

Dec. 16, 1999	THE VISITOR		Vol. 30-No.49
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Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund \$61,403.35	
Minibus driver for Sunday, December 19, and Wed., Dec. 22, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918			

PRAYER AND CARE

Bob May was dismissed from ETMC Wednesday. **Amy Shotts** is now at home after being hospitalized with a virus that affected her heart. **Rose Teel** had a procedure on her back. She is at home. **Guy Potts** is scheduled for a procedure Friday. **Jimmie Harris** is now at home. **Mozelle Cash** is back in Tyler Skilled Nursing Center after recent hip replacement surgery. **Vera Beard** is in Briarcliff, room 225. **Doris Terrell** is at home. **Lucille Graham**, Stephanie Christian's grandmother, is in ETMC ICU after a serious fall. **Joe Harris**, Esther Wilson's brother, is hospitalized in Texarkana after a heart attack last Friday. He was to have surgery Wednesday. **Allen Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, is in serious but stable condition after falling off a roof in Charleston, S.C. 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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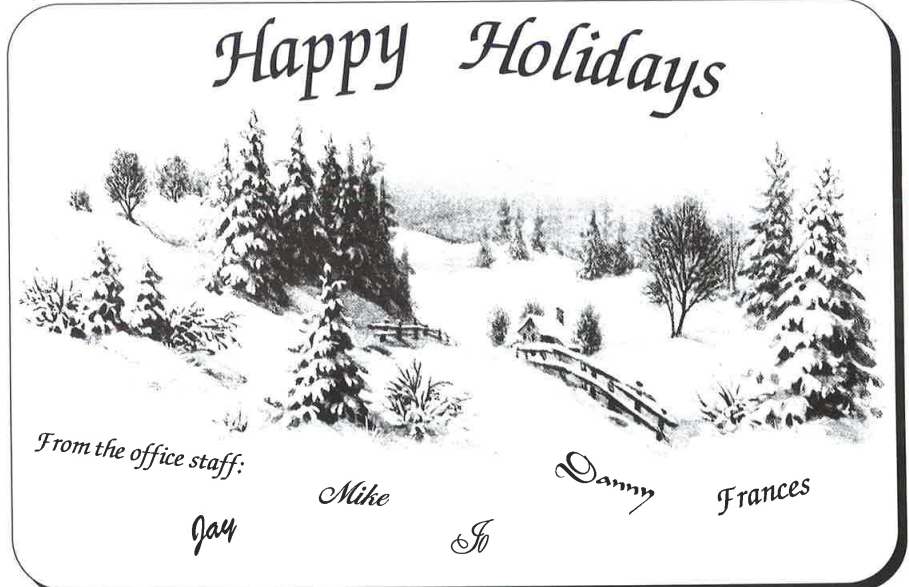
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Happy Holidays



From the office staff:

Jay Mike Danny Frances

Sunday, December 19, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. What is A Healthy Church? (12)
"Stewardship Of Resources"
2 Corinthians 9:1-6
P.M. "Christ Jesus Came"
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Youth With Heart... by Danny

SERVANT HOUSE

The Servant House is completed! Thanks to all those who made this project a success. There were a lot of folks from West Erwin that participated in this project both financially and working on the house. I am constantly amazed by this church and it's generosity. May God Bless you as you have blessed others.

YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY

Thanks to all of those who came to the party this past Saturday night. We had a great turn out and a great time! Thanks to our hosts, Jay & Debbie Bynum, Matt & Rhonda Haws, and Ken & Cathy Culpepper.

On behalf of the Snell family, thank you for the wonderful gift!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for dinner and some clothes appropriate for the gym. We will be finished at 9:00. Come and invite a friend!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be over the book of 2 Kings on Jan. 10. The study sheets are ready.

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FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"People With Spiritual Stamina"
"Mary Magdalene" Read John 20:10-18 and discuss Mary's faith in the resurrected Christ even when other disciples doubted. Close with prayer and some holiday treats.
POWER for Today

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thanks to all of you who joined us this past Monday for breakfast. The food was excellent, the fellowship was great, and the company best of all. What a way to start out your week!!! We are continuing our discussions on the formation of specific areas of Men's Ministry and are now looking specifically at areas of SERVICE, BIBLE STUDY, and RECREATION/FELLOWSHIP. Our next meeting will look at ways to specifically organize these areas of ministry.

OASIS

Oasis, our Wednesday evening meal program, will not meet on December 22 and 29th. We hope and pray that this will be special time for you and your loved ones during the holidays.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

The 2000 LTC Convention is only a few months away. The theme is "Open Our Eyes". LTC is for all of those in grades 3-12. Please sign up as soon as possible. Contact me if you have any questions.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

All of those in the youth group are invited to go to Six Flags' Holiday In The Park with us on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Tickets are \$17.00. Please sign up by Dec. 19 if you plan to go.

Y2K ARE YOU READY?

All of those in the youth group and their families are invited to the Family Life Center for our Y2K, Are You Ready? evening. Plan to come and celebrate with us as we bring in a new century together. More details to follow.

SERVANT RETREAT

High school students, mark your calendars for the weekend of Jan 21-23. Please sign up for this incredible retreat.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 19	Combined Activity
Dec. 28	Holiday In The Park
Dec. 31	Y2K Are You Ready?
Jan. 21-23	High School's Servant Retreat

ANGELS, ANGELS, EVERYWHERE . . .

Thanks to all of you who helped provide gifts for the Angel Tree. We provided gifts for over 60 children from the Cherokee Home for Children and Christian Services of East Texas this holiday season. If you passed my office recently you saw the gifts getting deeper and deeper as the piles grew. Special thanks to Ruth Ellis, Kathy Wagener, Velma Lemons, Vicky Dorsey, Fred and Sara Powell, James Phillips, Boomers Bible Class, Family Builders' Bible Class, and everyone else who helped us wrap, organize, and deliver the gifts.

THE POWER OF WORDS

Life is a great whispering gallery that sends back echoes of the words we send out.
Eloquent words will send armies marching into the face of death.
Encouraging words will mold the public mind as the sculptor molds clay.

How others react towards us depends, in large measure, upon the words we speak.

When you speak, when you write, remember the creative power of words.

— Wilfred Peterson

But most importantly, remember the "Power of our Creator's words" and reflect upon them daily.

IN APPRECIATION

So many calls and cards of thanks for the poinsettias and holiday gift baskets have come in that it would be impossible to list them all. James Phillips coordinated the distribution of these gifts of love under the oversight of the elders at West Erwin.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore for Walter Billings, Jerry Konczak's dad. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31. It is our wish that every family at West Erwin will enjoy safe and happy holidays and may the year 2000 bring good health and happiness and a time to draw closer to the Lord for us all!

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

There will be no bulletin next week, the week of Christmas, due to postal regulations for second class mail.

YEAR END SINGING

The annual city-wide year-end singing will be Wednesday, December 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. There will be no services at West Erwin that evening.

TEN STEPS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

1. Begin each day in a calm and cheerful mood; say "This is going to be a good day. I will be calm and cheerful today."
2. Try smiling at others. A smile is contagious and you will feel better as others smile at you.
3. Count your blessings - list them one by one. Did you ever realize the real wealth you have?
4. Enjoy this day with beautiful thoughts, pleasant memories. Live life one day at a time.
5. Be adventurous. Try walking, and see new neighborhoods, new buildings and parks, new scenery.
6. Give a friend a phone call or write a letter. Tell him you were thinking about him, encourage him. Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.
7. Be a happy person, see the bright side of life. Having a cheerful, loving attitude lends itself to your best health.
8. Do a good deed, or give something beneficial to a loved one.
9. Give of yourself, offer your services to a hospital, to a church, help people. The law of giving will reward you tenfold.
10. Do the best you can each day. You are really living only when you are useful and constructive. -- Alfred A. Montap

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Mitch Walters in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. He and his wife Kim have two young children, Zach and Keely. They have been attending here for some time and we are very pleased to welcome Mitch and his family into our church family. His address is 14381 FM 2010, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3538.

WEDDING INVITATION

Majorie Sparks

and

Mawin Hollingsworth

invite you to share in the joy
when they exchange marriage vows
and begin their new life together
Saturday, the eighteenth of December

Nineteen hundred ninety-nine
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Glenwood Church of Christ

5210 Hollytree

Tyler, Texas

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone
request your prayers as their daughter
Cheryl Peay

and Scott Jenkins

begin their life together

Saturday, December 18, 1999



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Congratulations and best wishes to Brandon and Demecia Rogers who were united in marriage Saturday, December 11. Selections: Target, Dillard's & Foley's (Brandon is the son of Eddie & Mary Rogers).

WEST ERWIN LADIES

Mark your calendars! Reserve Tuesday evening, January 25. More details coming!

BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

Don't forget to bring your Brookshires's grocery receipts and put them in the box provided in the foyer. Non-profit organizations are given 1% of all receipts.

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THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

When Paul took his leave of the elders of the church at Ephesus he said, "I am innocent of the blood of all men, for I have not shunned (avoided -- JPL) to declare to you the whole counsel (will, purpose, plan -- JPL) of God" (Acts 20:27). Surely there is no preacher anywhere who does not believe he declares the whole counsel of God. However, it should be apparent that this is a hard job -- to claim to declare the "whole" (not part of or some of, but all) will, plan, and purpose of God. Desiring to proclaim "the whole counsel of God," those of us who preach should keep a careful account of what we preach over an extended period of time to see if we are preaching the same things over and over or if we are in fact reaching toward the goal of proclaiming the whole of God's plan. To be sure, everything God says in His Word is important, but everything is not of equal importance -- Jesus spoke of "weightier matters" (Matthew 23:23) and Paul said the death, burial and resurrection of Christ are things of "first importance" (1 Corinthians 15:3). Obviously, some things need to be preached more than others, but most of us would like to think we are preaching the "whole counsel of God." Now think with me for a moment. Suppose someone attends a congregation for several years and begins to analyze what he has heard preached. He finds that he has never heard anything from the pulpit that he believed to be unscriptural. However, as he thinks about it, he has not heard anything in detail about how to be

saved, the essential nature of baptism, the New Testament church, why we partake of the Lord's Supper each Sunday, why the music of the church is vocal, or specific sin. Has the "whole counsel of God" been preached? Or, suppose he recalls that he has heard a great deal about obedience and working "out your own salvation with fear and trembling," but nothing about the grace, mercy and love of God or our utter dependence upon the righteousness of Christ in order to be saved. Has the "whole counsel of God" been preached? On the other hand, suppose one of our high school graduates goes off to college and he doesn't know the difference between the church of the New Testament and modern denominationalism or the New Testament description of who a Christian is or why we worship as we do. Have we presented "the whole counsel of God" to him? If the Christian college professor sends that young person home for the holidays with more questions about his faith than Biblical answers to fortify faith, has the college or the professor presented the "whole counsel of God?" In life and in religion we need balance -- balance that keeps us from extremes. But when and if we neglect or refuse to accept Biblical authority for what we believe and practice; when and if we fail to instill in our people the "whole counsel of God" and when and if we no longer know who we are as God's people, everybody loses.

- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, December 12, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. What is A Healthy Church? (11)

"Cherish The Gifts Of Christ"

Galatians 2:19-21

P.M. "The Joy Of The Lord"

Nehemiah 8:9-12

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chad Frick who received several awards in the recent Texas Academic Decathlon. He received many awards in Art, Language/Literature, Social Science, Math, Music, Essay, Economics, & Super Quiz. Way to go Chad!

SERVANT HOUSE

The Servant House is almost done! We are doing touch up, landscaping, and clean up this coming Saturday from 8:00-12:00. Help us finish!

YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 11 for our annual Youth Group Holiday Party at the Bynum's in Whitehouse. We will start at 6:00 and end at 10:00. Please bring a wrapped \$3-5 "Fun" gift. Don't miss this great evening.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to several of our young people who competed in the Fall East Texas Bible Quiz. They did an outstanding job representing West Erwin. Congratulations to: Dayne Harris, Lauren

Florence, Kelsi Wicks, Sara Scarborough, Kara Murry, Jay Culppepper, Jennifer Elzen, and Shannon Snell.

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TOP TEN WORST PIECES OF FATHERLY ADVICE

10. "Duct tape is the handy-man's best friend."
9. "Those black socks will really look keen with your new shorts."
8. "Girls dig armpit noises."
7. "Snakes are more afraid of you than you are of them."
6. "If you kiss her in front of her parents, they'll know you mean business."
5. "You can drive with the fuel gage way past empty."
4. "Your mother won't care; just get her the one that's on sale."
3. "Comfy breakfast nooks, elegant centerpieces - you name it, Martha Stewart is it."
2. "Training wheels and knee pads are for wimps."
1. "The best way to remove that tooth is to tie some string around it, tie the other end to the door knob, and then . . ."

The best piece of fatherly advice, men, be the spiritual leader in your household. Take a stand like Joshua did in Joshua 24:15. Pray with your kids, read Bible stories with your children, take them to church when the doors are open, let them see you worship God, and let them see you love their mothers every day. -- Today's Father, Vol. 7, No. 4

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"People With Spiritual Stamina"
 "Mary" Read Luke 1:30-38 and discuss Mary's willingness to do whatever God asked her to do. How can each person in your family be like Mary? Close with a special dessert. **POWER for Today**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday morning * December 13th
 in the Fellowship Hall
 Doors open at 6:00 a.m.
 Breakfast served at 6:15 a.m.

Please join us for this time of fellowship and prayer. Jay will have a thought for us and we will continue our discussion on establishing a Men's Ministry at West Erwin. Jon Sorrells has graciously agreed to act as our chef once again. We have the place, the time is set, the food will be hot and delicious, now all we need is YOU!!! If you would like to attend, please give your \$1 to Mike, this will help us determine the number to prepare for and help with the cost of the meal.

IN APPRECIATION

For all the ways you give and care and make such a difference . . . thank you. Glen and I want to express our thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards, and your prayers in the loss of our mother. We are thankful for our church family.

Our Love,
 Glen & Bobbye May

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our church family for the visits, calls, cards, and prayers in our behalf since A.Z. has been ill. He hasn't had to use oxygen since before Thanksgiving. Continue to pray for us. We love and appreciate each of you.

A.Z. & Lena Hays

WEDDING INVITATIONS

*Mazouie Sparks
 and
 Maxwell Hollingsworth
 invite you to share in the joy
 when they exchange marriage vows
 and begin their new life together
 Saturday, the eighteenth of December
 Nineteen hundred ninety-nine
 at four o'clock in the afternoon
 Glenwood Church of Christ
 5210 Hollytree
 Tyler, Texas

*The millennium approaches for all the world to see
 he will take the next one thousand years
 and share them all with me*



*Demacia Che' Roberts
 and Brandon Eric Rogers
 invite you to join in celebration their wedding
 on Friday, the thirty-first of December
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine
 at six o'clock in the evening
 Shillegagh Hills Ranch
 14172 County Road 496
 Tyler, Texas
 Selections: Target, Dillard's & Foley's
 (Brandon is the son of Eddie & Mary Rogers)*

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 14-17. West Erwin is asked to collect PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE, REFRIED BEANS & FRUIT COCKTAIL. They are also appreciative of any other items you might wish to donate.

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RESPONSE

Stevie Blakemore came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might be forgiven of his sins and be more faithful in attendance and in his love and work for the Lord.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at the Frankston Church of Christ for Paul Phillips, Jayne Fitzgerald's uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

WEST ERWIN LADIES

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VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program still needs local volunteer families who would like to give the gift of international friendship this Christmas season by hosting an exchange student for the upcoming Spring semester. Students arrive in early January and the program still needs a few more families in this area. Students from a variety of countries, including Brazil, Chile, Germany, and Poland, live with host families and attend local high schools as regular students. Host families provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life. There is no "ideal" family. All families - those with small children or teens, "empty nest" families or those with no children, retired couples, and single parent families - are encouraged to open their homes. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. They are prepared to make real contributions to their host families and communities. The SHARE! High school Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). For more information, please call Carole Edwards, Southwest Regional Director at 1-800-4145-3738.

"There's a miracle called Friendship that dwells in the heart. You don't know how it happens or how it will start, but you know it always brings such a spirit lift and you realize that Friendship is God's most precious gift! Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care . . . send this to everyone you consider a friend. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a friend for life."

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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Over the years the West Erwin church has traditionally had a special contribution near the end of the year. Sometimes the special was for a specific project and there were times when it was simply an opportunity to give additionally to the Lord's work. However, over the past few years our special contribution has been designated for our Family Life Center and you have given abundantly. We entered the new building this year and through your gifts and pledges we owe only about \$83,000 on this \$900,000 structure. On Sunday, December 12, we would like to apply our special contribution to this debt and to any deficits in our giving toward our regular budget. Therefore, our elders are challenging us to give \$100,000 on that day. I believe we can exceed this challenge because: (1) we have had fewer special contributions this year than we usually do; (2) we are blessed abundantly and most of us can give out of our abundance; (3) we need to be debt free on this building; (4) West Erwin loves to give for good causes; and (5) we have been generous in the past and we will be generous now. Please do what you can.

FOUR MYTHS OF STAYING FIT

Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and belong to God (I Corinthians 6:19-20), we should be interested in keeping as physically fit as possible. In the December 1999 issue of Focus On The Family, Clark Cothern named four myths about physical fitness. Myth 1: I'm too busy. So are healthy people but they exercise anyway by taking the stairs instead of the elevator, by walking from a distant corner of the parking lot instead of parking close to the door, and by standing and stretching while talking on the phone. Myth 2: I can't afford it. Walking is free so walk three miles three times a week in your neighborhood. Myth 3: My critics will think I'm wasting time. Tell them you are taking care of God's temple (and you are). With a regular exercise program you will feel better, sleep better, and get more done. Myth 4: My lifestyle doesn't allow me to eat right. Change your lifestyle! Eat grainy cereal for breakfast. Eat soups and salads for lunch instead of greaseburgers and fries. Eat reasonable serving sizes for dinner and watch the fat and carbohydrates. Go easy on the night time snacks and drink more water. During the holidays many of us will pick up a few pounds, so as the New Year's resolution start a physical fitness program ... and stick with it. You will feel better, look better, and be glad you did!

- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, December 5, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. What Is A Healthy Church? (10)

"Accountability"

Luke 16:10-13

P.M. "The Power of Worship"

John 4:19-24

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Daniel Dupree for teaching the high school class in my absence this past Sunday. Thanks to Jay & Debbie Bynum for sponsoring the activity this past Sunday night.

SERVANT HOUSE

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HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

All of those in the youth group are invited to go to Six Flags' Holiday In The Park with us on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Tickets are \$17.00. Please sign up by Dec. 12 if you plan to go.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Jan. 21-23	High School's Servant Retreat

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"People With Spiritual Stamina"

"Lydia" Read Acts 16:14-15 and talk about how Lydia obeyed God's truth even though she was away from home and the influence of her parents. Why is it always important for your family to obey God even though embers of the family may not be present? Close with songs and a favorite recipe of donuts. **POWER for Today**

"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 has 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 no 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 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 call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Revelation 19:11, 13, 16
Bethany Farms, Carrolton, IL.

I hope it doesn't take a holiday to remind us to teach our children what is most important EVERY DAY. For Jesus will come as a thief in the night and no one knows the day or the hour. So why not tonight? Teach and follow the truth of God's Word TODAY!!!

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Fellow Christians,

I really wish I could thank each of you personally for your calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers on my behalf during my lengthy hospital stay and rehab. When our Heavenly Father is with us and answers the prayers of the faithful, it is manifest in our recovery and His loving care. Thank each of you for caring and for your love and concern and also God's blessings upon us.

In Christian Love,
Pauline Daughtry

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls and gifts in memory of my sweet brother, Seward Silvertooth.

In Christian Love,
George & Ruth Hearne

Thank you for your prayers, the food, visits, cards, calls, and greetings. I appreciate you and love you all.

George Daugherty

Thank you for the ease of white carnations. The flowers were lovely as were your thoughts and prayers.

The family of Maurine Kent

WITH SYMPATHY

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Large paper grocery bags needed for Benevolent Center!!

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We are very pleased to welcome **Lonnie Brown** into our West Erwin family. Lonnie has been an active participant of our singles group for some time and will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord at this place. His address is 2525 Shiloh Rd., Lot 306, 75703, ph. 509-3905.

WEST ERWIN LADIES

Mark your calendars! Reserve Tuesday evening, January 25. Watch for more details.

Sorry to lose ... Archie & Juanita Lowry moved Wednesday to be nearer to their children. Their new address is: 4348 Duck Creek Dr. #101, Garland, Texas 75043, ph. (972) 278-2413.

HOLIDAY BANQUET

*Saturday, December 4th
West Erwin Family Life Center*

*Our theme this year will be
"The Magic of Christmas"*

*Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.*

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Fellowship Hall, Monday, December 13

Doors open at 6:00 a.m.; Breakfast served at 6:15 a.m.
Cost: \$1.00

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will have their pot-luck supper Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone 55 or better is invited to join the fun, food and fellowship. Men bring a gift for men, ladies a gift for ladies (\$5.00 limit).

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Nov. 24, 1999	Vol. 30-No.46		
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Bible Class	431	404	357
Worship A.M.	603	580	563
Worship P.M.	376	443	358
Contribution	\$35,300.29	\$16,518.30	\$16,522.90
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$100.00
Minibus driver for Sunday, November 28, and Wed., Dec. 1, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.			

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WHAT WILL BE NEXT?

For a few years now we have been hearing that the churches of Christ need a "new hermeneutic," that is, a new way of interpreting Scripture. The "old hermeneutic," interpreting Scripture basically by command, example, and inference, was to be abandoned in favor of the "new," although nobody seemed to know what the "new" was! Various attempts were made by those who embraced this idea to give it definition, but these attempts seemed to be ambiguous and disappointing. When I first heard of the "new hermeneutic" I thought I might know what it was and time has borne out what I thought: the "new hermeneutic" is a blatant disregard for the authority of Scripture. That's what it is. The advocates of the "new" could not accomplish what they desired by commandment (something clearly stated in Scripture which limits us to what is stated and to whatever action is necessary to accomplish what is stated), example (an action of the early church, behind which there is a background command), and inference (something necessarily implied by the information at hand, though not specifically stated), so they began to move away from biblical authority. Now, consider what has happened. A church in Tennessee has introduced instrumental music into worship and elders in a Texas

church have stated in print that the New Testament does not prohibit the use of instrumental music. The New Testament says sing and that is a specific kind of music which eliminates other kinds of music. As a boy I knew when my mother sent me to the store for a loaf of bread that meant I was not to get milk even though she did not say I was not to get milk. When Scripture tells us specifically what to do, that eliminates doing something else. Two churches in Texas have now taken the Lord's Supper on Tuesday and Thursday respectfully. A church in Texas announced that women can do anything in that church except be elders or preach. A church in Texas dropped the designation that distinguishes us from other religious groups because it did not want any longer to be identified with the churches of Christ. Others have been saying for awhile that the church of Christ is a denomination among denominations born in the 19th century and that all of us should acknowledge such to be true. I deny that I ever joined a denomination unless the disciples of the first century were members of a denomination because I did what they did and I became what they became. On and on we go and we can only wonder, what will be next?
- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, November 28, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. What Is A Healthy Church? (9)

"Reflecting The Heart of God"

John 17:20-26

P.M. "Constant Prayer Was Offered"

Acts 12:5-11

Youth With Heart... by Danny

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

This past weekend 28 of us from West Erwin attended the area wide middle school Retreat in Lone Star. We had 123 young people from 5 area churches for this wonderful weekend. The theme was SYLO, Serving Yahweh, Loving Others. It was a very uplifting weekend and we were all blessed. Thanks to the following for sponsoring this weekend: Kim Jordan, Caysi Bynum, Danielle Rousseau, Allison Broome, Jay Culpepper, and Derek Russell.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the 9-12 grade are reminded of the activity this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3.00 for the meal. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"People With Spiritual Stamina"
"Daniel" Read Daniel 5:22-23 and discuss Daniel's courage. In our Thanksgiving season, give thanks in your family for the spiritual stamina of Daniel.

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If you would like to sign up for the Talent Show, please contact Melissa Parrish.

All reservations need to be paid by Sunday, November 28. That will also be the last day to sign up for the banquet. Don't miss this time of fellowship and fun!



Winter Quarter



Wednesday Bible Study Opportunities

CLASS	TEACHER	TOPIC
The Search Small Auditorium	Jay Lockhart	"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24
Discussion Class Main Auditorium	Mike Gravois	Crisis Care Hope For The Hurting Responding to People in Crisis
Men's Class Room 112	Hillard Hughes	"Victory Over Temptation" Beating the Devil at His Own Game Beginning January 12, 2000
Women's Class Room 113	Melinda O'Quinn	"My Life As A Wife" or "Til Death Do Us Part" Commitment to Contentment Beginning January 12, 2000
Sing Joyfully Heritage Room	Jerry Huff	"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 68:1
<i>Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class</i> 10am - Heritage Room <i>"Christian Graces"</i> 2 Peter 1:5-9		

IN APPRECIATION

It's hard to adequately express thanks for the cards, calls, food and many prayers following my surgery. You're always there when we need you. God bless each of you.

Winona Shankle

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ATTITUDE

Attitude isn't simply a state of mind... it is also a reflection of what we value. Attitude is more than just saying I can, it is believing I can. It requires believing before seeing, because seeing is based on circumstances, believing is based on faith.

Attitude is so contagious especially when we allow it to turn our doubts of the past into passions of today and set the stage for our tomorrows.

We have total ownership of our attitudes. No one else has the power to alter our attitudes without permission. Our attitude allows us to become more empowering than money, to rise above our failures, and accept others for who they are, and what they say. It is more important than giftedness and is the forerunner of all skills needed for happiness and success.

Our attitudes can be used to build us up or put us down -- the choice is ours. It also gives us the wisdom to know that we can't change events of the past.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I respond to it... and it is with this state of mind that I remain in charge of my ATTITUDE'S.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus; who being in the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:5-8)

(copied from the South Washington church bulletin in Marshall)

Sermon in a sentence: "Early Christians claimed to love one another and talked about Jesus, while too many of us claim to love Jesus and talk about one another."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Tiffany Sublette**, daughter of James and Connie Sublette on her selection to the 1999 Homecoming court at ACU. She is a senior marketing and management major. Congratulations to **Ed Butterworth**, former West Erwin member, on his recent graduation from Education America, Fort Worth campus. Graduation ceremonies were held November 19 at Will Rogers Auditorium.

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Worship A.M.	580	611	535
Worship P.M.	443	366	318
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Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund \$460.00	
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POLARIZING

I do not know anyone who would disagree with this statement: In Jesus Christ all class, economic, social, and racial barriers are eliminated and "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one" (Galatians 3:28). That statement is true, isn't it? And we accept it as true in theory if not in practice. It's hard to deal with our differences. In the first century church, James dealt with the problem as it may exist between the haves and the have nots (James 2:1 ff.). It is always easier to divide over our differences than it is to work through them and "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In our times we are witnessing the polarization of the church. The history of the Restoration Movement in America has seen its problems (we have dealt with issues and divided over Bible classes, women's head coverings, one container for the fruit of the vine, war, church cooperation, and orphan homes to mention a few). We have experienced our issues that divide us, but now we are polarizing -- extremism on both ends of the liberal/conservative spectrum is pushing us further and further apart. Those on the far right (ultra-conservative) are so sure they are right and that the church is in apostasy (that is, everyone but them) and those on the far left (ultra-liberal) are so sure they alone can save the church from dying that these two groups are further apart than

ever. There are several problem areas which need to be dealt with, but one is what I call "religious snobbery." The dictionary says that a snob is "a person who feels and acts smugly superior" to others. The snobbery on the far right causes people to seek to bind their traditions and personal opinions upon the whole church and to divide from anyone who does not honor their human views and vocabulary. The snobbery on the far left causes people to exhibit a superior elitist attitude toward those who do not embrace their loose interpretation of Scripture and their practices that now include taking the Lord's Supper on days other than the Lord's Day, instrumental music in worship, and dropping what the church is called in order to disassociate themselves from mainstream churches of Christ. Both of these extremes seem to me to be void of the spirit of Christ which includes humility, servanthood, and obedience to God (Philippians 2:5-8). Both attitudes move people away from the spirit and the letter of New Testament Christianity and the church that Jesus died to establish. Rather than further polarizing, let us accept the authority of Scripture; let us seek to be the church of the New Testament; and let us endeavor to manifest the mind of Christ. This attitude will overcome polarization and religious snobbery and will give us the opportunity to be what we claim to be ... simply Christians.

- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, November 21, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. What is A Healthy Church? (8)
"Servant Leadership" (2)
Mark 10:42-45
P.M. "A Commandment Old And New"
John 13:34-35

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the area-wide meeting this past Sunday night. The Good News Singers from Harding University sang and Glenn Dillard spoke. We had over 350 from the East Texas area present with over 15 churches represented. Thanks to Harding for hosting the evening and to the following for helping: Les & Carolyn Carruth, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Chris & Kathy Waggener, Todd Kempton, Dan Murry, Trey Rousseau, and Lisa Snell. Great job gang!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

This weekend, about 30 of us will be attending the area wide middle school retreat at Lone Star. We will leave at 5:00 Friday and return Sunday morning in time for Church. Please keep us in your prayers!

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the 9-12 grade are reminded of the activity this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Please bring

\$3.00 for the meal. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

SERVANT HOUSE

The Servant House is coming along well. We are trimming the interior and finishing painting. Some of us will be working every Thursday until the house is finished. If you are interested in helping on those days, let me know. We are planning 2 very important workdays for Dec. 4 & 11. We plan to have the dedication on Dec. 12. Please pray for this ministry.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

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"People With Spiritual Stamina"

"Esther" Read Read Esther 4:16 and tell the story of Esther's willingness to sacrifice herself. How can each member of the family learn from Esther? Close with homemade lemonade. POWER for Today

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

This past Monday we fed 12 at the Men's Prayer Breakfast. One of the topics of discussion was to share areas in which you would like to see us develop Men's Ministries. Several answers were shared including:

* Contacting our widows and seniors to see if we can assist them with home repairs/maintenance
auto repairs/maintenance
rainy day valet service

- * Bible Study Group
- * Recreational Activities
- * Providing homes for those in need
- * Men's Cooking School

What ideas do you have for areas we can begin to serve with a Men's Ministry program? Please share your ideas with me and we will present them at the next Men's Prayer Breakfast and see about getting these ideas more formally organized and off the ground.

HOLIDAY BANQUET

Our annual holiday banquet is scheduled for:

Saturday, December 4th

West Erwin Family Life Center

Our theme this year will be

"The Magic of Christmas"

Tickets will be on sale November 21st, and 28th in the main foyer.

If you would like to help by providing a door prize, please contact Carrie Caneffax or bring your prize to the building. Please be sure your name is on the gift so we can recognize you as the gifts are awarded. If you would like to sign up for the Talent Show, please contact Melissa Parrish.

FOOTPRINTS

My three-year-old was on my heels no matter where I went. Whenever I stopped to do something and turned back around, I would trip over him. I patiently suggested fun activities to keep him occupied. But he simply smiled an innocent smile and said, "Oh, that's all right, Mommy. I'd rather be in here with you." Then he continued to bounce happily along behind me. After stepping on his toes for the fifth time, I began to lose patience. When I asked him why he was acting this way, he looked up at me with sweet green eyes and said, "Well, Mommy, my teacher told me to walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I'm walking in yours."

David Dalton
as told to JoEllen Johnson

IN APPRECIATION



This poem was found among Mother's things and we feel it expresses our thoughts at this time.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.
For all of you we are grateful."
the family of Myra Chandler

Dear Friends,

Thanks again to those of you who sent food and gifts when our new baby was born. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. God bless you.

Mike & Shae Hill

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday in Longview for Seward Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

*"Sometimes the things that seem to hurt the most
are the very things that bring out the best in us...
They are the struggles that help us discover
the faith we thought we'd lost...
the strength we didn't know we had...
the courage to let go of the past and begin again...
Because challenges help us to see who we really are,
where we really want to go, and what our lives can be
if only we have the faith and keep on trying."
-- selected*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Garrett Cantrell, son of Reese and Ann Cantrell, on his recent induction to the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 354. Part of his Eagle project was the landscaping of the West Erwin Family Life Center. He is a junior at Whitehouse High School and an honor student.

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RESPONSE

Betty Jo Barajas came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family as she tries to deal with physical and emotional problems in her life as God would have her do.

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The Walnut Hill Church of Christ in Texarkana will host the **29th Annual Gospel Sing Song** Friday night, December 3, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. featuring the Harding University Concert Choir and the Gospelaires Quartet with B.B. Stevens. Come be a part of this last Gospel Sing Song of the century.

The Tyler Museum of Art invites you to join your friends at the Tyle Museum of Art for "**Inspirations and Ideas for Holiday Decorating, Southern Style**" by Southern Accents executive editor Karen Carroll Friday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a delicious brunch. Send your check for \$15 for each reservation by November 23 to: Tyler Museum of Art, 1300 Mahon Ave., Tyler, TX 75701.

OPTIMIST CREED

Promise yourself -

- * To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- * To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- * To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- * To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- * To think only the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- * To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- * To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- * To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- * To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
- The Optimist Clubs of America

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, Nov. 21 - Preacher - John Shaw; Nursery a.m. & p.m. - Cathy Culpepper; Toddler Nursery p.m. - Martha Waggoner; 2's - Steve & Diane Denman; 3's - Todd & Kenna Kempton; 4's - Terry Shaw & Laura Bellar; Overseeing couple - David & Carrie Caneffax.

The Search



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THE VISITOR			
Nov. 11, 1999	Vol. 30-No.44		
Records	Sunday Nov. 7	Sunday Oct. 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	394	449	367
Worship A.M.	611	609	575
Worship P.M.	366	447	380
Contribution	\$15,858.63	\$17,244.23	\$16,061.09
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$245.00
Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 14, and Wed., Nov. 17, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE - George Daugherty is in ETMC. Doris Terrell is in ETMC, room 5511. Vera Beard is in Mother Frances, room 351. Geri Moore had orthoscopic knee surgery Thursday at Olympic Plaza. Rose Teel is now at home. Winona Shankle is at home after surgery last week. Kate Lewis is at home after gall bladder surgery last week. Pauline Daughtry is now back at her home. Sandie Martin returned to Mayo Clinic Nov. 9-11 for evaluation. Cooper Goodson, Sr. got a good report after colon cancer surgery Monday in Garland. Harold B. Clark, Ernie Gordon's cousin, is hospitalized with lung cancer. Steve Nicks, Jim Hooter's uncle, is very ill in Seal Beach, CA. Bill Brown, friend of the Chris Waggeners, is having heart problems. Leola Reynolds, Chris Reynolds' grandmother, has terminal cancer. Walter Malone, Ruby McCain's dad, has terminal lung cancer. Frances Burch, Greg Wagner's mother, suffered a broken hip. Cebert Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's brother, is in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. Janet Williams, Laurie Florence's mother, had an MRI Tuesday.

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David Frick Chad Frick

GREETERS
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NEW ARRIVAL
Congratulations to Justin and Melissa Metcalf on the birth of Zachary Tyler November 9. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. J.N. & Ginger Metcalf are the proud grandparents.

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WHAT WILL I DO?

When I was a boy growing up in West Virginia I gave little thought to churches without preachers. There were several men in the small church where I grew up who preached on Sundays for area churches which did not have full time preachers and, as far as I knew, every church that wanted a preacher for any given Sunday had one. When I went to college to better prepare myself to preach, churches all over West Tennessee, North Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and West Kentucky had teachers and students from Freed-Hardeman as fill-in preachers or regular weekend preachers when they were needed. As time passed by I kept hearing, with some surprise, that there was a preacher shortage. I just thought, up until then, that any church wanting a preacher could have one. Then I became aware of the fact that there are many small churches in mission areas without preachers. Today there are large churches throughout the United States with vacant pulpits. According to J.J. Turner of the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver, we are losing at least one preacher a day in churches of Christ. All the

church related preaching schools and universities do not produce enough preachers to offset this loss each year. There definitely is a preacher shortage among us. Does it matter to us? When we need a preacher, we go out and get one. We are so accustomed to having a preacher on Sundays that when our regular preacher is gone we feel we must bring someone in -- we can hardly survive one Sunday without a preacher. Yet, what do we do to help train preachers? Do we ever encourage our sons to preach the gospel? Do we encourage our young men in the church to give their lives to preaching? Do we pray that God will send reapers into the fields already white unto harvest? Do we support financially those who train preachers? Here is a strange phenomena: we feel we need preachers in our congregations but we leave it to others to encourage young men to preach, to train them, and to support those who train preachers. Don't we have some responsibility here? The question is: what will I do about it?

- Jay Lockhart

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CITY WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

On Sunday, Nov. 14, West Erwin will host a city wide devotional for all of those in Middle & High School. Harding University will sponsor the evening with a free meal and entertainment. The Good News Singers will be here for a concert. Don't miss it!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 19-21 are the dates for the annual City Wide Middle School Retreat. We will be leaving on Friday and returning Sunday morning. This will be a wonderful time for all of those in grades 6-8. The cost is \$20.00 plus a meal for the road Friday night. We will leave late Friday afternoon and return Sunday morning in time for Church. This will be a great opportunity for us to grow in unity and to grow spiritually. Mark your calendars for this important weekend. Please sign up by this Sunday.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"People With Spiritual Stamina"
"Deborah" Read Judges 4:4 and tell the story of Deborah's patriotism. As we elect our national leaders, what can we learn from Deborah? Have a special prayer for our nation and end with a favorite dessert.
POWER for Today

MISSIONARIES' HOLIDAY FUND

Thank you so very much for your love and generosity in helping us collect funds for the missionaries' Christmas. It is such a wondrous blessing to be a part of a congregation that is so giving of themselves and their means to express their love to others.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday, November 15th
Doors open at 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 6:15 a.m.
Please start your work week off with a bang!! Join us for a time of good food and good fellowship.

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WHEN TRUTH COMES ALIVE

A disciple is a person who follows the Lord and puts His truth into practice. We learn the truth to live the truth. The truth becomes alive to us when we live it, and in the process we learn more truth! A desperate need exists today for a balance between theory and practice, learning and living, the schoolroom and the marketplace. Jesus taught His disciples by precept and by practice. There was a balance between objective truth and subjective experience. It is not enough to be hearers of the Word -- we must be doers if we are going to grow and glorify God.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you so much for the flowers, prayers, cards, calls, visits and words of sympathy in the death of my brother, Henry Pitts. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered.

Love,
Gus & Kathy Krewall

Thank you so much for the visits, cards, and telephone calls. It means so much.

In Christian Love,
Charlie & Estelle Garrett

I appreciate your thoughtfulness during my recent surgery and recovery. Your phone calls, cards, and most of all your prayers have been a great source of comfort and encouragement. Thank you for caring. God bless.

Bob May

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for Myra Chandler, Fleta Butler's mother. Graveside services were held Monday in Kilgore for Maurine Kent, Daniel Morgan's mother. (The Morgans' address is C P 801 - Centro, Cuiaba, Matto Grosso, Brazil - 78005-970, E-mail - dkmor78154@aol.com). Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Congratulations to Clyde and Doris (Shaw) Waggoner who were united in marriage Thursday, November 4, at our building.

Congratulations to Dr. Monique Richey and David E. Mills, Jr. who were married by Jay Lockhart at the Womans' Building Saturday, November 6.

Our congratulations and best wishes for much happiness are extended to these couples as they begin their lives together.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Brody and Kimberly Clark** and their little son, **Connor**, back home to West Erwin. Brody is the son of Stan and Judy Clark and was a member here until he went away to college, then married, and has been living in Louisiana. Their temporary address is 6302 Ashmore Lane, 75703, ph. 561-1409.

Mark and Nancy Sweeney and their children, **Kate** (age 12) and **Patrick** (age 8), came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the church here. They have been attending here for some time and will be an asset to the work of the Lord. We are delighted to welcome them into our growing family. Their address is 111 Forest South Dr., Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9043.

Sorry to lose ...

Roxanne Landry came Sunday to request our prayers as she moves to Longview and begins a new job there. She wishes also to express thanks to her church family here for the blessings they have been to her. She will be missed but we wish her well in her new home

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"**Becoming a Servant-Driven Church**" - A seminar for churches and church leaders who desire to grow ... Nov. 12-13 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, TX, featuring Ray Fullenwider from Amarillo, TX. Schedule: Fri. 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Note: A special prayer breakfast (free) will be available on Saturday morning, 7:30-8:30, in the fellowship room at Eastern Hills. Ray will speak at 8:00. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 8.

Drug/Alcohol Awareness Program: "Tips For Teens and Parents - Find out Just the Facts: Drugs and Alcohol Are Real." Tuesday, November 16 from 7 'til 9 p.m. at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, Texas. Bill Gurley, Athens police officer will be the speaker.

"Efficiency: Doing the thing right - Effectiveness: Doing the right thing."

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Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$290.00

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Terry Frick Mark Frick
David Frick Chad Frick

GREETERS
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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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BLESSINGS KEEP FLOWING

As we enter the last two months of the 20th century we anticipate the new millennium with vision and hope and look back over this year and previous years with gratitude and humility. God is good and He has blessed this church abundantly over its 114 year history. We are confident that, if Jesus tarries in His coming, the future is bright. Our greatest days as a church may yet be before us. During the first ten months of 1999 we have had 76 additions to our family plus 18 children of new members. Of this number 61 have come to us in the last three months. We believe this growth has been in answer to prayer. Most of these who have come to us are involved, dedicated, faithful members -- the kind of people great churches are made of, and we are grateful. One of the key reasons our attendance in all services is up is because of the involvement of our new people. How blessed we are! When we set our goals for the new year back in January, we wanted over 400 people in attendance on a regular basis in Bible classes on Sunday mornings and at our evening worship.

We have exceeded these goals. We wanted over 600 in worship on Sunday mornings and we are reaching that goal. We wanted over 300 in classes on Wednesday evenings and we have met that goal. We wanted 100 new members and we are approaching that goal. Now, I know as well as you do that numbers can never tell the whole story of what's happening in a church -- far from it. But I also know that our increase in numbers is an indication of some truly great things going on around here. There is a spirit of excitement and anticipation; our worship is filled with praise and is uplifting; we have more people involved in ministry than ever; our people are united and happy; more of us are into the Word; and our people are involved in specific prayer and fasting. These are signs of a healthy church and we are enjoying the blessings of God. Let's keep going in the right direction. Let's keep attending, praying, studying, and serving. Let's keep on inviting people, welcoming people, teaching people ... God will keep on blessing His people

- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, November 7, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"What Is A Healthy Church?"** (7)
"Servant Leadership"
(Ephesians 4:11-16)
P.M. **"Growing In Discipleship"**
(John 8:31-36)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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Incredible! This word describes so many things about our Fall Festival. We had a super turnout with over 300 present to enjoy the evening. So many of you helped make it a special event that we could not mention every name. A special "Thanks" to all who helped with food, cookies, candy, booths, set-up, clean-up, and all the other jobs that made it a success.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday, November 15th
Doors open at 6:00 a.m.
Breakfast will be served beginning at 6:15 a.m.
Please start your work week off with a bang!! Join us for a time of good food and good fellowship.

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FROM BURDENS TO BRIDGES

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As you go through the course of this day remember I Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." Think of the wonder and hope of God's promises and turn your stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

To find words at this time to try and thank all of you for all the lovely things you have done for me during the loss of Hick -- all the food, flowers, and cards -- is impossible, so just let me say I love all of you and I really could not make it without you. May God's richest blessings be on each of you.

In Christian Love,
Billie Bob Hickman

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will have their annual Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring side dishes to complement the turkey and ham which will be provided. Everyone 55 and over are invited to be a part of this time of food, fun, and fellowship.

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Elders/Deacons/Preachers Dinner

The next Elders/Deacons/Preachers meeting will be next Tuesday, November 9, at 6:30 at El Charro.



Things To Remember

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of character.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.
- The power of kindness.

"I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3)

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From *the Mail Bag* around the world write us ...

"What a great message, what a preacher! Please could I have some audio tapes of your broadcast and a Bible correspondence course."
-- North Ireland

"Your KETK lessons, as always, are marvelous and always of such great interest. I'm sure there must be thousands who enjoy them as much as I do. I particularly enjoyed the "Questions I Have Been asked" series."
-- England

"What a series of lessons! This has to be one of the best to date. The man just gets better and better and more down to earth."
-- Montana

"Please send tapes and transcripts of "Between the Testaments," "Habits of the Heart," and "Questions I Have Been Asked." These are to be used in teaching Bible classes. Thank you for your help in teaching God's word with these lessons."
-- Sulphur Springs, TX

"You are the best Bible teacher I ever heard."
-- Tyler, TX

"What a wonderful program that you, Don, and Jim McAndrew put together for the television audience! It was a wonderful story of faith, the power of prayer, and of caring people. My wife said that it was one of the best programs she has ever seen on TV period. Thank you for your Christian leadership and your friendship."
-- Tyler, TX

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Records	Sunday Oct. 24	Sunday Oct. 17	Year Ago	
Bible Class	391	406	395	
Worship A.M.	544	612	559	
Worship P.M.	397	430	351	
Contribution	\$16,913.87	\$18,726.55	\$15,472.75	
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund \$70.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 31, and Wed., Nov. 3, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.				

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Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday, October 31.
Remember to set your clocks
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Saturday night.

DON'T FORGET!



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HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE!

Do you remember the verse that goes something like this?

"For the loss of a nail, the shoe was lost;
For the loss of a shoe, the horse was lost;
For the loss of a horse, the rider was lost;
For the loss of a rider, the battle was lost;
For the loss of a battle, the war was lost."

We have a tendency to discount the importance of little things. However, we may say, in keeping with the above verse, that the war was lost for the loss of a horseshoe nail! Please do not think you and what you do are of little importance. You do matter very much and what you do in the service of Christ is of tremendous importance. In the Kingdom of God some are capable of doing great things and God expects great things of them. Others can only do small things but God is asking them to do the small things (remember the one talent man and also "he that is faithful in little will be faithful in much"?). God uses a little from

many and makes it much. A flood is made up of many little drops of water and an avalanche is made up of many flakes of snow. The physical body is made up of many small members and the church, the body of Christ, is made up of many members who are making their contribution to the functioning of the body. What you do, even if it is small, is so very important. A man retired at age 65 and wanted to do more for the Lord. He felt he was limited in what he could do, but he decided he could invite people to church. So he went about inviting and inviting and inviting. When he died ten years later at age 75, there were 875 people attending church because of him! Don't ever assume that because you are only one person or because you are limited in what you can do that your attendance at worship, your giving, your invitation, your act of kindness, your word of encouragement, your involvement, your prayer does not matter. Little is still much when given into the hands of God. See you Sunday!

- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, October 31, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
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(1 John 4:7-11)
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Jesus Villa, Berta Alicia DePerez, Alicia Maldonado, Aldo Rosales, Ramon Espino, Rosa Irene Espino, Julieta Antonio Menchaca, and Guadalupe Menchaca? They have all put on our Lord in baptism this year in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. As we respond to Jay's challenge to 30 days of prayer for our leaders, church, and teachings, let's not forget our brothers and sisters in Christ in other parts of the world as well.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Doris Shaw in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Thursday morning. She has been attending here for some time with Clyde Waggoner. They plan to be married soon. Her address is 516 Rice Rd. #127, 75703, ph. 534-9700.

We are delighted to welcome Greg and Kris Walker and their family into our West Erwin family. They have two daughters, Kaylee and Kenzie, who are students at ACU and two sons, Micah (age 13), and Maselyn (age 7). Greg & Kris are co-owners of East Texas Copy Systems and formerly worshipped with the church in Sulphur Springs. Their address is 19428 Copper Oaks Dr., 75703, ph. 839-1507.

We are very pleased to welcome Terry, Vicki and Blake Warren into our growing family at West Erwin. Terry and Vicki attended here several years ago and we know they will be a help to us as we work together to serve the Lord. They are the owners of Regal Machine Mfg. and Blake is a student at Winona ISD. Their address is 10452 FM 2015, 75708, ph. 593-4460.

Margie Wright came Sunday night to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. We are very happy to welcome her into our family. She is a part of our singles group and is the daughter of Ponder and Wanda Wright. Her address is P.O. Box 846, Van, 75790.

IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Family,

We want to thank you for all the calls, cards, visits, and special prayers while Jerry was in the hospital. The love and support of each of you made this all easier during this difficult time. We love and appreciate our West Erwin family.

Love,
Jerry & Becky Howard

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kelly Bell on her selection as "Terrific Teacher" at East Texas Christian Academy! Kelly teaches algebra I and II, geometry, precalculus, and calculus. She is the wife of Jim Bell, mother of Katie and Clayton, and daughter of Charles and Mary Beth O'Neal.

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	11:30 A.M.
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Daniel DuPre Rick Fedell
Don Durham Drew Fitzgerald
Jeff Fennell Chuck Florence

GREETERS

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THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE CALLED

I had just completed my annual physical check-up and was expecting a letter from my doctor saying everything was okay. Instead I had a call on my answering machine telling me to call my doctor to followup on my examination. It was after 5 o'clock so I couldn't call until the next day -- I had some time to think about all of this. Why did the doctor want me to call? Did some test not turn out right? Was something wrong with me? And, if so, was it bad? These are questions that go through one's mind under these circumstances. Until these questions are answered there is some uneasiness in one's thought pattern and one begins to think about what really matters in life. I found that my yard (in which I take some pride) isn't very important. Neither is my car, my golf score, or a thousand other things that occupy my time. What really matters? In times of uncertainty it is quite easy to focus the most important things ... things like one's relationship with God, the church, family, friends. Material things don't get much attention when life becomes uncertain. Early the next morning (as soon as anyone would possibly be

in the office) I called my doctor. "Tell me about my exam," I said with some nervousness. "Oh, let me see here," the nurse replied rather casually, "Yes, yes, here it is ... your cholestral is a bit high." What a relief! What a weight lifted! Life is good! By the way, have I told about my golf score lately? Or, are there things more important?

LAST SUNDAY

We passed all our goals in attendance for Bible classes and both worship assemblies last Sunday and exceeded our budget in giving! Add to this the responses and our worship together and it was a truly good day.

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

For the current 30 days of prayer we will be praying daily for our church leaders, our congregation, and our opportunities as God continues to send us people who will help us in our work and people with open, teachable hearts.
- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, October 24, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "What Is A Healthy Church?"(5)

"Community"

(I Thessalonians 5:1-11)

P.M. "Following The Lord"

(Joshua 14:6-12)

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CITY WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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"Jacob" Read Genesis 32:9-12, 24-30 and relate how Jacob moves from depending on self to depending on God. Spend most of this evening praying to God and including all of the children. Make a trip to your favorite ice cream shop.

POWER for Today

MISSIONARIES' HOLIDAY FUND

On Sunday, November 7th we will be collecting money to provide holiday gifts for the missionary families we support. Please share with us whatever you are able so we can help make this a most joyous holiday for our missionaries in the field. Simply share your gift with one of the ministers, office staff, or elders and we will see that it gets in the right hands. Thank you for your help in this matter. Please remember to keep in prayer those who are far from home and doing the Lord's work.

HELP WANTED

We are still looking for an energetic, creative, talented individuals who would be willing to work with our 2 year olds in Bible Hour Junior on Sunday evenings. If this sounds like a ministry for you or if you have any questions,

please contact me or Jon Murry at your earliest convenience. We need YOUR help.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Take a moment this week and appreciate a teacher, would you? I cannot tell you how special these people are who give of their time and effort to share God's Word with us. On Sundays and Wednesdays it's so wonderful to watch our children calling out greetings to their teachers as they see them in the parking lot or watch them race into the classroom to wrap them in a great big hug. This never fails to remind me that we are not just sharing lessons and stories, but OURSELVES with those we teach.

In the elementary grades we have begun to use the new Faith Foundations literature this year. This material is the best I have seen for teaching the Bible to young learners. By the time they have gone from 2nd through 6th grade they will have covered the Bible exhaustively. Since this is the first time we have used this literature we are having to create all the visuals for each lesson, but once we have completed them we will simply reuse them each year. Needless to say, this year has been tough on the teachers, but we are learning and growing together in the process. If you are creative, crafty, hand-on type person who may not want to teach but would be willing to help us work up this new material, please let me know. We could certainly use your help.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Greg and Kris Walker and their family into our West Erwin family. They have two daughters, Kaylee and Kenzie, who are students at ACU and a younger son and daughter, Micah (age 13), and Maselyn (age 7). They are co-owners of East Texas Copy Systems and formerly worshipped with the church in Sulpur Springs. Their address is 19428 Copper Oaks Dr., 75703, ph. 839-1507.

RESPONSES

Jimmie Philpot came to rededicate his life to Christ and to request our prayers that he be a stronger servant, a better husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Marc Philpot came to be restored and to ask for prayers as he meets the challenges of job changes.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for all the phone calls and cards on the event of my birthday. Your love is a source of encouragement and sustenance to me.

Leona Hardin

Thank you for the flowers, your prayers, the many, many cards, all acts of kindness, hugs and expressions of sympathy in the death of my son, Gary M. Pride. I do love this church and appreciate your love and caring.

Alice Pride Denson

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Weatherford, OK for Henry Pitt, Cathy Krewall's brother. Services were held last Monday in Buckeye, AZ for Elmer Brown, Lonnie Brown's grandfather. Services were held Monday in Arlington for Ed Swaim, Gaynelle Gray's brother-in-law. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Memorial West in Tyler for Lois Hoppers, former West Erwin member and cousin to Nelda Browning. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 25-29. West Erwin is asked to collect TOILET TISSUE.

LESSONS FOR LIVING

"A Test of Faith"

6:30 p.m. October 26 on KETK-56

Dr. Jay Lockhart will host a prime-time TV special to present the story of one man's struggle with the realities of his cancer. But the primary focus of this presentation is how Christian beliefs, combined with medical treatment, can strengthen our lives to overcome such adversities. (Read James 5:13-16).

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Fall Festival

Sunday, October 31, 1999

7:15 - 9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

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!!!

AREA EVENTS

The Christian Campus Center at Kilgore College cordially invites you to its 40th Anniversary Celebration October 30, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at K.C.'s Duvall Student Center. The Tri-C will be open before and after the celebration for touring. Cost is \$9.00 per person. R.S.V.P. by October 25 at (903) 984-2928 or (903) 984-3700.

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola with Larry West of West Monroe, LA. Oct. 24-27. Schedule: Sunday - 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. (Pot luck lunch at noon) & 6:00 p.m.; Mon. - Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Area-Wide 5th Sunday Singing will be Sunday, October 31 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin. Everyone welcome!

Sixth Annual Center Lectureship at the Hurst Street Church of Christ in Center October 22-24. Theme: The Holy Spirit. Details on bulletin board in office area.

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"Becoming a Servant-Driven Church"

A seminar for churches and church leaders who desire to grow ... November 12-13, 1999 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, Texas, featuring Ray Fullenwider from Amarillo, Texas. Schedule: Fri. 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Note: A special prayer breakfast (free) will be available on Saturday morning, 7:30-8:30, in the fellowship room at Eastern Hills. Ray will speak at 8:00. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 8.

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The Search



Each Sunday

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

THE VISITOR			
Oct. 14, 1999	Vol. 30-No.38		
Records	Sunday Oct. 10	Sunday Oct. 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	373	375	363
Worship A.M.	577	578	547
Worship P.M.	401	361	342
Contribution	\$15,368.80	\$17,048.57	\$15,264.64
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund \$470.00	
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 17, and Wed., Oct. 20, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Charlie Hickman** is in ICU at ETMC due to an aneurysm. **Jerry Howard** is recovering at home after additional surgery Sunday. **Charles Garrett** is recuperating at Mother Frances, room 580, following knee surgery Monday. **Doris Terrell** is recuperating at home after recent surgery. **Don McCune** is at home. **A.Z. & Lena Hays** are living at Village Copeland while A.Z. is regaining strength. **Alta Martin** is recovering at home. **Michael Murray**, Freida Starr's nephew, remains very ill in Dallas. **Frances Burch**, Greg Wagner's mother, is back in the nursing home in Athens. **Jeremy Edwards**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's son-in-law is recovering after recent back surgery. **Frank Moore, Jr.**, Larry Moore's dad, is recuperating after recent heart surgery. **Grant Alexander**, Cynthia Johnson's nephew, continues to improve in Baylor Rehab in Dallas. **Helen Cox**, Claudia's Griffith's aunt, is in Dallas rehab after a severe stroke. **Mallory Corley**, Claudia's cousin's 3 year old daughter, has been diagnosed with a degenerative brain disease. **Robert Bone**, Ranae Ritchie's dad, had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances.

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WITH SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of the Lowry family in the death of Evelyn Lowry Wednesday morning. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Vaughn, Terry and Pam, and Becky and Jerry Howard and their families and friends.

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IF I WERE THE DEVIL

"I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world; I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessings; I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around; I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue; I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership; I would make it legal to take the life of unborn babies; I would make it socially acceptable to take one's own life, and invent machines to make it convenient; I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the life of animals are valued more than human beings; I would take God out of the schools, where even the mention of His name was grounds for a law suit; I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them; I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family

member for my agenda; I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation. I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable. If the family crumbles, so does the nation; I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and I would call it art; I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted and marveled; I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct; I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naive; I would dull the minds of Christians, and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional;

I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are."
-- by Paul Harvey

Sunday, October 17, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "What Is A Healthy Church?"(4)

"Quiet Hearts"
(Psalm 25:4-5)

P.M. "Go, In The Strength You Have"

(Judges 6:12-14)

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Ron & Pam Lott for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday night. We had a great time! Thanks to all who came.

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A CHILD'S 10 REQUEST-MENTS

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 for a short time - please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world.

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4. My feelings are tender; Please be sensitive to my needs. 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 some day 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. Please don't compare me to my brother or sister.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. It's a special way to show me that your marriage is very special.
10. Please take me to Church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

IN APPRECIATION



Dearest Ones,

I would like to thank you for all the cards, phone calls and especially your prayers while I was sick. Your love and concern is very much appreciated. Thanks.

Meeta Clucas

Dear West Erwin Family,

We want to express our sincere thanks for all the prayers, visits, calls and cards while A.Z. was in the hospital for a month. We couldn't have made it without the Benches, Hearnese, Denisons, Terrells and Phil Marts who saw that Lena had transportation to and from the hospital when needed. A.Z. is out of the hospital but we will be at Village Copeland until he is stronger, ph. 561-0879.

Love,
A.Z. and Lena Hays

Thank you so much for your continued care and concern for us. Roy is doing very well following his gall bladder surgery. We are eager to see you all and look forward to the news in your weekly bulletin that helps keep us connected. The card you sent signed by dear friends and new ones was an encouragement to us both. We love you.

Elaine & Roy Roberson

I would like to express my appreciation for all the cards, visits, food, and prayers after my recent surgery. We are truly grateful for every act of kindness and concern.

Glynn & Fran Starnes

Thanks so much for the cards, calls, and most of all the prayers.

In Christian love,
Alta Martin

You will never know how much your prayers, cards and visits meant to me during my surgery. I love you very much.

Norene Ingram

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Think About it ...

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

Should you find yourself stuck in traffic don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work the last three months.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what its like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits working twelve hours a day, seven days a week, for \$15.00 to feed her family.

Should your car break down leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, what is my purpose? Be thankful, there are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember things could be worse. You could be them!

Thanks to Robert Stokes for the above!

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Wed. P.M.	NC	341	308
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FINDING THE HEART

How is the RPM gage running in your life? The fact is that many of us are running in the red zone and we are experiencing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual burnout. Because of the countless demands upon our lives we run in the crisis mode. As a result we have a tendency to have shriveled hearts and to economize our lives -- we fail to give our best to the things that really matter, e.g., relationships, self-renewal, and spiritual matters. What can we do? After all, the demands on our lives are there, aren't they? Things like job, kid's schedules, places to go, things to do, living in the fast lane. For our own good, the good of those who mean the most to us, and the good of the kingdom of God, we must slow down long enough to take a long hard look at our hearts. If we have the heart for it, we can prioritize our lives and get the RPM needle off the red zone before we suffer a blow-out at worst or fail to do what needs to be done most right now at the best. Let's get focused. Of course, there is the

job. Of course, there are schedules to meet. Of course there are places to be. However, let's stop and see if all the demands upon our lives are worth what they are costing us. First, what really matters? Your health (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual) matters. You can't maintain personal balance and ever be going at 100 m.p.h. in every direction. So try to figure out what is most important right now and say no to the rest. Family matters, but limit your kids' outside activities. Let the children engage in a limited number of extra activities. They don't have to participate in every possible extracurricular activity. Jobs matter, but let us remember that income pays the bills while getting priorities straight builds our lives. Church matters, but we often do not have time to participate as we should in worship, service, prayer, and study because of all the other stuff in our lives. Prioritize! Do a heart check! If we can find the heart for it, we can get out of the red zone on the RPM gage!

-- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, October 10, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"What Is A Healthy Church?"**(3)

"A Passion for Worship"

(John 4:23-24; Psalm 42:1, 2)

P.M. **"But, Lord, What About This Man?"**

(John 21:20-22)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Middle School boys need to bring drinks, middle school girls need to bring desserts, high school boys need to bring chips and dip, and high school girls need to bring sandwiches. Invite a friend! We will be finished at 9:00.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"People With Spiritual Stamina"

Please set aside one night in the weeks of October, November, and December as "Family Night." It's important to plan this night in advance and to include some singing, praying, laughing, talking, and reading. Turn off the TV and return all phone calls. Keep your family time simple and well-planned. Enjoy looking at the lives of people with great spiritual stamina. It will help you not only have a greater autumn, but also a greater life!!!

"Abraham" Read Hebrews 11:17 and relate it to Abraham's willingness to trust God above anyone else.

POWER for Today

HE GAVE SOME TO BE TEACHERS

Bless the Cradle Roll teachers. Their booster seats are filled with precious souls so fresh from God. Their rewards are toothless grins and sticky fingerprints.

Watch over the teachers of two's and three's. Their babes arrive in class with a religious vocabulary of Bible, Jesus, and cookie. Two years later, they burst into class announcing "I know the difference between God and Satan."

Please guide the teachers of four's and five's. Help them not to lose their composure when the song request is "Show Me the Way to Go Home" or a carefully drawn visual brings the student critique, "Jesus doesn't look like that."

Grant patience to the teachers of the primary ages. Their eager young minds are anxious to read God's Word for themselves... by them selves... no matter how long it takes! Their interest in chair-tipping and neighbor poking appears to be endless.

Take care of the teachers of the middle grades. Their students are the fastest to rattle off the 66 books, speed through a lesson plan and generally unravel and gross out a faint-hearted volunteer. They are also the quickest to capture your imagination and steal your heart.

Look after the teachers of the junior years. Their students think they know every Bible lesson and do have the capacity to come up with extraordinary questions, which have no simple answers. "Explain Jacob's wrestling match to me one more time."

Stay up at night with the teachers of the youth group. Their students are positive they know everything. Adult leaders must walk close to the Father, maintain a ready sense of humor, have a strong stomach for fast food and a van with good gas mileage.

Inspire teachers of the adult classes. Their pupils often arrive stressed out, wrung out, or put out by some pettiness of spirit. Help them relax the visitor, to bring reflection to the distracted, and to rekindle the fires of enthusiasm.

Father, we thank You for Your gift of wisdom, which we struggle to pass on with poster board and paste and all the latest, greatest techniques. Gently remind us in the busy times of preparation, never to stray from the sweet center of Your Word and the priceless sacrifice of Your Son.

-- Diane Fields Monroeville, PA

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Christian Sisters,

Thank you for the beautiful baby shower and all the precious gifts. We appreciate the time each of you put into making it special.

Sincerely,
Mike & Shae Hill

Thank you so much for all you did for our family during after our accident and during the time we spent in Tyler. To Jay, thanks for being there on the day and so much of the time afterward. The food was incredible. Our every need was met. To all those who visited, called, and prayed, we thank you. You are an awesome church family and we are so glad Cynthia and Rex have you for strength and support. Please continue to lift Grant and Collin up in prayer that they will receive complete healing.

Love,
Dwight Alexander

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and concern during my hospitalization and recovery this summer. What a wonderful blessing to have such a family as West Erwin.

In His Love,
Doug Scroggins

I want to thank Jay, the elders, and the congregation for all the prayers and thoughts on behalf of my uncle, Bobby Sparkman.

Grace Siler

WITH SYMPATHY

We regret to report that Grace Siler's uncle, Bobby Sparkman, died last weekend following a recent stroke. Services were held Tuesday in Odessa. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Grace and to all the family.

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AREA EVENTS

The Christian Campus Center at Kilgore College cordially invites you to its 40th Anniversary Celebration October 30, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. at K.C.'s Duvall Student Center. Cost is \$9.00 per person. R.S.V.P. by October 25 at (903) 984-2928 or (903) 984-3700. The Tri-C will be open before and after the celebration for touring. Bring a memory of your time at the Bible Chair and any pictures you may have also!! For those interested, Kilgore College will be playing TJC in Kilgore that night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas has an immediate opening for Relief House Parents. This rewarding service opportunity allows you to provide direct care to the group home children in a part-time, relief capacity, when the houseparents are off due to respite, vacation, sick or emergency leave. Work times: Two weekends per month, Friday 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, 10:00 p.m.; Two evenings per week from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. This is a paid position and offers a rewarding opportunity to work with young people, excellent training and support! Contact Nora Gravois at 509-0558 for more details if you are interested.

JUNIOR BIBLE HOUR TEACHER NEEDED

There is a need for a teacher for the two-year-old class for Junior Bible Hour on Sunday evenings. Please contact Jon Murry if you would like to impact young lives for Christ.

WHAT IS A TEACHER?

A teacher is ... a path, to help avoid falls.

A teacher is ... an ear, to listen when others call.

A teacher is ... a voice, with which to talk and sing.

A teacher is ... a hinge, on which the future swings.

A teacher is ... a shield, for stopping Stan's darts.

A teacher is ... a hand, to touch a lonely heart.

A teacher is ... an arm, to lift hearts from defeat.

A teacher is ... a light, to awaken those who sleep.

A teacher is ... a rock, to be solid for each day.

A teacher is ... an example, showing Christ, the Way.

A teacher is ... a hope, while traveling earth's sod.

A teacher is ... a life, dedicated to God.

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The Search



Each Sunday

KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.
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Bible Class	404	411	375
Worship A.M.	589	552	563
Worship P.M.	442	403	367
Wed. P.M.	341	NC	NC
Contribution	\$18,480.89	\$15,626.36	\$17,229.34
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$70.00
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 3, and Wed., Oct. 6, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

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A MEDLEY OF MATTERS

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!

Last Sunday was another wonderful day as we had nine new members come to us, with one baptism. We are consistently breaking the 400 mark in Bible classes and on Sunday evening with 404 and 442 present respectively. And we shattered the 300 goal on Wednesday evening with 341 present last week. The Wednesday night attendance is a result of some excellent classes being offered on the adult level. Keep up the good work and let's make the decision that we will have over 600 worshippers on a regular basis beginning this Sunday.

OPPORTUNITIES

Over the next few weeks we will be given the privilege of contributing over and above our regular giving to two good causes. You always respond so generously to special needs and these two projects are most worthwhile. If you don't care to give, that's fine, but many will want to so the opportunity will be given. Speaking of contributions, our giving on a regular basis has been good all year. Our regular budget is challenging to this church but you have given well each week and many continue to give extra toward our building fund for the Family Center which we hope to have debt free very soon. Thanks to all who love Christ, His church, and this church.

JAMES LEFAN TO PREACH

This Sunday I begin a meeting with Russell Bankes and the North Beaton church in Corsicana. In my absence James LeFan, an excellent teacher and preacher who is loved by the church everywhere, will be teaching the Family Builder's class and preaching at both services. He will do us good.

PLANNING SESSION

On Saturday, October 16, your elders and preachers have set aside a day for planning and prayer. Some important decisions will be made soon concerning an Involvement Minister and other things that will make us more effective in the important work we do. Be in prayer about this leader retreat.
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PUTT PUTT

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family and friends,

You will never know just how much it meant for all the prayers, calls, cards and visits when Gus had his heart attack. We will always remember your thoughts and deeds. We love you all.

Gus & Kathy Krewall

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James and Audrey Ball on the celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary September 25!

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The **Lake Tawakoni Church of Christ in Wills Point** invites you to attend their **Fall Lectureship** Oct. 3-7. Sunday services 10:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., Mon - Thursday 7:30 p.m. with a ladies class Wed. 10:00 a.m. Details on bulletin board.

Dave Miller will be the speaker for the **Gospel Meeting at the Corinth Rd. Church of Christ in Jacksonville** October 1-3. Fri. & Sat. 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 & 10:20 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Gospel Meeting - Hallsville Church of Christ, Oct. 3-6 Perry Cowan, speaker; Services Sunday - 9:30 & 10:25 a.m. & Sun. - Wed. - 7:30 p.m.

ATTENTION, LADIES: There will be no Bunko meeting in October due to scheduling difficulties.

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BAPTISM

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NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome **Kerry and Jennifer Beaver** and their young daughter and son, **Kiley and Korey**, into our church family. They come to us from Wichita Falls and will help us to be the kind of church the Lord wants us to be. They live at 8215 Baylor Dr., 75703, ph. 561-3333.

Michael Bozeman came Sunday to place membership with the family at West Erwin. Michael is a young single and recently moved to Tyler from Colorado. We are very pleased to welcome him into our growing family. He lives at 908 South Donnybrook, #4, 75701, ph. 593-2565.

Johnny Ferrell came Sunday to express his interest in becoming a member of the Lord's family. He recently came to Tyler from New Orleans and will continue his studies. His address is 426 West Woldert, 75702.

Jerry and Suzan Parker have been attending here for some time and we are most happy to welcome them into our fellowship. Their address is 13529 Hwy. 110 S, #121, ph. 534-8174.

Monique Richey came Sunday to be identified as a member of the West Erwin family. She is a doctor of Pediatrics and is engaged to be married in November to David Mills. Her address is 2001 Willowbrook Lane, 75701, ph. 526-2554.

Chris and Kathy Waggener came Sunday to join hands with the West Erwin family. They will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord at this place. Their address is 16401 CR 192, 75703, ph. 581-5916.

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NEW ADDRESS: Eddie & Mary Rogers
14172 CR 496, 75706, ph. 596-8613

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FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Compassion"

Ephesians 4:32

Using a dictionary read different definitions of the word compassion. How can a Christian show compassion? Plan as a family to show compassion by helping a local charity or needy family this week. Write on note cards several stories in which Jesus showed compassion. play charades using the stories on the note cards. End with hugs.

POWER for Today

IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU LOOK AT IT

The following letter was submitted to the chairman of a search committee that was trying to locate a new pulpit minister.

"Gentlemen:

Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also have had some successes as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been leader most places I've been.

I'm over 50 years of age and have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places, I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I must admit that I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing.

My health is not too good, though I still accomplish a great deal. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities.

I've not gotten along well with religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I have baptized.

However, if you can use me, I promise to do my best for you."

The chairman turned to the committee and said, "Well, what do you think?"

They were appalled! Consider a sickly, trouble-making, absent-minded ex-jailbird? Was the chairman crazy? Who signed the letter? Who had such colossal nerve?

The chairman replied, "It's signed, **The Apostle Paul.**"

In our Wednesday evening class The Search For Significance we have been discussing what it is that makes us feel significant, loved, special, worthwhile, etc. The answer comes back to "HOW GOD SEES US."

"Do not consider his appearance or his height for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

What makes us significant is not as much

"Who we are and how the world views us, but whose we are."

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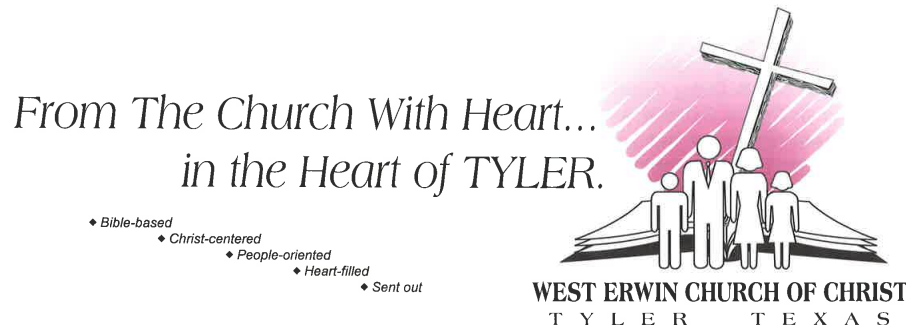
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THE WEST ERWIN FAMILY

We had eight people added to our growing family last Sunday. Our membership is now 720, and with children and other family members who attend with our members we have 913 adherents. Theoretically we could have over 900 people in attendance on a given Sunday. However, we are averaging about 575 in attendance at our morning worship assemblies. Of course, we know that we have several members who are homebound, in nursing homes or in hospitals on any given Sunday. Add to this the fact that people do travel and we have a number who are away from home each week. Also, there are several who seldom or never attend any of our assemblies. On the other hand we have a lot of visitors each week. What I'm getting to is this: as we enter the Fall when vacations are over and we are settling into a more normal routine, we need to make a real effort to consistently meet our goal of over 600 in worship on Sunday mornings. Last year we set some goals for ourselves (those goals are on posters scattered around the

building) which we wanted to reach this year. We wanted 400 in Bible study on Sunday mornings and 400 in attendance on Sunday nights. We aimed at 300 on Wednesday evenings and 100 additional members. We have consistently reached the Sunday Bible study and Sunday evening goals. We have done well on Wednesday evenings since our new quarter began and we have had 64 additions so far in 1999. However, we need some additional effort to consistently reach that Sunday morning worship attendance goal. So, what do you say? Can we count on you to help us? What can you do? Here are some thoughts: try to decrease your time away on week-ends; call someone you have been missing and ask them to attend; make sure every visitor is welcomed; enter wholeheartedly into our worship; and be a growing, excited Christian. I look forward to seeing you Sunday for a time of uplifting worship as we praise God, remember Jesus, and encourage each other.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, September 26, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "What Is A Healthy Church?"(2)
"Living In His Presence"
(Galatians 5:22-26)
P.M. "Focusing Our Mission"
(Matthew 28:16-20)

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SERVANT HOUSE

The Servant House is in the dry! What a wonderful turnout we had this past Saturday at the construction site. There were probably over 100 different folks who came out Friday and Saturday to work. Thanks to the 30 plus from West Erwin who devoted an incredible amount of time so far in this project. We have a lot left to do and

our next workday will be this Saturday from 8:00 - 3:00. We are currently gathering supplies and donations. \$18,000 (between all the churches) is needed in cash for this project. We still need a great deal of volunteer labor. If you have an area that you would like to work on or if you can help in any way, please contact me. Also, some of us will be working every Thursday till the house is finished. If you are interested in helping on those days, let me know. Please pray for this ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

On Sunday night, Sept. 19, there will be a high school activity in the Family Life Center. All of those in the high school are invited to come. Please bring \$2.50 for dinner. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 25	Servant House Construction
Sept. 26	Middle School Activity
Oct. 3	Bible Quiz Study Session
Oct. 11	Bible Quiz

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Accept One Another" Romans 15:7

Have each child write down or share four statements on what it means to accept one another. Discuss each statement. Then have each child write or share four statements on how Jesus accepted others. Discuss each statement. How does a family accept each other? Close by having the children ask questions about mom and dad's childhood.

POWER for Today

LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE

Fiasco, a word that means failure, comes from the Italian word for a common bottle.

It was the practice of ancient glassblowers, when noticing the slightest flaw in the article upon which they were working, to discard it for later conversion into a common bottle.

What might have been a beautiful Venetian vase was now a fiasco. In this manner, failure and fiasco became associated.

If you've ever caused a fiasco in your job or home, you'd probably like to erase the scene from

your memory. But don't -- at least not until you've made an effort to salvage something from it.

Look at it this way: One of the most valuable traits you can possess is good judgment. But where do you learn good judgment? From experience.

And how do you gain experience? By making judgments that sometimes don't pan out as you expected they would.

So making a mistake which results in failure on your part is actually a means of improving your skills -- provided you take the time to learn.

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

Each challenge we face provides us with an opportunity to overcome with the help of our Heavenly Father. The fiascos in our lives are chances for us to excel by growing and learning from our setbacks. How do you view your present difficulties? Use them as a means to grow closer in your walk with God.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Your love shown to us by prayers, visits, cards, calls and food is so greatly appreciated. We thank you and love you.
Guy & Nettie Potts

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you so much for the floral spray sent to mother's funeral, the many cards, the kind words of concern, and many prayers. Our church family has always been so much comfort to us. Thank you for your love.

Love,
Dannie & Sue Skipper

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you so much for all the cards and calls that I received during this trying time. I am doing good so far. I am recovering slowly but surely and so far, NO SEIZURES!!! Thank you, Lord, Amen! This has been the scariest and most trying time of my life but God and my Christian friends have been there all the way. I love and miss y'all so much. I will go for my 3 month check-up at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota soon. Keep me in your prayers.

Love,
Sandie Martin
960 FM 21, Pittsburg, 75686

You will never know how much we appreciate your calls, cards, visits, food and your prayers. In a very special way our life has been blessed because of you. Thank you.

Warren & Gaynelle Gray

BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a Baby Shower
honoring Shae Hill

Sunday, September 26, 4:30 - 5:30
at the West Erwin Family Life Center

It's a girl!

Selections: Toys R Us, TJC & Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Fred and Sandra Wingate on the birth of a new grandson! Noah Dawson Wingate was born September 15 in Waco to Mark & Cheryl Wingate. Mary Dawson is the great grandmother.

SORRY TO LOSE: Jay and Debbie Graham are now worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

NEW ADDRESS:

Terry & Pamela Lowry, P.O. Box 515, Arp, 75750

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Katharine (Kate) Lewis came recently on Wednesday evening to make known her wish to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. She lives at 702 South Palace, 75701.

Daniel Baldwin was baptized into Christ Sunday and his wife **Debbie** placed membership. We are grateful for their coming to be part of the Lord's family at this place. Their address is 10209 Walling Dr., 75704, ph. 596-7618.

We are very pleased to welcome **Paul Lowe** back home. He has been worshipping with the Northridge church in Mt. Pleasant but is now back in Tyler and wants to be under the leadership of the elders at West Erwin and to be a part of this family. He lives at 5100 Sweetbriar Lane #631, 75703.

We are blessed by the coming of **Glen and Bobbie May**. They will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. They formerly worshipped with the Prestoncrest church in Dallas for 27 years. They live at 427 Rieck Rd. #143, 75703, ph. 939-1359.

Ponder, Jr. and Donna Wright and their daughter, **Audrey**, came Sunday to make known their desire to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family. We are delighted to welcome this family into our fellowship. Their address is 8141 CR 3409, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3543.

LADIES RETREAT - OCT. 1-2

Living On Holy Ground - The 1999 Ladies Retreat
Living in Prayerful Presence

Living in Patient Presence

Living in Peaceful Presence

Living in Powerful Presence

Living in Proactive Presence

NOTE: Bryce Murry is working on a Boy Scout Eagle project involving the implementation of a wildlife program at the Lee Estate (Lee Daffodil Garden) in Gladewater. Part of the project includes raising the money to fund the necessary project materials. If you can help in this area, please contact Bryce Murry.

MEN OF GOD RALLY

You are invited to attend a very special day on Saturday, October 2, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Men from all over East Texas will be challenged to become stronger men of God. Guest speakers for the day will be Charles Speer from Lubbock and Glen Owen from Abilene. Attendance is free and lunch will be provided. In order for us to prepare for the noon meal, we need you to R.S.V.P. if at all possible. Please call us at (903) 657-1408 if you plan to attend. It's going to be a great day!

Children's Worship Workers - September 26 - Preacher - Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m. & p.m. - Judy Clark; Toddler Nursery p.m. - Cathy Culpepper; 2's - Jerry & Rachel Huff; 3's - Randy & Karen Pharis; 4's - Rick & Karen Fedell; Overseeing couple - Randy & Karen Pharis.

The Search



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THE VISITOR			
Sept. 16, 1999	Vol. 30-No.34		
Records	Sunday Sept. 12	Sunday Sept. 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	434	389	387
Worship A.M.	575	565	554
Worship P.M.	402	382	349
Contribution	\$35,514.58	\$17,530.20	\$16,887.03
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$35.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 19, and Wed., Sept. 22, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568

PRAYER AND CARE · A.Z. Hays is in ETMC, room 4463. Meeta Clucas was dismissed from Mother Frances Wednesday. Paul Lowe is at home after angioplasty Monday. Glynn Starnes is scheduled for foot and knee surgery Friday. Evelyn Lowry has begun a new experimental chemo treatment. Laverne Keith is continuing treatment. Don McCune will continue medication. Warren Gray is continuing outpatient therapy. Guy Potts, June Walker and Ben Young are all recovering at home. Michael Murray, Freida Starr's nephew, remains very ill in Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Pate Ridley, Ann McCoy's brother, is recuperating after heart surgery in Shreveport. Bob Martin, Emily Wood's grandfather, is recovering from recent bypass surgery. Tommy Willoughby, Kyle's dad, is hospitalized in Gladewater. Christel Rischer is undergoing chemo treatments again in Augsburg, Germany. Roy Roberson is doing well in Abilene after surgery last week. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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A HAPPY FACE ON THE CROSS?

(John Gipson serves as an elder of the 6th and Izard church in Little Rock where he just completed thirty years as their pulpit minister. He is one of my favorite writers. I commend the following from John's pen. -- JPL)

"Will the church of the new millennium put a happy face on the cross?" That's the question asked by Frederica Mathews-Green, a syndicated columnist and regular commentator on National Public Radio.

Are we headed that way? A "feel good" religion? Enjoy yourself, follow your heart's desires, live comfortably and enter into glory. The columnist points out that there is a hunger "for an all-forgiving God who will commiserate when we do what self-fulfillment requires." And she lays it on the line by saying that the widespread cultural hunger is the yearning for God who is not a Father in heaven, but a "grandfather in heaven who likes to see the young people enjoying themselves," as C.S. Lewis put it.

Who can deny it? The popular religion of today more often than not focuses on joy, happiness, peace and prosperity rather than the more demanding concepts of obedience, duty, responsibility, accountability, faithful-

ness, self-denial and suffering (which just happen to be in the Book too).

Religionists who just want to cuddle and hug might have a hard time adjusting to such things as going to jail, suffering countless beatings, being whipped or beaten with rods or meeting danger wherever they go. What would happen if they were constantly attacked by their own countrymen and false brethren? What if their religion meant toil and hardship, sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, being cold and suffering from exposure? (Read II Corinthians 12:23-28). Yet, that happened to a man who took his eyes off of himself and looked to Christ.

Mathews-Green wrote, "The biggest challenge to the church will come from within. Hearing the multitudes cry for safety, comfort and approval, will we be seduced into supplying only that?" Or, will we have the courage to speak also of repentance, crucifixion of self and discipleship?

It's hard to put a happy face on the cross whether you are talking about Christ's or our own.

-- John Gipson

Sunday, September 19, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
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supplies and donations. \$18,000 (between all the churches) is needed in cash for this project. We will need a great deal of volunteer labor. If you have an area that you would like to work on or if you can help in any way, please contact me. Please pray for this ministry.

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FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Harmony With One Another" **Romans 12:16**
Have everybody sing a different song at the same time. Discuss what it sounded like. Then have everybody sing the same song. What was the difference? Why should we live in harmony? End by playing Follow the Leader and baking a favorite food. **POWER for Today**

THANK YOU

The Fall Quarter is well underway and we are already seeing God's Blessings in just these first few weeks. For instance, this past Sunday there were over 18 visitors in our Children's Bible Classes alone. Please pray that God will continue to send us people we can minister to each week and that we may be effective as we reach out to them.

I also want to say thank you to all of our Bible Teachers who give of their time and energy to present His Word to us each week. James tells us that those of us who choose to teach will be judged more strictly. What a sobering thought. Thank you to all of our teachers. We appreciate you.

Please take a moment this week and express your appreciation for our teachers.

REMEMBER

*The God you trusted in the past
is the One who's faithful still.
Trust Him now, with all your heart,
to be working out His will.*

*There's nothing that you're facing
which takes Him by surprise --
All the things concerning you
have not escaped His eyes.*

*Wait on God to do His work
in His time and way.
The answer may seem slow just now,
but he will not delay.*

*One day you'll see the wisdom
that led you from the start
Was given by your Father's love
to draw you to His heart.*

ROY LESSIN

IN APPRECIATION

I appreciate so much all of your love and support during the loss of my father. Thank you for all the kind words, the hugs, the visits, the food provided and the cards and flowers. We love each of you and feel truly blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family. God bless each of you.

Donna Maples & family

With a grateful heart I would like to say thanks for the many kindnesses shown to Patsy and myself during a long siege of illness. We appreciate all the love and concern everyone has shown for us -- for the beautiful cards, flowers, food, and the many prayers said on our behalf. Our church family means a great deal to us, and we thank each and every one for doing so much for us.

Ben Young

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Bandana Bonanza for the Children

Saturday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Garden Center
Country Western Music & BBQ; Dress: casual; Price: \$25
Fund-raiser for Medina Children's Home

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 25-29. West Erwin is asked to collect TOILET TISSUE. They are grateful for any other donations, including cash, also.

BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO. RECEIPTS

Beginning September 1 through February 28, 2000, Brookshire's Grocery Co. in Chandler, Flint, Lindale, Overton, Troup, Tyler, & Whitehouse is reinstating the 1% donations program to non-profit organizations. Save your receipts and put them in the box provided in the foyer!

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NEEDED FOR WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL: high chairs

ATTENTION LADIES

Saturday, September 18 the Glenwood Church of Christ will be hosting a "Ladies Day" for ladies of the area churches. Guest speakers, Helen Young and her daughter, Dr. Emily Lemley, from Malibu, California will make two presentations Saturday morning and the event will conclude with a noon luncheon. Please call 509-9494 for reservations so that we may know how prepare for lunch.

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NEW ADDRESS:

Kyle & Kara Willoughby
403 Willingham Rd., Whitehouse, TX 75791

NATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

What: 11th annual National Family Conference, sponsored by Herald of Truth. Where: Dallas Marriott Quorum Hotel. When: September 24-26. Pick up a brochure in the foyer or call 1-800-234-7995 for more information.

CARING SISTERS COMMITTEE

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Worship A.M.	565	585	540
Worship P.M.	382	Area-Wide 910	351
Contribution	\$17,530.20	\$15,590.45	\$14,149.07
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AFTER SUMMER COMES FALL

"After summer comes fall" can be said in different ways. It may be said with regrets as children know they must return to school. It may be said with glee as parents know the children can finally return to school! In the church we may make this statement with relief -- mainly because many congregations experience what is called the summer slump and they are glad its over. For us there was no summer slump -- it was more like a summer surge. Before summer began we were challenged as a church to participate in 30 days of fervent prayer, especially for five areas of our work: power in preaching and teaching God's Word, personal renewal, church revival, people with teachable hearts, and that we might be "filled with the fullness of God." What's happened since? Those prayers were answered in every way and the evidence is abundant. One example will be noted: during August we had six to be baptized, 19 placed membership and, including children of these folks who are not old enough to be members, we increased our numbers by 32. And that's the last month of summer! Praise God! Now we have entered the fall and, as we keep praying and working, God will keep blessing.

ELDERS - MINISTERS RETREAT

The second weekend of October your elders and ministers will be taking some extended time together for considering plans for this church and the future. Be in prayer that your elders can accomplish their desire and goal as shepherds and that your ministers can truly be servants. We will be sharing the results of the retreat with you in the near future.

THIS SUNDAY

This weekend I am to be with Dewey Howard and the Green Lawn church in Lubbock for a Saturday and Sunday emphasis upon "What You Can Know For Sure," studies in I John. Please be in prayer about these sessions.

In my absence, James LeFan, well-known and much loved preacher of the gospel from Temple will be teaching the Family Builders class and preaching at both services.

- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, September 12, 1999
Guest Speaker, James LeFan
A.M. & P.M. Worship

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will need a great deal of volunteer labor. If you have an area that you would like to work on or if you can help in any way, please contact me. Please pray for this ministry.

We will begin the main construction on Saturday, Sept. 18. If you can help that day, please sign the list in the Foyer by the Servant House display for the time period you can work. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your hammer and other tools you might need.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

On Sunday night, Sept. 12, there will be a combined devotional in the Family Life Center. All of those in the middle and high school are invited to come. Please bring \$2.50 for dinner. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Wholesome Talk" Ephesians 4:29
Have each member discuss what "Wholesome Talk" means. Why is unwholesome talk bad? What does it do even if others are not present? Set up an unwholesome talk jar and have a person put a nickel in it every time they talk negatively about someone next week. Ask God to help you be wholesome. Close with hugs and a game of cards.
POWER for Today

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Fall Quarter is a wonderful time of New Beginnings. Take a look that these wonderful programs we offer on Sunday Evenings to challenge your child and draw them into a closer walk with the Lord.

Who says "Learning can't be fun?"

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

A Learning program where children (infants through pre-K) learn through play. This Program meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15.
"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverb 22:6



JUNIOR BIBLE HOUR '99

Bible Hour Junior is designed for children from the ages of 2 through 5 (pre-first grade). We work closely with these little ones using Bible Stories, Puppets, Singing, Drama, Skits, Arts and Crafts, etc. to teach Bible Lessons and foster a love for God's Word.
Come join us!

BIBLE HOUR '99

Aerobic Bible Learning, that's the best way I can describe this fast-paced, high-energy Bible Program designed for 1st-3rd Graders. Bible Stories, Games, Memory Verses, Learning Activities, Singing, and much, much, more. Your child won't want to miss this Magical Journey through the Bible.

KIDS FOR CHRIST

A class for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders that focuses on the Six Pillars of Character and reinforces Leadership Training for Christ activities. Teachers work closely with students in areas such as Bible Reading, Memory Work, Bible Quiz, etc.

IN APPRECIATION

Your prayers, visits, calls, and cards since my surgery were so appreciated by us. Thank you so much for your Christian love.

In Christ,
Leon & Louise Santos

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to Mother's funeral and for helping us remember Mother in a special way. You will always be Mother and Mac's family. Love to you all.

Mac McCarty &
Charles & Sue Macleod

Thank you for your prayers, cards, concerns, and flowers during this time of grief in the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

The Bud Caskey Family

West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express how much Rex and I appreciate how you ministered to my family during this difficult time in our life. I want to thank all of the shepherding groups that brought food up to the hospital that first week. The outpouring of love not only comforted us, but ministered to the other people in ICU waiting. Thank you for all the prayers and please continue to remember my family in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Rex & Cynthia Johnson

Beloved Church Family,

This past two months has been so much easier following my surgery and weeks of treatments, because of your prayer and concern. Thank you so much for the many cards, food and especially your prayers. Our church family grows dearer every day.

Love,
Winona Shankle

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, calls, cards and your visits during my recent surgery and stay in the hospital. We love and appreciate our church family.

In Christian Love,
Archie & Faye Kennard

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CONGRATULATIONS to Hillard Hughes on his recent hole-in-one at Briarwood Golf Club!

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Scott Jenkins** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Scott has been attending here for some time with Cheryl Perry. They are engaged to be married in December. His address is 6940 CR 2301, 75707, ph. 566-1816.

LADIES RETREAT

Living On Holy Ground - The 1999 Ladies Retreat in Lone Star will be a great time of spiritual growth. Join us October 1 & 2 as we draw closer to God and each other. Registration continues through September 19.

E.T.C.A.

Preschool openings! East Texas Christian Academy has limited space for 3 and 4 year old children. Please be advised that our preschool follows the TISD academic calendar and there is no summer care. If interested, call Brenda Craig at 561-9582.

ATTENTION LADIES

Mark your calendars for a special event Saturday, September 18. The Glenwood Church of Christ will be hosting a "Ladies Day" for ladies of the area churches. Guest speakers, Helen Young and her daughter, Dr. Emily Lemley, from Malibu, California will make two presentations Saturday morning and the event will conclude with a noon luncheon.

NATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

What: 11th annual National Family Conference, sponsored by Herald of Truth. Where: Dallas Marriott Quorum Hotel. When: September 24-26. Pick up a brochure in the foyer or call 1-800-234-7995 for more information.

NEEDED FOR WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL: high chairs

CHANGE IN MY LIFE

Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
featuring "The Firemen" and "Revelation"
Special guest speaker: Alan Robertson
Crockett Rd. Church of Christ
1717 Crockett Rd., Palestine, TX
Please R.S.V.P. by September 11 (903) 723-6291

Bandana Bonanza for the Children

Saturday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Garden Center
Country Western Music & BBQ; Dress: casual; Price: \$25
Fund-raiser for Medina Children's Home

Children's Worship Workers - September 12 - Preacher - Clay Clemons; Nursery a.m. - Priscilla Mayer; Toddler Nursery p.m. - Fran Starnes; 2's - Ronda Clemons & Stephanie Percefull; 3's - Matt & Rhonda Haws; 4's - Wade & Diane Weathers; Overseeing couple - Randy & Karen Pharis.

The Search



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Records	Sunday August 29	Sunday August 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	410	407
Worship A.M.	585	590	570
Worship P.M.	Area-Wide 910	398	371
Contribution	\$15,590.45	\$16,628.61	\$17,133.33
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00		

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NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Scott and Jill Carruth on the birth of Bryce Alexander on August 31. He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and is 21 inches long. Les & Carolyn Carruth are the proud grandparents.

Gus and Cathy Kewall are the proud great grandparents of Alexis Rene' Smith, born August 27!

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STUFF AND THE REAL THING

When I was a boy I went to a zoo and one of the things I saw was the squirrels in their cage. On the side of the cage was a wheel. A squirrel would jump up in the wheel and begin to run. The faster he ran the faster the wheel would turn until finally the squirrel would jump out exhausted ... at the very same spot he got on. He had expended a great deal of energy but had gotten no place. Do you ever feel that way? Do you ever feel you get so involved in "stuff" (activities which may be good in themselves) that you never get around to the "real thing" (what really matters and should be done)? It happens in church work with some regularity. Leaders may become so involved with making decisions about carpet, the color of paint, the parking lot surface, and fingerprints on the glass doors (stuff) that they forget to prepare lessons -- shepherding (the real thing). Ministers may become so absorbed in drinking coffee with people, attending meetings, going places, and doing things (stuff) that they forget to prepare lessons that get beneath the surface, teach people the gospel, pray, and actually serve people (the real thing). Members of the church may be so involved in finding their pew in the auditorium, being

served, deciding if they like the song selections, and whether or not we will get out on time (stuff) that they miss out on the worship (the real thing). Stuff saps our energies and occupies our time leaving the real things neglected. If somehow we could find the grace to distinguish between the stuff that occupies us and the real thing, our lives would be revitalized and our congregation would experience revival. Elders would serve as shepherds, preachers would preach with power, members would worship in spirit and in truth, people's deepest needs would be met, visitors would be welcomed, spiritual growth would take place, the church would grow numerically, Christ would be honored, and God would be glorified. Will this happen? Yes, if ... and that's a big if ... we take inventory of ourselves and determine we will be dissatisfied with involving ourselves so much in stuff when the real thing is ours for the taking. Think about it!

The Area-Wide meeting last Sunday was a magnificent experience. Thanks to Prentice Meador and David Slater for leading us in worship and to all who attended!
- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, September 5, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Power Of Words"

(Proverbs 15:1-5)

P.M. "When Trouble Comes"

(Psalm 26:1-3)

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coach, finder of lost articles, money lender, taxi driver, psychologist, substitute parent, salesman, politician, and a keeper of the faith.

I AM MOST FORTUNATE OF ALL WHO LABOR.

And who do I think to thank for this wonderful life I am so fortunate to experience? The parents, who entrust me their greatest contribution to eternity, their children.

I have a past that is rich in memories.

I have a present that is challenging, adventurous and fun because I am allowed to spend my days with the future.

I am a teacher . . .
and I thank God for it every day.
-- John W. Schlatter

Thank God for all of you who teach.
You are the architects creating the world of tomorrow TODAY.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"In One Spirit"

Philippians 2:2

What does it mean to be one? Discuss the advantages there are in being one spirit. Have each member tell of a way they can practice unity. Close by holding hands in prayer. Enjoy a favorite cake!!! POWER for Today

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 5	Promotion Sunday
	* Preschool through 4th grade
	Bible hour begins
	* 1st through 3rd grade, 6 pm
	Warriors begins
	* 4th through 6th grade, 6 pm
Wed., Sept. 8	New Classes begin
	* see display in foyer
Sun., Sept. 12	Jr. Bible Hour begins * 2-5 yrs, 6 pm

I AM A TEACHER

I was born the first moment that a
QUESTION
leaped from the mouth of a child.

Throughout the course of a day I have been called upon to be an actor, friend, nurse, and doctor,

IN APPRECIATION

We want to express our gratitude for all the cards, food, and balloons that were sent to Jaci. She really enjoyed them. Thank you especially for all the prayers in her behalf. It is a great feeling to be a part of such a wonderful Christian family. Thank you again.

Brant, Jeri & Jaci Prestidge

I appreciate so much all the delicious food, prayers and cards during my surgery and recovery. It is such a blessing to belong here at West Erwin. We love you.

The Waggonners

West Erwin Church of Christ Members,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful gifts, support and help for making our wedding dreams come true. May God bless you all.

Love,
Rob & Dannette Butler

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home for Manly Blanton, Donna Maples' father. Services were held Monday at the University church for Bud Caskey, Melissa Frick's grandfather and a former member and elder at West Erwin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW CLASS

There will be a new Sunday evening program for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders beginning Sunday evening, September 5th. This class will meet upstairs in the middle school classroom (next to the Bible Hour room). Make sure your children are a part of this new and exciting class!

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HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Cherokee Children's Home is in need of houseparents for boy's cottage and girl's cottage. If interested, please call Danny Duggan at (915) 662-4201.

4TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Where: Cherokee Home for Children
When: Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999 at 9:45 a.m.
Many great items are to be auctioned off, items for your home, office, shop, garden, farm/ranch & special items of interest from celebrities and politicians. Donated items are being accepted (tax write-off). All proceeds go to Cherokee Home.

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

ATTENTION ALL BASEBALL FANS! The Family Builders class is planning a trip to Arlington Saturday, September 25, to watch the Rangers play. If you would like to join us, please see Stuart Suggs or Randy Pharis for more information. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, September 5 (tickets must be pre-ordered).

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ATTENTION, LADIES!!

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Arlene Lockhart will teach a class for ladies on Wednesday evenings in the chapel called "Who Touched Me" These are modern lessons from historical women.

Melinda O'Quinn is beginning a class on Wednesday evenings she is calling "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." The purpose of this class is: to provide support for mothers; to reach out to the community; to grow closer to one another; to learn ways to be better at our most difficult job with a God-centered approach. This class will meet for the full hour in room 113.

NEW ADDRESS:

Will & Cindy Dutton & Hannah
22927 Three Points Dr. #3, Frankston 75763
ph. (903) 876-6142

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Worship A.M.	590	575	560
Worship P.M.	398	420	382
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Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. \$120.00	

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AREA-WIDE MEETING Hosted by West Erwin August 29

"Light The Fire"
6:00 p.m.
Speaker



Prentice Meador, Jr.
Prestoncrest in Dallas

Singing
5:00 p.m.
Song Leader



David Slater,
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BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

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"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil" (Proverbs 25-7).

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Forgive One Another" Colossians 3:13

Discuss how God forgave us. What price was paid so that we might be forgiven? How does that make you feel? Discuss how we should treat others that do wrong to us. End with Mom's favorite game and Dad's favorite dessert. POWER for Today

THE ESSENCE OF A NEW DAY

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind . . . let it be something good."

Hebrew 10:23-25

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hope TODAY is a special one for you!!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues., Aug. 24	West Erwin Playschool begins
Wed., Aug. 25	Oasis Dinner Program 5:30-6:30 pm Summer Speaker Series
Thurs., Aug. 26	School Night Out for Scouting Shiloh Rd. Church - 7:00 pm
Fri., Aug. 29	Family Builder's Class Party Family Life Center @6:30 pm
Sun., Aug. 29	Combined Adult Bible Class David Slater * Nashville, TN AM Worship Song Service - David Slater "Praise His Name" - Jay Lockhart Area-Wide Singing @ 5:00 pm David Slater Area-Wide Worship @ 6:00 pm "Light The Fire" Prentice Meador, Jr.
Wed., Sept. 1	Family Song Service Chuck Munoz KG through Adult
Sun., Sept. 5	Promotion Sunday * Preschool through 4th grade Bible hour begins * 1st through 3rd grade, 6 pm Warriors begins * 4th through 6th grade, 6 pm
Wed., Sept. 8	New Classes begin * see display in foyer
Sun., Sept. 12	Jr. Bible Hour begins * 2-5 yrs, 6 pm

IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Jennifer and I want to thank all of you for the love and support you gave us during the loss of our precious son, Braden. Even though Jennifer and I no longer worship at West Erwin, our thoughts and hearts are still with many of you. It was a wonderful expression of love that the West Erwin church opened their Family Life Center for us to accept friends and family after the memorial service. Thank you for the food and all those who helped with the preparation. May God continue to bless all the saints at West Erwin.

In Christ,
Billy Dan, Jennifer & Ancel Carson

Your many prayers and cards were so appreciated by Max and me. It was so good to know that West Erwin was praying for me. Thank you so much for being the caring Christians that you are.

Love,
Max and Mary

Dear West Erwin,

I want y'all to know how much I appreciate your letting us use the Family Life Center for our staff development meeting. Everyone commented on how nice it was and how much they enjoyed meeting there. Thanks for sharing it with us!

Love,
Susan Steffee

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for all their help in helping me to relocate. Your Christian love will not be forgotten.

Opal Cooper

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Jimmy Funderburgh, Carolyn Blackstone's cousin. Laurie Vincent, Donald Blake's sister, was killed recently in Providence, Rhode Island. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Vernon, Texas for Edwin Smith, Ernestine Mallory's uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

ATTENTION ALL BASEBALL FANS! The Family Builders class is planning a trip to Arlington Saturday, September 25, to watch the Rangers play. If you would like to join us, please see Stuart Suggs or Randy Pharis for more information. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, September 5 (tickets must be pre-ordered).

NEEDED: People who love children as substitute teachers or helpers for West Erwin Playschool. Hours are 8:15 - 2:15 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins if you are interested.

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NEW MEMBERS



We are very happy to welcome **Ponder and Wanda Wright** into the West Erwin family. They are a delightful and talented couple and will be a blessing to us as we work together to serve the Lord. Ponder is a retired gospel preacher. Their address is 8570 CR 3409, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2034.

We rejoice with **Emily Wood** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism last Thursday evening after a study with Jay. Emily responded to the invitation recently and expressed a desire to be a part of the West Erwin family. Her address is 261 VZ CR 4816, Ben Wheeler, 75754, ph. 852-2946.

ATTENTION LADIES

All ladies are invited to a coffee Wednesday, September 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center to kick off the Fall Wednesday morning ladies Bible Class. You'll enjoy this time of study and fellowship.

CARING SISTERS COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting for all ladies on the Caring Sisters' Committee Sunday, August 29, at 4:00 p.m. in the library. Please plan to attend if you are currently on this committee or if you would like to become involved in this ministry.

NEW CLASS

There will be a new Sunday evening program for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders beginning Sunday evening, September 5th. This class will meet upstairs in the middle school classroom (next to the Bible Hour room). Please make sure your children have the opportunity to be a part of this new class!

BENEVOLENT NEEDS: There is a critical need for children's clothing in our benevolent center - infants through school age.

HELP WANTED

Non-profit organization needs three (3) men willing to volunteer about 3 hours on Tuesday mornings to help in the Benevolent Center and to deliver lunches to shut-ins. Please contact James Phillips.

Children's Worship Workers - August 29 - Preacher - Mike Gravois; Nursery a.m. & p.m. - Cathy Scroggins; Toddler Nursery p.m. - Pam Lott; 2's - Jason & Stacey Randall; 3's - Rick & Karen Fedell; 4's - Jay & Debbie Graham; Overseeing couple - Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

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Records	Sunday August 15	Sunday August 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	371	407
Worship A.M.	575	546	570
Worship P.M.	420	360	371
Contribution	\$17,065.53	\$14,705.25	\$17,133.33
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. \$115.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 22, 1999 and Wednesday, August 25, Bill Denson, ph. 509-3782.

PRAYER AND CARE - Gus Krewall is in Mother Frances following a heart attack Monday. June Walker is improving in ETMC Rehab. Jaci Prestidge had surgery in Dallas Wednesday. Warren Gray is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Friday. Guy Potts is recovering at ETMC, room 3317, after recent surgery. Leon Santos is recovering at home after recent surgery. Edgar Bullard is recuperating at home after back surgery. Evelyn Lowry will begin chemo treatment. Laverne Keith is continuing treatment. Gary Nunn, Eleanor's husband, is in Dallas, 2124 Research Row. "Doc" Hillin, Frances McBee's dad, has returned to the nursing home in Wichita Falls. Troy Portwood, John Portwood's dad, has begun treatment for lung cancer. Mark Houston, Jayne Fitzgerald's brother, is recovering after injuries in a car accident. Grant and Colin Alexander, nephews of Cynthia Johnson, continue to show improvement. 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.

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Rafael Falcon	Ray Maxwell	Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class..... 7:00 P.M.
ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hillard Hughes	Joe McBee	Christian Service Center..... 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Phil Martis		(903) 592-0809
	Dannie Skipper		
	Ray Vanoy		
	Leon Welborn		
	Ira Wilson		

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Todd Kempton
Scripture Henry Golightly
Dismiss Brady Dawkins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Ernie Gordon
Scripture Louis Jones
Dismiss Curt Jordan

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
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James Sublette Greg Wagner
Marc Tate Mark Waggonner
Billy Terrell Ray Vanoy

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THE PRAISE TEAM

We hear a great deal these days about "praise teams." What are these? Usually this title belongs to a group of men and women who have good singing voices and who may be microphoned as they either sit together in an auditorium during worship services or stand together before the congregation. Usually the "praise team" is made up of four men and four women but sometimes there may be more people involved. The "praise team" may lead the congregation in singing or simply join the traditional song leader in leading the congregation. Some in our brotherhood think this is the greatest thing that has happened in the church lately while others believe it is an innovation and sign of "liberalism." Let me make some observations. First, putting a microphone on someone is neither good nor bad in itself. Second, good singers sitting together or standing together in worship is not contrary to Scripture. Third, doing something in worship because I like it or not doing something because I don't like it has no basis in Scripture. The real question is, "What has God authorized?" Fourth, if the purpose of "praise teams" is to entertain us, we are missing the real purpose of worship. Fifth, the first choirs were introduced into worship because of the poor quality of congregational singing. Sixth, I personally am troubled when women are given leadership roles in worship because there is no evidence in the New Testament that this was done in the first century church and I

believe the New Testament prohibits it. Someone said, "But, women have the gift of singing ... could it be wrong for them to exercise this gift?" Of course not, but not in a leadership capacity. Some women have great speaking gifts. Should they exercise their gifts by preaching in the church assembly? Some women have great leadership abilities. Should they exercise their abilities by serving as elders in the church? Seventh, we need to remember that worship is primarily for God, not us. Also, what is pleasing to us may not be pleasing to God. The only way I know what pleases God is by what is revealed in Scripture. Eighth, I believe that God has authorized a "praise team" for worship and that "praise team" is made up of every worshiper. If all of us collectively and each of us individually would participate in doing what God has asked us to do, and that is to sing, then we would have a high quality of singing by the entire congregation. That, after all, is what God has authorized, isn't it? The fact is that the quality of singing in many congregations is poor because the participation is low and that's a sin against God. Elderships are going to have to decide what their congregations do in worship, hopefully within the parameter of Scripture, but the idea of special "praise teams" might not come up if God's authorized "praise team" had been doing what it should.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, August 22, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"A Holy Hunger"**
(Psalm 63:1-8)
P.M. **"Discovering The Will of God"**
(Proverbs 2:1-6)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny THANKS!

Thanks to Ron & Pam Lott and Jay & Debbie Bynum for hosting the combined activity this past Sunday night.

BIBLE QUIZ

Sept. 13 is the date for the first East Texas Bible Quiz. We will be studying 1 Corinthians this fall and the first quiz is over 1 Cor. 1-4. Everyone in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more of God's Word. Contact me for more information.

SERVANT HOUSE

The Servant House is the next Habitat for Humanity House to be undertaken by the Tyler area churches of Christ. Construction will begin on September 18. We are currently gathering supplies and donations. \$18,000 is needed in cash for this project. We will need a great deal of volunteer labor. If you have an area that you would like to work on or if you can help in any way, please contact me. Please pray for this ministry.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, Aug. 29 is the date for our annual City Wide Back To School Prayer Meeting. (Please note the date change.) West Erwin will be hosting this special time together after church that Sunday night. Please bring \$3.00 for the meal.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 22	All Church Fellowship
Aug. 29	City Wide Meeting at West Erwin
Aug. 29	Back-To-School Prayer Meeting
Sept. 5	Combined Activity and Lazer Tag
Sept. 13	Bible Quiz
Sept. 28	Servant House Construction

Philippians 2:5-8

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross.



Ladies, mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, October 1 & 2. A Ladies' Retreat is being planned for those dates in Lone Star, Texas. "Living On Holy Ground" You won't want to miss it! More details later.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rob and Danette Butler who were married at our building July 31. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

Congratulations to Mike Gravois on his selection to serve on the Board of Directors for East Texas Christian Academy.

Congratulations to Matthew Carpenter on being selected for the position of Administrator of U.S. Federal Court in Plano. He was sworn in August 13 and began work there August 16.

NEW ADDRESSES:

John & Terry Shaw
1802 Onyx Cove
mail: P.O. Box 1134
Whitehouse, TX 75791
ph. 839-8377

Dorris Humble
The Grand Court Tyler
2055 Grande Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

THE CHRISTIAN CAMPUS CENTER

AT KILGORE COLLEGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!!

We are currently searching for individuals that have participated in this ministry between 1959 and the present. Any information you can offer is greatly appreciated. Contact Kirk Eason, Christian Campus Center, P.O. Box 1174, Kilgore, TX 75663, ph. (903) 984-3700 or e-mail - KCEASON@AOL.COM

NEEDED: People who love children as substitute teachers or helpers for West Erwin Playschool. Hours are 8:15 - 2:15 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins if you are interested.

4TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Where: Cherokee Home for Children
Hwy 16 N, Cherokee, Texas

When: Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999 at 9:45 a.m.

Many great items are to be auctioned off, items for your home, office, shop, garden, farm/ranch & special items of interest from celebrities and politicians. Donated items are being accepted (tax write-off). All proceeds go to Cherokee Home for Children.

BENEVOLENT NEEDS: There is a critical need for children's clothing in our benevolent center - infants through school age.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome John and Mabel Holbert into our West Erwin family. They are a retired couple and wish to be an active part of the work at this place. Their address is Route 2, Box 2228B, Chandler, 75758, ph. 852-7843.

Jim and Leah Russell came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They will be a blessing to the work here. They have three children - Derek, Krista and Courtney. Their address is 2245 CR 316, Lindale, 75771, ph. 597-7019.

Lara Anders came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin family. She is an active part of our singles group and is engaged to be married to Chris Reynolds next spring. Her address is RR 2, Box 685, Big Sandy, 75755, ph. 734-4202.

Chris Reynolds also came Sunday to make known his wish to be identified with the West Erwin family. He is an active participant in our singles group. These young adults will be a blessing to the work at this place. Chris lives in Gladewater, 706 Martha, ph. 845-3445.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held this week at Restland in Dallas for Jimmy Hurley, Carol Armstrong's nephew. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

ATTENTION LADIES

Mark your calendars for a special event Saturday, September 18. The Glenwood Church of Christ will be hosting a "Ladies Day" for ladies of the area churches. Guest speakers, Helen Young and her daughter, Dr. Emily Lemley, from Malibu, California will make two presentations Saturday morning and the event will conclude with a noon luncheon. More details later.

NATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

Announcing the 11th annual National Family Conference, sponsored by Herald of Truth. Location: Dallas Marriott Quorum Hotel, just north of the Galleria Shopping Center. Dates: September 24-26. Pick up a brochure in the foyer or call 1-800-234-7995 for more information. For a complete schedule visit web site www.heraldoftruth.org. sponsored by Herald of Truth

NEW CLASS

There will be a new class for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students beginning Sunday, September 5th, in the Fellowship Hall. Parents will be receiving more information in the mail. Make sure your children are a part of this new and exciting class!

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

"Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude 24, 25

The Search for Significance

by Robert McGee

Building our self-worth on the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, NOT our ability to please others!!!

A discussion class meeting Wednesday evenings in the Family Life Center.

taught by Mike Gravois

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

The Enjoyment and Responsibility of Fatherhood



A special class for fathers on bringing up Godly children in today's world.

taught by

Hillard Hughes

Wednesday evenings in room 112

Sing Joyfully with Jerry Huff

Wednesday evenings in the Heritage Room

In this class it is our desire to praise God and encourage each other through song that God will be glorified and we will be lifted up.

Ephesians 5:19-20

THE SEARCH

with Dr. Jay Lockhart

Timeless messages from God's holy Word

Twelve Steps for Life In Christ

Wednesday evenings

Small Auditorium

August 12, 1999 THE VISITOR Vol. 30-No.29			
Records	Sunday August 8	Sunday August 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	371	379	357
Worship A.M.	546	532	568
Worship P.M.	360	352	358
Contribution	\$14,705.25	\$18,874.07	\$15,986.78
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. \$55.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 15, 1999 and Wednesday, August 18, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

PRAYER AND CARE - Leon Santos had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Guy Potts is recovering at ETMC, room 3317, after recent surgery. Edgar Bullard is recuperating at home after back surgery. Don McCune has been accepted into a 3-year study program for people with congestive heart failure. Jaci Prestidge is scheduled for surgery in Dallas August 18. Caysi Bynum is doing well after arthroscopic knee surgery last Friday. Ben Young is recovering at home. Evelyn Lowry is undergoing tests. Laverne Keith is continuing treatment. Gary Nunn, Eleanor's husband, is now in Dallas, 2124 Research Row. Theron Snell, Danny's dad, is at home and doing better. "Doc" Hillin, Frances McBee's dad, is hospitalized in Wichita Falls. Troy Portwood, John Portwood's dad, has begun treatment for lung cancer. Mark Houston, Jayne Fitzgerald's brother, is in stable condition in Mother Frances ICU after a car accident. Grant and Colin Alexander, nephews of Cynthia Johnson, are showing some improvement. Colin is doing well in ETMC Rehab and Grant has been moved to a private room in Mother Frances.

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Scripture Mike Hill
Dismiss Don Blake

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James Hardin

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer David Hammond
Scripture Chris Elzen
Dismiss Keith Harris

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YOU ARE A GENEROUS PEOPLE

Never in the history of our country have we been so prosperous as we are now. It is amazing to observe the neighborhoods in our city and countless other cities and towns across the nation. We live in houses that seem like castles compared to where we lived in the 1950's. Then we were happy to have one bath and a one car garage but now we need two or three baths and a two, and sometimes three, car garage. Then we had window fans and floor furnaces but now we have central air and heat. Then we had a car but now we have a fleet. Then was not so bad. We lived slower paced lives; we had extended time with families. We sat on the porch on warm summer evenings and visited with friends. Dad came home from work and spent the evenings with his kids and Mom was nearly always at home. We went to church as a family and took drives in the country on Sunday afternoons. Things have changed. We are on the go. Mom works outside the home and Dad is gone a lot.

However, this has not changed through the years -- we were generous people then and we are generous people now. Church budgets are ten times what they were then. Our incomes are ten times what they were then. Our

giving to support the cause of Christ is ten times more. Whenever a special need arose then we met it, and when a special need arises now we meet it. Over and above our regular giving on Sundays, we will open our hearts and our billfolds to those who need us. The West Erwin church has always increased it's budget each year and this year we are asked to give over \$17,000 each week. It's not always good to compare, but that budget compares most favorably to any church I am acquainted with which is of similar size to West Erwin. As always, we may not reach our budget every single Sunday this year, but we will exceed it for the year. Additionally, we raised most of the money in advance for our new Family Life Center and will no doubt pay it off before the end of the year. But, when a special need arises, you always arise to the occasion and meet the need. A few Wednesday evenings ago one of our families needed some help. You gave four times what you were asked to give. You are a generous people. When people are generous, God gives them additional ability to be even more generous. You are living proof of this fact (see 2 Corinthians 9:8).

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, August 15, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"His Wings"**

(Psalm 36:7-9)

P.M. **"Foundations Of Faith"**

(IITimothy 2:1-7)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny THANKS!

Thanks to Daniel Dupree for teaching the high school class in my absence.

Thanks to Jay & Debbie Bynum for hosting the activity this past Sunday night.

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Kar-ing Kitchen this past Monday night.

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the youth group are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. We will be finished at 9:00. Dinner will be furnished.

TYP

A special thanks to all who have been involved in the work projects this summer. Your generosity of your time and energy has not gone unnoticed and the rewards are out this world.

SERVANT HOUSE

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EAST TEXAS YOUTH FORUM

This Friday night from 6:00-10:00 will be a youth rally at the University church. All of those in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. The theme is: "Been There, Done That, Now What?" Dinner will be served. Try to make it if you can!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

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Aug. 29	City Wide Meeting at West Erwin
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IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers at the funeral of my father, George Green. The arrangement was a beautiful expression of your sympathy. Dwayne and I, along with all our family, appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks again.

Kathy Bryant

We would like to express our thanks for every act of concern and caring shown to me while I was in the hospital and rehab. The card, the prayers, phone calls, food and each word of encouragement was very much appreciated.

Henry & Becky McRuiz

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at our building for Evelene McCarty, longtime faithful member at West Erwin. She and Mac had just moved to Richardson to be nearer to family due to ill health. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

CLOTHE OURSELVES LIKE CHILDREN OF GOD

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

Sorry to lose...

Billie Osborne has placed membership with the church that meets on Lake Palestine due to the location convenience for her. She will be missed at West Erwin but we wish her the best as she begins work with the family at that place.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kimberly Sublette, daughter of James and Connie Sublette, on her new position as Graphic Design/Marketing Director for Hunter Douglas in Dallas!

NEW ADDRESSES:

James Hooter
4400 Troup Hwy #1403, 75703
ph. 534-0404

Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot
mail: P.O. Box 1614
Lindale, TX 75771

"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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NEW MEMBERS

Jack & Ernie Tarrant came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. We are very pleased to welcome them into our church family. They have been attending here for some time and we are blessed by their coming. Their address is 3606 Cloverdale, 75701, ph. 534-9038.

Eddie and Mary Rogers are a multi-talented couple who will be a valuable addition to the West Erwin family as we work together to serve the Lord. They are presently living in Longview but plan to move to Tyler soon. Their current address is 5924 Tennerville Rd., Longview, 75601.

We are pleased that Emily Wood has expressed a desire to be a part of the West Erwin family. She is a member of another church and is currently studying with Jay. She lives in Ben Wheeler at 261 VZ CR 4816, ph. 852-2946.

THE HOLY LAND

Dr. & Mrs. Tommy King and Charles and Helen Prather are hosting a trip to the Holy Land (Caesarea, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem) for 10 days, November 3-12, 1999. They still have room for about 8. If you are interested, please call Tommy or Charles. Brochures are available in the church office with additional information.

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."

NATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

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NEEDED: People who love children to substitute for West Erwin Playschool. Hours are 8:15 - 2:15 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins if you are interested.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Hospitality"

1 Peter 4:9

Have Mom and Dad define in simple words what "hospitality" means. Why is this principle mentioned in the Bible? Why does Peter tell us to do it without grumbling? Spend some time in planning to invite others over for dinner or dessert this week. Close with prayer and hugs. POWER for Today

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Worship A.M.	532	575	568
Worship P.M.	352	314	358
Contribution	\$18,874.07	\$16,147.90	\$15,986.78
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$435.00

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PRAYER AND CARE - Guy Potts had bladder removal surgery Friday at ETMC. He got a good report. **Edgar Bullard** had back surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Don McCune** was scheduled to see a congestive heart failure specialist in Dallas Wednesday. **Mary Haws** has been hospitalized in Taos, New Mexico but expects to be home this weekend. **Sandie Martin** is at home and doing well after recent brain surgery. **Ben Young** is recovering at home. He will have surgery later. **Evelyn Lowry** is recuperating at home. **Laverne Keith** is continuing treatment. **Leon Santos** is scheduled for surgery August 11. **Jaci Prestidge** is scheduled for surgery August 18. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor's husband, has been moved to 2124 Research Row in Dallas. **Landie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's nephew, is at home and doing well after having a tumor removed from his brain last week in Dallas. **Theron Snell**, Danny's dad, is hospitalized with a bacterial infection. "**Doc**" Hillin, Frances McBee's dad, is hospitalized in Wichita Falls. **Grant and Colin Alexander**, nephews of Cynthia Johnson, are showing improvement. Colin has been moved to rehab.

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WHAT IS THE MISSION?

If I asked you, "What is the mission of the church?", what would your answer be? Most Christians would say our mission is to preach the gospel to the whole world. I believe that is the right answer because of the commission given by Christ in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16. The church of today must face the new millennium with passion for our mission as we make local and worldwide evangelism our priority. There are two reasons for this emphasis: (1) Christ commanded it; and (2) many people are looking for something better in their lives. To fulfill our mission, several things should be kept in mind. First, we must have a vision that sees beyond our personal and congregational needs to embrace the whole world. Second, we must be involved in meeting the physical needs of people with the bigger goal of teaching them the gospel. Others will always be able to do a better job than we can in simply meeting everyday needs of people. We want to continue to do what we can in this area but with the higher goal of salvation. To provide bread for life is to leave people lost unless we also share the Bread of Life. Third, church staff members need to model our concern for evangelism. Its possible for full-

time church workers to become so involved in many things, good things, that we neglect our greatest work. Fourth, God has blessed His people in America with the resources to preach the gospel to the entire world in every generation. When we choose to place the emphasis of our work where Jesus placed the emphasis of His work, the job will be done (see Luke 19:10). Fifth, we must be committed to the Bible as the final, complete, authoritative word of the living God which alone is "a lamp to our feet and a light to our way, to guide us safely home." That commitment includes a recognition that God's Word is all religious truth and that people can accept it and be made free; that people who have not obeyed the gospel are lost; and that, in a world of tolerance and without absolutes, a plea for New Testament Christianity is a fresh breath of air that many are needing and are searching for. This is not time to compromise the message or to muffle our plea -- the New Testament only will still produce Christians only and only the church that Jesus built. May God give us the grace to see, to believe, and to proclaim the message.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, August 8, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Higher Accountability"**

(Hebrews 12:25-29)

P.M. **"Are Doctrines Necessary?"**

(I Timothy 4:11-16)

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THANKS!

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OUT TO EAT

All of those in the youth group are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. We will be going to Mazzio's on the loop. We will be finished at 9:00.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Aug. 9. If you would be interested in helping, please be at the Fellowship Hall at 5:00.

TYP

Our last Thursday Youth Project will be on August 11 from 9:30-4:00. Join us for this special time of service together.

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Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers you sent in memory of Dad. Your love and prayers are greatly appreciated by the family of Julian Ables. (Arnold Ables' brother)

Love,
Mark & Sandy Ables

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Words are hard to express how much the members of the West Erwin Church of Christ mean to me during my time of recovery from surgery. May God bless each and every one of you. I'm looking forward to being back and worship with you. Love to all of you.

Evelyn Lowry

We wish to thank each of you for your continued thoughts and prayers now and during Landie's recent surgery. Landie (Carolyn Blackstone's nephew) is doing well and is improving daily. Thank you.

Junior & Rosemary Steel

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held July 24 in Comanche, Texas for Leo Shankle, Larry Shankle's dad. Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Mary Trevino, mother of Christy Frick. Christy is the granddaughter of David and Wanda Frick and daughter of Jerry Frick. Services were held Wednesday in Ferris, TX for Lula Bell, Jim Bell's grandmother. Memorial services were held Thursday for the stillborn infant son of Billy Dan & Jennifer Carson. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
-- Malcolm James McLeod

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jason O'Quinn, son of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn and grandson of K. Max and Mary Haws, on his graduation Friday, August 6, from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Opal Cooper
2412 Riviera, 75707
ph. 581-5384

Roland & Joy Coats
5220 Boxwood
McKinney, TX 75070
ph. (214) 544-2402

BENEVOLENT CENTER JULY REPORT

During the month of July 108 families, which included 365 people, were helped through our Benevolent Center with an estimated value of \$2,116.00 in clothing.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Andrei Wells in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Andrei has been attending here for some time with Tanya Wiggains and we are very happy to welcome him into our church family. He is a college student and will be leaving for Houston soon. His current address is 3411 Brookside, 75703, ph. 597-8426.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Adam and Lisa Bryant and little daughter, Lauren, have been worshipping with us for some time now and we are very pleased to welcome them into the West Erwin family. They are currently living at 5100 Sweetbriar #401, 75703, ph. 581-8387. They plan to move to 1800 Onyx Cove, Whitehouse in September.

Will and Cindy Dutton and little daughter, Hannah, are a welcome addition to our growing family. This young family has been attending here for quite some time and we know they will be a valuable addition to the work at this place. Their address is 6003 Old Bullard Rd. #113, ph. 534-9485.

Dana Pierce, who is the sister of our Lori Blaylock and Julie Fisher, has made known her wish to work and worship with the West Erwin church. It is our hope that we will be a blessing to her as she blesses us by her coming. Her address is P.O. Box 846, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-1224.

E.T.C.A.

East Texas Christian Academy is accepting applications for the following positions: Elementary music and/or Spanish (2 afternoons per week). Experience necessary. Part-time office work (15-20 hours per week). Computer/telephone experience. Please call the school office at 561-8642 if you are interested.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Restore One Another" Galatians 6:1
Discuss how we should treat sinners. How does Ephesians instruct us to restore someone? If we did something wrong how would we like to be treated? Take a drive and get and ice cream cone. POWER for Today

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WHO ARE WE?

I was thinking today about my ministry and I calculated that I have been preaching for forty-two years. That's a lot of sermons, but if I eliminate my very poor sermons I have been preaching only half that long! However, in forty-two years I have seen and heard a lot. Over the last few years I have said several times that as I grow older I do not want to become a cynical old preacher. But, with some risk, I say that as a people our brotherhood has a problem with identity -- who we are. Let me ask some questions to make my point. Do you think that the preaching you hear around our brotherhood distinctly identifies how to become a Christian and what the church of the New Testament is in contrast to Protestant denominationalism and other religions? Would you say you are thoroughly acquainted with our heritage as a part of the American Restoration Movement? Do you believe your child can grow up in one of our congregations and have enough Biblical knowledge about the church, salvation, and worship to be able to clearly state what the New Testament teaches on these subjects? Do your college students receive, as a part of their training, strengthening in New Testament Christianity as opposed to denominationalism? Do you feel that our people would accept what the Bible teaches

even if it disagrees with their opinions? I must confess that, as I observe what is happening among us today, I have serious doubts about affirmative answers to these questions. Now, before you react too aggressively let me say that I am well aware of the fact that there are preachers and congregations that stand fast for New Testament Christianity. However, when I read papers, hear speeches, and see a great amount of apathy toward the truth of God, I do believe there is room for concern. What should our reaction be? Well, we could withdraw into our cocoons and believe everyone has departed from the faith but us. We could become negative, judgmental, and refuse to practice liberty in matters of judgment. Or, we could leave the "old paths" as outdated and unsuccessful as we open up the floodgate to the belief that the church is simply a denomination and we are no longer bound by Scripture as authoritative in what we believe and practice. Or, we could seek balance between the extremes on the left and right, seek to be the church of the New Testament in what we accept and teach. As for me, I choose to be a Christian only, a member of Jesus' church only, and to try to deal with those with those with whom I differ with the mind of Christ.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 25, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"Friends"**
(Colossians 4:7-18)

P.M. **"Ever Becoming"**
(1 Peter 1:13-16)

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MEXICO MISSION 1999

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Thanks to Dannie Skipper, Ken Culpepper, Amanda Broome, Josh Hone, Wendy Culpepper, Heather Ketchum for going as sponsors. Thanks especially to Henry McRuiz who, even soon after knee replacement surgery, has always been there to translate for us as well as supply a great deal of entertainment!

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FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Others" Interests

Philippians 2:4

Why does Philippians tell us not to look to our own interest of others. Invite friends over and share freshly baked cookies and milk. Close by playing a game with everyone.

POWER for Today

ALIEN INVASION!!!

Invader from Another World

God's Planetary Takeover Is Still Unfolding

Our hero looks into the camera and shouts, "They're coming! And you're next!" It happens at the climax of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," a science fiction classic twice remade.

The protagonist discovers that emissaries from another world are invading the earth - *quietly*. One by one, his friends are replaced by "pods." They look like his friends and walk like his friends. But there's something *different* about them. Soon the entire town is filled with new versions of old acquaintances. He tries to warn the unsuspecting but his story seems beyond credibility. Shouldn't true, card-carrying aliens come in flying saucers with death rays, as in "War of the Worlds"? Maybe not. How would you invade an entire planet?

Ours was invaded 2,000 years ago when a new star was seen in the sky one evening. It wasn't exactly "a day the earth stood still." Few took notice. But after a few decades the secret began to emerge. Great numbers of

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people looked the same, walked the same - but they were *different!* Some panicked and tried to kill these transformed beings. They only multiplied more quickly.

The quiet invasion is still in progress. We call it the *incarnation*. It began not with one "pod" but one God, in human form - a "body snatcher" to put it crudely. But an angry mob snatched that body and executed Him. Those great old sci-fi flicks loved to end with these words: The End... Or Is It?

It wasn't! The sequel continues to unfold. Christ is very much alive - through countless believers He indwells. The incarnation is a dynamic, ongoing event. From the Father through the Son and on through you, another world invades this doomed one. It's neither science nor fiction. Instead, it's an adventure serial - the greatest ever. Lights! Action!

ATTENTION, LADIES!!

Beginning September 1, Melinda O'Quinn will begin a class on Wednesday evenings she is calling "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." This will be a great class for community outreach as she will share lessons on how to teach, child development, raising children with Christian values. Melinda is uniquely qualified to teach this class which will be of great value for teachers of children, mothers, grandmothers, etc. Mark your calendars. Invite your friends!

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Austin Fisher and Cody Fedell and their families as Austin and Cody were baptized into Christ Sunday. We are very proud of these boys and the teaching we know they have had all their young lives about living their lives for Christ. Austin is the son of our Julie Fisher and lives in Mineola at Route 6, Box 470C, ph. 567-9231. Cody, son of Rick and Karen Fedell, lives at 14577 Peninsula, Whitehouse, ph. 839-9038.

How To Be Happy

Keep your heart free from hate and your mind free from worry, live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, pray always, forget self, think of others and their feelings, fill your heart with love, scatter sunshine. These are tried links in the golden chain of contentment.

IN APPRECIATION

Beloved Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful floral spray sent to my father's funeral. The phone calls, cards, food, and flowers meant so much to us. We love you. God bless.

Larry & Winona Shankle

Dear Ones,

We wish to say a great big "thank you" to all those who helped make our 50th Anniversary celebration a big success. It was a great day and the new Family Life Center made it even more special. You hold a special place in our hearts and especially Frances McBee who helped our children coordinate the preparations. We love you.

Bernie & Mildred Baur

Dear West Erwin Church,

I want to express how you have impacted my life. I am in Grant Alexander's youth group and I have been to his hospital many times. Every time that I have been there no one has ever been in need of anything! There is always an abundance of food for one example. One time we had two tables full of food and a pizza order came in. We were amazed at your generosity. We were also amazed by your compassion. You have truly lent us a shoulder to cry on and an ear to rejoice in. We don't know God's plan for the Alexander family but I do know that He planned on you being a part of it. He knew what He was doing when He put Grant and Colin in Tyler. He knew His sheep at West Erwin would take care of them. Thank you.

Cassie Grant

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BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring Jill Carruth (It's a boy!)

Sunday, August 1, 4:00 - 5:30

Family Life Center

Selections: Toys R Us & Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Bunko Night

Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Stephanie Percefull
 19197 Fawn Creek in Flint, ph. 894-3907

Come and enjoy the fun!!

E.T.C.A.

East Texas Christian Academy is accepting applications for the following positions: Elementary music and/or Spanish (2 afternoons per week). Experience necessary. Part-time office work (15-20 hours per week). Computer/telephone experience. Please call the school office at 561-8642 is you are interested.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Clay & Ronda Clemmons Family
 117 Bob White Lane
 Whitehouse, TX 75791
 ph. 839-1834 (Aug. 3)

Bernice Majors
 3110 Town Park Dr. #1104
 Tyler, TX 75701
 ph. 939-0658

Teri Bradshaw
 5100 Sweetbriar #326
 Tyler, TX 75703

NOTE: Jerry Sizemore, missionary to Russia, will be with us Sunday evening to make a report at the end of our services on his work and how the funds we sent earlier this year were used. You will want to hear this!!!

NATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

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What qualities will families need to not only survive, but to thrive in the new millennium? The 11th annual National Family Conference, sponsored by Herald of Truth, is prepared to help you and your family meet the challenges of the new millennium. Learn how to adapt to change, rebound from adversity, endure through hardships and work together to live a full, God-centered life. Dates: September 24-26, 1999; Site: the beautiful Dallas Marriott Quorum Hotel just north of the Galleria Shopping Center. Call 1-800-234-7995 for information or pick up a brochure in the foyer. For a complete schedule visit web site www.hearldoftruth.org.

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Each Sunday

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 Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

July 15, 1999 THE VISITOR Vol. 30-No.26			
Records	Sunday July 11	Sunday July 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	316	379	352
Worship A.M.	501	586	524
Worship P.M.	302	336	375
Contribution	\$15,423.74	\$15,091.25	\$14,875.02
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$130.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 18, 1999 and Wednesday, July 21, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.

PRAYER AND CARE - Sandie Martin had brain surgery Thursday at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Ben Young is in ETMC, room 2522, for treatment of blood clots. Evelyn Lowry was readmitted to ETMC Sunday but is back home and feeling better. Laverne Keith is back home and continuing treatment. Guy Potts went to the cancer center for evaluation last week. They are considering surgery. Leon Santos was hospitalized but is now at home. He is scheduled for a procedure July 21. Martha Waggonner is doing well after recent surgery. Winona Shankle had an outpatient procedure last week. Jaci Prestidge is scheduled for surgery August 18. Henry McRuiz is at home. Dean Bingham, Shae Hill's dad, continues to suffer with migraine headaches. Jim Cain, Gary Cain's dad, is undergoing cancer treatment. Nell Amos, friend of Chuck Barnett, has been diagnosed with cancer. Steve Rachui, Charles and Phyllis' son, was successfully treated Tuesday for a kidney stone. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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

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Prayer Doug Ragsdale
Scripture John Portwood
Dismiss Charlie Scroggins

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Prayer Barry Scarborough
Scripture Doug Scroggins
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SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dr. Stan Perkins Jimmy Philpot
Brant Prestidge Marc Philpot
Randy Pharis Charles Rachui
Fred Powell John Pike

GREETERS

Roy & Fern Bench
Alma Biggs & Chloe Clark

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Subject: Joe Wright's OPENING Prayer of the Kansas Senate

This is a reproduction of the prayer led in the Kansas Senate by a minister of the Christian church as the senate opened for a session. As Joe Wright delivered the prayer several people left in protest. When Paul Harvey, the incomparable radio personality, read this prayer on his program he received the largest response of any program he had ever aired.

"Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe on those who call evil good,' but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that:

- a. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism.
- b. We have worshipped other gods and called it multi-culturalism.
- c. We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.
- d. We have exploited our poor and called it the lottery.
- e. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.
- f. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

- g. We have killed our unborn and called it choice.
- h. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.
- i. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it self-esteem.
- j. We have abused power and called it political savvy.
- k. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- l. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- m. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by You to govern this great state. Grant them wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will.

I ask it in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen."

(from the South Washington Church of Christ in Marshall bulletin).
-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 18, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"We Live Between Two Mountains"**

(Titus 2:11-14)

P.M. **"Seeing The Unseen"**

(I Peter 1:3-9)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All those in the middle school and high school group are invited to go out to eat after services Sunday night. We will be finished by 9:00 p.m. Thanks to Robert & Cathy Hilliard for hosting the High School and Middle School devotional last Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Reports were that the group was small but the fun, food and fellowship was great!

IMPORTANT DATES

There will be an important meeting Sunday, July 18 at 5:00 p.m. for everyone going to Mexico. The time is almost here! We will leave Friday, July 23 and return Monday, July 26.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

To date (Tuesday) there were 93 children in VBS, with 15 new ones Tuesday. Thank you for your prayers for our safety in travel to and from West Point, Nebraska and for a successful mission trip as we conducted VBS. 22 of our people are participating and having a great trip. We will return to Tyler Saturday.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Speak Truthfully" Ephesians 4:25

Discuss the meaning of "falschood." What happens when we lie to someone? Why does Ephesians tell us to be truthful? What happens when we are truthful? End by having watermelon and Dad's favorite drink outside. POWER for Today

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RISKING

Two seeds lay side by side in the fertile spring soil. The first seed said, "I want to grow! I want to send my roots deep into the soil beneath me, and thrust my sprouts through the earth's crust above me. . . . I want to feel the warmth of the sun on my face and the blessing of the morning dew on my petals!" And so she grew.

SERVANT HOUSE

The Servant House is the next Habitat for Humanity House to be undertaken by the Tyler area churches of Christ. Construction will begin in September. We are currently gathering supplies and donations. \$18,000 is needed in cash for this project. We will need a great deal of volunteer labor. If you have an area that you would like to work on or if you can help in any way, please contact me. Please pray for the success of this ministry.



The second seed said, "I'm afraid. If I send my roots into the ground below, I don't know what I will find in the dark. If I push my way through the hard soil above me I may damage my delicate sprouts. It's much better for me to wait until it is safe." And so she waited.

In the early spring, a hen scratching around for food found the waiting seed and promptly ate it.

Moral:

Those of us who refuse to risk and grow will get swallowed up by life.

GROW NOW, BEFORE YOU LOSE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE TALENTS AND GIFTS GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH!!!

"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 'His Master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" Matthew 25:24-30

IN APPRECIATION

With sincere gratitude for your thoughtfulness, shown by your visits, care and concern while I was in the hospital and during my recovery.

Love you,
Oscar Brown

What does "thank you" really mean? "Thank you" is one of those wonderful phrases people use to express a special gratitude. But there's a lot more to it than those words can say ... when it comes from the heart, from deep inside, the nicest feelings and the most special thoughts, "Thank you" means so much. It means thank you for taking the time to show that you care. It means "you really made our day," and sometimes it means that you really make all the days so much better. It means you make us feel so nice, and we wish we could do the same for you ... just by letting you know how much you mean to us. "Thank you" means you didn't have to ... but we're so grateful that you did. "Thank you" means that you've done something special that we'll never forget.

The Family of Isha Cloud
Robert & Pat Stokes

Words cannot begin to express the appreciation we have for all of the calls, visits, food and prayers you gave to us during our recent illness. Please continue to include us in your prayers. We love all of you very much. Thank you.

Warren & Gaynelle Gray

On behalf of the Manley family, Mike and I want to sincerely thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and kind words of comfort.

Nora, Mike & Kaitlyn Gravois

Dear West Erwin Family,

Your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food have been so appreciated by Nettie and me. Thank you. I do ask you to continue to remember me in your prayers. We love you.

Guy Potts

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Faber and Kathryn Cauthen on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Emmie Kathryn was born July 5 in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Rachel and Phil Barr. She weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long. Chuck & Charlotte Cauthen are the proud grandparents.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held July 3 for Carl Bain, Sherrie Frick's dad. Services were held last Saturday at the Pittsburg Church of Christ for Allie Mae Manley, Nora Gravois' grandmother. Graveside services were held last Saturday in Lindale for Julian Ables, Arnold Ables' brother and Gary Ables' uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Richard Stratton came Sunday to be restored and to place membership with the West Erwin family. We are very pleased to welcome him into our family. His address is 13043 CR 384, 75708, ph. 592-5004.

Bob and Tommy Price and their daughter, **Jenny**, came Sunday to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family. Their address is 286 South Bay, Bullard, 75757, ph. 825-2620.

Tim Reynolds came Sunday to be restored and to make known his desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Tim has been worshipping with us for some time and is an active part of the singles group. His address is 8964 CR 246 S, 75705.

Roxanne Landry came Sunday to ask her church family to pray that God will completely control her life so that she will do what she needs to do to live for Him.

Kim Lemons came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she might keep God's power beside her and be committed to the Lord and His will.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a

Bridal Shower

honoring

Dannette Law

bride-elect of Rob Butler

Sunday, July 18, from 4:00 to 5:30

in the Family Life Center

Selections: Service Merchandise & Target

ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



ADDRESS CHANGE: Todd Kempton family ph. 565-4013
2018 Woodhaven Dr., 75701

CONGRATULATIONS

Chapel Hill High School students brought national attention to their school through their efforts in the National Technology Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma recently. **Tony Adams** is the drafting/technology instructor and his students consistently win top awards in state, regional and national competitions.

Congratulations to **Ashleigh Cantrell**, daughter of Reese and Ann Cantrell, on being selected for the Junior Scholars program at ACU this summer. Participants can earn up to 14 hours of college credit. Ashleigh is a senior at Whitehouse High School.

***NEEDED for the Benevolent Center: paper and/or plastic bags**

Children's Worship Workers - July 18

Preacher - Terry Lowry; Nursery a.m. & p.m. - Suzanne Linsen; Toddler Nursery - Sharon Gordon; 2's - Steve & Diane Denman; 3's - Wade & Diane Weathers; 4's - Jeff & Melissa Parish; Overseeing couple - John & Terry Shaw.

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Worship A.M.	512	592	556
Worship P.M.	317	329	3,678
Contribution	\$15,636.84	\$17,374.89	\$15,187.60
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund \$105.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 4, 1999 and Wednesday, July 7, - Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111.

PRAYER AND CARE - Evelyn Lowry is scheduled for surgery Friday at Mother Frances. R.L. Brock, Judy Clark's dad, is recovering from surgery at Mother Frances. Guy Potts is at home after a procedure done Monday at ETMC. Jaci Prestidge went to Dallas July 2 for evaluation. She will have surgery July 28. Henry McRuiz is now at home. Jimmie Brown, Zona Crone, and Gaynelle Gray are all recuperating at home. Laverne Keith is undergoing treatment. Don Scott is in Briarcliff. Roberta Tindall is scheduled for additional tests. Dub Mathews is being treated at home. Tim Reynolds is recovering from recent neck surgery. Sandie Martin has gone to Mayo Clinic for tests and evaluation. Malcolm Wilson, Ira Wilson's dad, is back in a nursing home. Jim Cain, Gary Cain's dad, is undergoing an experimental cancer treatment. Allie Mae Manley, Nora Gravois' grandmother, continues to recover slowly in ETMC. Tommy Willoughby, Kyle Willoughby's dad, suffered a light stroke in Gladewater. Dean Bingham, Shae Hill's dad, is suffering from migraine headaches. Bill McCool, Gussie Beaty's son-in-law, is recovering at home in Sulphur Springs following a heart attack.

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		Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	
		 11:30 A.M.



There will be no bulletin the week of July 4 due to postal regulations for second class mail. The church office will be closed Monday, July 5.

SERVING SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Milburn Cook
Scripture Dan Cullinan
Dismiss Rodney Dalton

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

George Daugherty
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Bill Denson
Scripture Kevin Dorsey
Dismiss Chuck Gillam

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Clay McDonald Forest McFadden
Jim McDonald Wade Park
Jon Murry Dan Murry

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Greg & Cyndie Wagner

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LIVING IN BABYLON

The nation of Judah was taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon during three invasions between 606 and 586 B.C. The final invasion saw the slaughter of thousands, the destruction of Jerusalem (including the temple), and the carrying of the living into Babylon for a total of 70 years. Jeremiah was the prophet of God who wept during the decline and fall of Judah. Jeremiah's message to Judah took several approaches. When Babylon threatened Jerusalem, the prophet begged the people to return to God and avoid captivity, but the people would not listen. When the captivity became certain, Jeremiah called upon the people to surrender and thus to avoid the slaughter of many and the destruction of their holy city, but the people would not listen. Finally, the weeping prophet, with a broken heart, witnessed the fall of Jerusalem. From a human standpoint Jeremiah was a wretched man and a failure as a prophet. However, he faithfully proclaimed God's message and gave good advice to Judah, from her kings to her nobles to all her people. In chapter 29 of Jeremiah's book he instructed Judah how she should live while in Babylon. First, Jeremiah said the captives should live their lives as normal as possible: "Build houses ... plant gardens ..."

have families (29:5-6). In a culture gone crazy, we are to go on living our lives as God wants us to live. Second, Jeremiah said to pray for the peace of Babylon because the city's peace would mean peace for them (29:7). We should pray for the peace and prosperity of America, not its downfall. Third, Jeremiah says that Judah is not to listen to voices which say things are not so bad -- prophets in Judah were saying, "We're in captivity, but we'll go home soon." The prophet said, "You will be here for seventy long years as you reap judgment for what you have sown in iniquity (see 29:8-10). Politicians tell us that things are well from the Whitehouse to Los Alamos to Kosovo to our schoolrooms to China, but we still will reap what we have sown. Fourth, Jeremiah said, "Be people of hope because God has given you a future" (see 29:11). God is still with His people. Fifth, Jeremiah reminded the people that things are not out of control -- God is still God and He is still on His throne and is still in control (see 29:12-14). So let us be God's hopeful, faithful, serving, and loyal people -- even right here in our Babylon.

(These thoughts are based upon an article from Current Thoughts and Trends, July 1999, p. 5). -- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, July 4, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"Limping But Whole"**
(Genesis 32:24-31)
P.M. **"The World Knew Him Not"**
(John 1:1-5, 10-13)

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BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Thank you for sending up so many prayers for our BackCountry Trek this past week. God blessed us beyond imagination with perfect weather, safety, and incredible spiritual growth. Spending those days in the mountains, reminded me of the power of God and His creation. Words or pictures cannot begin to describe the awesome world God made for us to enjoy.

The Psalm at the end of this column is a reminder of BackCountry Trek 1999.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to our activity this coming Sunday night after church. We are trying to work out the details for going to a fireworks display. We will have specific details available Sunday morning.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Nebraska need to meet this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to finish up our classes and finalize all details about the trip. Teaching

teams need to be working during the week also to get all of your class materials ready.

IMPORTANT DATES

July	4	Combined Activity
July	11	Middle School Devotional
July	8-17	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	23-26	Mexico Mission Trip

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the hills--
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip--
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you--
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm--
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore."*

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"I Need You" I Corinthians 12:21

How is your family like a body? Look back over the past year. Discuss ways that members have needed each other. What would happen if the members were not there? Affirm each other with loving words. Close with a prayer thanking God for your family. Say good night with hugs. POWER for Today

PARENT'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray my sanity to keep.
For if some peace I do not find,
I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.
I pray I find a little quiet
far from the daily family riot.
May I lie back -- not have to think
what they're stuffing down the sink,
or who they're with, or where they're at
and what they're doing to the cat.
I pray for time all to myself
did something just fall off a shelf?
To cuddle in my nice, soft bed
oh no, another goldfish -- dead!

Some silent moments for goodness sake
did I just hear a window break?
And that I need not cook or clean;
I've got the right to dream!
Yes, now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray my wits about me to keep,
but as I look around I know;
I must have lost them long ago!

Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates. May God Bless all of our parents in the wonderfully challenging task of raising our children in the LORD.

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Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for honoring me as I graduated from high school with a study Bible. It will guide me as I lead a Christian life as well as help me in my Bible courses at Harding University. Your support has meant a lot to me through the years.

With warmest appreciation,
Courtney Craddock

Caring people have a wonderful way of making a difference in the lives they touch. Thank you for the prayers offered in my behalf during my recent neck surgery. May God bless you all in the name of Jesus Christ.
Tim Reynolds

Sorry to lose...

We are sorry to lose Garry and Lena Goswick and Clint and Angie Heard. Both these families live in Van and are now worshipping with the Van church. Joy Shogry called to let us know she is worshipping with the Broadway congregation. She is having some health problems and lives conveniently near to the Broadway building. These families will be truly missed at West Erwin but we know they will be a blessing to the Lord's church wherever they are.

FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

A special program especially for kids entering 3rd grade thru 5th grade. Devotionals, games, snacks, service projects, and more! Friday mornings 9:00-11:30, June 18-July 30 in the Family Life Center.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

A pre-school Vacation Bible School program Friday mornings 9:00-11:30, June 18 - July 30. Each Friday we will explore "The 7 Days of Creation" plus a full schedule of activities such as: art, music, stories, games, playtime, snacks, and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS

53rd Annual Singing School at Abilene Christian University, July 11-16. **Haskell Singing School**, July 11-16 at the Haskell Church of Christ, Tom Chapin, director

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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LOVE, SWEET LOVE

I remembered a song a few years ago that had a line that went: "What the world needs now is love, sweet love." Oh, how the world and, yes, the church needs love, sweet love. What is the greatest single motivating force in the world? LOVE. What is the most supreme spiritual quality we mortal human beings can have? LOVE. What enables us to forgive, encourages us to serve, and empowers us to press on? LOVE.

Love overlooks the faults in others. Love overestimates the good in others. Love oversees for the protection of others. Love oversupplies the needs of others. What a wonderful, warm, and welcoming environment love creates. When love is present, so is the Lord. When brethren dwell together in unity and have brotherly love there is no higher demonstration of genuine Christianity.

The church needs more lovers. The church needs more lovers than it does givers; because you can give without loving, but you can't love without giving. The church needs more lovers than preachers; because you can preach the truth without love and so destroy the church. The church needs more lovers than it does students; because you can become arrogant through knowledge, but love always edifies. Love is the life-blood of the church. When our love is gone, our life is gone. When we stop loving one another, we start lashing out at one another. When we stop loving members, we start losing members.

What does our world need now? What does our church need now? More than anything else, the answer is love, sweet love. (copied - Mike Jeffress, Gilmer Church of Christ)

***There is a special need at this time for children's clothing at the Benevolent Center.**

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Worship A.M.	592	572	542
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BUSY AS BEES

Even to the casual observer it is obvious that West Erwin is a place of activity. The highlight of our week is when the "whole church comes together" for our times of worship. However, lots of folks are at our building every day accomplishing good things. I want to give some examples. The bulletin boards around our building and in our foyer have never been better or more attractive thanks to Ruth Ellis, Mike Gravois, Diane Weathers, Karen Pharis, Lisa Snell and Melissa Frick. Then there is our Mom's Morning Out program, coordinated by Ruth Ellis with assistance coming from Laurie Florence, Suzanne Linseisen and TreCIA Starr. Add to this the Vacation Bible School in Bergfeld Park conducted by Mike Gravois, Jon Murry, George and Dorothy Daugherty, David & Ginny Wicks, and Suzanne Linseisen. Then we have *Funtastic Fridays* for the 3rd through 5th grades being overseen by Mike and Nora Gravois and Carrie Cannefax. Lots of people, including Mike Gravois, Velma Lemons, Marsha Richardson, Laurie

Florence, LaManda Burris, Terry and Pam Lowry, Suzanne Linseisen, Vicky Dorsey, Jeremy Cabrera and Julia Wilshire, were involved in Camp Friendship. Also, at the end of this school year Carrie Cannefax completed her work as director of our Playschool, a two day a week preschool which follows the public school calendar. Others have been involved with above mentioned programs and we are grateful to everyone who helped in any way, but you can see why we are out of breath! All of these programs fit into our mission statement: To glorify God by growing into the image of Christ through evangelism, edification and encouragement. Many of us who work for Christ are every visible in what we do because our work is more public. However, many more of us work behind the scenes to accomplish significant tasks for Christ and His church. It's these unsung heroes that I salute. Thanks to all who serve Christ in this place!

-- Jay Lockhart

Sunday, June 27, 1999,
one of our elders
Hillard Hughes
will be speaking at both services
while Jay Lockhart is taking a few days of R and R.
A.M. "Our Worship"
P.M. "Forgiveness"

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BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Please pray for BackCountry Trekkers to have safety and good weather for their trek up to Jicarita

Peak in New Mexico. They left Sunday after the evening worship assembly and will return Saturday evening, June 26.

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a new life FROM God.

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a new mind ABOUT God.

CONVERSION - A change of LIFE;
a new life FOR God.

JUSTIFICATION - A change of STATE;
a new standing BEFORE God.

SANCTIFICATION - A change of SERVICE;
separation UNTO God.

ADOPTION - A change of FAMILY;
a new relationship BEFORE God.

GLORIFICATION - A change of PLACE;
a new condition WITH God.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Consider Others Better" Philippians 2:3

How did Jesus consider others better? What is the difference between humbling yourself and demeaning yourself? Discuss ways to be humble this week. End with a water gun fight. POWER for Today

SUMMER "SON" SHINE

Summer has gotten off to a wonderful start. We had a wonderful week at Camp Friendship as we talked about "Christian Character." Camp Friendship ended on Friday and on Saturday we co-hosted "The World of David," our VBS in Bergfeld Park. This year's VBS was a joint venture of the Broadway Church of Christ, Shiloh Road Church of Christ, and the West Erwin Church of Christ. This past Friday we kicked off Mom's Morning Out and Funtastic Fridays, our summer programs for pre-schoolers and 3rd - 5th graders.

Don't forget about Oasis, our summer dinner program on Wednesday evenings. After dinner we head into the Summer Speaker Series with special classes taught by the elders and Forest McFadden. Another option this summer is the Brecheen & Faulkner Marriage Enrichment Video series. Whew!!! Well, as you can see we are hard at work to bring you the very best in spiritual opportunities this summer. As you read this article, please take just a moment

and thank God for all the wonderful people who help make these programs possible. This summer spend your time in the SON.

THANKS, DADS

This past Sunday I had the pleasure of preaching for our Children's Worship. By coincidence, all the classrooms were staffed by fathers. One father was there with three of his sons. They did a wonderful job working as a team. The children were well supervised and taught, but were also able to watch the way a Christian father related to his sons as they worked together. The other class had two of our young fathers working together with four girls and two boys. They were great!!! They were attentive to the children who listened to them and followed their instructions. The classes went smoothly, the children all participated, and even better still, we were all witness to the powerful impact Godly men can have in a classroom with young children. So often we think of teaching as women's work, but this couldn't be further from the truth. Our children need to see Godly men teaching God's Word. Have you ever considered teaching the next generation of the Lord's church? Invest in the future, teach a child today!!!

**"Give God the first choice
of your time, your effort,
your thinking, and your energy.
Then see what happens!"**

IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin church,

We want to thank each one of you who gave of yourselves to receive all who came for the *Together for Togo* conference. Your love and support of Jeff and Brenda are a blessing to all of us. We pray God's blessing on all of you as you continue to reach out to the lost in Tyler and all the way to Togo.

In Christ's love,
The "Togo Team"

West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the Bible. It will be very useful to me in college. Thank you also for your thoughts of me on graduation. It means so much. Thank you.

Love,
Ashli Bryant

The West Erwin Church of Christ,

How do we begin to say "Thank you" for all of your help after the loss of our home to fire. I believe as we cross over the lines of denomination and help each other in times of need, our Heavenly Father smiles. Our family will never forget the love you have shown us. May God richly bless each of you and His praises be sung from your lips daily.

In God's Love,
Rick, Sandy, Brandi &
Ethan Thompson

West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the NIV Study Bible that I received for graduation. I will put it to great use while I am in Abilene. Thank you for everything that you do as my church family.

Sincerely,
Garrett Sublette

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for the NIV Study Bible. It is something I will truly treasure and use. I thank you all for your thoughts and caring at this special milestone in my life.

Sincerely,
Chris Elzen

I would like to express my thanks for all the love shown to me at the time of my accident and stay in the hospital and at home. Thanks for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food. They were all appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Roberta Tindall

WITH SYMPATHY

Isha Cloud, Pat Stokes' mother, died Monday in Gladewater. Vera Boss' son's stepdaughter, Micki Coker, and her daughter, Rachel Whitlock, died in a mobile home fire Monday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

"God's wisdom helps me live with unanswered questions."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with **Brittany Haws** and her family in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday morning. What a wonderful Father's Day gift as her Dad had the joy of baptizing his daughter. Brittany is the daughter of Matt and Rhonda Haws and the granddaughter of Max and Mary Haws. Their address is 1550 Frostwood, 75703, ph. 561-3574.

We are very happy to welcome **Dick and Sue Higginbotham** back home. They lived in the Dallas area for several years and after retiring have recently moved back to Tyler and wish to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family again. They live at 627 Haden, 75701, ph. 596-9975.

Carol (Boren) Armstrong was baptized into Christ last March before her marriage to Jim Armstrong in April. They will be traveling some in their work with Sojourners but she wants to be recognized as a member, with Jim, of the West Erwin church. We wish for them a long and happy life together and are glad to welcome her into our church family. Their address is Route 2, Box 2144, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2144.

Family Builders Cards/Games Night

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is enrolling for the fall semester. There are openings in some classes at the elementary and secondary levels. Please contact the Admissions office at 561-9582 if you would like to discuss enrollment for your child.

RISE AND SHINE AND SAVE A LIFE!

Join the Stewart Regional Blood Center Breakfast Club, a special club made up of donors age 55 and up meeting the first Monday of every month. Join us for the kick-off July 5 from 7 - 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Bring your friends! There is no age limit to being a blood donor. Donors must be in good health. 815 South Baxter, Tyler, ph. 535-5400.

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PRAYER AND CARE

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THE REASON WE COME TOGETHER

If you asked ten people who enter our building on Sunday mornings, "Why are you here?" surely at least nine would say, "To worship God." That's the right answer, isn't it? We come together to worship God. But, what really happens when we come together? Of course, worship happens. We do continue "steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). We do sing "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, ... to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). However, the worship of the church happens when individuals worship, and being at a church building on Sunday doesn't guarantee that worship takes place. It's very possible for us to attend the service (be at the right place) and miss the worship. For example, one may be in the auditorium, let his mind dwell on other things, fail to participate and worship doesn't happen for him. Or a group can be in the foyer during worship (this group helps keep lions out of the foyer, and it works because no one has seen any lions there in years!). When a young mother has to take a child out of the auditorium during worship, she is shocked at the "party" going on in the foyer where worship cannot happen. We can have

and need people in the foyer to help anyone needing assistance, but the atmosphere can and should be one of quietness and reverence. The cry room should be a place of training and attending to small children, not a place to catch up our visiting. If it is only a place of visiting, worship cannot happen. Nearly every week when the office staff comes to work on Monday mornings things on the desks have been gone through, unfinished work has to be rearranged, and sometimes the computers have been used. Now why would anyone need to be in the offices for any extended time during worship? In this atmosphere worship can't happen. So think about it. Worship is not about going in and out of the auditorium, walking hallways, monitoring the parking lots, getting people to serve at the last minute, adjusting the air conditioner, or visiting in the foyer (though all these things become necessary at times). Worship is about the exaltation and glorification of the God who is holy. Remembering this and participating reverently in song and prayer and study and communion and giving allows worship to happen

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, June 20, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"What Kids Wish Their Daddies Knew"**

(Ephesians 6:1-4)

P.M. **"Who Is This Man?"**

(Matthew 19:21-22)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Jeremy

FATHER'S DAY

This coming Sunday is a special day in which our country honors Dads. I am reminded of the impact that many men have had on my life, some of which were "Dads" and some of which loved me like a Dad. No man though has been a better father than the one who created me. He still loves me even when I don't deserve it. He still listens and helps me when no one else can. He has a love that surpasses all understanding. He is the perfect Father. He is my heavenly Father.

THANKS!

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Our BackCountry Trek is only days away! Please pray for us to have safety and good weather for our trek up to Jicarita Peak in New Mexico. Please also pray for our spiritual growth. Trekkers, please bring all of your equipment and luggage to the building by 5:00. We will finish packing our backpacks and the bus after church. Bring a sack supper for the road.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

HOW TO BE A MEAN DAD

A mean dad's views on children are politically incorrect, He is there at birth on his knees with tears of joy.

A mean dad teaches and earns from his children 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 his 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.

TO MY DAD

This is a small effort to say thanks, for all the times you have surely 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, of 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!

Thanks, DADS. Wishing you a wonderful and blessed Father's Day.

CONSIDER THE LILIES

"Consider the lilies of the field"

-- they grow where they are put.

Many of us refuse to grow where we are put, consequently we take root nowhere. Jesus says that if we obey the life God has given us,

He will look after all the other things . . .

Consecration means the continual separating of myself to one particular thing.

We cannot consecrate once and for all.

Am I continually separating myself to consider God every day of my life?"

-- Oswald Chambers

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Todd, Kenna, and little daughter Brittney, Kempton came recently to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They want to be active participants in the work of the Lord and will be an asset to the work here. Their address is 275 Sue Lane, Mineola, 75773, ph. 569-2864.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your out-pouring of prayers, concern, and help you gave our friends, the Thompson family, that lost everything they had in a house fire two weeks ago. We put them before the church for prayers and the next thing we knew, brothers and sisters in Christ were bringing clothes, needed items, and money to our friends. The Thompsons were so blessed and touched by your Christ-like willingness to help them. Their own church did not reach out to help them until a week after the fire. West Erwin was right there to help out first. You can't imagine what an impression that made on that family.

We are so proud and blessed to be a part of such a loving church family that exhibits such Christ-like examples to everyone with a need. Thank you again for everything you did to help out!

In Christian Love,
Chuck & Laurie Florence

To the West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the many ways you have shown your love to me since I lost my brother. May God bless each of you.

Love,
Mary Dawson

As we try to find the kind of words that would express our feelings, appreciation and love to all of you it is impossible. You, our church family, have responded overwhelmingly to us over the past two years and most recently in the loss of Tracy. Thank you is not enough but we know God will bless you for your compassionate love. You have our love.

Hillard & Jeanine Hughes
Kim, Taylor, & Paige Lemons
Wally, Laurie, Brady, Dru Dawkins

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for all the love and concern shown me in the past weeks -- the offers of help, the many beautiful cards, phone calls, food, visits, and your prayers to God in my behalf which so many have expressed. It makes me feel very humble and thankful. The people of West Erwin church of Christ are truly remarkable. I ask for your continued prayers in the coming months. I love you all.

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SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kimberly, Tiffany, & Barrett
request your presence at the celebration

honoring our parents
James & Connie Sublette
on their

25th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, the 19th of June, 1999
2 - 5 p.m.

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FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

A special program especially for kids entering 3rd grade thru 5th grade. Devotionals, games, snacks, service projects, and more! Friday mornings 9:00-11:30, June 18-July 30 in the Family Life Center.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

A pre-school Vacation Bible School program Friday mornings 9:00-11:30, June 18 - July 30. Please join us as we explore "The 7 Days of Creation." Each day we will have a full schedule of activities such as: art, music, stories, games, playtime, snacks, and more. Your child will have hours of fun and you can relax and enjoy some time to yourself.

AREA VBS

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Worship A.M.	527	494	572	
Worship P.M.	289	332	386	
Contribution	\$14,386.70	\$16,511.54	\$15,191.28	
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$220.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 13, 1999 and Wednesday, June 16, - Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Zona Crone** is in Mother Frances, room 440. **Evelyn Lowry** had a biopsy Thursday at Mother Frances. **Henry McRuiz** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Monday. **Roberta Tindall** is at home after being hospitalized for tests after a fall. **Connie Sublette** is recovering at home after surgery last week. **Don McCune** is at home with continuing heart problems. **Dub Mathews** is being treated at home for blood clots and infection. **Gaynelle Gray** has been hospitalized for tests. **Laverne Keith** is at home. **Benny Siler**, Grace Siler's dad, is recovering after a stroke. **Leon Armstrong**, Jim Armstrong's brother, is undergoing cancer treatment. **Gary Nunn**, Eleanor's husband, has been dismissed from Mother Frances. **Malcolm Wilson**, Ira Wilson's dad, is back in the hospital in Bossier City. **Allie Mae Manley**, Nora Gravois' grandmother, is at home and improved. **Lonnie Williams**, Laurie Florence's grandfather, suffered a stroke. **Doris Williams**, Laurie's aunt, has cancer that has reoccurred. **Ann Miles**, Chuck Florence's cousin, has an inoperable brain tumor. **Oscar Brown**, Alice Denson's brother, is recovering at home after recent surgery.

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SEEING THE GLORY OF GOD

We will not have the experience of Moses as God allowed him to look upon His back (Exodus 33:17-23). Neither shall we have the experience of Isaiah at the temple (Isaiah 6). We cannot expect to see the throne and the One upon it with John (Revelation 4). But we must see the glory of God in His book of revelation, the Bible, in the book of the things He has created (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1). Albert Einstein, world renowned physicist and best known for his theory of relativity, had little use for organized religion. I don't defend him in his view of organized religion, but I understand it. Einstein, who died in 1955, felt that preachers talked too casually about God. He felt that we do not have enough respect for the greatness of the Creator of the universe and that he saw more of the majesty of God through his telescope and his study of physics than through the preaching of preachers. Einstein thought preachers were not talking about the real thing when they spoke of God. All of us, preachers included, need to see the glory of God because His majesty is indescribable. Consider some facts. A recent newspaper article reported that astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope have

found the most distant object ever seen. Researchers at the State University of New York detected a galaxy of 13 billion light years away by a faint ultraviolet light. It makes the third time in a year that astronomers have found what they thought was the most distant object ever viewed. Remember that one light year is 5.87 trillion miles. The milky way in our galaxy is 100 thousand light years (587,000 trillion miles). It is estimated there are 100 billion stars in our galaxy. The sun is one of these. The temperature of the sun is 6000 degrees centigrade and travels at 155 miles per second, which means it orbits our galaxy every 200,000 years. Now, our God spoke all of this into existence. This God has said, "To whom then will you liken me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power" (Isaiah 40:25-26). No wonder David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). This is the God we will worship Sunday. See His glory! Be stunned by His majesty!

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, June 13, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Questions I Have Been Asked (12)**

"What about The Rapture?"

(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

P.M. **"Who Crucified Jesus?"**

(Isaiah 53:4-6)

Youth With Heart... by Danny & Jeremy
THANKS!

Thanks to Robert and Kathy Hilliard and Chuck and Laurie Florence for hosting the middle school devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are reminded of our devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. This will be a time of fellowship and activities so be sure and bring your gym clothes. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a very important meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Old Chapel. We will work with our class teaching teams and the curriculum. So do not forget to bring your outlines and other materials to the meeting. Please make every effort to be present.

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

Thursday, June 17 is the third activity of the summer youth service projects. We will meet at the church at 9:30 and be finished at 4:30. Wear clothes appropriate for mowing and other sweaty jobs. Don't miss it!

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our BackCountry Trek is only 1 week away! Please make sure you are spending time physically preparing. We will have a MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, June 13 at 5:15. It is very important that you be there, so try your best to be present.

IMPORTANT DATES

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"Our responsibility is - response to HIS Ability."

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Love Deeply" I Peter 4:8

What does Peter mean when he says "love covers over?" Pour water on a table and cover it with a towel. How is love like a towel? Write to someone you haven't written to in a while and tell them how much you love them. End with loving words and hugs.

-- POWER for Today

BUTTERFLY KISSES

We often learn the most from our children. Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a whole roll of gold wrapping paper. Their money was tight, and he became infuriated when his little girl tried to decorate the big gold box to put under the tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give

someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy." The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her forgiveness. My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years. Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us as parents has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children. There is no more precious possession anyone could ever hold.

Remember to pray for our
CITY-WIDE VBS for the whole family
THE WORLD OF DAVID
Saturday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bergfeld Park
Stories, games, crafts, snacks, and fun, fun, fun!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Don Blake came Sunday to make known his desire to rededicate his life to Christ and to be a part of the West Erwin family. We are very happy to welcome him into our growing family. He comes to us from the Holly Lake church and lives at 618 North Ellis, ph. 531-0065.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at the Brownsboro Jr. High gymnasium for Tracy Lemons, Kim Lemon's husband. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Kim, Taylor and Paige and all the family.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Mike and Kristi Harris on the birth of Molly Grace June 3. She weighed 5 lb. 8 oz. and was 17 3/4 inches long. Megan is the big sister and Keith and Tina Harris are proud uncle and aunt.

Congratulations to Milburn and Jan Cook on the birth of a new grandson! Cason Tyler was born June 3 in Keller to Greg and Christy Hood. He weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Chase and Hayley are the big brother and sister.

IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,
Thank you so much for the study Bible you gave me for graduation. I look forward to the many years of use I will get from it. Thank you for sharing in this joyous occasion with me.

In Christian Love,
Caysi Bynum

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FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

A special program especially for kids entering 3rd grade thru 5th grade. Devotionals, games, snacks, service projects, and more! Friday mornings 9:00-11:30, June 18-July 30 in the Family Life Center.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

A pre-school Vacation Bible School program Friday mornings 9:00-11:30, June 18 - July 30. Please join us as we explore "The 7 Days of Creation." Each day we will have a full schedule of activities such as: art, music, stories, games, playtime, snacks, and more. Your child will have hours of fun and you can relax and enjoy some time to yourself.

University Church of Christ Vacation Bible School, June 21-25 - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Theme: Champions For God. See bulletin board in office area for more details.

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WEDDING INVITATION

Believing that Holy Matrimony is ordained by God and in the spirit of Christian joy

Kathlene
and

Suy O. Rogers

together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boykin
and

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Rogers

request the honour of your presence when they vow their lives to one another and become united as one in Christ on

Saturday, the twelfth of June
at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

Reception immediately following in the Family Life Center

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Because you have played such an important part in their lives, please join us for a Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in honor of our parents

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Baur
on Sunday, June 13, 1999

from two until four o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Baur
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Rueder

No gifts, please! Your friendship is our greatest gift. If you wish to write a letter of "I remember when" or other personal sentiments, bring it to the reception or send it to us. It will be placed in an album as a remembrance of the caring and loving people God has brought into our lives.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kimberly, Tiffany, & Barrett
request your presence at the celebration

honoring our parents
James & Connie Sublette
on their

25th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, the 19th of June, 1999
2 - 5 p.m.

West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
No Gifts Please

NEW ADDRESS: Moselle White
Atria Kingwood #402
2401 Green Oak Dr.
Kingwood, Texas 77339

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June 3, 1999 THE VISITOR Vol. 30-No.21			
Records	Sunday May 30	Sunday May 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	341	382	348
Worship A.M.	494	553	574
Worship P.M.	332	364	390
Contribution	\$16,511.54	\$17,626.25	\$15,013.85
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$515.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 6, 1999 and Wednesday, June 9, - Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

PRAYER AND CARE - Connie Sublette had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Don McCune is in Mother Frances with continuing heart problems. No visits at this time, please. Kristi Harris is in ETMC with pregnancy complications. Fred Wingate had shoulder surgery Thursday. J.N. Metcalf is recovering at home. Laverne Keith is now at home. Nina Crow is ill at home. Charles Harris is recovering from shoulder surgery. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in Houston. Bennye Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South. Leon Armstrong, Jim Armstrong's brother, has begun cancer treatment. Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, is doing well after recent surgery. Gary Nunn, Eleanor's husband, is in Mother Frances ICU. Malcolm Wilson, Ira Wilson's dad, is back in the hospital in Bossier City. Allie Mae Manley, Nora Gravois' grandmother, is very ill. Lonnie Williams, Laurie Florence's grandfather, suffered a stroke. Doris Williams, Laurie's aunt, has cancer that has reoccurred. Ann Miles, Chuck Florence's cousin, has an inoperable brain tumor. Oscar Brown, Alice Denson's brother, had surgery last week at ETMC.

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THE POWER OF THE WORD

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" -- 1 Corinthians 1:18

The Christian Chronicle (May, 1999) published the results of a fourteen year survey among teenagers associated with the churches of Christ conducted by researchers at Abilene Christian University. Some of the results are eye opening. The survey showed that many of our teens base their religious beliefs upon their opinion (that's not something new in our world, but it does alarm us that our teens are there). The survey also revealed that our teens are excited about some things in church: singing praises, having close friends who are trustworthy, sharing common bonds, experiencing new forms of worship, helping the unfortunate, bringing the lost to Christ, and pulling together in times of crisis. On the other hand, teens are turned off by sermons, elders, Bible classes, worship services, rehearsed prayers that last forever, old and outdated hymns, and services that are too solemn. The survey also showed that the most crucial decision time for faith and lifestyle for teens is the ninth grade. Additionally, the more quality time teens spend with their parent, the more spiritually sound

the teens appear. One very important finding of the survey was how powerful regular Bible reading is upon all areas of life. For example, when Bible reading is a part of a teens life prayer becomes more important, service is important, depression is low, respect is high, and apathy is down. So what are we to do? First, within the frameworks of Scripture, let's make our worship assemblies more exciting as we worship with enthusiasm, pray from our hearts, sing old and new songs, and allow sermons to be a word from God. Second, since elders are generally a turnover for teens, let them be real shepherds, be visible, and get to know teens. Third, let parents be spiritual leaders for their kids and spend quality time with them in and out of our assemblies. Fourth, since the ninth grade is so important to decision making, let's give emphasis to middle and junior high students and have the best training possible for them. Fifth, let's encourage those who work with teens by providing them with the best materials available and by supporting their work. Finally, let's help our parents develop good parenting skills and their own spirituality. All of this is important -- the future may depend upon it.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, June 6, 1999
by Johnny Anders

Jay Lockhart is in a meeting at Grapeland

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THANKS!

Thanks to the Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Laurie Florence, and Jon Murry for hosting the devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

This coming week about 20 of us will be going to Houston for our Middle School Madness. Keep us in your prayers for safety and spiritual blessings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are reminded of our devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. This will be a special time to welcome the new crew coming into the youth group from the 5th grade. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

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BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Our BackCountry Trek is only 2 weeks away! Please make sure you are spending time physically preparing. We will have a meeting on Sunday, June 13 at 5:00. Please be present!

IMPORTANT DATES

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June 7-10	Middle School Madness
June 10	Thursday Youth Project
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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois
FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Serve One Another" Galatians 5:13

What is the difference between "serve one another" and "serve one another in love?" How was Jesus a servant? Have each member list ways they can serve this week. Divide up into two groups. Have the first group serve drinks. Then have the second group serve snacks. End by giving each other shoulder rubs. --POWER for Today

ABC's of Praise

- Although things are not perfect
- Because of trial or pain
- Continue in thanksgiving
- Do not begin to blame
- Even when times are hard
- Fierce winds are bound to blow
- God is forever able
- Hold onto what you know
- Imagine life without His love
- Joy would cease to be
- Keep thanking Him for all things
- Love imparts to thee
- Move out of "Camp Complaining"
- No weapon that is known
- On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone
Quit looking to the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
eXalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good and bad times; but
Zion waits in glory where none are sad!

This summer don't forget to take time to work on the basics with your children. Schedule time to Praise, Pray, Serve and Play.

P.S. Keep our summer plans in your prayers that we might touch many hearts with the light of God's love.

"We will praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that is to come."

"Praising God for blessings extends them. Praising God for troubles ends them.

"Item your blessings with praise lest they unravel."

IN APPRECIATION

Thank each of you for your kind deeds in the death of my mother. Your prayers, food, flowers, cards and thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated.

Charles & Jean Dees

Thank you for your cards, flowers and prayers during the loss of our beloved Maurine Brookshire. She was a Christian woman who touched many lives and them Christ. She will be greatly missed by all of those who loved her dearly.

In Christian Love,
Dean Brookshire
Dudley & Jeanie Brookshire
Stacey Brookshire
Melissa, Mark & Cody Frick

Thank you for your prayers and concern for my nephew, Preston Little. West Erwin has always been there for us when there is a need.

Glynn & Fran Starnes

I would like to express my appreciation for the food, cards, and especially prayers during my recent illness. I truly appreciate every act of kindness and word of encouragement.

Kathryn Wallace

Dear West Erwin Members:

Thank you for the study Bible presented as I graduate. Even more, I wish to thank you for the memories of growing up at West Erwin which will last a lifetime. So many Christians here, including my great-grandmother, great aunt, grandfather and grandmother have had such an impact for good on my life and I sincerely thank all of you for that.

Love,
Justin Wiggains

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now taking applications for teachers and teachers aides. Application forms may be picked up in the church office and need to be returned by June 15.

AREA EVENTS

16th Annual Four States Singing School, Camp Bee in Marshall, TX, June 6-11, for girls, boys, men & women!

University Church of Christ Vacation Bible School, June 21-25 - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Theme: Champions For God

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Due to complications and probable early delivery the baby shower honoring Kristi Harris and baby girl, Molly, will instead be a "Bassinet Shower." Selections at ToysR Us.



TABLE SHOWER

There will be a Bridal "Table Shower" for Kathy Boykin and Guy Rogers Sunday, June 6. Selections: Foley's, Target & Dillard's. Kathy is the daughter of our Martha Boykin.

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and

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and

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Nelson, Jr.

and

Mr. and Mrs. Dale D. Henry

invite you to share in the joy

of the marriage uniting their children

Marcie Faith

and Shane Duane

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Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 30, 1999 and Wednesday, June 2, - Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671

PRAYER AND CARE

J.N. Metcalf had surgery on a broken ankle Wednesday. Laverne Keith expected to go home Wednesday. Don Drummond is doing well after recent surgery. Betty Strait had cataract surgery May 19 and May 25. Nina Crow is ill at home. June Walker is at home. Charles Harris is recovering from shoulder surgery. Sandie Martin will go to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota June 25 for an assessment and possible surgery. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in Houston. Benny Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South. Leon Armstrong, Jim Armstrong's brother, has begun cancer treatment. Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, had a foot amputated last week. Gary Nunn, Eleanor's husband, is in Mother Frances ICU. Malcolm Wilson, Ira Wilson's dad, is in ICU following surgery last Friday in Bossier City. Geneva Gehring, Shelly Sustaire's grandmother, had surgery last week. Allie Mae Manley, Nora Gravois' grandmother, is very ill. Jake Hendricks, Stacey Randall's nephew, had emergency eye surgery last week.

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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
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Scripture Bill Hawkins
Dismiss Jerry Howard

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Glynn & Fran Starnes
John & Susan Steffee

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REPORT FROM RUSSIA

A few months ago it came to our attention that many people in Russia were suffering from want of food, clothing, and medical supplies. Those who were in need included several of our brethren so over the next few weeks we gave this church an opportunity to give money toward helping meet this need. Some time ago we sent \$11,660.00 to Jerry Sisemore, missionary in Russia, with instructions to use the contribution as he saw fit. Recently we received a report from Jerry and the following paragraphs are quotes from Jerry's correspondence.

"Tuesday night Jerry baptized two men, a father and son-in-law married to a Christian mother and daughter. Tolya, the older one, has been an alcoholic for many years and has taken a long time to come to Christ because of his fear of failure in the Christian life and perhaps doubt that he could ever be 'worth anything.' But we could see his joy that night, and confidence. *One of the things that has drawn him to God is the financial help he and his family have been given*, which allowed them to literally not go hungry and gave them relief from suffering, and made him wonder why anyone would help his family 'for no reason.'

One of the Russians we were able to help *through your monetary gifts* is a university instructor, who either does not get paid at all, or receives only a small portion of her salary each month. Two of her family members were in the hospital at the same time, one from an illness and one as the result of an accident, and she herself was in need of some medicine, I think for high

blood pressure. She barely had money for food, and had no money with which to buy medicine for these two or herself. We went with her to the pharmacy and bought several prescriptions. Her face was a picture of unbelief and gratitude. When we left her she kept squeezing my hand and saying 'Thank you.' Levi was the one who communicated with her during this excursion. She asked him about Bible classes she had heard about, and said she would call us for more information.

Vadim, one of the young students in the Sunset International Bible Institute (formerly Student Preacher Training School), was taken to the hospital Monday. They suspected hepatitis, pneumonia, or tuberculosis, and still don't know what the problem is. One of his lungs is half filled with fluid and their solution is to operate and drain it but they are still performing tests. We gave him non-aspirin for his fever and pain since he is allergic to aspirin - the hospital has neither. Again, *with your benevolent funds we were able to supply him with money for the blood tests, and meals while in the hospital.* The socialist system theoretically takes care of all health care needs, but when the government has no money the people have to pay for everything, without the benefit of any kind of insurance."

When we share what we have for the benefit of others, only eternity will tell the full impact our gifts may have.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 30, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. Questions I have Been Asked (11)
"What Is The Restoration Movement?"
(I Peter 4:7-11)
P.M. **"The Normal Christian"**
(II Corinthians 3:1-6, 18)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to the Ables and Dawkins for hosting the high school devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school group are reminded of our devotional this coming Sunday night. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

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WORKDAY

We will have a workday at the Food Bank on Tuesday, June 1. Please meet at the church at 12:30 and we will return at 4:45. All of those in the youth group are invited. Our service will generate food credit from the food bank, so plan to help!

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Be Patient" | 1 Thessalonians 5:14

What does it mean to be patient? Tell of a time when you lost your patience. Discuss ways we can have more patience. End with prayer and apples with peanut butter.

-- POWER for Today

Remember, We're Raising Children, Not Flowers!

by Jack Canfield

David, my next door neighbor, has two young kids ages five and seven. One day he was teaching his seven year old son Kelly how to push the gas-powered lawn mower around the yard. As he was teaching how to turn the mower around at the end of the lawn, his wife, Jan, called to ask him a question. As David turned to answer the question, Kelly pushed the lawn mower right through the flower bed at the edge of the lawn - leaving a two-foot wide path leveled to the ground!

When David turned back and saw what had happened, he began to lose control. David had put a lot of time and effort into making those flower beds the envy of the neighborhood. As he began to raise his voice to his son, Jan quickly walked over to him, put her hand on his shoulder and said, "David, please remember... we're raising children, not flowers!"...

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, PLANT A SEED TODAY
IN THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW.**

THURSDAY YOUTH PROJECT

Thursday, June 3 is the first of our summer youth service projects. We will meet at the church at 9:30 and be finished at 4:30. Wear clothes appropriate for mowing and other sweaty jobs. Don't miss it!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

June 7-10 are the dates for our Middle School Madness. This "mini-camp" is looking to be a really great event. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith and our relationships to others. All of those going into grades 6-9 should have received some information. We need to have our sign up list completed by Wednesday, June 2. Contact me for more information.

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GARDENING GOD'S WAY

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

Thyme for God
Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer contributed by Velma Lemons

James 1:21 "Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

1 John 3:9 "No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God."

Matthew 13:31-32 "He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch on its branches."

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for services
Turnip to help one another

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome Nita Kennedy and her daughter, Lisa Welch, into our West Erwin family. They come to us from the Broadway congregation. Their address is 903 Creekside Drive, 75703, ph. 939-9671.

Rita Sittin and her son, Casey Sittin, came last Wednesday evening to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Rita and Nita Kennedy are twins. We are very pleased to welcome them into our growing family. They live at 602 East South #3, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-0046.

SKOVORODNIKOV BAPTIZED

Vladimir Skovorodnikov, former Minister of Education of the Altai region of Siberia, Russia, was baptized into Christ May 12 at the Prestoncrest church building shortly before boarding the flight back to Barnaul, Russia. Along with the angels in heaven, we are all celebrating Dr. Skovorodnikov's decision to become a Christian.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for remembering our family in such a special way. It is so comforting to have the church to help us through this sad time.

With love,
Laura, McGregor, & Sally Cauthen
Flynn Cauthen (Faber's brother) family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Victoria for Clara Haynes, former West Erwin member. Services were held Thursday for Martha Sharp, Rodney Dalton's sister. Our sincere sympathy is extended to these families.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 7-11. West Erwin is asked to collect PEACHES. Also remember school supplies needed for the fall: wooden colored pencils, notebook paper, pencil boxes & rounded scissors. Any other donations, including money, is appreciated.

AREA EVENTS

16th Annual Four States Singing School, Camp Bee in Marshall, TX, June 6-11, for girls, boys, men & women!

53rd Annual Singing School at Abilene Christian University, July 11-16

Haskell Singing School, July 11-16 at the Haskell Church of Christ, Tom Chapin, director

The church office will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

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TABLE SHOWER

There will be a Bridal "Table Shower" for Kathy Boykin and Guy Rogers Sundays, May 30 and June 6. They have selections at Foley's, Target & Dillard's. Kathy is the daughter of our Martha Boykin and will be married at our building June 12.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Kristi Harris Sunday, June 6 from 4:30 - 5:30 in the Family Life Center. It's a girl! Selections at Toys'R Us. Please consider this your personal invitation.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now taking applications for teachers and teachers aides. Application forms may be picked up in the church office and need to be returned by June 15.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chris Montgomery on his recent graduation from high school. He began specialty training in the Army National Guard in Oklahoma May 25. Chris is Gina Montgomery's brother and grandson of Ray & Carolyn Womack.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is currently enrolling for the fall semester. There are openings in some classes at the elementary and secondary levels. Please contact the Admissions office at 561-9582 if you would like to discuss enrollment for your child.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Mike & Nora Gravois
5933 Whispering Lane, 75707

SHARE YOUR HEART AND HOME!

Host families are needed for international exchange students for the 1999/2000 school year. The students arrive in early August, 1999, and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. The students are from over 20 different countries, including Germany, France, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Venezuela, Spain, Chile, Poland, Czech Republic, and Romania. The exchange students attend local high schools. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). For more information, please call Carole Edwards, Regional Director, at 1-800-414-3738.

The Search



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Worship A.M.	499	596	540
Worship P.M.	282	330	319
Contribution	\$14,719.10	\$14,487.96	\$14,910.16
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$65.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 23, and Wednesday, May 26, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.

PRAYER AND CARE

Don Drummond had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Laverne Keith** is recovering at her daughter's home after surgery. She will undergo treatment. **June Walker** was dismissed from Mother Frances Tuesday. **Betty Strait** will have cataract surgery May 19 and May 25. **Evelyn Lowry** is at home but still not feeling well. **Clelia Elliott** was hospitalized but is now at home. **Kathryn Wallace** is at home. **Zona Crone** will have another procedure soon. **Charles Harris** is recovering from shoulder surgery. **Sandie Martin** will go to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota June 25 for an assessment and possible surgery. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim's husband, remains in Houston. **Cody Ingram**, Norene Ingram's grandson, is having tests in Dallas. **Bennye Siler**, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South. **Leon Armstrong**, Jim Armstrong's brother, has begun cancer treatment. **Virginia Conner**, Daniel Morgan's sister, had a foot amputated last week.

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MORE ABOUT TRUTH

We all know that Jesus said God's Word is truth (John 17:17). We know He told His apostles that the Spirit would guide them into all truth (John 16:13). We further know that the Ephesians became Christians when they heard and obeyed the gospel which Paul said was the truth (Ephesians 1:13). We also know that Jesus said we can know the truth which will make us free (John 8:32). Why, then, have so many reached the conclusion that we cannot know truth, we do not have truth, and truth is relative, that is, what is truth to you may not be truth to me? Let me offer some possible reasons. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) stated that church traditions were of equal weight to the Bible. The Reformers of the 15th and 16th centuries broke with the authority of tradition and held to Scripture as their authority. However, the Reformers made little difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament and all parts of the Bible were equally valid for the support of doctrine (a problem still with us as people fail to rightly divide the Word). Then came rationalism and higher criticism of the 18th and 19th centuries which cast doubt upon the accuracy of the text of

Scripture which has come down to us and which questioned divine revelation and the authority of Scripture for deciding religious questions. The influence of history has led many to turn away from Biblical authority. Add to this the fact that many want to approach religion subjectively, that is, they want truth to be what they want it to be, wish it might be, and feel it is. God did not create the various religions, doctrines, and divisions in religion -- He "is not a God of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33). God speaks today through Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2) and that message is the New Testament. Our task is to "buy the truth and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23). We are to seek, find, and accept truth as authoritative. I will never know everything, but that is not to say I know nothing -- I can know the truth and be made free. I do not do everything I know to do, but I should want to and commit myself to living right. The fact that I am imperfect does not annul the perfect standard of Scripture. It is still valid: "Let us speak where the Bible speaks" -- it's still the authority and will be the standard at the final judgment.

-- Jay Lockhart

This Sunday **Max Chance** of Abilene will be leading the singing at our morning worship assembly. He is being considered for the staff position of Involvement Minister.

Sermons for Sunday, May 23, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **Questions I have Been Asked (10)**
"What About Church Music?"
(Ephesians 5:15-21)
P.M. **"Faith And Life"**
(Deuteronomy 9:20-25)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

WELCOME!

Jeremy Cabrera joined us this week to serve as our summer Youth Intern. Jeremy is a senior at ACU majoring in Youth & Family Ministry. He comes to us from Stockdale, Texas. Jeremy is a people person and will be a real asset to our church family.

THANKS!

Thanks to all who took part in our senior devotional this past Sunday night. We had a wonderful time reminiscing and sharing thoughts about these seniors. They will be missed but we are excited for them as they take this huge step. Keep them in your prayers!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Leigh McClenny who competed in the State Tennis Tournament recently. She and her Lindale team won 3rd Place. Way to go Leigh!

Congratulations to Kyle Stowers who was inducted into Chapel Hill's National Junior Honor Society this past week. Way to go Kyle!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are reminded of our devotional this coming Sunday night at the home of Gary & Julie Ables, 3417 Harwood. We will

be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together.

SUMMER TRIPS

Summer is fast approaching and we are gearing up for the various trips. Our Middle School Madness, Back-Country Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip, and Mexico Mission Trip all require a great deal of planning. We need to know soon who is going to participate in these trips. Please sign up on the appropriate list A.S.A.P. The mission trips and Back-Country Trek are for all of those going into 9th grade and above. If you need any more information, contact me.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"One Body" Romans 12:4-5

Begin by playing follow the leader. Discuss what it was like when everyone did the same thing. Discuss how your family is many members, but one body. How is the church a body? End by playing a game. Say good night with a group hug. *POWER for Today*

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!!!!!!

THE WORLD OF DAVID

Vacation Bible School

for the Whole Family

Saturday, June 12th

10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bergfeld Park

Stories, Games, Crafts, Snacks,
and fun, fun, fun.

FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

A SPECIAL PROGRAM ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

ENTERING 3RD GRADE THRU 5TH GRADE

DEVOTIONALS, GAMES, SNACKS, SERVICE PROJECTS, AND MORE!!!

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

JUNE 18TH - JULY 20TH

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

Monday - Friday

June 7th thru 11th

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A specially designed Summer Day Camp Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru 5th Grade.

This summer we will build on the theme

"The Qualities of a Good Friend."

Each daily lesson will be reinforced with activities which include cooking, games, arts n' crafts, and water play.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

A Pre-School Vacation Bible School Program

Friday Mornings

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

June 18th thru July 30th

Please join us as we explore

"The 7 Days of Creation."

Each day we will have a full schedule of activities such as: art, music, stories, games, playtime, snacks, and more. Your child will have hours of fun and you can relax and enjoy a few moments to yourself.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We rejoice with James Hooter in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday night. He is a student at U.T. Tyler and has been attending here for some time. His address is 4015 Lazy Creek, 75707, ph. 566-3026. We are very happy to welcome James into our West Erwin family.

RESPONSE

Gary Broome came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might choose less of self and be closer to God.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the flowers, cards, calls, memorials, and every expression of sympathy at the death of my brother.

Faber Cauthen

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We appreciate so much the kindness you all have shown our family, both for Mark's grandmother's death and for my illness, surgery and recuperation. We've appreciated the cards, calls, food and prayers. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

In Christ's Love,

Mark & Martha Waggonner

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My thoughtful Christian friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and the good food from the ladies from our Tuesday kitchen sent to me during my recuperation. To be remembered during illness is truly appreciated. I love all of you.

Mary Richey

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Thanks for your prayers, cards and every act of kindness shown us during the time of our loss. The flowers sent were especially beautiful and comforting.

The John Pike Family

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Dear Christian Family,

We want to express our thanks to all who have been praying for us and for all the cards you have sent to Allen. We see your prayers answered each day as he gets stronger and stronger. God bless you and the West Erwin church.

Allen & Alice Tennison

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Dear Christian friends,

Thanks to all of you for the care and concern shown for us during our recent health problems. We appreciated the prayers, food, cards and calls we received. It is such a blessing being a part of the West Erwin family.

In Christian love,

Jim & Priscilla Mayer

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Sincerely,

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NEW ARRIVALS

Robert and Cathy Hilliard have a new grandson! John Clayton was born May 9 to John and Shannon Donaghey. He weighed 6 lb. 5 oz. Chad and Wesley Hilliard are proud uncles and Winnie Bell is the great grandmother.

David and Sharon Hammond are the proud parents of a baby girl! Sydney Claire was born May 10, weighed 7 lb and is 19 inches long.

Ernie and Sharon Gordon have a new grandson! Connor Ashton was born May 16 to Jeremy & Kasey Edwards in Cincinnati, Ohio. He weighed 8 lb. 8 oz and is 20 1/2 inches long.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Amy O'Quinn Mullins and her husband, Ryan David Mullins! They both will receive Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston on Saturday, May 22, and will begin residency July 1 at the U.T. Health Center in Tyler. Both are also graduates of Abilene Christian University. Amy is the daughter of Earl and Melinda O'Quinn and granddaughter of Max and Mary Haws.

Congratulations to Jason Craddock, son of Danny and Maggie Craddock, on his recent graduation from ACU.

Congratulations to Christopher Bobbitt on being named valedictorian of the senior class at E.T.C.A.! He is the son of Alan and Sherry Bobbitt and grandson of Chloe Clark.

Congratulations to Jeana Howard, granddaughter of Jean Oliver, who recently won Volunteer of the Year Award for North Richland Hills Community Enrichment Center.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Springfield, Missouri for Leonard Woltman, a former West Erwin member and elder. Services were held Saturday in Dallas for Bertie McCarty, Jo Butler's aunt. Services were held Monday in Longview for Nora Padon Vick, Jean Dees' mother. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Maurine Brookshire, Melissa Frick's grandmother and wife of Dean Brookshire. Dean Brookshire served as pulpit minister at West Erwin 1958-1968.

AREA EVENTS

Camp Deer Run, Winnsboro, TX - Annual Workday May 22 - There is a job for everyone, young and old! Lunch will be provided.

Cherokee Home for Children - Cherokee Day, May 29. West Erwin collected 9 cases of canned meats.

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Contribution	\$14,487.96	\$17,858.04	\$15,787.06
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$265.00

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PRAYER AND CARE - Dub Mathews is at home after being hospitalized with blood clots in his leg. Kathryn Wallace is recovering at home. Zona Crone had a pacemaker implant last week. She will have another procedure soon. Edna Hodnett is doing well after a pacemaker implant Monday. Laverne Keith is scheduled for surgery Friday. Charles Harris had shoulder surgery Thursday. Mozelle Cash is back in Tyler Skilled Nursing Center. Clay McDonald is recuperating after an appendectomy. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in Houston. Cody Ingram, Norene Ingram's grandson, is having tests in Dallas. Maurine Brookshire, Melissa Frick's grandmother, is very ill in Park Place. Benney Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South following a stroke. 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. **NEW ARRIVAL** - Congratulations to David and Sharon Hammond on the birth of Sydney Claire May 10! She weighed 7 lb and is 19 inches long.

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TRUTH

Picture a student and a teacher in an elementary school somewhere in America. The teacher asks, "Johnny, what is two plus two?" "Five," Johnny answers. "No, no," the teacher says, "two plus two is four." "It may be to you," replies Johnny, "but to me two plus two is five." The teacher then says, "OK, Johnny, have it your way; just feel good about yourself." Now, what do you think of that conversation? You may smile and say, "How could such a thing happen?" However, something similar happens every day in our country. There are those who believe that all truth is relative, that there are no absolutes, and that truth is whatever one thinks is truth, just as long as he feels good about it. Add to this the fact that there are differences of opinion about what is right and wrong and when one does something which is obviously unacceptable many of us want to avoid personal responsibility and place the responsibility upon other things -- TV, movies, athletes, and celebrities (there is no doubt that these things do influence people). Here is a fact: there is truth and the advocates of the no absolutes theory know it. For instance, we put men

in space because there is truth in mathematics and science upon which we can count or no space craft would ever get off the ground. There is truth in medicine -- take the wrong medicine or too much and it can kill you. There is truth in ethics -- it's wrong to steal, to lie, to hurt others. There is truth in religion -- God's Word is Truth (John 17:17). We are to believe the Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:12), love the Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10), know the Truth (John 8:32), obey the Truth (1 Peter 1:22) and teach the Truth (2 Timothy 2:2). When someone says, "What you and I believe is in contradiction but we are both right," is unacceptable. Two points of view that contradict each other may both be wrong, but they cannot both be right. In English, a noun is a noun and never a verb. In literature, Shakespeare wrote Hamlet but he did not write The Canterbury Tales. In religion, "let God be true and every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). And, oh yes, in math, two plus two is four and never five no matter how good the answer five may make someone feel.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 16, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Questions I Have Been Asked (9)
"What Keeps People From Following Christ?"

(James 4:1-10)

P.M. "A New Beginning"

(John 1:35-42)

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Nichole Aven graduated in the top 10% of her graduating class at John Tyler High School where she was in the International Baccalaureate Program. She was Vice President of the German Club; also served as an officer in National Art Honors Society and Junior Statesmen of America; was a worker for the Homework Hotline; and was awarded a Presidential Achievement Scholarship. Nichole was active in the youth group, participating in Nebraska and Mexico mission trips. She plans to major in Art at U.T. Austin. She is the daughter of Gary Aven.



Nichole Aven

Ashli Michelle Bryant is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School students and was in National Honor Society. Ashli was in Student Council, Key Club, Future Homemakers of America, Computer Club and was recognized as TASSEL Scholar (Texas Academic Student Scholar Excelling in Learning). She participated in LTC, Learning to Lead, Bible Bowl, Nebraska Mission trip and was a counselor at Camp Friendship. Ashli, daughter of Dwayne and Kathy Bryant, plans to attend Tyler Junior College, then Stephen F. Austin University.



Ashli Bryant

Caysi Bynum, daughter of Jay and Debbie Bynum, was in National Honor Society 3 years and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students 4 years. She played volleyball freshman year, basketball 4 years, and softball sophomore and junior years; was a member of FCA 3 years and DFYIT 4 years. Caysi has been active in the youth group, participating in mission trips in Mexico, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska and parts of Texas; BackCountry Trek; served as counselor at Learning to Lead camp at ACU. Caysi plans to attend TJC in the fall then transfer to A&M or Texas Tech to major in Veterinarian Science or Wildlife Biology.



Caysi Bynum

Courtney Craddock was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was a member of Robert E. Lee's cheering and pep squad in her freshman and sophomore years; she was also active in the Zonta Club where she participated in service projects at Jones and St. Louis schools. In her senior year she served as an office aide in the principal's office and also took classes at Tyler Junior College. Courtney has taken part in the Nebraska mission trips for five years and the Mexico mission trip one year; she was involved in LTC seven years; and helped each summer with the summer youth projects as well as helping to build the Habitat house last year. Courtney is the daughter of Danny and Maggie Craddock and plans to major in Nursing at Harding University.



Courtney Craddock

Congratulations Graduates 1999



Janiece Johnson



Justin Wiggains



Chris Elzen



Garrett Sublette

Chris Elzen is the son of Ken and Debra Elzen and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee. He is a member of the Business Professionals of America, placing second in the BPA regional database applications competition; participated in first year of Broadcast Journalism; and played freshman and JV football. Chris won gold medals in speech and Bible Reading at LTC and participated in Nebraska mission trip and BackCountry Trek. He will major in pre-law at U.T. Tyler.

Janiece Johnson is a graduate of John Tyler High School where she was in Brigades Drill Team for 2 years (went to New York for the Thanksgiving Parade); was in FFA 4 years and won 2 awards - "Soil & Water Management" and "Nursery Operations;" named in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Janiece participated in LTC 4 years, Nebraska mission trip 3 years, backpacking 1 year and was a counselor at Camp Friendship. She plans to go to TJC 2 years, then SFA for a degree in sociology. She is the daughter of Cheryl Johnson and granddaughter of Ed and Margie Hunt.

Garrett Sublette, son of James and Connie Sublette, plans to attend Abilene Christian University in the fall and major in Marketing. While a student at Robert E. Lee, Garrett was a Cheerleader Guard for 2 years, was in National Honor Society 2 years and was in Fellowship of Christian Athletes 4 years. He played baseball in his freshman year and basketball in his freshman, sophomore, and junior year; he was in Spanish Club 3 years, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He received PTA scholarship and the ACU Leadership Award and the Trustee Scholarship for SAT/ACT scores and ranked 23rd out of 453 in his class. He was active in the youth group, participating in LTC 10 years, Nebraska Mission Trip 4 years, backpacking 2 years and Thursday youth project 6 years.

Justin Wiggains was a Presidential Classroom Alumni 1998-99; was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students 1997-99; was on the Honor Roll 1997-99; was in Spanish Club 1996-'97, '98; was on the freshman, JV and Varsity Robert E. Lee Tennis team. He plans to attend TJC, then University of Texas. Justin is the son of Lowell and Cecille Wiggains and the grandson of Tillie Carpenter.



THE VISITOR			
Records	Sunday May 2	Sunday April 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	370	359	373
Worship A.M.	567	552	557
Worship P.M.	364	355	388
Wed. P.M.	279	NC	NC
Contribution	\$17,858.04	\$19,030.90	\$17,190.42
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$125.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, May 9, and Wednesday P.M., May 12, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.

PRAYER AND CARE - Kathryn Wallace is in ETMC, room 3307. Zona Crone had a pacemaker implant Tuesday at Mother Frances. She will have another procedure in about 30 days. Edna Hodnett is scheduled for a pacemaker implant Monday. Laverne Keith is scheduled for surgery Tuesday. Tony Adams is in Mother Frances, room 456. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in Houston. Theron Snell, Danny's dad, is improving in McAllen after blood clots due to bypass surgery. Cody Ingram, Norene Ingram's grandson, is scheduled for additional tests in Dallas. Charles Chaney, David Wicks' grandfather, is doing well after recent surgery. Maurine Brookshire, Melissa Frick's grandmother, is in Park Place. Bennye Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South for therapy following a stroke. Manley Blanton, Donna Maples' dad, is recovering at home after recent surgery. Shane Millican's mother is doing well after recent surgery. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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SOWING TO THE WIND - Hosea 8:7

During the turmoil our country has endured for the last year or so including the embarrassment in Washington, D.C. and the tragedy of children murdering children and adults on school campuses, many have searched for answers as to why such things happen in the United States. There are those who place responsibility on television, movies, the internet, parents, the schools and bad choices. No doubt all of these things have contributed to the problem. Noticeably absent from the information we hear from the public are such things as personal responsibility and accountability. Equally disturbing is the relativism that has penetrated our society. For instance, when one of the young people in Colorado was asked about the actions of the boys who had determined to burn their school down and kill their fellow students, she replied, "Who's to say?" Other words we hear are, "We can't be judgmental," and "We must be tolerant." How did we come to such a place in this society? For decades now we have been moving from belief in God to unbelief, from truth to there are no absolutes, from man as a created being to man as an evolved animal, from honesty to dishonesty, from the sacredness of life to assisted suicide and

abortion, from truth under oath to perjury, and from personal responsibility to placing the blame on others. Could it be that we have sown to the wind and are reaping the whirlwind? When you teach young people that they are glorified beasts, why should we be surprised when they act like it? When youth are told there is no absolute truth, why should we be surprised when they act according to their own "truth"? As a nation, we have allowed our foundations to be eroded and we wonder why the structure is trembling. One time David asked, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" So what can the righteous do? The righteous can go on being righteous! We can keep on serving Christ, living above the world, and being the light in our communities. We can out live, out love, and out fight the forces of evil. The hour is late, but it's not too late. We can still come to our senses as a nation. God honors the righteous even if they are few. Remember this promise: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, May 9, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Mothers"

(1 Samuel 1:9-18)

P.M. "Living Abundantly"

(Isaiah 60:1-5)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny TRAGEDIES...

These past few weeks, many of our churches have been affected by tragedy. Several of the young people in Denver churches were affected by the Columbine High tragedy. We are praying for those families.

This week, we learned about the bus accident involving the Greenlawn church in Lubbock. Several teens from that church and the Lubbock area died in that accident.

An accident like this reminds us that we never know what may happen. As a youth minister who takes many teens many miles, it reminds me that God will take care of us through whatever circumstances arise. We may not can answer why, but we can know that God loves us and will be there for us.

SUMMER TRIPS

Summer is fast approaching and we are gearing up for the various trips. Our Middle School Madness, Back-Country Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip, and Mexico Mission Trip all require a great deal of planning. We need to know soon who is going to participate in these trips. Please sign up on the appropriate list A.S.A.P The mission trips and Back-Country Trek are

for all of those going into 9th grade and above. If you need any more information, contact me.

JR.-SR. DAY

Saturday, May 15 is the date for our annual Jr.-Sr. Activity. This year we will be going out to eat and attending the Rangers game. All juniors and seniors are invited. Please sign up by this Sunday.

As in past years, West Erwin has provided this activity for our teens. We need your help to fund this big day. Please make a donation to help cover the expenses for the Jr.-Sr. Day. Make a check to the Youth Fund and put it in the Youth Box by the office area or give it to myself or one of the Elders or Ministers. Thanks for your help!

IMPORTANT DATES

May	9	Mother's Day
May	15	Jr.-Sr. Day
May	16	Baccalaureate Service
May	16	Senior Devo
June	7-10	Middle School Madness
June	12	City Wide Vacation Bible School
June	20-26	BackCountry Trek
July	8-17	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	23-26	Mexico Mission Trip

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Why We Love" I John 4:19

Why do we love God? What would happen if God didn't love us? List ways we can show God's love to non-believers. Set a time to show love to those who do not love God. End with loving words and hugs.

- Power For Today

LETTER TO MY MOTHER

Thank you for all your wise and careful instruction.

When my feet were small,

You lovingly set them upon the 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 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.

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

-- II Timothy 1:5

Wishing all of our mothers a blessed and joyous Mothers' Day. !!!!! We Love You !!!!!

HOW TO BE A MEAN MOTHER

A mean mother never allows candy or sweets to take the place of a 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 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!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Mike** and **Shae Hill** into our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Shae is the granddaughter of Elvin and Bobbie Wilson, former West Erwin members. They come to us from the Chandler Street church in Kilgore. Their address is 1026 South Azalea, 75701, ph. 596-0429.

Henry Golightly came Sunday to place membership and states that he wants to be of service to the West Erwin family in any way he can and to glorify God. He lives in Leesburg, Texas 75451, Route 1, Box 185, but has been attending here regularly for several years. We are pleased to welcome him into our family at West Erwin.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, calls and kind words at the death of my grandfather, Earl McGuire. Your love and care is appreciated.

Robert & Kathy Hilliard

Dear Jay, Elders and West Erwin Congregation,

Jay, your visit added to the uplifting of our spirits upon learning that my father did not have the aneurysm he'd been diagnosed with earlier. To my entire wonderful church family, please accept our grateful thanks for your prayers and intercession on behalf of Benny Siler. The subdural hematoma and black eye will pass with time. The stroke and its repercussions we know will continue to fade with therapy (at Health South) and continued prayer. We are blessed and comforted by your support!

Sincerely yours,
Benny Siler,
Grace & William Siler

Thank you, dear church family, a big, big thank you for your continued inspirational cards and the cheerfulness they give me. I miss my church worshipfulness terribly. I am still under strict medical requirements which prohibits me from attending church, among other problems. With the Lord's help I'll be seeing all of you in the near future. Proud to be a member of this magnificent congregation.

With all my love to all,
Joan Harlak

Dear family and friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, and words of encouragement. I love and appreciate every one of you. Your care and visits have been a blessing to me.

In Christian love,
Claude and Odell Sessions

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
*Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging*
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NEW ARRIVAL

James Colton Hatcher was born Wednesday, April 28, to Keven and Misty Hatcher. He weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and is 19 1/4 inches long. Marc and Pam Lemons are proud to welcome their first grandchild and Velma Lemons is the great grandmother.

There will be a "Bassinest Shower" honoring Misty and James Colton Hatcher Sundays, May 9 and May 16.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Longview for Virginia Richardson, Mozelle Brown's sister-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

A CHILD'S ANGEL

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. So one day he asked God: They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?

Among the many angels, I chose one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you.

But tell me, here in heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile, that's enough for me to be happy.

Your angel will sing for you, and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy.

And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me, if I don't know the language that men talk?

Your angel tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak.

And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?

Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray.

I've heard that on earth there are bad men. Who will protect me?

Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life.

But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore.

Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way for you to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you.

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard, and the child in a hurry asked softly:

Oh, God, if I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name.

Your angel's name is of no importance, you will call your angel "Mommy."
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now taking applications for teachers and teachers aides. Application forms may be picked up in the church office and need to be returned no later than June 15.

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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Bible Class	359	348	381	
Worship A.M.	552	514	555	
Worship P.M.	355	305	355	
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC	
Contribution	\$19,030.90	\$15,774.38	\$16,441.82	
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$180.00	

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PRAYER AND CARE - Kathryn Wallace is in ETMC with a broken pelvis. Pauline Daughtry, Mary Richey and Martha Waggonner are all recovering at home. Jay Bynum is recuperating at home. Delle Bullard is continuing therapy. Guy Potts is undergoing treatment. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in M.D. Anderson. Theron Snell, Danny's dad, had bypass surgery last Thursday in McAllen. Martha Trostel, Charles Seaberry's sister, has begun chemo treatment. Charles Chaney, David Wicks' grandfather, is doing well after recent bypass surgery in San Antonio. Maurine Brookshire, Melissa Frick's grandmother, is now in Park Place. Frances Johnson, Sandra Parks' mother, is at home after surgery Monday. Benny Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is in Mother Frances following a stroke. Manley Blanton, Donna Maples' dad, had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Shane Millican's mother had surgery Thursday. 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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"LET US RETURN UNTO THE LORD" - Hosea 6:1

The tragedy in Colorado and the arrests in Texas this last week were sobering and brought great sorrow and shock. Two teenage boys set out to destroy themselves and their school and pretty well succeeded in Colorado. Three teenage boys were arrested in Texas after a plot to destroy their school was uncovered. We were told the boys in Texas learned how to make bombs on the internet. The news reports that other teens in other parts of the country have been arrested for plots to destroy their peers. Our hearts go out to teenagers who are so angry with life that they want to destroy themselves and others. We also sympathize with the families of these boys and their victims. As we reflect upon the tragedy of these events, a number of things come to mind. First, why is it possible for teenagers to learn how to make bombs on TV? Second, what can be done to dispel such anger as we see behind these events? Third, it is interesting to observe the government's official response. We hear talk about gun control. I don't have any strong feelings about gun control. I have a couple of guns myself and I wouldn't want the government telling me I had to surrender them.

On the other hand, I can hardly see any circumstances in which any of us need semiautomatic assault weapons in our homes. We also hear a lot about money. Throw money after the problem to provide metal detectors and more security guards for our schools. Maybe we need both gun control and greater security, but this is not the solution to our problem. So far we have only heard talk of dealing with the symptoms of the problem. Our problem is a national problem. It is a problem of legislating God out of our lives. We have allowed the few to influence our nation to go in a direction, using our constitution as their authority, never intended by the founders of our republic. As a nation we have moved away from God to a position of rationalism, pragmatism, relativism -- to a position of no absolutes, no responsibility, and no accountability. We are experiencing the results of taking God out of our schools ... and our lives. Maybe it's time to put Him back again.
-- Jay Lockhart

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Character Counts Seminar a great success.

Sermons for Sunday, May 2, 1999
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. **"Must I Be Baptized?"**
(Acts 22:6-16)
P.M. **"There Is Hope In Your Future"**
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the Combined Activity this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to enjoy this time together.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETING

All of those in the middle and high school and their parents are needed to come to a meeting this coming Sunday at 5:15 in the Family Life Center. This is a very important meeting as we will be discussing the Middle School Madness scheduled for June 7-10. Please make every effort to be here for that meeting.

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Summer is fast approaching and we are gearing up for the various trips. Our Middle School Madness, Back-Country Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip, and Mexico Mission Trip all require a great deal of planning. We need to know soon who is going to participate in these trips. Please sign up on the appropriate list A.S.A.P The mission trips and Back-Country Trek are for all of those going into 9th grade and above. If you need any more information, contact me.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Spurring On One Another" Hebrews 10:24

Have each member say something encouraging about the person on their right. Then write notes of encouragement to someone outside your family. What other ways can we "spur one another on?" End by playing Mom's favorite game. Power for Today

A RECIPE OF GRATEFULNESS FOR A SPECIAL TEACHER

- 1 Loving teacher who is a special friend
- Lots of love and kindness that never seems to end
- 6 words of encouragement given lovingly
- 1 great big hug especially for me
- 1 trusting heart who always believes in me
- 2 helping hands helping me be the best I can
- 3 cups of patience and 6 cups of love
- 1 gentle smile sent straight from heaven above

"Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."

James 3:1

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LET'S CELEBRATE TEACHERS!!!!

THE ESSENCE OF TEACHING

"What nobler profession than to touch the next generation -- to see children hold your understanding in their eyes, your hope in their lives, your world in their hands. In their success you find your own and so to them you give your all."

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT THIS WEEK AND APPRECIATE A TEACHER

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls and cards while I was sick and also at the death of my brother-in-law. Your love and concern for me and my sister is appreciated greatly.

In Christian love,
Pattie Tate

WITH SYMPATHY

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

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INVITATION FOR ALL LADIES

All ladies are invited to join us on Sunday, May 2, from 4:30-5:30 in the Family Life Center for a special *Caring Sisters* welcome for all ladies who have placed membership at West Erwin since January 1999. This time together will include games, food, fun and fellowship. You are encouraged to come and stay and enjoy this opportunity to get to know each other better. Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

"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)

WANTS OR NEEDS?

Wants and needs are separate substances. Wants are usually frivolous, itchy, plundering, greedy forces that seem to never be satisfied. When one want is met, there are usually two more to replace it.

Needs are deeper currents of one's existence. They are meaningful, worthy, and not as capricious as wants.

- * You want riches; you need fulfillment.
- * You want big houses or big cars; you need shelter and transportation.
- * You want fame; you need recognition.
- * You want power; you need respect.
- * You want to be lazy and free; you need achievement and work.
- * You want adoration; you need love.
- * You want sympathy; you need empathy.

To reap the benefits of wants and needs, a person must first discover the difference. Open communication, wise decision-making and a close, trusting relationship turn wants into needs and produce a satisfactory life for mature adults.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS - Sunday, May 2
Preacher - Clay Clemons; Nursery - Esther Wilson; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Melissa Frick; 2's - Ronda Clemons & Wade Weathers; 3's - Tim & Stephanie Percefull; 4's - Jay & Debbie Graham; overseers - Matt & Rhonda Haws.

The Search



Each Sunday

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THE VISITOR			
April 22, 1999	Vol. 30-No.15		
Records	Sunday April 18	Sunday April 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	348	390	365
Worship A.M.	514	554	554
Worship P.M.	305	352	396
Wed. P.M.	NC	223	NC
Contribution	\$15,774.38	\$18,004.49	\$17,549.17
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$320.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 25, and Wednesday P.M., April 28, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.

PRAYER AND CARE - Pauline Daughtry expected to go home Thursday. Martha Waggoner had an emergency appendectomy last Thursday in Bossier City where she and Mark had gone for his grandmother's funeral. Mary Richey is recovering at home after recent surgery. Jay Bynum is recuperating at home. Delle Bullard is continuing therapy. Guy Potts is undergoing treatment. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in M.D. Anderson. Martha Trostel, Charles Seaberry's sister, will undergo both chemo and radiation treatment. Charles Chaney, David Wicks' grandfather, was scheduled for bypass surgery Wednesday in San Antonio. Maurine Brookshire, Melissa Brookshire's grandmother, is some improved in ETMC following a heart attack. 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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		Dannie Skipper
		Ira Wilson

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SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
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WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
(Sept through May)	
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Prayer Jamon Kirby
Scripture Michael Lowrance
Dismiss Dub Mathews

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THESE CHANGING TIMES

Times do change. They always have. However, as we approach the year 2000, we are shocked at many of the changes taking place in our culture. Who would have imagined just a few years ago that California would be debating today legislature that would make it unlawful to refuse to hire a prospective employee who lives a gay lifestyle? Who would have imagined that our courts would declare as unconstitutional prayer before an athletic event, or that denominational churches would be arguing over same-sex marriages, or that "separation of church and state" would be the basis of forbidding church leaders from offering free counselling to students in Florida? Would we have thought a few years ago that TV ads would be saying, "Do not let your friends drive while under the influence of alcohol," instead of, "Do not drink at all"? Or, that a national TV talk show hostess would congratulate a guest upon her pregnancy even though she has no husband? What about the college student who was asked by his father if he was taught any absolutes while in college and he replied, "Yes, tolerance is the one absolute"? By tolerance the student meant that any view is equally true and should be equally accepted ... even if the views are contradictory! However, in these changing times there are some hopeful signs. One of these is the

growing interest in "Christian" education. A recent article in *Christianity Today* notes that the free spirits of the 1960's now have children of college age and they are more and more rethinking their lifestyles and the directions the lives of their children will take. *Christianity Today* points out that interest in "Christian" education is booming because "Christian" schools have a higher purpose. It was recently pointed out that the biggest problem on the campuses of secular colleges and universities is binge drinking. Add to this the problems on these campuses of student suicide, drug-connected homicide, rape, and assault and the boon in the interest in "Christian" schools is understandable. "Christian" colleges usually have fewer students on campus and these students can have a personal relationship with their professors instead of being in mega-sized classes or taught by graduate students. Also, it is a well-documented fact that graduates from our schools are well prepared to compete in the marketplace, have a good work ethic, and are sought after by employers. Christian education needs and deserves our prayerful and financial support.

-- Jay Lockhart

* When "Christian" is placed in quotes it is being used in the broadest sense for religious schools.

Sermons for Sunday, April 25, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "What's Right With The Church?"

(Matthew 16:13-19)

P.M. "He Is Going Before You"

(Mark 16:1-8)

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

A special "Thanks" to all who came to the Briarcliff Worship this past Sunday. A job well done to those who led the worship!

Once again, thanks to all of those who participated in LTC this year. We are already looking forward to next year!

CHARACTER COUNTS...

This weekend will be a very important time for this church. Character Counts is powerful seminar that will help us better understand our character and how much of a part it plays every day in all we do. Don't miss this, it will help you to be a better person.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins whose team played in the Tyler Hoop-It-Up 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament this past weekend. They won 3rd Place! Way to go, Brady!

OUT TO EAT

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

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"Stumbling Blocks" (Romans 14:13)

Start by having a member walk around the room blindfolded. What was it like to have to walk without seeing? Discuss ways we stumble. What can we do to help one another not to stumble? Spend time in prayer asking God to guide you in helping others. End with cookies and milk. -- POWER FOR TODAY

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CHARACTER COUNTS SEMINAR

... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Friday, April 23rd - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 24th - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* childcare available (provided by the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College)

* snacks and lunch will be provided

* this seminar will be offered at NO CHARGE to you

Character is who we are when no one but God is watching.

A Person of Character . . .

Is a good person, someone to look up to and admire.

Knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do what is right.

Sets a good example for everyone.

Lives according the "Six Pillars of Character:" trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Makes the world a better place.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin Family,

I want to express my thanks to all of you who have been praying for my family and me. I recently started working at a new job and I feel that this is an answered prayer. May God be with you in your time of need. God bless you.

Kevin Sustaire & Family

Dear Christian Friends,

Words cannot express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the lovely cards, calls, visits and especially your prayers that have been answered. Although slowly, I am gaining strength each day and will be going home Thursday, April 22. Continue to pray for me because we can't make it without our fellow Christians.

Pauline Daughtry

WITH SYMPATHY

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Take Time To Love . . .

A moment spent to share a smile
 Or go that extra special mile,
 To hug a child or greet a friend
 Or care enough to stop and send
 A cheerful thought to someone dear
 To ease a sorrow, dry a tear,
 Will bring God's blessing from above
 When we but take time to love.
 copied from Bulletin Digest

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Wed. P.M.	223	229	NC
Contribution	\$18,004.49	\$15,057.42	\$15,003.69
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$320.00

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PRAYER AND CARE - Gregg Fisher had additional tests in Houston Monday. Pauline Daughtry is in ETMC rehab. Opal Mathews got a good report after a recent biopsy. Mary Richey is at home after surgery Thursday. Jay Bynum is recuperating at home. Delle Bullard is at home but continuing therapy. Guy Potts is undergoing treatment. Tracy Lemons, Kim's husband, remains in M.D. Anderson. Allen Tennon, Alice's husband, is doing well after recent surgery. Clonnie Davis, Linda Hone's dad, is undergoing cancer treatment. Lorraine Rozell, Ginger Metcalf's mother, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Jill Amundson, Gussie Beaty's daughter and Kathy Portwood's sister, had surgery Friday in Fairbanks, Alaska. 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 George Colvin
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

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David Cannefax
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

The young people involved in LTC will conduct the evening worship assembly, followed by a presentation of the LTC program

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Faber Cauthen Stan Clark
Gary Cain Bob Clemmons
David Cannefax Clay Clemons
Garrett Cantrell Jim Carty

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TEACH US TO PRAY

Is it not interesting that the disciples of Jesus never ask him to teach them to preach? He was the greatest preacher who has ever lived, but they did not ask him about preaching. They did, however, after observing his prayer life, ask him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). In his Word the Lord has taught us much about prayer and we have come to believe that there is power in prayer. Moreover, we believe that nothing is beyond the power of prayer except what is beyond the will of God. Prayer changes things. Prayer makes a difference. So, we are to pray without ceasing. We need not only to pray but to pray big prayers -- pray for things that only God can do. Last Sunday we called the church to higher ground, to thirty days of prayer for big things, things only God can do. During these thirty days we are praying for:

- Greater power in the pulpit and classroom
- Personal renewal
- Church revival
- People who are teachable
- Being filled with the fullness of God

Every day, every Christian, praying big prayers -- for things that only God can do. Will we do it? I believe we will.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, brings the *Character Counts Seminar* with Dr. Nat Cooper and Charles Valentine to West Erwin. "Six Pillars of Character," the same material being taught and received with great enthusiasm in Russia, will be presented including: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Nat Cooper is the vice-president of Global Affairs and Director of the Center for Character Development at Lubbock Christian University. Charles Valentine is the Assistant Director of the Center for Character Development and Co-Director of the Russian Character Counts Program. The revised schedule for the seminar is: Friday - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Plan to attend if you can.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, April 18, 1999

by Danny Snell
A.M. "When The Ships Sail"
(Philippians 2:5-8)

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BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP

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LTC SUNDAY

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TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Give Your Child Straight A's

AFFECTION. A purposeful touch between a parent and child creates a psychological bond. We can "say" things through physical touch that we can't say with words, and our children receive benefits that they probably cannot comprehend, much less put into words. Nothing quite reassures them of our love for them as an intentional hug. Have you hugged your child today?

AFFIRMATION. A nurturing parent uses words to convey support, protection, comfort, encouragement, sympathy, tenderness, and caring. The way we interact verbally with our children has a lasting effect, determining their level of security and their ability to empathize.

ATTENTION. When your child is talking, tune out all the distractions to give him or her your full attention. Maintain eye contact, and do your best to clear your mind. If our children are worth nurturing -- and we all know they are -- then these listening skills are worth practicing.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Teach One Another" (Colossians 3:16)

Have each group member share something they learned today. Then have everyone share something they learned in the last week about God. Why does the Bible tell us to teach one another? Read favorite passages from Proverbs. End by playing Bible Trivia and sharing brownies. -- POWER FOR TODAY

CHARACTER COUNTS SEMINAR

Friday, April 23rd - Sunday, April 25th

Character is who we are when no one but God is watching.

A Person of Character . . .

Is a good person, someone to look up to and admire.

Knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do what is right.

Sets a good example for everyone.

Lives according to the "Six Pillars of Character:" trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Makes the world a better place.

TEACHERS' APPRECIATION BANQUET

We're having a HEAVENLY HOE-DOWN Podnuhs so "saddle up" and join us as we pay tribute to our teachers.

Friday evening, April 30th
in the Family Life Center

Worship, Bible Classes, Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class, Children's Worship, Bible Hour, Jr. Bible Hour, West Erwin Play-school, Nurseries.

LET'S CELEBRATE TEACHERS!!!!!!

Please make plans now to join us for an evening to honor everyone involved in sharing God's Word with us.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are happy to welcome Stevie Blakemore into our church family. He came Sunday to be restored and to place membership with the West Erwin church. He formerly worshipped with the North Tenna congregation. His address is 5105 Old Bullard Rd. #N21, 75701, ph. 534-1409.

RESPONSES

Ranae Ritchie and Cathy Scroggins both came Sunday to request the prayers of their church family to help strengthen their prayer lives and to be the kind of Christian example they want to be.

Jim Armstrong requested the prayers of the church for his upcoming marriage to Carol Boren April 24 in Denver and for the Sojourners as he and Carol begin work with them in May.

CARING SISTERS MINISTRY

There will be a meeting for those currently involved and those who would like to be involved in the *Caring Sisters Ministry* Sunday, April 18, at 4:30 in the library. They will be discussing plans for the 1999 ladies ministry.

AREA EVENTS

Wills Point Church of Christ Jay Lockhart
"The Challenge" April 18-21, Mon. - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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Broad Street Church of Christ - Dr. Bert Thompson
Evolution versus Creation, April 16-18 at the Mineola Middle School Cafetorium.

Longview Church of Christ Darwin Hunter
Gospel Meeting April 18-21, weeknight services are at 7:00 p.m.

Crossroads Church of Christ - Dr. Burton Coffman
Revival, April 18, 19, 20 - Evening services Sun. - Tues 7:30.

1999 Edition of **Sing Into Spring** Friday, April 30 (7:00 until 11:30) at the Church of Christ in Franklin, Texas.

North Tenna Church of Christ 64th annual Homecoming and Gospel meeting May 1 and 2. Their male chorus will present their annual musical Saturday and **Ralph Draper** will bring the message Sunday. Dinner will be served following worship and the afternoon service will begin at 2:30.

Boles Children's Home 75th Anniversary
Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS - Sunday, April 18
Preacher - Fred Powell; Nursery - Becky McRuiz; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Donna Maples & Kim DuPree; 2's - Dwight & Michelle Smith; 3's - Rick & Karen Fedell; 4's - Randy & Karen Pharis; overseers - David & Carrie Cannefax.

NO BIBLE HOUR SUNDAY APRIL 18

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HELPI

We need you!

We are in the process of updating the Picture Directory for West Erwin. If we are missing your picture, you will receive a letter about the time and place of your "sitting." If we miss you in the mailout, please contact Chuck Gillam at 849-4022.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you ---

Words could never express our deep appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during Ben's illness. The many calls, cards, flowers, food and prayers have touched our hearts and we are grateful for every act of kindness. It has helped us very much knowing our Christian brothers and sisters are praying for us. We love all of you.

Ben & Patsy Young

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

We are so thankful for your love and support. Our time with you was wonderful and the conference was a great success. Thank you for all of the hard work and love you showed our family and the guests that came to Tyler.

With our love & thanks,
Jeff, Brenda, & Josiah

Thank you so much for the hospitality shown to us during our recent tour. It was an honor for us to be the first group to sing in your new building. You were a very encouraging audience, and we hope we encouraged you with our program of songs. We certainly enjoyed our visit with you in your homes. If you are ever in the Paragould area, please come by Crowley's Ridge Academy and give us an opportunity to return the kindness you extended to us. Our sincere best wishes to each of you personally and to the church that meets at West Erwin.

Dan Stokes and the Crowley Ridge
Academy High School Chorus

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the cards and trips to the store and food, but most of all, thanks for your prayers. I only had a few breaths left when they put me on life support and I knew it. Your prayers made all the difference. Keep praying; there is power in prayers.

Loving all of you,
Frances Moore

BENEVOLENT NEEDS

When you're cleaning out closets, remember there is a need for clothing of all sizes in our Benevolent Center. Please bring clean, usable, and in-season clothing.

The Search



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Records	Sunday April 4	Sunday Mar. 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	303	465	320
Worship A.M.	637	645	489
Worship P.M.	182	Area-Wide	329
Wed. P.M.	229	271	NC
Contribution	\$15,057.42	\$16,646.50	\$14,458.87
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$285.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 11, and Wednesday P.M., April 14, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Gregg Fisher** received a preliminary diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's disease. He is scheduled for additional tests in Houston April 12. **Opal Mathews** entered UTHC Tuesday. She will have a breast biopsy Thursday. **Mary Richey** had surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. **Pauline Daughtry** is in ETMC rehab. **Bernice Majors** had eye surgery Wednesday. **Meggie Wagner** broke her arm last week. **Jay Bynum** is recuperating at home. **Delle Bullard** is at home but continuing therapy. **Guy Potts** has begun treatment. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim's husband, remains in M.D. Anderson after additional surgery. **Allen Tension**, Alice's husband, is doing well after surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Clonnie Davis**, Linda Hone's dad, is undergoing cancer treatment. **Lorraine Rozell**, Ginger Metcalf's mother, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **Marie Nelson**, Debra Elzen's mother, suffered a stroke. 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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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Lowell Wiggains
Scripture Kyle Willoughby
Dismiss Matt Tate

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Chuck Florence

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Ray Womack
Scripture Justin Wiggains
Dismiss Roy Bench

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Faber Cauthen Stan Clark
Gary Cain Bob Clemmons
David Cannefax Clay Clemons
Garrett Cantrell Jim Carty

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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AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS

America is filled with contradictions. Our founding fathers purposed to establish a nation "under God." The Congress of the United States still begins its sessions with prayer but the courts have declared prayer at public school functions to be unconstitutional. America has people who are against war and capital punishment but many of these same people are for abortion. We have people who want a smoke-free environment but many of these same people are protective of those who spread the HIV virus. We call ourselves a Christian nation but anti-Christian views often prevail. Rabbi Daniel Lapin has written an important book entitled *America's Real War* and in it he, although an orthodox Jew, expresses deep concern over the use of anti-Christian attitudes in our country. Lapin rightly states that there are only two ways to view the world: one following the God perspective and one that is opposed to God. Only one of these views will eventually win out. In the world's history, here is a fact: nations that acknowledge God are blessed and are a blessing to other

nations, and nations that forget God will eventually decay and crumble. Lapin observed that well over 90% of all scientific discoveries made in the last 1000 years were in nations where Christianity was the prevailing religion. Let me ask this question: do you believe that the prevailing values in America today are more in keeping with the standards of God's Word or less than divine standards? We all know the answer to this question. So, what are we to do? Shall we wring our hands and complain that things are really getting bad, or shall we do something positive in our world? What can we do? First, we can be the right kind of people, not simply people who say the right thing but people who do the right thing. Second, we can be involved in the democratic process of America and we can vote for people running for public office upon the basis of who they are morally and ethically -- people who stand for Christian principles. The Bible still says, "Righteousness exalts a nation" (Proverbs 14:34). America is at the crossroads.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, April 11, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "**Do You Believe God Really Answers Prayer?**"

(James 5:16-18)

P.M. "**The Biblical Perspective On Fasting**"

(Matthew 6:16-18)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

LTC 1999 is now a part of the history books. It is difficult to know where to begin to say "Thanks." It takes such an incredible number of folks to make West Erwin's involvement in LTC a success. The 1999 LTC Convention was one of the best ever, with our young people shining in their areas of involvement. You will hear more about LTC 1999 on Sunday, April 18.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Everyone is invited to our Picnic in the Park on Sunday, April 11. We will meet at Pollard Park after church Sunday morning. Bring your lunch and lawn chairs and come and join the fun.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Meggie Wagner who was honored recently at the Chandler Lions Club

as one of Chandlers Outstanding Youth. Way to go, Meggie!

BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP

West Erwin will lead the worship at the Briarcliff Retirement Center on Sunday, April 18. We will meet at Briarcliff at 2:45. We need your help to participate in this worthy service project. Please make this a priority on Sunday, Apr. 18.

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*"And Jesus grew
in wisdom
and stature,
and in favor
with God and men."
Luke 2:52*

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Teach your children how to "LOVE!"

When we look at the verse found in John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Let's remember that God's LOVE was shown through the selfless offering of His Son for the redemption of our sins. LOVE isn't a warm fuzzy feeling, in fact, the word is usually used as a verb. We LOVE others when we put their needs before our own, when we selflessly give of ourselves for the betterment of someone or something else. Let's teach our kids to stop "looking for LOVE" and start "practicing our LOVE."

The LOVE in your heart wasn't put there to stay, LOVE isn't LOVE 'til you give it away.

The warm fuzzy feelings associated with LOVE are the feelings of fulfillment and self-worth that come from doing what is right and worthy in the eyes of God, ourselves, and others.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Do Good For Others" (Hebrews 13:16)

Discuss ways that you can do good for a coworker, acquaintance, or schoolmate. Plan a time for the whole family to donate clothes, time or money to a needy charity. End with prayers for guidance to do good for others. Enjoy pizza.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Mrs. Gregg (Julie) Fisher** into the West Erwin family. They have two young sons, Chase (almost 6) and Austin (age 10). Their address is Route 6, Box 470C, Mineola, 75773 and they come to us from the Broad Street church in Mineola. They have also asked a special interest in our prayers for Gregg. He has received a preliminary diagnosis of Lou Gherig's disease and will have additional tests in Houston April 12.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jon and Norma Sorrells on the birth of a new grandson! Ruger T. Stocking was born April 2 in Sterling, Colorado to Herb and Charity Stocking. He weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. The baby had a bleeding problem and was moved to Denver Children's Hospital. He is the great grandson of Reba Sorrells.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Earl & Melinda O'Quinn
2110 Dover Lane
Tyler, Texas 75703

Tommie Alice Egbert
Windsor Nursing Center
250 FM 2578
Terrell, Texas 75160

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Leaving A Legacy" with Paul Faulkner presented by the Gilmer area churches of Christ at the Upshur County Civic Center in Gilmer April 12 & 13 at 7:00 p.m. Special Youth Program 6:00-6:45 each evening with Terry Davis.

You are invited to hear Jay Lockhart presenting "The Challenge" April 18-21 at the Wills Point Church of Christ. Monday through Wednesday services at 7:00 p.m.

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"A Christian Learning Experience" is offered at the Frankston Church of Christ Sunday, April 11 - Thursday, April 15. Speakers are Tim Grounds, Steve Handley, Ferman Carpenter, and Dan Gannon.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola invites you to a seminar on *Evolution versus Creation* at the Mineola Middle School Cafeteria on April 16, 17, 18. Dr. Bert Thompson will be directing the seminar. Check the bulletin board in the office area for more details.

The Longview Church of Christ is hosting a **Gospel Meeting** April 18-21 with Darwin Hunter as guest speaker. Sunday services are 9:00 & 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. and weeknight services are at 7:00 p.m.

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BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Sharon Hammond (It's a girl!)

on Saturday, April 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

at the Family Center

Selections: Target & Toys R Us

OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to an Open House

at the West Erwin Church of Christ

Family Life Center

421 West Erwin

on Sunday, April 11

from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Carolyn Blackstone and all the family in the death of her aunt, Alice Parnell. Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

Funny, isn't it? Funny how a \$10 looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it shopping. Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of football. Funny how long are a couple of hours spent at church, but how short they are when watching a movie. Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend. Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time. Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of the best selling novel. Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at a church service. Funny how we need two or three weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events. Funny how much difficulty some people have learning a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip of someone. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they don't have to believe, or think, or say, or do anything. Funny, isn't it? Or is it? -- copied

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS - Sunday, April 11

Preacher - Mike Gravois; Nursery - Frances Broome; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Frances Phillips; 2's - Nora Gravois & Jerry Huff; 3's - Mark & Martha Waggonner; 4's - Rex & Cynthia Johnson; overseers - David & Carrie Cannefax.

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Wed. P.M.	271	242	NC
Contribution	\$16,646.50	\$19,014.10	\$16,510.70
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$155.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, April 4, and Wednesday P.M., April 7, Terry Frick, ph. 849-4805.

PRAYER AND CARE - Jay Bynum is recovering at home after surgery on a broken leg. Dr. Aaron DuVall is recovering at home from knee surgery. Pauline Daughtry is in ETMC rehab. Delle Bullard is at home. June Walker is at home after being hospitalized with respiratory problems. Odell Sessions is at home after surgery on a broken ankle. Frances Broome is confined at home due to whiplash sustained in a car accident Sunday. Frances Moore is at home. Cooper Goodson had outpatient knee surgery Thursday. Guy Potts has begun additional treatment. Priscilla Mayer had foot surgery Tuesday. Tracy Lemons, Kim Lemons' husband, had additional surgery Monday in Houston. Martha Trostel, Charles Seaberry's sister, reports were good after surgery but she will undergo radiation treatment. Ruby Graham, Nettie Potts' mother, is now in The Clairmont. Clonnie Davis, Linda Hone's dad, is undergoing cancer treatment. Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, lost an eye due to radiation treatment. Viva Pennington, Judy Smith's sister, is at home after recent surgery in Greenup, IL.

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Prayer James Hardin
Scripture Robert Threadgill
Dismiss David Wicks

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Harvey Strickland
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Fred Wingate
Scripture Billy Terrell
Dismiss Greg Wagner

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Caleb Bynum Dwayne Bryant
Arnold Ables Paul Brummitt
Dale Blackstone Gary Broome
Jim Armstrong James Ball

GREETERS
Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 4. Spring forward 1 hour so you'll be on time for Bible classes!

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ANGER: GOOD AND BAD

A lot of good things have come about because someone got angry. The colonists in early America were angered over taxation without representation and a free nation was formed. Abraham Lincoln was angered at the inhumanity of slavery and signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Dr. Jonas Salk was angered that polio crippled so many children and found a cure. Even Jesus became angry when honest worshippers were mistreated by the religionists of his day and drove these cheats from the temple. There are times when problems are solved because someone gets angry. However the Bible warns that there are dangers in anger. In Ephesians 4:26, Paul says, "Be angry, and do not sin." Anger here is an anger that flares up, like when a match is put to straw, and then quickly subsides. Paul continued by saying, "Let not the sun go down on your anger." In other words, "Be careful when you get angry that you do not say or do something you should not and get over it quickly." In Ephesians 4:31, Paul says, "Let all ... anger ... be put away from you." This suggests an anger that

lingers, a settled disposition of anger. To harbor a lingering anger is a sin like bitterness, wrath, loud quarreling, and the desire to injure (4:31). So there is an anger that is not sin, although this anger may lead to sin. However, a settled disposition of anger is a sin. Now, some questions. What makes you angry? Or better, with whom are you angry right now? And, how long have you been angry? Further, when will you get over your anger? Is your anger causing you to sin by treating people badly, in clear violation of doing unto others as you would have them do to you (Matthew 7:12) and having the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5)? If you say or do things when angry that you should not, it is a sin. If you harbor your anger and refuse to get over it, that's a sin. It's better to forgive right now and get over it. You'll be happier if you do and, also, it's the right thing to do. Can you hear the words echoing? "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger." And, "Let all ... anger ... be put away from you."

-- Jay Lockhart

A big thanks to all who made the Togo Together Conference such a great success.

Sermons for Sunday, April 4, 1999
by Mike Gravois

A.M. **"These Present Times"**
(I Chronicles 12:32)

P.M. **"These Present Times" (2)**
(I Chronicles 12:32)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all of those young people who participated in Bible Quiz this past year. They did an outstanding job on learning the Gospel of Luke and deserve to be commended. Congratulations to: Cayti Bynum, Jay Culpepper, Megan Florence, Dayne Harris, Brett Hone, Kara Murry, Sarah Scarborough, Shannon Snell, and Kelsi Wicks. We are proud of your accomplishments!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As most of you read this article, about a hundred young people and sponsors from West Erwin will be attending the 1999 LTC Convention. There will be over 7000 folks from all over the southwest participating in the North Texas LTC.

Please pray for our group that they will be kept safe and will honor God in all they do.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Everyone is invited to our Picnic in the Park on Sunday, April 11. Bring your lunch and lawn chairs and come and join the fun.



"... and a special word of thanks to those of you who helped with Leadership Training for Christ."

IMPORTANT DATES

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FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Live In Peace" (I Thessalonians 5:13)
Turn on several radios and televisions to different stations at loud volumes. What is it like to live in noise? Turn off the noise and discuss the meaning of peace. What is it like to live in peace? End by making a child's favorite dessert.

-- POWER FOR TODAY

CHARACTER COUNTS SEMINAR

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Character is who we are when no one but God is watching.

The 6 Pillars of Character are:

RESPECT

CARING

TRUSTWORTHINESS

FAIRNESS

RESPONSIBILITY

CITIZENSHIP

In focusing on these subjects we can change the world.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Watch Your Attitude!!!

The Power of Attitude

"Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we react to what happens; not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst... a spark that creates extraordinary results."

"For as he thinks within himself, so is he."
Proverbs 23:7a

THOUGHTS ON ATTITUDES ...

"People who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do."

"When an optimist gets the worst of it, he makes the best of it."

"No one can possibly go forward in the strength of the Lord until he has first learned to stand still in his own helplessness."

"How rare it is to find a person quiet enough to hear God speak."

"When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry."

"Many seem determined not to be content with their lot until it is a lot more."

IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, the cards, the calls, visits, food and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

In Christian Love,
Clelia Fay Elliott

The family of Dee Dee Scogins appreciate so very much your kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, food, calls and prayers. Your acts of kindness served to lighten our burden when we were called upon to give up our beloved sister to death, after a long period of pain and suffering. The encouraging and kind words of Dr. Lockhart, and the beautiful songs rendered by the singers in such a superb way will remain in our hearts and mind for a long time. We thank all of you so very much, and may God's richest blessings be with each of you.

The Hardin Family
C.B. & Dot Hardin
Leona Hardin
Christine Parsons
Horace & Hazel Hardin

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care and concern shown to Jay and me after his accident. The many calls, cards, and visits lifted both our spirits and the food prepared for our children was such a blessing. A special thanks to Kay Hanley for her attentiveness and care as one of Jay's surgical nurses. Most of all we want to thank you for your prayers and will continue to covet them as he enters into along recovery process.

Our Christian Love,
The Jay Bynum Family

To Our West Erwin Family:

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and thanks-giving for all you have done for us, for your prayers that helped see us through this ordeal, for the flowers, encouragement, phone calls, food, cards, visits, and sitters. The Lord will bless you for your kind hearts.

We love you,
Edgar & Delle Bullard

Thank you to the many West Erwin members who helped make the Togo Conference a success. You shared your homes, provided food and helped in so many other ways. Without your support, the job could not have been done!

Charles Rachui for the
The Missions Committee

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BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Sharon Hammond (It's a girl!)

on Saturday, April 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
at the Family Center

Selections: Target & Toys R Us

OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to an Open House

at the

West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
421 West Erwin
on Sunday, April 11
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Don and Mary Jo Crowder on the birth of a new granddaughter! Haley Jane Tacker was born March 24 in Fort Worth to Susan and Robin Tacker. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz.

Sorry to lose...

Moselle White has moved to Kingwood, Texas to be near her daughter. She will be greatly missed here but we wish her well in her new home. She will be staying with her daughter temporarily until her home is ready. That address is % Jo Ann Ragsdale, 1355 Trailwood Village Drive, Kingwood, 77339.

BELGRADE CHRISTIANS

There are Christians in Belgrade who are endangered by the continuing NATO bombings. Be in prayer about their safety and that peace will prevail.

AREA-WIDE MEETING

A contribution was taken at the Area-Wide meeting Sunday night at the Glenwood church to be shared among five works that the Tyler churches share: Camp Deer Run, Campus Christian Center, Christian Services of East Texas, Karing Kitchen and East Texas Christian Academy. A total of \$4,455.00 was collected.

"God sees the heart, not the hand; the giver, not the gift."

"Giving should be based on principle, regulated by system, beautified by self-sacrifice."

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS - Sunday, April 4
Preacher - Clay Clemons; Nursery - Nila Miles; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Frances Phillips; 2's - Ronda Clemons & Wade Weathers; 3's - Tim & Stephanie Percefull; 4's - Jay & Debbie Graham; overseers - David & Carrie Cannefax.

The Search



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KL5B - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Records	Sunday Mar. 21	Sunday Mar. 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	388	361	412
Worship A.M.	570	528	572
Worship P.M.	362	325	367
Wed. P.M.	242	242	NC
Contribution	\$19,014.10	\$13,521.80	\$15,542.74
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund \$335.00	

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 28, and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 24, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.

PRAYER AND CARE - Jay Bynum had surgery on a broken leg Tuesday. **Pauline Daughtry** is now in ETMC rehab. **Delle Bullard** is now at home! **Odell Sessions** is at home after surgery on a broken ankle. **David Daughtry** is recuperating at home after recent bypass surgery. **Frances Moore** is at home but expects to go to rehab. **Ben Young** is recovering at home after bypass surgery. **Cooper Goodson** had outpatient knee surgery Thursday. **Guy Potts** will undergo additional treatment. **Jim Mayer** had tests this week. **Gary Broome** is having severe allergy and ulcer problems. **Myra Turner** broke her arm last Saturday. **Kenzie Fedell**, Rick & Karen's little daughter, broke her arm last week. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim Lemons' husband, will have additional surgery Monday in Houston. **Martha Trostel**, Charles Seaberry's sister, initial reports were good after surgery Monday in Dallas. **Ruby Graham**, Nettie Potts' mother, is now in The Clairmont. 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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ASSEMBLIES	
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PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Wade Weathers

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Area-Wide Meeting at the Glenwood church

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Caleb Bynum Dwayne Bryant
Arnold Ables Paul Brummitt
Dale Blackstone Gary Broome
Jim Armstrong James Ball

GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale

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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TOGETHER FOR TOGO III - THIS WEEKEND

Some of you receive your church bulletin on Friday and, if you do, that means the Togo Conference starts in just a few hours with a full slate of activities for Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning. Be involved as much as you can beginning with dinner on Friday at 6:00 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY EVENING

For several years now the churches of the Tyler area have met together twice a year for an Area-Wide Meeting in the buildings of either West Erwin, Glenwood or Shiloh. This Sunday evening is the time which is scheduled to be at the Glenwood building. From 5:00 until 6:00 p.m. there will be a program presented by the young people's choruses from various congregations which will be participating soon in the upcoming Leadership Training for Christ weekend. Then at 6:00 p.m. we will worship together and will hear Johnny Anders preach. Johnny has been invited to speak because of his long standing service to the churches of East Texas and his hospital work that makes him one of the best known members of the church in this area. It will be a good time and I hope you can join us. Remember there will be a special contribution for the five works we share in East Texas: Christian Services of East Texas, Camp Deer Run, Campus Christian Center, Karing Kitchen and East Texas Christian Academy. You can

earmark your check for any of these. If you do not designate a preference, your contribution will be divided equally among the five works. It will simplify everything if you make your check payable to the Glenwood Church of Christ. Thanks.

IT SEEMS STRANGE TO ME

- ... that a speaker stands for an hour before a crowd of 500 telling people that the only effective way to communicate is in small groups for twenty minutes.
- ... that godless evolution can be taught as a fact in public institutions of higher learning but that God and the Bible are not to be discussed.
- ... that people sing "I Surrender All" when they really surrender some.
- ... that many of the same people who demonstrate against capital punishment favor the slaughter of the unborn.
- ... that Christian people fail to understand that their relationships with their brothers affects their relationships with God.
- ... that many are more concerned about what time we get out of worship than they are with the lostness of the world.
- ... that we know what time of day it is but do not know what time it really is.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, March 28, 1999
Combined Adult Bible Class: Togo Emphasis

Jeff Holland
A.M. "Motivation For Mission"

(2 Corinthians 5:9-11)

Dr. Jay Lockhart

P.M. Area-Wide Meeting at Glenwood

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all those who hosted the Skating party this past Sunday night it was a great time for all.

CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the City Wide Devotional this coming Sunday night after the City Wide Worship Service. Please bring \$3.00 for Dinner. We will be finished at 9:00.

BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

Time is running out! All receipts must be dated no later than February 28. Please turn them in by Sunday, March 28. Thanks for participating.

BIBLE QUIZ

Mar. 29 is the date of the next quiz and we will be studying Luke 19-24. Please be at Shiloh Rd. at 6:45. Parents can pick up your kids at Braums on Troup Hwy. at 8:45.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Wesley Hilliard whose Baseball Team placed 2nd in the DFW 13 Year Old Baseball Tournament. Placing in this tournament gave them a slot in the Texas State Play-Off. Way to go Wesley!

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Take the initiative in getting together with your child.

When asked how to be better parents most parents would respond, "Spend more time with my kids." The truth is our children spell LOVE, "T-I-M-E" and the quality of their relationship with their parents can be measured by the amount of time spent together. Plan some time with your children today. Play in the park. Meet them at school for lunch. Read bedtime stories. Plan a special evening together. Take time to say, "I love you." In a society where we never seem to have the time to do things we want we have to learn to set priorities and plan to use our time wisely. Invest some time in your child's lives this week.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Devotion to One Another"

(Romans 12:10)

Have Mom and Dad define in simple words what "devoted" means. Discuss what it is like to be devoted to one another. What are families like that are truly devoted? End by hiding special treats in the house and taking a scavenger hunt to find them.

-- POWER FOR TODAY

Congratulations to Chad Frick who has completed the requirements for Eagle Scout. He will receive his Eagle Award this Saturday night. Way to go Chad!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As the final week approaches, please continue to pray for all of those going to LTC.

Sunday Chorus - 2:00-4:00

Younger Puppets - Lunch - 2:00

Live Modern Drama - Lunch 2:00

Older Puppets - Wednesday night.

Don't forget that the LTC Choruses will be performing this coming Sunday night at Glenwood from 5:00-6:00.

If you missed the meeting Wednesday night, please contact me for final details. Please pay your fees by Sunday. The cost is \$20.00 per person per night and \$10.00 for meals on Saturday.

LTC is only 1 week away!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 28	Area-Wide Church @ Glenwood
Mar. 28	Area-Wide Devotional @ Glenwood
Mar. 29	Bible Quiz
Apr. 2-4	1999 LTC Convention
Apr. 11	Picnic In The Park

ATTENTION LADIES!!!

Please consider this your personal invitation to attend our newest Ladies Bible Class, beginning Wednesday evening, March 24th, in the chapel. Carrie Cannefax will be presenting a class entitled:

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place

This class will center around a study of the Old Testament Tabernacle and how God invites us to become His Personal Dwelling Place today. You won't want to miss this one!! Please plan to join us.

CHARACTER COUNTS SEMINAR

Friday, April 23rd - Sunday, April 25th

"Character is who we are when no one but God is watching."

"Character is not made in a crisis - it is only exhibited."

"A golden character needs no gilding."

"The measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out."

IN APPRECIATION



Words are so inadequate to express our appreciation for all of the kindnesses shown during the illness of our Mom. The cards, the telephone calls, the food, the visits, and especially the prayers all meant so much to her and to us. Thank you so much. Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement sent in memory of Florene Adams. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

In Christian Love,
The Family of Florene Lowrance Adams
Ron & Janelle Lowrance
Tommy & Donna, Michael & Jonathan

I want to thank you for singing at my mother's funeral in Jacksonville. Your voices were so beautiful and you sang Mom's favorite hymns. I really appreciate your willingness to travel and thus to make that special time even more special. May God bless you and keep you warm in His arms. Thank you!
Linda McElmurray

AREA-WIDE ASSEMBLY

The Area-Wide Sunday evening worship for this Spring will be hosted by the Glenwood church on March 28. Johnny Anders, a long-time servant of churches in East Texas, will be preaching. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. with special presentations by the LTC choruses of the area. Worship will begin at 6:00. A contribution will be taken to benefit Camp Deer Run, Campus Christian Center, Christian Services of East Texas, East Texas Christian Academy and Karing Kitchen. If you would like to designate one group only, please indicate that on your check, otherwise all money will be divided equally among the five groups. All checks should be made to the Glenwood Church of Christ. Childcare for infants through two years will be available for both of these hours. Plan to be a part of this time of fellowship with area Christians!

SPECIAL EVENTS

The time is here! The **Togo Conference** will be at the West Erwin church Family Center March 26, 27 & 28. About 120 guests from nine states are expected for the conference. You are encouraged to participate.

The Campus Christian Center at Kilgore College presents **ACAPELLA**, America's premier vocal group, at the Alpine Church of Christ on Monday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will support students that will travel to Brazil (with Daniel Morgan) on a mission trip this summer.

The Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola invites you to a seminar on **Evolution versus Creation** at the Mineola Middle School Cafeterium on April 16, 17, 18. Dr. Bert Thompson will be directing the seminar. Check the bulletin board in the office area for more details.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Carol Boren** in her decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday. Carol currently lives in Niwot, Colorado and she and Jim Armstrong plan to be married in April. We wish for them a long and happy life together and we are happy to welcome Carol into our church family.

RESPONSE

Wendy Robbins came Sunday to request the prayers of the church for her dad, Wendell Robbins, who is scheduled for surgery Thursday at Mother Frances.

WITH SYMPATHY

Adela Scogins, long-time West Erwin member, died Tuesday morning following a lengthy illness. Adela is the sister of Leona Hardin, Christine Parsons, and C.B. Hardin and aunt of James Hardin. Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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

-- Abraham Lincoln

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christian Services of East Texas needs volunteers to be available to help new houseparents move into the group home on Tuesday, March 30. If you can help, please contact CSET at 509-0558 for more details.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool would like to offer an opportunity for the children at West Erwin Church of Christ to pre-register for the 1999-2000 school year. There are several people waiting to register, so please take advantage of this chance to secure a spot. Please see Carrie Cannefax, Terry Shaw, or Laurie Dawkins for more information. Registration will be opened to the general public April 1.

CAN YOU HELP?

West Erwin has scheduled a **Mom's Morning Off** program on Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. during the summer. There is a need for 20 oz. clear drink bottles to be used in crafts for this program. If you can help with this need, please bring bottles to the church office at your convenience.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS - Sunday, March 28
Preacher - Fred Powell & Terry Lowry; Nursery - Judy Clark; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Cathy Culpepper; 2's - Tina Harris & John Shaw; 3's - Wynne & Ginger Weathers; 4's - Aaron & Jean DuVall.

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Mar. 18, 1999	THE VISITOR			Vol. 30-No.10
Records	Sunday Mar. 14	Sunday Mar. 7	Year Ago	
Bible Class	361	396	323	
Worship A.M.	528	600	514	
Worship P.M.	325	362	294	
Wed. P.M.	242	NC	NC	
Contribution	\$13,521.80	\$17,477.76	\$15,575.24	
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$145.00	
MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 21, and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 24, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.				

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer John Steffee
Scripture Steve Thrash
Dismiss Garrett Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Marc Tate

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Dr. Dennis Stansbury
Scripture Kyle Stowers
Dismiss Ken Smith

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chuck Barnett Jim Bell
Tony Adams Isaac Barnett
Chris Ables Gary Aven
Cody Ables Anthony Aven

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Freeman & Billie Morgan
Fred & Sara Powell

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TOGETHER FOR TOGO III

You have seen the paraphernalia in the foyer and the hallway. You have heard the announcements made over the past many weeks. Now the time has arrived for West Erwin to host the third annual Togo Conference as over 115 people from around the country will soon be arriving in Tyler for Together For Togo III. A great deal of planning has gone into this conference with **Charles Rachui**, chairman of our Mission Committee, taking the lead. We are grateful for so many from West Erwin who have volunteered to do the much needed work in assure the success of this effort. Next weekend, March 26-28, promises to be a highlight of our year. **Jeff and Brenda and Josiah Holland** have arrived in Tyler and the **Frank Bunners, Mark Berrymans**, and others will be arriving soon. Be involved as fully as you can in these important days.

A TYPICAL SUNDAY?

How does Sunday begin for you? You may get up a little later than usual. Then it begins! "Are we going or not?" "Where are my blue socks?" "Can you dress the baby?" "What's for breakfast?" "Is my shirt ironed?" "I only have two hands, you know!" "What's for dinner?" "That tie doesn't match." "Everybody in the car right now!" "We're going to be late." "When will this be over?" "They didn't sing a single song I like." "Were those announcements endless or not?" "Did you see what she was wearing!" "I didn't get much out of that today." And in all this we forget:

"See that you do not refuse him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, . . . Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire" - Hebrews 12:25, 28-29

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, March 21, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

Questions I Have Been Asked (5)

A.M. **"Do You Believe Evolution Is A Fact?"**

(Colossians 1:13-18)

P.M. **"A People Person"**

(Luke 10:25-37)

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all those who came to the family activity this past Sunday night. Getting to use our new Family Center was great! We are very blessed to have such a wonderful facility to use to the Glory of God. Let's look for ways to use this "tool" to bring people closer to God. Let's also remember to take care of our new facility.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Leigh McClenny and the Lindale High School Tennis Team who won the State Tournament this past weekend in Waco. Way to go Leigh!

CROWLEY RIDGE CHORUS

Thanks to all who came to the Crowley's Ridge Chorus Concert this past Friday night in the Family Center. We had a good turn-out and heard a fantastic concert by this group of teens. Thanks to the following for hosting these young people: Mary Gaiser, Jim Armstrong, Ron & Pam Lott, Danny & Maggie Craddock, Mike & Nora Gravois, Harold & Shirley Denman, Jay & Debbie Bynum, Les & Carolyn Caruth, Jack & Johnnie Stringer, Billy & Lynda Terrell, Ray & Gail Vannoy, Stuart & Marisa Suggs, and Dannie & Sue Skipper. Your hospitality was a blessing to this group.

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BIBLE QUIZ

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Live Modern Drama - 5:00-6:00

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All of those doing Bible Reading need to meet on Sunday, March 21 at 5:00. Please have your scripture picked out.

All participants and sponsors need to meet this coming Sunday night in the Family Center for a very important meeting. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will go over all the plans for the weekend as well as the transportation schedules. Please pay your fees by Sunday, Mar. 21, The cost is \$20.00 per person per night and \$10.00 for meals on Saturday.

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FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Fellowship in the Light" (1 John 1:7)

Have half your family play a game in a room that is dark and half of your family play a game in a room with normal light. How did the two games differ? What was it like to play in the light? Discuss what it means to have fellowship with one another. End by playing a game and eating popcorn.

-- POWER FOR TODAY

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 20th

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

Teaching Pre-Schoolers: How They Learn and How To Teach Them

PLUS

The Teachers' Workroom: Unlocking the Secrets Within

*Breakfast will be provided.

*We will also work on a few Team Building/Communication exercises. Come join us for a time of learning, encouragement, and fun.

EVERYONE'S INVITED!!

The Family Builders/Boomers Classes

are hosting a skating party

at Applebee's Skating Rink

Sunday, March 21

after the evening worship assembly 'til 9:00

Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies or drinks

and come enjoy the fun and fellowship!

For more details call Carolyn Blackstone or Gail Vannoy.



WEDDING SHOWER

There will be Wedding "Table Shower" honoring David and Lisa Hanley on March 21

Ladies, please leave your gifts on the wedding table set up in the foyer

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SPECIAL EVENTS

13th Annual Bible Lectureship, March 19-21 with the Mabank Church of Christ meeting on the corner of 5th and Mt. Vernon Streets. The theme is "God's Plan For A Happy Marriage, Family & Home." Check the bulletin board in the foyer by the office for more details.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very happy to welcome Gina Montgomery into our West Erwin family. Gina is the granddaughter of Ray and Carolyn Womack and is a student at Tyler Junior College. Her address is 1608 Yosemite, ph. 561-5227.

RESPONSE

One of the young men in our church family made a request for prayers that as God builds character in his life he will understand God's will and direction for his life.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Clint and Jennifer Hale on the birth of Taylor Lynn Hale on March 13. She weighed 5 lb. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool would like to offer an opportunity for the children at West Erwin Church of Christ to pre-register for the 1999-2000 school year. There are several people waiting to register, so please take advantage of this chance to secure a spot. Please see Carrie Cannefax, Terry Shaw, or Laurie Dawkins for more information. Registration will be opened to the general public April 1.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Daniel and Carol Morgan and Sunny will be returning to the U.S. in April so that Daniel can receive his Master's Degree at Abilene Christian University in May. Their son, Nathaniel, and daughter, Sara, will also walk across the stage to receive their bachelor's Degree at ACU. We congratulate all the family on their accomplishments!

URGENT MEETING

All Deacons
Sunday, March 28, at 4:45
Heritage Room



OBSERVATIONS FROM A COUNSELOR

After several decades of working with people, listening to them and counseling them, I have made the following observations:

*The joyful people are those who are generous and kind; the miserably people are those who are selfish and unforgiving.

*The problem solvers are those whose lives are powered by faith and optimism; the problem people are those whose lives are drained by doubts and pessimism.

*The winners are those who have learned to take full responsibility for their actions; the losers are those who have a handy excuse for their failures.

-- William Arthur Ward (via e-mail)

The Search



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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Mar. 14, and Wednesday P.M., Mar. 10, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.

PRAYER AND CARE - Frances Moore remains in Mother Frances. Pauline Daughtry is now in Olympic Plaza for therapy. Ben Young is recovering at home after bypass surgery. He does not need visits at this time. Adela Scogins has returned to Park Place. Delle Bullard continues to improve in Olympic Plaza. Guy Potts was re-scheduled for day surgery Thursday. Daisy Old is at home after being hospitalized with respiratory problems. Tracy Lemons, Kim Lemons' husband, returns to Houston each week for evaluation. Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, is undergoing radiation treatment. Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother, has begun a new chemo treatment. Carolyn Lockhart, Stanley Lockhart's wife, is in rehab in Austin. Viva Pennington, Judy Smith's sister, is recovering from surgery in Greenup, IL. Nancy Kincheloe, Mary Butler's daughter, is recovering in Houston following a kidney transplant. Gerald Boykin, Martha's husband, is at home after shoulder surgery last week. Rebecca Whitley, Joy Rousseau's niece, and her baby, Cooper John, have both been hospitalized with pneumonia.

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Scripture Jimmie Philpot
Dismiss John Portwood, Jr.

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY


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Scripture Glynn Starnes
Dismiss Frank Steed

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chuck Barnett Jim Bell
Tony Adams Isaac Barnett
Chris Ables Gary Aven
Cody Ables Anthony Aven

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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A GOOD DAY

Sunday was such an exciting day -- coming together for worship should always be exciting. But Sunday was an especially exciting day. We met one attendance goal and missed two others by just a bit. We gave \$18,089.08. And then we witnessed the new birth of Dan Gillam, Charles and Estelle Garrett asked for our prayers and Ray and Nancy Bedard and Roger and Glenda Howell placed membership with us. It was good day.

SOME QUOTABLE QUOTES

I have come across some excellent quotes which I want to share with you.

"When you teach your son, you teach your son's son."
-- The Talmud

"If a man has any greatness in him, it comes to light -- not in one flamboyant hour, but in the ledger of his daily life."
-- Beryl Markham

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."
-- Helen Keller

YOUR WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE

The writer of Hebrews said, "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister" (6:10). I see this at West Erwin again and again. You have ministered to the saints and do minister. Whenever a need arises, you are there. If it is food prepared and delivered on Tuesday, the Karing Kitchen on Mondays, the clothing room on Tuesdays and Thursdays, food for Russia, meals for funerals, or singing for funerals, you are there, even when it might be easier not to be. So I want to thank so many of you for "your work and labor of love" -- for your willingness to serve when needed, and I want to assure you that God will remember what you have done.

Let's remember our attendance goals and do what we can to reach them this Sunday!

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, March 14, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

Questions I Have Been Asked (4)

A.M. **"Why Do You Believe The Bible Is From God?"**

(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

P.M. **"Glorifying God"**

(John 17:1-5)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to those who came to the Middle School Devo this past Sunday night. Thanks to Marc & Pam Lemons and Claudia Griffis for hosting. The tacos were great!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to: *Danielle Rousseau* for receiving a 1st Division Class 1 Solo in piano at the All-Region Contest. She will be going to the State Competition in May; *Jordan Rousseau* who preached his first sermon recently and we heard he did a great job; Way to go gang!

WORKDAY

We need your help this coming Saturday at 9:00 as we will be helping Garrett Cantrell finish his Eagle Project with the landscaping of the new Family Center. See you there!

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

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All of those doing Bible Reading need to meet on Sunday, March 14 at 5:00. Please have your scripture picked out.

LTC is only 3 weeks away!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our 3rd-4th grade team who received 1st place & 9th-10th grade team who received 3rd place. Mar. 29 is the date of the next quiz and we will be studying Luke 19-24.

BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mar.	12	Crowley's Ridge Chorus Concert
Mar.	14	Family Devotional
Mar.	29	Bible Quiz
Apr.	2-4	1999 LTC Convention



WEDDING SHOWER

There will be Wedding "Table & Shower" honoring

David and Lisa Hanley
on March 14 and 21

Ladies, please leave your gifts on the wedding table set up in the foyer

SPECIAL EVENTS

15th Annual Songfest - Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens, Friday, March 12, 7:00-10:15 p.m. Check bulletin board in the office area for more details.

13th Annual Bible Lectureship, March 19-21 with the Mank Church of Christ meeting on the corner of 5th and Mt. Vernon Streets. The theme is "God's Plan For A Happy Marriage, Family & Home." Check the bulletin board in the foyer by the office for more details.

Gospel Meeting at the Fairfield Church of Christ March 14-17 with Curtis Ramey in a series of soul-searching, soul-saving sermons. Week night services are at 7:00 p.m.

IN APPRECIATION



The quickest way to know for sure that God uses His people to comfort and encourage is to find yourself taken with an illness. Thank you so much for your concern, visits, prayers, and cards. They meant so much to me in my recovery.

Forest McFadden

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Crowley, Texas for **Lonnie Tate**, Mary Evelyn Grier's aunt. Services were held this week for **Parks Roberson**, Nina Crow's brother. Services were held this week for **Jack Pitts**, Sher Sevier's dad. Sam and Sher Sevier are former West Erwin members. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

MEDICAL MISSION

Dr. Marian Rowe recently returned from a medical mission trip to Guatemala. We are proud of Marian and her Christian spirit and her continuing work for the Lord here and abroad.

TOGETHER FOR TOGO

The Togo Conference will be at the West Erwin church March 26-28. A total of 107, including children, have registered to attend from out of town. The Banners are already in the USA and the Hollands will arrive in Tyler March 17! All meals except breakfast will be catered. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to participate so they will know how many to prepare for. All who can are encouraged to participate.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with the Lord, the angels in heaven, Chuck and Linda Gillam, and **Dan Gillam** as he made the most important decision of his life as he was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. We welcome Dan into our church family. His address is 22806 Lakeway Harbor Dr., Flint, 75762, ph. 825-6196.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Ray and Nancy Bedard** into our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 639 HAWL-East, Lindale, 75771, ph. 8820749.

Roger and Glenda Howell came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very pleased to welcome them into our growing family. Their address is 12447 Hwy 64 W, 75704.

RESPONSE

Charles and Estelle Garrett came Sunday to rededicate their lives to serving the Lord and to ask for the prayers of their church family to help them live as God would have them to.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **David Seaberry**, son of Charles and Louise Seaberry, who was honored recently as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year at Magnolia Bible College in Kosciusko, Mississippi. This is the highest honor bestowed on anyone not on faculty. We share Charles and Louise's pride in their son's wonderful accomplishments.

SHARE YOUR HEART AND HOME

HOST FAMILIES are needed for international exchange students for the 1999/2000 school year. The students will arrive in early August, 1999 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). For more information, please call Carole Edwards, Texas State Director, at 1-800-414-3738.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS - Sunday, March 14

Preacher - Clay Clemons; Nursery - Sharon Gordon; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Fran Starnes; 2's - Steve & Diane Denman; 3's - Mark & Martha Waggoner; 4's - Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Pray For Your Children

The following list of Scripture Prayers is taken from the Motherwise literature we are using on Mondays. Pray each of these scriptures daily for your children.

1. That they will know Christ as Savior early in life (Psalm 63:1, 2 Timothy 3:15).
2. That they will have a hatred for sin (Psalm 97:10).
3. That they will be caught when guilty (Psalm 119:71).
4. That they will be protected from the evil one in each area of their lives: spiritual, emotional, physical (John 17:15).
5. That they will have a reasonable attitude in their interpersonal relationships (Daniel 6:3).
6. That they will respect those in authority over them (Romans 13:1).
7. That they will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong friends (Proverbs 1:10-11).
8. That they will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one (2 Corinthians 6:14-17).
9. That they, as well as those they marry, will be kept pure until marriage (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).
10. That they will learn to totally submit to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances (James 4:7).
11. That they will be singlehearted, willing to be sold out to Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1-2).

12. That they will be hedged in so they cannot find their way to wrong people or wrong places and that the wrong people cannot find their way to them (Job 1:10, Hosea 2:6).

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Truthfulness" (Colossians 3:9)

Discuss how Satan tempts us to lie. What is it like to be told a lie? How does it make you feel to lie? End with Mom's favorite game and Dad's favorite dessert.

— POWER FOR TODAY

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 20th

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

Teaching Pre-Schoolers: How They Learn and How To Teach Them

PLUS

The Teachers' Workroom: Unlocking the Secrets Within

*Breakfast will be provided.

*We will also work on a few Team Building/Communication exercises. Come join us for a time of learning, encouragement, and fun.

EVERYONE'S INVITED!!

The Family Builders/Boomers Classes

are hosting a skating party

at Applebee's Skating Rink

Sunday, March 21

after the evening worship assembly 'til 9:00

Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies or drinks

and come enjoy the fun and fellowship!

For more details call Carolyn Blackstone or Gail Vannoy.

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PRAYER AND CARE - **Frances Moore** is in Mother Frances ICU. **Ben Young** is at home after bypass surgery last Friday. **Adela Scogins** expected to return to Park Place this week. **Pauline Daughtry** had knee surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Delle Bullard** is in Olympic Plaza. **Bill Endsley** and **Guy Potts** both had day surgery Thursday. **Clelia Elliott** and **Wade Park** are both recovering at home after recent surgeries. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim Lemons' husband, was home last weekend but returned to Houston Monday. **Ralph Skaggs**, Melanie Murry's dad, is undergoing radiation treatment. **Ve Gravois**, Mike Gravois' mother, has begun a new chemo treatment. **Carolyn Lockhart**, Stanley Lockhart's wife, is in rehab in Austin. **Viva Pennington**, Judy Smith's sister, is recovering from surgery in Greenup, IL. **Nancy Kincheloe**, Mary Butler's daughter, had a kidney transplant last Friday in Houston. **Virginia Conners**, Daniel Morgan's sister, procedure was not successful. She will undergo additional tests. **Gerald Boykin**, Martha's husband, had shoulder surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Willa Wicks** had a heart cath Wednesday.

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Scripture Bryce Murry
Dismiss Tim Percefull

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Scripture Tony Smith
Dismiss Paul Stanley

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER


Ben Young David Wicks
Ray Womack Fred Wingate
Louis West Lowell Wiggains
Justin Wiggains Walker Weathers

GREETERS

Forest & Mary McFadden
Henry & Becky McRuiz

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HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

Last Sunday morning **Freeman Morgan** gave the congregation an update on our Family Center and shared the good news that we will take possession of the new building in a matter of days. He also informed us that the million dollar project was only \$100,000 from being paid for! That means that basically in the last two years you have given \$900,000 for this project above and beyond your regular contribution to the Lord's work (regular contributions have been about \$750,000 a year). What generosity all of this exhibits on your part! We believe the new building will be fully paid for in this calendar year. This useful new building is well-planned and well-equipped to help us serve each other and our community for many years to come, and we are thankful. What I want to emphasize now is the important role Freeman Morgan filled in all of this. In 1991 when we were in the process of building our present auditorium (which we entered in January 1992), Freeman took over the management of that project and with unusual expertise guided it to completion. He donated countless hours to that

building and we are not sure how it might have turned out if we had not had him overseeing it. When we began construction of the Family Center in 1998, our elders again asked Freeman to oversee this new project. From start to finish he saw to it that everything was done right and that the church received proper value for the large sum spent. Freeman gave of himself and of his resources in a very generous way. On behalf of the entire church I want to say, "Thank you, Freeman, for all you have done."

FOOD FOR RUSSIA

This Sunday is the deadline for now for giving a special contribution for the hungry of Russia. Our Bible classes and individuals have already given about \$5,000 to help fill this need. A week from Sunday the money will be delivered to the church in Barnaul for distribution where it is most needed. If you would like to participate make your checks to the West Erwin church and give it to one of the elders this Sunday.
-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, March 7, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Do You Believe In The Holy Spirit?"

(Acts 2:36-39)

P.M. "I Have You In My Heart"

(Philippians 1:3-7)

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Thanks to Jim Bell for teaching my class last Wednesday night as I was in Abilene at the National Conference on Youth & Family Ministry. The conference was really good and I also had an opportunity to visit with several of our young people who are attending ACU. It is really neat to see our teens as they mature and grow in their faith.

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We need your help this coming Saturday for 9:00 - 5:00 as we will be helping Garrett Cantrell with his Eagle Project and landscaping the new Family Center. Please try to come and help for all or part of the day.

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Keep in mind you need to be working on your Art Projects. LTC is only 4 weeks away!

BIBLE QUIZ

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Mar. 7	Family Devotional
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BABY & BRIDAL SHOWERS

You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring Jennifer Hale on Saturday, March 6, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the home of Kim DuPree

5625 Bostick

Selections: Toys 'R Us and Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

You're invited to an Open House honoring Tami Walker and Matt Roberts

daughter of Larry and Carolyn Walker

son of Tommy and Claudia Roberts

Sunday, March 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

at the home of

Wayne and Sandie Propst

824 Mallory Court

Wedding selections at Target and Dillard's

Hosted by: Gary & Frances Broome, Bill & Virginia Chambers, Nancy McCoy, Earl & Melinda O'Quinn, Bobby & Katie Preast, Wayne & Sandie Propst, Ray & Carolyn Womack

There will be Bridal Table Shower

honoring David and Lisa Hanley

on March 14 and 21

You may leave your gifts on the wedding table set up in the foyer

SPECIAL EVENTS

You are cordially invited to attend the East Texas Christian Academy 20th Annual Victory Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 6 at Tyler Rose Garden Center.

Dedication services will be held Sunday, March 7, at the Lewisville Church of Christ where Harold Taylor preaches.

Tri-C Child Care

The Tri-C will provide child care for children ages 2 years old through 5th grade on Saturday, March 6, from 4:30-10:00 p.m. while parents attend the ETCA Auction and Dinner (or other). Cost is \$10.00 for 1st child in family and \$5.00 for each additional child. Please send a sack supper. Snacks will be provided. Call 593-3331 to make a reservation.

Congratulations to Brent and Laurel Clothier on the birth of Grant Nicholas on February 21 in Penalosa, Kansas!! He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and is 18 1/2 inches long.

BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE - MARCH 8-10

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RESPONSE

Kyle Willoughby came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for Kara as she is suffering migraine headaches. They are trying a new medication. Please pray that this will be the answer to managing the headaches.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank all of you so much for the cards and the beautiful flowers you sent when my mother, Amaree Rhodes, died.

Nell Doty
 on behalf of all my family

Thank you for the prayers, visits, food, flowers, calls and cards. It was very important to us.

George Daugherty

"Thanks" is such a small word for all the sincere love and sympathy extended to us, also the pot plant and cards from our church family. We love each of you very much.

Opal Mathews & family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all the TLC you have given us in the past several months. Every act of kindness is certainly appreciated. Please continue to pray for us as Buddy has improved so much. We think this just might be the right surgery to improve his health. He continues outpatient therapy and that is going well. Love y'all.

Dorothy & Buddy Bell

The family of Alfred L. Hanna acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

David & Teresa Grier

IN SYMPATHY

Florene Adams, a long time West Erwin member, died last Friday after a lengthy illness. Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to this family in the loss of their loved one.

RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS

Our Christian brothers and sisters in Russia are suffering through a winter without adequate food, clothing, and medicine. If you would like the opportunity to help the Russian Christians, please give a check to one of the elders. This will sent by someone who is going to the area soon so money needs to be in by Sunday, March 7. "So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

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TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Protect Your Children

- * Help them to memorize their address and phone number.
- * Teach them how to handle encounters with strangers.
- * Teach them what to do in emergencies (including urgent medical situations).
- * Teach them how and when to call 911, how to make a long distance call, and how to get operator assistance.
- * Walk through what they should do if there's a fire, tornado, earthquake, loss of power, etc.
- * Be sure they know what things in the house are off-limits: matches, medicines, power tools, etc.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Reconciling Our Differences" Matthew 5:23-24

Explain in simple words what "reconcile" means. Why does the Bible tell us to reconcile our differences? Discuss what it would be like if no one reconciled their differences. End with a favorite song, snack, and hugs.

POWER FOR TODAY TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Please mark Saturday morning, March 20th, on your calendar for out next Teacher Training Workshop. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our agenda for the morning will address two major topics:

- Teaching Pre-Schoolers: How They Learn and How To Teach Them ... and
- The Teacher's Workroom, Unlocking the Secrets Within.

We will tour the newly organized workroom, discuss what is available to you the teacher, and then brainstorm ways it could be even more beneficial.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Class	Teacher	Title
The Search Small Auditorium	Jay Lockhart	The Message & The Ministry Walking the Walk & Talking the Talk
Sing Joyfully Heritage Room	Jerry Huff	Praising & Encouraging Through Song
Men's Class Room 112	Ernie Gordon	Old or New There's Something for YOU! Dealing with Today's Pressures Biblically
Ladies' Class Chapel (beginning 3/24)	Carrie Cannefax	A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place An In-Depth Study of the O.T. Tabernacle
Parenting Class Room 114	Mike Gravois	Home Remedies: Timeless Prescriptions for Today's Family Creating a Loving "Home"

Records	Sunday Feb. 21	Sunday Feb. 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	369	406	341
Worship A.M.	547	590	507
Worship P.M.	302	358	375
Wed. P.M.	NC	215	NC
Contribution	\$15,395.36	\$16,930.43	\$15,936.53
Weekly Budget	\$17,001.00	Bldg. Fund	\$185.00

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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Jeff Parrish
Dismiss John Pike

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Guy Potts

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Trey Rousseau
Scripture Charlie Scroggins
Dismiss Bill Smith

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Ben Young David Wicks
Ray Womack Fred Wingate
Louis West Lowell Wiggins
Justin Wiggins Walker Weathers

GREETERS

Forest & Mary McFadden
Henry & Becky McRuiz

WITH SYMPATHY

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I WAS HUNGRY

Last Sunday morning our adult Bible classes were given the opportunity to contribute to the hungry in Russia. We can hardly imagine going a day without adequate food ... and clothing and a nice place to live. It's easy for us to forget that countless people in this world do not have our luxury. We were all moved by the knowledge, shared with us by Barry and Pam Sizemore, missionaries to Barnaul, Russia. They told us of people who have salary enough only for the bare necessities for living; people who have meat to eat only as a luxury; people who have fresh fruit and cheese only as an occasional treat once a month; people whose salaries have been cut to one-third of what it once was and who are paid only one-fourth or one-half of that; and people who experience the price of goods being triple what it was. Several of our brothers and sisters in Barnaul suffer from real need -- not only the need for food but also for clothing and medicine. Two stories that especially touched our hearts included the fact that many people are living off what was harvested in their gardens in September and stored in "cellars" in the ground. By now the vegetables are moldy and pretty much devoid of food value, but the people eat them because there is nothing else. Also, if

people get sick they simply stay in bed, hoping they will get better, because they have no medicine. Food and medicine are available in Barnaul, but without money the people can obtain neither. So you were asked to help ... and you responded, and will respond more in the future. As of today (Wednesday) you gave through your class at a total of \$3,494.17. It is gratifying to know that all classes, young married and middle aged and older folks, gave. Thank you.

REFLECTIONS

I have just returned from a Board of Trustees meeting at Freed-Hardeman University and the annual lectureship at Abilene Christian University. Two things have especially impressed me about these events. First, Freed-Hardeman is engaged in an internal study to make certain the school keeps its proper direction and purpose. Second, I saw so many ACU students who are giving their vacations from school to missions in various parts of the world. If our schools can keep their direction and purpose focused and can continue to motivate students to engage in missions they will be all right!

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, February 28, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Who Is This Jesus?"

(Matthew 16:13-16)

P.M. "All Dressed Up With Someplace To Go"

(Colossians 3:12-17)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Create A Legacy For Your Children

Have you ever been exploring in your parents or grandparents attic and discovered some wonderful tidbit of information or memento from their past? How about an old yearbook? Can you remember the thrill of learning something new about their past life?

Often we lose those who are dear to us before we have had the opportunity to discover the wisdom they have accumulated in their lifetime. So start planning for your children's future now by sharing with them the wisdom they will need to know later. If your children are still too young you can begin by keeping a journal which you can present to them later. If you visit your local bookstore, whether Christian or not, they usually have books already designed for you to record your answers for your children.

Below are a few examples of the type of questions and information I am talking about:

- As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?*
- What's your secret for making a person smile?*
- Have you ever faced total despair? What did you do?*
- What should I do when someone wrongs me?*
- What has influenced and formed your political thinking?*
- What's the worst part about growing older?*
- What is your most vivid memory of your mom and dad?*
- What were the key events that changed your life?*
- Where would you most like to visit in the world? Why?*

Are there things you wish you had said to your parents?

If you could go back and change one event in your life, what would it be and how would you change it?

What should I do when I'm angry with my children?

What has been your proudest day as a parent?

What did you always want to do but never had the chance?

What is the most important thing to remember about money?

What is your favorite memory of spending time with me?

What is the most important lesson you learned from your mom and dad?

Life is unpredictable -- what's the best way to handle its surprises?

What does God mean to you?

Who has been your best friend?

What is the best part about having children?

Did being a parent come naturally?

How did you two meet/become engaged?

What is the biggest risk you've ever taken?

What is your biggest regret?

What was your first job?

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Encourage One Another" I Thessalonians 5:11

Have each member share a trait they like about each other. List ways you can encourage each other this week. End with a child's favorite dessert.

POWER FOR TODAY



BABY SHOWER

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honoring Jennifer Hale

on Saturday, March 6,

from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

at the home of Kim DuDree

5625 Bostick

Selections: Toys'R Us and Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

You're invited to an

Open House

honoring Tami Walker and Matt Roberts

daughter of Larry and Carolyn Walker

son of Tommy and Claudia Roberts

Sunday, March 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

at the home of

Wayne and Sandie Drost

824 Mallory Court

Wedding selections at Target and Dillard's

Hosted by: Gary & Frances Broome, Bill & Virginia Chambers, Nancy McCoy, Earl & Melinda O'Quinn, Bobby & Katie Preast, Wayne & Sandie Drost, Ray & Carolyn Womack

SPECIAL EVENTS

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East Texas Christian Academy

20th Annual Victory Dinner and Auction

on Saturday, March 6

at Tyler Rose Garden Center.

For tickets see Jim Bell or E.T.C.A. office.

Dedication services will be held Sunday, March 7, at the Lewisville Church of Christ where Harold Taylor preaches.

IN SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Levelland for Anamaree Rhodes, Nell Doty's mother. Services were held Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral home for Hellen Bradshaw, Teri Bradshaw's aunt and known by many at West Erwin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

TOGETHER FOR TOGO

The Togo Conference will be at the West Erwin church March 26-28. A total of 107, including children, have registered to attend from out of town. The Bunners are already in the USA and the Hollands will arrive in Tyler March 17! All meals except breakfast will be catered. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each meal. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those meals. All who can are encouraged to participate.

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RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS

Our Christian brothers and sisters in Russia are suffering through a winter without adequate food, clothing, and medicine. If you would like the opportunity to help the Russian Christians, please give a check to one of the elders.

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

NEW ADDRESS:

Ron and Pam Lott & family

23456 CR 181, Bullard, 75757 ph. 894-4445

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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BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Children's home grocery truck will be in our area the week of **March 8-10**. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home. DEODORANT/ANTI-PERSPIRANT, BATH CLEANERS, FAMILY SIZE DECAF TEA BAGS. However, if there are other items that you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Sunday, Feb. 28 - Preacher-Mike Gravois/Terry Lowry; Nursery - Doug & Cathy Scrogins; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Jeri Prestidge; 2's - Tina Harris & John Shaw; 3's - Randy & Karen Pharis; 4's - Aaron & Jean DuVall; Overseers - Clay & Ronda Clemons.

The Search



Each Sunday

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

KL5B - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Bible Class	406	379	338
Worship A.M.	590	561	525
Worship P.M.	358	365	350
Wed. P.M.	215	227	247
Contribution	\$16,930.43	\$18,522.33	\$17,046.43
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$260.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday P.M., Feb. 24, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.

PRAYER AND CARE - Delle Bullard is some improved in Mother Frances ICU. **Elizabeth Hughes** is in ETMC with pneumonia. **Forest McFadden** was dismissed from ETMC Wednesday. **Dorothy Brownlow** is in Mother Frances. **Sandie Martin** is in Pittsburg with her family due to problems with seizures. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim Lemons' husband, is in M.D. Anderson in Houston. **Jim Welch**, an elder at Glenwood, had surgery Thursday at ETMC following injuries in a car accident last week-end. **Anna Jones**, Henry McRuiz' sister, is now in Olympic Plaza for therapy. **Ralph Skaggs**, Melanie Murry's dad, has begun radiation treatment. **Ve Gravois**, Mike Gravois' mother, will begin a new chemo treatment. **Carolyn Lockhart**, Stanley Lockhart's wife, suffered a stroke and is in serious condition in Austin. **Joshua Farabee**, the Cliver's grandson, is continuing therapy at home after recent surgery in Shreveport. **Preston Little**, Fran Starnes' nephew, is having tests in El Campo.

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QUESTIONS I HAVE BEEN ASKED

For a long time now I have wanted to present a series of sermons on the theme, *Questions I Have Been Asked*. Over a period of more than forty years of preaching I have been asked countless questions. However, there seem to be a few questions that I have been asked over and over again in one way or another. The reoccurring questions deal with some of the most fundamental teachings of the Christian religion and, it seems to me, need to be answered over and over again. For this reason I plan to begin the series this Sunday and continue it for several months. These sermons will fit well into our emphasis this year upon giving ourselves to things that really matter -- things like God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Word, the church, people, character, and health. As you know, we have a hand-out each Sunday which contains our order of worship, late-breaking announcements, prayer concerns, and fill-in outlines of the sermons. Many of you follow the outlines and fill in the blanks. For this series of sermons, I want to encourage all of our people to follow these outlines (whether

you have been doing it or not), and I especially want to urge our visitors and our young people to give special attention to these messages. Some of the questions, worded in the way they were asked me, which I plan to answer are:

- How Do I Know That God Exists?*
- Who Is This Jesus?*
- Is The Bible Really From God?*
- Do You Believe In The Holy Spirit?*
- Do You Accept Evolution As A Scientific Fact?*
- Must I Be Baptized To Be Saved?*
- Why Do You Take The Lord's Supper Every Sunday?*
- Could I Buy You A Piano For Your Church?*
- Why Are You A Member Of The Church Of Christ?*
- Do You Think You Are The Only Ones Going To Heaven?*
- How Do I Become A Member Of Your Church?*
- What Is The Restoration Movement?*
- What Must I do To Be Saved?*

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, February 21, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"How Do I Know That God Exists?"**

(Acts 17:22-29)

P.M. **"Seeking Wisdom As A Godly Trait"**

Lanny Witt, guest speaker

(Ephesians 6:1-4)

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TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Reclaim Mealtime

In the fast-paced world in which we live it is crucial that we find a time for all of the family members to sit down at the same time, in the same place, and share some quiet moments together. Mealtimes can be an ideal time to check in with each family member and see what is going on in their lives.

Too often we have adopted an eating style referred to as "grazing." Grazing occurs when a meal is prepared and then left on the stove so that each family member may eat when it is convenient for them. This also occurs when family members are left to fend for themselves at mealtimes.

Schedule mealtimes for your family where participation is not optional. Turn off the TV and any other distracting appliances. Begin a conversation using a discussion starter such as, "Share what you are most grateful for this week," or "One difficulty I am having that I would like support for this week is ..." Let your kids come up with a discussion starter.

There are hundreds of activities that vie for our time and attention. We, as parents, need to help our children set realistic boundaries and priorities in their lives. Family time must be one of those priorities. Look for ways to make mealtime fun and interesting. Creative meals, games such as 20 Questions, celebrating special events, celebrating for no reason at all, etc. can all add up to the specialness of time spent together around the table.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

"Share Our Lives" (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

Start by having each member get a favorite treat from the kitchen. Discuss why the Bible tells us to share. Then have each member give their treat away. How does sharing make you feel? End with hugs and juice.

POWER FOR TODAY

1999 SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR

March	Teacher Training Workshop	date TBA
April	Character Counts Seminar	23rd-25th
	Teacher Appreciation Banquet	date TBA
June	Summer Series - Brecheen & Faulkner	
	Marriage Enrichment Series (video class)	
	Camp Friendship	7th-11th
	Singspiration - Larry Parker	9th
	VBS (Bergfeld Park)	12th
	Single Family Conference	13th-19th
	Mom's Morning Out - Fridays 9am-11:30 am	
	(Pre-School Program for 2's - 5's)	
July	Singspiration - Larry Parker	7th
	Carl Brecheen to speak	21st
	ACU Bible Teachers' Workshop	25th-28th

*For more information about any of the events shown above, please contact Mike in the church office or continue to watch the bulletin for more details.

"The future belongs to those who create it."

IN APPRECIATION

To The Most Concerning Congregation:

One of my happiest days of my life is when I became a member of West Erwin Church of Christ. I want to thank all of you for your visits at the hospital and my home and the very generous and Christian members who came with food and the like. I especially enjoyed seeing Jay when I opened my door as the doorbell rang. His twinkling eyes and smiling face, which was partially hidden behind the large bag he carried for me. It contained baked chicken, delicious veggies and other nourishing food. As he placed all on my table he said, "Arlene had nothing to do with this. I did it all by myself." So happy and pleased was he to be able to provide. He made my day with his cheerful attitude. Thank you, Alice, for all the food and visits, and what an encouragement Mike was to me. I'm not well yet but with prayer and faith, I'll make it.

Your missing member,
Joan Harlak

My thanks to each and every one who encouraged me in my recent illness and stay in the hospital. Your calls, cards, food, visits and especially your prayers. May God bless you and be with you.

In Christian Love,
Zona Crone

IN SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday at Memorial Funeral Home for Bonnie Aven, Gary Aven's aunt. Services were held Monday in Crockett for Carvin Burran, Opal Mathews' brother. Services were held Wednesday in Granbury for Betty Smith, Joy Coats' sister-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Justin Wiggains, son of Lowell and Cecile Wiggains, for being selected to participate in a recent Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington, D.C. Participants are high school juniors and seniors from across the country and abroad who rank in the top 25 percent of their class and show commitment to their community and school.

SPECIAL EVENT

The South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, Texas will host "The Habits of a Loving Heart" seminar by Willard Tate. Willard was formerly the head basketball coach for ACU (1974-1980). He is presently an associate professor in the Dept. of Communication at ACU. He also serves as minister at the Hamby Church of Christ. Willard is a spiritual leader who exudes the love of God in his personal life. This is a life-changing seminar that will truly bless you. Dates & Times: Friday, Feb. 19, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 20 - 9:00 - 11:30 A.M. We look forward to seeing you!

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RESPONSE

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Wedding selections at Target and Dillard's Hosted by: Gary & Frances Broome, Bill & Virginia Chambers, Nancy McCoy, Earl & Melinda O'Quinn, Bobby & Katie Preast, Wayne & Sandie Propst, Ray & Carolyn Womack

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SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

Hosea had a difficult task. He was called to be a prophet of God and the Lord sent him to Israel about 790 years before Christ in the days of Jeroboam II. It was a time of prosperity ... and forgetfulness of God; a time of peace ... and a time of idolatry; a time of self-satisfaction ... and a time of apostasy. Hosea was to speak of God's judgment upon Israel for her sin ... and of God's unceasing love. In chapter 5 the prophet summarizes the problem and the solution. The problem was that the religious leaders had let the apostasy (5:1), the people did not know the Lord (5:4), in their pride they stumbled (5:5), God had withdrawn from them (5:6), and God would judge them (5:9-14). The answer was found in the fact that the Lord, while He had "torn" and "stricken" them, still loved them and would "heal" and "bind ... up" His people (6:1). To realize the answer, Israel was told by God, "I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offence. Then they shall seek my face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek me" (4:15).

God said "I will leave them till" Till when? Till "they acknowledge their offence." It was imperative that they become dissatisfied with themselves. What else? "Then they shall seek My face." Seeking the face of God is used several times in the Old Testament and it means "to look hard or to be intent in seeking God's favor and presence which have been forfeited by failure on the part of the seeker." Sadly, Israel did not seek the face of God and only a few years after Hosea, the nation perished. What about us? Do we seek the face of the Lord? Like ancient Israel, we may be filled with pride; we may believe we are self-sufficient; we may be satisfied with ourselves and with the condition of our world; and be unaware that God departs from pride, self-sufficiency, and self-satisfaction. To enjoy the presence of God we must seek His face in humility, in dependence, in dissatisfaction for our failure. Then, and only then, can we prosper, grow, and meet our spiritual goals. It begins with seeking the face of God.

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, February 14, 1999

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A.M. **"You And The Purpose Of God"**

(2 Chronicles 17:3-6)

P.M. **"He Remembers Little Things"**

(Matthew 25:31-46)

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BONFIRE

The University church has invited our middle
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Parents can pick you up at 9:30 at University.

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BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our teams who got 1st and
3rd this past Monday night!

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Many of you are already making plans for summer vaca-
tions and have asked me about dates and plans for the summer.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, June the
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will be the Life of David and we will present stories, crafts,
games, and snacks. This VBS is also going to be the one pre-
sented in West Point, Nebraska this summer and so the work
and ideas that we use here will be a blessing and benefit to that
work as well.

Camp Friendship will take place the first week of summer
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Mom's Morning Out will be a weekly activity for our pre-
schoolers. We will meet for several hours of play time, crafts,
stories, and games. There will be theme for the summer and all
of the activities will revolve around that theme. This will allow
moms of pre-schoolers to have a few hours each week to shop,
relax, etc. while their children are well cared for in a loving,
structured environment. There will be much more details in the
weeks to come so stay tuned!!!

ONENESS

Henceforth there will such
a oneness between us ---
that when one weeps
the other will taste salt.



IN APPRECIATION

God is so good ... His love knows no end ... His good-
ness is seen in the kindness of friends. Thank you. We ap-
preciate the cards and visits so much. Most of all we
appreciate your prayers.

Much love,
Norma & Jon Sorrells

We would like to thank everyone for their concerns and
prayers on selling our house and being able to be together
as a family. As of this weekend we have sold our home
and are now requesting your prayers on finding a new
home as well as making this a smooth transition for our
family. We believe that with your prayers through God this
will take place.

Kelly, Jeannie, Kyle &
Casey Ross

WITH SYMPATHY

We learned that Bernice Gray, Brenda Holland's
grandmother, died recently in Springfield, Missouri. We ex-
tend our sincere love and sympathy Jeff and Brenda and
all the family. Dan Anders passed from this life Sunday
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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **David and Lisa Hanley** in their decision
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David and Lisa were united in marriage on Saturday, Janu-
ary 30, and they are to be commended for beginning their
new life together by becoming one in Christ. David is the
son of David and Kay Hanley. David and Lisa live in White-
house at 710 Capital, ph. 839-4302.

Address Changes:

Aaron & Jean DuVall new ph. #839-1840	Roxanne Landry 4901 Kinsey Dr. #1017
Archie & Juanita Lowry, 3110 Towne Park Dr. #1601 Tyler, 75701 ph. 939-8700	Elmer & Nila Miles 22765 Lakeside Dr. Flint, 75762, ph. 825-7327

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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.

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REFLECTIONS

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We have identified and emphasized some areas which are of great importance: God, Christ, the church, people, character, health, the Holy Spirit and the powerful Word -- these are things that really matter. Additionally, we will be making practical suggestions throughout the year that will help us in our resolve. For example, we encourage everyone to read the Bible every day. We have a daily schedule in the handout on Sundays that will take a person through the entire Bible this year, but following this schedule is not so important as reading something from the Word every day. It will do you good. Are you reading each day? If not, start today!

THIS SUNDAY

Let's have over 400 in Bible classes and over 600 in worship. Let's have 400 Sunday night and 300 Wednesday. We can do it with your help! Sunday morning one of our elders, **Leon Welborn**, will present our program of work for 1999 during the first half of the preaching time and I will present a message during the second half. Be present!
-- Jay Lockhart

HOW ARE WE DOING?

We are encouraging our people to give priority to the things that really matter throughout 1999. To help us in this

Sermons for Sunday, February 7, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **The Greater Blessing**

(Acts 20:32-35)

P.M. **Ten Pillars Of Christian Maturity (10):**

Hope

(Hebrews 6:13-20)

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois THANK GOD FOR TEACHERS

Who teach the ...

Truth of God's word with
Everlasting patience, an
Attitude of selflessness, a
Christ-like model of
Humility and love.
Encouraging us always by
Reminding us of your promises.
Thank you, Lord, for these very
Special people!!

Hey, let's take a moment and appreciate a teacher this week. OK?

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

Teach self-discipline by your example.

If our desire is for our children to learn self-discipline then we must model it in our lives. They can learn from watching the way we discipline ourselves. Try these five steps.

1) Practice daily.

Select an activity you do not enjoy, for instance: reading a chapter from a very difficult book; get up 30 minutes earlier to walk every morning, etc. Work the activ-

ity into your schedule. The more you work at it the stronger your self-discipline will become.

2) Set Time Frames.

Select short-range goals that lend encouragement as each step is accomplished and long-range goals that will stretch endurance and teach patience.

3) Visualize Successful Completion.

Visualization of success is a very important step in overcoming lethargy and developing self-discipline.

4) Concentrate On Positive Aspects.

Get your mind off why you do not want to do an activity and fill it with thoughts of why you do. Dream of all the marvelous goals you can accomplish with your new-found self-discipline.

5) Do Not Stop Short Of Your Goal.

excerpt taken from an article originally run in Christian Woman - Jan/Feb 1986

FAMILY NIGHT IDEAS

"Loving One Another"

"Using Gifts for Others" (1 Peter 4:10) Have each member name strong talents they have. Then have everyone design a "business card" with their abilities on it. How can we use these gifts for others in this week? End by making cookies with each member doing a different part of the cooking. *Power For Today*

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PRAYER REQUEST

One of Wesley Wagner's friend's brother was killed recently and the boy with him (Michael Moore) had to have both legs amputated. They have requested our prayers for their families.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS

The Elders/Deacons/Preachers meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, at El Charro at 6:30 p.m. Make your plans to attend.

YOUNG AT HEART

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BENEVOLENT NEEDS

Clothing: ladies - large, extra-large, 2X & 3X; men's shirts - extra-large, 2 XLT & 3 XLT; men's pants - waist sizes 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; socks - all sizes for men, ladies, and children; underwear - all sizes for men, ladies, children; blankets, sheets, towels and washcloths.

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MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 31, and Wednesday P.M., Feb. 3, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.

PRAYER AND CARE

Delle Bullard remains in Mother Frances ICU following a car accident last weekend. **Dorothy Brownlow** is in Mother Frances after surgery on a broken hip last week. **Zona Crone** is in Mother Frances to determine treatment for heart rhythm. **Joan Harlak** is in Mother Frances, room 484. **Buddy Bell** is now in Tyler Rehab. **Jon Sorrells** is at home after back surgery last Thursday. **Tracy Lemons**, Kim Lemons' husband, had additional surgery last week in Houston. **Jerry Koneczak** is in Mother Frances, room 440. **Bernice Gray**, Brenda Holland's grandmother, is very ill in Springfield, Missouri. **Doris Glass Sims**, Billie Osburn's cousin, is doing better. **Clifton Alexander**, Cynthia Johnson's dad, surgery went well. He is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. **Jo Ann Eshberger**, Billy Terrell's sister, is in Mother Frances after a recent heart attack. Henry McRuiz's sister, is scheduled for double knee replacement Feb. 16. **Juanita Stringham**, a member of the Crockett Rd. church in Palestine, is in Mother Frances ICU.

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Phil & Linda Marts

WITH SYMPATHY

Services will be held Friday at Watson & Son Funeral home in Center for Eddie Graham, Stephanie Christian's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.



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THE LAST SUNDAY OF JANUARY

Each year we look forward to the last Sunday of January -- Homecoming for the West Erwin church. Since 1992 when we entered our new auditorium on this Sunday we have celebrated Homecoming. We do hope that all of our members will plan to be in town, if at all possible, and will be present for all of the activities of the day. Remember that all of our adults will meet in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. for Bible class. We have set some goals for attendance in all of our church meetings and, if you are not currently enrolled in a Bible class on Sunday morning, this would be a great time to help us shatter those goals. Be present at 9:00! Then at 10:00 a.m. we will gather for our worship assembly and we are looking for the largest crowd of the year. It certainly can be if you will help us. Following the morning worship assembly all are invited to join us for a catered dinner at Harvey Hall and our afternoon assembly. Then we will dismiss for the day. Our theme for the day will be taken from Jesus' parable of the two sons to whom their father spoke when he

said, "Go work today in my vineyard." The subjects for the three assemblies will be "Go" at 9:00, "Work" at 10:00, and "Today" at 12:30. We want to be challenged to not only reach the congregational goals we have set for 1999, but to give ourselves to things that really matter. Do we remember these things? Let me refresh our memories. God and our relationship to Him and the worship of Him matters. Christ, our Savior and Lord, matters. The church, purchased with Christ's blood and our membership in it and our assemblies matter. People, who are to be loved, served, and saved, matter. Character, developing into the image of Christ, matters. Health, both physical and spiritual, matters. And the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word matter. Let's think. Let's be involved. Let's understand and give ourselves to the things that really matter. Let's be excited. Let's "go, work today in my vineyard." Be present for all of the day's activities this Sunday!

-- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, January 31, 1999 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

Bible Class **GO Work Today In My Vineyard**
(Matthew 28:18-20)
Worship **Go WORK Today In My Vineyard**
(Matthew 21:28-32)
Afternoon **Go Work TODAY in My Vineyard**
(2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the middle school devo this past Sunday night at our house. We had a great time! Thanks to Robert & Cathy Hilliard and Kim Jordan for helping sponsor this evening.

SERVANT RETREAT

This past weekend eleven of us from West Erwin went to the Servant Retreat in Lone Star. There were over 250 teens present from all over the north Texas area. This was one of the most spiritually challenging retreats we've participated in over the years. Thanks to Cindy Carruth for going as a sponsor.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Puppets need to check with your team leader for practice times. Chorus please check with Carrie about your practice times. Bulletin Boards will meet on mid February 3 in the teachers workroom. Keep in mind you need to be working on your Art Projects along the way. LTC is only 9 weeks away!

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Feb. 8	Bible Quiz

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to remain on your mailing list of the West Erwin bulletin. It allows me to keep up to some extent with my second church family who showed much love to Barbara and me. I have enclosed a check to offset some of the expense.

Love to all,
Lacey Brady

The family of Gloria Walker acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Your loving kindness, friendship, prayers and beautiful spray sent to my mother's service will always be appreciated. We can never thank you enough for your kindness and concern. Continue to keep us in your prayers.

Love,
Michelle Walker Smith
& family

"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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1998 BENEVOLENT WORK REPORT/SUMMARY

A total of 12 boxes were sent to Chimala Mission in East Africa with 2,295 rolled bandages, 615 diaper shirts, 40 baby blankets and 8 scrub suits. Many other miscellaneous items were included in the boxes such as bars of soap, empty medicine bottles, etc. 28 boxes of clothing with 20 men's jackets and 16 quilts were sent to Medina Children's Home. Gunter Home and Amarillo Home each were sent 16 quilts. In the local distribution 2,283 people (577 families) were served on Tuesdays and Thursdays with clothing, etc. at an estimated value of \$24,976.00. Two baby beds were given and 31 Bibles were distributed.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

David and Lori Blaylock came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome them into our family. David is employed at UPS and Lori is Curriculum Director for Canton ISD. They have two grown sons, David, Jr. and Nicholas, who are attending A&M and worshipping there. The Blaylock's address is 375 Rose Hill Rd., Mineola, TX 75773, ph. (903) 569-5263.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas has positions open for House Parents, Case Manager, Public Awareness/Marketing Position, and Relief House Parents. Check the bulletin board in the office area for more details or for more information, please contact Cindy Miller at (915) 677-2205.

EAST TEXAS CRISIS CENTER

Your skills and talents are needed at the East Texas Crisis Center. Volunteers needed in all areas - give as little as one hour a month. We provide all the training. Winter Volunteer Training Classes week nights and Saturdays available starting February 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, March 2, 4, 6 & 9. Contact Linda Evans of Carrie Roper for more information at 595-5591. 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.

W. Clement Stone, founder of Success magazine said:

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

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

"Make reading together a regular activity with your child."

1. It fosters intellectual development.
2. It gives you a chance to observe your children.
3. It fosters creativity and fun.
4. Reading brings you in close proximity to your child.

FAMILY NIGHT IDEAS - "Loving One Another"

"Be kind To One Another" (Ephesians 4:32)

Tell a time in which you showed kindness in the past week. Let each person list ways they can show kindness this week. Post this list on the refrigerator, bathroom mirror, or someplace where it can be seen. End by having each member fix the favorite snack of another member.

BIBLE QUIZ - Name The City

1. Of what city was Paul a citizen? (Act 21:39)
2. Which city cannot be hid? (Mt. 5:14)
3. Of which city was it said that the whole city came out to meet Jesus? (Mt. 8:28-34)
4. This was the city of Peter and Andrew. (John 1:43-44)
5. The evangelist Philip preached in this city. (Acts 8:5)
6. This city has the honor of having the first Christian convert in Europe. (Acts 16:12-15)

FAMILY BUILDERS' SWEETHEART BANQUET

- 1) Sweetheart Banquet February 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets in class or contact Jean DuVall or Karen Pharis.
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PRAYER AND CARE

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Prayer Ed Hunt
Scripture Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss Dub Mathews

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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John Steffee Charles Starr
Kevin Sustaire Jon Sorrells
Robert Stokes Bill Smith

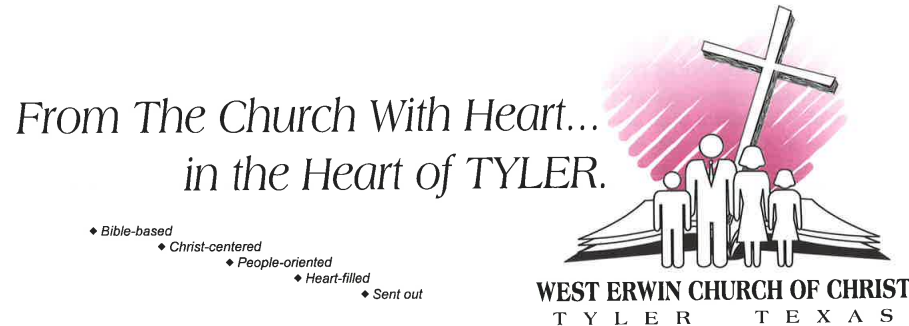
GREETERS
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HOMECOMING '99

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-- Jay Lockhart

SOMEONE SAID IT ...

"Many things can be done in a day if you don't make the day tomorrow."

"Happiness is like jam. It's almost impossible to spread it around without gettin some on yourself."

"Are you smart enough to know what you don't know?"

"If we bestow a gift or favor and expect a return for it, it is not a gift but a trade."

And finally,
"Character is defined by what you're willing to do when the spotlight has been turned off, when the applause has died down, and no one is around to give you credit."

-- Quotes from Bits And Pieces

Sermons for Sunday, January 24, 1999
by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
A.M. **"Time"**
(James 4:13-17)
P.M. **"Ten Pillars of Christian Maturity (8):
Worship"**
(John 4:20-24)

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SERVANT RETREAT

This weekend a group of us for West Erwin will join about 200 others from around the area for the annual Servant Retreat. Please pray for us to take this opportunity to grow spiritually. We will leave at 5:00 Friday and return Sunday morning.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle School Group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night. We will provide transportation from church to our house. Parents, plan to pick up your teens at 9:00 at our home in Whitehouse. Girls need to bring Sandwiches and Guys need to bring Chips and Dip. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Thanks to all of those who came to the devotional this past Sunday night. It was great!

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All of those doing Puppets need to meet this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in the old Chapel. Bulletin Boards will start in mid February. Keep in

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**Touch your children*

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 all natural, organic, and naturally sweet.

With no pesticides or artificial ingredients hugs are 100% wholesome. There are no movable parts, batteries or periodic check-ups.

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!!!**

-- author unknown

FAMILY NIGHT IDEAS - "Loving One Another" *"Kindness, Not Quarrels" (2 Timothy 2:24)*

Discuss why people quarrel with one another. Let each member tell of a practical way in which he or she can keep from quarreling in the future. How can we make conflict a positive experience? End with cookies and milk.

-- Power for Today

WHAT AM I?

1. Jesus often used me in a story and likened people unto me.
2. When Amos of Tekoa followed our kind the Lord called him.
3. Sabbath day or not, Jesus said that I was generally searched for and found when I had fallen into a pit.
4. Shepherds were used to guard me and they were watching my kindred the night Jesus was born.

Hints: Matthew 10:6; Amos 7:15; Matthew 12:11; Luke 2:8

IN APPRECIATION



I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for your care and concern for me during my recent convalescence. I am able to be up and around some now and appreciate your continued prayers.

Opal Cooper



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot on the birth of a new granddaughter. Mary Charlotte was born January 14 to Steve and Katie Wolfgang. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Zona Crone is the great grandmother.

CORRECTION:

Clinton & Louise Culpepper's correct ph.# is 877-3996.

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

Where: Bullard Church of Christ

When: Sunday, January 24

Time: 2:30 - 3:30

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

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Medina Children's Home has an open position for a receptionist to work in the administrative offices, and for house parents to live with children in individual residences. Liberal employee benefits are available including health care insurance, pension plan and free lodging. Interested individuals should contact Pat Chaney at 803-589-2871.

The Way To Happiness

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

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THANKS!!

Please notice the two new benches outside the north entrance to our building. These were handmade by Jimmie Philpot and donated to our church. We appreciate his talent and his work and want to express a hearty "thank you!" to him for sharing his talents with us.

NEEDED: Sacks for the Benevolent Center.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are needed for international exchange students for the 1999/2000 academic year. The students will arrive in early August, 1999 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. Students will attend local high schools. For more information, please call Carole Edwards, Texas State Director, at 1-800-414-3738.

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CHRISTIAN HOMES of ABILENE

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MONDAY MORNING MUSINGS

It's Monday morning. I'm in my office and I'm thinking about yesterday. Yesterday the church met and we sang praise to God, we prayed, we remembered Jesus in the Supper, we gave support for our God-given work, and there was a sermon. As a preacher, the one who gave the sermon, I am asking myself, "Did the sermon make any difference?" It was a sermon on "The Attraction of Jerusalem" in which the point was made that as Jesus was attracted to Jerusalem to fulfill his purpose (Luke 18:31-33), so all of us have our Jerusalems -- the things that call to us from the hills, compelling us to be all that we can be. The question was asked, "What in life is worthy to be my Jerusalems?" The challenge was issued: "In choosing your Jerusalems, don't forget what matters most." As I think about yesterday, I am asking myself, "Was the sermon wrung from the heart of a preacher who properly prepared for the preaching hour with study, prayer, and tears?" Was the sermon biblically sound, properly illustrated, and personally applied?" "Did the sermon make any difference?" As I reflect upon that last question, I determine that the

answer is a confident, "Yes." How can I be so sure? First, when God's Word is presented, God is glorified. Second, when Christ is the message, Christ is honored. Third, when preaching occurs, the preacher is changed. Fourth, when the Bible is planted in the hearts of hearing people, they are changed. Fifth, God has said that His Word "shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). The answer is "Yes." And because this is the answer, on this Monday morning I am ready to return to the Book, the lexicons, concordances, articles, word studies, illustrations, and commentaries -- I am ready to prepare my mind through study, my heart through prayer, and my message through struggle. Why? Because the hour will soon arrive again -- the hour when the people will be asking, "Is there any word from the Lord?"; the hour when lives will be changed; the hour when I fulfill my passion. It's an hour of singing, prayer, communion, giving, and study. It's an hour when the faithful in Christ will be together -- an hour that does make a difference. -- Jay Lockhart

Sermons for Sunday, January 17, 1999

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"A Formula For Peace"**

(Matthew 5:43-48)

P.M. **"Ten Pillars of Christian Maturity (8):**

Gratitude"

(Luke 17:11-19)

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HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Sign-up has gone very well and we have a record number from West Erwin going to the convention this year. If you did not get to sign up, please do so ASAP.

Reminder: All Pre-Convention events are due to be mailed by Tuesday, Jan. 19. This includes: Christian Essay, Fiction and Children's Book; Poetry, Radio Minute Message, Scripture Challenge, Service Challenge, & Video Bible Drama.

All of those doing the Video Bible Drama will meet this Sunday for lunch and work until 6:00. If you have any questions, contact Jon Murry.

BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

Just a reminder about saving your Brookshires receipts. Save them for the youth! Be sure and 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

Feb. 8 is the date of the next quiz and we will be studying Luke 6-10. We will have a study session on Feb. 7. Pick up your study sheets and get started.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 17	High School Devo
Jan. 22-24	Servant Retreat
Jan. 31	Homecoming
Feb. 7	Bible Quiz Study Session
Feb. 8	Bible Quiz

"If God is your partner, make your plans big!"

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

*Initiate regular, healthy physical interaction with your child.

"Many Americans suffer from the consequences of an inactive lifestyle and poor health habits; Christians are not immune from this struggle."

-- Gospel Advocate

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."

FAMILY NIGHT IDEAS - "Loving One Another" "Clothed with humility" (1 Peter 5:5)

Humility can be defined as not lifting yourself above others. How would you expand on this definition? How did Jesus show humility? How can we show humility in

our family? End by playing Bible charades. Serve popcorn. -- Power For Today

BIBLE QUIZ - Angel Appearances

1. An angel appeared to this man in a flame of fire in the wilderness. (Acts 7:20-30)
2. An angel appeared to this woman and forbade her to drink wine. (Judges 13:1-5)
3. An angel appeared to this woman by a spring in the desert. (Gen. 16:1-16)
4. An angel appeared to him as he burned incense in the temple. (Luke 1:5-22)
5. An angel of the Lord blocked the way of this man on his beast. (Num. 22:22-35)
6. An angel appeared to him in a dream instructing him to flee to Egypt. (Mt. 2:13)
7. The angel after his appearance to this man ascended into Heaven in a flame. (Judg. 13:8-20)
8. This angel appeared to this man directing him to go to a man of Ethiopia. (Acts 8:26-40)
9. An angel appeared to her telling her that she had found favor with God. (Luke 1:26-38)
10. An angel appeared to this servant of the Lord on a ship at sea. (Acts 27:16-25)

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Church Family,

A special thank you for your very special thoughtfulness. Thank you all for the prayers during my mother's illness. You are truly a God given church with a heart. God bless each of you.

In Christ,
Michelle Smith

Dear West Erwin Family,

We want to thank you so much for the love, prayers and concern during her stay in the hospital and at the time of her death. A special thanks to those who visited with her and sent cards while she was in Briarcliff. These were very special to her. She loved West Erwin very much. A special thank you to Brother Lockhart for a beautiful message and to the chorus - the music was beautiful also. The meal provided for our family was appreciated very much. Thank you also for the beautiful spray sent in her memory. May the Lord continue to bless the West Erwin family.

In Christian love,
Lerah Williamson's family
David & Janette and the
Ingram family

Thank you so much to the Family Builders class for the wonderful party and the money tree. We have been blessed to have many friends who care so much. Thanks again for everything.

Love,
Kelly, Jeannie,
Kyle & Casey Ross

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, food and prayers during my recent illness. Your love for me helped bring me through. May God bless each of you. I love you.
Tillie Carpenter



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Roger and Jan Knight on the birth of a new granddaughter. Ella MacLaine was born January 6 (Jan's birthday) to Chris and Amy Lowery in Euless. She weighed 10 lb. 10 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

"THE BIBLICAL ROLE OF CHRISTIAN MEN"

(In the church, in the home, and in the work-place)
Fourth Annual Men's Retreat - Palestine Civic Center
Saturday, January 16, 1999 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
For more details, please check the bulletin board in the office area.

"Do unto others as though you were the others."

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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Portwood has requested our prayers for her little 2 year old granddaughter, Jaci Prestidge, daughter of Brant and Jeri, in her continuing difficulties with the "malformation" on her knee, causing her discomfort and difficulty in walking. Please pray for her comfort, for energy for her parents and for the physicians to find solutions to the problems.

Terry and Pam Lowry have requested the prayers of the church for strength to help them and their boys, Joshua and Blake, deal with a difficult situation in their lives at this time.

BENEFIT PLAY

The Brownsboro Drama Club will present: "Calamity Jane" at Caldwell Auditorium Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 pm. All benefits will honor Tracy Lemons.

50th Wedding Anniversary

In honor of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Krewall
their children and grandchildren
request the pleasure of your company
at a reception
on Saturday, the sixteenth of January
nineteen hundred ninety-nine
four until six in the evening
at the home of

Jimmy and Sharon Wester
3212 Silverwood
Tyler, Texas



BOLES HOME TRUCK DUE

The Boles Children's home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 8-10. Listed below are items needed in operating Boles Home. DEODORANT/ANTI-PERSPIRANT, BATH CLEANERS, FAMILY SIZE DECAF TEA BAGS. However, if there are other items that you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Medina Home has two distinct programs. Both provide a safe haven to adolescent children (ages 5-17) and to single mothers with children who have no resources of their own. We can place a resident within 24 hours. For application packages please call Doris Smith at 830-589-2871.

Medina Children's Home has an open position for a receptionist to work in the administrative offices, and for house parents to live with children in individual residences. Liberal employee benefits are available including health care insurance, pension plan and free lodging. Interested individuals should contact Pat Chaney at 803-589-2871.

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Records	Sunday Jan. 3	Sunday Dec. 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	393	372
Worship A.M.	530	555	567
Worship P.M.	343	328	288
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$15,767.01	\$14,080.25	\$13,559.07
Weekly Budget	\$16,086.00	Bldg. Fund	\$36,785.00

MINIBUS DRIVER for Sunday, Jan. 10, and Wednesday P.M., Jan. 13, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.

PRAYER AND CARE

Paul Stanley is recovering from recent angioplasty following a slight heart attack. Dorothy Brownlow is now in ETMC Rehab. Greg Wagner had shoulder and knee surgery last week. Cody Frick, young son of Mark and Melissa, broke his leg. Clyde Lane will return to Houston in January. Mary Evelyn Grier is at home with a broken knee. 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. Cody Ingram, Norene Ingram's grandson, continues to have problems with seizures. Mildred Barnhill, Linda Marts' mother, had eye surgery recently. Harold Marts, Phil Marts' dad, had emergency gall bladder surgery in Sulphur Springs. 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.

MINISTERS				ASSEMBLIES			
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Danny Snell - Youth			SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Mike Gravois - Education				Bible School	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
MISSIONS				Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Ray Maxwell		Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
ELDERS				TUESDAY AND THURSDAY			
Hillard Hughes	Joe McBee	Phil Marts	Dannie Skipper	Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Ira Wilson		11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809	

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SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer James Hardin
Scripture Mark Frick
Dismiss Dan Haile

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jerry Huff

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Matt Haws
Scripture Vaughn Lowry
Dismiss Marc Lemons

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Sunday, Jan. 10

- Preacher- Clay Clemons; Nursery - Kristi Harris; Sunday P.M. Toddler Nursery - Kathy Hilliard; 2's - Ronda Clemons & Wade Weathers; 3's - Chuck & Laurie Florence; 4's - Jeff & Melissa Parrish; Overseers - Wynne & Ginger Weathers.

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RESOLUTION

The first of a new year is a great time for making resolutions! Resolutions speak of new beginnings, new commitments, new goals, and new accomplishments. Resolutions are good because, even if all of them are not realized, those who resolve do more than those who do not resolve; those who set goals reach higher than those who set no goals. As a church we have been challenged to give priority in the new year to the things that really matter and we have shared seven things that matter most: God, His holiness, His worship, service to Him matters; the church, the body of Christ, the saved, the people of God who assemble matters; people/souls who hurt, who have special needs, who need salvation matter; character, which speaks of who we are becoming in Christ, matters; health, physical and spiritual, matters; and, let me add, the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word matter. We are asking our people to resolve in this year to commit themselves to what matters. To help us in our resolve we will have an insert in our weekly handout on Sundays which will contain practical suggestions as to how we can give priority to these things that matter. Be looking for them and let's resolve!

READ THE BIBLE

Let's read the Bible through this year! A schedule appears in our handout at worship each week. There is power in God's Word and to allow God to speak to us each day will strengthen our lives, enhance our knowledge, and increase our faith. An anonymous author said of the Bible: "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy." The Psalmist said the blessed man is one who delights in the Law of God and in it he "meditates day and night." Read the Word and meditate upon it ... every day!

A PRAYING CHURCH

Recently I heard of a large church that is growing, is at peace, and is prospering in every way. The elders were asked how they did it. The reply was, "We spend much of our time in prayer and delegate numerous tasks to a working membership." The power of prayer is a dynamic in church growth which is beyond our full comprehension. Let us "pray without ceasing."

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(Luke 18:31-33)

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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!

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BIBLE QUIZ

Jan. 11 is the date of the next quiz and we will be studying Luke 1-5. We will have a study session on Jan. 10 for lunch until 2:00. Pick up your study sheets and get started.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TIPS FOR POWERFUL PARENTING

* Set goals for your parenting that are measurable and realistic. Have someone hold you accountable for them.

The responsibilities of parenting are often taken for granted and will usually fall on the shoulders of one of the partners. In this new year discuss how you can share the workload of parenting and your commitment to your spouse. set up a schedule of activities and who is responsible for planning/overseeing each one. Hold each other accountable to the schedule. Bath time, stories, family activities, tuck-in time, mealtimes, etc. will become more pleasurable for the whole family.

FAMILY NIGHT IDEAS - "Loving One Another"

"Submit to one another" (Ephesians 5:21)

Discuss the meaning of the word *submit*. Tell of a time when it was hard for you to submit, but later ended up being a positive experience. End by making one of your children's favorite dessert. -- Power for Today

BIBLE QUIZ - Which Part of the Human Body?

1. A servant of the high priest lost one his _____ in a garden. (Lk. 22:50-51)
2. God breathed in to his _____ the breath of life. (Gen. 2:7)
3. The lamp of the body is the _____. (Mt. 6:22)
4. Their _____ bulges from fatness. (Ps. 73:7)
5. Many honor God only with their _____. (Mt. 6:3)
6. He wanted Jesus not only to wash his feet, but also his _____ and his _____. (Jn. 13:9)

7. When giving our alms we are not let our _____ know what the right is doing. (Mt. 6:3)
 8. This stone was written with the _____ of God. (Ex. 31:18)
 9. You cannot make one _____ black or white. (Mt. 5:36)
 10. At the name of Jesus every _____ should bow. (Phil. 2:10)
 11. To whom has the _____ of the Lord been revealed? (Jn. 12:38)
 12. Seventy _____ were placed in a basket and sent to a wicked queen. (2 Kings 10:1-7)
 13. They cut off his _____ and his big toes. (Judg. 1:1-6)
 14. Christ accused them of placing heavy loads upon the _____ of men. (Mt. 23:1-4)
 15. He blessed the Lord for training his _____ for war, and his _____ for battle. (Ps. 144:1)
 16. This king was told that God would put His hook through his _____, and His bridle in his _____. (2 Kings 10:20-28)
 17. Jesus said: "He who eats My bread has lifted up his _____ against me." (Jn. 13:18)
 18. Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; from the _____ of his _____ to the crown of his _____. (2 Sam. 14:25)
 19. There is no fear of God before their _____. (Rom. 3:18)
 20. Peter healed this beggar, and immediately his _____ and his _____ were strengthened. (Acts 3:7)
- Joshua 24:15b "But as for me and my household, we will serve the lord."

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thanks very much for the wonderful acts of kindness you have shown during Tracy's illness. We have enjoyed your visits, your beautiful cards and the delicious meals. Most of all, we appreciate your prayers. Your love and concern for us is so encouraging.

We love you,
Tracy and Kim Lemons

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.

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Speakers are: Freddie Anderson from Huntsville; Mike Warner from Tyler; Tim Halstead from Houston; and Dale Foster from Houston. A great big welcome to all! For more details, please check the bulletin board by the office area.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Marian Rowe received a full Endowed Professorship in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the areas of humanitarian and community service. She has been a member of the U. T. Tyler faculty since 1975. We are proud of Marian's many accomplishments for the community and for the church.

Congratulations to Marsha Richardson on the recent completion her Master's Degree in Education!

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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Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be very good medicine. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Pay a debt. Give a soft answer. Free yourself of envy and malice. Encourage some youth to do his or her best. Share your experience, and offer support. Young people need role models. Make a genuine effort to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the lip. Words that you have to eat can be hard to digest. Find the time to be kind and thoughtful. All of us have the same allotment: 24 hours a day. Give a compliment. It might give someone a badly needed lift. Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Be kind. Apologize when you realize you are wrong. An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him. Don't blow your own horn. If you've done something praise worthy, someone will notice eventually. Try to understand a point of view that is different from your own. Few things are 100% one way or another. Examine demands you make on others. Lighten up. When you feel like blowing your top, ask yourself, "Will it matter a week from today?" Laugh loudest when the joke is on you. The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by our humanity, and we need each other. Avoid malcontents and pessimists. They drag you down and contribute nothing. Don't discourage a beginner from trying something risky. Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. The can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go.

Go to war against animosity and complacency. Express your gratitude. Give credit when it's due and even when it isn't. It will make you look good. Read something uplifting. Deep-six the trash. You wouldn't eat garbage - why put it in your head? Don't abandon your old-fashioned principles. They never go out of style. When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?" Take better care of yourself. Remember, you're all you've got. Pass up that second helping. You don't really need it. Vow to eat more sensibly. You'll look better and feel better too. Don't put up with second-hand smoke. Nobody has the right to pollute your air or give you cancer. If someone says, "This is a free country," remind him or her that the country may be free, but no person is free if he has a habit he can't control. Return those books you borrowed. Reschedule that missed dental appointment. Clean out your closet. Take those photos out of the drawer and put them in an album. If you see litter on the sidewalk, pick it up instead of walking over it. Give yourself a reality check. Phoniness is transparent, and it is tiresome. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonders of nature. A flower is God's miracle. Walk tall and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, "I love you." Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world. If you have love in your life, it can be the best year ever.

--Ann Landers

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