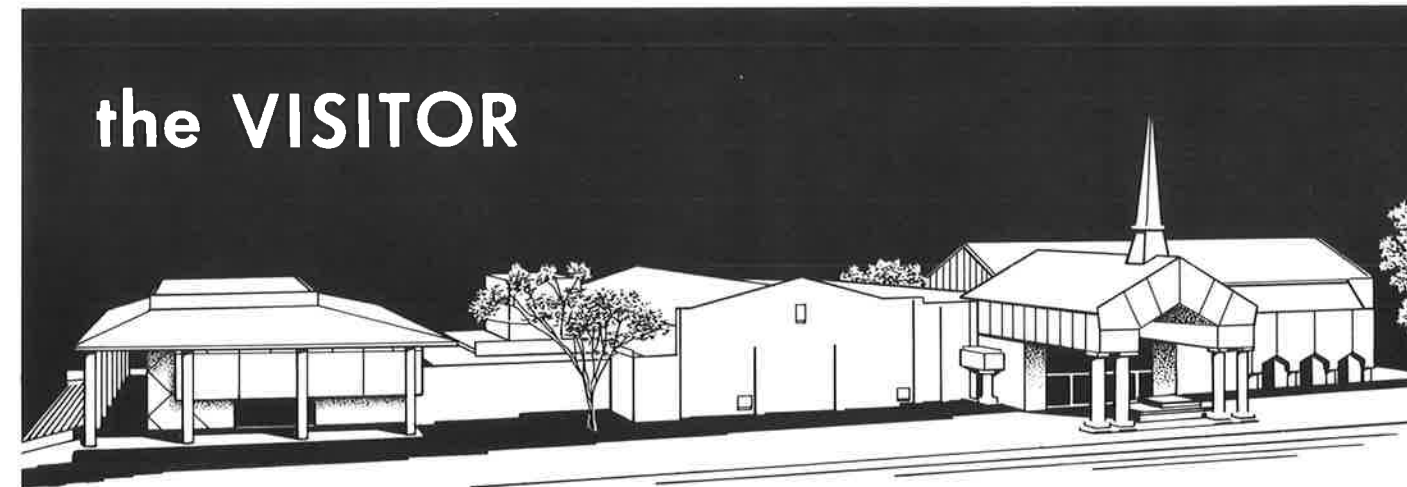
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Dismiss Gary Broome

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**


John Cliver Milburn Cook  
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Matthew Carpenter Danny Craddock  
Stan Clark Faber Cauthen

**GREETERS**  
Harold & Nelda Browning  
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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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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, November 3, 1996**  
by David Sain  
A.M. **"The Bible Is God's Word"**  
(II Timothy 3:14-17)  
P.M. **"Jesus Is The Preeminent One"**  
(Colossians 1:9-18)

*"Changeless Truth For A Changing World"*  
with  
**David Sain**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Noon Meetings  
(Lunch served immediately after services)  
Monday through Wednesday 12:10 - 12:40

Come and bring someone!

\*Nursery for babies and toddlers provided for all sessions.  
\*Classes for children age 2 through 3rd grade available for all sessions.  
(There will be no class for kindergarten through 3rd grade at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. time).



**David Sain**

David Sain, a native of Tennessee, has been preaching for more for more than forty years. He attended Freed-Hardeman University and has preached in local work in Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Alabama. David is married to Phyllis and they have two children and five grandchildren. He is the speaker on the Way of Life, a syndicated thirty minute TV program and Heart to Heart, sixty second radio messages. David Sain preaches the Bible with a love for people and his messages will be informative and timely.

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Worship P.M.	329	366	316
Wed. P.M.	235	244	273
Contribution	\$14,762.90	\$14,733.26	\$13,421.95
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$398.10 under budget	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 30, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Clinton Culpepper is recovering from bypass surgery in Mother Frances Hospital. Ruth Crosser will be confined to home for several weeks. Beatrice Holland is in now in Briarcliff Retirement Center #26. Sandra Henry needs our continued prayers. L.G. Drennan is ill at home. Reba Sorrells, Jon Sorrells' mother, is in ETMC Rehab Hospital, room 304. Buddy Emmons, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, is now in a Rehab Hospital in San Antonio. Betty Fuller, Debbie Graham's mother, is ill at home with back problems. Novie Roddy, Patsy Fisher's mother, is ill at home in Troup. Vallie Davis, Ed Butterworth's grandmother, is having tests to determine treatment for a heart problem. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in or in nursing homes.

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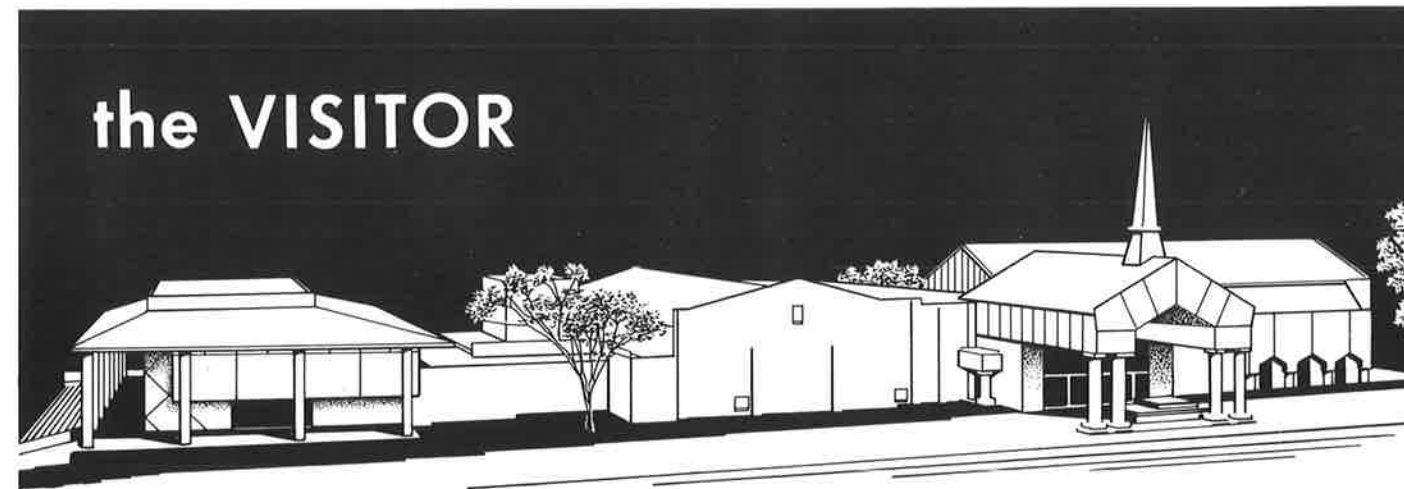
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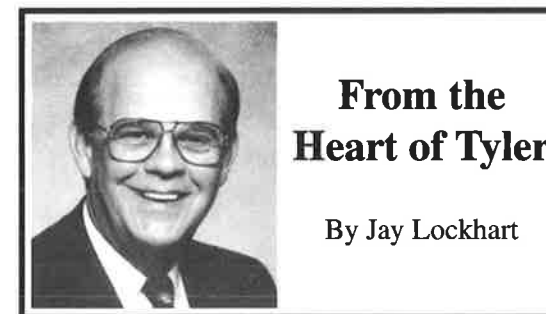
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By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, October 27, 1996**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"I'm A Part Of The Body--Now What?"**

(Romans 12:1-8)

P.M. **"Climb Every Mountain"**

(Deuteronomy 34:1-12)

**ON SOUNDNESS AND HONESTY**

Who determines who is sound? In the final analysis God must decide this since no man knows everything or understands everything even about the Scripture. Surely who is sound must be determined by a broader consideration than with what preachers, what papers, or what schools one may agree. Should questions like: does this brother love the Lord, love the Word, and is he honest in his investigation of Scripture ever come into play? No, I am not suggesting that if one is sincere he is sound, but what I am asking is, must a brother be marked as unsound because he disagrees with me on some point? Does the fact that he disagrees with me make him unsound? Is there any possibility that I may be mistaken in my interpretation of some passage?

Another question is, what right does a group of preachers have to set up a list of things they call "fatal errors" (these things being areas where some brethren disagree with them) and "non-fatal errors" (those being things with which they disagree with each other)? I thought that all sin, any sin, but for the Grace of God, was fatal.

Now this question: Can one be sound who in the name of soundness violates Scripture? How is this done? Matthew 18:15-18 gives a very clear formula for dealing with

differences. How can a brother justify himself when, instead of following Matthew 18 and going to a brother who has offended, he goes to the brotherhood, either by pulpit or printed page, to declare a brother's supposed error?

Still another question: when a brother is quoted, what obligations do we have to quote him accurately? I have heard things that I am alleged to believe which I do not believe. I have read in print things I am alleged to believe that I do not believe. Can we quote someone inaccurately with immunity simply because we do it in the name of soundness? Do we have no obligation to check out our reports? A final question: Are we as a brotherhood going to slander, divide from, and even lie about our brothers? Do we not have obligations to honesty, integrity, ethical behavior, and going to a brother with whom we disagree, as well as to soundness? Think about it. This is not a plea for "softness." Neither is it a plea for "anything goes." It is a plea for New Testament Christianity in our soundness and in the way we treat others. Our failures here must cause the Savior to weep.

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**"CHANGELESS TRUTH FOR A CHANGING WORLD"**

That's the theme for our Fall Meeting with David Sain, November 3-6. Four significant days. Be present!

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# Youth Notes

by  
**Danny Snell**



## FALL FESTIVAL

Each year the West Erwin church has held a Fall Festival for our young children and others in the community. This will be held in the Center this Sunday night after church. If you would be interested in helping by staffing a booth and working with others in various areas, please let me know ASAP. All of those who are working a booth need to be present at 4:30 for a very important meeting. All workers need to wear a costume for the event. Don't miss this one!

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## IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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Nov. 2	Work Project
Nov. 3	Family Picnic
Nov. 10	LTC Sign-Up
Nov. 11	Bible Quiz
Nov. 22-23	Middle School Retreat

## WEST ERWIN CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL

All of those from Birth - 5th Grade are invited to Enjoy the Booths. Everyone is invited to Enjoy the Fun. Sunday, October 29 7:15-9:00 in the Center Refreshments will be served. Each family needs to bring a bag of wrapped candy by Sunday, Oct. 29.

## IN APPRECIATION

To our family at West Erwin:

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the comfort and love shown to my family through your prayers, words, cards, and charitable donations. Your kindness and love proves God's glory.

Thank you all,  
Trey Rousseau & family

We appreciate so much the cards, food, visits, and prayers during the time of my heart attack. It is wonderful to have a church family such as you.

Joe and Frances McBee

## CONGRATULATIONS

Marc Philpot and Bridget Trent were married September 23. They are now at home in Lindale. We extend our best wishes to them.

## THANK YOU

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you so much for your help this month. We are all very grateful to you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. We were able to purchase 5 chairs for our dining table. We're all thrilled and looking forward to the next "installment" of chairs.

The Sticklers and Little Top Cottage of Tipton Home

## LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, the time is quickly drawing near for the Ladies' Retreat on Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9, at Brookhaven Camp, CR 3909 in Hawkins, Texas. This is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with our sisters in Christ.

## SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

### General Information

Our first Support Group called, "How To Handle The Holiday Blues" will begin on Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 P.M. in the Heritage Room. Each session will end promptly at 8:30 P.M. The group will meet every Thursday with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas week.

This group will continue until the last week of January. At that time we will evaluate and make plans for the next group. Anyone who would like may attend this group.

### Some Topics We Will Cover

- . What Are We Doing Here?
- . Dollars & Sense?
- . S.A.D. (Do I Have Seasonal Affective Disorder?)
- . "Who's Getting Stuffed Now?"
- . Stress: Good and Bad
- . Melancholy Christmas
- . After The Presents Are Open
- . Time Marches On

## THESEARCH



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## BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jill Nissing bride-elect of Scott Carruth on Saturday, November 2 10:30 - 12:00 at the home of Gail Vannoy 3323 Teakwood Selections: Dillard's, Target & Service Merchandise Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Jaci Dawn Prestidge was born October 15 to Brant and Jeri Prestidge. John and Kathy Portwood are the grandparents, and Gussie Beaty is the great grandmother.

On October 16 Riley Katherine Brown was born to David and Joelle Brown in Austin, Texas. Jo Butler is the grandmother, Mary Butler the great grandmother, and Marisa Suggs the aunt.

## GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of October 28-November 1. We are asked to furnish MAYONNAISE. Cash donations are also appreciated for purchase of milk, meat, fruit, and vegetables.

## AREA GOSPEL MEETING

"Living In The Shadow Of The Cross" with Dr. Jay Lockhart October 28, 29, & 30 7:30 each evening at the Holly Lake Church of Christ in Big Sandy, TX

## REMEMBER....

Turn your clocks back one hour this Sunday!

## HOLLAND'S CHRISTMAS

If you would like to contribute to a holiday gift for the Jeff Holland family in Togo, please see Dale Blackstone as soon as possible.

## PLEASE NOTE: NO BIBLE HOUR THIS SUNDAY NIGHT!

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### VITAL SIGNS

Numbers matter for another reason. Not only do they represent precious souls for whom Jesus died, but numbers can also tell us things. We depend on them in almost every field: business, science, industry, and medicine.

I know, there is no evidence in medical history that a thermometer ever healed anyone. But doctors and nurses take vital signs: temperatures, pulse, x-rays, etc. for the well being of their patients. Many an important diagnosis and successful treatment began with simply taking a patient's temperature.

Graphs and data of our congregation's **vital signs** give us only a part of the picture of our health. But with this insight, we can begin to accurately build on our **strengths** and work on our **weaknesses**. In this way, with God's help, we can assure that we will have sustained, healthy growth in the decades to come and many will hear the Good News, come to know the Lord and grow into His image because of West Erwin.

## Ministry Highlights

- **Koinonia Group 1** meets this Sunday after morning services. Call the office if you don't know your group. Or bring a dish and join us.
- **Visitation Team 4** meets this Monday evening. See Ray Womack.
- Special **prayer meetings** are scheduled for Friday, November 1st, starting at 8:00 pm going until we finish, however long it takes. Other sessions will be held during the week of the **Gospel Meeting** itself.

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The following letter was received from the Raytown, Missouri Church of Christ:

"We have experienced a wonderful two weeks with the Sojourners. In all we knocked on 2681 doors, have 75 Bible correspondence courses set up, and have 17 home Bible studies. John and Ruby Cliver were two of the Sojourners that assisted us. You are blessed to have a couple in your congregation that is as committed to the Lord as they are. Our sincerest *thank you* for allowing them to be part of our congregation for two weeks".

Ed and Margie Hunt and Thelma Bennett are also Sojourners from West Erwin. We appreciate the Sojourners and their work.

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- October 27**
- 2's - Kevin & Shelly Sustaire
  - 3's - Jerry & Rachel Huff
  - 4's - Mike & Nora Gravois

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### PRAYER AND CARE

**Ruth Crosser** is in Mother Frances Hospital, then will be confined to home for several weeks due to a recurrence of lupus. **Beatrice Holland** is in room 490 at Mother Frances Hospital. **Sandra Henry** needs our continued prayers. **L.G. Drennan** is ill at home. **Reba Sorrells**, Jon Sorrells' mother, is in ETMC Rehab Hospital, room 304. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, is now in a Rehab Hospital in San Antonio. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, is having serious back problems. **Novie Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's mother, is ill at home in Troup. **Shawn Moore**, a student of Carol Morgan's, is back home but still very ill. **Vallie Davis**, Ed Butterworth's grandmother, is having tests to determine treatment for a heart problem. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in or in nursing homes.

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Prayer Edgar Bullard  
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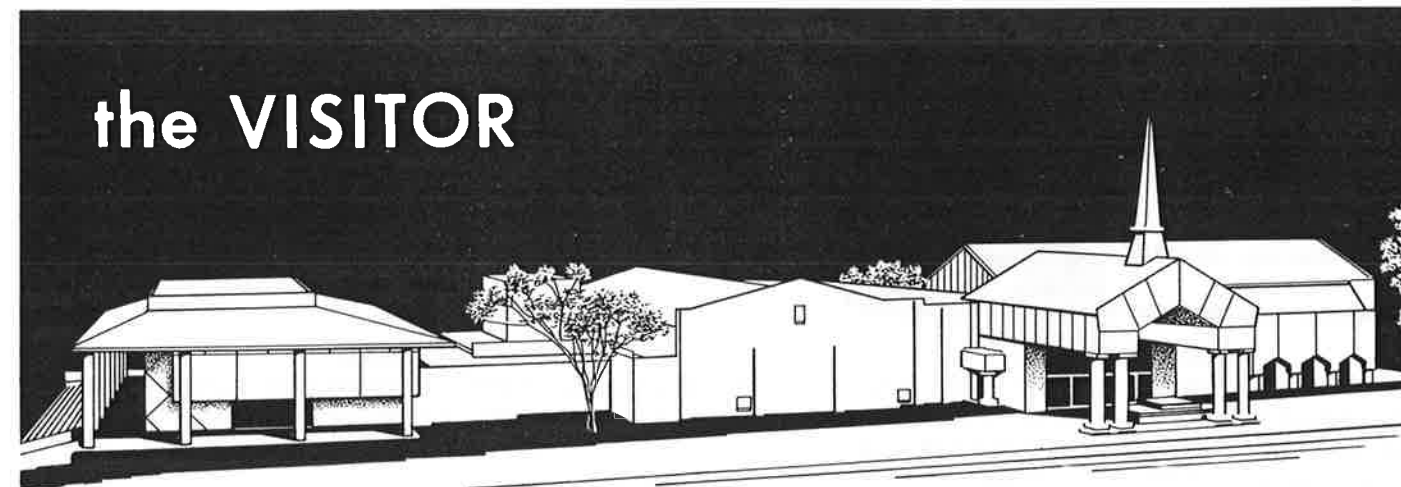
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Dale Blackstone Bill Cabe  
Gary Broome Dwayne Bryant  
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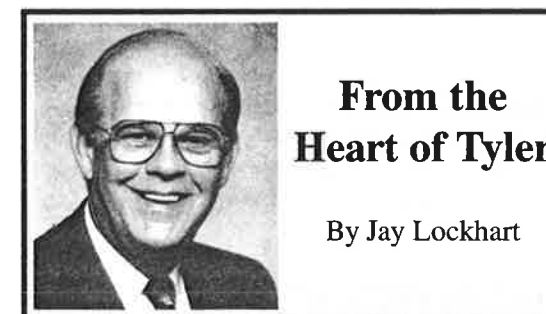
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The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of Tyler



### From the Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, October 20, 1996

A.M. **"It's In My Bones"**

by Danny Snell

P.M.

by Daniel Morgan

### HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO - GREAT SUCCESS

We believe our participation in the Health and Fitness Expo last weekend at the Mall was wonderfully worthwhile as we were there to emphasize spiritual well-being. Our booth was very attractive and eye-catching and we gave away many SEARCH tapes, booklets, tracts, and advertisements, and enrolled many in Bible Correspondence Courses. Good was done and contacts were made. A special thanks to **Daniel Morgan**, who did most all the work in putting the booth together and setting it up, and to **Danny Snell**, who did a lot of the leg work. Thanks also to those who worked at the booth on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday including: **Gina Elerson, Tony Smith, Lisa Snell, Odell Sessions, Dorothy Daugherty, Dan and Wini Cullinan, Freeman and Billie Morgan, Fred and Sara Powell, Jerry and Rachel Huff, Eleanor Nunn, Alice Pride, Lorene Venable, James and Corrie Holland, Nichole Aven, Anthony Aven, Joan Harlak, Velma Lemons, Carol Morgan, James and Frances Phillips, Jon Sorrells, Steve and Betsy Thrash, Ron and Kay**

**Wilson, Joy Rousseau, Cathy Scroggins, Charlie Scroggins, and Ray Vannoy.**

### THE WEST ERWIN PULPIT

**Daniel Morgan** and **Mike Gravois** are capable workers in their ministries of Involvement and Education respectively, but they are also capable preachers. I want to thank them both for preaching on October 6 while I was in Kentucky. Also, I want to express my appreciation to **Danny Snell** who will present a very special sermon on Sunday morning, October 20, while I am in Jacksonville, Florida. Daniel will be preaching in the evening. Additionally, thanks to **David Frick** and **Forest McFadden** who are doing some teaching for me in the old auditorium on Wednesday evenings during October. Good brothers, are they all.

### "CHANGELESS TRUTH FOR A CHANGING WORLD"

That's the theme for our Fall Meeting with **David Sain**, November 3-6. Four significant days. Be present!

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### FALL FESTIVAL

Each year the West Erwin church has held a Fall Festival for our young children and others in the community. The date for the 1996 Fall Festival is Sunday, Oct. 27. This will be held in the Center Sunday night after church. If you would be interested in helping by staffing a booth and working with others in various areas, please let me know ASAP. There will be a sign-up list posted by the Youth Bulletin Board. Make plans now to be a part of this great time.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The text for the next quiz is over chapters 16-21. The next quiz is Monday, Oct. 14 at the Shiloh Rd. Church. Be a part of this great way to learn God's Word.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

It is that time of the year again! LTC is only a few months away and we need to start working ahead for the 1997 Convention in Dallas. The theme for the 1997 LTC Convention is "I Am Not Ashamed." We are excited about LTC and what it has meant to us in the past and what it can do for us in the future. You will be receiving more information on LTC in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendar for the LTC sign-up day which is Sunday, November 10.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Oct. 20	Combined Activity
Oct. 27	Fall Festival
Nov. 2	Work Project
Nov. 3	Family Picnic
Nov. 10	LTC Sign-Up
Nov. 11	Bible Quiz
Nov. 22-23	Middle School Retreat

### WEST ERWIN CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL

All of those from Birth - 5th Grade are invited to Enjoy the Booths. Everyone is invited to Enjoy the Fun. Sunday, October 29 7:15-9:00 in the Center Refreshments will be served. Each family needs to bring a bag of wrapped candy by Sunday, Oct. 29.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Opal Cooper** into our growing family. She made known her desire to be identified with the West Erwin church on Sunday. She has been attending here for some time and comes to us from the Lakeside Church of Christ at Lake Palestine. Her address is 20317 Eastern Hills Dr., Flint, 75762, ph. 825-3639.

### RESPONSE

Carrie Cannefax came last Wednesday night to request prayers of her church family for her spiritual growth.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your love and concern for us, shown by the cards, visits, food and especially your prayers. Your kindness and support is appreciated.

In Christian love,  
Larry and Sandra Henry

### GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of October 28 - November 1. West Erwin is asked to furnish MAYONNAISE. Cash donations are also appreciated.

### LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, plan to be a part of the Ladies' Retreat Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9 at Brookhaven Camp in Hawkins, Texas. The cost is \$30.00 and includes one night's lodging and three meals. The deadline for sign-up and payment is Sunday, October 20. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship!

### YOUNG AT HEART

West Erwin's Young at Heart hosted their annual "Hot Dog Supper on Thursday, October 10 in our fellowship building. 194 people were present from the East Texas area and a good time was had by all. If you haven't participated in one of the Young at heart meetings, you don't know what you're missing!

Think about it .....

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

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

"If your day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to unravel."



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

### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

Jill Nissing  
bride-elect of  
Scott Carruth  
on Saturday, November 2  
at the home of  
Gail Vannoy  
3323 Teakwood

Selections: Dillard's, Target &  
Service Merchandise

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETING

"Living In The Shadow Of The Cross"  
with

Dr. Jay Lockhart  
October 28, 29, & 30  
7:30 each evening at the  
Holly Lake Church of Christ  
in Big Sandy, TX  
You're invited!

### HOLLAND'S CHRISTMAS

If you are planning to send holiday packages to the Jeff Holland family in Togo, please see Dale Blackstone as soon as possible. Last year their Christmas gifts arrived in April so packages need to be mailed soon.

### NEW SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY BEGINS AT WEST ERWIN

Starting next month a new and exciting ministry called "Support Groups" will begin. We will provide more information about the purpose and plans of this ministry later.

Our first group will be a 12 week program named "How To Handle the Holiday Blues." The group will generally center on dealing with depression associated with the holiday season. Watch for details about the time and place we will meet.

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## Outreach & Involvement

### NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS!!!

A census taker in the hills of West Virginia knocked at a door and asked the woman of the house how many lived there. She replied, "Well, there's Willie, and there's Sarah Jane, and there's Butch, and there's Alfred . . . ."

"No, no, no," interrupted the census taker. "Not the names, just the number."

"Mister," said the lady, rising to her full five feet two inches, "in this house we don't have numbers. We all have names."

### EVERY NUMBER HAS A NAME!

Sometimes people can be "turned off" whenever we talk about numbers. Well, let me set the record straight. No one here cares a thing about numbers! **But we do care everything about what numbers mean.**

Numbers matter because each number represents a precious soul. Jesus said that even one matters! We are often called "the sheep of his pasture." Have you ever seen a shepherd who didn't count his sheep, or care about how many he had? Me either!

Numbers matter because our God is a God of numbers. How many miracles and stories of both the Old and New Testament have to do with numbers? He even has a book called "Numbers." He commanded his leaders to **count** his people. The only time he ever prohibited this was when men were doing it for their own glory and were trusting in their own strength. If we ever do this, we too, will be judged harshly for it.

People seem to want to "talk numbers" when it comes to about everything else except spiritual things. But what numbers could matter more to us than the numbers that matter to God? May God help us care about the things he cares about! May he help us to never glory in ourselves or trust in our own strength.

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- No **Koinonia Group** for lunch this week.
- No **Visitation meeting** this Sunday evening. All the members are encouraged to visit those in need and have fellowship with one another according to the pattern of the church found in the New Testament.
- **Family, we really don't have to have a program or scheduled event to do that which the church in Acts 2:42 had "devoted" itself to, do we?**

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

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

October 20  
2's - Ed & Karen Butterworth  
3's - Arlene Lockhar  
4's - Jeannie Ross



Records	Sunday Sept. 29	Sunday Sept. 22	Year Age
Bible Class	421	407	389
Worship A.M.	561	564	563
Worship P.M.	307	337	336
Wed. P.M.	258	255	282
Contribution	\$15,261.91	\$16,421.39	\$14,218.18
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$100.91 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 6, and Wed. P.M., Oct. 9, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Joe McBee** is in Mother Frances Hospital following a heart attack last Saturday. He will have a heart cath on Wednesday. **Robert Hilliard** is in Mother Frances, room 386. He is having tests. **Reba Sorrells**, Jon Sorrells' mother, is now in Medical Center Rehab, room 304. **Buddy Emmons**, BeaTaylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, continues to show improvement in San Antonio. He is now out of ICU. **Betty Fuller**, Debbie Graham's mother, is in constant pain with a pinched nerve in her back. **W.D. Holifield**, Gena Elerson's grandfather, is an outpatient at this time at the VA hospital in Jackson, MS. (His body is rejecting knee replacements). Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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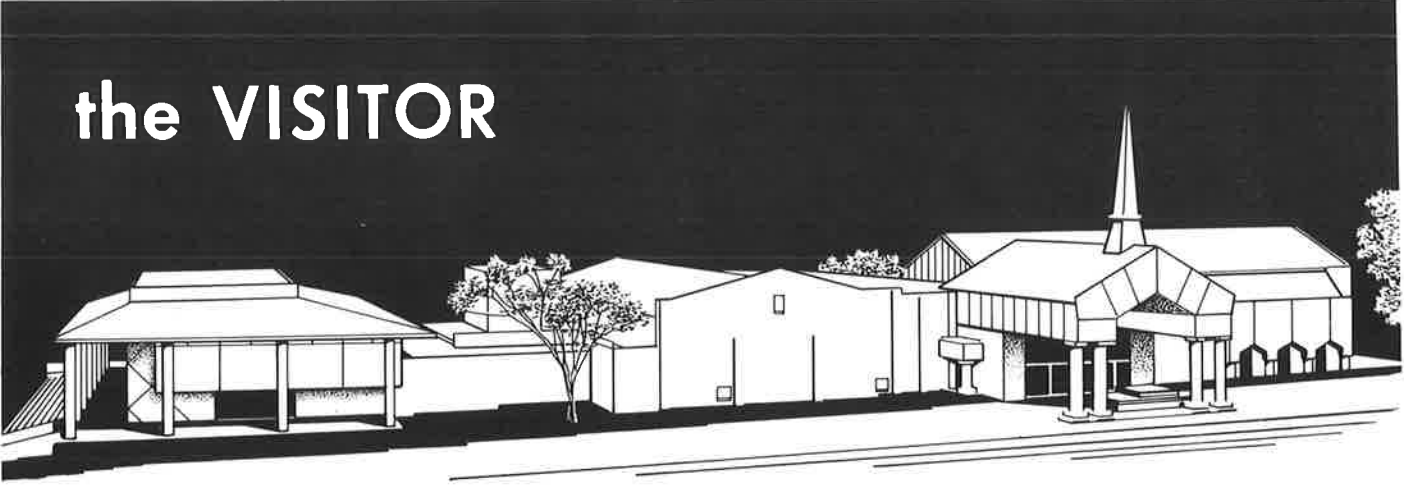
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Cody Ables Jim Bell  
Arnold Ables Jim Armstrong  
Gary Ables Tony Adams  
Chris Ables Gary Aven

GREETERS


Faber and Kathryn Cauthen  
Jack and Peggy Garner

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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, October 6, 1996**

by Daniel Morgan  
A.M. **"What Are We Doing Here?"**  
(Matthew 21:33-46)  
by Mike Gravois  
P.M. **"The Little Engine That Could"**  
(Luke 22:31-34)

**THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday, October 6, I will begin a meeting with the Glendale Road church in Murray, Kentucky where John Dale preaches. In my absence Daniel Morgan will be preaching on Sunday morning and Mike Gravois will be preaching in the evening. We are grateful that we have these capable men at West Erwin and I do hope you will hear them.

**HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO**

The Health and Fitness Expo is just over a week away and we are moving ahead rapidly with our plans to make an impact for Christ at this October 11-13 event in the Mall. We had an excellent response to our need for workers to be at the booth from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. We plan to offer many different kinds of materials to the expected 50,000 visitors at the Expo including SEARCH tapes, booklets, and correspondence courses as well as free gifts and information about the various ministries at West Erwin. We think the opportunity is great and we urge you to be in prayer about this.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

The Congress of the United States has designated Sunday, October 13, as a National Day of Prayer for Children and in keeping with this day I have interviewed Rick Hall, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, for a SEARCH program to be aired, as noted elsewhere in this bulletin, October 13. This program is designed to acquaint more people in East Texas with the significant work being done by CSET in childcare. We will also be having special prayer on this date for the children of our community and of our nation.

**NOVEMBER 3-6**

Mark these dates! In less than a month David Sain of Florence, Alabama will be with us for four days discussing the theme: "Changeless Truth For A Changing World." We will have a great week with David speaking three times on Sunday and twice each day Monday through Wednesday for noon lunch meetings and evening assemblies. More later.

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# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those in the middle school who took part in the devo this past Sunday night. It is amazing what can happen when we put our hands together! Thanks especially to Gary & Julie Ables for hosting the devotional on such short notice.

### PARENT-TEEN MEETING

We are sorry to have postponed this meeting but we are scheduling it for this coming Sunday night. All of those in the middle and high school group and their parents are invited to the meeting. This will be a special time together to talk about plans and goals for the next few months. This will be an eating meeting so watch your mail box for a letter telling about the meeting and telling you what to bring. All who are interested in the youth ministry are invited.

### BIBLE QUIZ

For the past several years our 5-12 grade students have been involved in the East Texas Bible Quiz. This year we have added grades 3 & 4. We also have added the Crockett area churches and we will be having many more teams involved. Bible Quiz is a great way to learn the Word of God and have a good time with other Christians. The tests are open Bible and you will work as a team to finish the quiz. We will meet on the second Monday of each month for the Quiz and study the weeks before. The Text for this fall is 1 Samuel and the second quiz is over chapters 9-15. We will be meeting for our next practice sessions **Sunday, Oct 6 & 13** at 5:00 The next quiz is Monday, Oct. 14 from 7:00 - 8:00. Be a part of this great way to learn God's Word.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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Oct. 14	Bible Quiz
Oct. 20	Combined Activity
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### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers. We appreciate all the prayers and the kindness shown to us. Please continue to pray for Randa's welfare.

Jon & Norma Sorrells  
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We would like to thank you once again for your caring and concern during our recent illness. We are blessed to have a loving church family.

Archie and Juanita Lowry  
\*\*\*\*\*

Thanks so much for your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and even gifts. I'm glad I'm a part of the family of God.

Jean Oliver  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for all your prayers, cards and caring during my recent illness. Dick and I enjoyed the meal you provided. Your caring and support is a blessing.

Love,  
Rebecca Dale

### Day of Prayer for Children October 13, 1996

Sunday, October 13 will be a very special day in churches of Christ throughout the nation as we lift the needs of children before God! It is the National Day of Prayer for Children and we will join with sister congregations throughout East Texas in having a time of special prayer with focus on the children of East Texas and a *special contribution for the children of Christian Services of East Texas will also be part of the service.*

The Day of Prayer and Christian Services of East Texas will be featured on **THE SEARCH** TV program on Sunday, October 13 on Channel 56 (cable 10) in Tyler at 8:00 a.m.

### GROCERY TRUCK DUE


The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of October 28 - November 1. West Erwin is asked to furnish MAYONNAISE. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows the purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippit for Mac McCall, former West Erwin member. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Vivian and to all the family.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKEUP DAY

Make up day will be Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call the church office today and make your appointment. We need your picture in it!



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### WEDDING INVITATION

We have experienced love ...  
in our Lord, in our family, our friends  
and now a new love in each other.

Together with our parents  
Susan Annette Perry  
and

David Lee Womack  
invite you to share our joy  
in a celebration beginning our lives  
together as husband and wife  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
Saturday, the twelfth day of October  
nineteen hundred and ninety-six  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
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Tyler, Texas

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

1946 - 1996

The Children and Grandchildren  
of Charles and Ann McCoy request  
the pleasure of your company honoring  
their Parents and Grandparents on  
their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary  
Saturday, the twelfth of October  
Tyler Rose Garden  
The Rose Room  
420 South Rose Park Drive  
Tyler, Texas

No Gifts please

Three 'til Five

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Freeman and Billie Morgan on the birth of a new granddaughter! Gracelyn Helen Morgan was born September 24 to Randy and Kim Morgan. She weighed 8 lb. 1 oz.

### LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, make your plans to be a part of the Ladies' Retreat Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9 at Brookhaven Camp in Hawkins, Texas, just off CR 2909. The cost, which includes one night's lodging and three meals, is \$30.00. Tables are set up in the foyer so that you may register after our worship assembly for the next two Sundays, October 6 and October 13. You won't want to miss this!

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## Outreach & Involvement

### TXAM WORK IS IMPORTANT

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The above illustration is quite graphic, isn't it? If you think it is hard to read, try typing it. **Please** think about how this applies to our Bible Classes, (whether you are a teacher or a student), Visitation Teams, Koinonia Groups and every other ministry at West Erwin. It does make a difference if you are involved or not.

Every week there is a list, provided below, of things that might have something to do with you! As you make a decision on whether or not you will participate and give it your fullest support, you should ask yourself these questions.

- o How will my involvement affect my brother or sister?
- o How will it impact the cause of Christ and the church I am part of?
- o How will it change my own spiritual life?

-- Daniel K. Morgan

### Ministry Highlights

- o **Koinonia Group 3** meets Sunday, October 6, for lunch after morning services. Are you coming?
- o **Visitation Team 1** will meet after evening services in the front of the auditorium.
- o We need helpers for the West Erwin display at the HEALTH EXPO on October 11-13. Please sign up.
- o Pray for our FALL OUTREACH PROGRAM.

### BENEVOLENT WORK

Over the past two months 64 families have been helped through our Benevolent Center with clothing valued at approximately \$6,178 and 34 Bibles have been given to those requesting them. We are in need of clean, usable, in-season clothing, especially children's clothing and men's shoes.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

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Worship P.M.	337	334	365
Wed. P.M.	255	281	282
Contribution	\$12,784.36	\$16,421.39	\$13,005.52
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$2,376.64 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 29, and Wed. P.M., Oct. 2, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Phil Marts** entered Medical Center last Wednesday, had tests Thursday and surgery on Friday. He had additional surgery on Monday and went home on Tuesday. **Marikate Davis** is at home and feeling better. **John Portwood** continues to recover at home from a recent injury. **Mozelle Brown** is recuperating at home from recent surgery. **Reba Sorrells**, Jon Sorrells' mother, is in Medical Center, room 3529, following a car accident. **Buddy Emmons**, BeaTaylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, continues to show improvement in San Antonio. **W.D. Holifield**, Gena Elerson's dad is hospitalized in Ellisville, MS. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

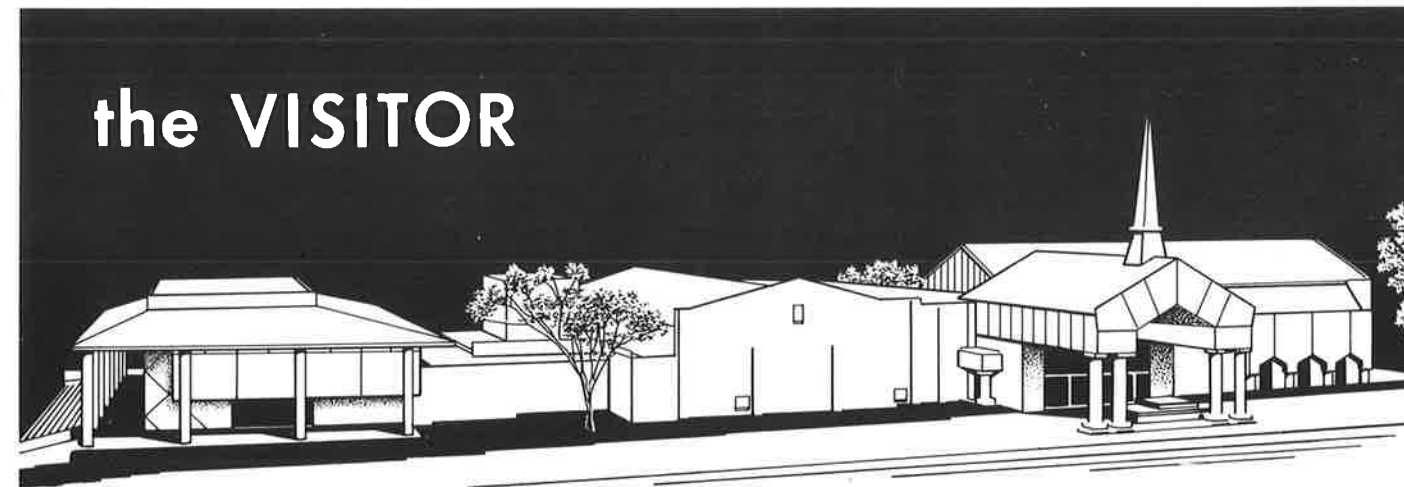
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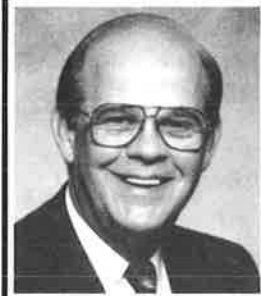
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Faber and Kathryn Cauthen  
Jack and Peggy Garner

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, September 29, 1996 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **"Of Caterpillars And Butterflies"** (Romans 8:28-30)
- P.M. **"Ministry: Received And Fulfilled"** (Colossians 4:2-6, 17)

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

The United States Congress has designated Sunday, October 13, 1996 as a "National Day of Prayer for Children." In keeping with this day, I interviewed **Rick Hall**, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, on last Wednesday evening as we taped THE SEARCH for a program to be shown on Sunday morning, October 13. James said that to care for the fatherless is an important part of pure religion (James 1:27) and that explains to a very large measure our concern for children who need our care. The need for our interest continues to increase -- in 1976 there were 669,000 reports of child abuse and in 1994 over 3,000,000. There are over 550,000 children in foster care in the U.S., and there are at least 100,000 more that are homeless. Christian Services is dedicated to the fulfillment of the needs of homeless, neglected and abused children and we want to help the people of East Texas to be aware of this important work. That is the purpose of the interview program with Rick and it is fitting that the program should air on October 13.

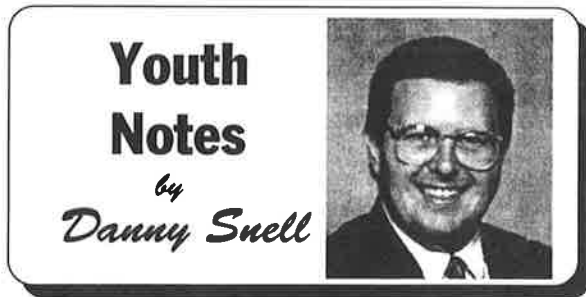
**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKEUP DAY**

We have had an excellent response to our new pictorial church directory. However, because of a technical difficulty last week causing some of the appointments to be canceled and since some of our people could not get their pictures made during the two weeks of photographing, we will have a make up day on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call the church office today and make your appointment. The more of our people who are in the directory the more useful it will be. We need your picture in it!

**HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO**

Our preparations for the Health and Fitness Expo which will take place at the Mall on south Broadway, Friday through Sunday, October 11-13, are almost complete. This Expo will give us a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel of spiritual health with many of the 50,000 expected visitors. We will need 12 teams of two people to be at the booth for two hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on

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**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who helped with the high school activity last Sunday night. Thanks especially to these teens who planned the activities: Casey Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, and Danielle Rousseau. It was FUN!

**PARENT-TEEN MEETING**

All of those in the middle and high school group and their parents are invited to the meeting this coming Sunday night. This will be a special time together to talk about plans and goals for the next few months. This will be an eating meeting so watch your mail box for a letter talking about the meeting and telling you what to bring. Anyone who is interested in the youth ministry is invited to come.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We rejoice with **Diane Weathers** in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Tuesday afternoon. Her husband, Wade, had the privilege of baptizing her. Wade and Diane and daughters, Caroline and Katherine, live at 6121 Wilderness, 75703, ph. 534-8079.

**Sandie Martin**, one of our young singles, has made known her desire to be recognized as a part of the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome her into our growing family. Her address is 4920 Thistle #105, 75703, ph. 534-0289.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Words cannot adequately express how we were touched by your thoughtfulness during the loss of my mother, Erma Sims. The delicious food, lovely flowers, and beautiful cards were greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,  
Bob and May Helen May  
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Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each of you for your visits, cards, food and calls. They were such an encouragement to me during my illness. I especially thank you for your prayers. May God bless you.

Zona Crone  
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Thank you very, very much for your expressions of love and caring after the death of Ernest Lacey (Trey) Brady III. What a blessing it is to have your prayerful support and love manifested in so many ways during this time of grief.

Lacey and Barbara Brady  
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I wish to thank every one for the sympathy and get well cards since my surgery and the loss of my sister, Mary Ann Gomez. The plant in her memory has brightened my days. Again you have shown your concern in so many ways.

Thank you,  
Leon Santos  
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Dear West Erwin church,

Thank you for helping us again. We're trying to replace our dining room chairs a few at a time. They've been falling apart, literally. We're going to buy wood ones we can finish ourselves. It's good we're only doing a few at a time because we're all so busy.

Meredith has been enjoying kindergarten, especially the computer lab. Things have sure changed since we were her age!

Thanks again,  
Doug & Jill Stickler  
Girls at Tipton home

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**TEACHERS' TRAINING WORKSHOP**

The second annual North Texas Bible Teachers' Workshop will be held Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Walnut Hill Church of Christ, 10550 Marsh Lane, in Dallas. See the bulletin board in the foyer by the office area for more information.

**SOUL-WINNING WORKSHOP**

The University Church of Christ, 11114 Spur 248, in Tyler is hosting a Soul-Winning Workshop with Jule and Judy Miller Friday through Sunday, October 4 - 6. Friday - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. See bulletin board for more details.

**CRISIS CENTER**

Your skills and talents are needed at the Crisis Center. Can you give as little as 1 hour per month? Training is provided; no need for special skills. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Fall Volunteer training classes will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings throughout the month of October. Contact Corey James, ph. 509-2526, at the Crisis Center by October 2.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

East Texas Christian Academy is in need of substitute teachers for the 2 year through pre-kindergarten classes. Call June Chenault at 561-9582 if you are interested.

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*"The Last Will and Testament"*

**Of Visitation Team 3**

**The Visitation Ministry Leader** (myself) and the remaining active participants of **Team 3** (Henry and Rebecca McRuiz) gathering together in a brief meeting Sunday evening after services, "knowing that it is appointed for all delegated bodies once to die; and considering that the life of every such body is very uncertain, do make and ordain this our last will and testament, in manner and form following, ":

*We will that this team die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the remaining "teams" of the **Visitation Ministry** and furthermore, become an integral part of the whole Outreach Ministry, whose entire purpose is that of reaching out to the lost and needy souls around us.*

*We will it to be known that, although this team is no longer in existence, we personally desire to continue steadfast in our work of visiting. We earnestly encourage others to do the same, and as well, to "not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)*

*We will that every member of the body of Christ that gathers at this place pray and beseech the Lord of harvest to sent forth laborers into the harvest; and some recognizing that it may be His will for them to come forth to this labor, to please identify themselves to the leaders of this **Visitation Ministry**. (apologies to the writers of the original "Last Will and Testament...") -- Daniel K. Morgan*

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

- o KOINONIA GROUP 2 meets this Sunday, Sept. 29th, following services for a fellowship meal. If you are in the group make plans to be with us. Everyone should be sure to invite all our visitors as well. (GROUP 1 had a great turnout last week and some *rich* fellowship. Thanks for all you put into it!!!)
- o Begin praying now for our **outreach effort** coming up in November. A great response will glorify God and help us reach our goal for the year!
- o Also watch this space for more information on plans for a new **Prayer Ministry**. Remember, as Jay pointed out in the message last week, **PRAYER** will greatly determine our course for the future, both in our own lives and the life of the church at West Erwin. -- dkm



**RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS:**

- Take two heaping cups of patience
- One heartfelt of love
- Two hands of generosity
- Dash of laughter
- One headful of understanding
- Sprinkle generously with kindness
- Add plenty of faith and mix well.
- Spread over a period of a lifetime.
- Serve everyone you meet.



Records	Sunday Sept. 15	Sunday Sept. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	372	418	430
Worship A.M.	524	591	626
Worship P.M.	334	397	381
Wed. P.M.	281	250	262
Contribution	\$16,421.39	\$15,981.04	\$12,555.62
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$1,260.39 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 22, and Wed. P.M., Sept. 25, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Phil Marts** entered Medical Center on Wednesday for surgery on Friday. **Marikate Davis** is in Mother Frances Hospital. **John Portwood** was dismissed from the hospital on Tuesday after a serious injury last weekend. **Sandra Henry** was hospitalized but is now at home. **Archie Lowry** is at home and doing well after back surgery. **Mozelle Brown** had surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Reba Sorrells**, Jon Sorrells' mother, is hospitalized in Little Rock following a car accident. **Walter Cullinan**, Dan Cullinan's brother, was dismissed from the hospital Monday after angioplasty last week. **Buddy Emmons**, BeaTaylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, continues to show some improvement in ICU in San Antonio. **Allie Wren**, Carol Morgan, Phyllis Rachui and Rose Teel's mother, is showing some improvement in Wichita Falls. **John Wagner**, Greg Wagner's dad, is recovering from bypass surgery. **W.D. Holifield**, Gina Elerson's dad, is hospitalized in Ellisville, MS.

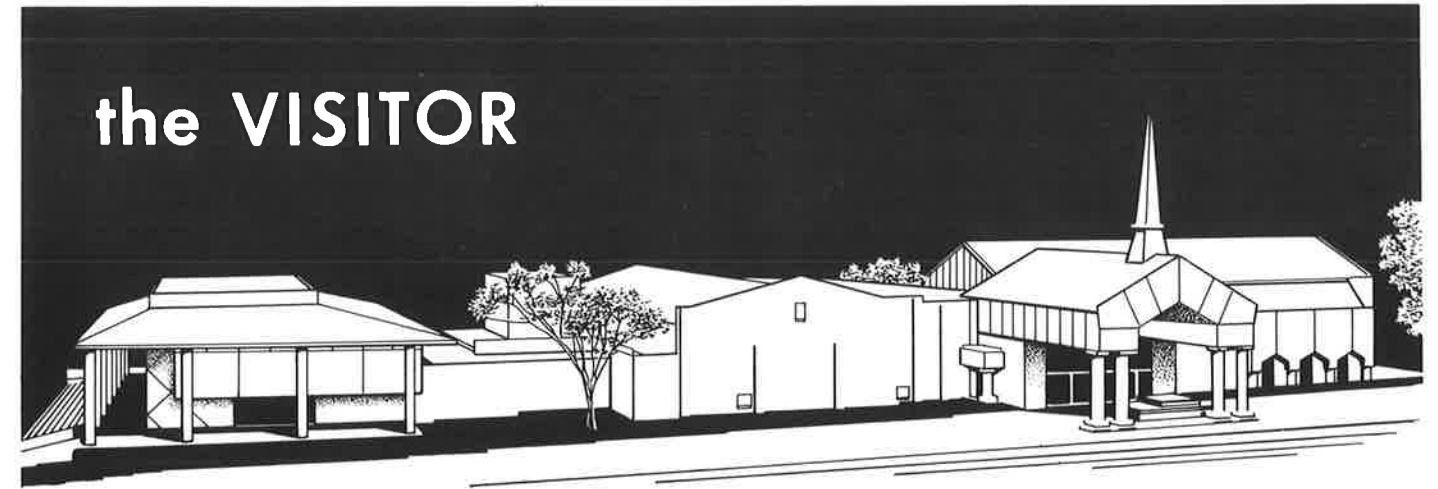
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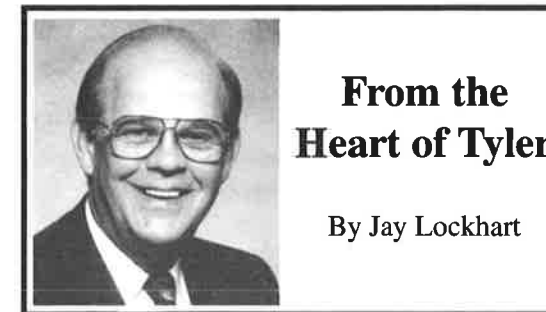
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**Congratulations to Roger and Jan Knight on the birth of a new granddaughter! Caroline Elizabeth Lowery was born September 16 in Fort Worth to Chris and Amy Lowery. She weighed 10 lb. 6 oz. and is 21 inches long.**



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- P.M. **"The Story of Jesus As He Told It"** (Revelation 1:17-20)

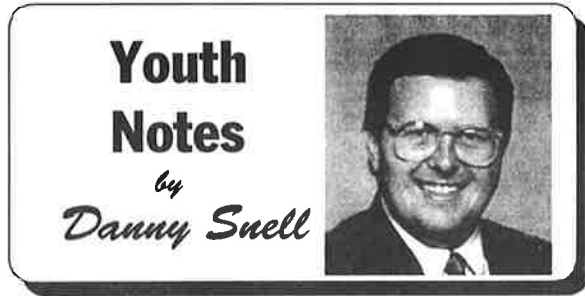
**SUNDAY**  
Last Sunday was a cloudy, threatening day but the atmosphere for worship was warm, uplifting, and filled with praise as 524 worshippers gathered at West Erwin. We slipped a bit in our Bible class attendance but the 372 folks who were present at 9:00 a.m. manifested a spirit of excitement and expectancy as the adults and youth group continued the study of *Spiritual Gifts*. As we move further into this quarter's study, let me emphasize again how important it is for you to be involved in this study. These three months will have a significant impact on our church life as we approach a new year and, yes, a new century. I can think of few things quite as much needed in the body as the discovery and utilization of our God-given gifts for the glory of God, the building up of the church, and personal growth. Put our Sunday morning classes in your plans and be present every time you can. If you must miss occasionally be sure to call the church office for a tape of the class you miss so that you can stay abreast of our studies.

**GROWTH**  
Our family continues to grow as four more people came to us Sunday. We are grateful to those who are seeing in West Erwin the kind of church they want to be a part of and the future looks bright. Our membership is now 708.

**CONTRIBUTION**  
As the year progresses, we are doing well in our contributions as we continue to exceed our budget. We are engaged in some great work both at home and abroad and your continued support of the Lord's work at West Erwin is encouraging to us all.

**FALL MEETING**  
In just over a month, November 3-6 to be exact, our meeting with **David Sain** of Florence, Alabama will take place. David has already announced his theme for the four day event as "Changeless Truth For A Changing World." This will be a great week for us as we meet nine times for a concentrated study of the Word (three times on Sunday and at noon and night Monday through Wednesday).

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**THANKS!**

Thanks to Michael Millsap for teaching our Sunday morning class on Spiritual Gifts. Our study thus far has been great and we are looking forward to learning more about our individual gifts and their potential for the church. Let's really get to work on this.

Thanks to Kevin Sustaire for doing an outstanding job teaching the high school class on Wednesday nights. It is great to have such talented folks to teach our young people.

**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY**

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Jim and Sue Carty came Sunday to make known their desire to be identified with the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing family. Their address is 15821 Crazy Horse Dr., Lindale, 75771, ph. 842-2386.

Shannon Welch is a part of our singles group and has recently moved to Tyler from Paris, Texas. We are very pleased to welcome her into our family at West Erwin. She lives at 5105 Old Bullard Rd. #P28, 57703, ph. 534-9954.

**RESPONSES**

Karen Butterworth responded to the Lord's invitation last Wednesday night to request the prayers of her church family.

Tina Harris came Sunday to ask for prayers of her church family that she might have remain strong to the commitments she has made.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I wish to thank everyone for the lovely birthday cards in July and now the beautiful cheer-bringing get well cards. When it hurt too bad to laugh they certainly brightened my days. Thank you, God, for a wonderful Christian husband and many Christian friends.

Dorothy Mannen  
\*\*\*\*\*

Again you have shown your concern for me in so many ways while I was sick. Thank you for every caring act- especially your prayers.

I love all of you,  
Pattie Tate  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Christian Family,

Thanks for your help in time of trouble. I miss you and love you.


Aline Beard  
\*\*\*\*\*

The family of Lucy Lindsey acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

(Odell Session's sister)

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home for Erma Sims, May Helen May's mother. Services were held Wednesday at the Johnson Street Church of Christ in Greenville for Cleo Sorrells, Jon Sorrells' dad. Services were held Monday at Marvin Methodist Church for Lacey Brady III, grandson of Lacey Brady. Services were held Sunday afternoon at the Glenwood church for Doys Welch, wife of Jim Welch, Glenwood elder. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

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**WEDDING INVITATION**

This day I will marry my Best Friend  
the one I laugh with, Live for, love

Janet Hines  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Hines  
and Russell Donaway

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Donaway

hope you will join in this celebration  
on Saturday, the twenty-first of September

Nineteen hundred and ninety-six

at seven o'clock in the evening

Central Church of Christ Chapel

1401 South Monroe

Amarillo, Texas

Reception immediately following

(Russell Donaway has now moved to Amarillo, TX. His address is 6702 Jameson, 79106)

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**TRI-C**

Friday night, September 20 is *Parent's Night Out* from 6:30 - 10:30 for ages 2 through 5th grade at the Tri-C. Cost is \$5.00 for the first child and \$3.00 for each additional child. The Tri-C is also sponsoring a *Car Wash* on Saturday, September 21 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Donations are accepted.

**SOJOURNERS**

John and Ruby Cliver left September 13 for West Point, Nebraska and Raytown, Missouri for door knocking, a meeting, and teaching classes. They will be gone about a month. Our prayers for a safe and successful trip go with them.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

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What if this facsimile below were actually a

**Cash Coupon For \$50.00**  
 To redeem for face value, please clip and present to your ministry leader. (This is not real.)

would you take notice?

**outreach & involvement**

Daniel K. Morgan

I suspect most of us would pay attention to something like the coupon above. I really don't think many would miss an opportunity like this. "So, what's the point?", you say.

The point is, **if we pay attention to it**, there is great treasure to be found in this space on a regular basis. In this column, we will be sharing with you many things that pertain to **YOUR** involvement in the life of the body which will bring you the richest blessings of all, blessings that *"will not wear out, ... treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys."* (Luke 12:33)

Each week there will be **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**, focusing on some special area of involvement, and announcements about various activities like KOINONIA, VISITATION, MEN'S and WOMEN'S MINISTRIES, OUR BENEVOLENCE AND PRAYER MINISTRIES, LOCAL OUTREACH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*If you have an announcements or information that relate to these areas, please turn them in to Daniel Morgan or to the office and indicate they should go in the **INVOLVEMENT** column. This will help keep us informed.*

**THIS WEEK'S FEATURES**

- Noon Koinonia **Group 1** meets Sunday, Sept. 22nd
- Visitation **Group 3** meets Sunday, Sept. 22nd following evening services. See Daniel Morgan
- Start praying now for our **Fall Outreach Program**

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS**

- September 22 2's - Rhonda Haws
- 3's - Ruth Ellis 4's - Rex & Cynthia Johnson

**Christian Services of East Texas**  
**1st Annual**  
*Tea & Style Show*  
 Benefiting children of East Texas, September 21, 2:00 p.m. at Hollytree Country Club--Tickets \$15.00 at the door or call Cindy Browning at 509-3540. Fashions provided by M.A. Sims & Co.

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Archie Lowry** is doing well after back surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital and expects to go home Thursday. **Clay Kirby** had gall bladder surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Mozelle Brown** is scheduled for surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Guy Potts** is scheduled for tests on Thursday. **Dorothy Mannen** and **Leon Santos** are both at home after gall bladder surgery last week. **Rebecca Dale** is now recuperating at home. **Karen Stansbury** had outpatient surgery last Friday. **Zona Crone** is ill at home with shingles. **Jean Dees** is confined at home due to a back injury. **Cora Hughes** is back at Glenview Nursing Center. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, continues to show some improvement in ICU in San Antonio. **Allie Wren**, Carol Morgan, Phyllis Rachui and Rose Teel's mother, is very ill in Wichita Falls. **John Wagner**, Greg Wagner's dad, is recuperating from recent bypass surgery. **Nadine Bullard**, Edgar and Delle Bullard's sister-in-law and a former member at West Erwin, is very ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

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**Sermons for Sunday, September 15, 1996  
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "On A Clear Day You Can See Forever"**  
 (Luke 9:57-62)

**P.M. "What Difference Would It Make?"**  
 (Colossians 3:1-4)

**HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO**

October 11, 12, and 13, 1996 are the dates for the Health and Fitness Expo at the Broadway Square Mall sponsored by KTBB and KDOK. Health and Fitness includes physical, mental and emotional well being, but also spiritual health as well. So we have accepted the invitation to have a booth at the Expo sponsored by the West Erwin church. We plan to emphasize New Testament Christianity and we will offer to the Expo visitors Bible Correspondence courses, SEARCH tapes, family value materials, youth activity information, tracts which emphasize the church of the Bible, details of the Weigh Down Workshop, and other materials. KTBB and KDOK will advertise and promote the Expo to generate the maximum possible market awareness and attendance by a half-page ad in the Tyler Morning Telegraph, announcements on KLTV and KETK, 100 promotional announcements on KTBB and KDOK, 50 live "liner" announcements on the two radio stations, and live broadcasts by the radio stations throughout the Expo. Additionally, for our relatively small investment we will have 35 commercial announcements - on KTBB, and one live broadcast on KTBB from our

booth at the show, 10 shared promotional announcements on each of KTBB and KDOK prior to the show, and a 10X10 foot exhibit space at the Expo. We will set up our booth on Thursday, October 10 and the show hours will be Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, 12:30 - 5 p.m. During the three days 50,000 visitors are expected to attend the Expo. What a marvelous opportunity! We will be asking for your help in making our part in the Expo a great success as the time draws near. Please be involved!

**BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our Bible class attendance has increased over the past two weeks as we have entered our new youth and adult studies on *Discovering And Using Our Gifts*. This series is so important to the life of this church that we want to encourage all of our members to participate. Be present this Sunday! If you must miss any of the classes, call the church office for a tape of what you miss. It's that important!

## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THINK ABOUT IT...

The Olympic athletes have put their whole being into their events. If you asked any of them to talk about the '96 Olympics, they would talk about it with a passion. Do we talk about our God with a passion?

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came and helped pack boxes for Croatia this past Sunday. We had over 50 young people from the area churches and it was quite a sight to watch them pack 7,000 pounds of food in about an hour.

For all who had a part in sending relief boxes to Croatia this year, you are to be commended! May the seeds planted by you continue to grow as God's power reaches them through others.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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Congrats to all of those who went to the first quiz and did an outstanding job.

### OUT TO EAT

Join us this coming Sunday night as the young people go out to eat together. All of those in the middle and high school and their families are invited to go.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Sep. 15	Out To Eat
Sep. 29	Parent-Teen Meeting
Oct. 14	Bible Quiz
Nov. 22-23	Middle School Retreat

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome James and Alta Martin into the West Erwin family. They come to us from the church in Troup and have been worshipping with us for awhile. Their address is Route 2, Box 1304, Troup, 75789, ph. 842-2386.

### NEW CONVERT

Daniel Morgan recently received word that Tatjana Belkina, with whom he had studied for a couple of years and again very extensively this summer, was baptized into Christ in August. We rejoice with her in this important decision in her life.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Directors of East Texas Christian Academy would like to thank all of you who participated in the area-wide contribution for the school. ETCA was blessed to receive more than \$5,000, which will be used for vitally needed school projects. It is gratifying to see combined efforts such as this be so successful. May God bless the work at your congregation.

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West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for the floral arrangement you sent in memory of Pauline at her funeral. It was beautiful and contained some of her most favorite flowers.

Jim, Tom and George Rickstrew & Families (Barbara Brady's sister)

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To my Christian Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for the visits and gifts of blood and platelets while I was in the hospital. Most of all, thank you for the many, many prayers offered in my behalf. Those prayers are the reason I am doing so well. My doctor said, "by looking at your blood counts, no one would know you had been a leukemia patient." I praise the Great Physician for my recovery.

In Christian Love,  
Vallery Johnson

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Thank you for the support you all gave us during our time of need.

Through Christ,  
Dwight, Michelle & Denton Smith

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Dallas for Fred Rousseau, Trey Rousseau's dad. Services were held Saturday in Jacksonville for Lucy Lindsey, Odell Sessions' sister. Marian Gomez, Leon Santos' sister died last Wednesday in Houston. Services were held last week at the Oakdale Church of Christ for Myrtle Murrell, sister-in-law of Thelma Henley and Jean Oliver. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

### WEDDING INVITATION

This day I will marry my Best Friend  
the one I laugh with, live for, love



Janet Hines  
daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Hines  
and Russell Donaway

son of

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Donaway

hope you will join in this celebration  
on Saturday, the twenty-first of September

Nineteen hundred and ninety-six

at seven o'clock in the evening

Central Church of Christ Chapel

1401 South Monroe

Amarillo, Texas

Reception immediately following

(Russell Donaway has now moved to Amarillo, TX.  
His address is 6702 Jameson, 79106)

### LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Ladies' Retreat Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9 at Brookhaven Camp in Hawkins, Texas, just off CR 2909. The cost, which includes one night's lodging and three meals, is \$30.00.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class resumes on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fern Bench will be leading a study on *Spiritual Gifts*. Make your plans to come each Wednesday morning and enjoy the fellowship and be uplifted by this study.

### SPANISH CLASS

Henry McRuiz began a conversational Spanish class on September 9, each Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. through November 25. The class will meet in the Heritage Room. Anyone interested in learning to converse in Spanish is invited to attend.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

September 15

2's - Mark & Martha Waggoner

3's - Wade & Sandra Park

4's - Mike & Nora Gravois

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## Outreach & Involvement

Please pay special attention to the article below. You will be hearing much more about this later. -- Daniel K. Morgan

### Why Should I Invite?

Oscar Wilde's Aunt Jane once gave a grand party. She died of embarrassment when nobody came. It was only at her funeral that it was revealed that she had never mailed the invitations. **People come to church because they are invited.** But, inviting somebody to church, quite frankly, makes us uncomfortable. Yet we do other things that are not comfortable. We paint the house in 90 degree weather because we know we'll have more problems if we don't. We squirm all day before we ask the boss for a raise, but we do it because we need the extra money. We dread the eight hour drive to Grandma's, but we go because she enjoys the children so much. Our culture tells us, "don't bug others," "live and let live," "don't get involved," and "nobody's got the corner on truth." The contrast between what society demands and what our Savior expects is clear. We invite not because it is easy or comfortable or acceptable, but because it is a part of our role as Christians. A 19th century philosopher told a story about a man seeing a sign in a store window in a small European town. The sign says, "Pants Pressed Here." He went in and started to remove his trousers. The clerk asked what he was doing. the man said, "I saw your sign and want my pants pressed." The clerk responded, "oh, we don't press pants here. We just paint signs." It says "Church of Christ" out in front of our building. Do we serve Him and seek others for Him, or do we just paint signs?

-- borrowed from Harold Shank

### Ministry Highlights

Visitation Team 2 will meet Monday, September 16

Please contact Daniel Morgan for more information.

**"Two marks of a holy person: giving and forgiving."**

### EAST TEXAS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

The East Texas Teacher Training Workshop will be held at the Shiloh Road church on Saturday, September 14, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

\*\*\* KOINONIA GROUP #4 WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY \*\*\*

### Christian Services of East Texas 1st Annual

Tea & Style Show

Benefiting children of East Texas, September 21, 2:00 p.m. at Hollytree Country Club--Tickets \$15.00 at the door or call Cindy Browning at 509-3540. Fashions provided by M.A. Sims & Co.



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Bible Class	409	388	384
Worship A.M.	582	615	601
Worship P.M.	296	Area Meeting	325
Wed. P.M.	261	297	272
Contribution	\$16,830.48	\$16,202.48	\$22,483.06
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$1,669.48 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 8, and Wed. P.M., Sept. 11, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Rebecca Dale** is out of the hospital and is recuperating in Austin. **Karen Stansbury** is scheduled for outpatient surgery Friday. **Dorothy Mannen** is scheduled for laparoscopic gall bladder surgery Friday in Dallas. **Doris Terrell** is at home after recent lung surgery. **Pattie Tate** is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests. **Cora Hughes** has moved to Rose Garden Care Center on the Old Kilgore Hwy. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, continues to show some improvement in ICU in San Antonio. **Allie Wren**, Carol Morgan, Phyllis Rachui and Rose Teel's mother, is very ill in Wichita Falls. **Laura Kelley**, Fern Bench's sister, had bypass surgery last Wednesday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. **Nadine Bullard**, Edgar and Delle Bullard's sister-in-law and a former member at West Erwin, is very ill in Mother Frances Hospital. **Lucy Lindsey**, Odell Sessions's sister, is in Medical Center's skilled nursing care unit.

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Prayer Marc Tate  
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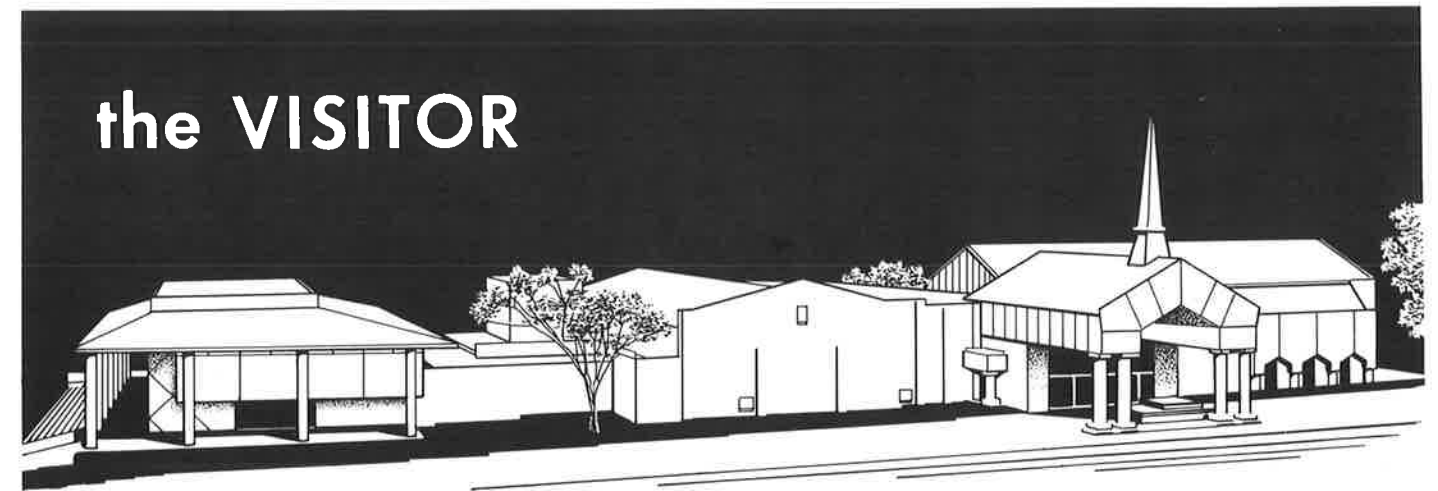
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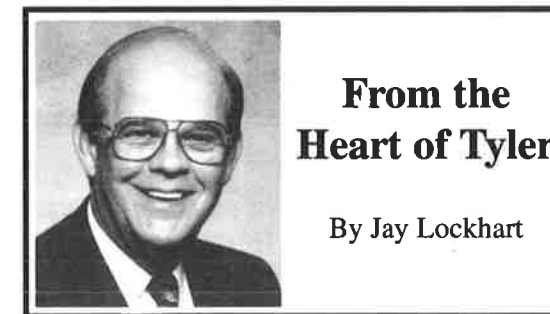
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, September 8, 1996 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "Surprised By Joy"**  
(Luke 24:1-12)

**P.M. "Perception And Reality"**  
(Joshua 22:1-6)

**DISCOVERING AND USING OUR GIFTS**

I was pleased to see a jump in our Bible School attendance as we began our new series of studies on *Spiritual Gifts*. Even though it was a holiday weekend, the last long weekend of summer, and many of our folks were away, we got started in the new study in a wonderful way. Reports from our classes were good and I know we are going to benefit greatly from this quarter's theme. If you were away last weekend I want to suggest and even urge you to call the office and order the tape of the first study (the class in the auditorium is being taped) so that you will not miss a single class session. It's that important. With such a great influx of new members over the past two years the need for discovering and using our gifts for the glory of God, our personal growth, and the edification of the church is most timely. Since the church is a body it is imperative that each member do his or her part in order that the church may grow properly (Ephesians 4:16). When the church is made up of people who earnestly desire to

identify and use their gifts, the sky is the limit as to what God can and will do through us. So let's all dedicate ourselves to total involvement in the Lord's work.

**WORSHIP**

Your response to the sermon last Sunday was most encouraging. Believing that the content of worship is settled for all time by Scripture but that our procedures are always subject to improvement, we need to be continually thinking of how we can better do what God desires in worship in the way He wants it done. My suggestion is that we consider these three things: (1) let's think about God in our daily lives throughout the week -- that's preparation; (2) let's be committed to Scriptural worship as revealed by God in all that we do -- that's proper content; and (3) let's be involved from our hearts to the fullest when we assemble for worship -- that's participation. We will then please God and receive from worship what God wants to give us. See you Sunday for worship "in spirit and in truth"!

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**Youth  
Notes**  
by  
**Danny Snell**



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all those who came to the Togo Devo this past Sunday night. Jeff & Brenda Holland shared the evening with us and we learned a lot about Togo and the culture of the people. The Hollands have made an incredible impact on the West Erwin church and we are thankful to be associated with them and the work in Togo.

Please remember to pray for the Hollands in Togo, the Maxwells in Nebraska, and the Falcons in Mexico.

**"CROATIAN CALL"**

We will be packing the relief boxes this coming Sunday, Sept. 8. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall along with other teens from the area to pack 150 boxes. All West Erwin teens need to be at the building at 2:00. Anyone who is interested is invited to come and help also. Make plans to be here!

**BIBLE QUIZ**

For the past several years our 5-12 grade students have been involved in the East Texas Bible Quiz. This year we have added grades 3 & 4. We also have added the Crockett area churches and we will be having many more teams involved. Bible Quiz is a great way to learn the Word of God and have a good time with other Christians. The tests are open Bible and you will work as a team to finish the quiz. We will meet on the second Monday of each month for the Quiz and study the weeks before. The Text for this fall is 1 Samuel and the first quiz is over chapters 1-8. We will be meeting for our first practice session this Sunday at 5:00. The first quiz is Monday, Sept. 9 from 7:00 - 8:00. Be a part of this great way to learn God's Word.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Sep. 8 Croatia Packing Day
- Sep. 8 Bible Quiz Study Session
- Sep. 9 Bible Quiz at Shiloh
- Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

**Inez Fikes** came last Wednesday night to be identified with the West Erwin church. She has been attending here for some time and we are very pleased to welcome her into this family. Her address is 1009 West Paschal, Troup, 75789, ph. 842-3442.

We are very happy to welcome **Vaughn** and **Evelyn Lowery** into our growing family. They made known their desire to place membership with the West Erwin church last Wednesday evening. Their address is Box 15, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-5371.

**Brian Walker** is a vital part of our singles group and we are glad to welcome him into the West Erwin family. He lives at 2015 South Sneed, 75701, ph. 597-4587.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We all appreciate you so much. We have two new girls who came just before school began. Nikki is 16 and Lindsey is 14. Fall is a busy time with all the children in school activities, including band, three basketball teams and several girls with fall birthdays. Please remember all of us in your prayers.

Love,  
Doug & Jill Stickler  
Little Top Cottage at Tipton Home

**SPANISH CLASS**

Henry McRuiz will be teaching a conversational Spanish class beginning September 9 through November 25, each Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The class will meet in the Heritage Room in our building. Anyone interested in learning to converse in Spanish is invited to attend.

**WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP**

A new weight loss class with a spiritual emphasis, a 12 week biblically based weight loss program, will be offered this fall at the West Erwin church. The orientation will be September 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage room. For more information, call Rachel Huff at 534-8549.


**CUB SCOUTS**

Cub Scout pack 354, sponsored by members of churches of Christ, will have a Pack Rally on Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. at Shiloh Road Church of Christ auditorium for boys in grades 1-5 and their parents. For more information, please contact Mike Wheat at 839-8249.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to the Forest McFadden family in the death of his sister-in-law in Wichita, Kansas.

\*\*\* KOINONIA group #3 will meet this Sunday \*\*\*



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**WEDDING INVITATION**



Mr. & Mrs. Glynn Starnes  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Tracy Lynn Starnes  
to  
Lance David Bailey  
on Saturday, the seventh of September  
nineteen hundred and ninety-six  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas

Reception following  
Fellowship Hall

**BABY SHOWER**

You're invited to a  
Baby Shower  
honoring  
Jeri Prestidge  
on Sunday, September 8  
4:00 - 5:30  
Fellowship Hall



Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

Discovery Days still has openings in their fall classes. This program is for ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. It is a fun way to introduce your child to art, music, math and language experiences, cooking, new friends, and loving Christian teachers. We offer a Bible-based curriculum that focuses on fun and play. Discovery Days is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 to 2:15. For more information, please call Martha Waggoner at 597-2111.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jean Oliver on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Betty Overall is the grandmother. Michael and Chanel Rhodes are the proud parents of Ashlee Michel born August 31 in California. She weighed 6 lb and is 19 inches long.

**BIBLE HOUR**

Bible Hour, for K-4th grade, will meet Sunday, Sept. 8, only in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, please pick children up there.

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**Outreach & Involvement**

At the time of this writing, we have not yet begun our new Wednesday evening Bible Study Series. One of the study groups offered will be for our men of the congregation. Please see more information below. We hope everyone will make a special effort to be involved in all of the other wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth as well. In fact, as the new quarter begins, why don't you raise your participation in the life of the body "to the next level"?

I am excited about the new Men's study group on Wednesday night called "The Man In The Mirror". But you may be wondering, "Why do we need a class for men?" Well, it doesn't take a very keen observer to see that some of the problems in our society and in our homes today come from the fact that many men have forgotten what it is to be a godly man, a good husband and a truly loving father. Even John Stosel of ABC's "20-20" reported in a program on August 24th that we have a crisis of absentee fathers in America. He found that whenever fathers are not physically or emotionally present in the home, for whatever reason, there are undeniable problems. We, in the church, have known this for a long time but that doesn't mean we have avoided the fact or escaped the consequences. It is time that we make a commitment to train our sons to be Godly men and for us as men to assume our roles as the spiritual leaders of our homes.

**Every man** who cares about becoming the person God wants them to be should participate in this group. And **everybody at West Erwin** should encourage all the men to attend. This will be of great benefit, not only to them, but also to their families and the entire congregation. -- Daniel K. Morgan

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 Scripture Blake Stansbury  
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John Steffee

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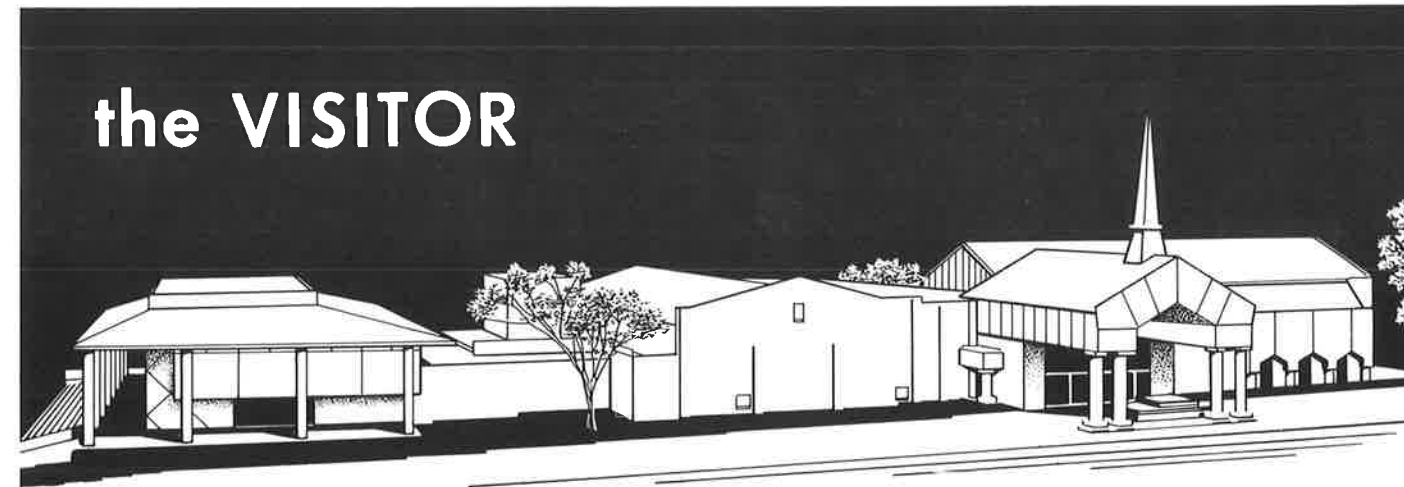
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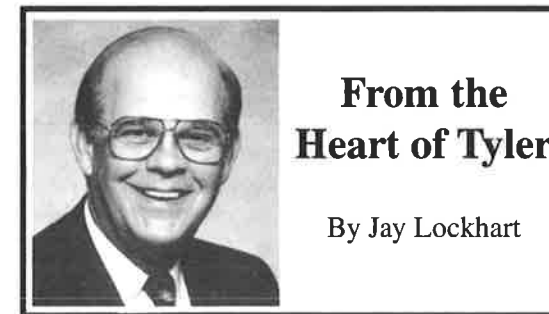
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By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, September 1, 1996 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. "Worship: In Church And In Life" (John 4:20-24)
- P.M. "An Alien In A Foreign Land" (Daniel 1:1-6)

**THIS SUNDAY IS THE DAY!**

Sunday, September 1, is the day we have anticipated for a long time as we enter a thirteen week study in our youth through adult classes on *Discovering and Using Our God-given Gifts*. This study will be so important to the life of this church as we seek to give opportunity for every member to be involved in the work of West Erwin in a significant way. We believe the church is the body of Christ in this world and Christ as the head of the body possesses all authority to direct the work of that body (Colossians 1:18). Further, we believe there are many members, but one body and that every member is important and needed (I Corinthians 12:15-21). Additionally, we believe that each member of the body is equipped by God to function as a vital part of the body (I Peter 4:10-11) and that each member must do his part for the body to work properly (Ephesians 4:16). What is your gift from God? The purpose of this quarter's study is to discover and utilize our gifts for the glory of God, the edification of the church,

and our personal growth. The format for these studies will be as follows:

Class	Teacher	Room
Middle School	Danny Snell	Large room upstairs
High School		
College	Mike Gravois	Old Auditorium
Singles		
20's - 30's		
30's - 40's		
Mixed Ages	Daniel Morgan	New Auditorium
Boomers	Jay Lockhart	
Ladies		
50's - 60's,		
50's - 70's		
Old Auditorium		

Please be present at 9:00 a.m. sharp and come with excitement and expectation.

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the city wide back to school prayer meeting this past Sunday night at Shiloh Rd.

### "CROATIAN CALL"

What a great response we have had for the Croatian Call over the past few weeks. All of the churches in the area have collected over \$4500.00 for relief boxes. We will be packing these boxes on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 2:00. Make plans to be here!

### TOGO DEVOTIONAL

All of those in middle school and high school are invited to share an evening together with us this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall after the evening assembly. Jeff & Brenda Holland will be hosting the devotional and we will be spending some time talking about their mission effort in Togo. This will be an unforgettable experience, don't miss it!

### BIBLE QUIZ

For the past several years our 5-12 grade students have been involved in the East Texas Bible Quiz. This year we have added grades 3 & 4. We also have added the Crockett area churches and we will be having many more teams involved. Bible Quiz is a great way to learn the Word of God and have a good time with other Christians. The tests are open Bible and you will work as a team to finish the quiz. We will meet on the second Monday of each month for the Quiz and study the weeks before. The Text for this fall is 1 Samuel and the first quiz is over chapters 1-8. You will get more info in the mail this week but if you have any questions, please contact me.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Sep. 1 Combined Devotional - Togo  
Sep. 8 Croatia Packing Day  
Sep. 9 Bible Quiz at Shiloh  
Nov. 22-23 Middle School Retreat

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome David and Carrie Cannefax into our growing family at West Erwin. They have been worshipping with us since their recent move to Tyler from Oklahoma. They live at 4901 Kinsey #1421, 75703, ph. 581-6036.

James (Jamie) and Corrie Holland came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin family. Corrie is the daughter of the late Truman and Julia Langham and grew up at West Erwin. James is a gospel preacher and has spent many years in the mission field. We are very glad to welcome them into our family. Their address is 2806 Navaho Trail, 75707, ph. 534-8456.

### IN APPRECIATION

Our heartiest thanks to our West Erwin family for your Christian love and concern as shown by the beautiful flowers and other expressions of sympathy at the passing of my sister, Pauline Rickstrew.

Lacey & Barbara Brady  
The Rickstrew family

### SPANISH CLASS

Henry McRuiz will be teaching a conversational Spanish class beginning September 9 through November 25, each Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The class will meet in the Heritage Room in our building. Anyone interested in learning to converse in Spanish is invited to attend.

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

A new weight loss class with a spiritual emphasis, a 12 week biblically based weight loss program, will be offered this fall at the West Erwin church. The orientation will be September 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage room. For more information, call Rachel Huff at 534-8549.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dewey and Angela Howard on the birth of Lori Danell on August 22 in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and is 20 inches long. Kayla and Matthew are the proud big sister and brother.

### EAST TEXAS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop at the Shiloh Road church on Saturday, September 14, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

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Each Sunday  
KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.  
KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.  
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### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Glynn Starnes  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Tracy Lynn Starnes  
to  
Lance David Bailey  
on Saturday, the seventh of September  
nineteen hundred and ninety-six  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas

Reception following  
Fellowship Hall

### BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a  
Baby Shower  
honoring  
Jeri Prestidge  
on Sunday, September 8  
4:00 - 5:30  
Fellowship Hall

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Bible classes at West Erwin collected \$482.72 last Sunday for Christian Services of East Texas to be used for school supplies for children.

### DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days is now enrolling for fall. This program is for ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. It is a fun way to introduce your child to art, music, math and language experiences, cooking, new friends, and loving Christian teachers. We offer a Bible-based curriculum that focuses on fun and play. Discovery Days is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 to 2:15. For more information, please call the church office or the director, Martha Waggoner, at 597-2111.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's Worship will resume their regular schedule on Sunday, September 1.

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## Outreach & Involvement

When was the last time someone asked you, "How's your *koinonia*?"

"Not lately" you say? If I did ask you, how would you react? Would it be with puzzlement? "Now what did he mean by that? I know what *koinonia* means, but what is he trying to say?"

Everyone at West Erwin may know what the Greek word *koinonia* means, but do you know to which Fellowship Group you belong at West Erwin? More importantly, do you know who the other members of your group are and how their spiritual lives are going? And when was the last time you met with your Koinonia Group at West Erwin? Has a Sunday gone by when your group was meeting for lunch and you didn't attend, or a Sunday evening meeting that went on without you? That's what I mean by "How's your *koinonia*?"

Maybe your reaction would be one of indifference? "You know, I'm not really into that. We're kinda busy, you know. I'm sorry, we have our own things we have to do. Is it really that important?"

Well, if we look at the church of the New Testament we find that it was part of their lives. In Acts 2:42 it says they "devoted themselves to fellowship." This means that it was something so important that they found a way to do it no matter what. And as God intended, it was a great blessing for their lives. God has provided *koinonia* for us as a way to meet some of our deepest needs in life. That's what I mean by, "How's your *koinonia*?"

One thing is certain, while our programs are not perfect, everyone at West Erwin has an opportunity to be involved and to have fellowship with a small group of people with whom we can be closer and by whom we can be encouraged. Why don't you have some *koinonia* this week?

### LADIES RETREAT

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Ladies' Retreat Friday and Saturday, November 8 & 9 at Brookhaven Camp in Hawkins, Texas, just off CR 2909. The cost, which includes one night's lodging and three meals, is \$30.00.

### CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout pack 354, sponsored by members of churches of Christ, will have a Pack Rally on Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. at Shiloh Road Church of Christ auditorium. Boys in grades 1 - 5 and their parents are encouraged to attend the rally to learn about fun-filled activities and worthwhile service projects planned for 1996-97 and to join the pack. Cub Scouting is designed to strengthen the relationships between boys and their parents and to instill in boys a duty to God, their country, and their fellowmen. For more information, please contact Mike Wheat at 839-8249.

### GOSPEL MEETING

You're invited to Gospel Meeting at the Grand Saline Church of Christ September 8 - 10 with preaching by Richard Fox. Sunday services are at 10:00 and 10:50 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board for more details.

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Team #4 will meet Aug. 12.



Records	Sunday August 18	Sunday August 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	355	353	385
Worship A.M.	581	523	551
Worship P.M.	425	332	337
Wed. P.M.	263	264	282
Contribution	\$16,809.11	\$15,010.51	\$12,988.25
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$1,648.11 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 25, and Wed. P.M., Aug. 28, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**George Daugherty** is recuperating at home after recent bypass surgery, then a blood clot in his knee. **Don McCune** is at home following a heart procedure last week in Dallas. **Barbara Brady** got a good report after tests last week at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. **Jody Shaw**, John Shaw's dad, is recovering at home after a recent heart attack. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, is showing some improvement in ICU in San Antonio. **Annie Lee Drummond**, Don Drummond's aunt, is in Tyler Rehab Center. **Darrell Shogry**, Joy Shogry's father-in-law, is at home and doing fair after recent surgery. **Elbert Adams**, Pauline Aven's cousin, is in ETMC Rehab following knee replacement surgery. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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	Leon Welborn	

SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)	
		Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
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Dismiss Glynn Starnes

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Paul Stanley

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

Area-Wide Meeting at Shiloh

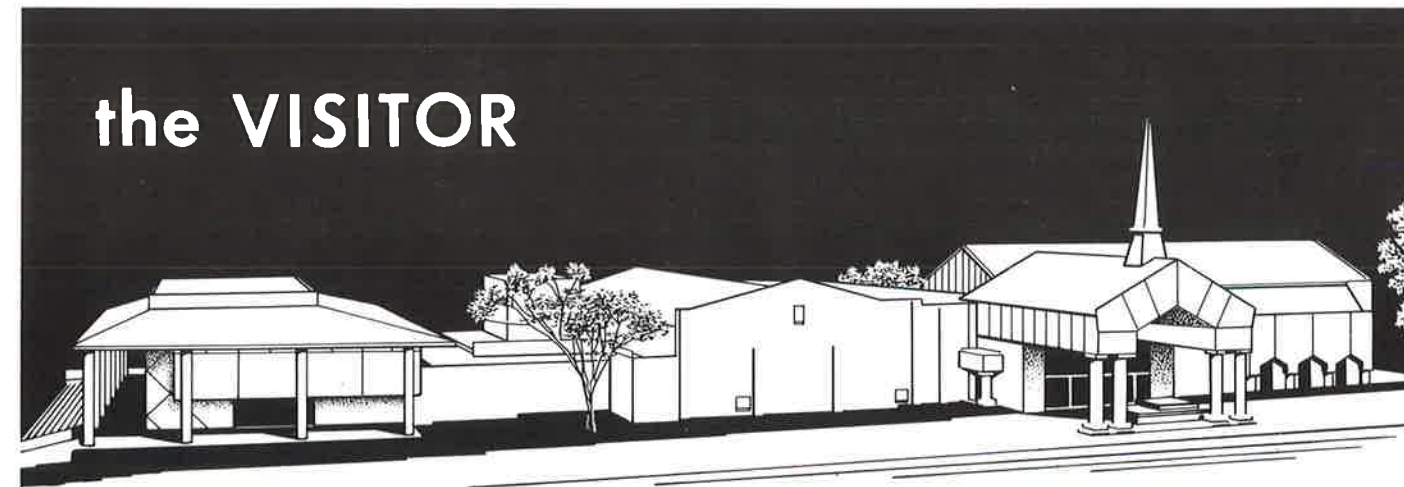
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Ray Vannoy Mark Waggonner  
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Matt Tate Walker Weathers

**GREETERS**

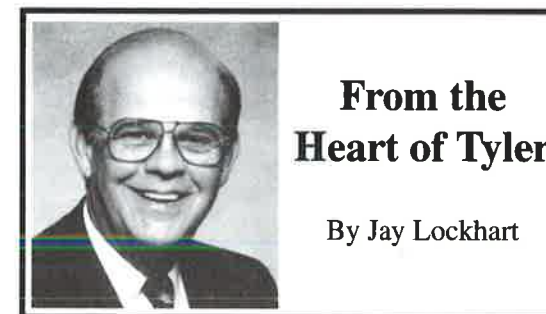
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, August 25, 1996**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "And When He Had Opened The Book"  
(Luke 4:16-27)

P.M. Area-Wide Meeting  
Shiloh Road Church of Christ

**AREA-WIDE MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT**

Over the past few years the churches of the Tyler area have met once or twice a year on a Sunday night to promote the unity and fellowship of the body of Christ. The last Sunday evening of August has traditionally been one of those times and that means that this Sunday, August 25, is the day! The meetings have usually been planned around a special theme and this year we will be emphasizing Christian Education. We will be meeting at Shiloh and Bill Young, Director of Church Relations from Abilene Christian University, will be the speaker. Since we have East Texas Christian Academy right here in our city and a school which is most worthy of our support, we will be given the opportunity this Sunday to make a special contribution to the on-going success of this Christian school. We do hope you will participate in this evening at Shiloh. The schedule is:

5:00 p.m. for singing and  
6:00 p.m. for the service.

**JEFF HOLLAND TO SPEAK**

On Wednesday evening, August 28, Jeff Holland will be speaking at our last Summer Series session on the work in Togo, West Africa. Jeff, Brenda, and Josiah will be with us through September 1 and will have opportunities to visit with our classes and in our homes during the next week and a half. They will be returning to Togo September 11.

**BIBLE CLASSES**

With the end of summer, and the beginning of school, and the new Bible class quarter, I want to encourage you to be a regular part of our Bible School program. This fall we are placing emphasis upon discovering and using our gifts for the glory of God and the upbuilding of the body of Christ. We want everyone who wants to be involved in the life of this church to find his or her place of effective service in our growing family. The class arrangement for our youth through adults is designed so that all of us will be receiving the same information over the next thirteen weeks. Your cooperation and involvement in our temporary class changes will be appreciated. This is going to be a growing experience.

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### BACK TO SCHOOL

Most of our young people have started back to school. We have had a great summer together and made a difference in our world. Let us pray for making a difference in our schools this year.

### "CROATIAN CALL"

Over the past several Sundays, West Erwin has given generously to supply relief boxes to Croatia. You have answered the challenge and raised over \$3200.00. At projected cost that will supply almost 90 relief boxes. People whom you have never met or will probably never meet on this earth will be greatly influenced by your generosity. You have made a difference in their lives. If you would like to include a note of encouragement in these boxes, please bring them by Sunday, Sept. 8.

### BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP SERVICE

Thanks to all of those who came to the Briarcliff Worship this past Sunday. Thanks to these young people and singles for making it special: Erin Aven, Nichole Aven, Allison Broome, Amanda Broome, Lonnie Brown, Kara Camp, Courtney Craddock, Maggie Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Brady Dawkins, Russell Fedell, Mike Gravois, Brett Hone, Josh Hone, Tim Marshall, Sandie Martin, Danielle Rousseau, Brian Walker, and Kyle Willoughby.

### CITY WIDE MEETING & DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the city wide back to school prayer meeting and devotional this coming Sunday night after the city wide assembly at the Shiloh Rd. church. Please bring \$2.00 for pizza. We will be finished at 9:00.

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### LADIES CLASS BRUNCH

Ladies, you are invited to be present for brunch on Wednesday, August 28, at 9:30 a.m. Fern Bench, who teaches the ladies class, will present a preview of the study that will begin when the class resumes on September 11. She plans lessons on self-discovery entitled "He Gave Gifts - What Are Yours?" All ladies are invited to bring a dish for brunch and come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. You will enjoy the meal, the devotional, and the friendly atmosphere.

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Do you ever feel in bondage to food? God does not intend for food to control us. This program takes you away from dieting which is simply making the food behave. This program teaches you how to have control within. There are no special foods. The workshop includes video tapes, audio tapes, slides, group discussion and a workbook. If you are interested in breaking the focus on food and being permanently free of "YoYo" dieting, this program may be for you. A new weight loss class with a spiritual emphasis, a 12 week biblically based weight loss program, will be offered this fall at the West Erwin church. The orientation will be September 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the Heritage room. For more information, call Rachel Huff at 534-8549.

### NEW ARRIVAL!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gilbert Grogan of Duncanville, Texas announce the birth of Alison Jerika Grogan on August 13, 1996. She weighed 8 lb. and is 22 inches long. Judy Venable Grogan is the grandmother and Lorene Venable is the great grandmother. Congratulations to all!

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday in Clovis, New Mexico for Pauline Rickstrew, Barbara Brady's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Our Summer Speaker series will soon be over. We continue to have outstanding speakers. You won't want to miss a single Wednesday night. The theme for this summer is "What the Church Needs Now ..." Speakers and their subjects are:

Harold Taylor "Restore Passion for Evangelism" August 21  
Jeff Holland The Work In Togo August 28

\*\*\* KOINONIA group #2 will meet this Sunday \*\*\*

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### PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

Sometimes when hardships come my way

I see life through different eyes.

A new viewpoint on every day

And its purpose stands clear.

Sometimes when I reach my goals

I see that I can accomplish anything.

And when people try to set my role

My independence takes over me.

In this life I won't always be right

I'm not meant to be strong and perfect

Although I can try with all my might.

For God is watching over me.

I'm meant to make mistakes

For those are intended to learn from.

And if I should fall at my own race,

I should pick up and continue.

I am also intended to find a love,

Someone that I will want to marry.

And until I reach the heavens above

I shall be with them always.

I am living my life, maybe to teach

Those that are not on the right track.

Those that seem to be out of reach

By those who only try to help.

Although life is simple and real

It can also be mysterious.

It affects the way you think and feel,

Yet hides the pain for your sake.

Life is also meant so I could learn

All I can and understand.

More than I was intended.

I am living to be the best I can be

And go through great lengths to get there.

For whatever path that may mean

I should hold my head high forever.

-- SDM

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### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Words are inadequate to express our thanks to you for your concern and prayers for us during my illness. We are grateful to you for the food, phone calls, and cards. That helped to make each day easier for us. You are all so special to us.

Archie & Juanita Lowry

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Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express. Thanks so much for your expression of sympathy. The spray of yellow carnations and white daisies was beautiful.

The family of C.P. Davis

(Grandfather of Ed Butterworth)

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Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for remembering us in the loss of our mother and grandmother. We deeply appreciate the beautiful flowers, cards, prayers, calls, and words of encouragement. Thoughtfulness like yours is appreciated more than words can say.

In Christian Love,

J.C. Tate and family

Marc Tate and family

*One day at a time -*

*this is enough*

*Do not look back*

*and grieve over the past,*

*for it is gone;*

*And do not be troubled*

*about the future,*

*for it has not yet come.*

*Live in the present,*

*and make it so beautiful*

*that it will be worth remembering.*

*-- Ida Scott Taylor*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola with Ed Wharton from the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas August 25 - 28. Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:20 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. with a pot luck dinner at 12:00 noon. Week night services are at 7:30 p.m.

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The Cherokee Home for Children will have their 2nd Annual Fund Raising Auction on Saturday, September 28, beginning at 9:45 a.m. You can be a part of this through your support of attendance, by donating items for the auction, and by encouraging others to help the kids auction be productive!

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East Texas Christian Academy will present *ACAPELLA* Saturday, September 28, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at Caldwell Auditorium in Tyler. Tickets are \$8.00.

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

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Scripture Charlie Scroggins  
Dismiss Bill Smith

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Dannie Skipper

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Prayer John Shaw  
Scripture John Portwood  
Dismiss Tony Smith

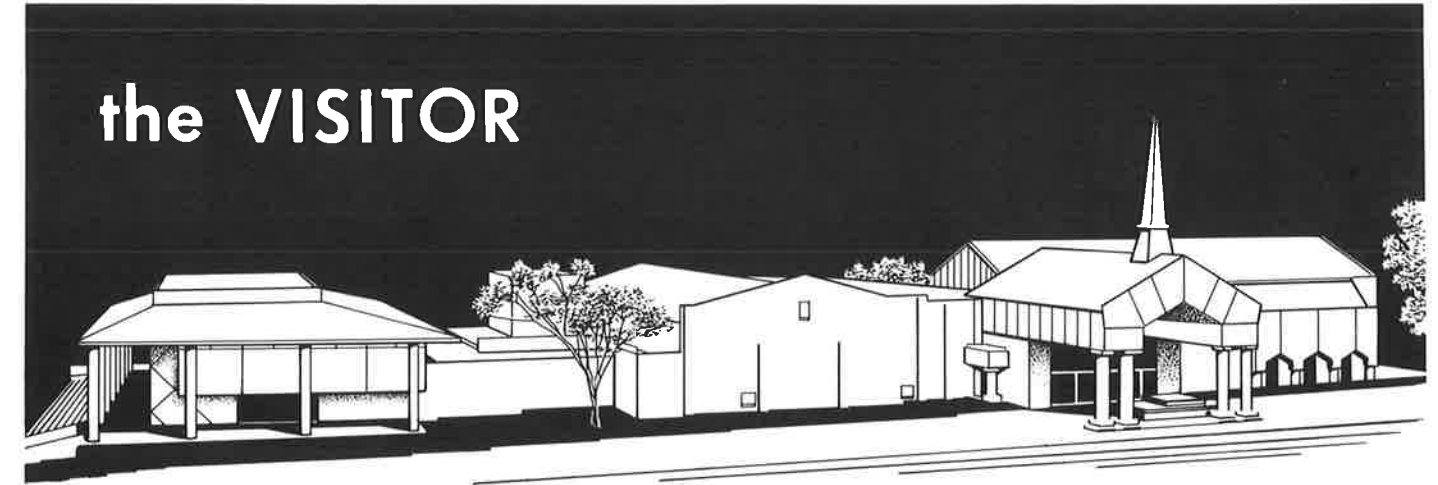
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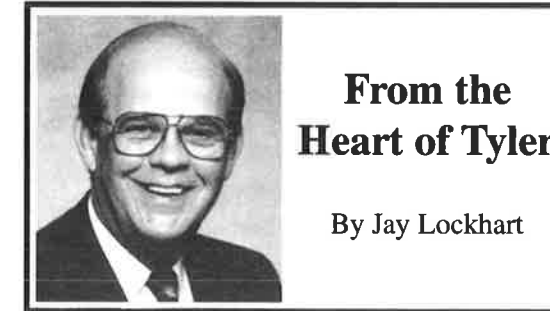
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A.M. Studies In Exodus #18

"Building A House For God"  
(Exodus 39:32-43)

P.M. Nehemiah #9

"A Passion For Faithfulness"  
(Nehemiah 9:32-38)

**AN UNINVOLVED CHRISTIAN**

"I'm an uninvolved Christian," he said to me as we talked about his spiritual life. "An uninvolved Christian" -- sounds like a contradiction of terms to me. Granted, if one becomes a child of God, he will always be God's child even if he becomes "uninvolved" (the prodigal was still the father's son even though he left home and lived in the far country), but an "uninvolved Christian" ... there's something wrong with that. It's a bit like a farmer who doesn't farm or a salesman who doesn't sell or a worker who doesn't work; If we think of "Christian" as "one who follows Christ," how could he ever be uninvolved? It's like a follower who doesn't follow. I do not suppose we could ever hope to get every member of a congregation of size to be actively involved, but that certainly is our goal. We want every Christian to discover and use his gift from God to the glory of God and to the upbuilding of the body of Christ. For this reason our new Sunday morning youth and adult Bible classes, beginning September

1, will focus upon "Discovering and Using Our Gifts." This series of studies, based on Romans 12 and Ephesians 4 will be designed to help every person who wants to be involved in ministry to find his or her place of service at West Erwin. We want to be as effective as possible as a church and we believe it is essential to involve all of our people. In the weeks ahead we will not only discover our gifts but we will have opportunity to use them in the work to which God has called us as a church. If you have not been attending Bible classes on Sunday mornings, September 1 will be a great time to begin. Come and let's make some discoveries and put what we learn to good use. In addition to our Sunday morning series, our Wednesday night classes will provide some wonderful opportunities in Bible study. Our thanks to **Mike Gravois** and **Daniel Morgan** for the leadership they are providing in these new studies. Make Bible classes a regular part of your schedule!



## Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



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Thanks to all who went to the lock-in this past Friday night. We had a great time with an evening of fun and games. Thanks to Gary Aven and Jim McDonald for going as sponsors.

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### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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### DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days is now enrolling for fall. This program is for ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. It is a fun way to introduce your child to art, music, math and language experiences, cooking, new friends, and loving Christian teachers. We offer a Bible-based curriculum that focuses on fun and play. Discovery Days is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 to 2:15. For more information, please call the church office or the director, Martha Waggoner, at 597-2111.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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### WITH SYMPATHY

Bertha Reed, James Sublette's aunt, died last Wednesday in Dallas. She was the sister of the late Cleo Sublette. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.



**THE SEARCH**

Each Sunday  
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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with **Carla Lemons** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism last Sunday. Carla is the daughter of Marc and Pam Lemons and the granddaughter of Velma Lemons. She lives at 3021 Williamsburg, 75703, ph. 566-7778.

We are happy to welcome **Stephanie Muller** back home. She came Sunday to be restored and to be identified again with the West Erwin family. Stephanie is the daughter of Dwight Leek and the late Dianne Leek and grew up in this church. She states that she has strayed away and wants to come home. She has two children, Ashley and Mitchell. They live at 21072 CR 2138 in Troup, 75789, ph. 839-8828.

**Michelle Hughes** was baptized into Christ at West Erwin last Wednesday night by her grandfather. She is the granddaughter of Don and Norma Durham and lives in Garland and attends the Highland Oaks church.

### DEAR GOD

You've furnished my world with beautiful things  
Rearranged my life so that it may bring,  
Lessons to be taught and ones to be learned  
And extinguish my fires without being burned.  
And for these things I'm thankful.  
You've given me options on which to live,  
Given me plenty on which to give.  
Abolished all limits on what I may do,  
And promised one day I can truly see You.  
And for these things I'm thankful.  
You've exercised love toward me every day;  
You've listened to problems and forgiven mistakes.  
You've placed happiness in my possession,  
Washed away sorrows and secured my obsessions.  
And for these things I'm thankful.  
You've made my hardships turn out better;  
You've put my broken heart together.  
You have always been there to listen to...  
All the ways in which I've deceived you.  
And for these things I'm thankful.

-- SDM

(This poem was written by Stephanie Miles, daughter of Sherryl Miles, and submitted by her grandmother, Velma Lemons. Thanks for sharing!)

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### Outreach & Involvement Ministry

#### CHANGES ON THE WAY

"There is a season for everything, and a season for ever activity under heaven ..."  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

If we look for the overall meaning of the well-known passage in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, we would probably have to say it is this:  
**Things are always changing!**

The writer says that this is not only the way things are, but the way they should be. Our problem is, we don't usually like change very much. Often we like to keep things "the way they were." But change is good. Things ought to change from time to time. We should be ready for it when it happens and make the best of it.

Now wait a minute, folks. This is not to advocate "change" just for the sake of change. There are some eternal things that pertain to God, His Word, the Lord's Church and our spiritual walk that never change. However, within the will of God, what we should always strive for is **to change for the better.**

A season of change has come to West Erwin in the ministries within the areas of **OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT.** There are some programs and activities in these areas that have been going on as they are for a long time. Whatever is good and is working will remain. Whatever needs improving will be given attention in due season.

As the new minister in these areas, I need your help! First, I need your prayers and support. Second, I need your input. If you are involved in ministry, tell me about what you are doing. If you are a member here, you can make any suggestions you have for improving things. What do you think we need to add or take away?

Next, and always, the church needs your participation. Christianity is not a spectator sport. It is a life we share. It is not just "what we do". It is who we are! Please pray about this and be ready for the great things God has in store for us here.

In the days ahead, as we go through some changes, you will be given an opportunity to find out what God has given you, for you to be able to serve in the body here. Then, you will be called on to get involved in ministry so that the lost will be saved and our Father in heaven will be glorified.

-- Daniel K. Morgan

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
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Worship A.M.	571	583	567
Worship P.M.	336	327	3,252
Wed. P.M.	264	213	251
Contribution	\$15,238.88	\$19,226.77	\$12,023.00
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$77.88 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 11, and Wed. P.M., Aug. 14, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Juanita Lowry was dismissed from Mother Frances Wednesday after having angioplasty last Saturday. Aline Beard is hospitalized in Athens with pneumonia. Leon Santos was hospitalized with heart problems but is now at home. Buddy Bell is in Dallas for tests this week. George Daugherty is at home and doing well after recent bypass surgery. Don McCune is scheduled for a heart cath Tuesday at the VA Hospital in Dallas. Buddy Emmons, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, had lung surgery last week in San Antonio. Annie Lee Drummond, Don Drummond's aunt, is in Medical Center. Mrs. Roy Kent, Daniel Morgan's mother, is having outpatient tests at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. Charlie Wood, Eleanor Nunn's dad, is in Medical Center. Jenny Gaynier, 12 year old friend of the Stringers, was critically injured in an accident last weekend. Darrell Shogry, Joy Shogry's father-in-law, is in room 375 at Mother Frances after surgery Tuesday. Jewell Teel, James Gehring's aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer in Lewisville. Valery Johnson, a member of the church in Arp, began treatment for acute leukemia Monday at Medical Center.

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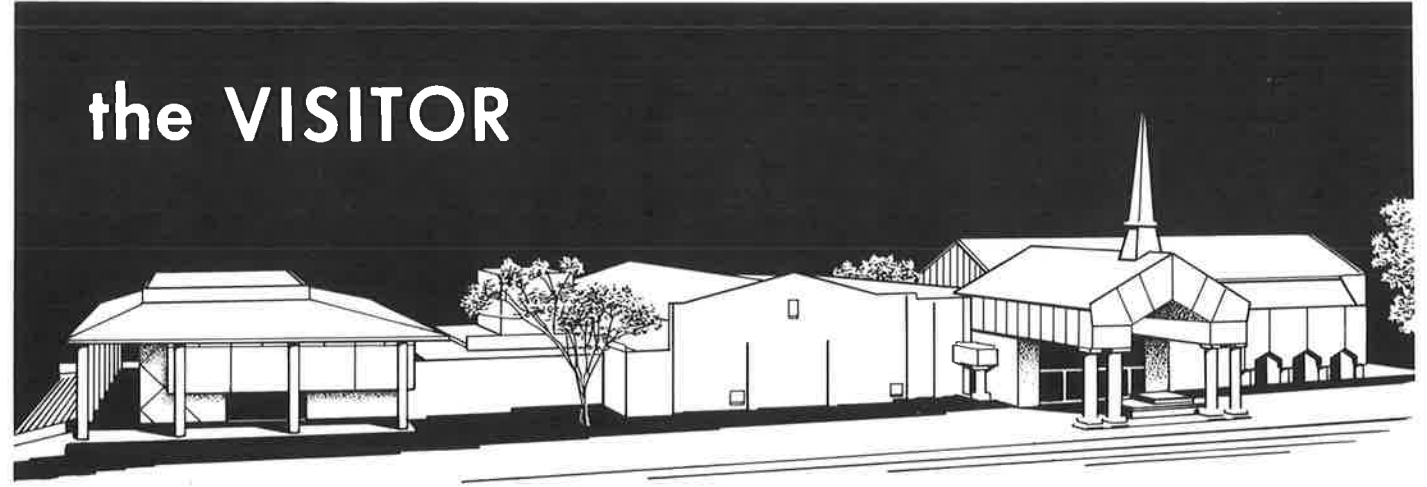
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 Doug Scroggins  
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 Prayer Kelly Ross  
 Scripture John Pike  
 Dismiss Matt Pickens  
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, August 11, 1996**  
 by Hardeman Nichols

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- August 25 Area-wide meeting at Shiloh (6 p.m. with singing at 5 p.m.) with Bill Young of Abilene Christian University as speaker and Christian Education as the theme. A special contribution for East Texas Christian Academy will give us an opportunity to advance this important work.
- September 1 New Bible School Quarter begins and this upcoming study is going to be great for this church! Let's set some goals, get excited, and get involved!
- September 10-14 Pictures made for our new pictorial directory. This promises to be the most useful directory yet. Sign up this Sunday for your time!
- October 13 National Day of Prayer for Children. It's most significant that the United States Congress has declared it and we want to participate in it. On October 6 a TV special of THE SEARCH will feature an interview with Rick Hall, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, which will focus on the needs of children.
- November 3 - 6 David Sain of Florence, Alabama will be here for four days of Spiritual Renewal and Evangelism. We hope to have noon luncheon meetings as well as evening meetings Monday through Wednesday. What a week that will be!
- November 8 - 9 Ladies Retreat at Brookhaven Retreat Center, Hawkins, Texas.

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This Sunday through Wednesday I will be in a meeting at the Overton Church of Christ. In my absence Hardeman Nichols will be teaching and preaching.

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Join us this Sunday night as we go out to eat together after evening worship.

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## IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin family:

Thank you for your many expressions of love and sympathy during our period of grief.

The Ira D. Wilson family  
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Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for my mother's funeral. We appreciate all the cards, phone calls, and prayers you have sent on behalf of my mother and my family. Thank you again.

Sharon Ketchum & family  
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Thank you for your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and food during my illness.

George Daugherty  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A great deal is said about how wild and uncaring the children of today are. Well, I'm here to tell you the boys and girls in our congregation are great! They found out I had day surgery last Thursday and my yard needed a great deal of help. They immediately came without grumbling, mouthing or any negative actions. They were great! They are a very special group and in my book, they deserve the gold. Thanks to Danny and all the kids.

Billie Osburn

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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## WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Craig Taylor  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Kimberly Leigh



to  
Mr. Brody Denton Clark  
on Saturday, the tenth of August  
Nineteen hundred and ninety-six  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
Trinity United Methodist Church

Burkhalter Chapel  
Ruston, Louisiana

Reception immediately following the ceremony  
Lincoln Parish Museum  
609 North Vienna  
Ruston, Louisiana

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Ryan James Weiss was born in Fort Worth on July 30 to Brett and Charis Weiss. He weighed 10 lb. 1 oz. and is 21 inches long. Nancy McCoy is the proud grandmother.

## SCHOOL DAYS

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## REACH OUT -- GET INVOLVED

### "Confirmed Sighting"

It has been reported that there have been sightings of an "Involvement" minister around the building in the last two weeks. These reports have now been officially confirmed. He is in the building.

The not-so-shadowy figure was seen with a perplexed look on his face, nosing around everyone else's office and asking a lot of questions.

For the next few weeks he will usually be found somewhere around the education office (thanks to the good graces of **Mike Gravois**, who was willing to share his space). His future whereabouts are yet to be revealed.

If you happen to see him and his family on Sundays, or at the Koinonia groups, visitation meetings, Young-at-Heart gatherings, or any other ministry meetings, please introduce yourself to him. He would love to know about your ministry and how you are serving in the body of Christ at West Erwin. The more he knows about everything going on around here, the more he can do to help *everyone grow into the image of Christ and glorify God in all we do*.

**What is an "involvement" minister and what does he do anyway?** Surely this is a question you have probably asked yourself by now.

Well, first of all, his work includes both **OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT**. To be painfully simple, he is here to help all of us in the church work together to reach out to the lost, locally and far off, and bring them into the body of Christ. Next, he will help us all reach out to the inactive members of this body and get them involved in the life we share in Christ. Please pray for him and his work.

From compiled reports

## THE WAY TO HAPPINESS

Keep your heart free of hate. Keep your mind free from worry. Live simple, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for a week and you will be surprised.

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**George Daugherty** had a heart cath Friday and by-pass surgery Saturday at Mother Frances Hospital. He is in room 486. **Cora Hughes** was hospitalized following a fall but is now at her granddaughter's home. **Elizabeth Hughes** is now at home. **Carl Bullard** is going to Dallas for treatment three times a week. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, had lung surgery Tuesday in San Antonio. **Annie Lee Drummond**, Don Drummond's aunt, is recovering at Medical Center Hospital from surgery on a broken hip. **Taylor Granado**, 3 year old friend of the Denman's, was run over by a riding lawn mower last week. She is hospitalized in Shreveport. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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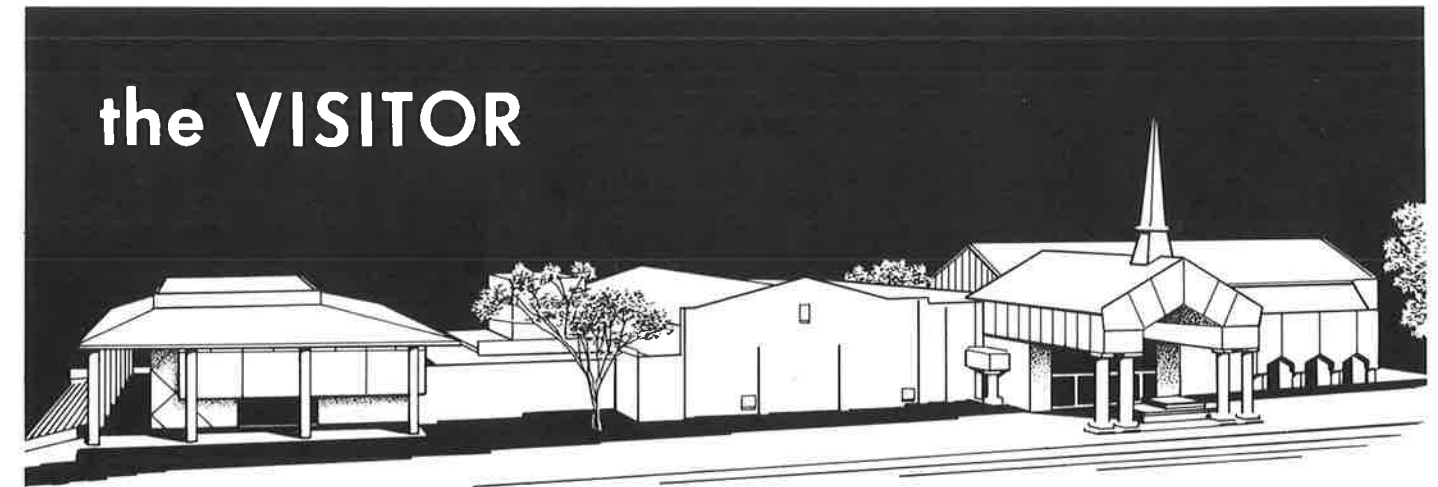
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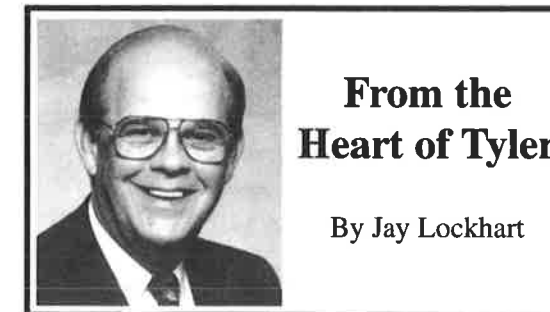
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By Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.

A.M. **Studies In Exodus #17**

"Seeing The Glory"  
 (Exodus 33:17-23)

P.M. **Nehemiah #8**

"Building What Is Broken Down"  
 (Nehemiah 13:15-22)

**MISSION EMPHASIS**

It was a real treat to have three of our missionary families with us last Sunday evening to report on their respective work. Each man who spoke is, of course, different and each work is different, but each report was equally exciting. **Ray Maxwell** reported on the work in West Point, Nebraska where the church has just entered a new building. We are all convinced that the building will be a marvelous tool in the growth of the church in West Point. **Daniel Morgan** spoke of the trip he just made to Estonia and what a successful time that was! Wasn't it thrilling to hear of all the studies the group had and the hunger the people have for the Bible? We are glad that our **Tim Marshall** made this trip and it is apparent he will never be the same! Last, but no by no means least, **Jeff Holland** told of his exciting work in Togo, West Africa where new congregations continue to be planted and people are being baptized. Jeff and Brenda will be with us for two weeks, August 18 - September 1, before returning to Togo with their new son, Josiah.

**NEW PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY**

It's time for a new church directory for the West Erwin church. Since our last directory in 1994 we have had some staff changes and a large number of new members and we need the cooperation of everyone as we make the new directory as useful as possible. Some unique features of this directory are: (1) there will be no sales people so that you will feel no pressure to buy pictures; (2) there will be no "packages" so that if you want to buy something you can purchase just the pictures you want; (3) "generation" pictures are available so you can have pictures made with grandparents, parents, and children if you desire. Picture taking times will be Tuesday, September 10, through Saturday, September 14, and Tuesday, September 17, through Saturday, September 21. Sign up tables will be available soon. Be ready!

**AREA-WIDE MEETING**

August 25 will be the date for our next Area-wide meeting -- this one will be at Shiloh at 6:00 p.m. and **William E. Young** of ACU will be speaking on the value of Christian Education.

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# Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



## SOUL LIFT - SIX FLAGS

We had a great time this past Monday at Six Flags. There were a lot of people there enduring the heat along with us. Thanks to Gary & Julie Ables, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Paige Morris, and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Garrett Cantrell and Chad Frick for achieving the rank of "Star" in the Boy Scout Troop 364. This is a great accomplishment and it means they lack only the rank of "Life" to begin work on their "Eagle". Way to go, guys!

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Thanks to all who went to the Summer Youth Series these past few months. We are still working on the service project for the "Croatian Call" and will be collecting money for purchasing food for the relief boxes. Please consider making a donation to this effort.

## THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the workday on Thursday, Aug. 8. We will meet at the building at 9:30 and return at 3:30. We will stick to this schedule unless the weather or jury duty prevails.

## CITY WIDE LOCK-IN

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## IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

**Aug. 4** Combined Devotional  
**Aug. 8** TYP  
**Aug. 9** Lock-In at Celebration Station

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet Aug. 4.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church family,

Thank you so much for your help again this month. We have been working hard this summer and we are very grateful for your contributions so we can do those "extra" things that make a summer special. We bought a barbeque grill for the cottage and have enjoyed spending more time with each other. Doug has been working with the grade school, junior high and high school to prepare for Bible Bowl. He is coaching seven teams on the first nine chapters of Romans.

We had Saturday school at church last week. It was a one day Bible school on the miracles of Jesus. Doug and I taught "Jesus Calms the Storm." Our older girls helped us decorate and act out the story.

The best thing that happened this summer was last Sunday when Pepper Colwell was baptized. She is a sweet girl with a tender heart and we are so happy for her.

Thank you again.  
Doug & Jill Stickler &  
Little Top Cottage at Tipton Home



## WHAT A DIFFERENCE

If we noticed little pleasures  
As we noticed little pains;  
If we quite forgot our losses  
And remembered all our gains;  
If we looked for people's virtues  
And their faults refused to see,  
What a comfortable and happy  
Cheerful place this would be!

## WITH SYMPATHY

Maude Wilson, Ira Wilson's mother, died Sunday morning following a heart attack. Services were held Tuesday in Bossier City, Louisiana. Services were held Wednesday in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Madeline McRuiz, Henry McRuiz's sister-in-law. Services were held Friday in Paris, Texas for Kathleen Sandlin, Sharon Ketchum's mother. Services were held at the Broadway church Saturday for Jim Paul. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

## RESPONSE

Wade Park came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for strength to be the spiritual leader for his family that God would have him to be. (The Park family suffered a fire in their home over the weekend.)

## THE SEARCH



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

## WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Craig Taylor  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

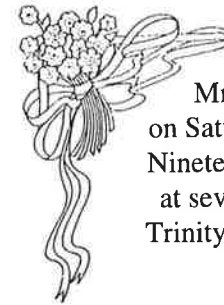
Kimberly Leigh  
to

Mr. Brody Denton Clark  
on Saturday, the tenth of August  
Nineteen hundred and ninety-six  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
Trinity United Methodist Church

Burkhalter Chapel  
Ruston, Louisiana

Reception immediately following the ceremony

Lincoln Parish Museum  
609 North Vienna  
Ruston, Louisiana



## SPECIAL EVENT

The Church of Christ at Quitman and Center Streets in Gladewater invites you to their "Homecoming" Day on Sunday, August 4, 1996. Schedule: Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Afternoon Singing and Devotional Service 3:00 p.m. Speakers: Morning - Murphy Phillips; Afternoon - Bob Grigg... Song Leader - Paul Dougan. At noon we will dine and visit together at the Gladewater High School Cafeteria

## 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're 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.  
--by C.W. Longenecker

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## DO NOT JUDGE TOO HARD

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps  
Or stumbles along the road.  
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears  
Or struggled beneath his load.  
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt.  
Though hidden away from view,  
Or the burden he bears, placed on your back,  
Might cause you to stumble, too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today.  
Unless you have felt the blow  
That caused his fall, or felt the same  
That only the fallen know.  
You may be strong, but still the blows  
That were his, if dealt to you  
In the self-same way at the self-same time  
Might cause you to stagger, too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins.  
Or pelt him with words or stones,  
Unless you are sure, yea, doubly sure,  
That you have no sins of your own.  
For you know, perhaps if the tempter's voice  
Should whisper as soft to you  
As it did to him when he went astray,  
'Twould cause you to falter, too.  
— Author Unknown

## SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

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<b>Jay Lockhart</b>	"March For Christ"	August 28

## FIBS

Doug Parsons wrote of some famous American fibs: "The check is in the mail." "I'm starting my diet tomorrow." "This offer is limited to the first 100 callers." Then he added some "fibs of faith": "We'll be praying for you..." (will you really?). "God told me..." (Oh, really?). "I just can't give 10%..." (can't or won't?). "A great number of people are upset about..." (you and who else?). The Bible says we will be held accountable for idle words (Matthew 12:36). If you promise it, follow through. If you say it, be sure its true. The question is, can people count on you?

\*\*\* KOINONIA Group #4 meets for lunch this Sunday \*\*\*



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	July 21	July 14	Ago
Bible Class	391	324	364
Worship A.M.	549	519	570
Worship P.M.	320	325	363
Wed. P.M.	237	210	218
Contribution	\$14,722.62	\$14,329.18	\$12,759.85
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$438.38 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 28, and Wed. P.M., July 31, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Elizabeth Hughes** is in U.T. Health Center. **Marikate Davis** is at home. **Launa Armstrong, Mary Evelyn Grier,** and **Janice Marshall,** Tim Marshall's mother, are all recuperating at home following recent surgeries. **Carl Bullard** is still going to Dallas for treatment. **Ruth Dobbs** is now at home. **Kathleen Sandlin,** Sharon Ketchum's mother, had shoulder surgery last week in Paris, TX and doctors discovered her cancer has returned and spread. **Annie Lee Drummond,** Don Drummond's aunt, had surgery Monday on a broken hip. **Jim Paul** is seriously ill. **Ola Wylie,** Karen Butterworth's grandmother, remains hospitalized in Arkansas. **C. P. Davis,** Ed Butterworth's grandfather has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or 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	Danny Snell - Youth	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Education	Daniel Morgan - Involvement	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.
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
	Jeff Holland		
James Sublette	Phil Marts		
Stan Clark	Ira Wilson	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
	Leon Welborn	..... 11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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**SERVING SUNDAY**

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

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Freeman Morgan  
Scripture Dr. Stan Perkins  
Dismiss Dan Payne

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Doug Ragsdale

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

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer James Phillips  
Scripture Jimmie Philpot  
Dismiss Guy Potts

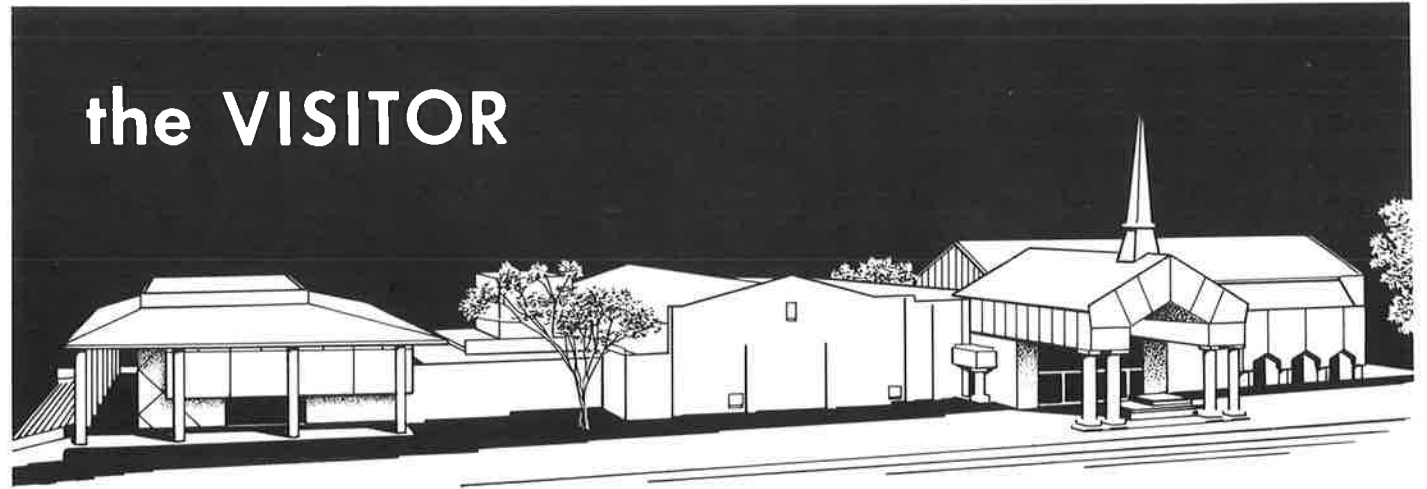
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Dan Richardson John Portwood  
Fred Powell Doug Scroggins  
Charles Rachui Doug Ragsdale  
John Shaw Dr. Ralph Rowe

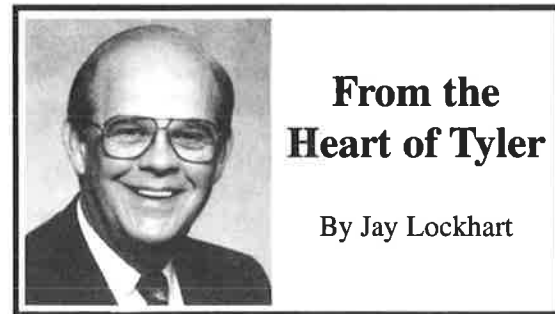
**GREETERS**

Edgar & Delle Bullard  
Claude & Odell Sessions

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



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



**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, July 28, 1996**

**By Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.**

A.M. **Studies In Exodus #16**

**"The Power Of Intercession"**

(Exodus 29:38-46)

P.M. **Mission Emphasis**

Ray Maxwell, Nebraska

Daniel Morgan, Estonia

Jeff Holland, Togo

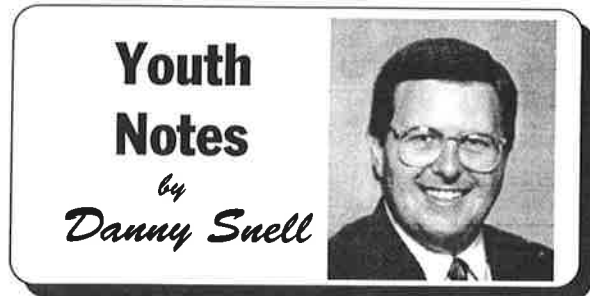
**"SUMMER TIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY?"**

Summer is a good time, but in reality it doesn't fit the words of the old song. It would be more appropriate if the song said, "Summertime and the livin' is busy," or "hectic," or even "active," but not "easy" in the sense it's a time with little going on. Quite to the contrary -- summer is a time of going, doing, hurrying. The kids are out of school but most of them don't have time on their hands as they engage in a whirlwind of activities. For adults summer is doing yards, fixing up the old place, getting the kids where they need to go, and vacations. In church we often refer to a "summer slump" because people have so many other places to go and things to do. But there doesn't have to be, and there should not be, a slump in the Lord's work. Sure, many will be gone from time to time, but be with the church as much as you can, leave your contribution at home when you must go, and be involved in visiting and inviting people to our assemblies. This is proving to be a busy summer for me, too. I have been, and will be, at several congregations on Wednesday nights as a part of their Summer Series. These include Mesquite, Crockett Road in Palestine, Rusk, Pasadena, Pine Tree in Longview, and Alpine in Longview. Add to this a VBS in Carthage, a lectureship at

Oakdale, a Family Encampment in Arizona, a dedication service in Nebraska and meetings in Tennaha, Overton, and Kentucky and summer is busy ... but enjoyable. Have a good one ... be safe ... and remember the Lord.

**GRAND CANYON FAMILY ENCAMPMENT**

Following a flying trip (literally!) to West Point, Nebraska for the official opening of the new church building, I flew on to Flagstaff, Arizona to speak at the Grand Canyon Family Encampment, July 8, 9. This is a significant event for brethren in Northern Arizona and the surrounding areas. About 1000 people attend this four day event which takes place in the fair grounds near Flagstaff and emphasizes classes for all ages, lectures by some of our best known preachers (and a few "lesser knowns" like me), and a lot of free time to visit many points of interest in that part of the world (the Grand Canyon is just 80 miles away but Arizona offers other wonderful opportunities for the sightseer). **Edwin White**, who visited West Erwin last year for "A Sense Of Presence," is a key figure in the beginning of and the organization of this encampment. **Harvey** and **Sue Porter** were there and send greetings to all.



**SOUL LIFT - SIX FLAGS**

July 29 is the date for our annual trek to Six Flags for the Soul Lift Youth Rally. Ticket cost will be \$16.00. Please pay by Sunday, July 28. Please remember our dress code of full shirts and mid-thigh length shorts. We will be leaving at 7:15 A.M. and returning at 12:00 midnight.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

Our last Summer Youth Series be July 30th in Tyler at the Glenwood church. Our work project will be collecting money for the Croatian Call. You are on your own for transportation. Be there at 7:15 and it will be over at 9:00. Don't miss it!

**THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT**

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the workday on Thursday, Aug. 1. We will meet at the building at 9:30 and return at 3:30.

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- July 29 Soul Lift - Six Flags
- July 30 SYS at Glenwood
- Aug. 1 TYP
- Aug. 4 Combined Devotional
- Aug. 9 Lock-In at Celebration Station

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet July 22.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to us during the past months during my treatments and during my recent surgery. Your visits, cards, food and calls are truly appreciated. Your continued prayers are requested.

In Christian love,  
Launa & Jim Armstrong  
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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, and calls on my recent stay in the hospital. It's great to have such caring friends.

Love,  
Ruth Cresser  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Church family,

Remembering the thoughtfulness you've shown -- the cards, calls, concerns and prayers! Thanks!

Love,  
Carolyn Womack  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The words fail me but I want to thank you all for the prayers, help, and encouragement through some trying times. Special thanks for the help in coordinating activities and transportation for the kids this summer. We love you.

Gary, Nichole, Erin, Anthony & Frank Aven  
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For all the kindness you have shown, we thank you very much, for sympathy in sorrowing days, for friendship's healing touch. With gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today. Thank you for the flowers you sent for Mom. They were lovely.

Love,  
Bill Endsley  
Greg & Debbie Berry & family  
Jerry & Debbie Endsley & Family  
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We would like to thank everyone who attended Jean Oliver's 70th birthday party or contributed to her book by writing a message to her. Her day was a big success and we appreciate your sharing it with her and us.

In Christian love,  
Ramon & Ruth Ivey  
Donna & Mickey Howard  
Betty & Ricky Overall

"We should so live and labor in our time that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and what came to us as blossom may go to them as fruit."

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

**BRIDAL SHOWER**



You're invited to attend a Bridal Brunch honoring Tracy Starnes Bride-elect of Lance Bailey Saturday, July 27 10:30 - 12:00 at the home of Judy Clark 6302 Ashmore

Selections: Dillard's & Service Merchandise Ladies, consider this invitation as yours personally.



**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to James and Ann Hardin on the birth of a new grandson! Nicholas James Gregory was born to David and Stacey Gregory in Plano on July 2. He weighed 8 lb. 14 oz. and is 21 inches long. C.B. and Dot Hardin are the proud great grandparents.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Church of Christ on Sadler Street near Troup invites you to attend their Gospel Meeting July 26-28 with Danny White of Lockesburg, Arkansas preaching. Friday and Saturday services are at 7 p.m. and Sunday services are at 10 & 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call 842-2318 or 842-3300 for more information.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola invites to a multi-media presentation of *WINDOWS ON THE WORLD OF JESUS* with Dr. Chris Bullard, adjunct professor, Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies, July 28, 29, 30. Sunday service is at 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday services are at 7:30 p.m.

The Area-Wide Fourth Sunday singing will be at the Arp Church of Christ in Arp, Texas on Sunday, July 28, at 2:30 p.m. Your presence will contribute to the joy we share in Jesus as we sing praises unto God and fellowship Christians from area churches (Col. 3:16).

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**MISSION EMPHASIS**

This Sunday, July 28, West Erwin will be emphasizing work in the mission field. **Ray Maxwell** from West Point, Nebraska, **Daniel Morgan**, just back from Estonia, and **Jeff Holland**, on furlough from Togo, will all be here to make a brief report on their areas of work. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear these three men and to get to know them and their work better.

**BENEVOLENT WORK**

There is a need for sacks, children's and baby's clothing, men's shirts, clean, usable, in season clothing. If you can help with this, you may bring clothing to the Benevolent Center on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or to the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 5:00. Thank you for your help.

**"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings."**

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

Once again it is almost time for the annual break for Children's Worship. There will be no classes from July 21 through August 25 with the exception of the class for the 2's and new 3's. Our regular schedule will resume on Sunday, September 4. For information or questions, please contact Kelly or Jeannie Ross.

**BIBLE HOUR**

There will be no Bible Hour this Sunday, July 28. Bible Hour will resume next Sunday, August 4.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Dr. Stan Perkins** on his recent certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology. He has been a member of the staff at U.T. Health Center in Tyler since July 1994. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, completed his internship at Baylor University Medical Center and a residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital. His wife is Suzanne Kirby Perkins.

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Worship A.M.	519	554	581
Worship P.M.	325	380	386
Wed. P.M.	210	238	229
Contribution	\$14,329.18	\$12,374.82	\$14,113.80
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$831.82 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 21, and Wed. P.M., July 24, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Marikate Davis** was taken to Mother Frances last Sunday morning. **Launa Armstrong** is at home following recent surgery and beginning treatment. **Carl Bullard** is still going to Dallas 3 times a week for treatment. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is at home and doing well after recent by-pass surgery. **Don McCune's** tests indicated that he will not require surgery at this time. **Ruth Dobbs** is now at home. **Janice Marshall**, Tim Marshall's mother, is recuperating at home following surgery last week. **Jim Paul** is seriously ill. **Roy Bohannon** is now at home. **Ola Wylie**, Karen Butterworth's grandmother, remains hospitalized in Arkansas. **C. P. Davis**, Ed Butterworth's grandfather has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Melvin Maples  
 Scripture Michael Millsap  
 Dismiss Henry McRuiz

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

John Mayer

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Stan Mallory  
 Scripture Wade Park  
 Dismiss Jeff Parrish

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dan Richardson John Portwood  
 Fred Powell Doug Scroggins  
 Charles Rachui Doug Ragsdale  
 John Shaw Dr. Ralph Rowe

GREETERS

Edgar & Delle Bullard  
 Claude & Odell Sessions

**Congratulations to Jeff and Brenda Holland on the birth of a new baby boy! Josiah Gray Holland was born Tuesday afternoon, July 16, in Denison, Texas. He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. Baby and parents are doing fine.**

**Sermons for Sunday, July 21, 1996**

By Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.

A.M. **Studies In Exodus #15**

"Sacrifice"

(Exodus 29:38-46)

P.M. **Nehemiah #7**

"Revival"

(Nehemiah 8:1-3)

**THE CHURCH AND THE CULTURE**

The church can never completely escape the culture in which it finds itself. While the church is to be carefully separated from the world in which it does its work (remember that Jesus said his disciples are "in the world" but "not of the world" (John 17:11, 16) it is in the world and this fact affects us. A question that has been asked through the years is, "How far can the church go in adapting to the world while maintaining its influence as the salt of the earth and the light of the world?" It is not necessary for the church to isolate itself from the culture because many things about the culture are good and right. However, there are other things that need to be avoided by those who seek to follow Christ. One of those things is the emphasis of the culture upon being "politically correct." Some things about "politically correctness" are alright, but when I am asked to speak of God as neuter because to use masculine terms offends the feminists, of the prodigal son as a negative-attention-getter who was the victim of an overprotective mother and a permissive father who needs a therapist specializing in co-dependency for his inability to discipline his son, of the man who passed the

injured person on the road to Jericho as emotionally impaired, and of women preachers as those who for far too long have had their God-given abilities hindered by a male dominated society, then "political correctness" has gone too far. Another thing that the culture proposes which needs to be avoided is the emphasis upon entitlement. I think people are entitled to some things: if they are unable to work, they should be helped; if incapable of caring for themselves, they need aid; if they have never heard the gospel, they deserve that. However, when entitlement says that all your problems are someone else's fault, that this world owes you happiness, that you'll be happy if you get whatever you want, that men are basically unselfish, that all beliefs are equally valid, that you can have it all, that you shouldn't have to wait for anything, that the answers to life's biggest questions lie within you, then entitlement has gone too far. Let's get real. God is Father, not mother; God has differing roles for men and women; you are responsible; the Bible answers the big questions; you and I need God; and, generally speaking, we are not owed -- we owe! Think about it.

## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### NEBRASKA MISSION

The 1996 Nebraska Mission Trip is now over and it was a tremendous success. We did not have as many children come to the VBS as we had prayed for but God gave us what He wanted. We planted seeds, God will grow them. It was truly wonderful to see the new church building in West Point. God has blessed them and now they have a new beginning and it will prove to be fruitful. Ray and Linda Maxwell are effective and will make a difference in that community. We need to constantly pray for them.

The dedication service was quite an experience with over 100 people present from the West Point community and surrounding towns. It was especially exciting to see so many from West Erwin present. Several of our Elders were present and spoke in class. That was powerful to the church. Thanks to Ira & Esther Wilson, James Sublette, Stan Clark, Charles & Phyllis Rachui, and Jay Lockhart for being there for the day. It made a distinctive and memorable impression on them that won't soon be forgotten. Jay's words for the day could not have been any better for the occasion.

Our young people deserve a special thanks for all the hard work they did for VBS and for the trip in general. You are an outstanding youth group! A special thanks to all of the adults who went as sponsors on this trip: Gary & Frances Broome, Danny & Maggie Craddock, Clinton & Louise Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Kevin Sustaire, and Lisa Snell. As usual, we could not have done it without you.

One last thought for the Nebraska Mission Trip, "To God Be The Glory!"

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The next Summer Youth Series be July 23rd in Tyler at the University church on Spur 248 past UT Tyler. Our work project will be collecting money for the Croatian Call. You are on your own for transportation. Be there at 7:15 and it will be over at 9:00. Be there!

### SOUL LIFT - SIX FLAGS

July 29 is the date for our annual trek to Six Flags for the Soul Lift Youth Rally. Ticket cost will be \$16.00. Please sign up on the list by the Youth Bulletin Board **no later than Wednesday, July 24**. If your name is on the list you will be charged for a ticket unless you indicate that you have your own.

### CITY WIDE LOCK-IN

Our city wide lock-in at Celebration Station is planned for Friday, Aug. 9. Sign the list on the youth board ASAP. More details to come next week.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Womack's Team #4 will meet July 22.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Members,

Thank you for the lovely plant sent in memory of our dad. The many calls, cards, and expressions of kindness during this difficult time will long be treasured.

In Christian love,  
Terry & Kim Frick & Family  
The Drew Harris Family

### WITH SYMPATHY

Elizabeth Endsley, long time West Erwin member, passed from this life on Sunday evening. We share with Bill Endsley and all the family in this loss. Services were held Thursday at Memorial Funeral Home. Services were held Monday in Morris, Oklahoma for Carl Crosser, Ruth Crosser's brother-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### FOOTPRINTS

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."*

*The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, it was then that I carried you."*

### SORRY TO LOSE....

Mark and Angel Gregory, Lauren and Landon, have moved to Mesquite. Mark began his work there some time ago and has been here just on weekends. The family has now joined him. Their new address is 1617 Vicksburg Drive, Mesquite, TX 75181, ph. (214) 222-5406. They will be missed but we wish them well in their new home.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Once again it is almost time for the annual break for Children's Worship. There will be no classes from July 21 through August 25 with the exception of the class for the 2's and new 3's. Our regular schedule will resume on Sunday, September 4. For information or questions, please contact Kelly or Jeanie Ross.

### 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!

We are very pleased to welcome **Kara Camp** into our family at West Erwin. Kara has been visiting here for some time and is a vital part of our singles group. Her address is 4901 Kinsey Dr. #911, 75703, ph. 509-1029.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to attend a Bridal Brunch honoring Tracy Starnes  
Bride-elect of Lance Bailey  
Saturday, July 27  
10:30 - 12:00  
at the home of Judy Clark  
6302 Ashmore

Selections: Dillard's & Service Merchandise  
Ladies, consider this invitation as yours personally.

### INVITATION

We, the children of Jean Oliver, invite you to help us celebrate Jean's 70th birthday at an open house on Saturday, July 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the West Erwin church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Ramon Ivey  
Donna Howard  
Betty Overall

### SPECIAL EVENT

The Carthage Church of Christ  
1309 West Panola  
invites you to their  
1996 Family Bible School  
July 22 - 26

Monday through Friday--7-8:30 p.m.

Theme: "Christ For The World"

Bible Study, Activities, Awards, Singing,  
Refreshments, Special Friday night

Adult Teachers: Eddie Randolph (Monday);  
Norman Bales (Tuesday); Jerry Hodge  
(Wednesday); Jay Lockhart (Thursday); Dan  
Manuel (Friday)

### Address correction:

Melvin and Nina Crow  
3407 Big Oak Dr., 75707 ph. 566-2918

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### THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

*'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile:  
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"  
"A dollar, a dollar:" then, "Two!" "Only two?"  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?  
Three dollars, once; three dollars twice;  
Going for three ---" But no,  
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As a caroling angel sings.  
The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?"  
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice,  
And going, and gone," Said he.  
The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand  
What changed it's worth." Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of the master's hand."  
And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;  
A game -- and he travels on.  
He is "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and almost "gone."  
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.  
--Myra Brooks Welch*

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Records	Sunday July 7	Sunday June 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	392	352
Worship A.M.	554	601	535
Worship P.M.	380	350	312
Wed. P.M.	238	2,262	295
Contribution	\$12,374.82	\$15,470.66	\$11,956.34
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$2,786.18 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 14, and Wed. P.M., July 17, David Haney, Jr. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Launa Armstrong** had surgery last Wednesday at Medical Center and began treatment on Friday. **Carolyn Womack** is recovering at home following surgery last Tuesday. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is at home and doing well after recent by-pass surgery. **Don McCune's** tests indicated that he will not require surgery. **Ruth Dobbs** is in East Texas Medical Center Rehab. **Janice Marshall**, Tim Marshall's mother, had surgery Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Jim Paul** is seriously ill. **Roy Bohannon** is in room 350 at Mother Frances. **Ola Wylie**, Karen Butterworth's grandmother, remains hospitalized in Arkansas. **C. P. Davis**, Ed Butterworth's grandfather has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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

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

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		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
		Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>			
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell		
	Jeff Holland		
<b>ELDERS</b>			
James Sublette	Phil Marts		
Stan Clark	Ira Wilson		
	Ray Vannoy		
	Joe McBee		
	Leon Welborn		
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 Scripture Jim Mayer  
 Dismiss Jason O'Quinn

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Mike McClenny

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Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Don McCune  
 Scripture Robert McLemee  
 Dismiss Clay McDonald

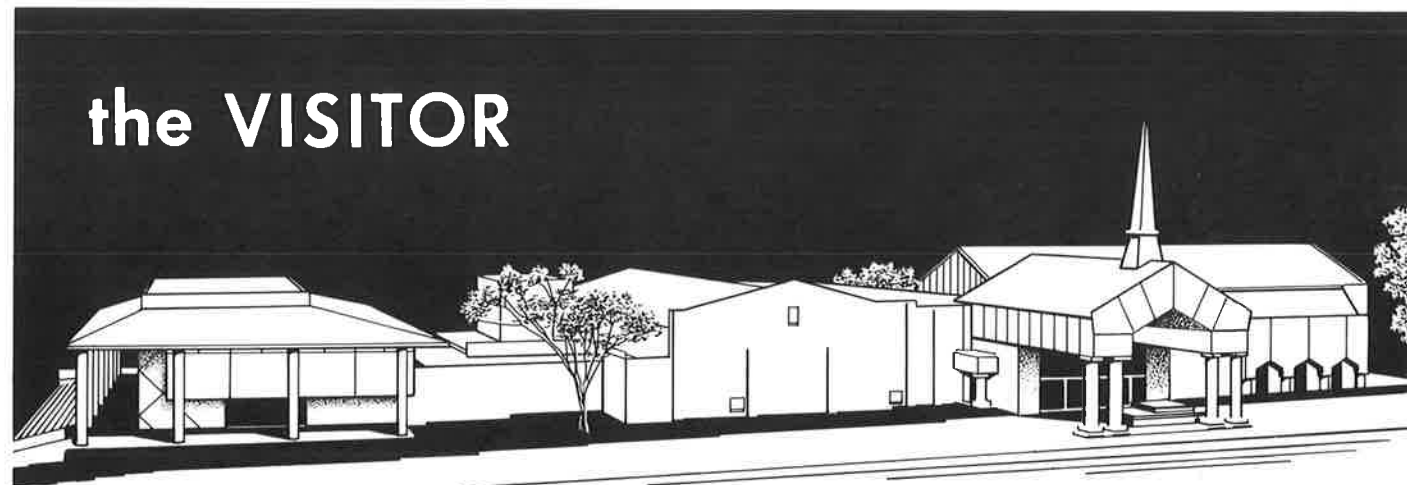
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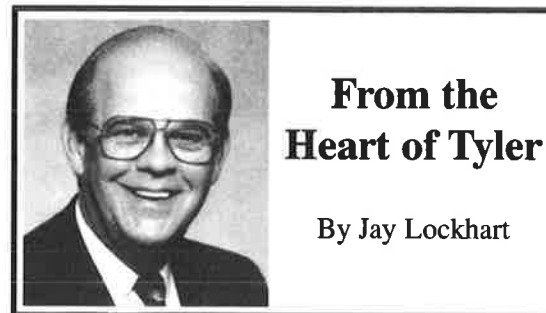
Don & Norma Durham  
 John & Ruby Cliver

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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From the  
Heart of Tyler

By Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 14, 1996  
By Hardeman Nichols

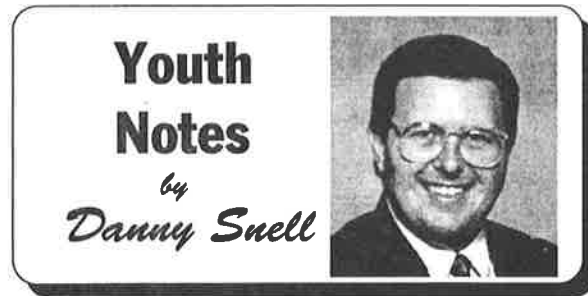
**WEST POINT, NEBRASKA**

For the past six years the West Erwin church has been involved in the Lord's work in West Point, Nebraska. Our youth group, under the direction of **Danny Snell** and a dedicated group of other adults, has conducted an annual Vacation Bible School in West Point during this six years. This year the VBS took place at the same time the brethren there were moving into a new church building and several more people from Tyler than usual, including myself, were in West Point for the opening services in the new building. This building will be a wonderful asset for the church in West Point. First, it is located in the mainstream of West Point (for several years the church has been meeting a few miles out of town). Second, it is a beautiful building and very well suited for the needs of the West Point brethren. Third, the potential for growth has been multiplied by the new location. Fourth, the **Ray Maxwells** are most capable workers, dedicated to the work in Nebraska, and will use the building as an advantageous tool for evangelizing the whole area. I, along with three of our elders and the chairman of our Mission Committee, conducted the Sunday morning classes and I preached at the morning assembly and for the dedication service in the afternoon. Brethren from all over the area and some townspeople attended the afternoon service and

excitement was everywhere. The Sunday attendance in West Point is usually around 30, but last Sunday afternoon there were about 150 present. Those attending from Tyler, other than myself and the youth group and the adults with them, included elders **Stan Clark**, **James Sublette** and **Ira Wilson**, along with his wife **Esther**, missions chairman **Charles Rachui** and his wife **Phyllis**, and **Clinton, Louise** and **Jay Culpepper**. Although most of us will never personally visit West Point, be assured that you are there by your gifts and prayers and the work there is bearing "fruit that abounds to your account" (Phillipians 4:17).

**HARDEMAN NICHOLS AT WEST ERWIN**

On Sunday, July 14, Hardeman Nichols, from Dallas will preach at all services at West Erwin. Hardeman is well known to us and throughout the brotherhood as a capable and faithful preacher of the Word. It will be a pleasure to have Hardeman and his wife Virginia (a West Virginia native!!!) with us.



**THANKS**

Thanks to all of those who came to the middle school activity this past Sunday. Thanks to Michael and Michelle Millsap for hosting the evening.

**NEBRASKA MISSION**

As of this writing, 28 of us from West Erwin will be in West Point, Nebraska conducting our annual VBS. We will be returning Saturday night. Please pray for our safety and success in reaching many children with the love of God.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

The next Summer Youth Series be July 16th in Henderson. Our work project will be collecting money for the Croatian Call. We will leave from West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:00. Be there!

**THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT**

Our next TYP will be on July 18. Meet at the building at 9:30 and we will be finished at 4:00.

**SOUL LIFT - SIX FLAGS**

July 29 is the date for our annual trek to Six Flags for the Soul Loft Youth Rally. Ticket cost will be about \$17.00. Please sign up on the list by the Youth Bulletin Board no later than Wednesday, July 24.

**CITY WIDE LOCK-IN**

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**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip
- July 7 Middle School Activity
- July 16 SYS in Henderson
- July 18 TYP
- July 21 High School Activity
- July 29 Soul Lift - Six Flags
- Aug. 9 Lock-In at Celebration Station

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet June 30.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Christian friends,  
We wanted to thank each of you for your loving care this past three weeks. The visits, phone calls, flowers, food and prayers will always be remembered. Your love is felt every day. God bless!

Love,  
Larry & Winona Shankle  
\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for all the calls, cards, food and especially your prayers during and since my surgery. Your care and concern is appreciated.

Pete Wallace  
\*\*\*\*\*

Words fail as I attempt to express my appreciation for the love and sympathy shown me in the loss of my dear sister, Grace Greer. For all the cards, phone calls, visits, food and lovely plant from the church, thanks so very much. To have such caring Christian friends makes my burden much easier.

In Christian love,  
Pauline Daughtry  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear West Erwin members,  
Thank you for the kind gift of the Bible, also for the reception afterward and finally for the kindness shown to me.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Lowrance

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Monday in Lindale for Drew Harris, Kim Frick's father. Services were held last Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for James Sloan, Jean Oliver's brother-in-law. Services were held last Wednesday in Port Neches for John Lovett, Diane Weathers' uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

**JOB OPENING**

Christian Homes of Abilene is accepting applications for the position of Public Awareness Coordinator. Involves case-work and public relations to increase the general public's awareness and availability of the agency's services. Masters degree preferred; Bachelors degree required. Social work, marketing, public relations, or related degree considered. Four or more years work-related experience preferred. Interested persons should contact Cindy Miller to request an application and job description. Applicants must be active members of the church of Christ. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Call (915) 677-2205.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Keith and Tammy Armentrout and their two young sons, Stephen (age 4) and Lance (2 1/2 months) came last Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin family. Tammy is the niece of Cathy Haney and they have been visiting since their recent move to Tyler. We are very pleased to welcome them into our family here. Their address is 5105 Old Bullard Rd. F-23, 75703.

**RESPONSE**

Jeff Fennell recently came to request the prayers of his church family as he strives to be the kind of father that he wants to be and that God wants him to be.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

George and Dorothy Daugherty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30. Congratulations on the celebration of this milestone in your life!

**GOSPEL MEETING**

The Wills Point church of Christ invites to you to hear Freddie Anderson July 12, 13, & 14. Friday and Saturday services are at 7:30, Sunday services are at 9 & 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

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**WHAT A DIFFERENCE**

If we noticed little pleasures  
As we noticed little pains;  
If we quite forgot our losses  
And remembered all our gains;  
If we looked for people's virtues  
And their faults refused to see,  
What a comfortable and happy,  
Cheerful place this world would be!

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**HAVE I?**

I have never seen God's face - Or have I? I don't know;  
I have seen a rose's grace, and watched it  
bud and bloom and grow.

I have seen a violet burst, and capture from the sky  
The glorious beauty of the color of heaven on high.

I have seen a baby's smile, I have seen a sea gull's grace;  
Just simple things, but all the while have I not glimpsed  
through them, God's face?

I have never heard God's voice - Or have I? I don't know;  
I've heard the singing of a bird and  
listened to the north wind blow.

I've heard the tiny patter of spring rain upon a wakening grass;  
I've heard the silver tinkling voice of friendship  
when a friend I pass.

I've heard a tiny baby's cry, I've heard the word, "Mother,"  
from my boy  
Just simple things, but all the while have I not heard  
through them, God's voice?

I have never touched God's hand - Or have I? I don't know;  
I have felt the wondering softness of pure white winter snow.

I have touched a tiny seed wherein great mysteries dwell;  
I have touched a baby's cheek softer than mere words can tell.

I have touched my sons' sweet faces,  
I have felt the rich brown land;  
Just simple things, but all the while, have I not touched  
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**Beware of Criticizing Others.....**

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged." (Matthew 7:1). Jesus' instructions with regard to judging others is very simply put. He says, "Don't." I have never met a person I could despair of, or lose all hope for, after discerning what lies in me apart from the grace of God. -- borrowed

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Mary Evelyn Grier** is doing well after by-pass surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Lisa Snell** got a good report after a biopsy Wednesday. **Ruth Crosser** is in Mother Frances for tests. **Guy Potts** was hospitalized for tests but is now at home. **Pete Wallace** is recovering at home following surgery. **Ruth Dobbs** is now in East Texas Medical Center Rehab. **Greg Wagner** had shoulder surgery last Thursday. **Doug Scroggins** is having problems with diabetes. **Wade Park** has been ill at home with a kidney infection. **Jim Paul** is very ill. **Roy Bohannon** is in room 440 at Mother Frances. **Drew Harris**, Kim Frick's dad, has been dismissed from U.T. Health Center. **Leo Chasteen**, friend of the Scroggins family, is very ill in Medical Center. **George Schafer**, Teri Bradshaw's grandfather, is doing well after by-pass surgery last week.

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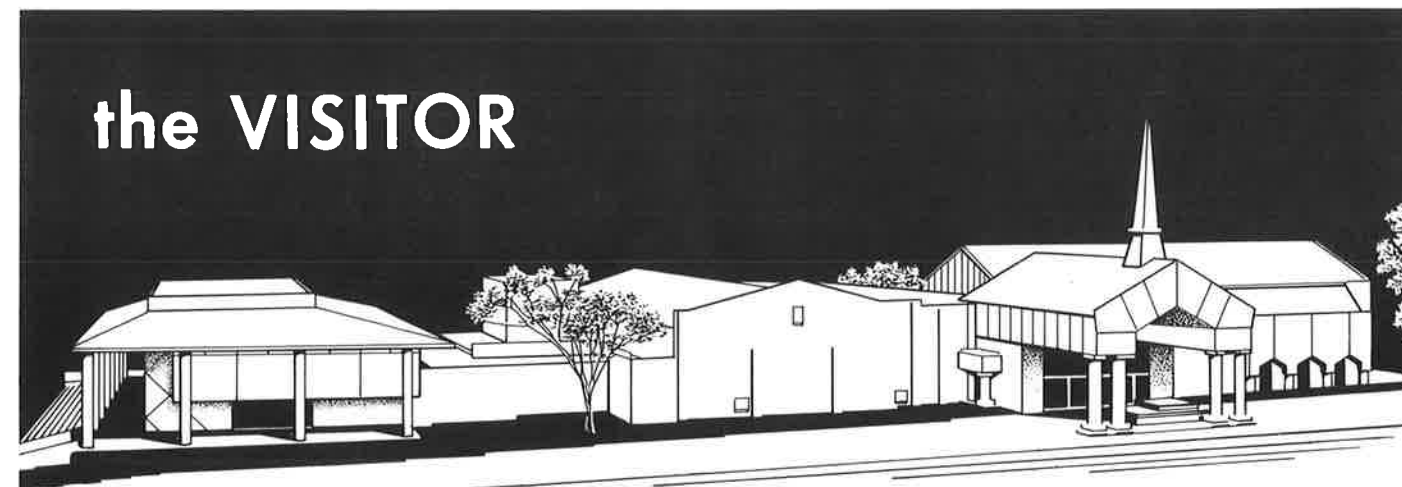
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 Prayer Dr. Roger Knight  
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 Stan Mallory  
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 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer Michael Lowrance  
 Scripture Kevin Maples  
 Dismiss Archie Lowry  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Bill Meazell Wade Park  
 Mike McMinn Tim Marshall  
 Henry McRuiz Michael Millsap  
 Elmer Miles Dan Payne  
**GREETERS**  
 Faber & Kathryn Cauthen  
 Henry & Becky McRuiz

**Ashley Suzanne Graham was born Wednesday, June 26, to Jay and Debbie Graham. She weighed 6 1/2 lbs. and is 20 inches long. Michael is the big brother. She is the niece of Jamon and Clay Kirby and cousin of Suzanne Perkins.**



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

**Sermons for Sunday, June 30, 1996**  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**A.M. Studies In Exodus: #14**  
 "The Priesthood"  
 (Exodus 28:1-4)  
**P.M. Nehemiah #6**  
 "Winning Over Adversity"  
 (Nehemiah 5:1-5)

**DISCOVERING THE WILL OF GOD**

Everything that happens is not the will of God. God can permit something to happen and even know something will happen without making it happen. As a father I might permit my son to make a decision, hoping he will go in one direction but realizing he may go in another. I permit it, but do not make it happen. I may know that if someone drinks too much and drives down Broadway at 100 miles per hour something bad will happen. I know it, but do not make him do it. Everything that happens is not God's will. Peter said, "God is not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). A man may perish in his sins but God doesn't will it. How do we know what the will of God is? To discover the will of God a number of things must be considered. First, the Bible reveals the will of God for us. Many passages clearly state the will of God: "This is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3); "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God" (1 Thessalonians 5:17); Paul said we should obey the civil government because "this is the will of God" (1 Peter 2:13-15). Any Scripture that speaks of our actions, whether it's something to be done or not to be done, reveals God's will for us. But what of the many decisions we must make to which the Bible does not directly speak? How then are we to determine God's will? After we have searched the Scriptures to find any statement or

principle which will help us, there is a second thing to do, that is, pray for wisdom to know what to do (James 1:5). Third, after we have looked to the Word of God and prayed for wisdom, let us talk to mature Christians who can give us good advice as to what we should do. Fourth, let us weigh all the circumstances, the pros and cons of the different directions we might take. Fifth, take as much time as is reasonable in making your decision. Sixth, after all of the above, make your decision and never look back, and believe you are doing God's will for your life. If these things do not bring us to the will of God for our lives, I am at a loss as to how to make a decision within the will of God. Finally, I would suggest we remember the principle of Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
 And lean not on your own understanding;  
 In all your ways acknowledge,  
 And He shall direct your paths."

**Stan Clark, Jay Lockhart, James Sublette, Ira and Esther Wilson** will be in West Point, Nebraska for the opening of their new building on July 7. **Mike Gravois** will preach at West Erwin that Sunday morning and the **Timothy Class** will lead the Sunday night services.

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# Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



## THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the devotional this past Sunday. Thanks to Joy Rousseau, Cathy Culpepper, and Lisa Snell for hosting the evening. It was great to watch the video from our Mexico mission trip and to spend some time singing. It was awesome!

## NEBRASKA MISSION

All of those who are going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet this Sunday at 4:30 to work on and prepare the lessons and decorations for the VBS classes. All participants and their parents need to be present for a meeting this Sunday at 5:15. Please be present for this meeting and make sure that your teaching group has the plan together for the week. Your \$30.00 is due by Sunday, June 30.

## COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
 Gamer's Team #1 will meet June 30.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the beautiful flowers. We appreciate your love and compassion during this time of loss. We appreciate that Jay and Danny took time out of their busy schedules to comfort us. West Erwin is a wonderful congregation and we love you all.

Buddy and Gary Elrod  
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West Erwin,

Thanks goes out to all the people that participated in the graduation ceremony. Your work was appreciated. Thanks.

Adam Bryant

## WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Pauline Daughtry in the death of her sister, Grace Greer, on Sunday. Services were held Wednesday at Burks Walker Tippitt Funeral Home.

## SPECIAL INVITATION

The church in West Point, Nebraska invites you to the opening of their new building on Sunday, July 7. They are very happy to have it completed to the stage that they are moved in and making good use of their new facilities. Danny Snell and our young people will be there for VBS and the speaker for the day will be Dr. Jay Lockhart.

## "STATESIDE MISSIONARY"

Harold Taylor, our "stateside missionary," will be in Brisbane and Sydney, Australia for three weeks--from June 25 through July 18. He will be working with four different churches, two in each city. Remember to pray for his work to be successful and for a safe journey there and back.

## GOSPEL MEETING

The Lakeside Church of Christ  
 Hwy 155 South #20170, Flint, Texas  
 invites you to share with them a series of Gospel Meetings  
 with Dan Manuel, Evangelist  
 & Homer Harris, Song Leader  
 July 7 - 10, Sunday - 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Mon. - Wed. 7 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

One of Tony Adams' students won a trophy at National Competition in Kentucky this past weekend. Tony and his students continue to rack up honors! Congratulations, Tony. We're proud of you.

## New Phone Number

Ken, Gina, Sean & Ashton Elerson, ph. 852-5379

## THESEARCH



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

## BRIDAL BRUNCH

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 Bridal Brunch  
 honoring  
 Kimberly Taylor  
 bride-elect of Brody Clark  
 Saturday, June 29, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
 at the home of  
 Julie Ables  
 3417 Harwood

Selections: Dillard's Colors: white/champagne  
 Ladies: Please consider this invitation as yours personally.

## IT'S A BOY!

Joshua Jeffrey Jones was born June 20 in Fort Worth to Jeff and Kelly Jones. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and is 20 inches long. Kory is the big sister and Louis and Jane Jones are the proud grandparents. Modena Jones is the great grandmother.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Whitehouse Church of Christ invites you to VBS on Saturday, June 29, from 8:30 - 3:00. Lunch will be provided. This is for all children ages 5 years through 5th grade.

## BECAUSE THE CHURCH WAS THERE

*I've seen men smile when hope was gone,  
 I've heard them sing, though all seemed wrong,  
 I've seen them grow to something strong,  
 Because the church was there.*

*I've known the vile tongues to gently grow,  
 I've seen blind eyes grow bright, and glow,  
 With knowledge of the God they know —  
 Because the church was there.*

*I've seen the Lamb of Calvary  
 Lifted up, that men might see;  
 And many have I seen set free —  
 Because the church was there.*

*And thus, because the church was there,  
 People have learned the worth of prayer,  
 And have with others learned to share —  
 Because the church was there.*

— Columbia, TN

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

**Russell Donaway** came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. He is manager of Hastings on Loop 323 and comes to us from Amarillo. We are very pleased to welcome him into our growing family. His address is 4920 Thistle #74, 75703, ph. 534-8519.

**Dorris Humble** recently moved back to Tyler and wants to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family again. We are happy to welcome her back home. Her address is 200 West Charnwood, ph. 596-7530.

**James and Sabrina Patton** were baptized this weekend by Tim Marshall after a time of study together. They will be living elsewhere but we rejoice with them in their decision to live their lives for Christ.

## RESPONSE

**Tony Smith** came Sunday to be restored and to request the prayers of his church family as he deals with a difficult time in his life.

## IF I CAN DO SOME GOOD

*If I can do some good today,  
 If I can serve along life's way,  
 If I can something helpful say,  
 LORD, SHOW ME HOW.*

*If I can right a human wrong,  
 If I can help to make one strong,  
 If I can cheer with smile or song,  
 LORD, SHOW ME HOW.*

*If I can aid one in distress,  
 If I can make a burden less,  
 If I can spread more happiness,  
 LORD, SHOW ME HOW.*

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Bible Class	379	407	383
Worship A.M.	601	570	605
Worship P.M.	394	351	304
Wed. P.M.	229	243	305
Contribution	\$24,169.20	\$16,040.54	\$14,278.94
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$10,000.00 building fund)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 23, and Wed. P.M., June 26, David Haney, ph. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Pete Wallace** was dismissed from Medical Center Wednesday following recent bladder removal surgery. **Larry Shankle** and **Juanita Lowry** are both recuperating at home after recent surgeries. **Clelia Faye Elliott** has been hospitalized with heart problems but is now at home. **Debbe Davis** got a good report after tests last week. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center, room 3308. **Doug Scroggins** had tests this week. **Brooke Cockrell**, K. Max & Mary Haws' granddaughter, is having tests due to a back problem. **Bob Edwards**, Carolyn Carruth's dad, is doing well after surgery on a broken hip in Danville, KY. **Ola Wylie**, Karen Butterworth's grandmother is hospitalized in Arkansas with high blood pressure. **Jim Paul** is scheduled to begin chemo this week. **Roy Bohannon** is in room 440 at Mother Frances. **Drew Harris**, Kim Frick's dad, is in U.T. Health Center for tests. **Myrtis Smith**, Joy Coats' mother, is in Mother Frances Hospital.

**Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4463**

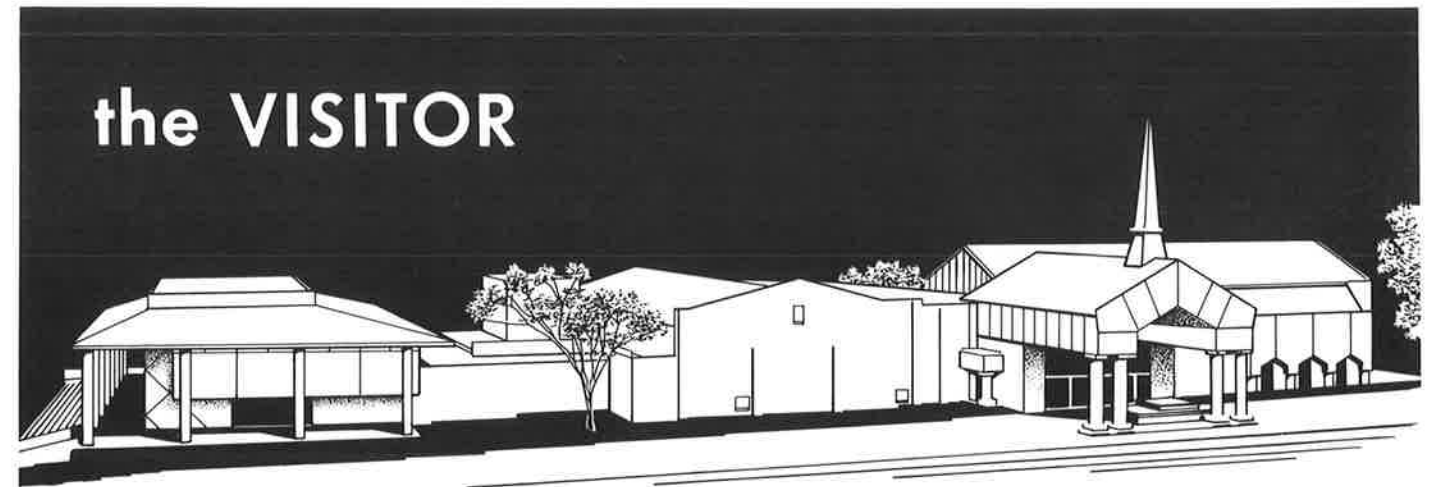
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Mike Grabois - Education	Daniel Morgan - Involvement
MISSIONS	
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell
	Jeff Holland
ELDERS	
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts
James Sublette	Ira Wilson
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn
	Ray Vannoy
	Joe McBee


SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809	

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 Dismiss Curt Jordan  
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 Jamon Kirby  
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 Prayer Josh Hone  
 Scripture Ed Hunt  
 Dismiss Archie Kennard  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Bill Meazell Wade Park  
 Mike McMinn Tim Marshall  
 Henry McRuiz Michael Millsap  
 Elmer Miles Dan Payne  
**GREETERS**  
 Faber & Kathryn Cauthen  
 Henry & Becky McRuiz

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**INFORMATION HOT-LINE # 534-4462**



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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
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**Sermons for Sunday, June 23, 1996**  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**A.M. Studies In Exodus: #13**  
 "The Tabernacle"  
 (Exodus 25:1-9)  
**P.M. Nehemiah #5**  
 "Keeping Going"  
 (Nehemiah 4:1-6)

**LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD**

One of the great things about serving in Christ's church is that we become "laborers together with God" (I Corinthians 3:9) -- we become partners with God. Everyone who serves in any way enters into a partnership with God and is important beyond description. This is precisely what Paul was teaching in I Corinthians 12 when he drew an analogy between the church and the physical body. So I'm thinking today of those who serve -- some in the forefront, some behind the scenes, and all equally important. Who are these people? They are our elders, our deacons, our teachers, those who greet others at our assemblies, those who work in our offices, those who lead our worship services, those who see that the building is heated and cooled and see that cards and pencils and song books and Bibles are in their places, those who operate our sound system and lights, those who visit, those who lead groups, those who work in benevolence on Tuesdays and Thursdays, those who head up committees, those who give, those who pray, those who plan, those who see that the baptistry and clothing for baptisms are ready, those who clean the building, those who encourage, those who care for children, those who keep our landscape beautified, those who prepare our fellowship meals, those who care, those who drive vans and busses, those who do bulletin boards,

those who count people and money, those who attend classes and services, those who are trying to grow spiritually, and all of those who like Mary (Mark 14:8) are willing to do what they can to serve Christ and the church. How blessed we are! Are you involved in the area of work where you can best serve? If you are you have become a laborer "together with God" and you are helping the church, the body of Christ, function as it should as each member does his or her part (Ephesians 4:16).

**DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT MATTERS MOST?**

On January 28 three lessons were presented at West Erwin entitled "What Is Of First Importance?" We must not forget:

- Compassion** for others as God has shown compassion to us.
- Celebration** in worship as we praise, remember and encourage.
- Cultivation** of our gifts to the glory of God and for the upbuilding of the church.
- Contribution** of our possessions for the welfare of others.
- Church**, the body of Christ, the group of which I am an important, active part.

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**Youth  
Notes**  
by  
*Danny Snell*



**THANKS**

Thanks to Amanda Broome and Lisa Snell for teaching at Learning To Lead Camp last week in Abilene. It was a wonderful week! We have so much to learn about walking in the steps of Christ! Thanks to Scott Carruth for teaching class in my absence.

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**THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT**

Join us Thursday for a day of serving others. We will meet at 9:00 and finish at 4:00. Be ready to work hard!

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- June 23 Combined Devotional
- June 25 SYS in Athens
- June 27 Thursday Youth Project
- July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip
- July 29 Soul Lift - Six Flags
- Aug. 9 Lock-In at Celebration Station

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

**IN APPRECIATION**

I wanted to thank you for the book and Bible I received for graduation. I appreciated the Baccalaureate service you gave for us. It was very special and that is how it made me feel.

Love,  
Chantel Haney  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear West Erwin Family,

All my life you have been there for the important things. Thank you so much for remembering my graduation in such a special way. The study Bible will be a wonderful aid to me for many years to come.

Love,  
Tanya Wiggains  
\*\*\*\*\*

Your beautiful floral offering brought such comfort to me at this sad time. It is wonderful to have a church family like you. The music was beautiful and such a comfort to me. May God bless you always.

Love,  
Meeta Clucas  
\*\*\*\*\*

It is impossible to put into words how very much we appreciate the love and concern shown for us. The food, calls, cards and prayers have helped us so much. It's wonderful to be a part of this church family.

Juanita & Archie Lowry  
\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, you calls, visits and especially your prayers. I appreciate your concern.

In Christian Love,  
Jonnie Steffee  
\*\*\*\*\*

My dear West Erwin Family,

There will always be a heart full of love and gratitude for your prayers and caring during the illness and death of my brother-in-law, John Dickinson, and my sister, Pearl Osburn. Thank you also for the ivy plant and cards. May the Lord bless and keep you always and give you peace.

Mary Dawson  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear West Erwin Church,

We are doing well here. The girls are enjoying summer break and the relaxed atmosphere on campus. We have a wide age range here with Amanda in driver's ed and our daughter, Meredith, looking forward to her first day of kindergarten. We thank you for your help for our cottage. We took them camping outside San Antonio for vacation. It was a special time for everyone.

The Sticklers &  
Little Top Cottage

*"Write in on your heart that every day is the best day of the year."*

**the search**  
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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

**Jason Bullard** came Sunday to place membership with the family at West Erwin. Jason is the son of Carl and Joyce Bullard who recently placed membership with us and we are very happy to welcome Jason into our growing family. Their address is 5000 Edinburgh #705, 75703, ph. 534-5827.

We rejoice with **Joan Harlak** in her decision to be baptized into Christ on Monday. She has been visiting here for some time and we are very pleased to welcome her into our family. Her address is 420-A South Chilton, 75702, ph. 533-0264.

**Dalton Simmons** came Sunday to request the prayers of the church.

**BRIDAL BRUNCH**

You're invited to a  
Bridal Brunch  
honoring  
Kimberly Taylor  
bride-elect of Brody Clark  
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Julie Ables  
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**A CALL TO ARMS**

If you can give blood, go by Stewart Blood Center at 815 South Baxter and donate to the church account #6286. Your blood may give life to someone in need.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

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

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**NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

New books continue to be added to our Children's Library. Some of the more recent additions are: What Happened To A.J.?, The Fair Weather Friend, The Letter On Light Blue Stationery, The Lean Mean Machine, The Children of the King, What Would Jesus Do?, Loving One Another, and Children's Atlas of the Bible. If you have visited our Children's Library lately, make it a point to do so. You'll be pleased by what you see.

**PRESCHOOL SUPERVISOR**

East Texas Christian Academy is in the process of accepting applications for the position of preschool supervisor. We are looking for a member of the Church of Christ who has strong administrative and organizational skills, with 5+ years experience teaching and/or supervising a preschool. Childhood certification preferred but not essential. The hours are 7:00 a.m./ to 2 p.m. from August through May. Mail your resume and references to ETCA, P.O. Box 8201, Tyler, Texas 75711; Attn: Selection Committee.

**IT'S A SURPRISE!**

Dear Friends,

Jean Oliver will be celebrating her 70th birthday on July 19, 1996. We, her children, would like to invite you to help us honor her by writing a small note to her thru us describing a special thought or moment you remember of times you have had with her. You may have been a student of hers or an old friend. We will organize these notes in an album to be presented to her at a get-together to be held on Saturday, July 20, 1996 at the West Erwin Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. An invitation complete with all the information is forthcoming. We truly hope you will help us in this effort at your earliest convenience and mail it to us at 11 Mighty Oak Lane, Killeen, TX 76542. We appreciate you and your friendship with our mom.

In Christian Love,  
Jean's children (Ramon Ivey,  
Donna Howard and Betty Overall)

*"You do not grow old -- you become old by not growing."*

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Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	June 9	June 2	Ago
Bible Class	407	390	338
Worship A.M.	570	623	521
Worship P.M.	351	342	314
Wed. P.M.	243	269	251
Contribution	\$16,040.54	\$15,066.92	\$11,890.60
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$879.54 over budget)	

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

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 Prayer Robert Hilliard  
 Scripture Brett Hone  
 Dismiss Luke Ingram

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Jeff Hone

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

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer K. Max Haws  
 Scripture Chad Hilliard  
 Dismiss Charles Hickman

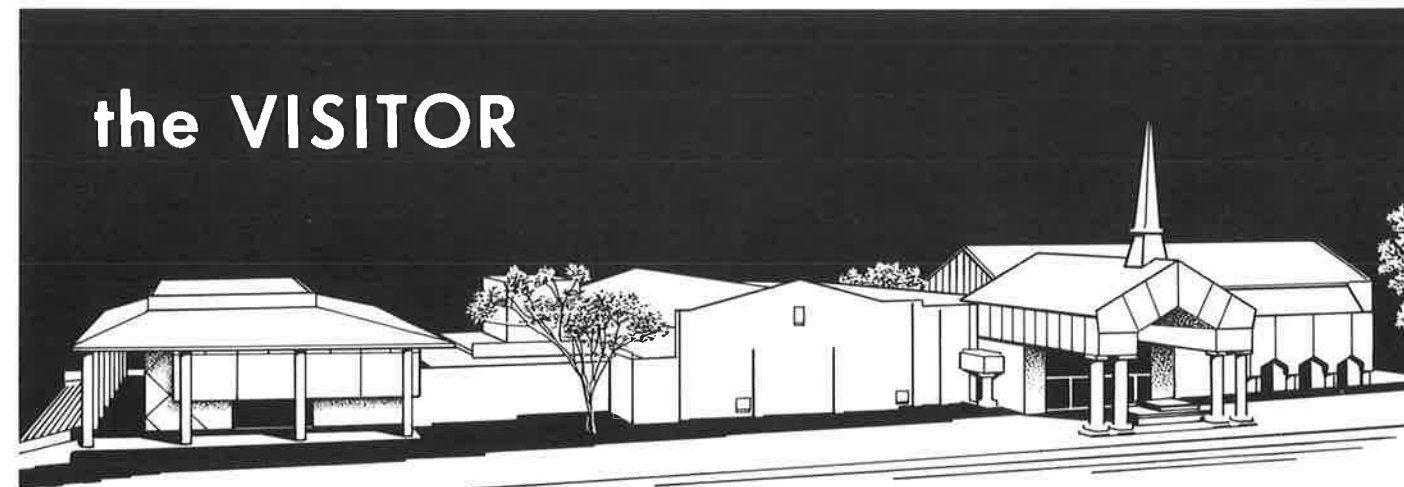
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Clay McDonald Forest McFadden  
 Jim McDonald Bill McCain  
 John Mayer Stan Mallory  
 Jim Mayer Mike McClenny

**GREETERS**


Ben & Patsy Young  
 Marc & Dana Tate

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**Sermons for Sunday, June 16, 1996**

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. Studies In Exodus: #12**

"Covenant"

(Exodus 19:1-9)

**P.M. Nehemiah #4**

"The Work Begun"

(Nehemiah 2:17-20)

**ELDERS APPROVE EXPANSION**

Last Sunday morning **James Sublette**, current chairman of our elders, announced to the congregation that our building committee had been given permission to award the contract for the construction of additional office space for the West Erwin staff members. Construction on the 1500 square foot project will begin as soon as possible and will cost about \$43,000. New office arrangement has been needed for some time but became necessary with the coming of a much needed additional staff person. Additionally, brother Sublette announced that the elders had approved the recommendation of the building committee that a group of men, including **Chuck Gillingam**, **Garry Goswick**, **Matt Haws**, **Jeff Hone** and **Wade Weathers**, conduct a study of how we can best utilize the property on the north side of West Erwin for fellowship purposes. As it is now, this property is inadequate for maximum use by the church and the study group will be giving us some suggestions as to what will need to be done to the building now on the property in order that it can fit into future

outreach and congregational plans. I commend the elders upon these decisions; the men who have and will work on the projects; and the congregation for its support.

**HAPPENINGS**

The **Daniel Morgan family** left this week for six weeks of work in Estonia. **Tim Marshall** will be joining the Estonia workers for the last two weeks. Our church family continues to grow with the coming of **Jill Nissing** last Sunday. Congratulations to **Martha Waggoner** and **Jeannie Ross** and their most capable helpers in making Camp Friendship such a wonderful success last week. **Johnny Anders** has been preaching in Tyler for the past 40 years! I tip my hat to **Danny Snell** who spent last week on a Mexico mission trip and this week in Abilene for the Learning To Lead Camp. He will be home to catch his breath before going to Nebraska July 4-13. **Mike Gravois** is doing a great job in our educational ministry. I appreciate all of you who serve in so many ways.

# Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



## MS/HS DEVO

All Middle School and High School students will meet together and go out to eat after the worship services Sunday night. Make your plans to enjoy this time together!

## MEXICO MISSION

The mission trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico was a huge success. We braved the heat, learned new skills, enjoyed the fellowship, and had a great time. West Erwin can be proud of our young people. Give a great big thanks to: Nichole Aven, Amanda Broome, Casey Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Nick Goodson, Shelley Henry, Josh Hone, Heather Ketchum, Henry McRuiz, Danielle Rousseau, Joy Rousseau, Dannie Skipper, Danny Snell, and Doug White.

## LEARNING TO LEAD

A group left last Sunday for Abilene to spend the week at Learning To Lead Camp. We will return home on Friday. Please pray for a safe trip and that much good will be done.

## NEBRASKA MISSION

All those who are going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet this Sunday at 5:00 in the Chapel. We will be working on our lessons for the VBS. Please be present.

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The 1996 East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, June 18, at the Shiloh Road church in Tyler. The theme is "For such a time as this..." and is based on the book of Esther. Our work project this summer will be collecting money for the Croatian Call. We will meet at Shiloh at 7:15 and be finished by 9:00. See you there!

<b>June 18</b>	<b>Shiloh Rd.</b>
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Athens</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Rusk</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Henderson</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>University</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Glenwood</b>

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Team #3 will meet June 17.

## IN APPRECIATION

My thanks and appreciation to all the prayers, visits, phone calls and cards since my recent hospital visit. Your love has meant so much to Nettie and I. God bless you!

Guy and Nettie Potts

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I appreciate so much your kind expressions of sympathy after the death of my brother. The calls, the cards, and the flowers you sent meant a lot. Thank you for your love and support.

Melvin Maples

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Thanks for the lovely spray sent to the service. We appreciate your thoughtfulness at this time.

The family of Clyde Maples  
(Melvin Maples' brother's family)

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Dear West Erwin,

I wanted to thank you for the study Bible. It is a wonderful book and it will come in to great use in my life. Thank you also for everything you all done for me. I'm thankful that I will always have a wonderful church family to come home to.

In Christ,  
Cindy Carruth

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Baccalaureate service and the wonderful Bible that I will always treasure.

In Christ,  
Matthew Carpenter

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We, the family of U.A. Trigg, thank you for the beautiful ficus plant and most of all your love and prayers.

Dub Mathews & family

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To my wonderful Brothers and Sisters,

For all the prayers on my behalf, the visits, phone calls and the many cards, I want to say Thank you! Your care and love have made it more bearable. It is wonderful to have Christian love.

John Cliver

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held for Earl Clucas, long time West Erwin member, last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Services were held on Monday in Fort Worth for Pearl Osburn, Mary Dawson's sister and Sandra Wingate's aunt. Services were held Saturday in Shreveport for David Nicholas, Bill Endsley's great nephew. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

*"Life is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to God."*

THESEARCH



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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome **Jill Nissing** into our growing family at West Erwin. Jill is a graduate of Harding University and is employed at Trinity Mother Frances as an R.N. in Labor and Delivery. Her address is 300 Ridgecrest, 75701, ph. 597-9448.

## LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday, June 19, at 9:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall for a brunch and brief devotional. All ladies who can come are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy this time of inspiration, fellowship, and encouragement. This is the first of three special meetings to be held during the summer months. Don't miss it!

## SUMMER FUN!

Who: Kids K- 5  
What: Fun summer games and activities  
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## PRESCHOOL SUPERVISOR

East Texas Christian Academy is in the process of accepting applications for the position of preschool supervisor. We are looking for a member of the Church of Christ who has strong administrative and organizational skills, with 5+ years experience teaching and/or supervising a preschool. Childhood certification preferred but not essential. The hours are 7:00 a.m./ to 2 p.m. from August through May. Mail your resume and references to ETCA, P.O. Box 8201, Tyler, Texas 75711; Attn: Selection Committee.

## LADIES SUNDAY A.M. CLASS

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## CAMP FRIENDSHIP

What a week we had! Camp Friendship was a great success and a lot of fun for everyone involved. There were 115 people in attendance on the final day. We cleaned, hiked, cooked, played in the water, planted flower beds, did crafts, and learned a lot about how to make and keep friends. Dale Blackstone used Bible friendships to teach the kids about making friends. We are already excited about Camp Friendship 1997! We had so many helpers! Here is a list of the adults and teens involved: Marsha Richardson, Karen Butterworth, Kelley Bell, Laurel Clothier, Rhonda Haws, Cynthia Johnson, Mary Poulsen, Rhonda Weathers, Fred Powell, Sara Powell, Katie Powell, Velma Lemons, Esther Wilson, Jennifer Lemons, Carla Lemons, Janiece Johnson, Erin Aven, Ashli Bryant, Casey Haws, Brandon Colston, Chrissy Choice, Michael Millsap, Melissa Frick, Amanda Keller, Meagan Morris, Kristen Eastland, Mandy Sadler, Brittany Haws, Eleanor Nunn, Archie Lowry, Gail Vannoy, Carol Witt, Frances McBee, Jo Butler, Danny Snell, Dale Blackstone, Carolyn Blackstone, Jeannie Ross, Allison Broome, and Martha Waggoner.

## HUMOROUS PROVERBS

Solomon was fond of proverbs. Some of his were funny while always teaching divine truth. One that has always caused me to chuckle is: "He who blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing" (Proverbs 27:14). Solomon also combined humor with truth in the very next verse: "A continual dripping on a rainy day and a contentious woman are alike" (Proverbs 27:15). Following are some funny proverbs which, although not Scripture, are still very instructive.

"He who falls in love with himself will have no rivals." -- Franklin  
"Keep your eyes wide open before marriage and half shut afterwards." -- Franklin

"The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." -- Frost

"The liar's punishment is not that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe anyone else."

"Blessed is the one who has nothing to say and who cannot be persuaded to say it."

"Insanity is hereditary ... you get it from your kids."

"The cemeteries are filled with people who thought the world couldn't get along without them."

-- via the Bulletin Digest

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<b>Mike Warner</b>	"To Know That We Are Sinners"	June 19
<b>Dan Manuel</b>	"A Deeper Commitment To The Gospel of Jesus"	July 3
<b>Rick Ross</b>	"To Love Our Enemies"	July 10
<b>Steve Neville</b>	"Compassion"	July 17
<b>John Thompson</b>	"A Good Balance"	July 24
<b>G.P. Holt</b>	"To Confront The Issues of Our Day"	July 31
<b>Doug Carter</b>	"To Manifest Our Faith"	August 7
<b>Charles Hodge</b>	"The Word ... The Verse"	August 14

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday June 2	Sunday May 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	390	395	379
Worship A.M.	623	591	557
Worship P.M.	342	306	329
Wed. P.M.	269	252	280
Contribution	\$15,066.92	\$13,939.16	\$13,328.92
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$94.08 under budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 9, and Wed. P.M., June 12, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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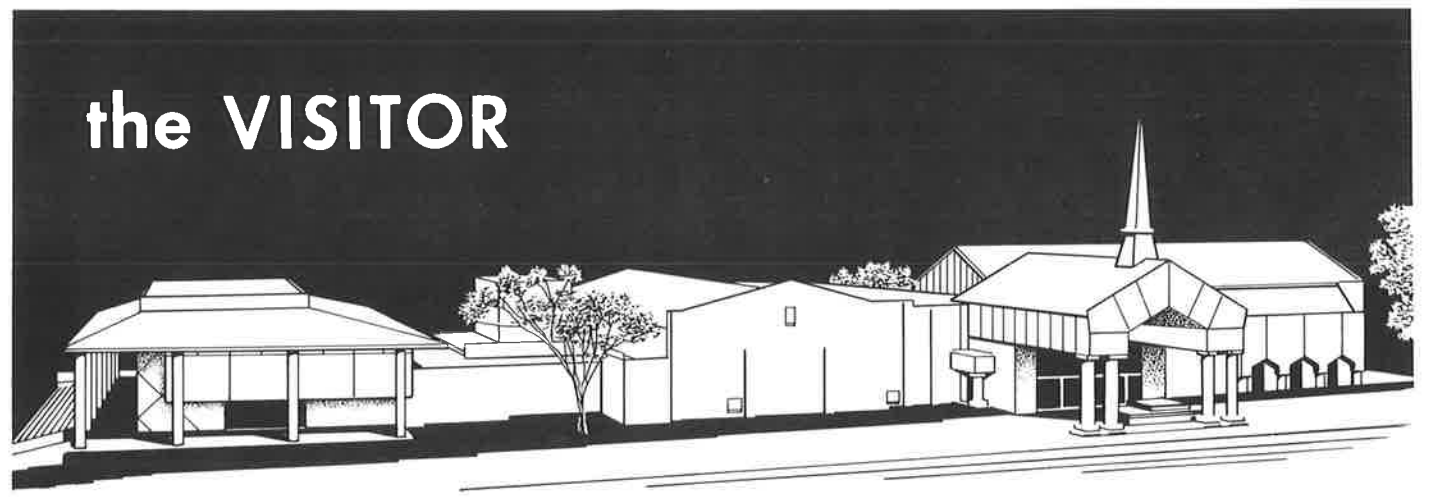
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		7:00 P.M.
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Scripture Mark Frick  
Dismiss Chuck Gillam  
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Trey Rousseau  
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Prayer Jeff Fennell  
Scripture Casey Haws  
Dismiss David Haney, Jr.  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
Clay McDonald Forest McFadden  
Jim McDonald Bill McCain  
John Mayer Stan Mallory  
Jim Mayer Mike McClenny  
**GREETERS**  
Ben & Patsy Young  
Marc & Dana Tate

**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, June 9, 1996**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
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**"Efficient Or Effective"**  
(Exodus 18:13-23)  
**P.M. Nehemiah #3**  
**"The Call"**  
(Nehemiah 2:1-8)

**GIFT TO BENEFIT RUSSIAN CHILDREN**  
Last Saturday afternoon **Richard Baggett** called me from his car phone somewhere between Dallas and Temple. He was about to burst with joy and said he couldn't wait any longer to call. He had just visited with a foundation in Dallas at the invitation of one of the board members who had attended the Eastern European Mission dinner in Tyler a few weeks earlier at which Vladimir Scovorodnikov, the Russian educator, had spoken. After visiting with Richard for a few minutes the foundation committed \$100,000 to the printing of Bibles for the school children in Scovorodnikov's region in the former Soviet Union. Some great things are happening in Eastern Europe.

**DANIEL MORGAN TO ESTONIA**  
It was good that a group of Christians from the Ventura church in San Antonio accompanied the **Daniel Morgans** to Tyler last weekend for Daniel's slide presentation on Estonia and for the charge and promise of support given to Daniel by the West Erwin church. Daniel has preached at

Ventura for the past few years and the church there is very supportive of his new relationship with West Erwin and his continued work in Eastern Europe. Daniel and his family will be spending the next six weeks in Estonia doing some follow up work on a previous trip. Be prayerful about this trip. Following their return home Daniel will be working with us at West Erwin in the area of involvement and we're looking forward to what that will mean to strengthening our work here.

**BALANCE**  
What do we need more than balance? In our personal lives we need balance between career and home; work and recreation. In our theology we need balance between extremes; balance between our personal preferences and the needs of others. In the work of the church we need balance between a strong mission outreach and a strong local emphasis. A vision for a strong, growing local church and a dream for a world-wide evangelism are necessary; the vision is necessary in order to carry out the dream; the dream is necessary to put meaning in the vision.

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# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## MEXICO MISSION

A group from West Erwin left last Friday for our mission trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. It's very hot but everything is going well. We're learning new skills and having a great time. Our goal is to help our brethren in Mexico to build a cinder block fence and paint a sign. We will also be doing other projects. We enjoyed a fantastic worship assembly and fellowship on Sunday with our group teaching children's classes and preaching. We will be returning Friday evening. Please pray for our safety and success. Following is a list of those who participated in this trip: Nichole Aven, Amanda Broome, Casey Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Nick Goodson, Shelley Henry, Josh Hone, Heather Ketchum, Henry McRuiz, Danielle Rousseau, Joy Rousseau, Dannie Skipper, Danny Snell, and Doug White.

## NEBRASKA MISSION

All those who are going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet this Sunday at 5:00 in the Chapel. We will be working on our lessons for the VBS. Please be present.

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The 1996 East Texas Summer Youth Series will meet Tuesday, June 11, in Palestine. The theme is "For such a time as this..." and is based on the book of Esther. Our work project this summer will be collecting money for the Croatian Call. We will leave from West Erwin at 7:00 and return at 9:30. Be there!

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| <b>June 11</b> | <b>Palestine</b>  |
| <b>June 18</b> | <b>Shiloh Rd.</b> |
| <b>June 25</b> | <b>Athens</b>     |
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| <b>July 30</b> | <b>Glenwood</b>   |

## IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>May 31- June 6</b> | <b>Mexico Mission</b>        |
| <b>June 9-14</b>      | <b>Learning To Lead Camp</b> |
| <b>July 4-13</b>      | <b>Nebraska Mission Trip</b> |
| <b>July 29</b>        | <b>Soul Lift Youth Rally</b> |

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Team #2 will meet June 10.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with **Derryl** and **Jeannie Wood** in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism Sunday morning. Jeannie came also to request the prayers of her church family that she might be a better example to her friends and family. Their address is Drawer L, Arp, Texas, 75750, ph. 859-2350.

**Carl** and **Joyce Bullard** are a welcome addition to our growing family. They made known their desire Sunday to be a part of the West Erwin family. Carl is very seriously ill and will be unable to attend our worship assembly (he does not need visits at this time) but Joyce will be here when she is able to attend. They live at 5000 Edinburgh #705, 75703, ph. 534-5827.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you very much for the Bible and the book I was given at Baccalaureate. They are wonderful and will be used often next year at Harding to keep me close to God and my family at West Erwin.

Love,  
Joanna Vannoy  
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Just a note to express our thanks for all the wonderful prayers. Your visits, notes and calls have encouraged us. We look forward to seeing you again. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

With our love,  
Ray and Dell Lott  
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I appreciate so much all the calls, cards, and visits after the death of niece. Thank you for caring.

Mozelle Cash  
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Dear West Erwin,

Thank you for your help and the encouragement you give us. Summer is really here and we're enjoying the changes. We have enjoyed receiving your church bulletin and I clip poems and articles from it for our cottage bulletin board. We appreciate all of you.

Love,  
Doug and Jill Stickler  
& Little Top Cottage

## BO WIEGREFFE TO HOUSTON

We regret to announce that Bo Wiegrefe, a member of the West Erwin family for the past eight years, has been transferred by his company to Houston. In a letter received at the church office last week Bo expressed his regrets concerning the move and his appreciation for the church here and the encouragement he received from so many of our members, especially Louis and Jane Jones. We will miss Bo and wish him the very best in his new work, home and church in Houston. His new address and phone number is: 19615 Glenfinch Lane, Spring, TX 77379, phone (713) 379-1448.

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## WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

It's not too late to participate in the new Weigh Down Workshop classes! The first classes began on Sunday, June 2 at 4:30 and Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. These are 12 week sessions. For more information on how to be a part of this fantastic Bible study and weight loss program, call Rachel Huff at 534-8549.

## MAIL FROM THE SEARCH

We get mail from viewers of THE SEARCH from time to time and wanted to share with you some of the good things that we hear.

"Thanks so much for continuing to send the tapes. I learn so much and they keep me going. I hope I can always receive them. Enclosed is a check. Please accept it for your ministry. It is certainly a blessing in my life. Thanks to all who make it possible for me to receive the tapes. I thank God for Jay's insight, understanding, and knowledge. It is a blessing in my life!"

Columbia, MO

## APRIL & MAY BENEVOLENT REPORT

914 people, representing 235 families, were helped through our Benevolent Center during April and May with approximately \$4433 in clothing distributed. 25 Bibles were given to those requesting them.

## FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Christian Services of East Texas is presently filled. However, the children in need of fostering keep coming. Without more foster families we will continue to be forced to turn them away. Therefore there is an urgent need for Christian families of all ages throughout East Texas to be part of the CSET team for child care. There are several levels of involvement from which you may select.

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|---------------|--------------|
| *Respite Care | *Relief Care |
| *Short Term   | *Long Term   |

CSET will provide you with training and ongoing support as together we foster the children in your care. CSET also provides the financial support for each child. For more information call us at 509-0558 and we will send you a booklet, Is Foster Parenting For You?

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## A HEARTWARMING STORY

I once witnessed an incident of charity that restores my faith in people. While working at a shoe store in downtown Truro, Nova Scotia, I noticed a little boy standing on the hot air register outside the bakery shop next door in his bare feet trying to keep warm. I was unsure whether to invite the boy into the store, or just what to do with him, when a middle aged lady came by. After a few words with the bare-foot boy, she brought him into the shoe store. She bought him new shoes and heavy woolen socks, for which he tried awkwardly to thank her. "Are you God's wife?" he asked his benefactress. Taken aback by the question, she took some time before replying, "No, son, I'm just one of His children." "Well, I knew you must be some kin to Him," he said as he thanked her again and ran out the door.

...via the Bulletin Digest

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

The Daingerfield Church of Christ is pleased to announce that Jimmy Allen of Searcy, Arkansas will be delivering a series of messages June 9 - 12. The worship services on Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m. Brother Allen will also conduct a Bible class Monday through Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., studying the book of Romans.

You're invited to the White Rock Church of Christ in Dallas June 9 - June 12 to hear Harvey Porter present a series of illustrated lessons on the theme "The Bible And Archaeology." Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Week night services are at 7:30 p.m.

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| <b>Dan Manuel</b>    | (Crockett Road in Palestine)   | July 3    |
| <b>Rick Ross</b>     | (Mesquite church in Mesquite)  | July 10   |
| <b>Steve Neville</b> | (Broad Street in Mineola)      | July 17   |
| <b>John Thompson</b> | (South Main in Henderson)      | July 24   |
| <b>G.P. Holt</b>     | (Trailridge in Dallas)         | July 31   |
| <b>Doug Carter</b>   | (Edgewood church )             | August 7  |
| <b>Charles Hodge</b> | (Duncanville church)           | August 14 |

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Worship A.M.	591	547	530
Worship P.M.	306	466	340
Wed. P.M.	252	233	256
Contribution	\$13,939.16	\$15,553.71	\$11,612.75
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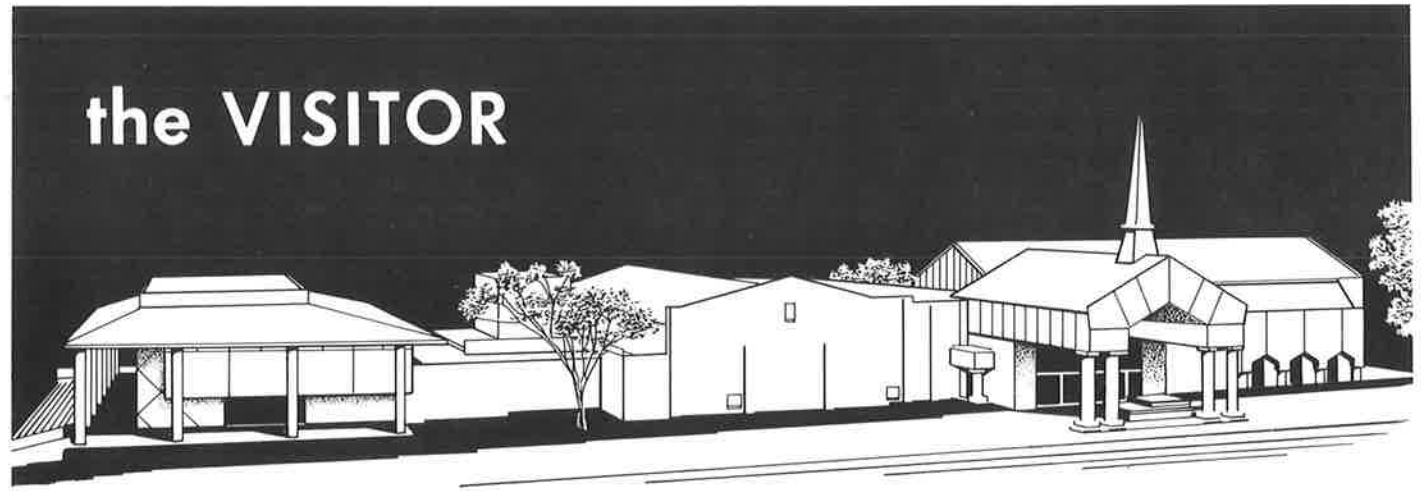
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Phil Marts Michael Lowrance  
Stan Mallory Grant Knight  
Calvin Mannen Dr. Roger Knight  
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Services were held Thursday at the Valley Church of Christ in Gunter for Clyde Maples, Melvin Maples' brother. He was killed in an accident Monday. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.



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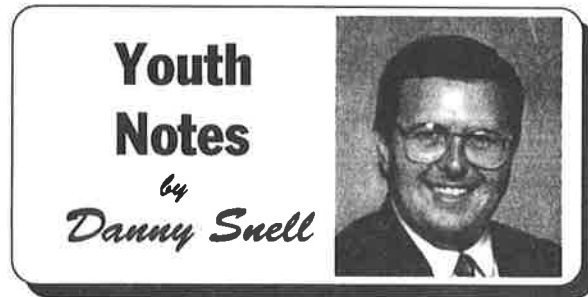
**SEEING THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD**

Daniel affirmed that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men" (Daniel 4:32). This fact, which we call "Providence" is demonstrated in Scripture and in our lives again and again. However, there are some instances of Providence, in Scripture and in our lives, that are absolutely overwhelming. Let me give two examples, one from the Bible and one from today. The Book of Ezra opens by saying, "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation ... 'Now let him (the people of Judah -- JPL) go up to Jerusalem ... and build the house of the Lord.'" Seventy years earlier Judah had been carried into Babylonian captivity and Jerusalem, including the temple, had been destroyed. Jeremiah, who had witnessed the destruction, had predicted the captivity would last seventy years. Nearly 220 years before the decree of Cyrus, Isaiah had prophesied that Cyrus would be king of Persia and would permit the Jews to go home. Isaiah's prophecy is all the more remarkable when we remember that Babylon ruled the world when Isaiah spoke and in order for the prophecy to come to pass Babylon must fall, Persia must rise, the king of Persia must be named Cyrus, and he must be of the disposition to allow

the captives to go free. What an example of the Providence of God! Now consider an example from today. A few weeks ago Vladimir Scovorodnikov, Superintendent of the Altai Public School Region in Russia was in Tyler to explain why he had invited the churches of Christ to prepare materials and teach the public school teachers of Russia how to teach Christianity to the 500,000 students of his district. While in the U.S. Scovorodnikov visited several of our Christian Universities and a number of our congregations and spoke at five dinner meetings in Tyler, Dallas, Nashville, Lubbock, and Los Angeles. When it was all over Scovorodnikov told Richard Baggett that the thing that most impressed him about the churches of Christ in America was, "You help people who can do nothing in return." When asked what difference he saw in his teachers after they had been taught by the Americans he said, "The teachers were changed." Why is this man giving us the opportunity to teach Bible in the schools of Russia? He may not know ... but we do! Here is a man whose heart was prepared by a mother who was a "closet believer" under communism to respect God and people. Now God is using him, much like He used Cyrus of Persia, to accomplish great good. It's the Providence of God!

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**MEXICO MISSION**

Friday night, a group of us from West Erwin will be leaving for our mission trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. Our goal is to help our brethren in Mexico to build a cinder block fence and paint a sign. We will also be doing other projects along with teaching the children's class and preaching this Sunday. We will be returning next Friday evening. Please pray for our safety and success. Following is a list of those going: Nichole Aven, Amanda Broome, Casey Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Nick Goodson, Shelley Henry, Josh Hone, Heather Ketchum, Henry McRuiz, Danielle Rousseau, Joy Rousseau, Dannie Skipper, Danny Snell, and Doug White.

**THANKS**

Thanks to all of those who came to the devotional at the Rousseau's home on the lake this past Sunday night. We had a great time. Thanks to Trey & Joy Rousseau and Doug & Cathy Scroggins for hosting the evening. It was a wonderful evening!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Heather Ketchum for being selected to the Robert E. Lee Drill Team for the 96-97 year. Way to go Heather!

Congratulations to Clay McDonald, Danielle Rousseau, and Charlie Scroggins for graduating from Arp Jr. High as honor students. Charlie graduated fourth in his class and will be delivering the benediction at graduation. Way to go gang!

**NEBRASKA MISSION**

All of those who are going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet this Sunday at 5:00 in the Chapel. We will be working on our lessons for the VBS. Please be present for this meeting.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES**

The 1996 East Texas Summer Youth Series will begin next Tuesday in Kilgore. The theme is "For such a time as this..." and is based on the book of Esther. Our work project will be collecting money for the Croatian Call. We will leave from West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:00. Be there!

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

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Three families came to place membership with us on Sunday. We are very happy to welcome these families into the West Erwin family.

**Chuck and Laurie Florence** come to us from the Broad Street Church in Mineola. They have three children--Megan (age 8), Lauren (age 6), and Ethan (18 months). They live in Lindale at 805 North Street, ph. 882-7413.

**Jerry and Becky Howard** live in Troup at 18267 North Lakeview, phone 839-4009.

**Steve and Betsy Thrash** come to us from the Saturn Road Church in Garland. Their address is 4044 Canyon Circle, 75706.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I would like to thank you for the Bible and book you gave to me for graduation. I know they will both be so helpful in my Bible class and also in my personal life as I move off next year to Abilene. The Baccalaureate service was very nice and I appreciate all the work you put into it.

Love,  
Tiffany Sublette  
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Dear West Erwin Congregation,

Thank you so much for the Bible. I'm sure I will use it all the time.

Sincerely,  
Jeni Butler

**NEW LIBRARY BOOKS**

Several new books have been added to our Children's Library recently as memorials and in appreciation. Some of the new books are: Samuel, The Judge, Doubting Thomas, Jeremiah and the Fall of Jerusalem, King Solomon's Dream, Peter Set Free, Dorcas Sews For Others, Proverbs, A Penny Is Everything, The Day God Made It Rain, Loving One Another, Why, Oh Why, I Love Ruthie, Someone Awesome. Please take advantage of the opportunities to use this wealth of information in our libraries.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCOUTS**

Troup #354, the Church of Christ sponsored Scout group recently cleaned and painted the fence and rails at the West Erwin church. We are very appreciative of this service and the character building influence of the Scouts. Several of our young men have recently made significant advancements: Frank Aven, Frank Poulsen, and Walker Waggoner went from Tiger to Wolf; Dayne Harris went from Wolf to Bear; Brennan Galletly went from Bear to Webelos; Kyle Stowers went from Webelos I to Webelos II.

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**WEDDING INVITATION**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Quinn  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Amy Leigh  
to Ryan David Mullins  
son of

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mullins  
on Saturday, the first of June  
nineteen hundred ninety-six  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
Tyler, Texas  
Reception following  
Tyler Petroleum Club

**GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

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**FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED**

Christian Services of East Texas is presently filled. However, the children in need of fostering keep coming. Without more foster families we will continue to be forced to turn them away. Therefore there is an urgent need for Christian families of all ages throughout East Texas to be part of the CSET team for child care. There are several levels of involvement from which you may select.

- \*Respite Care
- \*Short Term
- \*Relief Care
- \*Long Term

CSET will provide you with training and ongoing support as together we foster the children in your care. CSET also provides the financial support for each child. For more information call us at 509-0558 and we will send you a booklet, Is Foster Parenting For You?

*"The golden thread that binds humanity to itself is kindness."*

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**SUMMER FUN!**

Who: Kids K- 5  
What: Fun summer games and activities  
When: June 11 - July 30 Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Where: West Erwin  
Why: Because it's going to be a long, long summer!!!  
Cost: \$101 for the summer or \$10.00 per day

**WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP**

It's not too late to participate in the new Weigh Down Workshop classes! The first classes will begin on Sunday, June 2 at 4:30 and Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. These are 12 week sessions. For more information on how to be a part of this fantastic Bible study and weight loss program, call Rachel Huff at 534-8549.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Thursday in Shreveport for Bill Endsley's nephew. Services were held last week in Dallas for Linda Jeffrey, Mozelle Cash's niece. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on May 30!

**CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE**

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!" This challenge, made famous by John F. Kennedy, suggests a principle which should guide every Christian's attitude toward the church. We should be less concerned about what is being done for us and more attentive to what we are doing for others.

- Ask not, therefore
- ... Whether this is a good congregation of which to be a member, but ask whether I am a good member of the congregation.
- ... How much I am loved, but how much love I have shown.
- ... How many get well cards I received, but how many have I sent to others.
- ... Who visited me, but whom have I visited.
- ... How much I get out of classes, but how much I contribute to make the classes interesting and edifying.
- ... Whether I was remembered in prayer, but whether I faithfully prayed for others.
- ... Who did or did not speak to me, but how many others I greeted.
- ... Whether my good work is recognized, but whether I have given honor to whom honor is due.
- ... How many of my prayer requests God has granted, but how grateful have I been for His innumerable blessings.
- ... To what extent my deeds have profited me now, but how my life will be remembered when I am gone.
- "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:4,5).

borrowed from Clarksville, TN bulletin



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<b>Records</b>	Sunday May 5	Sunday April 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	381	387	380
Worship A.M.	547	545	538
Worship P.M.	338	373	347
Wed. P.M.	247	247	422
Contribution	\$15,864.98	\$14,063.76	\$12,168.73
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$703.98 over budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 12 and Wed. P.M., May 15, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Clinton Culpepper** was hospitalized for tests last weekend and will be treated with medication for heart problems. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center, room 3309. **Elizabeth Hughes** and **Buddy Bell** both continue to recover at home from recent surgeries. **Casey Ross**, son of Kelly and Jeannie Ross will have dental surgery Monday at Tyler Square. **Carolyn Womack** had dental surgery Tuesday. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, had carotid artery surgery last week in San Antonio and will have angioplasty soon. **"Charlie" Hayes**, little 2 week old niece of Karen Fedell, is doing well after heart surgery last week in Denver. **Bill Burke**, Ray and Carolyn Womack's son-in-law, will have heart surgery May 14 at Zale Lipsky Hospital in Dallas. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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

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

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Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer George Daugherty  
 Scripture Casey Culpepper  
 Dismiss Stan Clark

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Don Durham

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

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
 Prayer David Daughtry  
 Scripture Brady Dawkins  
 Dismiss Jay Culpepper

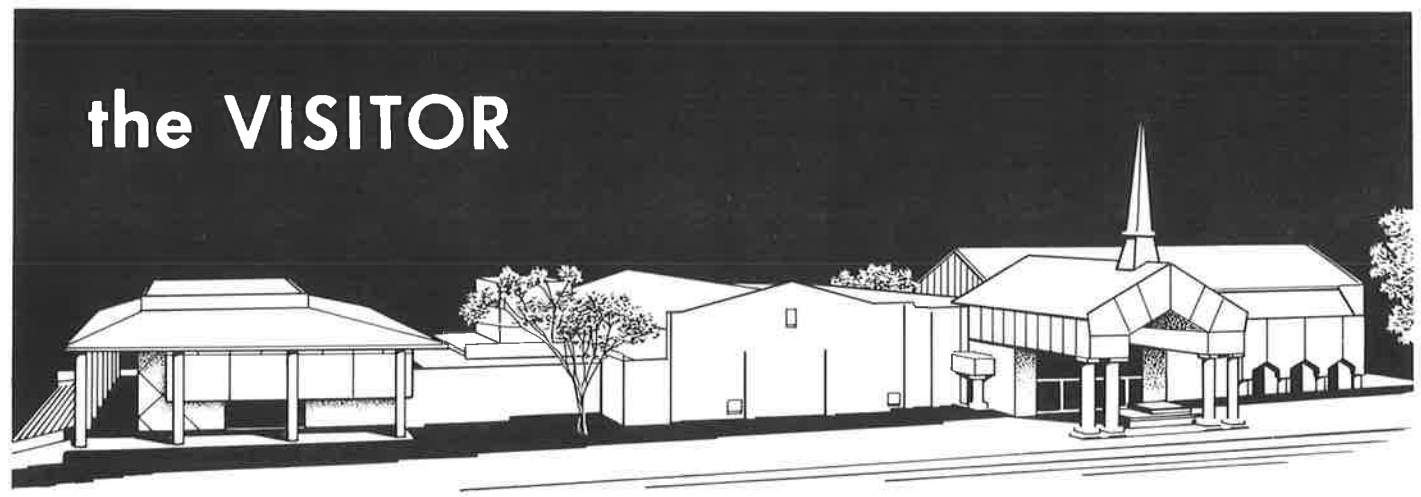
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

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 Chad Hilliard Billie Ingram  
 Robert Hilliard Hillard Hughes  
 Jerry Huff Rex Johnson


**GREETERS**

Jim & Priscilla Mayer  
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**From the Heart of Tyler**  
 By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, May 12, 1996**  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
 A.M. **Studies In Exodus: #7**  
 "Deliverance"  
 (Exodus 14:10-18)  
 P.M. **Nehemiah**  
 "Here Is A Man"  
 (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

**TRANSITIONS**

There is a sense in which the local church is always in transition. People come to us (that makes us happy) and people leave us (that makes us sad) so that the complexion and personality of a congregation is ever changing. When I came to West Erwin nearly 12 years ago we had some 440 members. Think of how many of this number are no longer here because of moving away or of death. Our membership is now nearly 700, so it is safe to say that about one-half of the people here now were not here twelve years ago. It's never easy to lose people for whatever reason, but it's especially painful to lose someone who fulfills such an important leadership role as did Dewey Howard. As you know, Dewey is in the process of moving to Lubbock and we are in an obvious state of transition as we begin a search for an Education Minister. Each of us can make a positive contribution to a smooth transition period by remembering some simple, yet important, things.

1. Pray regularly for our elders as they work through the selection process.
2. Remember that one person does not take another's place; he only does a similar work and makes a place for himself.
3. Have a good attitude about the person selected, knowing that he has been chosen only after prayerful, careful consideration.

4. Accept the new person with enthusiasm and support.
5. In the meantime, renew your efforts in being faithful in attending classes and worship, in helping where you can, and in being optimistic about the future.

**KNOWING YOU DID YOUR BEST**

John Wooden coached basketball at U.C.L.A. for 27 years without ever having a losing season. In his last 12 years U.C.L.A. won 10 national championships, seven of those in succession, and still holds the world's record for the longest winning streak in any major college sport -- 88 games over four years. When asked about success Wooden said, "To me, success isn't outscoring someone, it's the peace of mind that comes from self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best." I just wonder if this is the reason some folks are not happy in church: they do have the self-satisfaction of knowing they are doing their best. What do you think?

## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Melissa Elerson for receiving a \$1000.00 scholarship from the state for graduating early. Way to go Melissa!

### JR-SR DAY

Each year the Tyler area churches honor our Jr's and Sr's with a special day. This year we will be going to Ft. Worth and eating at Joe T Garcias and attending the Omni Theater and the Ft. Worth Museum of Science. This will be a wonderful day together in their honor. Please consider making a donation to help make this possible. Contact me for more information.

### BACCALAUREATE

This year West Erwin will be hosting the Baccalaureate Service for the Tyler area churches. We are expecting a large crowd to honor our seniors. We need cookies for the reception following the assembly. If you can help with this, please sign the list and bring your cookies by Sunday, May 19.

### MEXICO MISSION

All those who are going on the Mexico Mission Trip need to meet this Sunday at 4:45 in the Chapel. We will be confirming some important details and schedules so please be present.

### NEBRASKA MISSION

All of those who have signed up for or are still considering going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet this Sunday at 5:20 in the Chapel. We will be assigning classes and teaching groups for the VBS and discussing plans for the return trip. Please be present for this meeting.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

May 18	Jr.-Sr. Day
May 19	Baccalaureate
May 19	Devotional Honoring the Sr's
May 26	Out of School Bash
May 31- June 6	Mexico Mission
June 4	Summer Youth Series Begins
June 9-14	Learning To Lead Camp
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 29	Soul Lift Youth Rally

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Team #2 will meet May 13.

### RESPONSE

April Smith came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family as she seeks to make her life right with God and family.

### IN APPRECIATION

It is a great comfort to know the West Erwin family has been praying for my mother and our family since her accident. For all your expressions of concern, we thank you.

Love,  
Linda Brumitt  
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Verna Beasley of Denton, Texas would like to know the name of the nice lady who helped her aunt, Pat Ragsdale, so much during her final illness. She would like to thank her but doesn't know her name -- all she knows is that she was blonde. If you know her, call Sue Starnes (592-6012) and the information will be relayed to Verna. If this person desires to remain anonymous, you are thanked by Verna from the bottom of her heart!

### WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts were saddened at the death of Myrtis Brock last Wednesday evening. Services were held last Saturday in Marshall. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Raymond Brock, Judy, Stan and Brody Clark and all the family in their loss.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mac and Evelene McCarty in the death of her sister, Mary Elizabeth Browning Boles. She died Monday night following a lengthy illness and services were held Wednesday at Burks Walker Tippitt Funeral Home.

### SEVEN FREE GIFTS

#### 1. The gift of Praise

Critics destroy. Encouragers build up. Make it a point to give several compliments daily.

#### 2. The gift of understanding.

Deep down, this is really what most of us wish, to be understood.

#### 3. The gift of concession.

You don't have to win all the time.

#### 4. The gift of Gratitude.

Look for someone to thank. Gratitude is the same root word for grace. We receive grace with gratis.

#### 5. The gift of Attention.

Wives, children, employees seek human dignity. To give someone your time, respect, and attention is one of the greatest gifts.

#### 6. The gift of Inspiration.

"Enthusiasm" literally means "God within us."

#### 7. The Gift of Personal Presence.

Eighty percent of success comes with merely "showing up." Broken hearts come when you don't. Your greatest power is you, your presence. Give it.

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### CAMP FRIENDSHIP

A summer Adventure Day Camp  
at West Erwin Church of Christ

June 3 - 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is for children finishing kindergarten through fifth grade

The day will begin and end at "The Center" across the street from our building.

Registration forms, along with \$20.00 for supplies and materials, is due no later than May 19. There will be a late fee after that time. See Martha Waggonner or Jeannie Ross for more details.

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

The spiritual gain for the Weigh Down Workshop greatly overshadows the physical weight loss. If you would like to be a part of this fantastic Bible study, come to our next orientation meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 4:30 in the Heritage Room. For more information, call Rachel Huff at 534-8549.

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### GIVE IT NOW!

If you have a smile for Mother, give it now.

If you have a kindly word, speak it now.

She'll not need it when the angels greet her at the golden gate.

Give the smiles when she is living,

If you wait it will be too late.

If you have a flower for Mother, pluck it now.

Place it gently on her bosom.

Print a kiss upon her brow.

What cares she when life is over, for the flowers that bloom below.

She will have her share up yonder, scattered at her feet galore.

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### THE GREATEST TEACHER

Though I have all the Elmer's glue and scissors, and have read the lesson five times, and have not love, I am not a teacher.

And though I have all the construction paper, glitter and Bible posters, and have not love, I am not a teacher.

For being a teacher is more than being on time with a lesson prepared.

A teacher is kind and smiles a lot

A teacher is not envious of other's talents, but uses his or her own creativity and talents to the maximum ability.

A teacher seeketh not to be praised, but works for the glory of God.

Where there be magic markers, they shall dry up.

Where there be blackboards and chalk, they shall crumble.

And now abideth planning, preparation and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

via Nashville, TN

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The Clearview Church of Christ, located on Highway 110 approximately one mile west of Mount Sylvan and two miles southeast of the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 110, invites you to hear Marvin Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Friday night, May 10 at 7:00 and on Saturday morning, May 11, at 9:30. Marvin is a nationally known preacher and motivational speaker. His theme for this two day session will be "Spiritual Enrichment." For further information, please call the church office at (903) 882-8949 or Mike Biggs at (903) 882-6903. (A map is posted on the bulletin board by the office area).

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### CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN Annual Grocery Drive - May 25, 1996

Bar-B-Que lunch, Fellowship, Singing groups  
Camp sites available

West Erwin is asked to collect CANNED MEATS  
(chili, ham, chicken, tuna, Vienna sausage)

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### Benefit "Shoot" for E.T.C.A.

Sporting Clays

Saturday, May 25, 9:00 a.m.

Prairie Creek

(I-20 east to Joy-Wright Mt. Road, North)

\$100 per person includes:

100 sporting clays

Prizes

Free Bar-B-Q Lunch

Great fun & fellowship

All proceeds go to East Texas Christian Academy. All you need to bring is your shotgun and 100 shells (preferably #8's or #9's). For further information call: Mike Warner at 561-7992, David Pardue at 595-4661, or Danny Snell.

### KOINONIA

There will be no Koinonia meeting this Sunday, May 5, due to Mother's Day. Enjoy this holiday time with your families and honor your mothers on their special day.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

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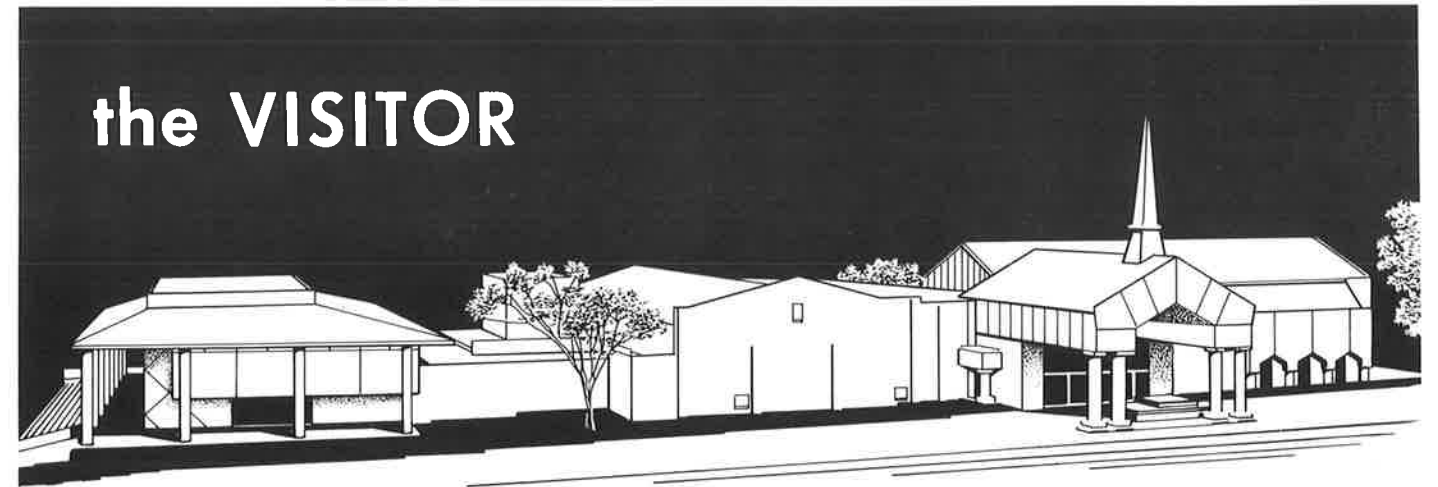
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Prayer Wally Dawkins  
Scripture Dickey Dale  
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson  
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Ken Culpepper  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Ira Wilson  
Prayer Clinton Culpepper  
Scripture Cody Ables  
Dismiss Don Crowder  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
George Hearne K. Max Haws  
David Haney Matt Haws  
Jay Graham Mark Gregory  
Wayne Harrison Warren Gray  
GREETERS  
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Charles & Louise Seaberry

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

**Sermons for Sunday, May 5, 1996**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. **Studies In Exodus: #6**  
"The Passover"  
(Exodus 12:21-28)  
P.M. **Studies In Thessalonians: #12**  
"What Every Christian Needs" #5  
(II Thessalonians 3:1-5)

**THE FOCUS OF WORSHIP**

Have you noticed that many of the newer songs we have been singing emphasize the character, the works, and the glory of God? I'm thinking of songs like "Majesty," "Glorify Thy Name," "I Stand In Awe," and "Holy Ground." While some are a bit uncomfortable when we sing a song with which they are not familiar, that should not be the basis of the songs we use. Questions to be asked when selecting songs are not, "Is it new?" or "Is it familiar to me?", but "Is it true to Scripture?" and "Does it qualify as a psalm, a hymn, or a spiritual song?" There is certainly nothing wrong with older songs: "We Praise Thee, O God" was written over 100 years ago; "A Mighty Fortress" was written by Martin Luther over 400 years ago; "Amazing Grace" was written by John Newton in 1779; and "Just As I Am" was written more than 150 years ago. However, two songs which have become favorites of many, "Our God, He Is Alive" and "How Great Thou Art" were written within the last 30 and 50 years respectively, and were "new" to us not so long ago. What I am saying is, a song is not necessarily good because it is old or bad because it is new.

Recently, John Piper, in a lecture at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School made an interesting observation and raised a provocative question about worship. Piper observed that in the last 20 years there has been an explosion of new songs which emphasize who God is -- songs that are "Godward." He further observed that preaching is moving in the opposite direction. While songs have moved Godward, preaching has moved manward. While the newer songs focus God, much preaching focuses again and again on contemporary issues, personal problems, relationships. Then Piper said, "My question is why?" I want to raise an additional question: would our needs not be better met if we focused everything we do in worship upon the God of power, holiness, and salvation; upon the Christ who loved us, died for us, and ever lives to make intercession for us; and upon the edification and encouragement of our brothers and sisters? (See Hebrews 10:22-24). Then, in the words of the newer song, "Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place."

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# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## THE HOWARDS

In many ways, this is a sad week for West Erwin as we say goodbye to the Howards. Dewey and Angela have been a blessing to our family here and we will really miss them. Dewey has been a tremendous person to work with. As a part of our staff, he was a team player, confidant and most of all a very special friend. God has used them here and He will use them well in Lubbock. When all is said and done, we can say Thank You God for giving us the Howards for these years.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Wendy Culpepper for being voted as the "Most Courteous and Wittiest" in her class at Winona High School. This is of course no surprise to us! Wendy was also selected as Varsity Cheerleader for 1996-97. Way to go Wendy!

## JR-SR DAY

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**July 4-13** Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Garner's Team #1 will meet May 5.

## IN APPRECIATION

A Thank You! I'm so thankful for the love you have shown me during and after my implant surgery - calls, cards, Tuesday cooks for meals, and especially your prayers. Your expressions of love help in a difficult situation.

God's Blessings,  
 Leon and Louise Santos  
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Thank you so much for your love and concern shown to me while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. I appreciated the many cards, calls, visits, and prayers. Especially did I appreciate the good food brought to me from the church and from others. I hope to be back to church soon.

Dorothy Davis  
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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous help and prayers. We have been busy with end of school activities and working in our flower beds.

Our most wonderful news is that Evelyn Soto, 14, was baptized by Doug April 7. She has been with us since last September. We are so happy for her. Thank you again.

Love,  
 The Sticklers & Little Top Cottage

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Tuesday in Paris, Texas for John Dickinson, Mary Dawson's brother-in-law. Services were held last Thursday at Memorial Park Cemetery for Lena Little, mother of Vickie Sessions (Claude and Odell Sessions' daughter-in-law). Services were held last Saturday for Shaun Powell, daughter of Joe and Anlene Odom, members at Shiloh and known by many here. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Medina Children's Home Grocery truck will be in our area the week June 3 - 7. West Erwin has been asked to furnish FURNITURE POLISH (like Pledge). 50 cans is a six month supply. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows the purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

**YESTERDAY** is experience

**TOMORROW** is hope

**TODAY** is getting

from one to the other as best we can.

**TODAY** is the **TOMORROW** you worried about **YESTERDAY**

**TOMORROW** - the day that all will be accomplished



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## BAPTISM

We are very happy to welcome **Sue Garrison** into our family at West Erwin. Sue was baptized into Christ last Thursday morning. Her address is 1913 Bradshaw, 75702, ph. 595-1130.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

You are invited to attend a **Gospel Meeting** with the Chandler Street Church of Christ 2700 Chandler Street, Kilgore May 5 - 8 with Jack Wilhelm of Florence, AL Sunday 9 & 10 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Weekdays 12:05 (then lunch) & 7 p.m.  
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The North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to share with them their **61st Annual Homecoming** services beginning Saturday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. as their male chorus presents groups from Texas and Oklahoma in concert On Sunday, May 5 9:00 a.m. - group & congregational singing with Johnnie Vinson of Tulsa, OK 10:15 a.m. Dr. W.F. Washington of Fort Lauderdale will be guest evangelist. Catered lunch will be served 12:30 - 2:15 Monday through Wednesday services 7:00 p.m.  
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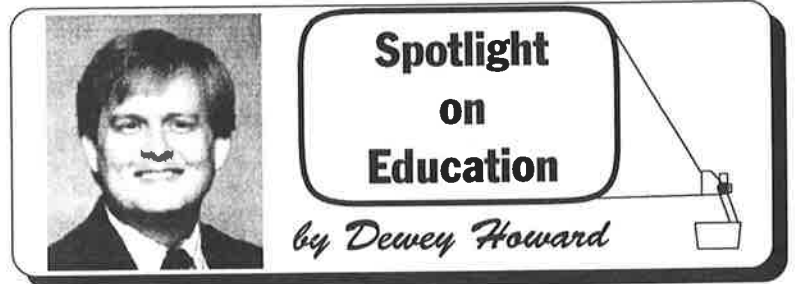
**CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN Annual Grocery Drive** - May 25, 1996 Bar-B-Que lunch, Fellowship, Singing groups Camp sites available West Erwin is asked to collect **CANNED MEATS** (chili, ham, chicken, tuna, Vienna sausage)

## CHURCH RULES (Borrowed)

If you open it .....close it.  
 If you turn it on ..... turn it off.  
 If you unlock it ..... lock it.  
 If you break it ..... repair it.  
 If you can't fix it ..... report it.  
 If you borrow it ..... return it.  
 If you use it ..... don't abuse it.  
 If you make a mess ..... clean it up.  
 If you move it ..... put it back.  
 If you don't know how to operate it ..... leave it alone.  
 If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it..... please get permission before taking it.

## Our Mission Statement TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
*Evangelizing \* Edifying \* Encouraging*  
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*"Thanks!" is just not enough.*

One of the hardest things to do in life is to say, "Goodbye." Even when the move is one that you believe God has prepared you for and led you to, it is difficult to make that final step of leaving. The West Erwin family has meant so much to Angela, Kayla, Matthew and me over the past several years. You have loved us, encouraged us, picked us up when we were down, rejoiced with us when we were up, and taken care of us in ways that you will never know. Your tokens of appreciation over the past couple of weeks have overwhelmed us. God has given the West Erwin church a rich heritage, and I am fully convinced that He is not through with you yet.

There are few churches in our fellowship that are as richly blessed as West Erwin. God has given so much potential to this family that it staggers the imagination for what lies ahead. West Erwin has one of the best staffs I have ever seen. Jay Lockhart is a true man of God. He has taught me so much about Bible study, about being open to God in your life, and about ministering to the church family. Danny Snell is as good as they come as a youth minister. His focus for our young people is just what they need to become Christ-centered adults. And Danny's love and compassion for people has taught me a great deal about the love of Christ. Jo Butler and Frances McBee are not only efficient as church secretaries, but effective as well -- and those two qualities do not come easily. They have been great supporters for me in my work. I consider it a great privilege to consider each of these not only my co-workers, but also my friends.

God has blessed the West Erwin church with an abundance of other talent as well. Your elders are genuine-hearted men. They carry no other agenda but to lead this church in the way of Christ, as God would have them to. Your teachers love their learners and work hard to provide the best in Bible learning for them. The talent they bring to their Bible classes equals all that any other church has to offer. Your education coordinators do a thankless job exceedingly well week after week. The only pay they receive is the knowledge that they are doing something significant for the Lord's kingdom.

This does not even begin to mention the other ministries of this church, or the great financial resources God has put at your disposal, or the wealth of talent that has yet to be tapped. God is truly a gracious God! May God give you every spiritual blessing as you continue to grow as His family at West Erwin!

Yours and His,

*Dewey*



Records	Sunday April 21	Sunday April 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	395	438
Worship A.M.	570	560	623
Worship P.M.	382	402	445
Wed. P.M.	239	188	210
Contribution	\$13,871.92	\$14,795.83	\$19,112.33
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$1,289.08 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 28 and Wed. P.M., May 1, David Haney, Jr., ph. 581-2670.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Elizabeth Hughes** had gall bladder surgery Tuesday at U.T. Health Center. **Robert Stokes** was hospitalized for tests but is now at home. **Buddy Bell** is recuperating at home. **Florene Adams** is ill at home. **Mimi Aven** is in Charter Hospital in Austin. **Gladys Holcomb** is very ill in Colonial Manor. **Bill Burke**, Ray and Carolyn Womack's son-in-law, will go to Dallas for further tests and heart surgery. **Launa Armstrong**, and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Louise Campbell**, Linda Brumitt's mother, is recovering at home in Illinois from injuries received in a car accident. George Hearne's brother got an encouraging report following cancer treatment. **Charles Nunn**, Eleanor Nunn's son, is now in Terrell State Hospital. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Melvin Crow  
 Scripture Don Crowder  
 Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Danny Craddock

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

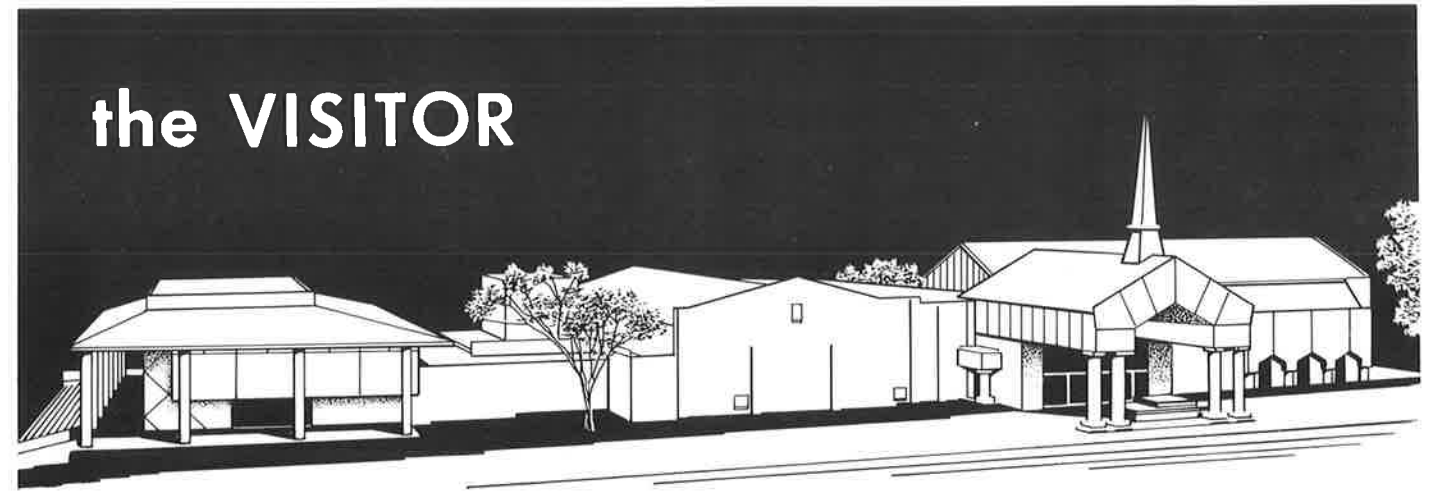
Announcements Leon Welborn  
 Prayer Edgar Bullard  
 Scripture Faber Cauthen  
 Dismiss Dan Cullinan

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

George Hearne K. Max Haws  
 David Haney Matt Haws  
 Jay Graham Mark Gregory  
 Wayne Harrison Warren Gray

**GREETERS**

Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes  
 Charles & Louise Seaberry



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**"Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart"**

(Exodus 6:28 - 7:7)

**P.M. Studies In Thessalonians: #11**

**"What Every Christian Needs" #4**

(II Thessalonians 1:11-12)


**DO YOU HAVE A MOSES ON YOUR HANDS?**

"What do you know about Moses?", the Bible class teacher asked her eager 5th graders. "He was saved from death because his mother put him in a little boat on the river." "He was found by Pharaoh's daughter." "He led the people out of bondage." "He gave the Ten Commandments." "He led the children of Israel in the desert." We know a great deal about Moses, don't we? Without a doubt, he is one of the greatest people in the Bible. But, what do you know about his parents? Some may know their names were Amram and Jochebed. Others may know they were of the tribe of Levi. A few may know this passage of Scripture: "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command" (Hebrews 11:23). The story of Moses really begins with parents faith. The king of Egypt had decreed that all Hebrew male babies should be thrown into the Nile River. However, the faith of Moses' parents led them to reject the king's commandment. As a result, Moses was rescued by the daughter of Pharaoh from the river and nurtured for the first few years of his life by his own

mother. During those years his parents must have taught him about his heritage, the God of Israel, and the promised future. What happened then is history: Moses was brought up in the house of Pharaoh as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; after 40 years in Egypt he refused the splendor and power of a position in Egypt and became a shepherd in the wilderness of Sinai for another 40 years; then God called and Moses answered to become Law-giver, deliverer, leader, prophet, priest, protector, and a household name to millions. What Moses became was largely because of his parent's faith which led them to preserve him, provide for him, and prepare him for the service of God. Now, look at your child. Here is a gift from God. You are entrusted with a treasure. What will your child become? The answer will largely be dependent upon your faith. You may have a Moses on your hands if (and that's a big "if") you have enough faith to fulfill your God-given responsibilities in training him in the ways of God. Bible classes will help. Regular attendance in worship will help. Christian associations will help. Do all you can to capture the Moses in your child while the opportunity is there. Think about it!

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who made LTC 1996 a wonderful event. We appreciate all of those who stayed for the presentation this past Sunday night. There are a few things that I forgot to mention in the presentation. Two of our young people received scholarships from Christian Colleges. Casey Culpepper received a \$500.00 scholarship from Harding University and Tiffany Sublette received a \$500.00 scholarship from Abilene Christian University. Congratulations to these two. Congratulations also to Erin Aven for a Gold in Chorus. A large group of our young people also put together a Video Bible Drama but we have not yet received the results. More information on that subject when it becomes available.

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**IN APPRECIATION**

We would like to say thank you for all the concern, visits, calls, cards, food, and prayers while Bill was in the hospital and recuperating at home. We love all of you and are truly blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Love,  
Bill and Ruth Meazell  
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I want to thank the ladies for the nice card they sent me. I appreciate them thinking of me.

Gwen Shuford  
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Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you so much for the money sent for Monday lunch. We bought pizza from CiCi's. We truly appreciate your continued support.

In Him,  
Tri-C

**BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

The Church of Christ chartered Boy Scout Troop 354 is having their annual spaghetti supper at the Fellowship Center of the Shiloh Road church on Saturday, April 27, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$2.50 and children are \$1.00 and may be purchased from any of our scouts, committee members or at the door. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal and help our scouts fund their activities.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

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**ADDRESSES CHANGES:**

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| Jeff and Brenda Holland<br>(now at his parent's home)<br>18 Village Green Court<br>Denison, Texas 75020 | Lois Hoppers<br>(former West Erwin member)<br>Elkhart Manor Nursing Home<br>Jones Rd., P.O. Box 659<br>Elkhart, Texas 75839 |
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**THESEARCH** Each Sunday  
KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.  
KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.  
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**BRIDAL SHOWER**

You're invited to a gift coffee honoring Kristie Leigh Hardin bride-elect of Eric Reid Arnette on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Skipper 3306 Greenoak Place

Selections: R.L. Davis, Dillard's, Foley's and The Market Place

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS**

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting April 28 - May 1

Charles Hodge from Duncanville, Preacher and

Mark Foster from Carthage, Song Director  
Carthage Church of Christ, 1309 West Panola  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.  
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This is your invitation to attend a Gospel Meeting at the South Main Church of Christ 402 South Main, Henderson  
April 28 - May 1

Ed Wharton, instructor at Sunset Bible Institute in Lubbock will be the speaker  
Sunday: 9:30, 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Wed. 7:00 p.m. & 12-12:45 "brown bag" lunch and brief lesson  
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*Sandwich Supper  
honoring  
Dewey and Angela Howard  
in our Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, April 28, 1996  
after the evening worship assembly  
Bring sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts  
Drinks will be furnished*

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

**God's Wonderful World**

5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Concludes this Sunday, April 28.**

This has been a great occasion of fun and Bible learning for our young children at West Erwin. They have all been thrilled and delighted with the wonders of God's wonderful world. Have your child here for the final evening this Sunday.

My special appreciation goes to Velma Lemons for organizing this special event. She has done an outstanding job of getting people involved with our kids. Thanks also to all of these others who made *God's Wonderful World* such a great time.

- Dale Blackstone · Danny Craddock · Courtney Craddock
- Dorothy Daugherty · Mary June Goodson · Nicholas Goodson
- Melanie Goodson · Claudia Griffis · Kyle Stowers · Casey Haws
- Brittany Haws · Cynthia Johnson · Tim Marshal · Jade Marshall
- Frances McBee · Sandra Park · Carolyn Philpot · Mary Poulson
- LaDawn Ragsdale · Marsha Richardson · Joy Shogry
- Diane Weathers · Rhonda Weathers · Esther Wilson
- Carolyn Womack



**Now is the time to get signed up for Camp Friendship!**

Our first annual day camp for children finishing Kindergarten through 5th Grade will be June 3-7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. What an exciting week of Bible learning, friendship making, and camp fun this will be. Your children need to be a part of this week if at all possible. There is a supply fee involved, but scholarships are available. Contact Martha Waggoner or Jeannie Ross if you need more information.

**The Children's Library books are slowly reappearing.**

You may remember that a few weeks ago we discovered that about half of the books in the Children's Library were missing. Over the last couple of weeks, several have been returned, and we appreciate your help in getting these back in place. If you still have some books but did not fill out a check out card, please let us know that you have them. And let me encourage everyone to continue using the Children's Library. It is a wonderful resource for our children at West Erwin.

**If you borrowed a Mexican hat or two after the holiday banquet in December, we need to get those back to their owners.** Please check around at home and let me know if you have borrowed some of the decorations from the banquet.

**\*\*\* Noon Koinonia Group #1 will meet this Sunday. \*\*\***

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday May 12	Sunday May 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	381	393
Worship A.M.	644	547	687
Worship P.M.	321	338	355
Wed. P.M.	257	247	230
Contribution	\$15,816.86	\$15,864.98	\$14,302.14
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$655.86 over budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 19, and Wed. P.M., May 22, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center, room 3309. **Casey Ross**, son of Kelly and Jeannie Ross, had dental surgery Monday. **Guy Potts** had day surgery Tuesday at Medical Center. **Mimi Aven** is in St. David's Hospital in Austin. **Buddy Emmons**, Bea Taylor's son and Danny Snell's brother, had angioplasty and a stint Wednesday in San Antonio. **Bill Burke**, Ray and Carolyn Womack's son-in-law, had successful heart surgery Tuesday in Dallas. **Ray Lott**, former member and elder at West Erwin, is in Mother Frances following a heart attack Saturday. He had an arteriogram Wednesday to determine treatment. **Roy Bohannon** has been diagnosed with lung cancer in Mother Frances. **Homer Lynch**, a member of the Overton church, is in Mother Frances Hospital. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family that are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, or in nursing homes.

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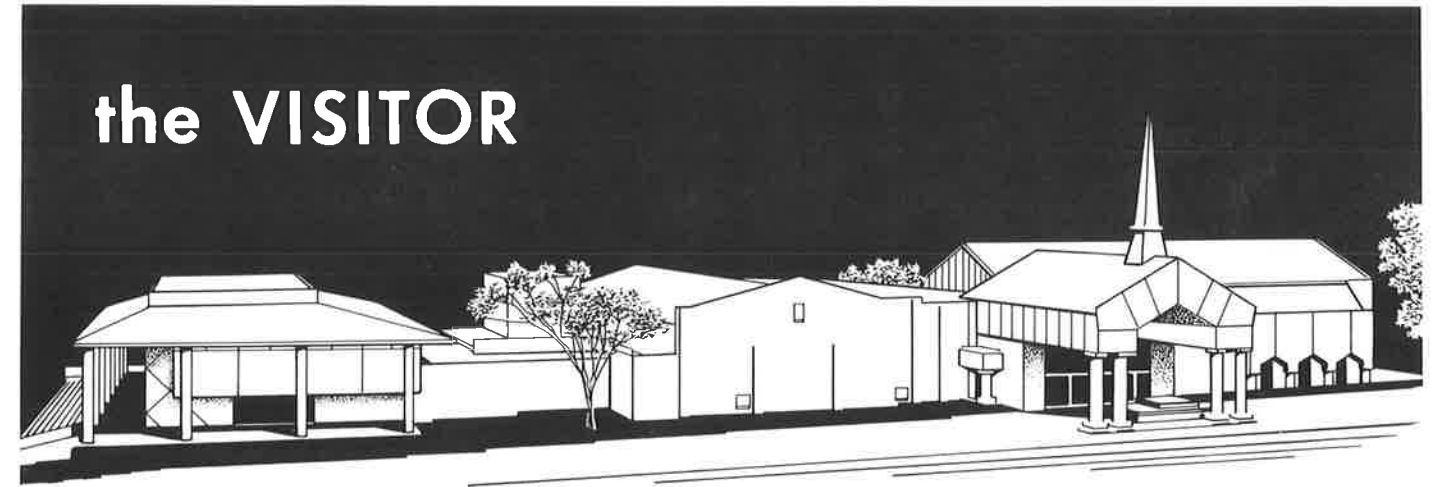
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Daniel DuPree  
Scripture Harold Denman  
Dismiss Tim Doss

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Garry Goswick

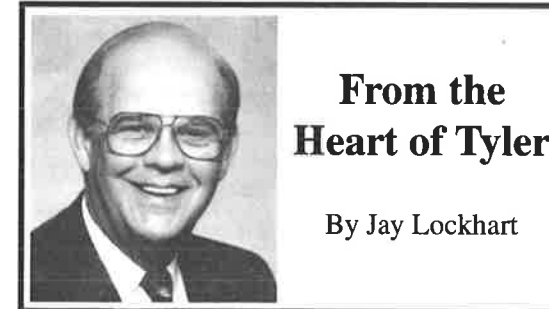
**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
Baccalaureate  
for  
City-Wide Seniors  
at West Erwin  
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Larry Henry Darryl Hendrix  
Chad Hilliard Billie Ingram  
Robert Hilliard Hillard Hughes  
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, May 19, 1996**

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **Studies In Exodus: #8**

**"Bread From Heaven"**

(Exodus 16:1-8)

P.M. **City-Wide Baccalaureate**

**FREEMAN MORGAN LEAVES ELDERSHIP**

Last Sunday Freeman Morgan, one of our elders for the past five years, submitted his resignation in a statement made before the congregation. He cited some family and business needs that necessitated his decision at this time. In 1991 the West Erwin church was at an unfamiliar juncture in our history: because of various circumstances we found ourselves with but two elders and we appointed seven at one time. Following the death of Ferman Carpenter on May 24, 1992, these seven men have served along with Joe McBee until the present. Our eldership has worked in harmony, in love, and in dedication to Christ. These men have gained our support and appreciation as they have served us as our shepherds. Freeman has been a vital part of this eldership through these years. When we built our new auditorium in 1992, we needed someone who knew about construction and who could devote the time to be on the job site nearly every day. Freeman had that know how and somehow found the time to devote six months to the building project. We are deeply indebted to him for this work of personal self-sacrifice. Additionally, Freeman has been involved in every aspect of our elders' work and we thank him

for the service rendered and the love shown to this church and to Christ. We are glad that Freeman and Billie will continue to be actively involved in the work of West Erwin. As a matter of fact, Freeman will be teaching one of our adult classes during the summer months. Thank you, Freeman, for devoting the past five years to serving as an elder.



Freeman Morgan

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# Congratulations

# Seniors '96



**Adam Bryant**



**Jeni Butler**



**Matthew Carpenter**



**Cindy Carruth**



**Chantel Haney**

**Adam C. Bryant**, son of Dwayne and Cathy Bryant, is a graduate of Whitehouse High School where he was a member of the Wildcat Band for 4 years, Jazz Band 1 year, and Wildcat Soccer Team for 3 years. He was a cast member in two stage productions at Brickstreet on Broadway. Adam plans to attend TJC and major in Theatre Arts/Music. He will be attending an entertainment workshop in New York this summer.

**Jenifer Lyn Butler** was in National Honor Society 2 years, Peer Helper 1 year, Science Club 2 years, Key Club 2 years, Spanish Club 2 years, Soph. Class Representative, Freshman Class Treasurer, Freshman Varsity track, Soph. Varsity tennis, Sr. yearbook staff, Jr. Students Against Drunk Driving, UIL Literary team, Soph. & Sr. Drama Club, Who's Who Among High School Students, U.S. Achievement Academy Freshman & Sr., Freshman & Soph. Band, placed 5th in Editorial Writing at District UIL and served as a volunteer at Mother Frances Hospital 3 years. Jeni is the daughter of Fleta Butler and Bob Butler and the granddaughter of Mary Butler. She is a graduate of Bullard High School and plans to attend Baylor University and major in Bio-Medical Science.

**Matthew Carpenter**, son of Sylvia Carpenter and grandson of Tillie Carpenter, is a graduate of R. E. Lee High school. He served as president of the Distributive Education Club of America and was a member of the National Marketing Club of America. He was a participant in the South Coast Music Festival. Matt plans to go to T.J.C., then U.T. Tyler and pursue an M.B.A. in Business Administration.

**Cindy Carruth**, daughter of Les and Carolyn Carruth, is a graduate of Whitehouse High School, graduating in the top 10% of her class. She was active in Spanish Club, Key Club, National Honor Society, D-FY-IT, Choir, Show Choir and Drill Team. She was named to Who's Who of American High School Students '95-'96, All-Region Choir, NCA All American, Honor Roll, and was Lt. Gov. of Key Club '95-'96. She plans to attend Harding University and major in education. She is employed as hostess at the Olive Garden.

**Chantel Haney** was in Spanish Club 1 year, D-FY-IT 1 year, Freshman Cheering Squad, Sophomore Cheerleader, Varsity Cheerleader 2 years, National Cheerleaders Assc. Camp counselor 3 years, was named in Who's Who Among High School Students 2 years. During her first year as varsity cheerleader, her team placed 14th nationwide at the 1994 National Cheerleader competition. Chantel received an award as the most valuable team member of the '94-'95 R.E. Lee Varsity cheerleading squad and a scholarship from her cheerleading sponsor. She also is active in community volunteer work. She is a graduate of R. E. Lee and plans to go to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and major in Psychology. Chantel is the daughter of David and Cathy Haney and is currently employed as hostess at Red Lobster Restaurant.

**Jesse Jackson** is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School in the 3-year graduate program, graduating with highest honors. He was on the Honor Roll and in the National Honor Society. He is the son of Dan and Susan Payne and is part of the management team for Captain D's Restaurant. He enjoys restoring old cars. Jesse hopes to enter the field of psychology.

**Jonathan Lowrance** was active in the Distributive Education Clubs of America and is an employee of Brookshire Grocery Co. He is the son of Tommy and Donna Lowrance and will attend TJC.

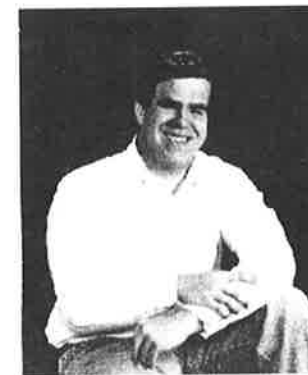
**Kevin Maples**, son of Melvin and Donna Maples, is a graduate of Brownsboro High School, graduating 6th in his class with a GPA of 96.58. He was recipient of a Dean's Scholarship at TJC, was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, was in National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, played baseball, basketball, and served as a drill team escort. Kevin plans to continue working as a Customer Service Manager at Hastings while he attends TJC.

**Tiffany Sublette**, daughter of James and Connie Sublette, is graduating in the top 10% of her class at R.E. Lee High School. She was in volleyball, track, sophomore and varsity cheerleader, National Honor Society, Zonta Club, Spanish Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students and was chosen as Lions Club Queen. She was awarded Zonta Club Scholarship, PTA Scholarship, UIL Scholarship and ACU Leadership and Trustee Scholarships. She will major in Computer Science at ACU.

**Joanna Vannoy** received scholarships to Harding University for participation in Leadership Training for Christ and scholastic achievement. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is graduating from R.E. Lee High School with 12 hours from TJC. She was in Health Occupation Students of America 2 years, Spanish club 2 years, Clinical Program at Mother Frances 1 year, Volleyball 1 year, D-FY-IT 7 years; has attended ACU camps for 6 years, and participated in 3 mission trips. Joanna plans to major in Nursing at Harding University. She is the daughter of Ray and Gail Vannoy.

**Tanya Rene' Wiggains**, the daughter of Lowell and Cecille Wiggains and granddaughter of Tillie Carpenter, is a graduate of R.E. Lee High School. She was active in the Spanish Club, Key Club, Science Club, Cheering Squad, and Pep Squad. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College, then A& M University and major in Child Psychology.

\*No pictures available for Jesse Jackson and Melissa Elerson and no write-up for Melissa, who is the daughter of Joe and Sherry Elerson. She is graduating early and received a scholarship from the state.



**Jonathan Lowrance**



**Kevin Maples**



**Tiffany Sublette**



**Joanna Vannoy**



**Tanya Wiggains**



Records	Sunday April 14	Sunday April 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	341	340
Worship A.M.	560	712	691
Worship P.M.	402	252	282
Wed. P.M.	188	228	233
Contribution	\$14,795.83	\$14,945.97	\$12,709.73
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$365.17 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 21 and Wed. P.M., April 24, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Edna Hodnett** had cataract surgery Tuesday at Tyler Square. **Norma Durham** broke her arm in a fall. **Leon Santos** is now at home. **Buddy Bell** is recuperating at his son's home in Dallas. **Mimi Aven** is now in Charter Hospital in Austin. **Gladys Holcomb** is very ill in Colonial Manor. **Margaret Loftis**, Mary Gaiser's sister, is now at home. **Jeff and Brenda Holland** are now at Jeff's parent's home in Denison due to pregnancy problems. **Bill Burke**, Ray and Carolyn Womack's son-in-law, is scheduled for an angiogram Monday. **Launa Armstrong**, and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Louise Campbell**, Linda Brumitt's mother, has been airlifted back to her home in Illinois after being seriously injured in a car accident near Corpus Christi last weekend. **Velma Cole**, Stan Denman's mother-in-law, has been dismissed from Medical Center. Little **Bethany Slack** is improved and the Slacks are in the US for few weeks.

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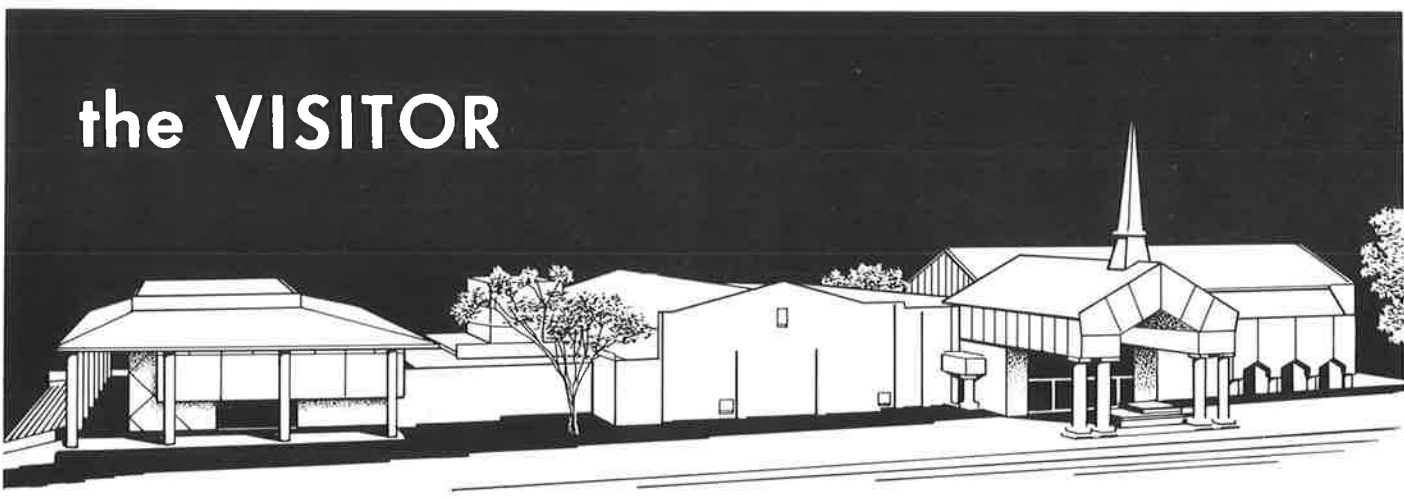
**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Milburn Cook  
Scripture Carlton Cormier  
Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Mike Cooney  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Freeman Morgan  
Prayer Gary Broome  
Scripture Henry Brown  
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**Sermons for Sunday, April 21, 1996**

- By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**A.M. Studies In Exodus: #4**  
**"The Reluctant Servant"**  
 (Exodus 4:1-9)  
**P.M. Studies In Thessalonians:**  
**"What Every Christian Needs" #3**  
 (II Thessalonians 2:1-12)

**DEWEY HOWARD ACCEPTS LUBBOCK POSITION**

Dewey Howard has served us as Minister of Education from 1991 until the present. He came to us well trained and well qualified to work in religious education from children's classes to adult studies. Many have profited from his talents during the last five years, not only in our Bible classes but also in his song leading and preaching. We are indebted to Dewey for the thought and planning which he brought to our education program and the countless other ways in which he served. To me he has been a congenial staff member, a good idea man, and a treasured friend. Angela also used her talents well as she served as teacher, as coordinator, and in our women's ministry. Dewey and Angela will conclude their work with us on May 3, and begin their ministry with the Green Lawn church in Lubbock by mid-May. As Dewey, Angela, Kayla, and Matthew prepare to leave us we want to thank them for serving with us and wish them every happiness and success in their new home.

**EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION**

Last Tuesday evening about 300 people from around East Texas assembled at the Sheraton Hotel to hear Vladimir Scovorodnikov, chairman of the Committee of Education of the Altai Public School Region located in the former Soviet Union. Mr. Scovorodnikov supervises two major universities and 1652 public schools with 430,000 students. Additionally, he is over 82 colleges, 68 schools of special education, and 1800 kindergartens. The remarkable thing about Mr. Scovorodnikov's work, as far as we are concerned, is that he initiated the teaching of the Bible in the public schools of his region and authorized members of the church to prepare a curriculum and to train his teachers. It was obvious that the crowd gathered at the Sheraton was moved as Mr. Scovorodniko explained why he wanted Christianity taught to the children of Russia. Through his interpreter, Adell Strizhenko, who is a professor and holds a Ph.D. degree, and is a New Testament Christian, Mr. Scovorodnikov said, "We are partners in sharing the word of God at just the right time for the Russian people."

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## Youth Notes

by  
Danny Snell



### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the middle school devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time at the Dawkins' home. Thanks to Wally & Laurie Dawkins, Rick & Karen Fedell, and Grant & Leanne Knight for hosting the evening.

### LTC

This coming Sunday night will be our LTC Celebration. At the close of the evening worship assembly we will present the plaques and awards to all of the participants who went to the LTC Convention. It will also be a time to honor those sponsors who made it all possible. All of those who went to LTC need to wear their LTC t-shirts and plan to sit together.

### SUMMER MISSIONS

Time is fast approaching for our summer mission trips to begin working and planning. The dates are posted at the bottom of this column. The Mexico Mission is for those going into the 10th grade and up. The Nebraska Mission is for those going into the 9th grade and up. Please be thinking and praying about these important missions and if you are interested in going, sign the list on the Youth Bulletin Board ASAP.

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July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet Apr. 22.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Ladies,  
What a wonderful shower you had for Jeff and Brenda! We are so happy that our children are so loved and so well taken care of. Hopefully, we'll soon have a beautiful, healthy baby who'll enjoy all the wonderful gifts.

In Him,  
Buddy & Janet Holland

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Tony Adams** on his latest award! His Chapel Hill High School drafting program was named as the high school technology program of the year for the state of Texas. Tony has won numerous awards, both state and national. Some other awards include being named the Association of Texas Technology Education Teacher of the Year in 1994 and the Chapel Hill teacher of the year three times.

### BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Church of Christ chartered Boy Scout Troop 354 is having their annual spaghetti supper at the Fellowship Center of the Shiloh Road church on Saturday, April 27, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$2.50 and children are \$1.00 and may be purchased from any of our scouts, committee members or at the door. Plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal and help our scouts fund their activities.

### YOUNG AT HEART SPECIAL

The Young at Heart group is planning a special daytime potluck meal on Saturday, April 20th from 11:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Food, games, door prizes and a lot more! Call Ray Womack at 561-5227 for transportation for any who need it.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday in Henderson for Floyd Adams, Tony Adams' dad. Graveside services were held last Friday in Shreveport for Max Loyd, Bill Endsley's nephew. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Hattie Thomas, Faye Freeman's mother. Dianne Leek, former West Erwin member, died Sunday. Services were held Wednesday in Halls, Tennessee. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all these families in the loss of their loved ones.

*"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."*

*Song of Solomon 2:11, 12*

### The SEARCH



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

### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a gift coffee honoring Kristie Leigh Hardin bride-elect of Eric Reid Arnette on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Skipper 3306 Greenoak Place

Selections: R.L. Davis, Dillard's, Foley's and The Market Place

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

### GOSPEL MEETING

The Broad Street Church of Christ 440 West Broad Street, Mineola, Texas invites you to attend a Gospel Meeting with Randy Daw of Tyler April 21 - 24

Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 6:00 p.m. with a pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon.

Weeknight services are at 7:30 p.m.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

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

"No one has ever risen to the real stature of spiritual maturity until they have found it finer to serve someone else than to serve themselves."

"Excellence can be attained if you ...

\*Care more than others think is wise.

\*Risk more than others think is safe.

\*Dream more than others think is practical.

\*Expect more than others think is possible."

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

"You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

"There is no failure except in no longer trying."

"The biggest step you take may be the one you take when meeting the other person half way."

"Use the talents you possess: the woods would be silent if no birds sang except those that sing best."

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
*Evangelizing \* Edifying \* Encouraging*  
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## Spotlight on Education



by Dewey Howard

### God's Wonderful World

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Continues this Sunday, April 21, and will run for two more week.



For all young children, toddlers through Pre-K, right here at West Erwin. Bible stories, singing, nature exploration, arts and crafts, and lots of fun. Spring is a fabulous time to enjoy God's creation wonders. Have your children here as we explore *God's Wonderful World!*



**Information and registration forms for Camp Friendship** are now available! Our first annual day camp for children finishing Kindergarten through 5th Grade will be June 3-7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. What an exciting week of Bible learning, friendship making, and camp fun this will be. Your children need to be a part of this week if at all possible. There is a supply fee involved, but scholarships are available if the need arises. Sign up for *Camp Friendship*. Contact Martha Waggoner or Jeannie Ross if you need more information.

**Yes, what you have heard is true.** I have accepted a position as the Education Minister for the Green Lawn church in Lubbock, Texas. During the first week of May my family will be making the move to Lubbock. As I explained Sunday, this is a decision that Angela and I have prayed about, discussed much, and struggled over making the right choice. We have come to believe that this is an opportunity that the Lord wants us to take at this time. The West Erwin family is very special to us and you will always hold a prominent place in our hearts. You have loved us much and taught us much. Please pray that God will be with us as we make this move, and that He will bless West Erwin in the transition.

\*\*\* Noon Koinonia Group #4 will meet this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday April 7	Sunday March 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	341	411	391
Worship A.M.	712	650	613
Worship P.M.	252	851	352
Wed. P.M.	228	240	221
Contribution	\$14,945.97	\$15,449.08	\$14,229.91
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$215.03 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 14 and Wed. P.M., April 17, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Leon Santos** was taken to Mother Frances Sunday with heart problems. He had a pacemaker implant on Wednesday. **Buddy Bell's** surgery went well and the prognosis is very good. He is in Zale Lipsky Hospital in Dallas. **Ray Womack** is doing well after knee surgery last Friday. **Mimi Aven** is in Trinity Valley Hospital in Palestine. **Bill Mezell** is recuperating at home from a recent heart attack and angioplasty. **Gladys Holcomb** is very ill in Colonial Manor. **Margaret Loftis**, Mary Gaiser's sister, is in Mother Frances after a heart attack and angioplasty. **Jeff** and **Brenda Holland** are now at Jeff's parent's home in Denison due to pregnancy problems. **Launa Armstrong**, and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Velma Cole**, Stan Denman's mother-in-law, had heart surgery Monday at Medical Center. **Pauline Rakestrew**, Barbara Brady's sister is very ill with cancer in Albuquerque. Little **Bethany Slack** is hospitalized with malaria in Togo.

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer James Ball  
 Scripture Dale Blackstone  
 Elder's Prayer Freeman Morgan

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Bob Clemmons

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Freeman Morgan  
 Prayer Brent Clothier  
 Scripture Brad Chambless  
 Dismiss Matt Carpenter

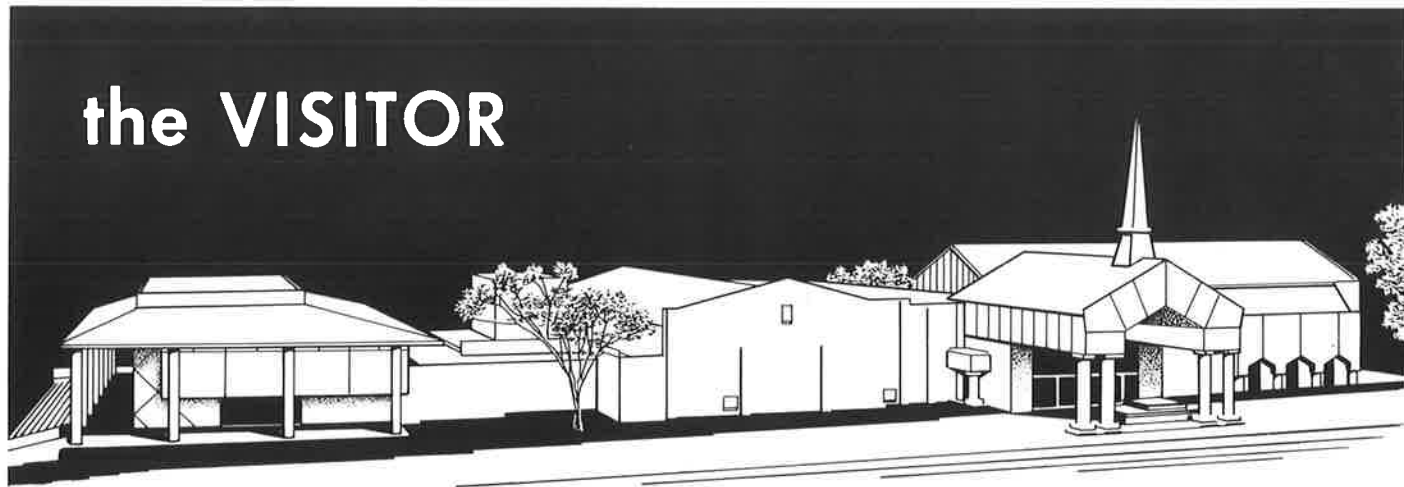
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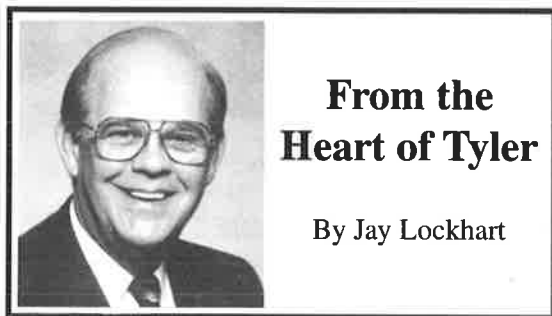
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 (II Thessalonians 1:3-10)

**VLADIMIR SCOVORODNIKOV TO TYLER**

On Tuesday, April 16, Eastern European Mission will host a dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Tyler for the purpose of introducing Vladimir Scovorodnikov to our brethren in East Texas. Why is this a significant event? Vladimir Scovorodnikov is the superintendent of the Altai Public School Region in Russia which has 430,000 students and 60,000 teachers. In 1992 Scovorodnikov met a campaign group from the North Atlanta, Georgia church and asked the leaders to write a curriculum for training his teachers to teach Christianity in their public schools. In a cooperative effort, a 24 lesson series was written by staff members of the Sunset International Christian Institute in Lubbock, Royce Sartain of DeSoto, Atlanta Christian School teachers, and Southern Christian University and Faulkner University, both of Montgomery, Alabama. Sunset edited the final version. Eastern European Mission translated the course, printed it, and delivered it to Russia. A team of instructors goes

regularly to Russia to prepare the teachers to use the materials. Eastern European Mission also prints the Russian Bibles which are used. Scovorodnikov is coming to America to tell us why he suggested that American Christians come to Russia to help them teach the Bible to Russian public school students. He will be speaking at dinners in Los Angeles, Lubbock, Nashville, Dallas, and Tyler. You are invited to attend the Tyler meeting which will be at the Sheraton Hotel on South Broadway, April 16, with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner meeting from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The dinner will be provided by E.E.M. free of cost. However, it is essential that everyone make reservations by calling the West Erwin church office. Those who attend will be given the opportunity to make whatever gift they choose to help print more Bibles for Russia. This is a historic opportunity and you will be blessed by attending. Call the church office today to make your reservations.

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by  
*Danny Snell*



### LTC

LTC 1996 is over and was a tremendous success! Over 4500 young people participated in the convention at the Dallas Convention Center. Our young people did an outstanding job in every event they participated in, receiving awards including bronze, silver, and gold, as well as several college scholarships. We're so thankful that our elders appreciate what a blessing LTC is to our young people and to West Erwin. We're already looking forward to LTC '97! A great big thanks to all who made LTC '96 possible and especially the group of sponsors who kept everything going.

### LEARNING TO LEAD

The Learning to Lead Camp applications are available and must be mailed ASAP.

### "Be Strong and Courageous" SUMMER MISSIONS

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All Middle School students are invited to attend the devo after the worship assembly Sunday night. Plan to come and bring a friend! More details in class Sunday a.m.

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WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

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

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you for the time, effort and love that was put into the baby shower for my sister, Brenda. It thrilled my soul to finally meet some of the congregation that means so much to her and Jeff's life and mission. The Spirit of Christ is truly at work in you!!

Much love,  
Glenda Spears  
(Sister of Brenda Holland)

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To all the wonderful ladies who made Brenda Holland's shower so nice -- as her mother I can only say I'm so thankful for the love you have shown Jeff and Brenda. To know you are all praying for them each day is a wonderful gift in itself. Thank you hardly expresses what I mean. God bless each of you.

Mary Sue Greer

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Dear Friends,

Things are going well with all the testing and X-rays so far. We have been going back and forth for these - not in the hospital yet but will go there tomorrow (April 4) and the surgery at 8:00 on the morning of the 5th.

Buddy and Dorothy Bell

(Buddy's surgery went well and the prognosis is very good).

### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

Last week the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class completed their study of the Gospel of Luke. **Fern Bench**, who is loved and appreciated by the class for her sweet spirit and ability, has been the teacher for this class for four years. She always encourages women to develop their talents to teach. A variety of teachers from the class and a couple of visiting teachers will present lessons through May 22. Ladies who do not work away from home are invited to be present each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room to enjoy the lessons and the fellowship.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with **Jessica Anne Crocker** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism at a young age. She was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. She is in the 4th grade and is the daughter of Michelle Crocker. They live at 1902 North Emerson, 75702, ph. 593-7412.

**Richard Gregory** came Sunday to be restored to his Lord and place membership with the West Erwin church. Richard is the son of our Doris Kennedy and "grew up" in this congregation and we are very happy to welcome him back home. He lives at 10271 CR 490, 75706, ph. 597-7610.

### YOUNG AT HEART SPECIAL

The Young at Heart group is planning a special daylight potluck meal on Saturday, April 20th from 11:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Food, games, door prizes and a lot more! Call Ray Womack at 561-5227 for transportation for any who need it.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Joe and Frances McBee** on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 5! They celebrated with a family luncheon with daughter and son-in-law, Cindi and Howard Galletly and grandson, Brennan. Joe is one of our elders and Frances has served as a secretary at West Erwin since 1968.

### DISCOVERY DAYS

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### Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

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**Are you being impacted by Christ's last few hours?** Our Sunday morning study, *A Walk with Christ to the Cross*, reaches its halfway point this Sunday in our adult classes. If you have been following this series, you no doubt have been awed at the greatness of our Redeemer as He submitted Himself to the physical and verbal abuse of evil men. You have identified with the struggles and weaknesses of men like Peter, Judas, and the other disciples who were with Jesus during the last few hours. You have been perplexed and puzzled by the corruption, selfishness and ignorance of men who claimed to be the religious leaders of the Jews. And you have been moved by a sense of overwhelming love in the fact that Jesus did all of this for you and me. Join us on Sunday mornings for the rest of our journey with Christ to the cross. His heart will touch your heart as you experience His greatness through His awesome love at the cross.

\*\*\* Noon Koinonia Group #3 will meet this Sunday.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Most PM Koinonia Groups meet this Sunday.\*\*\*



Records	Sunday March 31	Sunday March 24	Year Year Ago
Bible Class	411	385	376
Worship A.M.	650	549	580
Worship P.M.	851	341	882
Wed. P.M.	240	NC	261
Contribution	\$15,449.08	\$14,781.84	\$13,877.90
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$88.08 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 7 and Wed. P.M., April 10, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Buddy Bell** is scheduled for surgery Friday, April 5, in Dallas. **Lorene Venable** was admitted to Mother Frances Tuesday night. **Bill Meazell** had a heart attack last weekend, did well after angioplasty on Monday and went home Tuesday. **Charles McCoy** is having back problems. **Dorothy Davis** is recuperating at her sister's home. **Janie Farrer**, sister of Richie Spencer and daughter-in-law of Walter and Mary Farrer, got a good report from biopsies at St. Jude's Hospital. **Brenda Holland** is on her way home due to pregnancy problems. **Launa Armstrong**, and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Jeanette Ingram** is still undergoing tests. Continue to remember **Lola Houston**, Jayne Fitzgerald's grandmother, and her dad, **John Houston**, as they undergo treatment. **Joe McLane**, Mary Poulsen's brother, had surgery last week at Mother Frances. **Leon Armstrong**, Bea Taylor's brother, had successful heart surgery this week in McAllen.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Prayer Roy Bench  
 Scripture Mago Barajas  
 Elder's Prayer James Sublette  
 PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
 Ed Butterworth  
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements James Sublette  
 Prayer Jim Bell  
 Scripture Ray Bradford  
 Dismiss Harold Browning

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Chris Elzen Ken Elerson  
 Ken Elzen Joe Elerson  
 Don Durham Joseph Elerson  
 Rick Fedell Walter Farrer

**GREETERS**

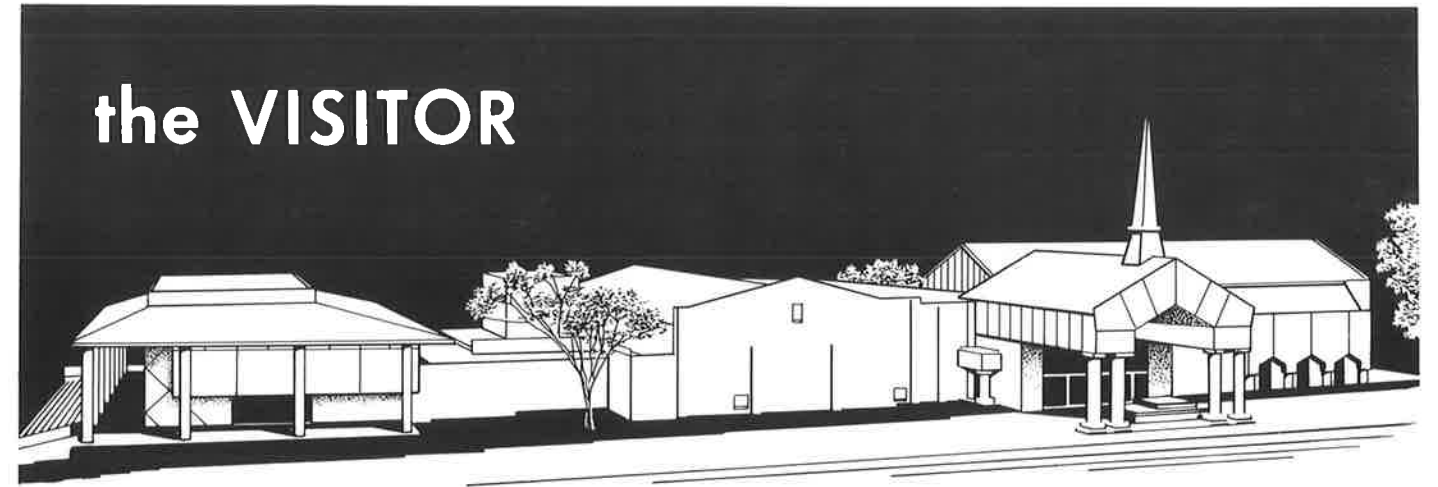
Milburn and Jan Cook  
 Alan and Patsy Fisher

Set your clocks ahead  
 one hour Saturday  
 night and you will  
 be on time for  
 Bible Class on  
 Sunday, April 7th.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Dewey Howard - Education		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>MISSIONS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Harold Taylor	Jeff Holland	Christian Service Center .....9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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Stan Clark			



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**Sermons for Sunday, April 7, 1996**  
 By Daniel Morgan  
 A.M. The Good News From the Graveyard  
 (I Corinthians 15:1-3)  
 P.M. My Trip to Estonia  
 (II Corinthians 1:8-1, 2:14-16)

**INVOLVED WITH OTHERS**

Eric Little is a name with which you may not be familiar, but you do know a part, at least, of his story. He was featured in the movie, "Chariots of Fire" for winning in the 1924 Olympics. He later went to China as a missionary and traded his gold medal for money that he might become involved in the lives of Chinese orphans. We need a passion for becoming involved in the lives of others. Of course, we are not here thinking of becoming a "busybody in other people's matters" (I Peter 4:15), but rather becoming involved in other people's lives out of genuine concern for their spiritual well-being. We have a wonderful commodity in our hands -- the treasure and pearl of great price which we find in the gospel. We look for opportunities to serve the needs of others in order that we can ultimately share with them the gospel. The initial involvement might be something quite simple like listening to someone who needs a sympathetic ear, or a visit to someone who is lonely, or the giving of a "cup of cold water" in His name. You might invite someone to your Bible class on Sunday


or to our worship assemblies. When we show loving concern for others and when we will inconvenience ourselves in becoming involved with others, we should not be surprised when doors are opened through which we may pass with the message of the everlasting gospel. Look for opportunities. Begin this Sunday by asking someone to join you in our assembly and by greeting every visitor in our services.

**DANIEL MORGAN TO PREACH**

Daniel Morgan has at least two great interests in the Kingdom of God: first, he is interested in taking the gospel to Eastern Europe (a work we will share with him) and second, he is interested in building up the local church by involving as many of the members in significant service as possible (a work he will share with us). This Sunday Daniel will be preaching during both assemblies at West Erwin. He will have something helpful to say. Be sure to hear him!

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who helped with the city wide devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout with over 150 people from the various churches in Tyler. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Thanks to Ben Wall and the teens from Glenwood for the great singing.

**LEARNING TO LEAD**

The Learning to Lead Camp applications are available and must be mailed ASAP.

**LTC**

LTC is upon us! As most of you are reading this article, a large group from West Erwin will be well into the 1996 LTC Convention. Please pray for our group this weekend.

I am constantly amazed at the number of adults who spend countless hours of time and energy working with our teens. May God bless you for your generosity. West Erwin, you are a wonderful church!

**"Be Strong and Courageous"**

**SUMMER MISSIONS**

Time is fast approaching for our summer mission trips to begin working and planning. The dates are posted at the bottom of this column. The Mexico Mission is for those going into the 10th grade and up. The Nebraska Mission is for those going into the 9th grade and up. Please be thinking and praying about these important missions and if you are interested in going, sign the list on the Youth Bulletin Board.

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Apr. 5-7 L T C
- Apr. 14 Middle School Devotional
- May 25 Jr.-Sr. Day
- May 26 Baccalaureate
- May 31- June 6 Mexico Mission
- June 9-14 Learning To Lead Camp
- July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip

**WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY**  
Team #2 will meet Apr. 15.

**IN APPRECIATION**

To our West Erwin family,  
We want to thank you for all of your concern and acts of kindness. We truly appreciate all of your calls, visits and the time and effort spent on preparing and delivering meals to our home. We love all of you and feel so blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Love,  
Daniel, Kim and Jessica DuPree  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you for your love and concern for Jack and me during my recent surgery.

In Christian Love,  
Peggy Garner  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear West Erwin Church,  
I truly appreciate your concern and prayers during my recent illness. I am gaining strength every day. I love you all and am grateful to be blessed with such a wonderful church family.

Love In Christ,  
Kyle Willoughby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for all of the food, visits, cards, and calls we received after Justin's birth. We would also like to thank the church for Justin's Bible and the Beginner's Bible you gave us. We are blessed to be a part of this church family.

Love,  
Jeff, Melissa, and Justin Parrish  
\*\*\*\*\*

Jan and I want to thank each of you for the concern expressed to us in the loss of my mother. Thank you for the cards, flowers, and personal contacts. We love you.

The Milburn Cook Family


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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to **Lawton Taylor** who celebrated his 95th birthday on April 1. We wish him good health and happiness in his 96th year! Lawton is the husband of Bea Taylor and they are the parents of Danny Snell.

**The Search**



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**AREA EVENTS**

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Missions Ministry presents  
Acappella, America's Premier Vocal Group  
Tuesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.  
DeSoto High School Auditorium  
benefitting the 2nd Annual Camp Balchyoca in  
Tallinn, Estonia (formerly Soviet Union)  
Tickets \$10.00 each  
For information call 223-6220  
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HYMN FEST '96  
Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Church of Christ  
Hwy 11 West, Daingerfield  
Special Groups & Congregational Singing  
\*\*\*\*\*

You're invited to a special  
Sunrise Memorial Service  
Sunday, April 7, 7:00 a.m.  
Memorial Park Cemetery - Hwy 64 West

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Wednesday in Lubbock for Crystal Coats, Dale Blackstone's cousin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

**BENEVOLENT WORK**

During the month of March 94 families were helped through our Benevolent Center. Clothing valued at \$2,354.00 was distributed to 324 people and 13 Bibles were given to those requesting them.

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

**If you are a parent of a preschooler, make a note** that there will be no Children's Worship Training class this Sunday, April 7. We want to encourage you to enjoy the day of worship as a family.

We are always in need of help training children in the Worship Training class on Sunday mornings. You are just the one our children need! If you are a mom or dad, or a high school or middle school student, talk with Kelly and Jeannie Ross about helping for a week or two. (Please, no helpers under middle school age unless accompanied by a parent.)

**We are still missing some books in the children's library.**

Recently someone borrowed about half of the books from the library. We want you to use them, but please let us know where they are. If you have these books or know where they are, please contact me as soon as possible. Our children's library is in constant use at West Erwin. We hope that you are taking advantage of it.



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**March was a good month for us in our Bible class** attendance. We had five Sundays in March, and each one (with the exception of March 24) saw over 400 men and women, boys and girls, gathered to study God's word together. March 3 - 424; March 10 - 400; March 17 - 452; March 24 - 385; March 31 - 411. Our Bible class ministry is growing. We need YOU to be an active participant each week!

\*\*\* Noon Koinonia Group #3 will meet this Sunday. \*\*\*

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Wed. P.M.	232	205	272
Contribution	\$13,567.25	\$14,813.78	\$14,387.80
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**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Mary McFadden** had gall bladder surgery Tuesday at Medical Center. **Gussie Beaty** is at home and doing well after knee replacement surgery last week. **Vera Boss** is now at home. **Dorothy Davis** is in room 486 at Mother Frances Hospital. **Brenda Holland** is at home but confined to bed for several weeks. **Paul Colson** is recovering at home from recent surgery. **Edna Hodnett** is at her daughter's after cataract surgery last week. **Launa Armstrong**, and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Buddy Bell** will be scheduled for bladder removal surgery soon. **Fred Rousseau**, Trey's dad, is very ill with cancer. **Jasper Huff**, Jerry Huff's dad, is at home after surgery last week at Medical Center. **Leon Armstrong**, Bea Taylor's brother and Danny Snell's uncle, is in ICU in McAllen awaiting bypass surgery. **Emily Hart Henderson**, an almost 2 year old child, has a rare form of cancer and her family has requested our prayers in her behalf.

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ELDERS		
Freeman Morgan	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
James Sublette	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee
Stan Clark	Leon Welborn	

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

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Don McCune  
 Scripture Jim McDonald  
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Paul Stanley

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Phil Marts  
 Prayer Gary Aven  
 Scripture Garrett Sublette  
 Dismiss Casey Haws

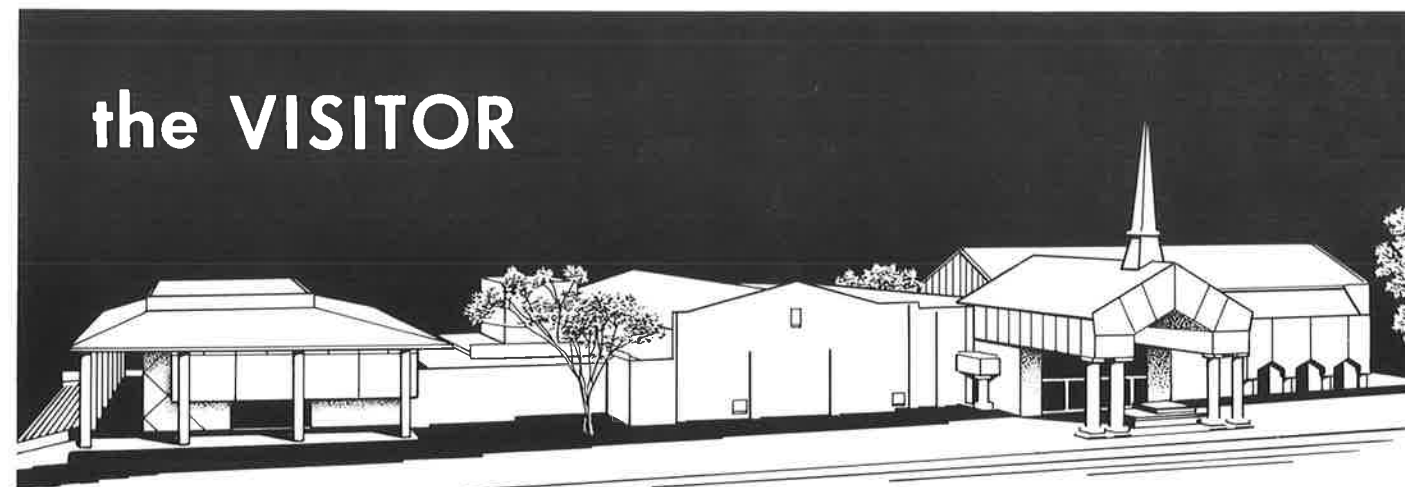
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Tim Doss Mike Downing  
 David Demic Don Drummond  
 Daniel DuPree Harold Denman  
 Henry Dunn Scott Dews

GREETERS


Faber & Kathryn Cauthen  
 Jack & Peggy Garner

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, March 24, 1996**

By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
 A.M. Studies In Exodus: "A Promise Kept" (Exodus 1:1-7)  
 P.M. Studies In Thessalonians "What Every Christian Needs" (1) (2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4)

**MEEKER, COLORADO**

For several years the West Erwin church helped support the work in Meeker, Colorado. The church began meeting in the early 1970's with about 30 people meeting in a private home. Because the oil shale activity in the area brought several additional members of the church to Meeker, the brethren began to meet in the basement of a downtown building and soon acquired two acres of prime property in the Sanderson Hills subdivision. With the help of a congregation in New Mexico and the West Erwin church, Meeker was able to build a Spanish-style house which served as a church building and, it was planned, to later be a preacher's residence. However, the oil boom went bust and most of the members were transferred out of Meeker, leaving only 12 people to carry on the work. Through the generosity of Ross Walker the indebtedness on the house was paid off, allowing the congregation to meet their other financial obligations. Today the church in Meeker has a new preacher, a new building, and is growing. We now believe the future for the church there is bright and we know that everyone who has been interested in that work through the years will be happy to know of the progress being made.

**AREA-WIDE MEETING**

On Sunday evening, March 31, the churches of the Tyler area will meet at the West Erwin building as we feature the child care being done by Christian Services of East Texas. Prentice Meador, pulpit minister for the Prestoncrest church in Dallas, who has done much work in child care himself, will be our speaker. An opportunity will be given to those in attendance to participate in a special contribution for C.S.E.T. Please come prepared to participate in this contribution. We will begin singing at 5:00 p.m. and Prentice will speak at 6:00 p.m.

**THE FIRST THREE MINUTES**

It has been observed that the first three minutes after the "Amen" at a church service are the most critical for speaking with visitors. Just three minutes. That's all we have. It's so easy to spend the first three minutes after the services to talk with friends or to get ready to leave. But that's all the time we have to great visitors and to make them feel welcome. The first three minutes after the "Amen" are critical. Use them wisely.



# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins, Garrett Cantrell, and Russell Fedell for being inducted into the Junior National Honor Society in Whitehouse. Way to go guys!

Congratulations to Mandy McClenny whose Lindale Tennis Team won Second in State. WOW! Great job, Mandy!

Congratulations to Tiffany Sublette for being selected as the Area Lion Club Queen. She will receive a scholarship and be in the final for the regional Queen. Way to go Tiffany!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Invite a friend and plan to come. We will be finished at 9:00.

## LEARNING TO LEAD

The Learning to Lead Camp applications are available and need to be turned in ASAP. If you have any questions, let me know.

## LTC

LTC is counting down to three weeks now and most of us are feeling the crunch. Chorus is meeting each Wednesday night. All of those doing Bible Reading need to be present at a meeting this Sunday at 5:30. Puppets will be meeting this Sunday at 3:30. Live Modern Drama will meet at 4:30. Please be present at these meetings. The fee for LTC housing (\$20.00 per person per night) is due by Sunday, March 31.

## LTC SPONSORS

All of those who are LTC Sponsors need to be available each Sunday to help with the various events over the next few weeks. If you are not sure where you are needed, let me know.

**"Be Strong and Courageous"**

## IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

- Mar. 24 LTC Practice
- Mar. 24 Middle School Devotional
- Apr. 5-7 L T C
- May 31-June 6 Mexico Mission
- June 9-14 Learning To Lead Camp
- July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip

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

## IN APPRECIATION

At times like these we really do thank our Father for kind friends like you all have always been. We are honored to have been a part of the West Erwin family as Pop loved each one of you dearly. Thank you all for the prayers, kind words, food, friendship and love you have bestowed upon us since our father's passing. We love you all.

The George H. Stephenson Family  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

We just received our wonderful Christmas package from all of you! Thank you so much! You have never seen two people enjoy Fruit Loops like we have been doing! Everything you sent was just great, especially the video of all of you. You are all very special to us and we can't wait to be with you again this next November. Thank you and God bless.

Jeff and Brenda Holland  
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Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you for your help this month for our cottage. We appreciate it so much, as always. Spring is in the air, we hope, and we're getting ready for a break. The girls visit their families or sponsors and we are going camping. Our daughter, Megan, placed first in her division at the Duncan Bible Bowl this month. Please remember us in your prayers as we work with the girls here.

In Christian love,  
Doug and Jill Stickler and  
Little Top Cottage

## CONGRATULATIONS

A picture designed by Landon Gregory, 6, son of Mark and Angel Gregory, was chosen for publication in a Children's Cancer Fund calendar for 1996. He presented his framed entry, which was selected for the month of July, to the Fentress-Brown Foundation in the Grand Kempinski Hotel-Crystal Ballroom in Dallas recently. The foundation bought his picture for \$10,000 to go the Children's Cancer Fund of Dallas. The fund benefits the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

## C.S.E.T. ANNOUNCES CHALLENGE GRANT

Christian Services of East Texas has received notice from an out of state Foundation, and an interested individual, of a \$20,000 gift. This is in the form of a 2 for 1 challenge gift that must be met in order to receive the \$20,000. When CSET raises \$40,000 from interested Christians the challenge will be met. The collection taken at the area wide service on Sunday, March 31, at the West Erwin building, will count toward this match. All are encouraged to give as generously as possible to benefit the children of East Texas and demonstrate the support of Christians of the Tyler area for child care.

## the search



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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Tyler Cooney, son of Mike and Vikki Cooney, in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism. Tyler was baptized into Christ last Thursday afternoon by Jay Lockhart. He is a student at A.C.U. His parents live at 1019 Santa Rosa, 75701, ph. 533-1595.

## IT'S A SURPRISE BABY SHOWER!

You're invited to A Baby Shower honoring Brenda Holland Saturday, March 30, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

(Jeff's parents will be here to stand in for the prospective parents. There is a list of things needed for the baby in the south foyer. Sign your name for the item or items you would like to send in order to avoid duplications).

## E.T.C.A OPEN HOUSE

East Texas Christian Academy is hosting an open house on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. for pre-registration for the 1996-97 kindergarten classes. Call 561-9582 for more information

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday at Burks Walker Tippitt Funeral Home for Stephen Wayne Hodges, Bill McCain's nephew. Services were held Wednesday in Rosefield, California for Evelyn Davis, Milburn Cook's mother. Services were held Wednesday in Austin for Anna Murchison, Connie Sublette's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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## COLLEGE GRADUATE

Congratulations to **Brody Clark** on his recent graduation from Louisiana Tech University. He received a degree in marketing and has accepted a position in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

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## Spotlight on Education

by *Dewey Howard*

**Our seminar with Harvey Porter was fantastic!** I hope your faith was increased as much as mine as I looked at and listened to the evidence from history that our Bible is a historically factual document. God has indeed worked in some great ways throughout history, and the things that Harvey Porter brought just verified what we know by faith to be true.

There is a group of folks that I want to give a whole lot of appreciation to. We provided classes for our young children during the seminar this week. Any time we do that there is a group of people who have to miss portions of the event. The people who helped this week were gracious enough to care for our children while the rest of us enjoyed Harvey's presentations. My hat is off to these people for their selfless love:

Karen Fedell, Nina Crow, Claudia Griffis, Ruth Ellis, Kim Lemons, Fleta Butler, Sandra Henry, Shelly Henry, Dorothy Daugherty, Martha Waggoner, Marsha Richardson, Linda McClenny, Leigh Ann McClenny, Michael and Michelle Millsap, Treicia Starr, Marisa Suggs, Jo Butler, Angela Howard, Lisa Snell, Debbe Davis, Donna Lowrance, Jerry and Rachel Huff, Rhonda Weathers, Jeff Fennell, Kelly Ross, Frances McBee, and Carolyn Philpot.



## Counselors Needed!

**Camp Friendship**  
June 3-7, 1996

If you are a high school or college age student, we need your help this summer in *Camp Friendship*. We want to give you the opportunity to lead a group of Kindergartners through 5th Graders in a fun-filled, faith-building day camp. If you can help, please fill out one of the applications that are available in your Bible class room and return it to me or Jeannie Ross by March 31.

**Please save your empty soap containers for me.** I am in need of empty soap containers of all brands. Whether it is dish-washing soap, bath soap, laundry soap, or whatever, please bring me the box, bottle, or wrapper when you are finished with it. Thanks for your help!

**Our Annual Food Drive** in our children's class begins this month. Our children will receive details this week in Bible class. Let's work together to give to some kids who need our help!



\*\*\* Noon Koinonia Group #1 will meet this Sunday. \*\*\*



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Bible Class	400	424	413
Worship A.M.	578	604	573
Worship P.M.	396	346	385
Wed. P.M.	205	237	245
Contribution	\$14,813.78	\$17,578.16	\$14,102.43

Weekly Budget \$15,161.00 (\$347.22 under budget)

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 17 and Wed. P.M., March 20, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Gussie Beaty** is doing well after knee replacement surgery Monday at Medical Center. **Vera Boss** is now in ETMC Rehab, room 303A. **Dorothy Davis** is recovering from surgery in room 486 at Mother Frances Hospital. **Brenda Holland** is hospitalized in Togo with pregnancy problems. **Paul Colson** was dismissed from Medical Center Tuesday after surgery last week. **Edna Hodnett** had cataract surgery Tuesday at Tyler Square. **Mary McFadden** is scheduled for gall bladder surgery next Tuesday. **Sharon Gehring** is recovering at home from pneumonia. **Chris Elzen** has been having serious asthma problems. **Launa Armstrong, Buddy Bell** and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Floyd Adams**, Tony Adams' father, is undergoing cancer treatment at M.D. Anderson in Houston. **Albert Covey**, John Wallace's uncle, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. **Fred Rousseau**, Trey's dad, is hospitalized for treatment and is very ill with cancer.

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Prayer Ben Young  
 Scripture Wynne Weathers  
 Elder's Prayer Stan Clark

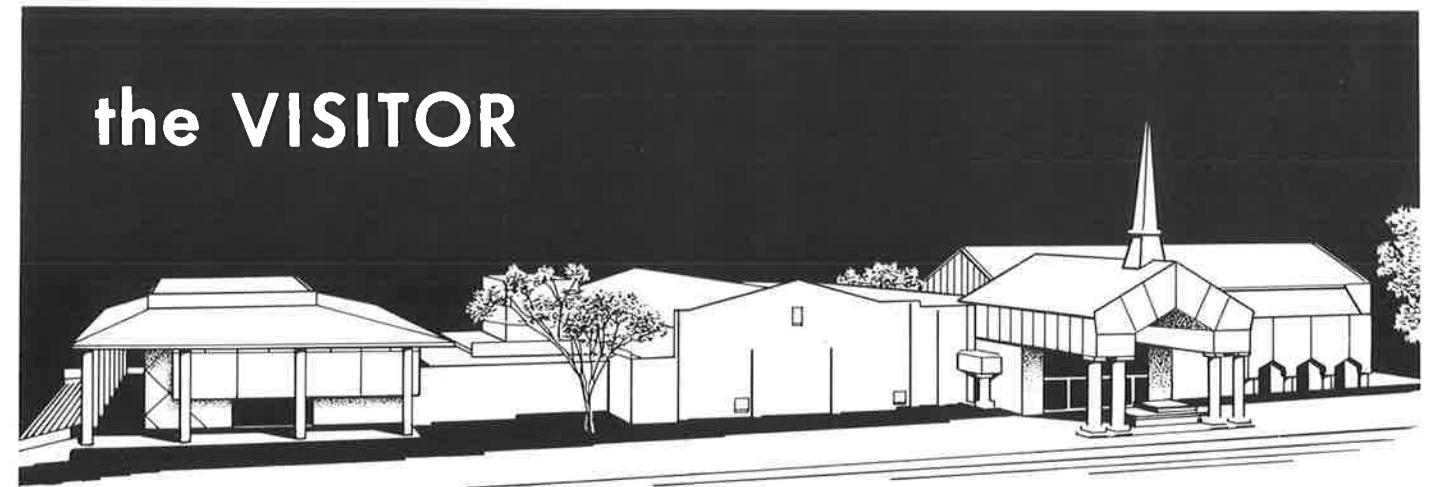
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Stan Clark  
 Prayer Mike Gravois  
 Scripture Bo Wiegrefe  
 Dismiss Terry Frick


SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
 Tim Doss Mike Downing  
 David Demic Don Drummond  
 Daniel DuPree Harold Denman  
 Henry Dunn Scott Dews

GREETERS  
 Faber & Kathryn Cauthen  
 Jack & Peggy Garner

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

**THE BIBLE AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

**March 17- 20**



**Dr. Harvey Porter**

- Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - **"Herod's Building Projects"**
- Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - **"I Am Set For The Defense of the Gospel"**
- Sunday, 6:00 p.m. - **"Abraham and the Land of Sumer"**
- Monday, 7:00 p. m. - **"Egypt and the Exodus"**
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - **"Joshua and the Land of Canaan"**
- Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - **"The Land of Pergamum"**
- Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - **"Assyrian and Babylonian Captivities"**

\*Classes will be provided for all preschool age children Monday through Wednesday evenings

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# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the Carruth's this Sunday night after church. Invite a friend and plan to come. We will be finished at 9:00.

## LEARNING TO LEAD

The Learning to Lead Camp applications are available and need to be turned in ASAP. If you have any questions, let me know.

## YOUTH WORKDAY

We will have a workday on Tuesday, Mar. 19 to help some of our folks rake their yards and prepare for spring. We will meet at 9:30 and finish at 4:30. Bring some lunch money and wear work clothes. If the weather is questionable, call before you come.

## LTC

LTC is counting down to three weeks now and most of us are feeling the crunch. Chorus is meeting each Wednesday night. All of those doing Bible Reading need to be present at a meeting this Sunday at 5:30. Puppets will be meeting this Sunday at 3:30. Live Modern Drama will meet at 4:30. Please be present at these meetings. The fee for LTC housing (\$20.00 per person per night) is due by Sunday, March 31.

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Apr. 5-7	LTC
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June 9-14	Learning To Lead Camp
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

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

## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to all our parents who helped to make our Bible Hour Homecoming a big success. A very special thanks to Paige Morris and Ray and Gail Vannoy for always being there for us. Their help Sunday night and throughout the years has always meant so much.

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone  
James & Connie Sublette

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the members of West Erwin's basketball team! The "Tyler Marvin Basketball League" (18 yrs and older), made up of 12 different churches, selected West Erwin as the team that showed *most sportsmanship*. Team members were Jim Bell, Gary Cain, Jeff Fennell, Jerry Huff, Luke Ingram, Grant Knight, J.N. Metcalf, Jeff Phillips and Bo Wiegrefe. That league ended on March 1.

## IF WE ONLY KNEW

If we only knew that the smiles we see  
Often hide the tears that would fain be free,  
Would we not more tender and loving be,  
If we only knew?

If we only knew that the words we say  
Oft may drive the peace from some heart away,  
Would we speak those words in the selfsame way,  
If we only knew?

If we only knew that some weary heart  
Has been burdened more by our thoughtless art,  
Would we cause the tears from those eyes to start,  
If we only knew?

If we only knew, as we onward go,  
Many things that here we can never know,  
For more patient love we would often show,  
If we only knew.

- Author Unknown

## DISCOVERY DAYS

Are you interested in a summer program for grades kindergarten through 5th? Discovery Days is planning to have a fun-filled Tuesday and/or Thursday class for elementary students this summer. If you're interested, call Martha Waggoner at 597-2111 or call the church office.

## WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Mike Downing in the death of his grandmother, Abbottee Downing, last Sunday in Dallas. Services were held in Alabama.

## THE SEARCH



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## 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

## CAMP FRIENDSHIP

If you have a woodburning set that you would be willing to loan for use in West Erwin's Camp Friendship June 3 - 8, please call Marsha Richardson at 566-6574. Also need liquid soap containers, large or small. Thanks for your help.

## TOYS NEEDED

If you have riding toys or other outside toys for ages four and five that your children have outgrown or no longer use, they would be put to good use at Discovery Days. If you have toys you would like to donate you may bring them to the church office.

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## Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

**Our Archeology Seminar with Harvey Porter begins** this Sunday, March 17. These will be four faith-building days as we discover how the artifacts of history confirm the message of God's word. Our Bible classes, Worship Training, and Bible Hour programs will be going on as usual on Sunday. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings we will have Bible classes for our Pre-K children. Invite your children who are elementary-age and older to enjoy the seminar with you. Harvey uses slides in his presentations, and these should be very interesting to all of us. Let's have a great faith-week together.

**Most of our Koinonia Groups have met for the first time** in 1996. Each of our groups report good participation, delightful fellowship, and prospects for a great year. If you have not been involved in Koinonia, you need to be. It will help you get to know members of your family here at West Erwin that you have not had a chance to meet. We always have guests at our noon meetings, and you will be a great encouragement to them as well. Information sheets about Koinonia are in the foyers. Let me know if I can answer any questions you may have, or if you need help becoming a part of one of our fellowship groups.

**We need camp counselors for Camp Friendship.** When our Kindergartners through 5th Graders come for day camp this summer, we need several young people who will help out as counselors to our campers. You will be participating in the activities with the kids, teaching a Bible lesson each day, and setting a Christian example for them. Camp counselor positions are open to persons in high school through college. They will be selected from applications that are turned in to us. Beginning this Sunday you will be given an opportunity to fill out an application. Come have fun with us this summer.

## The calendars are filling up for 1996!

- o City-Wide Assembly at West Erwin (PM) ..... March 31
- o *God's Wonderful World*  
For Pre-K children ..... April 14, 21, 28
- o *What the Church Needs Now*  
Wednesday Summer Speaker Series ..... June - August
- o *Camp Friendship*  
Day camp for grades K - 5 ..... June 3-7
- o *The Jesus Expedition*  
VBS at West Erwin ..... June 24-27
- o ACU Summer Workshops ..... July 21-24
- o East Texas Teacher Training Workshop ..... September 14

Keep your eyes and ears open as more information about these activities is shared. Be a part of the teaching ministry here at West Erwin. We are all growing in God's love because of what He is doing in our family.

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Contribution	\$17,578.16	\$15,939.81	\$14,446.61
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$2,417.16 over budget)	

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**PRAYER AND CARE**

Dr. Mark Morris had surgery to repair a broken hand last Friday. Dorothy Davis is in room 486 at Mother Frances Hospital after knee replacement surgery Monday. Sandra Henry is beginning a new treatment this week. Launa Armstrong and Buddy Bell are continuing treatment. Henry Starnes is now in Glenview Nursing Center. Louis Jones is recuperating at home from recent hip replacement surgery. Dorothy Mannen is recovering at home from pneumonia. Floyd Adams, Tony Adams' father, is undergoing cancer treatment at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Albert Covey, John Wallace's uncle, is very ill and undergoing tests. Lawrence Bell, an elder from Clarksville, is in ETMC Rehab #46. 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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Scripture Tony Smith  
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Fred Wingate

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Ira Wilson  
Prayer Ray Womack  
Scripture Randall Wilson  
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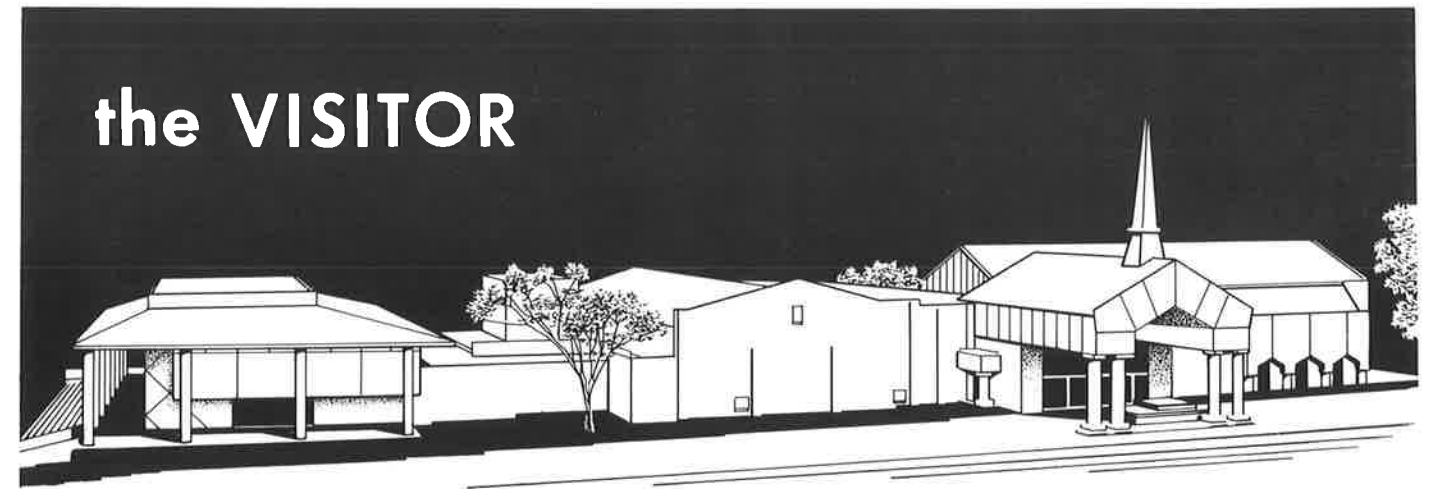
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Brady Dawkins Don Crowder  
Wally Dawkins Melvin Crow  
David Daughtry Ken Culpepper  
Dickey Dale Casey Culpepper

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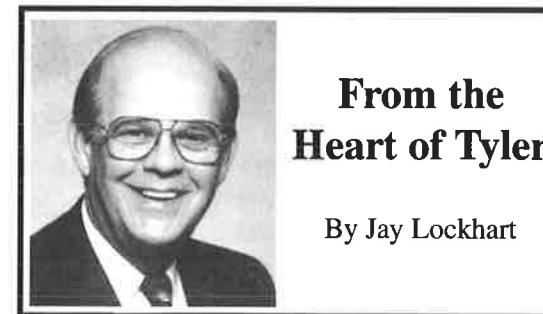
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**Sermons for Sunday, March 10, 1996**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Let's Have A Family Talk"  
(I Timothy 3:14-15)  
P.M. Studies In Thessalonians # 7  
"How Every Christian Should Watch" (I Thess. 1-11)

**BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

What is archaeology? The dictionary says archaeology is "the scientific study of life and culture of ancient peoples, as by excavation of ancient cities, relics, artifacts, etc." As it pertains to the Bible, archaeology is concerned primarily with the study of ancient sites and relics mentioned in the Bible. For example, the Behistun Rock was discovered in 1835 by Sir Henry Rawlinson, a British army officer stationed in Persia. It is an isolated rock rising 1700 feet out of the plain 200 miles northeast of Babylon. An inscription on the rock was written in 516 B.C. by order of Darius, the king of Persia, who gave permission for the temple in Jerusalem to be rebuilt in the very same year, as recorded in the Book of Ezra. This inscription unlocked the vast treasures of ancient Babylonian literature. Consider another example: one of the most important archaeological discoveries ever made was Hammurabi's Code. This king of Babylon was contemporary with Abraham and is thought to be the "Amraphel" of Genesis 14, one of the kings Abraham pursued to rescue Lot. This Code not only bears testimony to a well developed system of jurisprudence in Abraham's day but also shows that as early as

1900 B.C. literary skill had reached a remarkably advanced stage. This is quite interesting since critics of the Bible, before the discovery of the Code in 1902, said Moses could not have written Genesis - Deuteronomy because writing was invented after Moses' time (c. 1400 B.C.)! Literally thousands of archaeological discoveries have been made in the lands of the Bible which verify peoples, places, and events recorded in the Bible. We believe the Bible is the Word of God and we believe the internal evidence (things like the claims of the Bible, fulfilled prophecy, the unity of the message, and the scientific and historical accuracy) and the external evidence (things like the influence of the Bible upon the world) demonstrate the Divine authorship of the Bible. However, archaeological discoveries give us an added dimension for building our faith in the Bible as God's Word. This is the reason our upcoming illustrated lecture series, The Bible and Archaeology, with Harvey Porter is so important. This series will be beneficial to young and old alike. It will be enjoyed by your friends. Plan to attend. Have your children present. Invite others. You'll be glad you did.

**Youth  
Notes**  
by  
*Danny Snell*



**THANKS**

Thanks to James & Connie Sublette and Gary & Julie Ables for hosting the Combined Devotional this past Sunday. It was Great!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations are in order to Carla Lemons for a 1st Division rating in Choir at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest in Nacogdoches. Way to go Carla!

**BIBLE QUIZ**

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**LEARNING TO LEAD**

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**LTC**

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- July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet Mar. 3.

**IN APPRECIATION**

My sincere thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during my recent surgery and recuperation. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.

Thank you,  
Rose Teel

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I wish to thank the West Erwin church family for their concern during my recent illness. Your visits, calls, cards and flowers put sunshine in my days.

In Christian Love,  
Audrey Ball

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To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

We wish to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits you did for us during H.M.'s stay in the hospital. It is wonderful to be a member of such a loving family.

In Christian love,  
Alla & H. M. Minnis

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We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expressions of sympathy.

The Family of Walker Felts  
(Karen Butterworth's dad)

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To the members of West Erwin Church of Christ,

Many thanks for the lovely spray of flowers sent to the funeral of Velma Patricia Ragsdale. The family members appreciate the kind thoughts and prayers of the congregation.

Mary Ellen Ragsdale

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Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers, food and visits while I was in the hospital, and while I recuperate at home. Your encouragement as well as your caring concern have certainly brightened the days for Jane and me. I am looking forward to being with you in worship services soon.

With love and appreciation,  
Louis Jones


**BIBLE HOUR HOMECOMING**

You are invited to join our Homecoming activities on Sunday, March 10, following our evening worship service. Regular Bible Hour and Homecoming will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, and all the kids!

**BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 11. Listed below are items needed. However, all items collected are greatly appreciated. CRANBERRY JUICE, KOOL-AID (regular and/or sweetened), CHILI (15 or 19 oz. cans).

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



**BRIDAL SHOWER**

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring Amy O'Quinn bride-elect of Ryan Mullins on Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 to 12:30 at the home of Wanda Weathers 3401 Heines

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

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Please join us for a celebration in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Myra and W.A. "Bill" Chandler Saturday, March 9, 1996 at 2:30 p.m. Chandler Nursing Center 300 Cherry Street, Chandler, Texas Joined in Holy Matrimony March 11, 1946

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Jason O'Quinn** for special academic achievement in being named to the Abilene Christian University Dean's list for the fall semester.

Congratulations to **Patsy Fisher!** She was recently selected by the Piney Woods Counseling Association as Counselor of the Year. The awards ceremony was held at Tyler Junior College on February 27.

**NEW ARRIVALS**


Congratulations to John and Kim Mayer on the birth of Kenneth Allen on March 2. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and is 22 inches long. Jim and Priscilla Mayer are the proud grandparents.

Emily Renee' McKee was born February 16 in Wichita Falls to Doug and Melinda McKee, former West Erwin members. She weighed 8 lb. 3 oz.

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**Spotlight  
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**God's Wonderful World**

April 14, 21, and 28

For Toddlers through Pre-K

God's Wonderful World will be three, special days of learning and discovery for our young children. From 5 - 7 p.m. each Sunday afternoon our children and their friends will be invited to enjoy Bible stories, nature exhibits, crafts, singing, and much more as we explore and appreciate the wonderful world God has given us. Circle April 14, 21, and 28 on your calendars so that your children will be a part of these exciting learning experiences. If you would like to help on one or more of these dates, contact me or Velma Lemons.

**Camp Friendship**

June 3-8

For Kids Finishing Grades K-5



Camp Friendship is a fun summer day camp planned for elementary-age children. Small and large group Bible lessons, outdoor activities, crafts, field trips, singing, yelling, and plenty of "messy" fun will all be a part of this week of adventure. The fun and learning begins at 9:30 each morning and concludes at 3:30 each afternoon. Information pamphlets with registration forms will be available within the next couple of weeks. There will be a small charge to cover supplies for the camp. Make sure your children can participate in Camp Friendship this summer. And if you want to help in some way, talk with me, Martha Waggoner, or Jeannie Ross.

**Help is needed in Children's Worship Training.** Each Sunday morning at West Erwin we have a wonderful program that goes on for our preschool children during the worship assembly. The children participate in Bible stories and worship training geared to their level of understanding. We need your help to keep this program strong. All we ask is that you spend one or two Sundays this year loving the children in one of the classes. No teaching is required. Just your presence and love. See Kelly and Jeannie Ross if you can help.

\*\*\* New Koinonia #4 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*



Records	Sunday Feb. 25	Sunday Feb. 18	Year Ago
Bible Class	400	364	369
Worship A.M.	601	533	526
Worship P.M.	351	321	310
Wed. P.M.	220	225	263
Contribution	\$15,939.81	\$12,453.37	\$11,233.93
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$778.81 over budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, March 3 and Wed. P.M., March 6, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Henry Starnes** is in Mother Frances Hospital. **Dorothy Davis** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Louis Jones** is recovering at home from recent hip replacement surgery. **Jon Sorrells** is recovering from recent back surgery. **H.M. Minnis** is now at home. **Floyd Adams**, Tony Adams' father, had cancer surgery last week at M.D. Anderson in Houston. **Maxine Goodman**, Mark Waggonner's grandmother, suffered a stroke in Shreveport. **Ronnie Patrick**, Ken Elerson's boss, is doing well after brain surgery. He got a good report and is appreciative of our prayers. **Lawrence Bell**, an elder from Clarksville, is in ETMC Rehab #46. 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.

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Prayer Lowell Wiggains  
 Scripture Mark Waggonner  
 Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn  
 PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
 John Wallace  
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Leon Welborn  
 Prayer Shane Wilmoth  
 Scripture Kyle Willoughby  
 Dismiss Justin Wiggains  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Brady Dawkins Don Crowder  
 Wally Dawkins Melvin Crow  
 David Daughtry Ken Culpepper  
 Dickey Dale Casey Culpepper  
**GREETERS**  
 Mary Gaiser & Roberta Tindall  
 Ray & Carolyn Womack

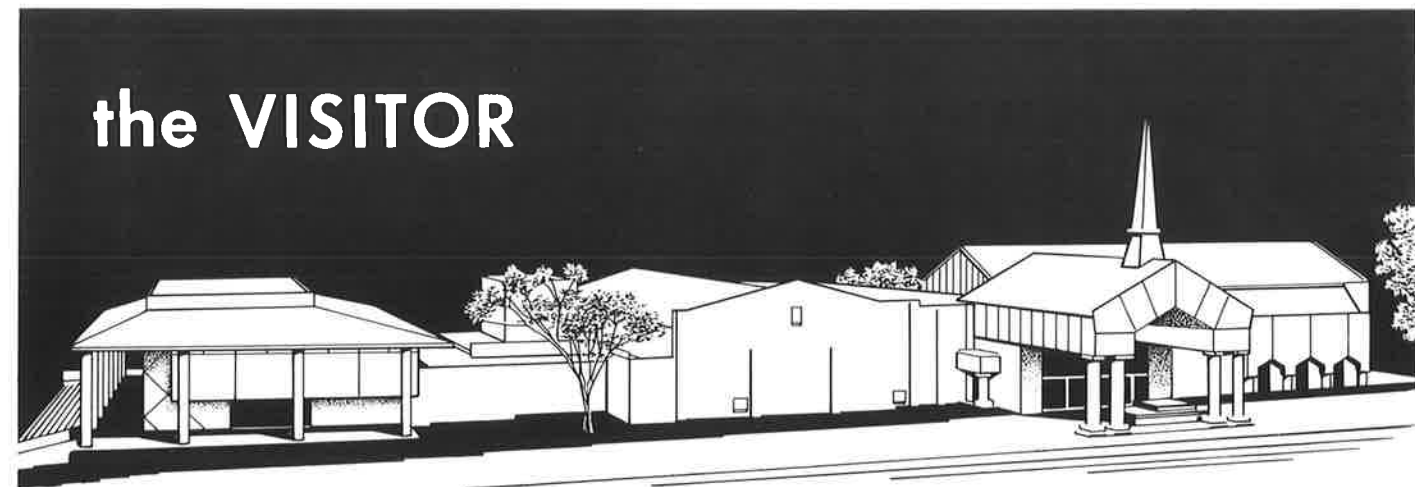
**Sunday will be another Lord's Day. It will be a time to praise our God, refresh our spirits, and encourage our brothers and sisters. What a joy it will be to assemble together! See you then!**

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

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

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



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**From the  
Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**REFLECTIONS**

Last Sunday was a good day for us. We announced the baptism of **Shelley Henry** and the membership of **Judy Venable Rowden**. We had 400 in Bible study and over 600 in worship. We also concluded an exciting six-month study of the Book of Romans. This is the first time we have coordinated our adult Bible classes and the Sunday morning sermons and our folks responded very well to these studies. We also honored our Bible class teachers on Sunday by emphasizing teaching in our morning worship and by treating our teachers to an Appreciation Dinner following our evening worship. It was good to be with the teachers, to see all the awards passed out, and to see **Velma Lemons** honored for her fifty years of teaching children. Thanks to **Dewey Howard** for planning our Romans series and for coordinating the Teacher's Appreciation. It was a good day!

**NEXT SUNDAY**

This coming Sunday I will begin a short meeting with Arles Vandiver and the church in Fairfield. In my absence, **Harold Taylor**, our stateside missionary, will be teaching my class and preaching at both services. Harold does important work in the U.S. and abroad as he preaches in meetings, conducts leadership and evangelism

workshops, and lectures on the campuses of colleges and universities. We welcome Harold and Betty to West Erwin this weekend.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Be making your plans to attend our upcoming series on The Bible and Archaeology with **Harvey Porter**, March 17-20. Harvey is considered by many inside and outside of the church as an authority on archaeology and this series, illustrated with slides covering 30 trips to the Bible lands, will be a real faith builder. Be sure to attend these sessions and invite others to attend. Brochures for advertising may be found in the foyer.

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

A few weeks ago we studied a lesson entitled What Is Of First Importance? From that study came these important words:

- Compassion
- Celebration
- Cultivation
- Contribution
- Church

Do you remember? Think!

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# Youth Notes

by *Danny Snell*



## COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school groups are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. More details in class Sunday morning.

## BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz is Monday, Mar. 11, at the Campus Christian Center. The text is over Judges 6-16. Pick up your study sheets ASAP. Our study session will be Sunday, Mar. 10.

## LEARNING TO LEAD

The Learning to Lead Camp applications are available and need to be turned in very soon. If you have any questions, let me know.

## LTC

Take a moment to look around and see how much is going on with LTC right now. Chorus will be meeting each Wednesday night. Bulletin Boards need to meet at 5:00 and have their boards finished by March 3. Those doing Art projects need to begin developing their ideas and begin working on them. Puppets will be meeting this Sunday at 4:00. Live Modern Drama will meet at 5:00. Please be present at these meetings.

## LTC SPONSORS

All of those who are LTC Sponsors need to be available each Sunday to help with the various events over the next five weeks. If you are not sure where you are needed, let me know. We do need you!

## "Be Strong and Courageous"

### IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Mar. 3	LTC Practice
Mar. 3	Combined Activity
Mar. 10	LTC Practice
Mar. 11	Bible Quiz at Tri-C
Apr. 5-7	L T C
May 31-June 6	Mexico Mission
June 9-14	Learning To Lead Camp
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet Mar. 3.

## IN APPRECIATION

To Our West Erwin Family,

We thank you for your concern before, during, and after Edgar's operation -- also for the many prayers, cards, calls, visits and flowers. God has blessed us with such a loving family and may He bless every one of you.

Delle and Edgar Bullard  
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Dear Church,

Thank you first and foremost for all the prayers!! They have been answered!! Also thank you for all the cards, calls, and visits. It is so wonderful to have a family that is so caring and loving.

Thanks again,  
Jon Sorrells

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Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you very much for the prayers and support over these past few weeks. Several members visited, sent flowers, and brought food and we extend a special thanks to those people. Thank you for being there and caring.

Richie and Sheila Spencer  
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To My Christian Family,

I just want to thank you and tell you that I appreciate all the love and kindness you have shown me since I have been with you. May God keep you in His loving arms always.

I Love You All,  
Mozelle Cash

## SONG FEST

You are invited to attend the 12th Annual Song Fest at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ, 1200 East Corsicana (East Hwy 175) in Athens on Friday night, March 8, beginning at 7 p.m. and ending 10:30 p.m. A very talented program is lined up: The Dawn Quartet from Wichita Falls, The Deep Harmony Quartet and the Harmony Chorale from Seagoville, The Cliffview Church of Christ Chorus, Dallas, and the Gospelaire Quartet from Cleburne. Plus the quartets will be combined as the last event into a Grand Finale of songs. Refreshments will be provided in the fellowship hall and baby sitting will be provided for 18 months through pre-school. For more information you may call the church office at (903) 675-3975.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Pat Ragsdale, a long time member at West Erwin, died Saturday after a lengthy illness. She had been a resident at Park Place Nursing Center for some time. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Jacksonville. Mattie Ware, a former West Erwin member, died in California. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## 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!

We are very pleased to welcome **Judy Venable Rowden** into the West Erwin family. She came Sunday to be identified with the church here. She is the daughter of our Lorene Venable and has recently moved to Tyler to be with her mother. That address is 14761 CR 1134, 75709, ph. 592-7141.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited  
to a bridal shower  
honoring  
Amy O'Quinn  
bride-elect of Ryan Mullins  
on Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 to 12:30  
at the home of Wanda Weathers  
3401 Heines

Selections: Foley's, Dillard's, Target, and Service Merchandise

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

## BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 11. Listed below are items needed. However, all items collected are greatly appreciated. CRANBERRY JUICE, KOOL-AID (regular and/or sweetened), CHILI (15 or 19 oz. cans).

## QUIT SMOKING SEMINAR

The Campus Christian Center is hosting a Quit Smoking Seminar. This is designed for anyone who currently smokes, but would like to quit. A brand new program will be introduced at the seminar and there is no charge to attend. The seminar involves a revolutionary program through which you will quit smoking in 7 days. There are no chemicals or prescriptions in this program. It is all natural. The program carries a 100% Money Back Guarantee in the event you are not able to quit smoking within 30 days. Our free seminar is scheduled for Friday, March 8. It will be held at the Tri-C, 1415 South Baxter. It begins at 7:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so please call 593-3331 to reserve a place or if you have any questions.

## 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*

## A Walk with Christ to the Cross

This is the title of our new study beginning this Sunday, March 3. Each of our adult classes will take an intensive look at the last hours of Christ's life on the earth. The greatness of our Lord is best grasped in light of His great suffering for those He loves. Come journey with us as we walk with Christ to the Cross.

Five new Bible class groups will begin meeting this Sunday. In order for the teaching ministry of the church to grow it must add new classes when the need arises. Well, the need is now. If you are currently involved in a Bible class group, we want you to stay where you are. If one of these new classes is for you, then come and enjoy the relationships that develop from the study of God's word.

Class Group	Room	Teacher
50's-70's	Heritage Room	Roy Bench
50's	112	Hillard Hughes
Boomers (40's - 50's)	Chapel	Ray Vannoy Fred Wingate
30's-40's	Fellowship Hall	Matt Haws Jeff Hone Wally Dawkins
20's-30's	111	Dewey Howard Jim Bell John Mayer
Single Adults	305	Doug Ragsdale
College Adults	303	Jeff Fennell
Auditorium Class	Small Auditorium	Jay Lockhart
Mixed Ages	113	Stan Mallory
Ladies	114	Sue Starnes
Self-guided study	Library	self-directed

What is a "self-guided study"? You may be one of those persons who learns best when you can sit down and study Scripture in quietness on your own. The church library will be open each Sunday morning during Bible class time for your use. Study materials will be available along with the reference works in the library. If this option will help you, please take advantage of it.

*Let's grow in greater appreciation for Christ this Spring!*

**Thanks for a delightful Teacher Appreciation Dinner** last Sunday. Your participation made for a rich evening together. Special thanks goes to Cathy Scroggins for planning the dinner, and to Trey and Joy Rousseau, Laurel Clothier, and Wade Park for helping to get things ready.

\*\*\* New Koinonia #3 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*

Records	Sunday Feb. 11	Sunday Feb. 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	392	310	394
Worship A.M.	570	468	564
Worship P.M.	337	289	381
Wed. P.M.	230	197	243
Contribution	\$14,397.28	\$14,576.33	\$14,327.66
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	(\$763.72 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 18 and Wed. P.M., February 21, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Louis Jones** had hip replacement surgery Tuesday at Medical Center. **Jon Sorrells** had back surgery Thursday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Edgar Bullard, Bettye Sue Harris, and Jonnie Steffee** are all recuperating at home from recent surgeries. **Launa Armstrong and Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Buddy Bell** has started treatment for bladder cancer. **Chris Scroggins** is ill at home with pneumonia. **Bernie Baur** had angioplasty Wednesday in San Antonio. **Ruby Pierce**, Claudia Griffis' aunt, is very ill in Mt. Pleasant. **Walker Felts**, Karen Butterworth's dad, is critically ill in Hot Springs, AR. **Doris McCune**, Don McCune's mother, expects to return home this week after having had a stroke while on a trip to Israel. **Lawrence Bell**, an elder from Clarksville, is in ETMC Rehab #46. 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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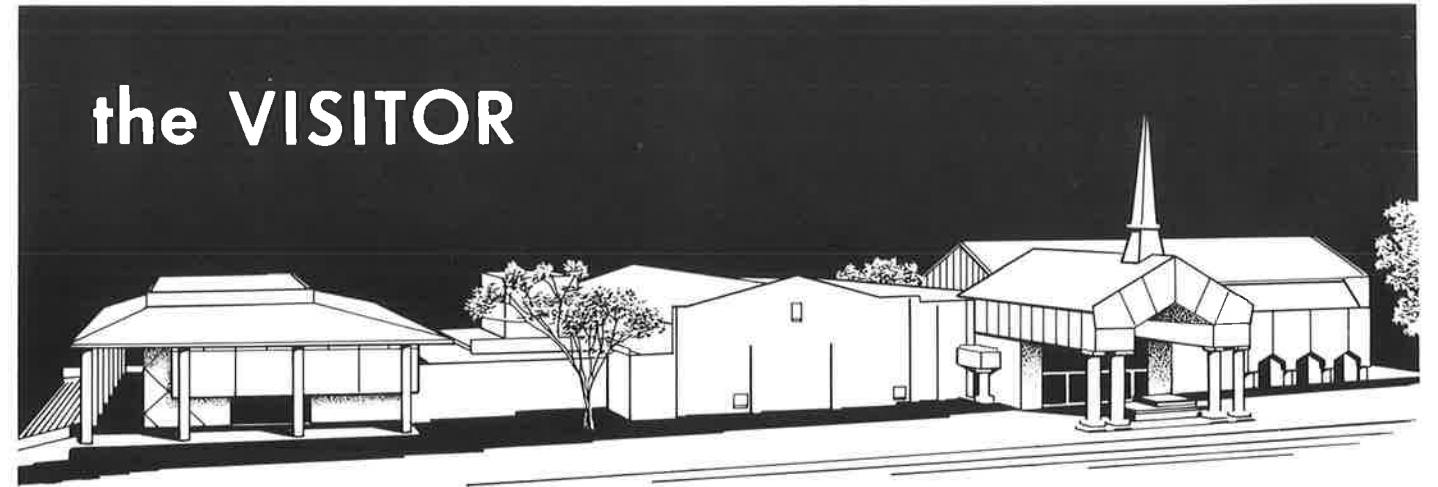
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ASSEMBLIES	
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Evening Worship .....6:00 P.M.	Bible Class .....7:00 P.M.
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Marc Tate  
Scripture Garrett Sublette  
Elder's Prayer Phil Marts  
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Kevin Sustaire  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Phil Marts  
Prayer Billy Terrell  
Scripture Charles Starr  
Dismiss Bill Smith  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
David Chambers Bob Clemmons  
John Cliver Mike Cooney  
Stan Clark Danny Craddock  
Faber Cauthen Milburn Cook  
GREETERS  
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman  
Alma Biggs & Patti Tate

**Congratulations** to Jeff and Melissa Parrish on the birth of Justin Alan on Feb. 13! He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and is 21 inches long. Don & Nerene Ingram are the proud grandparents and Roberta Tindall and Billie & Norene Ingram are the great grandparents.



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

**Sermons for Sunday, February 18, 1996**

- by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. **Christian Liberty**  
(Romans 15:1-7)  
P.M. **Studies In Thessalonians #5**  
**"How Every Christian Should Walk"**  
(I Thessalonians 4:9-12)

**OUR 1996 WORK PROGRAM**

I liked the way Freeman Morgan presented our Work Program for the new year. So often when a church budget is presented, it is a long series of numbers and people dread it and are bored. However, the presentation last Sunday emphasized people, places, and service -- that's good. One of the highlights of Freeman's presentation was the announcement that the Daniel Morgan family would be joining us this year to work in mission and involvement. As you know, we have been searching for over a year for the right family to send to Eastern Europe and we have needed someone to help us locally as well. After a great deal of discussion and prayer our elders came to the conclusion that Daniel Morgan could effectively meet both needs. Daniel and his wife Carol presently live in the San Antonio area where they work with the Ventura church -- Carol teaches school and the Morgan children, Nathaniel and Sara, are students at Abilene Christian University and Sonny is in the seventh grade. From 1981 to 1988 the Morgans worked with a team of missionaries in Brazil. One family with which they worked in Brazil is now in Estonia on a permanent basis and Daniel will be working with this

family part of each year. He will spend the rest of his time working with us in involvement. From February 29th to March 15th Daniel will be in Estonia for a planning session for a summer youth camp and the arrival of a group of ACU students who will spend the summer months teaching English to children by using the Bible as the text book. We are excited about Daniel's work in Estonia as well as the significant contribution he will make to our work in Tyler. The Morgans will begin this new work about June 1.


**THE NEW BUDGET**

Through the years West Erwin has been a generous church. We have always met the challenges presented to us, whether by weekly contributions or by special giving. Our weekly budget has generally been higher than most churches our size. This year we have been presented with the largest budget in our history and a budget which is about 8% above last year. In order to meet this challenge we are asking that we all increase our contribution some for this year. Think about it!

**Biblical Archeology Seminar with Harvey Porter at West Erwin - March 17- 20**

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS**

A large group of us went out to eat this past Sunday night at Applebee's. We had a great time together. Thanks to all who went.

**BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP**

This Sunday is the day we conduct the worship at the Briarcliff Retirement Center. Everyone is invited and needed to help with this worship time. If you can help, please be there at 2:45. We will finish at 4:00. All of those doing Video Bible Drama will be together for the day and will go over there as a group.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

The next Bible Quiz is Monday Mar. 11 at the Campus Christian Center. The text is over Judges 6-16. Pick up your study sheets ASAP.

**LTC**

Leadership Training for Christ is well underway. If you have not yet signed up, please do so ASAP. Sunday is the deadline. Chorus will be meeting each Wednesday night. Video Bible Drama will meet all day Sunday. Please bring lunch money. Bulletin Boards need to meet at 5:00. Those doing Art projects need to begin developing their ideas and begin working on them. All Pre-Convention events need to be turned in by Sunday, Feb. 25.

**"Be Strong and Courageous"**

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

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

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Brethren,  
Thank you so much for your concern. I very greatly appreciate your prayers, visits, and many acts of kindness during and after my stay in the hospital. May God's richest blessings be upon you!

Sincerely,  
Gary Helms

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The sudden death of my sister, Evadna Billingsly Sonier of Louisiana, has left our family in shock -- only love from our church members helped us through. Thank you for the phone calls on my answering machine when I got home Sunday afternoon and thanks for the calls and concern since. She still loved all the members who knew her. May God continue to bless West Erwin and all the churches of Christ is my earnest prayer.

Lorene Venable

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last weekend in Crowley, Louisiana for Evadna Billingsly Sonier, Lorene Venable's sister. Services were held last Saturday in Early, Texas for Harold Dean Turner, Pam Doss' cousin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

**FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

A Family Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ in their fellowship room. Each meeting is spent in exploring healthy ways of coping with loss. The one hour program includes a 10-15 minute presentation followed by group sharing. Presentations may include: needs of grievors, stages of grief, support of others, self-care, male vs. female strategies in coping, stress vs. grief, when a child dies, compounded grief reactions, loss in trauma, dealing with feelings and with others' reactions, feeling hopeful again. Other topics according to needs of those present. Call 561-2061 (Mike or Jill Hutchins) for further information. Everyone is welcome.


**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Angie Hendrix** for being named to the dean's academic honor roll (minimum 3.75 GPA) for the fall semester at Texas A&M University! She is a senior majoring in Elementary Education.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Two couples in our church family recently celebrated significant wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to **Archie and Juanita Lowry** and **Bob and Marie Threadgill** each for 56 years of wedded bliss!

**THE SEARCH**



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KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.  
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**TRI-C YARD SALE**

The Tri-C will have a yard sale on Saturday, March 2. If you have items you would like to donate, please call 593-3331 and they will be glad to pick up your donation.

**BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

The East Texas Crisis Center has a need for stuffed animals, all shapes and sizes (in good repair). If you can help with this, please bring the toys to the church office or give them to Danny Snell and he will see that they are delivered. Thank you for your help.

**DISCOVERY DAYS**


Are you interested in a summer program for grades kindergarten through 5th? Discovery Days is planning to have a fun-filled Tuesday and/or Thursday class for elementary students this summer. If you're interested, call Martha Waggoner at 597-2111 or call the church office.

**A JOB WITH A FUTURE!  
Group home Parents at CSET**

Offering:  
\* Opportunity to make a difference  
\* 3,600 square foot house  
\* Food, utilities, vehicle provided  
\* Competitive salary  
\* On-going training  
\* Support of professional staff  
\* One spouse can continue job  
Contact Rick Hall, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas at 509-0558.

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

**Like Apples of Gold in Settings of Silver.** Our annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner is Sunday, February 25. We want to honor all of you who have been involved in the education ministry in any way over the past year. The dinner will be after our evening assembly in our fellowship hall. Cary Branscom from the Alta Mesa church in Ft. Worth will be with us for an especially entertaining program. The meal and child care are provided. Please RSVP with the church office so that we will know how many to plan for. This special day is for you. Please make your plans to join us. You are so special to us!

**Sunday, March 3: A Walk with Christ to the Cross.** As we begin this new study, we will also begin some new adult class groups on Sunday mornings. Our existing classes will stay pretty much the same. So, if you are involved in a class now, stay with your class. These new classes are designed to better meet some needs that we have not been meeting very well.

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Mixed Ages	113	Stan Mallory
Ladies	114	Sue Starnes
Self-guided study	Library	self-directed

Pray that God will use our Bible class ministry to help all of us grow more in the image of His Son.

**Right with God**  
A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans  
Lesson 21 for Sunday, February 18:  
**Right with God: Responsible Christian Liberty**  
*Romans 14:1-15:13*

\*\*\* New Koinonia #1 meets for lunch this Sunday. \*\*\*



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Worship P.M.	289	390	NC
Wed. P.M.	197	251	284
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Weekly Budget \$14,001.00 (\$575.33 over budget)

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 11 and Wed. P.M., February 14, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Jonnie Steffee** is in Medical Center, room 2238. **Edgar Bullard** had knee surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **Audrey Ball** is at home and doing fine. **Betty Sue Harris** is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. **Launa Armstrong** and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Buddy Bell** will begin treatment Feb. 12. **Meredith Burke**, Ray and Carolyn Womack's daughter, had gall bladder surgery Tuesday and went home Wednesday. **Bernie Baur** will enter the VA hospital in San Antonio on Sunday and have angioplasty Tuesday. **Wynette Thompson** is improved. **Dylan Jackson**, 4 year old friend of the Howards, is still undergoing tests in Lubbock but surgery revealed no malignancy. **Rudy Kinder**, Cathy Krewall's brother-in-law, will begin treatment next week. **Fred Rousseau**, Trey Rousseau's dad, has a reoccurrence of cancer. **Lawrence Bell**, an elder from Clarksville, is in ETMC Rehab #46.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer John Portwood  
 Scripture Trey Rousseau  
 Elder's Prayer Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Doug Ragsdale

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Phil Marts  
 Prayer John Steffee  
 Scripture John Pike  
 Dismiss Jay Culpepper

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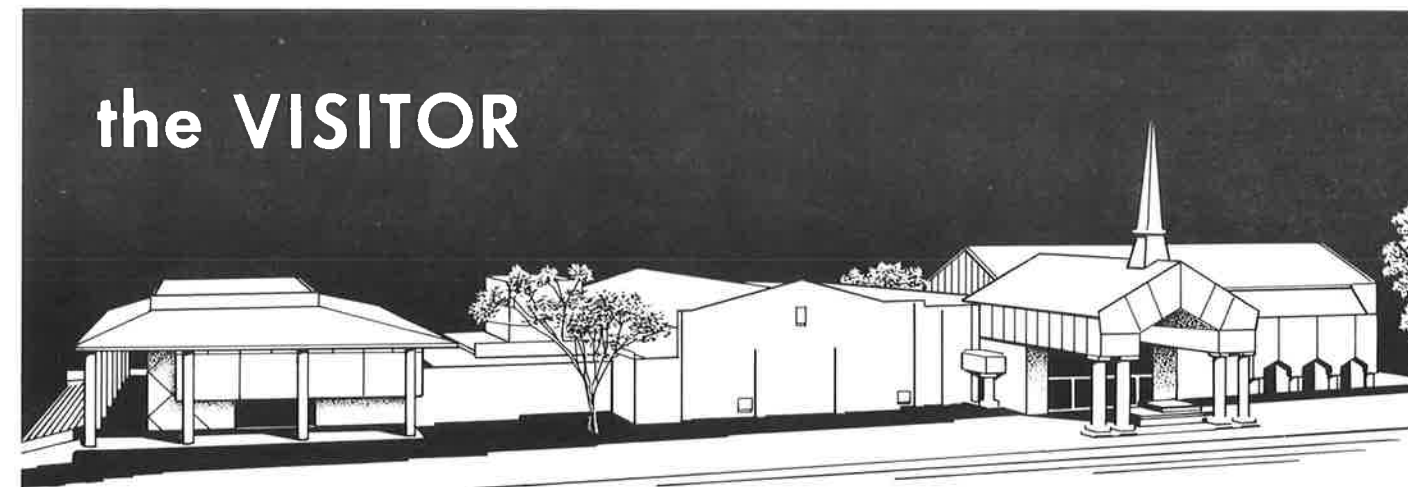
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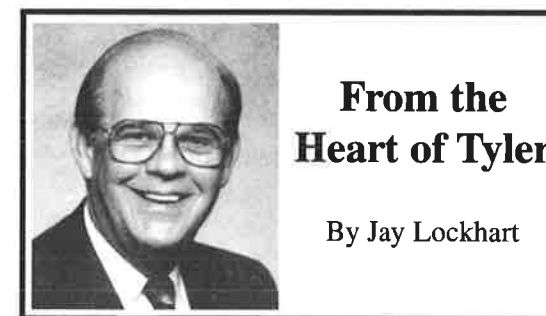
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**From the Heart of Tyler**

By Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, February 11, 1996 by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **The West Erwin Ministry - 1996**

(Ephesians 4:11-16)

Freeman Morgan & Jay Lockhart

P.M. **Studies In Thessalonians**

**"What Every Christian Should Become"**

(I Thessalonians 3:1-13)

**GEORGE H. STEPHENSON (1915 - 1996)**

The name of George H. Stephenson has been synonymous with great preaching for over 50 years. Not only did his physique and voice make him a speaker to whom it was easy to listen, but his razor-sharp mind, the biblical content of his sermons, and the simplicity which characterized his lessons made him a great preacher because of his loyalty to the truth of Scripture, his faithfulness to his task, his loving concern for people, and his deep humility. George H. Stephenson preached for the West Erwin church for 13 years and in his investment in this church he left a lasting impression upon many lives. The words of Luke in speaking of another great preacher seem appropriate when we think of George: "For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord" (Acts 11:24).


**HARVEY PORTER AT WEST ERWIN MARCH 17-20**

**SERMON NOTES**

Here are some things we need to keep in mind from recent sermons. In fulfilling that which is of first importance, let us remember these words: compassion, celebration, cultivation, contribution, and church. In finding our place in the body of Christ by discovering and using our gifts, let us do the following: ask God to help you; ask others what they believe your strengths may be; try several areas of service; encourage others to discover their gifts; and do your part as a living, active member of the body of Christ. In another recent sermon, we emphasized that Paul said the Thessalonian Christians were his "crown of rejoicing" and his "glory" (I Thessalonians 2:19-20). "Crown" is from a Greek term referring to the wreath received by the victors in the ancient games as they stepped to the platform to receive their rewards. What a beautiful picture! When Paul stepped to the "platform" at the "judgment seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10), he was confident he would bring with him a mighty train of converts, included the Thessalonians, and would be rewarded for his work. When you influence someone for Christ, it will not go without the notice of the One who gives crowns!

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**THANKS**

What a great turnout we had for the Parent-Teen Meeting this past Sunday night. Many families were represented and a lot of information was passed out. If you were unable to attend please contact me and pick up a calendar of events for the next several months. Thanks to all of those who helped with the evening.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

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**OUT TO EAT**

All of those in the middle and high school group and their parents are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. We will decide where to go in class Sunday morning.

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**"Be Strong and Courageous"**

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- Feb. 11 LTC Practice
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- June 9-14 Learning To Lead Camp

**WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY**  
Team #2 will meet Feb. 12.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you so much for the acts of love shown to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one. Your prayers, flowers, cards, and calls gave us comfort and support as we felt your love. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a loving church family.

Love,  
Roy and Fern Bench  
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Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and the beautiful yellow spray at the death of my sister.

Love you all,  
Mozelle Cash  
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The family of Emma McCartney wishes to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy. Your support during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. Our aunt Zelle is fortunate to have such a loving, concerned church with so many wonderful friends. My family is very grateful for your sympathy and prayers.

Craig McCartney  
(Mozelle Cash's nephew)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Judith Harshbarger** on being chosen by her peers as Teacher of the Year at Dixie Elementary School. She is a Special Education teacher.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS**

The annual Christian Services of East Texas **Appreciation Dinner** scheduled for February 3 was postponed due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

The Campus Christian Center at 1415 South Baxter will host Parents Night Out on Friday, February 16, from 6:30 til 10:30. Cost is \$5.00 for first child and \$3.00 for each additional child. Call 593-3331 for reservations or additional information.

**TRI-C YARD SALE**


The Tri-C will have a yard sale on Saturday, March 2. If you have items you would like to donate, please call 593-3331 and they will be glad to pick up your donation.

**SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP**

If you are interested in going to the Soul Winning Workshop in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 28-30 and would like to go with someone, contact Gary Cain.

**the search**

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**BABY SHOWER**

You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring **Kim Mayer** rescheduled Saturday, Feb. 10 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall



Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Milburn and Jan Cook on the birth of a new granddaughter! Haley Ellen Hood was born Friday, February 1, in Keller to Greg and Christi Hood. She weighed 6 lb. 4 1/2 oz. and is 20 inches long.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of George H. Stephenson, former West Erwin minister, last Friday morning. Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at the Collinsville Church of Christ on Tuesday afternoon with interment in Collinsville. George and Alice had just recently returned to Tyler and were living at Briarcliff Village. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Alice and to all the family.

**BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE**

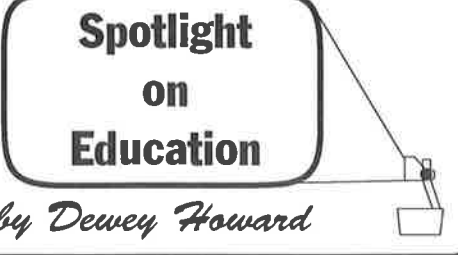
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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*

**Our Annual Teacher Appreciation Sunday**

Teacher Appreciation Sunday is the last weekend of February. If you have been involved in the education ministry in any way over the past year, this special day is for you. Please make your plans to join us that day. You are special to us!

**Sunday, March 3: New Classes and New Studies**

In just a few weeks we will be finished with our study through Romans, and we will begin a new series for our Sunday morning Bible classes. *A Walk with Christ to the Cross* is the title of this new study as we follow our Lord through the last few hours of His life on earth. He came as a suffering servant, and His greatness is most evident compared to His great willingness to suffer intensely for those He loves. The Hebrew writer says, "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are -- yet was without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Come live with Christ during His final hours. Experience His struggles. Watch as He is tempted to give up on God's plan for His life. And discover the resources that He uses to hold up under the strain. Then we, too, can learn to face the pressures and stresses that we face.

As we begin this new study, we will also begin some new class groups on Sunday mornings. Our existing classes will stay pretty much the same. So, if you are involved in a class now, stay with your class. These new classes are designed to better meet some needs that we have not been meeting very well. Over the next few weeks I'll tell you more about these classes. Pray that God will use our Bible class ministry to help all of us grow more in the image of His Son.

**Do you have these marked on your calendars?**

- o Teacher Appreciation Sunday ..... February 25
- o Spring Quarter begins  
New Sunday morning studies and classes ..... March 3
- o Biblical Archeology Seminar  
with Harvey Porter ..... March 17-20
- o Something Special for Preschoolers ..... April 14, 21, 28
- o *Camp Friendship*  
Day camp for K-5th ..... June 3-7
- o Vacation Bible School ..... June 23-27
- o East Texas Teacher Training Workshop ... September 14

**Right with God**  
A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans  
**Lesson 20 for Sunday, February 11:**  
**Right with God: Right Reflection**  
**Romans 13:8-14**

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday Jan. 28	Sunday Jan. 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	486	381	440
Worship A.M.	708	569	646
Worship P.M.	390	325	NC
Wed. P.M.	251	251	284
Contribution	\$13,839.35	\$13,569.77	\$13,893.02
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$161.65 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, February 4 and Wed. P.M., February 7, Scott Dews, ph. 561-1992.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Jonnie Steffee** had surgery Tuesday at Medical Center. **Harold Browning** is in Mother Frances with bronchial problems. **Audrey Ball** entered Medical Center Wednesday. **Betty Sue Harris** had knee replacement surgery this week at Mother Frances Hospital. **Rose Teel** is recovering at home after surgery last week. **Tommie Egbert** is now at home. **Ruth Dobbs** is now at home. **Cody Ingram** is at home and improving. **Launa Armstrong** and **Sandra Henry** are continuing treatment. **Buddy Bell** will begin treatment Feb. 12. **Nora Vick**, Jean Dees' mother is now in Christian Care Center in Garland. **Wynette Thompson**, friend of several at West Erwin, is very critically ill. **Dylan Jackson**, 4 year old friend of the Howards, is undergoing tests in Lubbock due to a cancerous tumor. **Rudy Kinder**, Cathy Krewall's brother-in-law, will begin treatment next week. **Fred Rousseau**, Trey Rousseau's dad, will have surgery for a reoccurrence of cancer.

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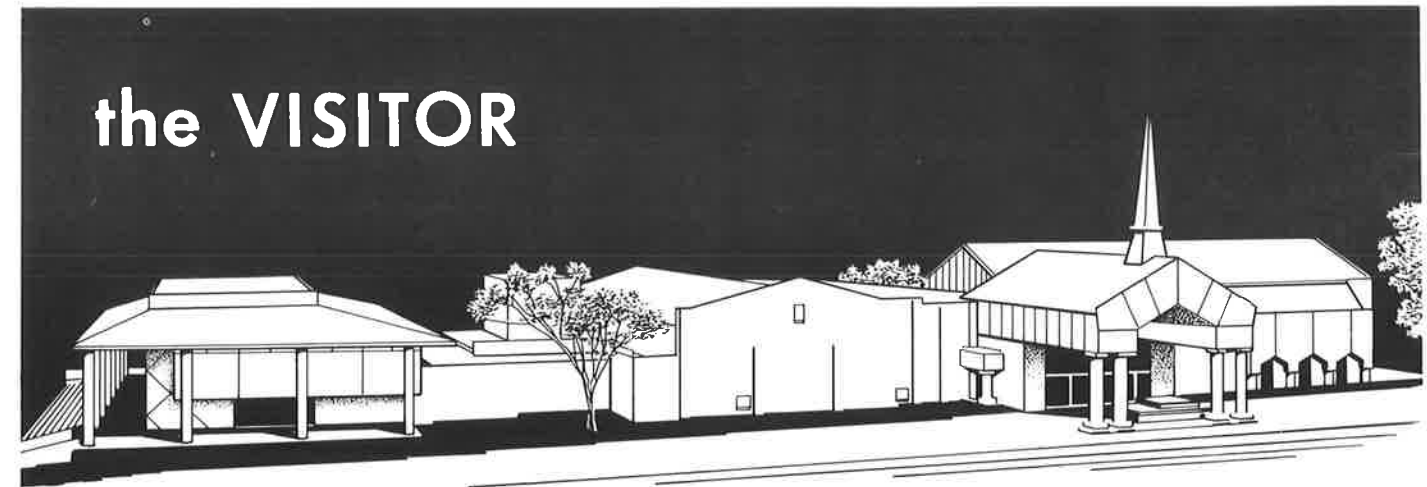
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Doug Scroggins  
Scripture Casey Haws  
Elder's Prayer Stan Clark  
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Don Durham  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Stan Clark  
Prayer Brent Clothier  
Scripture Dan Payne  
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- A.M. Finding Your Place In The Body (Romans 12:3-8)
- P.M. How Everyone Should Receive The Word (I Thessalonians 2:13-20)

**708!**

Homecoming '96 was all we expected it would be ... and more. We had 708 in our 10:00 a.m. assembly, which is the largest Sunday morning attendance we have had, with the exception of the first Sunday in our new auditorium in 1992 when we had 952 present. Our fellowship group did its usual good job of feeding over 500 at noon. Our Bible study time at 9:00 a.m. was good and a large group stayed for our afternoon meeting at 12:30. A special thanks to John Steffee and Wayne Harrison who put together our meal with the very capable assistance of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Gary Broome, Laurel Clothier, Garry and Lena Goswick, David Haney, Jr., Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot, Kelly Ross, Jack Stringer, and Gail Vannoy. The spirit which prevailed throughout the day was joyful and positive. And we will remember and apply that which is of first importance -- the building of people. Don't forget the key words for 1996: Compassion, Celebration, Cultivation, Contribution, Church.

If you need help in remembering, get the tape and let's be totally involved in the work of God in '96.

**ARCHAEOLOGY SERIES**

In just over six weeks **Harvey Porter** will be with us for an informative and exciting series of messages on Bible Archaeology. Harvey is a real pro in this field as he has made over 50 trips to the lands of the Bible and has observed some of the most important archaeological sites in the world to students of the Bible. His illustrated lessons will be well presented and well documented. This is a good opportunity to invite friends and co-workers to join you for this important series. The dates are March 17-20 with Harvey speaking at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and 7:00 p.m. each evening. He will also be speaking for a special ladies class on Wednesday morning at 10:00. some of the topics Harvey will discuss are:

- Abraham and the Land of Sumer
- Egypt and the Exodus
- Joshua and the Land of Canaan
- Assyrian and Babylonian Captivities
- Herod's Building Projects

This series will really be good!

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## Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*



### THANKS

We all had a great time together this weekend for Homecoming '96. Our worship time was wonderful with such a large crowd. Thanks to Mark McDaniel from ACU for teaching the combined class Sunday morning. Thanks to all of those who came to our home for the Super Bowl that afternoon. Thanks to those who sponsored the party: Cathy Culpepper, Ken Elzen, Jeff & Linda Hone, Michael & Michelle Millsap, and Lisa Snell.

### SERVANT RETREAT

This past weekend a group of us went to the annual Servant Retreat. This was our seventh year to be a part of this most enriching weekend. For our group it renewed the "fire in our bones".

### PARENT - TEEN MEETING

All of those in grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to the meeting this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an eating meeting so watch the mail for what to bring. Please make plans to be there.

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

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church family,

The gifts of prayers, cards, calls, visits and food were all appreciated so much. Guy and I both say "Thank You."

Love,  
Nettie Potts

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Dear West Erwin Family:

Words cannot express the love and appreciation we feel toward you, our church family. Our Cody is home now and getting better every day. Thank you so much for the food, cards, calls, visits, tears, and especially for the prayers. Without you to lean on we could not have gotten through this.

Thanks again,  
The Ingram Family

### RESPONSE

**Amanda Broome** came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family that she might be a better Christian.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Alma Biggs on the birth of a new great-grandson! William Eric Muller was born January 18 in Plano to Arden and Lori Muller. He weighed 9 lb. 15 oz. Larry and Beckie Mullings are the proud grandparents.

### DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days is in need of several king-size pillow cases. If you have some old ones and would like to share, please bring them to the church office.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS CELEBRATING 21 YEARS WITH THANKFULNESS

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### NEWS AND NOTES

Aline Beard recently heard from Velma Bell, a former West Erwin member. She is 94 years old and still able to go to church in a wheelchair. She lives with Bob and Virginia in Raleigh, North Carolina.

YESTERDAY is experience

TOMORROW is hope

TODAY is getting from

one to the other as best we can.

the search

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## Spotlight on Education



by *Dewey Howard*

**New Wednesday night electives will begin February 7.**

Be with us each and every Wednesday evening for Bible study and renewal.

<i>The Search</i>	SmAud	Jay Lockhart
<i>Saving Your Child's Life</i>	112	Video Series by Prentice Meador
<i>The Kings: Rulers of God's Covenant</i> (discussion)	113	Don Durham
<i>The Freedom of Forgiveness</i> (class for women)	Heritage Room	Fern Bench
<i>Sing Joyfully</i> (singing class)	Fellowship Hall	Dewey Howard
College & Singles	305	Stan Clark

**Our Sunday morning study in Romans** has just about come to a close. We have 4 more weeks in this important book of the New Testament. Has it made a difference in your life? It has in mine! Be in class each week during February as we look at the practical application to being *Right with God*.

On Sunday, March 3, a new study will begin for our adult Bible classes. Be watching for more information as that date approaches.

**Some exciting things are on the horizon** for the education ministry this year. One of the most exciting to me is something that we are tentatively calling *Camp Friendship*. This will be a week-long day camp this summer for children who have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade. This week of Bible learning, friendships, and fun is the brainchild of Martha Waggoner and Jeannie Ross. We will be working together over the next several weeks to plan for this incredible event. Pray for the success of this. And if you have an interest in helping with or knowing more about *Camp Friendship*, talk with Martha or Jeannie.

**Last week my family and I were in San Antonio** for the annual Christian Education Conference. I look forward to this conference every year because it is always the best seminar for growth in the education ministry that I know of. My special thanks go to the elders for sending me to this conference every year. They have a special interest in the teaching ministry here at West Erwin. Thank you for the opportunity to grow in my work each year.

## Right with God

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

Lesson 19 for Sunday, February 4:

*Right with God: Right Respect*

*Romans 13:1-7*



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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Paul Stanley  
Scripture Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
Elder's Prayer Ira Wilson

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Glynn Starnes

**HOMECOMING**  
AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY 12:30

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Cody Ables Chris Ables  
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**GREETERS**  
Bob and May Helen May  
Elmer and Nila Miles

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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, January 28, 1995**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**"What Is Of First Importance?"**  
(I Corinthians 15:1-4)

**THIS IS THE DAY!**

I look forward to our assemblies, don't you? I especially anticipate our morning worship on Sundays. As I prepare for the Lord's Day, I often think: "This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). The first day of the week is always special to us. However, this Sunday, January 28, is particularly significant. It is the Lord's Day, but also our annual Homecoming and we are anticipating a great day with great crowds. I do hope you have made your plans to be present for all of the day's activities. As we have been saying for the last few weeks, the messages for the day will be the most important lessons I will present this year. It is imperative that we be present for all three assemblies this Sunday. The message will begin at the Bible class hour at 9:00 a.m., as all adults will assemble in the auditorium; it will continue as in our worship period at 10:00 a.m.; and will conclude after lunch at our 12:30 p.m. service. I have entitled the message in the form of a question: What is of First Importance? During the Bible class we will notice, "It's Easy To Forget The Most Important." At our worship assembly we will discuss, "What Is Most Important?" and "Seeking The Most Important." In our afternoon meeting, we will conclude the message as we talk about "Connecting With The

Most Important." I want to urge you to be present for the entire message and bring someone with you. It's important! Remember the schedule for the day:


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**HARVEY PORTER IS COMING**

If you have been at West Erwin since before the early 1950's you know Harvey Porter as a young preacher who worked with this church for two or more years. If you have been here for the last ten years you will remember Harvey Porter as a real expert in Bible Archaeology, as he presented a series at West Erwin on this subject in the late 1980's. Porter is scheduled to return to us March 17-20 for another exciting series on archaeology. The messages will strengthen our faith in the biblical record and will be informative for us and for our friends. You will want to mark your calendar for this one. More later.

**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



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**LTC**

Leadership Training for Christ is well underway. If you have not yet signed up, please do so ASAP. Chorus will be meeting each Wednesday night. All other events will be meeting each Sunday afternoon.

**"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS"**

**IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES**

- Jan. 26-28 Servant Retreat
- Jan. 28 Homecoming '96
- Jan. 28 Homecoming Bash - Snell's
- Feb. 4 LTC Practice
- Feb. 4 Parent - Teen Meeting
- Feb. 12 Bible Quiz at West Erwin
- Apr. 5-7 L T C
- June 9-14 Learning To Lead Camp
- July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Garner's Team #1 will meet Feb. 4.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!**

We are very pleased to welcome **Alice Pride** into our growing West Erwin family. She is already well known by many and we know she will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. She comes to us from the Lakeside church at Lake Palestine. Her address is 4611 Barclay Drive, 75703-1121, ph. 509-3782.

**RESPONSE**

**Lou West** came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for greater strength and forgiveness.

**IN APPRECIATION**

To our church family,  
The many, many cards, calls, and visits were so much appreciated. Your prayers have helped. We are not well but better.  
We love you,  
Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes  
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Thank you very much for the beautiful cards and expressions of love and sympathy after the death of Bob's sweet mother.

In Christian Love,  
Bob and Betty Bray  
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Dear West Erwin Family,  
Freeman and I thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, food and beautiful flowers. These expressions of love and care make the loss of my dad easier to bear. God bless all of you.

Love,  
Billie Morgan

**DISCOVERY DAYS**

Discovery Days is in need of several king-size pillow cases. If you have some old ones and would like to share, please bring them to the church office.


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CELEBRATING 21 YEARS WITH THANKFULNESS**

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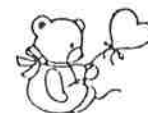
**BABY SHOWERS**



You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring **Kim Mayer** Saturday, Feb. 3 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall \*\*\*\*\*



You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring **Kim DuPree** Sunday, Feb. 4 2:00-3:30 at the home of **Carolyn Welborn** 504 Hyde Park



Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Wednesday in Marshall for J.R. Perkins, Stan Perkins' uncle. Services were held last Sunday afternoon at Chandler Methodist church for Gary Stewart, Sheila Spencer's father. Services were held Monday at Burks Walker Tippitt Funeral Home for Emma McCartney, Mozelle Cash's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to 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 11. Listed below are items needed. However, all items collected are greatly appreciated. CRANBERRY JUICE, KOOL-AID (regular and/or sweetened), CHILI (15 or 19 oz. cans).

**CAN YOU HELP?**

The East Texas Crisis Center has a need for stuffed animals, all shapes and sizes (in good repair). If you can help with this, please bring the toys to the church office or give them to Danny Snell and he will see that they are delivered. Thank you for your help.

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
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**Spotlight on Education**  
by *Dewey Howard*



*Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't.*

Do you have regular time with God each day? Do you set aside time each day to talk with Him in prayer? Do you allow Him to speak to you through His Word on a regular basis?

This month is a great time to get into the habit of spending regular, quality time with the Lord. How can you begin?

- o Make time.
- o Find a place.
- o Anticipate meeting with God.
- o Be still. (Ps. 46:10)
- o Set a goal.
- o Pick a good translation.
- o Use other tools.
- o Be imaginative. (Keep a journal; read aloud; sing.)
- o Share what you learn with others.
- o Keep it simple.
- o Discover what it says -> Understand what it means -> Apply it.
- o Try, try again!

Do you need some help getting started? Talk with me about some great resources to use.

**Homecoming Sunday is this Sunday, January 28!**

We hope you have made your plans to be here for a special day of praise, celebration, and fellowship. Start the day with Bible class at 9:00. Our children will have their normal classes. All teens will be together to hear Mark McDaniel from ACU. And all of our adults will be together in the auditorium for a special two-part lesson (class and worship) from Jay.

*This will be the most important day for West Erwin this year.* I don't think that is an overstatement. Come and find out why. Homecoming is a day you dare not miss! Help us celebrate what the Lord has done for West Erwin this Sunday.

**New Wednesday night electives will begin February 7.**

Take a look at the list below and decide which class is right for you. Then be with us each and every Wednesday evening for Bible study and time together. (Remember that your children have excellent Bible classes, too. Give them the opportunity to grow in the Word as well.)

<i>The Search</i>	SmAud	Jay Lockhart
<i>Saving Your Child's Life</i>	112	Video Series by Prentice Meador
<i>The Kings: Rulers of God's Covenant</i> (discussion)	113	Don Durham
<i>The Freedom of Forgiveness</i> (class for women)	Heritage Room	Fern Bench
<i>Sing Joyfully</i> (singing class)	Fellowship Hall	Dewey Howard
College & Singles	305	Stan Clark

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday Jan. 14	Sunday Jan. 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	391	369	407
Worship A.M.	594	503	580
Worship P.M.	313	328	377
Wed. P.M.	251	247	259
Contribution	\$13,569.77	\$13,603.68	\$13,567.40
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$431.23 under budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 21 and Wed. P.M., January 24, David Haney, Jr., ph. 581-2670.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Nettie Potts** got a good report and is doing well after surgery last Wednesday. **Florene Adams** was hospitalized but is now at home. **Ruth Dobbs** is in Medical Center. **Cody Ingram** is improving in Medical City in Dallas. **Buddy Bell** will begin more treatment later this month. **Edith McClure**, Buddy Elrod's mother, has been dismissed from Medical Center. **Jean Dees'** mother is hospitalized in Dallas. **Cullen Hawkins**, Bill Hawkins' 8 year old grandson, is hospitalized for tests. **Darrell Shogry**, Joy Shogry's father-in-law, is now at home. **Gary Stewart**, Sheila Spencer's dad, is in Dallas awaiting a heart transplant. **Howard Porter**, Judy Wilmoth's uncle, is at home and doing better. **Ronnie Patrick**, Kenny Elerson's boss, is stable and in a private room after brain surgery to remove a tumor last week. **Chesney Casey**, 4-year old friend of Jeannie Ross, is at home and doing well. **Bernie Baur** will enter the VA hospital for tests later this month.

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

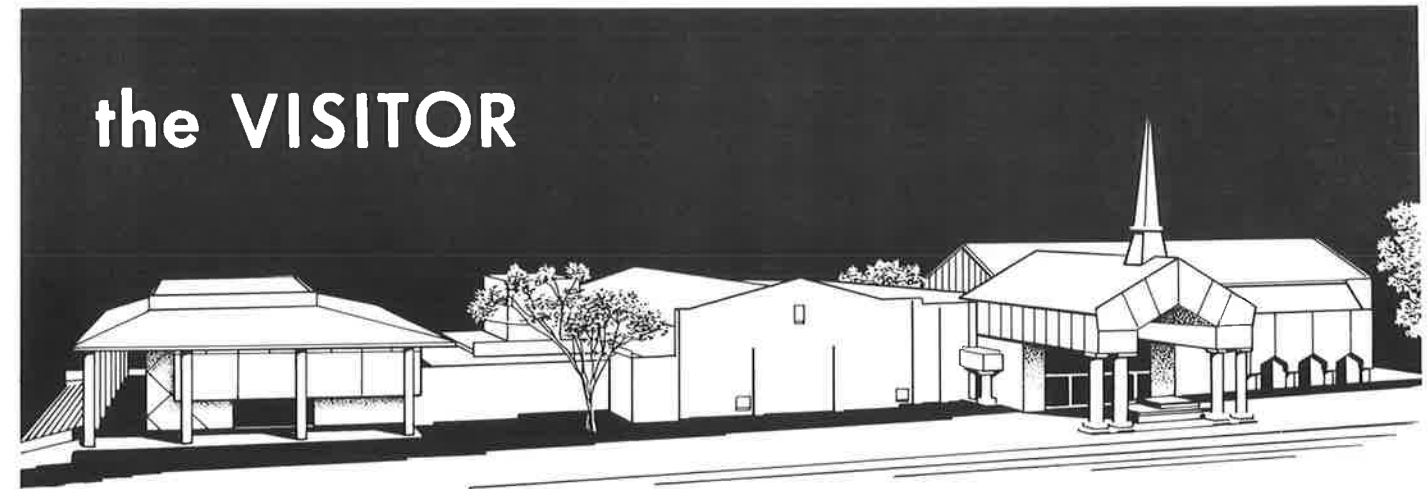
Call this number for announcements, update on sick, assembly times and devotional thoughts.

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

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Frank Steed  
Scripture John Shaw  
Elder's Prayer Leon Welborn  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Dannie Skipper  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Leon Welborn  
Prayer Kelly Ross  
Scripture John Portwood  
Dismiss Blake Stansbury  
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A.M. **The Transformed Life**  
(Romans 12:1-2)  
P.M. **Studies In Thessalonians**  
**"What Every Leader Should Be"**  
(I Thessalonians 2:1-12)


**THE MOST IMPORTANT SERMON**  
Homecoming '96 is just over a week away! January 28 will be a significant day for West Erwin church in several ways. First, we are expecting large and enthusiastic crowds for our Bible class time and for our worship assembly on Sunday morning. Our own people will be making a special effort to be in town and to be present. We will have many former members joining us for worship on this day and, with a large number of visitors, we are looking for the largest attendance of the year. Second, on January 28, I plan to present the most important sermon of the year. That's not an overstatement, not hype, but a plain fact. In regard to our plans for the year, our church life, and our continued growth, this will be the most important sermon of the year. The sermon, "What Is Of First Importance?," will focus upon who we are, why we are, and where we want to go as a church. If you must miss a Sunday in the next few weeks, try to make sure it isn't January 28! Be present; be inviting; be prayerful.

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**Dismiss for the day 1:15 p.m.**

**BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP**  
Last Sunday We nearly had 400 in Bible classes and we nearly had 600 in worship (see the back of this bulletin). We do have a lot of people sick right now -- I missed several of our folks last Sunday who were ill, but we need to make a special effort to help our class and worship attendance to grow. If you are not presently attending Bible class, come this Sunday. If you can at all be in worship, be present this Sunday. Speaking of Bible classes, be sure to be present for class on Sunday, January 28, for Homecoming '96. All of our adults will meet in the new auditorium and the class study will be related to the sermon of which I spoke above -- be involved!

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**THANKS**

Thanks to all of those who came to the LTC sign up and devotional. Thanks for celebrating my birthday with me too. It is really wonderful to be a part of the West Erwin family.

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- Apr. 5-7                    LTC

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY  
Womack's Team #4 will meet Jan. 21.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin Family:

I want to send a warm thank you to you for the visits, prayers, and cards during my recent stay at the hospital. I'm happy to say that the surgery was a success and that I should be recovering very soon. It's nice to know that friends like you care.

Love,  
DeeAnn Cormier

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful acts of love shown to us during Art's illness and death. All of the prayers, food, phone calls, and cards are greatly appreciated. Thank you for the lovely flowers, too. They are a reminder of what a blessing it is to be a part of such a loving church family. May God bless all of you.

With much love,  
Ruth Graham  
Jay, Debbie & Michael Graham  
Ron & Kathy Omlin & family

**CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS  
CELEBRATING 21 YEARS WITH THANKFULNESS**


Christian Services of East Texas started in 1975 as a ministry of Christians in East Texas to children in need. Over the past 20 years more than 500 children have been placed in Christian homes for special care or adoption. A Group Home was opened in 1993 in Whitehouse and a Director of Services has now been added. 1995 has been an exciting year of increased abilities to care for more children and 1996 will see an increased ability to care for even more children with a broader range of services.

The annual **Appreciation Dinner** will be February 3 at 7:00 p.m., at the Sheraton in Tyler. Some exciting plans will be announced that evening, the "Light of Love" award will be presented, and an inspiring speaker will be featured. Don Williams, an elder of the church, Chairman of Trammel Crow International, and a very active Christian volunteer will be the speaker. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any CSET board member or by calling the CSET office at 509-0558. All are encouraged to attend and encourage this good work of love, and to be encouraged.

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We rejoice with **Grace Siler** in her new birth! She was baptized into Christ last Thursday afternoon. Her address is 4901 Kinsey Dr. #822, 75703, ph. 534-8909.

**Pam Clark** put on her Lord in baptism last Thursday. We rejoice with her in making this most important decision in her life. She has a daughter, Mande, who attends Jacksonville High School. She lives at Route 2, Box 336, Bullard, 75757, ph. 894-7843.

We are very pleased to welcome, **Mark and Melissa Frick**, and baby son, **Cody**, back home to West Erwin. They recently moved back to Tyler after Mark completed his tour of duty with the armed services. Mark has accepted a position with Brookshires. Their address is 12527 Pollan, 75704, ph. 592-6876.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Rebecca Young**, daughter of Ben and Patsy Young, on her graduation from Abilene Christian University. Rebecca received her Master of Science Degree in Missions with highest honors on December 15, 1995. Rebecca will be leaving February 1 on a mission research trip for three months visiting missionary teams in five different countries.


**WITH SYMPATHY**

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Freeman and Billie Morgan in the death of her father, Vic Mason, last Sunday in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Services were held Tuesday afternoon at Blanchard Funeral Home in Natchitoches.

**SORRY TO LOSE...**

**Lorene Colbert** moved to Tyler several years ago to take care of her mother-in-law, Lillian Colbert. She has endeared herself to all of us and she will be greatly missed as she moves to Oklahoma this week to take care of someone else who needs her. We wish her well as she makes this move to a new home.

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**Several of you have been asking about Koinonia.** West Erwin is anxious to get our fellowship groups meeting again. I am in the process of recruiting leaders for this year. As soon as those are set, we will be ready to resume our meetings. Pray for the Koinonia ministry this year. Pray that we will grow in our love and fellowship with one another. Pray for our group leaders as they work in special ways for the West Erwin family.

**A Prayer List for all of 1996:**

Do you remember these in your prayers during the week?

- Pray for our Bible class teachers.
- Pray for our young marrieds and our families.
- Pray for our senior adults.
- Pray for our children.
- Pray for our elders, by name.
- Pray for our deacons, by name.
- Pray for Jay Lockhart.
- Pray for Danny Snell.
- Pray for growth -- in numbers, in fellowship, in spirituality.
- Pray for the ministries of this church, by name.
- Pray for our missionaries.
- Pray for me.

Let's be a praying church in 1996. The Lord is our strength!

**Mark these dates for 1996 on your calendars:**

- o West Erwin Homecoming ..... January 28
- o Teacher Appreciation Sunday ..... February 25
- o Spring Quarter begins ..... March 3
- o Food Drive for Children's Homes ..... March - May
- o Vacation Bible School ..... June 24-27
- o ACU Summer Workshops ..... July 21-24  
(Bible Teachers, Elders, Women's Ministry, and more)
- o East Texas Teacher Training Workshop .. September 14

**Right with God**

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

**Lesson 18 for Sunday, January 21:**

**Right with God: Right Response**  
*Romans 12:1-21*



Records	Sunday	Sunday	Year
	Jan. 7	Dec. 31	Ago
Bible Class	369	351	390
Worship A.M.	503	564	545
Worship P.M.	328	309	357
Wed. P.M.	247	NC	261
Contribution	\$13,603.68	\$13,138.97	\$13,237.70
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$397.32 under budget)	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 14 and Wed. P.M., January 17, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Nettie Potts** is doing well after surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. She expected to go home Friday. **Henry McRuiz** had day surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Cody Ingram** is still very ill in ICU in Medical City in Dallas. **DeeAnn Cormier** is at home following surgery last week. **Vic Mason**, Billie Morgan's father, had a heart attack in Natchitoches, LA. **Darrell Shogry**, Joy Shogry's father-in-law, is in Tyler Rehab Hospital, room 102. **Gary Stewart**, Sheila Spencer's dad, is in Dallas awaiting a heart transplant. **Howard Porter**, Judy Wilmoth's uncle, is recovering from surgery in Florida. **Walker Felts**, Karen Butterworth's dad is hospitalized in Hot Springs, Arkansas. **Kathleen Sandlin**, Sharon Ketchum's mother, is undergoing chemo for recurring cancer. **Ronnie Patrick**, Kenny Elerson's boss, had brain surgery to remove a tumor Tuesday. **Chesney Casey**, 4-year old friend of Jeannie Ross, is in Children's Hospital in Dallas with meningitis.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Don Peek  
 Scripture John Poulsen  
 Elder's Prayer Ray Vannoy

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Fred Powell

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Ray Vannoy  
 Prayer Robert McLemee  
 Scripture Marc Philpot  
 Dismiss Art Rowland

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Don Scott Tony Adams  
 John Mayer Arnold Ables  
 Jim Bell Jim Armstrong  
 Brent Clothier Mark Waggoner

**GREETERS**

Edgar & Delle Bullard  
 Claude & Odell Sessions

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Robert Grant "Buck" Moreland was born Tuesday, January 9, to Grant and Angela Moreland. He weighed 9 lb. Stan and Ernestine Mallory are the proud grandparents.

**Sermons for Sunday, January 14, 1995**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "If You ... If They"  
 (Romans 11:22-27)

P.M. Studies In Thessalonians  
"What Every Church Should Be"  
 (I Thessalonians 1:1-10)

**HOME COMING '96!**

We want to encourage all who read these words, both current and former members of West Erwin, to be with us on Sunday, January 28, for our annual homecoming day. Since entering our new building in January of 1992 we have set aside the last Sunday of January as a special day when we invite all former members of West Erwin to join us for our worship assemblies and a meal in the Center. Let me make a special appeal to all current members at West Erwin: Make your plans to be present on January 28; ask your family members in town and out of town to be your guests that day; and contact all former members you know and invite them to spend the day with us. The schedule for Homecoming '96 will be as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. - Bible Class Time
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Assembly
- 11:30 a.m. - Meal at the Center
- 12:30 p.m. - Worship Assembly
- 1:15 p.m. - Dismiss for the Day

**TOUCHING THE ARK**

After David became king of Israel, one of the first things he did was to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, the new capital of the nation. In the enthusiasm and excitement of bringing the Ark to the City of David, it was transported on an oxen drawn cart, a direct violation of Scripture. As they journeyed toward Jerusalem, the oxen stumbles; Uzzah put out his hand to steady the Ark, another violation of Scripture, and God struck him dead! (II Samuel 6:7). Most of us recoil from such a major punishment for a relatively minor offense. However, this is what we must remember: to trivialize the sacred is never a minor offense to God no matter how good the intention might be. Do we touch the Ark when we absent ourselves from worship or fail to worship with reverence and awe or worship in ways not authorized by Scripture? Do we touch the Ark when we fail to have the proper concern and care for people who need us? Do we touch the Ark when we forget that the priority of life is to seek God and His Kingdom first? Think about it!

# Youth Notes

by  
*Danny Snell*

## THANKS

We had a great time at our devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks to all who came and made it great. Thanks to Ken Elzen, Jeff & Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for hosting the time together.

## BIBLE QUIZ

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## LTC

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## SERVANT RETREAT

The annual Servant Retreat for high school students will be Jan. 26-28. Your cost will be \$20.00 and travel meals. We will leave Friday afternoon and return early Sunday morning. Sunday is the last day to sign up and I must have your form and deposit by then. Forms will be in the mail.

## HOMECOMING 1996

West Erwin's Homecoming will be Sunday, Jan. 28 and as usual we are expecting a large crowd for this big day. We will have a combined middle and high school class that morning with guest speaker Mark McDaniel from Abilene Christian University. This will be a great class. Don't miss it!

Our annual Homecoming Bash will be later that afternoon at our home in Whitehouse. More details will follow. Plan to come!

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Apr. 5-7	LTC

WEST ERWIN VISITATION MINISTRY

Tate's Team #3 will meet Jan. 14.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear friends,

Once again Paul and I are reminded of loving, caring and kind people at West Erwin. You were there for us when we needed you most and we will always be thankful to you. In a few more weeks I expect to be out and among you. Thanks to each of you for your prayers, cards, flowers and food items that were offered. How truly precious is that special tie that binds us to one another.

Love and best wishes to all,  
Signa Stanley

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Thank you for the cards and to all who came to the reception for our 68th wedding anniversary.

Jeff and Ellie Steele

## VIDEO BIBLE OUTREACH 1995 SUMMARY

During the calendar year 1995 a total of 13 churches of Christ were served with 411 sermons/classes. Eleven of these churches were without a located minister. Currently Video Bible Outreach serves eight congregations in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Washington. Even though the VBO lending library is large and speakers are many, we feel that Dr. Jay Lockhart of the West Erwin congregation in Tyler, TX best serves the needs of the Video Bible Outreach ministry. We consistently receive positive response with returned video cassettes. Lockhart sermons represents 60% or 248 sermons loaned to VBO congregations in 1995. Since May 1991 Dr. Lockhart has preached to more than 820 assemblies of the church served by Video Bible Outreach. Thank you God for bringing us together!

Del and Clara Masters

## CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS CELEBRATING 21 YEARS WITH THANKFULNESS

Christian Services of East Texas is a ministry of Christians in East Texas to children in need started in 1975. Over the past 20 years more than 500 children have been placed in Christian homes for special care or adoption. A Group Home was opened in 1993 in Whitehouse and a Director of Services has now been added. 1995 has been an exciting year of increased abilities to care for more children and 1996 will see an increased ability to care for even more children with a broader range of services.

The annual **Appreciation Dinner** will be February 3 at 7:00 p.m., at the Sheraton in Tyler. Some exciting plans will be announced that evening, the "Light of Love" award will be presented, and an inspiring speaker will be featured. Don Williams, an elder of the church, Chairman of Trammel Crow International, and a very active Christian volunteer will be the speaker. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any CSET board member or by calling the CSET office at 509-0558. All are encouraged to attend and encourage this good work of love, and to be encouraged.

## THE SEARCH

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KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.  
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## BABY SHOWER

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Baby Shower  
honoring  
Melissa Parrish  
Saturday, January 13  
2:00 - 3:30  
Fellowship Hall

Ladies: Please consider this your personal invitation.

## WITH SYMPATHY

**CORRECTION:** Our apologies to the families of Bob Bray and Bob May. We mistakenly listed services for Bob May's mother rather than Bob Bray's mother last week. Services were held last Saturday in Wakita, Oklahoma for Louise Bray, Bob Bray's mother. Art Graham, Jay Graham's dad and Ruth Graham's husband, died last Wednesday. At his request there was no memorial service. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

## WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Is your New Year's resolution to lose weight? Is another resolution to draw closer to God? You can do both in the Weigh Down Workshop. The first meetings will be January 21 & 25. It's not too late to register! For more details, contact Angela Howard or Ruth Ellis.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Eric and Pam Gambrel, former West Erwin members, on the birth of a new baby daughter, Tiffany Gayle, on December 27. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. The Gary Aven family are proud cousins!

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## Spotlight on Education

by *Dewey Howard*

**Have you been cleaning out your closets** now that the holiday season is behind us? Keep the education ministry in mind as you do so. Our young children's classes are in need of toys in good condition to replace some that have been worn out or broken. Before you throw any toys out or send them elsewhere, check with me or one of our Bible class coordinators to find out if the toys can be used here at West Erwin. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated.

**Our Discovery Days Preschool Enrichment** program has gotten underway for 1996. The ladies who work with that ministry do an outstanding job of nurturing and loving the children. Thanks to Martha Waggoner who directs this program, and to all the teachers: Marsha Richardson, Claudia Griffis, Debbie Phillips, Karen Butterworth, Alma Biggs, and Patsy Bullard. Maybe you or someone you know could use a program on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays just like Discovery Days. Help us get the word out about this quality program. It is not too late to enroll.

**By the time you read this bulletin**, the latest T.E.E.M. newsletter should have arrived at your house if you are one of our teachers. T.E.E.M. is a means of keeping communication going within the education ministry. This year I hope to keep it coming to you on a frequent and regular basis. If you did not receive a copy of T.E.E.M. and would like to be on the mailing list, please let me know. (By the way, "T.E.E.M." stands for Teachers Equipping for Effective Ministry.)

**Are you in the habit of attending Bible class** each time we meet. If so, thank you for helping us grow. Because of you, we have all grown closer to God. Because of you, we have grown closer to one another. Because of you, our children are being impressed each week with just how important God and His word are to our lives. Keep Bible class a priority in 1996. As goes the Bible class, so goes the local church. Reach out and help someone else experience the joy of meeting for Bible study each week.

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(Bible Teachers, Elders, Women's Ministry, and more)

## Right with God

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans

Lesson 17 for Sunday, January 14:

**God Always Leaves Hope**  
**Romans 11:1-36**

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<b>Records</b>	Sunday Dec. 31	Sunday Dec. 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	351	354	388
Worship A.M.	564	634	560
Worship P.M.	309	223	329
Wed. P.M.	NC	248	NS
Contribution	\$19,419.12	\$13,138.97	\$14,105.65
Weekly Budget	\$14,001.00	(\$5,418.12 over budget)	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, January 7 and Wed. P.M., January 10, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

#### PRAYER AND CARE

Paul Brumitt was hospitalized Tuesday but is now at home. Cody Ingram, son of Bobby and Paula Ingram and grandson of Billie and Norene Ingram, is still very ill in Medical City in Dallas. Elizabeth Hughes had a heart cath last week and will be treated with medication. DeeAnn Cormier had gall bladder surgery Wednesday at Medical Center. Dr. Ralph Rowe is ill at home with shingles. Signa Stanley, Don McCune, and Juanita Lowry all are recovering at home. Gary Helms is having problems with his other eye. Darrell Shogry, Joy Shogry's father-in-law, is in Tyler Rehab Hospital, room 102. Gary Stewart, Sheila Spencer's dad, was transferred to Dallas for a heart transplant. Bill Hearne, George Hearne's brother, has been diagnosed with melanoma of the eye. Howard Porter, Judy Wilmoth's uncle, is some improved but still very ill in Florida. Geneva Gehring, James Gehring's mother, is recuperating at home.

### 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		
Dewey Howard - Education	Danny Snell - Youth	
<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>		<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. 11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809	

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

Prayer Doug Scroggins  
Scripture Don McCune  
Elder's Prayer James Sublette

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
James Phillips

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

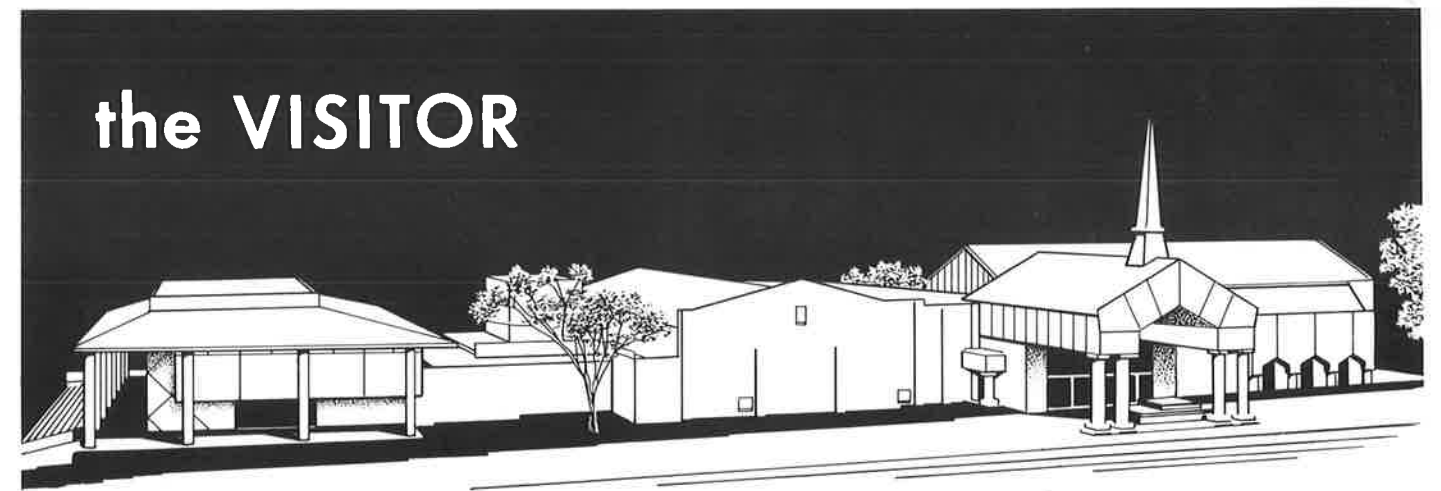
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Prayer Jimmie Philpot  
Scripture Charlie Scroggins  
Dismiss Guy Potts

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Jim Bell Jim Armstrong  
Brent Clothier Mark Waggonner

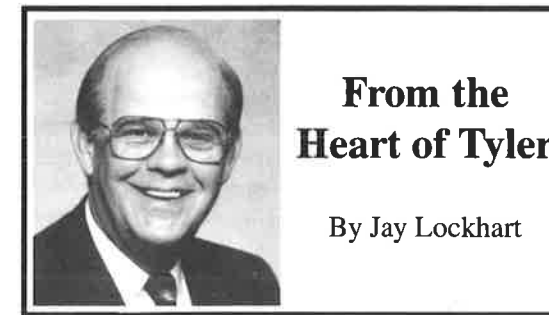
**GREETERS**  
Edgar & Delle Bullard  
Claude & Odell Sessions

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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, January 7, 1995 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **When Zeal And Knowledge Meet**  
(Romans 10:1-4)

P.M. **The Shepherd King #8**  
**"It's Good To Dream"**  
(II Samuel 7:12-17)


### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES

If you found yourself in the midst of a metropolitan area in a foreign land and, to your knowledge, there was no other New Testament Christian in the city, what would you do? There are a number of options: you could leave the Lord yourself and become a part of your new culture; you could hold to your faith privately and on the Lord's Day you could pause to worship by yourself as you observed the Lord's Supper, sang, prayed, studied, and set aside some of your income to support God's work; you could actively proclaim your faith to others and meet alone for Lord's Day worship until such time that others could be reached; or you could become very bold and canvas your neighborhood, run ads in newspapers, talk to people at work and in shops, and buy spots on the radio as you looked for those who were interested in studying the Bible with you. Additionally, you might go to places where people who are interested in spiritual things could be found. These are ways of taking advantage of your opportunities for the advancement of the cause of Christ. During the ministry of Christ, our Lord went to the temple at the "Feast of Dedication" (John 10:22). What was the Feast of Dedication? It was not a God-proclaimed feast like Passover, Pentecost, or Tabernacles -- feasts clearly designated by the Law of Moses (Lev. 23; et.al), but was a feast held

by the Jews for eight days in the month of Kislev (December) to commemorate the cleansing of the temple and the dedication of the altar by Judas Maccabaeus after their desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes in 165 B.C. Did Jesus observe a religious festival not authorized by God? The Scripture says nothing about that, but Jesus did go to the Temple on this occasion because it gave Him the opportunity to speak the message of God to a great crowd of people. The apostle Paul hurried toward Jerusalem so that he could be there on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 20:16). Now this was after the New Testament age began and the Law of Moses, including Pentecost, had passed away. Yet Paul wanted to go to Jerusalem on this day because the city would be full of people and he could readily preach the gospel. On his missionary journeys, Paul often went to synagogues -- worship places of Jews. Why? Did Paul observe Pentecost as a Christian, or did he sanction synagogue worship? Not necessarily, but he took advantage of his opportunities. He said, "I have become all things to all men, that I might ... save some" (I Cor. 9:22). We can use any honorable means to take advantage of our opportunities. Those who never lift a finger to reach anyone for Christ should be very slow to criticize those who are trying to spread the message in order that we might save some.

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**Youth Notes**  
by *Danny Snell*



**BACKPACKING RETREAT**

When God made our earth, He made some really beautiful places for us to enjoy. One of those places is the Eagle Rock Loop in the southern part of the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas. This past week a group of sixteen of us went backpacking and completed this 27 mile loop. It was one of the most difficult and challenging trips that our young people have ever been involved in. We were prepared for the cold weather, but not the bitterly cold weather. Our God carried us through this trek and up those mountains safely and timely. We grew spiritually and closer together. We laughed more in those four days than most laugh in ten years. We carried each other's loads and survived as a group. The Lord blessed us. For a report, ask one of those who went. Thanks to the following sponsors: Ken Culpepper, Ken & Debra Elzen, Gena Henry, and Jeff & Linda Hone. Thank you for praying for us.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

The next Bible Quiz is Monday Jan. 8 at Broadway. The text is over Joshua 1-12. Pick up your study sheets ASAP.

**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. Sign-up will be Sunday, Jan. 14.

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Team #2 will meet Jan. 8.

**IN APPRECIATION**

To: West Erwin Church of Christ  
There are not words to adequately express my appreciation for your concern shown me during my illness. All your prayers, calls, visits, beautiful cards and flowers gave me courage while I was in the hospital. Thank you also for the beautiful poinsettia. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

In Christian love,  
Jonnie Steffee

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Thank you so much for the easel spray. It was beautiful. Your thoughtfulness was really appreciated.

Anita & Robert Hidalgo

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I appreciate the love and concern shown to me by the prayers, calls, cards, flowers and food after my recent surgery. Everyone has been so wonderful. Thank you.

Juanita Lowry

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Thank you all for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital for tests.

Louise Culpepper

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**NOTE OF THANKS**

The minibus program at West Erwin is designed to transport those who may need a ride to services on Sunday and Wednesday night Bible study. There are eleven men who volunteer to drive the van each week. They are: Don Ingram, Chad Hilliard, David Haney, Jr., Terry Frick, Scott Dews, Earl O'Quinn, Melvin Crow, Elmer Miles, Marvin Hollingsworth, Mark Waggoner and Fred Powell. We thank these who do this as it consumes part of their Sundays. We want also to invite those who need this service to call the church office to arrange transportation.

David Haney


**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held December 27 in Duncanville for R.E. Weimer, Jim Armstrong's brother-in-law. Services were held December 24 in Rogers, Texas for Joe Dean Harris, Charles and Jimmie Harris' uncle. Lynn Carter, Betty Strait's niece, died December 24 in Alabama. Carroll Finley, Kelly Womack Finley's father-in-law, died December 28 in Hubbard, Texas. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Sophie Noelle Hughes was born on December 19 in Longview to Shannon and Juli Hughes. She weighed 9 lb. 5 oz. and is 23 inches long. Hillard and Jeanine are the proud grandparents and Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes are the great-grandparents. Congratulations to all!

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to **Earl and Meeta Clucas** on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 5.

**James and Ellie Steele**, former West Erwin members, will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 6, with a reception from 2:00 - 4:00 at the home of their daughter at 8310 Yale.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Michelle Steffee graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A & M University on December 16. She is living in Houston and will be teaching 4th grade at Heflin Elementary School in Alief ISD.

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

**The Lord truly blessed the West Erwin family in 1995.**

He caused us to grow in so many ways. (1) Numerically: by finishing out our 100 new members during the summer; by bringing so many of us back together during the *Coming Home Month*. (2) In our fellowship: by bringing about growth in our Bible class attendance; by helping groups like Young at Heart, the singles, and the youth to grow in number; by blessing our Koinonia ministry. And most of all (3) spiritually: through our studies of God's character and God's presence; through strong Bible class teaching; through special programs like the Weigh Down Workshop; through your participation in Bible study.

Is it really possible for the Lord to bless us even more in 1996? I not only believe so, but I am looking forward to it! During the next 12 months we will have numerous opportunities to grow and be involved together as the Lord's family. How can you open yourself to the Lord's work this year? How will He use your gifts and talents to bless your church family and others in our community? If you have not found your niche in the ministry of West Erwin, you need to do so this year.

1996 will be West Erwin's best year ever. The Lord can make it so in us. Let us lift up our eyes and follow His lead this year! "I lift up my eyes to the hills -- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

**Koinonia is in the process of being reorganized.**

We are reassigning groups and finding new leaders. Hopefully we will be ready to resume our meetings in February. If you would like to help as a leader of one of the new groups, let me know. Also, if you have not indicated your preference of a noon or p.m. group you need to do so soon. Otherwise, get ready to meet some brothers and sisters with whom you may not have had a chance to become acquainted.

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*Israel's Stubborn Rejection of God*  
**Romans 9:30-10:21**