

Feb. 6, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 6
Records	Sunday Feb. 2	Sunday Jan. 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	393	430	310
Worship A.M.	600	613	468
Worship P.M.	321	NS	289
Wed. P.M.	278	286	197
Contribution	\$15,454.93	\$15,454.93	\$14,576.33
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$293.93 over budget	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 9 and Wednesday, Feb. 12, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

PRAYER AND CARE

Guy Potts is at home. He will have surgery later. **Harold Browning** continues to show improvement in ETMC, room 5505. **Edna Hodnett** had eye surgery Tuesday at Tyler Square. **Bill Endsley** had surgery Friday at ETMC. **Archie Lowry** is in Mother Frances Transitional Care, room 349. **Paul Stanley** is at home recovering from recent surgery. **Robert McLemee** is now at home. **Tommie Alice Egbert** is at home. **Ruth Crosser** is ill at home. **Steve Thrash's** arm continues to be very painful. **Pauline Collard**, Warren Gray's sister, is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. **Charles Florence**, Chuck Florence's dad, had knee replacement surgery in Dallas Wednesday. **Wanda Gene Sims**, Marie Styron's mother, is in ETMC, room 5512. **Janice Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister, is very ill. **Henry Golightly**, a regular visitor at West Erwin, had surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Fred McKeown**, from Mineola, needs our prayers.

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

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture Wade Park
Dismiss Dr. Stan Perkins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Dan Payne

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Freeman Morgan
Scripture Don Peek
Dismiss Jeff Parrish

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Tommy Lowrance Jonathan Lowrance
Grant Knight Calvin Mannen
Jamon Kirby Stan Mallory
Dr. Roger Knight Jim Mayer

GREETERS

John & Ruby Cliver
Edgar & Delle Bullard

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FELLOWSHIP

Last Sunday we considered Fellowship as seen in the church of the first century and as needed in the church today. **Daniel Morgan** presented four opportunities for fellowship in the West Erwin family in addition to the fellowship we enjoy when the whole church comes together. Every member of this church has been assigned to one of eight Shepherding Groups which will meet on Sundays at noon every eight weeks. You will be notified as to when your group meets and we hope you will be able to participate. Additionally, you can choose to belong to any one of the three other groups including Neighbor Groups, Mix and Meet Groups, and Life Groups. Pick up the West Erwin Fellowship Fact Sheet in the foyer for more information or call the church office. Of course your involvement in any one or more of these groups is completely voluntary.

"We will when we will"

"When spiderwebs unite, they can tie up a lion."

"Cooperation is spelled with two letters: WE."

PREVIEW

This Sunday **Leon Welborn**, one of our elders, will be speaking at our morning worship assembly and will be leading us in a Vision For The Future, including our building program, our growth pattern, and our proposed work for 1997. Sunday evening we will continue our series of studies in Questions About Last Things and our question will be, "What Happens When We Die?" Next Sunday I will be away spending a few days with my dad at the end of the week and attending the ACU Lectureship program at the beginning of the next week. In my absence, **Harold Taylor** will be preaching at West Erwin on Sunday, February 16, at the morning assembly and **Mike Gravois** will be speaking in the evening. On Wednesday evening, February 19, we will be taping THE SEARCH in the old auditorium and will continue the series, The Church - God's People, with the study being "The Prospects." The prospects of the church have taken us to the Book of Revelation and to some fascinating looks at Armageddon, the 1000 Year Reign, and the Great White Throne. Be involved as much as you can.

Sermons for Sunday, February 9, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "A Vision For The Future"
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

P.M. Questions About Last Things (#2 of 10)
"What Happens When We Die?"
(Ecclesiastes 12:1-7)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Lisa Snell for hosting the middle school devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time imitating others and especially Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ashleigh Cantrell for being selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. What an honor! We are proud of you Ashleigh!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. We are going out to eat, so bring enough money. We will be finished at 9:00.

BIBLE QUIZ

All of those doing Bible Quiz need to meet this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 for practice and we will meet Monday at 6:45 at the Shiloh Road church.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

All of those doing Bulletin Boards need to meet on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 5:15 to work with their groups. Puppets will meet at 4:30 on Feb. 9.

All adults who are planning on going to LTC need to meet this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:20 in the old chapel. Please be present for this meeting. Anyone interested in helping with the preparation of LTC events need to let me know.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 9 Combined Activity - Out To Eat
Feb. 10 Bible Quiz - Shiloh Rd.
Mar. 28-30 LTC Convention

Outreach and Involvement

by Daniel K. Morgan

SHEPHERDING GROUPS BEGIN

Fellowship Program Well Received

Thank you so much for all the positive feedback from the presentation Sunday. Many, many people are excited about all the good things that God is doing here.

The Shepherding Groups is one way He can do His work in us. Your active participation and encouragement is much appreciated.

What do we need to do now?

I think we need to do three things: (1) focus clearly on our goals for serving the Lord this year; (2) stay on task and not just stay busy; (3) get involved in the life of the body, whether in fellowship or in ministry. Let's all continue to resolve for this year to be different.

MORE MISSIONS

News & Events concerning Togo

Dale Blackstone, Daniel Morgan & Charles Rachui will be attending the bi-annual **Together for Togo Conference** to receive the last reports of the work and learn how we can support our missionaries even more. In addition, West Erwin will be sponsoring this conference in the future. So the West Erwin delegation will be taking notes and making plans to prepare for this important event to be held in Tyler.

Email news from the Hollands and Togo continues to be received. If you would like to keep up with their news, there are always copies available.

Ministry Highlights

TO A TEACHER

You who give yourself so earnestly
Sunday after Sunday without pay
In either gold or silver of the realm.

Remember this: There is a chance today
That in your giving you may give, unpriced,
To some heart, a new vision of the Christ.

Remember that the careful words that you speak
May cling in memory of a lifetime through:
That a quick gesture to accent a truth

May make an imprint on some mind, of you;
That if there is a new thought you can bring
It may unseal some hitherto dry spring;
And if you please the Master at your task
There is no greater thing the heart can ask.

Grace Noll Crowell

FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION

In December alone, **Christian Services of East Texas** had to turn nine children away because there was no more room. More Foster Parents are needed NOW. CSET is conducting an orientation for prospective Foster Parents, February 15, 8:30 a.m., in the West Erwin Church of Christ fellowship hall. If you are interested in learning more, please make plans to attend.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be an introduction and planning session for a new Support Group on Friday, February 10 at 10:00 AM at the church building. If you are interested in more information about M.O.P.S. (**Mothers of Preschoolers**), please contact Nora Gravois.

Sorry to lose...

Brent and Laurel Clothier are a very special couple and have made such an impact on our West Erwin family. Brent has accepted a job with Coleman in Wichita, Kansas. Their new address as of Feb. 14 is 26218 South Avery Road, Penalosa, KS 67035. They will be very much missed but we wish them happiness in their new home.

LITTLE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted through February 16 for Directorship of Little People's School. You may pick up application forms at the Glenwood Church of Christ office.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

All ladies have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bible with Fern Bench leading the study each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (nursery provided for young children). The topic for Wednesday, February 12, will be "Those That Wait." You will enjoy the study and the fellowship. (After the class, at 11:00, a group of ladies go out to eat and you are invited to participate in that also).

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday at the Pritchitt Cemetery for Gladys Holcomb, long time West Erwin member. Lena Silver, Claudia Griffis' aunt, died Sunday in Minneapolis. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

BUILDING FUND

Our building fund is now \$132,910.84. We are getting closer each week to the beginning of Phase I of our building program!

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Steve and I want to thank all those who were instrumental in the improvement of our living conditions a few months ago. You know who you are. Thank you also for the prayers, cards, and concern for Steve's broken wrist. We are grateful for the love of our church family.

Love in Christ,
Steve & Betsy Thrash

Words cannot express our thanks to everyone for the kind offerings of sympathy in the loss of our loved one. The message presented by Jay Lockhart, the prayers, beautiful flowers, sympathy cards, food and visits helped sustain us. Thank you so much.

In Christian Love,
Family of Ruth Dobbs

Dear Christians,

Thank you so much for the beautiful spray and the wonderful luncheon provided for our family at the recent loss of my mother, Frances Atkins. Your love and support helped me make it through a difficult time. May God bless each one of you.

Love,
Linda Boudreau

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 10. West Erwin is asked to supply APPLE JUICE, BATHROOM CLEANERS, RANCH STYLE BEANS (15 oz.). If there are other items that you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated also.

LIBRARY/CONFERENCE ROOM

Our library is now located in the room on your left as you enter the building at the office area (Jay's old office). It is much more accessible and more spacious. We hope you will make use of and enjoy these facilities.

PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS

The prayer time last Sunday evening, February 2, after services was truly awesome. First, we had 12 people present this time, which is a significant increase from the 3 of us the first time.

Secondly, God truly touched people's hearts. As people shared their requests and prayed for each others needs, we all drew closer to one another and more open to God's will for our lives. May God bless us and may our prayers and this ministry continue to grow. When we work, we work; when we pray, God works.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TEACHER'S TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 22, 1997
9 a.m. - 12 noon
West Erwin Fellowship Hall

"Interactive Learning"

How To Involve Your Audience In The Lesson

9:00 a.m. Registration
Breakfast
9:15 a.m. Experiential Games/Ice Breakers
Getting your students interested and involved in the lesson material
10:30 a.m. Evelyn James, Storyteller
How to tell a story and involve your audience at the same time
12:00 noon Dismiss

TheseArch

Each Sunday

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

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Wed. P.M.	274	NC	238
Contribution	\$13,057.44	\$17,410.85	\$12,374.82
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 13 and Wednesday P.M., July 16, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

PRAYER AND CARE

Leona Hardin is in room 3215 at ETMC after surgery Monday on a broken hip. **L.G. Drennan** is recovering from surgery on a broken hip at ETMC. **Alyssa Park** is in ETMC, room 3514, with a staph infection. **K. Max Haws** is recovering at home from recent surgery. **Don McCune** had a heart cath last Thursday and is trying medication for another blockage. **Florene Adams** is at home after a procedure Monday at Mother Frances. **Phil Marts** and **Betty Price** are both recuperating at home after recent hip surgeries. **Billie Ingram** is improved but still has eye problems. **Christine Parsons** is recuperating in Park Place. **Chloe Clark** is at home after recent knee surgery. **Francine Bell**, Theron Kuechle's grandmother, is in ETMC, room 6602. **Leslie Holland**, Beatrice Holland's daughter-in-law, is scheduled for knee surgery Friday at ETMC. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Fay's husband, is in Mother Frances. **Helen Cox**, Claudia Griffis' aunt is in ICU in Lewisville.

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Prayer A.Z. Hays
Scripture John Portwood, Jr.
Dismiss James Ball
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Brady Dawkins Jay Culpepper
Wally Dawkins Ken Culpepper
Jeff Fennell Rick Fedell
Walter Farrer Casey Culpepper
GREETERS
Marc & Dana Tate
Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall

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MORE ABOUT CHANGE

Within the churches of Christ much is being said about worship. One of the "buzz" words in a discussion of worship is CHANGE. It must be obvious to us all that Christianity is a religion of change -- following Christ involves change whether we are thinking about the conversion of sinners or the growth of Christians. Change is a neutral word -- it is a good word if we are changing to be more what God wants us to be, but it is a bad word if it takes us away from God. Whether change is good or bad, then, depends upon what we mean when we use the word. Concerning change in worship, if one means we need to change the order of the service to avoid getting in a rut, or we need to sing some of the newer songs which contain some great messages, or we need to project our songs on a screen, or we need to place more emphasis upon the Lord's Supper by lingering longer at the table, then I see nothing wrong with these changes. However, if one means by changes in worship that we need to add instrumental music, or we need to exchange pulpits with denominational preachers to demonstrate the spirit of unity, or we should give women leadership roles in worship, or that worship needs to emphasize entertainment more than participation then I have some scriptural concerns about these changes. Some preachers calling for the latter changes mentioned above are well educated, personable, eloquent speakers who preach for some of our largest and most influential congregations. In most cases they did not plant the churches, face the early struggles, fight the battles, build the buildings, win the lost, or make the appeal for the

restoration of New Testament Christianity that brought these congregations to where they are today. They are "Johnny-come-latelies" seeking to destroy what faithful brethren have built. They would make denominations of churches that were built upon the principle that the New Testament only produces Christians only and produces the church that Jesus built. They argue that unless these unscriptural changes are made we will lose our young people and will fail to reach the elite of society -- an argument made nearly a century ago when brethren wanted to introduce the instrument into worship, which they did with tragic results. Those of us who oppose change for change sake and who oppose unscriptural innovations into the worship of the church must bear partial responsibility for the call for radical change within the church which is being heard today. If we had attended like we should have; if we had all participated with enthusiasm in every avenue of worship; if we had refused to be satisfied with cold, dry, half-hearted, stereotyped worship; if we had been more urgent in approaching a holy God in reverence and awe; if we had been more tolerant regarding changes in incidental matters which have nothing to do with right or wrong; and if elders throughout our brotherhood had demanded that preachers preach the Bible instead of advocating their personal agendas; then those who are calling for changes which would obscure the identity of the New Testament church would have few hearers. Remember this: change that takes us closer to God is good, but change that takes us away from God is bad. Think about it.

Sermons for Sunday, July 13, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Who Is The Lord, That I Should Obey His Voice?"** (Exodus 5:1-4)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (10)**
"A Song For Those Who Would Rise Above Ritual" (Psalm 63:1-5)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As you read this there are approximately 30 of us from West Erwin who will be in West Point, Nebraska, for our annual VBS mission trip. We are expecting between 100 and 150 children from the community. Please pray for our success in planting seeds and helping the church make a difference in that community. Please also pray for our safety and an exciting time.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Due to the lack of people still left in town, we will not be attending the SYS on July 15. Our next SYS will be on Tuesday July 22 at the Chandler St. church in Kilgore. We will leave West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:15. Invite a friend and join us.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Please pray for our Mexico Mission Team who will be leaving on Friday, July 25 and returning on Monday, July

28. We are going to spend some time with the church in Nueva Rosita and helping them conduct a Gospel Meeting that weekend. Please pray for us to make a difference in Mexico.

The West Erwin young people have made an impact in our world... Look around and see what God has done through them... Then, join us as we let our light shine and our hands work. Imagine, what can be done when everyone is working together. To God be the Glory!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July 10-19	Nebraska Mission
July 20	Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
July 20	Middle School Devotional
July 25-28	Mexico Mission Trip
July 29	Summer Youth Series at West Erwin
Aug. 1	Celebration Station Lock-In

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

What our eyes have seen and what our ears have heard can only be attributed to the work of God. Upon our arrival and the beginning of the work we saw God prepare us a place to live that met all our needs and a place to work that even surpassed the facilities last year. It is more centrally located and accessible, better known and spacious. I doubt these people here in the "Hotel Tartu" realize that God put this place here, now, "for such a time as this."

If this can be seen even in the circumstances of our work, how much more can it be seen in the work itself! We have already talked and studied with more people than all last year. He has brought many who are receptive and interested and even some who already believe in God. Some are even open to New Testament Christianity now. We have seen some who came with no belief but after three weeks of reading His Word they are now changing

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

Can you imagine the look of surprise on the Apostles' faces as Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash their feet? What thoughts must have run through their minds as Jesus took on the role of a servant. Let's take just a minute and look at that passage in John 13:2-5 for just a minute, OK?

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with a towel that was wrapped around him.

Did you read what I did? Let's look at 3 things John tells us that Jesus KNEW: 1) Jesus knew that

their and minds. It is the most exciting thing to behold -- the work of God being carried out in such a powerful way. Join us in giving glory and thanks to God!

On Assignment In Eastern Europe

Shepherding Group #3 (Joe and Frances McBee) will meet this Sunday, July 13, for lunch following our morning worship assembly. Bring a friend!

Men's Prayer/Fellowship Breakfast

ALL MEN!!! The monthly men's breakfast will be this Saturday, July 12, at 8:00 am in our fellowship hall. Don't miss this time of fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Men

Please pick up an information sheet in the foyer and plan to go to the Men's Retreat on September 12.

the Father had put all things under His power, 2) that he had come from God, and 3) that he was returning to God. With the cross looming before him and his time on earth running short Jesus used this opportunity to **TEACH** a lasting lesson to his disciples. In washing their feet Jesus taught them an experiential lesson, which involved them in the learning process, and created a memory they would never forget. What would you have done in Jesus' position with unlimited power and just a few days left?

Our children at West Erwin need **YOU** to help them learn lasting lessons like these. Proverbs 22:6 tells us, "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." We need **YOUR** help to train up the next generation of Christians, our children. Would you please consider spending a small amount of your time and energy to make an impression on the future of the church?

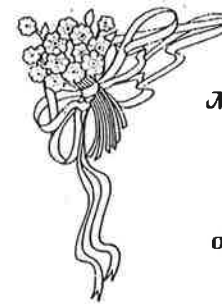
Ministry Highlights

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Becky Hill
Bride-elect of Brian Daughtry
Saturday, July 12 10:00 - 11:30
at the home of Arlene Lockhart
3312 Oak Village Drive

Selections: Foley's & Service Merchandise
Colors: kitchen: blk/wht; Bedroom: red/yellow/blue/wht;
Bath: navy/wht

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Armstrong
and
Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage of their children
Joni Deann Armstrong
and

Gregory G. Prinz

This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the nineteenth of July
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
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Reception immediately following
in the Church Fellowship Hall

RESPONSES

Mozelle Cash responded to ask for the prayers of her church family that she serve Christ as He would have her do.

Nancy McCoy came Sunday to thank her church family for the continued prayers for her grandson Ryan and his parents Charis and Brett Weiss. He will have surgery July 11 to implant a port into his chest to begin factor three times a week to prevent bleeding and joint damage. Please continue to pray for advancements in the treatment of hemophilia.

ATTENTION: Please return any books that you have checked out from the Children's Library so that inventory might be taken. Please check classrooms and at home.

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Dear Loved Ones:

Thanks so much for your many kindnesses to me during this period of time. Your calls, visits, food, flowers and the many, many cards have meant so much to me. My rehabilitation is going well although slower than I would have it. Thanks again for every act of kindness and may the Lord bless each of you.

Love,
Patsy Young

We wish to thank our Christian friends for the beautiful flowers, cards, and all the delicious food during the time of our loss.

In Christian love,
family of Rozener Strait

To the congregation of West Erwin Church of Christ,
We appreciate so much your loving remembrance of our mother/grandmother/sister, Rosa Lee Mitchusson.

Sincerely,
The Mitchusson, Taylor
& Daughtry families

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits, food and prayers following my recent surgery. Being a part of the West Erwin family is truly a blessing.

We love you,
Phil & Linda Marts

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, flowers and food since my surgery. Please keep me in your prayers as I have a long way to go.

In Christian Love,
Bettye Price

Thank you for the prayers, calls and loving concern for us during Perry's recent heart surgery. He's on his way to recovery thanks to God.

In Christian Love,
Perry & Wanda Kerr



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Shane and Becky Millican on the birth of Timothy Austin on July 1. He weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone are the proud grandparents.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 13:

Michael Millsap, preacher; 2's-Michelle Millsap & Nora Gravois ; 3's-Brian Walker & Teri Bradshaw; 4's-Jerry & Rachel Huff



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There will be no bulletin next week (July 4) due to postal regulations for second class mail.

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WORLD CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

It came from Enugu State, Nigeria, West Africa. It was addressed to Dr. Larker at Tywi, Texas. It was our first response to our recently begun program on World Christian Broadcasting. Peter was interested in enrolling in our Bible Correspondence Course and he spoke of his friends who are also interested. Who is Peter? Who are his friends? Are they already New Testament Christians or are they searching? We do not know the answers to these questions yet, but we will soon know. How many people around the world will hear the gospel for the first time because we decided to use WCB as a tool for sharing the message of Christ? How many will come to obedience of faith? How many? I don't know, but I know this: our work is to "teach all nations" and God's "word will not return to Him void." We may never know how many, but Peter reminds us that we must continue this work.

THE FROG IN THE KETTLE

George Barna, who has done as much or more than anyone in researching people's changes in religious views in America and trends in church growth in our country,

wrote a book in 1990 entitled, *The Frog In The Kettle*, in which he told the old story about the frog: place him in a kettle of boiling water and he will jump out, but place him in a kettle full of room temperature water and slowly increase the temperature of the water until it is boiling and he will stay in the water until he boils to death. Barna applies this story to our culture and we are reminded that as values gradually change in our country religious people become insensitive to these changes. Profanity on TV and in movies is a good example. TV programs like the April 30 ABC network episode of "Ellen," in which the title character comes out as a lesbian, is another. The public is expected to tolerate and even approve of this kind of entertainment. Just a few short years ago all of us would have been appalled by such, but now What are Christians to do? We can turn off the TV, stop attending the movies, write our objections to TV sponsors or we can sit in the kettle until we are boiled. Show business is money business. Shut off the money and show business will change. You could call the Chrysler Corporation at 1-800-992-1997 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST) and commend this company for withdrawing its sponsorship of "Ellen."

Sermons for Sunday, June 29, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Restoration Or Apostacy?"

(II Chron. 34:29-33)

P.M. Songs In The Night (8)

"A Song For Those Who Have Been

Mistreated"

(Psalm 26:1-8)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

BACKPACKING

As you read this, we are in New Mexico climbing a mountain. I ask that you pray for us while we are gone for #1) Safety and #2) That the Lord may work within the hearts of all those involved.



SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Summer Youth Series is continuing as the next one will be Tuesday, July 1st, at Eastern View Church of Christ in Athens. We will leave the church at 6:30 and we will arrive back here about 10:00. The next one is in Carthage on July 8.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who have signed up for the Nebraska Mission Trip need to be present for a meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Heritage Room. It is getting closer to the trip and we really need to work hard!

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Remember that just because we only have one meeting a week for Nebraska, that is not the only time you have to work on it. Please feel free to come work on your own or with your group any time you would like.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

June 22-28	Backcountry Trek
July 10-19	Nebraska Mission
July 25-28	Mexico Mission

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Acts of the Disciples

A record breaking number

We know many of you have heard various reports about the numbers of students and studies we were expecting to have in Estonia. Well, our first full week of class is completed and the official numbers have been counted. With four teachers (Carol, Cathy, Joy and myself) working, we had 104 one-hour studies with 43 different students. Our students are of all ages and many different backgrounds. Most are Estonian and a few are Russian. Some are believers and some are not. Very few of them know anything about the Bible. When we rejoice over these 104 studies we hope you understand and rejoice with us. We should not expect more than God will give. Like the parable of the soils, some will never accept, some will accept only a little and never grow, some may accept but will never bear fruit, others will bear fruit. But we don't even know when or

how that will be. Some may only be used to touch others lives. Others may one day come to know God and have a living relationship with Him. Our calling, our mission is to sow the seed for His glory.

A history making event

On Sunday, June 22, the disciples met together for studying the Word, for prayer and breaking the bread. We also sang and encouraged one another. As far as we know, within our recorded history, this was the first gathering in Tartu of the body of Christ seeking to worship in spirit and truth, dedicated to the restoration of the church that Jesus built. To us, Hebrews 10:24-25 has more meaning than ever before. May it also be for you.

On Assignment In Eastern Europe

Shepherding Group #1 (Mike & Nora Gravois) will meet this Sunday, June 29.

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

For Me To Be More Involved In The Work of the West Erwin Church of Christ, I'm Waiting For ...

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Inspiration | 14. My love to rekindle |
| 2. Permission | 15. Someone to be watching |
| 3. Reassurance | 16. A signal from heaven |
| 4. My turn | 17. My children to be to be thoughtful, neat |
| 5. Someone to smooth the way | 18. Next quarter |
| 6. Someone to change | 19. The next time around |
| 7. More time | 20. A less turbulent time |
| 8. The kids to leave home | 21. An opportunity to call collect |
| 9. A better time | 22. You to go first |
| 10. Tomorrow | 23. Fill in your response |
| 11. My way to be clear | |
| 12. Someone to discover me | |
| 13. The things that I do not understand or approve of to go away | |

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities -- His eternal power and divine nature -- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

Since GOD tells us we have no excuse, then why do we have such a hard time getting people involved in the work here? Let's get busy!!!!

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We have a wonderful line-up of Summer Speaker Series speakers who will come and present "My Favorite Lesson" to us. Please make your plans to be here every Wednesday, won't you? Stanley Lockhart from San Angelo, will speak July 2 on "God's Search For A Man."



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Becky Hill
Bride-elect of Brian Daughtry
Saturday, July 12
10:00 - 11:30

at the home of Arlene Lockhart
3312 Oak Village Drive

Selections: Foley's & Service Merchandise
Colors: kitchen: blk/wht; Bedroom: red/yellow/blue/wht;
Bath: navy/wht

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Warren and Gaynelle Gray on the recent celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

Congratulations to Jerry Huff on being selected to lead the National Anthem for the WildCatters game on Tuesday, June 24.

SPECIAL EVENT

You're invited to a Homecoming & Gospel Meeting
June 29-July 2
Oakdale Church of Christ

Sunday services: 10 & 11 am, 6 pm; Mon-Wed 7 pm.
Speakers will be L.V. McCary, Dudley Brookshire, Dean Brookshire, Jack Orbison & Asa Keele. There will be a pot luck "dinner on the ground" following the Sunday AM service. Everyone is invited to stay, eat and enjoy!

ATTENTION MEN

Please get an information sheet in the new foyer and sign up for the Men's Retreat on September 12.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Memorial Funeral Home for Rozener Strait, long time West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Betty Strait, who cared for her so diligently, and to all the family.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 29:

Fred Powell, preacher; 2's - Kevin & Shelly Sustaire ;
3's - Lisa Snell & Jade Marshall; 4's - Billy & Lynda Terrell.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends:

Your cards, calls and expressions of sympathy meant so much to me in the loss of my other sister. Thank you so much for caring. Especially do I thank the church for the lovely spray of flowers sent to her funeral. I appreciate and love all of you.

Pauline Daughtry & family

The people at West Erwin have always been a loving family, with so many precious memories, now even more so, since Daddy has passed from this life. Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement from the church, all the other flowers, food, visits, cards and kind words. The many contributions to the building fund would have meant so much to him as that is a lasting memorial. Each one of you mean so much to our family.

With sincere thanks,

K. Max & Mary

Matt and Rhonda

Earl & Melinda

Jim & Melody & families

Dear West Erwin Church,

Thank you for the NIV Study Bible given to me for graduation. It has already proven helpful and I know it will continue to in the future.

Love,

Heather Ketchum

TODAY

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

....Author Unknown

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Bible Class	378	354	379
Worship A.M.	567	567	601
Worship P.M.	NC	373	394
Wed. P.M.	349	NC	229
Contribution	\$15,086.95	\$15,336.59	\$24,169.20
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 22 and Wednesday P.M., June 25, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.			

PRAYER AND CARE

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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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Dismiss Wade Weathers

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Brian Walker

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Scripture John Shaw
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A BOWL OF FRUIT

There it was ... a beautiful new house in one of the finest neighborhoods. It could have qualified for a Parade Home. And that dining room! There was a hardwood floor, glistening in the soft rays of the sun coming in through the triple window with the wooden blinds and the state of the art drapery. There was the table and chairs with their deep, dark, rich finish. And that china cabinet ... the doors had beveled glass and the interior light gave a rich glow to the antique plates and cups and saucers. The chandelier, with the sixteen tear drop shaped lights hung from the vaulted ceiling. There was an oriental rug under the table and chairs and the walls were a deep forest green highlighted by the snowy white ceiling. What a room! And there in the middle of the table in a clear cut glass bowl which rested on a pure white and freshly starched mat was the fruit. At first glance the fruit looked like it had just been picked from the tree. The shape and color of each

piece was perfect ... too perfect. Upon a closer look it became evident that the fruit was plastic! In the midst of all that finery, the fruit was artificial! It looked good but there was no nourishment in it. It could almost pass for the real thing, but there was no life in it. For a hungry person the beautiful room offered nothing. There's a parable here. We are reminded of Jesus' experience with the fig tree -- a tree that had nothing but leaves (Matthew 21:18-19). For a hungry Jesus the beautiful tree offered nothing. And how is it with us? When we come together for worship we usually dress our best, look our best, come into a beautiful auditorium, follow the "order of worship" perfectly, and greet one another politely. All of this is acceptable if ... and that's big if ... there is something of substance taking place in our hearts and in our relationship with God and others. Like the dining room, beautiful surroundings are no substitute for real fruit in the bowl.

Sermons for Sunday, June 22, 1997
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"His Victory And Ours"**
(Colossians 2:8-15)
P.M. **Songs In The Night (7)**
**"A Song For Those Who Deal With
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(Psalm 54:1-7)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS

I would like to thank all of those who helped make Camp Friendship a wonderful success. A special Thanks to Jeannie Ross & Martha Waggoner for directing this camp. We really do appreciate you!

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SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Summer Youth Series is about to start again. The next one will be Tuesday the 24th at Broadway. We will meet at the church at 7:00 and will leave

promptly. We will arrive back at here about 9:00. The next one is in Athens on July 1.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Remember to get any baby food jars that you can find. We will be using them for crafts while we are in Nebraska.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. More details this Sunday.

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

"When A Crawfish Whistles On A Mountain Top"

Before you scratch your head and wonder if I have lost my mind, let me explain this colorful expression. One of our best friends here taught us this old Russian proverb. Our friend's name is Lillia Abapalova. She is a retired school teacher and a truly wonderful person. We wish and pray she was a Christian. We have studied and visited with her many times in the last 3 years. As she grows older her thoughts dwell more on what will come at the end and her need for hope. May God help us show her the only hope that will never fail -- Jesus our Lord.

What about that old Russian proverb? What does it mean? It is an expression of absolute improbability! It is something about which we say, "It will never happen." And

it strikes me as probably what many would have said if anyone had predicted the things our eyes have seen lately. We have seen the church of our Lord meeting in a lecture hall once used for political meetings of forces determined to destroy it. We have seen 4 bus loads of kids go to Bible Camp where kids were once taught atheism. We have seen 45 people sign up for Bible Studies in a Hotel meeting room in a city where we once would have been arrested or banned from entering. Yes, a crawfish might whistle on a mountain top and a lion will lie down with a lamb, and people will make swords into plows because our God is an awesome God.

On Assignment In Eastern Europe

Shepherding Group #8 (Ira and Esther Wilson) will meet this Sunday, June 22. Invite someone to join you this week.

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

HUGGING

Hugging is healthy; it helps our body's immune system, it keeps you healthier, it cures depression, it reduces stress, it induces sleep, it is invigorating, it rejuvenating, it has no unpleasant side effects, and hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is all natural: it is organic, naturally sweet, no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, and is 100 percent wholesome.

Hugging is practically perfect: there are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic check-ups, low energy consumption, high energy yield, inflation-proof, non-fattening, no monthly payments, no insurance requirements, theft-proof, non-taxable, non-polluting and, of course, fully returnable.

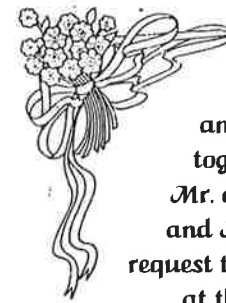
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OUTREACH & VISITATION

Group leaders, you will meet on your regular schedule with Mike Gravois to receive your assignments.



INVITATION

Stacy Ann Holley
and Billy Wayne Golden
together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Holley
and Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Golden
request the pleasure of your company
at their Wedding Reception
on Saturday, June twenty-eighth
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas



BRIDAL SHOWER

Table Shower in foyer June 15 & 22
Kitchen Shower for Misty Malone & Keven Hatcher
daughter of Marc and Pam Lemons
and granddaughter of Velma Lemons
China at Foley's - staples, kitchen items, pottery at Pier 1
Colors: hunter green/blue/mauve



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower (it's a boy!)
honoring Becky (Blackstone) Millican
Sunday, June 22 in the Fellowship Hall 4:30 - 5:30
Selections: Target & Toys R Us
(Theme: Red/Wht/Blue - Bears/Flags)
Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours
personally.

RESPONSE

Judy Smith came Sunday night to request the prayers of her church family for strength to face the challenges in her life.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

If you or your daughter (K-3rd grade) would be interested in being a part of a new Girl Scout Troop associated with the churches of Christ and beginning in August, please pick up a form in the foyer or call 531-9925 for more information.

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To Our Church Family,

The family of Ruth Crosser wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who gave us your love and support during Ruth's illness and at the time of her death. The floral spray was beautiful, as were the songs provided by the West Erwin Singers. We deeply appreciate the service provided by the pallbearers and all those good ladies who provided food. We love you all.

Sharon & James Gehring
Shelly & Kevin Sustaire
Jim (Byron) Crosser

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Gwen Shuford. Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and flowers during my sister's illness. The pole ivy plant is beautiful.

Sincerely,
S.A. & Dorothy Lewis

To the church,

Thank every one so much for all the calls, food, cards and especially the prayers during my illness. A special thanks to Frances McBee for her help. We love you!!

Moselle White
Joanne Ragsdale

Rick Hall, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, says "thank you to all those who took part in the Change for Children!" He reports that West Erwin has given \$1,154.52 thus far. If you are still filling your can, please call CSET to pick it up, or bring it to the church office.

WITH SYMPATHY

John D. Brem, long time West Erwin member, passed from this life last Friday. Graveside services were held Saturday at Cathedral in the Pines. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and K. Max Haws, grandchildren Melinda and Earl O'Quinn, Melody and Jim Cockrell, Matt and Rhonda Haws, and ten great grandchildren. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

SPECIAL EVENT

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting June 22 - 25, at the Overton Church of Christ with Dan Manuel of Palestine, Texas. Sunday services 9:00 & 10:00 A.M. and Sunday-Wednesday 7:30 P.M. You are encouraged to enjoy a fellowship "get-together" after each service. In conjunction with the meeting on June 22 the 4th Sunday singing will be at the Overton church at 2:30.



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Worship A.M.	567	541	570
Worship P.M.	373	345	351
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	243
Contribution	\$15,336.59	\$13,519.84	\$16,040.54
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 15 and Wednesday P.M., June 18, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.

PRAYER AND CARE

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THERE'S A LESSON IN HERE SOMEWHERE!

Do you know the name **Larry Miller**? Probably not, unless you're into professional basketball. Larry is the owner of a professional team, the Utah Jazz. The Jazz are playing this week for the National Basketball Association Championship against the multi-NBA champions, the Chicago Bulls and **Michael Jordan**. Last night, June 8, the Jazz was playing to tie the championship best-of-seven series at two games apiece. The Jazz had lost the first two games in Chicago and because of the strength and tradition of the Bulls, were written off as having any chance to overcome such a deficit. However, when the Jazz won the third game, played in Utah, people began to ask, "Could they possibly win game four and tie the series?" Diehard Utah fans said yes, but most said no. Nothing unusual so far but something very unusual, even unheard of, did take place last Sunday night in Utah -- **Larry Miller** and his family were not present for the game! Think of it -- Miller has multi-millions of dollars invested in the Utah Jazz (the players alone receive obscene salaries running into

millions of dollars and there are many other expenses in owning an NBA franchise) and he wasn't even present to watch his team play to even the championship series. Miller and his family did finally arrive at the arena, but the game (which Utah won, by the way) was nearly over. Where do you think the Miller family was during the playing of one of the most important games in the Utah franchise history? They were in church! That's right, they were in church while the fans, the coaches, the players, and other owners were at the game. You see, **Larry Miller** and his family are Mormons and they take their religion and church opportunities very, very seriously. I believe that churches of Christ have the right approach to New Testament Christianity. I do not believe in the latter day revelation espoused by Mormonism. However, until and unless we support the cause of Christ with the kind of dedication we see in people like **Larry Miller** our message will be negated and our voice silenced.

Sermons for Sunday, June 15, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"No One Cares For My Soul"**

(Psalm 142:1-7)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (6)**

"A Song For Those Who Feel Forgotten"

(Psalm 13:1-6)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

I would like to thank all the sponsors that went to Tyler Family Fun Park with us Sunday night. We really do appreciate you!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who have signed up for the Nebraska Mission Trip need to be present for a meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Heritage Room. It is getting closer to the trip and we really need to get on the ball.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Summer Youth Series is about to start again. The first will be next Tuesday the 17th at Big Sandy. We will meet at the church at 6:45 and will leave promptly. We will arrive back at here about 9:00. The next one is at Broadway on the 24th.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Remember to get any baby food jars that you can find. We will be using them for crafts while we are in Nebraska.

Be sure to have a **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!!!!**

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Have You Counted Your Blessings Lately?

On Assignment In Eastern Europe

I hope you have counted them not only once, but twice! The Lord has given us so many blessings. Surely we ought to take the time and make every effort to express our thanksgiving to Him. Our recent experiences here have served to remind us even more of this fact.

Yesterday, the Lord's day, the church in Tallin moved. They had to. They were running out of room for the assembly and children's classes. The landlord was also increasingly more uncomfortable with their growing presence. So the church has an even better place to meet, more centrally located, larger and better equipped. Praise God there were at least 85 people in attendance. In spite of moving, in spite of having to translate the services from English to their own languages (Estonian &

Russian), in spite of being new Christians, the church is growing here. They send greetings to all of you. We had a great fellowship with many former students and old friends. This afternoon we leave by bus for southern Estonia to the city of Tartu where we will set up classes to teach the Bible. We have already had many calls from the newspaper advertisements we placed last week. Registration will begin on Wednesday and our first meeting will be Thursday. Pray for us as many, many things can always happen to the best laid plans. We have you in our hearts as we remember you in our prayers.

Daniel, Carol, & Sunny Morgan
P.S. Take hold of your blessings from God: assemble yourselves to serve and praise God, fellowship with one another, hold fast to your salvation, share the Good News with others.

Ministry Highlights

from participating in this wonderful opportunity to experience friendship in its truest form.

This Fall we will have a separate VBS for our preschoolers on Sunday evenings like last year's God's Wonderful World. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about the activities we have scheduled.

The **ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop** is scheduled for July 20th through 23rd. If you are interested in attending please sign the list hanging outside Mike's office. We will call and reserve rooms on July 7.

P.S. Don't forget about our **Summer Speaker Series** on Wednesday evenings this summer. We have a wonderful line-up of speakers who will come and present "My Favorite Lesson" to us. This promises to be a challenging, uplifting time for all of us. Please make your plans to be here every Wednesday, won't you? Robert Oglesby, from the Waterview church in Richardson, will speak June 18 on "Are You On God's Praise Team?"

WEDDING INVITATION

Stacey Cox and Jason Randall will be married June 14 at 4:00 in New Diana at the Graceton Church of Christ. We invite you to share this special day with us.



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BABY SHOWER



You're invited to a baby shower (it's a boy!) honoring Becky (Blackstone) Millican Sunday, June 22 in the Fellowship Hall 4:30 - 5:30
Selections: Target & Toys R Us
(Theme: Red/Wh/Blue - Bears/Flags)

Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

Beginning in August 1997 we plan to start a Daisy and Brownie Troop (K- 3rd Grade) associated with the churches of Christ and meeting at the new Glenwood church building. If you or your daughter would be interested in being a part of a new Girl Scout Troop, please pick up a form in the foyer or call 531-9925 for more information.

THE CRISIS CENTER

Your skills and talents are needed in all areas at the Crisis Center. Give as little as 1 hour per month; no need for special skills. The Summer Volunteer Training classes will be on Saturdays, July 12, 19, and 26. Contact Laurie Cox at the Crisis Center (509-2526) for more information.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 15:

Tim Marshall, preacher; 2's - David & Carrie Cannefax; 3's - Jim & Kelly Bell; 4's - Wynne & Ginger Weathers.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the NIV study Bible you gave me for graduation. I love you all and I pray to find a congregation in Lubbock that is as Christ-centered as you.

Love,
Amanda Broome

The family of Judith Ann Tindel Massey acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Dear "You know who you are!"

The quality of mercy is not strain'd.
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is thrice blest;
It blesseth him that gives, those that carry,
and those that receive ...

That isn't exactly how Shakespeare wrote it. But I hope he'd understand. Thank you to the brother and/or sister who provided the children's vitamins and the children's acetaminophen that Joy and I are going to carry to the orphan's home in Tallin, Estonia. Simple things like that we take so much for granted are very expensive and difficult to procure there. The wonderful things that my brothers and sisters do, mostly quietly and without fanfare, are thrilling and touching. Thrilling and touching, but then I wouldn't expect any less from Christ's body, my wonderful church!

Thank you also, to all of you who have and will provide support, both financial and lifting this Estonia mission up in prayer. Please continue the prayers.

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" Matt. 25:40. "I will show you my **faith** by my **works**." James 2:18b.

In His love,
Cathy Scroggins & Joy Rousseau

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Gwen Shuford, long-time West Erwin member. Services were held Thursday in Oklahoma City for Rosalee Mitchusson, Pauline Daughtry's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

SPECIAL EVENT

Is the world filled with trouble and fear? **GREAT NEWS!** Jimmy Allen, from Harding University, will present God's message that leads to change and hope for tomorrow to the world, nation, community and you. Daingerfield Church of Christ - Hwy 11 West June 15-18. Sunday: 10:30 am & 6:00 pm; Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 pm and special classes 10 to 12 each morning.

BUILDING FUND -- \$166,685.30 and growing!



Each Sunday
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Records	Sunday June 1	Sunday May 25	Year Ago	
Bible Class	387	346	390	
Worship A.M.	541	568	623	
Worship P.M.	345	360	342	
Wed. P.M.	NC	187	269	
Contribution	\$13,519.84	\$15,646.46	\$15,066.92	
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00			

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 8 and Wednesday P.M., June 11
Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

PRAYER AND CARE

Patsy Young is in ETMC, room 3521 following recent knee replacement surgery. **Ann McCoy** is at home and will be treated with medication. **Ray Bradford** got a good report after his procedure. **Casey Haws** had nose surgery Wednesday at ETMC. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is undergoing tests. **Carla Lemons**, daughter of Marc and Pam Lemons, is scheduled for hand surgery Friday at Mother Frances. **Wendy Berris**, Debbe Davis' sister, is recovering from recent surgery in Ft. Worth. **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son, remains very ill in Dallas. **Clara Wright**, Cyndie Wagner's grandmother, is in ETMC, room 3316. **Fay Smith**, Ken's mother, has begun radiation treatment. **Bobby Williams**, brother-in-law of Don McCune, had surgery for lung cancer on June 3. 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 and in nursing homes.

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AS GOES THE BIBLE SCHOOL . . .

The late Ira North was a unique man and an effective church builder. He spent most of his life with the Madison church in Tennessee, beginning with this group when it was small and met in an improvised building which had water run through when it rained. However, through the years the Madison church grew to be the largest congregation among churches of Christ and built a 3000 seat auditorium and a village for orphan children on a choice piece of property in Madison. Ira North's emphasis in building a Bible-based and Christ-centered church was upon the Bible school. He said again and again that "as the Bible school goes, so goes the church." He believed it and convinced others to believe it, too, and the rest is history. Many people disagreed with Ira; some were critical of him; but it's hard to argue with success. Over the years I have observed churches -- small and large, young and old, downtown and in the suburbs -- and I believe Ira North was right: "as the Bible school goes, so goes the church." Do you agree or disagree? In helping you find your answer, let me make some observations. The Bible

school, if it is worthy of the name, instills the Bible into the hearts of people, helping them to grow in Christ; it develops people in using their talents to impart God's Word; it gives people a sense of belonging to a group; it instructs people, on their level, in how to become a Christian; it builds enthusiasm, interest, and commitment; it gives us the opportunity to ask and answer questions in a non-threatening atmosphere; it develops life-long friendships; it meets our spiritual needs; and it benefits in countless ways all who participate. The Bible school is not a substitute for the work of the church -- it is the church at work and the finest churches I know have a strong, active Bible school. Since the purpose of the Bible school is to simply teach the Bible and since it is vital to growing churches and since it is the church at work, doesn't the Bible school deserve your participation and support? If the Bible school is good for others, wouldn't it be good for you? If the Bible school is something the church should have, shouldn't you attend? Find your class and be present this Sunday, for "as the Bible school goes, so goes the church."

Sermons for Sunday, June 8, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The Number One Priority"**
(Ecclesiastes 12:1,3,5,7,12-14)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (5)**
"A Song For Those Who Have Fears"
(Psalm 27:1-5)

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Dear Parents: Due to the large number of people who will be gone this weekend, we are planning postpone the Dinner that was scheduled for this Sunday to a later date. Thank you for understanding.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who have signed up for the Nebraska Mission Trip need to be present for a meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Heritage Room.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us this Sunday night for a combined devotional in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finished at 9:00. We are planning to play some games in the Center and enjoy a devotional time together. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this great time together.

HABITAT HOUSE

Our next workday will be this Saturday from 8:30 until... We plan to work on hanging sheetrock.

We are also planning to work Friday, June 6 from 9:00 till 5:00. During this time we will be painting the house both inside and out. Make plans to be there!

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

"Out of Sight - Out of Mind?"

While this bulletin is being mailed to you, we will be well on our way to Estonia. By the time it arrives to your home, we will be arriving in Tallin to begin our work of preaching and teaching for six weeks.

So this is one time we hope the old household proverb written above is **not** true. I much prefer the Apostle Paul's words (Col. 2:5) "For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit..." Although we are not present in body, we ask you to remember us in prayer. In this way we will continue to know and feel we are present with you in spirit. Be assured you are with us in spirit. You will continue to hear from us in the field.

MEN

Please get an information sheet and sign up for the Men's Retreat on September 12.

Ministry Highlights

FELLOWSHIP

Shepherding Group (Leon and Carolyn Welborn) will meet this Sunday. Invite a friend or lonely brother to eat with you this week.

OUTREACH & VISITATION

Visitation will go on as usual in my absence, or I hope, even better than when I am here. Group leaders, you will meet on your regular schedule with Mike Gravois to receive your assignments. Thanks for your prayers and your support in all areas of ministry.

Daniel & Carol Morgan

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

I'M GLAD I AM A TEACHER

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

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

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

Invest in tomorrow, teach a child today! Thank you, teachers. You are a blessing to us.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

A summer adventure day camp at the West Erwin church June 16-20, (9:30 - 3:00) for kids finishing kindergarten through fifth grade. Don't miss this fun time!

ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop - July 20-23, 1997. Mark these dates on your calendar and begin making plans to join us. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon. so watch for more details.



WEDDING INVITATIONS

In the spirit of Christian joy Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Nelson request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Amanda Marie

to

Chad Alan Faubus
son of Dr. and Mrs. Don O. Faubus
As they begin their lives together
on Saturday, the seventh of June
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following ceremony

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West Erwin Staff & Members & Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers to comfort our family. The flowers were an encouragement to me in Norman. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

We love you,
Jeff & Linda, Josh & Brett

Dear West Erwin Family,

We want to express our sincere love and thanks for all the calls, cards, visits, and food - but most of all for your prayers. It is wonderful to have such a caring family. Please continue to pray for us as I begin my treatment. Our thanks to all of you and to our God who can do all things if we will ask.

We love you,
Ann & Charles McCoy

Dear West Erwin Family,

I sincerely appreciate the Bible and special recognition during this exciting time! I will miss the support and love I have received over the last four years. You all hold a special place in my heart and will be missed!

Love,
Brook West

Dear West Erwin Brethren,

Thank you so much for the study Bible. It will be a valuable reference source in my daily readings. I have a bounty of wonderful memories that were created in this church and for the many special members who have been a part of these, I am deeply indebted.

In Christian love,
Pamela Lynn Wiggins

WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family of Judy Massey, who passed from this life on Sunday, June 1. Her husband, Melvin, is the son of the late James and Mildred Massey. Services were held Wednesday at the United Methodist church in Brownsboro.

SPECIAL EVENT

16th Annual Singing with Ray Walker
June 8-11, 7:30 pm
Lake Shore Church of Christ
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COMMENDATIONS

In the day to day work of the church we are indebted to many, many people. I think of those who work quietly and effectively behind the scenes to assure us that needed tasks are done: cleaning and arranging the buildings; opening and closing the buildings and making sure the lights are on and the air conditioning is working; the song books and attendance cards are in place and the pencils are sharp; the families experiencing grief are provided a meal; the shut-ins are fed; the lawn and shrubs are trimmed and the flowers are watered; the benevolent center is open and people are there to serve; the busses are cleaned and filled with gas; and on and on we could go. These things all help us immeasurably in doing the work God has given us to do, namely, the salvation of men and women, through preaching the gospel, edifying the church, and caring for those in need. Our thanks to all of you who help in any way. But I want to single out some others. A special thanks to:

1. Those who encourage us by attending all the scheduled assemblies of the church.
2. Those who have brought food for orphans over the last few weeks--what an outpouring of love.

3. Those who participated in the "Change For Children" campaign--you gave much.
4. Those who helped make Sunday such a special day.
5. Forest McFadden for the excellent way in which he called us to worship each Sunday morning during April and May.
6. Sue Starnes for the beautiful painting she did of the first West Erwin church building. See it in the foyer of our office area.

Summer Series

For the last few years we have had guest speakers on Wednesday evenings during the summer months. For at least this year we are going to continue this practice and we have an excellent group of men scheduled. You will benefit from hearing them, beginning June 4.

Mission Team

The Estonia Mission Team will leave next week for their work in Europe and we will be giving them an appropriate send off this Sunday. Be a part of this.

Sermons for Sunday, June 1, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"A Biblical Model For Missions"**

(Acts 13:1-3)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (4)**

"A Song For Imperfect People"

(Psalm 31:1-5)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

Dear Parents: Due to the large number of people who will be gone this weekend, we are planning postpone the Dinner that was scheduled for this Sunday to a later date. Thank you for understanding.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who have signed up for the Nebraska Mission Trip need to be present for a meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Heritage Room.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us this Sunday night for a combined devotional in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finished at 9:00. We are planning to play some games in the Center and enjoy a devotional time together. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this great time together.

HABITAT HOUSE

Our next workday will be this Saturday from 8:30 until... We plan to work on hanging sheetrock.

We are also planning to work Friday, June 6 from 9:00 till 5:00. During this time we will be painting the house both inside and out. Make plans to be there!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

June 1	Combined Devotional
June 8	High School Devotional
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July 25-28	Mexico Mission

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

THANKSGIVING

Who says thanksgiving comes only once a year? When we have so much to be thankful for, we just have to express it!

First of all, we are thankful to God for His great love and mercy. He has not only offered his salvation to us but has allowed my family and I to serve at West Erwin for one year now. I am thankful to Him that He has also chosen us to take the Good News of Jesus to the people of Estonia again this year. (That you are sending other W.E. members with us this time is a wonderful blessing.)

Next, I am thankful for all of you in the family at West Erwin. The acceptance, support and love you have shown to my family and I have been much more than we

deserve. We could never show our appreciation adequately for all you have done.

Ministry Highlights

MEN'S MINISTRY

Last Wednesday was our final class meeting until next fall. Let's not lose our focus or forget our goals of becoming the kind of husbands, fathers and men that God wants us to be.

Due to scheduling conflicts the Men's Retreat has been moved to the second weekend of **September (12 & 13)**. We have reservations as Timberline and will have information and a sign-up sheet in the church office.

Group 6 (Ray & Gail Vannoy) will meet for fellowship this week after the morning worship services.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again

Diane Loomans

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often.
I would be firm less often, a affirm much more.
I'd model less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

Experience a taste of Heaven today. Spend some time with a small child. Unconditional love, absolute trust, total honesty; all wrapped up in the form of a small person. God says we need to be more like them for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. So, invest in tomorrow . . . play today.

VBS will be June 10th-12th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Our theme will be **Build A Holy Place** and we will be building the Tabernacle, God's Dwelling Place, among His people. If you are interested in helping plan and coordinate this fun-filled exciting activity, please contact Mike Gravois ASAP.

ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop - July 20-23, 1997. Mark these dates on your calendar and begin making plans to join us. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon. so watch for more details.

WEDDING INVITATIONS

Sherry and Steve
Invite you to share the moment when . . .
two lives are made one
two hearts are made one
two friends are made husband and wife
Please join
Sherry Lynn Delker
and Steven Ross Rachui
as they exchange marriage vows
and begin their new life together
on Saturday, the thirty-first of May
nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Perkins Chapel
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

In the spirit of Christian joy
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Nelson
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Amanda Marie

to
Chad Alan Faubus
son of Dr. and Mrs. Don O. Faubus
As they begin their lives together
on Saturday, the seventh of June
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Shiloh Road Church of Christ
1801 Shiloh Road
Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following ceremony

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations...

Stan and Ernestine Mallory have a new granddaughter! Bonnie Ann Tesseyman was born May 20 to John and Dawn Tesseyman. She weighed 8 lb. 15 oz.

Cody Todd Stewart was born May 25 to Todd and Juli-
enne Stewart in Snyder, Texas. He weighed 7 lb. 13 1/2
oz. and was 21 inches long. Jo Butler is the proud grand-
mother, Mary Butler the great grandmother, and his aunt is
Marisa Suggs.

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BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower honoring

Carrie Cannefax

Saturday, June 7 - 2:00 to 3:30

at the home of Melinda O'Quinn

4401 Richmond Road

Selections: Storkland and Target

(It's a boy)

OUR SYMPATHY

Services for **Ruth Crosser** will be Friday at 10:00 at Memorial Funeral Home. We extend our sympathy to James and Sharon Gehring and Kevin and Shelly Sustaire in their loss.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gena Henry was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for having a 3.8 GPA. She also earned an English award for being an outstanding English student. Gena is in San Marcos for the summer to work at a summer camp, then in the fall will go to Stephen F. Austin University to begin her junior year in college.

Matt Herder, son of Lila Herder and a former West Erwin member, was recently commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the USAF. He graduated from Angelo State University the same evening. His wife Kristen also was commissioned and graduated. They will report to Robbins AFB, Georgia in June for 3 years.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Nathan and Suzanne Linseisen and children, Leanne and Nathan Jr., came Sunday to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family. They live at 1626 Terre Haute, telephone number 533-9780.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 31, 1997 - Bar-B-Que lunch, fellowship, singing groups - campsites available, hosted by the children and staff of Cherokee Home for Children.

GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 2-6. We are asked to furnish INSTANT TEA. Also cash donations are appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.



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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

May 22, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 21
Records	Sunday May 18	Sunday May 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	353	355	400
Worship A.M.	553	582	547
Worship P.M.	327	328	466
Wed. P.M.	204	204	233
Contribution	\$16,196.08	\$14,677.19	\$15,553.71
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 25 and Wednesday P.M., May 28, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Ann McCoy is at home and will be treated with medication. **James Ball** is doing well after angioplasty Tuesday following a heart attack. **Ruth Crosser** is in ETMC ICU after surgery due to a fall. **Tommie Alice Egbert** is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. **Clelia Faye Elliott** is now at home and her husband, **Amos**, has returned to Park Place. **Beatrice Holland** is in The Clairmont. **A.Z. Aven** had cataract surgery Monday. **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son, remains very ill in Dallas. **Clara Wright**, Cyndie Wagner's grandmother, has been hospitalized after a fall. **James Tarpley**, Mary Gaiser's son-in-law in Garland, is having tests. **Virginia Merrit**, Judith Harshbarger's aunt, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. **Fay Smith**, Ken's mother, had a cancerous lump removed Tuesday and is beginning radiation. **Alyce Munshower**, friend of Myra Mason, is hospitalized with cancer in Alabama.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth		SUNDAY		
Mike Gravois - Education	Daniel Morgan - Involvement		Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY
MISSIONS			Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)
ELDERS			TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee		11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
			(903) 592-0809		

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
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Prayer Jon Sorrells
Scripture Jerry Howard
Dismiss Jim Carty
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Chuck Florence
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Announcements Danny Snell
Prayer James Holland
Scripture Bruce Beaver
Dismiss Charlie Scroggins
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Justin Wiggains Kelly Ross
Jeremy Wiggains Ira Wilson
Leon Welborn Walker Weathers
Lowell Wiggains Blake Stansbury
GREETERS
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone
Dan & Wini Cullinan

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ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

One of the great challenges facing church leaders in our times is providing for the spiritual needs of most of the people most of the time. The assumption here is that it is impossible to provide for the spiritual needs of all the people all the time. The church today is made up of several generations including Builders (over 70), the Silent Generation (people in their 50's and 60's), Boomers (people in their 30's and 40's), Busters (people in their 20's) and the New Millennial people (those who will graduate from high school around the year 2000). How can we plan worship and Bible classes that will appeal to most of these people most of the time and, at the same time, remain within the framework of Scripture? That's a real challenge. The perceived needs of people (what they like, what they want, what gets their attention) may overshadow the real needs that we all have. Granted, classes and worship can appeal to our likes and our enjoyment, but how often do we hear people ask, "What does God want to happen here?" and, "How does this promote my real spiritual growth?" Some like large lecture-type classes, while others like small group discussion classes. So, let's have both. Some like the old songs and others like new songs. So, let's sing

both (a song is no more sacred because it was written in 1890 than it is being written in 1990). Some like more singing and less preaching in worship and others like more preaching and less singing. So, let's have both. Some like upbeat songs while others like the slower more devotional songs. So, let's have both. Some like to stand a lot while others like to sit. So, let's do both. Some like to stand before worship begins and greet everyone around them while others prefer to sit quietly. So, let's do both. Some like to change the order of worship from week to week while others like the comfort of the same order. So, let's do both. In all of this we must be tolerant and loving to each other and seek to appreciate the needs and desires of others as well as our own. We all will like some things we do more than other things, but the important thing is to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24); to edify each other (I Corinthians 14:26); and to do all things "decently and in order" (I Corinthians 14:40). Also, let us remember that if we will worship God with our whole heart, participate enthusiastically in everything, whether it is our favorite thing or not, we will get from worship what God intends.

Sermons for Sunday, May 25, 1997
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Efficient Or Effective?"**
(Luke 10:38-42)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (3)**
"A Song For Those Seeking Patience"
(Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

FOOT NOTES...

Bruce Beaver has arrived! I am looking forward to Bruce working with us this summer as our Summer Intern. He is a great guy and will be an asset to our Youth Ministry. Take an opportunity to meet him and get to know him. Also keep Bruce in your prayers along with all of those involved in our youth ministry this summer.

Thanks to all of those who made the annual Jr.-Sr. Day a memorable event. The day was wonderful and the Ranger/Yankee game was fun for us but not for the Rangers!

Our senior devotional this past Sunday was one of the most memorable yet. We laughed, we cried, we shared and we witnessed God working in peoples lives.

Parents - Join us on Sunday night, June 1st for a special dinner in your honor. More details to come.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those who have signed up for the Nebraska Mission Trip need to be present for a meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in the Heritage Room.

HABITAT HOUSE

Our next workday will be this Saturday from 8:30 until... We plan to finish the wiring, plumbing, and begin sheet-rocking. We will also work on Monday from 10:00 until... If you are willing to help, please come!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

FAMILY NEEDS

Will you prepare food for the bereaved, the ill or for a special need that someone in the W.E. FAMILY may have?

If you would be willing to do this at times, please give your name to your SHEPHERDING GROUP LEADER.

In the future, whenever needs may arise in these areas, they will be handled through these groups. If you have a need, know of someone who is ill or has suffered a loss, please notify your Shepherding Group Leader.

No one at West Erwin can ever say, "I don't really have a place to belong. I don't have anything to do."

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

One night a group of nomads was preparing to retire for the evening when suddenly they were surrounded by a great light. They knew they were in the presence of a celestial being. With great anticipation, they awaited a heavenly message of great importance that they knew must be especially for them.

Finally the voice spoke. "Gather as many pebbles as you can. Put them in your saddlebags. Travel a day's journey and tomorrow night will find you glad and it will find you sad."

After having departed, the nomads shared their disappointment and anger with each other. They expected the revelation of a great universal truth that would enable them to create great wealth, health, and purpose for the world. But instead they were given a menial task that made no sense to them at all. However, the memory of the brilliance of their visitor caused each one to pick up a

few pebbles and deposit them in their saddlebags while voicing their displeasure.

They traveled a day's journey and that night while making camp, they reached into their saddlebags and discovered every pebble they had collected had become a diamond. They were glad they had diamonds. They were sad they had not collected more pebbles.

John Wayne Schlatter
Chicken Soup for the Soul

What is your excuse, excuse me, reason for not being here when the doors open or opportunities to serve present themselves? This wonderful story sums up our mission for Education Ministry here at West Erwin. We try to teach our children and members the vital importance of "pebbles" that will one day be "diamonds." Every opportunity YOU miss costs US in ways YOU may not realize. Invest today in your spiritual growth, the Lord's Church, and in your family's future. **BE ACTIVE IN YOUR CHURCH.**

Ministry Highlights

Group 5 (James and Connie Sublette) will meet for fellowship this week after the morning worship services.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Be in class this Wednesday. Don Durham will be our guest teacher on *The Discipline of Integrity for the Godly Man*.

We will also have sign up for the Men's Retreat coming up on August 8-9th.



WEDDING INVITATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Allison
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Misty Brooke

to

Robby Walton Scott

son of

Gale Elise Scott

and

Dr. John and Mary Sue Scott
on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of May

nineteen hundred and ninety-seven

at three o'clock in the afternoon

Court Drive Church of Christ

Palestine, Texas

Sherri and Steve

Invite you to share the moment when . . .

two lives are made one

two hearts are made one

two friends are made husband and wife

Please join

Sherri Lynn Delker

and Steven Ross Rachui

as they exchange marriage vows

and begin their new life together

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Perkins Chapel

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, Texas



CONGRATULATIONS, COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Angie Hendrix, daughter of Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix and granddaughter of Forest and Mary McFadden, graduated Cum Laude from Texas A&M receiving a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Misty Malone was a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Graduate with a 4.0 GPA from Kilgore College Allied Health as a Physical Therapist Assistant. She is the daughter of Marc and Pam Lemons and the granddaughter of Velma Lemons.

BUILDING FUND -- \$164,619.80 and growing!

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IN APPRECIATION

Your outpouring of love has been overwhelming. We thank you for every act of kindness and for your participation with us in the celebration of Mother's life. She loved the church, and she loved West Erwin.

The Family of Allie Wren
Glynda & James Sizemore
Phyllis & Charles Rachui
Rose Teel
Carol & Daniel Morgan

To our family in Christ at West Erwin,

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all of your calls, cards, visits, flowers, and food, and especially your prayers before, during, and after surgery. How wonderful it is to have each other. May God bless you one and all.

Edgar & Delle Bullard

To our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Words are inadequate to express our sincere thanks to each and every one who helped make our sorrow at the death of Henry J. Starnes easier to bear -- for each call, card, food or other expressions of sympathy. We love you.

Sue, Glynn & Fran Starnes

Dear West Erwin Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for the beautiful yellow and white spray of flowers sent in memory of our dear husband and dad, Don Slaughter. Please remember us in your thoughts and prayers.

Patsy, Belinda & LaDonna

Dear West Erwin Family,

Once again we want to thank you for your many acts of kindness and love, your prayers, calls, cards, and concern during my shoulder surgery, and now through my recovery. You are so special to Faye and me.

In Christian Love,
Archie Kennard

GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 2-6. We are asked to furnish INSTANT TEA. Also cash donations are appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.

WITH SYMPATHY

Henry Starnes, Sue's husband and Glynn's father and a long time West Erwin member, died Wednesday afternoon. Services were held Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Services are pending in Norman, OK for Allene Hone, Jeff Hone's mother. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Our sincere sympathy is extended to these families.

THE SEARCH



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Worship A.M.	582	557	644
Worship P.M.	328	281	321
Wed. P.M.	204	225	257
Contribution	\$14,677.19	\$15,669.22	\$15,816.86
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 18 and Wednesday P.M., May 21, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Ann McCoy is recuperating at her daughter's home in Fairview and is still awaiting final test reports. **John Cliver** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. His prognosis is good and he is on a Sojourner's trip. **Hayley Wilson**, daughter of Randall and Denise, has been ill at home with pneumonia. **Clelia Faye Elliott** has been in Mother Frances with some heart problems. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye's husband, was also hospitalized again. **William Hammond**, David Hammond's dad, is doing well after shoulder surgery. **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son, is very ill in Dallas. **F.D. Gravois, Jr.**, Mike's dad, is at home and doing well following angioplasty last week in New Orleans. **James Tarpley**, Mary Gaiser's son-in-law in Garland, had tests this week. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, in nursing homes, undergoing treatment or shut-in.

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

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Prayer James Hardin
Scripture Mark Frick
Dismiss Steve Thrash

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Doug Scroggins
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Drew Fitzgerald
Scripture Charlie Scroggins
Dismiss Buddy Elrod

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Justin Wiggains Kelly Ross
Jeremy Wiggains Ira Wilson
Leon Welborn Walker Weathers
Lowell Wiggains Blake Stansbury

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FAMILY MATTERS

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Clay** and **Ronda Clem- ons** and their two-year-old twin boys, Derek and Aaron, into our growing West Erwin family. They come to us from the Western Hills church in Temple, TX. Their address is 514 Ridgeway, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2927. Ronda is the sister of Clint Hale and the neice of Lynda Terrell.

Recently **Jay** and **Shelly Hall** expressed a desire to be a part of the West Erwin family. After further study Shelly asked to be baptized for the remission of sins. We welcome Jay, Shelly, and their little daughter, Shelby, to West Erwin!

RESPONSE

Chuck Gillam came Sunday to request our prayers for his family as they meet the challenges in their lives.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday in Nacogdoches for Cleveland Cook, Mary Evelyn Grier's uncle and Mary June Goodson's great uncle. Funeral services were held at the Salado Church of Christ Sunday for Don Slaughter, former West Erwin member. Graveside services were held Monday in Troup. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

You are invited to a Bridal Gift Coffee honoring Sherri Delker bride-elect of Steven Rachui Saturday, May 17 10:00-11:30

at the home of Billie Morgan 3310 Greenoak Place

Selections: Dillard's & Service Merchandise Colors: Soft rose, green, soft blue

You're invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Mandy Nelson bride-elect of Chad Faubus Saturday, May 17 10:00-12:00

at the home of Diane Litton 1729 Rose Road

Selections: Dillard's and Target

Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN cans due Sunday, May 18.

Sermons for Sunday, May 18, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"A Passion For Him"**
(Matthew 22:37-39)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (2)**

"A Song For Those Who Are Stressed"
(Psalm 46:1-11)

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Congratulations Seniors 1997

Amanda Lynn Broome played the cello in the orchestra 2 years, French Club member 2 years, art club 1 year, Zonta Club 1 year, Yearbook staff 2 years, National Honor Society 2 years at Robert E. Lee. She was an American Legion award recipient, UIL Division One rating with orchestra, was nominated to attend Washington National Youth Conference, Associate Editor of yearbook in '97, voted Who's Who Among High School Students, awarded yearbook scholarship and lettered in yearbook 2 years. Amanda is the daughter of Gary and Frances Broome and plans to attend Texas Tech University. Her major will be Criminology or Computer Graphics.



Amanda Broome

Casey Culpepper is a graduate of Winona High School where he played in the band 3 years, played baseball 2 years, and played football and basketball 1 year. He was assistant editor of the school newspaper and was in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He received the Computer Math award and Leadership award. Casey plans to go to Tyler Junior College and work toward a degree in Electronic Engineering. He is the son of Ken and Cathy Culpepper.



Casey Culpepper



Heather Ketchum

Heather Ketchum, the daughter of Ed and Sharon Ketchum, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee and plans to major in math at Kilgore College. She was in the Cheering Squad 1 year, Pep Squad 1 year, participated in Gifted Program, Southern Belle Drill Team 2 years, Z Club, National Honor Society 1 year, alternate of UIL Current Events Team, and has completed 3 hours at TJC in early admissions.

Justin Metcalf, son of J.N. and Ginger Metcalf, is a graduate of Brownsboro High School and plans to attend Trinity Valley Community College and major in Criminal Justice. Justin was on the Varsity Baseball Team, FFA Show Team, FFA Radio Team and was active in coaching Little League in the Chandler Baseball League.



Justin Metcalf



Steven Shogry



John Portwood

John Portwood, son of John and Kathy Portwood, is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. He played football for 4 years (offensive and defensive tackle), was manager for the Whitehouse basketball team, was in D-Fy-It, was on the golf team and was manager of baseball team for one year. He was named to Academic All-District, Who's Who Among American High Schools, made the A Honor Roll all year except one six weeks when he made 1 B. John is graduating in the top 20% of his class. He plans to attend TJC where he will be a student assistant for the football team. He plans to major in Kinesiology.

Steven Scott Shogry plans to go to TJC and major in Business Management. He is the son of David and Joy Shogry and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He is interested in motorcycles, coin collecting, fishing, drag racing, R/C car racing (model), and weightlifting. He worked for two years at Dairy Queen and is currently employed at S'barro's in the mall.



Brook West

Brook Ashley West is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School where she was on the Cheering Squad, Z-Club and National Honor Society. She received the National Science Merit Award, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students 4 years, and was on the Honor Roll for 4 years. She is the daughter of Louis and Jean West. She will attend the University of Texas in Austin and plans to work in ER Nursing.

Pamela Wiggains is the daughter of Lowell and Cecille Wiggains and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She was active in Science Club, Key Club, Young Life, French Club, Zonta Club, Pep Squad and Cheering Squad. She was nominated to the National Junior Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3 years, and was a Presidential Classroom Scholar. She plans to go to TJC for one year, then to Texas A&M and major in Pre-Law.



Pamela Wiggains

May 8, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 19
Records	Sunday May 4	Sunday April 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	329	394	381
Worship A.M.	557	527	547
Worship P.M.	281	330	338
Wed. P.M.	225	NC	247
Contribution	\$15,669.22	\$17,745.61	\$15,864.98
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 11 and Wednesday P.M., May 14, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

PRAYER AND CARE

Ann McCoy's surgery went well Friday in Dallas. (No reports-Wed. am). She is at her daughter's home in Fairview. **Lena Goswick** got a good report after cardiac tests Monday in Houston. **Moselle White** is at home after being hospitalized last week for a blood clot. **Claudia Griffis** got a good report after recent tests in Houston. **Jeannie Wood** had tests in Houston last week. **Beatrice Holland** was hospitalized after a recent fall but is now at home. It was great to see **Harold Browning** at church last Sunday! **Dorothy Davis** is ill at home with shingles. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye's husband, is in Park Place after being hospitalized with pneumonia. **Lance Barber**, June Chapel's son, is in Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son, is very ill in Dallas. Debbe Davis' sister, **Wendy Berris**, is scheduled for additional surgery. **F.D. Gravois, Jr.**, Mike's dad, is scheduled for angioplasty Thursday in New Orleans.

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A MEDLEY OF MATTERS

It has been observed that in most worship those who lead are the performers, God is the prompter, and the congregation the audience; in true Christian worship, the congregation ought to be performers, those who lead the prompters, and God the audience.
-- Don Skinner (adapted)

Don't ever say, "I'm just a Sunday school teacher." If you were a professor at Harvard or Oxford, you would be proud of it -- proud of the responsibility. As a Sunday school teacher, you can be equally proud -- not the sort of pride that exalts self, but the warm joyful glow of humble satisfaction that comes to those who serve the Savior in His strength, not theirs. What a privilege you have -- to teach an immortal soul to have fellowship with God.
-- Henrietta Mears

Spiritual awakening is simply a fresh view of Jesus. When we see Him, there is only one thing we can do. We fall at His feet in sweet surrender to love and worship Him. It is that love that spurs us to become the salt and light of the world.
-- Sammy Tippit

Ben Franklin believed that the measure of a person's greatness was the person's goodness. He did not believe one could exist without the other. In 1729 in the American Weekly Mercury Franklin wrote: "If we were as industrious to become good as to make ourselves great, we should become really great by being good, and the number of valuable people would be much increased. But it is a grand mistake to think of being great without goodness; and I pronounce it as certain that there was never yet a truly great person who was not at the same time truly virtuous."
-- Bits and Pieces

And then there was the family that received a Season's Greetings card from their paper boy rolled up in the morning newspaper. The family ignored it and a week later another card appeared with this notation scribbled on the envelope: Second notice.

"Criticism is something we can avoid easily -- by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing." -- Aristotle

"The question should never be who is right, but what is right."
-- Glenn Gardiner

Sermons for Sunday, May 11, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "**Arise, Go Up To Bethel**"
(Genesis 35:1-3)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (1)**
"**A Song For The Misunderstood**"
(Psalm 140:1-6)

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HABITAT HOUSE

WOW! That is an appropriate word to describe what took place this past Sunday afternoon and evening. At noon, there was only a slab and by 5:30, there were walls and a partially decked roofed! It is awesome what can be accomplished when God's people work together with God's Blessing. There were over a hundred present for the workday and many others have worked through this week.

Our next workday will be this Saturday from 8:00 - 8:00. We plan to accomplish the wiring, plumbing, exterior painting and begin sheetrocking. If you have any of the following tools, please bring them with you: Cordless Driver-Drill, Toolbag, Hammer, Stapler Gun, and other tools for electrical work. If you are willing to help, please come!

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Will You Pray?

Is there anyone who will lead our first Sunday evening prayer sessions while I am away on campaign this summer? If you were not aware, my family and I will be leaving on June 5th for a six-week campaign effort in Estonia.

We, along with four other West Erwin members, (Tim Marshall and his daughter, Jade, Joy Rousseau and Cathy Scroggins) will be sent out from this place to work on the next phase of establishing a church in the city of Tartu, Estonia. We need your prayer support in the greatest way possible, as do all the other mission efforts of this church.

The elders and staff also need your prayer support in the most urgent way. Many, many of the members long for your prayer support in their times of need. **This CHURCH needs your prayer support!!!**

Is there anyone who will come and pray for us?

Ministry Highlights

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Speaking of prayer, this week we have a special gathering at Sweet Sue's on the West Loop. Be there by 8:15 A.M. for the "pay-for-your-own" buffet and for the fellowship and prayer following.

FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Shepherding Group meeting this Sunday because of Mother's Day. Enjoy the weekend with your families. Next week, May 18, Shepherding Group #4 (Phil and Linda Marts) will be meeting. Remember, fellowship is as much a part of the New Testament church as "the apostle's doctrine, ... breaking bread, and prayer" (Acts 2:42).

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers
Are the ones who live their creeds,
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it, if you'll let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding
How you act and what you live.

Read James 2:14-26. What lesson will you live today?

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6	H.O.S.T.S. Bible Study
May 11	Tomato Paste Sunday
May 18	CSET Change for Children Cans Due BBQ Sauce Sunday
May 20	H.O.S.T.S. Bible Study
May 24-26	H.O.S.T.S. Trip
May 25	Rotel Tomato Sunday
June 10-12	Build a Holy Place (VBS)
June 16-20	Camp Friendship
July 20-23	ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a
Bridal Gift Coffee
honoring
Sherri Belker
bride-elect of Steven Rachui
Saturday, May 17
10:00-11:30
at the home of Billie Morgan
3310 Greenoak Place
Selections: Dillard's & Service Merchandise
Colors: Soft rose, green, soft blues



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WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to the family of Rose Marks, Lena Goswick's cousin. She died suddenly last Friday in Houston.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Chandler Church of Christ with Dr. Elmo Hall May 7-11. Services Sunday - 9:30 & 10:30 am & 6:00 pm, Wed.-Sat. 7:30 pm. His Singers from ACU at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin Sunday, April 6, 2:00-4:00 pm. Four States Singing School emphasizing song leading and music theory at Camp Bee in Marshall, Texas June 8-13 for boys, girls, men and women. *Check bulletin board for details

GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 2-6. We are asked to furnish INSTANT TEA. Also cash donations are appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.

Correction: The wedding date for Becky Hill and Brian Daughtry is July 26, 1997.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family of West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the beautiful peace lily and all the cards, calls, hugs, and words of encouragement in our time of loss. I was truly touched by the number of people who truly reached out to us during this difficult time. Granny will be dearly missed, but I have peace by knowing that she is in her mansion in the sky. She won't be suffering any more pain, tears, sorrows, or sadness. She is in a much better place. (In Heaven!) Thanks again. I love ya'll.

In Him,
Sandie Martin & Family

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you so much for your help and support this month. It is a real blessing and we all appreciate it. It is finally warm enough here to plant our flowers and we've enjoyed working outside together. Our cat had kittens and all five are fat and fluffy. One of the girl's sponsors also gave us a rabbit so we have quite a menagerie. Doug was the auctioneer at the school carnival. This was one of several charity auctions he has done here. Thanks again for everything.

Love,
Doug & Jill Stickler

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN FINISHING K-5TH GRADE

There's still time to register for Camp Friendship! The dates are June 16-20 and the cost is \$25.00. Registration forms are available in the church office or in the foyers. This year we will have water play, arts and crafts, Bible study, archery, skating and access to games in a gym. We will also have cooking, outdoor service activities, a dunking booth, a moonwalk, and way, way more!! Register by May 12 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. See you in June!



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

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PRAYER AND CARE

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Dismiss	Will Christian

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Ira Wilson

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Prayer	Garry Goswick
Scripture	Bill Smith
Dismiss	Bill Hawkins

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SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Through the years the West Erwin church has been known as a mission-minded church. Both at home and abroad we have been committed to fulfilling the Great Commission as we have sought to "preach the gospel to every creature." Since we have been dedicated to worldwide evangelism, we are not only interested in the various works in which we are involved, but we want to hear what others are doing. This Sunday we have one of those opportunities. **Gerald Paden**, long time missionary to Italy and current Chairman of Missions and instructor with Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, will be with us to tell of an exciting new effort to reach people for Christ in Athens, Greece. The Lubbock school is in the process of establishing a satellite campus in Athens to train students from fourteen Islamic nations in order that they may return to their homelands with the message of Christ. Accompanying Gerald will be Steve Stamatis, an experienced missionary and teacher, who will be the Dean of the satellite school. Steve will be presenting a slide presentation to a combined adult Bible class in our auditorium at 9:00 am which will illustrate the plans for Athens. At the 10:00 am assembly Gerald will be preaching on Biblically based missions. This is a rare opportunity for us and you won't want to miss it.

MAKE DISCIPLES

Last Sunday I spoke of the mandate of Christ to "make disciples" with emphasis upon how we can carry out this mandate (a command from one in authority placing an obligation upon us) here at home. Keep these thoughts in mind and put them into practice:

1. Write down the names of three people you know who need Christ and pray daily for them by name.
2. Find the courage to tell them we are praying for people at West Erwin and that you are praying for them.
3. Invite them to your Bible class and to worship -- tell them something good about West Erwin.
4. Give them a tape (we'll provide appropriate tapes through our office) and ask them to listen and tell you what they think.
5. Help us reach our Building Fund goal of \$200,000 (the fund now stands at \$162,505.30 and grows each week) so we can begin construction on our new Fellowship Building which will be an effective tool for reaching out to our community.
6. Greet and welcome each visitor at our services.

Sermons for Sunday, May 4, 1997

A.M. **Gerald Paden**
Sunset International Bible Institute
P.M. **Mike Gravois**
"Vital Signs"

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

HABITAT HOUSE

We got rained out and it was a frustrating yet reassuring experience that reminds me that God is in control! We have rescheduled for Sunday afternoon from 12:00 - 5:30. Lunch will be provided. Bring clothes to change into and we will go straight to work after church. We will also work after church Sunday night until 9:00. It is the third house south of the Thrifty Nickel on South Vine.

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PICNIC IN THE PARK POSTPONED

Due to the changes in the Habitat House schedule, we will be postponing the Picnic in the Park until a later time.

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

A Great Divide

(Part 6 of many to come)

This Great Divide was so horrible that words cannot truly describe the impact on the people who had lived in the land. First, they were separated from the glorious presence of God. Then they were exiled from the land of great blessing and never allowed to return. Finally, their lives were no longer filled with blessing but death and suffering.

FELLOWSHIP

This week Shepherding Group #3 (Joe and Frances McBee) will be meeting. Group 3 members, don't miss it! Come ready to grow in fellowship and ministry.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

We believe that we are hurt when we don't receive love. But that is not what hurts us. Our pain comes when we do not give love. We were born to love. You might say that we are divinely created love machines. We function most powerfully when we are giving love. The world has led us to believe that our well-being is dependent on other people loving us. But this is the kind of upside-down thinking that has caused so many of our problems. The truth is that our well-being is dependent on our giving love. It is not about what comes back; it is about what goes out!

-- quoted from Alan Cohen
Chicken Soup For The Soul

Read Mark 12:28-34. Remember your high school English classes? In a statement where there is no subject the subject is "you understood." DO YOU??? In

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS

This last Thursday was the National Day of Prayer. I hope you offered prayers in behalf of our leaders and nation. You know this is right and good (Proverbs 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:1-2).

But, Church, would you please give some time to this all important prayer ministry on Sunday evening after services? Would you join with us for a time of prayer for our nation?

Men's Ministry

Men, please don't miss the special presentation on Wednesday evening by Danny Snell on our children and fathers. And don't forget the Prayer Breakfast on May 10th at Sweet Sue's.

the movie *Dead Poet's Society*, Robin Williams challenges his students to "Seize the Day," Carpe diem. In Hebrews 10:19-25 the author gives us that very same challenge. As you go through this week practice **Random Needless Acts of Kindness**, for as Christians we realize that sharing love is on-going not random, commanded not needless, and a light to a darkened world. Let's glow some, OK???

Remember this coming Sunday is **TOMATO SAUCE** Sunday for the **Annual Cherokee Children's Home Food Drive**. Please be generous in your support of this effort.

The **Change For Children** cans supporting **Christian Services of East Texas** need to be returned on Sunday, May the 18th.

Ministry Highlights

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Glynn Lowe
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Sharon

to

Mr. David Lawrence Hammond
on Saturday, the third of May
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at three o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas
and afterwards at the reception
Plaza Towers

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Brian Daughtry and Becky Hill announce their engagement and upcoming marriage at the West Erwin church on June 26, 1997.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS

Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore with **Jay Lockhart** May 4-7. Services Sunday - 9 & 10 am & 6 pm. Mon.-Wed.-12:05 (lunch provided after devotional) & 7 pm. Carthage Church of Christ with **Harold Taylor** and **Eric Wharton**, song director, May 4-7, Sunday 9:30 & 10:20 am and 7:00 pm, Mon.-Wed. 7:00 pm. **His Singers** from ACU at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin Sunday, April 6, 2:00-4:00 pm.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice with **Sherrie Frick**, wife of Jerry and daughter-in-law of David and Wanda, in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Their address is 301 Shady Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-2568.

Jay and Shelly Hall and little daughter Shelby have been attending here for some time and came Sunday to make known their desire to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family. They live at 4805 Gretna Green, 75703, ph. 561-9526.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and flowers that were sent after the death of my grandmother, Joyce Haile. Your thoughts, warm wishes and expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated. We are proud to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Love in Christ,
Dan & Lally Haile

Thank you so much for the flowers sent to my Dad's service. I also appreciate all the cards sent, and I feel so fortunate to have a Christian family like West Erwin.

In Christian love,
Sharon Ketchum

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN FINISHING K-5TH GRADE

There's still time to register for Camp Friendship! The dates are June 16-20 and the cost is \$25.00. Registration forms are available in the church office or in the foyers. This year we will have water play, arts and crafts, Bible study, archery, skating and access to games in a gym. We will also have cooking, outdoor service activities, a dunking booth, a moonwalk, and way, way more!! Register by May 12 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. See you in June!

Change For Children

April 6 - May 18

Benefiting Kids of CSET
All are encouraged to participate

GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 2-6. We are asked to furnish INSTANT TEA. Also cash donations are appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.

BUILDING FUND -- \$162,505.30 and growing!



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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

April 24, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 17
Records	Sunday April 13	Sunday April 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	341	379	405
Worship A.M.	491	541	570
Worship P.M.	280	370	382
Wed. P.M.	253	230	239
Contribution	\$15,188.26	\$27,373.22	\$13,871.92
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00	\$356.28 under	budget
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 27 and Wednesday P.M., April 30, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Ann McCoy is scheduled for surgery May 2 in Dallas. **Henry Starnes** returned to Glenview Nursing Center Wednesday. **James Kennedy** is in UT Health Center with pneumonia. **Delle Bullard** is recuperating at home after recent surgery. **Linda McClenny** is having back problems. **Harold Browning** continues to improve at home. **Dorothy Davis** is ill at home with shingles. **Lance Barber**, June Chapel's son, is in Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. He has an aneurysm. **Cody Ingram**, Billie and Norene Ingram's grandson, continues to improve. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is recovering from recent surgery. **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son, is very ill in Dallas. **Hoytt Crane**, a member at the Troup church, is in Ut Health Center with stomach cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, in nursing homes, undergoing treatment or shut-in.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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

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MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
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Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee

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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THE SEARCH GOES WORLDWIDE

THE SEARCH, West Erwin's television ministry, has completed twelve years of broadcasting and 614 programs, not counting periodic night time specials. During these twelve years the videos have been seen regularly on Tyler TV stations and in other locations around the United States (including Del and Clara Masters' Video Lending Library which has used the tapes to help small churches in the Northwest and Northeast) and in some foreign counties. Audio tapes and manuscripts have been sent to people on a regular mailing list as well as to those who have requested certain programs both in the United States and abroad. Literally hundreds of tapes and manuscripts have been sent out from West Erwin and we know of people who have been baptized and congregations that have been planted. Now we have a new opportunity. Beginning on May 6, audio tapes will be sent to World Christian Broadcasting in Nashville, Tennessee which will be heard once each week on a worldwide network with a potential 2,500,000 listeners. We can broadcast these programs for 30 weeks for about what one local TV special would cost and we believe this is a wise expenditure of a portion of the budget for THE SEARCH. We plan to have a well organized follow-up program in place by May 6 and we will keep you informed of the results. Pray for this new dimension of THE SEARCH and for Don Drummond who, in his always professional way, will produce the programs.

LIBRARY MOVED

The church library was located for many years in the room just off the southwest corner of our old auditorium. When we moved to our new auditorium and remodeled that area of our building the library was in boxes for longer than we want to remember. Then it was moved to a room between the old foyer and the Heritage Room with few people knowing of its location. Now the library is a part of the Elder's Meeting Room near the entrance to our offices -- an ideal location -- and is organized for immediate use. Go by and see it ... and check out a book or two.

BRUCE BEAVER ACCEPTS SUMMER INTERN POSITION

Bruce Beaver, a freshman at ACU and the son of Danny and Sharon Beaver, members of the Shiloh Road church, has accepted the invitation of our elders to work with West Erwin as a Youth Minister Intern from May 18 to the end of the summer. Bruce is a talented young man who will be working primarily with Danny and our young people. He will be a real asset and we look forward to his arrival in May.

ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday evening: All-church fellowship to honor newcomers. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts. Drinks will be furnished.

**Sermons for Sunday, April 27, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **"Make Disciples"**
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- P.M. **Questions about Last Things (10 of 10)**
"Is God Just?"
(Romans 3:21-26)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

SUMMER INTERN

We are looking forward to Bruce Beaver working with us this summer as intern Youth Minister. He will be a blessing to this church! Please pray for Bruce and this ministry.

HABITAT HOUSE

As most of you know, the area churches of Christ will be building a house for a needy family on April 26. Come by Saturday and see this incredible event! It is the third house south of the Thrifty Nickel on South Vine. We will be working from 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. Please pray for this opportunity to make a difference in this community and that God will receive all the glory.

KARING KITCHEN

This past Monday we served our first meal to the needy of Tyler. The turnout was less than expected but those who were served benefitted. We know that through time this

ministry will grow. Please pray for this ministry and invite those you know who could benefit from a free hot meal. We will serve from 6:00 - 7:00 each Monday evening thru May 19. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Garrett Cantrell for being selected to the National Honor Roll through the US Achievement Academy! Way to go Garrett!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

A Great Divide

(Part IV of many to come)

But one day all this changed. All the wonderful fellowship that the people had enjoyed with God came to an end. The people were cut off, both from the presence of God and from the land of blessing where they had lived. This was the Great Divide!

Fellowship Notes

This Sunday evening, April 27th, following the worship assembly, all **New Members since January 1995** are invited to be our guests at the fellowship building.

We know those of you who have been here for over a year don't exactly feel like new members. But we still want to honor you in this way.

Here is why: This is an important time for the others who have been here longer to really get to know who you are. In addition to strengthening our fellowship, we also want to raise the level of involvement of every member in the body. We will be sharing with you more information about the W. E. family and the opportunities you have to serve the Lord at this place.

Ministry Highlights

Men's Ministry News

Wed. Men's classes. May 10th, Breakfast at Sweet Sue's. Plan for, Aug. 9th, W.E. Men's Retreat.

Prayer Ministry Notes

First Thursday of May, May 1st, is the **National Day of Prayer**. First Sunday evening of May, May 4th, is the West Erwin **Special Evening of Prayer**. Will you join us?

responded correctly, "Love God." "Love your neighbor." His problem, therefore, was not in his understanding. His doctrine was correct. Jesus went to the heart of the matter, "You have answered rightly; **do** this, and you will live." Jesus then goes on to tell the story of the Good Samaritan when questioned even further by the lawyer. He concludes the story with the instruction in verse 37, "Go and **do** likewise."

-- excerpts taken from an article by Cecil May, Jr.

Jesus instructions to us are very clear. If we are to be saved then we are to follow His instructions and commands and **DO** what they say. There are so many opportunities right here and right now at West Erwin and in the Lord's Kingdom. Look around, and then don't just sit there, **DO SOMETHING!!!!!!**

Special Thanks: I want to extend a very special thank you to those who gave their time to help at the workday last Saturday in the Teacher's Workroom.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Glynn Lowe request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Sharon

to

Mr. David Lawrence Hammond
on Saturday, the third of May
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at three o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas
and afterwards at the reception
Plaza Towers

GOSPEL MEETINGS

University Church of Christ April 27-30 with **Johnny Ramsey**: Sunday: 10:30 am & 6:00 pm; Mon.-Wed. 7 pm. Kaufman Church of Christ with **Avon Malone** April 27-30, Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 am & 6:00 pm. Mon.-Wed. 7 pm. Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore with **Jay Lockhart** May 4-7. Services Sunday - 9 & 10 am & 6 pm. Mon.-Wed.-12:05 (lunch provided after devotional) & 7 pm. **Hymfest '97** Daingerfield Church of Christ Friday, May 2 - 7-11 pm. *Check bulletin board for details of area meetings

REUNION

NOTICE: There will be a reunion at the Shiloh Road church fellowship room on Sunday, May 4 immediately following the morning worship assembly for those who were members of the Crescent Heights/Northwest church. Come as soon as possible. Lunch will be served at 1:00. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Please bring either a salad, vegetable or dessert. Hope to see you there!

BAPTISM

We rejoice with the Ray Maxwell family in West Point, Nebraska in the baptism of their daughter, Kristi, on April 2.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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IN APPRECIATION

Our sincere love and gratitude for all the visits, calls, cards, food, and especially the prayers during Ruth's surgery and recovery at home.

Bill and Ruth Meazell

On behalf of H.M. Minnis I want to thank all of you for your encouraging words, for your prayers, cards, food, flowers and visits.

In Christian Love,
Alla Minnis & family

Cub Scout Pack 354

Troup 354 is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner at the Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ on April 26, 5:00-7:30 pm. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Please come to the cake auction to raise funds for Cub Scout Pack 354 (sponsored by Churches of Christ) Monday, April 28 at 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Proceeds will be used to buy patches for the boys and for materials to do good turns for our community and our churches. There will also be pie throwing to raise funds. If you have any questions call Mike Wheat (839-8249) or Mark Waggoner (597-2111). Thank you for your support.

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Once again it is time for registration for Camp Friendship. The dates will be June 16-20 and the cost is \$25.00. Registration forms are available in the church office or in the foyers. This year we will have water play, arts and crafts, Bible study, archery, skating and access to games in a gym. We will also have cooking, outdoor service activities, a dunking booth, a moonwalk, and way, way more!! Register by May 12 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. See you in June!

There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 27, at 5:00 pm in the small auditorium for all adults and teens (6th grade and up) who are interested in helping with Camp Friendship. If you know of someone who helped last year you know how much fun we had! Come join us to plan for another fun week!

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Worship A.M.	541	545	560
Worship P.M.	370	Area Meeting	402
Wed. P.M.	230	241	188
Contribution	\$27,373.22	\$15,363.04	\$14,795.83
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00	\$356.28 under	budget

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PRAYER AND CARE

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ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
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Prayer Marc Tate
Scripture Ray Womack
Dismiss Kenny Elerson

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Prayer Garrett Sublette
Scripture Kyle Ross
Dismiss Brady Dawkins

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Trey Rousseau Charles Seaberry

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YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Does that title sound exaggerated? It's really not! You can change the world. Oh, you may not be able to have much impact upon making policies for world governments, but you can change the world and here's how: help put the Bible in the hands of someone who will use it to change their lives. On Tuesday, May 6, a benefit dinner will take place at the Holiday Inn (Highway 110 South just inside the loop) in Tyler, hosted by Eastern European Mission. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the church about the marvelous opportunity that exists in Russia for teaching the public school teachers and students New Testament Christianity. Dr. Vladimir Skovorodinkova, Minister of Education of the Altai Region Pubic Schools, Siberia, Russia, will be present to explain why he invites the teaching of the Bible to Russian students and teachers in the Altai Region. He will discuss the progress being made in teaching New Testament Christianity and Bible morals and character. Dr. Skovorodinkova has instituted this program at great professional risk. The Altai Region is almost as large as Texas with 60,000 teachers and 430,000 students. Funds raised

at the dinner will help EEM provide children's Bibles, curriculum guides, and Russian Bibles to people in Europe. Someone has already agreed to match dollar for dollar all that is contributed on May 6, up to \$25,000. The opportunity that exists in Russia right now may not always be ours, so we must act now. If at all possible, make your plans to be present at the Benefit Dinner. Call the church office for your free reservation.

May 6, 1997
Holiday inn, Tyler
Reception: 6:30 pm
Dinner & program: 7 to 9 pm

Our building Fund now stands at \$159,356.80. When we reach \$200,000, we begin! Did you hear about the Building Committee Chairman who told the church he had bad news and good news? He said, "The bad news is that our new building program will cost a million dollars." Then he said, "The good news is that we have the money ... it's in our pockets!"

Sermons for Sunday, April 20, 1997

- by Daniel Morgan**
- A.M. **"If You Could See ... With The Eyes of Your Heart"**
(Ephesians 1:15-23)
- by Danny Snell**
- P.M. **"I Am Not Ashamed"**
(Romans 1:16)

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HABITAT HOUSE

As most of you know, the area churches of Christ will be building a house for a needy family on the weekend of April 25-26. We will be working in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. We are in need of materials or "like" donations to build the house. We are currently needing some funds to help pay for the materials that have not been donated. If you can help with these needs or know of someone who can, please contact me ASAP. Please pray for this opportunity to make a difference in this community and that God will receive all the glory.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

On Monday April 21, we will begin serving a meal to the hungry people in our area. This is a ministry that involves all of the Tyler churches of Christ. Please pray for this ministry and invite those you know who could benefit from a

free hot meal. We will serve from 6:00 - 7:00 each Monday evening thru May 19. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

LTC CELEBRATION

All of those who participated in LTC 1997 are reminded of our Celebration and presentation this coming Sunday night. Wear your LTC shirts and plan to be here.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Apr. 20	LTC Celebration
Apr. 26	Construction of Habitat House
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A Great Divide

(Part III of many to come)

The people who lived in this land long ago and far away, were as intimate with God as they were with their closest friends, or even more so. With God, he never left them alone. They felt His very Presence was with them every moment. It did not matter when it was or where they were, they knew God was always with them.

Shepherding Group

We have now gone through the entire Shepherding Group rotation one time. We have good news! **IT IS WORKING!**... And will continue to get better. The more you do, the better it gets and the greater the blessings. This time we will focus on new aspects of the groups, the

needs they will meet and the ministries they seek to do. Don't miss being a part of the heart of the church.

Ministry Highlights

NEW MEMBERS FELLOWSHIP

As part of the new involvement ministry, the church will honor those who have become a part of the West Erwin family since January 1, 1995, at a fellowship after the evening worship assembly on Sunday, April 27th.

Special Prayer Night

Church, please give some time to this all important ministry this Sunday evening. We will pray for the fields that are white unto harvest.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY !!!!! It seems like the church building is just buzzing with activity these days. There is so much going on within the Lord's Kingdom here at West Erwin.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN. If you haven't gotten a can to begin collecting your spare change, please do so. They are available in the main lobby of the church building. Every penny we provide helps to support the work of **Christian Services of East Texas.** A few coins from you can help foster a family in need so get a can from the lobby and join us in this fund-raising effort.

Teachers' Workroom Workday - **Saturday, April 19th from 9-11 am.** We need you there!!!!

The Teachers' Training Workshop scheduled for April 26th **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The Cherokee Home for Children has asked us to help them with their Annual Grocery Drive. The drive will be on Saturday, May 31st and James Phillips has agreed to bring any donations we have collected to Cherokee for us. They are asking us to help collect Tomato Paste, BBQ Sauce, and Rotel Tomatoes. That's all!!! Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins. We will collect one item a week in the month of May. Can you imagine how full the van would be if all gave \$5 worth of each item each week?!?!?!? Start watching for sales now, OK?

VBS will be June 10th-12th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Our theme will be **Build A Holy Place** and we will be building the Tabernacle, God's Dwelling Place among His people. If you are interested in helping plan and coordinate this fun-filled exciting activity, please contact Mike Gravois ASAP.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Paul Lowe** into our West Erwin family. He recently moved to Tyler from New Boston. Paul will be an asset to our singles group and to the church here. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, and support during his recent back surgery. He also requests our prayers for strength, courage, and wisdom with the new challenges before him and to be a Christian example for his peers. His address is 5100 Sweetbriar #633, 75703, ph. 509-4240.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola with **Jay Lockhart** April 20-23. Sunday: 9:30 & 10:20 am (with a potluck lunch at 12 noon) and 6:00 pm, Mon.-Wed. 7 pm.; Longview Church of Christ with **Dan Manuel** April 20-23 Sunday 9:00 & 10:00 am & 6:00 pm; Mon.-Wed. 7:00 pm. Area-Wide Singing at Longview Church of Christ April 20 from 2:30-4:00 pm. Pittsburgh Church of Christ with **Eugene Cardinal** April 20-25. University Church of Christ April 27-30 with **Johnny Ramsey**: Sunday: 10:30 am & 6:00 pm; Mon.-Wed. 7:00 pm.

*Check bulletin board for more details of area meetings

ATTENTION LADIES:

The Canton church of Christ will host a Christian Women's Seminar Saturday, April 26. Nine speakers from various backgrounds will be addressing crucial issues facing Christian women of the 21st Century. Lunch and childcare provided. Please RSVP by April 23 to (903)567-4797.

High Plains Children's Home

Beginning April 1, volunteers will be making telephone calls on behalf of the young people in care at High Plain Children's Home during the 13th Annual "Phone For Children" Campaign. Please be expecting a call and assist in whatever way you are able. Thanks.

Craig Howard/Executive Director

GOOD NEWS!

Teresa Little, niece of Fran Starnes, had a baby son and both are doing well. They appreciate the prayers and she carried the baby almost full term (2 weeks early instead of 2 months).



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IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls - a special thank you for the ladies that cook the delicious meals on Tuesdays. Thank you again for everything.

Love in Christ,
 Leon Santos

Dear West Erwin church,

Betsy and I want to thank you for your prayers on behalf of my wrist injury. At my last visit, the doctor told me he had never seen such a rapid recovery as mine in all his years of practice. My thanks go to God and my church family.

Love in Christ,
 Steve & Betsy Thrash

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts were saddened at the death of **H.M. Minnis**, husband of Alla Minnis and father of Mary Farrer and long time West Erwin member. Services were held last Thursday at Memorial Funeral Home. Services were held last Tuesday in Paris for **Morris Sandlin**, Sharon Ketchum's father and grandfather of Heather and Chris. **Carl Bullard**, former West Erwin member and father of Jason Bullard, died last Wednesday in Dallas. Services were held Tuesday in Brownsboro for **Joyce Haile**, Dan Haile's grandmother. Services for **Evon Porter**, Sandie Martin's grandmother, were held Monday in Blodgett. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 A.M. in the small auditorium. The subject for April 23 is "Helping Those Who Wait." You will enjoy well-prepared lessons and friendly ladies. Class for preschool children.

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The Benevolent Center is in need of paper bags. If you can share some, please bring them to the Center on Tuesday or Thursday morning or to the church office any weekday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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Worship A.M.	545	746	712
Worship P.M.		288	252
Wed. P.M.	241	251	228
Contribution	\$15363.04	\$16,414.93	\$14,945.97
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00	\$708.96 under	budget
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday P.M., April 16, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918			

PRAYER AND CARE

Delle Bullard underwent knee surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances. **Ruby Cliver** is home after heart catheterization and will be treated with medication. **Ryan Haws** had a tonsillectomy on Wednesday. **Dub Mathews, Robert Stokes, and Larry Shankle** are home after surgery. **Guy Potts** got a good report last Friday. **Harold Browning** is improving at home. **Paige Morris** is home following surgery. **Cody Ingram**, Billie & Norene Ingram's grandson, is improving in Dallas. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery April 14. **Wendy Berris**, Debbe Davis' sister, has begun chemo treatment. **Nancy Kincheloe**, Mary Butler's daughter, is hospitalized in Houston. **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son, is in CCU at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. **Joyce Haile**, grandmother of Dan Haile, is in Mother Frances. **Cora Hughes** is now at Lindale Colonial Nursing Center. Remember these in prayer.

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FRANK STEED AND EUROPE

Frank Steed made his trip to Vienna, Austria safely for two weeks of work with Eastern European Mission. He reported that he was most impressed by the work being done in Vienna and, except for small matters like lost luggage and missed transportations, all went well. On his way home, Frank's plans called for a stopover in Darmstadt, Germany to visit **Rob and Traci (O'Quinn) Brown**. By the time you read this Frank should be back home. We appreciate him for making this trip.

AUGSBURG NEWS

For many years the West Erwin church supported **Rudolf and Christel Rischer** in Augsburg, Germany. For many months now Christel has been suffering from severe illness and in our most recent report from Rudy we learned that she is currently undergoing a series of chemo treatments. Remember these beloved people when you pray.

CUBA

For a long time now **Don Weathers** has been especially interested in the Lord's work in Cuba. Through Don I have learned, and you will be pleased to know, that the Lord's church is prospering in Cuba. Churches in the central part of Cuba meet together occasionally for worship, study, and mutual edification, and their numbers continue to grow. This is another place in our world where the gospel continues to change the hearts of people and where the church is impacting society.

LOOKING AT OUR WORK

In the work of the church each person is to give of his financial resources proportionately. This means that in actual buying power those who have more give much more than those who have little. But each of us are to give proportionately, in keeping with our ability. Then the church enjoys the "equality" of which Paul speaks in 2 Corinthians 8:14.

Sermons for Sunday, April 13, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **Developing A Servant's Heart**

(Philippians 2:5-9)

P.M. **Questions About Last Things** (9 of 10)

"What About Rewards And Punishment?"

(Romans 2:5-11)

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COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the combined devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to join us and use this time as an opportunity to reach out and share your faith.

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Men's Ministry

Brothers, don't forget the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** this coming Saturday, April 12th at 8:30 am. This ministry is growing and every month we have more participants.

But the natural tendency is to slack off, especially as spring comes around and we get busier. Let's not let this happen. Let's remain strong and committed and actively involved to make the Men's Ministry a powerful force in our lives, in our families, in our church and in our nation.

Shepherding Group

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WITH SYMPATHY

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Morris Sandlin, the father of Sharon Ketchum and grandfather of Heather and Chris, was buried Tuesday in Paris.

Services for **H. M. Minnis** were held Thursday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home.

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Hear **Ed Wharton** of Lubbock, Texas at the Quitman and Center Church of Christ in Gladewater April 18-20.

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CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 31, 1997 - Bar-B-Que lunch, fellowship, singing groups - campsites available (come Friday and stay all day Saturday!), hosted by the children and staff of Cherokee Home for Children.

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Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

M.O.P.S.

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Cub Scout Pack 354

Everyone is welcome! Please come out to the cake auction to raise funds for your Cub Scout Pack 354 sponsored by Churches of Christ. The date is April 28 (Monday) at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Shiloh Road Church of Christ. All proceeds go to buy patches for the boys and for material to do good turns for our community and our churches. There will also be pie throwing to raise funds. If you have any questions call Mike Wheat (839-8249) or Mark Waggoner (597-2111). Thank you for your support.

Thank You

Thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers for my father during his hospitalization. A special thanks to Jay for his love and concern.

Bill and Ruby McCain, Walter Malone

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

Dub Mathews had surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Robert Stokes** had shoulder surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Larry Shankle** had surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Guy Potts** is considering treatment options. **Harold Browning** is at home and continuing treatment and therapy. **Carolyn Womack** had some tests Thursday. **Mozelle Cash, Archie Lowry, Ruth Meazell, H.M. Minnis** are all recuperating at home. **Buddy Bell** is awaiting results of recent tests. **John D. Brem** is still in Southview, room C-38 (not Briarcliff as listed last week). **Ruth Crosser** is now in Reunion Inn, 1515 Rice Rd. #305, 75703, ph. 509-8485. **Cody Ingram**, Billie & Norene Ingram's grandson, is some improved in Children's Hospital in Dallas. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earl O'Quinn's mother, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery April 14. **Wendy Berris**, Debbe Davis' sister, is doing well following cancer surgery. **Nancy Kincheloe**, Mary Butler's daughter, is hospitalized in Houston.

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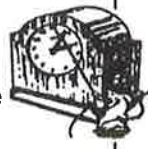
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AREA-WIDE MEETING THIS SUNDAY EVENING

We always look forward to the area-wide meetings with congregations of the church in the spring and fall of each year. Next Sunday evening, April 6, our springtime gathering will be at the West Erwin building and hosted by the Whitehouse and University churches. The emphasis of the meeting will be India and the opportunities for service there. **Perry Cotham**, longtime preacher of the gospel who has made many trips to that part of the world, will be our speaker. Singing will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the worship service at 6:00 p.m. Let's fill the building!

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Dr. Vladimer Skovorodnikova, who visited Tyler last year and who plans to be here again on May 6, is the Minister of Education of the Altai Region Public Schools in Siberia, Russia. Geographically, Altai is

almost as large as Texas and has 500,000 students. Dr. Skovorodnikova, who was a "secret believer" before the collapse of the Soviet Union, requested that a curriculum be developed by the churches of Christ for teaching Christianity and values to his students and we answered the call. For nearly two years now, exclusive rights have been granted to Eastern European Mission and Sunset International Bible Institute to provide Bibles and the school curriculum for training Russian school teachers, who have in turn been teaching their Russian students. Recently, political opposition has emerged to his allowing Christianity to be taught in the schools and he has asked that we offer up special prayers for him. Therefore, in our worship assembly on Sunday, April 6, we will join churches of Christ throughout America in prayer for Dr. Skovorodnikova and that the situation in Russia will continue to permit the teaching of the Word of God to the Russian people.

Sermon for Sunday, April 6, 1997

by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **Comfort Or Conversion?**
 (Matthew 5:14-16)

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"In India, The Fields Are White Unto Harvest"

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"I AM NOT ASHAMED..."

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Shepherding Groups

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Prayer Ministry Plans Special Session

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it, the Prayer Night is set for Sunday, April 20th, after evening services.

Ministry Highlights

Men's Ministry

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"I dreamt I stood in a studio,
 And watched three sculptors there.
 The clay they used was a young child's life
 And they fashioned it with care.
 A Bible School teacher - the tools he used
 Were the Bible, and prayer and art
 The parent, with God, had a guiding hand,
 And a gentle, loving heart.
 Week after week the teacher toiled
 With touch that was deft and sure.
 While God labored by the parent's side
 And polished and smoothed it o'er.
 And when at last, their task was done
 They were proud of what they had wrought.
 For the things they had molded into the child

Could neither be sold nor bought.
 And parent and teacher agreed
 They would have failed
 If they had worked alone.
 For behind the teacher stood the Lord
 And behind the parents, the Lord and home."
 -- Author unknown

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IN APPRECIATION

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Doug's Bible Bowl team placed 1st in Jr High at the Duncan Bible Bowl. Megan placed 1st individually in Jr High and Lyndsey placed 8th out of 116 kids. They have all worked hard and we're proud of their accomplishments and their increased knowledge of the book of Romans.

Thank you again,
 Doug & Jill Stickler &
 Little Top Cottage girl

I would like to thank my West Erwin family for the flowers, prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital, also for the prayers, food, visits and calls since I've been home. Thanks for caring. Love and hugs to all.

Mozelle Cash

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Mozelle Cash is back in ETMC, room 3332, after suffering several mini-strokes. **H.M. Minnis** expects to go home by the weekend. **Guy Potts** will undergo X-ray therapy rather than the expected surgery. **Harold Browning** is at home but is continuing treatment and therapy. **Ruth Meazell** is recuperating at home after recent heart surgery. **Buddy Bell** is awaiting results of recent tests. **Archie Lowry** is at home. **Ruth Crosser** is now in Reunion Inn, 1515 Rice Rd. #305, 75703, ph. 509-8485. **Walter Malone**, Ruby McCain's dad, is very ill in ETMC. **Wendy Berris**, Debbe Davis' sister, is doing well following surgery for breast cancer. **Elaine Cain**, James & Audrey Ball's daughter, got a good report after tests and is at home. **Alice Cook**, Mary Evelyn Grier's mother, was dismissed from Mother Frances on Tuesday. **Alyce Munshower**, friend of Myra Mason, is undergoing chemo treatment for metastasized cancer in Sylacauga, Alabama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

In the next few weeks three significant events will take place at West Erwin with emphasis upon missions in three parts of the world where "fields are white unto harvest."

1. On Sunday evening, April 6, at 6:00 p.m., we will have our first area wide meeting of the congregations of the Tyler area for 1997. This meeting will be emphasizing the Lord's work in India and will be hosted by the Whitehouse and University congregations. **Perry Cotham**, who has been involved extensively in the India work and who has preached the gospel for so long in so many places will be the speaker. This meeting will take place at the West Erwin building with singing to begin at 5:00 p.m.
2. On Sunday, May 4, **Gerald Paden, Steve Stamatis**, and others connected with Sunset International Bible Institute (formerly Sunset School of Preaching) will be with us for the Bible class and worship hour to discuss a plan of action for advantage of an opportunity to reach out to more than one-half billion souls from Africa, the Middle

East, Eastern Europe, and beyond. What an exciting story that will be! On May 4, all adult classes will meet in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. for a special presentation.

3. On Tuesday evening, May 6, at the Holiday Inn, Eastern European Mission is bringing **Dr. Vladimer Skovorodinkova**, Minister of Education of the Altai Region Public Schools in Siberia, Russia to Tyler for a return visit. You will hear about the progress of teaching New Testament Christianity and Bible morals and character to the teachers and students in Altai and other regions of Russia. Dinner is free but you will be asked to contribute funds to be used for continuing the printing of Bibles and related materials in Russian. A friend of E.E.M. has agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 given at the dinner. Call the office for reservations.
"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...."

Sermons for Sunday, March 30, 1997

by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **The God Of Surprises**
(Matthew 28:1-8)
- P.M. **Questions About Last Things (8 of 10)**
"What About The Judgment"
(Revelation 20:11-13)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As most of you read this bulletin, a large group from West Erwin will be attending the 1997 Leadership Training for Christ Convention at the DFW Hyatt. Many months of preparation have gone into this weekend. We are excited! Please pray for us!

HABITAT HOUSE

As most of you know, the area churches of Christ will be building a house for a needy family. We will be working in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. We are in need of materials or "like" donations to build the house. If you have access to the needed supplies or know of someone who can help, please contact me ASAP. Please pray for this effort to make a difference for a needy family.

SUMMER TRIPS

Please take notice the upcoming trips for the summer. If you have an interest in going on the mission trips or the Backcountry Trek, sign up soon!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Mar. 28-29	LTC Convention
Apr. 6	City Wide Meeting at West Erwin
Apr. 13	Combined Devotional
Apr. 26	Construction of Habitat House
May 4	Picnic in the Park
May 17	Jr.-Sr. Day
May 18	Baccalaureate
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July 25-28	Mexico Mission

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Just One Night A Month?

Is that too much to ask of just a few more of our members? Is that too much to ask if you happen to be from the age of 25-55? Is that too much to ask if we want to be part of a growing, vibrant church that reaches out to the lonely, the looking and the lost?

We need one more team (just 6 people), ages 25-55, to cover one more week of the month for visitation. If it is not too much to ask, please come to a Visitation Team potluck dinner on Monday, March 31st at 6:30 PM. We will tell you about the program and how you can be involved.

Mix & Meet Groups

Have you made plans for your first gathering yet? If you are the first couple on the list, then you're it. Please

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

A man was walking along the beach at sunset following a particularly stormy afternoon. In the distance up ahead he watched a boy walking along the beach and every few feet the boy would bend over and pick something up and hurl it into the waves. As they got closer the man could see that the boy was picking up starfish and throwing them back into the sea. He drew nearer the boy and asked him what he was doing. The boy replied that the starfish were washed ashore during the storm and were stranded by the low tide. They would soon perish unless someone helped them. As the man looked down the beach he could see hundreds, even thousands, of starfish that lay washed up on the beach. He then asked the boy with so many starfish along these beaches, not to mention the other starfish on other beaches around the world how could he possibly hope to

make a difference. The little boy looked down at the starfish he held in his hand and threw it into the ocean and replied, "Made a difference to that one!!!"

As you go through the activities of today do something, anything, that will make a difference in somebody's life.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:40)

!!!VBS!!! Our summer VBS is scheduled for June 10-12th. It will be Tuesday - Thursday from 9 am - 12 noon and will be for children in grades K-5. Out theme will be B.C. 1440, Building the Tabernacle. It will be a hands-on time of learning as we literally will construct parts of the tabernacle. We need your help!!! Watch for sign-up sheets in the next few weeks.

call the others in the group and get the ball rolling. Need help? Call Daniel Morgan.

Shepherding Group

There is no Shepherding Group this week. Group 7 will meet April 6th. Leon and Carolyn Welborn are hosts.

Life Groups

As of yet, there are no officially active Life Groups. Each Adult Bible Class has been given an opportunity to form one or more of these groups that will focus on prayer, Bible Study, spiritual growth and support. If you would like more information on how to be part of a Life Group, contact the office.

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

Presenting HIS SINGERS from ACU

Experience an upbuilding and rewarding time of fellowship and worship with "His Singers" from ACU at 7 pm on Saturday, March 29, and then for an Area-Wide Devo for all area Jr High and High School young people on Sunday, March 30, 2-4 pm at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin. For more details, call the church office at (409) 634-7304.

High Plains Children's Home

Beginning April 1, over 140 volunteers will be making telephone calls on behalf of the young people in care at High Plain Children's Home during the 13th Annual "Phone For Children" Campaign. Please be expecting a call and assist in whatever way you are able. Thanks.

Craig Howard/Executive Director

Children's Home of Lubbock

The Children's Home of Lubbock is looking for loving and patient child care staff to work as houseparents or residential counselors. Christian singles or couples, we need you! Live-in positions available. If you are interested, please call or write: John Sigle, Derek Robertson or Linda Guyton at: 1-800-658-9349 or 806-762-0481, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408.

TRI-C YARD SALE

The Campus Christian Center is preparing for their annual Yard Sale on April 5. Donations will be picked up if needed and will be accepted through April 4. Call 593-3331 for more information.

"Your example is powerful beyond measure."

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

Mar. 30 - 2's, 3's & 4's combined in room 103
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Preacher: Ken Elerson

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IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, cards and flowers while Dad (John D. Brem) was hospitalized. He is in Briarcliff Personal Care, room C-38, and we need your continued prayers.

Max and Mary Haws

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you for the flowers.

Judy, Scott & Ashley O'Quinn

Dear West Erwin Family,

The spray of carnations you sent to my grandfather's funeral was just beautiful. It was very comforting to know you were thinking about us. Your prayers, cards and concern were a great strength.

We love you,
Phil & Linda Marts

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

There is a special place for ladies of all ages in Ladies Bible Class each Wednesday morning at 10:00 A.M. Nora Gravois will be the speaker for April 2. You will receive great benefits from well-prepared lessons and friendly ladies. Excellent care for preschool children as you enjoy the lessons.

"Change for Children"

April 6 - May 18

Benefiting Kids of CSET

Coin Cans will be distributed
Sunday, April 6

All are encouraged to participate

IN LOVE WITH LIFE

If you don't like life, it's the way you're living, a little less taking, and a little more giving. A little less hating, and a little more loving. A little more helping, not so much shoving. A little more smiling, and no so much strife, and soon you'll be in love with life!

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Worship A.M.	561	559	578
Worship P.M.	362	375	396
Wed. P.M.	257	274	205
Contribution	\$17,344.17	\$14,656.16	\$14,813.78
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A STEP OF FAITH

Faith is our link with God. We believe that God is and that He is a "rewarder of them that seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). We believe that Jesus is the crucified, resurrected, glorified, reigning, interceding, mediating, coming Lord -- the Son of God. We who are Christians have responded to Him in believing, trusting, obedient faith. In our work, our planning, and our vision in His service we "walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). That means we do not believe for a moment that our success in His service depends solely upon our feeble efforts or our resources or our strength, but upon Him. In the service of God the key is faith. This year the West Erwin church has stepped out on faith. We remember well the 12 month period from July 1994 to July 1995 when we worked and prayed for 100 additional members. On the very Sunday that closed out that 12 month period we received our 101st and 102nd members. Now, in 1997, we have set a goal to reach 800 members this year. Having reached the milestone of 700 members in 1995 and having hovered

around that number for over a year, we believe the time is right to move on to another significant goal. And we are just about on target with 8 baptisms and 11 memberships during the first 11 weeks of the new year. Let us pray, let us dream, let us work, let us be thinking. What one person do I know that I can bring to Christ and His church this year? Begin thinking in this direction today! Also, we now have almost \$150,000 in our building fund on our way to \$200,000, the goal for the beginning of our new fellowship/family/benevolence center. In the next few weeks we need to make a big push to reach this goal and to get started on this significant project. What can I do right now to help? That's the question we all need to ponder. That's the question we need to act upon. And it's all related to our faith. Do we believe that when we do what we can God will bless our resources and our opportunities so that by His power working within us we can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can think or ask (Ephesians 3:20)?

Sermons for Sunday, March 23, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **My Little Children**

(1 John 3:16-23)

P.M. **Questions About Last Things (7 of 10)**

"What Will Happen To The Heavens And The Earth?" (2 Peter 3:10-13)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Janiece Johnson for being selected to the John Tyler High School Drill Team. Way to go Janiece!

Congratulations to Jessica Kuechle for being inducted to the National Junior Honor Society in Whitehouse. Wow!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

It's time for the LTC Convention! We are almost ready! Please pray for our youth and the LTC Sponsors.

Puppets, please bring clothes to change into. We will eat together at the Shepherding Group and spend the day together working on our scripts.

All sponsors and participants are requested to attend the LTC Devotional and informational meeting Sunday night, Mar. 23. Food will be provided. Please be present!

Following is a list of meetings for Sunday Mar. 23..

Bible Reading - 5:00

Puppets - All Day Sunday

Live Modern Drama - 7:00

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by Daniel K. Morgan

A Special Mission - Chosen Few

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If you would like to join this special group, talk to one of our members who is presently involved. They can tell you about it and what you need to do to join this great work!

Mix & Meet Groups Notification

You should know by now which group you are in. Check the display in the foyer. If your name is at the top of the list that I either handed or mailed to you, please call the others on the list and set a time for your first gathering. The rest of the plans will be worked out at your first meeting.

Shepherding Group

Are you in Group 6? This Sunday will be the first time Group 6 meets for lunch. **Ray and Gail Vannoy are the hosts.**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

There were 30 men present for the last breakfast. This is a new record. Apparently it had something to do with the well-known host and cook for the event. Thanks, Jay!!!!

The next meeting is Saturday, April 8th. We will discuss plans for a future Men's Retreat and a weekly prayer group. Be there!!

PRAY FOR WORKERS IN TOGO & ESTONIA

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

(Excerpt from The Velveteen Rabbit)

"What is REAL?" asked the Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you're made," said the Skin Horse. "It's just a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are REAL you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

This excerpt from THE VELVETEEN RABBIT describes a process with which most of us are already familiar. The story goes on to tell us, "LOVE makes you REAL." I praise God for all of you who are REAL in the lives of our children and each other. Have a wonderful week. REALLY!!!

BAPTISM

Ashley Tate was baptized into Christ by her dad on Sunday morning. Ashley has grown up at West Erwin with faithful Christian parents, Marc and Dana Tate, and we share their joy in this important decision in her life. The Tate's live at 1009 Amherst, 75701, ph. 593-2776.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Lally Haile came Sunday morning to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. She moved to Tyler from Austin in 1995 and has been visiting here since that time. She was baptized into Christ on February 28 at the Bridge Ave. Church of Christ in Weslaco and was married to Dan Haile on March 1, 1997. We congratulate them on their recent marriage and welcome her into the family here. Their address is 19164 FM 2493, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-8518. Mail: P.O. Box 264.

IN APPRECIATION

We are very grateful for this day, Thursday, March 20. It is homecoming day for Harold after more than three months in the hospital. He is still recovering with much to be accomplished and will be having home care therapy for several weeks. We will continue to have a very busy schedule of treatment and therapy until Harold regains his strength. We are thankful for all that you have done for us. Please continue to include us when you pray.

Harold & Nelda Browning

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you for all the continuing kindnesses you do for us (all the many things too numerous to mention because we might omit something). Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we return to Dallas for further evaluation on Buddy's health problem.

We love all of you and God has blessed us with a loving and caring family at West Erwin.

Dorothy & Buddy Bell

Earl and Melinda sent us all the beautiful cards and letters of love and sympathy they received after the death of his brother. His sister and I shared the thoughtfulness of every one. Thank you all. A special heartfelt thanks to Max and Mary for being here with us. God bless you all.

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NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Don and Sherry Peek on the birth of a new granddaughter! Sarah Ann Fry was born March 11 in Austin to Sean and Lisa Fry. She weighed 8 lb. 15 1/2 oz. and is 19 3/4 inches long. Anita Peek is the great grandmother.

DAVID HANEY RESIGNS AS DEACON

The elders have received a letter from **David Haney** in which he stated that because of increased demands on his time he wishes to be released from his duties as a deacon at West Erwin. David, who came to West Erwin with his wife Cathy and children David and Chantel in 1987, has served this church well as a deacon and we appreciate him and his family. Thank you, David, for a job well done!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Immediate openings for ladies every Wednesday morning at 10:00 A.M. for Ladies Bible Class. Guest speaker, March 26, will be Lisa Snell. To receive great benefits from well-prepared lessons and friendly ladies, apply in person. Excellent nursery care for small children as you enjoy the lessons. Satisfaction guaranteed!

TRI-C EVENTS

The Tri-C will host **Parent's Night Out** on Friday, March 21, from 6:30 -10:30 for children ages 2 years - 5th grade. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Call 593-3331 for more information.

The Tri-C is preparing for their annual **Yard Sale** on April 5. Donations will be picked up if needed and will be accepted through April 4. Call 593-3331 for details.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Memorial Park Cemetery for J.C. Norris, Ruby McCain's uncle. We express our sincere love and sympathy to all the family.

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THE QUIET FOLKS

The longer I am privileged to be the preacher for this great church, the more I am impressed with the many quiet people around here who work behind the scenes in a most effective way. First, there is the Building Committee, made up of **Jeff Hone, Chuck Gillam, Garry Goswick, Matt Haws and Wade Weathers**, which is quietly making preparations for the first phase of our new building project -- a project that will begin when West Erwin says so (our elders have challenged us by saying that when we reach \$200,000 in our building fund we will begin). Second, there are those who are quietly making contributions to our building fund which now stands at about \$150,000. Third, there are those faithful people who serve in our Discovery Days school, in our Benevolent Center, in cooking meals for the shut-ins, in visitation, in our missionary work by being a part of the Mission Committee, and in so many other ways around West Erwin. Fourth, there are those friendly folks who make visitors feel welcome at our worship assemblies. And fifth, I want to mention **Frank Steed** who is a quiet but faithful servant of Christ. He and Charlene mean so much to this church. On March 28th Frank plans to fly to Frankfurt, Germany and from there to go by train to Vienna,

Austria where he will work for a couple of weeks with the Eastern European Mission folks in their printing operations. Vienna is the place where the Bibles are printed in the languages of the people of Eastern Europe, a work in which West Erwin has been involved through the years. Since last year when Mr. Scovorodnikov, a District Public School Superintendent in the former Soviet Union, came to Tyler to inform us of the great opportunities in presenting New Testament Christianity to his people, Frank has been planning to become more involved in this great work. So, come March 28th, he plans to go to Eastern Europe, at his own expense, to help in any way he can in the work being done in Vienna. Be assured that Frank is embarrassed for me to even mention his plans on this page, but this work is so significant and Frank's involvement in it is so important, I wanted you to know about it and to be praying for his safety in travel and his effectiveness in the work he will do. Let me take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who is involved in any way in the work of Christ at West Erwin and to remind us all that "God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name" (Hebrews 6:10).

**Sermons for Sunday, March 16, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **Transforming Our Emotions**
(John 14:1-9)
- P.M. Questions About Last Things (6 of 10)
"What About The Resurrection of the Dead?"
(John 5:28-293)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

HABITAT HOUSE

As most of you know, the area churches of Christ will be building a house for a needy family. We will be working in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. We are in need of materials or "like" donations to build the house. If you have access to the needed supplies or know of someone who can help, please contact me ASAP. Please pray for this effort to make difference to a needed family.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

There are only 3 weeks remaining before the convention. Please pay your \$20.00 fee by Sunday.

Puppets, please bring lunch money and clothes to change into. We will go and eat together at La Posado and spend the day together working on our scripts.

All sponsors and participants are requested to attend the LTC Devotional and informational meeting Sunday night, Mar. 23.

Following is a list of meetings for Sunday Mar. 16..

Bulletin Boards - 4:00 (Finish Sunday!)

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Information Update

Attention All Adult Bible Class Teachers!!!

Please meet with Daniel Morgan this Sunday afternoon, March 16, at 5:00 PM in the small auditorium to discuss Bible Class Outreach & Visitation. We will discuss plans for getting our members involved in reaching out to others.

Visitation Ministry On The Move

There will be an all Visitation Ministry potluck dinner on **Monday, March 31st at 6:30 PM**. All current participants and those interested in joining visitation groups are invited to attend. In addition to all the great food and fellowship, we will share some encouraging reports, plans and inspirational thoughts. More news later.

Mix & Meet Groups To Begin

All the forms have been collected and grouped. If you signed up, you will be receiving a notification about your group soon and will be contacted about plans and schedule. Everyone who didn't sign up is going to be sorry they missed all the fun.

Ministry Highlights

Shepherding Group

This coming Sunday will be the first time Group 5 meets for lunch. **James & Connie Sublette will host this week**. Don't miss it.

(editor's note) More and more people are getting to know each other, needs are being met, members are being equipped for ministry and God is being glorified. Are you getting excited? I am!

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism,
They learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility,
They learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.
If children live with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement,
They learn confidence.
If children live with praise,
They learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness,
They learn justice.

If children live with security,
They learn to have faith.
If children live with approval,
They learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to find love in the world.

What lessons do your children learn from watching you? Bible class on Sundays is for early-risers who don't have small children? Wednesday evening services are optional when my kids are in sports or have other school-related activities? Service is the opening volley in a tennis match? Bible study is for the lost? Or do they learn that being a member of the Lord's church is the primary relationship and driving force in your life and supersedes all other activities? Remember, the lessons we teach now will last for lifetimes, ours, theirs, and everyone else's they come in contact with in the future.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all the cards, concerns, and especially the prayers during my recent surgery. You're a wonderful church family.

Fran Starnes

Dear Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your loving thoughts and concerns and most of all your powerful prayers during my recent job search. God has led me to another job in Tyler, which I start Monday. I know that it is your prayers that have made this possible, and for that I thank you. It is so inspiring to see the awesome power of God at work in our lives. Keep praying and even greater things will happen!

I Love You All,
Rachel Huff

We appreciate so much the kind words and prayers this past week. We are so grateful for you, our church family, who is always there to support us. The flowers you sent were beautiful and we sincerely thank you.

Love,
Melvin & Donna Maples

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and telephone calls during my illness. Hope to see you at church real soon.

In Christian Love,
Doris Terrell

Dear Church Family,

You are the most wonderful people! Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, calls and food. Your encouragement to Nettie and me has meant so much. Please continue to pray for us as the surgery will be the latter part of this month.

We love you,
Guy and Nettie Potts

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies, here's your invitation to attend; how-to, why-to, what-to, when-to, and when-not-to--lessons every Wednesday morning at 10:00 A.M. It's about coping in this troubled world and living a Christian life. Please take advantage of these well organized lessons prepared by Fern Bench.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with **Alice** (Mrs. Alan) **Tennison** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism last Tuesday afternoon. She has been visiting here for some time and we have already grown to love and appreciate her. We are very happy to welcome her into the family of God at West Erwin. Her address is 2409 East Commerce, 75702, ph. 597-7021.

Ken, Donna and Jennifer Smith came Sunday to make known their desire to be identified with the West Erwin family. They live in Winona at 20067 Southside, ph. 877-3685 and come to us from the Oakdale church. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord.

Brandi Layne was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. We share her joy in making this decision to live her life for Christ. Her address is 500 East Houston, 75702, ph. 592-6082.

Flavio and Maria Ramos came Sunday to request prayers and assistance due to some problems they are having.

Needed:

Dedicated couple with a mission to serve as houseparents for student-age children in Albuquerque. Provided is room, board, health insurance and salary. Houseparents need to be in place by June 1, 1997. If interested, contact Michael Manley, Director of Albuquerque Christian Children's Home, 5700 Winter Haven Road NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120.

JOB OPENING

Christian Homes is accepting applications for the position of International Adoption Coordinator. Master's degree preferred; Bachelors' degree required. Involves the coordination and direction of the international adoption program. Administrative and casework experience and skills required. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Contingent on level of education, 2 to 4 years of work-related experience preferred. Interested persons should contact Cindy Miller to request an application and a job description. Applicants must be active members of the Church of Christ.

SPECIAL OCCASION: March 20 will mark the inaugural Celebration of "Absolutely Incelebration of Kid Day." All across the country, children will receive letters from adults to let them know they are important and how much they are loved. Send mail to someone special on March 20!

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Worship P.M.	345	384	346
Wed. P.M.	271	236	237
Contribution	\$15,520.54	\$16,857.20	\$17,578.16
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00	\$551.46 under	budget
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 9 and Wednesday, Mar. 12, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Guy Potts is scheduled for surgery Mar. 27 at ETMC. Fran Starnes had outpatient surgery last Friday. Ed Hunt is in the VA Hospital in Kerrville. Archie Lowry is in Mother Frances Rehab. Harold Browning is in ETMC Rehab, room 410. Laurie Florence is scheduled for an MRI. Mark Waggonner is at home after recent surgery. John Brem is back at Southview Nursing Center. L.G. Drennan is in ETMC Rehab. His son, Steve Drennan, is undergoing tests. Alice Cook, Mary Evelyn Grier's mother is in Mother Frances. Mary Evelyn is having health problems also. Ruth McClusky, Cindy Bradford's mother, got a good report. Walter Malone, Ruby McCain's dad, is in ETMC. Travis Aven had tests Monday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Nancy Kincheloe, Mary Butler's daughter, was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday. John Wagner, Greg Wagner's dad, is now at home. Teresa Little, Fran Starnes' niece is hospitalized with pregnancy complications. Grace Siler's cousin, Ray Fletcher, has advanced cancer. Charles Florence, Chuck's dad, had successful knee replacement surgery.

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PARDON MY COMPARISON

Why would a church want to have many programs of work and opportunities for service? The answer may be, "You don't hunt ducks with a rifle but with a shotgun." Now I don't believe for a moment that church members are ducks or that we are really on a hunting expedition or that we use either rifles or shotguns in our work. However, the answer has merit: in reaching out to non-Christians and in seeking to promote the growth of Christians, we do not use just one method, but many -- we don't use a rifle but a shotgun. If we use only one method we will reach a few, but if we use many methods we will reach many more. That's true in evangelism, so we use the sending of missionaries, TV, Bible courses, tapes, benevolent activities, manuscripts, booklets, visitation, and personal Bible studies. It's also true in the spiritual growth of the church, so we have, in addition to our worship assemblies, Bible classes, visitation teams, youth groups, ladies groups, prayer groups, and fellowship groups. Our fellowship groups include

our Shepherding Groups (made up of all West Erwin members divided into eight groups), our Life Groups (made up of volunteers within our Bible classes), and our Mix and Meet Groups (made up of groups of couples who, on a volunteer basis, want to get acquainted with people they do not know). Our Bible classes are divided by age groups and, additionally, we are often given the choice to select a class based on the subject matter and our personal preference. It's easy to see that it would be most difficult for a person to be involved in all of these activities. We would hope that all would want to be in classes, in worship, and in at least one of the fellowship groups, but then make a choice about other activities. In regard to those other activities, we understand that one thing may appeal to one and another thing may appeal to another, but we are seeking to provide opportunities for growth for all of our people. Why is that? "You don't hunt ducks with a rifle but with a shotgun." Be involved as much as you can!

Sermons for Sunday, March 9, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **Because He Is Jehovah - Jireh**

(Genesis 22:1-8)

P.M. Questions About Last Things (5 of 10)

"What About The Signs Of Matthew 24?"

(Matthew 24:1-3)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

As most of you know, we are planning a ministry of serving a meal to those that are hungry. This will be a ministry supported by the area churches and begin in April. If you are interested in helping prepare the food, you will need to take a class for Food Handlers. The next session offered is Monday Mar. 10. If you want to help, let me know.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. More details to follow.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

There are only 4 weeks remaining before the convention. Please pay your \$20.00 fee by Sunday.

Following is a list of meetings scheduled for Sunday Mar. 9. Please be present for these meetings.

Bulletin Boards - 4:00 (Finish ASAP!)

Puppets - 5:00

Live Modern Drama - 7:00

Chorus - Wednesday Nights

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Garrett Cantrell and Chad Frick who recently advanced to the Rank of Life Scout. The next step is Eagle! Way to go guys!

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God Loves The City

Special Prayer Times Held

Last Sunday, March 2, after evening services, there was a special time of prayer for the city of Tyler.

When we listen to God's dialogue with Abraham about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and when we see Jesus weeping over the city of Jerusalem, we must conclude that God loves the city. Are we doing all we can to save the city?

Shepherding Group

This coming Sunday will be the first time Group 4 meets for lunch. Phil and Linda Marts are the hosts. Don't miss it!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

!!ALL MEN!! If you are reading this before Saturday morning, March 8th at 8:00 AM, you can still make it to the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Don't miss this blessing of rich fellowship and spiritual focus.

Need Encouragement? Hope?

Do you ever struggle to overcome problems in your life? Do you sometimes make choices in your life that cause you trouble and grief?

You can be part of a support group called "Joy in the Journey" where you will find love, acceptance and strength. We meet on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room. You are invited to join all of us on the journey to recovery.

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

While waiting in the doctor's office the other day I was looking through a copy of PEOPLE Magazine dated February 10, 1997 and came across an ad for the USA Network on cable TV that was advertising their "Steamy Sunday Dramas." The caption for the ad read, "Guaranteed to break at least 20% more commandments than any other Sunday night line-up." The backdrop for the caption was a picture of a woman's stomach covered with beads of sweat and covered approximately 2/3 page. I was shocked that they would use a direct violation of God's Word to promote their product, but the more I thought about it the more it reminded me of the sinful nature of the world in which we live. I thought of my 2 1/2 year old

daughter. She is at that age where she repeats everything she hears and is especially aware of the world around her. It reinforced in me the urgent need to provide a wholesome spiritual environment for her to grow up in and even more, the need to keep myself pure in a sinful world. I reread Philippians 4:8-9 and prayed that God would use me as a living advertisement for a much greater network, an ETERNAL one. We are all teachers in the world we live in. What lessons does your life portray to those who come in contact with you???

Mark your calendars now. The ACU BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP is scheduled for July 20-23. More details later.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards and phone calls in our time of sorrow. Thank you also for the beautiful spray. It was very comforting to know your thoughts were with us. God bless you.

In Christian love,
Jim and Sue Carty

I would like to thank each of you for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and every word of comfort at the loss of my son, Bob Butler. Your love and concern have helped to sustain me through difficult times.

In Christian love,
Mary Butler

Thanks for the flowers and the meal at the time of Aline's death, and the visits and prayers during her illness.

The family of Aline Beard

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you for remembering us with your support. We really appreciate all you do for us. Doug has been working with Bible Bowl teams to prepare for the National Bible Bowl. They're studying Romans. We're supposed to have more snow this week, but we're looking forward to spring!

Thank you again,
Doug & Jill Stickler
& Little Top Cottage

YOUNG AT HEART

It's time again for Young at Heart! We have some exciting entertainment and special guests who will provide some useful information at our meeting on March 13 at 6:30 pm. You won't want to miss this one!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

All ladies have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bible each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (classes are provided for preschool children). On Wednesday, March 12, the study will be "Those That Waited."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome David Hammond into the West Erwin family. He is an active and dedicated Christian and will be an asset to the family here. His address is 3933 Belle Mere, 75701, ph. 566-3824. He and Sharon Lowe will be married May 3 and they want to thank their church family for the love and support shown them and request prayers through their engagement, marriage, and life together.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Mt. Pleasant for Ruby Pierce, Claudia Griffis' aunt. Services were held last Friday in Corpus Christi for Jack Willoughby, Kyle Willoughby's uncle. Services were held last Friday in Gunter, Texas for Louise Maples, Melvin Maples' mother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 10. West Erwin is asked to supply APPLE JUICE, BATHROOM CLEANERS, RANCH STYLE BEANS (15 oz.). Other items are greatly appreciated also.

AREA EVENTS

The annual Christian Services of East Texas Appreciation Dinner will be March 15, 7:00 pm, at the Rose Garden in Tyler. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from any CSET board member or by calling the CSET office at 509-0558.

4th Annual Northeast Area Dinner benefiting Medina Children's Home on Saturday, March 22, at 6:30 pm at the White Oak Lions Community Center in White Oak, TX. Tickets are \$25 each. For reservations, call (903) 758-9052, 759-9823 or 759-7779.

Songfest at Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens on Friday, March 14 at 7 pm.

FAMILY NEWS

Dana Ivey, with his wife Barbara and daughter Ashlee, accepted the position as youth minister for the Northside Church of Christ in Spokane, Washington as of January 1997. In June he will be one of the teachers at Lubbock Encounter, a youth rally held at Lubbock Christian University. This event is held every year for all the churches in Texas and has about 50 teachers. Dana is the son of Ramon and Ruth Ivey, grandson of Jean Oliver and grand nephew of Thelma Henley.



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Wed. P.M.	236	227	220
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PRAYER AND CARE

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THE CHILDREN

A few weeks ago a Texas mother was convicted of murdering her child and sentenced to die for her crime. Many of us followed the trial with interest because we wanted the facts to prove the mother's innocence. We didn't want to believe she had blatantly killed her own child. When the verdict came in we were shocked. How could a mother kill her own child? Why would she do it? It's unbelievable! But then we are reminded of the tens of thousands of mothers who kill their innocent little children by aborting them before they have a chance to be born. What reason for such behavior can be given? Some argue that the fetus is not a person until it is born and, therefore, it should not be considered wrong to end a pregnancy, even in the last trimester. It's difficult to try to harmonize this attitude with God's statement to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jer. 1:5). Did God mean He knew a blob of protoplasm or did He mean He knew Jeremiah? Would it not be better to allow unwanted children to be born and then adopted by the many childless couples who gladly take them, and then pass legislation that

would prohibit biological parents to come back later and reclaim the children? While we stand amazed that a mother could take the life of her child, born or unborn, it may be that there are parents, even in the church, who are unconsciously doing something just as tragic. Do we, through neglect and unconcern, allow the world to have our children? We want our children to attend school every day, if possible. Do we see that they are in Bible study classes and are we there too? We want our children to make good grades. Are we concerned about them knowing the Bible? We want our children to be socially acceptable and popular with their peers. Do we show as much interest in their being accepted by Christ and well pleasing to Him? We may do the best that we can and still lose our children so far as Christ and the church are concerned. That happens sometimes. But the greater tragedy is to lose our children because we really did not try to save them. Do your children know what is of greatest importance because you have taught them and because they have seen it in your life? Think about it.

Sermons for Sunday, March 3, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **What's This All About?**

(Luke 4:16-21)

P.M. Questions About Last Things (4 of 10)

"What About Jesus' Coming?"

(John 14:1-6)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the planning meeting this past Sunday night. We had a good turn out and a whole lot of information was shared. If you were unable to attend please contact me for a calendar and to sign up to host a devotional.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school groups are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. More details to follow. Invite a friend and come and join in this special time together.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

There are only 5 weeks remaining before the convention. Please pay your \$20.00 fee by Sunday, Mar. 16. Let's all do our part and work together.

Following is a list of meetings scheduled for Sunday Mar. 2. Please be present for these meetings.

Bulletin Boards - 4:30

Puppets - 5:15

Live Modern Drama - 7:00

Chorus - Wednesday Nights

If you are interested in helping with the preparation of LTC events, please let me know.

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July 25-28	Mexico Mission

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

So Much To Do ...

I want to remind you of some exciting things going on in our West Erwin family. Of course, no one is expected to participate in everything. It would be impossible anyway.

However, by keeping you informed of all that goes on, you can remember what you need and choose to do what is right for you and your family.

The most important thing is to make sure we are being faithful to the one we serve as Lord.

Special Prayer Night

Everyone is invited to a special time set aside for prayer this Sunday evening, March 2, after services. Come join us to pray for our city, for the lost and for you to share your needs and petitions as well.

Shepherding Group

This Sunday Group 3 meets for lunch. Joe & Frances McBee will be the hosts.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Next Saturday, March 8th, at 8:00 A.M. All West Erwin men, their sons, friends, etc. are invited to attend. "Rumor has it" that someone special will be doing the cooking. Ask Jay Lockhart.

Support Groups

The new group called "Joy in the Journey" will officially begin on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 P.M. in the Heritage Room. Our focus will be on understanding and overcoming some of life's greatest struggles. Please call Daniel Morgan for further information.

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

NEW QUARTER begins Sunday, March 2nd!!!

Can you believe we are already entering the Spring Quarter??? This year seems to have gotten off to a fast start and is picking up speed. As I type this letter to you we are already thinking about VBS plans and Camp Friendship.

Teachers, don't forget, if you haven't picked up your Spring teaching material, it is available in Frances' office on the shelf behind the door. Find me if the office is locked and we'll get the material for you.

Thank you to all of you who are helping make a difference here at West Erwin by teaching God's Word.

Our Teacher Training Workshop was a smashing success. We had 32 in attendance and have already begun to discuss the next workshop. There was a great deal of excitement as we played, laughed, and learned together, but the greatest part was being with people who were excited about sharing God's Word with others. Thanks to all who participated.

Mark your calendars now. The ACU BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP is scheduled for July 20-23. More details later.

IN APPRECIATION

To Our Church Family:

We want to express our gratitude for your love and kindness during Harold's long and tedious recovery. We sincerely appreciate your visits, cards and notes, gifts and food. All of these things have brought cheer to our hearts. You are wonderful and we feel so blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family.

After many weeks in the hospital, last week Harold was moved to the Rehabilitation Center. We are counting on this move to be a "step toward going home." We believe your prayers have brought us many blessings. Please continue to pray that Harold's treatment will bring strength and restored health.

Our love,
Harold & Nelda Browning

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, the cards, and the prayers offered in our behalf upon the loss of my brother, Ken. We love you and appreciate knowing that we have an abundance of wonderful Christian friends.

Earl & Melinda O'Quinn

Dear Friends,

Thanks for the delicious dinner, it was so nice for my friends at West Erwin to fix me a dinner. I'm feeling much better now and hope to be on the road to recovery soon. See you all at church real soon.

Love,
Meeta Clucas

Thanks for all the cards, prayers, visits and help during my recent illness. The Christian fellowship is wonderful at West Erwin and I feel so at home.

In Christian love,
Opal Cooper

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

All ladies have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bible each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (classes are provided for preschool children). On Wednesday, March 5, the study will be "While We Wait."

Children's clothes are needed badly in the Benevolent Center. If you have clean clothing in good repair, especially size 2 and up that you can share, please bring them to the Benevolent Center on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or to the church office.

BUILDING FUND

Our building fund is now \$143,512.30 and growing!

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RESPONSE

Dalton Simmons came Sunday night to ask for the prayers of the church that he might live his life as God would have him live.

CONGRATULATIONS

Did you see our Education Minister's name in the newspaper last week? It's official! Michael A. Gravois received his master of science degree from Texas A&M University in Commerce.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days Preschool program is still in need of keys; also boot boxes (24 to 36) and large size (2 lb) coffee cans. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office or give them to Martha Waggoner or Marsha Richardson. Thanks for your help!

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 10. West Erwin is asked to supply APPLE JUICE, BATHROOM CLEANERS, RANCH STYLE BEANS (15 oz.). Other items are greatly appreciated also.

CSET APPRECIATION DINNER

Christian Services of East Texas is a ministry of Christians of East Texas to children in need of Fostering started in 1975. Over the past 22 years over 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. 1996 has been an exciting year of increased abilities to care for more children and 1997 will see an increased ability to care for even more children with a broader range of services.

The annual Appreciation Dinner will be March 15, 7:00 pm, at the Rose Garden 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. Eddie Gooch, an elder of the church, Licensed Family Counselor, minister for over 20 years and a very active Christian volunteer will be the speaker. Tickets are \$15 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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

Mar. 2 - 2's - Michelle Millsap & Meggie Wagner
3's - Wade & Diane Weathers
Preacher: Michael Millsap



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Bible Class	349	373	364
Worship A.M.	530	568	533
Worship P.M.	289	327	321
Wed. P.M.	227	NC	225
Contribution	\$15,925.87	\$14,305.36	\$12,453.37
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00	\$146.13 under	budget

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 23 and Wednesday, Feb. 26, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

PRAYER AND CARE

Buddy Bell is in Mother Frances, room 318. **Tommie Alice Egbert** is in Mother Frances, room 455. **Archie Lowry** expected to go to Mother Frances Rehab Hospital Wednesday. **Harold Browning** is now in ETMC Rehab, room 410. No visits until after 4:00 pm, please. **Meeta Clucas** and **Bill Endsley** are both recovering at home after recent surgeries. **Guy Potts** will be scheduled for surgery later. **Janice Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister, is very ill. **Aaron Havens**, friend of Debbe Davis, has been diagnosed with cancer and needs our prayers. 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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Scott Carruth
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Scripture Chris Elzen
Dismiss James Ball
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Bill McCain Jim McDonald
Phil Marts Mike McClenny
Forest McFadden Tim Marshall
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ZERO TOLERANCE

The military in the United States has made the point quite clearly: there will be zero tolerance for hazing of new recruits. We applaud that decision. The public schools have gone on record: there will be zero tolerance for students carrying weapons or drugs on campus. We agree with that. In religion there should be zero tolerance for any position that is opposed to Biblical teaching. Zero tolerance toward unscriptural or antiscritptural positions does not mean we become angry with the people who hold these positions or that we seek to harm them, but it does mean we will stand firm for what we believe and will seek to speak the truth ... in love -- we can, with love in our hearts for people and with a smile on our faces say, "That position is unacceptable to me." However, I often see among Christians an attitude of zero tolerance toward one another, not in areas of right and wrong as spelled out in Scripture, but in areas of judgment and preference. One may become unhappy and greatly disturbed when we sing a song he

doesn't really like or when the prayer is long or when the class material is not to his liking or when we laugh at something funny said in the pulpit. Someone may react, "I just don't like that!" and he might as well add, "and neither do I like the one responsible." We would do well to remember that the church is a body -- a body subject to the Head, but a body made up of many members. These members come from different backgrounds, have different likes and dislikes, have different personalities, and, yes, different functions. The hand does one thing, the foot another, and the eye another. Working with youth or boomers or busters or the young marrieds or the elderly will require different means and methods. What appeals to one may not appeal to another. But in all of this, let us remember what really counts, what is of greatest importance, and let us endeavor to "keep the first thing the first thing." In matters of preference, let's be tolerant -- zero tolerance is good in some areas, but is not always the best.

Sermons for Sunday, Feb. 23, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"A Decision At Shechem"**

(Joshua 24:14-18)

P.M. **Questions About Last Things** (3 of 10)

"Is There Life After Life?"

(I Corinthians 15:12-20)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to the following people who helped in cleaning and preparing the kitchen last week: Dorothy Daughtery, Jean Oliver, Thelma Henley, Lisa Snell, Jerry Howard, Ray Womack, and Greg Neill who spent many hours scraping and painting. Thanks to all of you!

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

All middle and high school students and their parents are reminded of the upcoming planning meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23. Please make plans to be present. Let me know if you have any questions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

There are only 6 weeks remaining before the convention. Let's all do our part and work together.

Following is a list of meetings scheduled for Sunday Feb. 23. Please be present for these meetings.

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GROWING IN FELLOWSHIP

Mix & Meet Groups Forming

How can I get to know more of the members at West Erwin?

Whether you are a new member of the W.E. family or have been here many years, you may have asked yourself this same question. And the answer is: MIX & MEET GROUPS!

By filling out a form found on the table in the foyer and dropping it in the container you will be assigned to a group of families who will meet once a month in a different family's home for 4 months. Through the fellowship, meals and other activities shared you will get to know a whole new group of people in the family here and have fun at the same time. SIGN UP THIS SUNDAY!

Shepherding Groups off to a Great Start

The first Shepherding Group met last week under the leadership of Mike and Nora Gravois. We understand they had help from some "old hands" too. Thanks to everyone. Once again we have a place to invite our visitors to lunch. And we have a place for every member to belong. I am so excited about all the ministry possibilities and about what God can do through this.

So when Saturday rolls around and you are thinking, "Should I go to my Shepherding Group meeting tomorrow," or it is Sunday morning and you are asking yourself, "Should I stay?" please remember Acts 2:42 where it says ... "they continued steadfastly ... in the fellowship." It is part of New Testament Christianity. Next time, let both answers be, "YES!" Plan to go and plan to be part of your Shepherding Group.

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

What kind of day are you having today??? Well, I hope it's a **WONDERFUL** day, but that depends upon how you look at it. Take, for instance, the illustration regarding the half glass of water. The pessimist saw a glass that was half empty, the optimist saw a glass that was half full, my mother saw just another dirty glass that needed washing, and to the man dying of thirst the glass represented life itself. In each case the glass was the same, but they all saw it differently. We have all been given the blessed gift of **TODAY**, and yet it may be different to each one of us. I hope and pray that today is a wonderful day for you and that you will take some time to bless those around you.

The **Spring Quarter** will begin on Sunday, March 2nd. Teachers, your material is available in Frances' office on a shelf behind the door. You may pick it up at your convenience.

TODAY

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

... Author Unknown

Don't forget the Teacher's Workshop this coming Saturday from 9 am - 12 noon. Our topic will be Interactive Learning, Involving Your Class in the Lesson. This will be a fun, interactive time of play, as well as learning. I hope you are planning to join us. We'll be looking for you.

IN APPRECIATION

It's difficult sometimes to adequately express one's innermost feelings of love and appreciation for our church family here at West Erwin. You have literally overwhelmed me with your many acts of brotherly love during the past several weeks and it is almost impossible to acknowledge each act -- there were so many! May God richly bless each of you as you continue to serve Him and one another as we wait for Him (Gal. 6:10).

Our love to all of you!
Paul Stanley

The family of Gladys Holcomb acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you every one for prayers and gifts and visits to Mother and cards. May God bless all of you.

Love,
Marie and family

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you very much for your help and support. We have a house full with 10 girls and your efforts really make a difference. We've had a busy month with 6 participating in the annual Science Fair. It was wild getting all the experiments, reports and displays ready. Doug was asked to be a judge so he exempted himself from judging theirs. Everyone worked hard with their fish, soil, electricity and mice! Megan won a first place and the others did a good job. One of the girls has qualified for the area spelling bee, 5 are busy with basketball, and Megan's academic team won the area meet. Doug is working with a team for the next Bible Bowl in Duncan. Our preacher is teaching a singing class for the kids here and several of our girls are in it. We thank you again.

In Christian love,
Doug & Jill Stickler
& Little Top Cottage

M.O.P.S.

The next meeting of M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) will be Monday, February 24 from 12:30 - 2:30 in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed for the nursery. Call Nora Gravois for more information.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The Campus Christian Center, 1415 Baxter, is hosting **Parents Night Out** Friday, Feb. 28, from 6:00 - 10:30 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Call 593-3331 for more information.

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WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday in Lytle, Texas for Ken O'Quinn, Earl O'Quinn's brother. Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of Aline Beard on Tuesday morning. At this writing (Tuesday) services are pending at Memorial Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

East Texas Christian Academy

You are invited to attend the 18th Annual E.T.C.A. Victory Dinner & Auction on Friday, February 28, 1997, at the Tyler Rose Garden Center. Preview of all Auction items & Silent Auction at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:00 pm; Live Auction at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each and dress is casual. Tickets may be purchased at ETCA, or at West Erwin from Jim Bell or Danny Snell.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

All ladies have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bible with Fern Bench leading the study each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (classes are provided for pre-school children). On Wednesday, February 26, Norma Durham will be speaking on "Positive Mental Attitude."

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EASTERN EUROPEAN CAMPAIGNS

There will be a meeting for everyone interested in Eastern European Campaigns (Estonia) on Friday, February 28th at 7:30 in the fellowship building. We will have a taste of Estonia/Russian food as we discuss plans, dates, preparation (passports, costs, training, etc.) for the campaign. Call Daniel Morgan for more information.

PRAISE '97

Praise '97 will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 pm at the Hallsville High School. The A Capella Chorus from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell will sing a variety of choral arrangements. The ladies at the Alpine Church of Christ will provide food for the event so plan to eat when you get there. See bulletin board in the office area for more information.

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Worship A.M.	568	600	468
Worship P.M.	327	321	289
Wed. P.M.	NC	278	197
Contribution	\$14,305.36	\$15,454.93	\$14,576.33
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PRAYER AND CARE

Archie Lowry is in Mother Frances Transitional Care, room 349. **Harold Browning** continues to show improvement in ETMC, room 5505. **Meeta Clucas** had gall bladder surgery Friday at ETMC. **Guy Potts** is at home. He will have surgery later. **Opal Cooper** was admitted to Mother Frances Sunday and went home Wednesday after having some tests. **Bill Endsley** is recovering at home after recent surgery. **Charles Florence**, Chuck Florence's dad, knee replacement surgery was postponed. **Wanda Gene Sims**, Marie Styron's mother, is in ETMC, room 5512. **Janice Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister, is very ill. **Henry Golightly** is at home after recent surgery. **Fred McKeown**, from Mineola, has requested our prayers. **Aaron Havens**, friend of Debbe Davis, has been diagnosed with cancer and needs our prayers.

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Scripture Gary Cain
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Jeff Phillips
Scripture Marc Philpot
Dismiss Brian Walker

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Grant Knight Calvin Mannen
Jamon Kirby Stan Mallory
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"GOING TO THE MAT"

Most of us would "go to the mat" for some things taught in God's Word -- things like baptism for the forgiveness of sins, vocal music in worship, the Lord's Supper every Sunday, and male spiritual leadership. We believe these things are taught in Scripture and concerning them we say with Luther (in quite a different context), "Here I stand." That's good! We should "go to the mat" for things we believe the New Testament teaches. However, ... would we "go to the mat" for ... well, let's say ... for a biblical teaching like... like Philippians 2:14-16?

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

This passage reminds us that:

1. The world is filled with crooks and perverts (verse 15).

2. In a world of darkness like this we are to be lights (verse 15).
3. By being lights in a dark world, the work of those who taught us the word of truth is not in vain (verse 16).
4. By being lights we become the forgiven, innocent, and faultless children of God (verse 15).
5. To be the light of the world we must avoid the two enemies of peace: complaining and disputing (verse 14).
 - a) Complaining is, as the margin note in the NKJV says, grumbling, and manifests itself in low-toned, discontented muttering and whining.
 - b) Disputing is, as the margin reads, arguing, which is verbal expression of disagreement "that stir up suspicion and distrust as well as doubt and other disturbing feelings in others," to quote Charlie Swindoll.

In the church, let us never be content to be a malcontent. Let's "go to the mat" for this, too!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Culpepper family for some recent accomplishments at Winona High School. Casey was selected as the Most Courteous in the Sr. Class. Wendy was selected as Class Favorite and Most Athletic in the Jr. Class. Wendy also received a 1st Division rating in Debate at the Regional Competition and will advance to the State Competition in a few weeks. Way to go guys!

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

All middle and high school students and their parents are reminded of the upcoming planning meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23. Please make plans to be present as we will discuss many of the happenings of the Summer. Look for more information in the mail.

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Bulletin Boards - 5:15

Live Modern Drama - 7:00

Chorus - Wednesday Nights

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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 16	LTC Preparation
Feb. 23	LTC Preparation
Feb. 23	Parent - Teen Planning Meeting
Mar. 28-30	LTC Convention

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Jason Randall in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. He is from the Graceton community and is a college student. He is employed at Outback. His address is 2801 Calloway, Apt. 1313, 75701.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Stacey Cox made known her wish to be identified with the West Erwin family Sunday. She is a student at U.T. Tyler and comes to us from the Graceton Church of Christ. She is engaged to Jason Randall. Her address is 3333 Varsity Dr. #1210, 75703, ph. 566-6153.

Dennis Kingsbury has been a part of singles group for some time now and we are very pleased to welcome him into our growing West Erwin family. His address is 3217 Hallmark, 75701, ph. 593-7197.

PRAYER REQUEST

Tim Marshall came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family as he seeks to make important decisions in his life.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alice Pride and Bill Denson! They were united in marriage on Friday, February 7. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The Campus Christian Center, 1415 Baxter, is hosting Parents Night Out Friday, Feb. 28, from 6:00 - 10:30 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per child. Call 593-3331 for more information.

FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION

In December alone, Christian Services of East Texas had to turn nine children away because there was no more room. More Foster Parents are needed NOW. CSET is conducting an orientation for prospective Foster Parents, February 15, 8:30 a.m., in the West Erwin Church of Christ fellowship hall. If you are interested in learning more, please make plans to attend.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday in Heavener, Oklahoma for Bethel Bentley, Sue Carty's dad. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to Jim and Sue and all the family.

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East Texas Christian Academy
18th ANNUAL
Victory Dinner & Auction
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 at the

Tyler Rose Garden Center

Preview of all Auction items.....5:30 pm
 Silent Auction5:30 pm
 Dinner 6:00 pm
 Live Auction 7:00 pm
 Tickets \$15.00 each Casual Dress
 Tickets may be obtained at ETCA, or at West Erwin from Jim Bell or Danny Snell.

BENEVOLENT NEEDS

The Benevolent Center is in need of children's clothing. If you have clean, usable children's clothing that you would like to share, please bring them to the Benevolent Center on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or to the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

All ladies have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Bible with Fern Bench leading the study each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (nursery provided for young children). The topic for Wednesday, February 19, will be "Soaring On Wings." You will enjoy the study and the fellowship. (After the class, at 11:00, a group of ladies go out to eat and you are invited to participate in that also).

New Address...

Margaret Talley has a new address: Fireside Lodge, 4800 White Settlement Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76114. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from her friends in Tyler.

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK DUE

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT by Daniel K. Morgan

Church Moving Forward

Elders Present New Plans & Budget

Praise God for our elders here at West Erwin. It was exciting to here Leon Welborn share their vision for our future.

The budget and goals they presented will encourage us all to get involved. And I am so thankful for the emphasis they put on our need for commitment to Christ and compassion for people. This is surely the key for God's blessings and for our success in reaching these goals.

Aren't you glad to be part of a church family that is going to be growing and moving forward into the 21st Century?

Ministry Highlights

- The Support Group scheduled for Thursday evenings called *Joy in the Journey* has been changed. Further details will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this group that will help us learn how to deal more effectively with the struggles we face and how to make better choices in life, please contact Daniel Morgan.
- There was a great turnout for the first session of M.O.P.S. (**Mothers of Preschoolers**) on Monday, February 10. This is a group of young mothers who come together for encouragement and spiritual growth. It is also an outreach to our community. For more information, please contact Nora Gravois.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

" . . . Once when I was having dinner with some friends, their five year old son knocked over a glass of milk at the dinner table. When they immediately started in on him, I intentionally knocked my glass over, too. When I started to explain how I still knock things over even at the age of 48, the boy started to beam and the parents seemingly got the message and backed off. How easy it is to forget that we are all still learning."

--Jack Canfield

A young woman on her way home from work was in a minor traffic accident. As she stood there in tears she explained that the car was brand new. When she opened the glove compartment to get her insurance information a piece of paper fell out. In her husband's handwriting were the words, "In case of accident . . . remember, honey, it's you I love, not the car!"

When times get tough let's lift each other up, not tear each other apart!!! OK?

Remember the **Teacher's Training Seminar** on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. (breakfast) 'til noon in the West Erwin Fellowship Hall. The theme will be "Interactive Learning" - How To Involve Your Audience In The Lesson. Special guest speaker - Evelyn James, Storyteller.

Windows penetrated by baseballs, plates dropped on the kitchen floor, milk glasses tipped over at dinner, special dates overlooked by busy spouses, crumples fenders on cars, etc. in each case the damage has already been done. Let's not add to the destruction by damaging a person's spirit as well. Remember, problems are just creative OPPORTUNITIES for us to learn and grow.

Jan. 30, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 5
Records	Sunday Jan. 26	Sunday Jan. 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	430	385	391
Worship A.M.	613	562	594
Worship P.M.	NS	334	313
Wed. P.M.	286	278	251
Contribution	\$15,454.93	\$15,233.53	\$13,569.77
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$293.93 over budget	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 2 and Wednesday, Feb. 5, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

PRAYER AND CARE

Guy Potts' test results were not good. He expects to be scheduled for surgery in the next few days. **Harold Browning** continues to show improvement in ETMC, room 5505. **Tommie Alice Egbert** has been hospitalized at ETMC with pneumonia but expects to go home this weekend. **Archie Lowry** is in Mother Frances Transitional Care, room 349. **Paul Stanley** is now at home recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Robert McLemee** is now at home. **K. Max Haws** had eye surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Edna Hodnett** will eye surgery Feb. 5 at Tyler Square. **Bill Endsley** is scheduled for surgery Feb. 7. **Ruth Crosser** is ill at home. **Pauline Collard**, Warren Gray's sister, is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas with a broken hip. **Charles Florence**, Chuck Florence's dad, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery in Dallas Feb. 5. **Wanda Gene Sims**, Marie Styron's mother, is in ETMC, room 5512.

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Prayer Jon Murry
Scripture Dr. Don McClaugherty
Dismiss Mike Wheat

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Ronny Jones

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Michael Lowrance
Scripture James Kennedy
Dismiss Jim McDonald

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Mark Waggonner Terry Frick
Scout Troop members will serve communion

GREETERS

John & Ruby Cliver
Edgar & Delle Bullard

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A GOOD DAY

Our Homecoming '97 was a good day in so many ways. We had a good number in our Bible Classes, good attendance for worship, and a fine crowd for our afternoon service. Our church family continued to grow with the coming of **Clint and Angie Heard** and **John Steffee** and his workers provided a great lunch, serving 500 people in thirty minutes! By the way, John had a number of good helpers, but special thanks need to be given to **Wayne Harrison** and **Dale and Carolyn Blackstone** who went beyond the second mile in the preparation for the meal. Additionally, our building fund continued to grow. Thanks to everyone who helped us have a good day!

ATTITUDE

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

-- Charles S. Swindoll

"We Will When We Will"

Sermons for Sunday, February 2, 1997 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

- A.M. **"Continuing in Fellowship"**
(Acts 2:42-47)
- P.M. **Questions About Last Things** (#1 of 10)
"What Is The Nature Of Man?"
(I Thess. 5:23-28)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS

This past weekend was a full and wonderful weekend with the Servant Retreat and Homecoming. The Servant Retreat was on to the best ever with over 250 people present in Glen Rose to grow and glow as we focused on the theme, "With All My Heart." Thanks to Jeff Hone and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

Thanks to Jeff and Linda Hone for hosting the Homecoming Bash once again. It was great!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 9:00.

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All adults who are planning on going to LTC need to let me know ASAP so your name can be verified on the list. Anyone interested in helping with the preparation of LTC events need to let me know.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Feb. 2 Middle School Devotional
Feb. 10 Bible Quiz
Mar. 28-30 LTC Convention

BAPTISM

Chad Frick, son of Terry and Kim and grandson of David and Wanda Frick, was baptized into Christ last Wednesday night after our class period. We rejoice with Chad and his family in his decision to become a Christian. Their address is 416 Juanita St., Chandler, 75758.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Clint and Angie Heard came Sunday to make known their desire to be recognized as a member of our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and are a welcome addition to our young marrieds group. Their address is Route 1, Box 179, Van, 75790, ph. (903) 963-8153.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!

Generous benefits available for ladies of any size, shape or age. No experience necessary. Excellent opportunities to learn more about the Bible. If you qualify, please come to West Erwin each Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (nursery provided for young children).

Lessons will be given by Fern Bench. Many friendships provided to all those attending. (After the class, at 11:00, the "lunch bunch" will go out to eat).

Please respond as there are immediate openings.

ANNUAL BENEVOLENT REPORT

For the year of 1996, 590 families, representing 2,337 people, were given approximately \$26,983.00 in clothing and 95 Bibles were given from our Benevolent Center. Fifteen boxes of miscellaneous items, including 2,395 bandages and 292 diaper shirts were sent to Chimala Mission. "... Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me."

"Today is the gift we give ourselves. That's why they call it THE PRESENT!"

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IN APPRECIATION

Individual thank you notes were received from Angel, Dee, Ricky, Michelle, Stephen and Rachel and also from the Development Officer for Boles Home thanking the West Erwin church for the gifts sent and the beautiful Christmas spirit that was shared with the children. They are grateful for the happy memories that are so important to hurting children.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 2, will be Scout Sunday at West Erwin. Troup 354 will be recognized at our morning worship services, then will have lunch in the fellowship hall. In honor of Scout Sunday Scout Troop 354, members and leaders, will serve in the areas of prayers, scripture reading, presiding at the Lord's Table, and the serving of the Lord's Supper at the morning worship assembly.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days needs vegetable cans (Fresh-Like brand, small sizes), keys, and king-size pillow cases. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office or give them to Martha Waggoner or Marsha Richardson.

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AUGSBURG NEWS

We learned in a recent letter from Rudy Rischer in Augsburg that Christel underwent surgery December 9 for another cancer. She is now suffering the effects of chemo but remains cheerful and optimistic. Please remember Rudy and Christel in your prayers. (If you would like to read the letter in its entirety, it is posted on the bulletin board in the office area). Their address is Bulowstrasse 4 D-8617, Augsburg, West Germany.

*Don't forget the special time of prayer on **Sunday evening, February 2**. Everyone who would like to join together for a special time of prayer to intercede for special requests, for those on our prayer and care list and for thanksgiving to God for His great blessings meet at the front of the auditorium after worship services.

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outreach and involvement

by Daniel K. Morgan

MISSIONS UPDATE

Emphasis on Eastern Europe

On Friday and Saturday, February 7-8, the 3rd Annual Eastern European Workshop will be held at the Webb Chapel Church of Christ in Dallas. There will be informative sessions on Eastern Europe and practical presentations on mission work in general. I have been invited to speak on the subject of "Leadership Training Dynamics." Please pray for me as I prepare and present this important subject.

Everyone interested in learning more about the work in Estonia, Russia or other Eastern European countries and how they, too, can participate, should attend this workshop. See me for more details about the time and place of the workshop.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

People are like seeds, precious grains of life stored within a bodily shell. When exposed to the right combination of nutrients, fertilizer, warmth, protection, and care they produce beautiful fruit that in turn goes on to reproduce after its own kind. Ministry is a lot like gardening. It is our challenge to provide the right combination of essential ingredients and the proper environment to enable the individual to grow and flourish. Though we may not always see the fruits of our labor the work is always rewarding. Spend a little time in "God's Garden" this week and touch the life of another for we are all **GROWING INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST**.

REMEMBER: DINNER'S ON ME

Sunday, February 2, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

West Erwin Fellowship Hall

I'LL SEE YOU THERE!!

Speaking of Eastern Europe, plans are in the making for our campaign this summer. Several West Erwin members have already expressed an interest.

We hope even more will want to be part of this great work.

There will be a meeting on Friday, February 28th at 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Building for those interested in more information about the campaign dates, getting passports, fund-raising, and training, etc.

Next week we will provide an update and focus on the Lord's mission in Togo where Jeff and Brenda Holland serve.

*CLASS CHANGE

The 30's class will meet in the auditorium this Sunday, February 2 only, due to the use of the fellowship building by the Scouts for Scout Sunday.

Ministry Highlights

TEACHER'S TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 22, 1997

9 a.m. - 12 noon

West Erwin Fellowship Hall

"Interactive Learning"

How To Involve Your Audience In The Lesson

9:00 a.m. Registration
Breakfast
9:15 a.m. Experiential Games/Ice Breakers
Getting your students interested and involved in the lesson material
10:30 a.m. Evelyn James, Storyteller
How to tell a story and involve your audience at the same time
12:00 noon Dismiss

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Scripture Tommy Lowrance
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Mike McClenny

Homecoming
No Evening Service

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Luke Ingram Rex Johnson
Don Ingram Billie Ingram
Chad Hilliard Robert Hilliard
Hilliard Hughes Bill Hawkins

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Claude & Odell Sessions
Don & Norma Durham

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HOMECOMING '97

This is it! This Sunday promises to be a wonderful day for us. Of course, every Lord's Day is a special occasion for the faithful children -- a day of worship in song, prayer, study, communion, and giving. However, there are some days that bring added blessing, and this is one of them. We are expecting large crowds and enthusiastic worshippers. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 9:00 A.M. "Is There Any Word From The Lord?" (Jeremiah 37:17)
(All adults in the auditorium with Jay Lockhart)
- 10:00 A.M. "What Shall I Do, Lord?" (Acts 22:6-16)
- 11:30 A.M. Catered lunch for members and guests
(In the Center)
- 12:30 P.M. "What Do I Wait For?" (Psalm 39:6-7)
- 1:15 P.M. Dismissed for the day

All of these meetings are of great importance. Please attend all of these ... this Sunday!

"SOUPER" SUNDAY

Throughout the year we help countless needy people -- with house rent, gas for cars, utilities, clothing, food, and lodging. Nearly every day people come to our building seeking help. We keep good records, we check references, we make phone calls, ... and we help people. When we are unable to help, we often refer folks to others in our community who are in the "people-helping" business. Sometimes we send them to P.A.T.H. -- People Attempting To Help. Since we do this we are asking our West Erwin members to help, on an individual basis, those who help others. On this "Souper" Sunday, bring a few cans of soup to our building for distribution to the hungry and, as you think on this, remember the words of the One who said, "I was hungry, and you fed me" and "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me." Place your cans in the foyer in the designated area.

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SERVANT RETREAT

All of those going to the Servant Retreat this weekend need to meet at the building at 7:00 Friday. We will return Sunday morning in time for worship. Please pray for our safety and spiritual growth.

HOMECOMING BASH

Plan to come to our annual Homecoming Bash on Sunday, Jan 26. We will meet at the home of Jeff & Linda Hone at 4:30 and be finished at about 8:00. Please bring a dessert and a friend to enjoy this 'super' time together.

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Brandy Starnes, great granddaughter of Sue Starnes, was baptized into Christ Monday afternoon. Brandy has been attending West Erwin with Sue since she was a very young child. We rejoice with her in making the decision to live her life for Christ. Her address is 1515 Chestnut Drive, 75704, ph. 595-6825.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank every member here at West Erwin for their prayers on behalf of my son, Austin Spicuzza. His heart cath will be done on the 24th of January. Also I just want to thank everyone here that has been so warm and letting me feel like I belong.

Kimberly Spicuzza

Our sincere love and gratitude for the prayers and kindness shown during the long illness and passing of Annie Lee Drummond.

Don & Chris Drummond

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Elva Mackey Williams.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Burks Walker Tippitt for Frances Atkins, long time West Erwin member. Services were held last Friday in Houston for Billy Moore, Rhonda Haws' uncle. Services were held Wednesday in Wolfe City for Jerry Malone, Fern Bench's sister-in-law. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

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RECEPTION INVITATION

Two lives, two hearts,
joined together in friendship,
united forever in love,
Happily, we two,

Becky Blackstone and Shane Millican,
chose the first day of our new lives together as
December 6, 1996

Together with our parents we request
the honor of your presence
at a reception celebrating our marriage
on Saturday, January 25, 1997
West Erwin Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

Come and go from 2:00 until 4:00

CONGRATULATIONS

Vaughn and Evelyn Lowry recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Congratulations on this happy milestone in their lives!

PLEASE NOTE: The tablecloth for the large table in the Fellowship Hall is missing. If you can solve the mystery of the missing tablecloth, please call the church office.

WORKDAY

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Outreach Involvement

by Daniel K. Morgan

W.E. SUPPORT MINISTRY

Meeting the Needs of People

Today, just as in the time of our Lord Jesus, there are multitudes of people who are hurting and in need. Often Jesus reached out to touch their lives and meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

We want to do the same. Our **Support Ministry** is now working hand-in-hand with the Preaching and Teaching Ministry, the Benevolence Ministry and other efforts so that, through Christ and the work of the body, every need will be supplied.

Are you in need of support? Do you know someone else who is in need of comfort, strength, or encouragement? Please let me know if you, or anyone else, would like to participate in any of the following groups.

- ♦ *Saying Good Bye* (Grief and Loss)
- ♦ *Joy in the Journey* (Facing Life's Problems)
- ♦ *M.O.P.S.* (Mothers Of Preschoolers)
- ♦ *Freedom* (Co-dependency Recovery)
- ♦ *New Beginnings* (Christian 12-Step)

Ministry Highlights

- ♦ **The Prayer Ministry** would like to invite everyone to a special time of Prayer after services on **Sunday evening, February 2**. We will meet at the front of the auditorium to join our hearts and minds in prayer to intercede for those in need and give thanks to God for his great blessings. Join us for this special time of ministry and to share this great blessing. -- DKM

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS!!

Dinner's On Me! You are hereby invited to a dinner held "in your honor." Dinner will be from 4:30 'til 5:45 PM on Sunday, February 2, in the Fellowship Hall at the West Erwin Church of Christ.

The purpose of this dinner is three-fold: (1) To allow me to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and effort you put in as a Bible Class Teacher, (2) To give us an opportunity to visit and get to know each other a little better, and (3) To talk about ways we can improve what is happening in the classroom.

Well, that's about it. All you need to do is mark your calendar and make plans to join us. I'll do the rest. Oh, and by the way, I'm a pretty fair cook, too. It really will be fun. Please plan to be there, OK???

TEACHER'S TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 22, 1997

9 a.m. - 12 noon

West Erwin Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

"Interactive Learning"

How To Involve Your Audience In The Lesson

- | | |
|------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m. | Registration
Breakfast |
| 9:15 a.m. | Experiential Games/Ice Breakers
Getting your students interested and involved in the lesson material |
| 10:30 a.m. | Evelyn James, Storyteller
How to tell a story and involve your audience at the same time |
| 12:00 noon | Dismiss |

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Records	Sunday Jan. 5	Sunday Dec. 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	311	351
Worship A.M.	551	517	564
Worship P.M.	363	329	309
Wed. P.M.	168	NS	NC
Contribution	\$27,159.03	\$13,939.70	\$19,419.12
Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$11,996.03 over	budget
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 15, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Harold Browning is showing improvement and is now in room 5505 in Medical Center Hospital. **Archie Lowry** is in Mother Frances, room 592, with continuing back problems. **Steve Thrash** had surgery on his arm Monday at Mother Frances. **H.M. Minnis** was dismissed from Mother Frances Hospital on Monday after being confined with pneumonia. **Ruth Crosser** remains ill at home. **Fred Powell** got good reports after recent tests. **Buddy Bell** had successful surgery last Thursday at Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. **Annie Lee Drummond**, Don Drummond's aunt, is back at Park Place. **Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, is scheduled for kidney surgery Jan. 21. **Elven Wright**, Gaynelle Gray's brother, is in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas with blood clots in his lung. 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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HOMECOMING '97

When we entered our new auditorium in 1992 the decision was made to designate the last Sunday of January each year as Homecoming Sunday. On January 26 we will celebrate our 6th Annual Homecoming and we want to invite all readers of this column to be with us for a significant day. Of course we are hopeful that our West Erwin members will be in town and present for the day. Our schedule will be as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Classes
(all adults in the auditorium)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Worship
(final service of the day)

(Editors Note: Jim Bill McInteer is one of God's truly great servants in this generation. He has blessed us at West Erwin with his insightful preaching. Read the following article and benefit from Jim Bill's writing - JPL).

"THE WEEKEND IS MINE"

Christians have fallen into the trap of thinking "the weekend is mine." Well, so be it -- let the weekend, Friday and Saturday, be used for some relaxation and change of pace. No doubt you need it. But, don't fudge! Sunday is not the weekend -- the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and there is no rhyme nor reason to suggest that sleep, relaxation, recreation, trips, etc., give the right to interfere with the appointment you have with the Lord every first day of the week.

The devil is offering a sop to people. He is softening the blow of unfaithfulness, and he delights in Christians ignoring the calendar, "Have a good weekend; you deserve it!" The "weekend," so-called, comes at the expense of your attendance with fellow saints, your worship of the Almighty God, your eating the Lord's Supper and giving of your means with the regularity of the planned precision that the Lord has in mind.

Ask two questions of your friends. Let the first question be, "What did you do this weekend?" Then let the second question come immediately, "And how thrilling was your week beginning -- where did you worship?"

-- Jim Bill McInteer

**Sermons for Sunday, January 12, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **"Either Way, You Win!"**
(Philippians 1:21-30)
- P.M. **"The Legacy"**
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS

Thanks to Jeff & Linda Hone and Lisa Snell for hosting the Devotional this past Sunday. We had a ball! This was a great start to a new year. Let's make 1997 the best ever.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

LTC 1997 is well underway and we are working hard. Our reservations will be sent in soon and all changes need to be made ASAP. If you are interested in being a part of LTC 1997, this Sunday will be the last day for you to sign up.

All of those doing Video Bible Drama need to meet all day Sunday. Bring some money for lunch and plan to stay for the day. We will also meet this Saturday at 1:00 to work on the set. Please remember that all

Pre-Convention events (except Art, Bulletin Boards, and Scrapbook) are due by Jan. 12. (This Sunday!) If necessary, we will use Sunday night, Jan. 12 as an extended work time for LTC.

SERVANT RETREAT

All of those in the high school group are reminded of the upcoming Servant Retreat in Glen Rose. We will be leaving Friday, Jan. 24 and returning on Sunday Jan. 26. Your cost will be \$20.00. Don't miss it!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Jan. 12	LTC Deadline and Workday
Jan. 19	High School Devotional
Jan. 24-26	Servant Retreat
Jan. 26	Homecoming Bash
Feb. 2	Middle School Devotional
Mar. 28-30	1997 LTC Convention

Outreach and Involvement

by Daniel K. Morgan

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

For Large Groups

Every member at West Erwin will be assigned to a Noon Fellowship Group (formerly called Noon KOINONIA). The new large groups will be called **Shepherding Groups**.

Please look for your name on the list displayed in the foyer. Also watch the mail for a postcard that will give you the number of the group you are assigned to and the schedule for your next noon fellowship meal and meeting.

For Small Groups

Some of the **Neighbor Groups** (formerly known as PM KOINONIA) will be meeting this Sunday evening. Contact your Group Leaders for plans. Additional small groups called **Life Groups** are being formed in our Bible Classes.

• **Visitation Team # 2** will meet on Monday, January 13th, 6:30 PM, at the McRuiz home. Henry and Becky McRuiz will have the visitation assignments for the group this week.

• The **Holiday Support Group** will be meeting this Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 PM. The topic will be: "What happens when New Year's resolutions fail?"

• **What Support Groups would you be interested in joining this year?** Some other possible topics include: Money Management and Building Better Marriages. Please express your interest or ideas to Daniel Morgan.

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

A student approached the teacher's desk with teary eyes and trembling lips. In her hands she held a crumpled and soiled piece of paper. Looking up at the teacher she asked, "May I have another piece of paper? I have messed this one up." The teacher smiled a warm reassuring smile and gently handed the child a clean piece of paper.

In a throne room far, far away a sinner approached the Throne of God on bended knees. White garments torn and splattered with the stain of sin the sinner asked, "Holy Father, I have made many mistakes for which I am heartily sorry. Forgive me, please?" With a gentle voice God responded, "Go, your sins have been forgiven."

New Years bring new opportunities for us to minister in God's Kingdom. I thank you teachers for your efforts

and work with the children and members here at West Erwin. May our efforts truly be a glory to God in 1997.

Dinner's On Me - Sunday, 26 January 1997

Attention all teachers!!!! I would like to cook your dinner. Please mark your calendar and plan to join me for dinner on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 pm. This will be a time for us to get better acquainted and talk about how we may better work together in the classroom.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, January 11th at 8:00 AM. Please call the church office or Daniel Morgan if you have not already given him your "dollar for your reservation."

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the bouquet of white carnations sent for Myrtle Land's memorial service.

Gary & Ann Land

Thank you for the books you sent for our library at Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, West Africa.

In Christian Love,
Steve Worley

WEDDING SHOWER

You're invited
to a bridal shower
honoring

Becky (Blackstone) Millican
on Saturday, January 11

at the home of

Gail Vannoy

3323 Teakwood

2:00 - 3:30

Selections: Target, Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

K. Max and Mary Haws celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 26. Congratulations on this happy milestone in their lives.

"Cherish yesterday, Dream tomorrow, Live today."

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Elva Mackey Williams, long time West Erwin member. Services were held last Thursday in Austin for Myrtle Land, former West Erwin member. Services were held last Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Dolly Sutton, sister of Dorothy Babb and aunt of Dennis Stansbury. Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Ruth Dobbs, sister of Dorothy Babb and aunt of Dennis Stansbury. Kathy Krewall's brother-in-law died last Friday in Oklahoma. Services were held Tuesday for Archa Branum, Jamon Kirby's uncle. Jonnie Steffee, a long time West Erwin member and the mother of John Steffee, Beatrice Holland's sister and aunt of Mary Haws, died Monday morning. Services were held at Lloyd James Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

"God does not comfort us to make us comfortable ...
but to make us comforters. "

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days is in need of milk bottle caps and keys. If you can help, you may bring them to the church office.

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ATTITUDE

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

-- selected

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Wed. P.M.	NS	256	229
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Weekly Budget	\$15,161.00	\$1221.50 under	budget

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 5, and Wednesday, Jan. 8, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

Harold Browning remains in Medical Center CCU. **Ruth Dobbs** is very ill in Medical Center. **Jonnie Steffee** is very ill in Medical Center. **Ruth Crosser** is very ill at home. **Fred Powell** had an MRI Monday to determine treatment for a heart blockage. **Elva M. Williams** is now in Briarcliff Nursing Center. **Aline Beard** is in Southview Nursing Center, room 32. **Buddy Bell** is scheduled for surgery Jan. 2 at Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. **Norma Durham** is having tests. **Joe Elerson** has been undergoing allergy tests. **Curtis Scroggins**, Doug Scroggins' dad, is having health problems. **Annie Lee Drummond**, Don Drummond's aunt and a former West Erwin member, is very ill in Medical Center. **Peggy Crocker**, Michelle Crocker's mother-in-law, is recovering from back surgery. **Garon Hallman**, Kevin Sustaire's uncle, is very ill.

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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER FOR YOU

Dear Lord,

You have blessed us as a church family in so many ways during the past year, and we thank You.

You have heard and answered our prayers. You have been faithful to Your promise. You have worked in us and through us, and we thank You.

Your presence has been with us. Your providence has been around us. Your power has been within us, and we thank You.

As we begin a new year by Your grace, we asked Your help in living well one day at a time, in developing greater faith, and in overcoming our pride.

Help us to be more compassionate, loving, and forgiving. Help us to study your word more, pray regularly, and meditate daily.

Give us a sense of awe in Your Holy Presence, a thankful heart at Your Table, and a love for worship with the church.

Grant that we may give with generosity, receive with gratitude, and serve with cheerfulness. Give us wisdom to live our lives, understanding to live among our peers, and strength to live through times of trouble.

May we resolve to glorify Your Name, to grow into the image of Christ, and to be involved in the ministry of evangelism, edification, and encouragement.

May we truly be a church which is Bible-based, Christ-centered, People-oriented, Heart-filled, and Sent-out. Grant us a new year filled with vision, service and blessing.

In Jesus, name, Amen.

**Sermons for Sunday, January 5, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **"My Eyes Have Seen**

(Luke 2:25-32)

P.M. **"The Perplexing Nature Of Prayer**

(Matthew 26:36-44)

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COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 9:15.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

At times like these past few days, we realize how much you mean to us. And how grateful we are for your visits, your calls, the cards, and food, and especially your prayers during my stay in the hospital and return home. We thank you for your concern and may God bless each one of you.

Love,
Archie & Faye Kennard
Joni, Erica, & Bradley Smith

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks so much for your prayers, offers of food, words of comfort, hugs, and the lovely spray in memory of Doug's mom. You all mean so much to us. What a blessing you are to us!

Love In Him,
Cathy & Doug Scroggins
Chris and Charlie
Curtis Scroggins

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful flowers and the many cards we received, and most of all we appreciate all the prayers and visits. We love each and every one!!

Faber & Kathryn Cauthen

The cards and calls of appreciation we have received in response to the poinsettias and fruit baskets given during the holidays are too numerous to list in the space we have available in the bulletin. It is evident that all enjoyed the gifts from their West Erwin family and appreciated being remembered during the holidays.

YOUNG AT HEART

Don't forget our first meeting of this new year on January 9th at 6:30. Let's have a good turnout to start the new year with a new resolve to be happy, to enjoy our fellowship and have more fun together. Young at Heart is open to all our seniors and all are invited to attend. We'll have a good meal together; the entertainment will be fun, and the business meeting will be short.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We rejoice with **Billy Denson** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Tuesday afternoon. He has been attending here with Alice Pride. His address is 910 Hudson, 75701, ph. 597-6778. We are very happy to welcome him into the West Erwin family.

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to a bridal shower
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Becky (Blackstone) Millican
on Saturday, January 11
at the home of Gail Vannoy
3323 Teakwood
2:00 - 3:30

Selections: Target, Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ira and Esther Wilson on the birth of a new grandson! Philip Keith was born Dec. 26 to Keith and Cheryl Wilson. He weighed 6 lb. 4 oz. and was 18 inches long. Jeremy and Alexander are big brothers. Philip was a little early and had to spend some extra time in the hospital but he is doing okay.

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Outreach & Involvement

by Daniel K. Morgan

Changes In Fellowship Program Underway

"We Aim To Please"

The new fellowship program beginning at West Erwin in 1997 will have several new elements. More details will be given later.

But in general, our goal is to provide more numerous and varied options for fellowship. These options will fit with our members' current life styles better and will promote stronger relationships.

First, we will continue our Sunday Lunch Groups for all the church members. We will have a new schedule for these after the New Year.

Also we will have 3 types of small groups that will meet in the evenings. These will be Neighbor Groups, Life Groups (from the Bible Classes) and Mix & Meet' Groups. **Stay tuned!**

Ministry Highlights

- There will be no **Holiday Support Group** meeting the week of January 2nd. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 PM. The topic will be: "Another New Year And You're Getting Older."
- **Did you know more Support Groups are planned for the coming year?** Some possible topics include: Grief and Loss Support, 12-Step Recovery, Divorce Care, and Freedom From Co-dependency.
- **Visitation Team** cards and visitor information will be given to the Team Leaders each Sunday evening. Team members should see their respective leaders to receive their assignments.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

Guest Editor Shares Important Principles

INTEGRATION OF MINISTRIES

by Daniel K. Morgan

Some of the new plans in 1997 for both the **Fellowship and Visitation Ministries** involve our **Education Ministry**, specifically our Bible Classes. And this is the way it should be.

In Acts 2:42, it says the first disciples "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship ..." These words indicate to us not only an intense commitment to these practices but also a natural integration of these activities into a seamless life in the body of Christ.

This wasn't just what the disciples did. It was what they **were**. Here at West Erwin we want to **be** the same.

In the coming year we will form small fellowship groups, called **Life Groups**, from within our existing Bible Classes. What will this do for us?

First, this will strengthen already existing relationships. Second, it will give us an opportunity to emphasize and apply the spiritual principles being learned during Bible studies.

We will also begin to work on **Visitor Follow-up** through the classes. Your teachers will begin to ask you to make contact with visitors to West Erwin that might become part of your Bible class. When you do this, you should make contact with them in the way most comfortable for you. We want to build bridges for them so they can know Christ and become part of the life we share.

So, don't just come to Bible Class, **get involved!**

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Worship P.M.	269	372	288
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$13,583.91	\$14,779.91	\$13,559.07
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 4, and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 7, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

PRAYER AND CARE

Billie Ingram's biopsy results were not good. Suzanne Linseisen had a tonsillectomy Monday. Mozelle Cash fell and required stitches but is at home and doing well after a fall. Opal Mathews is doing well after a heart procedure last week at Mother Frances. Jaci Prestidge, daughter of Brant & Jeri, had an MRI Dec. 22 in Dallas. No results as yet (Tuesday). Myra Turner is at home and continuing therapy. Florene Adams is now in Park Place. Launa Armstrong is at home. Barbara Brady is now at home but is still very ill. Vera Boss, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, and Earl Schwartz, Judy Smith's brother, are all undergoing treatment. Amy Burgess, 26 year old friend of Sandie Martin, is in Baylor Hospital in a coma after having a heart attack in Mena, AR. Ida Gieger, widow of L.L. Gieger a former West Erwin minister, is very ill in Edmond, OK. 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 and in nursing homes.

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Dale Blackstone Paul Brumitt
Jim Armstrong Jim Bell
Roy Bench Gary Broome

GREETERS
Charles & Billie Bob Hickman
Don & Nerene Ingram

NEW ARRIVAL - Congratulations to Jim and Launa Armstrong on the birth of a new granddaughter! Miranda Hope was born Dec. 29 in Abita Springs to Von & Stacy Armstrong. She weighed 7 lb. 11 1/2 oz., and is 20 1/4 inches long.

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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Recently Chris Taylor, who has been attending West Erwin for the last several months, suggested a theme for the new year. She said, "Expect the Unexpected." Sounds pretty good, don't you think? It also sounds biblical: "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,' says the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8). When we only expect what we can accomplish by our own feeble efforts, we may get just what we expect. However, when we plan and pray and participate with the understanding that we serve a powerful God who is in our midst to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20), then we do well to "Expect the Unexpected."

RESOLUTION ... AGAIN

I heard on the radio the other day that most people do make New Year's resolutions. Do you? The same report said 50% of the resolutions made are not kept. Does that surprise you? I still think its good to make resolutions.

Those who resolve accomplish more than those who do not. Resolutions should not be taken lightly, but I would rather aim for the stars and fall short than to only see the mud. If you need to resolve to quit a bad habit or to lose ten pounds, make the resolution and stick with it -- you'll feel good about yourself if you do. I can think of some resolutions we could make for 1998 which would be helpful to us all. We could resolve to be more involved with the Word this year, to be more prayerful, to be regular in attendance of Bible classes and worship, to grow spiritually, to serve others, to influence someone to be a Christian, to be kinder, to be more forgiving, to be an encourager, et.al. What a difference you can make ... if you will make some resolutions!

HULEN JACKSON (1913-1997)

Hulen Jackson, long time preacher of the Gospel, passed away last week in Dallas. He was well known and well respected as a faithful preacher over a period of more than 65 years. His powerful legacy will live on.

Sermons for Sunday, January 4, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
"A Timely Decision"
(Ephesians 4:17-24)
"I Have Decided -- Now What?"
(Romans 12:1-2)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

Consider this:

Wilma Rudolph was the 20th of 22 children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was 4 years old, she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralyzed left leg. At age 9, she removed the metal leg brace which she had been dependent on and began to walk without it. By 13, she had developed a rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in last. For the next few years every race she entered, she came in last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on running. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win 3 Olympic gold medals.

"My mother taught me early to believe I could achieve any accomplishment I wanted to. The first was to walk without braces."
-- Wilma Rudolph

"I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."
-- Paul (Acts 20:24)

RUN TO WIN IN '98!!

"Count your many obligations,
Name them one by one;
And it will surprise you
What the Lord wants done."

"The fear of the Lord makes a hero;
the fear of men makes a coward."

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

THINKING HAPPINESS

Think of the things that make you happy,
Not the things that make you sad;
Think of the fine and true in mankind,
Not its sordid and bad;
Think on the blessings that surround you,
Not the ones that are denied;
Think of the virtues of your friendships,
Not the weak and faulty side;
Think of the gains you've made in business,
Not the losses you've incurred;
Think of the good of you that's spoken,
Not some cruel, hostile word;

Think of the days of health and pleasure,
Not the days of woe and pain;
Think of the days alive with sunshine,
Not the dismal days of rain;
Think of the hopes that lie before you,
Not the waste that lies behind;
Think of the treasures you have gathered,
Not the ones you've failed to find;
Think of the service you may render,
Not of serving self alone;
Think of the happiness of others,
And in this you will find your own!
-- Robert E. Farley

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 24 from 8:30 am - 12 noon. We will discuss the developmental training of pre-school through elementary age children. How can we as parents and teachers be more effective in the training of children? Well, the first step is to be aware of how they LEARN. Is your child a visual learner, an auditory learner, a tactile learner, and what kind of learner are you? We will explore these areas during this workshop. Once we know what kind of learners we are dealing with we can become better at preparing lesson material that will specifically target their learning styles so that maximum growth may be achieved. This material will be useful to anyone who works with young children. Please plan to join us.

SPRING CLEANING

Have you started yet? You know, that yearly routine of cleaning out closets and going through all your possessions to see what you no longer need or use. Well, if you come across any toys which your children no longer play with or have outgrown,

please keep us in mind. We would love to have some new toys in the classrooms here at church. Baby dolls, building blocks, learning toys, dress-up clothes, etc., if you've got 'em, we'd like to have 'em. Just bring them down and drop them off at Mike's office. If we cannot use them, we'll make sure they get to someone who can. OK? Oh, and if your kids are grown and you'd like to provide a NEW toy, that's OK too!!! Just check with Mike to see what our greatest needs are.

CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

We will have an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 18 from 3-5 pm. The purpose of this committee is three-fold. First, we will evaluate the Mission Statement of the Education Ministry department at West Erwin. Are we accomplishing our mission? If so, how effective are we? Do we need to change or modify our Mission Statement? These will be some questions we will try to answer in this first meeting. Our second purpose will be to establish goals and benchmarks that will help us accomplish our mission. Finally, our third purpose will be to begin writing our own curriculum and lessons that will teach our children the Spiritual values we have established.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring Ruth Ellis on Sunday, January 4, 2:30 pm at the home of Shelly Sustaie 1413 Augusta

Selections: Target, Toys R Us
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Buddy and Dorothy Bell on the birth of a new grandson! Austin Paul Bell was born December 22 to Charlie and Lisa Bell. He weighed 8 lb.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Fern Bench will be leading the study when the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class resumes on January 7 in the Heritage Room. Child care is provided.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

The flowers that you sent to Mother's funeral were truly beautiful. We thank you for those and for all of the cards, calls, visits and food. We love and appreciate each of you.

Freeman & Billie Morgan

I feel like I should say thanks to someone but I don't know who. If you or anyone you know gave blood to the West Erwin blood account, I need to say thank you in helping me to feel better. Your blood replaced the amount I received. Of course, I never felt I would need this service and paid no attention to the call for donors. Thank you for your kindness and way you responded to the call for blood in our account. I hope you never need it, but it's nice to know that it's there for use. Many thanks,

Norma Durham

To our West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the gift of money. We appreciate your many acts of kindness and prayers for our work for the Lord. We love you.

Harold & Betty Taylor

To our West Erwin family,

We pray that you all have a very happy and safe holiday season. You're very dear to us. We so appreciate all you do for us. Your love and generosity are overwhelming. God bless! Love in Christ,

Ray & Linda Maxwell
Kristi, Mike, Jessica & Courtney

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome **Shawn Nugent** and her little daughter, **Kylee**, into our growing family at West Erwin. She also has requested our prayers. Shawn is the daughter of Jim and Sue Carty and has been attending here for some time. Her address is 409 East Sixth, 75701, ph. 533-8370.

RESPONSES

On Sunday, December 21, the following people responded to the Lord's invitation: **Elizabeth Hancock** came to affirm Jay's message on the greatest dangers facing the church today. **James Kennedy** came to be restored, make his life right with God and his brothers and sisters in Christ. **Priscilla Mayer** asked for prayers that she might reset her priorities to be the kind of Christian she wants to be. **Doug and LaDawn Ragsdale** asked for the prayers of their church family to help them make the right decisions concerning their physical family. **Betsy Thrash** came on Steve's behalf to ask for prayers for strength.

On Sunday, December 28, **Thelma Henley** came to request prayers as she struggles to face the daily challenges in her life. **Jon and Norma Sorrells** came to ask for prayers for their daughter, Randa, that God will do what is best for her swiftly and that they will remain focused on God and His will.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Dec. 22 in Natchitoches, Louisiana for **Onie Mason**, Billie Morgan's mother. If desired, memorials may be given to the West Erwin church building fund or Christian Services of East Texas. Services were held Dec. 22 for **Pete Wallace**, long time West Erwin member. Graveside services were held December 22 at Rose Hill Cemetery for **Steve Drennan**, L.G. Drennan's son. Services were held December 23 in Mineola for **Alma Holland**, James Holland's mother and Jeff Holland's great grandmother. **Beulah Bedford**, long time West Erwin member, died Sunday. Services were held Wednesday at 1:00 at Memorial Funeral Home. Services were held Tuesday at the Community Funeral Home for **James Thompson**, brother of Leonard Thompson. Our love and sympathy is extended to all these families in the loss of their loved ones.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 4:
Overseeing couple: Matt & Rhonda Haws; 2's - Nora Gravois & Michelle Millsap; 3's - Matt & Rhonda Haws; 4's - Jerry & Rachel Huff; Alternates: Jay & Debbie Graham.

BUILDING FUND \$703,587.50

(This includes money in bank, C.D.'s, and stock)



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Bible Class	372	376	361
Worship A.M.	567	586	508
Worship P.M.	288	356	317
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	256
Contribution	\$13,559.07	\$28,991.48	\$13,447.34
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 14, and Wednesday P.M., Dec. 17, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.

PRAYER AND CARE

Gussie Beaty is in ETMC, room 2524B. **Opal Mathews** had a heart procedure Thursday at Mother Frances. **John Cliver** had a radiation seed implant Thursday at ETMC. **Dakota Millsap**, son of Michael & Michelle, had day surgery Tuesday. **James Kennedy** is now at home. **Myra Turner** expects to move to ETMC Rehab this weekend. **Florene Adams** and **Barbara Brady** are in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. **Launa Armstrong** is at home. **Vera Boss**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Ve Gravois**, Mike Gravois' mother, **Georgia Morris**, Ruth Meazell's sister, and **Tom Cox**, Claudia Griffis' dad, are all undergoing treatment. **Pete Wallace** is in Lindale Nursing Center. **Rob Brown**, son-in-law of Earl & Melinda O'Quinn, is awaiting results of a biopsy in Germany. **Beryl Brannon**, Ann McCoy's sister, is doing well after heart surgery last week. **Ralph Skaggs**, Melanie Murry's dad, is awaiting results from tests after surgery last week in Denton. **Don Stringer**, Jack's brother, is recovering from heart surgery. **Lee North**, Roger & Jan Knight's daughter, had surgery Thursday in Ft. Worth. **Alma Holland**, James Holland's mother, is very ill in Doctor's Memorial. **Larry Lewis**, Stuart Suggs' cousin, will have heart surgery Dec. 16 in Dallas.

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Leon Welborn Ira Wilson
Steve Denman Jeff Parrish

GREETERS

Matt & Rhonda Haws
Bill Hawkins & Bettye Price

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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"THIS SUNDAY IS THE DAY!"

We have been anticipating Sunday, December 14, for several weeks as we are planning on this day to have the largest contribution in the history of the West Erwin church. It is exciting to think about what the total of this contribution may be as we look forward to the beginning of the construction of our new Fellowship Building. We are expecting this to be a church-wide offering as those with much give much and those with little give little, but with all giving something. When the project is completed and is used for the glory of God, we will have a sense of satisfaction if we can look back to the beginning and say, "I did what I could." As you prayerfully consider what you can give Sunday and what you can commit to give to our building fund in the new year of 1998, please keep these things in mind:

1. We will take two (2) contributions Sunday. The first will be our regular contribution and the second will be for our building fund.
2. The second contribution will include the commitment cards, what you purpose to give to the building fund in 1998.
3. If you did not pick up a commitment card last Sunday, cards will be available this Sunday.

IT WAS A GOOD DAY

Last Sunday was a good day as we began with a report on Togo, West Africa, by Jeff Holland during our Bible class hour. We continued with two inspirational worship assemblies, which included the coming of **Terry Lowry** to be identified with us. We closed the day with a "Let Us Rise Up and Build" dinner and prayer session which, in spite of inclement weather, was very well attended and excitement about our building project ran high. We want to thank **John Stofee**, **Wayne Harrison**, and their very capable helpers for getting the room set up for our dinner. Every time we have a meeting like this we simply tell John what we are planning and he sees that the rest is done. Also, thanks to all of you who attended the meeting and to everyone who will support our building project this Sunday and in the months ahead.

"Enthusiasm is contagious. Start an epidemic"
-- Don Ward

"Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find if they've got a second. Give your dreams all you've got and you'll be amazed at the energy that comes out of you"
-- William James

Sermons for Sunday, December 14, 1997
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"The Scandal of Christ"
(1 Corinthians 1:18-25)
"How To be Good And Angry"
(Ephesians 4:26-27, 29-32)

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HABITAT HOUSE UPDATE

The interior is painted and we are trying to be finished in a few weeks. We plan to work on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 9:00 and finish... PLEASE KEEP PRAYING! As of this writing, we are planning to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997 at 2:00. Plan to come.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

LTC is just a few months away and we will have our sign-up on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 5:00. More information will be sent to you.

BIBLE QUIZ

Thanks to all of those young people who have worked on Bible Quiz this fall. They did an outstanding job. Congratulations to: Courtney Craddock, Megan Florence, Chad Frick, Julie Frick, Bryce Murry, Kyle Ross, Shannon Snell, and Randa Sorrells.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We are planning to go to Holiday In The Park at Six Flags on Monday, Dec. 22. We will leave at 9:30 and return at 11:00. The cost will be \$17.00 plus money for food. Sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 17.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the Youth Group Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Snell's home. We will start at 6:00 and end about 10:30. Please bring a wrapped \$3-5 fun gift. Join us for this great evening together!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 13	Habitat House Workday
Dec. 14	Togo Devotional
Dec. 19	Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec. 21	Combined Activity
Dec. 22	Holiday In The Park

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

From the Hollands: Togo News

It's wonderful to be back in Tyler. You have gone out of your way to welcome us back and make us feel right at home. We just wanted to thank you all for your continued involvement in our work in Togo and let you know about a few of our current projects.

** First, we want to thank West Erwin for providing the funds for the roof, doors and windows of the Leadership Training Center that we pray begins in April.

** We are also trying to get the Bible, in the local language, into the hands of the people. Because the \$4.00

cost often keeps our members from purchasing the Bible, we want to make it available for \$1.00. If you can help us purchase these Bibles, please contact the office for details.

** We want to thank all of those who have worked so hard on our behalf: Robert, Jo, Frances, Dale, Dannie, Charles, Don, the missions committee, and many others. May God continue to bless us all as we work together to see the Kingdom of God expand in Togo.

** We encourage you to pray fervently for the work in Togo. God is doing great things. Let's praise Him and ask Him to continue bringing light to the darkness.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING YOUR CHILDREN THIS YEAR?

Shoppers grow weary as holidays near;
Gifts must be purchased to spread Christmas cheer.
High on the list are the children so dear.
What will you give your children this year?
You checked your long list as your task was begun.
You spent hours shopping and now that it's done,
You wonder if for sure you got the right one.
Are these really presents with which they'll have fun?
But stop, my friend, consider this thought,
Will your children be better with what you have bought?
What lessons are taught by the toys and knickknacks that "Santa" has bought?

Or have they learned to be selfish by all that they've got?
Cars, books and dolls that you gave to each tot,
With never a thought for those which have not?
The things you can buy them will not help your child
To be kind and thoughtful, not rowdy and wild.
A loving example is what you must give

To show them the way God would have them to live.
Would you have them be cheerful? Then give them a smile.
Would you have them learn patience? It may take a while
You must give them your time. Remember each day
That they learn from your deeds more than all that you say.
Let them be deeds of kindness, and they'll learn to share.
Give them words that encourage; show them you care.
Withhold all those harsh words in tones that would appall,
Instead make them sweet words to benefit all.
Don't make your home a hotbed of strife,
Give them times to remember as they go through life.
Teach them to obey by the deeds you have done;
Let them see how you follow the steps of God's Son.
Be setting examples in word and in deed,
You'll give to your children such things that they need
To help them become the women and men
Who'll be the good parents that you two have been.
Women and men who in deed and in word
Will lead their own children in ways of the Lord.
Answer, my friend, as the holidays near,
What are you giving your children this year?



WEDDING INVITATION

Michael and Patsy Camp

cordially invite you to share their joy
as their daughter

Kara Nealey Camp

is united in marriage with

Kyle Jack Willoughby

son of Tommy and Norma Willoughby
on Saturday, the twentieth of December

Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven

at two o'clock

Quitman and Center Street Church of Christ

Gladewater, Texas

Reception immediately following

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

There will be reception honoring

Bill and Ruby McCain

on the occasion of their

50th Wedding Anniversary

on December 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

at 11293 CR 4102, Lindale, Texas.

No gifts, please.

R.S.U.P. 882-7537.

(Maps are available in the church office if you need one).



LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Wednesday, December 17th will complete the series of studies on relationships. The final lesson will be "What Do You Communicate to God? Come and enjoy the study and the fellowship. Child care is provided.

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It is silence when words would hurt.
It is patience when your neighbor is curt.
It is deafness when scandal flows.
It is thoughtfulness for others' woes.
It is promptness when duty calls.
It is courage when misfortune falls.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are pleased to welcome **Terry Lowry** into our West Erwin family. He came Sunday to be identified with the family here and to request our prayers to have the Lord take control of his life and for him and his children as they are going through a difficult time in their lives. Terry is the son of our Vaughn and Evelyn Lowry. His address is Box 15, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-5371.

N APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for all the kind words, cards, and prayers. They have been such a comfort during this sad time. The flowers were so beautiful and they meant so much. Your love was felt across the miles. Thank you.

The Bill Knox Family
Ruth, Nicole & Roseanne Knox
Sam & Dorothy Kennedy
Rick & Karen Fedell

For every sweet thing that you've done for me, for every loving word that you've spoken, and for every prayer that you've prayed for me and for my family, I thank you. And for the loving care you've shown to my mother over many years, I thank you. Mother loved West Erwin, and her love has certainly been returned -- both to her and to me!

Sara Powell

HAVE YOU TRIED THESE?

A little more patience -- to overlook and bear up with things others do and say that irritate me?

A little more firmness -- to continue to work which duty demands and which is often repellent to me?

A little more humility -- to remain at the post at which I find myself and which does not fit in at all with my dreams and plans?

A little more common sense -- to take people as they are and not as I would like them to be?

A little more prudence -- to bother as little as possible about other people's private affairs?

A little more cheerfulness -- so as not to show that I have been hurt?

A little more unselfishness -- in trying to understand the thoughts and feeling of others?

Above all, a little more prayer to draw God to my heart?

Bulletin Digest

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 14:

Overseeing couple: Wade & Diane Weathers; 2's - Mary June Goodson & Linda McClenny; 3's - Wynne & Ginger Weathers; 4's - Wade & Diane Weathers; Alternates: Brian Walker & Teri Bradshaw.

(There will be no Shepherding Group meeting this Sunday).



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Bible Class	376	392	367
Worship A.M.	586	555	541
Worship P.M.	356	370	333
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	174
Contribution	\$28,991.48	\$16,028.24	\$13,789.78
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, December 7, and Wednesday P.M., Dec. 10, Bill Denson, ph. 509-3782.

PRAYER AND CARE

Gary Broome is at home after day surgery Monday. Amanda Broome is having some health problems. James Kennedy is in U.T.H.C. No visits, please. Myra Turner is in ETMC, room 3314. Fern Bench is at home after day surgery Tuesday. Florene Adams and Barbara Brady are in the Tyler Rehab Hospital. Rose Teel is now at home. Kalli Huff is at home and doing well. Charles McCoy has been hospitalized but is now at home. Jake Pharis, son of Randy and Karen, is doing well after day surgery last week. Larry Henry is recuperating at home after recent surgery. Launa Armstrong, Vera Boss, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, and Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, are all undergoing treatment. Rob Brown, son-in-law of Earl & Melinda O'Quinn, had surgery Monday in Germany. Beryl Brannon, Ann McCoy's sister, was scheduled for heart surgery this week in Austin. Dr. John Thomas, Clelia Elliott's brother, got a good report after completing treatment. Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, will have surgery Thursday in Denton. Wes Price, former West Erwin minister, recently had a heart attack and angioplasty in Dallas. He is reported to be at home and doing well.

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Kyle Willoughby Justin Wiggains
Leon Welborn Jeremy Wiggains
Louis West Lowell Wiggains

GREETERS
Matt & Rhonda Haws
Bill Hawkins & Bettye Price

WITH SYMPATHY

David Makouy, Carolyn McCune's nephew, was found dead in his apartment Tuesday, believed to be a heart attack. Services are pending in Waco.

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"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD" DINNER

DECEMBER 7

One of the most exciting lines in Nehemiah's book is in 2:18 where the people said, in answer to Nehemiah's challenge to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, "Let us rise up and build." As we approach the beginning of the construction of our new Fellowship Building and as we plan for the largest special contribution in the history of the West Erwin church on December 14, we have planned an all-church "Let Us Rise Up and Build" Dinner following services Sunday evening, December 7. You are asked to bring sandwiches, chips, dips, and desserts for the meal and to stay for a time of encouragement and prayer as we move into the future.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION - DECEMBER 14

On Sunday morning, December 14, the West Erwin church will be asked to give and/or pledge to give over the next twelve months to our building program. The cost of the new structure will be less than \$930,000 and we anticipate

covering most of the cost on December 14th. Here is a most important matter: we will pass out pledge cards on the 14th which will be used for what we plan to give to the building program after December 14th and in all of 1998. What we actually give on the 14th will not be included on the pledge cards. We are hopeful that we will all give what we can on the 14th and then prayerfully consider what we can pledge to give during the rest of 1997 and all of 1998. If you cannot be present next Sunday, please leave your contribution and your purpose card in the elders box in the foyer. Of course, these pledges to the building program will not include our regular giving for 1998. Be involved!

JEFF HOLLAND TO SPEAK - DECEMBER 7

All adult Bible classes will meet in the auditorium this Sunday morning to hear Jeff Holland speak on the work in Togo, West Africa. Jeff, Brenda, and Josiah will be in Tyler from December 6-14 and will be available for visits in our homes and special sessions with some of our classes on Wednesday, the 10th, and Sunday, the 14th.

Sermons for Sunday, December 7, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
"What Jesus Brought"
(Matthew 2:1-2)
"Power For Living #10: Others (2)"
(Romans 12:14-21)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to eat with us at Mazzio's this past Sunday. We had a great turnout and a great time.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

LTC is just a few months away and we will have our sign-up on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 5:00. More information will be sent to you.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We are planning to go to Holiday In The Park at Six Flags on Monday, Dec. 21. The cost will be \$17.00 plus money for food. Sign up as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Dec. 6	Habitat House Workday
Dec. 7	Bible Quiz Study Session
Dec. 8	Bible Quiz at Shiloh Rd.
Dec. 13	Habitat House Workday
Dec. 14	Togo Devotional
Dec. 19	Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec. 21	Combined Activity

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the food, visits, phone calls and special prayers.

George Hearne

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, cards and food while I was in the hospital and my stay at home. May God always keep you in His care.

We love you all,

Bill & Ruth Meazell

Thank you and express my appreciation for calls, cards and food on Tuesdays. I do appreciate you.

Thanks,

Louise Santos

Dear Church Family,

I planned one day in the hospital, three days of rest, then hit the floor running. But I wasn't in control! Thanks to you we were cheered and helped by all your cards, calls, food, and prayers. Your caring certainly filled a need for us. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving family. Thanks.

Carolyn Womack

Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers, food and kindness. We love you!

Fred & Sara Powell

Mark & Martha Waggonner

John and Katherine Powell

Katie Powell

Don & Judy Forbes



LOVE IS...

Love is sharing and caring,
Giving and forgiving,
Loving and being loved, Walking hand in hand,
Talking heart to heart,
Seeing through each other's eyes,
Laughing together, Weeping together,
Praying together, And always, trusting And believing
And thanking God for each other ...
For love that is shared is a beautiful thing --
It enriches the soul and makes the heart sing!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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BUILDING FUND -- \$213,273.14 and growing!

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Bryce Murry and his family in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism last Wednesday evening. Bryce is in middle school and is an active participant in our youth group. He is the son of Jon and Melanie Murry and lives at 1307 Graham, 75701.

RESPONSE

Frances Broome came Sunday, believing in the power of prayer, to request the prayers of her church family for the good health of her physical family. Gary had day surgery Monday at ETMC and their daughter, Amanda, is having some health problems.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

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THROUGH ME

Through me let there be kind words,
a warm smile, a caring heart.
Through me let there be a willingness to
listen and a readiness to understand.
Through me let there be dependability,
Steadfastness, trust, and loyalty.
Through me let there be compassion,
forgiveness, mercy, and love.
Through me let there be every quality
I find, O Lord, in Thee.
-- Roy Lessin

HELP WANTED in a MISSION OF LOVE

Our CHILDREN need YOU as loving Christian parents to train them in the way of our Lord. Good benefits in a great location serving our powerful God in a wonderful way. Right now, why don't you write or call us? Our Christian home is a "pure religion" ministry of churches of Christ. Sunny Glen Children's Home, P.O. Box 1373, San Benito, Texas 78586-1373, ph. (956) 399-5356.

Shepherding Group # 7 (Leon & Carolyn Welborn) will meet for lunch and fellowship Sunday after the morning worship assembly. Visitors are our special guests.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 7:
Overseeing couple: Wade & Diane Weathers; 2's - Norma Sorrells & Debbie Graham; 3's - Jim & Kelly Bell; 4's - Aaron & Jean DuVall; Alternates: Chuck & Laurie Florence.



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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

Jeff & Brenda Holland's U.S. Holiday schedule:

Tyler-Nov. 22-23 Springfield, MO-Nov. 24-Dec. 5
Tyler-Dec. 6-14 Dallas/Denison-Dec. 15-20
Colorado skiing-Dec. 27-Jan. 1
Houston-Jan. 2-7 Leave for Togo Jan. 7.

The following information is from the Togo team - Topic: Togo Ladies Meeting - Patty Slack and Brenda Holland met with ladies from Tabligbo, Kini, Kondji, and Dagbati at the church building in Tabligbo for their trip to Lome. The missionaries packed very lightly, not wanting to look materialistic, and were surprised to see the native women with big sacks and even their own drinking water! The men of the congregation, with a little encouragement from Frank Bunner, decided they would pay for all the ladies to go to the conference (about \$50). Brenda gave a lesson on the Virtuous Wife of Proverbs

31 with Jenna and Louise doing skits during the lesson. The Tabligbo women did an excellent job with a skit and several songs, then the other women gave testimonies of what God had done for them and sang solos or duets. Totally not American! After finishing up a little before 11 pm, we slept on the floor of the pavillion which serves as the Lome church building. At 3:30 am we were awakened for a 4-5 am prayer meeting and at 9 am began the teaching classes for the day. The program was over at 4 pm but most the women stayed another night so they could worship with the Lome congregation. The missionaries went back home to save our husbands from the kids and to get some sleep. It was a great time! Around 150-200 women were there and that just about made me cry to see all the Christian women gathered in Lome Togo where jsut 5 years ago it was illegal for the churches of Christ to meet at all!! -- Brenda

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

HOLIDAY BANQUET TAKES SHAPE

Special thanks to Jeannie Ross and Melissa Parrish for organizing our Adult Holiday Banquet, Carrie Cannefax for coordinating our Entertainment Schedule, Martha Waggonner and Lisa Snell for handling our Door Prizes, and the Youth Group for providing child care for our youngsters. This year's banquet is shaping up and looks to be our best ever. I hope you have already gotten your tickets. At last count we have sold over 225 tickets!!!

We are still looking for more door prizes. If you would like to provide one, please contact Martha or Lisa or bring it by the church office.

Child care during the banquet will be provided at the West Erwin fellowship hall by the Youth Group. Child care will be from 5:30 pm 'til.

CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

With the new year just around the corner I wanted to let you know about an idea that you will hear much more about in the coming weeks. In January of 1998 we will form a curriculum planning committee that will meet and work to accomplish several tasks. First we will evaluate the mission statement of the Education Ministry department at West Erwin. Our second task will be to set goals and benchmarks that will help us accomplish that mission. Third we will begin writing our own curriculum and lessons to teach

our children so we can reach the goals we have set to accomplish our mission here. If this sounds appealing to you, please share your interest with Mike in the church office. We are looking for people who are creative thinkers, who love to teach, who love children, who are artistic, who like to design and do hand work, and who just like to have fun while making learning a joy for others. Do any of these sound like you? Then you need to be working with us!!!

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP PLANNED

Our first Teacher Training Workshop of 1998 will be in January and will discuss how to be a better teacher by discovering and teaching to your child's strengths. We will be looking at developmental milestones and how children learn. This Workshop will be a must for teachers, parents, grandparents, and anyone who works with children.

DO IT TODAY!!!!!!

Recently I have read several stories of people who lost a loved one suddenly. The worst part of each one's experience was all of the things they wanted to say to the dead person and now would never have an opportunity to say them. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Records	Sunday November 23	Sunday November 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	392	382	347
Worship A.M.	555	553	509
Worship P.M.	370	361	303
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	248
Contribution	\$16,338.99	\$16,028.24	\$15,635.80
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 30, and Wednesday P.M., Dec. 3, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

PRAYER AND CARE

Myra Turner is in ETMC, room 4416. Florene Adams, Barbara Brady and Rose Teel are all now at the Tyler Rehab Hospital. Kalli Huff, infant daughter of Jerry and Rachel Huff, is in ETMC with RSV (respiratory) virus. Larry Henry is recuperating at home after heart surgery last week. Don McCune is back home after being hospitalized to get his heartbeat regulated. Launa Armstrong, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, James Kennedy, Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, and Dr. John Thomas, Clelia Elliott's brother, are all undergoing treatment. Vera Boss will undergo additional treatment. Rob Brown, son-in-law of Earl & Melinda O'Quinn, is scheduled for a biopsy Dec. 1 in Germany. Margaret Loftis, Mary Gaiser's sister is in Mother Frances after heart surgery last Friday. 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 and in nursing homes.

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Dismiss Jay Culpepper

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Ira Wilson Matt Tate
Shane Wilmoth Marc Tate
Randall Wilson Wade Weathers
Fred Wingate Walker Weathers

GREETERS

Chuck & Linda Gillam
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris

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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"AND THEY ARE OFF"

It doesn't matter how the race is started -- it might be the firing of a gun or the ringing of a bell or the changing of a light from red to green or just someone saying, "Ready, set, go!" -- there is something exciting about the start of a race. There is anticipation as the runners or the horses or the cars approach the starting line, but none of the preliminaries are quite as stimulating as the start itself. The West Erwin church has approached the starting line and now we are off and running. Last Sunday morning Freeman Morgan, speaking for the Building Committee, presented the recommendation of the committee and the decision of our elders to clear away the buildings on the north side of West Erwin and to construct a new structure which will serve as a Family Center for years to come. The 12,000 square foot building, which will provide space for sit-down dinners for 700 people and will include a parlor for wedding and baby showers, an adequately equipped commercial kitchen, a large area for youth and community activities, and storage areas, will cost \$930,000 or less. Of that amount, about \$500,000 has already been given or pledged and on December 14 the entire congregation will be given the

opportunity to give or pledge what we will commit to the project over the next twelve months. No one will be asked to give beyond their ability but all will be asked to participate as they can. We have been challenged; the decision has been made; it's the right thing to do; we'll all be for it and support it!

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful (lit. hilarious -- JPL) giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

"... the gift ... from you (is) a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God." - Philippians 4:18

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom." - Luke 6:38

Someone has said, "The true measure of any gift to God is what it costs the giver."

Sermons for Sunday, November 30, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

"A Merry Heart"

(Philippians 4:4-7)

"Power For Living #9: Others (1)"

(Romans 12:10-13)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Is this the time of year to be thankful? For some it is. For Christians, it is always a good time to be thankful. What reasons can you think of to be thankful?

Thanks to all of those who came to the devotional this past Sunday night. What a wonderful meal! Thanks to Reese & Ann Cantrell and Terry & Kim Frick for providing the fabulous feast.

HABITAT HOUSE UPDATE

WOW! It is starting to look even more like a real house! The interior should be painted by the time you read this article and we are hoping to possibly maybe be finished by mid December. It is a definite maybe! We plan to work on Saturday, Dec. 6 and

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OUTREACH

and

INVOLVEMENT

USE MATERIAL WEALTH WISELY

The context of Luke 16:1-13 is one of the most powerful in the New Testament on the subject of the proper use of money. Jesus told a story of a rich man who had a steward accused of mishandling his goods. He informed the steward that he was going to remove him from his position. Realizing that upon losing his job he might be rather destitute, the steward acted quickly to secure his own future by reducing the indebtedness that various ones owed to his master. Finding out what the steward had done, the rich man could not help but admire his wisdom, and commended him for it. Jesus certainly does not condone unrighteousness in any shape, form or fashion, but simply employed the story to make a pragmatic point: "the sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of light" (verse 8).

The unrighteous steward wisely used the money at his disposal while he could for his own future well-being. But Christians sometimes act unwisely by hoarding what money they have instead of using it wisely in service to God toward their own eternal well-being. Jesus taught the principle: "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (i.e. use of money), who will commit to your trust the true riches" (verses 10-11)? Jesus then taught that each must choose who or what he will serve ... will a person choose to serve God, or will he choose the vanity of allowing his possessions (money) to be his master? One can't do both.

Bedford, Texas
via Bulletin Digest

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois TEACHERS WANTED

We are still in need of several teachers in the elementary classes. We are presently looking for a 2nd grade teacher for Sunday morning as well as Wednesday night. If you would be interested in working with this age group, please get in touch with Mike in the church office. This will be a new class. Due to the size of our present class we are splitting the 2nd/3rd grade class into 2 separate classes. God has truly blessed our Children's Ministries with many new faces. Won't you consider this opportunity your chance to minister to some of our younger members?

ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

At last count over 200 tickets have already been sold!!!! The facility will only hold 250. Don't miss this wonderful evening because you waited too long to get your ticket. We WILL stop selling tickets when we reach the Woman's Building's capacity. Make your plans now to join us Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 pm.

*If you would like to be on the entertainment list please contact Carrie Cannefax.

*If you would like to provide a door prize please contact Martha Waggoner or Lisa Snell. We Ho Ho Hope to see you there.

FAMILY 911

Our FAMILY 911 class is winding down. We will meet for the next few Wednesdays and conclude that class in December. In January we will start our newest class called "Parenting 101, Sharing Your Faith with Your Children." Hillard Hughes will be the teacher of this new and exciting class which will run through the months of January and February.

GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

What an amazing class for parents. This Biblical look at parenting is an in-depth 18-week study that demands your full participation, but rest assured the benefits are tremendous. Our present class has grown closer to each other as well as learning how to parent our children God's way. We will begin sign-up's for Spring classes in a few weeks. These classes are limited in size to promote better group study and participation.

A REMEDY FOR

- Search the Word
- Trust God's Heart
- Rest on His Promises
- Encourage One Another
- Sing His Praises
- Seek the Savior

IN APPRECIATION

Members of West Erwin Church of Christ,

We had such a wonderful wedding weekend that we could not ignore your very great part in the event. God has truly blessed your fellowship with a beautiful building and such a warm and gracious membership. Thanks so much for sharing your blessing with the McLeod family and friends and your neighboring Dixie Baptist Church. A special thanks to Dr. Lockhart and his most important and truthful words spoken during the ceremony. West Erwin Church of Christ will always hold very special memories for our family.

Warren & Shirley McLeod
(Parents of Mrs. Luke Ingram)

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. You'll enjoy the study and the fellowship. Childcare is provided.

A TRIBUTE TO GRACE WALKER

Grace - Burch - Walker
An ardent student of literature,
A quiet and prudent talker.
She took her leave, it left me sad,
But not before I understood
She gave to me the best she had.
It is the dialogue I'll miss,
The way she turned a word or phrase,
To have again those moments rare - it is my wish.
Her memory fills time and space,
And I will often stop,
And talk again with Grace.
-- Forest McFadden

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kimberly Sublette, daughter of James and Connie Sublette, on being selected as a member of Abilene Christian University's 1997 Homecoming Court! She is a senior majoring in graphic design and vice president of the Ko Jo Kai women's social club. She has been on the Dean's honor roll and participated in the Student's Association Wildcat Kids Committee. She has been a member of the Steering Committee and a group leader for the university's Welcome Week freshman orientation.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome David and Virginia Wicks and daughter Kelsi into the West Erwin family. Virginia "grew up" in this church and we are happy to have her with her husband and daughter "back home." This family will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 14856 CR 192, 75703, ph. 534-9568

AREA EVENTS

5th Sunday Singing

November 30, 1997, 2:30-4:00 pm
Central Church of Christ
711 North Second St., Lufkin, Texas


The New Zion church of Christ in Marshall, Texas invites you to share with them a grand time of fellowship and spiritual awareness on November 30. Merle Moreland, instructor at Kilgore College, will be the featured speaker. See bulletin board in office area foyer for more details.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION


Saturday, December 6, 1997 6:00 p.m. - (Auction at 7:00 p.m.) At the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola in the Annex to help our Leadership for Christ students attend the convention. Cost of dinner will be: Adults-\$5.00, Children 3-12-\$2.50 (2 & under free). Auction includes arts, crafts, antiques, specialty desserts.

GOSPEL MEETING

The Hallsville church of Christ (108 Waldron Ferry Road) invites you to hear the gospel powerfully proclaimed by Johnny Ramsey December 7-11 at 7:00 each evening.



**West Erwin's Annual
ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET**
Theme: Christmas in Toyland
Where: Tyler Woman's Building
When: Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997
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and entertainment. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.
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Bible Class	382	369	379
Worship A.M.	553	560	551
Worship P.M.	361	305	330
Wed. P.M.	NC	267	280
Contribution	\$116,028.24	\$15,482.99	\$15,690.74
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 23, and Wednesday P.M., Nov. 26, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

PRAYER AND CARE

Larry Henry had heart surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Barbara Brady is improved and expects to be moved to the Rehab Hospital this week. Florene Adams is in Mother Frances, room 421. Myra Turner is in ETMC, room 4416 following surgery on a broken arm and hip. George Hearne is at home after surgery last week at Mother Frances. Carolyn Womack is recovering at home after recent surgery. Chuck Gillam was scheduled for an MRI Friday. Vera Boss is at home following recent surgery. She will undergo additional treatment. Rose Teel is scheduled for hip replacement surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. Launa Armstrong, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, James Kennedy, Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, and Dr. John Thomas, Clelia Elliott's brother, are all undergoing treatment. Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, will undergo treatment for lymphoma. Warren and Gaynelle Gray has requested our prayers for Deborah Blalock. She had surgery Wednesday at ETMC.

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SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
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Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
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Prayer Tony Adams
Scripture Chuck Barnett
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Will Christian
Scripture Michael Harris
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VALUES

Recently I read in a church bulletin about Tom Ed Gooden, a Carlisle, Arkansas high school quarterback who later starred at Harding University. The Arkansas Gazette recognized Gooden as the best high school quarterback in his district. The Gazette ran a story about him with the caption, "Not on Wednesday." It seems that a competitive school wanted to schedule a game with his team on a Wednesday evening but his coach refused. The coach explained, "My quarterback is a member of the church of Christ and goes to church on Wednesday nights. He won't miss and I can't win without him." Some observations: (1) Where did a star quarterback get his set of values? Most likely from his parents. (2) Do you think he was seeking "first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33)? Most of us would say he was. (3) Did anyone notice his commitment? They did and they saw in him the influence of salt and light (Matthew 5:14-16). (4) Everything we do is an indication of our value system.

When we miss worship for nearly any reason, it is a clear indication of our values. (5) In the Old Testament an alarming pattern seems to emerge--children were generally not as faithful to the Lord as their parents were which resulted, after a few generations, in complete apostasy. Then the process repeated itself. This fact should sound a wake-up call for parents who want their children to be faithful. Faithful children usually had faithful parents. (6) We need to develop a value system based upon the New Testament rather than upon how we feel, what we desire, or what is convenient. (7) Tell me about your value system and I'll tell you where your kids will likely be in a few years. (8) A Wednesday night football game doesn't make a life, but values do. And it was values that took Tom Ed Gooden to church on Wednesday nights.

WELCOME TO JEFF, BRENDA, AND JOSIAH HOLLAND THIS SUNDAY!

**Sermons for Sunday, November 23, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
"A Merry Heart"
(Philippians 4:4-7)
"Power For Living #7: Choosing The Best"
(Luke 10:38-42)**

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell
THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the devotional at Shiloh this past Sunday night. We heard a wonderful concert by Reflections, a group from ACU.

HABITAT HOUSE UPDATE

WOW! It is starting to look like a real house! All of the sheetrock was finished Sunday due to a lot of hard work by a lot of people. Thanks! The taping and bedding work will done by the time you read this article and we are hoping to possibly maybe be finished by mid December. It is a definite maybe! PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Dec. 8. The text we are studying is Mark 13-16. Study sheets are

ready. We will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8 at noon for a study session and lunch.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

We will be leaving for the retreat this Friday at 5:30 and returning in time for church Sunday morning. Please pray for the success of this retreat.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us this coming Sunday night after church for a combined devotional in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to join us!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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OUTREACH

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AROUND THE CORNER

-by Henson Towne

Around the corner I have a friend in this great city that has no end.

Yet the days go by and the weeks rush on,
 And before I know it, a year is gone
 And I never see my old friend's face,
 For life is a swift and terrible race.
 He knows I like him just as well
 As in the days when I rang his bell and he rang mine.
 If, we were younger then,
 And now we are busy, tired men,
 Tired of playing a foolish game,
 Tired of trying to make a name.
 "Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim"
 "Just to show that I'm thinking of him."

But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
 And distance between us grows and grows.
 Around the corner!-yet miles away.
 Here's a telegram, sir --
 "Jim died today."

And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
 Around the corner, a vanished friend.

If you love someone, tell them. Remember always to say what you mean. Never be afraid to express yourself. Take this opportunity to tell someone what they mean to you. Seize the day and have no regrets. Most importantly, stay close to your friends and family, for they have helped make you the person that you are today and are what its all about anyway. Pass this along to your friends. Let it make a difference in your day and theirs. The difference between expressing love and having regrets which may stay around forever.

-- Ray Maxwell

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

ANNUAL ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET PLANS UNDERWAY

Adult Holiday Banquet. Saturday, December 13th at the Woman's Building on South Broadway. Doors open at 6 pm.

As of this morning we have sold 150+ tickets to this year's Holiday Banquet. They're going fast, folks!!!! If you would like to get your tickets, please visit the table in the lobby before or after worship times. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

If you would like to be on the schedule of entertainment for the Holiday Banquet, please contact Carrie Cannefax.

If you would like to provide a door prize for the Holiday Banquet, please contact Martha Waggonner or Lisa Snell.

Thanks to everyone who is hard at work already to make this year's Holiday Banquet a special one. We appreciate all of your efforts.

TEACHING SLOTS AVAILABLE

Due to the rapid growth in our children's classes we will be splitting the 2nd/3rd grade class when the Winter Quarter begins

in December. We have these and several other openings at this time. God is blessing us richly with many new faces in Bible classes. If you would like to be involved in the Teaching Ministry here at West Erwin, please contact Mike in the church office.

Make a difference in the church of Tomorrow, teach a child today.

HOLLANDS TO VISIT NEXT WEEK

Plans are already being made for Jeff, Brenda, and Josiah's visit next week. They will be speaking to all age groups during their visit. I know you'll excited to hear what they have to say about the work in Togo, Africa. The Hollands will be visiting during the last weekend in November and the first two weekends in December.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*To take hold of God's hand
 means letting go of everything else.*

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy. Betty (Chuck Gillam's mother) was a very special lady, my wife and my best friend. I miss her terribly. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you.

Love in Christ,
 Jim Pruitt

I would like to say "Thank you" and express my sincere appreciation for all the calls, cards, visits and food my wonderful church family sent during my weeks of illness. I do appreciate your concern and I love you. Thanks.

Gaynelle Gray

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for Grace Walker, longtime West Erwin member. Bill Knox, Karen Fedell's brother, died Monday in Alaska. Services are pending (Tuesday). Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

JEFF AND BRENDA HOLLAND VISIT

Jeff and Brenda Holland will be with us Sunday, November 23. There will a "Question and Answer Session" with them immediately after the evening worship assembly Sunday evening in the old auditorium. Plan to participate in this fellowship.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 8-10. West Erwin is asked to collect ALUMINUM FOIL (regular & heavy), KOOL-AID (4 oz. & 19 oz.), GALLON SIZE ZIP-LOCK BAGS. If there are other items you would like to donate, they are greatly appreciated also.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

Saturday, December 6, 1997 6:00 p.m. - (Auction at 7:00 p.m.) At the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola in the Annex to help our Leadership for Christ students attend the convention. Cost of dinner will be: Adults-\$5.00, Children 3-12-\$2.50 (2 & under free). Auction includes arts, crafts, antiques, specialty desserts.

BENEVOLENT CENTER

We are in need of clean, usable IN SEASON children's clothing. Due to lack of storage space we cannot accept out of season clothing at this time. Thank you for your help! "People may doubt what you say but they will believe what you do."

Shepherding Group # 6 (Ray and Gail Vannoy) will meet for lunch and fellowship Sunday after the morning worship assembly. Visitors are our special guests.

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WEDDING INVITATION

*Desiring God's will for their lives
 and believing that includes each other
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Magee
 and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe
 request the honour of your presence
 at the marriage of their children
 Sherry Dena Carroll*

*and
 James Hunt Rowe
 on Saturday, the twenty-second of November
 nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
 Greenville Avenue Church of Christ
 1013 South Greenville Avenue
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 Reception following
 Church Fellowship Hall*



BRIDAL SHOWER

*You're invited
 to a bridal shower
 honoring
 Kara Camp*

*bride-elect of Kyle Willoughby
 on Saturday, November 22
 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 at the home of
 Maggie Craddock
 2507 Greenock Court*

*Selections: Target, Dillard's, J.C. Penney's
 Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.*



**West Erwin's Annual
 ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET**

*Theme: Christmas in Toyland
 Where: Tyler Woman's Building
 When: Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997*

Cost: \$10.00 per person - includes dinner

RESPONSE

Jay Hall came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for blessing, healing and strength to be the kind of person God wants him to be.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 23:
 Scott Carruth, preacher; 2's - Randy & Karen Pharis; 3's - Clay & Ronda Clemons; 4's - Sandra Park & Tara Scarborough.



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 Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

Nov. 13, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 45
Records	Sunday November 9	Sunday November 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	369	389	354
Worship A.M.	560	565	529
Worship P.M.	305	359	360
Wed. P.M.	267	NC	239
Contribution	\$15,482.99	\$14,361.13	\$13,595.21
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 16, and Wednesday P.M., Nov. 19, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

Barbara Brady is in Mother Frances ICU. **Florene Adams** is in Mother Frances, room 421. **Myra Turner** fell Sunday and broke her hip and arm. She is in ETMC, room 3502. **George Hearne** had surgery on his nose Thursday at Mother Frances. **Grace Walker** is back at Briarcliff Nursing Center. **Vera Boss** is at home following surgery last week. She will undergo additional treatment. **Jean Walters** has a fracture in her foot and is unable to be out. **Launa Armstrong**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Ve Gravois**, Mike Gravois' mother, **James Kennedy**, **Georgia Morris**, Ruth Meazell's sister, and **Dr. John Thomas**, Clelia Elliott's brother, are all undergoing treatment. **Tom Cox**, Claudia Grifis' dad, will undergo treatment for lymphoma. **Ruby O'Quinn**, Earle O'Quinn's mother, is having heart problems. **Ve Jones** (a member at Shiloh) is in Mother Frances room 486 after suffering a massive heart attack last weekend. **Anna Katherine Port**, infant granddaughter of a friend of the Gary Goswicks, is hospitalized with herpes.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer David Cannefax
Scripture Gary Broome
Dismiss Matt Carpenter

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Garry Goswick

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Scott Carruth
Scripture Jerry Howard
Dismiss Don Ingram

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Lela Duncan & Mary Gaiser

Jack & Peggy Garner

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THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

I do not presume to know a whole lot about anything. I especially do not claim to know all about the church across this great brotherhood of ours. However, my experience among many congregations across the country, what I read, and what I am told leave me with some impressions about the state of the church across America. Your experience and observations may lead to different conclusions than mine, but I want to share some thoughts. First, the churches of Christ are changing more rapidly than at any time during my lifetime. Changes that have led one segment of our brotherhood into what I would call the ultra-left (by this I mean a change away from the authority of Scripture, the introduction into worship practices for which we have no Biblical authority, the assumption that the church is a denomination among denominations, and the claim that the restoration plea is invalid) have pushed another segment of our brotherhood to the ultra-right (by which I mean a position that looks with suspicion upon anyone with whom they disagree, makes man-made rules that others are expected to honor, thinks the church is going head-long into apostasy, and judges faithful brethren as unsound -- guilty by association -- when the appear on lectureships with those whom the "watchdogs" of the church deem unsound). As a result, the brotherhood becomes more and more polarized, more and more divided, and our voice becomes

more and more muted in a lost world. To those on the left I would say, "Please come back to Scripture. Do not go beyond what is written. Speak as the oracles of God. Let's agree that the New Testament only will produce Christians only and will produce the church of the Bible. Let's keep on working, pleading, and praying for the restoration of New Testament Christianity." To those on the right I would say, "Please come back to Scripture. Let's agree to make no laws for God, to bind no opinion upon others, and to stop labeling brethren with whom we may disagree. Let's honor God's plan for church autonomy and stop judging churches for practices with which we may not be comfortable but which violate no principle of Scripture." To both I would say, "Let's be more tolerant toward others. Let's be loving and Biblical in our judgments. Let's get beyond feeling that we must agree with each other on every point. Let's respect a brother who believes in the deity of Christ, the authority of Scripture, the oneness of the church, New Testament worship, and obedience to the gospel as presented in the book of Acts." If we do not do this we will continue to polarize and divide and we will continue to have little impact on our world (just one person in 2000 in this world is a member of the church). To the rest of us I would say, "Let us stay in the middle between extremes, turning neither to the left or the right -- let's stay with God's truth."

Sermons for Sunday, November 16, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

"If I Wanted To"

(Matthew 21:28-32)

"Power For Living #7: Balance"

(Philippians 2:12-13)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the Picnic this past Sunday. It was short lived due to the weather but we did get in a few football plays even in the rain. We will reschedule for another day.

CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the Shiloh Rd. church for a devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Lunch will be provided by ACU and there will be a singing group to perform for us also. This will be a great time together.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to seven of our young people on two teams who did really well this past week with scores of 32 and 45 out of 50. They did really great!

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Dec. 8. The text we are studying is Mark 13-16. Study sheets are ready. We will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8 at noon for a study session and lunch.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 21-23 is the date for the Area Wide Middle School Retreat. This will be a great retreat with over 7 churches coming this year. The cost is \$20.00 and you need to sign up ASAP.

Habitat House workday is Saturday from 9:00-afternoon. We need you!!!!

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Nov.	16	City Wide Devotional at Shiloh Rd.
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TAKING CHARGE

Many of you know Fran Tarkenton's name from Georgia and Minnesota Viking football history. He became Georgia's quarterback in a rather strange way. He was the third string quarterback when they were playing Texas. It was late in the third quarter and Georgia had no first downs in the game. They were backed up near their end zone. It was the third down. Suddenly, Tarkenton trotted on the field. No one had told him to go into the game. The starting quarterback thought the coach had sent him, so he left. The coach thought the offensive coordinator had sent him and vice-versa. Tarkenton took charge, led the team to a touchdown and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now, I'm not advocating a foolish, or unplanned life, but sometimes caution must be cast to the wind and a decision must be made. Many decisions to become a Christian or to enter a ministry have been made as dramatically and the person's entire life and destiny have been changed.

It may be that you have a need or been moved on occasion to get involved, but shied away. It is time to take the plunge, jump in. You may never know just what you can do for the Lord's cause until you make the commitment. Don't wait for someone to "send you in," just get in the game and do your best for the Lord.

Decatur, Alabama
via Bulletin Digest

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

HOLIDAY BANQUET SCHEDULED

ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

Theme: Christmas in Toyland

Where: Tyler Woman's Building

Date: Saturday, December 13

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Includes Dinner and Entertainment

Doors will open at 6:00 pm

If you would like to be part of the entertainment line-up please contact Carrie Cannefax. We are also looking for someone to coordinate door prizes. If you would like to help please contact Mike Gravois or Jeannie Ross.

H.O.S.T.S/SECOND WIND THANKSGIVING GET-TOGETHER

Tuesday, November 18th is the date scheduled for our Singles Thanksgiving Dinner. We will meet at the home of Jamon and Clay Kirby at 6:45 pm. If you would like to sign up to bring a food item please contact Kyle Wiloughby or Kara Camp.

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

Daniel Morgan has left us but the Support Group lives on. The Support Group, Joy in the Journey, continues to meet every other Monday evening

here at the church building at 7 pm. On the Mondays they are not meeting several of the group members have been visiting the support group which meets at North Tenneha church of Christ. As a result of these visits several of the North Tenneha are now joining us when we meet to offer their support and encouragement. God is truly blessing this ministry. The next *Joy in the Journey* meeting at West Erwin is scheduled for Monday, November 24th. If you would like to join a group of encouraging, caring individuals that are working, praying, an helping each other in their Spiritual Journey please consider this your personal invitation to attend.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO GROW

West Erwin has been working in conjunction with the North Tenneha church of Christ to send World Bible School lessons to inmates in prison as well as their family members. We are presently corresponding with 30 inmates and 6 family members in 5 states. We are also continuing to send lessons to students in Africa and Estonia.

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Due to the rapid growth in our Children's Bible Classes we have a few openings for teachers and assistants in the Winter quarter. If you are interested in a teaching position or would like to know more about what is involved please contact Mike in the church office.

IN APPRECIATION

How do you thank someone for the shared tears that let you know you're not alone? For the expressions of care and concern that make you feel loved? For the supportive hugs that keep you going? For the lovely flowers sent miles away that touched our hearts as we hurt so far from home and friends? For all the beautiful cards sent to comfort and console us? That someone is our church family. A family we did not have a few years ago. A family that has done so much to support us through a year fraught with a troubled family member, Chuck's health problems and accidents and now the loss of Chuck's mother.

Thank you seems like two very small words to tell "that" someone that has done so much for us. For now that will have to do. Thank you West Erwin church for being there for us.

In Christian love,
Chuck and Linda Gillam

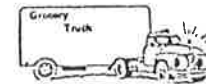
WITH SYMPATHY

B.J. Barbosa, Nettie Potts' aunt, died Thursday in Carrollton. Karen Butterworth's grandmother died last weekend. Services were held this week in Arkansas. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. You'll enjoy the study and the fellowship. A staffed nursery is provided. A group of ladies usually go out for lunch following the class and you are encouraged to enjoy that time of fellowship also.

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and*

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and

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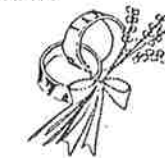
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1013 South Greenville Avenue

Dallas, Texas

Reception following

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Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 9, and Wednesday P.M., Nov. 12, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.

PRAYER AND CARE

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GREETERS

Lela Duncan & Mary Gaiser
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WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Mildred Tharp, Norma Sorrells' mother, died Tuesday night. Her body has been donated to science and there will be no memorial service. If desired, memorials may be made to Boles Home for Children or Christian Services of East Texas.

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"THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE"

Edwin White has the uncommon ability to present principles from Scripture in such a way as to make them crystal clear and then to so impress them upon our hearts that we will never forget them. Edwin's general theme for our fall meeting was the unfathomable subject of love (God's love for us and our love for God and each other) and his messages changed us and helped us grow. We are indebted to Edwin for his coming to us and sharing these great messages with us. Here's the reality: the only way we could benefit from the meeting was to hear the messages -- some of us did and some of us did not. Here's a sobering fact: there are two basic groups in every church -- those who are growing and those who are not. And the gap between growing and non-growing Christians is ever widening because growing Christians keep moving on and non-growing Christians stay where they are. It really doesn't matter whether we consider ourselves to be faithful Christians or not; whether we consider ourselves to be prominent members or not; the fact remains that we are either growing or dying. Which is it with you? A lot of our folks are growing and Edwin White's messages helped us in the journey.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

So many people always contribute to the success of any worthwhile activity in the church. This was true of our recent meeting. We want to express a big "thank you" to Arlene Lockhart, who coordinated our noon meeting's luncheons; to her able assistants, Frances Phillips, Louise Seaberry, and Agnes Ables; and to all who brought the food, served it, and cleaned up afterward. We are also grateful to all who attended the meetings and who-brought others with them. Thank you.

THIS SUNDAY

While I am in my last meeting for the year in Benton, Kentucky this week, Mike Gravois will be preaching Sunday morning and Dale Blackstone and Dannie Skipper will be presenting a report on their recent trip to Togo, West Africa on Sunday evening. It will be a good day. I want to thank those who have taught classes for me over the last few months: David Frick, Trey Rousseau, Dannie Skipper, Stephan Bilak, Forest McFadden and Rick Hall. Thanks, brothers, for your willingness to use your talents in this way.

Sermons for Sunday, November 9, 1997

by Mike Gravois

A.M. "Scriptural Wisdom of Winnie the Pooh"
(James 1:19-25)

P.M. "Out of Africa"
(Romans 10:14-15)
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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to James & Connie Sublette and Danny & Maggie Craddock for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday. We had a great time and the lasagna was wonderful!

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Join us this Sunday afternoon for a fun day in the park. We will enjoy a time fellowship together that will include football, soccer, and other fun activities. Bring your lunch and a fingerfood dessert and whatever sports equipment you might want. All teens and their families are invited along with any other families who want to come.

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ACAPPELLA CONCERT

Thursday, Nov. 13, the singing group Acappella will be in Tyler for a concert sponsored by ETCA. This will be really great time! We have a block of tickets available for \$8.50. If you want one of these really great seats sign the list by the youth board.

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IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the lovely get well cards and the good food sent us during the time of both our being ill. We appreciate our West Erwin family so much.

In Christian love,
Mary Richey
Myra Mason

RESPONSE

Lisa Snell came to request the prayers of her church family that she might be the kind of Christian that she wants to be and that God would have her be.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

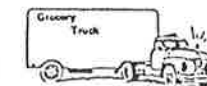
The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. You'll enjoy the study and the fellowship. A staffed nursery is provided. A group of ladies usually go out for lunch following the class and you are encouraged to enjoy that time of fellowship also.

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HOMECOMING AT SOUTH WASHINGTON

You're invited to the 50th anniversary and Homecoming of the South Washington Church of Christ with Dan Manuel preaching. November 6-9--Thursday through Sunday. Thursday and Friday at 7 pm, Saturday 10 am & 6 pm with singing and fellowship from 1:30-4:00pm, Sunday services 9:30 & 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. See bulletin board for more details.



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WEDDING INVITATION

Two lives, Two hearts

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren McLeod

and

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request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Heather Beth

and

Lucas Alan

on Saturday, the fifteenth of November

nineteen hundred and ninety-seven

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Reception following

Tyler Woman's Building

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

A man of kindness to his beast is kind
Brutal actions show a brutal mind.

Remember He who made the brute,

Who gave thee and reason, formed him mute.

He can't complain; but God's omniscient eye

Beholds thy cruelty ... He hears his cry.

He was destined thy servant and thy drudge,

But know this ... his Creator is thy judge.

(found in an old New England barn; see also Proverbs 12:10)

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OUTREACH

and

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IN OLD AGE: READY TO SERVE

God waited until Noah was 600 years old before He called him to be the preserver of the human race. God made Abraham and Sarah wait until ages 100 and 90 years before the birth of Isaac was allowed. Moses wasn't ready to deliver Egypt until the age of 80, when God appeared to him in the burning bush. In fact, many servants of God were at their best when in their old age.

History has admitted that many artists, inventors, composers, poets, writers, and statesmen either began or were in their apex when they were in their 60's, 70's, 80's and even 90's. Personally, I think preachers and elders are in their prime of service for the Lord and His church when they bear the wrinkles and gray hairs of age!

Don't let the plastic age of advertisement brainwash you or defeat your old age potential for the Lord! Youth is not the "golden age." The winter of life can be the most glistering and productive! As one has aptly stated, "True, youth is faster, but age is more accurate."

Dear older and wiser brother and sister, please don't retire from teaching, preaching, counseling, shepherding, helping, advising. You're needed more than ever before. Don't give into the "rocking chair" syndrome and simply wait on death...in your old age you are possibly just now truly ready to give your very best!

via Bulletin Digest

"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" (Phil. 2:4,5).

That at times it seems that God is at odds with His own interest, but the world has stood too long for that.

That the hardest thing for me to be comfortable with is knowing and accepting the fact that everything is working just as it is supposed to. That my being is not one of comfort, but of liberty. There are seven things that my liberty sets me free to know.

They are:

To know the love of God.

To know that Jesus Christ is central.

To know that Gethsemane is unavoidable.

To know that discipline is required.

To know that church, in the truest sense, is essential.

To know that hope is renewable.

To know that accountability is inescapable.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

I HAVE OBSERVED

That life does not work well for me if I don't play by the rules.

That the only spirituality that I understand is what I practice.

That I always have more light to walk by than I use.

That it is not easy to look out upon the world and fit God into it.

That God is greater than our popular, sentimental religion suggests.

That I should never give up on God.

What I need is a greater awareness of the real, true God.

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Records	Sunday October 26	Sunday October 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	403	395	353
Worship A.M.	530	559	522
Worship P.M.	379	351	382
Wed. P.M.	292	263	228
Contribution	\$15,510.46	\$15,472.75	\$15,314.53
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, November 2, and Wednesday P.M., Nov. 5, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

PRAYER AND CARE

Grace Walker is improving in Mother Frances after a head injury sustained in a fall. Opal Mathews was dismissed from the hospital on Tuesday after being hospitalized to try to regulate her heartbeat. Gynelle Gray is ill at home with pneumonia. Pete Wallace is in the VA hospital in Dallas. Chuck Gillam is at home after being in a car accident while he was in Florida for his mother's funeral. Launa Armstrong, Barbara Brady, and Mary Richey are all recuperating at home. Florene Adams, Vera Boss, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, James Kennedy, Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, and Dr. John Thomas, Clelia Elliott's brother, are all undergoing treatment. Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, had a biopsy Monday. Blanche Jackson, John Shaw's grandmother, is in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Katherine Dahl, cousin of Frances Phillips and Louis Jones, had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Mrs. A.O. Mallory, Stan Mallory's mother is at home after a recent hospitalization.

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 Prayer Paul Stanley
 Scripture Cody Ables
 Dismiss Barry Scarborough
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THINGS TO DO

With our upcoming meeting with Edwin White just days away, I want to visit with you about what we can do to make these Four Great Days in November. First, we can make plans to be present for every service possible -- Sunday and evenings for sure and, if practical, our noon meetings as well. The noon meetings provide an excellent opportunity to bring co-workers for the brief service and lunch to follow. Think about this. Second, our ladies can fill in the luncheon sheets which is your commitment to bring something each day for our meals. Third, we can pray each day for our speaker, for those who need to respond to the gospel, for the church, and for ourselves. Fourth, we can be excited about the opportunities these four days will bring to us. Fifth, we can support the preaching of the gospel by our interest and attendance.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

*Remember that Edwin White will be speaking at our three assemblies on Sunday (9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.) and Monday through Wednesday at 12:10 and 7:00 p.m.

*Remember that we will be having child care for nursery age children and classes for children through 3rd grade at each service on Sunday and at our evening services. There will be no child care at the noon meetings.

*Remember that the noon meetings will begin promptly at 12:10 and end promptly at 12:40 so that our people and their guests can attend the service, eat lunch and return to work in just over an hour. Remember, concerning our evening meetings to arrive early, greet everyone, and fill the middle sections toward the front first.

*Remember to pray daily for our meeting and then to participate fully.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Could I attend all the services of this meeting if I wanted to? Could I invite someone to come with me if I wanted to? Could I pray for the meeting if I wanted to? Could I stand up and be counted for truth during the meeting if I wanted to? Could I set a good example for others by attending the meeting if I wanted to? Could I accomplish much for Christ if I wanted to?

Sermons for Sunday, November 2, 1997

- by Edwin White**
 A.M. "Are We Too Respectable?"
 (Luke 15)
 P.M. "Be Subject To One Another"
 (Ephesians 5:21-6:9)

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THANKS!

Wow! The Fall Festival was a tremendous success this past Sunday night. We had somewhere around 300 folks come and be a part of this wonderful time for our children. Thanks to all of those who set up, cooked, served, worked and helped in every way. Thanks to you it was wonderful!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Nov. 10. The text we are studying is Mark 9-12. Study sheets are available. We will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2 for lunch and a study session. We'll be finished at 3:00.

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HABITAT HOUSE WORKDAY

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COMBINED DEVO

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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

HE MISSED ONE WEEK

Paul Harvey reported on a 73 year old who was pinned beneath his farm tractor for four days and nights in a driving rain and freezing temperatures. Concerned friends finally went to see about him, apparently just in time. It seems as though he is going to survive his ordeal although he will lose a leg below the knee.

Although the report was centered upon the amazing fact that this 73 year old could live after being pinned beneath a tractor for four days and nights, a more amazing fact is what caused his friends to go see about him. What caused these people to do so? He missed "prayer meeting." That's all. He missed one service. I believe there are two possible suppositions we can make about this incident.

On the one hand we could suppose that this man was so faithful and regular in his church attendance that everyone knew if he was not there, something had to be seriously wrong. A question: "What if you had been pinned under the tractor?" Would your absence have been noticed? Or, are you so irregular in attendance that everyone would assume you had decided to sleep in, or go to the lake? How many services have you missed in the last three months? Could you honestly classify yourself as a faithful, regular worshipper?

On the other hand, we could assume that the people in this man's congregation have such concern for the souls of men that when anyone, no matter how regular or irregular, missed a service, they went to see about them.

-- Paul Harvey

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED

I am part of the "Fellowship of the Unashamed." The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power. My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few,

my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know,

and work until He comes. And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel . . . Romans 1:16

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Ponte Vedra, Florida for Betty Pruitt, Chuck Gillam's mother. Russell O'Bannon, former West Erwin elder, died last Friday. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Huntsville, Texas. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Roland and Joy Coats on the birth of their first great grandchild! Riley James was born Oct. 18 to Leslie and Michael Davis of Frisco, TX. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and is 19 3/4 inches long.

CONGRATULATIONS

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-- Don & Norma Durham

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Much love,
Norma Durham

ADDRESS CHANGES

- BELL, Buddy and Dorothy
Villas of Pine Ridge
3110 Towne Park Dr. #3603, 75701 ph. 509-3935
- CAMP, Kara
7106 Gatewood, 75703
- CHRISTIAN, Will
1030 Old Omen Rd. #C206, 75701 ph. 592-0953
- HARDIN, Leona
Park Place, 2450 East 5th, room 107, 75701
- HEARD, Clint and Angie
7136 Gatewood, 75703 ph. 581-8576
- HOLLIMAN, Annetta Mae
4940 Paluxy #155, 75703 ph. 509-3902
- MARTIN, Sandie
2525 Shiloh Rd. #97, 75703 ph. 534-0289
- PARSONS, Christine
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- PHILLIPS, Jeff
7138 Gatewood Dr., 75703
- SCARBOROUGH, Tara
405 East Hudson, 75701 ph. 534-0289
- SCOGINS, Adela
Park Place, 2450 East 5th, room 138, 75701
- SMITH, Tony
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Daylight Savings Times

Ends Sunday, Oct. 26!

FALL BACK 1 hour

Saturday night so you

will be on time for Bible class on Sunday!



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MY MEETINGS

Usually my meeting schedule begins in March and runs through November so that I am not away from West Erwin at times which are close together. However, this year has been different. I did not begin until April and my summer was not as busy as usual. That made the fall, especially September and October, very busy and I have been out of the pulpit more often than I prefer. I am scheduled to be away two more Sundays this year (October 26 and November 9) and then we can have some needed continuity. In my absence we have some good things scheduled. On Sunday morning, October 26, our own **Danny Snell** has an important lesson for the church entitled "What Is Your Shield Made Of?" and on Sunday evening **Kenny Shaver** from the Campus Christian Center will be our guest. Then on November 9, **Mike Gravois**, our talented Education Minister, will preach in the morning and on Sunday evening **Dannie Skipper** and **Dale Blackstone** will present a report on their recent trip to Togo, West Africa.

AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY

Video Bible Outreach is an important work being done by **Del and Clara Masters** from Caldwell, Idaho. We send them videos of THE SEARCH which they copy and send to small churches in the northwest and other places who need teaching help. The Master's work is important and we pray for a long and fruitful ministry for them.



Four Great Days
in November
with
Edwin White
Phoenix, Arizona
author of
A Sense of Presence
November 2 -5

Sermons for Sunday, October 26, 1997

- A.M. Danny Snell
"What Is Your Shield Made Of?"
(Ephesians 6:16)
- P.M. Kenny Shaver, Campus Christian Center
"The Need For Workers"
(Matthew 9:35-38)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kimberly Sublette for being nominated for Homecoming Queen at Abilene Christian University. Way to go, Kimberly!

BIBLE QUIZ

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HELP!!!

We need wrapped candy and other treats for the Fall Festival. If you can help, drop it by my office.

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parents, and other interested adults are needed to help put together this event. If you are interested in helping, let me know ASAP.

We are also having a workday this Saturday morning from 9:00-12:00 in the Center preparing for the Fall Festival. If you can help, please join us!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Oct.	25	Decorate for Fall Festival
Oct.	26	Fall Festival
Nov.	1	Habitat House Workday
Nov.	2	Bible Quiz Study Session and Lunch
Nov.	2	Combined Devotional
Nov.	9	Picnic In The Park
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Nov.	21-23	City Wide Middle School Retreat

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JESUS' LOVE LETTER

How are you? I just had to send you a letter to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as were walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would walk and talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited, but you never came. Oh, yes, it hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend!

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and your face. Again, I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you.

You awakened late this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain. Today you looked so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me

down and hurt me many times, but I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet, green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees and breathe it in the color of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams, and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you could ever have.

We will spend eternity together in heaven. I know how hard it is on earth. I really know, because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you, too. He's that way, you know. Just call me, ask me, talk to me. It is your decision. I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait -- because I love you!

Your friend, Jesus

-- borrowed from Bulletin Digest

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

LIVE YOUR LIFE

Judy Griffler, and daughter Katie Griffler taken from - A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul

I was severely depressed ... Feeling lost, I sat down on my daughter's bed in despair. My eye caught a crumpled piece of yellow paper with the attached wisdom:

... The past is gone, but Now is Forever. The future does not lie in our hands, but the future lies in the hands of the Present. Go out and grasp the seconds of the day as if you only had one day to live. We only have one life to live, so live it like a champion. Everyone was put here for a purpose so let that purpose rise up above and show everyone what you're made of. I'm not telling you how you should live, but how you should feel when you look back at the memories of a once upon life of yours. Don't regret things later. If you feel it is right, do it. It's your life and nobody else's. Make decisions that please you. Let nobody put you down. Don't live in anybody else's shadows or dreams. If you do have a dream act on it and it will probably come true...

... I was amazed by what I read, the words spoke right to my soul and brought light to my mind. I ran to my daughter and asked her where she had gotten this piece of writing, thinking that she must have copied it from some magazine. She shyly admitted that she had written it herself. "But you're only 12!" I exclaimed. "How could you have written this? Where did you learn this from?" "Don't you know, Mom?" she replied. "You've taught me all this! I just wrote it all down."

This little story reminded me of a saying I once heard, "What we miss when we spend time worrying is LIFE." Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27:

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. Don't let today seize you, CARPE DIEM, you Seize the Day!!!!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome Barry and Mary Scarborough and their daughters, Sara and Amye. They came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin family. They are an active, involved Christian family and they will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 320 Susie St., Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3050.

RESPONSE

Garry Goswick came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might be a better Christian example to his family.

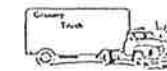
WITH SYMPATHY

Ruth Taylor, Wini Cullinan's sister-in-law, was killed in a car accident last week. Services were held over the weekend in Beaver, Oklahoma. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ACAPELLA, America's premier vocal group, will be at the Vaughn Auditorium at Cowan Fine Arts Center at the University of Texas at Tyler Thursday, November 13. All proceeds benefit the East Texas Christian Academy of Tyler. Advance tickets are \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.50. For additional information contact (903) 561-8642.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING



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CAN YOU HELP?

Discovery Days is in need of a small microwave, a changing table, and mobiles for baby beds for the infant nursery. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, you may bring them to the church office at your convenience. Thank you for your help.

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Sunday October 26

7:15-9:00 in the Center

Refreshments will be served.

Each family needs to bring a bag of wrapped candy by Sunday, Oct. 26



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We need about 40 dozen cookies for the Fall Festival on Sunday. If you can help supply this need, please sign the sheet by Danny's office with your name and how many cookies you will bring. We also need bagged, wrapped candy. Thanks for your help.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Your thoughtfulness and kind deeds were appreciated by our family at the loss of our brother, Joe Garner. The flowers were beautiful that you sent and all the kind deeds and words that were spoken meant so much to us.

Sincerely and In Christian Love,
Jack & Peggy Garner

The nieces and nephews of Winifred Cullinan wish to thank you for the very beautiful flowers for our mother's funeral service. She was a Godly woman.

In Christian love,
children of Norma Moore

East Texas Crisis Center

East Texas Crisis Center reminds you that October is domestic violence awareness month. At the East Texas Crisis Center we offer HELP, HOPE, and HEALING to the victims of sexual assault and family violence. Services include a shelter, 24 hour hotline, the Children's Advocacy Center, M.E.N.'s Program and The Closet, a resale shop. If you are aware of someone who needs assistance to escape family violence or stop violent behavior, please refer them to the Hotline at 595-5591 or 1-800-333-0358 or contact our office at (903) 509-2526, 2026 Republic Drive in Tyler. Awareness is the key. Help stop violence in our community. For volunteer information contact Laurie Cox at (903) 509-2526.

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Each Sunday

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Worship A.M.	548	562	582
Worship P.M.	334	355	366
Wed. P.M.	243	NC	244
Contribution	\$13,912.12	\$16,707.13	\$14,733.26
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 19, and Wednesday P.M., Oct. 22, Shane Wilmoth, ph. 839-3746.

PRAYER AND CARE

Dickey Dale had an outpatient procedure done on his arm Tuesday. Norma Durham was scheduled for outpatient surgery on her hand Thursday at Tyler Square. Opal Mathews is being treated with medication. Launa Armstrong, Buddy Bell, Barbara Brady, Ma k ry Richey, and Pete Wallace are all recuperating at home. Florene Adams, Vera Boss, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, James Kennedy, Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, and Dr. John Thomas, Clelia Elliott's brother, are all undergoing treatment. Lee North, Roger and Jan Knight's daughter, surgery went well on her leg last week in Ft. Worth. Paul & Frances Todd, friends of the Scroggins' family, are having serious health problems. Jim Gravois, Mike Gravois' brother, was scheduled for a biopsy this week in New Orleans. 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 and in nursing homes.

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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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I LOVE THE COWBOYS

When I first came to Texas in 1967 the Cowboys were not my team! I was a Green Bay Packer fan! When the Cowboys played the Packers in that famous Ice Bowl Championship Game (a game the Packers won in the last seconds), I was for Green Bay. However, one can't live in Texas for long and be a Packer fan. So, now for many years I have been a follower of the Cowboys. I love the Cowboys! I can argue the virtues of the "Cowboy System" with the best. I know the names of the key players and I can tell you how many yards Emmitt got last week, and how many passes Michael caught and how many times Troy was sacked and why Barry gets a bad rap. I can even defend Jerry Jones (at least sometimes) and when the team loses I have a bad week. I know who the Cowboys should draft next year and who should be kicked off the team. I know who should play what position and why some starters should be

benched. Besides all of this, I know what plays should be run and when they should be used (I can call a better game than that Offensive Coordinator, Zamppeezee, or whatever his name is). You see, I love the Cowboys. But wait a minute. I never go to a game. I never buy tickets. I never purchase any Cowboy paraphernalia. I don't really support the team. There are times when I don't even watch the game on TV. And I must confess that there have been a few times when I was secretly pulling for a Cowboy opponent to win. Maybe I don't really love the Cowboys (perish the thought). Maybe I'm just a fan who leans in the direction of the Cowboys. Maybe I know a lot about the Cowboys without any real loyalty to them. Maybe I'm just fooling myself. Oh, well ... enough about sports and football and the Cowboys. What I really want to tell is, I really love the church. I can argue the virtues of the church with the best. I know the names of

Sermons for Sunday, October 12, 1997
A.M. Let's Choose Growth #4
(Matthew 28:18-20)
P.M. "Power For Living: #6: Credibility"
(2 Corinthians 5:12-17)

FOUR GREAT DAYS - NOVEMBER 2-5
with
EDWIN WHITE of Phoenix, Arizona

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to the Ables for hosting the devo this past Sunday night. We had a great time and enjoyed some great singing, great food, and great fun!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Garrett Sublette for being inducted into the National Honor Society recently. Way to go, Garrett!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Nov. 10. The text we are studying is Mark 9-12. Study sheets are available.

Congratulations to our teams that competed this past Monday: Courtney Craddock, Megan Florence, Chad Frick, Julie Frick, Bryce Murry, Kyle Ross,

Shannon Snell, and Randa Sorrells. They did an outstanding job!

FALL FESTIVAL

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TO THE TEACHERS OF MY CHILDREN

Two or three times a week I trust you with my most prized jewels, and those two or three times a week, you live up to that trust and return them home--though not quite the same. Somehow you manage to take them and gradually, week by week, polish them to make them shine a little more than I sometimes think possible. That, or you are patient and wise enough to see the potential for riches in what others may see as only rough ore.

I know you spend much unnoticed time in preparation to teach my children about Jesus. I've seen the literally hundreds of objects they bring home to remind them of your object lessons. You always win when I prematurely suggest discarding certain Bible class memorabilia. Much of it has a lot of your TLC, not to mention time and creativity, behind it.

I saw a note one of you wrote to one of my children, challenging him to be the great Christian leader and example you expect him to be. You even promised to pray for my son and reminded him that you are always there if he needs to talk. Thank you for the time, the love, the prayers, the expectations and support you devote to my children. And thank you for being a constant reflection of Jesus. They notice. And, when they do, so do I. Please resist the temptation to feel unappreciated. You're not only appreciated, but needed, and not just by my children, but by me. And please don't underestimate the influence of your teaching role on them, or on me as a parent. In fact, they remember some of your stories and illustrations long after they've promoted to another class.

As a Bible teacher, you give my children Christ and yourself. You can't give a greater gift. I can't give you enough thanks.

cause of a brave sixth-grader, the official state motto for Ohio is "All things are possible with God."

God, help us as parents, teachers, preachers, and brothers/sisters in Christ to instill faith and values in our children. Help us to live what we teach. May we never be so old that we cannot look back and learn from our youth.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MEETING

We will have a meeting this Sunday, October 19th, from 5-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for all parents, teachers, preachers, and workers in Children's Worship. We have many new children that are coming each week and we want to make every effort to bring them closer to Jesus Christ.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

YESTERDAY is the past
TOMORROW in the future
TODAY is a gift
That's why it's called the PRESENT

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

IT TAKES COURAGE

Bill Sanders - A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul

There was a story told of a seventh-grader from Arkansas who, even though it wasn't popular, took his New Testament to school in his shirt. Three boys approached him, grabbed the Bible and said, "You sissy. Religion is for sissies. Prayer is for sissies. Don't ever bring this Bible back to school." He reportedly handed the Bible back to the biggest of the three and said, "Here, see if you've got enough courage to carry this around for just one day." They said that he made three friends.

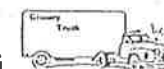
Another story tells of a sixth grader from Ohio named Jimmy Masterdino. He was jealous of the state of California because California had a state motto, "Eureka!" Ohio didn't have any. He came up with six life-changing words. He single-handedly got enough signatures. With his petitions full, he took it before the state legislature. Today, be-

BAPTISM

Kenneth Robertson was recently baptized into Christ in Fairfield, Texas. He has requested our prayers for strength to live as God would have him live. Kenneth is currently living with the Millsaps at 18849 Hwy 110 S, Whitehouse, TX 75791, ph. 839-3830.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Joe Garner, Jack Garner's brother. Services were held Tuesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for James O'Neal, Kelley Bell's grandfather. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.



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New Beginning Support Group

This group will provide a sensitive, caring atmosphere for those dealing with the loss of a significant relationship through death, separation, or divorce. Come and be with others who have been where you have been. This can be especially helpful prior to the holiday season. The group will meet for six weeks each Sunday afternoon from 4:30-5:45, beginning Oct. 19, at the Shiloh Road church. There is no charge and childcare will be provided free with pre-registration. Call 561-7992.



MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the West Erwin Mens' Softball team! They won 1st place in their division.

*"When the window of opportunity appears,
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Love from Wini Cullinan

The family of Eunice Holley wants to thank you for remembering her, and us, during her illness and funeral.

Dorothy & Hulén Hulsey

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Plan to be a part of this group of ladies as they study *A Biblical Look at Interpersonal Relationships*. You'll enjoy the study and the fellowship. A staffed nursery is provided.

SAVING THE AMERICAN FAMILY

If you were interested in this Marriage Enrichment Conference but were unable to attend, we now have the entire set of tapes from the conference. If you would like to hear any of these sessions on Marriage Enrichment, Physical Intimacy, Parenting, Church Leadership, etc., stop by Mike's office and see what tapes are available.

WEIGHDOWN WORKSHOP

There will be an orientation on Sunday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at the West Erwin church for anyone interested in the Weighdown Workshop.

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Chuck & Laurie Florence

NEW ARRIVAL!! - Katie Lynette Weiss was born Oct. 6 to Brett & Charis Weiss. She weighed 10 lb. 8 oz. and was 33 inches long. Nancy McCoy is the proud grandmother and Ryan is the big brother.

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FOUR GREAT DAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 2 - 5

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Preaching By

EDWIN WHITE

of

Phoenix, Arizona

Edwin White has been the preacher for the Eastside church in Phoenix, Arizona for nearly thirty years. He also serves as an elder at Eastside. Edwin was with us in 1995 for an exciting series based on his book, A Sense Of Presence, and we have looked forward to his return. The dates are November 2-5 -- mark your calendar and be present. More later.

Sermons for Sunday, October 12, 1997

A.M. Mike Gravois
"Appearances Can Be Deceiving"
James 3:6-12
P.M. Lanny Witt, Director of E.T. C.A.
"Where To Turn"
Acts 8:31

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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FELLOWSHIP HALL

Recently a group of ladies met on two different nights to do some cleaning in the Fellowship Hall. The first night the pantry and storage room were cleaned and the supplies organized. The second night, the refrigerator and desk, along with the attic were cleaned. Many decorations stored in the attic were broken or unusable. Those were disposed of and all others were boxed, labeled and stored according to season.

Because the Fellowship Hall is used by so many, it is necessary that everyone clean up and return things to their proper place after each use. Please do not put things in the attic that should not be stored in an attic (such as candles). Be sure to put items in boxes with lids, label the boxes, and place them in the proper seasonal area.

Many of you gave money toward the purchase of fabric a couple of years ago and several ladies made 36 rectangular cloths and 3 round tablecloths that come to the floor. The \$85.10 left after the purchase of the material was intended to be used to buy additional cloths. That has not been done as we have no place to store them. The ones we have are stored in the home of Arlene Lockhart and are available to be used by the West Erwin family. In checking the supplies that are available for receptions and showers it was found that we were short of the number of plates and cups which we feel are needed. So this \$85.19 plus a contribution of \$100.00 by one of our lovely ladies was used to purchase plates and cups so that we now have 300 of each. When we get our new building and have storage space, maybe we can acquire additional items so that we'll have on hand what is needed for receptions and showers.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

WBS AT WEST ERWIN

Tim Marshall, Joy Rousseau, and Cathy Scroggins will help coordinate the World Bible School Ministry and you will hear from them in the very near future. Joy has donated a computer that is loaded with useful information for lesson graders and will help us keep track of WBS contacts. We will have meeting times scheduled in the near future to show you where to pick up names, find materials, use the computer (if you are interested), and where to put graded materials so they can be mailed. Stay tuned!!!

SINGLES MINISTRIES AT WEST ERWIN

The H.O.S.T.S. or Heaven-Oriented Spiritually-Transformed Servants are a group of Single Young Professionals that range in age from 25-40 years old. They meet once or twice a week for different activities and are involved in several different ministries such as: sponsoring 2 children monthly, home Bible studies, singing to the elderly/shut-ins, etc. **SECOND WIND** is the name of our group for older singles, single again, or married members whose spouses do not

worship with them. They meet twice a month. One meeting is for dinner and a Bible study, the other for a social activity. If you are interested in either of these groups, please contact the church office at your convenience to learn more.

GROWING PAINS

Have you looked in the classrooms here at West Erwin lately??? Well, if you haven't had that opportunity, let me tell you **THEY'RE FULL**. Our children's classrooms are full to overflowing and we are growing as you read this article. If you have ever thought about becoming involved in the Education Ministry, **NOW IS THE TIME**, or if you have been involved in the past and were taking a breather we sure could use **YOU** right now. We're looking for help in Children's Worship, Teacher's Workroom, Classrooms, Nurseries, etc. What a wonderful time to experience God's wondrous blessings. Get involved now and touch a young life with the warmth of God's love. Check with Mike to express your interest in working with tomorrow's church TODAY.

"Remember, you have never been older than you are at this very moment, nor will you ever be this young again."

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Jon** and **Melanie Murry** and their son, ***Bryce**, and daughter, ***Kara**, into the West Erwin family. They are already actively involved and will be a vital asset as we work together to serve the Lord. They have requested our prayers for their family that they might grow in the Lord as they strive to be an active member in God's Kingdom at this place. Their address is 1307 Graham, 75701, ph. 597-0420.



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Heather McLeod, bride-elect of Luke Ingram, Sunday, October 12 - 2:00 - 3:30 at the home of Carolyn Welborn, 504 Hyde Park

Selections: Dillard's, Target, J.C. Penney
Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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WITH SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held last Saturday in Corsicana for Eunice Holley, mother of Dorothy Hulsey a former West Erwin member at Wini Cullinan's sister, Norma Moore, died Wednesday in Liberal, Kansas. Services were held Monday in England, Arkansas for Nell Earhart, Fran Starne's aunt. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

WEIGHDOWN WORKSHOP

There will be an orientation on Sunday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at the West Erwin church for anyone interested in the Weighdown Workshop.

STATESIDE MISSIONARY

Harold and Betty Taylor will be in Athens, Greece the latter part of October where Harold will be preaching for the Greek and English congregations. Pray for their success.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for your continuing thoughts, prayers and acts of love and kindness during Alyssa's illness. She was given a full release Wednesday. There is no reason to believe there will be any long-term problems.

Love,
Alyssa Park & Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, for all of the cards I received and for all of the phone calls. I have never received such an overwhelming show of support in my life. Thank all of you so very much.

Greg Wagner

Thank you for all the prayers for my grandfather, Lonnie Williams. They were able to locate the bleeding and get it stopped. He is now doing great and regaining his strength. Thank you again.

Laurie Florence

Thank you, our Christian brothers and sisters, for your many expressions of loving concern during my recent illness. You so thoughtfully supported us with your prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, encouragement and cards. May God bless your sweet lives and He has blessed ours through you. We love you.

Lacey and Barbara Brady

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all of your good wishes and prayers. No decision has been made on the course of my treatment yet. It's a great comfort to know so many people are thinking of me. Thanks.

Ve Gravois

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 27-31. West Erwin is asked to furnish FABRIC SOFTENER. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows for purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

Boy Scout Troop 354 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, Oct. 11 - 6:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Shiloh Road Church

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Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 12 :

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THESEARCH



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Worship A.M.	548	561	561
Worship P.M.	330	NS	307
Wed. P.M.	NC	246	258
Contribution	\$14,584.02	\$14,508.90	\$15,261.91
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, October 5, and Wednesday P.M., Oct. 8, Bill Denson, ph. 509-3782.

PRAYER AND CARE

Barbara Brady was dismissed from the hospital on Tuesday following a light stroke over the weekend. Greg Wagner is at home after back surgery Friday. Dickey Dale is having some health problems. Launa Armstrong, Buddy Bell, and Pete Wallace are all recuperating at home. Florene Adams, Vera Boss, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, and James Kennedy are undergoing treatment. Georgia Morris, Ruth Meazell's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer. Dr. John Thomas, Clelia Elliott's brother, will be undergoing treatment for a brain tumor. Beth Carruth, Les Carruth's mother, is in rehab in Denton. Willie A. Walker, Brian Walker's grandmother, has been dismissed from the hospital. Lonnie Williams, Laurie Florence's grandfather is having tests. Kathy Bryant's dad had a pacemaker implant last week in Louisiana. Bonnie Montgomery, Clinton Culpepper's sister, had surgery Monday. Renee, seriously injured in an accident, is in ETMC. Sonja Gambrell, Gary Aven's sister, is ill.

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Jeff Phillips Earl O'Quinn
Marc Philpot Dr. Stan Perkins
Jimmie Philpot James Phillips

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

Elijah was the fiery prophet who spoke for God nine centuries before Christ and whose work was done during the reign of wicked Ahab, king of Israel, and his treacherous queen Jezebel. Ahab and Jezebel had substituted Baal for God and Elijah was sent to eradicate Baalism from Israel. We all remember how Elijah marched into Ahab's court and proclaimed that it would not rain until he said so (and it didn't rain for three and one-half years). Who can forget the contest of Elijah with the 450 prophets of Baal in Mount Carmel, a great victory for God and a devastating defeat for Baal? But then what happened? Jezebel said she would kill Elijah before another day ended and this mighty man of God ran from the wrath of Jezebel like a scared puppy. Elijah fled into a wilderness where he hid himself in a cave and feared for his life. Then God came with a question: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah's response was not, "I'm running," or "I'm in a cave," or "I fear for my life." His answer was, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts" (I Kings 19:10). In other words, "I have

been busy serving the Lord." However, God asked again, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" The implication is, "Elijah, you're not serving me out here in this cave. You are looking out for yourself. You need to remember who you are, what your work is, and where you are to do it." Elijah lost sight of his purpose. It's easy to lose sight of your purpose so every now and again we need to ask, "What are you doing here?" In the work of the church we may get hung up on the way we do things and forget what is to be done! Here are some questions to ask: Is a sermon to be measured by its length or its impact? Is worship to be measured by its order of service or its reverence and awe? Is benevolence to be measured by the gratification it gives me or by how many people are helped? Is feeding the hungry to be measured by budgets or by how many are fed? In short, is the success of the work of the church to be measured by my personal agenda and what I prefer or by how effective we are in doing what God wants done? It's a good question -- "What are you doing here?"

Sermons for Sunday, October 5, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Let's Choose Growth" #3**

(Acts 13:1-3)

P.M. **Power For Living #4: "Faith"**

(Daniel 6:17-23)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the combined devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time engaging in War and Peace and sharing in a devotional time.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Shelley Henry for being promoted to Cadet Lt. Colonel and Battalion Commander of John Tyler's 100 member Junior Reserved Officer Training Corp. Way to go Shelley!

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MAKING GROWTH A PRIORITY

Growth must be a conscious desire to draw people to Jesus Christ and to incorporate them into a functioning body of God's people. Growth should be solely to draw people to Christ and as fellow disciples to band together for worship, service and nurture.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Christ is the focus of everything we do. Every act of service and every phase of worship must have as its goal to exalt the resurrected Christ and to honor God. The goal is not to hold on to tradition or affirm what we believe but to be transformed into the image of Christ. Sometimes that takes radical changes even among those who have been following after him.

Followers of Jesus have a great deal in common, even when they have diverse backgrounds. When one is born again and is a disciple of Jesus the common goals of worship, service and personal growth should unite brothers and sisters together. Congregations of God's people meet together to accomplish the goals Jesus set for his people. Christians love one another, serve one another, greet one another, admonish one another, and stimulate one another to love and good works.

Personal and individual growth are important goals for the Christian. Many good works and personal growth take place in

Shepherding Group # 7 (Leon & Carolyn Welborn) will meet for lunch and fellowship Sunday after the morning worship assembly. Visitors are invited to be our special guests.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

Research scientist Stephen Glenn shared the following story in an interview when asked what enabled him to be so much more creative than the average person. He responded that it all came from an experience with his mother that occurred when he was about 2 years old. He had been trying to remove a bottle of milk from the refrigerator when he lost his grip on the slippery bottle and it fell, spilling its contents all over the kitchen floor -- a veritable sea of milk!!!

When his mother came into the kitchen, instead of yelling at him, giving him a lecture or punishing him, she said, "Robert, what a great and wonderful mess you have made! I have rarely seen such a huge puddle of milk. Well, the damage has already been done. Would you like to get down and play in the milk before we clean it up?" Indeed, he did. After a few minutes his mother said, "You know, Robert, whenever you make a mess like this, eventually you have to clean it up and restore everything to its proper order. So, how would you like to do that? We could use a sponge, a towel, or a mop. Which do you prefer? He chose the sponge and TOGETHER they cleaned up the spilled milk...

...His mother then said, "You know, what we have here is a failed experiment in how to effectively carry a big bottle of milk with 2 tiny hands. Let's go out in the back yard and fill the bottle with water and see if you can discover a way to carry it without dropping it." The little boy learned that if he grasped the bottle at the top near the lid with both hands, he could carry it without dropping it. What a wonderful lesson!!! How differently this story might have turned out if Robert's mother had spanked him, cleaned up the milk herself, and left it at that. Remember, the definition of the word discipline is the training of the mental, moral, and physical powers by instruction, control, and exercise. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

The goal of the Education Ministry here at West Erwin is to assist others in transforming into the image of Christ by developing closer and more meaningful relationships with God and with one another. As we go through this week, let's help others find ways to turn problems into opportunities to grow closer to God and each other.

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MEMORIAL

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Hazel Blanton	Morris & Kathleen Sandlin
John D. & Ruby Brem	Earl Deane Scroggins
Kathleen Carroll	Cleo H. Sorrells
Sandra Henry	Jonnie Steffee
Beatrice Holland	Monroe & Cleo Sublette
Robert Jordan	Janice Thomas
J.C. & Louise Maples	James P. Widdon
Ken O'Quinn	

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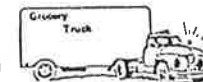
Funeral services were held last Friday in Austin for Raymond R. Todd, Marie Threadgill's brother. Services were held in Waxahachie last Friday for Roberta Lowry, aunt of Archie Lowry and Dorothy Bell. Services were held last Thursday in Oklahoma for Bobby Pate, Karen Fedell's uncle. Gene Mathis, Teri Bradshaw's great uncle, died from complications following open heart surgery last Saturday. Our love and sympathy is extended to all these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food. Your thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness have been appreciated by our entire family. Your continued prayers are requested during this difficult time.

In Christian love,
Launa & Jim Armstrong

Dear church family,

The spray of yellow lilies sent to my brother's funeral was so pretty. We do thank you for remembering us at a time like this. We do thank you for caring.

In Christian love,
Marie, Bob, & R.V. Threadgill



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SINGLES ON THE RISE:
IN PREPARATION FOR SERVANTHOOD
A seminar for singles of all ages, at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ on Saturday, October 11. Registration at 9 am - will be dismissed at 7 pm.

GOSPEL MEETING

Wills Point Church of Christ
October 5-8

Burton Coffman preaching

At 92 years of age Burton Coffman continues to be active in preaching and prolific in producing the written word. The author of extensive writings, he is perhaps best known among our brethren for his comprehensive set of commentaries on both the Old and New Testament. Recognized as an energetic proclaimer of the gospel, Coffman has preached in over 300 evangelistic meetings in 42 states. Sunday services will be 9 am, 10 am and 5 pm; Monday - Wednesday services will be at 7 pm.

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DON'T FORGET THE PEOPLE

Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the churches of Christ in America when we have had larger congregations, bigger budgets, and more activities than right now. Although 85% of our congregations have under 200 in their Sunday morning assemblies (according to Clear Choices For Churches by John W. Ellas), it is not uncommon to see churches of 400, 500, and even 1000 or more in attendance. With larger churches and the ever growing presence of inflation, church budgets soar (in 1987 the West Erwin budget was \$10,265 but in 1997 the budget is over \$16,000). Today churches have pulpit preachers, youth ministers, education ministers, involvement ministers, and counsellors on staff --- basically only pulpit ministers were known to us thirty years ago. In the past church buildings were used on Sunday mornings, evenings, Wednesdays and a few other times. Today buildings are used nearly every day and night of the week. With all of these activities and programs we must remember that the church is still in the people business. Everything we do must be for people. The good of people, the feelings of people, the needs of people must constantly be

in view. Those who prepare meals on Tuesday, those who work in the Benevolent Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, those who teach in our school, those who are engaged in visitation, those who feed the hungry, those who lead our Shepherding groups, those who lead in our worship, those who teach Bible classes, those who work with youth and singles and college students, those who work in the office, those who serve as elders and deacons, those who preach, those who go on mission trips, those who greet visitors, as well as those who attend nurseries must always treat others as they would be treated if the roles were reversed. In all of our busy activities, do we often forget what this is all about -- do we forget people? Do I respond to this child as I would want others to respond to my child? Do I respond to this elderly person as I would want someone to respond to my parents? Do I respond to every person as I would respond to a member of my family? It's not about numbers, programs, activities, pay checks, personal honor, power, computers, budgets, or self. It's about people ... especially others. If we forget what its all about, no matter what we accomplish, we fail.

Sermons for Sunday, September 28, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"Let's Choose Growth" #2**
(Acts 11:19-21)
P.M. **Power For Living #4: "Integrity"**
(Daniel 1:1-6)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to all of you who have shown so much concern and care to our family during these past few weeks. The endless offers of help and constant reminders that we are in your prayers have been a tremendous blessing to us. Please continue to pray for my mom and Lawton as they recover. Thank you West Erwin for being the family that you are and making this burden lighter.

Thanks to all of those who came to the City-Wide devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time together with our brothers and sisters from all the churches in Tyler. Let us continue to pray and work for unity.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Payton Fedell and Shannon Snell for being selected as Class Representatives for the Student Council at Brown Elementary in Whitehouse. Way to go gang!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Oct. 13 at the Shiloh Rd. church. The text we are studying is Mark 5-8. Study sheets are available. We will have a practice session on Sunday Oct. 5. We will meet for lunch and then work together for the next test. If you are interested in participating, let me know. This is a wonderful way to study God's word.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Sept. 28	Combined Devotional
Oct. 5	Bible Quiz Study Session
Oct. 13	Bible Quiz at Shiloh Rd.

OUTREACH

and

INVOLVEMENT

TURN IT AROUND

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!" This challenge, made famous during the Kennedy presidency, suggests a like 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 I have sent to others.

...who visited me, but whom I have 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.

-- Bulletin Digest

Shepherding Group # 6 (Ray & Gail Vannoy) will meet for lunch and fellowship Sunday after the morning worship assembly. All visitors are invited to be our special guests.

be repeated in the spring. If you are interested in a class of this nature or would like more information about future classes please check with Mike in the church office.

FAMILY 911

Is continuing to meet in the fellowship hall on Wednesday evenings for anyone interested in taking A Realistic Look at Life in Tyler Today. So far, we have heard about life in our schools and have taken a brief look at the entertainment industry. In coming weeks we will address topics such as: drugs and alcohol, gangs, pregnancy, physical/sexual abuse, etc. Please plan to join us for this informative and sometimes startling study.

LET'S CHOOSE GROWTH

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." -- Hebrews 10:24

Reach out today and brighten someone else's world. It's cloudy outside but there's always plenty of SONSHINE available.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are still in need of a baby sitter to work in the nursery on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. This is a paid position and would be available to interested teens who have experience baby sitting. If interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Mike in the church office.

WARRIORS

This is the name of our new Timothy/Tabitha program which meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Emphasis is on Bible Reading, Scripture Memory Work, Bible Quiz, Service Projects, Prayer, etc. Sound interesting? You have to see it to believe it!!! Warriors is open to 4th - 8th graders who have an interest in becoming one of "God's Mighty Warriors."

GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

This new class will begin officially on Wednesday, October 1st. The class lasts 18 weeks and is an in-depth look at A Biblical Approach to Parenting. The 1st class is now full, but will



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Fellowship Hall
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Tyler, Texas

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Your love is a treasured gift, we request no other.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible class is now underway and has been receiving lots of good feedback. Do you have a few hours free on Wednesday morning? Why not plan to spend it with a "great group of God-fearing women" as they study A Biblical Look at Interpersonal Relationships. They meet in the fellowship hall at 10 am on Wednesday. A staffed nursery is provided for young mothers and grandmothers.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 28: Scott Carruth, preacher; 2's - Pam Fennell & Jon & Norma Sorrells; 3's - Marsha Richardson & Ruth Ellis; 4's - Lisa Snell & Jade Marshall.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Charles F. Garrett put on his Lord in baptism last Wednesday morning. We rejoice with him in this most important decision in his life. He lives at 3110 Towne Park Dr., Apt. 702, 75701, ph. 593-4898.

Shane Millican, husband of Becky and son-in-law of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. It was very touching to witness this family as they were united in Christ. Shane and Becky have a little son, Austin. Their address is 1112 Powers Dr., 75701, ph. 595-2131.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family at West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to my father's funeral. They meant so much to us. Thank you also for all the food, cards and prayers during this difficult time. All your kindnesses have meant so much to Les and me. You are wonderful and we are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving family.

Love,
Les & Carolyn Carruth

Dear West Erwin family,

We appreciate your prayers, calls, and cards during Allen's recent hospitalization. Your concern for his health means so much. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Sherry & Allen Bobbitt
and children

SINGLES ON THE RISE SEMINAR

In preparation for servanthood for singles of all ages, a seminar at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ on Saturday, October 11. Registration at 9 am - will be dismissed at 7pm

THIRD ANNUAL AUCTION

Cherokee Home for Children, Hwy 16 N, Cherokee, TX
Saturday, September 27, 1997 at 9:45 A.M.

The **Winnsboro Church of Christ**, 601 Coke Rd., invites you to join them for their 3rd annual **Family Day** on Sunday, September 28. Jack Paul is the guest speaker. After the worship together, there will be a fellowship meal at noon followed by family activities in the afternoon. The afternoon worship will begin at 4:00 p.m.

13th ANNUAL FALL LECTURESHIP

University Church of Christ

October 5-8

Theme: The "I Am's" of Christ

See bulletin board for details



Each Sunday

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

KL5B - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

Records	Sunday September 14	Sunday September 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	363	374	372
Worship A.M.	528	581	524
Worship P.M.	368	332	334
Wed. P.M.	308	NC	281
Contribution	\$14,508.90	\$14,744.80	\$16,421.39

Weekly Budget \$16,072.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 21 and Wednesday P.M., September 24, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

PRAYER AND CARE

Launa Armstrong is recuperating at home after recent surgery. **Buddy Bell** is scheduled for surgery Friday in Dallas. **Gloria Thigpen** had outpatient surgery Tuesday. **L.G. Drennan** has returned to The Clairmont. **Pete Wallace** is in ETMC Rehab. **Chuck Gillam's** heart cath revealed no heart problems. **Wini Cullinan** has begun chemo treatment. **Clint Hale** is continuing outpatient treatment at Pate Rehab in Carrollton. **Ve Gravois**, Mike Gravois' mother, is undergoing tests to determine treatment. **Margaret Loftis**, Mary Gaiser's sister, is at home after recent surgery. **Beth Carruth**, Les Carruth's mother, had hip replacement surgery in Lewisville Monday. **Allen Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, is at home after being hospitalized with heart problems. **Mildred Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' mother, had knee replacement surgery last week in Abilene. **Johnny Mack Florence**, Richard Gregory's father-in-law, is in ETMC. **Roberta Lowry**, aunt of Archie Lowry and Dorothy Bell, is in ICU in Dallas after a massive heart attack.

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

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
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David Cannefax
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Prayer Jim Bell
Scripture Jim Carty
Dismiss Bill Hawkins
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Clay McDonald Mike McMinn
Jim McDonald Bill Meazell
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SONS OF ISSACHAR

The sons of Issachar (I Chronicles 12:32) were unusual people. As they came to David to help him establish his kingdom, the Bible says "They understood their times, and they knew what Israel ought to do." Last weekend 34 of our men (elders, deacons, preachers, young, middle-aged, elderly) went on retreat to consider what our times are like and what we ought to do. These 34 men returned to West Erwin with a better understanding of their times and a renewed commitment to do what they ought to do to be men of God in their community. And wasn't it impressive and encouraging to see these 34 men come before the church on Sunday, joined by 3 others, to openly declare their intentions to fulfill their promises? These men have and will make a dramatic difference in this church. May their tribe increase! Are there other men at West Erwin who in the spirit of the sons of Issachar will seek to understand their times and to know and do what should be done? Let us know!

A CHALLENGE

Last Sunday, following our evening service, our elders hosted a Town Meeting of the church to discuss

Leadership, Eastern Europe, Additional Staff, Building Program, and Finances. **Leon Welborn** spoke about our giving: a \$16,000 weekly budget; \$197,000 given by West Erwin to our building fund; and the fact that we are about \$1,200 a week under our regular budget. Leon went on to challenge us to increase our giving by 10% a week for the rest of the year. Can you give 10% more? Some might give 15% or 20% more. Will you do what you can? If we could average a total of \$300 per family over the rest of the year, we would meet our budget for 1997. Think about it.

PREVIEW

This Sunday we want to build upon the momentum created last weekend as we study **Let's Choose Growth**. This message will focus the choices which the church will make as we approach a new century. I know the heart of the West Erwin church and I believe we will choose growth! Be present Sunday morning as we learn how to make this choice. Then on Sunday evening, let's go over to Glenwood's new building for the Area-Wide meeting with **Howard Norton** speaking. Singing at 5:00 and preaching at 6:00.

Sermons for Sunday, September 21, 1997
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Let's Choose Growth"
(Acts 2:41-47)
P.M. Area-Wide Meeting with
Howard Norton at the
Glenwood Church of Christ

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to Mazzios this past Sunday night. We had a great time with a large crowd to celebrate Ken Culpepper's 40th birthday. Even after all the harassment, we love you Ken!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Nick Goodson for being selected to the Board of Directors of the McClendon House. What an accomplishment!

Congratulations to Melanie Goodson for being accepted into the IB Program at John Tyler and for being one of only four freshmen to make the JT Lady Lions Soccer Team. She also passed the test for a soccer referee license. Way to go Melanie!

Congratulations to Erin Aven for being selected to the IB Program at John Tyler High School. Way to go Erin!

CITY WIDE CHURCH AND DEVOTIONAL

Join us this Sunday night at the Glenwood church for our City Wide Worship service and youth devotional. Dinner will be provided. Invite a friend and join in this great time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our group who participated in the Bible Quiz this past Monday: Courtney Craddock, Megan Florence, Brett Hone, Bryce Murry, Kyle Ross, Randa Sorrells, and Shannon Snell. You guys did a great job!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Sept. 21 City Wide Church and Devotional

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, they may cheat you, Be forthright anyway.

What you spend years building, they may destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,

they may be jealous and scorn;

Be joyous anyway.

The good you do today, they often will forget tomorrow,

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,

and it will never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

Shepherding Group # 5 (James & Connie Sublette) will meet for fellowship this week after morning worship assembly. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

(Author Unknown)

I was hungry
and you formed a humanities club
and discussed my hunger.

Thank you.

I was imprisoned
and you crept quietly to your chapel in the cellar
and prayed for my release.

I was naked

and in your mind
you debated the morality of my appearance.

I was sick

and you knelt and thanked God
for your health.

I was homeless

and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter
of the love of God.

I was lonely
and you left me alone
to pray for me.
You seem so holy;
so close to God;
But I'm still very hungry,
and lonely, and cold.

As you sit there reading this little poem, is there something more you could be doing for another person or in your service at church? Good intentions don't get much work done. You have to be willing to stand up and do something. I have heard so many of you tell me you don't have time to do anything else or you can't get involved because of family activities, school, or children's sports commitments. Those are admirable activities, but how do you tell that to God? What words do you use to say, "I'm sorry, God, but I'm just too busy to give up personal and family matters to do the work of the church," and what message are we communicating to our children?



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LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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SEMI-ANNUAL AREA-WIDE MEETING

The Semi-Annual Area-Wide Meeting
Sunday evening, September 21
at the **NEW** Glenwood Church of Christ
5210 Hollytree Drive (ph. 509-9494)
Howard Norton, guest speaker
Singing begins at 5:00 - Worship at 6:00
co-hosted by Holly Lake Church of Christ

THIRD ANNUAL AUCTION

Cherokee Home for Children, Hwy 16 N, Cherokee, TX
Saturday, September 27, 1997 at 9:45 A.M.

Items for your home, office, shop, garden, farm/ranch & special items of interest from celebrities and politicians to be auctioned off. Donated items are being accepted -- tax write off. All proceeds go to Cherokee Home for Children.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday afternoon in Glasgow, Kentucky for Bob Edwards, Carolyn Carruth's dad and grandfather of Scott and Jill and Cindy Carruth. We extend our love and sympathy to all the family.

TRI-C NEWS

The Campus Christian Center on the TJC campus has begun its '97-'98 year. We would like to thank everyone who came to our first annual Fall Festival dinner. We had about 100 people attend. As a result of this, we can buy some of the new chairs we need. We still need additional funds to buy more chairs. \$8 will buy one chair. If you would like to buy one for us, we would gladly accept your donation. Call us at 593-3331 if you have any questions.

Enrollment in the Bible classes Kenny Shaver teaches on campus is up this year. There are 6 in his Monday class on the "Origin of the Bible" and 14 in his Tuesday/Thursday class on "How to Study the Bible." On Sept. 3rd we had our annual Ice Cream Supper for the college students. Over 30 attended and stayed for the devotional. Our weekly devotionals this year will be on Tuesday evenings at 8:00.

Some upcoming events for the college students include our FREE Monday lunches which began Sept. 8. Our deepest gratitude goes to the area congregations for providing these lunches for the students. Our first Fall outing will be on Saturday, Sept. 13 to Holly Lake. The Tri-C students will have a car wash on Saturday, the 20th, to raise funds for their activities. More details soon.

ROOM FOR RENT

Louise Harris has a room and bath to rent. If you know of someone who is interested in living in a Christian home, please call 593-8123.

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HAPPENINGS

The Young Married class on Sunday mornings continues to grow as new couples join the group. Out of that class some exciting outside activities have begun. **Doug and LaDawn Ragsdale** have taken more than 100 (that's right!) names on the class roll, divided them into three groups, and are hosting a group a month in their home for food and fun. What a great way to get better acquainted! Beginning this month, two other significant events will begin with this group. First, four couples at a time will be meeting, outside of class time, for a seminar entitled *Raising Kids God's Way*. This seminar will last for eighteen weeks and will meet weekly for two hour sessions guided by **Mike Gravois**. The first class is already filled and others will be waiting to be involved later. Second, the young marrieds will be conducting a *Supper Club* in which three couples will meet for a meal at a time and place of their choosing and will invite one other couple (friends, visitors to class, or someone they do not

know well) to join them. This type of meeting outside of our regular classes and worship services will help us to get to know others better, to love them more, to cement relationships, to strengthen each other's lives, and to be involved in outreach. Great! September began a new quarter for this Bible class -- the Prison Epistles will be studied. If you fit in this age group and are not currently regular in attendance, now is the time to get on board! David Frick, Mike Gravois, and I are leading the class. See you Sunday!

Remember: Men's Retreat - "Sons of Issachar" this Friday and Saturday

Area-Wide meeting at Glenwood next Sunday evening, , September 21

Sermons for Sunday, September 14, 1997
by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
A.M. The State of the Church
(Ephesians 1:15-23)
P.M. Power For Living #3
"Approving Things That Are Excellent"
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Thanks to all of those who came to the Parent Teen Meeting this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout and made a lot of plans for this fall. If you missed the meeting, be sure and pick up a calendar of activities for the fall and winter.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jennifer Knight for being selected to the RE Lee Women's Soccer Team. Jennifer is only a freshman! Way to go Jennifer!

SUNDAY NIGHT

Join us this Sunday night at church for a very important "Town meeting" as we discuss the state of West Erwin and look at future plans. It is important for our youth to be a part of this meeting. After the

meeting, we are planning to go to Mazzios for dinner. We will be finished at 9:00.

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IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Sept. 7	Parent & Teen Meeting
Sept. 14	Town Meeting
Sept. 14	Out To Eat
Sept. 15	Bible Quiz

OUTREACH

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GOALS AND DREAMS

A young agent once asked a member of the million-dollar sales club for advice so he could be a successful insurance agent. The successful man advised him to sell 200 new policies each year. "That means you only have to sell four each week," he stated. The young agent followed the advice and at the end of the year was surprised to find himself a member of the million-dollar sales club. Often, the key to accomplishments is setting goals.

Christians who set goals will find new purpose and direction as they "press on to the goal unto the prize of the high calling" (Philippians 3:14). They will experience a sense of accomplishment which wards off feelings of standing still. Setting goals helps in just getting the job done (Proverbs 13:19).

Someone has said, "Those who aim at nothing hit it with amazing accuracy." That speaks to many churches and Christian individuals. Why do we not set goals? Many do not because we are afraid we will miss them. Some don't because we do not understand God's will for us. Others, I fear, because they are willing to drift along the easiest course. God has given us a blueprint of his goals for us. To fulfill that we each need to set our goals in line with His. Let's set goals and dreams that make us better performers in His kingdom.

-- borrowed from Bulletin Digest

Shepherding Group # 4 (Phil and Linda Marts) will meet for fellowship this week after morning worship assembly. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

NEW CLASSES IN PROGRESS

The Fall Quarter has started in a BANG and all of our new classes are now meeting. Thank You to all of our Bible Class teachers and may God Bless You richly as you present His word to your students.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are still looking for someone to attend the nursery during Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday mornings and from 6 - 7 pm on Wednesday evenings for a new class we will be starting soon. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Mike at the church office.

FAMILY FIRST

The elders have asked me to focus education efforts in the coming year on the families here at West Erwin. Last Wednesday evening we began our new FAMILY 911 class in the Fellowship Hall. We will have experts

coming in to speak on areas of concern for families today in Tyler. We will hear presentations on drugs/alcohol, pregnancy, gangs, crime, etc. Watch this space for more "Family-Oriented Programs" in the near future.

SINGLE NEWS

Our singles groups continue to grow at an amazing rate. The H.O.S.T.S. group, or *Heaven-Oriented Spiritually-Transformed Servants*, is our Christian Young Professional group. The age range is typically from 20-35. *Second Wind* is the name of our newest group and ministers to older singles, widows/widowers, and single again. *Second Wind* is designed to meet the needs of those who sometimes find it difficult to take that next step. For more information on any of these groups, please contact Mike at the church office.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

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THIRD ANNUAL AUCTION

Cherokee Home for Children, Hwy 16 N, Cherokee, TX Saturday, September 27, 1997 at 9:45 A.M. Items for your home, office, shop, garden, farm/ranch & special items of interest from celebrities and politicians to be auctioned off. Donated items are being accepted -- tax write off. All proceeds go to Cherokee Home for Children.

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It is silence when words would hurt.
It is patience when your neighbor is curt.
It is deafness when scandal flows.
It is thoughtfulness for others' woes.
It is promptness when duty calls.
It is courage when misfortune falls.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren,

We just want to say thank you for all you have done for Dad and Bea and Danny and Lisa, and to thank you for all that we know you will continue to do for them. The food you brought was so wonderful and we are sure it was a nice break for Lisa with so much family there. Thank you again, dear brethren, for helping to lift their burdens.

(Gal. 6:2)

In Christian Love,
J.L. & Barb Taylor

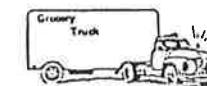
VISITATION TEAMS DINNER

All visitation teams will meet together for dinner on Monday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. If you are now involved or would like to be involved in this ministry, you are encouraged to come and be a part of this meeting.

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled upon me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty
but the day toiled on, grey and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."
I woke up early this morning
and paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

-- Author Unknown



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Wed. P.M.	269	252	261
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Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, September 7 and Wednesday P.M., September 10, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.

PRAYER AND CARE

Leona Hardin is in ETMC, room 4433, for tests. **Lawton and Bea Taylor**, Danny Snell's parents, are both recovering at home from recent heart attacks. **L.G. Drennan** is in ETMC, room 3305. **Pete Wallace** is in ETMC Rehab. **Chuck Gillam** is undergoing tests to determine treatment of chest pain. **Wini Cullinan** is undergoing tests to determine treatment of lymphoma. **Bob Clemmons** is undergoing tests in Temple. **Robert Stokes** is recovering at home after recent surgeries. **Clint Hale** is undergoing outpatient treatment at Pate Rehab in Carrollton. **Launa Armstrong, Florene Adams, Vera Boss, and James Kennedy** are all undergoing treatment. **Ve Gravois**, Mike Gravois' mother, has been diagnosed with cancer. 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 and in nursing homes.

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SEEN AND HEARD AROUND WEST ERWIN

- The last night of our Wednesday evening Summer Series was a blockbuster when we had **Larry Parker** from Longview here for a night of praise in song. What a summer we had!
- We are beginning a new quarter in our Bible classes this month. This would be a wonderful time for you to begin attending class if you're not already doing so. Check brochures and bulletin boards for details.
- Last weekend the Boomers Class led by **Ray Vannoy** helped move Buddy and Dorothy Bell to their new location (they will be there until their permanent house is ready). Service -- that's what we're about!
- The Men's Retreat with the theme of "Sons of Issachar" is just about a week away. We need for you to be involved in this life-changing and church-changing event. Sign up for September 12-13!
- Sunday evening, September 14, is the scheduled time for our all church "Town Meeting" following our worship assembly. Our elders have several things about which they want to communicate with the church. Be present!
- We have had some wonderful new families come to us recently -- the kind of people with whom churches are built up, and we are grateful for them becoming a part of our growing family.
- The Area-Wide Meeting of churches of Christ is scheduled for Sunday evening, September 21, at Glenwood's new building. Singing at 5:00 will be followed with **Howard Norton** speaking at 6:00. Be involved!
- I want to thank the West Erwin family for the warm response you gave to two recent sermon series, The God We Worship and Songs In The Night. You are people who love the Word and who are generous with your words of encouragement.
- A new group has begun under the direction of **Mike Gravois**. They call themselves "Second Wind." Look for good things to come from this older singles group!
- I appreciate the way we have been making most of our announcements at our worship assemblies by flashing them on the screen and you are to be commended for the enthusiasm with which you worship.
- Over the last few days **Modena Jones** and **A.Z. Hays** have celebrated their 89th birthdays and **Marikate Davis** has turned 94! Congratulations!

**Harold Taylor will be preaching
at both services Sunday, September 7.
Jay Lockhart is in a meeting
at Briensburg, Kentucky.**

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Heather Ketchum for being selected to the Kilgore Rangerettes Drill Team. That is quite an accomplishment! Heather, we are proud of you!

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

All of those in the middle and high school group along with their parents are invited to come to the eating meeting this coming Sunday night after church. This will be a special time together as we make plans for the fall and winter along with

information about LTC. Please make plans to be a part of this meeting. You will receive more information in the mail.

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MEN'S RETREAT - September 12th - 13th

This will be an important time for the men of West Erwin and their families. We will seek God's presence and direction for our lives as we dedicate ourselves to be the kind of men He wants us to be. Please make every effort to attend this retreat and to encourage others to do the same.

1. **Location** - Timberline Camp & Conference Center - FM Road 849, Lindale. Go to I-20 west to exit #552 (Hideaway Lake), go north on FM 849. Follow the signs.

2. **Schedule** - Friday - Arrival at 6:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch or buy something on the way. We will eat together when we arrive. We will depart at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

3. **Activities** - We want to experience both a time of spiritual inspiration and enjoyable recreation. We want to return

inwardly renewed and outwardly rededicated to our God, our families, and our church. We want to be men of God.

4. **Cost** - \$22.50 per person/minimum of 20 persons required. This includes lodging and two meals (breakfast and lunch on Saturday).

5. **Accommodations** - Dorm style rooms. Bring twin sheets or sleeping bag and your own towels. Basketball, volleyball, fishing, other outdoor activities available.

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NEW CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 3rd marks the beginning of our Fall Quarter here at West Erwin. On Wednesdays we will offer 3 class choices for you to consider. The 1st will be THE SEARCH. Jay's topic will be a "Survey of the Bible." Our 2nd class choice will be the "Sing Joyfully" class which will meet at the front of the main auditorium this quarter. The 3rd class we will be offering will be a class titled "Family 911." We will bring in speakers who will speak to parents and teens in a combined class. Our topics will include areas of concern such as: entertainment, drugs & alcohol, teen violence, gangs, and choices we make. Our speakers will be police officers, probation workers, judges, crisis counselors, etc. The purpose of this class is to present information that will give us a realistic look at the city we call home.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are still looking for someone to attend the children's nursery on Wednesday mornings during Ladies Bible Class + we are also looking for someone to watch the nursery during a

parenting class which will start very soon. If you are interested or would like more information about either of these opportunities, please contact Mike in the church office.

PRESCHOOL PROMOTION

This week we will be promoting our preschoolers into their new Bible classes. We promote them in the fall to coincide with nursery and daycare promotions in the childcare field and to give them a few extra months to grow and develop before moving into a new class. We promote our school age children in the summer because they feel they have promoted to the next grade as soon as the school year ends. Congratulations to all of our preschoolers and their families. Let's celebrate this "Step in Faith" with them.

NEW TEACHERS

Thank you and God Bless You, teachers, as you begin this new year of Bible study here at West Erwin. Thanks to the wonderful teachers who step into classrooms and share themselves with the children here as we help them to grow in their relationship with God, relationship with others, and in their role as a member of His church. Here's wishing you a powerful, productive new quarter and year in Bible classes.

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You are invited to join the **Frankston Church of Christ** for a **Gospel Meeting with Randy Reagan** from the Lake Tawakoni Church of Christ on September 8, 9, 10, & 11 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Monday, Sept. 8 - "Hunting Grizzly Bears with a B.B. Gun;" Tuesday, Sept. 9 - "Like Other People;" Wed., Sept. 10 - "Horseshoes and Handgrenades;" Thurs., Sept. 11 - Area-Wide Singing (food and fellowship).

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WELCOME , NEW MEMBERS!

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RESPONSE

Brian Walker recently came to be restored and to ask for the prayers of his church family that he might live as Christ would have him live.

CUB SCOUT RALLY

Cub Scout Pack 354, sponsored by members of churches of Christ, will have a Pack Rally on Monday, September 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Road church of Christ fellowship hall. 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 1997-98 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. Please contact Mike Wheat at 839-8249 for more information.

BOY SCOUT RALLY

Boy Scout Troop 354 is holding its annual Rally Night on September 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Shiloh Road church of Christ. Any boy who has completed the 5th grade through 17 years is eligible to join Boy Scouts. Anyone who would like to learn more about the exciting activities involved in Scouting, please come and meet with us on this night. This Troop is sponsored by members of the churches of Christ and is committed to providing a good Christian atmosphere through Scouting.

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MEN OF ISSACHAR

"Men of Issachar" is the theme for our men's retreat Friday and Saturday, September 12-13. In I Chronicles 12:23-28 David had become the king of Israel and all the tribes sent men armed for battle to acknowledge him as their king. Hidden away in this passage is this line: "the sons of Issachar ... had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." What were these times like? They were times of a new king, times of threats from Israel's enemies, and times of uncertainty. What ought Israel to do? Israel needed to establish the kingdom of David, defeat her enemies, and make Jerusalem the capital and the home of the ark of the covenant. The sons of Issachar understood the times and knew what to do. We believe we need to understand our times and to know what we should do. That's the purpose of this men's retreat. We want to take an in-depth look at our times and then see if we can discover what we ought to do. We want every man who loves this church, who wants to be on the cutting edge of our ministry, and who will dedicate himself to doing what needs to be done at this place at this time to join us for these two significant days. Of course, there are some of our men who for reasons beyond their control cannot attend the retreat but if you can, come with us. We need young men, older men,

and those in between to be "Men of Issachar"! Sign up sheets are in the foyer. The cost is \$22.00 with \$10.00 due when you sign up.

TOWN MEETING

Our elders are calling for a "Town Meeting" of the church on Sunday evening, September 14, following our worship assembly. The purpose of the meeting will be to communicate with the church about our future work, including our building program, mission work, and other important aspects of our ministry as a church. Make plans to be with us for this important meeting.

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Sermons for Sunday, August 31, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. The God We Worship (5)

"The God Who Is King"

(Psalm 103:19-22)

P.M. Power For Living (2)

"The Pillar And Ground Of The Truth"

(I Timothy 3:14-16)

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BE CAREFUL

Be careful with your thoughts, for they become your words.

Be careful with your words, for they become your actions.

Be careful with your actions, for they become your habits.

Be careful with your habits, for they become your character.

Be careful of your character, for it becomes your destiny.

via Bulletin Digest

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Aug.	31	Combined Activity
Sept.	7	Parent & Teen Meeting
Sept.	15	Bible Quiz

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Once Again, THANKS !!!

I thank God for all of you...

- who answered the call for World Bible School Teachers. You will be contacted with the names of your students soon. Please know you are doing a great work in the kingdom... 1 Corinthians 15:58.

- who turned out for our "going-away" gathering. First, to all the ladies that hosted the event, your thoughtfulness touched our hearts. To all that expressed their "best wishes", we want you to know how much these words of encouragement mean to us as we enter the next

Shepherding Group # 2 (Jay and Arlene Lockhart) will meet for fellowship this week after morning worship assembly. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

phase of our ministry. We need and give thanks for your continued prayers in our behalf. Your generous love offering overwhelmed us. It will be well used.

- who made up that special group of **encouragers** throughout our time here. You know who you are! You always came to us face-to-face, gave us your hugs, blessings, and expressed your love and support through your words. We love you!

- whom I worked with in the leadership and staff (both elders, ministers and secretaries). I appreciate your patience, which has been considerable, in working with me. Our fellowship while working together has been rich. **Especially to the elders**, we will never forget the confidence you placed in us in asking us to serve here, and the generous physical, emotional and spiritual support you provided for us.

probation officer, judge, prison social worker, drug and alcohol counselor, etc. The purpose of this class will be to inform our families and teens about the choices we face today and their consequences.

TEACHING SLOTS FULL!!!!

With approximately 10 days to 2 weeks remaining until the start of the new fall quarter all of our teaching slots are filled. Thanks to all of our teachers who are preparing for the new quarter as we speak. May God bless you richly as you share His word with the family here.

DISCOVERY DAYS BEGINS

Tuesday, August 26th, was the 1st day of Discovery Days, West Erwin's Pre-School Enrichment Program. The hallways were filled with the sounds of youngsters here for fun, Bible lessons, classroom learning, playing with old friends, and making new ones. The classes are almost full and today is just the first day! If you or anyone you know has a child that could benefit from a program such as this one, please contact the church office or Carrie Cannefax, our new director.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will begin on Wednesday, September 10, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will begin with a "mid-morning snack" followed by class. The topic for the class will be **A Biblical Look At Interpersonal Relationships** and will draw material from the books Out of the Saltshaker and Into The World and What Do You Communicate?

DISCOVERY DAYS PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Discovery Days is accepting applications for children 2 months-5 years for a fun, educational, loving and secure Christian preschool experience. Rates are very affordable and drop-ins are welcome in the 2, 3, & 4 year old classes. Times are Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 8:15-2:15. For more information call Carrie Cannefax at 597-2484.

CUB SCOUT RALLY

Cub Scout Pack 354, sponsored by members of churches of Christ, will have a Pack Rally on Monday, September 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Road church of Christ fellowship hall. 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 1997-98 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. Please contact Mike Wheat at 839-8249 for more information.

BOY SCOUT RALLY

Boy Scout Troop 354 is holding its annual Rally Night on September 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Shiloh Road church of Christ. Any boy who has completed the 5th grade through 17 years is eligible to join Boy Scouts. Anyone who would like to learn more about the exciting activities involved in Scouting, please come and meet with us on this night. This Troop is sponsored by members of the churches of Christ and is committed to providing a good Christian atmosphere through Scouting.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

"Catch a falling star" at the Christian Services of East Texas **Cherish The Children 1997 Charity Auction** on Saturday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel - \$25.00 per person.

NOTE: Please check your classrooms and at home for "Wee Care" curriculum books and 2 volumes of "Every Day and Every Way" and several copies of "Mailbox." They are needed for Discovery Days classes.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Aaron and Jean Du-Vall** and their children, **Tyler, Grant, and Samantha**, into our family at West Erwin. He is a physician with Trinity Mother Hospital. Their address is 18955 Forest Lane, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-3826.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family,

Words cannot express the feelings of love we have for our West Erwin family. Thank you for all the caring things you have done to help make this latest surgery and hospital stay a lot easier. Thank you, Jay, for "for being there" so early! Many thanks to all who called, sent cards, the beautiful flowers, the delicious food, and especially for your prayers! We know they were answered! May God bless you all!

Archie & Faye Kennard
Joni, Erica, & Bradley Smith

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Amos Elliott. The spray of peach glads, misty blue and white daisies was most beautiful. Thank you for the food, phone calls, cards and prayers.

Clelia Faye Elliott

Thank you for the visits, cards, calls, gifts, and prayers of all the good Christian people.

Leona Hardin, Christine
Parsons & Adela Scogins

Dear members of the West Erwin Church of Christ,
The family of Beatrice Holland acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Larry & Leslie Holland

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Jonesboro, Arkansas for Edith Gifford, Jon Sorrells' aunt. Claudia Griffis' cousin, Royce Thomas, died last Wednesday. Sonny Rice, friend of the Butterworths who has been on our prayer list, died last Tuesday in Arkansas. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 31:

Jeff Fennell, preacher; 2's- Matt & Rhonda Haws; 3's- Mark & Martha Waggoner; 4's- Wade & Diane Weathers.

BUILDING FUND -- \$193,124.30 and growing!



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Records	Sunday August 17	Sunday August 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	352	337	355
Worship A.M.	529	504	581
Worship P.M.	356	360	425
Wed. P.M.	270	249	263
Contribution	\$14,534.48	\$13,966.61	\$16,809.11
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 24 and Wednesday P.M., August 27, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

PRAYER AND CARE

Launa Armstrong has begun another round of chemo. **Archie Kennard** is recuperating at home after recent bypass surgery. Early reports are very encouraging for **John Cliver** after a diagnosis of lymphoma. **Florene Adams** has started radiation treatment for cancer in her jaw. **Robert Stokes** is at home after shoulder surgery last week. **Clint Hale** is undergoing outpatient treatment at Pate Rehab in Carrollton. **Lee North**, Roger and Jan Knight's daughter, is undergoing radiation treatment on her leg. **Dorothy Beaver**, Don Durham's mother, is very ill in Texarkana. **Mae Lee Edgar**, Mary Gaiser's daughter, will have additional surgery after she recovers from heart surgery. **Suzanne Stringer** from Mineola, a friend of the Melvin Crow's, is fighting cancer. 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 and in nursing homes.

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

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Dr. Roger Knight
Scripture Cody Ables
Dismiss Wynne Weathers

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Stan Mallory

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Mike McClenny
Scripture Ray Womack
Dismiss Guy Potts

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Brett Hone Jerry Huff
Jeff Hone Larry Henry
Joshua Hone Warren Gray
Hillard Hughes Robert Hilliard

GREETERS
John & Ruby Cliver
Milburn & Jan Cook

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BUILDING FUND APPROACHES \$200,000

A few months ago our elders appointed a building committee consisting of **Chuck Gillam, Garry Goswick, Matt Haws, Jeff Hone, and Wade Weathers** to study the feasibility of constructing a new family center and a new benevolent building on our property on the north side of West Erwin Street. Following the study, our elders decided to move forward on the two-phase project -- the family center, the first phase, was estimated to cost in excess of \$500,000. Our elders wanted to raise about half the construction cost of phase one before beginning the project and, as we approach that figure, we are ready to move "full steam ahead." **Jeff Hone** has been asked to serve as the architect and **Freeman Morgan** has been asked to oversee the construction process. The final plans will soon be completed and bids for construction will be received. We hope to begin the building in the next few months. Those who are taking the lead in this project have received input from various people who

have expertise in how a building like the one we plan to construct needs to be designed and furnished. So, we're about ready to go. The West Erwin church is to be commended for your generosity in giving to the building fund over the past few months. There have been some large contributions, but the giving has been across the board from nearly every segment of the church. As we get closer to the actual beginning of construction, I am sure many more of our folks will make generous gifts to this important program. In seeking to build up the building fund, our regular contribution has been down, especially this summer. Let me suggest that if you have missed contributing any Sunday at West Erwin that you make it up as soon as possible and, as we look forward to our new construction, we give each Sunday according to our purpose and then give our of our abundance to the building fund. God will bless you!

Sermons for Sunday, August 24, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **The God We Worship (4)**
"The God Who Is Our Father"
(Psalm 103:13-18)

P.M. **Power For Living (1)**
"Exchanging The Worthless For The Valuable"
(Philippians 3:7-11)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

THANKS!

A special thanks to all of those who came to the City-Wide Back To School Prayer Meeting. We had a great turnout at the Broadway church. I cannot help but know that God will bless His people when they pray to Him. May our schools be a better place this year because of that.

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after

church. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall and will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this great time together.

BIBLE QUIZ

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

WBS TEACHERS NEEDED

Thank God for this urgent call!!

W.E. is reaching out and touching lives all over the world. Because of this, we are receiving many new requests for Bible correspondence courses. The current status of these requests are:

SEARCH WORLD WIDE RADIO - 4

PRISON OUTREACH - 23

ESTONIA FOLLOW-UP - 71

We need teachers who will grade the courses, write a short note to the students and bring it to the office to be mailed. Would you help? If you can, please contact the office.

* **Thanks** for the great turnout at the Mission Emphasis Night. There were many good things shared about the

people and the place of **Estonia**. All our hearts were especially touched by Carol Morgan, Joy Rousseau, and Cathy Scroggins who shared their experiences from this work. Sisters, we thank God for you and all you do.

Ministry Highlights

* **ATTENTION W.E. BROTHERS!** SIGN UP FOR MEN'S RETREAT AT TIMBERLINE IN LINDALE ON SEPTEMBER 12-13. **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY SEPT. 1st.**

Shepherding Group # 1 (Mike & Nora Gravois) will meet for fellowship this week after morning worship assembly. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

WORRY OR PRAY?

Worry? Why worry? What can worry do?

It never keeps trouble from overtaking you.

It gives you indigestion and sleepless hours at night and fills with gloom the days, however fair and bright. It puts a frown upon the face, and sharpness in the tone. We're unfit to live with others and unfit to live alone.

Worry? Why worry? What can worry do?

It never keeps a trouble from overtaking you.

Pray? Why pray? What can praying do?

Praying really changes things, arranges life anew.

It's good for your digestion, gives peaceful sleep at night.

And fills the grayest, gloomiest day

With rays of glowing light.

It puts a smile on your face, the love note in your tone.

Makes you fit to live with others, and fit to live alone.

Pray? Why pray? What can praying do?

It brings God down from heaven,

To live and work with you!!!

There will be a **TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP** on Saturday, August 23rd from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon. We will review curriculum materials, new resources available to teachers, take a tour of the Teacher's Workroom, and set up times to decorate classrooms for the Fall Quarter. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be there. I know Saturdays are a precious time and I give you my word that we will end by 12 noon.

Our **Summer Speaker Series** will end on Wednesday, August 27, with Larry Parker, from the Alpine church in Longview leading us in a "Singspiration." You won't want to miss this wonderful finale to an inspiring summer!!!



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

Shannon Welch

bride-elect of Dennis Kingsbury

Saturday, August 23 - 11:00 - 12:30

at the home of

Sharon Hammond

3933 Belle Mere

Selections: R.L. Davis & Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

AREA EVENTS

TRI-C HARVEST DINNER

Willard Tate will be the featured speaker at the Campus Christian Center's 1st Annual Harvest Dinner on August 22, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Gentry Gym on the TJC campus. The price is \$25 per person (this is a tax deductible donation). If you have any questions, please call the Tri-C at (903) 593-3331.

WE CARE SEMINAR

Learn how to win souls with Larry West Eastern Hill Church of Christ in Athens, Texas August 22, 23, 24

Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

SEMIANNUAL AREA-WIDE MEETING

The Semi-Annual Area-Wide Meeting

will be Sunday evening September 21 at the **NEW** Glenwood Church of Christ 5210 Hollytree Drive (ph. 509-9494)

Howard Norton, guest speaker

Singing begins at 5:00 - Worship at 6:00 co-hosted by Holly Lake Church of Christ

THIRD ANNUAL AUCTION

Where: Cherokee Home for Children Hwy 16 N, Cherokee, TX

When: Saturday, September 27, 1997

Time: 9:45 A.M.

Many great things are to be auctioned off. Items for your home, office, shop, garden, farm/ranch & special items of interest from celebrities and politicians. Donated items are being accepted -- tax write off. All proceeds go to Cherokee Home for Children, a non-profit organization for children from dysfunctional families.

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RESPONSE

Jim McDonald came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for forgiveness and strength to overcome worldliness in his life.

IN APPRECIATION

We have been away for too long. In this hour of loss we are grateful for your loving concern.

Sam and Lamern Bailey

Thanks for the cards, calls, and visits during my stay in the hospital and after returning home. It is comforting to have a caring family at West Erwin.

James and Doris Kennedy

BENEVOLENT NEED

With the beginning of school, there is a special need for children's clothing. If you have clean usable clothing you can share, you may bring it to the Benevolent Center on Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 9:00-11:30 a.m. or to the church office any weekday between 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Let your light shine with love, service and a smile."

GROCERY TRUCK COMING!

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 27-31. West Erwin is asked to furnish FABRIC SOFTENER. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows for purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

"Better try to do something and fail in the deed; than try to do nothing and always succeed."

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 24:

Michael Millsap, preacher; 2's- Kevin & Shelly Sustaire 3's- Lisa Snell & Jade Marshall; 4's- Billy & Lynda Terrell.

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE YOU?

"The church that gives is the church that lives;

The church that bestows is the church that grows;

The church that spends is the church that wins;

The church that keeps is the church that weeps;

The church that holds is the church that molds."

-- selected

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Worship P.M.	360	361	332
Wed. P.M.	249	242	264
Contribution	\$13,966.61	\$35,545.25	\$15,010.51
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 17 and Wednesday P.M., August 20, Shane Wilmoth, ph. 839-3746.

PRAYER AND CARE

Archie Kennard had bypass surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **John Cliver** had a lump removed from his neck that has been diagnosed at lymphoma but early reports are encouraging. **Florene Adams** has started radiation treatment for cancer in her jaw. **Glynn Star-nes** had outpatient surgery on his foot Monday. **Pam Lemons** had outpatient surgery last Thursday. **Austin Millican**, infant son of Shane and Becky Millican and grandson of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, is at home and doing well. **Clint Hale** moved Tuesday to Pate Rehab in Carrollton where he will have outpatient rehab. **Jeannie Wood** is recovering at home after recent surgery. **Lee North**, Roger and Jan Knight's daughter, is undergoing radiation treatment on her leg. **Mae Lee Edgar**, Mary Gaiser's daughter, will have additional surgery after she recovers from heart surgery. 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 and in nursing homes.

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			TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
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Scripture Don Peek
Dismiss Casey Culpepper

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Don Durham Matt Haws
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THE DANIEL MORGANS TO BRAZIL

Last Sunday evening Daniel Morgan announced to the congregation his plans to return to Brazil to do mission work. Daniel and his family, who spent seven years in Brazil some years ago, will be supported in their new work by the White Station church in Memphis, Tennessee. The Morgans will spend the next year in Memphis finalizing their plans for the work in Brazil and to give Daniel the opportunity to complete a Masters Degree at Harding Graduate School. This is a bitter-sweet time for us. Daniel is a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. He is a dedicated worker who is pleasant to have in the church office as a member of our staff. He has a good family and we will miss them all. On the other hand, Daniel has the heart of a missionary and he wants to be in the field. We respect his decision to go to Brazil. Daniel will continue his work with us for about three more weeks, but with the beginning of the new school year the Morgans will move to Memphis where Daniel will be working with White Station and attending Harding, Carol will be teaching school, and Sunny will be a student. As they prepare to leave us, we bid the Morgans Godspeed and wish for them every success in their new work. Daniel's departure will leave a hole in our ministry

team and we will be calling upon many of our members to "fill in" in various aspects of our work until decisions are made as to how we can best continue this work. Be sure to help wherever you are needed.

WHAT SEPTEMBER MEANS

September means school is back in session, vacations are over, we are settled back into a more normal routine, and we anticipate a surge in our work in the church. During the summer we are scattered to the four winds, we take much needed vacations, and continuity in the local church is difficult. September is a time to begin a new Bible School quarter, a time of renewal, and a time to "get with it" in our work. I like September!

TERRY JOHNSON TO PREACH

This Sunday Dr. Terry Johnson, Chancellor of Oklahoma Christian University, will be speaking at both morning and evening services at West Erwin. Terry and his wife Marty have been with us before and you will be blessed by their visit. I will be in a meeting in Milan, Tennessee.

Sermons for Sunday, August 17, 1997
By Dr. Terry Johnson

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Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

FROM BRUCE

Hello All. Well, it's time for me to officially say goodbye. Though some may not believe me, I really am sad to be leaving. Each and every one of you has touched my heart and I will always remember how great the summer of '97 was. You all have made such an impact on my life that I will never forget any of you. You have taught me lessons at the same time that I was teaching you. You have shown me what it means to have friendships that are true. And because of this, I will carry a little bit of all of you with me...always. Stay safe, stay cool, and stay strong in your faith in the Lord. Without a doubt, I love my brothers and sisters in Christ at West Erwin. God bless you all!

Love, Bruce

BRUCE'S ADDRESS

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122 McGlothlin Campus Center
ACU Box 27343
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email - bdb96a@timon.acu.edu

CITY WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING
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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

DID YOU KNOW...

You Can Do Mission Work in Estonia too!!!

If you ask for God to help you find a way. But maybe you are not sure **how** it could happen. **Why** should you do mission work in Estonia on a short-term basis for 2 - 3 weeks? **Why** should you grade Correspondence Courses from Estonia?

If you will come this Sunday night, August 17, following evening services, to our Mission Emphasis Night - Estonia, you will:

1. see an excellent (professionally produced) video of the '97 *Summer Campaign* to Estonia,
2. hear about the great things God is doing and will do in Estonia,

3. find out the answers to your questions about **how** and **why** you should plan to be involved in this work.

If you will bring sandwich makings, finger foods, desserts, we will have great fellowship and be blessed to learn more about our Mission to Estonia.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

ANOTHER NEW MINISTRY PROGRAM AT WEST ERWIN

SECOND WIND (n) 1. A return of easy breathing while one is running, exercising, etc. and after one has been winded. 2. Any similar restoration of energy.

SECOND WIND is the name that will be used to identify the newest ministry here at West Erwin. Those who will be involved in this ministry are older singles, widows/widowers, and married members whose spouses do not worship with them. The group will meet twice a month as they get started. One meeting will be a Potluck Dinner and Bible Study. This will be a time to pray, sing, share, laugh, and lift each other up. The 1st Bible Study will be at the Gravois' home on Tuesday, August 19th from 7pm - 9 pm. The second meeting will be a social activity planned by the group. **SECOND WIND** is that burst of energy God provides when you feel like you cannot take

another step. Some have felt it, some desperately need it, and most of us are somewhere in between, but no matter where we are we can all work together to help each other take that next step. If you would like more information about this ministry please contact Mike Gravois at the West Erwin Church of Christ (903) 592-0809.

There will be a **TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP** on Saturday, August 23rd from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon. We will review curriculum materials, new resources available to teachers, take a tour of the Teacher's Workroom, and set up times to decorate classrooms for the Fall Quarter. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be there. I know Saturdays are a precious time and I give you my word that we will end by 12 noon.

Our **Summer Speaker Series** speaker for Wednesday, August 20 is David Ward from Camp Deer Run in Winnsboro. His subject is "So You Wanna Be A Cowboy."

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Angela Brown put on her Lord in baptism Sunday morning. We rejoice with her in this most important decision in her life. She is the granddaughter of Oscar and Ethel Brown, former West Erwin members, and the great niece of Alice and Bill Denson. Her address is 10301 Crestview, 75707, ph. 566-6536.

Garrett Cantrell was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. He is the son of Reese and Ann Cantrell and is an active member of the West Erwin youth group. We share in the joy of his family as he makes this decision to live his life for Christ. Their address is 1609 Willow Bend, 75703, ph. 561-2172.

We rejoice with **Janiece Johnson**, daughter of Ray and Cheryl Johnson, granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt and great granddaughter of Thelma Bennett, as she put on her Lord in baptism Sunday evening. Their address is 1003 CR 3180 #46, 75706, ph. 592-2065.

Michael and **Kristi Harris** and little daughter, **Megan**, came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will bless our lives as we work together. They live at 111 Hummingbird, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-8127.

We are very pleased to welcome **Mitchell** and **Helen Stripling** into our growing family. They have been members of the Glenwood congregation for many years but also have roots at West Erwin and have made the decision to come here because of convenience. They are an active, involved Christian couple and will continue to be a wonderful asset to the Lord's work. Their address is 7789 Lakeshore Dr., 75707, ph. 566-3875.

WITH SYMPATHY

Beatrice Holland, long time West Erwin member, died Thursday night. Her husband, the late Truman Holland, served as an elder at West Erwin for many years. Services were held Monday at Burks Walker Tippitt Funeral Home. Private graveside services were held Tuesday at Rose Hill cemetery for **Grace Bailey**, Sam Bailey's mother. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Faye's husband. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.



NEW ARRIVALS!

Congratulations to David and Carrie Cannefax on the birth of Parker Austin on August 7. He weighed in at 8 lb. 14 oz.

Congratulations to Jerry and Rachel Huff on the birth of Kalli LaDonn on Saturday, August 9. She weighed 5 lb. 11 oz.

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BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Shannon Welch bride-elect of Dennis Kingsbury Saturday, August 23 - 11:00 - 12:30 at the home of Sharon Hammond 3933 Belle Mere Selections: R.L. Davis & Target Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations and best wishes to Kyle Willoughby and Kara Camp on their recent engagement. They plan to be married in Gladewater on December 20, 1997.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been blessed recently physically, mentally and spiritually by all the love and concern me by my church family. Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, visits, food, etc. There is no better get-well medicine!

Love from
Wini Cullinan

Words cannot express our thanks for your cards, food, visits, phone calls, and most of all prayers during the past week of illness, surgery, and slow recovery. May God bless you for your loving concern.

Barbara & Lacey Brady

We wish to thank all of you for your many prayers and support after Clint's accident. We cannot express how much this has meant to us. The young married couples have been especially helpful to Clint and Jennifer.

Our love,
Sonny & Beverly Hale

The elders would like to express their thanks to **Bruce Beaver** for all his efforts in working as Youth Minister Intern at West Erwin this summer. His good work with our young people is very much appreciated. Also we would like to thank Danny Snell and Bruce for their work in installing a sprinkler system in the flower bed by the office area.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 17:

Scott Carruth, preacher; 2's- Kelly & Jeannie Ross; 3's- Marsha Richardson & Ruth Ellis; 4's- Mary June Goodson & Linda McClenny.

BUILDING FUND -- \$190,799.30 and growing!

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August 7, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 31
Records	Sunday August 3	Sunday July 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	338	361	378
Worship A.M.	510	525	571
Worship P.M.	361	252	336
Wed. P.M.	242	NC	264
Contribution	\$35,545.25	\$14,405.14	\$15,238.88
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 10 and Wednesday P.M., August 13, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.

PRAYER AND CARE

Florene Adams has been diagnosed with cancer in her jaw. Austin Millican, infant son of Shane and Becky Millican and grandson of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, is at home and doing well. Clint Hale is now in ETMC Rehab. No visits, please. Beatrice Holland is in ETMC 4498. Jeannie Wood is recovering at home after recent surgery. Jeri Prestidge is ill at home. Don McCune had additional tests Wednesday. Louise Santos is recuperating at home after recent foot surgery. Cindy Carruth had dental surgery Monday. Mae Lee Edgar, Mary Gaiser's daughter, had successful heart surgery Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Lee Arnold, Alice Tennison's grandson, got a good report after tests in Kansas City. Terry Shirley, a member at University and known by many at West Erwin, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. Barbara Scott, a former West Erwin member, is undergoing radiation treatment for recurring cancer. Delaini Hall, granddaughter of Marcus & Diana Hall from University, is in critical condition in Dallas.

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MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
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Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	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.
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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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Joe McBee
Scripture	James Sublette
Dismiss	Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Leon Welborn

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Ira Wilson
Scripture	John Steffee
Dismiss	Bruce Beaver

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Bill Denson	Casey Haws
Don Durham	Matt Haws
Daniel DuPree	K. Max Haws
Don Drummond	Drew Fitzgerald

GREETERS

Roy & Fern Bench
Alma Biggs & Chloe Clark

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FIND A WAY OR MAKE ONE

Mike Ditka is the new coach for the slumping New Orleans Saints football team in the National Football League. Football fans know Ditka as "Iron Mike" during his career as a professional football player and as a coach for the Dallas Cowboys during the Tom Landry days as well as head coach for the Chicago Bears. Now "Iron Mike" has come out of retirement to coach again. One thing is certain -- the New Orleans Saints will be a different team because Ditka has replaced everyone who was satisfied with the lack luster team of last year. Second, Ditka has brought a new sense of discipline and commitment to the team. Third, the Saints will win more this year just because Ditka is there and expects them to win. When Mike Ditka took over as coach of the Saints he brought to them this motto: "We Will Find A Way Or We Will Make A Way." He wants the Saints to believe in themselves, to develop an atmosphere for winning, and he provides the leadership they need to reach their goals. So those other teams had better watch out. There's a new team in New Orleans lurking in the shadows and very soon we'll be eye witnesses of "When the Saints

Go Marching In." I see parallels to the church in nearly everything -- even professional football teams. God, in His wisdom provided that the local congregations of His church should have leadership (elders, overseers, shepherds -- Acts 20:17, 28; I Timothy 3:1-7) and in His providence He provides those leaders to every generation of the church. Effective leaders not only make decisions, but they dream dreams, provide challenges, and generate excitement for the Cause of Christ. If members of the church do not catch the vision, they are simply left behind as the main body of believers move on in service, dedication, involvement, excitement, outreach and growth. Understanding our dependence upon God for our victories, we trust Him to show the way and with His help "we will find a way or we will make a way" to glorify Him and do the work He has called us to do. Nothing takes the place of victory and nothing assures victory more than total dedication to an all-out involvement in the Cause. It demands our best. We will give it our best ... won't we? We will ... won't we?

Sermons for Sunday, August 10, 1997

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The God We Worship #3:

The Redeemer"

(Psalm 103:6-12)

P.M. **Songs In The Night #12:**

"A Song For Those Who Need More Enthusiasm" (Psalm 119:1-8)

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell
BRUCE...

This summer has been a new experience for the youth ministry at West Erwin. For the first time in many years, we had a summer intern. I prefer to call him a blessing from God. However you refer to him, as the "intern guy," or Bruce, or..., he has been a blessing to us this summer. Bruce, thanks for sharing your heart and talents with us this summer. We will pray for you and your future in youth ministry as you continue to impact lives.

DEVOTIONAL AND PARTY FOR BRUCE

All of those in the youth group and their parents are invited to a devotional and going away party for Bruce Beaver. You will get more information in the mail. Plan to be present for this special time together.

THANKS!

Thanks to Lisa Snell, Vicki Russell, and Bruce Beaver for going as sponsors to the Celebration Station for the Lock-In this past weekend. It was a fun but tiring night.

CITY WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, August 17 is the date for our annual Back To School Prayer Meeting. We will go to the Broadway church after the evening assembly. We will be finished at 9:00. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. All of those in the 6-12 grade, their parents and all teachers are invited to come and be a part of this special time together.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Aug. 10	Devotional and Party for Bruce
Aug. 17	Back To School Prayer Meeting
Aug. 24	Combined Devotional

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

DID YOU KNOW...

West Erwin has planted a "sister congregation" in Southern Estonia?

On Sunday, June 22nd, in the Hotel Tartu at No. 3 Soola Street, Tartu, Estonia, the first meeting of the church was held with 5 members present. These were West Erwin members who gathered on the Lord's day following the pattern of Acts 2:42. They had traveled so far from Tyler for the express purpose of sharing the Good News and sharing God's Word with the people of this place.

True to His promises, 3 weeks later, God had given the increase. On the first day of the week, July 13, 1997 fourteen people, 5 Americans and 9 Estonians, met. Later that day, Hiie Kroon put on Christ in baptism. Although so far away, we now have a deep, abiding obligation to minister to this new sister.

Her story of becoming the first member of the body in Tartu, Estonia, is so much like the story of Lydia in Acts 16:11-15 that we cannot help but be reminded of this truth:

If we do Bible things, in Bible ways, we will get Bible results!! Is this not true in Tyler, Texas also?

Prayer Ministry

All members are encouraged to meet once again this Sunday evening, after services, for a special time of prayer.

Men's Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, August 9, at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Jay's cooking!

Ministry Highlights

Shepherding Group # 7 (Leon & Carolyn Welborn) will meet for fellowship this week after morning services. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

LETTER FROM A FRIEND

I am writing to say how much I care for you and to say how much I want you to know me better.

When you awoke this morning, I exploded a brilliant sunrise through your window, hoping to get your attention, but you rushed off without even noticing.

Later, I noticed you were walking with some friends, so I bathed you in warm sunshine and perfumed the air with nature's sweet scent, and still you didn't notice me. As you passed by I shouted to you in a thunderstorm and painted a beautiful rainbow in the sky, and you didn't even look.

In the evening, I spilled moonlight onto your face and sent a cool breeze to rest you. As you slept, I watched over you and shared your thoughts, but you were unaware that I was so near.

I have chosen you and hope you will walk to me soon. Until then, I remain near. I am your friend and love you very much.

Your Friend,
JESUS

Have you checked your mail lately??? Take a few moments and listen to an old friend (Psalm 46:10).

NEW QUARTER APPROACHING

Plans are being made for the new quarter beginning in September. If you would like to have an impact on the future by touching the life of a child today, please contact Mike at the church office and see where you can be of service. Invest in your future, teach a child today!!!!

Our Summer Speaker Series speaker for Wednesday, August 13 is Tex Williams from Westover Hills in Austin. His subject is "Who We Are And Why We Are Here."

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Shay Forrester was baptized into Christ after our worship assembly on Sunday morning. She is the sister of Shelly Hall and has been a part of our youth group for awhile. We rejoice with her in this most important decision in her life. Her address is 4805 Gretna Green, 75703, ph. 561-9526.

Ginger Philpot made known her desire on Sunday morning to be recognized as a part of the Lord's family at West Erwin. She was recently married to Marc Philpot and has been attending here for some time. We are very pleased to welcome her into our family. Their address is P.O. Box 1622, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-8639.

SPECIAL INVITATION

You're invited to Open House at the new Glenwood Church of Christ building 5210 Hollytree Sunday, August 10 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



GOD'S PROMISES

God hath not promised skies always blue;
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain;
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength for the day.
Rest for the laborer, light for the way;
Grace for the trials, help from above;
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

-- Author Unknown

WILLARD TATE

FEATURED SPEAKER AT TRI-C'S HARVEST DINNER

Nationally recognized basketball coach and motivational speaker, Willard Tate, is the featured speaker at the Campus Christian Center's 1st Annual Harvest Dinner. Willard is one of the favorite teachers on the Abilene Christian University campus. He was here in East Texas in the spring and held a successful gospel meeting in Upshur County.

The dinner will be held on August 22, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Gentry Gym on the Tyler Junior College campus. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased by August 15. You may order them from LaDawn Ragsdale or by sending your check for the tickets to Tri-C, 1415 South Baxter, Tyler, Texas 75701. The price is \$25 per person (this is a tax deductible donation). If you have any questions, please call the Tri-C at (903) 593-3331.

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IN APPRECIATION

Words are so inadequate in trying to tell you how much I appreciate your every kindness. Your cards, calls, food and most of all your prayers (keep praying). I love and appreciate all of you.

Florene Adams

WITH SYMPATHY

Myrtle Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's grandmother, died Monday in Tyler. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to all the family.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will meet for their regular monthly potluck dinner on Thursday, August 14. If you are 55 or more (you don't have to be retired) come and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. You'll be glad you did!

WORRY OR PRAY?

Worry? Why worry? What can worry do?
It never keeps trouble from overtaking you.
It gives you indigestion and sleepless hours at night
And fills with gloom the days,
However fair and bright.
It puts a frown upon the face,
And sharpness in the tone.
We're unfit to live with others
And unfit to live alone.
Worry? Why worry? What can worry do?
It never keeps a trouble from overtaking you.



Pray? Why pray? What can praying do?
Praying really changes things, arranges life anew.
It's good for your digestion,
Gives peaceful sleep at night.
And fills the grayest, gloomiest
Day with rays of glowing light.
It puts a smile on your face,
The love note in your tone.
Makes you fit to live with others,
And fit to live alone.
Pray? Why pray? What can praying do?
It brings God down from heaven,
To live and work with you!!!

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 10:

Wade Park, preacher; 2's- Chuck & Laurie Florence; 3's- Jim & Kelly Bell; 4's- Wynne & Ginger Weathers.

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Worship A.M.	525	568	583
Worship P.M.	252	330	327
Wed. P.M.	NC	247	213
Contribution	\$14,405.14	\$14,581.00	\$19,226.77
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 3 and Wednesday P.M., August 6, Bill Denson, ph. 509-3782.

PRAYER AND CARE

Austin Millican, infant son of Shane and Becky Millican and grandson of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, was diagnosed with strep B infection. He is responding to treatment and is now in Mother Frances, room 307. **Clint Hale** is now in ETMC Rehab. **Robert Stokes** got a good report after surgery Monday at ETMC. **Beatrice Holland** is in ETMC CICU. **Jeri Prestidge** is undergoing tests. **Louise Santos** had foot surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Wini Cullinan** is undergoing tests. **Barbara Brady** is recovering at home from recent surgery. **Don McCune** is scheduled for additional tests Aug. 6. **Lee Arnold**, Alice Tennison's grandson, is undergoing tests in Kansas City to determine treatment for brain mass. **Claire Booker**, 2 month old niece of Max Slicker a frequent West Erwin visitor, has been diagnosed with spinal muscular dystrophy. **Mary Ann Gravois**, Mike's sister-in-law, suffered a recent miscarriage in New Orleans.

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	Ira Wilson			11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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 Prayer Kelly Ross
 Scripture Jim Bell
 Dismiss Fred Powell
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 Faber Cauthen
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 Prayer Louis Jones
 Scripture Steve Denman
 Dismiss Tony Adams
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WHERE IS THE PUNCTUATION?

Reprinted from the Chandler Street Church of Christ bulletin in Kilgore, Texas
 The following articles were written by F.W. Emmons in 1873. As you read the articles, please note that each one is exactly the same, word for word, yet note how different the meaning set forth by differences in punctuation. Much in life depends on where we put the emphasis or punctuation.

THE GOOD MAN

He is an old and experienced man. In vice and wickedness he is never found. Opposing the work of iniquity he takes delight. In the downfall of his neighbor he never rejoices. In the prosperity of any fellow creatures he is ready to assist. In destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure. In serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent. In sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride. In laboring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent. In endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no exertions. To subdue his passions he tries hard. To build up Satan's kingdom he lends no aid. To support the gospel among the heathen he contributes largely. To the evil adversary he pays no attention. To good advice he gives great heed. To the devil he will never go. To heaven he must go where he'll receive the just recompense of his reward.

THE EVIL MAN

He is an old and experienced man in vice and wickedness. He is never found opposing the work of iniquity. He takes delight in the downfall of his neighbor. He never rejoices in the prosperity of any of his fellow creatures. He is ready to assist in destroying the peace of society. He takes no pleasure in serving the Lord. He is uncommonly diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances. He takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of Christianity. He has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers. He makes no exertions to subdue his passions. He strives hard to build up Satan's kingdom. He lends no aid to support the gospel among the heathen. He contributes largely to the evil adversary. He pays no attention to good advice. He gives great heed to the devil. He will never go to heaven. He must go where he will receive the just recompense of his reward.

HOW ARE YOU PUNCTUATING YOUR LIFE?

Sermons for Sunday, August 3, 1997
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God We Worship #2: The Provider"
 (Psalm 103:1-5)
P.M. Mission Emphasis
 Bruce Beaver preaching

Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

This past weekend seventeen of us from West Erwin had a successful trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We handed out about 4000 invitations to a gospel meeting and spent the remaining time encouraging our brothers and sisters in the church. It is wonderful that our relationship with God spans across borders and language barriers. Please keep praying for our family in Mexico.

Thanks to the following adults for sponsoring this trip: Henry McRuiz, Daniel Morgan, Ken Culpepper, Vicki Russell, Doug White, and Bruce Beaver.

CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN

The date for our Celebration Station Lock-In will be Friday, Aug. 1. All of those in the 6-12 grade are

invited to come. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend also. The cost will be \$22.00 and it will include 40 tokens and use of the facilities from 12:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M. We will leave at 10:00 P.M. and return at 7:30 Sat. morning. Please sign the list as soon as possible.

DEVOTIONAL AND PARTY FOR BRUCE

All of those in the youth group and their parents are invited to a devotional and going away party for Bruce Beaver. You will get more information in the mail. Plan to be present for this special time together.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

Aug. 1	Celebration Station Lock-In
Aug. 7	Laser Tag Night
Aug. 10	Devotional and Party for Bruce
Aug. 17	Back To School Prayer Meeting

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

DID YOU KNOW...

THE WEST ERWIN "BRIDGE BUILDERS" TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP?

Will you help us? We need your input!!! Because we want to expand our Visitation Ministry and touch as many lives as possible, we would like to have every member's involvement. How can this happen?

No, you don't have to come to a 'Visitation Meeting!' We wish you would. We would love to have as many members as possible participating directly in this work. But that is not all you can do.

You can give us the names and addresses of your families, friends and neighbors that you would like for us to work with. These could be the names of anyone you know who is "lonely, lost, or looking". It can be anyone you know who needs

to hear some good news and believe someone really cares about them.

Ministry Highlights

You may know several people like this but just haven't been able to contact them for some reason. Perhaps you just haven't been able to somehow touch their lives. That's OK.

We have spiritually gifted, trained and qualified members who will contact them by phone or visit in their homes to encourage them spiritually and invite them to form a relationship with the W. E. family. All we need is the input to work with and your prayers.

Group 6 (Ray & Gail Vannoy) will meet for fellowship this week after morning services. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois DISCOVERY DAYS PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR!!!

Discovery Days, the West Erwin Church of Christ Pre-school Enrichment Program, is pleased to announce the appointment of Carrie Cannefax as its new director. Carrie will replace Martha Waggoner who has served as director for the past two years. Discovery Days has grown and thrived under Martha's loving care and attention. We will surely miss her, but we also look forward to the plans God has for this program through Carrie's direction as well. Plans are well underway for the new school year which begins Tuesday, August 26th. Classrooms are being painted and teachers are making plans for an exciting new year. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 am to 2:15 pm the church building is filled with the sounds of excited children learning about God and having fun in a structured learning environment. If you are interested in

learning more about Discovery Days or know someone who is looking for a safe, structured place where children thrive under the watchful eye and loving care of concerned adults, please contact the church office.

NEW QUARTER APPROACHING

Classrooms are continuing to be cleaned and plans are already being made for the new quarter beginning this September. If you would like to have an impact on the future by touching the life of a child today, please contact Mike at the church office and see where you can be of service. Invest in your future, teach a child today!!!!

We continue to have a wonderful lineup of speakers for our Summer Speaker Series. On Wednesday, August 6, Ron Rose from the Richland Hills church in Fort Worth, will speak on "The Courage To Be A Legend."



RECEPTION INVITATION

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Reception

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Selections: Dillard's, Target

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ashlea Bell and Scott Marr on the occasion of their marriage on July 22 in Hawaii. Ashlea is the great-niece of Beatrice Holland and the granddaughter of Ruth Bell.

THOSE TEENAGERS!!!

I'm sure we've all heard someone say, "THOSE TEENAGERS!" Well, here it is again! THOSE TEENAGERS were wonderful Christian examples. It is true that they:

- *rose early and went to bed late
- *pounded and hauled old sidewalk concrete from church grounds
- *helped pour cement for new sidewalk
- *cleaned the fairground buildings
- *washed dishes
- *were good sports
- *held crying/squirming children for hours
- *were congenial with the parents of the children
- *set up and dismantled VBS classrooms
- *helped teammates with unsavory chores
- *prepared and taught Bible lessons
- *remained positive
- *sang like angels must sing
- *recognized and were thankful for their blessings
- *encouraged one another
- *endured and acted maturely about religious persecution
- *prayed like mature Christians

The next time you hear someone speaking negatively about teenagers, please remind them nicely that there are still THOSE TEENAGERS who are being controlled by the Almighty God. We believe it. Encourage a teenager. The future of the church is in their hands.

Nebraska '97 Mission Team Sponsors

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IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, calls, cards, and especially for the delicious food on Tuesdays. I am grateful for your care and concern.

Tommie Alice Egbert

To my church family,

During the loss of my brother, Ray Baird, your cards, words of kindness and the beautiful ivy plant have been appreciated so much.

Love to all,
Alta & James Martin

BENEVOLENT

Due to a problem we are having with rodents in the Center, we cannot at this time accept donations of upholstered furniture, mattresses, etc. We are grateful for your generosity and if you can keep such items until there is a need or our problem can be taken care of it would be appreciated.

ATTITUDE

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

YOUNG AT HEART

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ *Primetimers* are hosting their annual all city Ice Cream Supper on Friday, August 8. If you plan to participate in this time of fun and fellowship, please sign the list on the *Young at Heart* bulletin board no later than August 4 so that we may let them know how many to expect.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 3:

Mike Gravois, preacher; 2's- John & Norma Sorrells; 3's- Jason & Stacy Randall; 4's- Ed & Karen Butterworth.

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July 24, 1997	THE VISITOR		Vol. 28-No. 29
Records	Sunday July 20	Sunday July 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	384	320	391
Worship A.M.	568	434	549
Worship P.M.	330	312	320
Wed. P.M.	247	NC	237
Contribution	\$14,581.00	\$17,230.12	\$14,722.62
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 27 and Wednesday P.M., July 30, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

PRAYER AND CARE

Clint Hale's prognosis is good after a truck/train wreck Monday. He is in ICU at ETMC. **Barbara Brady** had successful surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Beatrice Holland** is in ETMC. **Don McCune** entered the VA hospital in Dallas Monday for additional tests. **Leona Hardin** is now in Park Place. **Christine Parsons** and **Adela Scogins** are also in Park Place. **L.G. Drennan** is recuperating at The Clairmont. **Alyssa Park** is continuing to improve at home. **Amanda Broome** had a tonsillectomy Monday. **Vera Boss** and **James Kennedy** are both undergoing treatment. **Lela Davis**, Shirley Denman's mother, had a heart cath Tuesday in Shreveport after suffering a mild heart attack. **Lee Arnold**, Alice Tennison's grandson, was scheduled for brain surgery this week. **Sonny Rice**, friend of Ed & Karen Butterworth, has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Wayne Harrison
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Scripture Clinton Culpepper
Dismiss Brett Hone

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Garry Goswick Cooper Goodson
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David Demic Terry Frick
Nick Goodson David Frick

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OUR INTEGRITY CRISIS

We have an integrity crisis in our country! When politicians in Washington are found to have broken campaign rules, the defense is, "The other party does it too." That's an integrity problem. When authorities decided to ban God and the Bible from public schools and to eliminate the teaching of morality and values to our youth, the decision has led us to an integrity crisis! There was a time when a man's word was his bond, when a lost wallet would be returned (with everything intact), when what's yours is yours, and when you could leave your doors unlocked, and walk the streets without fear. No more! We have lived long enough to see a high school girl give birth to her child, dump its body in a trash can and return to the prom to have the next dance with her boyfriend. We are witnesses to the acceptance by many of the philosophy, "what's yours is mine and I will take it -- even if I kill you in the process." People will lie if it helps their cause, cheat if it means a few more dollars in their pockets, steal if they see something they want, and kill if it fits their purpose. What

we need is some good old-fashioned integrity. We need to speak the truth, be honest in our dealings with others, get what we need by hard work and fair play, and place the proper value on human life, whether it be a developing fetus or a ninety year old in the nursing home. And how can we return to these values? By returning to the principles upon which our nation was built and which made our nation great. **Dessain Terry** observed in a recent bulletin article from the church in Danbury, Connecticut, that when the Founding Fathers of America developed their concepts of government, 94% of their statements on the subject came directly or indirectly from the Bible. **Vladimir Skovodinkov** (we know that name, don't we?), the Minister of Education in the Altai Region of Siberia, knows the value of the Bible -- he wants the children of Russia to learn the value system of Christianity. Unless our nation has a spiritual awakening and a return to the principles of Scripture then you and I are witnesses to the failure of the American experiment.

Sermons for Sunday, July 27, 1997

By Harold Taylor

(Jay Lockhart will be in a meeting in Sharp, Kentucky)

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NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

This past week a large group of us from West Erwin were in West Point, Nebraska for our annual VBS Mission Trip. It was a tremendous success with over a hundred children most days. We also had a program Wednesday night and had over 150 people present with most of those being parents from the community. Let us keep praying for the seeds that have been planted and for the Maxwells and the West Point church.

A special thanks to so many who made this trip possible especially our sponsors: Clinton & Louise Culpepper, Gary & Frances Broome, Maggie Craddock, Kevin Sustaire, Ken Culpepper, Lisa Snell, and Bruce Beaver. Thanks also to Pattie Tate and Clyde Lane for sending drinks and tomatoes. A great big thanks to all of you who prayed for us this trip.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Please pray for our Mexico Mission Team who will be leaving on Friday, July 25 and returning on Monday, July 28. We are going to spend some time with the church in Nueva Rosita and help

them conduct a Gospel Meeting this weekend. Please pray for us to make a difference in Mexico.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

West Erwin is hosting the final SYS on Tuesday July 29. Larry Parker will be leading our singing and it will be an inspirational evening. All Teens need to be here at 6:30 to help set-up. We will be finished at 9:30. Invite a friend and join us.

CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN

The date for our Celebration Station Lock-In will be Friday, Aug. 1. All of those in the 6-12 grade are invited to come. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend also. The cost will be \$22.00 and it will include 40 tokens and use of the facilities from 12:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M. We will leave at 10:00 P.M. and return at 7:30 Sat. morning. Please sign the list as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July	25-28	Mexico Mission Trip
July	29	Summer Youth Series at West Erwin
Aug.	1	Celebration Station Lock-In
Aug.	5	Laser Tag Night

OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

IN YOUR DEBT

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken throughout the world." (Romans 1:8)

In the introduction to his Letter to the Romans the Apostle Paul not only expressed his thanks for his brethren but also went on to say he was "a debtor..."

We, too, are thankful and in your debt...

- oh Lord, for your great mercy, safekeeping and generous provisions while we worked in Estonia;

- **W.E. family**, for your abundant spiritual and material support in this work; the power of your prayers and your love were always present;

- **Staff**, for doing all the things I left undone for 6 weeks;

- **Charles and Phyllis Rachui and Rose Teel (our beloved family)**, for taking such great care of everything at home while we were gone;

- **Estonia Teammates** (Cathy, Joy, Jade, Tim) for your hard work, beautiful attitudes and faithful teaching; we love you all;

- **Host family in Tartu, Estonia** (Andre and Inga Mutso) for taking such good care of us there.

MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Ministry Highlights

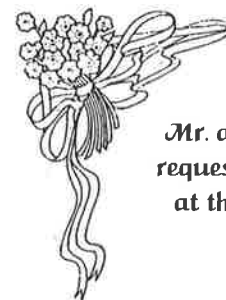
Shepherding Group # 5 (James & Connie Sublette) will meet for fellowship this Sunday, July 27, for lunch following our morning worship assembly. Make sure all of our visitors get a special invitation to stay and eat with us.

for the servant to make definite plans, because he never knows when the time to serve may come. In fact, it usually comes when the servant has the least amount of time and money.

Christianity is an inconvenient religion. A Christian cannot just attend a few services and then go home not to be bothered until the "next appointed time." A Christian is always on call to a world in desperate need of the service we provide. And, they will call.

But, that is the adventure of Christianity. It is where our greatest joy comes from. It is where we meet Jesus most intimately--the road of service. As we travel down that road we lose more and more of ourselves as we get caught up in the lives of others. Pretty soon, we seldom even think about ourselves. There are too many others to serve. And that is the point, isn't it? "If any man comes after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Richard Baggett, from EEM, will speak Wednesday P.M. July 30, on "The Lights Are On But Nobody's Home."



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THINK ABOUT IT.....

"Life is our gift from God; what we do with it is our gift to Him."

"Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be." -- Thomas A. Kempis

"Piety observed is preferable to piety advertised."

"Decisions are child's play for those not required to make them."

"The past is valuable as a guidepost, but dangerous as a hitching post."

"The only complete mistake is the one from which we learn nothing."

"The pessimist finds difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist finds opportunity in every difficulty."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome **Tara Scarborough** into our West Erwin family. She is the daughter of Jim and Sue Carty and is a single mother of two children, Miranda (age 4) and Jeffrey (age 2). Their address is 15821 Crazy Horse Dr., Lindale 75771, ph. 882-5461.

IN APPRECIATION

To my church family,

Words cannot begin to express all the love I have for you. The last four years have had many ups and downs for my family. During that time you have offered many prayers, sent many cards to me as well as to my sister, Janice, and shown much love and concern. For all these things, I say thank you so very much. Thank you also for the beautiful plant that you sent. I love and appreciate you all.

Connie Sublette & family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held in Texarkana Monday morning for Alta Martin's brother. Gary Aven's cousin, Larry Little, died last Friday in Abilene. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

USE CARE SEMINAR

You won't want to miss Larry West and the Use Care Seminar at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ, 1200 East Corsicana, Athens, Texas, August 22-24. The weekend seminar will show in a practical way how Christians can initiate dialogue with their friends and teach them the gospel in a non-threatening but caring and Christian way. See bulletin board in office area for details.



Watch your thoughts;
They become Words.
Watch your words;
They become Actions.

Watch your actions;
They become Habits.
Watch your habits;

They become Character.
Watch your character;
It becomes your Destiny.

-- author unknown

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Records	Sunday July 13	Sunday July 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	320	365	324
Worship A.M.	484	534	519
Worship P.M.	312	350	325
Wed. P.M.	NC	274	210
Contribution	\$17,230.12	\$13,057.44	\$14,161.00
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 20 and Wednesday P.M., July 23, Chad Hilliard, ph. 882-4536.

PRAYER AND CARE

Mike Cooney is at home after suffering a slight stroke last weekend. **Leona Hardin** is in ETMC room 4413. **L.G. Drennan** is recuperating at The Clairmont. **Alyssa Park** is improved and expected to go home mid-week. **Amanda Broome** is scheduled for a tonsillectomy Monday at Olympic Center. **Vera Boss** is undergoing treatment. **James Kennedy** is undergoing treatment. **Ryan Weiss** had successful surgery last Friday to implant a port so he can begin regular treatment to prevent bleeding and joint damage. **Lee North**, Roger and Jan Knight's daughter, is scheduled for surgery on her leg Thursday in Dallas. **Leslie Holland**, Beatrice Holland's daughter-in-law, is at home after recent knee surgery. **Amos Elliott**, Clelia Fay's husband, has been dismissed from Mother Frances. **Sonny Rice**, friend of Ed & Karen Butterworth, has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

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John Shaw

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Prayer Jeff Hone
Scripture Brady Dawkins
Dismiss Bob Clemmons

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Wally Dawkins Ken Culpepper
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TAKING THE STAIRS

If you have visited Washington, D.C., you have seen the Washington monument. It was built in 1884-1885 to the memory of our first president and, at 555 feet, is the tallest building in the city. The monument is hollow inside with an elevator to take visitors to the top where they can experience an impressive view of the capital city. There are also 898 steps leading from the bottom to the top of the monument. The story is told that one day when many visitors were at the base of the monument waiting for the elevator to carry them to the top, a guide announced there would be a two hour wait. However, with a smile on his face the guide then said, "There is no one waiting to go to the top if you are willing to take the stairs." Most people would rather wait for the elevators of life than take the stairs. Like the course of a river, we find it easier to take the path of least resistance. However, it is a well established fact that those who follow the crowds, who take the easy route, who wait on the elevators do not enjoy the success of those that take the stairs, who take the road less traveled, who make the extra effort. This principle is true in religion, too. It's

more comfortable to take the easy path. A sign on a golden cross in a jewelry store window in New York read: "On easy terms." That's it! Let me have the cross, but on easy terms. Let me follow Christ, but on my terms. I will attend church, give, be involved, and serve when and if I please. I will belong to Christ, but I will do my own thing. Yet, through all these centuries the words of Christ keep echoing in our ears: "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved;" "Let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me;" "He who obeys not the Son shall not see life." There is no cross on easy terms. The cross of Christ, which makes our salvation possible, cost God the richest gem of heaven; it cost Christ His life; and it costs us our all. We keep waiting on the elevator when God wants us to take the stairs!

Worth remembering: "Life is like a game of tennis; the player who serves well seldom loses."

Sermons for Sunday, July 20, 1997
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The God We Worship"**
(Psalm 100)

P.M. **Songs In The Night (11)**
"A Song For Those Who Feel Insignificant"
(Psalm 8:1-9)

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NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As you read this, we will be on our way home from our annual VBS mission trip in West Point, Nebraska. On Monday, there were 78 present and on Tuesday we had 93! We are expecting a big crowd on Wednesday night as we meet with the children and their parents. The weather is nice and excitement is high. Pray that we will be successful in planting seeds and helping the church make a difference in that community. Please also pray for our safe return home.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Our next SYS will be on Tuesday July, 22 at the Chandler St. church in Kilgore. We will leave West Erwin at 6:30 and return at 10:15. Invite a friend and join us.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Please pray for our Mexico Mission Team who will be leaving on Friday, July 25 and returning on Monday, July 28. We are going to spend some time with the church in

Nueva Rosita and helping them conduct a Gospel Meeting that weekend. Please pray for us to make a difference in Mexico.

This Sunday night, July 20, all middle school students and friends will go to Green Acres Bowling Alley for a fun time. Bring \$7.00 for expenses. We will leave immediately after our evening worship assembly and parents may pick up your kids at the bowling alley at 8:45. Don't miss it!!

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES

July 10-19	Nebraska Mission
July 20	Mexico Mission Trip Meeting
July 20	Middle School Devotional
July 25-28	Mexico Mission Trip
July 29	Summer Youth Series at West Erwin
Aug. 1	Celebration Station Lock-In



WEDDING INVITATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Armstrong
and

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage of their children

Joni Deann Armstrong
and

Gregory G. Prinz

This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the nineteenth of July
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas
Reception immediately following
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TRI-C HARVEST DINNER

On August 22, the Campus Christian Center, a ministry of the churches of Christ in East Texas, on the Tyler Junior College campus will host its 1st Annual Harvest Dinner. This ministry has touched hundreds of lives in its nearly 50 year history. The Board of Directors which oversees this ministry wishes to expand to reach more and do more for the cause of Christ among college students. The Harvest Dinner will allow for new carpet to replace "at least" 20 year old carpet, remodeling for extra space, and hiring of interns for expansion of ministry to the students. Plan now to attend. More details soon.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Annetta Mae Holliman in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday night. She has been attending here for several months and we are very glad to welcome her into the Lord's family at West Erwin. Her address is 4800 Paluxy #132, 75703, ph. 509-3902.

RESPONSE

We are very happy to welcome Estelle Smith back home to West Erwin. She stated that she had wandered spiritually and wants to "come home." She attended here many years ago and has now moved back to Tyler. She lives at the Villas of Pine Ridge, ph. 534-3858.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you would like to attend the theatre in Mineola on Friday, August 1, please sign the list on the "Driving Miss Daisy" sheet on the Young at Heart bulletin board. The theater holds only 44, so you need to sign up quickly.

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to James and Connie Sublette and all the family at the death of Connie's sister, Janice Thomas. Services were held Monday at the Cameron Road Church of Christ in Austin.

NEWS & NOTES:

Congratulations to Alison Grogan, 10 month old daughter of Robert and Terika Grogan in Carrollton. She recently won 1st place trophy in the Dallas Derby contest. She is the granddaughter of Judy Venable-Grogan and the great granddaughter of Lorene Venable.

AREA MEETING

The Wills Point Church of Christ invites you to hear Freddie Anderson of Huntsville preach the gospel July 27-30. Sunday: 9am, 10 am & 5 pm; Mon.-Wed. 7:30 pm. You will be impressed by his dedication to the Word of the Lord and his practical and memorable lessons.

"The successful institution is one who looks outward upon the world rather than inward upon itself."

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OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

by Daniel K. Morgan

Our studies in Tartu have come to a conclusion -- over 400 studies!! On Sunday morning there were nine Estonians and five Americans present for our worship assembly. After services the newly baptized member had everyone over for lunch! On Monday Tim and Jade Marshall and Carol, Sunny, and I returned to Tallin and will begin our trip home on Thursday. Keep us in your prayers.

On Assignment In Eastern Europe

Below is an excerpt from the report of Joy Rousseau and Cathy Scroggins after their return from Estonia. You may pick up the full report of this exciting mission trip in the foyers of our building.

"We began our studies with forty or so students and this number has increased each week. Most of our students come every day and some hitchhike from the country to make lessons. Each new contact this year was a professing non-believer

in God, in the Bible, and especially in Christ. In just a few weeks we have seen these same students express their respect and concern that the Estonian people live using Christian values. Most of our students come from non-believing families and there is no support structure in their home, village, or town. When each student finally confesses their individual faith in an all knowing and all loving God, this is a giant step to saving a nation. We have seen this conversion in each of our students. We have also seen students grapple with the concept of Biblical truth, Christ's incarnation, death, burial and resurrection. None of our students had ever heard the story of the birth of Christ--neither Russian nor Estonian students."

Shepherding Group #4 (Phil & Linda Marts) will meet this Sunday, July 20, for a pot-luck lunch following our morning worship assembly. Bring a friend!

convenience. Oh, and keep an eye on this spot for teacher training opportunities coming in the very near future.

July 20 - 23rd will find us in Abilene for the ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to and from Abilene. There are 18 members going from West Erwin to soak up as much information as we can to be better teachers to the children and adults here in Tyler.

We have a wonderful line-up of **Summer Speaker Series** speakers who will come and present "My Favorite Lesson" to us. Please make your plans to be here every Wednesday. Mike Armour, from the Skillman church in Dallas, will speak July 23, on "The Imprint of the Nails."

Ministry Highlights

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

Investment Opportunity

Many of us keep an eye out for sound investments that will provide us comfort and security during our retirement years. Imagine an investment that offers returns of 30%, 60%, and even 100%. I can't imagine anyone who wouldn't be interested, can you? Well, that's the return promised by Jesus to the man who sows seed in the good soil in the Parable of the Sower. Look at Mark 4:1-20 for just a minute. Imagine the return in the future if we share God's Word with children today. The saying goes that if we "plant a seed we grow a tree, but if we teach a child we grow a life." Think about it, would you? Help make an impact on the church of the future by teaching a child today. If you would like more information on how to become a teacher or what teaching opportunities are available, please contact me at your earliest