

Dec. 31, 1998	<b>THE VISITOR</b>		Vol. 29-No.49
Records	Sunday Dec. 27	Sunday Dec. 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	293	376	372
Worship A.M.	555	540	567
Worship P.M.	328	309	288
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$14,080.25	\$14,948.34	\$13,559.07
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$1,815.00
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 3, and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 6, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Paul Stanley is recovering at home after angioplasty last week. Dorothy Brownlow is in Mother Frances, room 595. Greg Wagner had shoulder and knee surgery at Tyler Square Thursday. Clyde Lane's recent x-rays showed the cancer had not grown. He will return to Houston in January. Mary Evelyn Grier is at home with a broken knee. Zona Crone is at home. Tracy Lemons, Kim Lemons' husband, is at home after recent surgery at M.D. Anderson. He will begin chemo soon. Continue to remember in prayer Susan Brown, Bill Hawkins' sister in Bay City, Michigan. Roy Roberson, former West Erwin member, is having heart problems. 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.

**WITH SYMPATHY** - Lerah Williamson, long-time West Erwin member, died Tuesday. Services will be held at 10:00 am Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Gloria Walker, Michelle Smith's mother, died Monday in Natchez, MS after a lengthy battle with cancer.

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Dismiss Ira Wilson

#### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Claude Sessions Blake Stansbury  
Paul Stanley Art Rowland  
Dannie Skipper Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
Charles Seaberry Dr. Ralph Rowe

#### GREETERS

Charles & Billie Bob Hickman  
Hillard & Jeanine Hughes

**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!**

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

- ◆ Bible-based
- ◆ Christ-centered
- ◆ People-oriented
- ◆ Heart-filled
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### SOPHISMS

Sophism is not a Greek word for sophisticated. It's not a word we hear or use much. However, we hear the concept which is suggested by the word over and over again. The dictionary defines sophism as "a plausible but fallacious argument or form of reasoning." See, we all knew the meaning of sophism all the time and the use of sophism is abundant. We make an argument and defend a position because the argument and position seem reasonable to us. Never mind that neither the argument nor the position have any basis in fact. Recently our president responded to a question to the grand jury: "It depends on what your definition of *is is*." Seemed perfectly plausible to him but it was clearly a fallacious position. We may do the same thing in the church. "We've never done it that way before," is a perfectly legitimate reason for some to stay with worn out methods, but the argument is fallacious. "I don't agree with what you said," gives us reason enough to reject any point in a sermon, although the point may in fact be true. Here are three sophisms that are often heard in religion:

1. "I think that if someone is honest and sincere, what he believes is unimportant." Do you know of any scripture that teaches this? How does one harmonize the above statement with Proverbs 14:12 -- "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"? What about the honest, sincere Saul of Tarsus? The Bible still says the truth makes one free (John 8:32), and while the nation of Israel had a zeal for God it was

alienated from God because her zeal was not according to knowledge (Romans 10:1-3).

2. "But Paul told the jailer to believe and he would be saved." He did indeed, but it's a sophism to conclude his belief included only mental assent to the deity of Christ. Faith comes by hearing, so the Bible says that they (Paul and Silas) spoke unto him the word of the Lord, that he washed their stripes, and he was baptized straightway. In other words, an isolated passage may not give us all the information we need until we harmonize that passage with all that the New Testament teaches on a particular subject.

3. "But the Bible says, 'Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.'" Yes it does, but it is a sophism to think calling upon the name of the Lord is simply saying something like, "Lord, save me!" Acts 22:16 tells what calling upon the name of the Lord means for an unsaved person: "And now, why do you tarry? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (emphasis mine - JPL). Calling upon the name of the Lord includes doing what the Lord asks us to do.

Sophisms may be rather harmless in some areas of life, but in relationship to God just being sincere, or believing, or calling out to God for salvation may lead us to "a plausible but fallacious argument or form of reasoning," and that's a sophism.

-- Jay Lockhart

### Sermons for Sunday, January 3, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The Commissions And The Commandments"** (Matt. 9:9-13; 22:37-39; 28:19-20)

P.M. **"Ten Pillars of Christian Maturity (4): Spiritual Growth"**

(2 Timothy 3:15-17)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### SERVANT RETREAT

The annual high school Servant Retreat will be the weekend of Jan. 22-24. We will be going to Lonestar at the Lakeview Encampment. There will be several hundred teens from all over Texas and Louisiana. This will be a great weekend. The cost will be \$25.00 and will cover all meals except for Friday night. Please sign the list by Sunday, Jan. 10. Don't miss it!

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the youth group are invited to go out to eat with us at Mazzio's this coming Sunday night after church. Parents can pick you up at Mazzio's at 9:00.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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### WORKDAY

We have a teen workday scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 9 from 9:00-4:00. We will be helping Garrett Cantrell with his Eagle Scout Project and landscaping the new building. Plan to come and help!

### BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

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### BIBLE QUIZ

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan.	22-24	Servant Retreat
Jan.	9	Workday
Jan.	10	Bible Quiz Study Session
Jan.	11	Bible Quiz

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

'Twas the night before Jesus came ...  
... and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound  
While all the rest of us were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last  
We'll find that the Bible was true after all  
--1993 Bethany Farms, Carrollton, IL

### FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES - LOVE ONE ANOTHER

("Love one another" - John 13:34-35)

Week One - Spend some time talking about Jesus' love.  
What does Jesus say that our love will show the world?  
What would the world be like without love? End with a prayer for the new year, hugs, and hot chocolate.

### IN APPRECIATION



To the church,

We thank you so much for the cards, calls and the delicious food and for all the cards sent to Hazel these last four years. Thank you so much for the spray of flowers. They were so beautiful. God bless you all.

Love always,  
Moselle White  
Joanne & Rags Ragsdale  
Kevin Ragsdale &  
Cheryl Fitzgerald

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Dear Family,

Thank you so very much for all of your love and concern shown us during Rachel's recent surgery. We appreciate all the meals, the cards, and the phone calls. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. You have done more for us this past year than you could ever know or imagine, and we love and appreciate each of you.

May God bless you all,  
Jerry, Rachel, Krista &  
Kalli Huff

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To our West Erwin Family,

We'd like to thank you for your very generous gift you sent! The love and support we've received through cards and notes also mean more than we can say. You're a wonderful family and we wish you all a very happy holiday season!

Yours in Christ,  
Ray and Linda Maxwell

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My thanks and appreciation for your prayers, visits and cards sent to me during the time I was in the hospital and nursing home following my automobile accident. Have been out of nursing home for several weeks. Healing process has been very slow.

In Christian Love,  
Bill Endsley



### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Leon and Carolyn Welborn on the birth of a grandson! Nathan Patrick was born to John and Cheryl Wallace in Abilene on Dec. 22. He weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Allison Scott was born to Robbie and Misty Scott in Lubbock December 16. She weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Robbie is in his third year of medical school and Misty recently got her B.S. from LCU. Gail Scott is the grandmother. (They are former members at West Erwin).

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

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### BAPTISM

We rejoice with Ashley Leek-Rice and her family in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. She was baptized by her grandfather, Dwight Leek. Ashley is the daughter of Stephanie Muller and lives at 21072 CR 2138, Troup, 75789, ph. 839-8828.

### RESPONSES

Chuck Barnett came recently to ask for the prayers of the church to help him to cope with the difficulties that he is facing at this time.

Betsy Thrash came recently on behalf of Steve to request the prayers of their church family in dealing with a crisis in their lives and prayers for Steve's son, Shannon.

Laura Bellar came Sunday to request our prayers for strength to be the mother and Christian that she needs and wants to be for her boys during a difficult time.

### RECEPTION INVITATION

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request the honor of your presence at the  
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The couple will be married Saturday, the ninth of January,  
1999 in Guanajuato, Mexico.

### BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower  
honoring Kathy Goodson  
and new baby son, Matthew Cole  
Sunday, Jan. 10, 4:30 - 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.  
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

### MISSIONS

Amon and Laura Dacus, Cathy Scroggins' parents are in Vienna, Austria to work for EEM for 6 months. They have requested our prayers for the work and for their health and safety.

### CHRISTIAN HOMES of ABILENE

Christian Homes' Social Services Department has an opening for a Public Awareness Coordinator in their Abilene office. Also Christian Services of East Texas recently merged with Christian Homes to become a part of a larger, more established agency. CSET has an opening for house parents in their foster group home for children located in Whitehouse. See bulletin board in office area for job postings.

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Brant Prestidge Charles Rachui  
Fred Powell Jason Randall  
Marc Philpot Dan Richardson  
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George & Ruth Hearne  
Jerry & Becky Howard

There will be bulletin next week - the week of Christmas - due to postal regulations for second class mail.  
*Happy Holidays*



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*Season's Greetings*

Jay Danny  
Mike Jo Frances

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the Youth Holiday Party at the Bynum's. We had a great time and some great food! Thanks to Jay & Debbie Bynum and Matt & Rhonda Haws for hosting the evening.

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### CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 20 as we tour Tyler and view the beautiful lights. We will leave after church and return at 9:30. Please bring money for dinner. Invite a friend to enjoy this visual treat and special time together.

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### IF I HAD MY CHILD TO RAISE OVER AGAIN

If I had my child to raise all over again,  
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.  
I'd 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 would be firm less often,  
and affirm much more,  
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.  
I'd teach less about the love of power,  
and more about the power of love.

Diane Loomans  
Full Esteem Ahead  
H.J. Kramer

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### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Join us for our trip to Holiday In The Park at Six Flags on Tuesday, Dec. 29. The cost will be \$18.00 plus your money for meals. We will meet at 7:30 A.M. and return at 10:00 P.M. Please sign the list by Monday, Dec. 21.

### KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen ministry has continued to grow and this past week we served over 60 needy people. This coming Monday, West Erwin is hosting and we need your help. Please come and help us serve. The meal is from 6:00-7:00 but the work starts at 5:00. Bring a smile and be ready to stay busy. May God continue to bless this ministry!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 20	Christmas Light Tour
Dec. 21	Karing Kitchen hosted by W. E.
Dec. 29	Holiday In The Park
Jan. 22-24	Servant Retreat
Jan. 11	Bible Quiz

### INTERACTIVE BULLETIN BOARD

Don't forget to visit the bulletin board outside the nursery. The piles of leaves at the bottom are the lives we are touching through our outreach. Pick a leaf where the whole family can participate.

### MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives  
Before this day is done,  
Leave countless marks of good or ill,  
Ere sets the evening sun.  
This, the wish I always wish,  
The prayer I always pray;  
Lord, may my life help other lives  
It touches by the way.

Author Unknown

"The Christian spirit is the Christmas spirit, extended through the whole year. It is the attitude toward every person, the atmosphere of every act."

-- Dr. E. S. Jones

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and food while I am recuperating from surgery. Every act of kindness and concern is very much appreciated.

Opal Cooper

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Your thoughtfulness and prayers were greatly appreciated by the family of Sheri Causey.

Gail Garner Causey

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Too many notes and calls have come into the office to be able to print them all in the bulletin in appreciation for the poinsettias and fruit baskets delivered to widows, those who are ill, the elderly, and shutins. These gifts of love are distributed each year under the oversight of Faber Cauthen.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Hazel Morgan, longtime West Erwin member and sister of Moselle White. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

## THINK ABOUT IT ...

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

"To handle yourself, use your head; To handle others, use your heart."

"Anger is only one letter short of danger."

"Researchers say cheerful people resist disease better than the glum ones. In other words, the surly bird catches the germ."

"The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without it."

"You can't turn back the clock but you can wind it up again."

"Life consists not in holding the right cards but in playing well those you hold."

"What some people mistake for the high cost of living is really the cost of living high."

"To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own."

Efficiency: Doing the thing right

Effectiveness: Doing the right thing.

## CITY-WIDE YEAR END SINGING AT GLENWOOD

Wednesday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m.

(There will be no services at West Erwin)

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## A USEFUL VESSEL

It's not what we keep but what we share,

Not what we have but what we spare,

Not what we clasp but what we lose,

Not what we hide but what we use.

A vessel he will make of you,

If small or great, 'twill surely do

Great joy and peace will always fill

The one who's yielded to His will.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Stacey Randall on her graduation from U.T. Tyler with high honors with a B.S. in education. Jason is her proud husband.

Congratulations to John Shaw on his graduation from U.T. Tyler with a B.S. in technology. John is the husband of Terry, father of Spencer and Savanna, and son-in-law of the Jay Lockharts.

Congratulations to Shannon Mabry on her graduation from Texas A&M with a B.B.A. in Accounting. Shannon is the daughter of Glynn and Fran Starnes and the granddaughter of Sue Starnes.

## SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"There is something wrong with a culture in which a man who writes a dirty play is called an artist, and a mother who chooses to stay at home and rear her child to be a Christian man or woman is classified as an unemployed housewife."

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Sunday, Dec. 20** - Preacher-Mike Gravois; Nursery - Pam Lott; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Kathy Portwood; 2's - Nora Gravois & Wade Weathers; 3's - Matt & Rhonda Haws; 4's - Wynne & Ginger Weathers; Overseers - Randy & Karen Pharis.

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Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	
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### THE AMERICAN RESTORATION MOVEMENT

It must have been an impressive meeting, that gathering in Georgetown, Kentucky during Christmas week of 1831. It was a meeting of two groups who had been working at parallel purposes, one basically in Ohio and Virginia and the other principally in Kentucky. Their joint purpose was to restore the ancient order of things pertaining to the church. One of the groups had as its outstanding leader Alexander Campbell, a man of keen intellect and his analytical insights have rarely been surpassed. The spokesman for this group, which called itself *Reformers*, was the illustrious "Raccoon" John Smith, a Kentucky preacher who was committed to the restoration of New Testament Christianity. The spokesman for the other group, simply called *Christians*, was the pious and humble Barton W. Stone, who preached for the Cane Ridge church near Lexington, Kentucky. These two groups united their efforts and the Restoration Movement in America expanded, largely as a result of that 1831 meeting, into New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Maryland, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Alabama, and beyond. The rest is history. The churches of Christ in America are the heirs of the Restoration Movement of the 19th century and we continue the work of restoring New Testament Christianity today. Men like

Campbell, Stone, and Smith blazed trails and led the way. Here is a quotation from Stone taken from an article he wrote in 1835:

"The Scriptures will never keep together in union and fellowship members not in the spirit of the Scriptures, which spirit is love, peace, unity, forbearance, and cheerful obedience. This is the spirit of the great Head of the body. I blush for my fellows, who hold up the Bible as the bond of union yet make their opinions of it tests of fellowship; who plead for union of all Christians yet refuse fellowship with such as dissent from their notions. Vain men! Their zeal is not according to knowledge, nor is their spirit that of Christ. Such antisectionarian-sectarians are doing more mischief to the cause of and advancement of truth, the unity of all Christians, and the salvation of the world than all the skeptics in the world. In fact, they create skeptics."

The restoration of New Testament Christianity, which calls for the unity of all believers in Christ upon the basis of the teachings of the New Testament, leaves no room for the binding of human opinion upon others.

-- Jay Lockhart

### Sermons for Sunday, December 13, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The Weakness Of God"**

(I Corinthians 1:18-25)

P.M. **"Ten Pillars of Christian Maturity (3):**

**Humility"**

(Matthew 23:5-12)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We had a good turnout for the LTC sign-up this past Sunday. If you did not get to sign up, please do so by Sunday night.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Thanks to all those who participated in Bible Quiz this Fall. Our study of 1 Kings was great! Make your plans now to participate in the Spring Bible Quiz as we study the Gospel of Luke. Jan. 11 is the date of the next quiz.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Thanks to all who came to the combined devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks to Gary, Frances, & Amanda Broome and Jay & Debbie Bynum for hosting.

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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone who helped make Sunday's nursery shower a success. The Bible classes provided \$553.00 to provide some much needed items. So far we have purchased 2 cribs, 2 pack n' play playards, and 2 gliders. We also received several wonderful gifts from individuals. Sunday afternoon provided us a time to say thank you to everyone who has worked in the nursery and cared for our little ones. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

### H.O.S.T.S. NEWS

\* The Singles' Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Jamon and Clay Kirby. Everyone is asked to bring \$4 to cover the cost of pizza. In addition, please bring snacks and a gift for the exchange.

\* Singing to the Shut-ins Sunday, December 13th, after the morning services.

\* Next Dinner/Bible Study will be on Tuesday, December 15th.

\* Ski Trip - Friday, December 18th - Wednesday, December 23rd.

## YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 20 as we tour Tyler and view the beautiful lights. We will leave after church and return at 9:30.

## HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Join us for our trip to Holiday In The Park at Six Flags on Tuesday, Dec. 29. The cost will be \$18.00 plus your money for meals. We will meet at 7:30 A.M. and return at 10:00 P.M. Please sign the list by Monday, Dec. 21.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 12	Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 20	Christmas Light Tour
Dec. 21	Karing Kitchen hosted by W. E.
Dec. 29	Holiday In The Park
Jan. 22-24	Servant Retreat

## INTERACTIVE BULLETIN BOARD

The interactive bulletin board has been restocked. So come by and look at the service projects written on the leaves. Pick one that is just right for you and the family to work on together. When you are finished pin it to the bottom of the bulletin board. Watch the leaves pile up as we reach out and touch the lives of others. Take a leaf home today!!!

### WHAT AM I?

1. My kind has been on earth longer than man, and I have a lot to do with men.

2. In the days of Jotham, my ancestors talked about choosing a king to rule over them, but they could not come to a decision without finding themselves among brambles.

3. Early translators used my name in stead of the word "cross" when speaking of Jesus' crucifixion.

4. Uncle Gopher's family had a lot to do with the ark. The cousins of Lebanon were a forceful factor in building the temple at Jerusalem.

Need a hint: Genesis 1; Judges 9; Acts 5; Genesis 6; I Kings 5.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope that you are enjoying the holidays. We just had a wonderful Thanksgiving with other missionaries in West Africa. We want to thank all of you for thinking of us at Christmas and for the wonderful gift you sent. Wish we could see the Christmas party again. May God bless you with wonderful memories, times of love, and thoughts of the Lord.

Love,

Jeff, Brenda, and Josiah

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Thank you for all your expressions of love and concern during my recent illness and recuperation. I appreciate all of your prayers, cards, and calls.

Phyllis Rachui

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cooper and Mary June Goodson on the birth of a new grandson! Matthew Cole was born December 4 to Matt and Cathy Goodson. He weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and is 21 1/4 inches long. Nicholas and Melanie are happy uncle and aunt and Mary Evelyn Grier is the great grandmother.

## THE PERFECT CHURCH

I think that I shall never see

A church that's all it ought to be;

A church whose members never stray

Beyond the strait and narrow way;

A church that has no empty pews

Whose preacher never has the blues;

A church whose deacons always "deak"

And none is proud, and all are meek;

Where gossips never peddle lies,

Or make complaints or criticize;

Where all are always sweet and kind

And to all others' faults are blind,

Such perfect churches there may be,

But none of them are known to me.

But still, we'll work and pray and plan

To make this one the best we can.

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## RESPONSE

Cathy Culpepper came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for her physical family - that her brother's cancer will go away and that family wounds would be healed. Her brother, Clinton Pirtle, is scheduled to undergo cancer surgery this week.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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## YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

There are but two days in every week about which we should not worry: that is, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

(1) YESTERDAY - One of these is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever.

(2) TOMORROW - the second day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds - but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unknown.

(3) TODAY - This leaves us only one day - today. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - yesterday and tomorrow - that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives men mad - it is the remorse or bitterness which happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. The answer? Simple. Let us live but one day at a time. -- author unknown

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Bible Class	379	357	392
Worship A.M.	565	563	555
Worship P.M.	341	358	370
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$16,113.54	\$16,522.90	\$16,028.24
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$1,926.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Dec. 6, and Wednesday P.M., Dec.9, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Zona Crone is now at home but is having additional tests. Joe McBee is at home after bypass surgery last week. Greg Anding had outpatient surgery Monday at Tyler Square. Opal Cooper is at home after recent back surgery. Mary June Goodson is awaiting more tests and diagnosis. Clyde Lane will return to Houston for further evaluation. Leslie Meigs, relative of the O'Neals and Bells, is at home and continuing dialysis. Tracy Lemons, Kim Lemons' husband, has begun radiation treatment. Rob Porter, Sandie Martin's great uncle, has terminal cancer. Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, had recent brain surgery Friday in Dallas. Gloria Walker, Michelle Smith's mother, is battling cancer and is very weak at this time. Virginia Allen, Claudia Griffis' cousin, had recent bypass surgery in Dallas. Susan Brown, Bill Hawkins' sister in Bay City, Michigan, will have a biopsy this week on a mass in her lung. 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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<b>MINISTERS</b>			<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth		<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Mike Gravois - Education			Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
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Hillard Hughes	Joe McBee	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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### THAT WEDNESDAY MEETING

On the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving nearly 200 of us came together for a dinner of barbeque, a dinner put together by Mike and Nora Gravois, and then with family and friends we enjoyed an hour of congregational singing led by Burke Brack (or is it Brack Burke, or is it Burt Black, or is it Black Bart ... well, anyway) from the Shiloh church. Burke is a most talented song leader and a great servant of Christ as well and we enjoyed having him with us. It was a fine evening!

### ENCOUNTER OR PLEASANT EXPERIENCE?

George Barna has probably conducted more religious polls than anyone and has shared his findings in his many books about Americans and their religious beliefs. Recently I came across this quote from Barna: "Those who are responsible for developing the worship experience make assumptions about how adequately prepared people are to worship God. Eventually people cease to expect a real encounter with God and simply settle for a pleasant experience."

### THERE'S RISK IN FAITH

C.S. Lewis, whose books on Christian faith have sold more than any other writer, was born 100 years ago, yet interest in his writings continue to soar. He began his career by writing children's stories but may be best known for *Mere Christianity*, a book dealing with Christian apologetics. Other well-known books include *The Screwtape Letters*, *Surprised By Joy*, *The Problem of Pain*, and *A Grief Observed* (written at the death of his wife). In the latter book, C.S. Lewis said about faith: "You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong and sound as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn't you then discover how much you really trusted it? ... Only a real risk tests the reality of a belief."

**PLEASE REMEMBER -- SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR BUILDING FUND -- DECEMBER 13**

Sermons for Sunday, December 6, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "There Is A Difference"

(1 John 2:1-6)

P.M. "Ten Pillars of Christian Maturity (2):

Covenant"

(1 Peter 1:1-5)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Sunday, Dec. 6, is the date for us to sign up for LTC 1999. Sign-up will be in the Chapel classroom from 5-6 Sunday evening. This program is for all those in grades 3-12. Every family should have received a letter with more details about LTC. If you need any more information, please contact me!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Dec. 7 is the date of the next quiz and it will be over 1 Kings 18-22 and the Super Quiz. Pick up your study sheets and study hard! Our next Study Session will be Sunday, Dec. 6. We will meet for lunch and have a study session until 2:30. Meet at Shiloh Rd. at 6:45 on Monday. Following the Quiz we will go to Braums for Ice Cream. Parents can pick you up at Braums on Hwy 110 at 8:45.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the youth group are invited to combined devotional this coming Sunday night in

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Dec. 6	LTC Sign-Up
Dec. 6	Combined Devotional
Dec. 7	Bible Quiz
Dec. 12	Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 29	Holiday In The Park

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### Thanks Singing

What a wonderful time we had last Wednesday. The food was good, the fellowship was even better, and the worship time was best of all. Many were grateful for the evening off and the time away from their kitchens. Another wonderful part of the evening was all of the visitors, college students, and visiting family members who joined us on this special evening. Finally, **Burke Brack** did a wonderful job directing our song service for the evening. What a night!!! Food, fellowship, and heavenly praise -- does it get any better than that?

### NURSERY SHOWER

The shower for the infant nursery will be this Sunday, December 6th, from 4:30 - 5:30 in the fellowship hall. This will be a time to provide some much needed items for the nursery and a tribute to the many people who have worked in the nursery. It is the love and care for our babies that make the nursery such a special place. Won't you help us make it even more wonderful.

### WINTER QUARTER BEGINS

As we enter into the Winter Quarter of Bible classes, I want to thank all of our teachers for the wonderful job they are doing. This quarter we had the lowest teacher turnover that I can remember. Most of the teachers I spoke with shared that they were enjoying their time in the classroom

and did not want to leave their students. Special thanks also goes to our teaching coordinators: **Wanda Weathers** and **Pam Lott** in the elementary grades and **Diane Weathers** and **Karen Pharis** in the pre-school classes. They have done a wonderful job checking in with the teachers each week and doing everything possible to see that teaching is a rewarding experience for the teachers as well as the students. I would also like to offer a word of thanks to **Debbie Bynum** for the hard work she has put into the Teacher's Workroom. It is clean, organized, and well-stocked to meet the needs of our teachers. Thanks to our adult Bible class teachers. Thank you for your time, effort, and attention to our needs as you prepare and share God's Word with us. To all of our teachers, whether in Bible classes, Children's Worship, Bible Hour, WEPS, the Youth Group, Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class, nurseries, etc., etc., etc. Thanks for sharing yourself and your time with us. We appreciate you!!!! Please take a moment this week and show your appreciation to these individuals.

"If you hear a kind word spoken  
about somebody you know,  
It will help and encourage him if you only tell him so.  
If a deed, regardless how small,  
helps you on your way to go,  
Find the one whose hand has helped you,  
seek him out and tell him so."

-- author unknown

## IN APPRECIATION

Our thanks and appreciation for your prayers, visits, cards and food during my hospital stay and recovery. It's going slow but I hope soon to be much better. I still need your prayers.

In Christian love,  
Claude & Odell Sessions

## RUSSIA REPORT

On Sunday night, December 6, immediately after the evening worship assembly, Dannie Skipper and Joy Rousseau will give a report on their recent trip to Russia. Make your plans to stay and enjoy this interesting and informative report on mission efforts in Russia.

## YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart Christmas dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 10. Meat, bread, and drinks will be furnished but we need members to sign the list on the Young at Heart bulletin board in the main foyer to bring the vegetables and all the "trimmings." You won't want to miss out on this feast! Thanks for your help!

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to proud great grandparents Dan and Wini Cullinan! Kaci Briann McLarry was born Sunday, November 29, to Richard and Mary McLarry. She weighed 8 lb. 14 1/2 oz. Dan Haile is happy uncle.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Jason and Stacey Randall and all the family in the death of Jason's grandfather.

## THINK ABOUT IT...

"The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone solve his."

"Whosoever is true to God seldom appears false to others."

"A religion that does nothing, costs nothing, suffers nothing - is worth nothing."

"You can never do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it may be too late."

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

"Happiness is like your shadow. Run after it and you will never catch it, but keep your face to the sun and it will follow you."

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## ALL-CHURCH ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

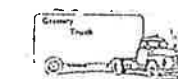
"A Christmas to Remember," the Annual All-Church Adult Holiday Banquet is this Saturday, December 5th, at the Woman's Building on South Broadway. Pre-registration is required. Doors open at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30. An enjoyable evening of entertainment will follow.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice with **Mike Maxwell** and the Ray Maxwell family in Mike's decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday, November 29 (which also was his birthday).

Kristi Maxwell was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. The Maxwell's have much to be proud of and we're proud to be associated with such a fine Christian family!

The Maxwell's have a new E-mail address:  
<rmxwell@midlands.net>



## GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 7-10. West Erwin is requested to collect COFFEE, KOOL-AIDE MIX, & CHILI. If there are other items you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated also. (Boles Home comes to our area twice each year).

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Worship P.M.	358	318	370
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$16,522.90	\$16,439.09	\$16,028.24
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$718.50

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### THREE KEYS TO GETTING THINGS DONE

When something needs to be done, there are three keys to accomplishing it: vision, dedication, and hard work. You must see what needs to be done, you must commit yourself to doing what needs to be done, and there is no substitute for hard work. It doesn't matter what it is, you will be successful if, and only if, you apply these keys. It's true in business. B.C. Forbes, founder of Forbes Magazine, said, "Search and you will find that at the base and birth of every great business organization was an enthusiast, a man consumed with earnestness of purpose, with confidence in his powers, with faith in the worthwhileness of his endeavors." The keys are vision, dedication, and hard work. It's true in raising children. Kids don't just become productive adults. They have parents, or someone else, who have dreams for their kids, who are dedicated to the principles of raising good kids, and who work hard at parenting. It's true in athletics. Those who excel are those who see the possible, who commit themselves to excellence, and who work hard to achieve their goals. It's true in your personal life. There are no quick fixes for weight loss, physical fitness, becoming a better golfer, increasing your mental capacities, or

increasing your knowledge of the Bible. There are no short cuts. You have to see, be dedicated, and work hard. The famous professional golfer, Gary Player of South Africa, was warming up for a tournament and a crowd of people were watching. Player was hitting some great shots and someone in the crowd was heard to say, "I'd give anything to be able to hit a golf ball like that." Player turned and said good-naturedly, "No, you wouldn't!" He went on to explain how he had stood on the practice range and hit 1000 balls. When his hands became blistered and bloody, he would bandage his wounds and hit 1000 more balls. Success never comes easy ... in anything worthwhile. In the church, do you envision the possibilities? Are you dedicated to Christ's goals? Will you commit yourself to work hard to make this church all that it can be? While in college my Greek teacher, Dr. Harvey Floyd, said, "There are no books entitled 'Greek In 10 Easy Lessons.'" No, it doesn't come that way ... nothing worthwhile does. The keys are: vision, dedication, and hard work.

-- Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, November 29, 1998**

**by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "If It Makes No Difference, It Makes No Difference"**

(Philippians 3:7-11)

**P.M. "Ten Pillars of Christian Maturity (1): Faith"**

(Habakkuk 2:1-4)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

We had a great time this past Sunday night at the City Wide High School Devotional. Johnny Wallace from Abilene Christian University hosted the evening with the singing group "The Light" performing and a powerful message from Reg Cox. Thanks to ACU for hosting this evening. Thanks also to Ken Culpepper, Linda Hone, and Lisa Snell for helping with the setup.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Dec. 7 is the date of the next quiz and it will be over 1 Kings 18-22 and the Super Quiz. Pick up your study sheets and study hard! Our next Study Session will be this Sunday, Nov. 27 at 4:30. We will also meet for lunch and have a study session on Sunday, Dec. 6.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

This past weekend was our annual Area Wide Middle School Retreat in Lone Star. It was an incredible weekend with 108 in attendance. It was the largest group yet! Robert Moore from Ennis was our speaker and did a wonderful job of helping us see the world through the eyes of Jesus. Thanks to all of those who went from West Erwin and especially for our sponsors: Courtney Craddock, Casey Culpepper, Danielle Rousseau, and Lisa Snell.

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"Youth" and put it in the Box in the foyer or in the Youth Box by the water fountain in the office area. Thanks for participating.

### OUT TO EAT

Join us Sunday as we go to Mazzio's for dinner after church that night. This might be a nice break from TURKEY! We will be finished at 9:00.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Sunday, Dec. 6, is the date for us to sign up for LTC 1999. Sign-up will be in the Chapel classroom from 5-6 Sunday evening. This program is for all those in grades 3-12. Every family should have received a letter with more details about LTC. If you need any more information, please contact me!

### YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars for Saturday night, Dec. 12, for the youth holiday party at the home of Jay & Debbie Bynum in Whitehouse. Food, fun, and fellowship are on the agenda for the evening. Don't miss it!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 29	Bible Quiz Study Session
Nov. 29	Out To Eat
Dec. 6	Bible Quiz Study Session
Dec. 6	LTC Sign-Up
Dec. 6	Combined Devotional
Dec. 7	Bible Quiz

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### REFLECTIONS OF MORAL INNOCENCE

Since the number attending this video series has tapered off in the past few weeks we will no longer meet as a group on Wednesday evenings. Anyone interested in continuing the series can check out videos from Mike and view them at their convenience.

### WINTER QUARTER

The new quarter will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd. Pre-school and Elementary teachers may pick up their material at their convenience in the classrooms.

He BLESSES you  
so that you can BLESS others ...  
He places HIS HAND upon you  
so that you can TOUCH others ...  
He CONSOLES you  
so that you can COMFORT others ...  
He STRENGTHENS you  
so that you can HELP others ...  
He LOVES you  
so that you can CARE for others.

Roy Lessin

## NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

On Wednesday December 2nd we will begin our new Winter classes on Wednesday evening. Our new class offerings include:

## Winter Quarter

### Wednesday Bible Study Opportunities

CLASS	TEACHER	TOPIC
The Search Small Auditorium	Jay Lockhart	8 Days That Changed The World
Parenting Class Heritage Room	Wynne Weathers	Growing Kids God's Way Biblical Ethics for Parenting (concluding in December)
Study Class Room 112	Randy Pharis	Evidence That Demands A Verdict Christian Evidences
Women's Class Chapel	West Erwin Ladies Prayer Ministry	Practicing Powerful Prayer James 5:16
Singles' Class Room 305	Mike Gravois	
Sing Joyfully Fellowship Hall	Jerry Huff	Praising and Encouraging through Song (beginning in January 1999)
<i>Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class</i> 10am * Heritage Room <i>The Gospel of John</i>		

## IN APPRECIATION



Dear Members of West Erwin Church of Christ,

The flower arrangement sent in Sam's memory was a thoughtful expression of your kind friendship over the years. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Fondly,  
Lamern Bailey

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My thanks to each and everyone who encouraged me in my recent troubles. Your calls, cards, food and visits were greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,  
Sue Starnes

## THINK ABOUT IT...

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

"The happiest people are those who discover that what they should be doing and what they are doing are the same things."

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

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Ladies, don't miss this time of inspirational Bible study and fellowship.

## PARENTS SHOPPING DAY

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## THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving should not just be a day; it should be a way of life. We are told often in Scripture to give thanks, whether it be to God for His blessings, to those who work hard among us for their efforts, or everyone for their special contribution to our lives. This truly should be characteristic of our lives. It is always encouraging to hear people say, "Thank you" to those who try to make life just a little better for us.

via Bulletin Digest

"Without the assistance of the Divine Being ... I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail." -- Abraham Lincoln

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## ALL-CHURCH ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

"A Christmas to Remember," the Annual All-Church Adult Holiday Banquet will be Saturday, December 5th, at the Woman's Building on South Broadway. Doors open at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30. An enjoyable evening of entertainment will follow.

## RULES FOR HAPPY LIVING

Count your blessings, not your troubles. Other people don't need your troubles -- they have enough of their own (Mal. 3:10).

Learn to say, "I love you." Break the "alabaster box" of kindness to as many people as possible each day (Mark 14:3-6).

Learn to be a giver ... not a getter. If you are failing to get out of life what you want, it is because you are expecting to get instead of give (Luke 6:38)

Seek for good in everyone and in everything. Be a good seeker and not a fault finder (Matt. 7:1-5).

Pray every day. Reserve a time in your day to thank God for His many blessings and ask for His guidance (Luke 18:1).

Do at least one good deed each day. Plant the seed of "goodness" and it will produce after its kind (Acts 10:38).

Learn to count. All things have a place in life. Some people cannot keep the important things in first place (Matt. 6:33).

Let nothing bother you. We let too many little things destroy our lives. We even allow imaginary things to bother us (Phil. 4:7 R&V).

Practice the "do it now" habit. "The road to hell is paved with good intentions" (II Cor. 6:1-2).

Learn to laugh and cry. Over 70 percent of all physical ills could be overcome if we could learn these (Romans 12:15).

Learn to practice the happiness habit. Learn to smile, and the world will smile with you (Phil. 4:4).

Let go and let God take over. The only way to find peace and happiness is to let God take the controls of our life (Psalm 23).

Alan Bryan (taken from the South Washington Outreach)



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Nov. 19, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No.45
Records	Sunday Nov. 15	Sunday Nov. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	358	367	382
Worship A.M.	535	575	553
Worship P.M.	318	380	361
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	267
Contribution	\$16,439.09	\$16,061.09	\$116,028.24
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$338.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Nov. 22, and Wednesday P.M., Nov. 25, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Florene Adams remains in Mother Frances, room 452b. **Mary June Goodson** went to Dallas Tuesday and will return in two weeks for more tests and diagnosis. **Rachel Huff** is scheduled for gallbladder surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Clyde Lane** is in ETMC due to an infection. He will return to Houston in about three weeks for further evaluation. **Mary Beth O'Neal** will have an outpatient procedure Monday to regulate her heartbeat. **Clayton Bell**, son of Jim and Kelley, is scheduled to have tubes in his ears next Wednesday. **Lerah Williamson** is back at Briarcliff after being hospitalized with heart problems. **Wanda Frick** is recovering at home after recent surgery. **Leslie Meigs**, relative of the O'Neals and Bells, is now at home and continuing treatment. **Frank Steele**, Dan and Wini Cullinan's son-in-law, had successful by pass surgery in Houston. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim Lemons' husband, will begin treatment Nov. 23. **Christel Rischer**, Augsburg Germany, is being treated for a recurrence of cancer. **Rob Porter**, Sandie Martin's great uncle, has terminal cancer.

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Scripture Don Durham  
Dismiss Anthony Aven

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Daniel DuPree

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### HUGHES AND SKIPPER ADDED TO ELDERSHIP

Last Sunday **Hillard Hughes** and **Dannie Skipper** were formally appointed to serve as additional elders of the West Erwin church. These appointments took place during our morning worship assembly. Both men are well known and highly respected because of their long and faithful service to this church. Hillard first came to West Erwin to serve as Education and Youth Minister in 1970. After six years he left this work to enter the private sector but he and his wife Jeanine have continued to serve this church as teachers and faithful supporters of our work. He has always been ready to work where he is needed and when we have been between youth ministers he has stepped in and helped us on more than one occasion. Dannie came to Tyler in the late 1970's with McDonald's and he and his wife Sue have been members of West Erwin since 1980. They have both been faithfully involved in our work through the years and are people who love the Lord and His church. Dannie is heavily involved in missions as he serves on the Mission Committee and has been on mission trips to Mexico, Togo, West Africa, and most recently Russia. Hillard and Dannie will bring added strength to our

eldership as they serve with brethren Phil Marts, Joe McBee, James Sublette, Ray Vannoy, Leon Welborn and Ira Wilson. In the sermon Sunday morning Jay Lockhart reminded us that elders are committed men; committed to the biblical qualifications of elders, to God, to Christ, and to the local church, to the Word of God as the final, complete, authoritative, inspired message of God, and to prayer as men dependent upon God become men of vision and power. He also said that elders are men with responsibilities, including overseeing and shepherding the church as servant-leaders. Finally, we were reminded of our responsibilities to elders, including to rightly regard them and listen to them (the word is "know" in I Thessalonians 5:12); to esteem them (I Thessalonians 5:13); to honor them (I Timothy 5:17-18); to obey them (Hebrews 13:17); to submit to them as to men who must give an account for how they watch for our souls (Hebrews 13:17); and to imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7). When elders are shepherds and members are sheep the church will prosper with God's blessing.

**Sermons for Sunday, November 22, 1998**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"What Shall I Do When Troubles Come?"**

(Psalm 46:1-6)

P.M. **"Habits of the Heart -  
Studies in Character" (8)**

(Galatians 6:6-10)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### HONDURAS RELIEF EFFORT

Thanks to all of you who helped with the Honduras relief effort this past week. You gave a lot of money and a whole lot of food and clothing. You have been a blessing to some very needy people!

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the middle school devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks especially to Robert & Kathy Hilliard for hosting such a fun evening. The Frito Pie was great!

### BIBLE QUIZ

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### ThanksSinging

We will meet next Wednesday, November 25, for our annual song celebration in the small auditorium. Burke Brack, of the Shiloh Road Church of Christ, will lead our song service. This will be a wonderful time of praise and thanksgiving. In addition, we will meet for dinner this year. Thanksgiving is a time when many people spend long hours preparing for the holiday. So this year we're providing supper on Wednesday before services. Come join us in the fellowship hall between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. for good food, great fun, and plain ol' fellowshipin'. The meal's on us so all you have to do is come and enjoy yourselves. We will then get together for ThanksSinging afterwards in the small auditorium.

### NURSERY SHOWER

Don't forget to mark Sunday, December 6th on your calendar. That is when we have scheduled the shower for the infant nursery. This will enable us to furnish some much needed items, as well as to honor all the volunteers and teachers who share themselves with our youngest members. A complete list of the items requested is posted outside of Mike's office. Selections are registered at Toys R'Us. The shower is on December 6th and will be from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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### KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen ministry is growing and we need your help! West Erwin will be hosting on Monday, Nov. 23. If you can help that night, let me know. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as it continues to help needy people.

### CITY WIDE HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 22 as West Erwin will host a devotional for area high school students. ACU will be hosting this event and the singing group "The Light" will be performing. Dinner will be provided. This will be a great evening. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 20-22	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 22	City Wide High School Devotional
Nov. 23	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Dec. 7	Bible Quiz
Dec. 12	Youth Holiday Party

## QUIZ ME THIS: ANIMALS

1. What kind of animal did Jesus mention in one of His stories about "lost" things?
2. What animal did Aaron make out of gold?
3. What animal did Jesus ride on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
4. What animal did the Egyptians use to draw their chariots?
5. What common household animal is not mentioned in the Bible?
6. What animal did Rebecca ride when she went to her wedding?
7. What animal did young David slay?
8. What animal was used at the feast of the Passover?
9. Joseph's brothers dipped his coat of many colors in the blood of a \_\_\_\_\_ to make their father think he had been killed by a wild beast.
10. What animals did some evil spirits enter so that they ran down the slopes into the sea?

Check your answers: Luke 15:3-7; Exodus 32:4; Luke 19:35; Exodus 14:9; Genesis 24:61; I Samuel 17:34-36; Genesis 37:31; Mark 5:13.

## IN APPRECIATION



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the lovely flowers ... and for every kindness! Your prayers have helped sustain us throughout Mother's illness and death. Your love and thoughtfulness through the years are a source of strength and comfort! Love to our West Erwin family.

Gayla (Gieger) Pope

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I would like to thank everyone for all the kindnesses shown to me while I have been confined. Please continue to pray for me. I love you all.

Jean Walters

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Our Dear Family at West Erwin,

The calls, cards and other acts of kindness shown to us during our granddaughter's illness and death have been very much appreciated. The spray of flowers sent to the funeral were beautiful and her parents, her sister, along with us appreciated them very much.

In Christian Love,  
Jack & Peggy Garner



## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to John and Terry Shaw on the birth of Savannah Rose On November 12. She is 21 inches long and weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. Spencer is the big brother and Jay and Arlene Lockhart are proud grandparents.

## "A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER"

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## OUR GOOD GOD

How good is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend!  
His love is as great as His Power,  
And knows neither measure nor end!  
'Tis Jesus the First and Last.  
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Glenda Gacilos** as she made the most important decision of her life as she was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Glenda is the daughter of Ron and Otelia Sills and is a student at Chapel Hill High School. Their address is 2413 Plume, ph. 534-5679.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday for Elsie Tidwell, Angie Heard's grandmother. Services were held Tuesday in Bullard for Connie Thurman, former West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.



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## THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrim fathers long ago,  
In sober dress of gray,  
Felt stirring in their thankful hearts  
A special need to pray;  
A surge of gratitude to God  
That hunger did not press  
Upon the small band gathered there  
Within the wilderness.  
And so they set aside a day  
When harvests had been stored,  
To feast and offer prayers of thanks  
For the bounty of the Lord.  
And thus those Pilgrims long ago,  
By thanking God for good,  
Bequeathed to us who followed them  
The gift of gratitude.

via Bulletin Digest

## AREA WIDE 5th SUNDAY SINGING

The Central Church of Christ in Lufkin is hosting the November singing. Due to the holiday season, the singing will be on November 22 (4th Sunday) from 2:30 - 4:00. Light refreshments will be served.

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

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Worship A.M.	575	562	560
Worship P.M.	380	352	305
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### THE DEATH OF OUTRAGE

William Bennett, well-known on the Washington, D.C. scene has written a best seller entitled The Death of Outrage. An interesting title ... one which appropriately fits our time. In our country there is much about which to be outraged, but where is the outrage? What I am about to say has nothing to do with politics. If the president of a college did with a coed what the president of the United States did with an intern, the president of the college would have been dismissed immediately. If John Doe, average citizen, had been summoned before a Grand Jury and committed perjury, as our president did, he would be in jail. But, politics colors the picture and most of our people, apparently, want to say it doesn't matter. Where is the outrage? When more babies are aborted than fighting men are killed in all our nations' wars, where is the outrage? When legislators pass bills that prohibit the mention of God's name, the reading of Scripture, or the praying of prayers in our public schools and they do this because of the pressures of a few who cry for separation of church and state (a position which is a thousand miles from what the founders of the

country meant by church and state separation), where is the outrage? When sexual perversion is presented on TV as an "alternative lifestyle" and we are asked to agree with the point of view that this kind of action is acceptable, where is the outrage? When our children are taught in schools and colleges that the universe originated from nothing and that man is a glorified beast, where is the outrage? When drunkards are permitted to drive automobiles and injure innocent people, where is the outrage? When convicted felons are allowed early release from prison and to walk the streets to commit crimes again, where is the outrage? When elected officials circumvent the law to raise campaign funds and think it is permissible because "everybody does it," where is the outrage? When there is little difference in the lifestyles of those who claim belief in Christ and the church, where is the outrage? When we have only enough religion to make us comfortable but not enough to prompt commitment, where is the outrage? Does anything disturb us, shock us, make us angry anymore? Or have we experienced the death of outrage?

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, November 15, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Elders Among You"

(I Peter 5:1-4)

P.M. "Habits of the Heart: Studies In Character"

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(James 4:11-12)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the high school devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks especially to James & Connie Sublette, Gary & Julie Ables, and Danny & Maggie Craddock for hosting such a fun evening. The lasagna was great!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Dec. 7 is the date of the next quiz and it will be over 1 Kings 18-22 and the Super Quiz. Pick up your study sheets and study hard! Congratulations to all of those who participated this past week and did such an outstanding job.

### 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. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this special time together.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

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### KARING KITCHEN

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### CITY WIDE HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 22 as West Erwin will host a devotional for area high school students. Plan to come!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 15	Middle School Devotional
Nov. 20-22	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 22	City Wide High School Devotional
Nov. 23	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Dec. 7	Bible Quiz
Dec. 12	Youth Holiday Party

or to arrange transportation, please contact Mike at the church office.



### "ThanksSinging"

Wednesday, November 25th

Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Singing 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

in the small auditorium

Take a break from cooking and the Holiday Rush.

Join us for a relaxing evening of Food, Fun,

Fellowship, Praise and Thanksgiving.

Songleader: Burke Brack

There will be NO classes scheduled for that evening.

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### MOTHERWISE, Wisdom for Mothers

This wonderful new program will begin in January of 1999. Scheduled on Mondays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, each session will feature aerobics, Bible study, discussion and prayer time. For more information you may check the display in the foyer or call Jennifer Carson. Registration will be from December 6th - 13th.

Job Opportunity: If you are interested in babysitting during the Motherwise sessions, please contact Jennifer Carson.

### NURSERY SHOWER

We have scheduled the shower to provide items for the infant nursery on Sunday, December 6th from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. This is to help us replace some of the items that are old and outdated. We also want to honor all of our teachers and volunteers who have given of themselves to care for our most special members. On Sunday a list will be passed out in the Bible classes outlining some of the larger items we would like to have. We will also furnish a list with the rest of the selections for those who would like to purchase an additional item. Selections are at Toys R' Us. If you would like to make a contribution please contact the church office and we will gladly shop for you.

### H.O.S.T.S. THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

The H.O.S.T.S. Thanksgiving Fellowship will be on Tuesday, November 17th from 6:45-9:00 p.m. at the home of Jamon and Clay Kirby. For directions, more information,

## IN APPRECIATION



Thank you so much for helping us through a very rough time in our lives. You truly are a church family with a heart.

Thanks,  
Dwight & Michelle Smith

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Thank you so much for your prayers, food, calls, visits, cards, words and acts of kindness, and the beautiful spray of flowers during our mother, Mattie White's, illness and death. Bill and I appreciate you very much.

Ruth and Bill Meazell  
and the White Family

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Dear Family at West Erwin,

Your kind visits, cards, calls, food and especially the prayers you sent have made my recovery much easier and faster than I thought possible. May God bless all of you! We love you with all our hearts.

Your sister,  
Carolyn McCune

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kind and generous attention during my recent surgery and recovery. Your prayers, visits, flowers, cards, food, and phone calls were contributing factors to my recovery. May God bless all of you.

Audrey Ball

### "A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER"

The Annual Adult all-church Holiday Banquet will be Saturday, December 5, at the Woman's Building. Reservations will be taken on November 15 and November 22. Cost is \$10.50 per person. Seating is limited.

### SPECIAL EVENT

The Harding Acapella Chorus will be performing at the Glenwood Church of Christ on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to come and enjoy this program and the fellowship with other Christians.

### AREA WIDE 5th SUNDAY SINGING

The Central Church of Christ in Lufkin is hosting the November singing. Due to the holiday season, the singing will be on November 22 (4th Sunday) from 2:30 - 4:00. Light refreshments will be served.

### WITH SYMPATHY

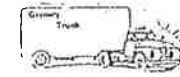
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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome **Clyde Waggoner** back home to West Erwin. He was a member here a number of years ago before moving away from Tyler. He has moved back to Tyler from Richardson to be closer to his daughter. His address is 609 Shiloh Ridge, 75703, ph. 534-0048.



## GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of December 7-10. West Erwin is requested to collect COFFEE, KOOL-AIDE MIX, & CHILI. If there are other items you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated also. (Boles Home comes to our area twice each year).

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christi Maxwell on her selection for All-State Chorus in Nebraska. She was 1 of 500 chosen statewide. She also has the lead (soprano) role in a musical play at school. Christi was also honored by being asked to represent her school in Washington, D.C.

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

There are quite a few new books in the Children's Library. Check it out!!!

"If you hear a kind word spoken  
about somebody you know,

It will help and encourage him if you only tell him so.

If a deed, regardless how small,  
helps you on your way to go,

Find the one whose hand has helped you,  
seek him out and tell him so." -- author unknown

## BENEVOLENT NEEDS

The Benevolent Center is in need of men's shoes, especially sizes 11, 12, 13; men's pants (work pants, jeans and dress pants) 32, 34, & 36; men's shirts - large & extra large; ladies large and extra large dresses, blouses and pants; also bedding - sheets, quilts, and blankets.

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Bible Class	373	396	389
Worship A.M.	562	564	565
Worship P.M.	352	394	359
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	263
Contribution	\$18,280.50	\$13,666.75	\$14,361.13
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$523.50

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

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Estelle Garrett was admitted to ETMC. Wednesday with an asthma attack. Florene Adams is in Mother Frances. Clyde Lane is having additional tests in Houston. Wanda Frick is at home after surgery Monday. Audrey Ball is recuperating at home after recent surgery. Sue Starnes is recovering from recent surgery on her nose. Sue Ellen Laird had surgery on a broken ankle last week. Teen Matysiak, Jeannie Wood's mother, is at home after a bad fall. Carolyn McCune and Odell Sessions are in Tyler Rehab. Tillie Carpenter is now at home. Leslie Meigs, relative of the O'Neals and Bells, is some improved in Houston. Velma Owens, Agnes Ables' sister-in-law, had a serious surgery in Sulphur Springs. Ruth Burke, friend of Agnes Ables, is now in a nursing home. Kay Parrish, Jeff Parrish's mother, is having serious back problems. Clint and Heather Mosley, friends of Leigh Ann McClenny, are in Mother Frances after an accident. Frank Steele, Dan and Wini Cullinan's son-in-law, is hospitalized in Houston due to a heart attack. Tracy Lemons is in Mother Frances for tests.

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

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

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### A HEALTHY CHURCH

I like John's prayer for Gaius: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2). How did John know Gaius was prospering in his soul? He had heard that Gaius was walking in the truth (verse 3) and equated the two: walking in the truth makes our souls prosper (healthy). When you and I prosper in our souls, the church is healthy. Some time ago we made a study of the age patterns in the West Erwin church and discovered, somewhat to our surprise, that we had about the same number of members in each ten year age group from the 20's through the 80's. Since people are living longer now than formerly, there is a "graying" of the church, and this is good. Not only are those in their 70's and 80's and even 90's the church of yesterday, they are the church of today. This group attends church meetings with faithfulness (though some cannot physically do this any longer). They visit visitors to our services and the sick and shut-ins. They give of their resources to support the work of Christ. We love and need these "senior citizens." The group of folks made up of those in their 40's, 50's, and 60's should be the "mainstays" of the church, and in many ways they are. These are folks who should be teaching our

classes, giving to meet the bulk of our budget, and leading the church. We need this group, too. Then we have the teens, the 20's, and the 30's. These people bring an atmosphere of optimism, excitement, and vision to any church. We need this group. Finally, there are the children ... the precious children -- in the nursery, in classes, in worship training, in Bible Hour, in the assembly, in the halls and foyers, sometimes loud and underfoot, but so necessary to what we are about. A healthy church needs all of these. Without the older members we miss the wisdom and experience which come only with time. Without the younger members and children we miss the excitement of a bright future. When a church is fortunate enough to have both groups, it has an opportunity to be a healthy church. I say has opportunity because balanced age groups do not assure health for a church. No church is healthier than its individual members -- you and me. If your material prosperity equaled your spiritual prosperity, how would it be with you? So, John's prayer for Gaius is my prayer for each of us: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

**Sermons for Sunday, November 8, 1998**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"If I Am Lifted Up"**  
(John 12:27-32)

P.M. **"Habits of the Heart: Studies In Character"**

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(I Timothy 4:12-16)

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that are not yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the styrofoam cup: the roots go down and plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why (Mike's note: we Christians understand why! Amen?), but we are all like that.

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



## BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

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### KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen is a ministry that provides a hot meal to all those who are hungry. Each Monday night from 6-7 five of the Tyler churches host this meal. This ministry has grown significantly over the past 18 months with over 20 each week and 37 this past Monday. If you want to help, let me know. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as it helps needy people.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Nov. 9	Bible Quiz
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And remember the Dick-and -Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

**HE CALLED A LITTLE CHILD AND HAD HIM STAND AMONG THEM. AND HE SAID: "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. THEREFORE, WHOEVER HUMBLING HIMSELF LIKE THIS CHILD IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. AND WHOEVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME."**

Wishing you a great day!!!

\*excerpt taken from All I Really Needed To Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum.

## IN APPRECIATION



Dear Jay Lockhart, West Erwin Elders, and Congregation, Thank you so much for the prayers and thoughtful inquiries on behalf of my father, Bennye Siler. Everyone has been wonderful! There is so much Christian love in our church - it's very comforting at times of need.

Sincerely,  
Grace Siler

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Special thanks for everything - your calls, cards, and food. God bless you and yours.

Louise Santos

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Thank you, dear Christian friends, for the beautiful fall spray sent at the passing of my brother. The flowers touched our hearts and made us more aware of our love for West Erwin. All of you are special to us.

Signa & Paul Stanley

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Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of James Broome. The prayers, food, flowers, and cards were very much appreciated.

Very sincerely,  
Gary, Frances, Amanda &  
Allison Broome

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Thanks to all who contributed to the Missionaries Christmas Fund. It was a great success and we wish for our missionaries a very happy holiday season.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Don and Carolyn McCune on the birth of a new grandson! Cameron Alexander McCune was born at Mother Frances Hospital on October 22 and weighed 9 lb. 1 oz.

Congratulations to Wade and Diane Weathers on the birth of Rebecca Leigh on October 28. She weighed 8 lb. 15 oz. Caroline and Katherine are big sisters. Don and Wanda Weathers are proud grandparents and June Walker is great grandmother. Walker and Rhonda and Wynne and Ginger are uncles and aunts and Ross, Grace, Wendy and Will are cousins.

## SPECIAL EVENT

Please join us for *Living Alternatives Annual Banquet* at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14th, at the Sheraton Hotel Constellation Ballroom, 5701 South Broadway in Tyler. Limited seating - please R.S.V.P. by November 11 (581-2891). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

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## BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower



honoring

Simone O'Donoghue

bride-elect of

Neil Vannoy

Saturday, November 7 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

at the home of

Judy Clark

6302 Ashmore

Selections: Target, Service Merchandise

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

## WITH SYMPATHY

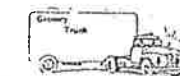
Services were held Monday in Lindale for Mattie White, Ruth Mezell's mother.

Services were held Tuesday at the Memorial Road Church of Christ in Oklahoma City for Ida Gieger, widow of Luther L. Gieger who preached at West Erwin in the 1950's.

Services were held Tuesday in Sulphur Springs for David Thompson, a good friend of the Rick Fedells.

Sam Bailey, long time member of West Erwin, died Monday night. Services were held at our building Wednesday afternoon.

Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.



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## CAN YOU HELP?

The Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College needs a fax machine. If you have one you would like to donate or if you would like to give money toward the purchase of one, please contact Amy Clark or Kenny Shaver at 593-3331.

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Bible Class	396	377	395
Worship A.M.	564	574	559
Worship P.M.	394	364	351
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	263
Contribution	\$13,666.75	\$16,764.81	\$15,472.75
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$3,483.50

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### PRIORITIES AGAIN

Has there ever been a time when we have had so many demands on our time? Or, when we have had so much leisure? Sounds contradictory, doesn't it? But this is where we find ourselves -- most of us live in the fast lane where we work hard, play hard, and we have the prosperity to go, go, go. Like one of Shakespeare's characters, we get on our horse and "ride off in every direction." When we're not working or traveling, we have other obligations: school meetings, sporting events, recitals, clubs, et.al. When you add up the demands, plus the wants, plus the time, plus the prosperity, we are really the go-go generation. How do we settle our priorities? One thing is certain: you can't do it all. Something has to give. The sad fact is that the thing we let slip may be the most important. Work is important. Kids are important. Relaxation is important. Involvement in the community is important. But your relationship with God is most important. If you are so busy that you

are letting your spiritual life suffer, you're too busy. It's time to do a spiritual inventory and find out where you are in your relationship to God. You may have to say no to some things of lesser importance. Think about it: what's sapping your time and energy? And, will these things matter in 100 years from now? You have to work, but do you have to work eighteen hours a day? And, is it worth it? Kids matter. But try limiting them as to the number of extra activities in which they participate. One couple I know limit their children to one extra-curricular activity per semester of school. Recreation is important. But how does your need for relaxation contribute to the edification of the body of Christ -- you've got to be with the church if you're going to be good for it and it for you. We need to give God and the church a better place in our priorities. In the long run both we are our children will benefit. Think about it.

**Sermons for Sunday, November 1, 1998**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"I'm A Servant ... But Where?"**

(Matthew 20:25-28)

P.M. **"Habits of the Heart: Studies In Character"**

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(Philippians 4:8)

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Sunday was a great day with our annual Fall Festival attracting over 300! All the children seemed to have a great time and there also seemed to be a few older folks enjoying themselves too! Thanks to those who helped with food, booths, setup, cleanup, and every other facet of the Fall Festival. Congratulations for a job well done!

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### KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen is a ministry that provides a hot meal to all those who are hungry. Each Monday night from 6-7 five of the Tyler churches host this meal. This ministry has grown significantly over the past 18 months with over 20 each week and 37 this past Monday. If you want to help, let me know. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as it helps needy people.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Nov. 20-22	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 22	City Wide High School Devotional
Nov. 23	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

ministries is the Tuesday Lunch Bunch. These wonderful cooking teams arrive early on Tuesday mornings and fill the fellowship hall with the wonderful aromas of "home cooking" as they prepare food for those who are ill and our shut-ins. Once the meals have been prepared with *tender loving care*, then our men arrive and deliver these wonderful meals. The laughter echoes in the fellowship hall long after the cooking is done. The ladies who create these wonderful meals are truly missionaries sharing their love for others in one styrofoam tray at a time. Oh, and the food, well it's simply the closest I've been to heaven with my feet still on earth. Stop by and say "Hi" sometime.

### NURSERY SHOWER

The infant nursery looks absolutely wonderful!!! Thank you to the artists who created the new murals that cover the walls. There is also new carpet on the floor. Now, I'd like to ask for your help to finish this project. We need some new items that will help complete the renovations in the nursery. To get these items we are having a SHOWER for the nursery. Lists of items needed will be distributed in Bibles classes this coming Sunday, November 1st. Selections are listed at Toys 'R Us. If you are able to help us then you can provide a monetary gift that will be turned into an item needed in the nursery or you can go and select an item yourself. This is an area where we have experienced tremendous growth recently and we have 5 more babies on the way. Won't you help us as we try to provide the best environment possible for these precious souls. Thank you.

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### KEEPERS OF THE HEARTH

At the time of this writing there are members working in various areas of the church building preparing for Tuesday's ladies inspiration activities. At the present time there are approximately 110 women planning to attend. What a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, encouragement, and Glory to God this is shaping up to be.

### FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing items for the food pantry. Many have been helped by your generosity. Please remember when selecting items that the people we are helping are living in the most primitive conditions. That is why we are asking for canned fruits and vegetables only. That way they can open the can and eat with minimal preparation. Items like pudding, jello, potato mixes, powdered drink mixes, dried noodles, etc. often require more preparation and cooking utensils than some of our visitors have access to. Once again, thank you for your help with this outreach ministry.

### TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Often, there are ministries that operate without many of us knowing they are there. That is a drawback to being a member of a large congregation, but it is also exciting when you think of the many opportunities we have to serve God using our various talents. One of those

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Melanie Goodson** and her family in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Melanie is the daughter of Cooper and Mary June Goodson and the granddaughter of Mary Evelyn Grier. Their address is 725 David, 75703, ph. 561-4875.



## IN APPRECIATION

All of the food, calls, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you for caring.

Love,  
Amy Shotts

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Dear West Erwin Brethren,

Thank you very much for the prayers offered for Carolyn Hughes and our family. Carolyn is recuperating nicely at her parent's home in Gainesville. She should be able to return home to Abilene within the next few days. The Lord continues to bless us in numerous ways through His indescribable love. It is especially great to witness his answered prayers through the thoughtfulness of fellow believers. Please continue your demonstration of faith and love through your ministry of prayer.

Yours in Him,  
Ray Hughes

## WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday in Stamford for Foy L. Young, Signa Stanley's brother. James Broome, Gary Broome's dad, died Sunday afternoon. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

## AREA EVENTS

The Patton Lane Church of Christ invites you to come and hear about God's AMAZING GRACE with Don Kleppe of Arlington, Texas November 1 - 4. Sunday services: 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. (with lunch following) and 6:00 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed. 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board for details.

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The *Sweet Expressions* will be in concert at the Crockett Road Church of Christ Sunday evening, November 1 at 6 p.m. following the evening worship assembly. This 12-member group from Austin has been praising our Lord through song for over 20 years and all over Texas.

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The *Sweet Expressions*, along with another acapella group called "Arise", and a group called "His Three" (who recently returned from a trip to Russia where they spread God's word through song) will perform on the Saturday Night Showcase on the Mountain Stage in the Old Mill Marketplace complex on Hwy 64 in Canton on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. It is free.

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## BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower



honoring

Simone O'Donoghue

bride-elect of

Neil Vannoy

Saturday, November 7 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

at the home of

Judy Clark

6302 Ashmore

Selections: Target, Service Merchandise

## YOUNG AT HEART

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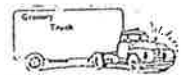
W. Clement Stone, founder of *Success* magazine said:

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

## PLEASE NOTE:

Garry and Lena Goswick's phone numbers are as follows: home - (903) 963-7980, work - 963-8644.

## GROCERY TRUCK COMING



The Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of December 7-10. West Erwin is requested to collect COFFEE, KOOL-AIDE MIX, & CHILI. If there are other items you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated also.

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Worship A.M.	574	547	559
Worship P.M.	364	342	351
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	263
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### HAROLD TAYLOR CONCLUDES FOURTEEN YEARS WITH WEST ERWIN

In September, 1984, West Erwin assumed the oversight of the work of Harold Taylor as he began conducting on a full-time basis meetings, lectures, leadership workshops, and evangelism seminars across the nation and in several foreign countries. These fourteen years have been enjoyable and profitable for us and for the churches Harold has helped. Many times during these years Harold has preached at West Erwin and has conducted workshops for us. We appreciate Harold for his good work and we are grateful for the long and fruitful association we have had with him, and with his wife Betty. Beginning the first of the year, 1999, Harold and Betty will begin a new work with a recently established congregation in Lewisville. This new church already has about 400 in attendance and a weekly contribution of \$9,000. Last Sunday they had a Friends Day with over 500 present! The church bought and paid for six acres of land and will be in its new 675 seat auditorium (which can be easily expanded to seat many more) before the end of the year. With the beginning of this new work, Harold's long and happy relationship with West Erwin will

be coming to an end on December 31, 1998. We wish for him the greatest success in the work he will be doing in Lewisville and pray God's richest blessings upon him as he concludes fourteen years and four months with West Erwin. It is appropriate and timely that Harold should fill the pulpit at West Erwin before he officially begins his work in Lewisville and Sunday, October 25, will be the day.

### WE'RE IN SUCH A HURRY

We are out to save time, get more done, and to hurry, hurry, hurry. Someone has observed that we like fast food restaurants because they save us time. However, even in these stores we had to park, go inside and order, and this took time. So we were pleased when fast food restaurants added drive-through windows -- saving more time. Now we can drive our vans through the fast lane so we and our children can eat our burgers on the way to ball practice -- just like God intended! (Smile)

**Eastern European Mission has now exceeded the \$1 million dollar goal for Bibles and curriculum for Russia.**

### Sermons for Sunday, October 25, 1998

by Harold Taylor

A.M. **"A Miracle Names Jesus"**  
(Acts 2:22-24)

P.M. **"His Grace Reaches Me"**  
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

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### FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday is the day for our annual Fall Festival hosted by the youth and other families. This is a special time for children birth through 5th grade to enjoy great games, incredible activities, fantastic food, and fun fellowship! Plan to come and help and enjoy the fun evening. All of those setting up need to be here at 3:00 on Sunday.

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### Thought for the day...

*"He who loves a pure heart  
and whose speech is gracious,  
Will have the king for his friend."  
Proverbs 22:11*

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### KEEPERS OF THE HEARTH

Our Ladies' Enrichment evening is less than a week away. I know there are a lot of demands for the precious little free time we have each day. We must decide what is most important to us and then choose from the opportunities that present themselves to us. I pray that this one is at the top of your list, ladies. Please don't miss this evening of good food, good fellowship, and challenging speakers.

### THANK A TEACHER

Worship this past Sunday was absolutely wonderful!!!! It was great to hear Jay's lesson and I felt like I was being fed. How wonderful it is to walk into a classroom and hear a lesson already prepared for us by a teacher. It is also such a great comfort to know that at that point in time another teacher is sharing a Bible lesson with my child. Take a moment and appreciate those who give of their time and energy to share Bible lessons with us. Thank a teacher!

### Don't forget your Brookshire's receipts!!

Simply write on your receipt the organization you wish to help and drop it in the box provided in the lobby. Any receipts which do not have a specified organization marked on them will go to the West Erwin Building Fund.

## MY EXAMPLE

*I want children to be able to watch my life and know that:*

*the first step of anything is to seek the Lord,  
people are more important than things,  
obedience and truth are always the best choice,  
keeping silent is better than filling space with empty words,  
curses really do curse,  
blessings really do bless,  
God is awesome and to be feared,  
God is loving and will never leave us,  
God is powerful and loves to heal, restore, deliver, and save,  
performance and perfection are not the basis for being loved,  
I consider others before myself,  
it is good and right to submit to leadership and their authority,  
leaders need to be prayed for,  
enemies can be loved, blessed and prayed for with a pure heart,  
worship is my life before God,  
the Bible is true,  
forgiveness is real,  
sin can be overcome,  
and that God wants us to really know Him.*

--Sheri Smith

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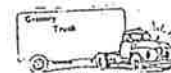
Thanks to A.Z. and Lena Hays for their thoughtfulness and generosity in donating a series of video tapes on *Everyday Evangelism* from the Herald of Truth to be used in our library.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Ladies, don't miss this time of inspirational Bible study and fellowship.

### GOSPEL MEETING

The Wills Point Church of Christ, 302 East Hwy 64, is excited to announce a Gospel Meeting with Brother Burton Coffman October 25-28. Sunday services will be at 9 & 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be a question and answer session. Brother Coffman will answer any Bible question which anyone wishes to ask.



### GROCERY TRUCK COMING!

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 26-30. West Erwin is asked to contribute MUSTARD. Money is also appreciated.

### FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 25

7:15 - 9:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Carnival Booths for children

Lots of Games and Prizes

Costume Contest

Refreshments will be served

Please bring a bag of wrapped candy

Great Fun for the Whole Family!



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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

**Winnie Bell** has made known her wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church. She has been attending here for some time with her daughter, our Kathy Hilliard. We are very pleased to welcome her into our West Erwin family. Her address is 310 Linda Lane, Lindale 75771.



### KEEPERS OF THE HEARTH

October 27, 1998

An Evening of Inspiration for Ladies  
Registration - 5:45 p.m., Dinner - 6:00 p.m., Welcome - 7:00

"Welcome Home" ... Carolyn Welborn

Carolyn will show us how a special touch can create a sense of grace, beauty, and warmth in our homes.

"Rising Above Alone-ness" ... Panel Discussion

Stephanie Christian, Velma Lemons, Jean Oliver, Sue Starnes - This panel of women will enlighten us as to how God has used them in the single-ness to serve Him. You are sure to be enriched by this class whether you are never married, married with an unbelieving spouse, single parent, or widowed.

"Bears, Boxes & Books" ... Nancy McCoy

Mothers of preschool children learn about books, games, and songs that will help your child develop gross motor skills, fine motor skills and reading skills.

"Beyond the Big Black Hole" ... Nora Gravois

Are you hesitant to face conflict in your life? Learn how there can be beautiful ending to stormy conflicts.

Closing remarks - 8:35 - 9:45

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### HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED

Host families are needed for international exchange students for the Spring semester of the 1998/99 academic year. Students will arrive in January and remain with a host family until the end of the school year. For more information, please call Carole Edwards at 1-800-414-3738.

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Worship A.M.	547	554	548
Worship P.M.	342	350	334
Wed. P.M.	NC	308	243
Contribution	\$15,264.64	\$16,974.92	\$13,912.12
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$8,866.00

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### Church Keys

If you have borrowed a key to the Fellowship Hall or church building, please return it as soon as possible. Several have been checked out and have not been returned.

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### AMONG THE CHURCHES

In the course of a year I visit, counting Wednesday evenings in the summer, about fifteen churches. These congregations are usually located in Texas, the Southwest, and the Midwest. Some of these churches have as many as 1000 members while others are in mission areas and may have as few as 50. As I visit these churches I am seeing an emerging pattern. While what I am about to say is far from a scientific study (too few churches and too limited geographically), I want to share some thoughts. First, the churches I visit seem to be spiritually healthy. Most of these churches are happy, friendly, and biblical. The people love the Lord, the Word, and each other. Some are experiencing growing pains and have some tension between old and new methods and procedures, but they want to be the New Testament church. For the most part, these churches have uplifting worship, sing both old and new songs, and appreciate their leaders. They are engaged in missions at home and abroad and are optimistic about the future. Second, in the communities where I go I see an alarming polarization of churches. Ultra-conservative churches, in resisting what

they call liberalism (which is anything they disagree with), isolate themselves more and more and are in decline. Churches that are on the edge of liberalism (those who have forgotten their heritage, their message, and which in giving people what they want have neglected to give them what they need) are not growing. Third, the churches I visit are generally middle of the road and are trying to avoid the ditch on either side of that road. They are the churches that know who they are, have vibrant worship services, Bible preaching, happy faces, and are growing (though all seem to need a greater evangelistic zeal in order to grow as they should). All in all, the churches in areas where I go are in decline if they are legalistic, issue oriented, ultra-conservative or if they are so far left of center that they have lost their identity. Although both extremes are vocal and seem to be many, I am convinced that the mainstream of the church is in the balanced, Scriptural middle and generally the church as we approach a new millennium is healthy and making a great impact for Truth. I'm hopeful.

### Sermons for Sunday, October 18, 1998 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **Self-Discipline**  
(1 Corinthians 9:24-27)  
P.M. **Habits of the Heart**  
**Studies In Character** (4)  
(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are reminded of our devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together. Details will be available in class Sunday.

### BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

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write on your receipt "Youth" and put it in the Box in the foyer or in the Youth Box by the water fountain in the office area. Thanks for participating.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Bible Quiz this past week. Once again, we had a really good showing with 2nd & 3rd Place Ribbons. Nov. 9 is the date of the next quiz and it will be over 1 Kings 12-17. Pick up your study sheets.

### BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP SERVICE

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Briarcliff Worship service this past Sunday. We had a good turnout and the folks at Briarcliff really appreciated.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 18	Meeting for Fall Festival
Oct. 18	Middle School Devotional
Oct. 25	Fall Festival
Nov. 9	Bible Quiz
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### Thought for the day...

*"Pleasant words are a honeycomb,  
Sweet to the soul  
and healing to the bones."  
Proverbs 16:24*

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### STOP!!!!

The Psalmist writes to us in Psalm 46:10,  
"Be still and KNOW that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

What a wonderful verse of encouragement for us to take hold of, but first we must **BE STILL**. If we could only accomplish that then God tells us we can **KNOW** that He is God. He will calm our restless hearts, give us the rest we so desperately seek, and fill us with the warmth, comfort, and assurance that comes from a relationship with our Heavenly Father. Why not take just a moment right now and spend a few moments with God, better yet, step outside and enjoy this marvelous weather we're having as you talk to God.

### NURSERY NEWS

The next time you are in the building, please take a moment and visit the infant nursery. What a wonderful atmosphere to leave children!!! The walls have been redone with a beautiful mural (thanks to Carrie Cannefax, Karen Fedell, Lauren Garrett, Claudia Griffis, Sherry Peek and Kyle Stowers) and the floors have been covered with padded carpet (thanks to Carolyn Welborn). The next time you're in the building stop by and spend a few moments in the **great outdoors**. Our next step will be to have shower for the nursery in coming weeks and provide some much needed items.

## CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

Thank you to everyone who contributed to help make this a special holiday season for our missionaries in the field. To date we have collected approximately \$1220. Thank you for your generosity.

### FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

For the rest of my life, I'm going to pray before I lose precious time worrying, and ask directions of strangers long before I get lost.

For the rest of my life, I'm going to find time to visit with babies and butterflies, and sit on the steps sipping tea from a fine china cup.

For the rest of my life, I'm going to trust that God is always at work in all things, and give Him thanks long before my simplest prayers are answered.

For the rest of my life, I'm going to let go of living the hours of each day my way, and following God's leading for the rest of my life.

-- Nancy Parker Brummett

**Don't forget your Brookshire's receipts!!**

## IN APPRECIATION

The Ingram family would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, visits, cards, and many prayers on our behalf during and after Billie Ingram's illness and death. I can't imagine not having this church family to lean on during these trying times. We love you all very much.

In Christian Love,  
Norene Ingram  
Don & Nerene Ingram  
Luke & Heather Ingram  
Bobby & Paula Ingram  
Jeff & Melissa Parrish

West Erwin has lost to death several members and loved ones of members this year. It is our hope that this poem, shared with us by Dan Cullinan, will be an encouragement to those who are dealing with the loss of loved ones.

### THE HOPE OF CHRIST'S FAMILY, THE SAVED

True, the circle will be broken  
and our loved ones will depart;  
But it need not leave us hopeless,  
with a crushed and broken heart.  
Each of the faithful loved ones  
who have traveled on before  
Will be waiting there to greet you  
On Heaven's eternal shore.  
Let us teach and live and labor,  
Trusting all to God on high;  
Death's but a pause in our togetherness  
And is not a 'last goodbye.'  
David said his son was 'yonder  
safely in the arms of God,'  
Saying, "I shall join him after while,  
When this earthly vale I've trod."  
Job believed "Man lives again;"  
So, death's but a moment's parting  
Not a hopeless, sad, "Goodbye."  
-- Arthur L. Golden

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Midland for John King, Jr., brother-in-law of Ruth Hearne. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Charles and Estelle (Smith) Garrett! They were united in marriage Friday, September 18, at the West Erwin church.

"Without the assistance of the Divine Being ... I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail." -- Abraham Lincoln

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Greg and Susan Anding came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. We are very happy to welcome this couple into our growing family and we hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 4218 FM 16E, 75706, ph. 858-1212.

## RESPONSE

Janell McCorkle, from Mineola, came Sunday to ask for the prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ as she struggles with physical problems and emotional burdens.



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Stephanie Christian, Velma Lemons, Jean Oliver, Sue Starnes - This panel of women will enlighten us as to how God has used them in the single-ness to serve Him. You are sure to be enriched by this class whether you are never married, married with an unbelieving spouse, single parent, or widowed.

"Bears, Boxes & Books" ... Nancy McCoy

Mothers of preschool children learn about books, games, and songs that will help your child develop gross motor skills, fine motor skills and reading skills.

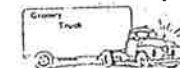
"Beyond the Big Black Hole" ... Nora Gravois

Are you hesitant to face conflict in your life? Learn how there can be beautiful ending to stormy conflicts.

Closing remarks - 8:35 - 9:45

## GOSPEL MEETING

The Wills Point Church of Christ, 302 East Hwy 64, is excited to announce a Gospel Meeting with Brother Burton Coffman October 25-28. Sunday services will be at 9 & 10 a.m. and at 5 p.m.. Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be a question and answer session. Brother Coffman will answer any Bible question which anyone wishes to ask.



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Records	Sunday Oct. 4	Sunday Sept. 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	371	375	360
Worship A.M.	554	563	562
Worship P.M.	350	367	355
Wed. P.M.	308	NC	NC
Contribution	\$16,974.92	\$17,229.34	\$16,707.13
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$907.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Oct. 11 and Wednesday P.M., Oct. 14, Bill Denson, ph. 509-3782.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Odell Sessions is doing well after double knee replacement Tuesday at Mother Frances. Amy Shotts had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Tillie Carpenter is improving in Mother Frances. Mary June Goodson is recovering at home after recent surgery. Louise Santos is recuperating at home from recent knee surgery. Florene Adams is back at Park Place. Mozelle Cash is in Park Place, room 221-A. Leon Armstrong, Jim Armstrong's brother, is in ETMC Rehab. Leslie Meigs, relative of the O'Neals and Bells, is some improved in Houston. James Broome, father of Gary Broome, is at home but remains very ill. Carolyn Hughes, daughter-in-law of Hoyt and Elizabeth and sister-in-law of Hillard and Jeanine, is doing well after recent heart surgery in Houston. Gary Cain's dad had cancer surgery last week in Dallas. Bennye Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is having health problems. Decima Corbett, Lena Goswick's mother, is at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

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Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Diane Tindall, ex-daughter-in-law of Roberta Tindall. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

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### NATION-WIDE CONTRIBUTION FOR EEM

The national contribution from churches of Christ to provide Bibles and teaching materials for the public schools of Russia has now exceeded \$900,000 toward the goal of \$1 million. Great! We'll keep you informed about further developments as we receive them from Eastern European Mission.

### WORTH REPEATING

My friend David Sain, who was with us for a meeting in the fall of 1997, sends me e-mails each week entitled "Worth Repeating." Recently he sent this story, from an unknown author, with a point:

A church was growing and, as a result, they had a parking problem. A neighbor had a vacant lot which the church tried to buy, but he did not wish to sell it. However, he offered, "You are welcome to use it." So, they got the lot free, but there was one catch. He said, "You can have it and use it fifty-one Sundays a year, but you must not use on the fifty-second Sunday." And, naturally, they asked, "Why?" He explained, "I want you to remember that you don't own it."

... Let us not forget from whom we receive every good thing, and to whom we owe gratitude!!!

Another friend, Sam Long of Jacksonville, Florida, sent the following e-mail:

A doctor and a lawyer were talking at a party. Their conversation was constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice. After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asked the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?" "I give it to them," replied the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill." The doctor was shocked, but agreed to give it a try. The next day, still feeling guilty, the doctor prepared the bills. When he went to place them in his mailbox, he found a bill from the lawyer.

### PREACHER FOR SUNDAY

**Bill Young**, Church Relations Director with Abilene Christian University, will be our speaker this Sunday for all services. Bill, an excellent speaker, worked with some of our outstanding congregations, including Broadway in Lubbock and Johnson Street in San Angelo before beginning his work with ACU a few years ago. Welcome Bill and Ann this Sunday.

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to go out to eat at Mazzio's with us this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

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### BIBLE QUIZ

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### BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP SERVICE

Everyone is needed at the Briarcliff Worship Service this coming Sunday afternoon. Please meet at Briarcliff no later than 2:45. We will be finished at 4:00. Teens, parents, and anyone else who can come and help, please put this on your list of high priorities. We need you!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 11	Briarcliff Worship Service
Oct. 11	Out To Eat
Oct. 12	Bible Quiz
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### Thought for the day...

*"The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor"*  
-Proverbs 15:33

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### WOW!!

Last week was absolutely wonderful!!!! Good food, good fellowship, and great preaching. John Dale challenged us with some wonderful lessons. I hope this past week was a time of rejuvenation, renewal, and rededication for you, but that's just half the story. What remains is the way we live out what we heard in our daily lives. So, now it's time for YOU to BECOME the Gospel lessons we heard. The old saying, "If it's going to be, it's up to me, so by the grace of God let's do it!!!" still holds true today. So, even though our Fall Gospel Meeting has come and gone, it's far from being over unless we forget all the wonderful things we have seen and heard. *Keep fannin' that flame!*

### KEEPERS OF THE HEARTH

Ladies, this wonderful evening is designed solely for your benefit. A time to relax, enjoy, and be spiritually filled. Please check the registration table in the lobby for details and sign up for the session of your choice. A great deal of time and effort has already gone into this wonderful evening, but what we really need to make it a success is YOU.

### BROOKSHIRES CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Simply write on your receipt the organization you wish to help and drop it in the box provided in the lobby. Any receipts which do not have a specified organization marked on them will go to the West Erwin Building Fund.

### East Texas Teacher Training Workshop



Saturday, October 10, 1998  
8:30 AM to 12:45 PM  
Glenwood Church of Christ

East Texas Teachers' Training Workshop. Saturday, October 10th at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Times are from 8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. This year's theme is "Until Christ Be Formed In You" (Galatians 4:19) and will address the topic of Spiritual Formation in children and adults.

### CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER???

Don't forget we are in the process of collecting money to provide Christmas presents for our missionaries in the field. We want to get an early start this year on the holiday season. This Sunday, October 11th, will be the last time we ask you to give to this effort. Please be generous. Give to those who have dedicated their time and energy to sharing the Gospel message with others.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the visits, cards, and prayers. I hope to be back with you soon. Keep praying for me. I love you all.

Thelma Bennett

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We appreciate the love and concern from our West Erwin family. The beautiful spray was a lovely tribute to our mother who had been a member of the church all her life. We are grateful for the calls, cards, flowers, food from the shepherding group and Lindale P.M. neighborhood group, and the singers who made her service special.

In Christian Love,  
Frank, Charlene, and  
family of Eunice Steed

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Your prayers, visits, cards, and calls during my recent illness is greatly appreciated. Love and best wishes to all.

Claude & Odell Sessions

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To the West Erwin Church:

Now that the chemo treatment is over, I want you to know how grateful I am for all of your many acts of kindnesses. This year, which began in sorrow, has been a trial, but the "Tie that binds our hearts in love" has made all the difference for me. I treasure your love and concern. The West Erwin Church continues to be a wonderful church home, which I hold dear.

In Christian love,  
Nelda Browning

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations to Carolyn Carruth on her selection as teacher of the year at Higgins Elementary School. She will be honored at the Whitehouse Chamber of Commerce on October 20.

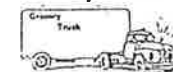
## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Ladies, don't miss this time of inspirational Bible study and fellowship.

## 14TH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY FALL LECTURESHIP

"Maintaining Christian Balance" - October 11-14

Sunday services at 9:30 & 10:34 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Mon. through Wed. at 7:00 p.m. Speakers are Bill Burk, Perry Hall, Stan Harvey, Darwin Hunter, Johnny Ramsey & Gary Workman. See bulletin board for more details.



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That's What Little Boys are Made of!  
You're invited to a



## Baby Shower and Brunch

honoring

Suzanne Kirby Perkins  
Saturday, October 10, 1998  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

at the home of Jane Jones  
1507 Kensington Drive  
Selections: Toys R Us

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



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## LADIES MINISTRY

There are a number of ladies who are anxious to assist those who may need help getting to appointments, the grocery store or other activities. If you could benefit from this assistance, please call Sara Powell at 593-5229 or call the church office. We're waiting for your call!

## CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas has a new address: 1820 Shiloh Road, Suite 1305, 75703; phone numbers remain the same - 509-0558, 800-765-1589, fax 509-0577.

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### FOUR DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

**John Dale** is an unusual man. He has preached for the same church for twenty-five years. He has worked his entire life in the area where he was born and raised. He is a Kentucky Colonel. The mayor of Murray, Kentucky, recently declared a *JOHN DALE DAY* in his city. He preaches for the largest church among churches of Christ in Kentucky and is most highly regarded by people in and outside the church. He is an effective and faithful preacher of God's Word and exemplifies "preaching the truth in love." His visit with us this week has been a rich blessing to us all. When we are with good people we want to be better ourselves and John is good people! His preaching from Paul's letter to the Philippians has been a blessing to us all. The reason John is so effective in his ministry is that he does not preach himself but preaches Jesus Christ as Lord. He effectively applies the message of Scripture to our needy lives. We profited from his visit and are indebted to him for blessing our lives. We are also indebted to other people who helped to make our week so profitable. First, we are grateful to **Gary Ables** and **Jerry Huff** for leading our singing. Second, we thank **Danny Snell** and **Mike Gravois** for providing the evening meals. Third,

we are thankful to the ladies who provided the desserts for the evening meals and the brunch on Wednesday. Fourth, we thank **Jon Sorrells** for providing and cooking the food for our men's prayer breakfast on Monday. Fifth, we thank **Dale Blackstone** and others who helped for providing the Bible Hour program for children. Last, but not least, we are grateful for all who participated in our meeting by attending the events of the week. We were blessed with four great days and the results in our lives will be lasting.

### JAMES LEFAN TO PREACH

**James LeFan**, who preached for so many years in Temple, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 4, at all services. James preached for many years for the Western Hills church and is now retired, but he does preach by appointment and in meetings. He is a great Bible student and preacher and you will enjoy hearing him. I regret that because of an unusually busy fall, I will be gone three Sundays in October. However, we do have some very capable people coming to West Erwin, including **Bill Young** of ACU (October 11) and **Harold Taylor** (October 25). Thanks for your patience!

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### PICNIC IN THE PARK

We had a great time at Pollard Park this past Sunday. There was quite an exciting football game and a wonderful time of fellowship. Thanks for taking part in a fun day!

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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### Thought for the day...

*"A good name is more desirable than great riches, To be esteemed is better than silver and gold."  
-Proverbs 22:1-*

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### WEPS VENTURE OUT

If you drive to church and arrive using Elm Street you may notice the new wrought iron fence and the outdoor play things on the south side of the building. This is the newest addition to the West Erwin Play School. It provides us with a wonderful, secure location to allow children to play outside when the weather is pretty. This area is a tremendous addition to an already wonderful program that touches many lives. Thanks to all of you who helped make this wonderful play area possible.

### CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

We are in the process of collecting money to provide Christmas presents for our missionaries in the field. We will be collecting for the next two Sundays and you can give your gift to an elder, secretary, or minister. We would like to get an early start this year to beat the holiday rush and so that we can get the presents to the missionaries by Christmas. Won't you help us make this a most joyous holiday season for those sharing the Gospel with the lost around the world???

### ETTTW

The East Texas Teachers' Training Workshop is just a week away. The workshop will be hosted by the Glenwood Church of Christ and will feature the theme: *Until Christ Be Formed In You* (Galatians 4:19). Speakers will focus on how we develop faith in children and adults. This will be a

wonderful time of encouragement, sharing, and blessing for you. Please mark the date Saturday, October 10, on your calendar. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information, details, or directions, please check with Mike.

### FOOD PANTRY

The small food pantry that we keep in the office is filling slowly. Thanks to all of you who have shared with us that we might share with those who have nothing.

### THANK A TEACHER

I have heard some wonderful comments from many of you who are enjoying the Bible classes we are offering. Please take a moment of your time and find a way to express your gratitude to the teacher spending time and effort preparing the lessons that bless us each week. We have many wonderful teachers who are working hard to share wonderful lessons with our children, as well as our superb adult teachers. Find a way to brighten their day and say thank you.

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

## RESPONSE

Kyle Willoughby came Sunday to rededicate himself to the Lord, to be the best he can be.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all your many acts of kindness shown to us during these past few weeks - the phone calls, cards, gifts of food, but especially we thank you for the many prayers that were offered in our behalf. I plan on being back in worship in a couple of weeks.

In Christian Love,  
Peggy Garner

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Thank you for the food, gifts, cards, calls, and especially the prayers during my illness. I love you.

Mozelle Cash

## WITH SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of the Ingram family in the death of Billie Ingram Monday night. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Services were held this week in Sulphur Springs for Lucy Poor, Mary Richey's sister-in-law. Services were held this week for Kim Lile, niece of Bill and Judy Smith. Services were held last Sunday in Lindale for Eunice Steed, Frank Steed's mother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## NEW ARRIVAL!

Congratulations to Justin and Melissa Metcalf on the birth of Hunter Rowland on September 28. He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. J.N. and Ginger Metcalf are proud grandparents!

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** Ladies *Bunko* is Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Pharis, 6012 Stoneleigh.

**LADIES:** Plan to attend *An Evening of Inspiration* Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1998 - "Keepers of the Hearth." Details later!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

In Observance of Twenty-Five years of Food and Friendship  
Bill & Alice Denson  
Thelma Henley  
Lorene Venable

were recognized as Volunteers and Donors of "Tyler Meals on Wheels" recently.

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*Snips and Snails and Puppy Dog Tails  
That's What Little Boys are Made of!*  
You're invited to a

## Baby Shower and Brunch

honoring

Suzanne Kirby Perkins  
Saturday, October 10, 1998  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

at the home of Jane Jones  
1507 Kensington Drive  
Selections: Toys R Us



Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 354 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Members of Troop 354 Annual Pancake Breakfast will be served on Saturday, October 10, from 6:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.99 for children and may be purchased from any member of the troop. Troop members at West Erwin are Bryce Murry, Chad Frick and Garrett Cantrell. The breakfast features pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice and the men do a great job of cooking, the boys do an awesome job of serving.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas has a new address: 1820 Shiloh Road, Suite 1305, 75703; phone numbers remain the same - 509-0558, 800-765-1589, fax 509-0577.

## MISSION NEWS

On Friday, March 26 - Sunday, March 28, West Erwin will host the biannual *Together for Togo* Conference. Jeff and Brenda Holland and Frank and Jenna Bunner will be with us, along with members of sponsoring congregations from Washington, Tennessee, Virginia, and Colorado. We will also have missions leaders from Harding University and missionaries and sponsors who will form a new team soon to go to Northern Togo. We expect over 100 visitors for this event. We need your help and support!

As part of the Eastern European Mission effort to place Bibles in public schools, Dannie Skipper and Joy Rousseau will be leaving soon to go to different parts of Russia to help teach school teachers in Russia about the Bible.

The latest report from Eastern European Mission is that \$924,000 has been given toward the million dollar goal for Bibles and materials for the school children of Russia.

*"God's wisdom helps me grow in love toward others."*

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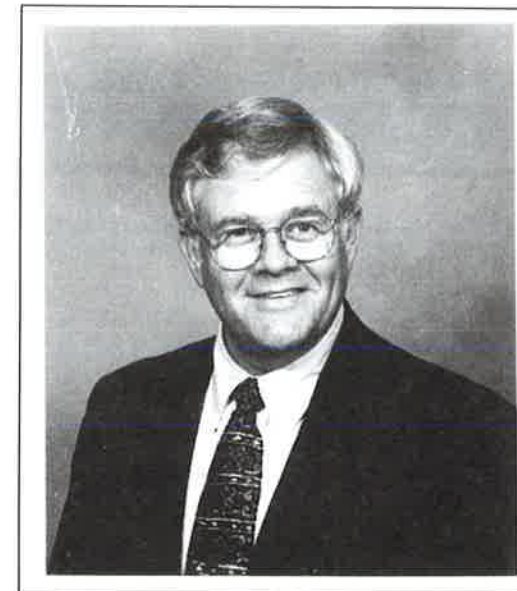
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### Gospel Meeting September 27-30



Guest Speaker: John Dale  
Glendale Road Church of Christ  
Murray, Kentucky

### Meeting Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Combined adult classes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. - Worship  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Prayer Breakfast - Monday 7:00-7:45 a.m.  
Ladies Class and Brunch - Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

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**The Steel  
Has Arrived!**  
We will once again begin to see progress as the much awaited structural steel began arriving Wednesday morning. Stay tuned!



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*"A cheerful heart is good medicine,  
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."  
-Proverbs 17:22-*

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois 400 - 500 - 700

Please remember the goals we are working toward. We would like to see 400 consistently in Bible classes on Sunday mornings. We are trying to have 500 here for the combined adult Bible class on Sunday, September 27th when we begin our Gospel Meeting with John Dale and we would like to have 700 in worship that same morning. Call a friend. Invite a neighbor. Bring someone you love. Let's fill the auditorium to capacity as we all come together to worship God.

### MEXICAN FIESTA

The Family Builder's Bible class will host a Mexican Fiesta on Friday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Boomers' class is invited as special guests. This will be an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Sign-up sheets have been passed in the classes for food items. Following dinner we will play cards and games. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Carrie Cannefax, Jean DuVall, or Karen Pharis.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Pamela Lowry** into our West Erwin family. She was recently married to Terry Lowry and formerly worshipped with the Roff Church of Christ in Roff, Oklahoma. Their address is 16725 Jessie Hale Rd., 75707.

## IN APPRECIATION

To: West Erwin,  
Thanks for your prayers, phone calls and concern for my brother, Leon Armstrong, during his recent stay in the hospital.  
In Christian Love,  
Jim Armstrong

P.S. His address is: Leon Armstrong, 135 Oak, Esquire Estates, Mabank, TX 75147.

West Erwin Singers,  
Your kind message of comfort in the funeral service for our loved one, Barbara Williams Brady, is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. I have the funeral on tape. Those particular songs were special to Mother and are doubly precious to me now.

Sincerely,  
Kristy (Suzanne) Cobb

Thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers in my behalf during my illness. Every act of love and concern is very much appreciated.

Kathryn Wallace

Thank you for the cards, visits, and concern about my health.

In Christian Love,  
Henry Golightly

Thanks for the care and concern while A.Z. and I were in the Rehab Hospital. We appreciate you!  
Pauline Aven

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## WEDDING INVITATION



Stephanie Griffith  
and  
David Lynn Beard  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage

on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of September  
Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
Hickory Knoll Church of Christ  
Karaham, Louisiana

Reception following  
No gifts, please

## GROCERY TRUCK COMING!



The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 26-30. West Erwin is asked to contribute MUSTARD. Cash donations are also appreciated as that allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

## WITH SYMPATHY

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## LADIES MINISTRY

There are a number of ladies who are anxious to assist those who may need help getting to appointments, the grocery store or other activities. If you could benefit from this assistance, please call Sara Powell at 593-5229 or call the church office. We're waiting for your call!

## YOUNG AT HEART

The Glenwood Church of Christ Pure Gold group is planning a trip to Bush Library in College Station on October 6. Cost is \$21.00. If you would be interested in joining us, please call the Glenwood church office at 509-9494.

## 4TH SUNDAY SINGING

The LaPoynor Church of Christ in Larue, Texas is hosting the 4th Sunday Singing on Sunday, September 27 from 2:30 - 3:30 p. Everyone is invited to come and praise our God in song. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

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Prayer Paul Stanley  
Scripture Stuart Suggs  
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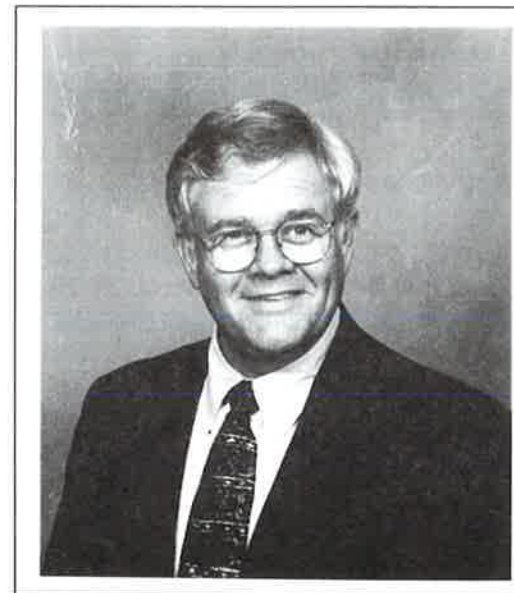
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### CHRIST WILL BE EXALTED DURING FOUR WONDERFUL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER (27-30)

#### Special Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast (Monday 7:00-7:45 a.m.)  
Ladies Class and Luncheon (Wednesday 10:00 a.m.)  
Dinner together Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (6:00-6:45 p.m.)



John Dale

#### Our Speaker

**John Dale** was raised in Paris, Tennessee, one of three sons born to John and Mildred Dale. He married Marsha Hendon in 1969 and is the father of Karen Weatherly, a graduate of David Lipscomb University and a 6th grade music teacher, and Michael, a graduate of Milsap College and Duke University where he prepared for medical school. John attended Freed-Hardeman, Oklahoma Christian, Murray State University, and Vanderbilt University. He is currently finishing his dissertation for a Ph.D. in Psychology and Counseling at Louisiana Baptist University. John is highly regarded as a faithful and powerful proclaimer of the Word throughout the brotherhood, especially in West Kentucky where he has preached for the 1000 member Glendale Road Church of Christ for 25 years.

#### Meeting Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Combined adult classes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. - Worship  
Monday - Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

**Hardeman Nichols**, well-known, well-loved, and effective preacher of the Gospel for more than 50 years will fill the pulpit this Sunday, September 20th while Jay Lockhart is in a meeting in Kentucky. It is a pleasure to welcome Hardeman and Virginia to Tyler and to the West Erwin church.

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

Thanks to all who attended the meeting this past Sunday night. There are a lot of exciting things planned for the next several months. If you missed the meeting, please pick up a calendar and sign up to host an activity.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our first Bible Quiz took place this past week and our teams did an outstanding job. The 3rd-4th Team took 1st Place, the 5th-6th grade team took 2nd Place and the 11th-12th team took 3rd Place. Congratulations to the following: Cayti Bynum, Megan Florence, Dayne Harris, Brandon Lott, Lindsey Lott, Tyler Lott, Bryce Murry, Kara Murry, Sara Scarborough, Shannon Snell, and Kelsi Wicks. The next quiz will be over 1 Kings 7-11. We will have a study session on Sunday, Oct. 4.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the Combined Devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and be finished at 9:00. Please bring \$3.00 for the meal. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this special time together.

### PICNIC IN THE PARK

Join us for a special Sunday afternoon in the park on Sept. 27. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this great time together for a picnic and games. Plan to bring your lunch and whatever stuff you want to play games with. There will probably be a good football game with the adults once again beating the teens!!! Don't miss it!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 20	Combined Devotional
Sept. 21	Karing Kitchen hosted by W.E.
Sept. 27	Picnic In The Park
Sept. 27-30	Gospel Meeting
Sept. 28	Karing Kitchen hosted by W.E.
Oct. 4	Bible Quiz Study Session
Sept. 12	Bible Quiz
Oct. 25	Fall Festival
Nov. 20-22	Middle School Retreat

### Thought for the day...

*"It is to a man's honor to avoid strife,  
but every fool is quick to quarrel."  
-Proverbs 20:3-*

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE AND HASTE, AND REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SURRENDER be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. \*Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. \*Keep interested in your own career, however humble it is; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But do not let this blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. \*Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. \*Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. \*You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. \*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you

conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. \*With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

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### ETTW

The East Texas Teacher Training Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at the Glenwood Church of Christ. This year's theme is *Until Christ Is Formed In You* (Galatians 4:19). This year we will discuss HOW children and adults are FORMED spiritually. Each speaker will present some of the issues involved in the educational aspect of formation and how to apply that within the church and teaching ministry. This year's workshop addresses the WHY we present ideas in the classroom and the PURPOSE behind what we do. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all teachers. Please mark this date on your calendars and begin making plans now to attend.

### WEDDING INVITATION

Stephanie Griffith  
and  
David Lynn Beard  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage  
on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of September  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
Hickory Knoll Church of Christ  
Karaham, Louisiana

Reception following  
No gifts, please

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class resumed on September 9. Ladies, mark your calendars and make your plans to be a part of this time of Bible study and fellowship each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

### ATTENTION, LADIES

Reserve October 27 for our "Ladies Evening Out." Make your plans to be there and invite your friends to come too.

### CHRISTIAN HOMES INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Christian Homes of Abilene is hosting two information seminars on international adoptions. Each seminar will contain the same material. Tyler Date: Monday, September 28 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the TJC Regional Training Center, 1530 S.S.W Loop 323, room 125. There is no charge but pre-registration is requested by calling 1-800-592-4725. For additional information, call the above number. The second seminar will be Tuesday, September 29, at the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christian Services of East Texas' second annual *Cherish the Children* auction will be held on Saturday evening, September 19, at the Brook Hill School in Bullard. There will be a catered dinner, silent auction and exciting live auction. Tickets are \$25.00. For more information, please contact the Christian Services offices at 509-0558.

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### GROCERY TRUCK COMING!

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 26-30. West Erwin is asked to contribute MUSTARD. Cash donations are also appreciated as that allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday for Lola Gazaway, the grandmother of Debbie Jones. We extend our sympathy to this family in the loss of their loved one.

### FAILURE IS NEVER FINAL!

Failure is never final! The only time you can't afford to fail is the very last time you try.

Failure doesn't mean I'm a failure; it just means I haven't yet succeeded.

Failure doesn't mean I have accomplished nothing; it just means I've learned something.

Failure doesn't mean I've been a fool; it just means I had enough faith to experiment.

Failure doesn't mean I've been disgraced; it just means I dared to try.

Failure doesn't mean I don't have what it takes; it just means I must do things differently next time.

Failure doesn't mean I'm inferior; it just means I'm not perfect.

Failure doesn't mean I've wasted my time; it just means I have reason to start over.

Failure doesn't mean I should give up; it just means I must try harder.

Failure doesn't mean I'll never make it; it just means I need more patience.

Failure doesn't mean I'm wrong; it just means I must find a better way.

Failure doesn't mean God has abandoned me; it just means I must diligently seek His will.

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### Morgan Family

Several people have requested the address for Daniel, Carol and Sunny Morgan in Brazil. Keep in touch! It is:

Daniel Morgan  
C P 801 - Centro  
Cuiaba, Matto Grosso  
Brazil - 78005-970  
E-mail dkmor78154@aol.com

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS, Sunday, Sept. 20:

Preacher: Clay Clemons; Nursery - Frances Broome; 2's - Tina Harris & Ronda Clemons; 3's - Rick & Karen Fedell; 4's - Wade & Diane Weathers; Overseers: John & Terry Shaw.

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Bible Class	378	404	375
Worship A.M.	540	544	562
Worship P.M.	351	1,100	375
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	269
Contribution	\$14,149.07	\$15,365.22	\$14,744.80
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$22,003.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Sept. 13 and Wednesday P.M., Sept. 16, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Mozelle Cash** had heart surgery Wednesday at ETMC. **Jill Carruth** had day surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. **Thelma Bennett** is in ETMC. **Bill Endsley** is back at the Clairmont. **Peggy Garner** is recovering at home. **Henry Golightly** is at his daughter's home in Plano. **Nelda Browning** is continuing treatment. **Kathryn Wallace** is ill at home with shingles. **Billie Ingram** is at home. **Roy Bench** is continuing therapy. **Helen Stubblefield**, Dana Tate's mother, is in Tyler Rehab. **Frances Burch**, Greg Wagner's mother, is in Scott & White in Temple. **Leon Armstrong**, Jim Armstrong's brother, had recent cancer surgery in Athens. **Mary Kuykendall**, Carolyn McCune's mother, is now at home. **Jimmy Bell**, Jim Bell's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. **James Sides**, Bill Smith's cousin, is very ill in Balch Springs. **Vallery Johnson** is no longer in remission with leukemia. **Rob Porter**, Sandie Martin's great uncle, is taking radiation for brain cancer. **A.Z.** & **Pauline Aven** are in Tyler Rehab Hospital.

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Prayer	Kelly Ross
Scripture	Clay McDonald
Dismiss	John Pike

#### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Dannie Skipper

#### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Jon Sorrells
Scripture	Glynn Starnes
Dismiss	Larry Shankle

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### SUNDAYS ARE SPECIAL

People who love Jesus and the church are the same people who love the times the church is together for worship. Those times are always special. But sometimes we have a day that is extra-special. Sunday before last was one of those days. At the invitation the front seats were filled with people who came with special needs, people who came to support them, and people who came to be identified with us. Last Sunday was another of those days. **Chuck Gillam** came before the church to reaffirm his commitment to Christ, to voice his support for the work of this church and to ask his brothers to join him. It was thrilling to see dozens of our men come to stand with and in support of Chuck and to say, "You can count on us!"

**400 500 700**

Those numbers have appeared on our announcement screen preceding our worship for the last few weeks and without comment ... until last Sunday when **Mike Gravois** told us what they represent. We are looking for 400+ on a consistent basis in attendance for our Sunday morning Bible classes. With the beginning of a new quarter and new classes, this is an ideal time to enroll in one of our classes if

you are not already attending. This goal is well within our reach. Our meeting with **John Dale** begins on September 27th and we want 500 present in Bible classes on that day when John Dale will teach a combined adult class in the auditorium. That goal, too, is very reasonable. Then during the worship hour on Sunday morning of our meeting, we would like to see 700 present. Do you think we can do that? Of course we can ... and here's how: (1) Be present yourself (stay home that weekend); (2) Talk about the meeting; (3) Pray for its success. Determine right now that you will be involved. During the meeting we will serve dinner to all who wish to come on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, prepared by the preachers! We are planning a men's prayer breakfast on Monday and a ladies luncheon on Wednesday -- John will speak at these sessions. What a week September 27-30 promises to be!

### THANKS

A group of ladies, who prefer to remain anonymous, deep cleaned our auditorium last week (vacuuming the seats, polishing the wood, straightening the books and putting out cards). Thanks, dear ladies!

**To date \$770,000 has been given toward the \$1 million dollar campaign for Eastern European Mission to provide Bibles and curriculum for Russia. We'll keep you posted!**

### Sermons for Sunday, September 13, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"What Is Church Organization?"**

(Acts 20:17-21, 25-28)

P.M. **"Habits of the Heart -  
Studies In Character" (3)**

(Romans 14:7-13)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

All of those in grades 6-12, their parents, and others interested in the youth ministry are invited to the eating meeting on Sunday, Sept 13, after the evening worship. There will be some important information in the mail this week. This is an important meeting, so make your plans to be present.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The East Texas Bible Quiz begins on Monday, Sept. 14 at Shiloh Rd. The text for the fall is 1 Kings and the first quiz will be over 1 Kings 1-6. This is a great opportunity for us to learn God's word and have some wonderful time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters from the area. All of those interested need to pick up your study material ASAP. We will have a study session on Sunday, Sept. 13. We will eat lunch with the Shepherding group and then study till 3:00.

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### PERSPECTIVE

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," my dad would reply, "we're raising boys."

Harmon Killebrew  
Hall of Fame baseball player

### 400 \* 500 \* 700

These numbers represent goals we would like for you to help us reach in the month of September. We would like to have 400 people consistently in our Bible classes on Sunday mornings, 500 in Bible class on September 27th to open our Gospel Meeting, and 700 in worship on the 27th. The only way we can reach any and all of these goals is with your help. Please look around you on Sunday and see who's NOT there. Since we are all parts of one body it is natural to assume that we all suffer when any one part is missing. As West Erwin continues to grow and develop into the congregation God would have to be it is necessary to make sure everyone is involved in the growth process. This Sunday COME GROW WITH US!

"I've come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that creates the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or de-humanized."

--Haim Ginott

## LIBRARY WORKDAY

HELP! We need several high school students to help in the library on Sunday, Sept. 13. We will meet from 3:00-6:00. Come if you can!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 13	Youth Ministry Meeting
Sept. 13	Bible Quiz Study Session
Sept. 13	Library Workday
Sept. 14	Bible Quiz
Sept. 21	Karing Kitchen hosted by W.E.
Oct. 5	Karing Kitchen hosted by W.E.
Nov. 20-22	Middle School Retreat

### Thought for the day...

"Listen to advice and accept instruction,  
and in the end you will be wise."

-Proverbs 19:20

## WARRIORS

The Warriors Class is a Leadership Training Class for youth in the 4th through 8th grade. This class meets on Sunday evening in the small auditorium. We had 17 attend as we began this year's study in Ephesians. The class will involve Scripture Reading, Memory Work, Lesson Preparation, Service Projects, and much more.

## FALL QUARTER IN PROGRESS

September marks the beginning of the Fall Quarter of Bible study and our new classes are now in progress. First, I want to take just a moment to pay tribute to our teachers for their willingness, interest, preparation, and presentation of lessons. I would also like to offer my gratitude to our new teaching coordinators for their efforts and time spent to recruit teachers and then act as a liaison to help make teaching the most rewarding experience it can be. Finally, thanks to all of you who attend and bring children to Bible classes. We appreciate you and are here to serve you.

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## IN APPRECIATION



Dearest Church Family,

We both want to say how much we appreciate the many calls and cards we received during Don's recent hospital stays, as well as the food after he came home. We feel so blessed by your expressions of love and support.

We love you all!

Don & Carolyn McCune

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Dear Fellowship - West Erwin Church of Christ,

Clelia Faye "Cissy" Elliott and I and children of the rest of the Thomas family do appreciate so very much the prayers you offered for Dr. Thomas and the delphinium, iris, statice, and yellow carnations sent to the service. May God continue to bless you all and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Thomas family

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Thank you for the food, cards, calls, and gifts during my recent heart attack. I love you all!

Mozelle Cash

## THE COLD WITHIN

Six human beings trapped by happenstance in bleak and bitter cold, each one possessed a stick of wood, or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs. The first one held his back, for one of the faces 'round the fire he noticed was black.

The next man looking 'cross the way saw not one of his church, and couldn't bring himself to give the fire his stick of birch.

The third man sat in tattered clothes. He gave his coat a hitch, why should his log be put to use to warm the idle rich.

The rich man just sat back and thought of all he had in store, and how to keep what he had earned from the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge as the fire passed from his sight, for all he saw in his stick of wood was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group did naught except for gain, giving only to those who gave was how he played the game.

Their logs held tight in death's still hand was proof of human sin; they didn't die from the cold without, they died from the cold within.

--James Patrick Kinny

(We had several requests for this poem quoted by Dr. Jack Evans. It was shared with us by Paul Stanley)

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## RESPONSE

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## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Sitzeman Funeral Home in Muskegon, Michigan for Lillie Jane Garrett, Charles Garrett's mother. We extend our sincere sympathy to Charles and to all the family in their loss.

## NEW LADIES COMMITTEE

A new committee for the Woman's Ministry has been approved which will provide transportation for those who need some help in getting to the grocery store, the doctor's office, etc. If you have a car and a little spare time, call Sara Powell at 593-5229. This will be an inspiring job.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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### 1100 ASSEMBLE SUNDAY NIGHT

What a crowd! What a service! What preaching! Those are the sentiments of many of the 1100 who assembled in the West Erwin building Sunday evening for our Area-Wide meeting. People came from all over to share in the excitement. Many were present for the Southwestern Christian College's choral presentation at 5:00 p.m. and were excited about the program. Then at the 6:00 p.m. "standing room only" service Dr. Jack Evans, president of the college and preacher of the gospel for over 40 years, thrilled us with the message on "Rekindling The Flame." We were enlightened, challenged, and uplifted by the preaching. And what about that singing during our worship? When more than 1000 people who are present because they want to worship God lift up their voices in praise, it reminds us of what heaven will be like. Our thanks to all who made the meeting such a great success. About \$3,000 was contributed to Southwestern Sunday evening by those in attendance. Additionally, many people purchased tapes of the chorus and books by Dr. Evans.

### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

Also on Sunday, three Tyler churches contributed nearly \$45,000 to the effort to supply Bibles and study materials to the schools in Russia. Eastern European Mission promoted a \$1 million day across the United States for this purpose and we will share the total results with you when all the figures are in. Realizing that other churches in Tyler and the surrounding area also participated in this special effort, East Texas will be well represented in the national contribution. The opportunities in Russia are some of the most exciting in the world today and we must be involved.

**John Dale**  
**will preach the Gospel**  
**at West Erwin**  
**September 27- 30**  
**What a great four days that will be!**

### Sermons for Sunday, September 6, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. **"The Church As Family"**  
(Ephesians 3:14-21)  
P.M. **"Habits of the Heart -  
Studies In Character" (2)**  
(Genesis 3:9-13)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the City Wide Devo Sunday night. We had a great turnout with over 180 young people including those from SWCC. The singing was great!

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to go to Mazzio's with us this coming Sunday night after church. Invited a friend to enjoy this special time together. We'll be finished at 9:00.

### YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

All of those in grades 6-12, their parents, and others interested in the youth ministry are invited to the meeting on Sunday, Sept 13, after the evening worship. This is an important meeting, so make your plans to be present.

### BIBLE QUIZ

The East Texas Bible Quiz begins on Monday, Sept. 14 at Shiloh Rd. The text for the fall is 1 Kings and the first quiz will be over 1 Kings 1-6. This is a great opportunity for us to learn God's word and have

some wonderful time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters from the area. All of those interested need to pick up your study material ASAP. We will have a study session on Sunday, Sept. 13.

### LIBRARY WORKDAY

HELP! We need several high school students to help in the library on Sunday, Sept. 13. We will meet from 3:00-6:00. Come if you can!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 6	Out To Eat
Sept. 13	Youth Ministry Meeting
Sept. 13	Bible Quiz Study Session
Sept. 13	Library Workday
Sept. 14	Bible Quiz
Sept. 21	Karing Kitchen hosted by W.E.
Oct. 5	Karing Kitchen hosted by W.E.

### Thought for the day...

*The way of a fool seems right to him,  
but a wise man listens to advice."  
-Proverbs 12:15-*

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### Adult Bible Classes - Sunday Mornings September - November

Class	Room	Topic
Auditorium Class	Main Auditorium	John; 1, 2, 3 John
Family Builders	Sm. Auditorium	I & II Thessalonians
Builders	Heritage Room	Acts (part 1)
Boomers	Chapel	Romans & Galatians
50's - 60's	Room 112	Genesis
Mixed ages	Room 113	Exodus & Numbers
Ladies Class	Room 114	Harmony of the Gospels
Singles	Room 305	I & II Thessalonians

### ETTW

The East Texas Teacher Training Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at the Glenwood Church of Christ. This year's theme is *Until Christ Is Formed In You* (Galatians 4:19). This year we will discuss together HOW children and adults are FORMED spiritually. Each presenter will help you see some of the issues involved in the educational aspect of formation and how

to apply that within the church and teaching ministry. Many education workshops are designed to give us ideas that will improve the way we present ideas in the classroom. This year's workshop addresses the WHY we present ideas in the classroom and the PURPOSE behind what we do. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all teachers. Please mark this date on your calendars and begin making plans now to attend on Saturday, October 10.

### Wednesday Bible Study Opportunities

Class	Teacher	Title
THE SEARCH Sm. Auditorium	Jay Lockhart	Between the Testaments
Scriptural Study Room 114	David Frick	Firm Foundations
Men's Class Room 112	Leon Welborn	Christian Businessmen
Ladies Class Chapel	Gail Vannoy	Boundaries
Parenting Class Heritage Room	Mike Gravois	"Reflections of Moral Innocence"
Parenting Class	Wynne & Ginger Weathers	"Growing Kids God's Way"
College/Singles	Ron Lott	"Experiencing God"

## IN APPRECIATION



To my loving, caring church family,

You make it so much easier. When I need you, you really come through. Thanks for the visits, phone calls, prayers, flowers, and food during my recent surgery.

In Christian love forever,  
Clelia Fay Elliott

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Dear Christian Friends,

We love you and thank you for the lovely floral arrangement and all your kindness shown to us at this time of loss. Best wishes to you in the great work there.

With all our love,  
Robert Hawkins  
Sheila Jordan, daughter

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West Erwin brothers and sisters in Christ have come forth so wonderfully during the sickness and passing of our loved one, Barbara Brady. Your loving prayerful support, beautiful flowers, the dinner following the funeral, and your many expressions of concern are so very much appreciated for which we are so grateful. Our prayers are with you as yours are with us.

Suzanne Cobb  
Lacey Brady & family

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It was good to hear from Mae Holliman as she is getting settled in her new home in Mesquite.

Hi Gang! Love to all of you! Sure miss you! All is well here. My stuff still doesn't fit this small space. I just have to "yard sale" until it does. (My daughter-in-law has that department). I went to Mesquite Church of Christ last Sunday and it's nice, but it's not home yet. Had a little wait to make connection with their "bus-man" but that is well now. You are in my prayers. If anyone comes this way, call me if you have time (214) 327-3437. Love,  
Mae

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Barbara Brady, a long time West Erwin member. Services were held Monday in Edgewood for Jeff Donaldson, Michael Millsap's grandfather. Services were held Wednesday in Lufkin for John D. Scarborough, Mozelle Brown's brother-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### GOSPEL MEETING

You are cordially invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville September 6-9 with H.A. (Buster) Dobbs. Sunday services 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.; Monday- Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Greg** and **Debbie Jones** into our West Erwin family. They moved here with the Target Distribution Center from Indianapolis where they worshipped with the North Central church. They have two grown sons, Jason, who lives in Indianapolis and, Steve, who is college in Evansville, IN. Their address is 3609 Flagstone, 75707, ph. 565-4337.

**Shannon Thrash**, who has been attending here for some time, would like to be identified with the West Erwin church. We are glad to welcome Shannon into our fellowship. His address is 4044 Canyon Circle, 75706.

### RESPONSES

**Marc** and **Pam Lemons** came Sunday to rededicate their lives to Christ. They have asked for our prayers that they might be better Christians and serve the Lord as He would have them to. Marc and Pam and daughters, Carla and Katie, live at 206 North Creek Drive, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-4567.

**Jim Bell** came to request the prayers of his church family for strength to help his family through their wedge of pain so they can be united and face it together.

**Fred Wingate** came to ask for prayers that he might be forgiven of wrong doing in his life and for pain that he has caused.

**Jody McCreary**, a young man who lives near our building, came to ask for prayers and he seeks to understand the will of God for his life. His address is 231 South Beckham, 75702, ph. 533-0309.

**Steve Thrash** came Sunday to ask for prayers that his family might be reunited.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will resume at 10:00 a.m. on September 9 with a brunch at the fellowship hall. Ladies, mark your calendars and make your plans to be a part of this time of Bible study and fellowship.

### ATTENTION, LADIES

Reserve October 27 for our "Ladies Evening Out." Make your plans to be there and invite your friends to come also.

### Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting

The next Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting will be on September 8 at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que.

### BIBLE HOUR

There will be no Bible Hour on Sunday, September 6, due to the holiday (Labor Day) weekend.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS, Sunday, Sept. 6:**  
Preacher: Mike Gravois; Nursery - Sharon Gordon; 2's - Jerry Huff & Nora Gravois; 3's - Randy & Karen Pharis; 4's - Matt & Rhonda Haws; Overseers: John & Terry Shaw.

### The Search



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Bible Class	382	407	377
Worship A.M.	560	570	560
Worship P.M.	382	371	374
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	252
Contribution	\$15,222.69	\$17,133.33	\$17,060.65
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$2,093.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 30 and Wednesday P.M., Sept. 2, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Mozelle Cash is in ETMC ICU. Barbara Brady is in ETMC. Peggy Garner has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Charles Garrett had an outpatient procedure Wednesday. Henry Golightly is in ETMC Rehab. Mary Haws is being treated with medication. Don McCune is at home. Nelda Browning is continuing treatment. Kathryn Wallace is ill at home with shingles. Billie Ingram is at home. Roy Bench is continuing therapy. Helen Stubblefield, Dana Tate's mother, is in Tyler Rehab. Frances Burch, Greg Wagner's mother, is now in Scott & White in Temple. Leon Armstrong, Jim Armstrong's brother, had cancer surgery Tuesday in Athens ETMC. Mary Kuykendall, Carolyn McCune's mother, is hospitalized in San Antonio. Jimmy Bell, Jim Bell's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. James Fides, Bill Smith's cousin, is very ill in Balch Springs. Vallery Johnson, friend of the Scroggins, is no longer in remission with leukemia. Rob Porter, Sandie Martin's great uncle, is taking radiation for brain cancer.

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### AREA-WIDE MEETING

hosted by  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
August 30, 1998



Dr. Jack Evans

5:00 p.m.  
Music Program  
Southwestern Christian  
College Chorus  
6:00 p.m.  
Dr. Jack Evans,  
President Southwestern  
Christian College  
Terrell, Texas

(A contribution will be taken to help with Chorus' expenses).

Area Youth Groups will host the Southwestern chorus after our evening service for a meal and a devotional.

Bible Hour (for ages 2 - 3rd grade) will meet in the old auditorium.

### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

August 30, 1998

The \$1,000,000 Sunday

for Churches of Christ

Why? To take advantage of the opportunity to teach New Testament Christianity throughout four Russian Public School Regions with 4,000,000 students.

Goal? To change the future of Russia.

How? Come this Sunday prepared to give for this project. Earmark your check for EEM.

Method? Each school, beginning with the Altai Region, will receive 30 Russian children's Bibles and 2 adult Bibles, 5 copies of EEM's new 300 page textbook, *A New comer's Guide to the Bible*, 10 character lessons based on the Bible.

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny REFLECTIONS...

Finally, a chance to reflect on the Summer of 1998. This week, as I looked back on the past few months I was reminded of how much God really takes care of us in all circumstances. It all began with the privilege of having Bruce to work with us again. Based on the whole summer, it was clear that God sent him back to us. We had a great session of camp at ACU. Everything came together for our Backcountry Trek to the Citico Creek Wilderness on the Tennessee - North Carolina border. The trip began without a hitch and with a lot of excitement. Aside from the snakes, rain, heat, crash & burns, steep hills, overgrown trails and lack of camping spots, it was really a great trip! God carried us through and it turned out to be a great experience. The VBS in West Point, Nebraska, turned out to be our best ever with 158 on our biggest day. We also had a great turnout for the family night with 200 from the community present for a time of singing and fellowship. The end of July we headed for Nueva Rosita, Mexico where we worshipped with the church and conducted a VBS for 3 days. That was an incredible experience with over 80 children coming

on Wednesday of the VBS and a great response from the community. Finally, it was a sad reflection when I think of the loss our family encountered with the passing and Mom and Lawton. Through all of this, it is clear that God really does take care of us in all circumstances.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

Thanks to all of those who went to the city wide prayer meeting this past Sunday night at the Glenwood church. We had a great turn out with over 150 young people, parents, and teachers present for a special evening of prayer dedicated to everyone who is back in school.

### CITY WIDE COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Following the City Wide Meeting with Jack Evans on Aug. 30, the area youth, along with the singers from Southwest Christian College, will meet together in our fellowship hall for a special devotional time. This should be a great evening of singing! Please bring \$2.00 for dinner.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug.	30	Area Wide Church Meeting at W.E.
Sept.	6	Combined Devotional
Sept.	13	Parent - Teen Meeting

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### A CHILD'S 10 REQUIREMENTS

1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture, or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm only little only for a short time - please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs; don't nag me all day long (you wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness). Treat me as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.
7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.

8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts don't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't try to compare me to my brother or sister.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.
10. Please take me to Bible class and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

(author unknown)

### SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!!!

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to new clothes, supplies, meet the teacher, etc. While school provides the academic training ground for our children, let us always remember that WE are the primary teachers our children look to for foundational lessons in FAITH, practical LIFE SKILLS, SOCIAL training, and lessons in SERVICE. Let's make it our priority to "train up our children in the Lord."

"God's wisdom helps me embrace life as an adventure"

### SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

August 26 "Self-Control" Jay Lockhart

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday for Jody Hawkins, former West Erwin member, at the Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple. Graveside services were held last Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery for John Weaver, former West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

## MEN'S DAY 1998

The Graceton church of Christ in Diana, Texas invite men of all ages to "Charting The Seas Of Chance" presented by Jay Lockhart and Mike Gravois on Saturday, August 22, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the lessons. Please R.S.V.P. by August 20 to 968-3744.

## TRI-C HARVEST DINNER

Mike Armour, minister for the Skillman Church of Christ, will be the featured speaker for the Tri-C Harvest Dinner on August 21, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., in the Rogers Student Center on the Tyler Junior College campus. Mike grew up in East Texas, attended TJC and the Tri-C. He has preached in and about East Texas for a number of years. Tickets must be purchased by August 15. You may order them from any of the Tri-C board members by calling the Tri-C at 593-3331, or by sending your check to Tri-C, 1415 South Baxter, Tyler, TX 75701. The price for the tickets is \$25 per person (this is a tax deductible donation). If you have any questions, please call the Tri-C at 593-3331.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christian Services of East Texas has announced the second annual *Cherish the Children* auction will be held on Saturday evening, September 19, at the Brook Hill School in Bullard. There will be a catered dinner, silent auction and exciting live auction. You should be receiving an invitation in the mail in a couple of weeks. If not, please contact the Christian Services offices at 509-0558.

## AREA-WIDE SINGING

The quarterly area-wide singing will be held at the Diboll Church of Christ August 30 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow!

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West Erwin Church of Christ, August 30  
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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Charles** and **Mary Beth O'Neal** into our West Erwin family. They are the parents of Kelley Bell and have been attending here for quite some time. Their address is 724 Pam, 75703.

**Dan** and **Lynn Murry** and their daughters **Kristin** and **Andy** came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. They stated that they want to rededicate their lives to God and the work of His church at this location so that His glory and light may shine once again through their lives. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing family. Dan is the brother of Jon Murry. Their address is 11734 Yarbrough Lane, Troup, 75789.

My apologies to Brad and Amy Shotts in listing both their children as boys last week. Their oldest, Blaine, is a boy and Braylee is an adorable little girl. Their address is 718 Jeffery, 75703, ph. 561-5789.

## GOSPEL MEETING

The Holly Lake Church of Christ invites you to hear Howard Norton of Harding University Sunday thru Tuesday, August 23-26. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Michael Lowrance**, who was named employee of the month for July by Federal Express in Nacogdoches. He is a junior at Stephen F. Austin University.

**\*There will be no Men's Fellowship breakfast for the month of August due to scheduling difficulties.**

## NEW LADIES COMMITTEE

A new committee for the Woman's Ministry has been approved which will provide transportation for those who need some help in getting to the grocery store, the doctor's office, etc. If you have a car and a little spare time, call Sara Powell at 593-5229. This will be an inspiring job.

## STRESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

There will be Stress Management seminar for Fibromialgia and chronic pain sufferers at the Best Western Motel at 2828 NNW Loop 323 on Saturday, August 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Gatha Crowson, a member of the church in Athens, AL will be the speaker. See bulletin board for more details.

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**PRAYER AND CARE** - Hazel Morgan is very ill in Reunion Plaza. Don McCune is now in Cardiac Rehab at Mother Frances. Adela Scogins returned to Park Place Wednesday following surgery on a broken leg last Friday. Henry Golightly is in ETMC Rehab following surgery on a broken hip last Friday. Nelda Browning is at home. Kathryn Wallace is ill at home with shingles. Billie Ingram is at home. Roy Bench is continuing therapy. Carvin Burran, Opal Mathews' brother, is now in rehab in Georgetown. Helen Stubblefield, Dana Tate's mother, is in Tyler Rehab. Frances Burch, Greg Wagner's mother, is very ill in University Park Hospital. Gloria Walker, Michelle Smith's mother, needs our continued prayers. Mary Kuykendall, Carolyn McCune's mother, is hospitalized in San Antonio. Jimmy Bell, Jim Bell's dad, 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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**WHAT IS AN INVOLVEMENT MINISTER?**

When I started full-time preaching in the 1960's churches with four and five hundred members had one preacher. These churches grew numerically and spiritually and served the communities where they were located very well. But those were the 1960's. I don't know any church of size that is growing which has only one staff person. There may be exceptions to this, but I'm not aware of them. In the 1990's church growth experts tell us that growing churches have one staff person per 150 members. I believe this for two reasons: (1) studies show it to be true; and (2) my personal experience. When churches first began to have Educational and Youth Ministers people asked, "What are they going to do?" Now we hardly see how we could do without them. In the future the same will be true of Involvement Ministers. We've been talking for some time about the need for a person to work in this area. Daniel Morgan did much work in involvement before his move to Memphis and subsequently to Brazil. What would an Involvement Minister do?

- Coordinate Fellowship Activities
- Initiate Support Groups for grief, singles, caregivers, etc.
- Help plan Worship Services
- Coordinate Small Groups for Fellowship and Service
- Oversee the Family Center Activities
- Work in Community Outreach
- Begin a Seekers Group for prospective members
- Involvement in Personal Evangelism
- Launch After-School Programs in our Family Center
- Put together a brochure to be given to visitors which explains our various activities at West Erwin
- Help our members to discover and use their God-given gifts
- Help with drop-in Benevolent cases

- Improve our Visitation Ministry
- Work with Shepherding Groups

Are we getting by now? Yes. Could we do a better job than we are doing now? Yes. Could we be doing more than we are? Yes. An Involvement Minister will help us.  
-- Jay Lockhart

**ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

There will be an all-church fellowship Sunday, August 30, following the evening worship assembly. Make your plans to be there! Bring sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts.

**Sermons for Sunday, August 23, 1998  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- A.M. **"Enemies - Mercy - Peace"**  
(Romans 12:9-18)
- P.M. **"Habits of the Heart - Studies In Character (1)"**  
(Proverbs 1:1-7)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce THANKS...

Words cannot begin to express all that I feel today. You are what God intended a church family to be. The love and care you have provided to our family these past weeks have been way beyond "friends." You are family and I thank God for you. Mom and Lawton's passing has reminded me of why I love you. Thank you for being there and please keep praying for us.

Thanks to Bruce for a job well done! Bruce was a blessing from God this summer and I miss him already. I know that he will impact many lives for God for many years to come.

### A GUIDE TO GOOD LIVING

- Learn to laugh; a laugh is better than medicine.
- Learn to mind your own business; few men can handle their own well.
- Learn to tell a story; a well-told story is like a sunbeam in a sick room.
- Learn to say kind things; nobody ever resents them.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

I Am The Child

#### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL (WEPS)

Solve  $2x + 3 = \text{FEG-T}$ . Where  $x$  = the # of children that started on the first day of Discovery Days in 1997.

When I look at this equation the 1st thing that jumps to my attention is that the number of children who started Discovery Days last year has already been **DOUBLED** by the number of children starting in the West Erwin Playschool this year. The number has more than doubled since we already have over 50 children enrolled.

So  $2(24) + 3 = \text{FEG-T}$ .

What does FEG-T stand for? Simply this: FUN, EXCITEMENT, and GODLY-TRAINING. The logo for the WEPS has a picture of a train and the following scripture:

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

The Bible clearly tells us that training for adulthood begins with the child. The WEPS will present a system of *Learning Through Play*.

Next week we open the doors for this school year and the beginning of the West Erwin Playschool ministry. Over 50 children will arrive to join this new ministry with us. Most of these children come from families that are not members of the church. **WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!** We have a chance to touch young lives with loving care and the truth of God's Word and reach out to their families as well.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

Be sure and mark your calendars for the Back to School Prayer Meeting that is taking place on Aug. 16th. All of those in grades 6-12 are invited along with their parents. Also invited are all teachers and their families. We will be going to Glenwood after church this Sunday night. Parents can pick up your kids at Glenwood at 9:00. Please bring \$2.00 for the meal. What better way to start the school year than to gather with fellow students and teachers to pray!

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 16	Back to School Prayer Meeting
Aug. 23	Combined Devotional
Aug. 30	Area Wide Church Meeting at W.E.

Learn to stop grumbling; if you can't see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.


Learn to love other people; this is a doorway to the kingdom.

Learn to place yourself in the other person's position before condemning; it might change your whole outlook.

Learn the great lessons of the Bible; no greater lessons can be learned. --borrowed

Please join in prayer for this new and exciting ministry. Oh, and do you know anyone who is looking for a wonderful Playschool for their pre-schooler? We only have a FEW slots remaining.

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### WE LOVE CHILDREN

Last Sunday we welcomed the Carson and the Shotts families to the Family here at West Erwin. We also welcomed Ancel and Blaine and Braylee into the Children's Ministries. We have seen many young families join us recently and with them their young children. We love children here and I hope that we will continue to pray, develop, and grow our Children's Ministries right along with these youngsters. Ask how you can be involved today!!! OK?

#### SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

August 19	"Gentleness"	Ritchie Ham
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### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you all for the many cards, visits, and calls during James' illness and death. The spray of flowers was beautiful and the food from Shepherding Group 6 was delicious. We especially appreciate Jay. Thanks for all the hugs and the love shown us.

Doris Kennedy & Family

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Bea Taylor, Danny Snell's mother. Services were held Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Kim Carpenter, daughter of Charles and Mary Beth O'Neal and Kelley Bell's sister. Leigh Ann Villereal, a member at Glenwood and cousin to our Sharon Hammond, died Sunday night. Services were held last Sunday for Sharon Ketchum's mother-in-law and grandmother of Chris and Heather. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### MEN'S DAY 1998

The Graceton church of Christ in Diana, Texas invite men of all ages to "Charting The Seas Of Chance" presented by Jay Lockhart and Mike Gravois on Saturday, August 22, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the lessons. Please R.S.V.P. by August 20 to 968-3744.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christian Services of East Texas has announced the second annual *Cherish the Children* auction will be held on Saturday evening, September 19, at the Brook Hill School in Bullard. There will be a catered dinner, silent auction and exciting live auction. You should be receiving an invitation in the mail in a couple of weeks. If not, please contact the Christian Services offices at 509-0558.

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### BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Courtney Russell** and her family as she made the most important decision in her life last Sunday morning as she was baptized into Christ. Courtney is a high school student and has grown up at West Erwin. She is the daughter of Gary and Laneva Beasley and the granddaughter of Harley and Myra Turner. Their address is P.O. Box 5172, 75712, ph. 595-0899.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Billy Dan** and **Jennifer Carson** and their little son **Ancel** into our West Erwin family. We know they will be an asset to the work at this place. Billy Dan is doing his residency in Family Practice at UTHC. They come to us from the First Colony church in Houston. Their address is P.O. Box 205, Winona, 75792.

**Brad** and **Amy Shotts** and their two little boys, **Blaine** and **Braylee**, are a welcome addition to our growing family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will bless our lives as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 718 Jeffery, 75703, ph. 561-5785.

### RESPONSES

Michael and Michelle Millsap came Sunday to request the prayers of their church family as they move to Fort Worth. Michael has begun work there this week and Michelle and their two boys will join him there soon. They will be greatly missed but we wish them much happiness in their new home.

### GOSPEL MEETING

The Holly Lake Church of Christ invites you to hear Howard Norton of Harding University Sunday thru Tuesday, August 23-26. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Kevin Sustaire** on his recent graduation from the University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in criminal justice.

### SHILOH PRIMETIME CITYWIDE SENIORS ANNUAL ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP

Shiloh Road Church of Christ, August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss this special event!!!!

Please call in your people count by Tuesday, August 18 to 839-4546, 830-2931 Or 592-0034.

"God's wisdom helps me become more like Him."

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS, Sunday, Aug. 16:**  
Preacher: Fred Powell; 2's - Jason & Stacey Randall; 3's - Wade & Diane Weathers; Alternates: Aaron & Jean DuVall.

### The Search



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Bible Class	368	357	337
Worship A.M.	565	558	504
Worship P.M.	367	358	360
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	249
Contribution	\$15,826.07	\$15,986.78	\$13,966.61
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$3,863.50

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#### PRAYER AND CARE

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth	
Mike Gravois - Education		
MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee

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

##### 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Dr. Roger Knight  
Scripture Marc Lemons  
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jamon Kirby

##### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Joe McBee  
Scripture Bryce Murry  
Dismiss James Phillips

##### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

John Cliver Gary Broome  
Danny Craddock Ray Bradford  
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#### BRUCE BEAVER RETURNS TO ACU

Last Sunday was Bruce Beaver's last day with us as our summer intern. Bruce has worked with West Erwin the last two summers and has done a great job in assisting Danny with his work with our youth program and helping in other areas as he was needed. A more congenial and talented young man we could not hope to find for the work Bruce has done. At the same time, he has received invaluable on the job training as he has worked in Tyler and is better equipped now for his chosen field of work in youth ministry. As Bruce returns to ACU to further his classroom studies, we bid him godspeed and thank him for leaving us with the memories of a job well done.

#### BITS AND PIECES

Bits and Pieces is a monthly booklet that has this subtitle: "The magazine that motivates the world." The August 13, 1998 issue has the following quotes:

"Courage is the result when fear meets faith."

"I have accepted fear as a part of life -- specifically the fear of change .... I have gone ahead despite the pounding in the heart that says: turn back ...." -- Erica Jong, writer

"It is better to look ahead and prepare then to look back and regret." -- Jackie Joyner-Kersa, Olympic Champion.

"We are told that talent creates its own opportunities. But it sometimes seems that intense desire creates not only its own opportunities, but its own talents. -- Eric Hoffer

(1902-1983)

"Test your strength by lifting a burden from another's shoulders."

"You can't force inspiration. It's like trying to catch a butterfly with a hoop but no net. If you keep your mind open and receptive, though, one day a butterfly will land on your finger." -- Chuck Jones, creator of Bugs Bunny

when asked where he got his ideas

"Opportunity doesn't travel on any schedule -- you just have to watch for it."

-- Jay Lockhart

#### Sermons for Sunday, August 16, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Justified"**

(Romans 5:1-2)

P.M. **"Pluralism And Faith"**

(John 14:1-6)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 9 Devotional (Last one for Bruce)  
Aug. 7 End of Summer Bash  
Aug. 16 Back to School Prayer Meeting  
CELEBRATION STATION

All those who are going to the Celebration Station lock-in this Friday-Saturday will need to meet at the church at 8:45 because we will be leaving at 9:00. We will be returning the following day at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$22 with an additional \$4 per game of laser tag if you choose to play. With your \$22, you will receive 40 tokens, Putt Putt, Go Karts, and Bumper Boats. If you have not signed the list to go, we may not have enough transportation for you. So be sure to let Danny know if you are wanting to go but have not signed up.

### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

This following week we may or may not have a workday. It really depends on the starting school schedules and the availability of you. More info on this later.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

Be sure and mark your calendars for the Back to School Prayer Meeting that is taking place on Aug. 16th. Please plan on going as we get a great start into the next school year. More info on this later.

### A TEARY-EYED GOOD-BYE

Dear W. Erwin Youth Group and Church Family,  
Well, it is hard to believe that this summer flew by so quick. Perhaps it was because I got to go on more trips this year (Thanks Danny!). Or perhaps it is because this year I knew what I was doing 50% of the time. Or maybe it is because I got to know all of you a little better; some of you a lot better. And for that I thank you. I thank you for the friendships that we have built that will last the test of time and distance. I thank you for all the times I laughed and believe me there were many! I thank you for all of the pictures, moments, and facial expressions that I have collected in my mind over the past 2 years. Finally, I just thank you for everything. You will truly be a valuable asset wherever you go. ---With Love, Bruce

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### TXAMWORK IS IMPORTANT author unknown

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*But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it.*  
-- I Corinthians 12:24-27

#### SAVING THE AMERICAN FAMILY

It's about time for us to make reservations for this conference. If you have been thinking about going please get in touch with me by next Monday to express your interest.

#### WHY IS THERE A LOCK ON THE TEACHERS' WORKROOM?

This is the most frequently asked question around West Erwin these days. Let me see if I can give you an answer. The largest area of expense in the West Erwin Education ministry budget is that of workroom supplies/materials and resources. This is so we can have current materials to put in the hands of teachers that are applicable, easy-to-use, and relevant. In the past few years we have lost resources out of the workroom or have had them damaged. Since presenting the Bible message is such an important part of who we are and why we are here, then good stewardship demands that we protect the resources we have. That is why we have placed locks on the Teachers' Workroom doors and now have a Workroom Attendant to help make things efficient and more accessible. If you need access to the workroom check with the secretaries or Mike Gravois.

#### WEPS

Those letters stand for the West Erwin Playschool and are pronounced WOW!!! Last year Discovery Days began a new school year with 24 students enrolled. So far we ahve over 40 students enrolled for the new Playschool with calls continuing to come in. Oh, and by the way, stop by the infant and toddler rooms and look at the new decor. All thanks to the hard work of the Playschool teachers and their helpers. Thanks for your hard work. God is truly blessing this new ministry here and the potential to reach new families is great. Let's keep this ministry in our prayers.

### IN APPRECIATION



To the West Erwin Church,  
Thank you! We appreciate your love and concern for us in this time of grief.

Mac & Evelene McCarty

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Thank you for your prayers, the food and the beautiful spray of flowers, but mostly for your prayers for L.G. during this past year. You were all very dear to him.

God Bless You,  
Gloria Drennan & Family

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To our West Erwin family,

Words cannot express our appreciation and love for the many acts of kindness during our difficult times. Thanks for the many cards of comfort and encouragement. Thanks for all your visits (to both me and to Lawton), the food many times, the beautiful flowers in memory of Lawton, and most of all your many prayers for me and my family.

Bea Taylor

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home for James Kennedy, long time West Erwin member. Our love and sympathy is extended to Doris and to all the family. Sharon Gordon, Ernie Gordon's sister-in-law, died last Friday following a brief illness in Garden Grove, California. Our sincere sympathy is extended to this family in the loss of their loved one.

### INVENTORY TIME

The ladies Library Committee would like to call all adult library books in by September. At that time we will inventory for a book count and determine a new list of books available in our library. Please let us shelve books so that we will be aware of books that have been returned. Thanks.

### SPECIAL INVITATION

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-- Jennie Jerome Churchill (Winston Churchill's mother)

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**Priscilla Mayer** came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family to help her to be more faithful in her attendance and in all areas of her life.

### SORRY TO LOSE....

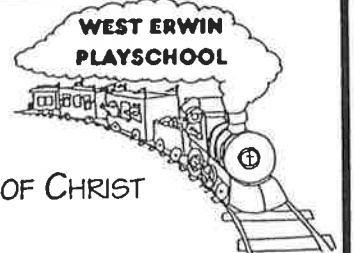
**Judy Venable Grogan** came Sunday to request our prayers as she moves to the Dallas area to be closer to her grandchildren and to begin a new life there. She stated that she was grateful for the time here and for your love and prayers and asks that we continue to pray for her mother as she adapts to Judy's leaving.

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					7:00 P.M.
			<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		
James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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 Wade Weathers  
Scripture Gary Broome  
Dismiss Jeff Parrish

##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jay Bynum

##### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Bob Threadgill  
Scripture Don Durham  
Dismiss Paul Stanley

##### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chris Ables Cody Ables  
Walker Weathers Jim Armstrong  
Arnold Ables Tony Adams  
Ray Womack Ben Young

##### GREETERS

Ray & Gail Vannoy  
Greg & Cyndie Wagner

##### WITH SYMPATHY

Bea Taylor, Danny Snell's mother, died Wednesday morning. Tentative arrangements are at Lloyd James Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Danny and Lisa and all the family.

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



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#### RISK AND FAITH

Jack Welch, CEO of General Electric, is quoted as saying, "Risk is stepping outside your comfort zone to a place where you cannot predict with any degree of certainty the outcome of your actions. Risk is taking on something that holds an enormous chance of failure. Most importantly, risk is the only key to outrageous success." Now, go back and read this quote again supplying the word "faith" for "risk" and you have described how Christians should conduct the Lord's business. Paul said, "We walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

#### LOVING THE CHURCH

My friend, Clarence DeLoach, preacher for the great Walnut Street church in Dickson, Tennessee, quoted from a bulletin article by Jack Reece of Panama City, Florida recently where he said, "I can see it in his eyes. It is evident in his voice. The church means so very much to him. He loves the church. If the church prospers and does well, then he rejoices. When the church (his congregation) struggles, then he struggles. His life is bound up in the Lord and his

body, the church. As the church goes, so goes his life. He sings with deep conviction, 'I love the kingdom, Lord'. He gives his hard-earned money to support it, attends all services, serves joyfully, tells his friends about it, and prays fervently for the well-being of the church. He is concerned about the church's future and really wants to see young people come to the Lord and be grounded in the church being light and salt to the world in each generation. Do you really love the Lord and his church? Do you love your local congregation? Do you think about it, talk about it, and pray about it? Can your love for the church be seen in your eyes, heard in your voice, and witnessed in your life?" Something to think about!

#### SMILE: IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

I read this story the other day ... Jan's father was visiting for a week, and since he was a pretty good fix-it man, she left him a note before she went to work. It read: "Dad, mileage counter on treadmill not working. Any ideas? Love, Jan." When she returned home, she read his reply: "Jan, walk until you get tired. Love, Dad." -- Jay Lockhart

#### Sermons for Sunday, August 9, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Responding To God's Spirit"

(John 16:13-15)

P.M. "I Am"

(John 8:56-58)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 2	Combined Activity
Aug. 6	Workday
Aug. 7	End of Summer Bash

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Last Friday 19 of us met at the church building at 4:30 a.m. to depart for Nueva Rosita, Mexico. Saturday and Sunday afternoon was spent in making preparation for Vacation Bible School. VBS met each morning from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The church had a gospel meeting in conjunction with the VBS so each evening was spent worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Nueva Rosita. On Wednesday afternoon we headed for home. Your prayers for our safe travel and a successful mission trip are very much appreciated.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." -- Matthew 5:16

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

Our next class of Growing Kids God's Way is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 5th. The class will be from 6 pm-7 pm on Wednesdays. Children will meet in the fellowship hall from 6 pm-7pm to eat dinner and then will report to their scheduled Bible classes. Baby sitting will be provided. Growing Kids God's Way is a class that teaches "Biblical Ethics for Parenting." This 18 week study will be a blessing to you and your family.

### FEED THE HUNGRY

For the past several months we have kept a small pantry in the office area to feed those who came to us in need of food. The pantry included canned vegetables, canned fruit, and canned pasta. Nothing fancy, but nutritious food for someone in search of a meal. Well, that food stock is almost depleted. If you or your children would like to help us by bringing a few canned goods by the office it would be greatly appreciated.

### CREATIONIST OR THEISTIC EVOLUTIONIST

Did you know that public schools are teaching our children about evolution as early as 2nd grade? I had a concerned parent come to me some time ago to share some concerns about what his child was being taught in school. He wanted to know what we, as a church, were doing to promote the Biblical account of God's creation. The two schools of thought on this issue are Creationism and Theistic Evolution. Which one more closely fits your beliefs? Maybe you haven't studied the issue at all. What we have done is to get materials that support both sides of the issue and they are now available for your study. If you are

### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

All of those in the youth group are reminded about our workday on Thursday, Aug. 6. We will meet at the building at 9:00 and finish about 4:00. Don't miss it!

### END OF SUMMER BASH

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 7, so you won't miss out on our "end of summer bash." Details later!

### THE VALUE OF A SMILE

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against your will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

interested in learning more about how to teach our children what the Bible says about creation, evolution, adaptation, or just how we got here, please contact Mike to check out the materials of interest to you.

### PARENT'S PRAYER by Gertrude Krenzke Ebeling

Dear God, we parents humbly come to Thee,  
With all our hearts to make this earnest plea:

O Father, in the name of Thy dear Son,  
We ask Thy blessing on each daughter, son.

Help us to set small footsteps on the way  
That leads to Thee, and may they never stray.

And then, by word and deed and truth  
Help us to be a guide to those in youth.

Help each one to grow in body and in soul,

To be upright and clean and good -- their highest goal.

Alone, we cannot do this greatest task -

To raise a family, therefore we ask:

Give us a wise and understanding heart;  
Thy guidance, counsel, love, to us impart.

And where we fail, then in some other way  
Supply their every need from day to day.

Forgive our past mistakes, and may we be  
Much better parents, strengthened, Lord by Thee.

Lead us and ours by Thine almighty hand

Till, kept by Thee, before Thy throne we stand.

For this we pray: we and our family will be

At last, in heav'n forever -- all with Thee.

### IN APPRECIATION



To all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at West Erwin,

Thank you for the beautiful flower spray for our mother's service. Also the singing provided by the West Erwin chorus was wonderful. In Ann's last days, she sang softly, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." God bless you all.

Lamern & Sam Bailey

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Many thanks to those of you who thought of us at the recent passing of our mother and grandmother, Ollie Ann Layton. We especially appreciate those who visited, called, and brought food, and particularly the singers who made the funeral service just right. One of the reasons God gives us His church is to provide support in stressful times, and you certainly fulfilled that responsibility. Forever in your debt,

Lamern, Sam, Ann,  
Dean & Layton Bailey

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, flowers, and all acts of thoughtfulness during this difficult time. I am grateful to have such a loving church family.

Julia Wilshire

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Dear Christian Friends,

Words can never express our thanks for the kindness all of you have shown for me. Your prayers, thoughts, kind words, all the many personal thoughts in cards from all of you. The food was so delicious and so warm. The beautiful flowers from each of you - all of this just shows how wonderful you all have been. Please continue to pray for Max and me. We hope to be able to do more for you and the Lord each passing day.

With love,  
Max and Mary

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Thank you for honoring the memory of Charles Arvin Christian. My family and I appreciate very much the beautiful floral arrangement and the words of condolences. Will and Stephanie are fortunate to be a part of such a caring church.

Gracie Christian  
Bob & David & families

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in LaPorte for Fred Mumford, former West Erwin member. Services were held Monday in Norman, Oklahoma for Beth Davis, Linda Hone's aunt. Our sincere sympathy is extended to these families and friends in the loss of their loved ones.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS, Sunday, August 2:**  
Preacher: Dale Blackstone; 2's - Randy & Karen Pharis ; 3's - Chuck & Laurie Florence; Alternates: Matt & Rhonda Haws

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### CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

There is a special need for children's clothing of all sizes at the Benevolent Center. Please bring clean, usable clothing.

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares ..... with the poor." -- Proverbs 22:9

### SORRY TO LOSE....

James and Corrie Holland and their grandchildren, John Paul and Annie Marie Coomer have moved to Fort Worth to be nearer to family. Mae Holliman has moved to Terrell to be closer to her family. We wish them much happiness as they move but they will be greatly missed here.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Cameron Cobb** on his recent graduation from Southern Methodist University with a bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a major in theatre. Cameron is the son of Kristy Cobb and the grandson of Barbara Brady.

### INVENTORY TIME

The ladies Library Committee would like to call all adult library books in by September. At that time we will inventory for a book count and determine a new list of books available in our library. Please let us shelve books so that we will be aware of books that have been returned. Thanks.

### TRI-C HOSTS HARVEST DINNER

On August 21, the Campus Christian Center, a ministry of the churches of Christ in East Texas on the Tyler Junior College Campus, will host its 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 us to replace carpet, remodeling for extra space, and hiring of interns for expansion of ministry to the students. Plan now to attend. More details will be coming in the next few weeks.

### LADIES MISSIONARY MINISTRY

The Ladies' Missionary Ministry is assembling care packages for the children of our missionaries. These packages will be filled with Bible school materials. If you would like to bring items to put in these packages or provide money to help out, please bring items or contributions to the church office.

### GOOD MORNING, GOD

You are ushering in another day untouched and freshly new, so here I am to ask You, God, if you'll renew me too. Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday, and let me try again, dear God, to walk closer in Thy way. But, Father, I am well aware I can't make it on my own so take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.

### The Search



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July 30, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No.29
Records	Sunday July 26	Sunday July 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	301	401	361
Worship A.M.	476	588	525
Worship P.M.	305	318	252
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$13,479.09	\$21,224.54	\$14,405.14
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$1,558.80

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, August 2 and Wednesday P.M., Aug. 5, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Buddy Bell** is in Mother Frances, room 386. He had additional surgery Tuesday. **James Kennedy** is Mother Frances. **Carolyn Womack** is recovering at home after recent surgery. **Roland Coats** is at home. **Mary Haws** is recuperating at home. **Bill Endsley** is in the Clairmont. **Billie Ingram** is ill at home. **Nelda Browning** has begun treatment. **Roy Bench** is undergoing therapy for back/nerve problems. **Cayti Bynum** had day surgery last Thursday. **Susan Womack**, the Ray Womack's daughter-in-law, is at home after recent surgery. **Margaret Grubbs**, Kelly Jo Womack's mother, is very ill in Dallas. **B.G. Adams**, Wanda Frick's brother, is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas due to a stroke. **Tampra Viola**, Melissa Frick's cousin, has been diagnosed with an incurable disease. **Eddie Emmons**, Danny Snell's brother, had vascular surgery Wednesday in San Antonio. **Cody Webb**, 1 year old relative of Sandie Martin, has a brain tumor and other problems.

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

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

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth	
Mike Gravois - Education		
MISSIONS		
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
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**SERVING SUNDAY**

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Jon Murry  
Scripture Don Ingram  
Dismiss Vaughn Lowry

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Ernie Gordon

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Tim Marshall  
Scripture Nathan Linseisen  
Dismiss Archie Kennard

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

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Walker Weathers Jim Armstrong  
Arnold Ables Tony Adams  
Ray Womack Ben Young

**GREETERS**

Ray & Gail Vannoy

Greg & Cyndie Wagner

**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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**CHANGING TIMES**

The world has always been changing but never quite like it is changing now. Words that describe our changing times include: computer age (what changes have been made in the last 10 years or 1 year or 1 week?); tolerance (meaning in our society that anything goes and everyone's view is of equal value); relativity (meaning there are no absolutes); pragmatism (if it works it must be right); and post-Christian (the concept that we live beyond the ideals of the Christian religion). Other changes which have occurred in the last quarter of the 20th century include: more mothers have gone into the marketplace and "stay-at-home" moms are now the exception; the now generation makes less than their parents; God has been banished from the national scene; and fewer of us go to church. Changes have also taken place in the churches of Christ. In my lifetime I have seen us move from "across the tracks" to become a vibrant force in our communities. We have built larger and more functional facilities; we have gigantic budgets; we have vans and busses; we are going into all the world; and we have lost our evangelistic zeal at home. Additionally, we have seen in the church changes in the way we do our work. Can you remember when a church would announce a two week Gospel Meeting, and fill the house every night, and baptize fifteen or twenty? More recently we had such meetings run from Sunday to Wednesday and in many

places they are a thing of the past. Also, we had Vacation Bible Schools which were conducted almost entirely by non-professional people and with great success. Now we do much of our work through a professional staff. In addition to a preacher we also have Education Ministers, Youth Ministers, Involvement Ministers, Golden Age Ministers, Children's Ministers, Visitation Ministers, Personal Evangelism Ministers, and Counselors. Some people are in favor of all these, some are in favor of some of these, and others are not in favor of any of these. But the fact is, the church has changed. In the midst of change there are some things which must never change. Our commitment to the Word of God as the final, complete, and authoritative standard in religion must not change. Our devotion to the restoration of New Testament Christianity must not change. Our call for true discipleship of people who love the Lord, His church, and the lost must not change. Our emphasis upon worship "in spirit and in truth" must not change. And our goal of glorifying God and of growing into the image of Christ must not change. In a changing world some changes we see are good, some are bad, and some are neither good or bad but neutral. In the church we must remember this: Any change that brings me closer to God is good and any change that takes me away from God is bad.

-- Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, August 2, 1998  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **"A Compass For The Church"**  
(Acts 2:36-47)

P.M. **"A Compass For The Church (2)"**  
(Acts 2:42-47)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### THANKS...

On behalf of the Lawton Taylor family, we wish to thank you for the endless expressions of love shown to us during this difficult time. Lawton was an incredible blessing to so many and especially to me and he will be missed greatly but we are also comforted in knowing that he will suffer no more and has finally gone home. Thank you again for your love.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

About 25 of us had a safe return from West Point, Nebraska after conducting a Vacation Bible School for the 8th consecutive year. It was a record year with 158 children present on the last day. We also had a great turnout of people on the Wednesday Evening Family Night with around 200 children and their families returning for a special time of singing and homemade ice cream. Continue to pray that their hearts will be open to the love of God as He uses the church in West Point to make a difference in their lives.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As you read this bulletin, 19 of us will be with the church in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We will be conducting a VBS Sunday thru Wednesday and returning home late Wednesday night. Please keep us in your prayers.

### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

All of those in the youth group are reminded about our workday on Thursday, Aug. 6. We will meet at the building at 9:00 and finish about 4:00. Don't miss it!

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The next ETSYS will be on Tuesday, July 28 at the Broadway church in Tyler. Please meet there at 7:15. Parents can pick you up at 9:00. Invite a friend!

### IMPORTANT DATES

July	24-29	Mexico Mission Trip
July	26	Middle School Activity
Aug.	2	Combined Activity
Aug.	6	Workday
Aug.	7	End of Summer Bash

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### HOW TO BE A MEAN DAD

A mean dad's views are politically incorrect.

He is there at birth on his knees with tears of joy.

A mean dad teaches and earns his children's respect, while he instills a love for God, country and their mother.

He loves his wife in word and deed,

scrubbing the kitchen floor without complaint!

A mean dad loves his children enough to risk losing their love for a time when "But, dad, everyone is doing it" is their standard and he is the guiding light of the Bible.

A mean dad knows that it will take years before his children understand God's love that has flowed through him.

He accepts this present discomfort for the glory to come.

The many mistakes of a mean dad stand as a testament to the endless grace, mercy, and unceasing love of God.

What this world needs is an army of Mean Dads ready and willing to fight for and guide their families

God's way, in Christ, in love, and in truth.

-- a mean dad

### NEW BIBLE CLASS COORDINATORS

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the Education Ministry at West Erwin. **Wanda Weathers** and **Pam Lott** will serve as coordinators for the Elementary Bible classes (Kindergarten through 5th grade). **Karen Pharis** and **Diane Weathers** will serve as

coordinators for the Preschool Bible classes (infant through 4 year olds). As coordinators, these ladies will help recruit teachers for the Bible classes, find substitutes for teachers who are absent, and work with me to do everything possible to make teaching a rewarding experience for the student, as well as the teacher. What a wonderful blessing these women will be to our ministry.

### TEACHERS' WORKROOM COORDINATOR

For years **Gary** and **Frances Broome** have watched over the Teachers' Workroom and made sure that we had the materials we needed on hand. They have wished for someone to take on that task. **Debbie Bynum** has agreed to do just that. Thank you, Gary and Frances, and Welcome Aboard, Debbie.

### GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the main foyer for our next *Growing Kid's God's Way* class. The focus of this 18 week class is to present "Biblical Ethics for Parenting." Not only is this class scripturally-based and practical for all parents, but it carries the added blessing of getting to know other couples intimately as you share the joys and heartaches of raising Christian children in today's world. The time commitment (August 5-December 16) for this class is a great one, but the blessings and benefits are well worth the time involved.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 25 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Jon Sorrells is cooking ham, eggs, biscuits & gravy!

## IN APPRECIATION



West Erwin Family,

Fern and I have really felt your love and concern while dealing with my physical problem. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, food and visits. You have been a great comfort and encouragement to us. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving family of God.

Love,

Roy & Fern Bench

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Thanks so much for your prayers, visits, calls, food, cards, words of encouragement and your many acts of kindness and love. Mary and I appreciate all of you so much. God has truly blessed us.

In Christian Love,

Alla Minnis & Mary Farrer

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Thank you so much for your kindness, your prayers and the pretty spray of flowers in memory of my beloved husband, Jim - happily married for over 54 years.

Love,

Geneva Gehring & Family

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I want to thank our West Erwin family for the visits, calls and prayers while I was in the hospital and after I came home. Also thanks to the Nebraska crew for your card and prayers.

In Christian love,  
Louise Culpepper

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ernie and Sharon Gordon on the birth of a new grandson! Jake Evans Lawless was born July 15 to John and Kimberly Lawless in Dallas. He weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and is 20 inches long.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Ann Layton passed from this life on Sunday. Graveside services were held Tuesday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Sam and Lamern Bailey and to all the family.

Our sympathy is also extended to Jim and Kelley Bell and their family in the death of Jim's aunt, Virginia Hacker. Services were held Sunday.

L.G. Drennan died early Tuesday morning after a lengthy illness. Services are pending at this writing (Tues. A.M.) at Lloyd James Funeral Home. We extend our love and sympathy to Gloria and to all the family in the loss of their loved one.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS , Sunday, July 26:

Preacher: Mike Gravois; 2's - Nora Gravois & Suzanne Linseisen; 3's - Matt & Rhonda Haws; Alternates: Wynne & Ginger Weathers.

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## BAPTISMS

We rejoice with two young people and their families as they made the most important decision of their lives on Sunday. **Jennifer Knight**, daughter of Grant and Leanne Knight and granddaughter of Roger and Jan Knight was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. **Daryn Hanley**, son of David and Kay Hanley, also put on his Lord in baptism Sunday morning.

## RESPONSES

**Les Mallory**, son of Stan and Ernestine Mallory, came Sunday night to request the prayers and forgiveness of God, the church, and his family as he strives to turn his life around and live for Christ.

**Will Christian** and **Stephanie Pate** came Wednesday evening before their marriage on Saturday to request the prayers of their church family that their marriage will develop into what God wants it to be. They also would appreciate prayers for Will's family in the death of his grandfather.

## LADIES MISSIONARY MINISTRY

The Ladies' Missionary Ministry is assembling care packages for the children of our missionaries. These packages will be filled with Bible school materials. If you would like to bring items to put in these packages or provide money to help out, please bring items or contributions to the church office.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Jeremy Wiggains** on his recent graduation from the University of North Texas with a bachelor of science degree in biology. He was also named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester. To qualify, a student must earn a 3.5 GPA on a course load of 12 or more hours.

You're invited to a **Summer Bible Study Series** from the book of Ephesians with **Avon Malone** at the Wills Point Church of Christ July 26-29. Sunday services are 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Monday -Wednesday 7 p.m.

"God's wisdom helps me accept, trust, and believe."

## WELCOME AN EXCHANGE STUDENT INTO YOUR HOME:

International high school students, who provide their own insurance/spending money, are scheduled to arrive in Tyler by August 15 for the 1998-99 academic year. CCI is a fully accredited cultural exchange organization working with partners in over forty countries of the world. Hosts provide room/board and the special opportunity for a young person to discover America. The learning works both ways and lifelong friendships develop. We believe these friendships, just one family at a time, contribute to a world of future peace and understanding. Do not hesitate to call if you have questions about CCI. If you can share your home/love with a teenager anxious to discover America, please call CCI toll free: 1-888-440-8750. Area Representative for Tyler: Kathy Odoriso, 5207 Hollytree Dr., 75703, ph. 581-6139.

### The Search



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Records	Sunday July 19	Sunday July 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	332	384
Worship A.M.	588	502	568
Worship P.M.	318	317	330
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	247
Contribution	\$21,224.54	\$14,943.24	\$14,581.00
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund \$2,608.50	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 26 and Wednesday P.M., July 29, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Carolyn Womack is in Mother Frances following surgery Wednesday. James Kennedy is Mother Frances. Roland Coats is in Mother Frances. Mary Haws is at home after suffering a light stroke last week. Bill Endsley is in ETMC. Doug Ragsdale, Freida Starr and Stuart Suggs had day surgery last week. Billie Ingram is ill at home. Call before visits, please. Nelda Browning has begun treatment. Roy Bench is undergoing therapy for back/nerve problems. Buddy Bell, Tillie Carpenter, George Daugherty, Clelia Elliott and Frank Steed are all recovering at home. Lewis Johnson, Sandra Park's dad, is recovering from recent surgery. Beth Davis, Linda Hone's aunt, is very ill in Norman, OK. Susan Womack, the Ray Womack's daughter-in-law, had back surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. Margaret Grubbs, Kelly Jo Womack's mother, is very ill in Dallas. B.G. Adams, Wanda Frick's brother, is in Presbyterian Hospital in Greenville after a stroke. Tampra Viola, Melissa Frick's cousin, has been diagnosed with an incurable disease. She is expecting her second child.

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SUNDAY	
Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.
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Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A.M. (Sept through May)
Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
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Scripture Terry Frick  
Dismiss Melvin Maples

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Grant Knight

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Jeff Hone  
Scripture Chad Hilliard  
Dismiss Ed Hunt

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Wynne Weathers Fred Wingate  
David Wicks Randall Wilson  
Lowell Wiggains Kyle Willoughby  
Justin Wiggains Ira Wilson

GREETERS

Steve & Betsy Thrash

Billy & Lynda Terrell

**WITH SYMPATHY**

George McCarty, Homer McCarty's brother, died Monday in California. Burial will be in Tyler at Memorial Park Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mac and Evelene and all the family.

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**WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

Across America millions of people attend religious services on Sunday mornings. We are told that church attendance is down in the 1990's, but the fact remains that most of us still go to church. What does it all mean? Why do people do this? Why go to church? There are many reasons -- some are dragged there by spouses or parents quite against their wills; some are there because they think they ought to be; some are there to see or be seen; some are there to be entertained; some are there out of habit; and some are there because they feel a need for God and they have a need to worship God. How do we go about worshipping God? Some give little or no thought to this question; some do what they want or like; and some seek to worship as God has given instruction in the New Testament. What is this instruction? "In spirit and in truth" (John 4:24); with "singing and making melody" in the heart (Ephesians 5:19); with prayer (Acts 2:42); with teaching (Acts 2:42); and with giving and the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 16:1-2; Acts 20:7). That these avenues of worship were practiced by the first century church is substantiated in I Corinthians, chapters 10-16 and is underscored in church history. How

are we to offer worship to God? In every age of Bible history it is clear that the right things are to be done and in the right way. Worship is never acceptable to God upon the basis of doing the right things only or upon the basis of the right way only, but upon the basis of doing the right things in the right way -- "in spirit and in truth." Worship is designed to praise God and to change the worshipper. Worship is not entertainment, what I can get out of it, or getting through so I can get to the cafeteria -- it's about honoring a holy God and the transformation of the worshipper. The problem in worship is not the order of service, the number of prayers, old songs or new songs, or how long it takes to serve the Supper. The problem is our failure, or even refusal, to be changed because we have been in the presence of the holy God and have offered to Him our worship "in spirit and in truth." We get from worship what God designs for us to get only when we forget self and give to God and others what we should as we worship by doing the right things in the right way -- "in spirit and in truth."

-- Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, July 19, 1998**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The Faith of Christ"**

(Romans 3:21-26)

P.M. **"Abraham Believed God"**

(Romans 4:1-8)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

About 25 of us will return to Tyler on Saturday, July 18 from West Point, Nebraska after conducting a Vacation Bible School for the 8th consecutive year. Monday we had 103 children and Tuesday we had 121, our biggest VBS in West Point to date. Continue to pray that their hearts will be open to the love of God as He uses us to express that unfathomable love. Please pray for our safe travel in returning home.

"God's wisdom helps me grow in love toward others."

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in grades 6-12 are invited to go out eat with us on Sunday, July 19 after the evening assembly. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together.

### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

All of those in the youth group are reminded about our workday on Thursday, July 23. We will meet at the building at 9:00 and finish about 4:00. Don't miss it!

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

All those planning to go to Mexico need to meet for a workday at the building Sunday at 4:00.

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The next ETSYS will be on Tuesday, July 28 at the Broadway church in Tyler. Please meet there at 7:15. Parents can pick you up at 9:00. Invite a friend!

July 28 Broadway Church - Tyler

### IMPORTANT DATES

July 19	Out To Eat
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July 24-29	Mexico Mission Trip

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### ACU BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Well, it's about that time. We presently have 21 signed up to attend the workshop. Following morning worship we will join the Sublette's Shepherding Group for lunch and then be on our way! We'll be back by worship time on Wednesday evening.

### GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the main foyer on the gray pylon for our next Growing Kid's God's Way class. The focus of this 18 week class is to present "Biblical Ethics for Parenting." Not only is this class scripturally-based and practical for all parents, but it carries the added blessing of getting to know other couples intimately as you share the joys and heartaches of raising Christian children in today's world. The time commitment for this class is a great one, but the blessings and benefits are well worth the time involved. Classes will begin August 5th and will conclude December 16th.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, July 25 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Don't miss out on Jon Sorrells' ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy!

## REFLECTIONS OF MORAL INNOCENCE

This is the next class we will offer from the author's of Growing Kids God's Way and focuses on the topic, "A Parents' Guide To Purity With Purpose." The material presents the whats, hows, and whens of teaching your children about a moral lifestyle and protecting their moral innocence.

### SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

What a blessing this summer has been so far!!! The lessons we have heard on the Fruit of the Spirit have been uplifting, challenging, and motivating. The song services have been fantastic. I hope you are here on Wednesdays to be blessed by our worship together. What a way to spend the peak of our week! Our speaker this Wednesday will be Murphy Phillips of the South Main church of Christ in Weatherford, Texas. He will speak to us about the fruit of "Kindness."

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

-- Jeremiah 29:11

## IN APPRECIATION

There are no words to adequately describe the love I have for our West Erwin family. Your visits, prayers, thoughts, cards and calls meant so much to Charlene and me. Thank goodness we were at home when this happened as I really don't know what we would have done without your love and support.

In Christian Love,  
Frank Steed

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Seeing the beautiful flowers you sent to our Mother and Grandmother's service was a touching reminder of your warmth, love, and thoughtfulness reaching across the miles to us. We so much appreciate the flowers, cards, prayers and every expression of kindness.

Love,  
The Lowell Wiggins family

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday in Cleburne for Lawton Taylor. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Bea Taylor and Danny and Lisa Snell and all the family.

Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Joyce Wilshire, Julia Wilshire's mother. We extend our sincere sympathy to Julia and all her family.

## INVENTORY TIME

It is time to search for those missing library books! The West Erwin library is missing at least a hundred books. The ladies Library Committee would like to call all adult library books in by September. At that time we will inventory for a book count and determine a new list of books available in our library. Please assist us by finding and returning books to the shelf marked "books returned." We can then catalogue them and put them back on the shelves. Please let us shelve books so that we will be aware of books that have been returned. Thanks. --Ladies Library Committee

## TRI-C HOSTS HARVEST DINNER

On August 21, the Campus Christian Center, a ministry of the churches of Christ in East Texas on the Tyler Junior College Campus, will host its 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 will be coming in the next few weeks.

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## WEDDING INVITATION

Dr. & Mrs. Robert S. Tate  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Stephanie Ann

to  
Mr. William Mitchell Christian  
on Saturday, the eighteenth of July  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
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Reception  
immediately following ceremony

## NEEDED FOR BENEVOLENT CENTER: Paper sacks

### CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

- \*Where: Briarwood Golf Club
- \*When: Monday, July 20 - Entry deadline: July 17, 1998
- \*Tee Time: 9:00 A.M. \*5 person scramble
- \*Fee: \$65.00 per person - tax deduction
- \*Proceeds to: Cedar Ridge Children's Home
- Dinner included - Mulligans \$5.00
- Hole in one \$5000.00
- Door Prizes: Gold putters on par 3
- 1. Closest to pin 2. Par 3 - inside circle - sleeve of balls
- Non-golfers donations accepted.
- Contact Jim Armstrong for more information.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CSET

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\*Transportation for residents in our family fostering program - to church services, Bible studies, church fellowship activities, etc. or to appointments, required meetings, job or educational sites.

\*Conducting classes in specialty area - budgeting, parenting, cooking, shopping, meal-planning, housekeeping, etc.

\*Developing mentoring relationships with families.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

Preacher: Clay Clemons; 2's - Randy & Karen Pharis; 3's - Mark & Martha Waggoner; Alternates: Wade & Diane Weathers.

## The Search



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July 16, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No.27
Records	Sunday July 12	Sunday July 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	332	352	378
Worship A.M.	502	524	567
Worship P.M.	317	375	349
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$14,943.24	\$14,875.02	\$15,086.95
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$6,255.30

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 19 and Wednesday P.M., July 22, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

**Bill Endsley** is in intermediate care at ETMC. **Buddy Bell** is in room 361 at Mother Frances. **George Daugherty** is in Mother Frances, room 243. **Freida Starr** had day surgery Tuesday. **Doug Ragsdale** had surgery on a broken arm Tuesday. **Clelia Elliott** is in ETMC Rehab. **Tillie Carpenter** is in Tyler Rehab. **Frank Steed** is recovering at home after recent bypass surgery. **Billie Ingram** is ill at home. Call before visits, please. **Nelda Browning** has begun treatment. **Louise Culpepper** has been dismissed from Mother Frances. **Roy Bench** is undergoing therapy for back/nerve problems. **James Kennedy** is now at home. **Lewis Johnson**, Sandra Park's dad, had surgery Monday at ETMC. **Beth Davis**, Linda Hone's aunt, is very ill in Norman, OK. **Mr. & Mrs. Hillin**, Frances McBee's parents, are now in a nursing home in Wichita Falls. 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	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.	
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Prayer Matt Haws  
Scripture Clint Heard  
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##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Robert Hilliard

##### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Bill Hawkins  
Scripture Richard Gregory  
Dismiss A.Z. Hays

##### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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David Wicks Randall Wilson  
Lowell Wiggains Kyle Willoughby  
Justin Wiggains Ira Wilson

##### GREETERS

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Billy & Lynda Terrell

#### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday morning at the Chandler Memorial Funeral Home for C.A. Christian, Will Christian's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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#### CALDWELL FOUNDATION MAKES CONTRIBUTION

The Caldwell Foundation made the decision earlier this year to close the popular Caldwell Playschool after many years of service to the Tyler community. The Playschool, which met in the old John Tyler High School building on West Front Street and which was designed for four-year-olds, had state of the art teachers and equipment. Since the school is now closed, Hayes Caldwell and Harriet Caldwell McArthur, acting for the Foundation, has donated a considerable amount of furnishings and supplies to the West Erwin Playschool. We have given the Caldwell Foundation a receipt for a \$5000 gift to our school but if the supplies we have received should be bought new they would cost perhaps \$10,000 to \$12,000. This gift was made possible because some of the former Caldwell teachers are now on the West Erwin Playschool staff. And since Mr. Caldwell and Ms. McArthur knew them and were aware of their dedication to children, they wanted to make this contribution to us. A letter of thanks has been written to the Caldwell Foundation but we wanted you to know of the gift

and we wanted to publicly express our appreciation to Hayes Caldwell, Harriet McArthur, and their staff for the generous contribution to our school and to children.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

There are two important and exciting events which all of us need to put on our calendars for August and September. The first will be August 23rd when West Erwin will host the semi-annual Area-Wide Meeting. **Dr. Jack Evans**, president of Southwestern Christian College, will be the speaker at the 6:00 p.m. service and the Chorus of Southwestern will present a program at 5 o'clock. This will be a great evening and we want you to participate. The second date is September 27-30 when **John Dale**, who has just completed twenty-five years with the great Glendale Road church in Murray, Kentucky, will be with us for four days of preaching. You will remember John's meeting with us a few years ago. Many of you have already expressed your excitement about his return. Mark your calendars now and don't even think of missing these two important events this fall.

-- Jay Lockhart

#### Sermons for Sunday, July 19, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Worship As Praise"

(Psalm 66:1-5)

P.M. "Learning From A Shrewd Businessman"

(Luke 16:1-8)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our Backcountry Trek to Tennessee's Appalachian Mountains is now in the history books and it was definitely a memorable trek. It is beautiful country and yet quite wild. Thank you for keeping us in prayer.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

By the time you read this article a group of about 27 of us will be in West Point, Nebraska. We will be conducting a Vacation Bible School for the 8th consecutive year. We expect to have between 125-150 children from that community. Please pray that their hearts will be open to the love of God as He uses us to express that unfathomable love. We will return on Saturday, July 18.

### OUT TO EAT

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### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

All of those in the youth group are reminded about our workday on Thursday, July 23. We will meet at the building at 9:00 and finish about 4:00. Don't miss it!

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Due to Nebraska Mission Trip, we will not be attending the SYS on July 14. The next ETSYS will be on Tuesday, July 28 at the Broadway church in Tyler. Please meet there at 7:15. Parents can pick you up at 9:00. Invite a friend!

July 28 Broadway Church - Tyler

### IMPORTANT DATES

July 9-18	Nebraska Mission Trip
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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### TEACHER'S PRAYER

Lord, grant me the wisdom and knowledge each day, to guide your children in every way, to love them and shape them, bring them closer to You, with patience and kindness in all that I do.

Thank you to all of you who share yourselves with us as Bible Class Teachers. Thanks for your time, energy, and willingness to share God's Word with us. We appreciate you.

### ALL ABOARD !!!!!

The West Erwin Playschool is getting underway. We are so excited about this new ministry at West Erwin. With several other pre-schools in the Tyler area closing the potential to reach out to young souls and their parents is tremendous. Teachers are already hard at work preparing classrooms and working on lesson materials.

Learning Centers, Free Play, Directed Play, Music, and much, much more. This wonderful program is only weeks away! Do you have a youngster, a grandchild, or know of someone who will be blessed by this tremendous program? Then, contact the Church office and we will give you all the details.

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

### SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday, July 22 "Kindness" Murphy Phillips

## PERSONAL EVANGELISM, ME???

We recently purchased a new video series entitled, "One Story," featuring Robert Oglesby. This series is filmed in the Holy Land and tells the entire story of Scripture, including the salvation message, on five 30 minute videos. Just hand your friend the video and ask them to watch it at their leisure. When they have finished and returned the video you can hand them the next one and so on. After they have watched all 5 videos you can answer any questions they may have. We have used these videos with one individual and they were baptized shortly after completing the series. That's a 100% effectiveness rate!

### STIR UP THE FIRE!!!

There are so many wonderful things happening here at West Erwin. Opportunities to serve, grow, and get involved are everywhere! God is truly blessing the work here. We have also had many visitors and new faces joining us recently. Look around and see where you can get involved.

### ACU BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Sunday, July 19 to Wednesday, July 22. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is a teacher of God's Word. Contact Mike if you are interested.

### GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

Our next *Growing Kids God's Way* class will begin on Wednesday, August 5. This is an 18 week class that addresses "Biblical Ethics for Parenting." Enrollment is limited to 8 couples. Watch for more details and sign-up sheet.

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Isaac Barnett in his decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday, June 28. He is to be commended for making the decision at a young age to live his life for Christ. He is the son of Chuck and Ruth Barnett and lives at 17900 CR 295, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-2510.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Michael Benjamin Percefull was born Thursday, June 25 to Tim and Stephanie Percefull. He weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. Matthew is the big brother.

## IN APPRECIATION

To our new family at West Erwin,

We are so grateful to you for all of the kindness and generosity you have shown to us prior to and after the birth of Ben. You have welcomed us with open arms and we will be eternally grateful. We have truly found a new home at West Erwin.

In Christian love,  
Tim, Stephanie, Matthew  
& Ben Percefull

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My sister, Wendie Berris, surgery went well and all of her test results were good! Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for her complete recovery.

Debbe Davis

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We received two green outfits in gift bags with no names. If you gave these please let us know so we can thank you personally.

Kevin & Shelly Sustaire

## CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

\*Where: Briarwood Golf Club

\*When: Monday, July 20, 1998

Entry deadline: July 17, 1998

\*Tee Time: 9:00 A.M. \*5 person scramble

\*Fee: \$65.00 per person - tax deduction

\*Proceeds to: Cedar Ridge Children's Home

Dinner included - Mulligans \$5.00

Hole in one \$5000.00

Door Prizes: Gold putters on par 3

1. Closest to pin 2. Par 3 - inside circle - sleeve of balls

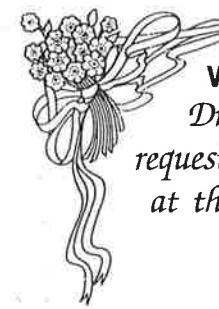
Non-golfers donations accepted.

Contact Jim Armstrong for more information.

## CEDAR RIDGE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Charter school at the Cedar Ridge Children's Home in Lometa, Texas is in need of old computers. If you have an old computer you would like to donate, please call Mr. Carol Lee at (512) 752-3790.

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"It isn't our position but our disposition that makes us happy."

## WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Buddy and Dorothy Bell in the recent death of his sister, Dorothy Watson.

Services were held last Friday at the Central Church of Christ in Hereford, Texas for Anna Wiggains, Lowell Wiggains' mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family in the loss of their loved one.

Services were held Monday in Abilene for James Griggs, Jeff Fennell's uncle. Our sympathy is extended to this family.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 12:**  
Preacher: Michael Millsap; 2's -Michelle Millsap & Tina Harris; 3's - Aaron & Jean DuVall; Alternates: Dan & Marsha Richardson.

The Search



Each Sunday

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Bible Class	352	386	378
Worship A.M.	524	556	567
Worship P.M.	375	367	349
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$14,875.02	\$15,187.60	\$15,086.95
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$11,427.90

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, July 12 and Wednesday P.M., July 15, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

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Prayer Jon Murry  
Scripture Freeman Morgan  
Dismiss Don Peek

##### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Steve Thrash Louis West  
Robert Threadgill Wade Weathers  
Ray Vannoy Brian Walker  
Mark Waggonner Don Weathers

##### GREETERS

Marc & Dana Tate  
Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall

**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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#### WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

There is a picture on the bulletin board in the foyer of about 75 people who make up the church in Gboko, Benue State, Nigeria. This congregation is the direct result of World Bible School. Its preacher, Simion Okwijirku, and many of the members are former students of World Bible School. This method of reaching people has probably reached more people and resulted in the planting of more churches in the past several years than any other single effort of the churches of Christ or perhaps it has done more than all other efforts combined. God knows. World Bible School is something in which nearly anyone can be involved. If you would like to participate, regardless of your age or gender, call the church office and we'll get you started.

curriculum for teaching the Bible which members of the church have developed and he has approved it for all schools in Russia! Hopefully, this will neutralize any oppositions within Russia. What a breakthrough! The challenge will be for the churches of Christ to supply the funds to insure enough Bibles and printed materials to meet the demand. For this reason EEM is asking churches of Christ to give \$1 million dollars on Sunday, August 30, 1998, to underwrite the project. This money will be used to print children's Bibles, adult Bibles, a 300 page textbook, A Newcomer's Guide to the Bible, and 10 character lessons specifically based on the Russian children's Bible. How effective have the efforts been in Russia so far? In Barnaul, the chief city of the Altai Region, there were 12 Russian Public School teachers baptized into Christ as a direct result of the training they received to teach the curriculum to their students! How do you account for the Soviet Union breaking up? The attitude of Scovorodnikov to contact members of the churches of Christ to teach the Bible in the schools of Russia? This opportunity now before us? **We must answer the call!**

-- Jay Lockhart

#### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

In a recent letter from **Richard Baggett**, our contact person with Eastern European Mission, we learned that the minister of education over all of Russia has reviewed the

#### Sermons for Sunday, July 12, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Be Renewed?"**

(Ephesians 4:17-24)

P.M. **"Heavenly Housekeeping"**

by Mike Gravois

(Luke 11:24-28)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

As of this writing, 16 of us are in the middle of our Backcountry Trek to the Tennessee and North Carolina border to spend 4 days on the trail in the Appalachian Mountains. Please pray for our safety, good weather, and safe return.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Nebraska need to meet with your group and work on your class material from 4:00 - 6:00 this Sunday.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to our devotional this coming Sunday night. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together.

### THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

All of those in the youth group are reminded about our workday on Thursday, July 2. We will

meet at the building at 9:00 and finish about 4:00. Don't miss it!

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The next ETSYS will be this coming Tuesday night at Van. We will leave the building at 6:30 and return at 10:00. Invite a friend!

June	30	Van Church - Van
July	14	Rusk Church - Rusk
July	28	Broadway Church - Tyler

### IMPORTANT DATES

June	21-27	Backcountry Trek
June	28	Middle School Devotional
June	30	SYS at Van
July	2	Thursday Youth Project
July	4	Combined Devotional
July	9-18	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	24-29	Mexico Mission Trip

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### SAVING THE AMERICAN FAMILY

The 10th Annual *Saving the American Family Conference* will be from Thursday, September 24th to Saturday, September 26th, on the Riverwalk in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Willard Harley, author of His Needs, Her Needs: Building An Affair-Proof Marriage, will present a 4-hour Workshop entitled "How To Fall In Love and Stay In Love." Brecheen and Faulkner will present a Marriage Workshop entitled: "Advanced Marriage Skills: Going From a Good Marriage to a Great Marriage." There will also be 14 other classes offered at the conference. We took three couples last year and had a wonderful time. Is this the year you will plan to attend? Check your calendars and let me know if you are interested. Last year the church paid the registration fee and the participants paid for meals and lodging. We also rode down in the church van to save on gas money.

### MY DAILY CREED

"Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder to the faults of those about me -- let me praise a little more;  
Let me be, when I am dreary, just a little bit more cheery, let me serve a little better those I am striving for.  
Let me be a little braver when temptation bids me waver,  
Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be;  
Let me be a little meeker with a brother who is weaker,  
Let me think more of my neighbor and a little less of me."

### ACU BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

Remember the dates for the ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop are Sunday July 19th Through Wednesday, July 22nd. If you are presently teaching a Bible class or have ever thought about teaching a Bible class then this is the opportunity you don't want to miss. It's still not too late to sign up. We will pay the cost of housing and registration for you.

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"God's wisdom helps me to learn about His ways."

## IN APPRECIATION



West Erwin church,  
Your kindness, your prayers, each word and thought, cards, and concern has been a great comfort to us all. We love you all. The pink carnation spray was beautiful.

Ruth & Bill Mezell and  
family of Georgie Morriss

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Thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls while Gus was ill. We appreciate what everyone did.

Love,  
Gus & Cathy Krewall

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We want to send our thanks to the family at West Erwin for cards, gifts, food, visits and calls after the birth of our son Brice. It is wonderful to be a part of such a warm family of Christians.

Love,  
Kevin, Shelly, Ashley &  
Brice Sustaire

### CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

\*Where: Briarwood Golf Club  
\*When: Monday, July 20, 1998  
Entry deadline: July 17, 1998  
\*Tee Time: 9:00 A.M. \*5 person scramble  
\*Fee: \$65.00 per person - tax deduction  
\*Proceeds to: Cedar Ridge Children's Home  
Dinner included - Mulligans \$5.00  
Hole in one \$5000.00

#### Door Prizes

Gold putters on par 3

1. Closest to pin 2. Par 3 - inside circle - sleeve of balls  
Contact Jim Armstrong for more information.

### CEDAR RIDGE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Charter school at the Cedar Ridge Children's Home in Lometa, Texas is in need of old computers. If you have an old computer you would like to donate, please call Mr. Carol Lee at (512) 752-3790.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Mineola for Jo North. She and her husband Oliver were former members at West Erwin. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

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## RESPONSE

**Teri Bradshaw**, one of our young singles, came Sunday to request the prayers and support of her church family as she strives to face difficulties in her life and to be the kind of Christian woman she wants to be and the Lord would have her be. She also asks that we pray for her aunt, Helen Bradshaw, as she battles cancer.

### THE GOLDEN RULE

Be what you want others to be.  
Say what you want others to say to you.  
Love like you want to be loved.  
Live like you want others to live around you.  
Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.  
Sing like you want our singing to be.  
Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.  
Serve like you want to be served.  
Smile like you want others to smile around you.  
Pray for others like you want others to pray for you.  
Care for others because you want to be cared for.  
Forgive others because you need others to forgive you.  
Be there for others because someday you will need others to be there for you.  
Compliment others because you need them to compliment you.  
Comfort others and those around you will become a comfort to you.  
Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.  
Be Christ-like and those around you will be Christ-like too.  
Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

"A little leaven, leavens the whole lump of dough"  
(Galatians 5:9).  
-- via Bulletin Digest

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Worship A.M.	542	548	567
Worship P.M.	348	358	349
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$15,896.12	\$16,933.10	\$15,086.95
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$1,023.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 28 and Wednesday P.M., July 1, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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Scripture Charles Garrett  
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John Steffee Marc Tate  
James Sublette Billy Terrell  
Garrett Sublette Stuart Suggs  
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James & Connie Sublette

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



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**GOD-LIKENESS**

When we become Christians we are the children of God and He is our Father. As God's children we are to take upon ourselves the family likeness -- the characteristics of God-likeness. I suppose we are never more God-like than when we show mercy to others. The Bible says that God is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4) and according to His mercy He has saved us (Titus 3:5). Mercy is "active compassion" -- feeling with someone and doing all we can to help the hurting. A closely related word to mercy is kindness, carrying the idea of "active beneficence" and "sweetness of disposition." As Christians, children of God who demonstrate God-likeness, we are to be merciful to others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7); and we are to be kind in our treatment of others: "Be kind to one another" (Ephesians 4:32). Now mercy and kindness are not just words to say or to talk about -- these are attributes to be made a part of the lives of people who want to grow in the quality of God-likeness. Mercy and kindness are practical -- we can put them into practice every day in our intra-personal relationships. Although these qualities may not come naturally to all of us, we can grow in them

and in our growth become more like God our Father. How can we demonstrate mercy and kindness? First, treat every human being, whether rich or poor, young or old, like us or unlike us, with dignity. James says (2:9) that to show respect of persons is sin. Second, in dealing with others, ask yourself how you would want to be treated if your situations were reversed. Remember the "Golden Rule" based upon Matthew 7:12. Third, try to enter into the other person's experience and really feel with him. Fourth, listen to what the other person is saying and listen with your heart as well as with your ears. Fifth, before you speak, ask yourself some questions: How will what I am about to say be perceived by the other person? Is my attitude and my tone of voice in harmony with loving my neighbor as myself? What would Jesus do or say under these circumstances? The issue here is important for those who claim to be children of God. How we respond to others reflects upon who we claim to be. If we are dealing with people on behalf of the church, how we treat them reflects upon the church. The quality is God-likeness. -- Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, June 28, 1998  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **"What Is God Like?"**  
(Matthew 11:28-30)

P.M. **"Pulling Down Strongholds (4) - Anger"**  
(Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Bruce

### THANKS!

Thanks to Caysi Bynum and Wendy Culpepper for going with Lisa and me to camp in Abilene last week. It was great!

Thanks to all of those who came to the activity this past Sunday night. We had a great time even though the Bulls won!

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our Backcountry Trek is only days away! We will meet on Sunday afternoon at 5:00 to finish packing our backpacks and loading the bus. We plan to leave around 8:00. There are 16 of us going to the Tennessee and North Carolina border to spend 4 days on the trail in the Appalachian Mountains. Please pray for our safety and good cool weather.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the activity this Sunday night after church. Details will be given Sunday morning. Invite a friend!

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Be sure you are still working on your material!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Please get together with your group and work on your class material this week. The building will be open 4:00 - 6:00 this Sunday.

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

There will be no SYS this week but it will continue next week. The specifics on what time to meet and be picked up from the church building will be given at a later date.

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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### To my dad

This is a small effort to say thanks, for all the times you surely have cried inside for what I was doing or ... how I was doing something.

Thanks for the times you showed restraint to let me error and learn, and ...

Thanks, especially thanks, for the times you stepped in ... and bailed me out, or when I couldn't reach my goal you were there to raise me a little higher, push me a little farther, or somehow you made the goal move ... I wonder how ...

Thanks for the times you put your hand on my head, prayed a blessing and I never knew, and, if God hadn't taken special care and concern to make you my Dad ...

*I Would Have Picked You Anyway!*

"Honor your father and mother" -- which is the first commandment with a promise -- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3

This Sunday is the day we set aside to honor our dads, the spiritual leaders of our households. May God shower you with his richest blessings and may you always lean on Him for your wisdom and understanding.

## ACU BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

July 19th - 22nd. There is still time to get registered if you are interested in attending this wonderful event. The best description I have heard is that "it's like getting a drink from a fire hydrant." There are so many ideas, presentations, new products, teaching methods, etc., in 3 short days that it's hard to take it all in. A must for any teacher whose desire is to find new and creative ways to present God's Word.

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## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks so much for your prayers, visits, calls, food, cards, words of encouragement and your many acts of kindness and love. Becky and I appreciate you so very much. God has blessed us greatly.

Henry McRuiz

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Dear Family,

Thank you for loving me, for prayers, for food, for get well cards, for phone calls. All these things help the sick to get well.

I love you all,

Jean Oliver

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To our West Erwin Family,

It was wonderful being with all of you again. It's always an uplifting time for us and it's great to meet new people and make new friends each time we visit. Now that we're back home, we ask that you pray for us, that we see the opportunities ahead of us and not pass them by, being "too busy" that we don't notice. We pray that we will be faithful stewards with all you've given to aide in the work here and that people will be open-minded and willing to listen to the truth. Thank you all for all you continue to do for us.

Yours

in Christ,

Ray & Linda Maxwell & family

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the NIV study Bible that you gave to me for graduation. I know as I am starting off my new venture off at school I will be taking a part of you along with me. West Erwin is a very special place with special people who have meant so much to my family and I. Thanks again for the Bible and your continued love and support.

Matt Tate

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Kevin and Shelly Sustaire on the birth of Brice Colby on Wednesday, June 10. He weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and is 21 inches long. Ashley is the big sister.

Congratulations to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone on the birth of a new grandson! Carter Reed Blackstone was born June 11 in Mansfield to Jeff and Rachel Blackstone. He weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. Cheryl Perry and Becky Millican are proud aunts.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday at the Lloyd James Funeral home for Georgia Morris, Ruth Mezell's sister.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Tim** and **Stephanie Percefull** and their little son, **Matthew** (age 2) into our West Erwin family. They are expecting an addition to their family within the next couple of weeks. Tim and Stephanie are originally from Little Rock but have been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the past four years and are happy to be back South! We know they will enrich our lives and we hope to be an encouragement to them as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 19197 Fawn Creek, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-3907.



## BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be table shower honoring Michelle Bridges bride-elect of Scott Rachui on Sundays June 14 and June 21

Selections: Foleys

Ladies, consider this your personal invitation.

## TEN TRAITS OF ONE NEAT DAD

Edited from the first chapter of *A Dad Is For Spending Time With* by Dr. Charlie Shedd

More than anything else, what would a child appreciate about his father? Interesting question with some fascinating answers from hundreds of letters from children and teenagers. After twelve months I'm beginning to hear certain steady refrains. Themes repeating themselves. As a father myself I need all the help I can get. So here's a list of the ten most appreciated qualities for "one neat dad."

1. He takes time for me.
2. He listens to me.
3. He plays with me.
4. He invites me to go places with him.
5. He lets me help him.
6. He treats my mother well.
7. He lets me say what I think.
8. He's nice to my friends.
9. He only punishes me when I deserve it.
10. He isn't afraid to admit it when he's wrong.

Note: Qualities one to five are versions of the single word TIME! Spell it "listen," spell it "play," spell it "help me," spell it "jump in the pickup." It all comes out with the same four letters - TIME. And it is the single most appreciated trait of ONE NEAT DAD. copied from the Austin Street Bulletin

"God's wisdom helps me embrace life as an adventure."

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Scripture Drew Fitzgerald  
Dismiss Chad Frick

##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Chuck Florence

##### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Chuck Gillam  
Scripture Jerry Howard  
Dismiss Dennis Kingsbury

##### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Frank Steed Matt Tate  
John Steffee Marc Tate  
James Sublette Billy Terrell  
Garrett Sublette Stuart Suggs

##### GREETERS

Bill & Judy Smith  
James & Connie Sublette

##### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral home for James Gehring, Sr., grandfather of Shelly Sustaire. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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#### MY DAD IS TALL

I have always thought of my dad as being tall. When I was a child he was really tall to me. As I grew up neither I nor my brother were quite as tall as Dad. With the passing of the years, my dad is no longer taller than my brother and me -- physically. But to both of us he will, in all the important ways, be tall. Here are some things I am remembering today about my dad ... who is tall. During World War II when we didn't have a car we walked to church (a mile or so from where we lived) and when it rained my dad carried me (I only remember this from what my mother told me, but I remember the story and it is real). He took us on trips to the mountains, fishing on Buckeye Lake, swimming in the river at Leachtown, and cookouts at the park. He taught me to work when I was a reluctant learner, to pluck chickens, to pick beans from the garden, and to raise calves. He watched me play football, tossed a baseball with me in the front yard, and was present when I preached my first sermon. He got me my first job ... and the second ... and the third, taught me how to drive, and

bought me my first car. He expected me to paint the house in the summer, deliver my newspaper route on time, and speak respectfully to my mother at all times and under all circumstances. I think he could walk on water, I believe he could do anything he wanted to do, and I know he could scold me quietly and yet put fear in my soul. He hugged me when I was baptized, bragged on me when I was learning to preach, and helped me go to college. He rejoiced in my victories, felt with me in my defeats, and said not a negative word when I wrecked the family car. After I was grown my dad traveled all over the country to be with me, attended gospel meetings with me, and heard me preach the same sermons over and over again. Dad taught me how to live but, more importantly, he also showed me how to live. I never heard my dad say an ugly word, I have heard him say many wise words, and I know him to be faithful to Christ. He always put first things first, is always there when I need him, and is my hero. You see, my dad is very tall! Happy Father's Day, Dad. -- Jay Lockhart

#### Sermons for Sunday, June 21, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Passing The Baton - A Message For Dads"

(Genesis 48:1-11)

P.M. "Pulling Down Strongholds (3) - Stress"

(I Kings 19:1-4)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

Danny is presently in Abilene at the Leadership camps, so I am flying solo this week. Wish me luck! Thanks to all of those who came to J.W. Finn's Sunday night. I know that I enjoyed just spending time and hanging out with y'all.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our Backcountry Trek is only 2 weeks away! You better use this time to get in shape! We will have a very important meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 to finalize the trip. Be there!

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Be sure you are still working on your material!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

There will be no meeting this Sunday for Nebraska unless otherwise indicated. Nevertheless, you can still get together with your group and work on your stuff at any time!

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

There will be no SYS this week but it will continue next week. The specifics on what time to meet and be picked up from the church building will be given at a later date.

June	16	Carthage Church - Carthage
June	30	Van Church - Van
July	14	Rusk Church - Rusk
July	28	Broadway Church - Tyler

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanks to all of those who helped with this year's V.B.S. You were all a valuable part of its success

## IMPORTANT DATES

June	16	SYS at Carthage
June	21-27	Backcountry Trek
July	9-18	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	24-29	Mexico Mission Trip



## BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be table shower honoring Michelle Bridges bride-elect of Scott Rachui on Sundays June 14 and June 21  
Selections: Foleys

## THE VESSEL

The Master was searching for a vessel to use; On the shelf there were many--which one would He choose?  
"Take me," cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright, I'm of great value and I do things just right. My beauty and lustre will outshine the rest And for someone like You, Master, gold would be best!"  
The master passed on with no word at all; He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;  
"I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine, My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true, And my silver will always compliment You."  
Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass, It was wide mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.  
"Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do, Place me on Your table for all men to view."  
"Look at me," called the goblet of crystal so clear, My transparency shows my contents so dear, Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride, And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide."  
The Master came next to a vessel of wood, Polished and carved, it solidly stood.  
"You may use me, dear Master," the wooden bowl said, "But I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!"  
Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay, Empty and broken it helplessly lay.  
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose, To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.  
"Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find, I will mend and use it and make it all Mine."  
"I Need not the vessel with pride of itself; Nor the one who is narrow to sit on a shelf; Nor the one who is big mouthed and shallow and loud; Nor one who displays his contents so proud; Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right; But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might."  
Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay, Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day. Spoke to it kindly, "There's work you must do, Just pour out to others as I pour into you."  
-- Author unknown

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### VBS, WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!!!

VBS 1998 is now over, but if you sit quietly you can still hear the echoes of children laughing and singing throughout the West Erwin building. We averaged 102 children per day and they used every inch of the building. It was an amazing experience. I would like to thank the many people who helped make VBS possible. The teachers, teen counselors, session directors, parents, Leonard (our custodian), and a special thank you to Jeannie Ross and Martha Waggoner, the creators of Camp Friendship (VBS 1998 was modeled after Camp Friendship). Each day we presented a different story from the life of Paul. The children left excited, exhausted, and knowing more than when they arrived. The most important part of the whole experience, though, is that God was glorified and lifted up by the hard work of all those involved. I feel the children who came were blessed by their experiences.

## SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES 1998

### Fruit of the Spirit . . .

June 17	"Love"	Mike Armour
June 24	"Joy"	Robert Oglesby
July 1	"Peace"	Jay Lockhart
July 8	"Singspiration"	Burke Brack
July 15	"Patience"	Mike Warner
July 22	"Kindness"	Murphy Phillips
July 29	"Goodness"	Mike Gravois
August 5	"Singspiration"	Larry Parker
August 12	"Faithfulness"	Tommy King
August 19	"Gentleness"	Ritchie Ham
August 26	"Self-Control"	Jay Lockhart

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The regular monthly Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Phil Marts will be the prayer partner. Jon Sorrells will present his *egg surprise*, biscuits, and gravy along with coffee, juice and milk for your enjoyment. For those of you who were there last time, you are limited to one guest because of what happened. Those of you who were not there, come see what you missed!

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Shelby Barnett** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. She is to be commended for making the decision early in life to live her life for Christ. She is the daughter of Chuck and Ruth Barnett. Her address is Route 2, Box 1802, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-1252.

## IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards and meals since the birth of our daughter, Emily. We appreciate everyone's special welcome to our little one.

Love,  
Daniel, Kim, Jessica &  
Emily DuPree

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and words of encouragement for my grandfather. He was able to leave the hospital last week and doing much better.

In Christ,  
Will Christian

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To our West Erwin Family,

We want to express our gratitude for the many cards, beautiful flowers and every expression of sympathy shown us in the loss of Edgar's brother. May the Lord be with you and bless you in every good work.

In Christian love,  
Edgar & Delle Bullard

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Thank you for the visits, the many cards, and prayers. I love you all.

Dorothy Mannen

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Henderson for Clara Wright, Cindy Wagner's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

## SECRET SISTERS

Sunday, June 14, is the last day for Secret Sister forms to be returned. A brunch is planned for June 27. More details later.

## VBS

You're invited to VBS at the Broadway Church of Christ June 15-19, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ages: 4 years to high school.

"Life is not always what one wants it to be, but to make the best of it, as it is, is the only way to be happy."  
-- Jennie Jerome Churchill (Winston Churchill's mother)

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June 11, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No.23
Records	Sunday June 7	Sunday May 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	383	348	387
Worship A.M.	572	574	541
Worship P.M.	386	390	345
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$15,191.28	\$15,013.85	\$13,519.84
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$1,493.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 14 and Wednesday P.M., June 17, Jerry Howard, ph, 839-4009.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Buddy Bell will have surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Clelia Elliott will have both knees replaced June 18 at ETMC. Alla Minnis is in Tyler Rehab. Bea Taylor is in ETMC Rehab. Roland Coats is recuperating at The Clairmont. Roy Bench is having back problems. Henry McRuiz is at home. Claudia Griffis surgeons in Houston are evaluating treatment for a mass. Elizabeth Hughes is in The Clairmont. Marilyn Renick, Kristi Harris' mother, is now at home. Eva Boggs, Mary Adams' aunt, is now at home. Dorothy Mannen, Joy Rousseau's mother, is in ETMC Rehab. Ginger Marshall, friend of Sandie Martin, is in ETMC Rehab. Betty Hyatt, Mary Evelyn Grier's sister, had back surgery last week in Dallas. Julie Maddox, Stephanie Griffith's daughter, has been dismissed from Mother Frances. Travis Aven, Gary Aven's brother, had back surgery Monday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Loretta Poor, Mary Richey's sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with cancer. Frances Burch, Greg Wagner's mother, is very ill in Athens.

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

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Danny Craddock  
Scripture Caleb Bynum  
Dismiss Dan Cullinan

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Don Durham

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Melvin Crow  
Scripture David Daughtry  
Dismiss Casey Culpepper

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Charles Starr Blake Stansbury  
Glynn Starnes Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
Jon Sorrells Dannie Skipper  
Tony Smith Doug Scroggins

GREETERS  
John & Susan Steffee  
Jack & Johnnie Stringer

**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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**FORGETTING THE MOST IMPORTANT**

It's a lovely story that Luke tells -- Joseph, Mary, and the boy Jesus traveling to Jerusalem with other pilgrims to observe the most important of Jewish feast days, the Passover (Luke 2:41-52). After the days of Passover observance, Jesus' parents began the journey back home to Nazareth. It would be a long trip with nights spent along the way and they would "camp out." A journey like that would require preparation -- food for themselves and their animals, changes of clothing, and water. No doubt Joseph and Mary made all of these preparations, but they later found that they had forgotten the most important thing of all -- they had left their boy behind! I wonder if we ever do something like that? While we are busy doing things, needful things, necessary things, do we ever forget what is most important? A father may work fourteen or sixteen hours a day and, if you ask him why, he would probably say, "I'm doing this for my wife and children." However, if in providing for his family he never has time to watch his children perform in a play or in a concert or in a ball game, is he forgetting the most important? A Bible school teacher may

prepare her lesson well, have adequate visual aids and handouts, but when the children arrive for class if she fails to minister to the child with fear on its face or the one with uncertainty in its heart or the one who doesn't feel good, has she forgotten the most important? In our worship, if we get side-tracked by the order of the service or who is leading what or "singing that song again," and fail to remember that we are there to worship the Lord who is high and lifted up, who is the Holy One of Israel, who is in our midst, do we not forget what is most important? When after the service is ended we visit with our friends and neglect to welcome the newcomer, the visitor, and the lonely, do we not forget the most important? When we help the poor but we fail to treat them with dignity and respect as persons made in the image of God, do we not forget the most important? When we get so caught up in the decor of our church building that we overlook the fact that we are in the people business and that people are what really matter, are we forgetting the most important?

-- Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, June 14, 1998  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **"When To Be Content"**  
(Philippians 4:10-13)  
P.M. **"Pulling Down Strongholds (2) - Depression"**  
(Jeremiah 20:7-12)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are reminded about our activity this coming Sunday night. We will give you the specifics Sunday. Invite a friend to join us and don't miss it!

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our Backcountry Trek is only 3 weeks away! You better use this time to get in shape! We will have a very important meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 to finalize the trip. Be there!

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Those going to Mexico need to work on your class material every chance you get. Set a time to et together with your group.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a workday this Sunday from 4:00 till 6:00. Please plan to be there!

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Thanks to all of those who helped with West Erwin's hosting of the SYS. It was great!

Following is a list for the remaining Summer Youth Series. Join us for these special evenings.

June	16	Carthage Church - Carthage
June	30	Van Church - Van
July	14	Rusk Church - Rusk
July	28	Broadway Church - Tyler

### IMPORTANT DATES

June	7	High School Activity
June	16	SYS at Carthage
June	1-5	VBS
June	7-12	Impulse Camp
June	21-27	Backcountry Trek
July	9-18	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	24-29	Mexico Mission Trip

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Our Summer speaker Series kicked off this week with Forest McFadden speaking to us on the topic of *Life in the Spirit*. This begins our program this summer in the *Fruit of the Spirit*. Please join us as our guest speakers challenge and encourage us this summer.

### VBS

VBS is under way!!! Monday morning started off with 95+ children and over 30 staff present. God has truly been glorified by our efforts. There were a few bugs to be worked out, but by Monday afternoon things were running smoothly. Thanks to everyone who made VBS possible.

### SUMMER QUARTER BEGINS

Wednesday, June 3rd will be the start of the summer quarter in our Bible classes. As we have done for the past several years, we promote the school grades during the summer quarter. This year we will also promote the 4 year olds in the summer quarter. This has been done in the past because a school age child considers himself in the next higher grade as soon as the school year ends.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 -9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### VBS

You're invited to VBS at the Broadway Church of Christ June 15-19, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ages: 4 years to high school.

## SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES 1998

Fruit of the Spirit . . .

June 3	"Life by the Spirit"	Forest McFadden
June 10	"Singspiration"	Larry Parker
June 17	"Love"	Mike Armour
June 24	"Joy"	Robert Oglesby
July 1	"Peace"	Jay Lockhart
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"God's wisdom helps me grow in love toward others."

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Roxanne E. Landry** on her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday evening. She is a part of our singles group and she states that she wants to be the woman God wants her to be and she will live to serve him. Her address is 4901 Kinsey Dr. #2014, 75701, ph. 509-3223.

## RESPONSE

**Chuck Barnett** came to request the prayers of his church family for himself and for his physical family.



## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent in memory of my mother, Myrtis Smith. They were beautiful and meant so much to us. A special thanks to our *PM Neighbors Group* who brought food -- also thank you to those who have given to the Building Fund in her memory - a part of her will live on for a long, long time. Thank you. I appreciate the many cards, calls, and support at this time of sorrow. You are a wonderful family.

Roland is in The Clairmont Rehab and is much improved. We appreciate the calls, visits, cards and interest shown him at this time.

In Christian love,  
Joy Coats

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The family of J.L. Bullard acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in McKinney, TX for Carolyn Vandiver, former West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Clint and Angie Heard on the birth of a baby boy! William Jackson was born May 28. He weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long.

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**THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN**

I wish that there were some wonderful place  
Called the Land of Beginning Again,  
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches  
And all of our poor selfish grief  
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,  
And never be put on again.  
I wish we could come on it all unaware  
Like a hunter who finds a lost trail;  
And I wish that the one whom our blindness had done  
The greatest injustice of all  
Could be at the gates like an old friend that waits  
For the comrade he's gladdest to hail.  
We would find all the things we intended to do  
But forgot, and remembered too late,  
Little praises unspoken, little promises broken,  
And all of the thousand and one  
Little duties neglected that might have perfected  
The day for one less fortunate.  
It wouldn't be possible not to be kind  
In the Land of Beginning Again;  
and the ones we misjudged and the ones whom we grudged  
Their moments of victory here  
Would find in the grasp of our loving handclasp  
More than penitent lips could explain.  
For what had been hardest we'd know had been best,  
And what had seemed loss would be gain;  
for there isn't a sting that will not take wing  
When we've faced it and laughed it away;  
And I think that the laughter is most what we're after  
In the Land of Beginning Again.  
So I wish there were some wonderful place  
Called the Land of Beginning Again,  
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches  
And all of our poor selfish grief  
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door  
And never be put on again.  
-- Louisa Fletcher

## Medina Grocery Truck Coming

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of **June 8-12**. West Erwin is asked to collect **APPLE SAUCE**.

## BOOKS DONATED

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Leona Hardin and Adela Scogins for the set of Children's Bible books they donated to the West Erwin church Children's Library.

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 7:

Overseeing Couple: John & Terry Shaw; Preacher: Mike Gravois; 2's - Nora Gravois & Jerry Huff; 3's - Mark & Martha Waggoner; Alternates: John & Terry Shaw.

## The Search



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June 4, 1998	<b>THE VISITOR</b>		Vol. 29-No.22
Records	Sunday May 31	Sunday May 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	348	360	346
Worship A.M.	574	558	568
Worship P.M.	390	292	360
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	187
Contribution	\$15,013.85	\$14,260.98	\$15,646.46
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$973.50
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, June 7 and Wednesday P.M., June 10 Bill Denson, ph, 509-3782.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Alla Minnis is in Tyler Rehab following knee replacement surgery. Gus Krewall is at home after surgery Monday. Roland Coats is recuperating at The Clairmont. Jean Walters is back at Tyler Skilled Nursing Center after a recent hospitalization. Bea Taylor is in ETMC Rehab. Henry McRuiz is at home. Claudia Griffis returned to Houston Thursday. Elizabeth Hughes is in The Clairmont. Marilyn Renick, Kristi Harris' mother, is now at home. Eva Boggs, Mary Adams' aunt, is in ETMC. Dorothy Mannen, Joy Rousseau's mother and former West Erwin member, is in ETMC Rehab. Ginger Marshall, friend of Sandie Martin, is in ETMC Rehab. Betty Hyatt, Mary Evelyn Grier's sister, had back surgery Monday in Dallas. Julie Maddox, Stephanie Griffith's daughter, is doing well after surgery to remove a lung abcess Monday at Mother Frances. 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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<b>SUNDAY</b> Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M. Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M. (Sept through May) Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M. <b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b> Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Mike Gravois  
 Prayer Dr. Aaron DuVall  
 Scripture David Demic  
 Dismiss Brady Dawkins  
 PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
 Dale Blackstone  
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Mike Gravois  
 Prayer Jeff Fennell  
 Scripture Anthony Aven  
 Dismiss Steve Denman  
 SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
 Charles Starr Blake Stansbury  
 Glynn Starnes Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
 Jon Sorrells Dannie Skipper  
 Tony Smith Doug Scroggins  
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**NEW ARRIVAL**  
 Congratulations to Jeff and Melissa Parrish on the birth of Sydney Nerene on June 2. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and is 20 inches long. Justin is the big brother. Don and Nerene Ingram are proud grandparents and Roberta Tindall and Billie and Norene Ingram are great grandparents.

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**SOMETHING NEW**

Beginning this Sunday morning we will enter a new quarter in our Bible classes. Mike Gravois has put together a new curriculum for our adults that will, over a period of time, take us through the whole Bible. The studies for this quarter are as follows:

Builders	1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus, Philemon	Roy Bench
50's & 60's	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians	Hillard Hughes
Boomers	Joshua, Judges, Ruth	Ray Vannoy
Family Builders	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job	Jay Lockhart
Singles	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job	Mike Gravois
Auditorium	Exodus, Numbers	Forest McFadden
Mixed Ages	1st & 2nd Thessalonians	Danny Craddock
Ladies Class	Harmony of the Gospels	Sue Starnes

I want to encourage everyone who is not currently attending a Bible class to make a commitment to begin this Sunday. You will experience some significant Bible study, good fellowship, and the opportunity to develop friendships. Besides, it's the thing to do.

**CHARACTER COUNTS SEMINAR**

Next week, June 9-12, two of our ladies, Joy Rousseau and Cathy Scroggins, will be in Battle Creek, Michigan, to attend the *Character Counts Seminar* which is designed to train them to teach the public school teachers of Russia and Eastern Europe how to teach the Bible to their students. Joy will be going to Russia in October of this year to train teachers and Cathy will be going someplace in Europe in October of 1999. The opportunities in Eastern Europe right now are some of the greatest in any part of the world -- thousands of children are being taught the Bible in public schools and teachers, students, and parents being introduced to New Testament Christianity. Much has already been done but much yet remains to be accomplished. Be prayerful about this work.

"If your plan is for a year, plant rice. If your plan is for a decade, plant trees. If your plan is for a life-time, educate children."  
 -- Confucius

**Sermons for Sunday, June 7, 1998**  
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
 A.M. "R.S.V.P."  
 (Joel 2:28-32)  
 P.M. "Pulling Down Strongholds (1) - Anxiety"  
 (II Corinthians 10:1-6)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### NOTES...

It's great to have Bruce back with us this summer. He is already in neck deep!

Thanks to all of those who went to Mazzio's this past Sunday night.

Thanks to Joy Rousseau for helping with all the Mexico VBS preparations.

### COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are reminded about our Out of School Bash this coming Sunday night. We will give you the specifics Sunday. Invite a friend to join us and don't miss it!

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our Backcountry Trek is only 3 weeks away! You better use this time to get in shape! We will have a very important meeting on Sunday, May 31 at 5:00 to discuss the trip. Be there!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

This past week we began splitting the teachers into groups. If you missed the assignments, let me know

where you want to teach. We will have another meeting on Sunday, May 31 at 3:00.

### SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

West Erwin will be hosting the first East Texas Summer Youth Series on Tuesday, June 2. Larry Parker will be leading a special time of singing that night. We need all of those in the youth group to be here at 6:45 to help set up for the refreshments. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to come. Teens, don't miss this great evening!

The remainder of the 1998 East Texas Summer Youth Series will be every other Tuesday through July 28. The other Tuesdays our group will do something special together. More details to follow.

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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### OFFICIAL PASSPORT



## The PAULINE MISSION: Lessons from the Life of Paul

June 1st - 5th

8:30am - 11:30am Pre-Schoolers

8:30am - 3:30pm K - 5th Graders

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\*each child staying through the afternoon needs to bring a sack lunch and change of clothes for water play.

!!!!ADMISSION IS FREE!!!!

Start the summer off right. Enroll your child in VBS today. We will spend 5 fun-filled days learning lessons from God's Word.

## RESPONSES

Will Christian came Sunday to request prayers for his grandfather, Charles Arvin Christian, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is in ETMC.

## IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin,

Thank you for the Bible you gave me at baccalaureate. I appreciate the Bible and everything else everyone has done for me and my family. Thank you.

Shelley Henry

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Dear West Erwin family,

Charles and I want to thank you for all your love and support you have given us this past year. Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, and the food from the lunch bunch and others. We are so grateful to our church family and need your continued prayers.

In Christian love,  
Ann & Charles McCoy

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your concern, your love, and most of all for your prayers during my recent illness. I have really come to appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of so many. I am improving each day and the doctor's prognosis is for a complete recovery. I should be back to my old self within a few weeks. Thanks again for the outpouring of love and genuine concern for me and my family. We will always keep our in our hearts the love you have shown for us during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,  
Dan Manuel

## WITH SYMPATHY

George Welch, former West Erwin member, died last Wednesday in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Services were held Sunday in Nashville, Arkansas.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in Grand Prairie for Myrtis Smith, Joy Coats' mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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## BRIDAL BRUNCH

You are invited to a  
Bridal Brunch  
honoring

Stephanie Pate

bride-elect of Will Christian

on Saturday, May 30

10:00 - 11:30 am

at the home of Sandra Wingate

6701 Hollytree Circle

Selections: Target & Dillard's

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR NEBRASKA VBS

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The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 8-12. West Erwin is asked to collect APPLESAUCE. 275 cans is a 6-month supply.

## GOOD MORNING, GOD

You are ushering another day untouched and freshly new, so here I am to ask You, God, if you'll renew me too. Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday, and let me try again, dear God, to walk closer in Thy way. But, Father, I am well aware I can't make it on my own so take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.

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Director  
Carrie Carnefax

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Worship P.M.	292	319	327
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	204
Contribution	\$14,260.98	\$14,910.16	\$16,196.08
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$363.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 31 and Wednesday P.M., June 3  
Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

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Wally Dawkins

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#### FOR YOUR TOMORROW

On the tombstone of John Harmon, a British soldier who fell in Burma during World War II, are the words, "When you go home, tell them of us, and say, 'For your tomorrow we gave our today.'" As I write these words it is Memorial Day and I'm thinking of all those through the years who for our tomorrow gave their today. Since the birth of our country 222 years ago more than 1,184,000 Americans have died in the defense of freedom. Each one who died was saying, "For your tomorrow we gave our today." According to tradition Memorial Day began during the Civil War when some Southern women chose May 30 to decorate soldiers' graves of both the Union and Confederate armies. Major General John A. Logan in 1868 named May 30 as a special day for honoring the graves of Union soldiers. The last Monday of May is now designated as Memorial Day and is a legal holiday in most states. As we observe Memorial Day we remember our fallen military men who gave their todays for our tomorrows. But today I'm also thinking of others who sacrificed their todays for our tomorrows. Our parents did this as they did without in order that we might have. They made untold sacrifices for us in our growing up years, giving their todays for our tomorrows. And then

there was that special teacher we had in school, the teacher who had prepared and planned and then we came along was ready to bring out the best in us -- for our tomorrow giving their today. The same is true in the church. Think of all those, in recent times as well as modern times, who have made tremendous sacrifices to bring the gospel to us. These, too, were saying, "For your tomorrows we gave our todays." All of this leads us to remember the greatest sacrifice of all -- God's gift at Calvary when in the death of His Son He opened the gates of heaven for us as Christ bore our sins in His body upon the cross. Christ gave His today for our tomorrows and eternity and we remember. We remember when we obey the gospel, when we live the new-found life in Christ, and when we come around the Lord's table each Sunday. Isn't it amazing how often we trivialize the greatest gift known to man by forgetting -- forgetting the devotion we experienced when we first became Christians, forgetting to live the Christian life before a watching world, and forgetting to assemble around the table? Think! Remember! "For your tomorrow, I gave my today."

#### Sermons for Sunday, May 31, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The Chief Of Sinners"**

(I Timothy 1:12-17)

P.M. **"Obedient To The Heavenly Vision"**

(Acts 26:12-20)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to LaManda Burris for graduating from Abilene Christian University a few weeks ago. Way to go LaManda!

Congratulations to Jessica Kuechle for receiving the Presidential Achievement Award at Holloway Middle School in Whitehouse. Way to go Jessica!

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. Bring a friend and money to eat at Mazzio's. We will be finished at 9:00.

### MEXICO MISSION

All of those going on the Mexico Mission Trip need to meet this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:00 to work on the class material.

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### RESPONSES

Kyle Willoughby came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that the spirit will always burn brightly within his heart.

Steve Thrash came Sunday evening to request prayers that he might be able to deal with the difficulties in his life as God would have him do.

### IN APPRECIATION



Dear Church Family,

Your expressions of concern for us following mother's death have reminded us once more of the bond that holds us together: A common belief that Jesus is our Savior and that after this life there is truly a better place that awaits us forever. The cards, expressions of care, flowers, calls, food and presence at the visitation and memorial service are deeply appreciated.

Love,  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory

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Thank you for the cards, prayers, calls and food. Your care and concern are appreciated.

Tommie Alice Egbert

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Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the quick response to our need here in Togo. The generator you purchased for us is working about 8 hours a day to give relief from the heat and keep our lives somewhat normal during this time of power rations. We receive city power for 6 hours and have it cut for 30 hours so the generator is a blessing. Thank you for your love, concern, and generous hearts. We feel so blessed to be supported by such a wonderful congregation. Please continue to pray for the people of Togo as the rains have not yet come to fill cisterns and ready the soil for planting. May God bless you all.

Love in Christ,  
Jeff, Brenda, & Josiah

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Daniel and Kim DuPree on the birth of Emily Christyn on Sunday, May 17. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and 20 1/2 inches. Melvin and Donna Maples are the proud grandparents.

Ronney and Barbara Oberg have a new grandson born April 27 to Jeff and Cheryee' Kuhn. Jeffrey Hunter Kuhn weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and is 21 inches long. The Obergs and Cheryee' are former West Erwin members.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Betsy Thrash on her most recent accomplishment. She has completed her EMS studies and has accepted a job with Gaddy's Ambulance Service in Center, Texas.

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### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr and Mrs. John C. Steffee  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Susan Michelle

to

Mr. William Charles Bellomy  
on Saturday, the twenty-third of May  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at six o'clock in the evening  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
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reception immediately following  
Emerald Bay Club House

### BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a  
Baby Shower  
honoring  
Angie Heard  
Sunday, May 24

4:00-5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



### BRIDAL BRUNCH

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Bridal Brunch  
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Stephanie Pate  
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## OUTREACH

## and

## INVOLVEMENT

### How To Get the Most Out of Worship

Dull and dry worship neither honors God nor does it uplift His children. There are some things YOU can do to ensure that YOUR worship is neither dull nor dry. Three suggestions for you:

1. **Prepare** before you go.
2. **Participate** while you are there.
3. **Practice** when you leave.

Prepare, Participate, Practice -- pretty simple. How much **preparation** goes into your worship? Do you run like crazy all week long, stay up late the night before, wake up on Sunday just in time to take a quick shower, throw on some clothes and hurry out the door? Where is the preparation in that?

What about the second P? When you arrive to worship God, do you actively **participate** or due to your lack of preparation do you sit there comatose? Prayers, Songs, Communion, Giving, Scripture Reading, Bible Study are all areas in which you can participate without ever leaving your precious pew.

That brings us to where the rubber really meets the road, the third P. Do you really put into **practice** what you have been challenged with from God's Word? The personal application of our studies is critical for spiritual growth to take place.

Are you coming to worship God this coming Lord's Day? **Prepare** before you go. **Participate** while you are there. **Practice** when you leave. If you do that, God will be honored and you will be uplifted!  
-- via Bulletin Digest

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

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If you are registering a child for VBS please have that registration in the office by Wednesday, May 27th.

### ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT TO SIGN UP

We will be mailing in housing reservation requests on 5/29/08.

### Cherokee Day - May 30, 1998

You are invited to attend this annual food and fund raising event! Food, Bar-B-Que, Fun, Fellowship sponsored by the children and staff of the Cherokee Home for Children. Celebrating 40 years of service! West Erwin is asked to collect: PINE SOL, 409, BLEACH, WINDOW CLEANER, FURNITURE POLISH, MILDEW PLUS, BROOMS, MOPS (no aerosol cans, please).

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#### THE UNITY FOR WHICH CHRIST PRAYED

Every student of Scripture knows that when Jesus came to the end of his earthly ministry and was in the shadow of his cross he prayed for his followers: "that they all may be one, ... that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21). It's little wonder that so many people have been interested in the unity of believers. A few years ago there was the Ecumenical Movement among some of the mainstream denominations which at best resulted in talk and at worst watered down further the muted messages of denominationalism. However, people continue to talk about unity and the more people talk about it the less it seems to happen. Some say, "Let's be united on belief in Christ and forget about the other teachings that divide us." This won't work because it leaves folks standing for almost nothing and falling for almost anything. Others say, "Let's be united in what I say is truth." That won't work either because what one may say is no more important or less important than what others may say. Still others say, "Let's be united upon the Word of God alone." That would be a working plan if we would but work the plan, but it's difficult to do. It's difficult because our opinions keep creeping in and we demand that people honor our opinions as if these opinions were from God. Since we demand that others honor our opinions, we divide and divide, draw our

circles ever tighter, and unity becomes a shallow sounding word. What does respecting the authority of Scripture mean? It means that when the Scriptures speak plainly on any subject we honor the Scripture. It means we also honor the silence of Scripture -- we cannot legislate what God has not. It means we respect the autonomy (self-rule) of the local church under its elders who are answerable to Christ. Preachers cannot be watchdogs for the brotherhood and respect the principle of autonomy. Respect for the authority of Scripture means that in matters of opinion (things about which the Bible is silent) we must exercise liberty. To be specific, I have no right to judge another congregation's soundness based on what song book it uses, what kind of building it builds, whether it sings hymns written a hundred years ago or yesterday, or whether I agree with the methods used to fulfill its mission of saving souls by preaching the gospel, doing works of benevolence, or edifying itself in love, since the Bible is silent on all of these things. When we press issues which in the Bible are non-issues to the point of breaking fellowship with brethren, we may preach unity but we are practicing division. Since division is clearly a sin (Prov. 6:19; I Cor. 1:10; Rom. 16:17-18) we would do well to heed Paul's words: "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

#### Sermons for Sunday, May 24, 1998

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"The Waters of Shiloah"**

(Isaiah 8:5-8)

P.M. **"Seeing Is Believing"**

(Genesis 16:7-10)

# Congratulations Seniors 1998



**Angela Brown** is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She is in the National Honor Society, was Captain of the Drill Team, and was Solo Champion for Alamo City and Dallas Maverick's dance competition. She plans to attend Kilgore College to be a Rangerette.



**Angela Brown**

**Wendy Culpepper** is the daughter of Ken and Cathy Culpepper and granddaughter of Clinton and Louise Culpepper. She served as Varsity Cheerleader for 2 years, was Freshman Princess at Homecoming and class representative in Student Council 3 years; was voted Most Courteous and Most Witty Freshman year, Most Witty Soph. year, Class Favorite Jr. year and Most Athletic Sr. year. She went to State competition in XX Debate and received first place award in a feature story, also advanced to Area in One Act Play twice and will graduate with advanced honors from Winona High School. She participated in LTC 5 years, receiving 8 gold medals, 6 silver, and 2 bronze overall; went to Nebraska 3 years and Mexico 2 years on mission trips; participated in Habitat for Humanity home building project and was active in the Thursday youth workdays. She plans to attend TJC, then Harding University.



**Wendy Culpepper**

**Nicholas Goodson**, a Robert E. Lee graduate, was in varsity marching band 4 years and competed in State Solo and Ensemble contest. He served as photographer for school newspaper and was a member of Junior Historians. He participated in the Nebraska Mission trip 4 years, Mexico mission trip 2 years and attended LTC 4 years. He plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in History. He is the son of Cooper and Mary June Goodson and grandson of Mary Evelyn Grier.



**Nicholas Goodson**

**Shelley Henry** is the daughter of Larry Henry and the late Sandra Henry. She is a graduate of John Tyler where she was in Bible Club for 3 years; National Honor Society for 3 years; played the violin in Orchestra 7 years, served as Vice President and received a superior rating at yearly local solo competition; was Battalion Commander in JR ROTC, received Superior Cadet award, Sojourner's Award, Daughters of the American Colonist Award, Drill Team Award 2 years, and Courtesy Patrol 2 years. She participated in Horse Training for a year and a half. She was named Who's Who, All American Scholar, U. S. Achievement Academy, (cont.)



**Shelley Henry**



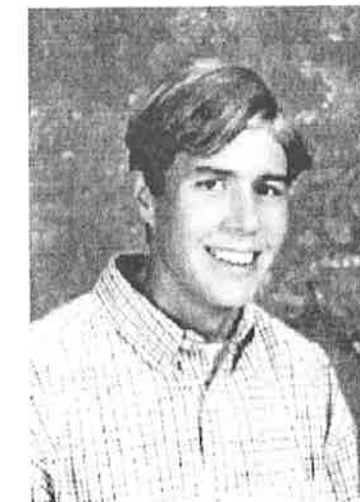
**Mandy McClenny**



**Wesley Wagner**



**Josh Hone**



**Matt Tate**

**Shelley Henry (cont)** and Tyler Rotary Young Citizen Award. She received a Presidential Scholarship at TJC; President's Achievement Scholarship at UT Austin; Academic Excellence Scholarship at SFA. She participated in mission trips to Nebraska, Mexico and Russia. She plans to major in Biology in the pre-med program and be involved in Army ROTC at SFA.

**Josh Hone** is a National Merit Finalist, scoring 1560 on his SAT. He participated in Extemporaneous Speaking/Debate in 10th and 12th grades, was a finalist for Most Likely to Succeed. He was in National Honor Society 2 years and Spanish Club 4 years. He participated in mission trips to Nebraska 5 years, Mexico 4 years, LTC 7 years, Backpacking 3 years, Thursday youth workdays 6 years. Josh, a Robert E. Lee graduate, is the son of Jeff and Linda Hone and is going to Florida State to major in Physics to Business.

**Mandy McClenny** is graduating in the top 5% of her class at Lindale High School. She was a State Qualifier in tennis and received the Tyler Area Youth Salute Award. She participated in LTC, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and taught in VBS. She plans to attend ACU and major in Pre-Med (Biology). She is the daughter of Mike and Linda McClenny.

**Matt Tate**, son of Marc and Dana Tate, is a Robert E. Lee graduate where he served in Student Senate 2 years, served as a R.E. Lee Gentleman, and played baseball 3 years. He participated in LTC 4 years, taught VBS in West Point, Nebraska and helped in the Timothy Class at West Erwin. He plans to attend Texas Tech University.

**Wesley Wagner** has completed 2 years at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens in the welding program with a 4.0 GPA. He was a member of the Future Farmer's of America at Brownsboro High School, raising cattle and pitt bull dogs; has always been a hard worker - working since age 11 raking hay, finishing concrete, sacking groceries, and loading tires at Kelly Springfield. He participated in LTC and was in the West Erwin youth group. He plans to apply for IBEW apprenticeship to become an electrician. He is the son of Greg and Cyndie Wagner.

**Not Pictured:**  
**Bradley Burris**  
**Kevin Hanley**

May 14, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No.19
Records	Sunday May 10	Sunday May 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	353	373	355
Worship A.M.	624	5,575	582
Worship P.M.	341	388	328
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	204
Contribution	\$15,787.06	\$17,190.42	\$14,677.19
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund \$6,418.50	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 17 and Wednesday P.M., May 20  
Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Elizabeth Hughes will move to The Clairmont Friday. Joe McBee and Guy Potts are recuperating at home. Henry McRuiz is scheduled for knee replacement surgery May 18. Joy Shogry has been diagnosed with lupus. Betty Strait is at home after gall bladder surgery Monday. Billie Ingram was taken to the hospital Sunday but is now at home. Helen Stripling is in Clairmont Nursing Center. Lawton Taylor is in Southview Nursing Center. Richard Frick, David Frick's brother, will have prostate cancer surgery in Longview May 19. Marilyn Renick, Kristi Harris' mother, is improving in Baylor Rehab in Dallas. Dan Manuel, the preacher from Palestine, is in ETMC after a heart attack last week. Don Sears, an elder from Holly Lake, is in ETMC after suffering a heart attack. Tom Barnhill, from Sulphur Springs, is in ETMC. 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. **WITH SYMPATHY** - Services were held Wednesday in Hartsville, TN for J.L. Bullard, Edgar Bullard's brother. We extend our love and sympathy to all the family.

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James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	7:00 P.M.		
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Tony Adams  
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Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer David Cannefax  
Scripture John Cliver  
Dismiss Gary Broome  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Wade Park Bill Meazell  
Shane Millican Henry McRuiz  
Marc Philpot Earl O'Quinn  
Jimmie Philpot Elmer Miles  
GREETERS  
Dannie & Sue Skipper  
Bill & Judy Smith

**NEW ARRIVALS**  
Congratulations to Stan and Ernestine Mallory on the birth of a new granddaughter! Marti Ann Moreland was born May 5 to Grant and Angela Moreland. Congratulations to Stan and Judy Clark on the birth of Conner Denton Clark! He was born May 6 in Baton Rouge, LA to Brody and Kimberly and weighed 8 lb. 14 oz.

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**BAPTISM**

We rejoice with Jessica Kuechle and her family in her decision to become a Christian Sunday. She was baptized into Christ by her grandfather, Melvin Crow. She is the daughter of Theron and Michelle Kuechle and lives at 19156 FM 756, 75703, ph. 839-2923.

**RESPONSES**

Reba Sorrells made known her wish Sunday to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. Reba is the mother of Jon Sorrells and recently moved to Tyler from Greenville where she worshipped with the Johnson Street church. Her address is 5313 New Copeland Road #2, 75701.

Vickie Avinger, from Killeen, came to ask for prayers and visits for her sister, Linda Friday, who was in UTHC.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dear West Erwin family,  
Your special kindness was greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much to all of you. Once again your love and support has been there for Nettie and me. Thank you for your prayers, visits, food and cards. All of you mean so much to us.

Love,  
Guy and Nettie Potts  
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Thanks so much to my West Erwin family and friends for the prayers, calls, cards, food and the concern you have shown me during the past ten months. I couldn't have made it without you. I love you all.  
Vera Boss

**WEDDING INVITATION**

Mr and Mrs. John C. Steffee  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Susan Michelle  
to

Mr. William Charles Bellomy  
on Saturday, the twenty-third of May  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at six o'clock in the evening  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas

reception immediately following  
Emerald Bay Club House

**BABY SHOWERS**

You are invited to a Baby Shower  
honoring Shelly Sustaie  
Sunday, May 17  
3:30-5:30 in the Fellowship Hall  
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You are invited to a Baby Shower  
honoring Angie Heard  
Sunday, May 24  
4:00-5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

**\$31,000 was raised at the Eastern European Mission dinner on Tuesday, May 12.**

**Sermons for Sunday, May 17, 1998**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. **"The Road Not Taken"**  
(Matthew 7:13-14)  
P.M. **"What We Know For Sure"**  
(I John 4:7-12)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

High-schoolers, if you have not already signed up for the Backcountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip, Mexico Mission Trip, please do so A.S.A.P!  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Charlie Scroggins for doing really well on his TAAS. So well, in fact that Congressman Ralph Hall made mention of it in a public presentation Saturday. Way to go Charlie!

Congratulations to Kimberly Sublette who is going to graduate from ACU this Saturday with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. Way to go Kimberly!

Congratulations to Mandy & Leigh McClenny for some recent accomplishments in District and Regional Tennis Tournaments. They are continuing to advance toward the State Tournament. Way to go Mandy & Leigh!

### JR-SR BANQUET

All of those going to the Jr.-Sr. Banquet on Friday need to be there at 6:30. The dress is semi-formal.

### THANKS!

Thanks to Danny & Maggie Craddock for hosting the high school devotional this past Sunday night. It was exciting to watch the video from the Nebraska Mission Trip last year. A lot of memories flashed by on the screen! We are looking forward to this year.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May	8	Jr.-Sr. Banquet
May	17	Baccalaureate
June	7-12	Impulse Camp
June	21-27	Backcountry Trek
July	9-18	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	24-29	Mexico Mission Trip

### RESPONSES

Jamon Kirby came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might be a better Christian brother, example, and a better friend.

Tim Marshall responded to ask for the prayers of the church that he might be the kind of man God wants him to be. Tim will be going to Brazil with Daniel Morgan and others on a mission trip soon.

Doug McKee came to let us know that he and Melinda were remarried on May 30 and to ask for prayers as he confesses sin and asks forgiveness, renews his commitment to Christ and strives to become the best husband and father he can be.

### IN APPRECIATION



Louise Galaway, Warren's sister, has returned to the assisted living home and is doing much better. Pauline Collard, Warren's sister, is in a nursing home in Corsicana and is doing well. We do appreciate your concern and prayers. Thank you. We love all of you.

Warren & Gaynelle Gray

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for all the love and shown me for the last ten months. All the prayers, all the beautiful cards, food, and kind words were the best get-well medicine I could have received. I am now treatment-free and hopefully cancer-free. I couldn't have made it without you and our loving father!

Love and appreciation,  
Wini Cullinan

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Once again we say thank you to our church family for all the care and concern for us during Joe's three back surgeries. Thank you for the food, calls, visits, prayers, and the many cards. We love you.

Joe & Frances McBee

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Dear Christian Family,

You do such a good job taking care of our needs here at Boles Children's Home. Thank you for the 15 quilts you made and brought to us. We really enjoyed our short visit with everyone who was able to come. We continue to be encouraged and uplifted by the generosity and concern of the West Erwin congregation. Your continuing support of the work that is being done at Boles Children's Home allows us to give each child that comes to us a hope for life that their world didn't offer. Together, we are making a difference. We enjoy your every chance to come and visit. God bless you all!

For the Children,  
Gene Glaeser

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Tuesday in Sulphur Springs for Alene Armstrong, Jim Armstrong's cousin. Graveside services were held Monday at Cathedral in the Pines for Norman Hollis, Doris Kennedy's brother-in-law. Services were held Monday at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola for Linnie Mallory, Stan Mallory's mother. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Athens for Fannie Johnson, Sandra Park's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Tickets for Troop 354's annual spaghetti dinner fund raiser are on sale and can be purchased from Bryce Murry, Chad Frick, or Garrett Cantrell. The spaghetti dinner will be from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Glenwood Church of Christ on Saturday evening, May 9. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

### Cherokee Day - May 30, 1998

You are invited to attend this annual food and fund raising event! Food, Bar-B-Que, Fun, Fellowship sponsored by the children and staff of the Cherokee Home for Children. Celebrating 40 years of service! West Erwin is asked to collect: PINE SOL, 409, BLEACH, WINDOW CLEANER, FURNITURE POLISH, MILDEW PLUS, BROOMS, MOPS (no aerosol cans, please).

### FOR LADIES ONLY

Ladies Bible Study classes are meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Fern Bench is leading a Bible study from I Peter 3:3-4 entitled "A Gentle and Quiet Spirit." They meet at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Room. On Wednesday evenings Nora Gravois leads a study entitled "Becoming A Woman of Freedom."

### Quotes from Abraham Lincoln:

"Some things that are right legally are not right morally."  
"I am not concerned about the Lord being on our side, for we know that the Lord is always on the side of right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 10:

Overseeing Couple: Aaron & Jean DuVall; Preacher: Fred Powell; 2's - Aaron & Jean DuVall 3's - Jay & Debbie Graham; 4's - Steve & Betsy Thrash; Alternates: Chuck & Laurie Florence.

*Happy Mother's Day!*

### The Search



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

## OUTREACH

## and

## INVOLVEMENT

### YOUR SKILLS AND TALENTS ARE NEEDED AT THE CRISIS CENTER

Spring Volunteer Training classes on Saturdays, May 9, 16, 23. Contact Linda Evans or Carrie Cole for more information. Volunteers are needed in all areas. You may give as little as 1 hour per month; no need for special skills, all training is provided. The East Texas Crisis Center assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and violent crime. Services include individual and group counseling, emergency shelter, legal and medical advocacy, public education, a 24-hour Hotline, and a resale store.

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

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

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 8-12. West Erwin is asked to collect APPLESAUCE. 275 cans is a 6-month supply.

### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

Dr. Vladimir Skovorodnikov is coming back to America this year. He will speak at the Sheraton Hotel in Tyler May 12. Reception from 6:30-7:00 p.m., Dinner and Program 7:00-9:00 p.m. Much has happened since he was here last year. He has boldly opposed the communist in his region. With his help we now have our program in four Russian school regions, which represents over 4,000,000 students. Also many doors have opened through youth camps, congregations, etc. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the church office at 592-0809.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### LETTER TO MY MOTHER

Thank you for all your wise  
and careful instruction;

When my feet were small you lovingly set  
them upon right paths.

Thank you for all the times you comforted me  
when I was hurt or afraid  
and listened to how I felt.

And as I grew, you showed me how to see beauty when I  
was broken,

brought me gladness when I was sad,

Praised and encouraged me  
when all seemed lost.

Thank you for your secret prayers for me.

You've been my best friend here on earth, and if God  
hadn't chosen you to be my mother...

I would have picked you anyway.

### CHAIRS FOR CLASSROOMS

I would like to extend a tremendous "Thank you" to Garry Goswick for providing 80 chairs to be used in children's classrooms. These classrooms had been furnished with adult size folding chairs. The chairs come in a beautiful array of colors which brighten the classrooms, as well as providing a better learning environment for the children. Thanks again, Garry.

### EVENING FOR THE STARS: In Celebration of Teachers

Friday, May 15th at 7 pm in the West Erwin Fellowship Hall. We will have a formal, catered dinner in honor of our teachers to say thank you for your willingness, time, and energy to share God's Word with us. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet in the lobby or call the church office so we can get a count. Thanks.

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Scripture Will Christian  
Dismiss Ray Bradford

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Jim Carty

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Prayer Walter Farrer  
Scripture Alan Fisher  
Dismiss Jay Culpepper

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Wade Park Bill Meazell  
Shane Millican Henry McRuiz  
Marc Philpot Earl O'Quinn  
Jimmie Philpot Elmer Miles

GREETERS  
Dannie & Sue Skipper  
Bill & Judy Smith

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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**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN LONELY?**

There used to be an old song that asked, "Have you ever been lonely? Have you ever been blue?" Have you ever been lonely? Of course you have ... we all have been lonely. Have you ever been lonely ... in a crowd? This kind of loneliness occurs when a college student leaves home for the first time or when a husband and father is on a business trip or when an aged mother sits in the dining room of a nursing home -- loneliness in the midst of crowds. This kind of loneliness can also take place in the assemblies of the church. We come together because of common needs, interests, and responsibilities, but in the midst of an assembled church we may feel rather alone. Why is this? Why do some people visit us and go away saying, "That's the friendliest place I've ever been!", while others leave and say, "There's no warmth there."? I'm not sure I know the answer to that. Yet, I'm going to risk dealing with it. We try to be a warm, friendly, caring church. That's why we have assigned people as greeters at every door, why many of us "mingle" before and after worship times, and why we have a greeting time at the beginning of our assemblies. That's why we have follow-up letters and visitation and phone calls and invitations to dinner -- we want to be friendly and create an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance. However, we sometimes fail even when we make our best

efforts. On the other hand, we need the help of visitors who come our way and of members who may feel neglected. Every so often we see visitors, as soon as we dismiss, head for the door with their heads down. Sometimes we literally run after them so we can speak to them before they get away. This person may reach the conclusion that we're not very caring. Members who seldom attend worship or who are present only once a week or who leave immediately after worship (or just before worship is concluded) may feel as though they do not really belong or that no one really cares about them. As an alternative I would like to suggest this: if you feel lonely in a crowd or if you feel that you don't fit in or that no one cares, attend our worship services -- all of them. Then stay around afterwards and give us the opportunity to greet you personally. If you are a member here, become involved with others -- call or visit or write a few lines to someone who needs encouragement; have some folks into your home for a period of fellowship; find a need in the church and fill it. In the final analysis, Solomon's words should be remembered: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Proverbs 18:24). One more word: All of us need to do a better job in making others feel loved, wanted, and accepted. Think about it!

-- Jay Lockhart

**Sermons for Sunday, May 10, 1998**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. **"A Mother's Day At The Cross"**  
(John 19:25-27)  
P.M. **"Going On To Perfection"**  
(Hebrews 6:1-6)

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**THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who stayed for the LTC Celebration this past Sunday night. We had a wonderful opportunity to share in the results and excitement of this years LTC. Thanks to all of those who sang in the choruses and to those who led them.

Thanks especially to all of you who support LTC. A special thanks to the elders for supporting this ministry.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will meet in the fellowship hall and be

finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to join us for this special time together.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May	3	High School Devotional
May	8	Jr.-Sr. Banquet
May	17	Baccalaureate
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## OUTREACH

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### YOUR CHURCH IS YOU -- selected

You are a walking advertisement of your church and the Christ whom it proclaims. You take the church out of its four walls and make it live in the everyday affairs of life. In fact what people think of your church, they think of you.

Some have the idea that the preacher is the church. It is true that the preacher often speaks for the church, declares what it stands for, and invites people into its fellowship. It is his job to know the church's business and to act on its behalf. He is a representative, but he certainly is not your substitute.

The preaching in the pulpit is fruitless unless it is reflected in the lives of members of the congregation. Classroom teaching is ineffective unless it comes to live in the attitudes and behavior of the people. Your church is measured not so much by what its leaders say as by what you do. It is easy to make

speeches and claims, but claims must be validated by the product. You are your church's product and the validation of its claims. You are the means by which the good life advocated by the church is communicated to the people.

Your church professes a concern for people; you express that concern in the way you act toward others. Your church tries to build up a Christian world; you validate these attempts by your conduct on the job or in your community. Your church claims to have a gospel that will make people new, opening to them a more satisfying life; you are the demonstration of that claim.

Your daily acts as a Christian preach more sermons, teach more people, and save more lives than the words that are spoken inside the four walls of your church building. You are a cell of the living church. Without you, the church has no life.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### HOW TO BE A MEAN MOTHER

A mean mother never allows candy or sweets to take the place of a well balanced meal.

A mean mother insists on knowing where her children are at all times,

who their friends are and what they do.

A mean mother breaks the Child Labor Law by making her children work --

Washing dishes, making beds, learning to cook and doing other cruel and unpleasant chores.

A mean mother makes life miserable for her offspring by insisting that they always tell the truth.

A mean mother has teenagers who are wiser and more sensible

A mean mother can smile with

secret delight and pride  
when she hears her grandchildren  
call their parents "mean."

What the world needs now are more  
Mean Mothers!!!

--author unknown

### EVENING FOR THE STARS: In Celebration of Teachers

Friday, May 15th at 7 pm in the West Erwin Fellowship Hall. We will have a formal, catered dinner in honor of our teachers to say thank you for your willingness, time, and energy to share God's Word with us. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet in the lobby or call the church office so we can get a count. Thanks.

### VBS MEETING

Sunday at 5 pm in the church library. Anyone interested in helping out, please plan to join us at this time.

### WELCOME HOME!

We are very happy to welcome Curt and Kimberly Jordan and children, Jamie and Jared back home to West Erwin. Most of the family here already knows this family and we are glad to have them come back home. Their address is 14088 CR 1278, 75703, ph. 561-5174.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Ones,

Thank you so much for the wonderful lessons we are enjoying. I did so enjoy being there with my daughter Melanie and family. I'm sorry my husband was not up to it and so was he. God bless all of you there at West Erwin and the Lord has truly blessed you, having Jay there to give you his wonderful words of Wisdom.

My husband has had 17 radiation treatments and he seems to be doing all right thus far. Thanks for all of your prayers. He has already answered so many. We are in awe of His love.

Many Hugs,  
Ralph & Dee Skaggs

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My family at West Erwin has meant so much to me and Ruby. Your prayers and concern have helped us to face my two cancers and my shoulder surgery. At this point I think they are all behind us and only therapy to go through. Again we want to thank you for your prayers and love. We love all of you.

John Cliver

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Mt. Carmel, Illinois for Mary Elva Larkin, Thelma Bennett's sister and Ed Hunt's aunt. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### FOR LADIES ONLY

Ladies Bible Study classes are meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Fern Bench is leading a Bible study from I Peter 3:3-4 entitled "A Gentle and Quiet Spirit." They meet at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Room. On Wednesday evenings Nora Gravois leads a study entitled "Becoming A Woman of Freedom."

### THINK ON THESE THINGS...

"Worry always gives a little thing a big shadow."

"God made you as you are in order to use you as he planned."

"If folks can't find happiness in themselves, there isn't much use for them to look elsewhere."

"Only those who are truly bound to Christ are truly free."

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### GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT



The President of  
Loyola University New Orleans  
and

The Dean, Faculty, and Senior Class of  
The School of Law  
announce that

Stephanie Griffith  
is a candidate for the degree of  
Juris Doctor

at the Commencement Ceremony  
Saturday, May sixteenth

Nineteen hundred and ninety eight  
at ten o'clock in the morning

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center  
La Louisiana Ballroom

Congratulations, Stephanie! We're proud of you!!!

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### Cherokee Day - May 30, 1998

You are invited to attend this annual food and fund raising event! Food, Bar-B-Que, Fun, Fellowship sponsored by the children and staff of the Cherokee Home for Children. Celebrating 40 years of service! West Erwin is asked to collect: PINE SOL, 409, BLEACH, WINDOW CLEANER, FURNITURE POLISH, MILDEW PLUS, BROOMS, MOPS (no aerosol cans, please).

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### The Search



Each Sunday

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Worship A.M.	555	554	491
Worship P.M.	355	396	280
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	253
Contribution	\$16,441.82	\$17,549.17	\$15,188.26
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$543.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 3 and Wednesday P.M., May 6  
David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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Tim Marshall Mike McClenny  
Stan Mallory Jim Mayer  
Phil Marts Bob May

**GREETERS**

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Larry & Winona Shankle

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Congratulations to Chloe Clark on the birth of a new grandson! Andrew Ryan was born April 28 in Bolingbrook, IL to Wayne and Cindi Clark. He weighed 6 lb. 10 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long.

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**VLADIMIR SKOVORODNIKOV RETURNS**

On Tuesday evening, May 12, Vladimir Skovorodnikov, President of Public School Curriculum Association for eleven school regions in Russia, will return to Tyler as the featured speaker for an Eastern European Mission Benefit dinner. The dinner, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel on South Broadway, is being provided by EEM at no cost to those who attend but we will be given an opportunity to contribute to the important work being done in Russia. Skovorodnikov will be providing an update on the fast-moving opportunities in Russia. At this writing there are four public school regions in Russia that use EEM materials to teach Bible to the children and another region will begin soon. These regions represent four million students. EEM must keep the presses running to supply Russian Bibles, Children's Bibles, Textbooks and Curriculum materials on Christianity for Russian public schools and youth camps. Opportunities for expanding the current work and pursuing new avenues and places for reaching Russia's

children are opening up and they must be accepted. Attend the dinner and learn more of this exciting story. Call the office for free reservations. Do it today!

**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I want to simplify your lives. When others are telling you to read more, I want to tell you to read less; when others are telling you to do more, I want to tell you to do less. The world does not need more of you; it needs more of God. Your friends do not need more of you; they need more of God. And you don't need more of you; you need more of God."  
- Eugene H. Peterson

"When a man does not want to believe, he can find a way to deny."  
- Michael Ignatieff

"I have a strong dislike for vulgar phrases and find the terms 'good grief' and 'rats' will cover virtually anything that happens."  
- Charles Schultz

**Sermons for Sunday, May 3, 1998  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. **"Becoming More Than You Are"**  
(II Corinthians 13:5-10)  
P.M. **A Mentor And His Pupils**  
(I Timothy 1:1-2; Titus 1:1-4)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### THANKS!

Thanks to Robert & Kathy Hilliard for hosting a fun evening for the middle school group at Tyler Family Fun Park. We had a great time!

Thanks to Jim Bell for teaching class this past Wednesday evening.

### LTC CELEBRATION

Join us for a special time of Celebration for LTC on Sunday night, April 26.

All of those in the Chorus's need to meet at 5:00 for a short practice.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP WORKDAY

All of those going on the Mexico Mission Trip need to meet for a workday on Sunday, April 26. It is very important for all those going to be present for this meeting. Please bring money to eat at La Posada. We

will then return to the building to work on our materials. We will work until at least 3:00.

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### I WOULD BE HAPPY ... IF

The pianist, Arthur Rubinstein, celebrating his 84th birthday, said, "As long as we have what we have inside, the capacity to love, to work, to hear music, to see a flower, to look at the world as it is, nothing can stop us from being happy ... but one thing you must take seriously. You must get rid of the "ifs" of life. Many people tell you 'I would be happy if I had a certain job, or, if I were better looking, or, if a certain person would marry me.' There isn't any such thing. You must live your life unconditionally, without the ifs."

It is foolish to base our happiness on something we would "like" to have. The secret of enjoying life is to enjoy it now with what we have. The apostle Paul had found the answer to unhappiness: "... I have learned, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased and

how to abound: Everywhere in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:11-13).

Contentment equates with happiness, and when we learn the secret of contentment as Paul had, then we will be able to achieve true happiness. The wise man long ago wrote: "Behold that which I have seen: It is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy all his life that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion" (Proverbs 5:18). He is truly happy who has learned to be content with and enjoy life as it is -- now ... without an "if" attached.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Timothy 6:6).

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 25	SINGLES' Evening at Jim McDonald's Farm
26	SINGLES' Evening Worship with North Tenneha Dinner at J. W. Finn's
MAY 1-29	ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop Sign-up
15	Teachers' Appreciation Banquet - Evening of the Stars: In Celebration of Teachers
30	Cherokee Day at Cherokee Home for Children
JUNE 1-5	VBS; THE PAULINE MISSION: Lessons from the life of Paul
JULY 19-22	ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop

**CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE** - Saturday, May 30th will be Cherokee Day at the Cherokee Home for Children. This is the date scheduled for the annual food drive/fund raising event. Last year we collected food which James Phillips delivered for us. It was the largest contribution ever from West Erwin. Well, this year we hope to do even better!!! So get ready, Get Set, Cause HERE WE GO!!!!

### EVENING OF THE STARS

Teachers' Appreciation Banquet. Friday evening, May 15th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a "professionally catered" dinner, program, valet parking, and more to celebrate teachers. Check your calendars and watch for more details. We will ask you to R.S.V.P. by May 13th.

### THE PAULINE MISSION: Lessons from the Life of Paul

Our VBS dates are June 1st through 5th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We will be exploring the Life of Paul, trying to discover some of the secrets of his life, ministry, and success in God's Kingdom. We will have a Pre-school VBS for ages 2 through 5 years from 8:30 am - 12 noon. Kindergartners through 5th graders will have VBS in the morning and then Day Camp Activities in the afternoon.

### CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS

Now that we have a direction and framework we are operating sign-up on the sheets provided. We need people to help us write lessons. There will be sign-up sheets outside of Mike's office for the different age levels. If you would like to help write lessons for Kindergarten - 1st Graders, 2nd-3rd Graders, or 4th-5th Graders then sign up on the sheets provided.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome **Ranae Ritchie** and her sons, **Tyler** and **Brandon** into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and Ranae is a vital part of our singles group. Their address is P.O. Box 48, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-7590.



### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Keith and I want to personally thank you for all the cards, calls and wonderful meals you supplied for us during my recent surgery. We are so thankful to be part of such a loving and caring family.

With our love,  
Keith, Tina & the boys

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Thank you for your prayers during my bout with leukemia. Prayers of my Christian brethren are the reason I am still here through God's mercy and grace. Please continue to pray for my remission and cure.

Vallery Johnson

### EAGLE PROJECT COMPLETED

I would like to thank all of you who donated money and time to help make my Eagle project possible. A special thank you goes to Mr. Alan Fisher, Mr. Matt Haws, Mr. David Frick, and Mr. Dale Blackstone. Additional funds were collected that will be placed in the Bible Hour fund to purchase new equipment.

In Christian love,  
Chad Frick

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Wednesday for James Tidwell, Angie Heard's grandfather. Services were held Tuesday in Hutchins for John Acord, Carolyn Blackstone's relative. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### BRIDAL BRUNCH



You're invited to a  
Bridal Brunch  
honoring  
Michelle Steffe  
bride-elect of Charles Bellomy  
Saturday, April 25  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
at the home of Connie Sublette  
615 Dorchester

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

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Medina Children's Home will host its **Annual Appreciation Banquet**, April 26, 1998 at 12 noon on the MCH campus. They are celebrating their 40th anniversary in Christian Child Care this year. A free meal is provided, and everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. Following the Banquet, there will be an Open House and tour of campus facilities available. MCH is located on Hwy 16 between Medina and Kerrville. For more information, please call (830) 589-2871.

You're invited to a **Gospel Meeting** April 26-29 with **Ferman Carpenter** at the University Church of Christ, 11114 Spur 248, at 7 p.m. nightly; Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**EAST TEXAS LECTURESHIP** at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas - April 26, 27, 28. Guest speakers are: Mel Hutzler, Bill Lockwood, Dan Manuel, Jerry Moffitt, Steve Wiggins, Mike Hurley & Don Hatch. (See bulletin board in foyer by the office for details).

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Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	230
Contribution	\$17,549.17	\$15,003.68	\$27,373.22
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$1,873.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 26 and Wednesday P.M., Apr. 29  
Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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Prayer	Jay Bynum
Scripture	Jim Armstrong
Dismiss	Keith Harris

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Ron Lott

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Prayer	George Daugherty
Scripture	Mike Cooney
Dismiss	Milburn Cook

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Forest McFadden	Bill McCain
Tim Marshall	Mike McClenny
Stan Mallory	Jim Mayer
Phil Marts	Bob May

GREETERS  
Claude & Odell Sessions  
Larry & Winona Shankle

**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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**BOB BARNHILL TO TYLER**

On Sunday morning, April 26, Bob Barnhill of Nashville, Tennessee will be preaching at West Erwin. Bob currently works as Vie President with the Covenant Group, Inc., a company involved in the marketing, construction, and management of non-profit retirement facilities for senior adults. On Sunday afternoon he will be visiting with our elders about the possibility of a retirement facility for Christian seniors in East Texas.

Bob is a graduate of Abilene Christian University (M.Ed.). He served the churches of Christ as a full-time preacher for 30 years and worked with such churches as Central in Amarillo, Highland Oaks in Dallas, and Harpeth Hills in Nashville. Wherever Bob has preached the churches have flourished. He has spoken on most of our Christian College campuses, has conducted Leadership and Church Growth Seminars throughout the nation, and has been the featured speaker in city-wide training programs in nine cities. Bob has been heavily involved in Christian Education as he has served as a member of the

Board of Trustees of Lubbock Christian University, Amarillo Christian Schools, Dallas Christian Schools, and Fort Worth Christian Schools. He has written for some of the major brotherhood publications and his articles and sermons have appeared in eight published books. His sermon for Sunday is: Why Moses Hit The Rock.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Preachers Annual Breakfast hosted by Better Books Christian Center, Thursday, April 23, Sheraton Hotel, 8:00 a.m.

Leadership Appreciation Dinner, Campus Christian Center, Friday, May 1 at 6:30.

Preachers-Elders Luncheon, Sweet Sue's Restaurant, Tuesday, April 28, 11:30.

**Sermons for Sunday, April 26**

**Bob Barnhill**

**A.M. "Why Moses Hit The Rock"**

Acts 7:20-3

**Danny Snell**

**P.M. "Chosen By The Lord"**

I Timothy 4:11-13

(Our Youth Group will present a brief program following the evening worship)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

**LTC**

This past weekend, the West Erwin group participated in the 1998 Leadership Training For Christ. It was a wonderful weekend and our group was in top form. Thanks to all of those who participated and to the sponsors who made it all possible. We have an incredible family of Christians here at West Erwin and this past weekend at LTC proved that once again! Way to go gang!

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to go play Putt Putt this Sunday night after church. Please bring a sack supper and \$2.50. Drinks will be provided. Parents can pick up your young people at

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## OUTREACH and INVOLVEMENT

### SECRETS OF HAPPINESS

Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Make promises sparingly, but keep your promises faithfully, no matter what it costs you. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind word to someone. Praise good work, no matter who did it. Show your interest in others. Let everyone you meet feel that you regard him as a person of importance. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries, and disappointments under a pleasant smile. Keep an open mind on all issues. Discuss but don't argue. It is possible to disagree in a friendly way. Let your virtues speak for themselves and refuse to talk about another person's

vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing unless it is something positive. Be careful of other people's feeling. Pay no attention to cutting or critical remarks about you; live so nobody will believe them. Don't be too anxious about getting what you deserve. Do your work faithfully, and you will be respected and rewarded.

### A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Grant me, O Lord, the strength today  
For every task which comes my way;  
Cover my eyes and make me blind  
To petty faults I should not find.  
-- selected

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### TO MY CHILD: THINGS I CAN AND CANNOT DO

- I can share your life, but I cannot live it for you.
- I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.
- I can give you directions, but I cannot always lead you.
- I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.
- I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.
- I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.
- I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.
- I can teach you to be a friend, but I cannot make you one.
- I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
- I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.
- I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.
- I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.
- I can teach you to obey, but I cannot answer for your actions.
- I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make your morals.
- I can love you as my child, but I cannot place you in God's family.
- I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.
- I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make him your Savior.

I can teach you about prayer, but I cannot make you pray.  
I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal life.  
-- author unknown

- April 18 Men's Fellowship Breakfast: 8-9 am in the Fellowship Hall Menu: Homemade biscuits, gravy, & Jon's Egg Surprise
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- May 15 Teachers' Appreciation Banquet
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### SUMMER CAMP

If you would like some information about summer camps: what's available, locations, dates, etc. Check with us in the office. We have lots of information to share with you.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome Jay and Debbie Bynum and their children, Caysi, Caleb, and Cayti "back home" to West Erwin. They have encouraged us by their coming and we hope to be an encouragement to them as well. They are a fine family and will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is P.O. Box 389, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-3133.

### IN APPRECIATION

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In Christian Love,  
Chuck & Linda Gillam

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Dear Christian Family,

We appreciate your prayers, cards, food, and the lovely floral tribute to our mother and grandmother. It is a great comfort to know we have you to care and comfort us.

In Christ,  
Evelyn Messer  
Sue Ellen Laird

### NEW ARRIVAL

Fred and Sara Powell have a new granddaughter! Madeline Grace Powell was born April 8 to John and Katherine Powell. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. Martha Waggoner is the proud aunt.

### CONGRATULATIONS

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Bridal Brunch  
honoring  
Michelle Steffee  
bride-elect of Charles Bellomy  
Saturday, April 25  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
at the home of Connie Siblette  
615 Dorchester

Selections: Dillard's, Target, Service Merchandise  
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Worship P.M.	257	329	Area-Wide
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	241
Contribution	\$15,003.68	\$14,458.87	\$15,363.04
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$640.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 19 and Wednesday P.M., Apr. 22  
Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center .....	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee		(903) 592-0809	

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Brian Walker  
Scripture Tim Marshall  
Dismiss Dr. Aaron DuVall  
PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Clay Clemons  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Vaughn Lowry  
Scripture Dan Haile  
Dismiss Jon Murry  
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Jamon Kirby Dr. Roger Knight  
Dennis Kingsbury Grant Knight  
Hillard Hughes Ron Lott  
Jerry Huff Terry Lowry  
GREETERS  
Doug & Cathy Scroggins  
Charles & Louise Seaberry

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

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**ARE YOU SAYING WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY?**

We have all heard these statements: "Talk is cheap"; "Actions speak louder than words"; and "What you do speaks so loudly I can't hear a word that you say." It's easy to say things we don't mean. Things like: "I'm so glad you got the promotion instead of me"; or "I'll pray for you every day"; or "I love your hat...the one with the spangles on it." Words are important -- they are vehicles of communication. But for words to be meaningful, they must be accompanied by complementary actions. Our actions sometime speak for us in place of words. We may say we are faithful members of the congregation; we may thank God in prayer for the privilege of attending worship; we may sing about how much we love Jesus; but the question is: do our actions agree with what we say? Or, to put in another way, are we saying by our actions what we really want to say? I'm assuming here that we really do love Jesus; that we really do love the church; and that we really do want to do the right thing. Let me be more specific by asking a series of questions. When we are out of town on a weekend and we get back on Sunday evening at 6:30 or 7:00, just in time to miss worship, are we saying what we really mean to say? When we have company and we just can't make it to

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-- Jay Lockhart

"We can choke God's Word with a yawn; we can hinder the time that should be spent with God by remembering we have other things to do. I haven't time! Of course you have time! Take time, strangle some other interests and make time to realize that the centre of power in your life is the Lord Jesus Christ and His atonement."  
-- Oswald Chambers

**Sermons for Sunday, April 19**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**A.M. "Fire On The Altar"**  
(Leviticus 6:8-9, 12-13)  
**P.M. "Letters From Prison"**  
(Philippians 1:1-7)

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### LTC

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Please pray for all of us as we travel and participate in LTC 1998. We are "Chosen By The Lord."

Footnote: Join us for a special time of Celebration for LTC on Sunday night, April 26.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all of those who participated in the 97-98 East Texas Bible Quiz. We had a good attendance this year with 3 teams and 15 young people participating. They did very well! Congratulations to the following: Tyler Lott, Lindsey Lott, Brandon Lott, Brett Hone, Josh Hone,

Courtney Craddock, Julie Frick, Chad Frick, Bryce Murry, Megan Florence, Kyle Ross, Sara Beth Scarborough, Randa Sorrells, Dayne Harris, and Shannon Snell. Way to go Gang!

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### ONE SOLITARY LIFE . . .

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village...the child of a peasant woman...He grew up in another obscure village...He worked in a carpenter's shop until He was thirty...and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher...He never wrote a book...He never held an office...He never owned a home...He never had a family...He never went to college...He never put His foot inside a big city...He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born...He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness...He had no credentials but Himself...He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood...While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him...His friends ran away. One of them denied Him...He was turned over to

His enemies...He went through the mockery of a trial...He was nailed to a cross between two thieves...His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying...and that was His coat...When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend..

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress...

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the Life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has...That One Solitary Life.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### THANK A TEACHER

Classes are well underway in this Spring quarter of 1998 and I would like to take just a moment to thank all of our teachers who give of their time, effort, and themselves to bring us into a closer relationship with God. WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!! Take a moment this week and **thank a teacher** for their efforts.

**LIFE AFFORDS NO GREATER RESPONSIBILITY, NO GREATER PRIVILEGE, THAN THE RAISING OF THE NEXT GENERATION.**

#### CURRICULUM PLANNING MEETING RESCHEDULED

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#### VBS IS COMING

Don't forget to mark the week of June 1st through 5th on your calendars. That will be the week of the West Erwin Vacation Bible School this summer. We will have sessions for pre-schoolers through 5th grade. Our theme will be "The World of Paul." We will have VBS in the morning with large group activities, small group activities, songs, games, etc. In the afternoon we will have arts and crafts, more games, cooking, and much more. Watch for details in the weeks to come.

### IN APPRECIATION



To our Sweet Brethren at West Erwin,

We want to thank all of you for your many expressions of sympathy shown to us during Daddy's illness and passing. He got your bulletin every week and kept up with the good work you are doing. A special thank you to the K. Max Haws family for their contribution in his name.

The Family of Lester Singleton  
Kay & Tommy Parrish  
Jeff & Melissa Parrish

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Thank you for all the prayers on my husband's behalf. Thank you for the tapes of Jay's wonderful lessons. You have the greatest!

Much Love,  
Dee Skaggs  
(Melanie Murry's parents)

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Thank you for all the calls, cards, and especially your prayers for my son, David Owen. He is still very ill but is at home. Your prayers have made a difference.

Opal Cooper

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Dear West Erwin Family:

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In Christian Love,  
Mozelle Brown

### WITH SYMPATHY

Johnny Mauhar, Kelly Ross' grandfather died last Friday in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Fowler couple who were killed in a car accident recently were members of the Van church of Christ and were like family to Angie Heard's family. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends in the loss of their loved ones.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Paul and Signa Stanley! They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on April 1st. Congratulations to Joe and Frances McBee on the celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary on April 5! We rejoice with these couples in this happy milestone in their lives.

### CONGRATULATIONS, VELMA!!!!

This past Sunday we honored Velma Lemons for her 43+ years of service to scouting as well as her 53+ years as a Bible teacher, in addition to raising 3 Eagle Scouts herself. She was presented with the "Faithful Servant" award by Jon Murry. The "Faithful Servant" award is part of the "Heart of the Servant" award system designed by members of churches of Christ for Scouting. This award recognizes individuals who live the life of a servant leader through service to God and His church, service to one's own family, service to the nation, and service to Scouting.

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	Jeff Holland	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
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Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson		
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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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**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

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**THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY**

It's not an easy task -- being missionaries... especially in the Third World countries. One may object, "Oh, but they get to travel around the world!" Another may say, "They only occasionally have to deal with elders...or deacons!" Still another may claim, "They have little supervision!" And on and on it goes. My response to one who speaks of world travel is, "Why don't you become a missionary and travel around the world?" Concerning elders and deacons I would reply, "Some of my best experiences are with elders and even some deacons!" And supervision: "If one in church work can't do his work without supervision, I wouldn't recommend him for the mission field...or for any place else." I'm sticking by my guns: being missionaries is tough work...yet essential and rewarding. One of the things that makes their work difficult is the "little privations." I remember spending twenty days in England a few years ago. Do you know what I missed most? Ice, I missed having a glass full of ice over which to pour water or a soft drink. After preaching one night, we drove 80 miles to an American missionary's house to watch his refrigerator make ice and

to have a glass filled with ice to drink from. The Hollands in Togo experience these privations -- not only family and friends, favorite cereals and foods, central heat and air, but right now electricity! Each day, because of the lack of rain and lower electricity output, they have electricity six hours and on and twelve hours off. With the heat around 100 degrees and the humidity at 80-90%, they are suffering. This shortage of electricity not only affects the temperature inside their house but it also affects cooking, laundry, keeping food fresh, and working with computers to prepare lessons. The Hollands are not complaining -- they are not that kind of people. They are going through some difficult times and they need our prayers -- prayers for a break in the high temperatures, prayers for rain, prayers for a solution to the electrical shortages (some options like generators are being considered), but mostly prayers for their health, their perseverance, continued success in their work. Did you hear someone say, "Oh, for the life of a missionary: World travel, ...."

**SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

**By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "Triumph And Tears"**

(Luke 19:37-42)

**P.M. "Galatians: Christian's Freedom"**

(Galatians 2:20-21)

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- 3) The young chorus will meet at 4:00 Sunday.
- 4) Young puppets will meet this Sunday and eat with the Shepherding Group.
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF US GOING TO LTC.

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### AREA EVENTS

You're invited to a **Gospel Meeting** with Dan Manuel of Palestine at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, April 19-22. Sunday services: 9:30, 10:20 a.m. & 12:00 noon, after which there will be a potluck lunch; Mon.-Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Curriculum Planning Committee will be next Sunday, April 5th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have reviewed the Mission Statement of the West Erwin Education Ministry program and made some revisions. We then decided on a 2-year thematic approach to Bible teaching. At this meeting we will review the thematic plan of teaching and begin to work on the specific lessons that will be presented in the elementary classes. Please join us if you can. What better opportunity to have a 1st-hand impact on what our children will be learning in Bible classes?

### ACU BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Already??? Last year we waited until the last minute and settled for whatever housing was available. This year we'd like to get our registration in as early as possible and have more of a selection for housing. Sign-up sheets for the workshop will go up May 1st and will be in the mail by May

30th. This is an incredible workshop with something for almost everyone. Registration, housing, and transportation is paid. You are responsible for meals and expenses. Please start considering today whether this is the year you will join us at the ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop. Dates for the workshop are July 19th-22nd.

### PM CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Excitement is building as we prepare for our newly formatted Sunday evening Children's Worship. Kickoff date will be Sunday evening, April 19th. Instead of keeping the children together in one room we will separate classes by ages and incorporate learning centers to offer a variety of teaching environments. We will also include video clips, puppets, and character actors to help make learning fun for these little ones. Be praying with us as we look forward to this new chapter in children's learning. God has blessed us with many wonderful and talented people here at West Erwin. I'm thankful for the opportunity to work with Jon and Melanie Murry, Lisa Snell, Frances McBee, and others who will be involved in this effort.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Ernie and Sharon Gordon** into the West Erwin family. They come to us from the Montgomery Blvd. church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he served as an elder. They will be a wonderful addition to our family here as we seek to serve the Lord together. Their address is 19352 Sandhill Lane, Flint 75762, ph. 894-8660.

### BAPTISMS

**Courtney and Emily McDonald** were baptized into Christ Sunday by their grandfather, Aubrey Morman. They "grew up" at West Erwin and are the daughters of Jim McDonald and Jan McDonald. **Brooke Browning**, granddaughter of Nelda Browning and Aubrey and Jean Morman, also put on her Lord in baptism. Brooke lives in Dallas. We rejoice with these young ladies in making this most important decision in their lives.

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### DAVID AND GOLIATH ARE HERE

For the past two weeks we have been telling you about the mural developing in the stairwell by the office entrance to the building. Well, that mural is almost complete!!! The picture of the young shepherd David as he faces the Philistine giant Goliath is absolutely wonderful. Goliath is about 12 feet tall in the mural. Take a moment and appreciate the hard work of **Gary Broome** and the beauty of God's word so beautifully brought to life. Each time a child climbs those stairs on their way to Bible class they will be reminded of God's deliverance and the faith of a shepherd boy. Thanks, Gary. We appreciate you.

### 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, ph. (956) 399-5356.

Our Mission Statement  
**TO GLORIFY GOD**  
 Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
*Evangelizing \* Edifying \* Encouraging*  
**West Erwin Church of Christ**

## IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful cards and other expressions of loving care to Helen Stripling, while she is recovering from her broken hip. Thank you for your prayers for her and Mitchell.



In Christ,  
 (her children)  
 Ottie & Fran Olson  
 Frank and Joyce Nowell

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine for Lester Singleton, Jeff Parrish's grandfather. Marvin Reynolds, father of Tim Reynolds who has been visiting with us, was killed in a car/train accident last Wednesday night in Gladewater. Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral home for Theron Pickle, former West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Faber Cauthen! He recently retired after working in the wholesale food business for 46 years. We wish for Faber and Kathryn a healthy, happy and contented retirement.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

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

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

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

"Footprints in the sands of time are not made sitting down."

"What is beautiful is good, and who is good will also be beautiful."

"If 'God' is taken out of 'Good' nothing (O) is left."

"Success is not permanent. The same is true of failure."

"The happiest people are those who discover that what they should be doing and what they are doing are the same things."

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

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

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

"It isn't our position but our disposition that makes us happy."

"People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

### The Search



### Each Sunday

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 Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

April 2, 1998	<b>THE VISITOR</b>		Vol. 29-No.13
Records	Sunday March 29	Sunday March 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	409	412	385
Worship A.M.	575	572	746
Worship P.M.	Area-Wide	367	288
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	251
Contribution	\$16,510.70	\$15,542.74	\$16,414.93
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund \$12,538.50	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 5 and Wednesday P.M., Apr. 8  
Bill Denson, ph. 509-3782.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Elizabeth Hughes remains in UTHC after heart surgery and a stroke. Helen Stripling is in Tyler Rehab, room 105B. Don Scott is in ETMC Rehab. Lerah Williamson is in Briarcliff Health Center. Jeannie Wood had knee replacement surgery Thursday in Houston. Ashley Graham had tubes put in her ears Friday at Olympic Plaza. Joe McBee will have back surgery April 7. Buddy Bell will have reconstructive knee surgery April 8 at ETMC. Vera Boss, Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, Kalli Huff, daughter of Jerry and Rachel, Billie Ingram, James Kennedy, Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, Georgia Morris, Ruth Mezell's sister, Earl Schwartz, Judy Smith's brother, and Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, are all undergoing treatment. Louise Pugh, Jeanine Hughes' mother, is in Briarcliff Health Center. John Acord, Carolyn Blackstone's relative, is dying of cancer in Dallas. Louise Galloway, Warren Gray's sister, is very ill in Corsicana. Rayford and Marilyn Renick, parents of Kristi Harris, were injured in a car accident Monday night. He is doing well but she is in critical condition after brain surgery Tuesday morning at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. 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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James Sublette	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy
Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson	Joe McBee

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
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Set your clocks FORWARD  
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Drew Fitzgerald  
Dismiss James Martin

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Kyle Willoughby

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Jim Carty  
Dismiss Mark Frick

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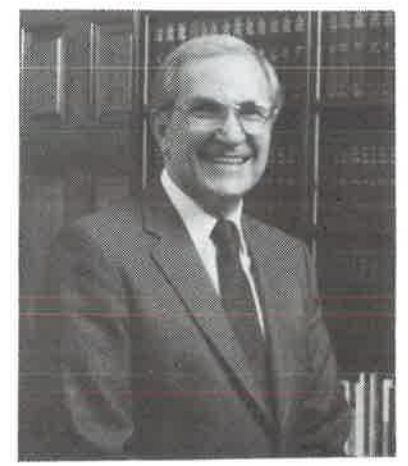
**MUSINGS**

No doubt many of you know by now that the Jonesboro, Arkansas shooting tragedy of a few days ago involved several members of the church. One teacher, Lynette Thetford, the wife of an elder in the church at Bono, Arkansas was wounded and is recovering. Chandice Porter, the ex-girlfriend of one of the shooters, was wounded and is recovering. And Shannon Wright, the teacher who was killed as she reportedly tried to shield students, was a member of the Bono, Arkansas church. This event was one of those happenings in our world that has no explanation. We are all saddened and our hearts go out to those killed and wounded as well as to their families. God didn't cause this. It was not "written in the stars." It was the calculated action of misguided minds. The words may sound a bit empty, but some good will come out of this senseless crime (Romans 8:28).

harsh, but without discipline, loyalty, and dependability, there can be no winning team. Owners and coaches of professional teams know this. The principle is also true in the church -- if there is no discipline, loyalty, and dependability there is no winning. Think about it!

**Hardeman Nichols**

will preach  
at 10:00 a.m.  
and 6:00 p.m.  
this Sunday



Charles Hodge was recently writing about professional athletes who are heavily fined and/or suspended from their teams for missing team meetings. The penalties may seem

We enjoyed a great Area-Wide meeting last Sunday night at the Shiloh Road church! \$15,000 was given to be divided among four agencies dedicated to children: Christian Services of East Texas, East Texas Christian Academy, Campus Christian Center and Camp Deer Run.

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### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to go bowling Sunday night after the area wide church meeting. We have some lanes reserved from 7:00-9:00. The cost is \$5.00 which includes supper. High school groups from the other Tyler churches will also be there for this great time together. Don't miss it!

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Christian Services of East Texas announces a Family Workshop, Celebrating Family: Designed for Joy. The dates are Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28 and will feature Dr. James Cail of Oklahoma Christian University as the Keynote. Workshops will be conducted on a wide range of family needs beginning at 7 pm Friday, at the Shiloh Road church; Saturday session will begin at 9 am and conclude at noon. Child care will be provided for nursery through 3rd grade.

### AREA-WIDE MEETING THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

The Area-Wide worship service will be on Sunday evening, March 29, at the Shiloh Road congregation. It will continue the *Celebration of Family* with Mike Armour as the speaker. This will be a very special service in that we will be celebrating the history of involvement by the area churches in four ministries to children of all ages through Camp Deer Run, Tri-C, Christian Services of East Texas and East Texas Christian Academy. A special contribution will be taken to benefit each of these important ministries.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### HUGS

Hugging is healthful.

It boosts the body's immune system, cures depression, reduces stress, induces sleep.

Hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

It is natural, organic, and naturally sweet.

With no pesticides or artificial ingredients, hugs are 100% wholesome.

There are no moveable parts, batteries or periodic checkups.

With high energy yield and

low energy consumption,

Hugs are inflation proof and non-fattening,

without monthly payments

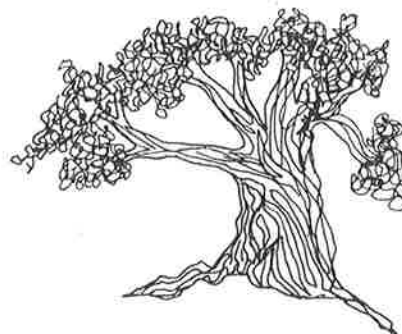
or insurance requirements.

Theft proof, non-taxable, non-polluting,

non-violent, and non-political,

Hugging is always fully returnable!

SHARE ONE TODAY



IN THE MIDST ...  
WAS THERE THE TREE  
OF LIFE... AND THE  
LEAVES WERE FOR THE  
HEALING OF THE  
NATIONS (REVELATION  
22:2).

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all of your concern, calls, cards, and prayers during my recent biopsy surgery. I received a good report, for which I am thankful. Ron and I are glad to be back at West and we love and appreciate all of you so much.

In Christian Love,  
Pam Lott

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Only God's loving family could do so much -- prayers, phone calls, offers to help, cards, and food. Also greatly appreciate that the world would have been different without you. Elizabeth is not doing much better so we ask for your continued prayers, please.

The Hughes Family

"I'm not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today."

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### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to James and Corrie Holland on the birth of a new grandson! James Scott Smith was born March 11 in Bedford, TX to Scott and Tanya Smith.

"Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing older."

### BENEVOLENT NEEDS

There is, as always, a special need for children's clothing. Clothing for men, women and children are requested to be clean and IN SEASON due to lack of storage space.

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Worship A.M.	572	514	559
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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!**

**SERVING SUNDAY**

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer James Hardin  
Scripture Terry Lowry  
Dismiss Clint Hale

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

David Hammond

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

Area-Wide Meeting  
at the

Shiloh Road church

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Bill Hawkins James Hardin  
Casey Haws Charles Hickman  
Matt Haws Robert Hilliard  
K. Max Haws Darryl Hendrix

**GREETERS**

Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale  
Kelly & Jeannie Ross

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**"SERVE GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH REVERENCE AND AWE" - HEBREWS 12:28**

One of the most interesting things about people is their attitudes...our attitudes reveal so much about us. I'm thinking just now about our attitudes concerning worship. Most of us attend worship every Sunday...and we have for years. Because this is true, worship may become ordinary or commonplace with us. That's why we must give careful thought to our worship is we are to be faithful and effective. We must approach the worship of God with a sense of "reverence and awe." There is a lot of lightness about worship which is seen in absenteeism, "hall monitoring," lateness, talking, leaving early, catching a few winks, getting it over with, etc. -- no sense of reverence and awe. Harold Kushman, in *Who Needs God*, makes this observation: "The next time you go to the zoo, notice where the lines are longest and people take the most time in front of the cage. We tend to walk briskly past the deer and the antelope, with only a passing glance at their graceful beauty. If we have children, we may pause to enjoy the antics of the seals and monkeys. But we find ourselves irresistibly drawn to the lions, the tigers, the elephants, the gorillas. Why? I suspect that without realizing or understanding it, we are strangely reassured at seeing creatures bigger or

stronger than ourselves. It gives us the message, at once humbling and comforting, that we are not the ultimate power. Our souls are so starved for that sense of awe, that encounter with grandeur which helps to remind us of our real place in the universe, that if we can't get it in church, we will search for it and find it someplace else." Now, my question is, why can't we or why don't we find this sense of awe in worship? Isn't it because of the attitudes we have as we approach worship? Worship becomes ordinary and commonplace! We must recapture the true meaning of worship and we must see who God is. Then, and only then, certain things will happen. First, we will see God, as did Isaiah, "high and lifted up...holy." Second, we will see ourselves as in need of this holy God. Third, we will be so filled with gratitude for what He has done for us, is doing, and will do that we will humbly seek to worship Him "in spirit and in truth." Fourth, we will come to the house of worship with expectancy and we will linger to speak of His worth. Fifth, we will see worship as one of our greatest privileges. And, sixth, we will "serve God acceptably with reverence and awe."

**Sermons for Sunday, March 29, 1998**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**A.M. "Wasted Opportunities"**  
(Matthew 12:22-30)  
**P.M. Area-Wide Meeting at Shiloh**

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Angela Brown who recently competed in several Drill Team Competitions. On Feb. 21, Angela competed during the half-time of the Dallas Mavericks and Detroit Pistons game. The Chapel Hill Drill Team received numerous awards and Angela was the 4A Solo Winner! On Feb. 28, she competed in the Alamo City Drill Team Competition and also was the 4A Solo Winner. Way to go Angela!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Apr. 6 at the Shiloh Rd. church from 6:45 - 8:00. The text is 2 Samuel 20-24. Study hard and be ready!

### OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night. We will go to Mazzio's and finish at 9:00. Join us!

### LTC

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## OUTREACH

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Ask, and it shall be given you;

Seek, and ye shall find;

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;

For every one that asketh receiveth;

And he that seeketh findeth;

And to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you,

Whom if his son ask bread,

Will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish,

Will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil,

Know how to give good gifts unto your children.

How much more shall your Father in heaven

Give good things to them that ask Him?

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do even so to them.

-- Matthew 7:7-12a

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

-- Frank Outlaw

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL

You've failed many times, although you may not remember.

You fell down the first time you tried to walk.

You almost drowned the first time you tried to swim, didn't you?

Did you hit the ball the first time you swung a bat?

Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most runs, also strike out a lot.

R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on.

English novelist John Creasey got 753 rejection slips before he published 564 books.

Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs.

Don't worry about failure.

Worry about chances you miss when you don't even try.

Someone once wrote, "Success is a journey, not a destination." It is the repeated trials we go through that allow us to

develop the skills we need to reach our greatest levels of success, but I would hardly call each attempt a failure. It is when we are no longer willing to try that I feel we fail. Remember Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

### WARRIORS WORSHIP EFFORTS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Sunday evening, March 15th, was a wonderful time of praise and worship as our young men from the Warriors class led the worship assembly. The future always seems brighter when we see today's young men exercising their faith. I don't want to leave out our young ladies though, they were right up there with us offering support and encouragement. Thanks and congratulations to each of these young men and women for their efforts.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 21st at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for the many prayers, cards, calls and food during Launa's illness.

Jay's message at the funeral was inspirational and a personal challenge for us in striving to see her in heaven. The singing was encouraging and very beautiful. Thanks for your loving voices that helped my family to celebrate Launa's passing.

It's great to be a part of a loving and caring congregation. May the Lord bless each of you that helped my family during the past few months.

In Christian love,

The Jim Armstrong Family

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Dear West Erwin Family,

On behalf of Mother (Chloe Clark) and our family, thank you for your cards, calls, visits, and prayers during her recent hospitalization. Your love and concern for her has meant so much to all of us. It is comforting to know that she is a part of such a supportive and loving group of Christians. Please continue to pray for her complete recovery. May God bless you.

In Christian love,

Sherry & Allen Bobbitt  
and family

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Dear West Erwin Church,

We are grateful for all of the acts of kindness and care that have been shown to our family during our mother's illness. We thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, and good food. Your beautiful cards are a continuing source of comfort.

We love you,

Hillard & Jeanine Hughes  
Hoyt Hughes

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To the West Erwin Church:

We are so grateful for your love and care during the illness and death of Harold. We are so blessed to have a very wonderful church family. All of the thoughtfulness and kindnesses expressed by each of you has brought courage to our hearts. Our entire family has been so impressed by your care. Thank you so very much. We sincerely love each of you.

Nelda Browning & family

*"Great mountains of happiness grow out of little hills of kindness."*

*"Happiness is not so much in having as in sharing."*

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## WITH SYMPATHY

Within the last few weeks three faithful Christians, Robert McLemee, Launa Armstrong and Harold Browning, long time members and much loved at West Erwin won their final victories as they departed this life. They left behind spouses who had lovingly and selflessly cared for them. Services were held last Friday for Harold Browning, who had served this church faithfully as a deacon for many years. His wife, Nelda, was as dedicated in caring for Harold as she was to the work of this church for the many years that she served as church secretary. Randy Carroll, Trey Rousseau's brother-in-law, died last Sunday evening. Services were held Tuesday in Boerne, Texas. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families as we share their sorrow in the loss of these loved ones.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jennifer Knight**, daughter of Grant and Leanne Knight, on her selection as Junior Varsity Cheerleader at Robert E. Lee High School. Her cousin, **Courtney North**, daughter of Mark and Lee North, was also selected as 9th grade Cheerleader at Hurst Jr. High. Both are granddaughters of Roger and Jan Knight.

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Records	Sunday March 15	Sunday March 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	323	400	388
Worship A.M.	514	576	561
Worship P.M.	294	335	362
Wed. P.M.	NC	282	257
Contribution	\$15,575.24	\$15,696.12	\$17,344.17
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund Contribution	\$1,515.00
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 22 and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 25 Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.			

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Elizabeth Hughes remains in UTHC after recent heart surgery and a stroke. Lerah Williamson is in ETMC. Helen Stripling is in Tyler Rehab, room 105B. Don Scott is in ETMC Rehab. Tiina Harris had gall bladder surgery Wednesday. Mozelle Brown is recuperating at home. Chloe Clark is recovering at home. Pam Lott is doing well after day surgery last Friday. Joe McBee will have back surgery April 7. Vera Boss, Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, Wini Cullinan, Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, Kalli Huff, daughter of Jerry and Rachel, Billie Ingram, James Kennedy, Tom Cox, Claudia Griffis' dad, Georgia Morris, Ruth Mezell's sister, and Earl Schwartz, Judy Smith's brother, are all undergoing treatment. David Owen, Opal Cooper's son, is now at home. Louise Pugh, Jeanine Hughes' mother, is recuperating at Briarcliff Nursing Center. Buddy Kennedy, James Kennedy's brother, is at home after recent surgery at M.D. Anderson. Neva Davis, Roy and Fern Bench's daughter, got a good report. 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.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>			<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth		<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Mike Gravois - Education			Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>MISSIONS</b>			Morning Worship .....	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....
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Scripture Nathan Linseisen  
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**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
Cooper Goodson Jack Grier  
Clint Hale Garry Goswick  
Clint Heard David Hammond  
Mike Harris Warren Gray

**GREETERS**  
Jean Oliver & Lorene Venable  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui

**WITH SYMPATHY**  
Graveside services were held Thursday at Cathedral in the Pines for Kate Hightower, mother of Evelyn Messer and grandmother of Sue Ellen Laird. Our sympathy is extended to all the family.

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**CELEBRATING THE FAMILY WORKSHOP**

The last weekend of March brings great opportunities for the churches of the Tyler area as the Shiloh congregation hosts the *Celebrating The Family Workshop* culminating with an area-wide meeting on Sunday evening, March 29. The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

**Friday, March 27**  
7:00 p.m. Keynote Address  
*Celebrating the Family: Designed For Joy*  
Dr. James Cail, Oklahoma City  
8:00 p.m. Workshops  
*Single Parenting* 10:45  
Saundra Clark & Burke Brack 11:00 a.m.  
*Growing Older Together*  
Joe McKissick, ACU Minister in Residence  
*Key To Love In Marriage: Acceptance*  
Mike Warner, Shiloh  
*Cultivating Growth in the Family*  
Brian Walker, LMSW Christian Services

**Saturday, March 28**  
9:00 a.m. Keynote  
*Celebrating the Family: Designed for Joy* pt. 2  
Dr. James Cail  
9:45 a.m. Workshops  
*Mutual Submission*  
Jay Lockhart, West Erwin

*Single Parenting* part 2  
Saundra Clark & Burke Brack  
*Caring For Aged Parents*  
Joe McKissick  
*Disagreeing Agreeably*  
Eddie Gooch, Elder & Family counselor, Alpine  
*Parenting: Firm Foundation*  
Mike and Nora Gravois - Mike has an MS in Counseling and is Education Director at West Erwin, Nora is an LMSW and works with CSET  
Break  
*Building Faith In Children*  
Tommy King, Glenwood  
*Single Parenting* part 3  
Saundra Clark & Burke Brack  
*Caring For Aging Parents* part 2  
Joe McKissick  
*Expressing Love For A Lifetime*  
Eddie Gooch  
*Parenting*  
Mike & Nora Gravois  
Child care will be provided for children through 3rd grade

**Sunday, March 29**  
5:00 p.m. Singing at Shiloh  
6:00 p.m. Mike Armour, Skillman Avenue in Dallas

**Sermons for Sunday, March 15, 1998**  
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**A.M. "Forgive Us Our Debts"**  
(Matthew 6:9-15)  
**P.M. "Acts: The Unfinished Story"**  
(Acts 28:30-31)

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### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the Paren-Teen Meeting this past Sunday night. We had a wonderful turnout with over a hundred present. We worked on a lot of spring and summer plans. If you missed the meeting, pick up a calendar or contact me for details.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Josh Hone who was recently selected as a National Merit Scholar. That is quite an accomplishment. Way to go Josh!

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### LEST I FORGET

I am a part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The dye has been cast, I have stepped over the line, the decision has been made. I'm a Disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, chincy giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded.

I now live by presence, lean by faith, walk by patience, lift by prayer, ...and labor by Power.

My face 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, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a Disciple of JESUS. I must go till He comes, give till He drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me ... my colors will be clear! -- author unknown

(Thanks to Suzanne Linseisen for sharing this.)

### CONSIDER THIS:

Below are answers to science test questions by 5th and 6th graders as seen in Ann Landers' newspaper column:

The law of gravity says no fair jumping up without coming back down.

You can listen to thunder and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it, you got hit, so never mind.

Someday, we may discover how to make magnets that can point in any direction.

A vibration is a motion that cannot make up its mind which way it wants to go.

There are 25 vitamins in all, but some of the letters are yet to be discovered.

There is a tremendous weight pushing down on the center of the Earth because so many people are stomping around up there these days.

Genetics explains why you look like your father; and if you don't why you should.

Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there.

### IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone who brought food or sent gifts or cards to our family after McKenzie was born.

Jeff & Pam Fennell & kids

### FOR LADIES ONLY

Ladies Bible study classes are meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Fern Bench is leading a Bible study on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians entitled "Growing Spiritually As We Wait." They meet at 10 am in the Heritage Room. A nursery is provided. On Wednesday evenings Nora Gravois leads a study entitled "Becoming A Woman of Freedom."

### AREA EVENTS

Song Fest, Friday, March 13 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens. Come enjoy the wonderful sound of acappella singing and fellowship. Free refreshments are served throughout the evening.

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You are invited to Learn How To Win Souls! "Use Care" Personal Evangelism Seminar March 13 - 14- 15 at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola. Fri. 7:30 pm, Sat. 6:00-9:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am, 10:20 am, 6:00 pm.

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You're invited to Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at the Fairfield Church of Christ March 15-18 with guest speaker Richard George of Channelview (formerly of Fairfield). Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

### 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, ph. (956) 399-5356.

### WITH SYMPATHY

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### WEDDING INVITATION



Mr. and Mrs. George Jones  
and

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Konczak  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Angela Dawn

and Jeffrey Thomas

Saturday, the fourteenth of March  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at two o'clock in the afternoon

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

222 Northwest 15th Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reception following ceremony  
at Petroleum Club

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Velma Lemons on the birth of a new grandson! Dustin Clark was born March 6 in Clarksville, TN to Clark and Pat Lemons. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and is 20 inches long.

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### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY CLASS WRAPS UP

The first Growing Kids God's Way class has finished. What an incredible study, but another benefit of the class are the relationships that are formed as you study together for 18 weeks. Even though this class has ended, I'm sure we will keep in touch and continue to discuss how we are doing as we raise our children "in the Lord." New classes will begin next fall.

### CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

At our last meeting we decided upon a framework to build classes around and Joy Rousseau has graciously agreed to enter that information into the computer for us. Our next meeting will be after Spring break and we will begin discussing, planning, and writing specific lessons.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

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Worship P.M.	335	357	345
Wed. P.M.	282	241	271
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Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund Contribution \$1,023.50	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 15 and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 18  
Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

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Prayer Wade Weathers  
Scripture Bryce Murry  
Dismiss Frank Steed

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

John Shaw

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

The Warriors Class

will lead

the evening worship assembly

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Cooper Goodson Jack Grier  
Clint Hale Garry Goswick  
Clint Heard David Hammond  
Mike Harris Warren Gray

**GREETERS**

Jean Oliver & Lorene Venable

Charles & Phyllis Rachui

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Harold Browning died in the night Tuesday. Services were held Friday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Bill Chandler, Fleta Butler's dad, died Tuesday. Services were held Friday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Elsewhere in the bulletin this week you will find an announcement about the *Celebrating The Family* Workshop scheduled for March 27-28 at the Shiloh Road church and sponsored by Christian Services of East Texas. Next week I will give additional details about this important event, but for now I want you to know that the workshop will close with our annual spring area-wide meeting. The speaker for the Sunday evening meeting will be **Dr. Mike Armour**, pulpit minister for the Skillman church in Dallas. Mike has spoken in Tyler, and at West Erwin, on many occasions and we look forward to having him as the speaker for this significant evening. We will share additional information about the area-wide meeting later, but be planning now to attend.

Our second area-wide meeting for the year will be held at the West Erwin church on Sunday evening, August 30, and our speaker will be **Dr. Jack Evans**, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell. In addition to hearing Jack preach at the 6:00 pm service, we will have the privilege of hearing the Acapella Chorus present a program at 5:00 pm. We always look forward to the area-wide meet-

ings as a time of encouragement, unity, and fellowship and this year we plan two of these joint worship services.

This spring I am scheduled to be away three times in March and April and four times in September and October. This means I will be home from the first of May through the middle of September. I'm looking forward to that. When I am away I believe good is done, but there is no place I would rather be than with you. In my absences guest speakers will include our own **Mike Gravois** and **Danny Snell** and other good men like **Bob Barnhill**, **Hardeman Nichols**, **Harold Taylor**, and **Bill Young**. This Sunday I will begin a meeting in Carthage where **Al Neal** preaches and you will have a treat Sunday morning when **Lavega Parker**, most recently with the Bullard church, will preach and Sunday evening when **Mike Gravois** will present the message and his *Warriors* class (4th and 5th grade boys) will lead the worship with the help of **Kelly Ross**. We have prospects for a good day. Finally, thanks to **Forest McFadden** and **Jim Bell** for their readiness to teach classes for me when I am away and for their love for Christ and this church.

**Sermons for Sunday, March 15, 1998**

**A.M. Lavega Parker**, guest speaker

**"Who's Who In The Bible?"**

(I Kings 22:1-8)

**P.M. Mike Gravois**

**"Oaks of Splendor"**

(Isaiah 61:1-3)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those in the Boomer's Class for sponsoring the skating night at Applebees. What a great turnout! Best guess is over 250 people. Way to go gang!

### PARENT TEEN MEETING

All of those in the youth group and their parents are reminded to come to the planning session on Sunday, Mar. 8. Please bring food item your letter requested. Be there!

### LTC

We are in full swing for LTC 1998. The choruses are meeting each Wednesday evening. Puppets will meet on Sunday, Mar. 1 at 4:30. Bulletin Board teams will meet Sunday at 5:30.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following for very special accomplishments. Ashli Bryant for being inducted into the National Honor Society at Whitehouse High School. Garrett Cantrell for being re-elected as Senior Patrol Leader and Chad Frick for being elected as Assistant Patrol Leader of Troop 354. Way to go gang!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Mar. 9 at the Shiloh Rd. church form 6:45 - 8:00. We will practice on Sunday, Mar. 8. We will meet together for lunch and stay until 2:30. The text is 2 Samuel 15-19. Study hard and be ready!

### MEXICO MISSION

We had a good turnout for our Mexico Mission Trip meeting this past Sunday. We are excited about the possibility of have 80-90 kids at our VBS in Nueva Rosita this summer. If you are not signed up for this trip, you need to talk to me ASAP. If you are interested in helping put together the materials for this VBS, let me know.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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## OUTREACH

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### THE GOLDEN RULE

Be what you want others to be.  
 Say what you want others to say to you.  
 Love like you want to be loved.  
 Live like you want others to live around you.  
 Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.  
 Sing like you want our singing to be.  
 Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.  
 Serve like you want to be served.  
 Smile like you want others to smile around you.  
 Pray for others like you want others to pray for you.  
 Care for others because you want to be cared for.  
 Forgive others because you need others to forgive you.

Be there for others because someday you will need others to be there for you.  
 Compliment others because you need them to compliment you.  
 Comfort others and those around you will become a comfort to you.  
 Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.  
 Be Christ-like and those around you will be Christ-like too.  
 Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

"A little leaven, leavens the whole lump of dough"  
 (Galatians 5:9).

-- via Bulletin Digest

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### CONSIDER THIS:

According to the theory of aerodynamics,  
 and as may be readily demonstrated through  
 experiments,

the Bumble Bee is unable to fly.

This is because the size, the weight, and the shape of his  
 body in relation to his wingspread make flying impossible.

BUT the Bumble Bee being ignorant of these scientific  
 truths, goes ahead and flies anyway and makes a little  
 honey every day!

--author unknown

Make a miracle today!!!

Allow God to work His magic in your life.

#### SKATING PARTY HUGE SUCCESS

This past Sunday evening the Boomers' Bible class hosted a skating party for the Family Buildres' Bible class. The party was held at Applebee's Skating Rink and was a great success. A sandwich supper was provided by the Boomers' class and each

skater paid their own admission. There was plenty of fun, food, and fellowship for all. Attendance has been estimated at 250+. I would like to offer a word of thanks to the Boomers' class for a wonderful idea, a wonderful evening, and a wonderful example for all of the Bible classes.

#### VBS DATES SET

Our VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday went well and generated many wonderful ideas for this summer's VBS. The dates for West Erwin's Vacation Bible School will be June 1st through 5th and will be a great way to kick off a Super Summer!!! If you would like to be involved in planning for this summer's VBS, please contact Mike Gravois. We are in the process of reviewing several themes at this time and as soon as one has been selected work can begin.

#### WARRIORS LEAD WORSHIP AT BRIARCLIFF

Sunday afternoon March 8th the Warriors Class will conduct a worship service at Briarcliff Village. Warriors is the new name given to what was formerly the Timothy/Tabitha program. Warriors are primarily 4th and 5th graders, but the class is open to 6th through 8th graders as well.

## IN APPRECIATION

I wish to express my deep appreciation to my dear West Erwin Family for the many calls, cards, visits, and delicious food brought to me during my recuperation from my injury.

I love all of you,  
 Myra Turner

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Thank you so much for the beautiful wreath you sent for Dad and all your many prayers and calls of concern were greatly appreciated. The family of Luther Lane acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

### BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

If you have a tender message, or a loving word to say do not wait till you forget it, but whisper it today; the tender word unspoken, the letter never sent, the long forgotten messages, the wealth of love unspent - for these some hearts are breaking, for these some loved ones wait; so show them that you care for them before it is too late.

-- Frank Herbert Sweet

### FOR LADIES ONLY

Ladies Bible study classes are meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Fern Bench has begun a Bible study on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians entitled "Growing Spiritually As We Wait." They meet at 10 am in the Heritage Room. A nursery is provided. On Wednesday evenings Joy Rousseau leads a study entitled "Living Like Light."

### AREA EVENTS

**Gospel Meeting**, March 8-11 at the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine. Theme: Blessed Assurance. Sunday services: 11:00 am, 6:00 pm; Mon. - Wed. 7:00 pm. Speakers are Dan Manuel, Hershel Bearden, Jack Orison, Perry Cowan and Joe Chase.

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**Song Fest**, Friday, March 13 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens. Come enjoy the wonderful sound of acappella singing and fellowship. Free refreshments are served throughout the evening.

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You are invited to Learn How To Win Souls! "Use Care" **Personal Evangelism Seminar** March 13 - 14- 15 at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola. Fri. 7:30 pm, Sat. 6:00-9:30 pm, Sun. 9:30 am, 10:20 am, 6:00 pm.

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You're invited to **Homecoming and Gospel Meeting** at the Fairfield Church of Christ March 15-18 with guest speaker Richard George of Channelview (formerly of Fairfield). Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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## RESPONSE

**Tim Marshall** came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for wisdom and renewed courage as he goes through a difficult time so that he may use his God-given gifts to the benefit of this church and to the glory of God.



### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones  
 and

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Konczak  
 request the honour of your presence  
 at the marriage of their children

Angela Dawn

and Jeffrey Thomas

Saturday, the fourteenth of March  
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### TYPO

The typographic error is a slippery thing and sly;  
 You can hut it 'til you're dizzy, but it somehow will get by.

'Til the forms are off the presses

It is strange how still it sleeps;

It shrinks down in a corner and it never stirs or peeps.

That typographic error is too small for human eyes

'Till the ink is on the paper;

Then it grows to mountain size.

The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be;

But the typographic error is the only thing they'll see.

-- via Bulletin Digest

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 8:**  
 Overseeing couple: Randy & Karen Pharis; Preacher: Michael Millsap; 2's - Chuck & Laurie Florence; 3's - Michelle Millsap & Suzanne Linseisen; 4's -Randy & Karen Pharis, Alternates: Marc & Ginger Philpot.

### The Search



### Each Sunday

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

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Records	Sunday March 1	Sunday February 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	392	341	405
Worship A.M.	541	507	569
Worship P.M.	357	375	384
Wed. P.M.	241	NC	236
Contribution	\$17,341.91	\$15,936.53	\$16,857.20
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund Contribution	\$1,885.00
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 8 and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 11 Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.			

### 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!

### SERVING SUNDAY

#### 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Billy Terrell
Scripture	John Portwood, Jr.
Dismiss	Clint Heard

#### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Fred Wingate

#### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Garry Goswick
Scripture	Bill Smith
Dismiss	Robert Threadgill

#### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chuck Florence	Mark Frick
Jeff Fennell	Chad Frick
Alan Fisher	Terry Frick
Drew Fitzgerald	David Frick

#### GREETERS

Freeman & Billie Morgan  
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### PARACHUTE RIGGERS

I recently read a story about Charles Plumb, who was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After Plumb had flown about 75 combat missions, his plane was shot down by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands where he was captured and then spent six years as a prisoner of war. He survived his ordeal and today lectures on lessons learned from that experience. One day as Plumb sat in a restaurant, a man came up to him and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier *Kitty Hawk*. You were shot down!" Plumb asked, "How did you know that?" The man replied, "I packed your parachute." As Plumb sat in surprise and gratitude, the man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb said, "It sure did ... in fact if your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today." That night Plumb couldn't sleep for thinking about that man. He kept wondering how many times he might have passed him on the *Kitty Hawk* without really seeing him or speaking to him because, you see, he was a fighter pilot and the packer was just a lowly sailor. Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent quietly folding and packing the parachutes, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone

he didn't even know. When Plumb now speaks, he asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute? We all have people in our lives who provide what we need to get through the day." It's a good question, isn't it? "Who's packing your parachute?" Now stop for a minute and consider how many people to whom you are indebted -- people who provide support for our lives, for our work, and for our ministries in the church. I, personally, owe a debt of gratitude to so many who contribute to my work. There were my college teachers who helped prepare me for ministry. There are churches which contributed to my development -- people who gave much more to me than I ever gave to them. There are the opportunities people in the church have given me to preach and teach. In the present there are those behind the scenes, folks who see that everything at the church building is ready on time for our services, others who lead the services, and still others who attend and participate and encourage. Many of these are the unnamed, but vital, parachute riggers -- people who save our lives, or at least contribute to life being better. To them I say, "Thank you."

"Who's packing your parachute?"

**Sermons for Sunday, March 8, 1998**  
A.M. **"When Life Spins Out Of Control"**  
(Isaiah 43:1-7)  
P.M. **"Is Ignorance Bliss?"**  
(Psalm 19:7-11)

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### MEXICO MISSION MEETING

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### LTC

We are in full swing for LTC 1998. The choruses are meeting each Wednesday evening. Puppets will meet on Sunday, Mar. 1 at 4:30. Bulletin Board teams will meet Sunday This Sunday at 5:30.

## PARENT TEEN MEETING

### ATTENTION!!!

Please note the date change Parent Teen Meeting All of those in the youth group and their parents are reminded to come to the planning session on Sunday, Mar. 8. Please bring food item your letter requested. Sorry for the confusion on Dates. We need you there!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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### THE CHURCH IS NOT

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others ...

... but rather of those who believe they ought to be better than they are.

The church of not made up of perfect people ...

.... but of people who follow a perfect Lord and realize they ought to do the best they can.

The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes ...

... but of those who acknowledge their mistakes and try not to make the same ones again.

The church is not trying to set withdraw from everyone ...

... but rather to bring everyone into its fellowship and love.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone ...

... but to show how following the rule of Christ helps us all.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of life ...

... but to put real joy into life.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly ...

... but trying to instill the beauty of holiness on your life.

The church is not trying to separate you from your money...

... but trying to keep your money from separating you from God.

-- selected

## CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

### A Child's 10 Requestments

1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture, or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm little for only a short time - please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs; don't nag me all day long (you wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness). Treat me as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.

7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.

8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts don't quite measure up to your expectations. I know its hard, but please don't try to compare me to my brother or sister.

9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.

10. Please take me to Bible class and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

-- author unknown

### VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, March 1st at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall

### SPRING QUARTER CLASS LISTINGS

are available in the foyers

## IN APPRECIATION

I want to thank all of you, not just for what you did, which was wonderful, but for the warmth and the caring you put into it. You're all very special people. Thanks for making me feel special, too.  
Leonard Thompson

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We would like to thank you for everything you did for us while we attended West Erwin. The love and support shown to us will always be remembered.

In Christian Love,  
The Butterworths

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Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thanks for the constant Christian love, support, and caring shown to me and my family at the loss of Eva Sparkman and Louise Siler, my grandmothers. It is the kindness of close friends and family members that makes this time bearable for us. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,  
Grace Siler

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I would like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my birthday by coming to my party, giving cards, and wishing me a happy birthday. It was the best birthday I ever had.  
Roberta Tindall

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jeff and Pam Fennell on the birth of McKenzie Paige on Saturday, February 21. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. Lauren and Patrick and proud big sister and brother.

## STIR UP THE FIRE



LADIES: Women's Ministry Meeting  
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 5th, 6:30 p.m.



Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 5th, and plan to share time together in dinner, devotional, and planning to discuss the past, present, and future West Erwin Women's Ministries.

The elders have selected the theme STIR UP THE FIRE for 1998, and Thursday night will give us a chance to talk about ways the women at West Erwin can be a part of that *Stirring!* God has provided many ministry and service opportunities for the women at West Erwin in the past, and under the direction of our elders, He will continue to offer opportunities for service. The Women's Ministry at West Erwin (under the leadership of our elders) is an outgrowth of a desire to involve as many women as possible in the Lord's work at West Erwin, so please make plans to be a part of this coal-stirring and talent-sharing rekindling of the West Erwin Women's Ministries.

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## BAPTISM

Richard Goolsby was baptized into Christ Monday morning after talking with Mike Gravois. His address is 421 West Walmsly, 75702, mailing address is P.O. Box 342, 75710.

## RESPONSE

Dale Blackstone responded Sunday to request prayers for the James and Aline Shott family from Gladewater. He is in the final stages of Lou Gehrigs disease. Their daughter Jamie was diagnosed with bone cancer last week. Their niece, Tiffany Johnston, was killed in a car accident last Friday.

## WEDDING INVITATION



Mr. and Mrs. George Jones  
and

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You're invited to Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at the Fairfield Church of Christ March 15-18 with guest speaker Richard George of Channelview (formerly of Fairfield). Sunday services are at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 1:**  
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Worship P.M.	375	350	289
Wed. P.M.	NC	247	227
Contribution	\$15,936.53	\$17,046.43	\$15,925.87
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund Contribution	\$1,118.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 1 and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 4  
Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.

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Greg Wagner

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Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Ray Vannoy  
Scripture Chris Elzen  
Dismiss Ben Young

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Chuck Florence Mark Frick  
Jeff Fennell Chad Frick  
Alan Fisher Terry Frick  
Drew Fitzgerald David Frick

**GREETERS**

Freeman & Billie Morgan  
Fred & Sara Powell

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

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**WHAT DO I OWE YOU?**

When purchasing something in a store we might ask the salesperson, "What do I owe you?" That's an important question to ask in the church, the family of God: "What do I owe you?" Here are some things we owe each other.

- "Receive (accept -- JPL) one another" (Romans 15:7).  
The Greek word here means "to take one's self, to grant one access to one's heart, to take into friendship." We should go out of our way to truly accept every faithful member of the body. Reach out to some brother or sister today.
- "Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21). Submission here means "to give way, yield, to cease fighting." This admonition means that because we respect Christ, the One who was submissive on our behalf as He went to the cross, we think not so much of our own rights or plans or opinions as we do of others' rights, plans, and opinions.
- "Admonish one another" (Romans 15:14). This word means to "teach, instruct, warn, counsel." This verse shows that to admonish successfully our motives must be pure and our knowledge of God's word must be apparent.
- "Be of the same mind with one another" (Romans 15:5-6). We are to work hard for the unity of God's people based not upon opinion but upon God's Word.

- "In honor giving preference to one another" (Romans 12:10). Make others look good by encouraging them, showing appreciation for them, expecting nothing in return from them, and yielding to their wishes.
- "Be devoted to one another" (Romans 12:10). This means "to love tenderly." A good commentary on this verse is Philippians 2:3-4 -- "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." John said, "Let us love one another" (1 John 4:7).
- "Serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). Jesus came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). The greatest in the kingdom of heaven is the one who, like Jesus, is a servant (Matthew 29:26). Instead of asking, "Who will serve me?", why not begin to ask, "Who can I serve?", and begin today!

If I will pay my debts to you and if you will pay what you owe to others, the body of Christ will function properly and all of us will be faithful and happy people.

**Sermons for Sunday, March 1, 1998**  
**A.M. Mike Gravois**  
**"Successful Christian Living"**  
**(I Thess. 5:16-18)**  
**P.M. Danny Snell**

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### MEXICO MISSION MEETING

All of those who are planning to participate in our Mexico Mission Trip this summer need to come to a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 28. All of those in the high school group are invited to participate. More details to follow.

### LTC

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### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

For spiritual gain and weight loss too, come to the first meeting of the Weigh Down Workshop Sunday, February 22, 4:00 p.m. - Heritage Room. Coordinated by Joy Rousseau & Cathy Scroggins.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

How would you like to volunteer 1 to 3 days a week (Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-1:00) making crafts, baking, playing dominoes, playing checkers, or just talking about the good old days? Lunch is provided! We could sure use your help! This is the Alzheimer's Adult Day Care at the Shiloh Rd. church. If you are interested in this worthwhile mission, please contact Penny Hunter: Wk. 509-8323 - hm. 561-3070. Thank you!

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois THANKS TEACHERS

As we prepare for the Spring quarter which begins on March 1st, I would like to take just a moment and say thank you to all of our teachers who give of their time and their lives to help bring our children into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have seen the phrase, "If you can read this thank a teacher," but the work we are involved in has an even greater significance. We are changing lives for eternity. Our teachers today are moulding the church of tomorrow. So take a moment today and THANK A TEACHER.

We downloaded the following off the internet:

Answers Given By Students Who Took A Bible Knowledge Test

1. The 1st book of the Bible is Guinness's in which Adam and Eve were created from an apple.
2. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
4. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
5. Unleavened bread is made with no ingredients.
6. Moses went to the top of Mount Cyanide to get the 10 Commandments.
7. The seventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not admit adultery."

8. Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
9. Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
10. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
11. The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 decibels.
12. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
13. One of the opossums was Saint Matthew.
14. Salome danced in 7 veils in front of King Harrod.
15. Paul preached acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
16. David fought the Finkelstiens, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
17. A Christian should have only one wife, this is called monotony.
18. The Jews had trouble throughout their history with unsympathetic Genitals.

(and so it goes.....!!)

Scary, huh? Take a moment today and think about the teachers who made a difference in your life. Also, take a few moments this week to pray for your teachers and those of your children, but don't stop there, let them know personally how much you appreciate their time and effort.

### APPRECIATE A TEACHER THIS WEEK

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Friends,

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 Robert McLemee. Thanks for the beautiful flowers, the singers, and Brother Lockhart's message.

Ila McLemee

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Thank you so much for remembering me with your prayers, calls, cards, visits and food during my recuperation from surgery. You are wonderful people and I love you. Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Vera Beard

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Dear church of Christ members,

Life's a lot brighter and happier too because of thoughtful people like you.

Love to all of you,  
Evelyn & Vaughn Lowry

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To our church family at West Erwin,

Words cannot express the sincere appreciation we have for all the beautiful flowers, plants, cards, calls and loving care you gave to us during our time of sorrow in the loss of my brother. We want to say "thank you" to Betty Price, Bill Hawkins, Bettye Sue and Chuck Harris for going to Corsicana to be with us for the service, also to Jay Lockhart for taking time out from his busy schedule to write a lovely caring note and to Bettye Sue and Chuck for the donation to the building fund in memory of Denver Wright. We love and cherish all of you.

Warren and Gaynelle Gray

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Thank you to everyone who brought food to us after Michelle was born. It was a great help to us. You are the best family!!

Love,  
Ruth and James Ellis

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant for Luther Lane, Clyde Lane's brother. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to all the family.

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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Julia Wilshire** in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday morning She has been visiting here for awhile and we hope to be an encouragement to her in her Christian walk as she also encourages us. Her address is 1912 Clubview, 75701, ph. 597-5250.

## RESPONSE

**Chuck and Linda Gillam** came Sunday to express love and appreciation to their church family for their encouragement and concern since Chuck's accident and to rededicate their lives and become more actively involved in the Lord's work. They also requested our prayers for others who are in treatment at the rehab center.

**Jade Marshall** came to request our prayers for her faithfulness.



## Happy 80th

The children and grandchildren of  
Roberta Tindall  
invite you to share in the celebration  
of her birthday  
Sunday, February 22  
2 until 4 o'clock  
at the West Erwin Church of Christ,  
No gifts, please.

Lee and Janina Tindall  
Lynn & Mary Tindall  
Don & Nerene Ingram

## LEARNING TO LOVE

On February 20-21, the South Main Church of Christ will host the *Learning to Love* seminar by Willard Tate. He is presently an associate professor in the Department of Communication at ACU. He also serves as the minister at the Hamby church of Christ. Willard is a spiritual leader who exudes the love of God in his life. This is a life-changing seminar that will truly bless you. These sessions will be held in our multi-purpose building and will be informal. Friday P.M. 7:00-9:30 and Saturday A.M. 9:00-11:30.

## CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC.

Christian Homes of Abilene is accepting applications for the position of Assistant to the Vice President of Social Services. Interested persons should contact Cindy Miller to request an application and job description. Applicants must be active members of the church of Christ. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Details on bulletin board in office area.

**"Joy is the echo of God's life in us."**

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Worship A.M.	525	575	568
Worship P.M.	350	364	327
Wed. P.M.	247	NC	NC
Contribution	\$17,046.43	\$16,196.28	\$14,305.36
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund Contribution \$1,035.50	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 22 and Wednesday P.M., Feb. 25 Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

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Don Durham Rick Fedell  
Don Drummond Dr. Aaron DuVall  
GREETERS  
Bob & May Helen May  
Forest & Mary McFadden

**ATTENTION LADIES**  
"Light The Fire"  
Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Dinner, Devo & Planning Time!!!



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**MUSINGS**

Last Monday and Tuesday eighteen preachers from around East Texas met at Timberline, a retreat center near Lindale, for what we hope will be the first of an annual Preacher's Retreat. Charles Hodge was our resource person and Rick Hall, Executive Director of Christian Services of East Texas, was the planner and host for the meeting. Tommy King, Mike Warner and I were presenters and Danny Snell and Mike Gravois were leaders of the object lessons. It was a time of good food, good fellowship, and good lessons as we learned to appreciate each other and our work in the Kingdom better.

A little girl loved her rag doll. It was not loved because it was valuable, but it was valuable because it was loved. Your greatest value is seen in that God loves you.

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After teaching children in Bible class about God's power, the teacher was reviewing the lesson: "Is there anything God can't do?" After a long pause a little boy said, "Yes, God can't please everybody!" You can't either, so make it your priority to please God.

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Larry Byrd was one the greatest basketball players who ever lived and, professionally, he played for many years for the Boston Celtics of the N.B.A. During a crucial time in an important game, coach K.C. Jones was diagramming a play when Byrd said, "Get the ball to me and get everyone out of the way." Jones broke in to say, "I'm the coach and I call the plays." Then the coach turned to the team and said, "Get the ball to Byrd and get out of the way." When someone has prepared himself to do a job; when he is confident he can do the job; when the job needs to be done; the best thing for us to do is get out of the way and let him do it!

"One person with a belief is equal to a force of 99 who only have an interest." -- John Stuart Mills (1806-1873).

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Someone asked: "Do you know how many times the Bible says, 'Fear not?'" Then he answered: "Three hundred sixty-five, one for each day of the year, so stop worrying."

**Sermons for Sunday, February 22, 1998**  
**Dr. Jay Lockhart**  
**A.M. "Follow Me"**  
**(Luke 5:1-11)**  
**P.M. "I Am Resolved"**  
**(Philippians 3:8-12)**

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### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### OOPS!!!!

Ryan's tells me they only open for breakfast once a month for the Promise Keepers group. So, we will have to meet at the Golden Corral on the south loop at 8:30 am on Saturday, February 14th for our Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We told them to expect 12 to 20 men. I hope we have many more than that. Are you planning to be there?

#### BOOMERS/FAMILY BUILDERS SKATING PARTY

The Boomers Bible class is hosting a skating party for the Family Builders class on Sunday, March 1st from 7:00-9:30 pm. Food will be provided. The cost is \$4.00 per person who skates, admission for non-skaters is free. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this evening of fellowship and FUN for the entire family.

#### FAMILY BUILDERS SWEETHEART BANQUET A SWEET SUCCESS

Who says men aren't handy in the kitchen? the men of the Family Builders class set out to prove that idea false as they cooked their favorite dishes for their sweethearts this past Friday night. Prizes

awarded for the best dishes went to: Danny Snell (ribs), Matt Haws (sami salad), Jon Murry (death by chocolate), and Walker Weathers (storyteller extraordinaire). A prize also went to David and Carrie Cannefax for top score on the "How Well Do You Really Know Your Wife?" quiz. Special thanks to Jean DuVall and Karen Pharis for coordinating the event and to all who helped to make it such a wonderful evening for everyone who participated.

#### NEW QUARTER BEGINS MARCH 1ST

What an exciting time this is to be involved in the Education Ministry here at West Erwin!!! Our classes are growing, the Curriculum Committee is moving into the lesson writing phase of their work. We will separate the last of our combined classes this Fall (4th/5th grade) and God is continuing to bless our efforts. Say, have you thought about being involved in the teaching ministries we have here? This is a wonderful time to join in. We have several teaching spaces that are becoming available for teachers and teachers' assistants. If you are interested in sharing your faith and talents with the children here or would like more information about teaching, please contact Mike in the church office.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Kevin & Vicky Dorsey and children, Drew and Bethany, came on Wednesday, January 21, to make known their desire to work and worship with the family at West Erwin. We are so pleased to welcome this fine family into the fellowship here and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 14416 CR 230, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-1037.

### RESPONSE

Grace Siler came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for her physical family. Grace has recently lost both of her grandmothers to death and the family is going through difficult times.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers. Such expressions of love and concern from far and near do much to comfort us at this difficult time.

The Denver Wright Family  
(Gaynell Gray's brother)

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Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Clyde Farrer.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

We cannot express enough our gratefulness and thankfulness to God for all of you. You made our stay with you feel as if we were at home as you demonstrated love and hospitality. We also wanted to thank you for your generous gift for Christmas. We love you all and hope to be with you again soon. May God bless your work there at West Erwin.

Jeff, Brenda & Josiah Holland

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West Erwin Family,

For all the special things you do and all the nice cards, the beautiful pot plant and the prayers on our behalf.

Love you,  
Dub & Opal Mathews

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Thank you! God's family, for all your prayers and support. I love you for all the time in prayer you've spent for Chad. Let's take the time to go back to God and thank him for answered prayers.

Faye Adkins

### Building Fund - \$709,350.50

(This includes money in bank, C.D.'s, stock and commitments)

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## WEDDING INVITATION



*Two lives, two hearts  
joined together in friendship  
united forever in love*  
Mr. and Mrs. Gudy Rowland  
and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Metcalf  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Melissa Ann to James Justin  
on Saturday, the fourteenth of February  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
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### Happy 80th

The children and grandchildren of  
Roberta Tindall  
invite you to share in the celebration  
of her birthday

Sunday, February 22, 2 until 4 o'clock  
at the West Erwin Church of Christ. No gifts, please.



### NEW ARRIVAL

Hillard and Jeanine Hughes are the proud grandparents of Olivia Grace born Saturday, February 6 in Longview to Shannon and Juli Hughes. Great grandparents are Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes and Louise Pugh. Laurie Dawkins and Kim Hughes are proud aunts.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Robert McLemee, longtime West Erwin member. Graveside services were held in Troup last Friday for Floy Bell Dennis, Evelyn Lowry's sister and Becky Howard's aunt. Services were held in Ft. Worth last Saturday for Velma Goodman, Bill Smith's aunt. Graveside services were held Thursday in Big Sandy for Leona Gifford, Jon Sorrell's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 15:**  
Overseeing couple: David & Carrie Cannefax; Preacher: Dale Blackstone and Fred Powell; 2's - Jay and Debbie Graham; 3's - Dan and Marsha Richardson; 4' - Mark & Ginger Philpot, Alternates: John and Terry Shaw.

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Records	Sunday February 8	Sunday February 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	408	364	393
Worship A.M.	575	535	600
Worship P.M.	364	259	321
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	278
Contribution	\$16,196.28	\$15,952.64	\$15,454.93
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund Contribution	\$553.50

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday P.M., Feb. 18, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

Elizabeth Hughes' angioplasty was unsuccessful. She will require surgery. Chuck Gillam is in ETMC Rehab, room 416b. Chloe Clark is in ETMC, room 4439. She had a surgical procedure last Friday. Joe McBee is awaiting test results to determine back treatment. Lawton Taylor is now in Southview Nursing Center. Kalli Huff, little daughter of Jerry and Rachel, is undergoing treatment. Launa Armstrong, Barbara Brady and James Kennedy are ill at home. 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. David Owen, Opal Cooper's son, is considering options for a serious heart problem. Viola Phillips, Jeff Phillips' grandmother, remains very ill. Luther Lane, Clyde Lane's brother, is very ill. Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, is recovering at home after recent surgery. Leigh Ann Villarreal, who works for Christian Services, has begun radiation. Jack Murphy, Cheryl Perry's uncle, has been diagnosed with cancer. Kitty Holcomb, Kevin Dorsey's cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer. Jack Murphy, Cheryl Perry's uncle, has been diagnosed with cancer. Joan Webber, friend of Cathy Scroggins, had recent bypass surgery.

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ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship .....	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.
	11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A.M.
(Sept through May)	
Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
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**LADIES**  
**"Light The Fire"**  
 Thursday, March 5  
 Watch for details!!

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**SERVING SUNDAY**

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
 Prayer Doug Ragsdale  
 Scripture Dr. Stan Perkins  
 Dismiss Guy Potts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

John Shaw

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
 Prayer James Phillips  
 Scripture Marc Philpot  
 Dismiss John Pike

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Kevin Dorsey Bill Denson  
 Daniel DuPree James Ellis  
 Don Durham Rick Fedell  
 Don Drummond Dr. Aaron DuVall

GREETERS

Bob & May Helen May  
 Forest & Mary McFadden

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**AN OPEN LETTER TO FATHERS**

Dear Dad,

The day you began to be called Dad was a wonderful day in your life. After the long months of waiting, the day finally arrived and off you went with Mom to the hospital. There was more waiting and then it happened. You might have waited in another place with family and friends with you, or you might have been in the delivery room. Either way, the miracle of birth took place and the doctor said to a beaming you, "You have a son (or daughter)!" Do you remember how you felt? How did you feel when you looked upon that little face for the first time? What thoughts went through your mind as you held your own child for the first time? You were so happy, so humbled, so proud, so blessed. You no doubt knew that this child was a gift from God. David said, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward" (Ps. 127:3). You must have also thought of your new responsibilities -- not only to provide food, clothing, and shelter for the child, but to also train, educate and help the child to develop into a good person. There is no greater responsibility given to a father than this: "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). As the years went by you were involved in the activities of your child. There were school activities, ball games, scouts, sleepovers, family outings, and wants which often

outran needs. Do you remember? You were a good dad. Your child loved you and you spent some real quality times with him. But, what about the spiritual development of your child? Have you emphasized Christ, the church, Bible classes, and worship more than other things? Have you taken to heart the need to be the spiritual leader for your child? Does he see you as God's man, a man who loves Jesus and who insists that his child is in church? Does he see you as an example of what he is to be in God's sight? One of the saddest laments of Scripture is in the words of David when he cried for his son Absalom after the boy's untimely death: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!" (2 Sam. 18:33). What is not evident in this lament is the fact that David had neglected Absalom -- he had never trained his son, disciplined his son, or provided spiritual leadership for his son. Absalom did not need for David to die for him -- he needed spiritual training and example. It was too late for David, but it may not be for you. Do right by your child. Do what you know you should. Give your child the greatest gift you can ever give him -- a faithful Christian father. Begin today! I hope to see you in church this Sunday--with your child.

Love,  
 Jay

**Sermons for Sunday, February 15, 1998**

**Dr. Jay Lockhart**  
**A.M. "O Absalom My Son"**  
 (II Samuel 18:31-33)  
**P.M. "The Shepherd King"**  
 (Ezek.34:11-15; Dan.2:44)

## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ashleigh Cantrell for being inducted into the Whitehouse High School National Honor Society. Way to go Ashleigh!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Feb. 9 at the Shiloh Rd. church from 6:45 - 8:00. The text is 2 Samuel 8-14. Study hard and be ready!

### LTC

We are in full swing for LTC 1998. The choruses are meeting each Wednesday evening. Be watching for the other team events to get underway in the near future. Puppets will meet on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 4:30. If you have not already signed up for LTC 1998, please do so immediately.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 8	LTC Puppets at 4:30
Feb. 8	High School Devotional
Feb. 9	Bible Quiz
Feb. 15	Middle School Devotional
Feb. 22	Parent & Teen Meeting
Apr. 10-12	LTC 1998
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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Kyle Stowers, Claudia, and the angels in heaven in Kyle's decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Kyle is in the 6th grade in Chapel Hill Middle School and he is to be commended for making the decision to live his life for Christ at this young age. His address is 10130 Hwy 64 East #39, 75707, ph. 566-8521

### RESPONSE

Archie Kennard came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for help in overcoming a weakness in his life that he feels is not compatible with his Christian life.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church friends,

We thank you for the love, prayers and many acts of kindness during the loss of J.C. "Rip" Connally.

Billie Osburn  
Cindy Grimes & family

### ATTENTION LADIES

Please reserve Thursday evening, March 5!  
Details later.

### GROCERY TRUCK COMING

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### CALLING ALL ... SENIORS, PRIMETIMERS, YOUNG AT HEART, GOLDEN YEARS ...

The Pure Gold members of Glenwood Church of Christ invite you to enjoy food, fellowship and great fun at our annual Chili Supper on Tuesday night, February 10th at 6:30 P.M. at the Family Life Center at the Glenwood church.

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### WEDDING INVITATION



*Two lives, two hearts  
joined together in friendship  
united forever in love*  
Mr. and Mrs. Gady Rowland  
and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Metcalf  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Melissa Ann  
to James Justin  
on Saturday, the fourteenth of February  
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
Tyler, Texas

### BABY SHOWER



You're invited to a baby shower  
honoring Pam Jennell  
Sunday, February 8 from 4:00-5:30  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Selections: Target, Penney's, Toys'R Us  
Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours  
personally.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held last Saturday near Collinsville for Clyde Farrer, Walter Farrer's father. Services were held Monday in Fairfield for Alma Jo Barnett, Dub Mathews' sister. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Velma Lemons received the "Faithful Servant" award Sunday for Scout's Day at the Glenwood church. Bryce Murry received his "Good Servant" award. We're proud of you both!

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Billy and Lynda Terrell on the birth on a new grandson, born Friday, January 30!

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 19th Annual Victory Dinner and Auction

February 27, 1998 at the Tyler Rose Garden Center. Tickets may be purchased from Danny Snell or the E.T.C.A. office. Come spend the evening with a great group of Christians.



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### IF WE ONLY KNEW

If we only knew that the smiles we see  
Often hide the tears that would fain be free,  
Would we not more tender and loving be,  
If we only knew?

If we only knew that the words we say  
Oft may drive the peace from some heart away,  
Would we speak those words in the selfsame way,  
If we only knew?

If we only knew that some weary heart  
Has been burdened more by our thoughtless art,  
Would we cause the tears from those eyes to start,  
If we only knew?

If we only knew, as we onward go,  
Many things that here we can never know,  
For more patient love we would often show,  
If we only knew?

### THOUGHTFUL MOMENTS

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### Are You Faithful?

1. If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it faithful?
2. If your paper boy skips the Sunday and Thursday edition, would they be missed? And would you call him faithful?
3. If you failed to come to work two or three days a month, would your boss consider you faithful?
4. If your refrigerator quits a day now and then, do you excuse it by saying it works most of the time? Would it be faithful?
5. If your water heater greets you with cold water one or two mornings a week, would it be faithful?
6. If you miss a couple of house payments in a year, would your mortgage holder say that ten out of twelve wasn't bad and consider you faithful?
7. If you miss Bible Class and Worship once or twice a month are you faithful?

#### ATTENDANCE NUMBERS ARE UP !!!

Attendance for Bible Classes and Worship have been up these first few weeks of 1998. As we consider the theme for the year of **STIR UP THE**

**FIRE** let us make it a point to be here when the doors open. Look around and see who you know that is missing and let them know they are missed. I Corinthians 12:12-31 tells us that we are One Body, Many Parts. "What part of your body would you be willing to give up? What (Who) would you be willing to live without? Well, I hope your responses are Not One and No One. In his presentation this past Sunday Leon Welborn reminded us of what it says in Hebrews 10:24. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." To spur each other on we must have regular contact with each other. Let's challenge each other to be faithful in our attendance and the practice of our faith. **It's Time To Climb!!!**

### CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our group met for the 2nd time Sunday, February 1 to discuss specific goals for our children at each grade level. I feel we now are able to appreciate the enormity of the task we have undertaken, but I feel God has blessed us with the education professionals, concerned parents, and willing teachers to rise up and meet that challenge. We have agreed upon a framework of goals within which we will begin to write specific lessons. Watch for our next meeting date.

Feb. 5, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No. 5
Records	Sunday February 1	Sunday January 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	364	413	430
Worship A.M.	535	638	613
Worship P.M.	259	361	NS
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	286
Contribution	\$15,962.64	\$15,318.61	\$15,454.93
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday P.M., Feb. 11, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

**Joe McBee** had a myelogram Wednesday to determine back treatment. **Chuck Gillam** is in ETMC, room 4479 following a motorcycle accident last week. **Velma Lemons** had surgery Wednesday on a broken arm sustained in a fall last week. **Lawton Taylor** is in ETMC, room 403A. **Barbara Brady** is in Mother Frances Hospital. **Chloe Clark** is in ETMC, room 4439. **Vera Beard** and **Elizabeth Hughes** are recovering at home. **Kalli Huff**, little daughter of Jerry and Rachel, is undergoing tests and treatment. **Launa Armstrong** and **James Kennedy** are ill at home. **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. **Viola Phillips**, Jeff Phillips' grandmother, remains very ill. **Ray Hillis**, Virginia Wicks' uncle, is at home after recent bypass surgery. **Luther Lane**, Clyde Lane's brother, is very ill. **Ralph Skaggs**, Melanie Murry's dad, had surgery last Thursday in Dallas. Leigh Ann Villarreal, who works for Christian Services, began chemo and radiation Tuesday. Jack Murphy, Cheryl Perry's uncle, has been diagnosed with cancer. Kitty Holcomb, Kevin Dorsey's cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer.

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<b>MISSIONS</b>			Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>			<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Phil Marts  
Scripture Don Peek  
Dismiss Jimmie Philpot

##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Stan Mallory

##### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Wade Park  
Scripture Kelly Ross  
Dismiss John Portwood, Sr.

##### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jay Culpepper Jared Metcalf  
Ken Culpepper Justin Metcalf  
Harold Denman J.N. Metcalf  
Casey Culpepper David Demic

##### GREETERS

Phil & Linda Marts  
Jim & Priscilla Mayer

#### WITH SYMPATHY

Robert McLemee died early Wednesday morning following a lengthy illness. Services are pending (Wed. A.M.) at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Ila.

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#### THE LIGHT CAN'T GO OUT!

A number of years ago I read a story told by **Paul Forshey**, who then preached for the Broadway church in Paducah, Kentucky, about a group of students which visited a lighthouse to study its operations. As they were considering the powerful light which shone from the top of the lighthouse, one student asked the keeper, "What would happen if the light went out?" The keeper, with some passion, said to the student, "The light can't go out!" He continued, "This light can't go out because too many depend on it. There are those on the shore and those on the sea who are guided by it; without it they would be lost and many would perish. If the light went out, even though no one were hurt, people would lose confidence in it and ever afterward they would live in dread that suddenly there would be darkness. Too many people depend on it; it can't go out!"

On Sunday, January 25, we presented our theme for 1998. Based on 2 Timothy 1:6 our theme is: "Stir Up The Fire." This is a year of renewal, rededication, and revival. Fire represents "God within," and that's our enthusiasm (the Greek word is a compound word: EN - "in" and THEOS - "God" or "God within"). Fire represents God's presence in our lives to

act through us. Let us remember that God "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (emphasis mine --JPL) (Ephesians 3:20). It is ours to give ourselves into the hands of God in order that the fire within may be stirred up to burn brightly. And as the fire is stirred within us and glows brightly from us we become "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). How desperately this world of darkness needs the light! He who said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), also said, "You are the light of the world." Christ is depending on us. The church depends on us. The world depends on us. It is so important that we illuminate, penetrate, and warm (the functions of light) this community. It can happen as we accept the admonition of Paul to Timothy and our theme for the new year: "Stir Up The Fire!" So, remember the price paid for your salvation at Calvary and the excitement you experienced at the time of your conversion; recommit yourself to Christ and His church; and recapture the belief that God will use us this year to His glory. Be involved! Make your time, your talents, and your treasures available to Him and the future is exceedingly bright. Stir up the fire!

#### Sermons for Sunday, February 8, 1998

Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "What Does The Future Hold?"  
(Numbers 13:26-33)

P.M. "A Problem And A Solution"  
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### SERVANT RETREAT

The Servant Retreat is Jan. 23-25. We will leave Friday at 7:00 and return in time for church Sunday morning. Your cost is \$20.00. Eat supper before you come. Don't miss this great retreat!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Feb. 9 at the Shiloh Rd. church from 6:45 - 8:00. The text is 2 Samuel 8-14.

### LTC

We are in full swing for LTC 1998. The choruses are meeting each Wednesday evening. Don't forget to turn your pre-convention events by Sunday. Be watching for the other team events to get underway in the near future. If you have not already signed up for LTC 1998, please do so immediately.

### HOME COMING BASH

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 25 as we celebrate West Erwin's Homecoming with a full day of activities. All of those in the youth group are invited to the Hone's for an evening of great fun! We will start at 4:30 and end about 8:30. Bring a friend and a finger food.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan.	23-25	Servant Retreat
Jan.	25	Homecoming
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### CHRISTIANS

"They walk in all humility and kindness, and falsehood is not to be found among them. They love one another. They rescue the orphan from violence. They do not refuse to help the widows. He who has, gives, ungrudgingly, to he who lacks. If they see a stranger, they take him home and entertain him as a brother. When one of their poor passes from the world, anyone of them who sees it provided for his burial according to his ability. And, if they hear about one of their number being in prison or being oppressed for the name of the Messiah, all of them provide for his needs. Thus they labor to become righteous as those who expect to see their Messiah, and to receive from him the glorious fulfillment of the promise made to them. Truly,

this is New People, and there is something divine in them."

Written to the Emperor Hadrian (117-138 A.D.) just a few years after the death of the Apostle John.

- via Bulletin Digest

"Your outreach will never be greater than your upreach."

"Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal."

"Moments are little pockets of time that are crammed with all of life's possibilities."

"Today turns a new page in the history of your life."

supply their every need from day to day.

Forgive our past mistakes,

and may we be much better parents, strengthened, Lord by Thee.

Lead us and ours by Thine almighty hand till, kept by Thee, before Thy throne we stand.

For this we pray: we and our family will be at last, in heav'n forever - all with Thee.

-- Gertrude Krenzke Ebeling

### TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 24th from 8:30 am - 12 noon will be our 1st Teacher Training Workshop of 1998. "How Children Learn" will be our topic and Clay Kirby will be our presenter. Clay is a retired kindergarten teacher and an excellent source of knowledge and skill for teachers today. We are honored to have her helping us with this workshop. I hope you will make plans to attend.

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### PARENT'S PRAYER

Dear God, we parents humbly come to Thee, with all our hearts to make this earnest plea:

O Father, in the name of Thy dear Son, we ask Thy blessing on each daughter, son. Help us to set small footsteps on the way that leads to Thee, and may they never stray.

And then, by word and deed and truth help us to be a guide to those in youth. Help each one grow in body and in soul, to be upright and clean and good - their highest goal.

Alone, we cannot do this greatest task - to raise a family, therefore we ask:

give us a wise and understanding heart; Thy guidance, counsel, love, to us impart. And where we fail, then in some other way

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

The fresh flowers at Randy's grandfather's funeral service were so lovely; thank you for the flowers and your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Randy & Karen Pharis

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The family of James Thompson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Leonard Thompson

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Thanks to God who has given me these years, and to all of you who helped me have such a wonderful birthday celebration.

My love to all.  
Bernice Majors

### FOR LADIES ONLY

Ladies Bible study classes are meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Fern Bench has begun a Bible study on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians entitled "Growing Spiritually As We Wait." They meet at 10 am in the Heritage Room. A nursery is provided. On Wednesday evenings Joy Rousseau leads a study entitled "Living Like Light."

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Texarkana for Faye Harris, Esther Wilson's sister-in-law. Services were held in Waxahachie for Audrey Wadsworth, Jim Armstrong's sister. Amy Burgess, Sandie Martin's friend, died last week in Dallas. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Lorene Billingsly, Lorene Venable's sister-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are happy to welcome Chris Mullins into our growing family. He came last Wednesday night to make known his desire to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. He is one of our young singles and formerly worshipped with the Troup church of Christ. His address is 14222 CR 353, Winona, 75792, ph. 877-2064.

### RESPONSES

Bill and Judy Smith came Sunday to request prayers that they might be forgiven and be able to forgive others completely. Shelly Hall came to request the prayers of her church family as she is going through a difficult time in her life.



### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a  
Bridal Shower

honoring Angie Jones

bride-elect of J.T. Konczak

Saturday, January 24, 1998 10:00-11:30

615 Dorchester

Selections: Dillard's and Foleys

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

### BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower

honoring Pam Fennell

Sunday, February 8 from 4:00-5:30

in the Fellowship Hall.

Selections: Target, Penney's, Toys'R Us



### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to James and Ruth Ellis on the birth of Linda Michelle on Saturday, Jan. 17. She weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. Jamie is the proud big sister.

### HOME COMING WORKDAY

There will be a workday on Saturday, January 24 at the Center to prepare for Homecoming on Sunday. Be there at 9:30 am with your leaf blowers, brooms and large ice chests. We need your help!

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 25:  
Overseeing couple: Matt & Rhonda Haws; 2's -Chuck & Laurie Florence; 3's - Brian Walker & Teri Bradshaw; 4's - Clay & Ronda Clemons, Alternates: Mary June Goodson & Linda McClenny.

### THE SEARCH



Each Sunday

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

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

Jan. 22, 1998	THE VISITOR		Vol. 29-No. 3
Records	Sunday January 18	Sunday January 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	400	385
Worship A.M.	600	577	562
Worship P.M.	406	375	334
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	165
Contribution	\$14,889.88	\$17,410.89	\$15,233.53
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 25 and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 28, Elmer Miles, ph. 597-9853.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

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<b>MISSIONS</b>			Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M.		(Sept through May)
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.		Bible Class..... 7:00 P.M.
	<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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Scripture Grant Knight  
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
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### SILENCE

It's intriguing to me: "There was silence in heaven for about half an hour" (Revelation 8:1) -- silence in heaven! There may be silence in heaven, but hardly any silence on earth! We want noise. There are many good people who, when they arrive at home in the evening will hardly enter a room without turning on the TV. It's not so much a matter of watching (we have the TV on when we dress, eat dinner, or read the newspaper), it's a matter of noise to break the silence. We don't care much for silence. So when one goes to the seashore he takes his boom box with him in order that he won't have to live in the silence between the rolling of the surf and the crying of the gulls. Yet it's still true: "Silence is golden." It's in silence that we are able to listen--to listen to our hearts, to others ... to God. But we have no time for silence and so we impoverish ourselves by failing to hear self, others, God. We would do well to have some time each day reserved for silence. We need a time for no phones ringing, no TV blaring, no boom boxes shrilling ... a time for silence. In silence we may learn some important things about ourselves as we contemplate our lives -- our priorities, our purpose, our direction. In silence we may learn something about God if we use the silence to meditate upon His Word. Solomon said, there is "a time to keep silent" (Ecclesiastes 3:7). The prophet said, "But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all

the earth keep silence before Him" (Habakkuk 2:20). We might do well to set aside some times in our worship assemblies for silence. John said, "There was silence in heaven ..." Would we be better people if we said, "Let there be silence on earth?"

### CLASSES AND ASSEMBLIES

Since the first of the year I have noticed our attendance has been improving. Every Sunday in 1998 we have exceeded 400 in Bible classes on Sunday mornings and last Sunday we had 600 in worship and over 400 at the evening service. This increase may be indicative of some resolutions some have made in this new year, but we are all encouraged by the increased interest in our classes and worship assemblies. Let's keep this trend going!

#### HOME COMING SCHEDULE - JANUARY 25

Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.	All adults in auditorium
<b>"Torchbearers For Christ"</b>		Jay Lockhart
Worship	10:00 a.m.	
<b>"Stir Up The Fire"</b>		Jay Lockhart
Catered Lunch	11:30 a.m.	The Center
Afternoon Worship	12:30 p.m.	
Dismissed for the day	1:15 p.m.	

## Youth With Heart... by Danny Snell

### SERVANT RETREAT

The dates for the Servant Retreat are Jan. 23-25. We will leave Friday evening and return in time for church Sunday morning. Your cost is \$20.00. Please bring some money for supper on the way up there. Don't miss this great retreat!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Feb. 9 at the Shiloh Rd. church from 6:45 - 8:00. The text is 2 Samuel 8-14.

Congratulations to our teams who did outstanding this past week. Our teams did an outstanding job this past week. We have three teams participating this spring with fifteen young people from the 3-12 grade. We even had one team that scored a perfect 50 out of 50! Way to go gang!

### LTC

We are in full swing for LTC 1998. The chorus is meeting each Wednesday evening. Video Bible Drama will meet Sunday afternoon. If you have not already signed up for LTC 1998, please do so immediately.

### HOME COMING BASH

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 25 as we celebrate West Erwin's Homecoming with a full day of activities. All of those in the youth group are invited to the Hone's for an evening of great fun! Don't miss it!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan.	23-25	Servant Retreat
Jan.	25	Homecoming Bash
Feb.	9	Bible Quiz
Apr.	10-12	LTC 1998

## OUTREACH

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### 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 side and bad;  
Think of 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 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'll find your own!

Robert E. Farley

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

#### I PRAYED FOR THIS CHILD

As my child, I believe you are here because you have been given to me by God. You came from His heart to our home as a priceless gift - a gift I gave back to Him. From the beginning your precious life was placed in God's hands, for keeping. Since that time I have loved you, enjoyed you, and prayed for you ... and I always will. I have always held one special desire for you - that you would know the One who made you, and loves you even more than I. My prayer for you is that you will serve Him with all your heart ... that you will daily trust in His faithfulness ... and that you will always find rest in His love.

Roy Lessin

I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord, for his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.

Samuel 1:27-28

### CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 1st meeting of our Curriculum Planning Committee meets this coming Sunday from 3-5 pm in the fellowship hall. Please consider this your personal invitation to participate in this incredible project. We will evaluate the West Erwin Education Ministry Statement at this 1st meeting. If you are an education professional, Bible class teacher, parent, childcare worker, or if you are simply interested in making a difference in the Biblical education of children please join us for this special time.

### TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 24th from 8:30 am - 12 noon will be our 1st Teacher Training Workshop of 1998. How Children Learn will be our topic and Clay Kirby will be our presenter. Clay is a retired kindergarten teacher and an excellent source of knowledge and skill for teachers today. We are honored to have her helping us with this workshop. I hope you will make plans to attend.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

I want to thank you for the food, cards and flowers in memory of Steve -- but most of all for your prayers for L.G. and all our family. God Bless You!

Sincerely,  
Gloria Drennan

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Thank you for your kind words, flowers, and cards to help us through this difficult time. We are so glad to have a loving church family.

Mark & Martha Waggonner

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The family of Beulah Bedford would like to express their appreciation for the lovely floral spray sent to honor our mother at her passing. We especially are grateful for your prayers, words of comfort and your thoughtfulness in bringing food to our family. We want to express our appreciation for the lovely songs you selected to comfort us at our mother's funeral. We'll always remember your kindness.

The Family of Beulah Bedford

Please join us as we celebrate the  
*85th Birthday*  
of our mother  
*Bernice Guess Majors*  
Saturday, January 17, 1998 2 - 4 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall at West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin, Tyler  
*No gifts - Just Share in the Joy of the Day*

### FOR LADIES ONLY

Ladies Bible Study classes are meeting on Wednesday mornings and evenings. **Fern Bench** has begun a Bible study on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians entitled "Growing Spiritually As We Wait." They meet at 10 am in the Heritage Room. A nursery is provided. On Wednesday evenings **Joy Rousseau** leads a study entitled "Living Like Light."

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Patrick Moore on his recent graduation from Stephen F. Austin University with a B.A. in biology and psychology. He was a member of the Alpha Kai honor society and was on the dean's list. He is the son of Larry and Geri Moore and the grandson of Dub and Opal Mathews.

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## BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the angels in heaven and the Metcalf family as **Justin** and **Jared Metcalf** were baptized into Christ last Saturday evening. They are the sons of J.N. and Ginger Metcalf and have attended West Erwin all their growing up years. Justin is engaged to be married and will be leaving soon to serve in the US. Air Force. Jared is a student at Brownsboro High School. They live in Chandler at 1933 Eddy Circle, ph. 849-4435.

## RESPONSE

**Billie** and **Norene Ingram** came Sunday to rededicate their lives to God and their brothers and sisters and to request the prayers of their church family as Billie faces serious health problems.

## TABLE BRIDAL SHOWER



There will be a table bridal shower in the main foyer Sunday, January 18 honoring James Hunt and Sherry Dena Rowe who were recently married in Dallas. (Jim grew up at West Erwin and is the son of our Ralph and Marian Rowe). Selections: Dillard's and J.C. Penney's.

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## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Farwell, Texas for Joe Camp, grandfather of Kara Camp Willoughby. Services were held Monday in Lufkin for Frances Scarborough, sister of Moselle Brown and aunt of Gloria Daughtry. Eva Sparkman, Grace Siler's grandmother died Dec. 29. Services were held Thursday in Gilmer for Christine Blackstone, Dale Blackstone's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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### BUILDING FUND \$706,396.50

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Worship A.M.	577	598	591
Worship P.M.	375	288	162
Wed. P.M.	NC	area singing	165
Contribution	\$17,410.89	\$17,123.77	\$14,115.66
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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 18 and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 21, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

#### PRAYER AND CARE

Chloe Clark is in ETMC, room 4483A following a car accident on Sunday. Elizabeth Hughes was admitted to UTHC early Tuesday with a heart attack. Florene Adams is in Mother Frances, room 597. Billie Ingram 's report from M.D. Anderson was not good. Sue Starnes is ill at home with shingles. Carolyn Philpot is having eye problems. Jaci Prestidge, daughter of Brant & Jeri, has a mass on her knee and will require surgery. Kalli Huff, little daughter of Jerry and Rachel, was scheduled for tests in Dallas Wednesday. Launa Armstrong, Barbara Brady, and James Kennedy are all at home. 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 very critical condition. Faye Harris, Esther Wilson's sister-in-law, is very ill in Texarkana. Viola Phillips, Jeff Phillips' grandmother, is critically ill in Longview. 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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Scripture Michael Lowrance  
Dismiss Louis Jones

##### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Matt Haws

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### WHEN DISADVANTAGES BECOME ADVANTAGES

A year or so ago I was in a series of meetings with the Oceanside church in Atlantic Beach (Jacksonville), Florida where Sam Long is the very capable and much loved preacher. I will long remember sitting on an upper story balcony at my hotel looking out over the Atlantic ocean and listening to the pounding of the waves upon the seashore. However, the better memory is of **Sam Long** and the wonderful church in Atlantic Beach. In a recent bulletin from this good church I read the following story. Sarah was born with a muscle missing in her foot, so she wore a brace all the time. When 10 year old Sarah came home one day and announced that she had competed in "field day" at school, her parents were surprised. Because of her leg support, her mother tried to think of words of encouragement for Sarah to help in the "let-down," but Sarah wouldn't let her mother get a word in edgewise. Then Sarah said to her father, "Daddy, I won two of the races! You know, I had an advantage." What was the advantage? Did she get a head start,

or not have to run as far? No. Sarah said, "My advantage was I had to try harder." We can all learn a lesson from Sarah. There are times when disadvantages become advantages. Problems can become stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks. When the apostle Paul spoke of his thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12), he said, "When I am weak, then I am strong." The real key is attitude. Sarah had a good attitude ... and she is a real winner!

### HOME COMING '98 Sunday, January 25, 1998 West Erwin Church of Christ

#### Schedule For The Day

- 9:00 a.m. Combined Adult Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch in the Center
- 12:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
- 1:15 p.m. Dismissed for the day

### Sermons for Sunday, January 18, 1997

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**"Making Peace With Your Past"**

(Genesis 45:1-8)

**"Job: Questions And Answers"**

(Job 2:1-10)

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### SERVANT RETREAT

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### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us this Sunday night after church for a combined devotional in the Fellowship Hall. All of those in the middle and high school are invited. Bring a friend to join this wonderful time together. Please bring the following food. High school girls - Sandwiches, High school boys - Chips and dip, Middle school girls - desserts, Middle school boys - drinks.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Monday, Jan. 12 at the Shiloh Rd. church from 6:45 - 8:00. The text is 2

Samuel 1-7. We will have a practice session this Sunday from noon till 3:00. We will eat lunch with the Shepherding group.

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## OUTREACH

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### GROWING OLD GRATEFULLY

Yes, you read it correctly -- gratefully!

He was a man on a mission. He tramped through the trees and bayous of Florida in search of the legendary Fountain of Youth. He was none other than the Spanish adventurer, Ponce de Leon. He never found the fabled fountain, but his search for the spring of eternal youth has found many a modern counterpart.

Unable to cling to youth, we resort to the illusion of youth by seeking out artificial means. But unfortunately, when we try to conceal our age, we usually deceive no one but ourselves.

A wise man once said, "The glory of young men is their strength, but the beauty of old men is their gray hair." Strong bodies, strong hands, strong minds, strong desires

-- these are the marks of youth. But gray hair -- that's the beauty of age.

When one faces advancing age honestly, he does so gracefully and gratefully. Gray hair is a silent but eloquent witness to the grace and providence of God, calling for thankfulness on our part. It reminds us that God's love and mercy never fail. It takes us back in memory to many a rich experience and warm friendship. It generally produces a mellow outlook on life, with better understanding, coupled with more compassion and love for our fellowman. There is true beauty in the gray head.

As pilgrims drawing ever nearer to the end of life's journey, the Lord's sure promise stands: "Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you."

John Gipson

### CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

I tried to teach my child with books.

He gave me only puzzled looks.

I tried to teach my child with words.

They passed him by often unheard.

Despairingly, I turned aside,

"How shall I teach this child?" I cried.

Into my hands He put the key,

"Come," he said, "play with me."

### PARENTING 101

Our newest class begins Wednesday, January 7th in the Fellowship Hall. **PARENTING 101**, Sharing Our Faith With Our Children is the follow-up to **FAMILY 911**. After a realistic look at life in Tyler today our study turns to how to equip our children to live in that world. **Hillard Hughes** will teach this informative study. Hillard shares with us a teaching ministry background as well as being a father of faithful children. There are still a few seats left. Don't miss this exciting class!!!

### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Our 1st meeting will be Sunday, January 18th from 3-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. I cannot tell you how excited I am about this project. We will be evaluating the mission statement of the Education Ministry Department. In future meetings we will set goals for our school age children and write curriculum that will allow us to reach these goals. I have spoken to many of you who have expressed concern over the Spiritual Teaching and Training of your children. Well, here's where we can make a difference!!! Come share your ideas and help us design the best Biblical System possible.

### TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 24th from 8:30 am-12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Developmental Training of Pre-School Through Early Elementary Age Children. To **TEACH** a child we must 1st know how they **LEARN**. This workshop is designed for teachers, parents, grandparents, and anyone who works with younger children. We would also like to ask for your help in planning this workshop. If you have any specific questions you would like answered, please submit them to us ahead of time so we can be sure to get the information you need during the workshop.

### IN APPRECIATION

The love and congratulations as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary was overwhelming. As we sit back and read the beautiful cards and remember friend's congratulations, memories shall flood our souls. Our Lord has blessed us so richly that our cup runneth over.

Sincerely we thank you,  
Bill & Ruby McCain

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West Erwin Church of Christ family,

I want to thank each and every one that helped to bless me with my mobile home. Kyle and I are enjoying it so much. Words can't express the joy we have received from our Christian family. We appreciate you so very much.

In Christian Love,  
Claudia Griffis & Kyle

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There will be a table bridal shower in the main foyer Sunday, January 11 and January 18 honoring **James Hunt** and **Sherry Dena Rowe** who were recently married in Dallas. (Jim grew up at West Erwin and is the son of our **Ralph** and **Marian Rowe**). Selections: Dillard's and J.C. Penney's.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Colorado City, TX for **Jesse Pharis**, Randy Pharis' grandfather. Services were held over the holidays in Longview for **Billie Rawlinson**, aunt of Billie Osburn. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### 1997 BENEVOLENT CENTER REPORT

Number of families served	606
Number of people served	2501
Number of Bibles disbursed	45
(Money) Clothing valued at	\$22,312.50
To Chimala Mission: Bandages	1695
Diaper shirts	186
Number of boxes sent	10

(This included hospital gowns and uniforms, blankets, soap, other health items - i.e. toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.) Please pray for this mission.

Quilts made 55

Sent to High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo, Tipton Home, Cherokee Home and some quilts locally.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 11:** Overseeing couple: Matt & Rhonda Haws; 2's -Randy & Karen Pharis; 3's - John & Terry Shaw; 4's - Diane Denman & Sandra Park; Alternates: Jim & Kelly Bell.



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



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Records	Sunday January 4	Sunday December 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	412	331	311
Worship A.M.	598	653	517
Worship P.M.	288	269	329
Wed. P.M.	area singing	NC	NS
Contribution	\$17,123.77	\$13,583.91	\$13,939.70
Weekly Budget	\$16,072.00		

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 11 and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 14, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.

**PRAYER AND CARE**

James Kennedy is in UTHC. Florene Adams is in Mother Frances, room 597, with pneumonia. Thelma Bennett is now at home after being hospitalized with chest pain last week. Billie Ingram's biopsy results were not good. Carolyn Philpot is having eye problems. Marikate Davis was hospitalized over the weekend but is back home. Jeff Fennell was taken to the emergency room Sunday but was released later in the day. Jaci Prestidge, daughter of Brant & Jeri, had an MRI Dec. 22 in Dallas. No results yet. Launa Armstrong is at home. Barbara Brady is at home. Myra Turner is continuing therapy at home. 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 very critical condition. Ida Gieger, widow of L.L. Gieger a former West Erwin minister, is very ill in Edmond, OK. A.Z. Aven, Gary's dad, is recovering at home from heart problems. Frances Scarborough, Moselle Brown's sister, is critically ill in Lufkin. Viola Phillips, Jeff Phillips' grandmother, is critically ill in Longview.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>			<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth		<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Mike Gravois - Education			Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.	
<b>MISSIONS</b>			Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Harold Taylor	Ray Maxwell	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.	
<b>ELDERS</b>			<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		
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		

**WITH SYMPATHY**  
 Services were held Thursday in Farwell, Texas for Kara (Camp) Willoughby's grandfather. We extend our love and sympathy to Kara and Kyle and to all the family.

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Mike Gravois  
 Prayer K. Max Haws  
 Scripture Jamon Kirby  
 Dismiss Tommy Lowrance

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
 Terry Frick

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Announcements Mike Gravois  
 Prayer Jeff Hone  
 Scripture Ron Lott  
 Dismiss Don Ingram

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Matthew Carpenter Faber Cauthen  
 Dale Blackstone Paul Brumitt  
 Jim Armstrong Jim Bell  
 Roy Bench Gary Broome

**GREETERS**  
 Charles & Billie Bob Hickman  
 Don & Nerene Ingram

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**HOMECOMING '98**

It hardly seems possible that on January 25, 1998, we will begin our 7th year in our new auditorium and on that day we will celebrate our 7th annual homecoming. The day promises to be an exciting time and we hope all of us will make our plans to be present for the activities of Homecoming '98. We also want to invite former members of West Erwin to be with us on this day as our guests. With our new Fellowship Building scheduled to be begun soon, this may be the last major function in the Center as we meet there on January 25th for a catered lunch following our morning worship. With God's help, let's make 1998 our best year ever. The schedule for Homecoming '98 is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Combined Adult Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch in the Center
- 12:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
- 1:15 p.m. Dismissed for the day

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 24 Area-Wide Men's Retreat (Palestine)  
 Theme: Finding Anchors In A Sea Of Change  
 I will be speaking on "Worship - What Changes Are Needed?"
- February 1-6 Freed-Hardeman Lectureship (Henderson, Tennessee)  
 Theme: At His Coming  
 I will be speaking on "Be Diligent"
- February 16-17 Area-Wide Preacher's Retreat (Timberline, Lindale, Texas)  
 Keynote Speaker: Charles Hodge  
 I will be speaking on "Change"
- February 21-24 Abilene Christian University Lectureship Theme: The Real War

**Sermons for Sunday, January 11, 1997**  
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**"A Refuge in the Storms"**  
 (Matthew 14:22-27)  
**"The Prophets"**  
 (I Peter 1:10-12)

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